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SMA talks pay, education, war

Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs
Army News Service

WASHINGTON - No, the Army isn't revising its Physical Training test — maybe in the future, but not now, said the Army's top non-commissioned officer.

Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack L. Tilley put an end to rumors and talked about the top issues on soldiers' radar screen. Pay and incentives kicked off the two-hour-long briefing during the annual Association of the United States Army conference Oct. 21-23.

"There are a lot of soldiers who are interested in incentive pay for being instructors, airborne or rangers. I think incentive pay is important, but my focus is base pay because that is what goes toward retirement," Tilley said. "And soldiers can expect pay raises over the next two years."

A specialist from Fort Bragg, N.C., asked if the recent pay raises were because junior soldiers are more educated than ever before.

The pay increases are because soldiers are good at what they do, Tilley said. Education is important, but a soldier being competent in his military occupational specialty is even more

important, he added. Which is one reason why the Army is going back to competency tests, Tilley said.

"There were people who were promoted that shouldn't have been," Tilley said. "So sergeants through master sergeants will be tested once a year, and it will be used for promotion. This will ensure that people know their job because it's too late to learn it when we're at war. And we're at war."

Tilley encouraged soldiers to continue their education and said in the works is ways to get soldiers college credits for their MOS and other noncommissioned officer courses that they are required to take.

"We're working with colleges so that by the time soldiers retire they will have at least a bachelor's degree," Tilley said. "It's not just about education, it's about preparing soldiers for life after the military."

Added courses to the Noncommissioned Officer Education System will also help prepare

soldiers for future endeavors.

Financial planning will eventually be taught in the Primary Leadership Development Course, Tilley said. Retirement benefits will be included in the Advanced and Basic Noncommissioned Officer Courses, he added.

Other changes to the NCOES is that master sergeants who have good track records and work hard will most likely attend the Sergeants Major Academy early in their career, Tilley said. The chances of attending the academy with about 17 years in service is good, he added.

Today's soldier will see a transforming Army, and withstand a long battle in the war on terrorism.

"I don't know if we're going to Iraq, but be prepared," Tilley said. "The war on terrorism will not end this year or the next. So don't get complacent. Stay focused. If you're on guard duty stay focused on guard duty. This war

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Spc. Jacob Boyer

Pfc. Anthony Pace, A Btry., 1/3 ADA, is strapped to a stretcher after being "hurt" during one of the 1st BCT's battles. Simulated casualties were MEDEVACed during the battle.

Marne Reception Center officially opens with ribbon cutting ceremony

Sgt. Raymond Piper
Editor

The Marne Reception Center officially opened with a ribbon cutting and recognition ceremony at the Center Oct. 25.

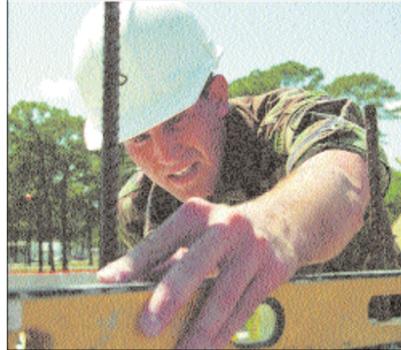
"Today is to thank those who built this magnificent facility here. It was built for soldiers by soldiers," said Col. Gerald Poltorak, garrison commander.

Soldiers from A Company, 92nd Engineer Battalion began construction on the building in November of 2000

According to Spc. Josh Thome, technical engineer team leader, S-3 Construction Team, soldiers from the 92nd were on the ground from the beginning.

The soldiers did everything from the surveying to laying foundation to building the walls. Soldiers from B Co., 92nd Eng. Bn. assisted in the carpenter and electrical work.

"It's not every day we get to do a building from the ground up; it has a lot of training value, especially for our electricians. They probably got the



Jim Jeffcoat

An engineer from B Co. 92nd Eng. Bn., makes sure a wall is level. He was one of many engineers from the 92nd to work on the Marne Reception Center barracks.

most training value out of it," said Command Sgt. Maj. Harry Collins, 92nd Eng. Bn. command sergeant major.

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Soldiers practice art of war at NTC

Spc. Jacob Boyer
Staff Writer

The soldiers of the 1st Brigade Combat team went out to the "Box" for a week of simulated battles Oct. 26 at the National Training center in Fort Irwin, Calif.

The Brigade moved out that morning and began setting up its tactical operations centers in preparation for the battle, which began Oct. 27. Abrams tanks, Bradley fighting vehicles, Humvees and many other vehicles rolled out into the desert for the first of two weeks of training here.

"This is the closest thing to combat the Army has today," said Lt. Col. Jim Lackey, 1st Battalion, 41st Field Artillery Regiment commander. "It's our most resourced training. It's a good event."

Some of the soldiers were glad to be involved in a training event of this size after the smaller events at Fort Stewart.

"The previous field problems have been like a tease," said Sgt. Ross Carlson, a tank driver with C Co., 3rd Battalion, 69th Armored Regiment. "Now we get to see the big picture, the whole task force operating as one. It's been great."

The 11th Cavalry Regiment, which provides the opposing force for units in rotation here, gave the soldiers a look at things they do not usually get to see when training at Fort Stewart, Ross said.

"We got to see F-16s out dropping flares and also saw a Hind," he said. "You don't see that back home."

The MI-24 Hind is a Russian-made helicopter.

Soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 3rd Air Defense Artillery Regiment were glad to have aircraft to fire on, said Sgt. Tyronald Booker, a track commander with A Btry.

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War trophies can be dangerous, illegal

Spc. Randy Randolph
Army News Service

FORT BRAGG, N.C. — Throughout history, soldiers serving overseas have returned home with souvenirs and relics to remember their tours. Many war related items on display in museums were brought over by individual service members.

Although it is tempting for soldiers to bring back reminders of having served in a military campaign, there are strict guidelines regarding these trophies for troops participating in Operation Enduring Freedom.

"Different operations and areas of responsibility will have different rules on prohibited activity regarding souvenirs," said U.S. Army Special Operations Command Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, Lt. Col. Kevin Govern. "Aside from U.S. legal restrictions, there may be Department of Defense, unified command and combined or joint task force regulations and orders proscribing certain activities and allowing others."

It is important for soldiers to realize that with few exceptions, taking or retaining individual souvenirs or trophies is prohibited in Afghanistan under Combined Joint Task Force-180 guidelines, Govern said.

"This prohibition does not include the lawful acquisition of souvenirs that can be legally imported into the United

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Weather Forecast

FRI		
High		Low
73°		51°
SAT		
High		Low
76°		60°
SUN		
High		Low
77°		59°

110th QM Co. goes for gold in Connelly competition finals

Competes against seven units worldwide for the title of best field kitchen in Department of the Army



Photos by Staff Sgt. Brian Sipp

(Above) Pfc. Terneria A. Rhone, a petroleum supply specialist with the 110th Quartermaster Company, takes the lid off the gravy as she prepares to serve the line during the Connelly competition, Oct. 31 at Hunter Army Airfield. Rhone was cross-training as a cook during the evaluation.

(Below) Timothy Connelly and his wife Karen sample the meal prepared by the 110th Quartermaster Company. Timothy Connelly is the grandson of the awards founder, Philip A. Connelly.



Staff Sgt. Brian Sipp

Hunter Public Affairs Office

The butterflies were gone; the nervous anticipation of the ultimate critique from Department of the Army judges was but a distant memory for the cooks from the 110th Quartermaster Company. With a sense of confidence and determination, fueled by victories at the division and Forces-Command levels, the resilient unit from Hunter brought everything they had to convince everyone they were the best field-kitchen in the Army.

On Oct. 31, two judges visited Hunter Army Airfield to evaluate the 110th on every aspect of food preparation in the field as part of the final round of the Philip A. Connelly Award selection process.

Edgar E. DeGasper of the International Food Services Executives Association and Command Sgt. Maj. Raymond Arnold, the top food service command sergeant major in the Army, made their third stop of seven locations worldwide to determine the overall winner. The pair, having previously visited Fort Bliss, Texas and Germany, is scheduled to travel to Fort Bragg, N.C., South Korea, Alaska and the state of Washington to complete the judging.

"Our job is to come in and select the best-of-the-best," DeGasper said. "Everyone at this level has already proven themselves, so judging will be very tight."

On a 1,000-point scale, only 250 points are awarded for the actual taste of the food. It is not uncommon for 30 points to separate all of the finalists, said DeGasper.

The judging focused on the positive aspects of the operation rather than the negative. By advancing this far in the competition, the units have already eliminated most all of the obvious mistakes, said Arnold.

The 110th and DA evaluators were also

treated by the presence of a special guest at the evaluation. Timothy Connelly, grandson of the award's founder Philip A. Connelly, and his wife Karen, were on hand to view the competition and sample the cuisine.

"I'm absolutely breath-taken. Just around the corner, these guys are working very hard under enormous pressure; it's amazing," said Connelly.

Representing his grandfather and the Connelly family, it was the local Savannah business owner's first experience in an Army field kitchen.

As the cooks were being evaluated, the rest of the 110th went about the business of maintaining a tactical environment.

From posting guards, establishing fighting positions and sectors of fire for perimeter defense, and conducting classes on Nuclear, Biological and Chemical threats, the company trained as they would fight in a real-world deployment.

The concurrent training, which integrated commander's training time, added to the ongoing Connelly evaluation, made for much more of a challenge than normal, said Lt. Col. Myron Fonseca, commander, 260th Quartermaster Battalion.

"All we do is provide the resources, support and guidance, the soldiers are the ones who take care of things," Fonseca said.

While the 110th's cooks will not know the results of the evaluation until the winner is announced on or around Dec. 22, one soldier already thinks he knows the answer.

"I feel absolutely confident we won the DA level," said Spc. Deson Walker, food service specialist. "My team is excellent, the best in the Army. We know each other's strengths and weaknesses and make the sacrifices (giving up free time) to be the best."

"The December announcement will make a nice Christmas present for one of these units," said Arnold with a smile.



Soldiers conduct Nuclear, Biological and Chemical training at Hunter Army Airfield as part of the total tactical concept. Concurrent training was given while the Connelly evaluation was in progress.



Capt. Derek J. Draper, commander, 110th Quartermaster Company, shows Timothy and Karen Connelly the tactical field site during the evaluations.

Going home:

133rd Military Police Company's deployment draws to an end

Sgt. Akilah C. Clarke
Hunter Public Affairs Office

After 10 months of providing support to Fort Stewart, the 133rd Military Police Company, a National Guard unit from Florence, S.C., bid farewell to Fort Stewart during an awards ceremony held Oct. 30 at Woodruff Theater.

The unit was activated Sept. 12, 2001 and has provided security support to Fort Stewart since that time.

Each of the unit's 128 soldiers received

recognition for their service in the form of an Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal or Certificate of Achievement. On hand for the ceremony was Maj. Gen. Stanhope S. Spears, Adjutant General of South Carolina, who commended the soldiers of the 133rd for their outstanding performance of duty.

"Thank you for all that you did - I'm extremely proud of all of you," Spears said. "We have a lot ahead of us, because the president is very committed to defending this country against terrorism. So I'm asking you all to please take this training and experience you received here back to your units at home."

During the ceremony, a group of Fort Stewart soldiers were presented with the South Carolina Achievement Medal for their role in sup-

porting the 133rd. The awardees included Col. Gerald J. Poltorak, Fort Stewart garrison commander, Lt. Col. Osvaldo Ortiz, Command Sgt. Maj. Carl T. Smith, Capt. Joseph Rogish and Maj. Donna Martin.

Poltorak commented further on the unit's consistent dedication to mission, despite the fact that they were away

from their homes and families.

"These citizen soldiers took up arms and answered our nation's call - they have sacrificed much. They've worked diligently over the past 10 months to patrol our post," he said. "You aggressively took on what we asked you to do and made the best of it," he said. "You could have easily complained about your living conditions, but you didn't. You've accomplished what your president asked of you."

Poltorak credited the 133rd for resolving approximately 2,465 incidents, to include DUIs, larcenies and drug violations.

"That is just outstanding. You have helped prove to the world... that because of our citizen soldiers, we will prevail," he said. "We extend our very best to you and your families at reunion time."

Artillery calibrates to put rounds down range

Spc. Jacob Boyer
Staff Writer

The artillery units attached to the 1st Brigade Combat Team calibrated their guns Oct. 24 in preparation for the upcoming maneuvers at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif.

Paladins from the 1st Battalion, 41st Field Artillery and 105 mm light towed Howitzers from the 2nd Battalion, 319th Airborne Field Artillery from Fort Bragg, N.C., were all adjusted to a baseline calibration, said Capt. Kareem Montague, commander, A Btry, 1/41 FA.

The guns are calibrated about once a year, depending on how often they are used, Montague said.

When the tubes for the howitzers are produced, they all shoot the same, Montague said. But after repeated usage, each tube shoots slightly different.

"We have to figure out how different each one of them shoots," he said.

Each Paladin fires about six rounds to get the data needed to calibrate the tube, said Lt. Col. Jim Lackey, 1/41's battalion commander.

Once the adjustments are made, the Paladin automatically updates the muz-

zle velocity after each round is fired through the tube, Montague said.

"(The calibration) gives us good baseline data," Lackey said "It allows us to be very accurate and put steel on target."

B Btry., 2/319 FA was calibrating two of its light Howitzers, said 1st Lt. John Popovitch, the battery's executive officer. Each gun fired 12 rounds, and the data from those two tubes was used to calibrate the other four guns in the battery.

"This is the first training event we've had since we got here," Popovitch said. "We have some airborne drops coming up, but it's good to get out into the field."

