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## 1/3 takes on 9 new Longbows

**Pfc. Emily J. Danial**

Staff writer, Hunter Army Airfield

Hunter Army Airfield's 1st Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment received an early Christmas present with the arrival of nine brand new Lot 7, Block II AH-64D Apache Longbow helicopters Nov. 6 at the unit's hangar.

The aircraft, which were flown in from Mesa, Ariz., by Lt. Col. Daniel Williams, battalion commander, and other 1/3 Avn. pilots, are "a natural upgrade in the overall life-line of the AH-64D Longbow," said Maj. David J. Rude, 1/3 Avn. executive officer.

"Some improvements to the aircraft include a moving map display, high frequency radio ... basically an enhanced communications and navigational suite," Rude said.

According to Col. Curtis D. Potts, 4th Brigade commander, these improvements will benefit the unit tremendously.

"(The new equipment) gives situational awareness to the commander as he looks at the battlefield," he said. "It brings more firepower to the battlefield."

With the exception of Fort Hood, Hunter is the first post to acquire the new Longbows, according to the unit.

"(The pilots) were excited," Potts said. "It's like getting new toys."

Williams concurred, comparing the new issue to receiving a brand new car.

"They still have the new car smell," he said.

The Longbows that the unit already has will go through the Army Aviation "Reset" program to be stripped down and cleaned thoroughly. After they are cleaned and refurbished, they will be reissued as Block II aircraft.

Williams said the experience of personally flying the new Apaches back to Hunter was "a great feeling."

"I always like to lead from the front, as my guys will tell you," he said. "(The new Longbows) perform very, very well, like the manufacturer said."

Potts said, "My whole focus is getting the brigade combat-ready. The pilots have already received training on the new Longbows."

The aircraft performed flawlessly in every environment, and pilots will put them through their paces during gunnery next month, Potts said.



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Two of the nine new AH-64D Apache Longbows 1/3 Avn. received Nov. 6 at the units hangar at Hunter.

Greater love hath no man ...



Spc. Katherine Robinson

The 11th Eng. Bn. color guard folds the flag during Retreat after the dedication ceremony Nov. 7 for the newly christened Sergeant First Class Paul Ray Smith Simulation and Training Technology Center in Orlando, Fla.

## Training facility renamed for war hero

**Spc. Katherine Robinson**

Editor

Every war has its heroes — men and women who put the needs of their fellow Soldiers before their own, even to the point of death.

One such hero was honored in a ceremony Nov. 7 in Orlando, Fla., where a U.S. Army Research and Development Engineering Command facility geared toward improving Soldier training was named after him.

The newly christened Sergeant First Class Paul Ray Smith Simulation and Training Technology Center bears a picture of the

leader and Soldier whose name it carries on the building's wall.

Smith, a platoon sergeant with 2nd Platoon, B Company, 11th Engineer Battalion, was killed in action April 4 east of Baghdad International Airport when his platoon came under attack from more than 100 Iraqi forces.

The Soldiers were in the middle of a routine engineer mission — setting up an enemy prisoner of war holding area — when the attack occurred. In a short time, the platoon was pinned down under heavy enemy fire from dozens of positions.

"It was non-stop," said Pvt. 2 Michael

Seaman an armored personnel carrier driver. "The enemy kept spraying rounds over the wall, hopping up to fire RPGs and dropping mortars on us."

Smith, from behind a .50 caliber machine gun atop an APC, directed his driver to put him in a position where he could see and effectively engage the enemy — although they could see and engage him as well. "He must have been firing for ten minutes," Seaman said. "He easily fired 400 to 500 rounds."

According to Soldiers on the scene, Smith held off the enemy, and saved many lives in

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## Stewart drug counselors named Army's best

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Staff Writer

Members of the Army Substance Abuse Program at Fort Stewart were awarded the Secretary of Defense Community Drug Awareness Award at the Pentagon Oct. 27 in recognition of their hard work and high standards.

The award, now in its thirteenth year, is given annually to a substance abuse control program in each of the military services that has distinguished itself above and beyond its peers. This is the Stewart office's second award in four years of participation in the selection process.

"We care very much about the Soldiers' health and well-being," said office administrator Kathy Waites. "Our interaction with the unit prevention leaders is great."

Operating in a large, highly deployable division, the seven-person office carries the workload of fifteen, which is a testament to its expertise and dedication, according to biochemical test coordinator and office head Archie McNeill.

The ASAP office is responsible for running drug awareness classes geared toward units or individuals. The typical Army Drug Awareness Program class is 12 hours long and takes two days to complete. Receiving a citation for driving under the influence often leads to a referral to an ASAP class.

In addition to helping servicemembers and civilian employees, ASAP is heavily involved with youth services and schools, according to McNeill. The office also consults with battalion and

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## Senior leaders talk safety at FORSCOM safety conference hosted by Hunter

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Hunter Army Airfield hosted the Forces Command's quarterly Safety Council Nov. 4, where senior officers and noncommissioned officers from installations all over the country examined and addressed prominent post safety issues.

The day's featured speakers

were FORSCOM Commander Gen. Larry Ellis; Lt. Gen. Edward Soriano, Fort Lewis, Wash., 1st Corps commander; Brig. Gen. Dennis Hardy, 24th Infantry Division commander; Brig. Gen. Richard Rowe, 82nd Airborne Division assistant division commander for operations; Col. William Grimsley, 1st Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) commander;

Command Sgt. Maj. Carl A. Smith, Fort Stewart garrison command sergeant major; and Dr. Frank Farley of Temple University.

After Ellis welcomed the audience and gave an overview of common military installations' safety concerns, Farley addressed "The Human Element in Risk-Taking" — a look at possible psychological causes for

why people in general and Soldiers specifically tend to put themselves in dangerous or risky situations.

He said people with a type "T" — thrill-seeking — personalities tend to have more problems with safety than people with type "A" — thrill-averse — personalities.

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# The price of freedom

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began to fall back in the woodline and the platoon was saved. But for Smith, the Iraqi retreat was too late. He had sustained a single gunshot wound, and before the battle was fully over, Smith was dead.

Since that day, Smith's command has submitted him for the Medal of Honor for his actions on the battlefield.

The renaming and dedication of the STTC to Smith was another way of honoring a man who gave his life for others.

"There are very small things and very few things we can do to recognize heroes," said Maj. Gen. John

Doesberg, RDECOM commander during the dedication ceremony. "Today is not just a day for reflection, but a day for celebration ... for the memory of a Soldier who gave his all. A Soldier who cared about the Soldiers who served under him ... a celebration for the legacy he left behind."

