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MI, Signal soldiers redeploy from Kuwait



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Three-year-old Kathryn Dykes and her father, Sgt. Jonathan Dykes take a moment to soak up the joy of being together again after six months apart. Soldiers with the 103rd Military Intelligence Battalion and the 123rd Signal Company redeployed Sept. 25 from Kuwait, where they were mobilized in support of Operation Desert Spring. The soldiers were welcomed home with a ceremony at Caro gym, where family members and loved ones eagerly awaited their return.

Foreign military attachés witness live-fire exercise

Sp. Jacob Boyer

Staff Writer

A group of foreign military attachés observed a live-fire exercise involving the 3rd Battalion, 69th Armor and 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiments here Sept. 26.

Attachés from Australia, Angola, Kenya, China, Vietnam, Switzerland, Germany, Norway, Brazil, Spain, Finland and four other countries were treated to tours of the simulation center and the Noncommissioned Officer Academy as well, said Daniel J. Hartman, the deputy director of the Department of the Army's Foreign Liaison Directorate. The events were part of the Army's military attaché orientation trip.

The purpose of the biannual trip is to show the attachés the Army and its capabilities, Hartman said. Fort Stewart was the final stop of the attachés' 10-day tour. They also visited Fort Campbell, Ky., and New Orleans.

"We want to showcase the Army with a capital T," Hartman said. "We want them to see both the active and reserve components."

The attachés learned a lot about our military and how it works while they were on the trip, said Maj. Gen. Andre Calcio-Gandino of the Swiss Armed Forces.

"I was impressed by the most by the methodological approach of your work," he said. "Everything is step-by-step, increasing the capabilities along the way."

The trip is helpful in shaping the national security environment, Hartman said.

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Deputy director, Army Foreign Liaison Directorate

Deterring potential enemies and reassuring the U.S.'s allies are among the goals of the trip.

"It's not just a matter of watching our military," he said. "We want to give them an idea of how our Army operates as professionals."

The Foreign Liaison Directorate is charged with the task of hosting foreign attachés, which helps ensure American attachés have the same access overseas, Hartman said. Another goal of the trip was to expose the group to different parts of the country.

"We want to expose them to the different parts of our culture, history and geography," he said.

The attachés also learned lessons they can take back to their own work, Calcio-Gandino said. And they enjoyed the opportunity to see American technology in action.

"I was most impressed by your night vision capabilities," Calcio-Gandino said. "But the most important thing was the soldiers and how you act over here. They were very open and able to discuss the equipment and give answers. I have a very good feeling about American soldiers."

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Soldiers with elements of the 103rd Military Intelligence Battalion and the 123rd Signal Battalion appeared relieved when they filed into Caro Gym Sept. 25, as it was their first day on American soil in six months.

The soldiers redeployed from Kuwait, where they were mobilized in support of Operation Desert Spring.

The 123rd Sig. Bn. provided communication support to four separate 3rd Brigade Combat Team desert locations.

The signal soldiers set up phone lines and Internet connections – a service that is typically provided by contractors in a garrison area, said Maj. Ken Viall, plans and operations officer for 123rd Sig. Bn. In addition to effectively carrying out their real-world missions, the soldiers seized the opportunity to conduct internal training as well, he said.

The 103rd MI was responsible for military intelligence operations and security duties. They also held internal training and participated in force-on-force and movement to contact exercises with an armored Task Force.

All of the Marne soldiers carried out their missions successfully and professionally, according to Sgt. 1st Class Wayne Irwin, platoon sergeant, 103rd MI Operations Platoon.

"The soldiers handled the deployment well. They were not paranoid, even though the environment was more stressful, and they were away from home for so long," he said.

Overall, the MI unit has returned better trained and prepared for future deployments, Irwin added.

"We learned a lot about what our mission is. Now, we also know how to prepare even better for the next time we have to leave," said Cpl. Nathan Pope, Operations Platoon, 103rd MI.

Many soldiers said the deployment brought their units together, and it was an experience they won't soon forget.

"This was a successful deployment for our guys. The platoon got tighter because we lived and worked together everyday," Pope said.

Pope added that the close-knit environment taught him a few personal lessons as well. "I have a quick temper, but after being so close with everyone for so long, I have more patience with people," he said.

Although the deployment was a professional development for many, soldiers said they were happy to depart their desert home-away-from-home.

"It feels really great to be back. There are a lot of things we couldn't take advantage of while we were over there. Things like education opportunities are slim in the Kabal," said Sgt. Russ Maede, 103rd MI. "It's going to be nice to see my bed again, after six months on a cot," he added.

In addition to sleeping arrangements, American cuisine was another thing soldiers were happy to reunite with.

"I missed the food. I'm ready to eat anything

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Rumsfeld: Measure Iraq by its actions, not its words

Kathleen T. Rhem

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein has proven time and again he can't be trusted. And Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld took to the podium Sept. 30 to point that out.

In the most recent flaunting of United Nations' intentions, Iraq sent a letter to that body Sept. 16 claiming it was ready to allow weapons inspectors to Iraq "without conditions." Iraq cited a desire to complete implementation of relevant Security Council resolutions and "remove any doubts that Iraq still possesses weapons of mass destruction," according to Rumsfeld.

"Hopeful people around the world found solace in those words," Rumsfeld said during a Pentagon press briefing. "Unfortunately Iraq's behavior over the past decade requires that thoughtful people measure Iraq by its actions as opposed to its words."

Within hours of the arrival of that letter, Iraq was again firing at U.S. and coalition aircraft in the northern and southern no-fly zones, Rumsfeld said.

Since that letter, Iraq has fired upon coalition aircraft 67 times, including 14 times over the past weekend. "That ought to tell reasonable people something," Rumsfeld said.

Three days after the letter, Iraq's foreign minister spoke to the United Nations to place conditions on any future inspections, saying Iraq's security and sovereignty were at risk.

Iraq has violated numerous U.N. resolutions since the end of the Persian Gulf War. Rumsfeld highlighted three examples:

- U.N. Resolution 688, which in April 1991 stipulated Iraq must stop repressing its own people, including minorities, Rumsfeld said. Soon after agreeing with the resolution, Iraq began to "systematically attack" minorities in both the northern and southern portions of the country.

Coalition nations, including Britain and the United States established the northern and southern no-fly zones in

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Stewart: behind the scenes



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With the help of X-Ray Technician Tracy Hodges, curious kindergartners from Diamond Elementary School name the bones they see on illuminated on an X-ray screen. The children toured Winn Army Community Hospital, as part of the "Helping hands Tour" Sept. 27. The tour helped acquaint the children with people who work to help others in the community.

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Hissing cockroaches, glowing germs, spraying fire hoses, commercial quantities of frozen meat and endless piles of mail may be a lot for one to encounter in a day.

But that is exactly what three Kindergarten classes from Diamond Elementary saw during the "Helping hands Tour" on Fort Stewart, Sept. 27.

Commissary, Post Office, Fire Department and Winn Army Community Hospital employees gave children a behind the scenes tour of their daily work operations.

The field trip gave the young students an understanding of the people who work to help others in the community, said Kindergarten teacher Gwen Colson.

"We're currently studying 'community helpers,'" she said, adding that the field trip helped reinforce the classroom lessons.

At the Commissary, the children walked through large meat freezers, toured the meat counters and watched the semi-trucks unload vegetables and fruits.

Children then checked out the post office, where each child mailed a special letter to himself.

Afterward, the classes looked on as fire fighters splashed streams of water into the air during a fire hose demonstration.

Five-year-old Antonio Santiago said his favorite part of the tour was seeing the Fire Department. "We got to see the water hoses," he said with a smile.

The final stop was at the hospital. Touring the hospital and learning how it helps people in need was especially helpful for the class, Colson said.

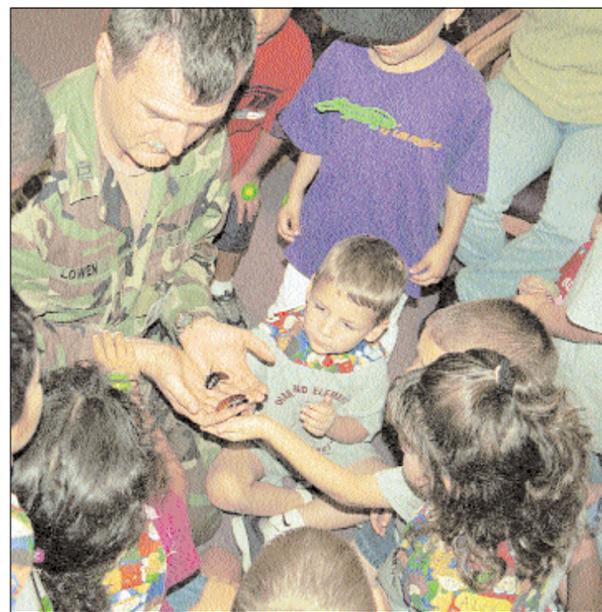
"Usually, when a child comes into the hospital, he is sick and afraid. It's good for them to be here when they are not feeling bad because it gives them a whole new idea of the place," she said.

Children first learned why shots are so important and how they prevent sickness. Next, a staff Entomologist encouraged hands-on involvement by asking for volunteers to hold his hissing cockroaches. After passing the bugs around the room, the classes toured the Radiology Department. There, kids looked at different X-ray photos of ribs, fingers and toes.

"Many of these kids are patients here in the clinic. We want to show them that we're here to help and to make them not afraid," said Capt. Erik Schobitz, a staff pediatrician who talked to the classes about shots.

Hospital nurses, X-ray technicians and pediatricians then turned into actors and involved the children in skits about germs.

To show the students what "germs" look like, the staff dusted some brave volunteers hands with white powder, then turned the lights off. Next, the doctors took a black light and



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Students display their lack of fear toward crawling critters as they gather around to get a peek at two hissing cockroaches in the Winn Army Community Hospital auditorium.

shined it on the kids' hands to illuminate the white powder. As the row of volunteer students stood in front of their classmates with glowing, "germ" covered hands, the room exploded with oohhs and ahhhhs, and children began to acknowledge the importance of washing their hands. "We learned about germs and how they get on our hands," Santiago said.

All the employees who shared their jobs did a good job of communicating with the young students, Colson said. "Everyone has been wonderful about getting on the kids' level and explaining things so kids can understand," she said.

The tour was an enjoyable learning experience for all the students and teachers, Colson added.

"We had a ball," she said. "The kids have learned so much. Seeing all this gives the kids an idea of what they can do when they grow up. Now that they've seen these jobs — the fire trucks and the hospital — it gives them a perspective on the future."

She said the students were grateful to see all four locations in one trip. "We've done more today than most kids will get to see in a year," Colson said.

Resumes were turned in and applications were handed out at the ...

Fort Stewart Job Fair



Sgt. Craig Zentkovich

Representatives from the Defense Protective Service recruiting office hand out an information packet for the Pentagon Force Protection Agency to a family member at the Sept. 25 Fort Stewart Job Fair at Club Stewart. The day-long event hosted 75 employers.

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Fort Stewart hosted its 23rd semi-annual job fair Sept. 25 at Club Stewart.

The job fair, held in the spring and fall each year, began at Fort Stewart in 1991.

"This is an opportunity for transitioning soldiers and family members to meet face to face with local and regional employers," said Louisa Sigman, Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield Army Career and Alumni Program manager.

There were 75 employers in the main ballroom of Club Stewart searching for well-trained, disciplined soldiers and family members to fill vacancies within their companies, agencies and businesses.

"Employers come from as far as New Mexico because they know the military has a strong work ethic," Sigman said.

Sixteen local, state, and federal law enforcement and corrections agencies were represented.

The Florida Highway Patrol handed out 80 applications, 20 of which they expect to receive by their Nov. 2 deadline, according to Capt. David Tripp, Florida Highway Patrol.

"There is a greater number of law enforcement agencies here this time," Sigman said. "Since Sept. 11, security at every level has been increased."

The Pentagon Force Protection Agency, a branch of the Defense Protective Service, had six representatives at the job fair taking resumes, explaining the hiring process, mission, benefits, and just basic background information.

"This is absolutely great," said Rich Dooley, DPS program manager. "We're able to receive resumes and applications from what tends to be a higher caliber of employee."

Loren Kile, a recruiter for Turner Security, Turner Broadcasting Incorporated, said 75 percent of the corporation's security is prior-service military.

While Turner Broadcasting was there

only to take resumes for security positions, they did advise visitors there was a "Jobs" page on the Turner Website.

Major retailers like Radio Shack, Home Depot, Autozone and Pep Boys were out in force looking to fill an assortment of managerial positions.

"There is something for everyone here," Sigman said. "Most of the employers here are willing and able to train."

Unfortunately, there haven't been as many employers represented here at the last two fairs because of the current state of the economy and the budget cutbacks that have resulted, according to Sigman.

The employer presence, as well as the turn out of more than 500 soldiers and family members, only proves that jobs are out there and people want them.

For those soldiers and family members transitioning within the next year, the next job fair will be held in March 2003.

"This is an important service ACAP provides," Sigman said. "And we're more than glad to be able to do it."

Army names top soldiers in first DA competition

Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — A game show — no. But that wasn't apparent when the first-ever Department of the Army Noncommissioned Officer and Soldier of the Year walked away with about \$10,000 in cash and prizes.

After a week of intense competition among the major command's top soldiers, Sgt. 1st Class Jeffery Stitzel, an infantryman with the Old Guard at Fort Myer, Va., and Spc. Justin Brown, a measurement and diagnostic equipment specialist from Baumholder, Germany, were awarded their elite titles Sept. 27 during an awards ceremony.

"There are 1.3 million soldiers in the Total Army, and in this room are the top 23," said Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack Tilley at the awards ceremony.

Tilley's personal goal as the sergeant major of the Army was to implement the prestigious competition, and he vowed that it would only get better.

"We were the only service not awarding its soldiers at the highest level possible, and as a division sergeant major I wondered why soldiers never went as far as their MACOM. I thought it was important that I recognize our outstanding soldiers."

Not only was Tilley seen at Fort A.P. Hill where the hands-on portions of the competition took place, he shared the stage with Secretary of the Army Thomas White and Army Chief Gen. Eric Shinseki in presenting awards.

All of the competitors are winners, Tilley said. And no one walked away from the event empty-handed.

To honor those who underwent the arduous task of making it to the Department of the Army level, the other candidates received up to \$3,000 in cash and prizes to include a new pair of boots, a set of ribbons and a \$250 savings bond.

The cash and prizes tipped the scale for most of the competitors, who said they were just elated in making history.

Beginning Sept. 23, the week started with a physical fitness test. Six out of the 23 soldiers "maxed" their test with 300 points. Everyone scored relatively high on the test indicating to soldiers the competition was going to be tough.

Later that day was a written exam and Common Task Testing, which proved to be the most challenging. At the end of the day everyone had received at least one "no go."

"My weakest performance was in CTT," Brown said. "I should've studied harder for it. I had an idea of what I was doing. I didn't have it down, which was obvious because I received 3 to 4 'no gos.'"

Brown's first "no go" came during individual camouflage. "I made a simple mistake of using weeds in front of my fighting position to camouflage my foxhole. As soon as I did it, I knew it was a 'no go.' There were 250 points to get all together, and I had just blown 10 of them."

Receiving "no gos" was at first hard to swallow for Sgt. 1st Class Reginald Sampson,

a senior course writer and developer from Fort Jackson, S.C., but he said staying calm under stress and remaining positive helped him enjoy his experience.

Day two is what put the eventual NCO of the year, Stitzel, in first place when he had the chance to show how competent he was in his infantry skills. He hit 40 out of 40 targets on the rifle range, and found all of his points during both day and night land navigation.

"I had an advantage over the others when it came to the skill level 1 tasks," Stitzel said. "As an infantryman, those are tasks that I train on everyday."

Not losing any available points on day two made up for the "no go" he received for decontaminating-the-skin test and the 298 PT score.