The calibration was the first major training event for the artillery units since their arrival here. Lackey said his soldiers were glad to be out training.

"This is the best training in the Army," he said.

The end result of the calibration is a greater ability to provide accurate fire support, Montague said.

"The bottom line is simple," he said. "This training will result in first round fire for effect. It will provide more accu-



rate fires for the brigade combat team." Photos by Spc. Jacob Boyer

(above) Soldiers from the 2nd Battalion, 319th Airborne Field Artillery fire during the calibration. 2/319th was attached to the 1st BCT for this rotation.

(left) An M-109A6 Paladin self-propelled howitzer waits for its turn to fire during 1st Battalion, 41st Field Artillery's calibration Oct. 24.



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VOICES AND VIEWPOINTS

Army leaders send Veterans Day message

On Veterans Day, we pay tribute to the American men and women who have served in our Nation's Armed Forces. Through their sacrifices, they have purchased for us the privileges of freedom, democracy, and unmatched opportunity that we enjoy in the United States today, and they have set the conditions for the United States' place as global leader, with the world's strongest economy, and the most respected and feared military in the world.

And as we celebrate the contributions of our veterans, we also take this opportunity to salute and to honor you, the Soldiers serving in the Army today. Your determination and your readiness to go where you are needed whenever you are called are potent symbols of liberty, justice, and hope for freedom-loving people the world over.

Today, soldiers build upon the 227-year legacy established by veterans who have gone before. From the first battle of the American Revolution to our ongoing war against terrorism, in conflicts around the globe and in humanitarian missions at home and abroad that have saved countless lives, soldiers have provided the sword and shield that protects our Nation. And they are doing so today — more than 190,000 Soldiers deployed and forward stationed in 120 countries around the world.

Each day you serve, you voluntarily forego comfort and wealth, willingly

facing hardships and deployments away from family and loved ones.

Sometimes you confront danger and face death in defending the Nation's security. To all of you on point for the Nation, whether far from home or here in the United States, thank you for your contributions and your countless sacrifices. It is an honor to serve with you.

And so on Nov. 11, a day of reflection and tribute, we salute you, and we pledge to you our tireless efforts to ensure that The Army remains the world's preeminent warfighting land force — the most esteemed institution in the Nation, and the most respected Army in the world.

Gen. Eric K. Shinseki
Army Chief of Staff
Thomas E. White
Secretary of the Army



Gen. Shinseki

Why we celebrate: Remember the reason for Veteran's Day

Sgt. Akilah C. Clarke
Hunter Public Affairs Office

To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations...

— President Woodrow Wilson, Nov. 11, 1919
It was once referred to as Armistice Day — a day on

which the nation celebrated its veterans — the people who stepped forward to serve their country during times of peace and war.

Redesignated as Veterans Day by President Dwight Eisenhower June 1, 1954, the federal holiday has seen a number of events take place throughout the nation's history — to include Vietnam, Desert Storm and even the present-day War on Terrorism.

Our country has enjoyed the best of times and endured the worst of times.

— **Commentary** —

We lost thousands in the tragedy of Sept. 11. We have lost many during the War on Terrorism. But despite the conflicts that have been fought here at home and the battles that are being fought overseas, America still stands strong. We are united together as our servicemen and women continue to fight for liberty and justice for all.

As our soldiers literally stand on the front lines,

fighting tooth and nail to protect our way of life, we must remember the sacrifices that are being made, and be thankful that we live in the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Webster's New World dictionary defines the word veteran as, "designating or of a person who has served in the armed forces; an old, experienced soldier, especially one who served in time of war."

It is therefore appropriate that, in light of the approaching Thanksgiving holiday we take time to show our appreciation for those who have given much and asked for so little.

Q & A with Col. Tom Torrance, DIVARTY commander

Spc. Jacob Boyer
Staff Writer

What have you been doing during your visit?

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What is the importance of soldiers training here instead of at Fort Stewart?

They gain a freedom from distraction. There's nothing going on back in the orderly room, and the commanders and first sergeants don't have details that they have to send their soldiers back to. They also have the space to maneuver with very few environmental restrictions. There are some, and they do adhere to them, but it's essentially free maneuver space. Also, they get to fight against a professional opposing force on some of the

harshest terrain there is. Fort Irwin very closely replicates the terrain of where the division's focus is, which is desert environments.

What do you think of what you've seen from the soldiers thus far?

I think the soldiers are highly motivated and highly trained. They're making some mistakes, but they are also doing some things extremely well. They are gaining confidence in themselves, their equipment and their leaders.

Has the artillery been successful thus far?

This ties back to the previous question. What I've seen so far is that they're fired up, and they're working very hard to get better every day. They are making mistakes, but they are doing more things right than



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come out of every fight with three things that can be improved for the next fight. It is important, too, that they do it all safely. Nothing is worth undue risk out here.

How would you compare this rotation to previous rotations you've been to?

It's hard to compare rotations because they are all different. You come out with different forces and assets. The OPFOR configures differently every fight. This time they have a light infantry task force and an aviation task force, and they add another set of

wrong. But that's okay. They're out here to learn. This is the National Training Center. I tell my soldiers my requirement is that they learn something every day. They should

people and equipment to synchronize.

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Do you have any words of encouragement for the soldiers of the 1st Brigade Combat Team?

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Would you like to add anything?

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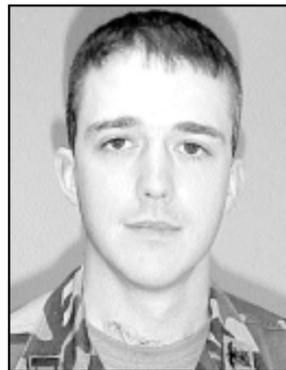
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Readers respond to the question:

Why do you think it is important to honor our veterans?

"It is important to remember our veterans to honor their sacrifices and the freedom which they gave us."

Capt. Brett Hissam
commander, 512th
Quartermaster
Battalion



"It's important to honor our veterans because they are the people who fought for our country's freedom. We're fighting to uphold the tradition of peace around the world."

Sgt. 1st Class Lisa Whithers
HQ. Co., HQ
Command

"They deserve to be honored — they fought in wars like World War I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam. They endured a whole lot of hardship and they deserve all the recognition they can get."

Sgt. Douglas Harris
HHC, 1st Bn., 75th
Ranger Reg.



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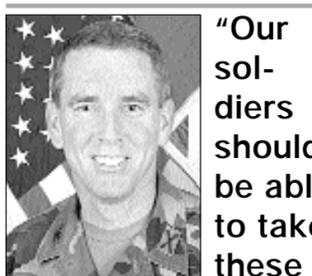
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"It is important to recognize our veterans because of the outstanding job they're doing for the country."

Spc. Christopher Hargrove
B Co., 603rd Avn., Spt.
Bn.

"Our veterans deserve to be honored because they've sacrificed their personal lives to defend our way of life."

Pfc. Jennifer Perry
Hunter Legal Center



"It is important to honor our veterans simply because we need to recognize those who willingly made whatever sacrifices necessary for the well being of the united States of America."

Linda Sherblon
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EEO recognizes contributions of disabled employees

Sgt. Raymond Piper

Editor

The Equal Employment Office recognized 18 employees from Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield with a targeted disability Oct 24 at Club Stewart.

According to Jackie Young, EEO special-

ist, a severe disability targeted by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity for emphasis in providing job opportunities is one that affects life functions, such as blindness, deafness or paralysis.

According to a Defenselink press release, there are 47,000 people with disabilities working for the Defense Department and

6,000 of them have a targeted disability

"The Army is aware that disabled employees provide a valuable service. They are excellent employees, and this is our way of recognizing them," Young said.

All of the employees received a certificate of recognition for their service. Danny Durden, an employee with the School Age Youth Services Program, and James King a management analyst with the Directorate of Resource Management, were specifically nominated by their directorates and received a special memento for their service.

"I wanted all of them to have recognition," Young said.

According to Durden's nomination letter, "Danny has excelled despite having had one of his legs amputated below the knee at the age of five. Danny is an inspiration to everyone that knows him. The youth and parents in the Youth Sports Program are truly elated when they see Danny officiating a basketball game, umpiring a baseball game, preparing a field ready for competition or taking care of an injured child. His ability to get the job done is very inspirational to everyone that works with him."

King lost his leg during the Vietnam War, but has still walked the three flights of stairs to reach his place of duty, with never a complaint and with always a willing spirit, according to his letter of nomination.

The letter continued, "Hopefully his recognition would reflect his tremendous performance of duty, and his positive spirit that contributes to his organization's efforts to support the soldiers and employees of Fort Stewart ... and would reflect his skill as a Management Analyst and his outstanding service as part of the Directorate of Resource Management, which resulted in his recent letter of commen-

tion from FORSCOM for his work with Management Control."

The ceremony was part of National Disability Awareness Month, which helps to raise awareness about disabilities in the work place.

"The government is a role model for businesses and needs to implement programs such as this to set the example," Young said.

National Disability Employment awareness Month began with the Presidential Proclamation of Public Law 100-630 in 1988. This law replaced the National Employ the Handicapped Week, which had occurred annually since 1945 during the first week of October. The new law also recognized a change in terminology and replaced handicap with disability.

According to www.mentalhealth.org, "Although several regulations exist to protect the rights of Americans with disabilities, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 is perhaps the most well known. When this Act was passed, it represented a promise that the Nation would no longer underestimate the abilities of disabled Americans. The ADA contains employment provisions to protect workers with disabilities from discrimination and mandates that all businesses employing more than 15 workers make reasonable accommodations for employees with disabilities. This law has played a critical role in helping to secure a future of enhanced opportunity and new freedoms for workers with disabilities."

The Department of Defense also co-sponsors, in conjunction with the Department of Labor, the Workforce Recruitment Program for College Students with Disabilities, a government-wide program designed to increase opportunities for the disabled.



Sgt. Raymond Piper

Equal Employment Office Specialist Jackie Young presents Danny Durden, an employee with the School Age Youth Services Program, a certificate of recognition for the work he does despite his disability.

703rd MSB keeps 1BCT in business

Spc. Jacob Boyer

Staff Writer

The 703rd Main Support Battalion has been ensuring the proper supplies get to the soldiers of the 1st Brigade Combat Team during their time in the "Box" during their rotation at the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, Calif.

The battalion is responsible for making sure all requested supplies are transported to the Brigade Support Area, said 1st Lt. Sara Arsenault, assistant S3, HHC, 703rd MSB. Two convoys of logpacs are sent out each day with everything from food and water to office supplies.

"It takes them about two hours to get there in the dirt and sand," she said. "Then they have to pick up whatever needs to come back and haul it back the way they came. Their biggest obstacle is the terrain. We've had a lot of vehicles getting stuck in the dirt."

The battalion is also responsible for taking care of any soldiers who get sick or hurt while they are in the field.

"We've been holding sick call once a day while the soldiers are out in the field," said 2nd Lt. Rebecca Gregg, physician's assistant, C Co., 703rd MSB. "We've been providing cold medications and emergency MEDEVACS to the hospital as needed."

While making sure the BCT is properly supplied, the 703rd also has to deal with other "in-game" problems, Arsenault said. Random attacks from the OPFOR and media inquiries keep the battalion on guard around the clock.

"We're working 24-hour shifts," Arsenault said. "Somebody is on call at all times. We've got two guard towers operating and a .50-cal crew at the gate. There've been a few mortar attacks, and numerous drive-bys."

The battalion has also found itself getting familiar with its Nuclear, Biological and Chemical gear.

"There's been a lot more NBC training than there was on my last rotation," said 1st Lt. James Zickefoose, executive officer, A Co., 703rd MSB. "We've gotten used to using the gear."

The rotation is giving the 703rd a chance to familiarize itself with desert conditions, Zickefoose said.

"It's a lot more realistic than training at Fort Stewart," he

said. "It's kind of hard to train in the desert there. All the roads are marked there, and out here there aren't any road signs. It gives us a chance to get out there and navigate the desert."

Training in desert environments also introduces new problems for the mechanics who keep the convoys running, said Staff Sgt. James Matthew Stone, shop foreman, HHC, 703rd MSB.

"The desert heat can have a much different effect on the vehicles," he said. "Training out here gives us a chance to figure out how different."

In addition to keeping operations running for the field problem, the battalion kept up with its training obligations. The 703rd held an M-16 range Friday and Saturday.

Many soldiers were glad for the opportunity to train away from Fort Stewart.

"NTC is a nice vacation," Zickefoose said. "Only in the Army can you go on a company picnic for a month and get paid for it."

"Even though I'm whipped, it's been pretty good," Arsenault said.



Photos by Spc. Boyer

(above) Spc. Douglas Stewart mans the .50-cal at 703rd MSB's gate.

(left) Sgt. 1st Class David Guy and Sgt. Marsha Hunt update a map in 703rd MSB's tactical operations center.