At 8 a.m. the morning of the ceremony, Pfc. Rafael Ramos, a member of the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) Band, played Reveille outside the building as the national colors were raised. The first flag to fly over the newly renamed facility would later be lowered during retreat, folded and displayed permanently inside the building.

At 2 p.m., the ceremony began. Doesberg spoke, as did Florida Lt. Governor Toni Jennings, 3rd Inf. Div. Assistant Division Commander (Support) Brig. Gen. Jose D. Riojas, Smith's sister Lisa Devane, and many others.

Before Smith's wife, Birgit, cut the ribbon to reveal the memorial on the wall, she and other members of his family laid the final bricks in the patio, each bearing a plaque with a word or phrase in Smith's memory.

"It has been written that the price of freedom is eternal vigilance," Devane said in her speech. "That is true. But the ultimate price is paid in the blood of America's fighting men and women ... Birgit will continue to pay the price of freedom — a lifelong price."

Devane said in his last letter home to his parents, Smith almost prophetically told them of his willingness to "give all that he is to ensure all his boys make it home." In the end, Smith did just that.

His Soldiers said training was near to Smith's heart. His family agreed that the naming of the STTC was a tremendously appropriate honor for that reason.

Devane said the center's focus on Soldier-training is parallel to what Smith was all about in life; preparing his Soldiers for war. The family toured the facility, which houses dozens of simulation programs from weapons to first aid.

"All of our Soldiers go through these simulations at one point or another in their military careers so it is very significant that this facility is being named (after Smith)," said Janice Pvirre, Smith's mother.

Sgt. Matthew Keller, who was with Smith the day he died and is pictured alongside him and Seaman on the wall inside the center, said he learned the importance of training from Smith.

"I learned that you always have to be prepared for war at any time. It's important to train ... the most important thing in the world. I feel this facility suits Sergeant Smith well as far as training."

"Only a competent leader is a leader, and if you don't know what you're talking about you can't tell Soldiers," said Sgt. John McClung, who worked with Smith for four and a half years before his death. "I think (the dedication) is well-deserved because I've been in the Army and met a lot of leaders, and only so many show true (noncommissioned officer) leadership. Sergeant Smith not only showed that, he made the NCOs under him do the same."

"I'm very proud of my brother and I wouldn't have expected anything less for what he did," Smith's other sister, Cristina said.

The idea originated with a retired Army officer who served on General Norman Schwartzkopf's staff in Operation Desert Storm, according to John Hart, one of the center's four deputy directors.

From there, a committee formed, to discuss how to honor and pay tribute to the Soldiers the center supports.

It was through Army Regulation guidance and the Army tradition of naming facilities and weapon systems after Soldiers that the decision was made to rename the center, Hart said. After that, the decision to name it after Smith was easy enough.

"We wanted it to be a Floridian, as well as a hero," he explained. A native of Tampa, Fla., Smith fit both categories.



Sgt. Craig Zentkovich

Sgt. 1st Class Paul Ray Smith



Photos by Spc. Katherine Robinson

**Birgit Smith holds her daughter Jessica and her son David as the memorial to her husband, Sgt. 1st Class Paul Ray Smith, 11th Eng. Bn., is unveiled at the Simulation and Training Technology Center in Orlando, Fla., Nov. 8. The center was renamed after Smith to honor him and other OIF heroes.**

"Reviewing the actions of Sergeant Smith on the afternoon of April 4 made it an easy decision."

The center underwent many changes prior to the official ceremony, all paid for by donations from center employees, business affiliates and the Association of the United States Army, according to Hart.

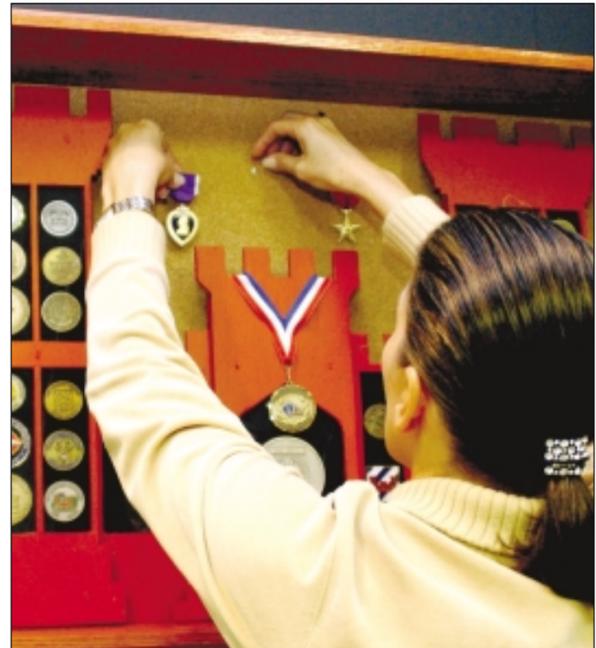
A brick patio was installed outside the building, beneath the memorial to Smith on the wall. Inside, a room was dubbed, "the Soldier conference room," and decorated with murals commemorating Operation Iraqi Freedom. On one wall, shadow boxes display personal items, memorabilia from Smith's life as a husband, father, son, brother and Soldier.

"From what I've read and heard, I can't imagine what (Smith) went through," he said. "It shows me the type of leader and person he was to put himself in harm's way to save the lives of the people under him."

"You may ask why. Why do Soldiers do this?" said Brig. Gen. Randel Castro, Army Corps of Engineers. "Because of a simple statement he made when he joined. He raised his right hand and said, 'I will serve.'"

The textbook definition of Selfless Service is, "to put the needs and goals of the nation, the Army, your unit and your Soldiers before your personal needs and interests."

Through his actions, Smith personified those words. Though it cost his wife a husband, though it cost his children a father, though it cost a man his life, Smith served his Soldiers and his nation selflessly.



(Above) Lisa DeVane, Smith's sister, pins his Purple Heart and Bronze Star Medal in one of the shadow boxes in the Soldier Conference Room.

(Left) Smith's other sister, Cristina, and his 9-year-old son David discuss the ups and downs of the arcade-like weapons training system as they watch a video in the Soldier Conference Room about the simulation center features.



The memorial to Smith is unveiled during the dedication ceremony. Smith has also been nominated for the Medal of Honor, the highest combat award, for his actions April 4 in Iraq, where he was killed protecting his Soldiers.



# Smoke clears, new mission emerges

**Sgt. Mason T. Lowery**

Staff Writer

The Federal Bureau of Investigation recently honored the Smoke Platoon for helping them and the 3rd Military Police Battalion guard and process enemy prisoners of war soon after Baghdad was taken.