The most mentally and physically challenging part of the test for most of the soldiers took place in the middle of the week, and it was called mystery task.

"It was hard because I didn't know what to expect and at each phase I didn't know how long it was going to last," said Staff Sgt. Khalida Hendricks, an intelligence agent from South Korea.

The mystery task began with the competitors carrying a 40-pound rucksack during a six-mile road march. Then they had to go to MOPP level II, putting on their over garment and vinyl over boots. The competitors had to perform two CTT tasks — mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and give a salute report.



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Sgt. 1st Class Jeffrey T. Stitzel, a 3rd U.S. Infantry soldier from Fort Myer, Va., dons his mask during the common task testing portion of the first-ever Department of the Army Noncommissioned Officer and Soldier of the Year Competition Sept. 23 through 27 at Fort A.P. Hill, Va. Stitzel was one of 12 NCOs and there were 11 soldiers vying to be named the Army's top soldier.

Rapid deployment efforts recognized

Soldiers, civilians awarded for mobilization work

Staff Sgt. Brian Sipp
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The Fort Stewart garrison commander presented individual awards to soldiers and civilians in a ceremony Sept. 25 at Hunter Army Airfield's Departure/Arrival Airfield Control Group Operations Facility.

Col. Gerald J. Poltorak handed out specialized plaques and coins to representatives of 13 organizations which were instrumental in the installation winning the Department of the Army's Deployment Excellence Award Aug. 28.

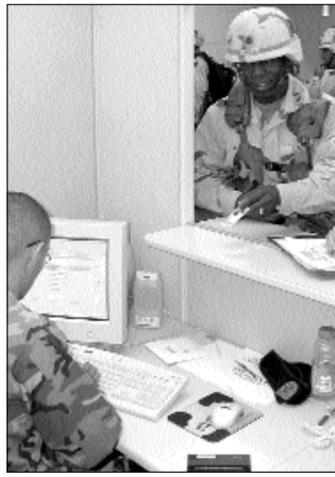
"It is the hard working men and women which are truly responsible for Fort Stewart and Hunter being recognized," said Poltorak.

"The Chief of Staff (Gen. Eric K. Shinseki) was totally impressed by what he saw here on his visit," he added. The men and women, who handle every aspect of deploying troops and equipment, accomplish their tasks as members of different organizations on post.

From the Division Transportation Office to the rail-head to the unit family support groups, each organization has its own role to play in accomplishing a successful deployment.

"The entire process is a complex routing event ... deploying soldiers around the world, utilizing every mode of transportation, and performing all operations efficiently and safely," explained Poltorak. The installation conducts deployment exercises twice a year to further streamline their efficiency.

"We can't predict when we will deploy; we just always have to be ready," said Poltorak.



Staff Sgt. Brian Sipp

Maj. Terrance J. Sanders, 2nd Brigade operations officer, prepares to get his I.D. card scanned by Sgt. Mark Bailey, C Co., 3rd Soldier Support battalion, as part of manifest operations on deployment day.

The Division's key leaders practice actions as they would be performed in an actual move. This allows them to foresee where future problems may arise and to plan around them.

"Our success is based on teamwork, from the soldiers who handle baggage and drive buses to the civilian workforce. I am very, very proud of each and every one of these individuals who work around the clock to accomplish the mission," said Poltorak.

"It is a 24-hour op," he said. At 2 a.m., while many soldiers are asleep, someone is working to assure a successful move, he added.

"We can't predict when we will deploy; we just always have to be ready," said Poltorak.

And the survey says ...

Soldier's job, quality of life satisfaction on the rise

PERSCOM Public Affairs

Army News Service

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Soldiers' satisfaction with job security, retirement benefits, and basic pay is increasing, according to the Army's latest poll.

The U.S. Army Research Institute for the Behavioral and Social Sciences, known as ARI, conducts the "Sample Survey of Military Personnel" each spring and fall to provide Army leaders with information to assess soldier and family well-being.

From spring 2001 to spring 2002, soldiers' satisfaction with their jobs and quality of life has improved significantly for about half of the 58 satisfaction items measured.

"It's important for soldiers to know that Army leadership listens to soldiers' concerns," said Dr. Zita Simutis, the acting director of ARI.

"Although these SSMP findings are encouraging for the Army, SSMP results are also used to identify issues that the Army needed to address."

When asked "Based on your Army experience, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with" job security, retirement benefits and amount of basic pay; soldiers participating in the survey answered using a four-point scale, ranging from very satisfied to very dissatisfied.

Congress has responded to the Army by providing significantly larger pay raises than those in the mid 1990s. The change in the retirement system enacted in 1999 also helped to reverse the trend of growing dissat-

isfaction, personnel officials said. They said changes in TRICARE and the privatization of housing have also made a difference in quality of life for soldiers.

The Army is doing a lot to improve the quality of life for soldiers and their families, officials said. Although it is still in the developmental stages, the Army's well-being initiative will track quality of life issues and identify when and where changes need to be made.

The Army Staff has developed 50 functions to organize services and programs that contribute to well-being and readiness.

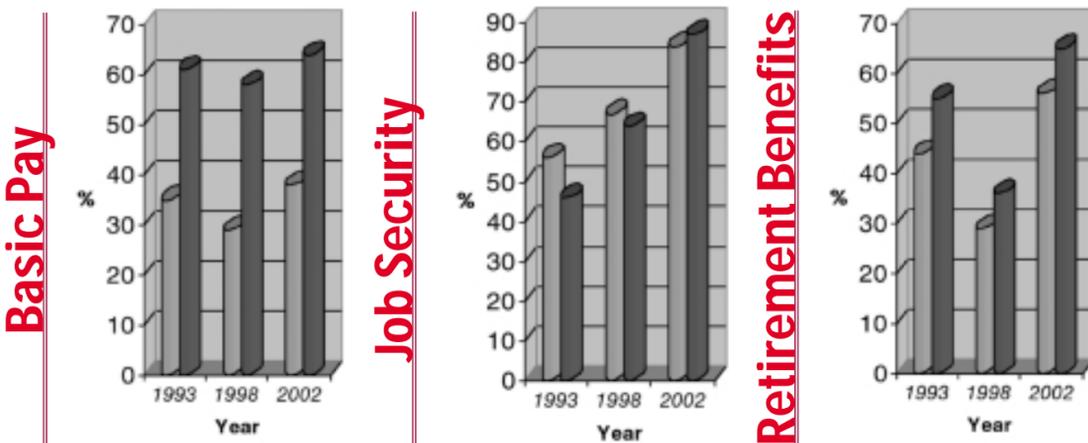
Approximately 8,600 soldiers completed the most recent SSMP. Army-wide samples of 10 percent of officers and 2-3 percent of enlisted personnel who are permanent party and available for duty are selected for the survey, using the final digits of soldiers' social security numbers.

Although the survey booklets are serially numbered, the responses cannot be tracked back to individuals. Only group statistics are reported, ARI officials said.

"The Army began polling soldiers in 1943 with the Personnel Survey of the Army," according to Dr. Morris Peterson, chief of the Army Personnel Survey Office at ARI. The survey was renamed the Sample Survey of Military Personnel in 1958.

"By getting results twice a year on the 58 quality of life and job satisfaction measures, we can help top Army leaders keep a 'finger on the pulse' of the active-duty Army," Peterson said. "When attitudes change, we tell Army leaders about the changes as soon as we can."

What soldiers, officers are saying about the Army's job benefits



Percentage of soldiers who were either satisfied or very satisfied are indicated. Enlisted personnel are light gray; officers are dark gray.

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VOICES AND VIEWPOINTS

Infidelities a burden on deployed soldiers, families

A soldier deploys to a foreign country with hopes of establishing stability and providing relief to people in need. But, what happens when that soldier redeploys to his family, only to discover his personal life is in more ruin than the distant land he just came from?

Because of the high operational tempo and increased deployments, more and more soldiers are seeking an answer to that question.

The number of Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield soldiers seeking counseling after returning to unfaithful spouses is rising, according to the Fort Stewart Social Services Council, which treats adultery cases.

Instead of coming home to their family and getting the support they need, adultery victims are forced to accept that their married lives are never going to be the same.

To start, a victim will

have to cope with the emotional devastation adultery causes.

Adultery creates a violation of trust in a marriage, according to the Family Advocacy Program.

Dealing with that violation is difficult; especially when the victim is a soldier who recently returned from a high-stress work environment. One recent case at Fort Stewart ended in a double homicide.

Keeping up with the demands of being a soldier while trying to live with a broken family is a heavy burden that will cause a soldier's morale and job performance to suffer, according to the FAP.

Children are also affected by adultery. In addition to dealing with the loss of a deployed parent, children are forced to watch their remaining parent's unfaithful

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actions. Worse, if the adultery results in a divorce, children often suffer just as much, if not more than, the parents, according to the Social Services Council.

Although it may be a lonely time for a military spouse who is left behind, adultery is not an acceptable solution.

Before choosing to cope by being unfaithful, spouses should consider the devastation that may result. Is a six-month affair worth compromising a lifetime of marriage and family?

If the thought of hurting a spouse is not deterrent enough, there are resources available for spouses who need support while surviving on their own.

If a couple feels they need pre-deployment counseling — then they should seek it.

The Fort Stewart and

Hunter Army Community Service both offer a free "Couples Communication" class as well as a Prevention Intervention Program.

Counseling can be helpful because couples who work to keep a strong relationship value trust and are less likely to be unfaithful, according to Winn Army Community Social Work Service, which holds marital counseling.

Oftentimes, ironing out issues before splitting for months at a time is a good preventive measure, and it may stop people from suffering in the long run.

Adultery is a selfish act. It affects more than just the unfaithful person, according to Social Services Council. Soldiers, children and other family members will suffer.

Spouses who can't handle being alone for less than a year should consider how they would feel if they were alone after losing their family in a divorce.

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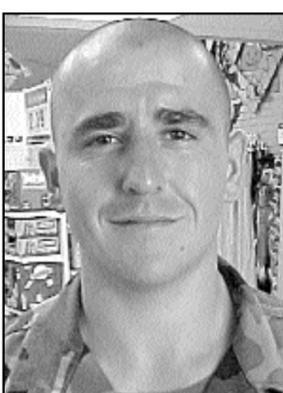
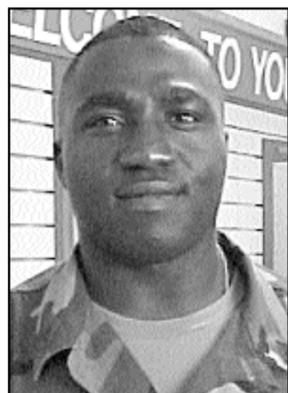
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Readers respond to the question:

Why do you feel it's important for soldiers to exercise their right to vote?

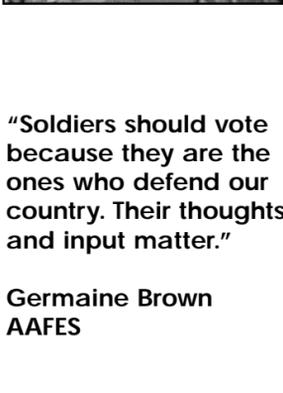
"Because the veterans before us fought and died so we can have freedom and the right to vote. We need to exercise that right."

Staff Sgt.
Olu Akinbayo
HHC, 3/69 Armor



"We need to vote because the officials in office are the ones who decide who we fight and when we fight."

Pfc. James Hendrix
B Co., 2/69 Armor



"Soldiers should vote because they are the ones who defend our country. Their thoughts and input matter."

Germaine Brown
AAFES



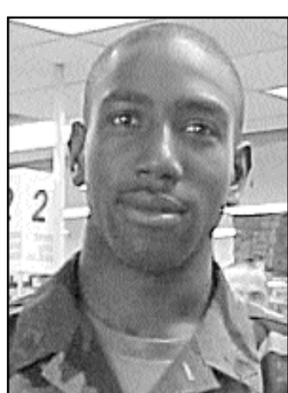
"Because it is the politicians who send us into harms way. If you want to exercise your voice, voting is the time to do it."

Maj. Tony Mattox
218th Heavy Separate
Brigade



"So they have an opinion. Voting is a time for soldiers to share their ideas, and show who they feel should be in office."

Sgt. George Dixon
B Co., 2/69 Armor



"It is our duty as American soldiers to vote."

Spc. Ben Anderson
HHC, 1/30th Inf. Bn.
Fort Benning, Ga.



Voting: Soldiers' duty to nation

Spc. Jacob Boyer

Staff Writer

As soldiers, we protect some of the most precious ideals ever conceived by man. America. Democracy. The Constitution. All are great institutions, and we each pledged our lives to defend them when we joined the Army.

These ideals are even more tangible when we are deciding who will help shape them in the future. It is time for both citizens and soldiers to prepare themselves for the upcoming elections.

It is a scary thing, the way voting goes in this country. Year after year, less than half of those eligible to vote do so in the national elections. We talk of how we defend freedom and democracy and all of that, yet many do not take advantage of the voice given us through democracy when the time comes to vote.

Soldiers can be especially hard hit when it comes to voting. With deployments and the like, it can be very easy to lose track of elections and absentee ballots. But we should take care that our voices are heard, particularly at a time when many of the decisions being made in Washington have a direct impact on our lives and where we may be spending them in the coming

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months and years.

People make a lot of excuses for not voting. One common rationale you hear is that their votes don't really matter.

"What difference does one vote make?" some may ask. Well, if the 2000 presidential election proved anything, it's that a small number of votes can make all the difference. It's important that we vote, because everyone's voice needs to be heard when the decisions are being made.

Sure, the average citizen, be they civilian or soldier, doesn't make the big decisions our elected officials make up in D.C. But we do appoint those elected officials, and our voices are heard through the decisions they make for us.

There are many political viewpoints, and many different opinions in each of the political parties. I'm not here to argue for voting for one person or view or the other. I'm here to tell everyone that we need to vote. At a time when the government is debat-

ing the biggest increase to the defense budget since the Reagan administration, soldiers should take a particular interest in who is making the decisions, whatever their personal views.

It's not a requirement of citizenship to vote, but it is our duty to make our voices heard. Voting is a privilege afforded us that is not allowed in many parts of the world. It isn't just our duty to vote, it's our duty to make sure others do as well. The adage is that if someone doesn't vote, they don't have the right to complain. Well, technically we all have the right to complain, but if you're going to, you should at least take action.

Our lives as soldiers are directly affected by the decisions made, and we complain and comment on the results of those decisions often. Vote. Do something about those decisions. If you would rather vote in your home state, get in touch with your election commission as soon as possible. Time is running out to get absentee ballots.

Roughly one-third of the seats in the Senate, all of the House of Representatives, and 37 state governors are up for election Nov. 5. That's a lot of decision making, and we all deserve to have our voices heard before the decisions are made.



Veteran recalls faces of battle ... part 2

Retired Sgt. Maj.
Gary G. Beylickjan

Heavy Machine Gun Platoon, H Co.,
7th Inf. Regt., 3rd Inf. Div., 1951-1953

Editor's note: This story is continued from last week's issue. The writer is comforting a wounded soldier on the battlefield when the soldier utters something the writer said he will never forget: "I can't die, Sarge. No one will cry for me." The writer then realizes the Army was all the dying soldier had.

That's why he joined; he was RA (Regular Army). As I turned my head to one side to get a firmer grip of myself, the soldier grabbed my hand and said that his squad leader couldn't let him die. It was a promise he had to keep. I assured him his sergeant would do his best.

By then the stretcher bear-

Korea Chronicles

ers arrived and I helped place the soldier on the stretcher. He was now covered with red. The sergeant was truly depressed, muttering as he went along with the stretcher and helped hold the IV bottle as they moved away from me.

By late afternoon, members of the heavy machine gun platoon worked quickly to restock each gun position with ammo. We had fired nearly 15,000 rounds.

As I went about rechecking the gun emplacements, I couldn't help but think about that soldier and his squad leader. And I thought about my friend Lyle who was killed in 1951 by an artillery shell that wounded me. I understood the pain the sergeant was going through. It's not easy!