Veterans Day events

Friday

- Sun City Veterans Association, Hilton Head Island, S.C.
Supported by: 3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) Band and Installation Chaplain Lt. Col. Boatright
- Effingham County Middle School Veterans Day Program, Springfield
Supported by: 24th CSG Color Guard
Speaker: Lt. Col. Daniel Williams

Saturday

- VFW Post #4472 Veterans Day Parade, Baxley
Supported by: 3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) Band, DIVARTY Color Guard and rolling stock

Monday

- 10 a.m. — Savannah Veterans Day Parade
Supported by: Maj. Gen. Buford C. Blount III, 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield commanding general, 3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) Band, Aviation Brigade, DIVARTY and 3rd Military Police Battalion
- 10 a.m. — Golden Isles Veterans Council Veterans Day program, Saint Simons Island
Speaker: Chief of Staff (Col.) John Sterling
- 11 a.m. — VFW Post #6602 Veterans Day Program
Speaker: Garrison Commander (Col.) Gerald Poltorak
- Veterans Day Parade, Beaufort, SC
Supported by: 24th CSG and 3rd Military Police Battalion
- Exchange Club of Savannah
Speaker: US Coast Guard Commander Dave Troop
- 10 a.m. — Claxton High School Veterans Day Program, Claxton
Supported by: DIVARTY speaker, Lt. Col. Mark Jones
- 10 a.m. — Richmond Hill Primary School Veterans Day Program
Supported by: 24th CSG Color Guard,
Speaker: Capt. Stephanie Ahern
- VA Hospital Veterans Day Program, Dublin
Speaker: Col. James Leech
- 6:30 p.m. — Veterans Day Banquet, Carey Hilliard's Savannah
Supported by: Aviation Brigade

Tuesday

- Portal High School JROTC Veterans Day Observance, Portal
Supported by: 3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) Band

Desert Spring soldiers test for EIB in Kuwait

Mark St.Clair

40th PAD

Soldiers of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) set up and completed testing for the Expert Infantryman Badge in Kuwait last month to meet their annual requirement away from home.

"It's the best individual training an infantry soldier can get throughout his career," said Command Sgt. Maj. Gabriel Ossa, Task Force 1-15 Command Sergeant Major.

"It's what we're all about as a combined arms team," Ossa said of the battalions coming together to give soldiers a chance to prove their skills. Prior to deploying, some of the 3rd Bde. elements opted not to test for the EIB at Fort Benning, Ga. and anticipated training to happen while in Kuwait.

Participating soldiers and non-commissioned officers built the 18-event EIB course on site from scratch. "It's the best (course) I've seen in my 'short' career," said Ossa. "There was some consternation at first, but there's been nothing but positive results," he added.

To qualify for EIB testing, a soldier must complete a 12-mile foot march with a 35-pound load in less than three hours. Soldiers also must complete day and night land navigation courses with a compass and plugger (hand-held navigation system), shoot expert

with a weapon, pass the Army Physical Fitness Test with a score of 70 percent or higher in each event and be recommended for testing by the commander. Above all though, a soldier must volunteer. "You don't have to get soldiers pumped up for the EIB," said Command Sgt. Maj. Charles Griffin, 1st Bn., 41st Inf. Reg. Command Sergeant Major.

"It's the mark of excellence every infantryman strives for. It's the mark of a true professional," Griffin said. It's the culminating factor of an infantryman's career. Some soldiers try for years to earn it, he added.

"(The EIB) says you've mastered all the tasks associated with being an infantryman. By wearing it, you are recognized and can help other soldiers in the field," said Command Sgt. Maj. Mark Baker, 3rd Bde., 3rd Inf. Div. Command Sergeant Major.

The week-long event started with three days of rigorous hands-on training, where candidates were taken through tasks step-by-step for three days.

The fourth day was an open training day, where soldiers could focus on areas they might have weaknesses in. Many soldiers who think the hardest testing point is the hand grenade point, spend time practicing the technique over and over. Sgt. Nathan Rempel, Company B, 1st Bn., 41st Inf. Reg., squad leader and EIB hand grenade station non-commissioned officer in charge attested to this fact. "It was a great idea (to have EIB in



Courtesy photo

All 18 EIB events were centered around covered areas such as these, which were built from scratch by participating task force soldiers and noncommissioned officers.

Kuwait); we needed to do it. There was a month of nothing planned on the calendar, and it was ample opportunity to test for the most prestigious badge in the infantry," he said.

EIB standards are strict, and have not been lessened in the deserts of Kuwait. If a soldier receives a no-go on any event, he is given one chance to retest.

Another no-go means his removal from the EIB site. If on the second try, the soldier receives a go, he moves to the next station. This process can happen only twice. On the third no-go for three separate events, the soldier is removed from the EIB site. Soldiers who receive two no-gos and pass the second time are referred to as "blade runners," because they are hanging on for their EIB lives.

The 18 events are broken up into three lanes: red, white and blue. Each lane and its six events constitute one of the three days of testing for a soldier.

"It's stressful," said Spc. Jarrad Truog, Company A, 1st Bn., 15th Inf. Reg., EIB candidate. He has tried for his EIB in Germany, Korea and Fort Stewart, Ga. "It's a good EIB site; there's less distractions," he said.

"It's the best place to do EIB," said Sgt. 1st Class Ronald Marshall, EIB call-for-fire station non-commissioned officer-in-charge, of the Kabals. "There's no distractions of home and the training is all (the soldiers) can focus on."

Each station has a NCOIC, who is a subject

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Massive firepower displayed at Udairi

Joshua M. Risner

40th PAD

Third Infantry Division (Mechanized) soldiers participated in a massive display of firepower Aug. 21 during a combined arms live-fire exercise on Udairi Range in Kuwait.

The Marine soldiers are in Kuwait to deter Iraqi aggression as a part of Operation Desert Spring.

Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment, and 2nd Bn., 69th Ar. Regt. joined with infantry and artillery units from Fort Riley, Kan., to integrate fires of M2A2 Bradley Fighting Vehicles, M1A1 Abrams Main Battle Tanks, AH64 Apache helicopters, M109A6 Paladins, M121 120mm Mortar Systems, and

Multiple Launch Rocket Systems to test their firepower.

Units also reviewed their coordinating capabilities as they exercised their command and control systems.

"It's a great realistic training event," said Sgt. 1st Class Robert Ward, Company B, 1st Bn., 64th Armor Rgt. "It's good to work in coordination with all the different elements."

The combat team ran through the exercise once with multiple integrated laser system gear to get a feel for the range before going hot. "We've been doing a lot of training to prepare for this event," said 1st Sgt. Roger Burt, Co. B, 1st Bn., 64th Armor Rgt. "Everyone has been waiting for the culmination for months."

The operation began in the early hours of the morning, before

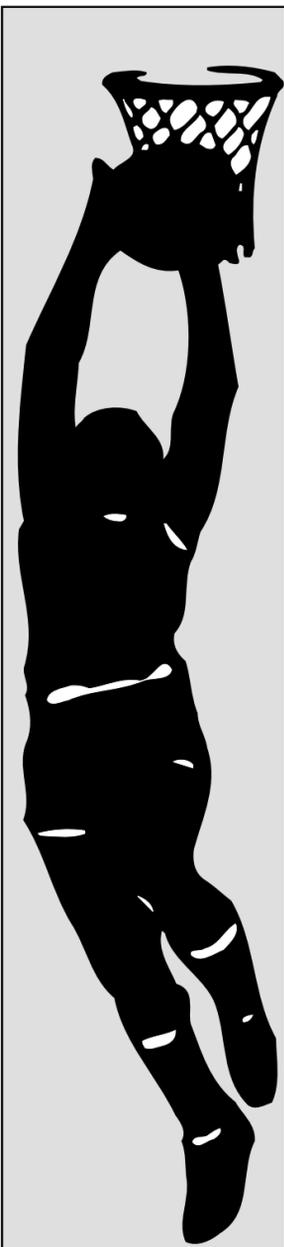
daybreak. By the time the sun had risen, the team had already begun to neutralize its targets.

There were stationary targets to be killed as well as trench systems for dismounted infantry to overcome. The engineers were faced with concertina wire and other obstacles for them to clear.

At the end of the first day, the troops prepared for the day of live rounds ahead of them. At 4 a.m., the combat team started their respective engines and moved forward to engage the enemy.

A cacophony of gunfire broke the silence of the desert as the

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Capt. Kathy Allison, A Co. Headquarters Command commander, Capt. Stephanie Ahern, A Co. 92nd Eng. Co. commander and Col. Gerald Poltorak, Garrison commander, cut the ribbon for the Marne Reception Center Oct. 25.

Ceremony

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The soldiers weren't alone in the construction project. The Directorate of Public Works was there every step of the way.

"DPW was in charge of quality control and project management. They oversaw the mission and answered any questions we had as well as giving us advice and showing us how it's done," Thome said. As the construction was nearing completion, A and B Co. deployed to Afghanistan and other assets had to be used to complete the building.

"We ... had a National Guard unit, the 306th Engineer Company, mobilize and spent some time at Fort Stewart to aid in the construction," said Poltorak.

Poltorak said, "The incredible thing about this building is that we were able to use division assets and our internal DPW assets to save the

government \$300,000 in contractor fees. Not only were we able save us \$300,000, we were able to get double the building for the amount of money we paid."

Currently the building houses 80 soldiers.

"If we had paid what we had allocated for \$500,000, it would have only housed 40," Poltorak said.

Poltorak said the division receives 6,000 soldiers a year and all of them will walk through these doors.

He added, "We're able to bring soldiers into a point that was professionally built by soldiers. It's the first place they see when they come on post. They live in a nice room that is climate controlled and has its own bathroom. It's the way we want to bring people to Fort Stewart."

Trophies

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States," Govern said.

Soldiers should be careful when bringing personally acquired items back home because that property may have use for military intelligence or study, Govern said.

Private or public property may be seized during exercises or operations only on order of the commander, when based on military necessity, he said.

"Property that has been taken during specific operations should be collected, processed, secured and stored for later return to the lawful owner," Govern said.

Soldiers are not allowed to bring weapons, munitions or military articles of equipment back to the United States if those items were not officially issued, Govern said. Shipping weapons outside of the Central Command area as personal property is a punishable Uniform Code of Military Justice offense.

"There is a very narrow waiver of this prohibition," Govern said. "Antique firearms and replicas legally obtained in Afghanistan manufactured in or before 1898 are allowed."

Govern said that service members interested in purchasing an antique firearm and importing it into the United States should obtain a copy of the partial waiver under general order 1A, dated June 25 from their servicing judge advocate.

Staff Sgt. Brett Hutchings, 35th Signal Brigade network controller, followed

general order 1A when he purchased an 1856 musketoon rifle in Afghanistan and had it shipped home. The antique weapon was used by the British in their war with Afghanistan in the late 19th century.

"Certain antique weapons are hard to find in this part of the world," Hutchings said. "When I found this one, I followed general order number 1A by contacting the provost marshal to get the proper documentation. I contacted the judge advocate general, filled out a sworn statement and had the inspector general sign off on it. If I got stopped on the way back with this weapon, I knew I had documentation to let other people know I met the requirements."

Young soldiers who are deployed to foreign lands often try to acquire souvenirs so they can remember having served their country or to sell items to people who will never get a chance to leave the United States, Hutchings said.

"Whatever reason someone is bringing something back, all they have to do is follow the rules to the letter," Hutchings said. "Don't try to interpret the rules yourself. Follow the regulations as they're set up and nobody should have a problem."

Fayetteville's Airborne and Special Operations Museum Historian, Dr. John Duvall, said that although current regulations regarding what soldiers may bring back from OEF are very strict, it hasn't

always been as difficult for individual soldiers to bring war trophies home.

"In past years, during World War II and Vietnam, soldiers could bring semi-automatic weapons back. We've received a number of weapons from individuals, including explosives," Duvall said.

Duvall encourages current and retired soldiers to bring weapons to museums. He said that explosive items and old rifles sitting in storage can be very dangerous.

"Any weapon from any war should be turned in or disposed of properly," Duvall said. "We all like a souvenir to show our involvement in a conflict, but what better place to turn these items in than a museum? Having something associated with the battles our soldiers fought is important, it helps tell the story of what these soldiers did. These things really should be brought back through the proper channels."

Soldiers are encouraged to follow proper guidelines concerning souvenirs because they might actually be bringing back contraband, Govern said.

He stressed that anyone violating Central Command or general order 1A guidelines will be punished under the UCMJ.

Soldiers with questions regarding what can be brought back to the United States from their individual areas of responsibility should contact a servicing judge advocate, military police customs office or the post office.

EIB

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tion non-commissioned officer-in-charge, of the Kabals. "There's no distractions of home and the training is all (the soldiers) can focus on."

Each station has an NCOIC, who is a subject matter expert in his station, and two or three graders, who are all noticeable. All EIB site cadre wear their dress uniform EIBs. Many candidates like to do the easier tasks first to build motivation and confidence and to relieve stress, said Staff Sgt. Johnny Knighten, EIB night vision devices station grader.

Of the 199 soldiers who started testing for the EIB Sept. 7, 99 were recognized for earning their badge during a ceremony Sept. 11, held in conjunction with a remembrance service in New York Kabal.

A 50 — percent success rate is above average for an EIB test session, but is what was estimated here in Kuwait, said Griffin. Baker credited a low candidate to instructor ratio to the high completion rate and said that even those who didn't complete testing still took part in great training.

Livefire

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40th PAD/Risner/

Soldiers displayed massive firepower at Udairi as Infantry soldiers pull security around bunkers after clearing a bunker during the brigade live fire exercise. The exercise combined many elements to form a brigade level combat team.

tanks and Bradleys opened fire on their first set of targets. The Paladins rained down artillery on the battlefield like deadly fireworks. The engineers deployed two mine clearing line charges to clear paths through obstacles. The detonation that followed shook the ground as the troops kept pressing forward.

A sandstorm rolled in midway through the exercise, reducing visibility for the combat team. They continued to fight in spite of the challenges that the desert put in their way.

By mid morning all of the targets had been killed and the team was victorious.

"I think my soldiers did outstanding," Burt said. "They've been looking forward to seeing the entire combat team together, and now that the exercise is over, I'm proud of them."