Twenty-four high value detainees, some from the famous “deck of cards”, were processed through the EPW point run by the Smoke Platoon. Guarding EPWs had nothing to do with the job they signed up to do in the Army, but the Soldiers of Smoke Platoon handled their new job well, according to the FBI, and 3rd MP Commander Lt. Col. Mack Huey.

As the only smoke platoon in the division, 5th Platoon, 92nd Chemical Company Soldiers have the unique job of providing smoke cover for friendly movement wherever the “main effort” is.

“We’re vagabonds — we’re everywhere. One month we might be with MPs, the next a new task force. We have to be able to adapt as the only smoke platoon,” said Smoke Platoon Sergeant Staff Sgt. Antonio Wells.

They smoked the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) Soldiers’ way during the war, providing concealment where necessary, like at Objective Peach with Task Force 3rd Battalion, 69th Armor on March 23.

According to Smoke Platoon Leader 1st Lt. Ronald Cobin, his and his soldiers’ mission was to provide obscurity smoke to cover friendly forces moving to the bridge over the Euphrates River so the enemy wouldn’t see what they were doing.

They set up a smoke line north east of the bridge on a high-sided, narrow, coverless road along the river. Smoke Platoon Soldiers have to take factors such as humidity, wind direction, temperature and position into account when placing their smoke. As the enemy walked artillery in closer and closer to them, Smoke Platoon got the smoke over the Soldiers on the bridge before they moved out of their precarious position.

“It allowed the engineers to move forward and identify explosives on the bridge. They were taking fire, but they couldn’t be seen. They identified explosives on the bridge, and used boats to get under and identify explosives under the bridge. They didn’t have any problems disabling (the explosives), and then our

forces could move across the bridge and take out enemy forces on the other side,” Cobin said.

Once Baghdad was taken and major battles of Operation Enduring Freedom ceased, the division’s need for smoke waned. At the same time, 3rd MP soldiers were swamped with EPWs captured during battles. They were trying to guard and process hundreds of EPWs and help the scattered Iraqi Police Force get back on its feet at the same time, according to Huey. Getting the Iraqi municipal system to run itself, and the Iraqi people to take responsibility for their country after 30 years of tyranny became the division’s main effort at that time.

The MPs needed help, and the Smoke Platoon was without a job. After just a three-day training period, Cobin and his soldiers took over the daily operation of the division’s 7th and final EPW central collection point, located at Baghdad International Airport, according to Huey.

The Smoke Platoon provided internal and external protection at the EPW collection point. One of division’s main concerns was Saddam Hussein’s loyalists trying to break HVDs out of the compound. The 50-caliber machine guns mounted on the Smoke Platoon’s tracks helped lessen that concern, Huey explained.

The Smoke Platoon was responsible for manning and securing the EPW facility, the 3rd MPs concentrated on helping the Iraqi Police, and the FBI followed up on intelligence leads. “We basically ran (the facility) from top to bottom,” Cobin said. They guarded regular EPWs (captured Iraqi soldiers), HVDs, and common criminals.

Huey said, “They did 24/7 operations for weeks on end in support of the MPs, which allowed us to focus on the Baghdad Police Department. They did a magnificent job with very little training. I think (Cobin’s) guys enjoyed it because it was something different for them.”

One of Cobin’s soldiers, Spc. Jorge Figoli, said, “It’s a pretty big honor to get a certificate signed by the director of the FBI. And it looks pretty good on a resume.”

Cobin said, “(Getting the award) was a pretty big deal for the soldiers. We cooperated as much as we could within the rules of engagement. (The FBI and MPs) had a job to do, and so did we, but we were as courteous as we could be. Apparently that was recognized and the reason for the award.”



Courtesy photo

**Smoke Platoon Soldier guard Iraqi enemy prisoners of war at the 3rd Inf. Div. Central Collection Point at Baghdad International Airport.**

Wells said, “(The award) made all the lack of sleep, babysitting and feeding EPWs worthwhile. It was a fair trade-off. (The HVD EPWs) were some dangerous guys. For my soldiers to handle them as professionally as they did gives me a sense of pride. I brag about them all the time.”

One of the 24 HVDs the Smoke Platoon guarded is Abu Abas. He is the terrorist who hijacked the Achille Lauro ship in 1982.

He is most famous for shooting a wheelchair-bound German tourist and pushing him over the side of the ship on live TV. He’d been hiding in Baghdad for years until he wound up in the Smoke Platoon Soldiers’ hands.

Figoli said of one of the HVD EPWs he saw, “The most dangerous one we had in there was a

Palestinian. The Special Forces picked him up. He was a terrorist trainer. He had that “Bad Guy” look on his face. He’d kill for a cigarette. We never let our guard down, never trusted them.”

Besides being different and exciting, guarding the EPWs was also sad for the soldiers. Not all of them were bad. It was hard to tell the guilty from the innocent. “It was sad to see people like that. A lot of them were innocent. One guy might have stolen a tomato to feed his family. One guy rolled through a checkpoint because his breaks failed and his only son was killed. We got to see the casualties of war out there. At the end, it was a checkpoint for displaced civilians whose lives had been messed up by the war,” Figoli explained.

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# Marne Six Sends

**Maj. Gen. William G. Webster Jr.**  
3rd Inf. Div. commanding general

**Taking Care of OUR INSTALLATION — A TEAM effort!**  
All successful teams take good care of their training and support facilities. Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield are our home fields. They provide great training and we continue to improve the support facilities for our units. We have some great improvements planned and several are on the way. The installation has started new gate projects to afford greater protection for our installations and secure entries. A new study is being conducted looking to improve traffic flow on post both now and long term.

Residential Community Housing Initiative is under way as of Nov. 1 and will improve the housing on our installations for Soldiers and their families. Our new contract partner, GMH, has taken responsibility for our family housing.

A new Soldier Center will be completed in May putting all of the Soldier support activities (Finance, Adjutant General, Army Community Services,



An artist's rendition of what future post housing areas could look like.

in/out-processing, etc.) under one roof. The new Fort Stewart Post Exchange is operational with improvements in support being made daily.

What I need your help with is policing up litter and the general appearance of the post. We must join the installation's management and maintenance teams and collectively ensure our areas are NEAT and TRASH FREE. Look at where you work, where you live. Please

take a moment and pick up trash where you see it and do not walk past something that needs to be fixed. Report it to the garrison commander's office. Think SAFETY and SECURITY! Let's all pitch in and make our home a better place to live and work.

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Next week... REORGANIZATION!  
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## Let 'Graduate' theme song go already

**Spc. Katherine Robinson**

Editor

I walked into my office yesterday, and groaned audibly to hear three members of my staff, in unison — nearly — burst into a butchered rendition of "Mrs. Robinson," by Simon and Garfunkel.