As leaders, sergeants are

responsible for their men — their well-being, welfare, health, training, morale and everything else. The troops expect that! They want that! But, some things are beyond a sergeant's grasp and control. Miracles that are both life and death on the battlefield go beyond those who wear stripes, bars, leaves, eagles or stars. They belong to the divine spirit almost all front line soldiers pray to for help and guidance. And, I don't mean destiny.

By late afternoon, by chance, I met the sergeant as I and several men worked on one of the positions. He told me his friend was dead. And as he did, he looked at his left sleeve. Without a second breath he said: "He was wrong, you know, when he said 'no one will cry for me!' I did!" And I told the

sergeant I did as well. It was a really tough moment for us both.

Come May and November, I told the sergeant, an entire nation will cry for all soldiers; your young friend will be among them.

He nodded his head and thanked me. We shook hands and said, "See ya later!"

Several weeks later, I was told the sergeant had been killed in action. He too will be among those for whom we'll grieve and cry. I have for nearly 50 years.

Like many who fought in the Korean War, I continue to remember fellow soldiers who gave their lives in a conflict called, "The Forgotten War." How can we ever forget those courageous men who fought and died on the mountain slopes and in rice paddies of far-away Korea: "... to defend a country they never knew and a people they never met!"

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Retired 'Cottonbaler' restores battalion symbol



Spc. Mason T. Lowery

7th Infantry regiment Association 2nd Vice President and former "Cottonbaler" James M. Beckworth looks on as 3rd. Bn., 7th Inf. Rgmt. Soldiers put their new, 500 pound cottonbale, donated by Beckworth, into its display case at 3/7 headquarters Sept. 25.

Spc. Mason T. Lowery
Associate Editor

Retired Maj. James M. Beckworth presented 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment "Cottonbalers" with a 500-pound bale of cotton — the regiment's symbol — in a ceremony at 3/7th's headquarters Sept. 25.

3/7's last cottonbale, also donated by Beckworth — a retired "Cottonbaler," four years ago, burned in what is believed to have been an electrical fire, according to 3/7 Battalion Commander Lt. Col. Jack Kammerer

Beckworth's history with the cotton bale stretches back almost half a century.

Midnight, forty-five years ago at Fort Benning, Ga., then 2nd Lt. James M. Beckworth was the officer of the guard for 7th Infantry Regiment Headquarters. On one of his rounds, a soldier on guard duty reported to him, "All is well on my post, but there's peculiar activity around the cotton bale," and so began Beckworth's life-long devotion to 7th Inf.'s cottonbale.

Upon investigating the mysterious activity, Beckworth discovered his Regiment's symbol had been stolen.

Beckworth, who knew the importance and history of the cottonbale, set out immediately to find the missing cottonbale. He said he called the MPs and set out in a Jeep to try to find it.

When morning came, Beckworth and the MPs still hadn't found the missing cotton bale. Just as his shift was ending, soldiers with the 15th Infantry showed up with the cottonbale to return it. Apparently it had been dropped off on their lawn sometime after midnight, Beckworth said they told him.

Beckworth and his fellow 7th regiment soldiers put their cottonbale back into place, and almost had it secured before the battalion commander showed up. Beckworth said the commander reviewed Beckworth's guard report, noticed the missing cottonbale activity, and ordered him to find the culprits and not quit his guard until he found them.

Beckworth said he wasn't able to find out who stole the cottonbale for a few more years, and only by chance did someone tell him at an officers' club dance.

Apparently some soldiers from the 30th Infantry Regiment, after a dance and a few drinks, decided to steal 7th's cottonbale and dump it on the 15th's lawn to try to set up a rivalry, Beckworth said. It didn't work, the next day after the cottonbale was returned, the once unguarded cottonbale had a guard posted on it and remained unmolested henceforth.

Beckworth eventually did make it off guard duty. Four years ago, when he replaced 3/7th's worn out cottonbale, Lt. Col. Mike Peppers relieved him.

Current 3/7 Battalion commander, Kammerer said, "Because of (Beckworth's) good heart, and that of the Cottonbaler Association, we have a cottonbale back."

The old style of cottonbales aren't made anymore. Beckworth found a cotton gin in Bishopville, S.C., that made the authentic bale he presented to 3/7 soldiers, he said.

During the ceremony, Beckworth talked to the 3/7 soldiers about the history of their regiment. "Cottonbalers are great soldiers. Everyone who wears the crest should feel honored to be a part of the most decorated unit in the Army," he said. "One day you'll have a story to tell your grandchildren, and you'll enjoy telling it as I've enjoyed telling my story today."

The reason why we are "Cottonbalers"

During the Battle of New Orleans in the War of 1812, the 7th successfully held their position against British forces behind a breastwork of cottonbales. After the battle, they proudly accepted the nickname "Cottonbalers" and incorporated it into their Regimental Coat of Arms and Distinctive Unit Insignia. The 7th saw action in every major American conflict since the War of 1812, becoming the most decorated regiment in the Army.

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Command and Soldiers
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The Prevention Intervention Program (PIP) is a secondary prevention program for at-risk soldiers who are vulnerable to the stresses that can lead to domestic violence and abuse.

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PIP differs from most other ACS programs in that it is an intervention designed primarily for soldiers and spouses, when appropriate; and secondarily for families if the violence has infiltrated the home.

Information and education on an ongoing basis to soldiers will enhance a person's ability to cope appropriately with anger and stress. This program will help the command assist their soldiers by identifying problems with anger and abuse BEFORE this becomes an issue in their jobs, in the field, and with their families. PIP is located at the Outpatient Psychiatric Department and referrals are channeled through command, Social Work Services, and health care professionals. PLEASE CALL FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

Deadline approaching for voting registration

Absentee ballots should be mailed by Oct. 20

Spc. Jacob Boyer

Staff Writer

Time is running out for those who need to get registered for the upcoming elections, which take place Nov. 5.

"If you want to vote, you need to register now if you haven't done it already," said Polli Brunelli, director of the Department of Defense's Federal Voting Assistance Program.

Soldiers and family members who have not registered or need to send for absentee ballots should do so by Oct. 20, said Trudy Ashmore, a legal assistance technician in the Legal Assistance Division. But different states do have different deadlines.

For those who need to register in other states, the Legal Assistance Division can supply cards to send to the proper district to obtain both registration and absentee ballots, Ashmore said. The office, which is located in Building 37, can aid soldiers in finding out which dis-

trict to send their card to.

"If you don't know your registrar's office, we can look it up for you," Ashmore said.

The registrar in the district the card is sent to will send back an absentee ballot with instructions on when to return it, Ashmore said.

When returning the card, the soldier should make sure to date the return envelope, Brunelli said. Some states also require the envelope be postmarked, witnessed or notarized.

If soldiers know they will be deployed shortly, they should supply their Army Post Office address (APO), Ashmore said. If a soldier is deployed after the card is mailed, his unit will forward it to him.

Soldiers who are residents of the county they are stationed in can register through their local commission, Ashmore said. Those who are stationed in their state of residence but not the same county should still use the card, however.

"For an active duty soldier, it is very important to vote, because they (elected officials) decide your life and destiny"

Trudy Ashmore
Legal assistance technician

The upcoming midterm elections involve about one third of the seats in the U.S. Senate, all of the U.S. House of Representatives, 37 state governors and numerous local races.

"For an active duty soldier, it is very important to vote, because they (elected officials) decide your life and destiny," Ashmore said. "They decide your working conditions, your paycheck, your retirement and make decisions about deployments. They decide any aspect of a soldier's life. It is important to go out and make your voice heard."

Voter Registration/Absentee Ballot Cutoffs

Number of days before Election Day

AL	10 days	KY	29 days	OK	6 days
AR	30 days	LA	30 days	OR	21 days
American Samoa	30 days	ME	1 day	PA	1 day
AZ	1 day	MD	21 days	Puerto Rico	30 days
AR	7 days	MA	1 day	RI	21 days
CA	15 days	MI	3 days	SC	30 days
CO	29 days	MN	1 day	SD	15 days
CT	1 day	MS	30 days	TN	5 days
DE	20 days	MO	7 days	TX	30 days
D.C.	23 days	MT	30 days	UT	4 days
FL	29 days	NE	11 days	VT	10 days
GA	29 days	NV	30 days	VA	5 days
Guam	10 days	NH	1 day	Virgin Islands	20 days
HI	30 days	NJ	30 days	WA	30 days
ID	25 days	NM	5 days	WV	20 days
IL	10 days	NY	10 days	WS	4 days
IN	29 days	NC	1 day	WY	1 day
IA	1 day	ND	1 day		
KS	4 days	OH	30 days		

POV storage available while deployed

Debrah Dasher

Special to the Frontline

Privately owned vehicle storage for all soldiers at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield deployed on a contingency operation is available at no cost to the soldier.

The POV storage lot is located 6.5 miles from the front gate of Stewart.

Normal business hours for accepting vehicles will be 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday.

There will be someone available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for emergencies.

The storage lot is well lit, fenced and guarded with security personnel and a caretaker living at the site.

The contractor has liability and garage keepers insurance for the soldier's protection. A thorough inspection will be performed jointly by the owner and the contractor upon acceptance of the vehicle and entered into a database with digital pictures.

All vehicle storage requests must be processed thru G4, Sgt. Maj. Dwayne Ellis, 767-1092 before going into storage. Directions to the facility are as follows:

From Ft Stewart:

Exit the main gate of Fort Stewart and travel 1.6 miles on General Stewart Way to SR 38 (Highway 84). Turn left at traffic light and travel east 4.3 miles to SR 196.

Turn left and travel 0.6 of a mile. "The Storage Place" (POV storage facility) will be on your right. Enter the facility and go to the white office trailer for in processing.

From HAAF:

From Rio Gate at Hunter, go right to light then right on Highway 204. Travel 6.6 miles to Interstate 95. Take Interstate 95 South 6.5 miles to exit 87 (Highway 17). Travel 5.0 miles to Highway 196. Go right on Highway 196 for 6.0 miles and "The Storage Place" will be on the left.

VEAP converts to GI Bill may lose benefits

Tesia Williams

Army News Service, Sept. 23, 2002

WASHINGTON — Soldiers who converted from the Veterans Educational Assistance Program to the Montgomery GI Bill are at risk of forfeiting their contributions and losing their benefits, officials said, if they don't make their payments. Soldiers have 18 months from the time they signed the Montgomery GI Bill, Department of Defense Form 2366, to pay the mandatory contribution of \$2,700, personnel officials said.

Many of the 5,000 soldiers who signed up for the program may have already missed their deadline, according to officials at the U.S. Total Army Personnel Command.

"Program participants need to contact their finance office and make sure the contribution will be paid within the 18-month deadline," said John Rizkallah, chief of the Education Incentives and Counseling Branch at PERSCOM.

If soldiers are not able to pay the \$2,700 in time by using monthly allotments, they have the option of combining the allotment with a lump sum or they can make a single lump sum payment, Rizkallah said.

"The law states that if participants don't pay the contribution in full within the deadline, they forfeit anything they contributed to VEAP and will not be eligible for any education benefits through the Veterans Administration," Rizkallah said.

It is imperative that soldiers look at the date they signed their DD Form 2366 and ensure that they have the contribution paid in full within 18 months of that date, Rizkallah added.

"To date, the VA has not made any exceptions to the deadline," he said.

VEAP was first enacted by Congress for post Vietnam-era soldiers. It was designed to attract high quality men and women to the all-volunteer Armed Forces.

Congress signed the VEAP conversion law on Oct. 30, 2000, making it the second conversion opportunity since October 1996.



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Immunizations available for infants at risk for RSV

Laurie Dunlop

Winn Public Affairs

Last winter, between 30 to 40 infants considered at high risk for Respiratory Syncytial Virus received monthly immunizations at Winn Army Community Hospital. None of those children ended up in the hospital with RSV.

RSV can be serious, ranging from a simple cold to pneumonia and even death, according to Dr. (Capt.) Andrew Doyle, chief of Pediatrics at Winn Army Community Hospital.

Each year, up to 125,000 babies are hospitalized because of RSV. It is easy to catch and spreads when a person with the virus coughs or sneezes. Doyle cautions that RSV can be spread through contact with infected skin, kitchen counters, toys, bedding and used tissues. RSV's primary season is between October and March, and it can be caught any time of the year.

The good news is that you can help protect your baby. Most babies contract RSV by age 2. It is common in day care settings and crowded areas.

According to Doyle, babies born early or with lung problems are at greater risk of complications from RSV.

If your baby was premature or suffers from lung problems, ask your pediatrician about RSV monthly vaccinations.

"RSV shots are expensive," said Doyle, "costing

upwards of \$900 per shot. However, the costs of immunizing an at-risk infant is far outweighed by the benefits of protecting that same baby from a potentially very serious disease."

If your pediatrician refers your child for RSV injections, you will bring your baby into Winn's pediatric clinic for a monthly injection from October through March. There is no cost share for TRICARE Prime patients.

Doyle offers some simple steps you can take to protect your child from contracting RSV.

Make sure anyone touching your baby has freshly washed hands. Keep anyone with a cold away from your baby, including siblings. Avoid crowds. Wash your infant's toys and bedding often. Do not allow smoking near your baby.

Doyle warns that RSV might seem like a common cold at first, causing sneezing, congestion, sore throat and fever. Signs of serious problems include breathing problems like wheezing, labored, or fast breathing, blue or gray skin color, and trouble eating, drinking or sleeping. Call your doctor immediately if your child is less than 6-months old or is at high risk for RSV and has a cold. You should also call your doctor if your child shows any signs of breathing problems or just seems very sick.

Remember, if you are unsure whether to call, its best to call.

Symptoms of RSV:

- Sneezing
- Congestion
- Sore throat
- Fever
- Wheezing
- Labored breathing
- Blue or gray skin
- Eating, drinking and sleeping problems

Your pediatrician will examine your child and possibly order a laboratory test for RSV. Most children with RSV can be treated at home; however, those who are very sick might require hospitalization.

According to Doyle, recovery usually takes a week or so. Having RSV once does not make a person immune; it can be caught multiple times.

RSV is not a childhood virus. It can cause colds in people of all ages.

A person infected with RSV can contaminate others weeks after being sick. Avoid sneezing or coughing around infants or children.

Wash your hands often, especially before touching a baby. Keep sick babies away from others — especially other babies.

Army upgrades to digital photo system

Patrick A. Swan

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Department of the Army's Photo Management System became operational in early September.

As of Sept. 19, 2,902 official DA photos have been submitted via the new system. Only 42 of those photos have been rejected due to resolution problems.

DAPMIS, a web-enabled, e-business system, provides a digital means for Army photo labs to electronically transmit official military photographs for promotion board consideration, said Ken Washington, DAPMIS coordinator, U.S. Army Total Personnel Command. PERSCOM issued a message to the field outlining procedures.

The normal procedure is for photo labs to now digitally upload military photographs to a central repository. The DAPMIS goal is to have a full repository of digital photos by Dec. 31, 2003. This applies to staff sergeants and above, chief warrant officers two and above, and first lieutenants and above to colonel.

For the present, hard-copy photos will still be forwarded to the servicing personnel services battalion or military personnel office as well, according to the message. This process will be eliminated once the Army Selection Board System is fully implemented and career managers have the capability to display photos from the DAPMIS repository.

"The DAPMIS system is the Army solution for automating the DA photo process," Washington said. "This system supports all soldiers, active and reserve components and is a great aid to the Army Selection Board System, career management activities and commanders."

Washington added that photo labs will give first priority for digital photographs to soldiers in zones of consideration for any upcoming centralized selection board.

The PERSCOM message notes an important change to photo lab procedures. After Oct. 1, photo lab technicians will concentrate solely on taking photos, rather than also

inspecting a soldier's uniform to ensure proper wear.