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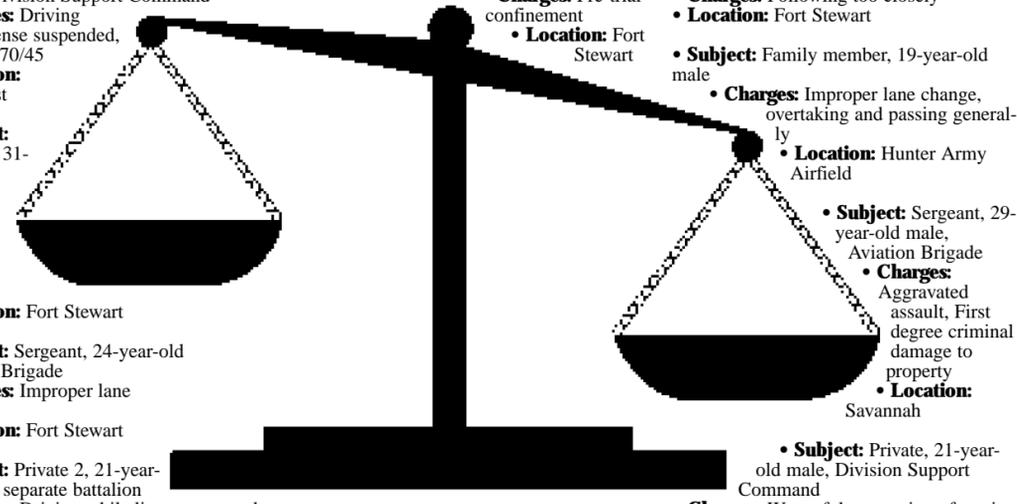
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- **Charges:** Deposit account fraud
- **Location:** Hinesville
- **Subject:** 27-year-old male, Division Support Command
- **Charges:** Failure to appear
- **Location:** Hinesville
- **Subject:** Private First Class, 19-year-old male, Headquarters Command
- **Charges:** Failure to appear
- **Location:** Hinesville
- **Subject:** Private 2, 20-year-old male, Headquarters Command
- **Charges:** Failure to appear
- **Location:** Hinesville
- **Subject:** Sergeant, 22-year-old female, Division Support Command
- **Charges:** Failure to appear
- **Location:** Hinesville
- **Subject:** Civilian, 24-year-old male
- **Charges:** Speeding 34/15, driving while license suspended, criminal trespassing
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Private First Class, 20-year-old male, Hunter Army Airfield
- **Charges:** Failure to use due care, damage to government property
- **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield
- **Subject:** Civilian, 40-year-old female
- **Charges:** Expired drivers license, driving on suspended drivers license
- **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield
- **Subject:** Captain, 27-year-old male, 1st Brigade
- **Charges:** Driving under the influence, driving without drivers license on person, failure to maintain lane
- **Location:** Savannah
- **Subject:** Specialist, 22-year-old male, 24th Corps Support Group
- **Charges:** Driving under the influence, fleeing or attempting to elude an officer, speeding
- **Location:** Hinesville
- **Subject:** Specialist, 23-year-old male, 24th Corps Support Group
- **Charges:** Driving under the influence, driving across median
- **Location:** Rincon
- **Subject:** Private First Class, 21-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Disorderly conduct
- **Location:** Savannah
- **Subject:** Family member, 18-year-old male
- **Charges:** Following too closely
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Family member, 21-year-old female
- **Charges:** Leaving vehicle unattended, unrestrained child
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Specialist, 25-year-old female, Division Support Command
- **Charges:** Deposit account fraud

- **Location:** Hinesville
- **Subject:** Private First Class, 20-year-old male, Division Artillery
- **Charges:** Two counts failure to appear
- **Location:** Hinesville
- **Subject:** Specialist, 28-year-old male, 24th Corps Support Group
- **Charges:** Failure to appear
- **Location:** Hinesville
- **Subject:** Private 2, 21-year-old female, Headquarters Command
- **Charges:** Three counts deposit account fraud
- **Location:** Hinesville
- **Subject:** Private 2, 19-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Disorderly conduct
- **Location:** Hinesville
- **Subject:** Family member, 23-year-old male
- **Charges:** Driving while license suspended, defective equipment
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Private First Class, 25-year-old female, Division Support Command
- **Charges:** Driving while license suspended, speeding 70/45
- **Location:** Allenhurst
- **Subject:** Sergeant, 31-year-old male, Division Artillery
- **Charges:** Assault
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Sergeant, 24-year-old male, 1st Brigade
- **Charges:** Improper lane change
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Private 2, 21-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Driving while license suspended, speeding 64/45
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Family member, 27-year-old female
- **Charges:** Failure to supervise child
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Sergeant, 27-year-old female, Division Support Command
- **Charges:** Improper backing
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Private First Class, 19-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Improper backing, no insurance
- **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield
- **Subject:** Private 2, 23-year-old male, Division Artillery
- **Charges:** Pre-trial confinement
- **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

- **Subject:** Civilian, 25-year-old male
- **Charges:** Driving under the influence, driving while license suspended, defective equipment
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Private First Class, 21-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Four counts deposit account fraud
- **Location:** Hinesville
- **Subject:** Private 2, 19-year-old male, Aviation Brigade
- **Charges:** Failure to appear
- **Location:** Hinesville
- **Subject:** Civilian, 23-year-old male
- **Charges:** Driving while license suspended, expired tags
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Family member, 21-year-old female
- **Charges:** Failure to yield the right of way
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Sergeant, 31-year-old female, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Pre-trial confinement
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Civilian, 18-year-old male
- **Charges:** Driving while license suspended, speeding 74/55
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Civilian, 21-year-old male
- **Charges:** Defective equipment, driving on suspended license
- **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield
- **Subject:** Private, 23-year-old male, Division Support Command
- **Charges:** Pre-trial confinement
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Specialist, 23-year-old male, 2nd Brigade
- **Charges:** Forgery, larceny of private property, larceny of private funds
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Private First Class, 22-year-old male, 2nd Brigade

- **Charges:** Wrongful use of cocaine, wrongful use of marijuana
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Private, 20-year-old male, 2nd Brigade
- **Charges:** Wrongful use of cocaine
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Private 2, 20-year-old male, Division Artillery
- **Charges:** Speeding 39/25, driving while license suspended
- **Location:** Pembroke
- **Subject:** Private, 19-year-old male, 1st Brigade
- **Charges:** Three counts criminal damage to property in the second degree, criminal trespass
- **Location:** Statesboro
- **Subject:** Private 2, 23-year-old female, Division Support Command
- **Charges:** Two counts, deposit account fraud
- **Location:** Hinesville
- **Subject:** Private First Class, 19-year-old female, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Following too closely
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Family member, 19-year-old male
- **Charges:** Improper lane change, overtaking and passing generally
- **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield
- **Subject:** Sergeant, 29-year-old male, Aviation Brigade
- **Charges:** Aggravated assault, First degree criminal damage to property
- **Location:** Savannah
- **Subject:** Private, 21-year-old male, Division Support Command
- **Charges:** Wrongful possession of marijuana, driving on suspended license, failure to obey general order or regulation, driving on post suspension
- **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield
- **Subject:** Private, 19-year-old male, Division Support Command
- **Charges:** Wrongful possession of marijuana
- **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield
- **Subject:** Specialist, 21-year-old male, Aviation Brigade
- **Charges:** Driving under the influence, failure to maintain lane
- **Location:** Statesboro
- **Subject:** Sergeant, 26-year-old male, 1st Brigade
- **Charges:** Pre-trial confinement
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Private First Class, 19-year-old

- male, 3rd Brigade
- **Charges:** Aggravated assault
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Private, 19-year-old male, 2nd Brigade
- **Charges:** Wrongful use of marijuana
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Private, 20-year-old male, 2nd Brigade
- **Charges:** Wrongful use of marijuana
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Private 2, 19-year-old male, 2nd Brigade
- **Charges:** Wrongful use of marijuana
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Private 2, 20-year-old male, Aviation Brigade
- **Charges:** Driving under the influence, Failure to maintain lane
- **Location:** Statesboro
- **Subject:** Family member, 40-year-old female
- **Charges:** Improper backing
- **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield
- **Subject:** Private First Class, 22-year-old male, Division Support Command
- **Charges:** Wrongful possession of marijuana, wrongful use of marijuana
- **Location:** Hagerstown, MD.
- **Subject:** Private First Class, 20-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Speeding 52/30, disregarded stop sign, no South Carolina drivers license — out of state suspension
- **Location:** Bluffton S.C.
- **Subject:** Family member, 30-year-old female
- **Charges:** Driving while license suspended, no insurance, expired tags
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Private First Class, 20-year-old female, Headquarters Command
- **Charges:** Driving while license suspended
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Specialist, 21-year-old male, 1st Brigade
- **Charges:** Driving under the influence, improper backing, no drivers license on person
- **Location:** Hinesville
- **Subject:** Specialist, 25-year-old male, Aviation Brigade
- **Charges:** Indecent exposure
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Family member, 29-year-old female
- **Charges:** Failure to exercise due care
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Civilian, 18-year-old male
- **Charges:** Wrong way on a one way
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Specialist, 24-year-old male, Aviation Brigade
- **Charges:** Driving under the influence less safe, driving under the influence refusal
- **Location:** Savannah



10 Things You Can Do to Help the Environment



1. Use water-based paints.
2. Recycle your household trash.
3. Compost yardwaste.
4. Plant trees.
5. Conserve energy.
6. Buy non-aerosol products.
7. Carpool.
8. Keep your car engine tuned.
9. Recycle used motor oil.
10. Choose less packaging.

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Stewart

School Board meetings

Be involved in your child's education and learn what is happening at schools located on Fort Stewart. The following is the school board meeting schedule for Diamond and Brittin Elementary schools for the duration of the school year all meetings are held at 4:30 p.m.

Nov. 21 at Diamond
Jan. 23 at Brittin
Feb. 20 at Diamond
Mar. 22 at Brittin
April 17 at Diamond
May 15 at Brittin

Veterans Day ceremony

A Veterans Day Memorial Ceremony will be held at 10:30 a.m., Monday, at the VFW Post, 931 E.G. Miles Parkway, Hwy. 196 West, Hinesville. The guest speaker will be Col. Poltorak. This event is open to the public.

Native American Month

The 3rd Infantry Division Native American Heritage Observance scheduled for Nov. 15, has been cancelled due to possible upcoming missions.

Fort Stewart Museum

The Fort Stewart Museum is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

Have your next small unit gathering at the Fort Stewart Museum. To make arrangements or for more information, call 767-7885.

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.

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 the 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.

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.

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

Life Skills class

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

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

Cooking for the holidays

A Cooking for the Holidays seminar will be from 5 to 7 p.m., Nov. 14, Building 470, Lindquist Rd. This seminar is sponsored by The Financial Readiness Program and is open to all military ID card holder, DOD civilians and retirees. It will offer money saving ideas for the coming holidays and low cost meal recipes.

For more information or to make a reservation, call Army Community Service at 767-5058/5059.

Green to Gold

A Green to Gold briefing will be held today, 2 p.m. at the Hunter Education Center, Building 1290. Call 352-6130 for more information.

Traffic delays at gates

Motorists can expect delays at Hunter's Wilson and Montgomery Street gates beginning Nov. 12 while the gates are under construction. Both gates will remain open during this construction project, which is scheduled to be complete by July 2003. Traffic at each gate will be channeled into a single lane.

Perimeter Road construction

Section six of Perimeter Road (southwest of the Hunter Golf Course to the intersection of Rio Gate Road and Perimeter Road) will be closed to traffic until Nov. 15. Closure of the road is necessary due to the replacement of existing pavement and base material. Motorists are asked to use North Perimeter Road during this phase of construction.

Youth Sports

Basketball and cheerleading registration will continue through Nov. 15. Basketball is open to children ages 7 to 18 and cheerleading is open to children ages 6 to 12. The registration fee is \$20. For more information, call 352-6075.

Pre-Thanksgiving Breakfast

The 260th and 559th Quartermaster Battalions will be hosting a pre-Thanksgiving Day Prayer Breakfast, Nov. 22, 6:30 a.m. at the Hunter Club.

The breakfast is free to meal card holders; \$2 for non-meal card holders.

NFL tickets

Reserve your tickets now for the Dec. 1 Jaguars vs. Steelers games. Call 767-2841 for more information.

Correspondence Courses

Do you need promotion points? Visit the Hunter Education Center to sign up for Army Correspondence Courses. Call 352-6130 for more

information.

FCC Certification

If you would like to be Federal Communication Commission certified, then Hunter Education Center is the place to be. Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University is offering coursework that leads to certification. Tuition Assistance is now 100 percent, up to \$250 per semester hour, so come in and sign up with your Education Counselor today. Call 352-6130 for information.

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 to 6:30 p.m., Monday through 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.

Airframe and Powerplant

Do you want to be A&P certified? The Hunter Education Center is the place to go. Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University is offering coursework that leads to certification. Tuition assistance is now 100 percent, so come in and sign up with your education counselor today. Call 352-6130 for more information.

Hunter Recycling Center

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

Special Forces

Interested in Special Forces? Recruiters are available at the Education Center on Tuesdays from noon to 1 p.m. in Room 12.

Fridays at the Hunter Club

Stop by the Hunter Club Friday between 4 and 8 p.m. and let the good times roll. Music, finger foods, dancing and even a live DJ are on hand every Friday night to provide entertainment for you and your friends. Everyone is welcome.

Winn

Operating Room display

Did you ever wonder what it would be like to work in the Operating Room? In honor of Perioperative Registered Nurses week, Winn OR nurses will be hosting a hands-on display from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday in the main lobby. Watch a laparoscopic surgery performed on a pumpkin, work with OR instruments and learn about the role OR nurses play to keep you safe during surgery.