Needless to say this isn't the first time someone has sung that stupid song to me. Nearly everywhere I go, since joining the Army, I've heard that song. Some simply hum nonchalantly, and gaze at the ceiling in feigned innocence when, upon hearing the first few notes, I begin looking for a culprit.

But most simply sing it outright to me. What amazes me is that most people seem to think they're the first ones who have ever thought of it.

Do they actually say to themselves, "Wow. Her name is Robinson. I bet she would think it's really funny if I sang 'Mrs. Robinson' to her."

I suspect that nothing so intelligent even goes through their minds. If anything goes through their minds at all, it's too quick for them to catch it and rethink, before belting out, "kookooka-

### Commentary

choo, Mrs. Roobinson," at the top of their lungs.

What exactly, I wonder to myself, do they expect my reaction to that to be? Would it be appropriate to burst out laughing as if this were the funniest thing since Michael Jordan in a baseball uniform?

Is a withering glare enough to communicate my feelings on the subject? One would think, but that doesn't seem to be the case. Yesterday, I quite clearly said to my staff writers, "Stop singing that stupid song!"

After a shared laugh, they continued to sing, so, in an attempt to sway them, I threatened to make them all work over the weekend. Unfortunately, they were already scheduled to work the weekend.

The funny thing to me — that's funny-interesting, not funny-ha ha — is that, before some brilliant individual

introduced the song to me on a fateful winter day, in the fall of 2000, I had never heard it before.

I know, I know. But come on, I'm 20 years old. What do I know of Simon and Garfunkel, except that I wish they were dead ... wait. Are they?

And so what, if it was from some obscure movie that was also before my time? Okay, so The Graduate was far from obscure. Big deal.

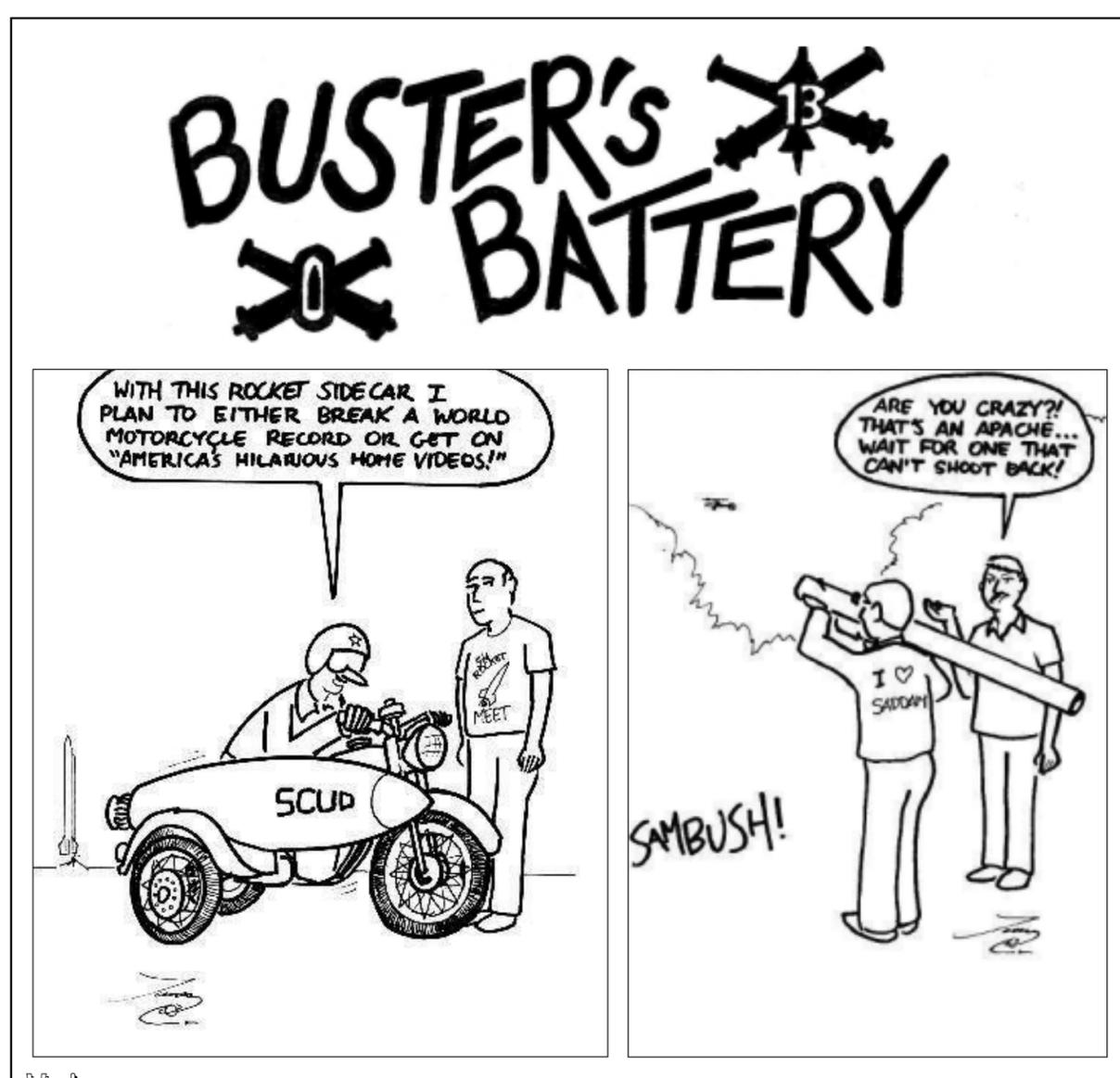
Of course, my mother has also heard the song from time to time in her 20-something years of marriage. Of course she actually *is*, Mrs. Robinson (I am Miss, thank you). I have one or two choice words to say to her as well for not warning me.

Even among friends I am haunted by "my song."

Yesterday I swear I heard it being whistled down the hall in the Marne TV office.

I even have an noncommissioned officer who refers to me as, "kookookachoo." At least that's moderately original.

Why won't you people leave me alone? It's not funny okay? I AM NOT AMUSED!



## Marne Voice

THE FRONTLINE

Readers respond to the question:

What is your fondest Thanksgiving memory?



"Being with my family and my in-laws last year."

**Spc. Shandell Miles**  
396th Trans. Co.



"When my husband had been deployed for 10 months and made it home just in time for Thanksgiving."

**Pat Theriault**  
Spouse



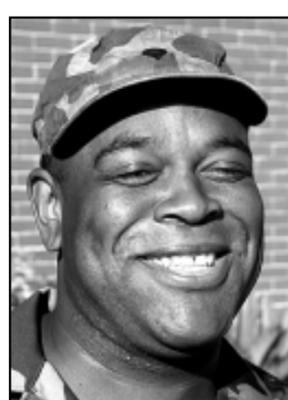
"Reckon my good ol' gran-nanny makes some mighty good panflickies."