Soldiers will review their photo on their Army Knowledge Online www.us.army.mil account. They have three workdays to either accept or reject the photo taken. Soldiers can find the DAPMIS site by linking to the "What's New" page on AKO. DAPMIS will automatically accept any photo taken as the official photo of record if the soldier does not verify it within the three working day limit.

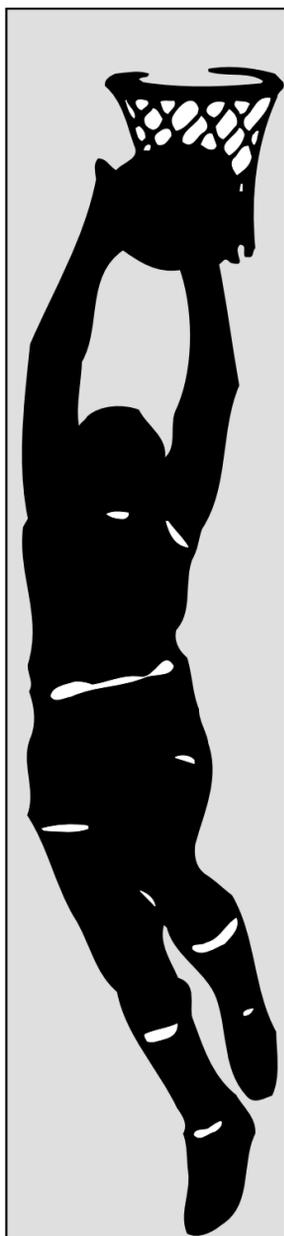
The message states that it is the soldiers' responsibility to inform their unit commander if they reject the photo, and to make arrangements with their photo lab to have the photo retaken.

Soldiers preparing for deployment and who are in the zone of consideration for promotion will be given priority at photo labs. Soldiers currently deployed will have their digitized hardcopy photo scanned into the DAPMIS system.

"DAPMIS will save soldiers' time because they will no longer have to visit the Personnel Office to deliver their photo," said Sgt. Maj. Freddie L. Davis Jr., the top enlisted soldier for visual information with the Chief Information Office, G-6 at the Pentagon. "Soldiers can view their current photo and official file online. DAPMIS also eliminates having to sort through five or six different opinions to figure out whether the photo is a good photo or not."

"This will help the Army achieve its goal of becoming network-centric," he added. "Soldiers can do their part by visiting their photo lab to get their DA photo taken and put into DAPMIS."

"With DAPMIS, we get a system that is faster, more responsive and soldier friendly," said Lt. Col. Curtis H. Nutbrown, action officer with the Strategic Partnering Directorate for Army Knowledge Management, Chief Information Office and G-6. "DAPMIS supports the Army's migration of business and customer support applications to Army Knowledge Online, the Army Portal www.us.army.mil. The goal is to use AKO as the one-stop information site for the Army."



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NCO

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Next colored smoke appeared and soldiers went to MOPP level IV. In full MOPP gear they ran a half-mile, dropped into their fighting position and started sending shots down range at pop-up targets.

"The hardest part of the mystery task was managing the stress of not knowing what was going to be next," said Spc. Daniel Davis, a military police corrections specialist from Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

Hands-on testing, weapons qualification and land navigation posed challenges for most of the soldiers, but the board appearance was the last and easiest event, the competitors said.

"That was my eighth

board appearance this year," Davis said. "So, I was most prepared for the board."

The board is what, the first ever Soldier of the Year says, probably put him in front of his peers.

"I had a really strong board performance," Brown said. "I was knowledgeable, and I presented myself with confidence to the board members."

The Army's top NCO was the president of the board and the other board members included MACOM sergeants major and others from the local Washington, D.C., area.

The week came to an end when Stitzel and Brown took center stage for what probably seemed an eternity as sponsors awarding trips, prizes and plaques congratulated them. One prize that didn't come in an envelope

was the choice to pick their next assignment.

However, the top two prizes for the winners, they both agreed, were the all-expense trip to Disney World in Florida and the five-minute shopping spree for two at the commissary.

"Etching my name in history and receiving the prizes are all great, but just the experience to come here and meet some of the Army's most impressive soldiers was mind-blowing," said Brown, who hopes to compete again next year as an NCO.

There are no guidelines saying that soldiers cannot compete in the competition more than once, regardless if they win, officials said.

"Take the challenge," Sampson said encouraging soldiers and NCOs to compete next year. "Step up to the plate."

their loved ones in the gym.

"My first reaction was 'Thank you Jesus!'" said Connie Chisolm, wife of 1st Lt. Melvin Chisolm, C Co., 123rd Sig. Bn. "It feels really good to have him home. So much has gone on, so I just thanked God that he, and everyone else, made it home safely," she said.

The deployment was more than just a career lesson for soldiers and their units, Chisolm said, adding that the time apart was also a lesson

for many spouses.

"It's amazing how much you can miss when you're gone. It makes me see how important spending time as a family is. Being apart really puts things into perspective," she said.

After accomplishing their missions in the desert, the 123rd Sig. Bn. and 103rd MI soldiers have returned safely to Fort Stewart highly trained and prepared for the next time they are swept off by the Marne Express.

Iraq

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August 1992 "to halt that outrage and to protect Iraqi citizens from further bombings and helicopter attacks," Rumsfeld said.

Almost immediately, Iraq began using surface-to-air missiles and air-defense artillery to fire on coalition pilots enforcing those zones. "That Iraqi aggression ... continues to this day," Rumsfeld said, noting this is the only place in the world where U.S. and British pilots are routinely fired upon.

Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Air Force Gen. Richard Myers added that over the past three years, Iraqi air-defense artillery has fired at coalition aircraft more than 1,000 times, launched 600 rockets, and fired nearly 60 surface-to-air missiles.

Myers showed a map highlighting the areas of concentrated firing from within the northern and southern no-fly zones. He noted Iraqi aircraft have violated the no-fly zones at least seven times this year.

Myers also showed newly declassified video of four instances in which Iraqi air defenses fired upon coalition aircraft.

• U.N. Security Council Resolution 687 established cease-fire conditions that included ending Iraq's weapons of mass destruction programs and providing for U.N. inspections to verify disarmament.

In December 1998, international inspectors in Iraq informed the United Nations that they were unable to perform their mission because of "eight years of Iraqi threats and broken promises," Rumsfeld said. This ended ground inspections.

Aerial surveillance, however, continued and still helps determine compliance, Rumsfeld noted.

• In October 1994, Iraq defied terms of the ceasefire that ended the Gulf War by moving armored divisions from its elite Republican Guard near the country's border with Kuwait. "U.S. troops moved into the area to turn back the aggression, and the U.N. Security Council passed resolution 949 ordering Iraq to stop threatening its neighbors," Rumsfeld said.

This resolution also established "no-drive zones," which Iraqi ground forces aren't allowed to enter.

The secretary noted the United States is interested primarily in compliance with the United Nations resolutions and Iraq's disarmament.

"With each missile launched at our aircrews, Iraq expresses its contempt for the U.N. resolutions, a fact that must be kept in mind as their latest inspections offers are evaluated," Rumsfeld said.

He refuted claims the United States has stepped up its armed responses to Iraqi attacks on coalition planes, saying coalition aircrews have typically responded when fired upon.

Rumsfeld said such claims from other countries merely play into Iraq's wishes that America be seen as the aggressor. In truth, Rumsfeld said, American responses to repeated acts of aggression aren't the problem; Iraq firing on coalition aircrews enforcing U.N. sanctions is.

"Over the years, the Iraqi regime has shown a great deal of cleverness in playing the international community and the world's media," Rumsfeld said.

Redeploy

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not cooked by the Army," said Spc. Jason Bradwell, 123rd Sig. Bn.

However, the best part about redeploying for most soldiers was not eating or sleeping arrangements, it was seeing their family members again, Maede said.

Both soldiers and spouses expressed relief and excitement as they reunited with



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Native American Month

The 3rd Inf. Div. Native American Heritage Month Observance hosted by DIVARTY and sponsored by 1st Battalion, 39th Field Artillery, will be held Nov. 15, at Cottrell Field.

The children's program runs from 9 a.m. to noon, and a program for all soldiers, family members and civilians runs from 1:30 to 4 p.m. and features Native American dancing, story telling and exhibits for your enjoyment.

American Red Cross

The American Red Cross is currently seeking individuals who are interested in volunteering at the hospital, youth center, bowling alley, gym, library and Red Cross Office. We are also seeking to fill volunteer leadership positions. Please contact the Fort Stewart Red Cross Office at 767-2197.

Insurance program

You're invited to find out more about the Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program. Here's your chance to attend a program educational meeting — and learn detailed information about the features of the Program.

The meeting will be held at 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., Oct. 24 and 25, at Woodruff Theater. No pre-registration is needed.

For more information, call 1-800-582-3337 or visit www.LTCFEDS.com.

Officer candidate school

The next HQDA Officer Candidate School selection board will be conducted at PERSCOM, Jan. 27 through Jan. 31. The Fort Stewart local OCS Board will be conducted at 6:30 a.m., Dec. 11, in the 3rd SSB Conference Room located in Building 621, second floor, Room 215. The deadline for packets to be turned in to the Personnel Action Section, Room 212, B Company, 3rd SSB, Building 621, is Nov. 25.

AAFES Savings Bonds

AAFES has a Recognizing Excellence program which provides coupons and savings bonds to installation-level soldiers and NCOs of the quarter, month and year.

Recognizing Excellence coupon booklets go to each soldier, NCO and soldier of the month at each post. Floyd Wynn, in charge of all facilities at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield, will be happy to present the coupon booklets.

The coupons are good at every AAFES PX/BX around the world and they do not have an expiration date.

For more information on how to receive these coupon booklets, please contact Pattie Wise at 767-8330.

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 Primary Leadership Development Course. 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.

Audie Murphy club

There is a Sergeant Audie Murphy club meeting the fourth Wednesday of each month at 11:45 a.m. in the Audie Murphy Conference Room in Building 1. For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Jones at 767-9127.

Homecoming parade

Bradwell Institute High School Homecoming parade will be held Oct. 10 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. There will be restricted access to General Screven from 5:15 to 5:45 p.m. and restricted access to Memorial Drive from 5:30 to 6 p.m. During these times traffic will be rerouted to alternate gates or held until notification is made by Hinesville Police Department that the routes are clear for vehicle traffic.

Sign language expert

The Fort Stewart School System is seeking services of someone skilled in American sign language. If interested, call Joyce Rankl at 368-2742, extension 209.

Hunter

Green to Gold

A Green to Gold briefing will be held today at the Hunter Education Center from 2 to 4 p.m. in room 18.

Hunter Golf Club

The John Rowden Memorial Golf Tournament will be held Friday. The Hunter Golf Club will also sponsor the Savannah Coastal Classic ABC Handicap Tournament on Oct. 12, 13, 19, 20, 26 and 27. Call 352-5622 for more information.

Tuttle Army Health Clinic

Tuttle will be closed Oct. 10 for Organization Day and Oct. 11 for the training holiday. For urgent care, call 1-800-652-9221. In the event of an emergency, patients are advised to go to the nearest emergency room.

Home Buyer's Workshop

Looking for a new home? Come to the home buyer's workshop Oct. 17 at noon and 6 p.m. in the Army Community Service center, Building 1286.

For more information or to sign up, call 352-6816.

Make a Difference Day

The Hunter Community Block Party/ Make a Difference Day will be held Oct. 19 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Army Community Services center parking lot, Building 1286.

Youth Sports

Basketball and cheerleading registration will begin Oct. 21 through Nov. 15. Basketball is open to children ages seven - 18 and cheerleading is open to children ages six - 12. The registration fee is \$20. For more information, call 352-6075.

Hunter Community Meeting

A Hunter Army Airfield Community Meeting will be held at 7 p.m., Oct. 22, at the Army Community Service center, Building 1286.

Rio Gate now open

The Rio Gate is now open to vehicles with Department of Defense decals only. The gate will

be open at the following times: 5:30 to 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 - 6:30 p.m., Monday - Wednesday and Friday; 5:30 to 9:30 a.m. and 3 to 5 p.m. Thursday; 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The gate will be closed on federal holidays.

Patient representative

Marilyn O'Mallon is Tuttle Army Health Clinic's patient representative. Her role as a patient advocate means that patients have someone to address their concerns and find resolution to their problems. She also offers notary service.

Visit O'Mallon in her office at Tuttle Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. or call her at 352-5731. You can e-mail her at Marilyn.O'Mallon@se.amedd.army.mil.

Dermatologist at Tuttle

Dermatologist, Maj. Richard James, sees patients by appointment at Tuttle the last Thursday of the month between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Health benefits advisor

Kathy Wise is the health benefits advisor for Tuttle. You can find her office in Room C-158 Monday through Wednesday and Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and 1:15 to 4:30 p.m. and on Thursdays from 1-4:30 p.m. Her telephone number is 352-5062 or e-mail her at Kathryn.Wise@se.amedd.army.mil.

Beneficiaries representative

Norma Mclean is the Beneficiaries Service Representative for Humana, the Region 3 TRICARE at Tuttle. Her office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Wednesday and Fridays, noon to 4:30 p.m. on Thursdays.

She can assist beneficiaries with enrollment and other TRICARE benefit issues. Call Mclean at 352-5435.

Halloween in Housing

The porch light policy will be in effect during trick or treating in the housing areas, from 6 to 8 p.m., Oct. 31.

Winn

TRICARE 'online'

There is an e-mail address where you can go to get assistance with TRICARE questions: TRICARE_help@amedd.army.mil. If you would prefer to address your questions to someone in the Fort Stewart/Hunter area, you may contact a health benefits advisor/beneficiary counseling and assistance coordinator. If you have soldiers who are deployed, they too can access information and get assistance at Winn, 370-6015 or Tuttle, 352-5062.

Breast Cancer Awareness

Visit Winn Army Community Hospital's educational booth for Breast Cancer Awareness Month Friday in the Winn Army Community Hospital front lobby, Monday at Tuttle Army Health Clinic, Oct. 16 at the Main Post Exchange on Fort Stewart, and Oct. 17 in the Winn Army Community Hospital front lobby.

Physical Therapy Month

Winn's Physical Therapy staff will be at the AAFES Main Exchange shoe department from 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday and Oct. 19, for foot type evaluations and running shoe prescription. Stop by to find out if you are running in the correct shoes.

TRICARE presentation

All new to the Army and new to Fort Stewart spouses are invited to attend a special new presentation designed to help you make the most out of your healthcare services at Winn. The presentation will be held at 7 p.m., Oct. 27, at the Hospital Auditorium. Learn about enrolling locally in TRICARE, making appointments in our primary care clinics, having prescriptions filled, and so much more. A tour is included. Call the Patient Representative office with questions, 370-6225/6143.

Winn holidays

MEDDAC training holiday is Oct. 11 and Columbus day is Oct. 14. Services at Winn Army Community Hospital will be limited to inpatient care and emergencies

on these two days. On Friday, sick call will be held from 7 to 10 a.m. at Soldier Family Health Clinic No. 1, Building 701. For information, call SFHC No. 1 at 767-7201.

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, 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, e-mail 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. 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 at Winn.

To register for the tour, call the Winn Appointment Line, 767-6633. For questions about the tour, you can e-mail mary.gambrel@se.amedd.army.mil.

"Winn Delivers" videos

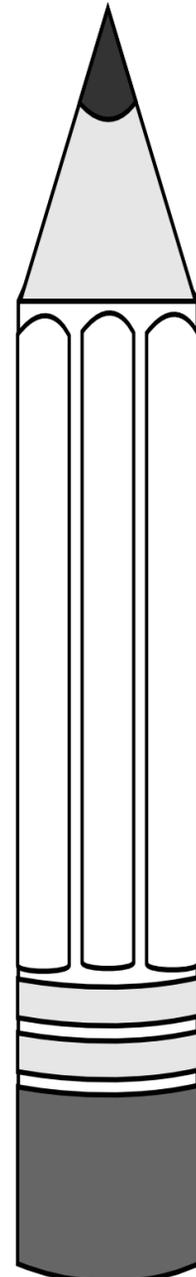
Expectant mothers and partners unable to attend a scheduled labor and delivery tour at Winn can now borrow a video tape that contains a 15-minute "video tour." This video allows families to see what to expect during and after delivery at Winn.