Healthcare Orientation

Whether new to Fort Stewart or the Army, you are invited to learn how to get the best from your healthcare services Nov. 20 at 5 p.m. in the Winn auditorium. Take a tour of the hospital, learn how to enroll locally in TRICARE, make appointments, refill prescriptions and much more. For more information, call Linda King at 370-6225.

Holiday observances

Monday is Veterans Day, a federal holiday and Friday is a MED-DAC training holiday. Services at Winn will be limited to inpatient care and emergencies. Sick-call Friday will be held from 7 to 10 a.m. at Soldier Family Health Clinic #1, located in Building 701 on Divarty Avenue. For more information, call 767-7201.

Developmental screenings

Are you a military family with children up to 3-years-old with, or at risk for, developmental delays? Free developmental screenings will be held at Diamond Elementary School Nov. 13 and 15 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and at the Bryan Village Youth Services center Nov. 12 and 14. If you have questions or concerns about your child's development due to premature birth, traumatic birth, serious and chronic illness or disability, call Velma Tyler or Bonita Porter at 370-6370/6349.

Bereavement Support Group

The next Sunrise Bereavement Support Group will be Tuesday in Building 311. All military beneficiaries, including retirees and their families, who have experienced the loss of a loved one are welcome to

attend monthly support group meetings, workshops and consultations at Social Work Services. For more information, call 370-6779.

Tuttle 'Take Care of Yourself'

The next "Take Care of Yourself" class will be 10 to 11 a.m. Nov. 20 in the Tuttle Library. The instructor gives an overview of how to use the "Take Care of Yourself" book distributed to TRICARE Prime beneficiaries when they enroll. Upon completing the class, you will receive a card that allows you to get over-the-counter medications, recommended by the manual, from the outpatient pharmacy at Tuttle or Winn. To register for the class, call 767-6633 or 1-800-652-9221.

Labor and Delivery tour

The next Labor and Delivery tours will be 7:30 p.m. Nov. 21. Expectant mothers in their 32nd week, and their partners, are encouraged to take the tour. To register for the tour, call 767-6633.

Winn and Tuttle Champions

Is your Family Readiness Group looking for a way to perk up meetings? Look into the Winn and Tuttle Champions program. Champions representatives from Winn or Tuttle will come to your meeting and talk about what services Winn has to offer you. Get your questions answered and learn how to transfer your TRICARE enrollment, refill medication, schedule appointments and much more.

For more information, call Winn's representatives, Linda King or Darla Vaught, at 370-6225/6143 or Tuttle's representative, Marilyn O'Mallon, at 352-6015.

ASAP sees families

The Army Substance Abuse program will now see dependent family members at least 18-year-old, retirees, contract employees and Department of the Army civilians on a walk-in basis, 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Monday through Friday. ASAP is located in Building 620 on 6th Street.

For more information, call 767-5265/5267.

Battle

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“We get to do our job well out here,” he said. “There have been a lot of aircraft to fire at. We have gotten to fire a lot more than usual.”

“It’s going good,” said Pvt. Sergio Estavia, a driver with A Btry, 1/3 ADA. “I’ve gotten plenty of driver training and learned a lot.”

Ross said there were not many things he would change about the training, but felt a little bit more flexibility could help the individual crews in battle.

“If I could change anything, I would give the crews and platoons a little more leeway,” he said. “I’d let them make some decisions as to the fight. The SOPs could be a little more flexible, but that’s a small complaint.”

But overall, some were very pleased with the opportunity to train here.

“It was exciting to get started,” Ross said. “I’m impressed with the realism out here. We get our orders quickly and continue the fight.”



Photos by Spc. Jacob Boyer

(Above) A Paladin from 1/41 FA moves forward to provide fire for the 1st BCT.

(Right) Tankers maneuver into a hull-down position while waiting for the battle to begin.



A Bradley fighting vehicle sits in the rear awaiting the call to battle. Some units remain in the reserve as the battle begins.



SPORTS & FITNESS B SECTION

On Post

Youth football/cheerleading

Register your child for the Fall Fort Stewart Child and Youth Services football and cheerleading, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, Building 443, located on the corner of Guilick Ave and Lindquist Rd, behind Corkan Pool. Football is open to youth ages 7 to 13. Cheerleading is open to youth ages 6 to 13. For more information, contact CYS at 767-2312.

Tae Kwon Do lessons

Tae Kwon Do is available for children to adults. Classes are held for beginners from 5 to 6 p.m., intermediate 6 to 7 p.m. and teen and adult 7 to 8 p.m., each Tuesday and Thursday at the Fort Stewart Youth Services Center, Building 7338, Austin Rd., Bryan Village next to the shopette. The cost is \$30 per month. For more information, call Child and Youth Services at 767-2312.

Golf Course

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

Intramural basketball

The Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield Pre-Season Intramural Basketball Tournament will be held Nov. 25 to 28. The entry deadline is Nov. 18. The entry fee is \$100 and each team is limited to 12 players, including coaches.

The tournament is limited to 20 teams. The first place team will receive a team and individual trophies.

For more information, call 767-6572 or 352-6749.

Marne tournaments

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

Sign up starts at 6:30 p.m. Bowling starts at 7 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person. 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 both tournaments.

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.

Off Post

YMCA basketball

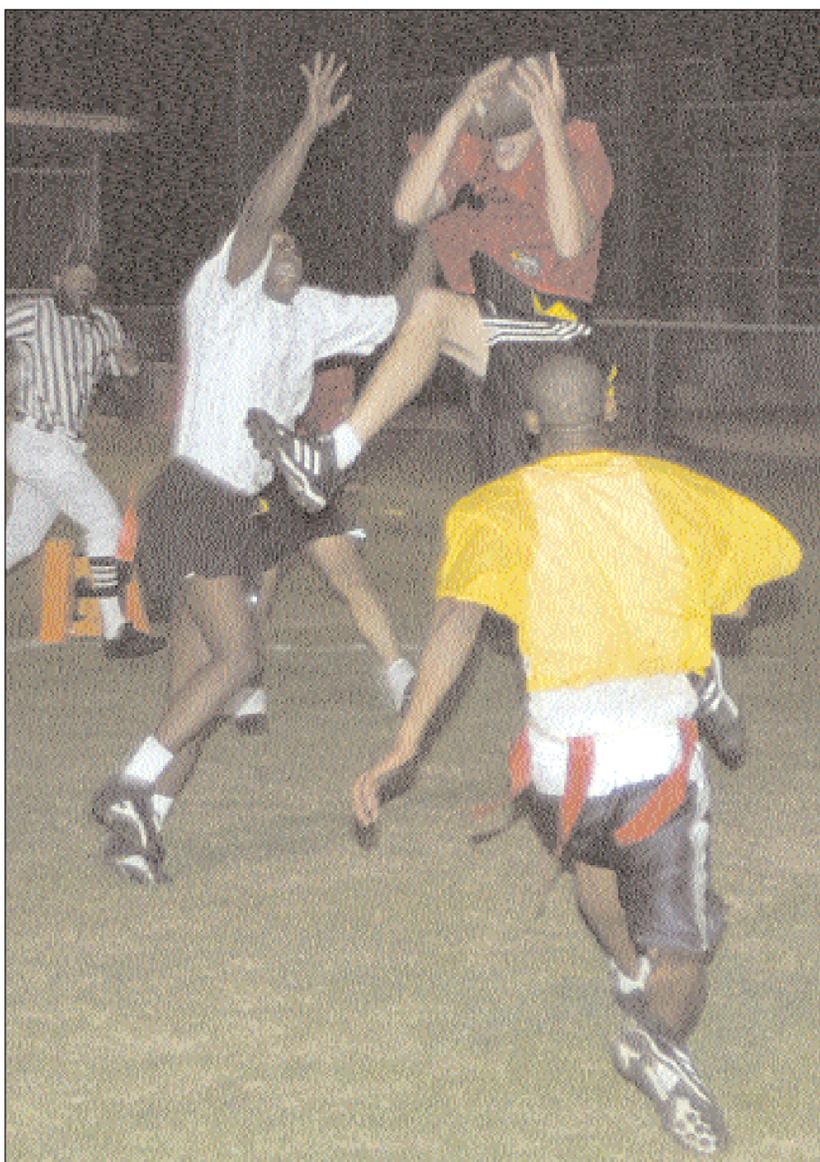
Registration for the Liberty County YMCA youth, ages 3 to 18 and adult basketball leagues end Nov. 17. Adult leagues include co-ed open, 35 and over, church youth, church co-ed open and church 35 and older. For more information, call 368-5311.

Aerobics classes

The West Broad Street YMCA presents aerobics, the classes are held from 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.

Thunderbolts nip 92nd Engineers



Sgt. Raymond Piper

The HHB DIVARTY Thunderbolts wide receiver Scott Cissna catches the game winning two-point conversion for the 14-13 victory during the Fort Stewart Intramural Football Championship Oct. 30 at the Sports Complex.

HHB DIVARTY wins Stewart Intramural Football Championship

Sgt. Raymond Piper

Editor

The Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, Division Artillery Thunderbolts defeated the 92nd Engineer Battalion, 14-13, to win the Fort Stewart Intramural Football Championship.

Both teams went into the championship with a 12-1 record for their divisions and as Thunderbolts coach Dexter Davis said, they were expecting a great game.

The game went down to the wire and was won with a two-point conversion caught by wide receiver, Scott Cissna, in the last 30 seconds of the game.

The defense was tight as the Engineers started the half in possession of the ball but were forced into a quick four downs by DIVARTY. The Engineers' defense wasn't going to be caught sleeping as they snatched the ball from the Thunderbolts offense and let their offense take over.

The Engineers' drive, led by quarterback, Jermaine Johnson, brought them into scoring range but a penalty at the goal line pushed them back. The Engineers tried to take the ball up the middle but the DIVARTY defense plugged the gap and forced a changeover. A quick four downs ended with a punt by DIVARTY.

A run up the side on first down gave the Engineers a gain of 20 yards but was all they could get as the Thunderbolts defense punched through the offensive line to sack the quarterback repeatedly and forced the 92nd to punt.

The final minutes of the first half — it seemed the two teams would be locked into a stalemate as each defense continued to dominate the offense. After the Engineers' last drive was stopped, the DIVARTY offense powered the ball up the middle giving them a short gain. Davis caught the next pass and a holding penalty was called on the Engineers giving DIVARTY the first down. A run on first down brought them within scoring distance. The Thunderbolts quarterback, Blaine Gibbs, found Cissna and put the first points of the game on the board. The extra point attempt failed but DIVARTY was in the lead, 6-0.

The Engineers got the ball back and tried to make their way down the field but Thunderbolts' offense stalled their drive forcing 92nd to punt. DIVARTY ended the half with the ball.

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Lower back pain: *Easy to get, harder to treat*

Laurie Kemp

Winn Public Affairs Officer

So you're cleaning out your garage, you have lifted your umpteenth box when a sudden shooting pain seizes your lower back. Your eyes water, you drop the box and can't help but say "Oh! My back."

While low-back pain isn't as easy to treat as it is to obtain, there are ways to beat the pain. And since "four out of five adults will experience significant low-back pain sometime during their life," according to a website from the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons, it is important to understand when to seek medical treatment and when to treat it yourself.

"The vast majority of low-back pain is self-limiting, meaning it will resolve on its own within four to six weeks," said Capt. Jacqueline Coley, assistant chief of physical therapy. "However, we don't recommend waiting that long for professional treatment (if still experiencing pain)."

Typically, low-back pain produces localized pain in the area of dysfunction, i.e., the lower back, Coley said. "If, however, a person with low-back pain is also experiencing leg pain (one or both) radiating from the back and/or numbness/tingling into the legs, he or she should seek medical attention as soon as possible.

"Low-back pain with bowel and/or bladder dysfunction and/or saddle anesthesia (numbness/tingling in the anal area) are considered medical emergencies and should be examined as soon as possible." And as a rule of thumb, Coley said, if significant trauma occurred, i.e., a car

accident, the person should seek immediate medical attention, even though they may not feel pain at the time of the event.

For low-back pain not categorized above as a medical emergency, over the counter drugs and simple self-treatment techniques may be applied, Coley said. "As with other injuries or complaints, we recommend R.I.C.E. for a few days after injury or onset of pain for a few days," Coley said. "And if there is no improvement within that

time frame, then to see one's primary care provider."

R.I.C.E. stands for rest, ice, compression and elevation. In the case of low-back pain, rest and ice are the best techniques, Coley said. "Rest does not mean 'bedrest,' but 'active rest,' which is continuing to do one's normal activities of daily living as tolerated and avoid aggravating

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Tips to keep back happy, healthy

While you can't avoid every physically stressful activity, you can minimize the risk inherent in any activity by applying some simple principles:

- Work on your posture. Don't slouch. Maintain the natural "arch" in your lower back whether standing or sitting.
- Lift with your legs. Don't bend over the object — bend your legs and keep your back straight. And most important, do not twist as you lift!
- Sit with care. Prolonged sitting in one position is a back hazard you might not suspect. Lumbar support and periodic breaks to move around are essential. Also, take notice of habits that can lead to hip joint or muscle imbalance — don't cross or sit on one leg more than the other. Make sure your feet rest on the floor.

- Watch your posture when you sleep. For example, habitually pulling the same knee up to your chest can lead to hip muscle and joint imbalance.
- Control your weight. Being overweight can put added stress on your lower back.
- Stay physically fit. Perhaps the most important factor in avoiding back injury may be your overall physical fitness. The better shape your body is in, the less susceptible you will be to injury.
- Maintain healthy back muscles. When you have strong yet flexible back muscles, there is less stress on the bones, discs and joints of the back.