**Pvt. Thomas Carter**  
A Co., Hq. Cmd.



"At my aunt's house in Knoxville, we all got together, which was tough because we're all spread out in the military."

**Spc. James Davenport**  
4/278th ACR



"When my grandfather made me kill a turkey on his farm."

**Spc. Napoleon Green**  
648th Eng.



"This one will be the best, because I get to go home after serving in Kuwait."

**Sgt. Katie Ludwig**  
G Co., 147th ATS

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ASAP counselor and administrator Barry Graham receives urine samples from HHC, 2/7 Infantry's unit prevention leader Sgt. Hector Cruz Nov. 18.

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company commanders to help them implement substance abuse prevention programs within their units, he added.

"The company commanders choose unit prevention leaders, who are sergeant and above, to manage their unit's urinalysis program and to facilitate the classes," Waites said. "They are chosen foremost for their integrity and attention to detail, and they are a vital link to our programs."

"We help in conducting urinalysis tests and keep the company aware by giving classes in abuse prevention," said Sgt. Hector Cruz, who is a UPL for Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment. "The programs run so well because we all work hard and pay close attention to all the paperwork that has to go with the tests."

Though Stewart continues to outpace the rest of the Army in positive drug tests by about about 2.25 percent positive versus the Army average of about 1.7 percent, McNeill theorizes that this may be a statistical misrepresentation resulting from his office's dedication and the rigorous drug screenings carried out here.

According to the policy of 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) Commander, Maj. Gen. William G. Webster, four to five percent of the Soldiers on post are to be tested for drugs each week, a policy designed to deter drug use through the threat of ran-



The ASAP staff poses with the Secretary of Defense Community Drug Awareness Award (from left) Kathy Waites, Sue Loucks, Chakiris Moss, Selina Bland, Barry Graham, Abigail Mujica and Archie McNeill.

dom, continuous testing.

"We don't mess around here," McNeill said. "We have the best drug prevention program in the Army."

After being cataloged by the ASAP office, the urine samples are sent to Fort George G. Meade in Maryland to be tested for tetrahydrocannabinol (marijuana), cocaine and amphetamines. The samples are then tested for two more drugs out of a pool of opiates, PCP, MDMA and others, according to Abigail Mujica, Alcohol and Drug Control Officer for

Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield. The technicians at Meade constantly evaluate trends in drug use to decide which others to test for, she added.

"Soldiers here are back from a long deployment and are spending money and having fun," said McNeill. "Unfortunately, that has corresponded with an increase in positive drug tests lately. We've seen this pattern with deployments before, so we're busy re-educating Soldiers about the risks of substance abuse."

## SAFETY

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Farley offered this as part of the reason why there are so many safety issues on military posts.

"Most Soldiers are 'T' types because this is an all-volunteer Army," he said. "You don't often see non-thrill-seeking people volunteering to go into combat."

Specific topics covered in the Safety Council were Privately Owned Vehicle Fatalities, Post Deployment Initiatives, NCO Safety Initiatives, Motorcycle Fatalities and Suicide Fatalities.

Attendees of the conference also had the opportunity to participate by asking questions throughout each speaker's presentation. "The presentation by (Ellis) was very thorough," said Command Sgt. Maj. Norris Simmons of 36th Engineer Group based at Fort Benning, Ga. "It set the stage well for any input."

Simmons also spoke well of Farley's lecture. "Dr. Farley was very interesting," he said. "His talk gave me a better understanding of personalities and why some Soldiers do

some of the things they do."

Mike Olin, Aviation Safety Manager for Fort Stewart and Hunter, said Farley's presentation was "especially enlightening."

"His research confirmed the Army's high risk profile and analogy," Olin said. "Dr. Farley provided alternative activities to channel high risk tendencies into positive rather than negative risky behaviors."

"Understanding and providing positive channeling of these high risk behaviors may directly benefit the Army by reducing accidents as well as improving war fighting capabilities," he added.

According to Simmons, the conference was key in promoting consistency throughout all Army branches.

"We're all in this together," he said, "We need consistency ... we fight together, so we should also do this together."

Ellis summed up the day's focus in one short sentence:

"I can't think of anything more important than safety, taking care of our Soldiers and ourselves, and that's what this is all about."

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# Military family tax relief act revised

K. L. Vantran

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Legislation signed by President Bush on Veterans Day increases the death gratuity payment to \$12,000 and provides that the full payment is tax-free.

That portion of the Military Family Tax Relief Act of 2003 is retroactive to Sept. 10, 2001, to provide for service-members who died in the terrorist attacks the following day and in the ongoing global war on terror, said Army Lt. Col. Janet Fenton, director, Armed Forces Tax Council.

"If you are killed on active duty, regardless of whether you're in theater, or in a training accident or die from disease, your family receives \$12,000 death gratuity that is not taxed," she added. "And that's a big change. In addition any future increases to the death gratuity will remain tax free."

The death gratuity has been \$6,000 since 1991, with half of it being taxed, said the director. "It just didn't seem to be fair for the military family who was left grieving for their servicemember to get hit with a tax bill," she added.

Capital gain exclusion for home sales is one of the most common areas people were looking for tax relief in, said Fenton. "This act will allow members to suspend the period of time which they have to sell their home and take the tax exclusion so they won't have to pay that capital gains," said Fenton. "It's retroactive to 1997 so military members who have sold their homes since 1997 have one year from Nov. 11, 2003, to request a refund for any tax they did pay."

Since 1997, when the law was previously changed, if servicemembers who owned a home got reassigned more than 50 miles from that home or was ordered to move on post, they were no longer able to roll over the gain from that sale to the next home they purchased.

Also since 1997 individuals could exclude up to \$250,000 (\$500,000 for married couples) of gain from the sale of a home if they resided in the home for

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Lt. Col. Janet Fenton  
Director  
Armed Forces Tax Council

two of the five years preceding the sale. Under this act military and Foreign Service personnel can suspend (for up to 10 years) the time transferred away from home on official extended duty for purposes of

applying the five-year portion of the two-out-of-five-year rule.

The 2003 act also includes above-the-line deduction for overnight travel expenses of military reservists and National Guardsmen who have to travel more than 100 miles to attend drills or meetings.

"The act allows for an above-the-line, which means you don't have to itemize your taxes to take advantage of this deduction," said Fenton. She added that service members will "be able to deduct unreimbursed travel expenses such as lodging, 50 percent of meals and any transportation costs." This part of the act is retroactive to Jan. 1, 2003.