Medication Refills

Starting Monday the Behavioral Health Clinic at Winn provides medication refills from 3:30 to 4 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays only. Call 370-6100 in advance as patients are seen on a first-come, first-served basis.

Patients should keep their regularly scheduled appointments and obtain medication refills at that time.

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 • **Charges:** Probation violation
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• **Subject:** Specialist, 24-year-old male, 24th Corps Support Group
 • **Charges:** Improper backing
 • **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

• **Subject:** Specialist, 34-year-old female, 24th Corps Support Group
 • **Charges:** Improper parking
 • **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 20-year-old male, 2nd Brigade
 • **Charges:** Underage drinking
 • **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Specialist, 22-year-old male, 1st Brigade
 • **Charges:** Disorderly conduct
 • **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Civilian, 46-year-old female
 • **Charges:** Simple assault consummated by battery
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 21-year-old male, 2nd Brigade
 • **Charges:** Simple assault consummated by battery, false official statement
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 19-year-old male, 2nd Brigade
 • **Charges:** Simple assault consummated by battery, false official statement
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 22-year-old male, Aviation Brigade
 • **Charges:** Wrongful use of marijuana
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private, 19-year-old male, separate battalion
 • **Charges:** Wrongful use of marijuana
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private 2, 24-year-old male, 24th Corps Support Group
 • **Charges:** Failure to stop at a posted

stop sign, driving on a suspended license
 • **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 21-year-old male, 24th Corps Support Group
 • **Charges:** Improper backing
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private, 20-year-old male, 2nd Brigade
 • **Charges:** Failure to appear
 • **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Sergeant, 26-year-old male, 1st Brigade
 • **Charges:** Failure to appear
 • **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 20-year-old male, Aviation Brigade
 • **Charges:** Failure to yield right of way
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private 2, 20-year-old male, 1st Brigade
 • **Charges:** Driving while license suspended, failure to show proof of insurance
 • **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Specialist, 33-year-old male, Division Support Command
 • **Charges:** Failure to appear
 • **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Specialist, 24-year-old male, Aviation Brigade
 • **Charges:** Escape from confinement
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Sergeant, 28-year-old male, Aviation Brigade
 • **Charges:** Suffering a prisoner to escape through neglect
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 23-year-old male, Aviation Brigade
 • **Charges:** Suffering a prisoner to escape through neglect
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 25-year-old male, Division Support Command
 • **Charges:** Failure to appear
 • **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Civilian, 25-year-old male
 • **Charges:** Driving under the influence
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

old male, Aviation Brigade
 • **Charges:** Suffering a prisoner to escape through neglect
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 24-year-old male, Division Support Command
 • **Charges:** Speeding while being passed
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 23-year-old male, Aviation Brigade
 • **Charges:** Limitations on overtaking or passing
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 25-year-old male, Division Support Command
 • **Charges:** Failure to appear
 • **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Civilian, 25-year-old male
 • **Charges:** Driving under the influence
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 27-year-old male, separate battalion
 • **Charges:** Cruelty to animals
 • **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

• **Subject:** Specialist, 23-year-old male, separate battalion
 • **Charges:** Wrongful use of marijuana
 • **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 28-year-old male, separate battalion
 • **Charges:** Wrongful use of marijuana
 • **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

• **Subject:** Private, 21-year-old male, separate battalion
 • **Charges:** Wrongful use of marijuana
 • **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

• **Subject:** Private 2, 19-year-old female, 24th Corps Support Group
 • **Charges:** Improper backing, driving without a license, driving under the influence
 • **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

MP free on bond, faces multiple charges for high-speed chase

Sonya Campbell
 Coastal Courier Staff Reporter

A soldier with the 549th Military Police Company was shot in the leg after allegedly leading police on a high-speed chase through two counties and then attempting to run down an officer Saturday morning.

Spc. Ashley S. Gromer, 25, faces multiple charges in connection with the incident, including aggravated assault, driving under the influence and several traffic violations, according to the Liberty County Sheriffs Department.

From Oklahoma, Gromer was reported to be the only person injured; though not seriously.

Officers had been monitoring 911 radio traffic about a vehicle being driven erratically throughout Hinesville, according to the department.

About 3:25 a.m., a sheriff's deputy spotted a vehicle of similar description with its headlights off and tried to stop it, but the driver fled to Long County, reaching speeds in excess of 100 mph, according to the department.

Stop sticks were reportedly placed on the roadway in Long County in hopes of stopping the speeding vehicle, but the driver spun around and headed back to Liberty County. The chase ended in the Holtzman Real Estate parking lot, 730 Gen. Stewart Way, Hinesville.

Gromer pulled into the parking lot and a deputy tried to block him, according to the department.

The department identified the deputy as Gary Eason. When Eason approached Gromer's vehicle to make an arrest, police said Gromer tried to run down

Eason. That's when Eason fired two shots — one round entered the driver's door and struck the suspect's left leg, according to the department.

Gromer was taken to Liberty Regional Medical Center before being transported to Memorial Health University Medical Center in Savannah.

Gromer was transferred to the liberty County Regional jail after treatment. He was bonded Monday, after being hit with numerous charges.

The charges and bond amounts included; aggravated assault, \$3,903, driving under the influence, \$779, improper use of center lane, \$82, limitations on overtaking or passing on left hand side of road, \$89, driving in circular or zigzagging course and lane drag, \$132, headlights required, \$756, reckless driving, \$798, obedience to traffic control devices required, \$82, speeding, \$652, fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer, \$1,252, aggressive driving, \$792, required position and methods of turning at an intersection, \$89, vehicle to drive on right side of the roadway, \$89, parking, standing or stopping prohibited in a specific or specified place, \$89, improper use of center lane, \$89, failing to comply with a stop sign and yield signal, \$89, turning movements violation, \$89, reckless driving, \$399, aggressive driving, \$380, maximum limits, two counts at \$683 each, and vehicle to drive on right side of roadway, \$89.

The Georgia bureau of investigations was notified and an independent investigation was done. The department reported that a review board was conducted as well and the situation was ruled as just-

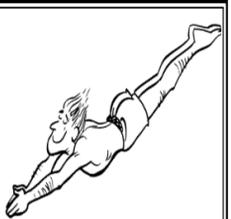
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Local high school holds first Armed Services Day celebration

Sgt. Akilah C. Clarke

Hunter Public Affairs Office

In an effort to expose and enlighten students to the many opportunities offered by the military, South Effingham High School held its first Armed Services Day Sept. 19.

Located in Guyton, Ga., the school's proximity to Fort Stewart, Hunter Army Airfield and other military installations made it a prime location for the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard to provide students, faculty and staff members with a closer look at everyday life in the military.

A variety of static displays, to include the Army's HUMVEE, heavy expandable mobile tactical truck, and the Army National Guard's HUMVEE were on hand for students to view. Additionally, recruiters from all five services were available to answer questions and provide literature to students considering joining the military after graduation. Even Sgt. HOOAH, the Army's inflatable walking mascot, was on hand to meet and greet event participants.

During the assembly, school principal Dr. Franklin Goldwire addressed the audience, to explain the importance of holding such an event.

"Most of you know that I served in the military, but few of you know that I've served almost 30 years ... but because of the opportunities that you and I enjoy, I believe it is the responsibility of this community, this state and this nation to recognize the contributions made by our armed Forces," he said.

Goldwire, a lieutenant colonel in the Air Force Reserve, went on to say that it was important to remember the daily sacrifices made by military service members, especially in light of the first anniversary of Sept. 11.

"As far as our school is concerned, it is a way of saying 'thank you' to our local military personnel. It's a way of showing our appreciation for receiving the freedoms and liberties that we enjoy," he said.

Staff Sgt. Jamie Neely, a scout section

"I believe it is the responsibility of this community, this state and this nation to recognize the contributions made by our armed forces"

Dr. Franklin Goldwire
South Effingham High School Principal

sergeant with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, explained the significance of his unit's participation in the event.

"I think it's important to show some of these young students the equipment we have and our capabilities to give them a better understanding of what our job is — it might help with their decision on coming in the military," he said. "Seeing the commercials on television and finding information on the Internet is one thing, but having real soldiers to talk to gives these students a little more insight on what it is we really do."

Michael Dixon, a junior who plans on joining the Navy said the event was very informative — one that gave him more insight on the other military services.

"I already had a lot of information about the Navy because that's where I have my sights set — that's the service that I want to join," he said. "But I'm glad we had this assembly, because it gave me an opportunity to find out about the other services as well. I got a chance to talk to a few soldiers and some Marines. They gave me a lot of good information, but I still want to join the Navy."

Brian Smith, a junior, said he never considered the military as an option after he graduated high school, but said he might "give the Army a shot. I have one more year before I graduate, so I have some time to figure out what I really want to do."



Sgt. Akilah C. Clarke

Sgt. HOOAH, the Army's oversized, inflatable mascot greets pre-schoolers visiting South Effingham High School during the school's Armed Services Day celebration Sept. 19.

SPORTS & FITNESS B SECTION

On Post

Golf Course

Taylor's Creek Golf Course offers Senior Blitz on Thursdays with a 9 a.m. tee off. They also offer a Dogfight Tournament at 7:30 a.m., and Men's Blitz at 1 p.m. on Saturdays and at 1 p.m. on Sundays.

Golf Scramble

The fourth annual Nighthawk Classic Golf Tournament will be held Oct. 25 at Taylor's Creek Golf Course. Sign in will begin at 7:15 a.m. and the shotgun start will be at 8 a.m.

There is a \$30 per person fee that includes lunch, greens fees, cart and mulligans.

All golfers and teams need to be registered by Oct. 21. For more information, call 767-0787 or 767-2370.

Jordan Gym renovations

Jordan Gym is closed for renovation until January.

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. The cost is \$15 per person. Cash prizes will be awarded. The tournament is sponsored by the Fort Stewart Women's Bowling Association.

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. For more information, call 767-4866.

Massage therapy program

There is a massage therapy program at Newman Fitness Center. Therapeutic massage is a gentle method of alleviating pain and in combination with medical attention, heals certain conditions and helps prevent their return.

Massage therapy is available from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m., Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Or, call to make an appointment, cost is \$1 per minute.

Youth B-ball, cheerleading

Youth ages 6 to 18 can sign up for basketball and cheerleading starting Nov. 4 at CYS in Building 443. The fee is \$20 per child. Sign-ups continue until teams are full. For more information, call CYS at 767-2312, or Corkan Gym at 767-2143.

Off Post

Short Stuff Basketball

The West Broad Street YMCA is registering boys and girls age 5 to 12 for the "Short Stuff" Basketball Program. The program will be held from 10 a.m. to 11:45 p.m., Oct. 12 through Dec. 14, at the gymnasium at the YMCA at 1110 May Street, Savannah.

The focus of YMCA basketball is not winning, but the fundamentals of the game with an emphasis on character development. The registration fee is \$35 per person. The deadline to register is Oct. 11. For more information, call Shannon Smith at 233-1951.

Aerobics classes

The West Broad Street YMCA offers aerobics. The classes are held 11 a.m. to noon, noon to 1 p.m., 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and 5:45 to 6:45 p.m., every Monday, Wednesday and Friday; and from 9 to 10 a.m., on Saturdays. There is no fee for YMCA members and \$30 for non-members per month. For more information, call 233-1951.

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.

Ledbetter overcomes rain, wins Taylor's Creek title

Sp. Jacob Boyer

Staff Writer

With the course wet and the final round starting amidst a downpour, Chuck Ledbetter edged out John Smiley with a six-over-par 78 to take the championship flight title at the 2002 Taylor's Creek Golf Course Club Championship Sunday.

Smiley and Ledbetter came into the round tied after both of them shot an even-par 72 Saturday.

With the wet course decreasing distances and slowing down the greens, Ledbetter shot two better than Smiley's 80.

"There was casual water everywhere," Ledbetter said. "I just tried to keep it up in the fairway as much as I could."

Joe Sampson finished third after coming into the round tied for fifth with two others.

He shot a 79 in the first round, then found himself five-over after the first nine holes Sunday.

He managed to shoot just two-over for the rest of the course to card a 79, the second-lowest round of the day.

The rest of the field in the championship flight had a rough day Sunday.

The four other golfers in the flight carded no better than a 12-over 84.

"The conditions of the course were extremely tough because of the weather," said Phillip Loucks, who shot an 85 after carding a 77 the first day.

Ledbetter, who came to Fort Stewart over the summer, was glad for the opportunity to compete.

"I just enjoy getting to play," he said. "I usually don't get to play much, so it's great when I do."

Randy Jackson and Gene Bower battled it out in the first flight. Both men carded 80s on Saturday.

Jackson managed an 82 Sunday to take first over Bower's 84.

Stephen Symanski and Jim Stevens tied for third.

Arnold Smalley saw his two-shot lead in the second flight evaporate Sunday.

He shot a 95 in the rain after carding 90 Saturday. Brian Kuhn improved on a 92 Saturday to shoot 88 and win the flight.

Ray Jimenez tied for second with Smalley with a two-round total of 185.

Joe Leatherwood shot the best round of anyone in the second and third flights Sunday, an 87 that gave him a two-day total of 182, and allowed him to take the third flight title.

Burr Miller took second place with 190, and Tee Traylor finished third in the flight.

"There was casual water everywhere. I just tried to keep it in the fairway as much as I could."

Chuck Ledbetter
Taylor's Creek 2002 club champion



Phillip Loucks chips toward the green on the 11th hole. Wet weather Sunday made for a rough going and inflated scores.

Sp. Jacob Boyer



Pfc. Natalie Schlotman

1/39 quarterback Terry Middleton looks for a receiver Monday night against the 92nd Engineers.

B Btry. 1/39 FA stops 92nd Engineers, 20-18

Pfc. Natalie Schlotman

Staff Writer

Key catches by receiver Dominique McKnight propelled the B Company, 1st Battalion, 39th Field Artillery football team's 20-18 victory over the 92nd Engineers Monday night at Sports Complex Field 2.

The B Company team, which recently won the Kuwait Cup Championship, remains undefeated with a record of 3-0. For the Engineers, the game was their first loss of the season, and shifted their record to 3-1.

Early in the game it appeared the Engineers were going to pull a repeat of last week's victory over the 94th Maintenance Company, but B Company's organization and experience rose to the challenge and proved to be too much for the Engineers to tackle.

The 92nd's trademark offense struck first when quarterback Jermaine Johnson threw an 18-yard slant pass and connected with receiver Lee Deal in the end zone. The Engineers could not break through B Company's defensive line for the extra

point and the score sat at 6-0.

B Company refused to remain scoreless for long. Instead, they responded to the Engineer's touchdown with a quick offensive strike.

Quarterback Terry Middleton charged B Company straight onto the scoreboard when he ran the ball nearly 40 yards into the end zone.

The score was locked even at 6-6, as B Company's attempt at the extra point was stuffed.

The Engineers were determined to lift the score back to their favor, but their attempts were halted when McKnight intercepted a long, wobbly pass from Johnson.

With the ball in their hands again, B Company was unable to advance through the Engineers defensive line.

The Engineers forced B Company receivers to continually drop key passes. Unable to gain any yards, B Company was held to fourth down and 20.

But the Kuwait Cup champions would not give in, and they decided to go for it.

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Aerobics classes add fun, variety to workout

Sgt. Craig Zentkovich

Staff Writer

In a perfect world, everybody has low cholesterol, minimal body fat, outstanding physical endurance and strength, and a great body — with no personal effort whatsoever.

Unfortunately, in our world, people have to work their bodies long and hard to achieve the aforementioned results.

That's where Jake's Body Shop Aerobicize Program comes into play.