Editor's note: This information was taken from "PT Magazine's" For Your Health supplement.

Jake's Body Shop Aerobicize Schedule

Monday	Wednesday	Friday
7:30 a.m. Latino Rhythm weights/kickboxing	4:30 p.m. Cardio-Stepping	4:30 p.m. Butts & Guts
9 a.m. Busy-Feet cross training	7:30 a.m. Caliente	7:30 a.m. Killer Friday I stepping, kicking, weights
4:30 p.m. Hi-Bo cardio-kickboxing	9 a.m. Bring you water bottle workout stepping and kicking	9 a.m. It Ain't Easy kicking and stepping
	4:30 p.m. Hi-Bo	4:30 p.m. Killer Friday II
	5:30 p.m. Hocus-Focus yoga and tai-chi	5:30 p.m. Hocus-Focus
Tuesday	Thursday	Saturday
7:30 a.m. Butts & Guts weights and bars	9 a.m. Buns Burners	9 a.m. Pick your Poison
9 a.m. Buns-Burners stepping and weights		

Marne Scoreboard

Football

Scores
Flag Football Score for Fort Stewart
Oct. 29
 HHB DIVARTY 41, HHT 3rd Bn., 7th Cav. 18
 632nd Maint. Co. 24, HSC 92nd Eng. 34
Oct. 30
 HHB DIVARTY 14, 92nd Eng. Bn. 13
Nov. 4
Championship
 110th Qm. Co. 34, HHB DIVARTY 20

Soccer

School Age Youth Services Sports
Soccer standings
(As of Nov. 4)

Team	7-9 Miles			PTS**
	W	L	T	
United	9	0	0	4
Wizards	5	4	0	6
Fusion	3	6	0	8
Fire	1	8	0	

Teams	10-11 Midgets*			PTS**
	W	L	T	
Burn	2	3	0	14
Wizards	0	5	7	6

Teams	12-13 Juniors*			PTS**
	W	L	T	
United	3	1	1	25

*These teams are playing in Liberty County Recreation League including teams from Wayne County
 **Point system is broken down as follows: 3 points per win, 1 point each team per tie, and 0 points per loss. In addition to these points, 1 point is awarded for each goal (3 maximum) and 6 points is deducted from a team for each "Red Card" penalty.

Basketball

Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield Preseason Intramural Basketball Tournament
 The tournament will be held Nov. 25 to 28. The entry deadline is Nov. 18 and the entry fee is \$100 per team.
 Teams will be limited to 12 players per team, including the coach.
 First place will receive a team trophy and each player will receive a trophy.
 Second place will receive a team trophy.
 For more information, call 767-6572.

Bowling

Heritage Bank Senior Mixed Classic
Oct. 28

High Series Handicap			
Women	Rosemary Evans	665	
Men	James Bates	682	
High Series Scratch			
Women	Shirley Carter	507	
Men	Jesse Padgett	569	
High Game Handicap			
Women	Vivian Frazee	258	
Men	James Bates	241	
High Game Scratch			
Women	Vivian Frazee	190	
Men	Rosemary Evans	190	
Men	Jesse Padgett	206	
WIBC 500 Club			
Women	Rosemary Evans		
Monday Night Mixed			
Oct. 28			
High Series Handicap			
Women	Irene Harrison	657	
Men	Cedric Golson	733	
High Series Scratch			
Women	Linda Golson	499	
Men	Steve Murrill	651	
High Game Handicap			
Women	Shantel Johnson	240	
Men	Cedric Golson	279	

High Game Scratch			
Women	Linda Golson	187	
Men	Matthew Bottoms	245	
High Average			
Women	Celest Graham	183	
Men	Steve Murrill	204	

Wednesday Night Mixed League

Oct. 30			
High Series Handicap			
Women	Belinda Blackwell	682	
Men	Laurie Sherman	682	
Men	Arnold Smalley	743	
High Series Scratch			
Women	Chiquita Etheridge	670	
Men	Arnold Smalley	698	
High Game Handicap			
Women	Laurie Sherman	276	
Men	Lee Harris	274	
High Game Scratch			
Women	Chiquita Etheridge	253	
Men	Lee Harris	256	

Miller's Friday Night Mixed

Nov. 1			
High Series Handicap			
Women	Jennifer Anderson	674	
Men	Greg Prendergast	683	
High Series Scratch			
Women	Ann Johnson	600	
Men	Paul Kelly	633	
High Game Handicap			
Women	Sharyl Eastlake	261	
Men	Cedric Golson	274	
High Game Scratch			
Women	Ann Johnson	205	
Men	Cedric Golson	247	

Season Highs

Scratch Games			
Women	Arnold Smalley	256	
Scratch Series			
Women	Todd Batt	632	
Scratch Series			
Women	Liz Hargrove	587	
Men	Matt Bottoms	673	
Scratch Games			
Women	Jennifer Anderson	222	
Men	Jerry Evans	278	

Championship

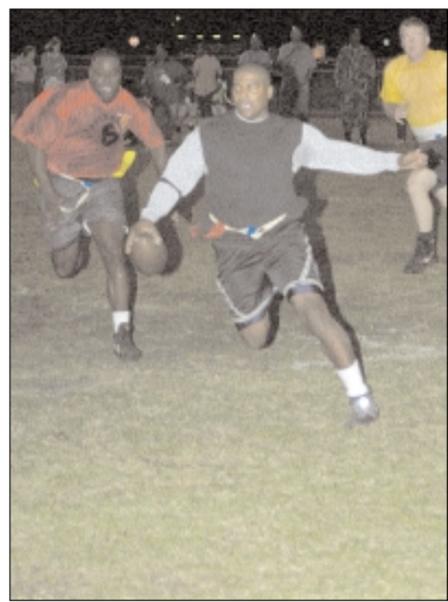
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The Thunderbolts started the second half in control of the ball but were forced to give it back at the end of four. The Engineers took advantage of this opportunity and took it to the goal line. A quarterback sneak by Johnson put the ball into the end zone and tied the game. The pass to running back Courtney Jones for the extra point gave the Engineers a 7-6 lead.

DIVARTY wasn't discouraged and the team was intent on getting the lead back as they used a combination of short passes and running plays to keep the Engineers guessing. The Thunderbolts offense stalled on a penalty then 92nd defense tightened its belt and forced DIVARTY to punt.

Both teams' defense continued to stop the offensive plays until, with about four minutes left in the half, the 92nd gained the advantage and moved into scoring range. On fourth down, the Engineers decided to go for it but a DIVARTY blitz stopped the play. A flag was thrown and the Engineers got a second chance. The opportunity gave the Engineers the touchdown as Fronche Brooks ran the ball into the end zone, bringing the score to 13-6.

The Thunderbolts took the ball down the field determined to score again before the game was over. With about 25 seconds left in the game, DIVARTY was on the goal line, ready to score again. The pass to Cissna gave the Thunderbolts the touchdown they were looking for and the game hinged on the extra point. DIVARTY opted to go for all or



Sgt. Raymond Piper

Jermaine Johnson, 92nd Engineer Quarterback, breaks away from the defense during the championship.

nothing and went for the two-point conversion. Again the quarterback found Cissna open in the end zone, giving the Thunderbolts the 14-13 victory.

Nighthawk classic tests golfers' skills

Sgt. Raymond Piper

Joe Winkleman sends the ball flying on the second hole of the Taylors Creek golf Course during the 4th Annual Nighthawk Classic Oct. 25. The tournament was set up in a four-person team format. Nineteen teams participated in the event. The first place winners were: Curtis Potts, 3rd Inf. Div. Avn. Bde. commander, Carlos Cueto, 3rd Inf. Div. Avn. Bde. command sergeant major, and Gale Zirpolo, from the 603rd ASB. Kelly Donna, executive officer for the 1st Bn., 351st Avn. Regt., hit a 190 yard hole in one on the second hole.



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It's club's right to decide on members

Spc. Jacob Boyer

Staff Writer

Although golf has become more of an everyman's game over the past decade, there is still some level of privilege involved with a game whose greatest courses are predominantly open only to private members of a club. But public courses have grown exponentially, so common men and women can play at any number of locations and more than likely not find themselves feeling left out.

As a golfer, I can admit I will probably never walk up the 18th fairway at St. Andrew's. I'm relatively certain I'll never set foot anywhere near Pebble Beach. And chances are, I'll never play Amen Corner at the Augusta National Golf Club. It's a pretty simple equation, actually. I'll more than likely never be rich, and I'll be lucky to ever shoot under 100, so chances are the private clubs, especially the famous ones, will probably take a pass on my membership application. I'm okay with that.

These clubs carry a certain level of exclusivity, and they retain the right to decide who will and who won't be a member. They are private clubs, paid for with private money, and it is their right

Commentary

to decide whom they let in. But a group of women has taken umbrage with Augusta National's policy of being a men's-only club.

I won't go into an argument over equality between men and women. I happen to believe that everybody was created equal and no one has a hand up on anyone. Nobody should interfere with anybody else's happiness, as far as I'm concerned.

Martha Burk, the chairperson of the National Council of Women's Organizations, has strongly expressed the opinion that Augusta National should allow women to be members of the club. Fair enough. But she is now threatening to protest the 2003 Masters if the club doesn't get around to admitting a female beforehand. Nasty.

Augusta National is a private club filled with lots of rich men. They pay for everything the sponsorships from the Masters doesn't, and it is their right to



decide whether or not they want to allow women to be members. It's their club. Pretty simple to me.

Are women lessened because they can't be members of the club? Will it really interfere with their happiness? My guess is no. As someone who will never walk on those hallowed greens, I don't feel like my life has been substantially altered or diminished. Burk talks of all of the women who will come and protest the unwillingness of a group of rich men to allow rich women to become members of their club.

Just as there are men's-only golf clubs out there, there are women's-only clubs. For every fraternity, chances are there is a sorority. We aren't talking about anything offensive to women. We are not talking about keeping women from anything that will allow them life, liberty or the pursuit of happiness. Heck, we're not even talking about not allowing women to play at Augusta. The members just want to keep the membership all-male. That's their right. Politically correct or not, that's their choice.

That's the gist. Women's rights or not. Equality or not. A private club deserves the right to decide its membership, no matter how high its profile.

Tae Kwon Do Lessons

The Youth Center is pleased to have your child enrolled in our Tae Kwon Do Program. The sport TKD will help you child's physical strength, coordination, fitness, power of concentration and discipline.

Classes are held each Tuesday and Thursday at the Youth Center for one hour as follows: Beginners 5 to 6 p.m., intermediate 6 to 7 p.m. and teen and adult class 7 to 8 p.m. Classes are held at the Fort Stewart Youth Services Center, Building 7338, Austin Rd., Bryan Village, next to the shopette. The fee is \$30 per month for registered participants. Each month's fee must be paid by the 26th day of the previous month.

In order for any child to advance in TKD and earn belts, there are additional costs involved. Each child starts with a "white belt." After two or three months of instruction, the child could be tested for the next color belt. In order to be tested for any belt, the child must wear a uniform. The uniforms can be made, borrowed or purchased. The normal cost for a new uniform is \$25. Test for promotions are given at the Youth Center, the fee is \$25 and belts are included, cost for the test is subject to increase as the level increases.

If you have any questions or for more information, call Child and Youth Services at 767-2312.

JAKE'S BODY SHOP

In the factual category the winner is ...

Not all that is written about nutrition would win an award. Here's how to spot reliable information.

It seems as if everyone is promoting their own brand of nutrition. There are low-fat diets, additive-free diets, organic diets, anti-cancer diets, and diets that claim to make you live longer, improve your memory or make your hair curl.

How can you tell the phony from the real advice?

According to Katharine Grunewald, PhD, Kansas State University, the best way is to review the author's credentials.

In other words, consider the source. The author should at least be a graduate in nutrition or closely-related area from a reputable university.

Many people who write articles on nutrition have little or no formal training in this area, but write out of personal interest or experience.

Also worth noting is that individuals having a "PhD" following their names may have gotten that degree by mail or from a non-accredited university. Such "diploma mills" are not recognized by their state's board of education.

A good source of nutrition information is a registered dietitian, designated by the initials "RD." They have had specific course work at an accredited institution, experience and finally, a passing grade on a comprehensive examination developed by the American Dietetic Association.

Your cat can be a dietary consultant

You also may hear such titles as "nutritionist" and "dietary consultant." There are no rules governing the use of these titles. Anyone can call himself a nutritionist if he so desires. There also are nutritionist organizations with questionable membership requirements. To prove this point, an RD enrolled his pet cat and dog in a nutrition society for the sole requirement — a \$50 membership fee. The animals are now "dietary consultants" listed in the society's official directory.

So if you are confronted with nutrition information, be it a weight loss program in a health food store or magazine or book, consider the source.

Nutrition affects your health, and it is most important that you receive reliable information.

Pain

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activities. If bedrest is necessary, it should not last longer than the first 24 hours after the injury."

According to the website, low-back pain has many daily aggravators and "... can be caused by a number of factors — from injuries to the effects of aging."

However, the most common causes result from some sort of muscle sprain or strain, which can occur when the muscle is overworked or overused.

"Physical therapy is one of the best treatment options for low-back pain," Coley said. "Most low-back pain occurs because the back is not working properly ... Physical therapy can help educate patients on proper body mechanics and ways to decrease the amount of stress on their backs with very simple postural awareness, stretching and strengthening exercises."