Website helps people suffering from...

## Posttraumatic stress disorder

Spc. Jonathan M. Stack

Associate Editor

Fort Stewart chaplains and chaplain assistants gathered at the Fraser Center in Hinesville to attend a spirituality and posttraumatic stress seminar Nov. 13 and 14.

Two doctors from the department of psychiatry and behavioral science from Mercer University School of Medicine in Macon, Ga., came to teach the subject to the class.

"We have been planning this seminar since last spring," said Chaplain (Maj.) Timothy E. Sowers, family life chaplain. "When we realized the extent of Operation Iraqi Freedom we wanted to ensure our chaplains had the tools and resources to take care of soldiers that have returned."

The first day of the seminar the class was given lectures to explain symptoms of Posttraumatic Stress Disorder. The class started off by being introduced to what trauma is and then learned religious and spiritual dimensions of trauma. Toward the end of the day the class broke up into groups and learned to cope with powerlessness and seek meaning from traumatic experiences.

Dr. Joel Brendé, professor at Mercer University, and Dr.

Grady Carter, assistant professor, provided consultation and participation in each group.

According to the slide show in the seminar natural disasters, human perpetrated events, sudden and painful losses and witnessing violent acts can cause PTSD symptoms. Some symptoms of PTSD are sleeping disorder, anxiety, aggressiveness, nightmares and intrusive recollections.

In the military PTSD can occur during combat and it is important to understand and get resolution of PTSD because it can affect personnel and family relationships upon the soldier's return, Brendé said.

On the second day of the seminar the class again broke up into groups and discussed personnel experiences with Soldiers, during OIF, that were dealing with PTSD.

The intensity of experiencing a life-threatening trauma can take time to subside, according to <http://ptsd.facts-forhealth.org>. For some, it simply never does. If vivid flashback experiences or nightmares haunt you, if you are feeling emotionally numb or you feel plagued by worry and are losing sleep over concern for you safety, it is possible that you may be suffering from PTSD.

The website added, seeking treatment for PTSD can help restore balance, control and enjoyment to your life.

## Marne TV

November  
2003  
Schedule

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

5 a.m.	Army Newswatch
5:30 a.m.	MARNE REPORT
6 a.m.	Navy News
7:30 a.m.	Army Newswatch
8 a.m.	MARNE REPORT
8:30 a.m.	Navy News
9 a.m.	Air Force News
11:30 a.m.	Army Newswatch
Noon	MARNE REPORT
12:30 p.m.	Navy News
1:30 p.m.	Air Force News
4:30 p.m.	Army Newswatch
5 p.m.	MARNE REPORT
5:30 p.m.	Navy News
6 p.m.	MARNE REPORT
6:30 p.m.	Army Newswatch
7 p.m.	MARNE REPORT
10 p.m.	MARNE REPORT
10:30 p.m.	Navy News
11 p.m.	Army Newswatch

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# Holiday eating the healthy way

Laurie Kemp

Winn Public Affairs Officer

It's that time of year when parties and feasts abound. If you are like most people, you will attend many events during the holiday season which are catered or that you are asked to bring a dish to share. While the socializing is great fun, the constant eating can lead to extra weight carried into the New Year.

"Most Americans gain an average of five pounds during the holiday season between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day. We celebrate the holidays with food. It is a busy time of year when we tend to be focused on preparing food and eating meals together instead of partaking in physical activity," said 1st Lt. Kristi Monnier, chief of Clinical Dietetics at Winn Army Community Hospital.

However, Monnier notes that the answer to unwanted weight gain during the holidays is not complete avoidance of food, but moderation. "It's true that many of the foods that are served during the holidays are high in calories and/or fat. You do not want to indulge daily in these foods, but you should allow yourself to eat your favorite special foods, just in smaller quantities. Also, finding ways to decrease the fat and calories in your favorite foods is another way to eat what you like without gaining weight. Ingredient substitution is a great way to lower the calorie and fat counts on your favorite foods," Monnier said.

Monnier notes that substitutions should be made gradually. For example, when first starting to use substitutions, use the original ingre-

dient and the substitute ingredient. Substitution ingredients can change the texture, flavor and moisture of baked goods.

#### Substitution examples include:

- Using 3 tablespoons cocoa powder for every ounce of unsweetened chocolate when making brownies, cake or fudge.
- Using applesauce in place of oil for muffins, cookies and cakes.
- Using evaporated skim milk in place of cream in sauces, casseroles and pumpkin pie.
- Using two egg whites as an equivalent to one whole egg in all types of dishes.

Hart also stresses the importance of having an eating strategy for the holidays. "Don't go to a party hungry. Prior to leaving home, have a low-calorie snack. If you are taking a dish to the event, take one that is low in fat or low in calories. When at the party, avoid standing by the buffet table while you are socializing.

"If you are close to the food for an extended period of time you are likely to eat more," she said. In the event that you do overindulge, Monnier wants to remind you to include physical activity, "Take a walk with your family or friends to help burn some of those unwanted calories."

A suggestion Monnier gives to those planning a party is to make it "participative."

"I encourage people to plan parties that aren't necessarily centered around food — play games, dance. If children are invited, opt for a more interactive party atmosphere such as a skating rink or a decorating party."

Monnier reminds everyone that the keys to successful weight maintenance during the holi-

days as well as throughout the year are moderation in food consumption, eating mainly low-fat, low-calorie foods and routine exercise.

#### Recipes

##### Appetizer: 7 Layer Mexican Dip

- 1 pkg. Fat free cream cheese, softened
- 1 Tbsp. Taco seasoning mix
- 1 cup canned fat free refried beans
- 1 cup salsa
- 1 cup shredded lettuce
- 1 cup reduced fat cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup chopped green onion
- 2 tbsp. Sliced pitted ripe olives

Mix cream cheese with taco seasoning; beat until well blended. Spread onto bottom of 9 in. pie plate. Layer remaining ingredients over cream cheese mixture, cover. Refrigerate several hours or until chilled. Serve with baked tortilla chips.

1 Tablespoon (not including chips) Calories 20; Fat 0.6 grams; Saturated Fat 0.3 grams; Cholesterol 5.4 milligrams; Sodium 150 milligrams; Carbohydrate 2 grams; Dietary Fiber 1 grams; Sugars 1 grams.