The program, held at the Newman Physical Fitness Center, consists of a variety of aerobic exercise sessions aimed at building cardio-respiratory endurance, reducing body fat and relieving stress.

"The whole object of aerobic exercise is to reach your target heart rate and maintain it," said Jake Battle, fitness coordinator at Newman. "It's when you maintain that level of exertion that you begin building endurance and burning calories."

The sessions, which take place throughout the day Monday through Saturday, include various exercises that work many muscle groups.

"We've learned that running alone causes a lot of unnecessary abuse on knees and joints," Battle said. "Along the course of the week, we spread out the type and intensity of workouts we offer to cater to anyone's needs."

The program has four instructors that lead groups in aerobic exercises including weights, kickboxing, cross training and stepping.

On Wednesdays and Fridays, willing participants can take part in "Hocus-Focus," which is a two-hour

Jake's Body Shop Aerobicize Schedule

Monday

7:30 a.m. Latino Rhythm weights/kickboxing
9 a.m. Busy-Feet cross training
4:30 p.m. Hi-Bo cardio-kickboxing

Tuesday

7:30 a.m. Butts & Guts weights and bars
9 a.m. Buns-Burners stepping and weights
4:30 p.m. Cardio-Stepping

Wednesday

7:30 a.m. Caliente
9 a.m. Bring you water bottle workout stepping and kicking
4:30 p.m. Hi-Bo
5:30 p.m. Hocus-Focus yoga and tai-chi

Thursday

9 a.m. Buns Burners
4:30 p.m. Butts & Guts

Friday

7:30 a.m. Killer Friday I stepping, kicking, weights
9 a.m. It Ain't Easy kicking and stepping
4:30 p.m. Killer Friday II
5:30 p.m. Hocus-Focus

Saturday

9 a.m. Pick your Poison

Yoga and Tai-Chi session.

For someone to achieve desired results, regardless of what their goals are, dedication and frequency are a must, according to Battle.

"85 percent of the people who begin an exercise pro-

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Marne Scoreboard

Golf

Taylor's Creek Golf Course 2002 Club Championship

Open Division
Final Results

Championship Flight

Chuck Ledbetter	72-88-150
John Smiley	72-80-152
Joe Sampson	79-79-158
Brent Wells	76-85-161
Philip Loucks	77-85-162
Robert Forshee	79-84-163
Bill Anderson	79-91-170

First Flight

Randy Jackson	80-82-162
Gene Bower	80-84-164
Stephen Symanski	81-89-170
Jim Stephens	84-86-170
Gary Barton	85-89-174

Second Flight

Brian Kuhn	92-88-180
Ray Jimenez	92-93-185
Arnold Smalley	90-95-185
Ralph Anderson Jr.	87-99-186
Dennis Kennedy	89-98-187

Third Flight

Joe Leatherwood	95-87-182
Burr Miller	93-97-190
Tee Traylor	97-95-192
Ralph Anderson	95-102-197

B Co. 123rd Signal	2	2	.500
MEDDAC	2	2	.500
396th Trans.	2	2	.500
A Co. HQs Cmd.	1	3	.250
15th ASOS	1	3	.250
549th MP	1	3	.250
B Co. 10th Eng.	0	4	.000

Scores Sept. 24

Eastern Conference
A Co. 10th Eng. **41**, C Co. 4/64 AR **20**
B Btry., 1/41 FA **7**, C Trp. 1st Cav. **0** (forfeit)
C Btry. 1/41 FA **20**, 94th Maint. **14**
HHC 4/64 AR **7**, C Trp. 1st Cav. **0** (forfeit)

Pacific Conference
HHC DISCOM **27**, 103rd MI **24**
HHT 3/7 Cav. **7**, A Co. HQs Cmd. **0** (forfeit)
632nd Maint. **33**, B Co. 123rd Signal **18**
396th Trans. **25**, MEDDAC **18**
15th ASOS **25**, B Co. 10th Eng. **7**
549th MP **26**, SJA **13**

Western Conference
Svc. Btry. 1/41 FA **33**, HHC 3/7 Inf. **32**
A Co. 2/7 Inf. **20**, A Btry. 1/9 FA **7**

Sept. 26

Eastern Conference
A Co. 11th Eng. **40**, C Btry. 1/41 FA **19**
HHC 4/64 AR **31**, C Co. 4/64 AR **0**

Pacific Conference
HHT 3/7 Cav. **24**, B Co. 10th Eng. **12**
632nd Maint. **13**, 549th MP B Co. **6**
HHC DISCOM **7**, A Co. HQs Cmd. **0** (forfeit)
B Co. 123rd Signal **46**, 396th Trans. **7**
MEDDAC **19**, SJA **6**

396th Trans. **6**, 15th ASOS **0**

Monday

Eastern Conference
94th Maint. **7**, A Btry. 1/3 ADA **0** (forfeit)

A Co. 10th Eng. **19**, B Btry. 1/41 FA **13**

B Btry. 1/41 FA **7**, C Co. 4/64 AR **0** (forfeit)

B Btry. 1/39 FA **20**, HSC 92nd Eng. **18**

C Co. 4/64 AR (forfeit), C Btry. 1/41 FA (forfeit)

Western Conference

B Co. 3rd SSB **27**, A Btry. 1/9 FA **20**

HHC 3/7 Inf. **19**, A Trp. 3/7 Cav. **12**

B Co. 703rd MSB **12**, C Co. 2/7 Inf. **7**

HHB DIVARTY **24**, Svc. Btry. 1/41 FA **6**

HHC 3d ID **32**, A Btry. 1/41 FA **7**

A Co. 2/7 Inf. **25**, B Btry. 1/9 FA **19**

Schedule Today

Pacific Conference
Field 1

6 p.m. SJA v. A Co. HQs Cmd.

7 p.m. 103d MI v. 632nd Maint.

8 p.m. 396th Trans. v. B Co. 10th Eng.

Field 3

6 p.m. MEDDAC v. HHT 3/7 Cav.

7 p.m. HHC DISCOM v. 549th MP

8 p.m. B Co. 123rd Signal v. 15th ASOS

Monday

Eastern Conference
Field 2

6 p.m. A Co. 10th Eng. v. B Btry. 1/41 FA

7 p.m. A Btry. 1/3 ADA v. C Trp. 1st Cav.

8 p.m. C Co. 4/64 AR v. B Btry. 1/41 FA

Western Conference

Field 1

6 p.m. A Co. 2/7 Inf. v. HHC 3/7 Inf.

7 p.m. B Co. 3rd SSB v. A Btry. 1/41 FA

8 p.m. A Trp. 3/7 Cav. v. B Co. 703rd MSB

Field 3

6 p.m. HHC 3d ID v. Svc. Btry. 1/41 FA

7 p.m. B Btry. 1/9 FA v. HHB DIVARTY

8 p.m. A Btry. 1/9 FA v. C Co. 2/7 Inf.

Tuesday

Eastern Conference
Field 2

6 p.m. HHC 4/64 AR v. B Btry. 1/39 FA

7 p.m. B Btry. 1/41 FA v. A Co. 11th Eng.

8 p.m. HSC 92nd Eng. v. C Trp. 1st Cav.

Pacific Conference

Field 1

6 p.m. HHC DISCOM v. B Co. 123rd Signal

7 p.m. 549th MP v. 396th Trans.

8 p.m. B Co. 10th Eng. v. MEDDAC

Field 3

6 p.m. A Co. HQs Cmd. v. 15th ASOS

7 p.m. 632nd Maint. v. SJA

8 p.m. HHT 3/7 Cav. v. 103rd MI

Wednesday

Eastern Conference
Field 2

6 p.m. 92nd Chem. v. A Co. 10th Eng.

7 p.m. A Btry. 1/3 ADA v. C Co. 4/64 AR

8 p.m. B Btry. 1/41 FA v. HSC 92nd Eng.

Western Conference
Field 1

6 p.m. A Co. 2/7 Inf. v. B Co. 703rd MSB

7 p.m. C Co. 2/7 Inf. v. Svc. Btry. 1/41 FA

8 p.m. HHB DIVARTY v. HHC 3d ID

Field 3

6 p.m. B Co. 3rd SSB v. B Btry. 1/9 FA

7 p.m. HHC 3/7 Inf. v. A Btry. 1/9 FA

8 p.m. A Btry. 1/41 FA v. A Trp. 3/7 Cav.

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Standings
Through Monday

Pacific Conference

D Co. 1/3 Avn. 4 1 .800

HHD 260th QM 3 2 .500

110th QM 2 2 .500

559th QM 2 1 .333

A Co. 603rd ASB 2 3 .400

HSC 603rd ASB 1 4 .200

Eastern Conference

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B Co. 603rd ASB 4 0 1.000

416th Trans. 2 1 .666

K Co. 1/59 Avn. 1 3 .250

B Co. 1/59 Avn. 0 5 .000

Scores
Sept. 26

Pacific Conference

D Co. 1/3 Avn. **7**, 110th QM **0** (forfeit)

110th QM **20**, HSC 603rd ASB **15**

HHD 260th QM **7**, A Co. 603rd ASB **0**

Eastern Conference

K Co. 1/59 Avn. **7**, B Co. 1/59 Avn. **0** (forfeit)

B Co. 603rd ASB **20**, K Co. 1/59 Avn. **6**

Monday

Pacific Conference

D Co. 1/3 Avn. **24**, 559th QM **6**

A Co. 603rd ASB **20**, 559th QM **12**

HSC 603rd ASB **9**, HHD 260th QM **8**

Schedule
Today

Pacific Conference
Field 1

6 p.m. A Co. 603rd ASB v. HSC 603rd ASB

7 p.m. D Co. 1/3 Avn. v. HHD 260th QM

8 p.m. 110th QM v. 559th QM

Eastern Conference
Field 2

6 p.m. B Co. 603rd ASB v. K Co. 1/59 Avn.

7 p.m. B Co. 1/59 Avn. v. 416th Trans.

Monday

Pacific Conference
Field 1

6 p.m. HHD 260th QM v. 559th QM

7 p.m. A Co. 603rd ASB v. 110th QM

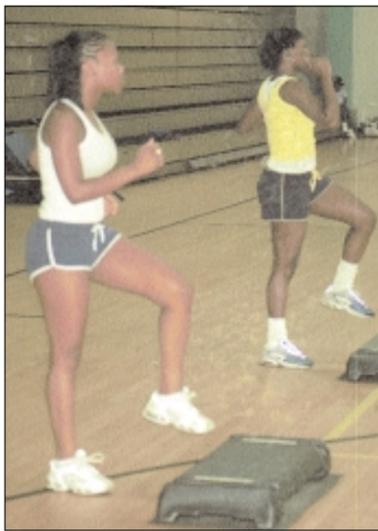
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Tuesday

Eastern Conference
Field 2

6 p.m. B Co. 1/59 Avn. v. B Co. 603rd ASB

7 p.m. 416th Trans. v. K Co. 1/59 Avn.



Sgt. Craig Zentkovich

Catherine Grissett and Yumeica Garnett step it up during a workout at Newman Physical Fitness Center.

Newman

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gram drop out by the second week," Battle said. "It's a long process, but in the end you'll see the benefit."

The instructors, who put forth their personal time and effort, benefit in more ways than one.

"I get the whole package: health benefits, a great atmosphere and wonderful people who motivate me," said Irma Wright, aerobics instructor at Newman. Wright, who has been an instructor for 12 years, teaches two classes a day for an hour each.

"People have the misconception that they need to be coordinated to take part in aerobics," Battle said. "It's a turnoff for them."

"I look at it like this – If you pay for dance lessons, do you expect to be able to dance on the first day? No, but you stick around until you learn.

"We have one of the best aerobic programs in the military. People should take advantage of it."

Aerobics sessions are free and available to all military ID cardholders and their guests.

For more information on Jake's Body Shop Aerobicize Program, call Battle at 767-3031 or stop by the Newman Physical Fitness Center.

Football

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McKnight's solid hands struck again when he caught a 20-yard pass and gave his team new offensive life. However, B Company failed to capitalize on their second chance.

With 1:05 remaining in the first half, the ball was in the Engineers' control. Johnson quickly connected with receiver Joe Effinger with a 20 yard-pass. Then came the tie-breaking pass from Johnson to Barion Freeman.

Even though their attempt at the extra point failed, the Engineers were back where they wanted to be – on top, 12 – 6.

B Company had 29 seconds to respond, and that is exactly what they did. On the first play of their possession, B Company's Middleton unleashed a 50-yard bomb right into the grip of McKnight.

The scoring didn't stop there. Middleton and receiver John Beckish connected for the extra point and put B Company on top, 13 – 12. The Engineers had 10 seconds to make something happen. Their two attempts to score failed and the half ended with B Company on top.

B Company got off to a rough start in the second when Engineer Saleem Black intercepted Middleton's first pass of the possession.

With new energy, the Engineers hit the

field ready to score. That happened when Cap Jones ran the ball 50 yards before being stopped just shy of the goal line.

A short pass from Johnson to Lee finished off the scoring drive, putting the game back in the Engineer's hands, 18 – 13.

Engineer defense could not hold back B Company's passing game, however. Middleton connected with a receiver for the final touchdown of the game and Mike Roe caught a short pass for the extra point, elevating the score in B Company's favor, 20 – 18.

The B Company players said there are many reasons why they remain undefeated.

"We're more organized and we've played more than most of these guys," Roe said. "Plus we have size. Everyone who is big is fast too."

The loss was a reality check for the Engineers, Freeman said.

"They won because they stuck to their game plan," he said. "We made critical mistakes. We missed too many flags."

But, one loss is not going to throw the Engineers off track, Freeman added.

"We lost one game. We won't make it a trend. Our defense is going to get better and we're going to get our offense to start putting more points on the board," he said.

IMPORTANT

The Garrison Commander's Cup at Taylor's Creek Golf Course scheduled for today has been postponed indefinitely.

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Baseball postseason belongs to Oakland

Sp. Jacob Boyer

Staff Writer

Commentary

October is here, and with it, I can calm down a little. Life is good if you are a sports fan. Football has finally returned. Hockey and basketball are just around the corner. And now it's finally time for the best part of the baseball season. The postseason started this week, and I think it's time for me to weigh in with my opinions on just who exactly is going to make it through.

Notice, I didn't say waltz through. There isn't a clear-cut favorite this year, especially in the American League. I want to make this much clear: The Yankees are not going to the World Series this year. Postseason experience aside, they are beginning to look a little rough around the edges. Let's start with the starters they've picked out for the first three games against Anaheim, their opponent in the American League Divisional Series.

Two of the three hurlers the Yanks are sending up against the Angels haven't pitched against them this year. That may be a positive given the fact the two teams' head-to-head ERAs are even at 3.27. But both Roger Clemens and Mike Mussina gave up better than four earned runs per game this year. Andy Pettitte is a solid choice, as he is 2-0 against Anaheim this season. But Troy Glaus (30 HR, 111 RBI) and Garrett Anderson (.306, 29 HR, 123 RBI) are both tough hitters and both improved over last year.

Only Jason Giambi (41 HR, 122 RBI) and Alfonso Soriano (39 HR, 51 doubles, 41 steals) are putting up big power numbers for the Bronx Bombers. Look for Anaheim in four games.

The best team in the American League will be playing in the other divisional series. The Oakland Athletics are coming out of one heck of a fight (with Anaheim) for the AL West title, and they get a shot at the AL's other turnaround team, the nearly contracted Minnesota Twins.

Tim Hudson, Mark Mulder and Barry Zito will start the first three games for the A's, and they are a powerful rotation. With Miguel Tejada (.308, 34 HR, 131 RBI) and Eric Chavez (34 HR) at the plate, the A's could walk to the World Series undefeated. Their pitching staff has a 2.70 ERA against

Minnesota this year, and Tejada has played strong against the Twins, with three dingers and a .412 average in nine games. With the Twins thin on pitching and star Torii Hunter hitting only .219 against Oakland, the A's sweep.