Coley said while "most low-back pain will resolve on its own ... the underlying problems are often left untreated" and that can lead to future episodes. "One must change his or her poor habits to be able to successfully alleviate future episodes of low-back pain."

If you suffer from low-back pain, talk to your primary care provider to find out if physical therapy can help you. Physical therapy is a specialty clinic and requires a referral from your primary care provider to be seen.

LIFE & TIMES

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On Post

Holiday cooking

The Financial Readiness program is offering "Cooking for the Holidays" classes.

The class will offer money-saving ideas on how to make low-cost meals.

The class will be 5-7 p.m. Nov. 14 at Building 470 Lindquist Road.

To make a reservation or for more information call, 767-5058.

Youth Services programs

The Fort Stewart Youth Services offer a wide variety of sports, activities and programs for children to participate in.

The Youth Center, located behind the shoppette in Bryan Village, is open 2:30-8 p.m. Monday through Friday and noon to 8 p.m. Saturday.

For information about the programs available to youth, call 767-4491 or visit the center.

Attention waiting spouses

Waiting Spouses is a support service to families on post or in the surrounding community who are living separately from their military and civilian sponsor due to mission requirements.

The Waiting Spouse briefing is held 9 to 10 a.m. every Wednesday at Army Community Service, Building 470, and is mandatory for those who reside on post and require additional information on installation services.

The Waiting Spouse Support Group is held 10 to 11 a.m. following the briefing each Wednesday at ACS. Come and experience the joy of friendship in this Army community.

For more information, call Doris Duchscherer at 767-5058.

Volunteering

The Installation Volunteer Coordinator Program need military spouses and others who are interested in helping others. Childcare may be provided.

For more information, call IVC at 767-5058, or stop by Army Community Service, Building 470.

Can food drive

The Rock of the Marne Sgt. Audie Murphy Club Chapter will be holding a can food drive at the Fort Stewart Commissary 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday and Nov. 16. The club is seeking maximum participation of all SAMC members. For more information call, Sgt. 1st Class Donna Baugh at 767-8044.

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.

MWR website

The Fort Stewart website is at www.fortstewartmwr.com. For more information on recreation and leisure activities at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield, as well as Leisure Guide on the web.

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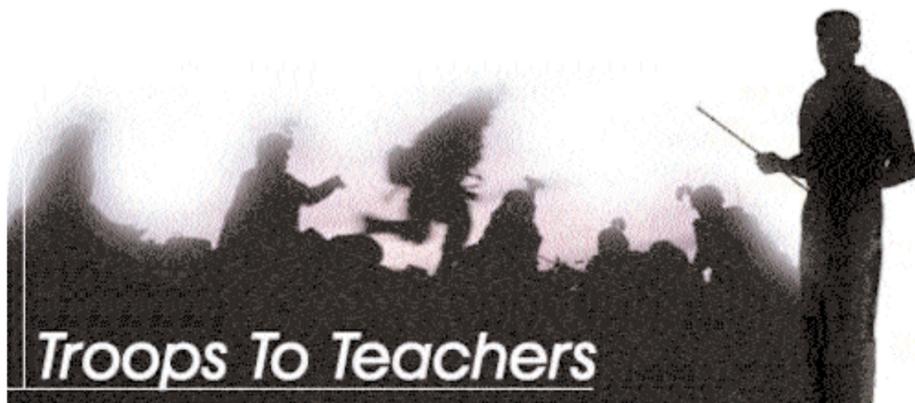
Museum

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

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

For more information, call 748-8888.

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



New program to help troops become teachers

Sgt. Raymond Piper

Editor

Many soldiers in the course of their careers will have to teach their fellow soldiers. Whether it's a formal class teaching new soldiers their military occupational specialty or in the motor pool preparing soldiers for their mission, it's soldier teaching soldier.

The federal Troops to Teacher program provides servicemembers up to \$10,000 in tuition and bonuses if they agree to teach in a public school anywhere in the U.S. for three years.

Armstrong Atlantic State University is partnering with Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield education centers and the federal Troops to Teacher program to help soldiers become teachers through the Georgia Teacher Alternative Preparation Program.

The program, which has been available for the last two years, is for people with a bachelor's degree who want to get certification to be a teacher in Georgia. The student goes through three courses, classroom management, educating students with disabilities in the general education classroom and child adolescent development, and then are eligible for an intern license. Candidates must complete their approved program of study to be eligible for a renewable, five-year license. The newest addition to Armstrong's Troop to Teacher program is geared for soldiers.

"The program will allow soldiers to go to class on weekends between January and May and become eligible for an intern certification and be able to market themselves as teachers," said Bill Kirkland, state program manager for the federal Troops to Teachers program. "The program is not a shortcut and all of the standards for the Georgia Teacher Alternative Preparation Program will be adhered to and met."

Dr. Paul Beare, dean of College of Education at Armstrong Atlantic State University, said, "Theoretically, their departure date from the service could be Aug. 1 and they could be on salary the next week at the school district after finishing the program."

He added, "They are not guaranteed a job in

the fall. They will have to find a job with a participating district, but in the last two years, there wouldn't have been a problem with placing all of the candidates in Savannah alone."

Beare said, "One of the unique things about the model that we use and that all of the local districts have agreed to is that each intern will have three mentors to help them. A full time mentor hired by the school to help one to four of these candidates, one from the university and a teacher from the school."

According to Beare, Georgia produced less than 2,000 teachers last year and hired 13,000 so there was net shortage of 11,000. About 1,000 were returning teachers and 50 percent were hired out of state. The rest was made up of teachers without any kind of certification.

One of the advantages of the university's Troops to Teacher program is that people can get credit for military experience. Every candidate that comes through has their experience and transcripts evaluated by the university and is given credit.

No two people go through the same program because each soldier has different training and experience that they bring to the table, Beare said.

The Fort Stewart Education Center, Building 130, will hold an open house to provide eligible people with information about the program and give them a chance to see what the whole program looks like. It will also give them a chance to ask any questions to representatives from Armstrong and the education center. Individual counseling for the program will be available. The open house will be held Nov. 20 at 5:30 p.m. and Nov. 23 10 a.m.

"I find there are a lot of extremely excited soldiers about the Troop to Teacher program," said Kirkland. "They desire second careers as teachers. They come across as people who are quite capable and would make good teachers but sometimes the process of becoming certified is a little difficult for them. They have commitments and responsibilities, and they can't necessarily quit their jobs or take time off to go to school full time to become teachers," he said.

He added, "I think this initiative is one that will allow them to go to school their last six to eight months of military service to achieve that goal and make that seamless transition into the work force as a teacher."

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Dr. Paul Beare
Dean of College of Education

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Understanding your veteran's education benefits

Robin Ellert

Special to the Frontline

As Veteran's Day draws near, it is appropriate to discuss education benefits as administered by the Veteran's Administration. Let us begin with the Montgomery GI Bill-Active Duty, called "MGIB" for short.

This program provides up to 36 months of education benefits to eligible veterans for college, technical or vocational courses, correspondence courses, apprenticeship or job training, and flight training. You may be eligible for the MGIB if you receive an honorable discharge and you have a high school diploma or GED or, in some cases 12 semester hours of college credit. You must also qualify under one of four categories that you can find on the VA website at www.gibill.va.gov/education/C30.htm.

As an active duty soldier you may also be eligible to use your MGIB after having served at least 24 months. Be warned; however, that the MGIB is in place for veterans and there are penalties to the soldier who uses his or her benefits while still on active duty.

The MGIB also has some added benefits besides the items listed above. You can receive reimbursement for licensing and certification tests taken after March 1, 2001. The tests must be specifically approved for the G.I. Bill. VA can pay only for the cost of the test and not other fees connected with obtaining a license or certification. You can receive up to \$2,000 per test but no more than the actual cost of the test. There is no limit to the number of tests you can take and in fact, you don't even have to pass the test to receive the benefit.

On Oct. 30, 2000, the President signed an amendment to the MGIB-Active Duty Education Program that permits VA to pay a Tuition Assistance Top-Up benefit. The amount of the benefit can be equal to the difference between the total cost of a college course and the amount of tuition assistance that is paid by the military for the course. For example, you are taking a class through the University of Hard Knocks. The tuition total is \$1,075 and the Army is paying \$750 of it with TA. The difference between what the Army is paying (\$325) can be reimbursed to you out of your MGIB benefits. To be eligible for the Top-up benefit,

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Fall fun at Hunter ...



Theresa McMillian

Parents watch as their children jump and play in an inflatable house Saturday during the Hunter Army Airfield Child and Youth Services Fall Festival.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN



Photos by Robin M. Tenney

Spooky gravestones and eerie lights help create a traditional Halloween atmosphere in the Bryan Village housing area on Fort Stewart, Oct. 31, during trick-or-treating. Children on Fort Stewart had a safe and fun time going from door-to-door to receive treats from friends and neighbors.



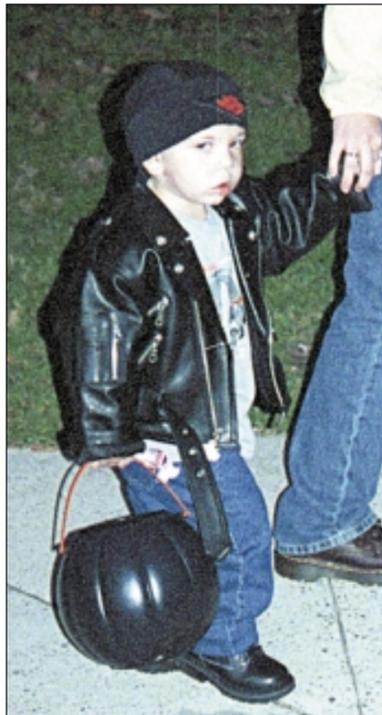
Lupita Quinlan and daughter, Luna, 15 months, prepare for trick-or-treaters.



Emily Heath, 8, dressed as a witch and sister Abby, 5, dressed as a forest fairy, make their way down the steps to a night of trick-or-treating.



(above) Staff Sgt. Shane Schulte helps son, Chase Schulte, 3, gets dressed up in his dog costume for Halloween night.
(right) Nevan Toole, 2 1/2, walks to neighborhood houses with his mother in his biker costume.



Benefits

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the soldier must be approved for TA by an Army Education Counselor and be eligible for MGIB-Active Duty benefits.

To be eligible for MGIB benefits, the person must be an MGIB - Active Duty participant and must have served at least two full years on active duty. The amount of the benefit is limited to the amount that the person would receive for the same course if regular MGIB benefits were being paid. In no case can the amount paid by the military combined with the amount paid by VA be more than the total cost of the course.

If a person receives the Top-Up benefit, his or her regular MGIB benefits will be reduced. The amount of entitlement charged for Top-Up payments is determined by dividing the amount of the payment by the claimant's full-time monthly rate. In other words, if \$325 is one-third of your monthly benefit, then one-third of a month of your entitlement will be used. The benefit is available for all courses that began on or after Oct. 30, 2000.

Veterans Educational Assistance Program is available if you elected to make contributions from your military pay to participate in it and if you entered the service for the first time between Jan. 1, 1977, and June 30, 1985. Your contributions were matched on a \$2 for \$1 basis by the government. You may use these benefits for degree, certificate, correspondence, apprenticeship/on-the-job training programs, and vocational flight training programs.

In certain circumstances, remedial, deficiency, and refresher training may also be

available. Benefit entitlement is one to 36 months depending on the number of monthly contributions. You have 10 years from your release from active duty to use VEAP benefits. If there is entitlement not used after the 10-year period, your portion remaining in the fund will be automatically refunded.

To qualify, you must have opened a contribution account before April 1, 1987; have voluntarily contributed \$25 to \$2,700; have completed your first period of service; and have been discharged or released from service under conditions other than dishonorable. If you are currently on active duty and wish to receive VEAP benefits, you must have at least three months of contributions available. Contributions may be withdrawn if you do not meet the basic eligibility requirements or if you formally request a refund of the contributions withheld. A lot of VEAP-era soldiers have questions about the VEAP to MGIB Conversion that closed on Oct. 31, 2001. Please see your Learning Center counselor for more information.

The Montgomery GI Bill is another program that benefits veterans. This new contribution program allows you to put in any amount up to the maximum of \$600. Your benefits will increase by \$5 for 36 months for each \$20 contributed. A \$600 contribution

would increase your basic MGIB benefits to \$5400!

For example, if you contribute the entire \$600 amount, your MGIB benefit will increase by \$150 a month. Current MGIB veterans' benefits for full-time school enrollment are \$900 per month for a three-year or longer term of enlistment and \$732 for a two-year term. This additional contribution would result in a total MGIB monthly benefit of \$1,050 or \$882 respectively.

The main catch for this program is that the money must be contributed prior to ETS or before your terminal leave ends. If you are on terminal leave and decide you want to contribute the money, you may try to sign up for it at a military base located near you. You may also fax a one-page letter to the Education Incentives Branch 703-325-1391 or (DSN) 221-1391 providing your name, social security number, mailing address, phone number and DD214, member 4 copy. If discharge papers are not available, you can send your orders stating date of separation from active duty and terminal leave dates. You must also state that you have enrolled into MGIB, paid the required \$1,200, and maintained MGIB eligibility. With a return of \$9 to every \$1 you submit, this is truly a great deal for soldiers.

One question often asked in the Education Centers is whether the MGIB can be trans-

ferred to spouses or children. As of right now, the Navy and Air Force are implementing a pilot of MGIB transferability study. These studies are designed to measure how the option to transfer MGIB entitlement to family members impacts the retention rate of servicemembers who work in "critical skills" fields. The Army will not offer an MGIB Transferability option to their servicemembers in fiscal year 2002.