##### Side Dish: Garlic Mashed Potatoes

- 2 lbs. baking potatoes, peeled and cut into chunks

- 1/2 tsp. Garlic powder
- 1/2 cup skim milk
- 1/4 cup nonfat sour cream
- 1 1/2 tsp. Butter flavored granules
- 3/4 tsp. Prepared horseradish
- Black pepper to taste

Place the potatoes in a large saucepan and cover with cold water. Bring to a boil, reduce

heat to medium high and cook until the potatoes are tender (about 15-20 minutes). Drain the potatoes and return to stove. Mash with a potato masher or hand beaters. Add the rest of the ingredients. Adjust the consistency with skim milk, reheat and serve.

Yield: 6 servings

Serving size 3/4 cup: 145 calories, 0 grams fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 46 mg sodium, 31 g carbohydrate, 3 g fiber

##### Dessert: Double Layer Pumpkin Cheesecake

- 2 pkg. Fat free cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 tsp. Vanilla
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup canned pumpkin
- 1/4 tsp. Cinnamon
- dash ground nutmeg
- 1/3 cup graham cracker crumbs
- 1/2 cup fat free whipped topping

Mix cream cheese, sugar and vanilla with electric mixer until well blended. Add eggs, mix until blended. Do not overbeat after adding eggs. Remove 1 cup batter; stir in pumpkin and spices. Spray 9-inch pie plate with no stick cooking spray; sprinkle bottom with crumbs. Pour remaining plain batter into crust. Top with pumpkin batter. Bake at 325 F for 40 minutes or until center is almost set. Cool. Refrigerate 3 hours or overnight. Top each serving with 1 tbsp. of whipped topping.

Yield: 1 9-inch pie

Serving size 1-inch slice: 150 calories, 2.5 grams fat, 65 mg cholesterol, 340 mg sodium, 23g carbohydrate, 1 g fiber.



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# Marne Thanksgiving

## Meal hours and menu

DISCOM dining facility, building 726  
Nov. 26 (11 a.m. – 3 p.m.)

DIVARTY dining facility, building 642  
Nov. 27 (11 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.)

24th CSG dining facility, building 207  
Nov. 27 (11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.)

AVN BDE dining facility, building 1275  
Nov. 27 (11 a.m. – 14 p.m.)

- Fresh Roast Turkey
- Baked Ham w/ Pineapple Glaze
- Steamship Round of Beef
- Shrimp Cocktail w/ Cocktail Sauce
- Glazed Sweet Potatoes
- Mashed Potatoes
- Savory Bread Dressing
- Broccoli and Cheese Sauce
- Corn on the Cob
- Seasoned Green Beans
- Giblet Gravy
- Cranberry Sauce
- Corn Bread
- Dinner Rolls
- Assorted Breads
- Butter/Margarine
- Assorted Salads
- Pumpkin and Pecan Pie
- Assorted Fruit Pies
- Sweet Potato Pie
- Ice Cream, Egg Nog
- Assorted Cakes
- Assorted Beverages



## AAFES operating hours

### FORT STEWART

Nov. 27

Main Store	Closed
Furniture Store	Closed
Hospital PX	Closed
National Guard PX	Closed
Main Shoppette/Class Six	Closed
Bryan Village Shoppette	10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Brigade Troop Store	Closed 10 p.m. Nov. 26 Re-open 12 p.m. Nov. 28
Victory Shoppette	24 Hours
Anthony's Pizza	Closed
Robin Hood	Closed
Wetzel Pretzel	Closed
American Eatery	Closed
Blimpie	Closed
Burger King	Closed
Anthony's Pizza	Closed
Popeyes	Closed
Mall Food Court	Closed
Mall Anthonys	Closed
Robin Hood	Closed
Cinnabon/SBC	Closed
Charley's Steakery	Closed
Taco John's	Closed
Car Care Center	Closed
Military Clothing Sales	Closed
Woodruff Theater	7 pm Showing

### Fort Stewart Concessions

Kiosks	Closed
Barber Shop	Closed
Beauty Shop	Closed
Simply Perfect Nail Salon	Closed
Gift's Galore	Closed
Petals & Blooms	Closed
Stripes, The Alterations Place	Closed
The Cleaners, Bldg. 71	Closed
Optical Center	Closed
General Nutrition Center	Closed
My Force Apparel	Closed
Urban Wear	Closed
John's Specialty Shop	Closed
Shoe Shine	Closed
Alltel Wireless	Closed
MCC Phone Center	Closed
Brigade Barber Shop	Closed
Laundry/Dry Cleaners, Bldg. 706-A	Closed
Alterations	Closed
Sprint Barracks Phone	Closed
Economic Car Rental	Closed

E L Car Wash/Detail

Closed

### HUNTER ARMY AIRFIELD

Nov. 27

Main Store	Closed
Hunter Corner Express	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Military Clothing Sales	Closed
Burger King	Closed

### Hunter Concessions

Short Term Concessions	Closed
Flower Shop	Closed
Laundry/Dry Cleaners	Closed
Alterations	Closed
Beauty Shop	Closed
Barber Shop	Closed
Optical Shop	Closed
Economic Car Rental	Closed
C's Boot Shine	Closed
Sprint Barracks Phone	Closed



# CENTCOM NEWS

## 82nd Airborne continues to crack down on insurgents

AR RAMADI, Iraq — The 82d Airborne Division, also known as Task Force "All American," conducted operations in order to stop violence and acts of insurgents who oppose the transition of Iraq to a free and democratic state.

Task Force soldiers went on 171 patrols, 17 of which were joint patrols with members of the Iraqi Border Guard and Iraqi police. Six offensive operations were also conducted. These operations resulted in 26 detained individuals.

Elements of 3rd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment conducted operations early this morning resulting in the detention of two individuals who were wanted for their part in planning and supporting attacks on coalition forces. The operation also netted 11 other personnel wanted for questioning. The paratroopers also confiscated various explosives and materials for making improvised explosive devices (IEDs).

Based on a tip by a local Iraqi citizen, Soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 34th Armor Regiment conducted a search of a house near Habbaniyah. At the house the soldiers detained

four former regime loyalists and found two grenades, a shotgun, a computer with printer (found printing counterfeit Dinar as Soldiers entered the house), rounds packed with C4 plastic explosives, three sticks of dynamite, 12 blasting caps, a 50 lbs bag of propellant, and a satellite phone. The tip that led to the search further demonstrates the increased cooperation between the local populace and coalition forces.

In a separate incident, soldiers from 1st Brigade conducted a cordon and search in Ar Ramadi last night. Their search yielded anti-coalition paperwork including Jihad sign-up sheets.

Later this morning, the resident of that house was detained as he went to coalition forces to claim his paperwork. He is also suspected of financing the production and placement of IEDs in the Ramadi area.

In the town of Hit, civil affairs personnel initiated a sewer repair project in conjunction with local officials. The project will correct the current issues, which have local residents concerned about potential health problems in the city. The project will improve the quality of life and living conditions of the town's 5,000 residents.