On to the National League, where hitters hit and so do the pitchers. Arizona takes on St. Louis in one series, and you would think that with Randy Johnson and Curt Schilling pitching Games One and Two, Arizona shouldn't have many worries. But Schilling was rough in September, and rougher still against the Cardinals, against whom he was 0-2 with a 7.71 ERA this year.

St. Louis took the season series 4-2, and outpitched the D-Backs in the process with an ERA of 3.46 to Arizona's 6.62. Johnson will be good for two wins, but with Luis Gonzalez out of the equation, the Cards take this series, 3-2.

We'll end this playoff tour with the Braves and the Giants. Here's another upset pick. Barry Bonds (.370, 46 HR, 110 HR) is playing the best baseball of his life, and he will continue to do so in the postseason for once. The Giants won their last eight games of the season, and they split with the Braves in 2002.

In spite of a strong pitching lineup that includes Tom Glavine, Greg Maddux and Kevin Millwood, the Giants may just be too hot for Atlanta to handle. Millwood was 18-8 this year, but he was a non-factor against San Fran in one game this year in which he had a 6.35 ERA. The Giants will win this series in five.

That leaves Oakland and Anaheim in the ALCS, and St. Louis and San Francisco in the NLCS. The A's will get their division rivals in seven, and St. Louis will only need five to stop the Giants. World Series pick? The A's in six.

Now let's all watch some baseball and see how big an idiot I really am. I'll just cheer for the Orioles.

JAKE'S BODY SHOP

Eating right and loving it:

How to watch your weight at parties

Special to The Frontline

Your friend has just invited you to a party at her house. Although you are looking forward to going, you're worried you will eat too much and gain unwanted pounds.

Even though it is far too easy to overeat at parties, you don't have to give in to your favorite party foods. Here are some tips to help you successfully manage your weight at the next holiday get-together.

Think realistically

You may need to change the way you think about the party. To tell yourself that you will only eat raw vegetables and fruit is not very realistic.

Instead, eat a small fruit salad before you go so you are not famished. Then, although you can indulge a little, be sure you don't stand next to the dessert table or by the chips and dip all evening.

Go for quality

In the past, you may have eaten until you were stuffed, whether or not you particularly liked everything on your plate. Break the habit of eating throughout the entire evening.

Carefully choose what you are going to eat and savor those items, knowing you won't be going back for three or four more trips to the buffet.

Be prepared

Tables heaped with wonderful foods can be a downfall for many people. Even if you are aware of what's coming, you may give in and eat too much. Be prepared to eat a little less the next day if you do gain a pound or two. By realizing that the party

could be a small setback, you won't be devastated if you do gain a little.

Parties don't have to make you fear overindulging. Instead, you can be confident that you will make your evening a success in every way.



Making parties healthy and fun

- Eat a small salad before leaving for the party.
- Don't stand by the dessert tray or chips and dip platter all evening.
- Carefully choose which foods you are going to eat.
- Be prepared to eat a little less the day after the party if you do gain a pound or two.
- Focus on the people around you, rather than the food.

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On Post

American Red Cross

The American Red Cross is asking donors to continue giving blood. Please visit one of your local blood drives at the following locations:

Winn Army Community Hospital, Oct. 8, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Pembroke Community Welcome Center, Oct. 14, 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Richmond Hill Kroger Parking Lot, Oct. 28, 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.

For more information, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE.

Army Soldier Show

The high-energy 90-minute live musical review showcasing the talents of active duty soldiers is coming to Fort Stewart. The show is scheduled for 7 p.m. at Newman Fitness Center Oct. 22 and 23. The show is free.

Rape Crisis Center

The Rape Crisis Center is training volunteer advocates to provide support and information to sexual assault victims on the crisis line and at area hospitals. Free training classes begin Monday. To register or for more information, call 369-3335.

Hunter Outdoor Recreation

All facilities at Lotts Island Recreation Area are now open to the general public. That includes campground, picnic area and shelters, tackle shop, boat hoist and private berthing for boats. For more information, call 767-5722.

Children's activities

Army Community Service 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.

Oktoberfest

Come celebrate a little piece of Germany in Georgia Oct. 18 at 7 p.m. There will be a stein holding contest, a pumpkin carving contest and live music provided by the German Umpah Band. The event is open to the public.

Halloween bash

Celebrate the spookiest night of the year at Club Stewart's Halloween bash 8 p.m. Nov. 1

Off Post

Hospice

Hospice of Hinesville is looking for volunteers to join their team of professional staff and caregivers.

Hospice is a hometown, community-based program that offers compassionate and supportive services to terminally ill patients and their families in Liberty and surrounding counties.

Volunteer training seminars are held the second Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information, or to register, call 876-5220.

Volunteers

The American Second Harvest Food Bank is looking for volunteers to help sort, clean and shelve salvaged foods.

The food bank takes dented cans and crumpled boxes of food from reclamation centers and redistributes them to the needy.

For more information, call 236-6750, ext. 109.

International Day: celebrates America's melting pot



Taula Tuitele and dancers in the Hinesville Pacific Polynesian Group treated the crowd to a variety of native dancing. International Day was a time for people of all cultures to showcase their uniqueness.

Pic. Natalie Schlotman

Festival celebrates meaning of military's cultural 'melting pot'

Pfc. Natalie Schlotman

Staff writer

It seemed as if the entire planet packed into Club Stewart Sept. 23 to celebrate International Day 2002.

Sponsored by Army Community Service, International Day is an annual festival in which people of all nationalities share their heritage with servicemembers, said Lucia Braxton, chief of ACS.

"People always say America is a melting pot. The Army is a melting pot, too. We have so many nationalities in the Army. It's nice to be able to share all of them in one day," Braxton said.

Volunteers and cultural clubs from the surrounding community showcased their different heritages by transforming the club into a glittering global scene, complete with food, lights, music, costumes, flags and decorated booths.

Each of the more than 20 countries, including Brazil, Mexico, Panama, Germany, Nigeria and the Philippines to name a few, had a unique aspect to share.

Three generations of the Lee family: 104-year-old Ok S. Lee, her son, 82-year-old Young S. Lee and his daughter, set up a display of Korean antiques to highlight their country's long history.

The antiques ranged from a 200-year-old vase to a 500-year-old room divider.

"Many young people don't understand the things we've used in the past," said Young S. Lee, Liberty County's first Korean immigrant, through the translation of his daughter. "We want to share pieces of our old culture, and we want to show that our history is long — more than 5,000 years old," Lee said.

Antiques weren't the only

ways volunteers highlighted their nationalities. Dressed in golden head dresses, jeweled arm bands and gold-threaded dresses, Val Prompalin and Tabatha Marchand, of the Hinesville Thai Cultural Group, danced to traditional Thai music.

"We love doing this every year. We get to represent our country and teach others about what Thailand is," Prompalin said.

Ghanaian volunteer Mariam Saleh set up a display of batiks, or African outing dresses. She said her favorite part of the day was meeting others from African countries.

"I've seen people from West Africa and Nigeria. It's good to meet people who are from my area. I also liked Panama and Mexico. I ate their food. It was very nice," she said.

The Enlisted Wives Club added American flavor to the event with baked apple and cherry pies and hot dogs. "We want to share a sample of some of the American originals," said Elizabeth Young, a volunteer at the American booth.

In addition to exposing others to the world's cultures, International Day was about learning to embrace cultural differences, Braxton said.

"Everyone had the opportunity to see all the different displays, share stories and ask questions," she said.

"It's important for all of us to understand why others act the way they do, why they dress the way they do, and why they raise their children and families the way they do," Braxton said. "We are all people, but we do things differently."

However, the event proved that different perspectives don't have to get in the way of living

See GLOBAL, Page 4C

Domestic Violence Prevention Month

Stewart, Hunter FAP to host free events for military families

Sgt. Akilah C. Clarke

Hunter Public Affairs Office

In an effort to keep the community informed and educated about the seriousness of domestic violence, Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield's Family Advocacy Program has planned a number of events for the month of October.

Soldiers are required to receive domestic violence training in accordance with Army Regulation 608-18, according to Regina Mims, family advocacy specialist.

"But, nothing says they have to take this information home to their spouses," she explained. "I think (Domestic Violence Prevention Month) is very important — the spouses need this information. So we try to get out in the community — to the commissary, to the Post Exchange and the other places where the spouses might be going — so that they can see what we have to offer."

The month's observation will begin with a "Purple Ribbon Kickoff" at various gates on each installation, Mims said.

"We'll hand out our calendars to keep people informed of the different activities that will be taking place during the month," Mims said. "At our next event, we'll have information booths throughout the community at the Post Exchange, commissary and in some of the neighborhoods on post."

The month's big finale will be the "Come Have Some Fun" block party at Fort Stewart and Hunter. Both block parties will be a combined effort by the FAP, the housing area Mayor's Program and the Directorate of Public Safety, according to Mims.

"The Mayor's Program will be sponsoring Make a Difference Day, and DPS will focus on Fire Prevention Week," she said. "All these agencies will be represented during the block party, and we also have a number of outside agencies such as rape crisis centers, safe shelters and some of the other areas that deal with domestic violence and child abuse."

For more information about domestic violence prevention, call Army Community Service at 767-5058/5059 (Fort Stewart) or 352-6816 (Hunter).

Military, civilian services join, train to fight domestic violence

Sgt. Akilah C. Clarke

Hunter Public Affairs Office

Soldiers from Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield came together with local police officers and other community civilian personnel during a domestic violence joint training event Sept. 25 - 27. The event, which was held at Club Stewart and Hunter's Army Community Service center, focused on bridging the gaps that are sometimes encountered when military and civilian personnel respond to domestic violence situations on and off post.

"We've got social workers, Savannah State students majoring in social work, Department of Family and Children Services, the Rincon and Chatham County police officers, parole officers, legal services, people from child care services, and some of the intervention agencies all here for a common goal — to treat victims of domestic abuse," said Regina Mims, a family advocacy specialist at Hunter and Fort Stewart.

"We've brought them all together so that everyone can see that there are other agencies out there that they can refer victims to. We put them all under one roof so they can exchange informa-

tion and network to find out how they can better help the victim. We just want the outside community to know that the military is fighting the same battles. We want to find out how they can help us and we can help them."

"We're trying to unify the effort," explained Mike Mertz, a domestic violence instructor with the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police. "The problem is that with off-post personnel, sometimes the reporting procedures aren't in place for the information to get back to the appropriate

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Calendar of Events

Oct. 4 - Purple Ribbon Kickoff, 9 - 11 a.m., Hunter Main Gate

Oct. 8 - Information booth, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Fort Stewart PX

Oct. 10 - Information booth, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Hunter PX

Oct. 14 - Information booth off post, location to be announced

Oct. 19 - Community block party, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., Hunter ACS

Oct. 24 - Information booth, 2 - 6 p.m., Hunter Commissary

Oct. 26 - Community block party, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., Bryan Village, Fort Stewart

Oct. 29 - Information booth, 2 - 6 p.m., Fort Stewart

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Cowboys, cowgirls ride for a good cause

Sgt. Raymond J. Piper and
Spc. Mason T. Lowery

Editor and Associate Editor

The Cowboys for Kids Benefit Bull Bonanza came to Fort Stewart not just to give the cowboys and cowgirls a chance to display their talent, but to raise money for special needs children.

More than 170 children from area schools got a chance to forget their handicaps for a few hours and see what it's like to be cowboys and cowgirls, thanks to the Cowboys For Kids Benefit Rodeo and Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers.

The rodeo travels around the country raising money for kids. They reserve the Thursday before their Friday and Saturday night shows in every town they perform in for physically and mentally challenged kids.

Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 9th Field Artillery; 103rd Military Intelligence Battalion; 3rd Forward Support Battalion; and 703rd FSB volunteered through the BOSS program to take the kids on hay rides, paint their faces, help them rope dummy cows and have stick horse races. The cowboys took the kids for horseback rides.

The kids had a great time, according to Laurel Howard. "The rodeo absolutely thrills them. It's a chance for them to do things they can't always do. A lot of them can't get outside much due to their disabilities. It's a chance for them to be special, as well as normal, kids."

Rodeo clown and Cowboys For Kids Assistant Producer Mickey Snelling agreed, "It's what we get every time — they love it," and commented on soldiers volunteering through the BOSS program to help. "The BOSS program is great. These younger soldiers are out here volunteering in the community and are really enjoying themselves."

Volunteer Sgt. Thomas Charles, 703rd FSB, who drove the four wheeler that pulled the kids on the hayrides, said, "It's wonderful, I love it. I do it every time they come. I just love to see the smiles on the kids' faces."

Cowboys and cowgirls came out Friday and Saturday night to demonstrate their bull riding and cowgirl barrel racing skills.

The cowboys had to ride a bull with one hand while holding a flat braided rope and remain on the bull for eight seconds. The other hand had to remain free at all times. If

the free hand touched the bull during any part of the ride, the rider was disqualified and no score was awarded. The rider also used his legs to hold on to the bull. Spurs were used to grip the bull, but had to be dulled and not locked in place for the protection of the bull.

"A lot of people don't believe it's a long time when you're on the back of that bull, but it's the longest eight seconds of your life," said William Lacy, an eight-year veteran of the rodeo circuit.

During the eight-second ride, judges watch both the rider and the bull. If a rider completes the ride, he is awarded a score. The points awarded are split between the rider and how well the bull bucks. A perfect score would be 100 — 50 for the rider and 50 for the bull. A rider can gain extra points with a judge by spurring the bull during the ride. This is when the rider loosens the grip with his foot, allowing it to come away from the bull for a moment. This indicates to the judge that the rider is in complete control of his opponent.

"When you're riding, you don't think a lot but are trying to anticipate what he (the bull) is going to do next," Lacy said.

The barrel racing is a timed horse race with turns. The cowgirl's time begins as she rides her horse across the starting line in the arena. She makes the run around three upright barrels in a cloverleaf pattern and back to the starting line where the clock stops. A barrel can be knocked over but costs the rider five seconds, which are added to her time.

"We hold the rodeo because we have a soft spot for kids and a love of rodeos. It's great to bring the two together," said Brenda



Photos by Sgt. Raymond Piper

A cowboy hangs on tight as he competes in the Cowboys for Kids Benefit Bull Bonanza Friday at Walker Field. The rodeo was held Friday and Saturday to raise money for special needs kids.

Palmer, assistant producer.

The proceeds from the benefit rodeo, which began five years ago, are donated to as many children's organizations as possible, said Palmer.

Throughout the rodeo, the cowboys took

the time to autograph T-shirts and programs for anyone who asked, especially children.

"Kids are what it's all about," said Levi Yoder, a six-year rodeo veteran. "It's a chance to be a positive influence, and it gives children positive role models."

Five-year-old Jalen Preston, Jordye Bacon Elementary, rides the pony, Rambo, Sept. 26, as Brenda Palmer, Cowboys For Kids assistant producer, supervises.

Spc. Mason T. Lowery



(Above) The bull wins again as a rider hits the ground and rodeo clowns rush to distract the bull. (Left) William Lacy, an eight-year veteran of the rodeo circuit, signs a T-shirt for a young fan.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Spiritual readiness key to soldier success

By Chap. (Capt.) Steven Balog
HHT, 3-7 Cav. Chaplain

Readiness is a key word we hear daily in light of recent world events. Whether we prepare for training deployments or real world action, readiness is a factor that will determine our success. I am convinced that if the 3rd Infantry Division is called into action this very day we would do well on the battlefield. The tactical proficiency of the Army is beyond reproach; we stand ready in this area.

However, readiness goes beyond what we do on the battlefield, it must encompass every facet of our lives.

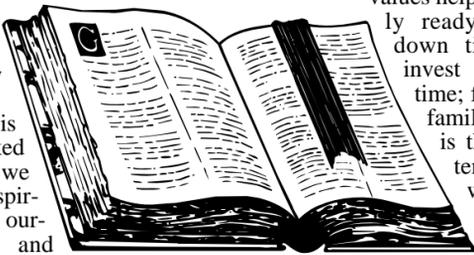
The human element is often the most overlooked element in the Army. If we are not ready in mind, spirit, and body we cheat ourselves, our soldiers and above all our families. The Bible tells us to be ready "in season" and "out of season," and though the context of this passage is specific to church ministry it also holds deep spiritual implications that can be applied to every day life.