The Secretary of the Army has not yet made a final decision on implementing this option for FY 2003 and beyond. The two biggest issues that need further clarification regarding transferability of MGIB entitlement are funding and fairness. Congress granted authority but provided no additional money for transferability.

It is estimated that for each "taker" there would be an immediate actuarial-based mandatory payment of \$6,300 required by the Department of Defense Education Benefits Fund. In using discretion whether or not to use transferability as a retention tool, the service secretaries are limited by law to offer the option to only individuals who either work in or possess "critical skills." You can look up the relevant law section from the 2002 National Defense Authorization Act (Public Law 107-107) on <http://thomas.loc.gov>.

As you can see, the educational benefits available to veterans are widespread and varied. If you have any questions, feel free to contact your Education Center or the Veterans Administration directly. Remember, education makes a good soldier better.

The Montgomery GI Bill ...allows you to put in any amount up to the maximum of \$600 ...increase your basic MGIB benefits to \$5400!

Program

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family members. The Army recognized quality of life programs as necessary to attract and maintain the soldiers it needs to perform its mission, so it began to look at ways to manage programs more effectively.

The attempt to measure the effectiveness of current programs is the next step in the Army's process of integrating Well-Being into the total Army structure, Schook said.

"Let's do it the smart way," he said. "Let's measure the effectiveness of existing programs, weed out the nonproductive ones, and put more resources into the productive ones. Let's analyze the needs of our constituencies and create new programs if we need them.

"We want to continue to focus on peoples' aspirations, to allow them opportunities to become better people," he said. "And we want to make sure we have systems to measure effect, not activity," he said, stressing that programs must meet soldiers' needs.

Schook said he expects standards, metrics and performance measures for current programs to be in place by the start of fiscal year 2004. "Some of these

programs already have performance measures, and they may be changed. Most don't have any and they're going to get some.

"This is really a cultural change in how we do business," Schook said. For the first time, Well-Being is being measured by the senior leadership of the Army to make sure programs are affecting readiness, mission capability and people in the correct way, he said.

Schook said he expects Well-Being to be totally institutionalized in the Army by next year. "It will be included in policy, in regulations, in doctrine, in the budget," he said.

The end-state of Well-Being, Schook said, is an integrated system that recognizes that the institutional needs of the Army cannot be met without meeting the personal needs and hopes of its people.

Well-Being is designed and resourced to adjust to the dynamic nature of the Army's operational challenges and America's societal changes. It is formulated to maximize performance, readiness, retention and recruiting, and enable the Army to accomplish its mission.

Pet of the Week

Little Bit is a 2 month old female, siamese cream colored kitten. She is very playful and curious.

If interested in adopting Little Bit 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.

Call the Fort Stewart Vet Clinic to Find Your Loved One!

—CHAPLAIN'S CORNER—

What's your motto?

Chap. (Maj.) Paul J. Yacovone

DISCOM Chaplain

What's your motto?

Webster's Dictionary defines motto as a brief statement expressing a principle, goal or ideal. It expresses a basic truth, rule, law or standard. It is how you accomplish your mission in life or how you "walk your talk."

The DISCOM's motto, "The Heart of the Rock" challenges me daily. It motivates me to strive for excellence and persevere because I am part of something bigger than myself.

"The Heart of the Rock" suggests a quality for overcoming that doesn't come from out of any book, but from deep down within. It is a force that inspires and a passion that energizes. For me, this motto is an act of faith. It is faith in God, tradition, leaders, my fellow comrades in arms and myself. With this motto, I believe in the team I am a part of. And believing is seeing beyond the impossible. With this motto, I am encouraged to have the heart of a lion or "Rocky." And with the strength of God and my team, I can boldly respond to any mission before me. I can push back the evil one's frontiers, practice the right kind of loyalty, love others with tough love, carry through with convictions, accept loneliness in stride, and take risks in the face of opposition. Yes, with "the Heart of the Rock," I can — and I will!

In our comfort-oriented, me-first society, there are plenty of "cowardly lions" or people without the courage of their convictions.

Although, I personally don't believe we need to become a cross between a bulldozer and a bulldog, I do think we need to "own up" and not just "suck it up and drive on."

Oswald Chambers' wrote, "God does not give us an overcoming life; He gives us life as we overcome."

And heart is one of the main ingredients for overcoming. Without heart, I believe, no other virtue can survive very long except, maybe, by accident. Heart is life, strength, integrity, compassion, risk, solitude, commitment and loyalty.

The term "heart" should be an integral part of an all-Army vocabulary. On a daily basis, we seek encouragement, what someone has aptly called "courage transfusion." Leadership and ideas that help us face the world with boldness are greatly treasured.

Who could ever forget heart-inspiring films like "Rocky," "Rudy," "Braveheart" or "Remember the Titans?" These films motivate and are just about guaranteed to make your eyeballs sweat. Why? Because a dedicated heart is powerful!

Conversely, we seek escape from discouragement. Negativism and "downers" seek to suck all the oxygen from the air we breathe. They throw cold water on the hot coals of hope burning in our hearts.

According to Dr. Earl Lee's studies, it takes five courageous, positive persons to merely cancel out the gloomy atmosphere created by one cowardly, negative individual. So let us all be encouragers of the lifeblood of out units, remembering that heart means you will do it and fear says, no, the problem is too big.

Theologically speaking, heart means the control room of the soul. It is the seat of intelligence. It is the inner man, including motives, feelings, affections, desires, the will, the aims and the principles. It is the person as he or she really is. That is why the committed heart is so valuable to God. Allow the heart of God to speak to your heart and you will be transformed. Allow God's divine electricity to do open heart surgery on you and through you, and you will be another heart-inspiring story. Your theology will become doxology and soon you will become a biography that everyone will want to read.

The "Heart of the Rock" is more than the supporter or supplier of the division. It is the sustainer. Without it, the division stops. If the "Heart" stops pumping, then the "Rock" will stop flowing and functioning as it should. My commander used an expression that really made me buy into his campaign plan. He used the words "desperately determined." For me, these words mean giving 110 percent to be successful with faithful service in our vein of responsibility. They mean extraordinary dedication with a sense of urgency because of the importance of the mission. We support the 3rd Infantry Division, the Rock of the Marne. We cannot afford to let it down. We cannot ... We will not ... because we are the Heart of the Rock!

Yes, today my motto is "The Heart of the Rock." I daily ask God to help me live it. What's your motto? Are you about the business of living it, or just talking about it?

Worship Opportunities

Fort Stewart

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

Hunter Army Airfield

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Fort Stewart McGruff
Safe House Program



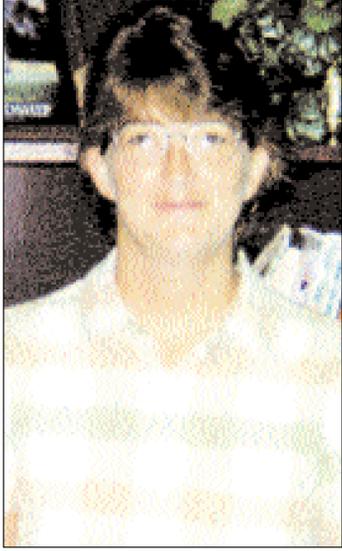
All inquiries or requests for information should be directed to:
Attn: Pamela Gaskin, Army Community Service
76 Lindquist Avenue, BLDG 470, Fort Stewart, GA 31314-5512
Phone: (912) 767-5058/5059 • Fax: (912) 767-5502

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Volunteer Spotlight



Melissa Hoskins



Melissa Hoskins is a Family Readiness Group volunteer for her spouses unit, 1st Battalion, 3rd Air Defense Artillery. She is a native of Brooksville, Fla.

"I volunteer because I like helping others to maybe understand the Army life better. I volunteer also to bring people together, helping one another play a big part in the Army life. Its fun and you meet new

people," Hoskins said.

If you would like more information about becoming an Army Community Service volunteer stop by ACS, Building, 470 at Fort Stewart or Building 1286 at Hunter Army Airfield.



WOODRUFF THEATER

Nov. 7-13



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

Swim Fan (PG-13)

Starring: Jessie Bradford, Erika Chrstensen
Tonight at 7 p.m.

Ben has it all: friends, a terrific girlfriend, and he's on the fast-track to an athletic scholarship, until the new girl in town, Madison, sets her sights on him. She becomes his most unexpected nightmare.

Run time: 90 minutes

Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever (R)

Starring: Antonio Banderas, Lucy Liu
Friday, Saturday and Wednesday at 7 p.m.

In the deadly game of international espionage, sworn enemies Ecks and Sever find that the one they're trying to defeat might be the only one they can trust.

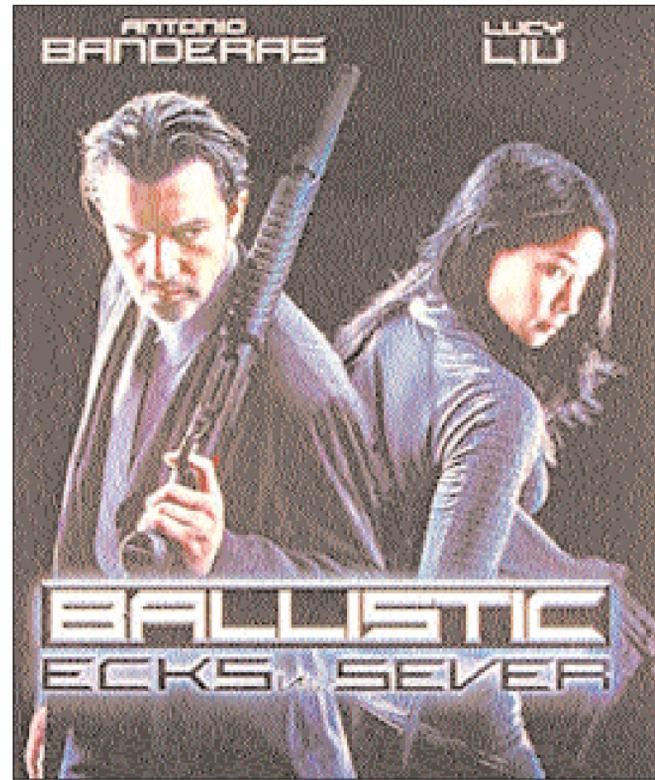
Run time: 91 minutes

One Hour Photo (R)

Starring: Robin Williams, Connie Nielsen
Sunday, Monday and Tuesday at 7 p.m.

A young suburban family finds themselves the objects of obsession of an employee at their local one-hour photo lab after they drop some family photos off there.

Run time: 98 minutes.



Birth announcements

October 16
Jasmine Lanise Wiggins, a girl, 7 pounds, 8 ounces, born to Spc. Lenard Wiggins and Pfc. Angel Wiggins.

October 22
Zakeya Myelle Taylor, a girl, 7 pound, 4 ounces, born to Pfc. Anthony Adams Jr. and Spc. Charita Renee Taylor.

October 23
Amber Elizabeth Handling, a girl, 7 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Sgt. Michael Gregory Handling and Jamie Elizabeth Handling.

October 24
Felicia Emily Wright, a girl, 9 pounds, 10 ounces, born to Sgt. Donovan E. Wright and Sara E. Wright.
Jayden Maurice Holland, a boy, 7 pounds, 1 ounce, born to Spc. George H. Holland Jr. and Jennifer L. Holland.
Shirlee Ann Fannie Benitez, a girl, 10

pounds, 9 ounces, born to Pfc. Sergio D. Benitez and Jacqueline M. Benitez.

October 25
Andrew Joseph Davis Jr., a boy, 6 pounds, 14 ounces, born to Spc. Andrew Joseph Davis and Spc. Kenita Nicole Davis.
Eric Scot Saenz, a boy, 6 pounds, 7 ounces, born to Spc. Al Saenz and Erin Saenz.
Elijah Isajiah Ellis, a boy, 8 pounds, 1 ounce, born to Spc. Carol Y. Ellis and Stephen L. Ellis.

October 26
Joshua Edward Rash, a boy, 5 pounds, 12 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Clifton Rash



and Donna Rash.
Chandler Thomas Spradlin, a boy, 8 pounds, 1 ounce, born to Spc. Ron Lee Spradlin and Karen Lynn Spradlin.
Kala Jocelyne Dubois, a girl, 6 pounds, 1 ounce, born to Pfc. Frantz Dubois Jr. and Deyon Beverley Dubois.
Angel Angeline Morales, a girl, 8 pounds, 7 ounces, born to Spc. Jake Morales and Christina Morales.

October 27
Jenae Marie Ross, a girl, 7 pounds, 15 ounces, born to Capt. Larry Ross and Angela Ross.
Lily Marie Whitfield, a girl, 8 pounds, 2 ounces, born to Sgt. Christopher James

Whitfield and Frances Pauline Whitfield.
Cody Andres Camacho, a boy, 8 pounds, 15 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Elias Camacho and Inger Camacho.

October 28
Daniel Blaine Kimball, III, a boy, 7 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Capt. Raymond A. Kimball and Capt. Mindy A. Kimball.
Shasta-Nasya Serafina Bollinger, a girl, 7 pounds, 13 ounces, born to David Allan Bollinger and Pfc. Teana Fayeleen Bollinger.
Ryker Sebastian Randolph Dicus, a boy, 6 pounds, 2 ounces, born to Spc. Brian Leslie Dicus and Lee Michelle Dicus.
Abrielle Autumn Marin, a girl, 7 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Spc. Robert M. Marin and Kimberly L. Marin.

October 31
Kiare Leann Myers, a girl, 7 pounds, 12 ounces, born to Spc. Cecilio Algernon Myers and Ruby Zamikkii Myers.