Let's look at several ways we can remain ready spiritually, mentally, and emotionally. The week consists of 169 hours. The average church-going person gives one to two hours to spiritual development. Others may not attend a house of worship but invest only one

hour a week in daily devotions or meditation. Bottom line: very few of us are ready spiritually. Take the time now to develop some type of spiritual focus. Spend one to five minutes each day in prayer, reading, or devotions; this in itself can give a person an added edge in life or on the battlefield. Faith helps to instill courage, bravery, integrity, and a selfless attitude all of which are imperative to success.

Readiness can also be applied to family life and I'm not talking about power of attorneys or finances. Family life built upon solid values helps us to be emotionally ready. Take what little down time you have and invest it in quality family time; focus on building the family. Family readiness is the best support system we have in place when faced with hardship.

Last, the Bible says, "whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable — if anything is excellent or praiseworthy — think about such things." To be ready mentally, focus on the positive. If you dwell constantly on the negative, you risk dragging everyone around you into the same pit of despair. Add these readiness factors and ideas to our tactical proficiency and we will do more than "well" on the battlefield, we will excel beyond any obstacle.



Pet of the Week

Shelby is a 4-month-old orange and white female kitten. All adoption fees at the Fort Stewart Veterinary Clinic cover the cost of the first series of shots.

If interested in adopting Shelby or any other cat or dog, call 767-4194 or stop by the clinic located at 461 W. Bultman Ave., Building 1180, Fort Stewart, Ga., 31314.



GOT PET?

Check out the Fort Stewart Vet Clinic. All stray pets found on post are taken to the facility. For more information, call 767-4194.

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Worship Opportunities

Fort Stewart

Catholic	Location	Time
Daily Mass	Victory	11:45 a.m.
Saturday Mass	Victory	5 p.m.
Sunday Mass	Victory	9 a.m.
Sunday Mass	Victory	7 p.m.
Wednesday Mass	WACH	11:45 a.m.
Protestant		
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.
American Samoan		
Sunday Service	Heritage	1 p.m.
Muslim		
Friday Jum'ah	Bldg. 9182	1:15 p.m.
Masjid (Daily)	Bldg. 9182	5:30 a.m.
Seventh Day Adventist		
Saturday Sabbath School	Vale	9:15 a.m.
Saturday Divine Worship	Vale	11 a.m.
Healing Service		
Tuesday Service	WACH	11:30 a.m.
Lutheran		
Sunday Worship	Heritage	11 a.m.
Contemporary Service		
Sunday	Marne	6 p.m.

Hunter Army Airfield

Catholic		
Sunday Mass	Post Chapel	9:30 a.m.
Protestant		
Sunday Service	Post Chapel	11 a.m.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Fort Stewart McGruff
Safe House Program



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76 Lindquist Avenue, BLDG 470, Fort Stewart, GA 31314-5512
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Seabrook Village: An interactive glimpse into the past

Sgt. Craig Zentkovich

Staff Writer

At the Seabrook Village historic site on the Historic Liberty Trail, history comes to life in the form of an interactive, costumed three-hour tour.

"We take people back in time," said Florence T. Roberts, manager and volunteer at Seabrook Village, "to show them how people lived without the modern conveniences we enjoy today."

The story of Seabrook Village dates back more than 150 years.

Prior to the Civil War, slaves worked plantations throughout Coastal Georgia. Following Sherman's "March to the Sea" came freedom, land ownership and the eventual success of African Americans throughout the region.

A tour of the 104-acre site begins at Bowen's Farm. There, a weather-beaten, century-old barn houses an antique, horse-pulled tractor next door to an active chicken coop.

After a short drive down the road, visitors approach the main village, and thus begin their journey back in time.

A single-room schoolhouse, built

in 1875, stands at the entrance to the village.

There, an actual teacher from the region stands at the front of the classroom, in period costume, and teaches children class as it was taught back in the late 18th and early 19th centuries.

"Children are given real lessons and allowed to work on projects relative to the time period," Roberts said. "It makes the learning fun." Upon leaving the schoolhouse, visitors get a glance of an inactive out-house and move on to a pump-and-prime well where they have the opportunity to pump potable drinking water as it was a hundred years ago.

Enter the main attraction on the site.

Eli Gibbon's house, built in 1891, was home for him and his family. Adopted by the original owners of the house, Gibbons lived there from 1898 to 1983, never having the modern conveniences of running water, indoor plumbing, heating, or electricity.

The house contains relics dating back to 1895, including a quilt, utensils and a rusted peanut roaster.

"After a tour of the house, we bring people outside and ask for

volunteers," Roberts said. "The people that volunteer get to wash clothes on a wash board in a tub."

From one interactive lesson to another, the tour moves to the sugar cane mill.

In January and November, the village offers people the opportunity to grind sugar cane and participate in syrup making. The syrup is sold in the Seabrook Village gift shop.

Down a trail from Eli Gibbon's house is Degalle Williams' house. Williams boarded the community schoolteachers and served as a seamstress for the entire community. She had the only house in the community with a double-sided brick chimney.

As the tour continues, it will pass a beaten, dilapidated 8 foot by 12 foot, single-room structure that used to house a family of five.

"Many people don't realize how hard it was 50, 75, 100 years ago," Roberts said. "At least here, some can see it for themselves."

The final stop on the tour is the corncrib. The corncrib is where corn and other crops were stored after they were harvested. A machine next to the crib allows visitors to shuck and grind corn.



Sgt. Craig Zentkovich

The final interactive stop on the tour of Seabrook Village is the corncrib. Here visitors can grind corn into grits and cornmeal.

"It's a learning experience for a lot of visitors," Roberts said, "to see one simple machine grind kernels of corn into the grits and corn meal people enjoy daily."

When the tour draws to a close, the hope is that people will appreciate their ancestors and history a bit more, said Roberts.

"We try to focus on the kids," Roberts said. "They have no idea of the struggle or poverty of those before them that it hasn't always been peaches and cream."

As with many historic sites, volunteers and donations are needed and appreciated.

"The history of this region plays an important role in the lives of adults and children," Roberts said. "We cannot allow ourselves to forget where we came from."

For more information on volunteering, scheduling group tours or self-guided tours, call the Seabrook Village office at 912-884-7008. They are open Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Prevention

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military personnel. The Army is making an outreach to the community to involve them so they can help with military issues as well as providing services for the non-military personnel."

Mertz, who is responsible for training law enforcement personnel in the dynamics, intervention, response and case prosecution of domestic violence, said the training is very important to both the military and community personnel.

"We're glad that the local people are getting involved, because we certainly want to make local law enforcement aware of their options with the military. They have a great program for early intervention in domestic violence," he explained. "I hope they're going to leave with some open lines of communication so we can get the military involved in a situation. If there's a victim that needs help, they need to know who to reach out to - on and off post."

Mertz went on to point out that the training was not a direct correlation to the domestic violence incidents that occurred at Fort Bragg, N.C.

"We were actually scheduled to be here during this time last year, but the events of Sept. 11 prevented that," he said. "This is part of an ongoing educational effort by the Army."

Making people aware of the various services that are provided by military and civilian agencies was another important aspect of the training, according to Richard J. Wazeter, Army Community Service victim advocacy coordinator.

"The reason I think it's important for the civilian community

and the military community to work together is because there is a vast number of our soldiers and their family members that live in the Savannah community," he said. "For instance, today we talked about what happens with soldiers who are arrested off post or apprehended on post for domestic violence. They're placed into our social work services system to receive treatment - and that treatment is not only for the service member but also the victim of domestic violence. We get their children involved and get treatment for them as well."

Identifying the actual dynamics of domestic violence was another major focus of the training, Wazeter said.

"We're talking about how the police officers can conduct a more thorough investigation to obtain information that would probably result in a more prosecutable case. We're telling them to look for certain things when they respond to a scene of a domestic violence incident, and we're teaching interview techniques that will assist them in soliciting information from victims and witnesses," he explained. "Domestic violence is bad behavior, and a lot of times that behavior has been learned in the home," Wazeter said. "Unfortunately, that behavior is now that person's normal behavior - it's the way they're going to react in a stressful situation. It's the way that they have learned that partners treat each other. It's the way they have learned to resolve conflict. But the bottom line is, it's learned behavior that can be unlearned."

For more information on the Fort Stewart/ Hunter Army Airfield Family Advocacy Program or domestic violence prevention, call 767-5058 or 352-6816.

Global

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peacefully, Braxton added. "This shows we can all be in the same place or in the same area and still get a long."

The celebration was a good chance for soldiers to explore the cultures they may encounter while assigned overseas, said Pfc. Eric Sturgeon.

"When you put all the cultures together, you can see what others have to offer. It's not something that you get to see every day," Sturgeon said.

Soldiers were not the only ones who left the event with a new outlook.

Volunteering at the event was a learning experience as well, Young said. "It's given me a broader perspective on all the countries in this world. These different booths show people's history, and I've learned things that I didn't know before," she said.

Shelbie Lambert, who attended with her 4-year-old daughter, said her favorite part of the day was watching the Hawaiian dancers. "They were so colorful and exciting," she said. In addition to the Hawaiian dancing, the variety of homemade food was another festival favorite, Braxton said.

As the dancing and eating ended, the international crowd headed home, and allowed the club to shrink from its global capacity to its regular capacity - until next year's celebration, when it will play host to the whole planet again.

Birth announcements

September 5

Simeon Amasa Colby, a boy, 6 pounds, 4 ounces, born to Pfc. Tatiana Colby.

September 17

Abigail Catherine Paredes, a girl, 8 pounds, 3 ounces, born to Pfc. Gilberto Paredes and Yvette Paredes.

Antenyah Shakira Nicole Brown, a girl, 7 pounds, 8 ounces, born to Pfc. Anthony Brown and RoseAnn Brown.

September 18

Zander Keith Slade, a boy, 6 pounds, 13 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Jimmy Slade and Spc. Becky Slade.

Darren Christopher Flucas, a boy, 8 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Spc. Clifton Charles Flucas and Sonya Nicole Flucas.

David Richard Schramm, a boy, 7 pounds, 3 ounces, born to Spc. Brian Vale Schramm and Michelle Lee Schramm.

Cassidy Tyler Henderson, a girl, 7 pounds, 13 ounces, born to Cyrus R. Henderson and 1st Lt. Zenita E. Henderson.

September 19

Aniyah Marie Johnson, a girl, 5 pounds, 11 ounces,

born to Sgt. Derrick L. Johnson and Ann M. Johnson.

Joshua Randolph Tyler, a boy, 7 pounds, 14 ounces, born to 1st Lt. John M. Tyler and Jennifer L. Tyler.

September 20

Derek Randall Deming, a boy, 7 pounds, 12 ounces, born to Sgt. Jason W. Deming and Jennifer Deming.

Mason Daniel Moss, a boy, 7 pounds, 1 ounce, born to Spc. Jeremy Alan Moss, Sr. and Melissa Dylan Moss.

Brayden Michael Wayne Klaas, a boy, 7 pounds, 7 ounces, born to Pfc. Billy Wayne Klaas and Christina Rose Klaas.

Paxtynn Helena Davis, a girl, 6 pounds, 13 ounces, born to Pvt. Raymond Keith Davis, Jr. and Shannon N. Davis.

September 21

Chelsea Malaia Brown, a girl, 7 pounds, 8 ounces, born to Pvt. Johnnell Brown and Tareisha Brown.

September 22

Tahlil Rashaad Strayhorn, a boy, 7 pounds, 3 ounces, born to Spc. Timothy Strayhorn and Maria Strayhorn.

Kaitlyn Rose Purvis, a girl, 7 pounds, 14 ounces, born to Maj. Robert J. Purvis and Maj. Michele A. Purvis.

Javonn William McGill, a boy, 7 pounds, 8 ounces, born to Pfc. Lawrence William and Nikisha Ann McGill.

Volunteer Spotlight



Bille Holloman



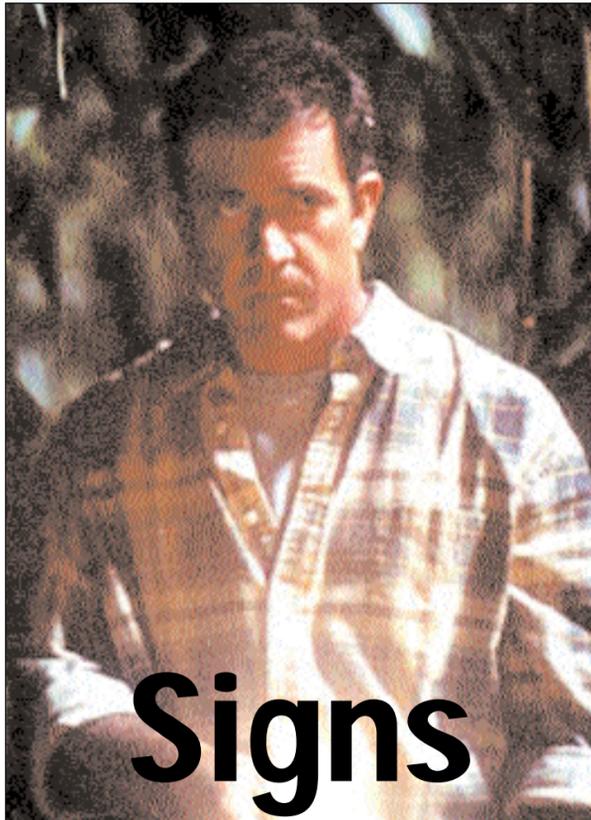
Billie Holloman, a pharmacist, volunteers for the Red Cross in Winn Army Community Hospital's pharmacy.

"I'm volunteering so I can learn the methods and procedures in a government pharmacy," said Holloman. "What I like most about volunteering is the new experiences it affords me."

Her husband Daniel is retired from the service.

She enjoys gardening, cooking, and home decorating.

If you'd like more information about becoming an American Red Cross volunteer at Winn Army Community Hospital, call Brigitte Roberts at 370-6903.



Signs



WOODRUFF THEATER

Oct. 3-Oct. 9



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

Martin Lawrence Live-Runteldat (R)

Starring: Martin Lawrence
Tonight at 7 p.m.

Comedian Martin Lawrence takes the stage for a stand-up performance in which he covers everything from his childhood to a series of arrests in the mid 1990s, to a near death experience in 1999. Run time: 103 minutes

Signs (PG-13)

Starring: Mel Gibson, Rory Culkin
Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m.

In Bucks County, Pa., a 500-foot crop circle is found on the farm of Graham Hess, the town's reverend. The circles cause a media frenzy and test Hess' faith as he journeys to find out the truth behind the crop circles. Run time: 107 minutes

XXX (PG-13)

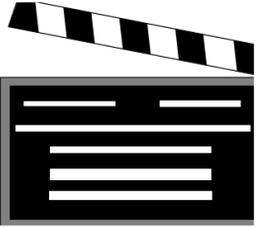
Starring: Vin Diesel, Samuel L. Jackson
Sunday, Monday and Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Xander "XXX" Cage is recruited by NSA Agent Gibbons to go undercover and infiltrate a Russian crime ring. If he refuses, he will be sent to jail. XXX takes the job and travels to Prague, where he helps to uncover the plan to use a biological weapon dubbed Silent Night. Run time: 113 minutes

Serving Sara (PG-13)

Starring: Elizabeth Hurley, Matthew Perry
Wednesday at 7 p.m.

When Sara is served divorce papers while she is in New York, she is stunned. Not about to lose the fortune she amassed with her self-serving Texas husband, she makes an offer to her process server Joe that sets them off on a wild trip across the country. Run time: 100 minutes



For more information,
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Theater at 767-3069.