Soldiers from the 82nd Airborne Division, 1st Infantry Division, and 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment continue to carry out their missions to ensure Iraq's forward progress as a more peaceful and stable country for its citizens.

## 101st Airborne Division discovers weapons caches

MOSUL, Iraq — Two weapons caches were discovered by the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) during an aerial reconnaissance of an area two kilometers west of the Qayyarah West Airfield on Nov. 17.

The caches contained 20 50-60mm projectiles that had been removed from their casings.

The Coalition for Iraqi National Unity turned in a variety of weapons to the 101st, including 198 Rocket Propelled Grenade rounds, 13 RPG launchers, 16 120mm mortar rounds, three hand grenades and 57 RPG boosters.

A civilian turned in 46 RPG launchers, 60 hand grenades and fuses and 50 propellant charges.

Coalition forces continue their search of weapons in northern Iraq in their mission to bring security and stability to the country.



United States Army  
Recruiting Command



## WARRANT OFFICER ACCESSION PROGRAM

The Warrant Officer Recruiting Team from Headquarters, U.S. Army Recruiting Command, Ft. Knox, Kentucky will brief on qualifications and application procedures to soldiers interested in becoming U.S. Army Warrant Officers.

More information can be found on our website at  
[www.usarrec.army.mil/warrant](http://www.usarrec.army.mil/warrant)

LOCATION: BAAP, Education Center, RM 26  
Date: 1 Dec 2003  
Time: 1300 and 1500 (One Day)

LOCATION: FT Stewart, Club Stewart, Patriots Lounge  
Date: 2 Dec 2003  
Time: 0930 and 1330

LOCATION: FT Stewart, Club Stewart, Liberty Room  
Date: 3 Dec 2003  
Time: 0930 and 1330

LOCATION: FT Stewart, Club Stewart, Hoodlights room  
Date: 4 Dec 2003  
Time: 0930 and 1330

LOCAL POINT OF CONTACT: SFC Bushorn John  
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# USO extends touch of home to Soldiers during holidays

1st Lt. Steve Alvarez

Special to American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, — The United Service Organizations recently announced it has teamed up with Armed Forces Entertainment and Reader's Digest to help support U.S. troops during the 2003 holiday season.

An old fashioned Cantina is being held 3 to 6 p.m., Dec. 4 at Sports USA, Fort Stewart, Ga.

The USO, a nonprofit charitable corporation that extends a touch of home to military members, will soon send entertainer Wayne Newton, actor/director Gary Sinise, singer/television star Chris Isaak, country music star Neal McCoy and members of the Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders to entertain troops stationed in the Persian Gulf between now and the end of the year.

The troupe will perform several shows, visit with service members and tour duty stations at a number of locations in the region. This tour marks the seventh tour in the last two

years for Newton, who is the USO's Celebrity Circle chairman. Newton has entertained troops since the Vietnam War and in June he participated in the first USO tour to Iraq.

Sinise, Isaak, and McCoy are also veteran USO performers. The Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders have joined with the USO 53 times over the last 25 years and have performed on more USO tours than any other entertainment group.

Additionally, the USO is working with Reader's Digest in an effort known as "Operation Desert Smile," which it hopes will bring 5,000 gift bags to troops in Iraq in time for the holidays. Reader's Digest advertisers have donated more than \$500,000 worth of snacks, prepaid calling cards, toiletries, magazines, books and compact discs to support the effort.

"The USO is grateful to Reader's Digest and its advertisers for their generosity," USO President and CEO Edward A. Powell said. "Banding together to bring needed items to our troops, especially during the holidays, exemplifies the American spirit of supporting and remembering our men and women in uniform," he added.

As part of their holiday push to support U.S. service personnel overseas, the USO is urging Americans to support "Operation Phone Home." The program helps make international calling cards available for each U.S. service member stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan in time for the holidays.

"Giving these men and women in uniform the opportunity to speak with their loved ones over the holidays will provide an immeasurable boost to their morale," Powell said. "The USO's mission is to improve the quality of life for our troops and serve as a link between them and the American people. It is our way of giving back to those who give their all," he added.

Since April, the USO's "Operation Phone Home" has raised more than \$200,000 and delivered nearly 30,000 calling cards to service members.

Donations can be made by visiting the USO Web site at <http://www.uso.org> or by calling 1-800-876-7469. Callers should specify their gift is for the "USO Operation Phone Home" campaign.

## 3ID IN BRIEF

## Stewart

**Library has data access**

The library is always striving to provide the best educational resources for its patrons and have subscribed to several databases. Get access from Army Knowledge Online Web site [www.us.army.mil](http://www.us.army.mil).

**Winter Special Olympics**

Event will be held at Marne Lanes 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Dec. 5. Approximately 40 to 50 volunteers are needed. What a difference your hugs and cheers can make to these outstanding athletes!

If you cannot stay the entire day, you can come for a portion of the day and be a cheerleader for all of the athletes. For units or large groups call 767-3195 and we will fax you a group registration sheet.

**Chapel seeks volunteers**

Seeking volunteers to lead worship in Marne Chapel Contemporary Worship congregation. Need worship leader, musicians and praise team members. Musicians requested are keyboard player, guitarists, bass player, and drummer. Individuals responding to this ad must be of the Christian faith. Congregation meets Sunday evening at 6 p.m. for worship. If interested in sharing your talents call Chaplain (Maj.) Tim Bonner at 767-8517 or 266-0477.

**AAFES Food Court**

The AAFES Food Court in Bldg. 419 (old PX building) is still open for business!

Come join us Monday through Saturday at the following hours:

For more information call Jonathan C Miller, Human Resource Manager, Fort Stewart Consolidated Exchange, at 876-2494 DSN 870-8626 Fax 876-3383.

**Child and Youth Services**

The Central Registration office located in Bldg. 443 has changed operational hours. The new hours will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday.

The office will not be closed from 1 to 2 p.m. as previously scheduled.

**ICE Web site helps**

Comments? Questions? Complaints? Visit the Interactive Customer Evaluation (ICE) Web site at <http://ice.disa.mil>. We value your opinion!

**Thanksgiving Brunch slated**

Club Stewart is featuring a special Thanksgiving menu, Sunday, in honor of Military Appreciation Month. Free for children under 9 years, half price for 9 to 12 and \$8.95 for adults (\$7.95 with a church bulletin).

Bring your family and get a coupon for free game of bowling and free shoe rental.

**Old fashioned Cantina**

BOSS is sponsoring an old fashioned Cantina 3 to 6 p.m., Dec. 4 at Sports USA.

## Hunter

**Annual Fall Festival**

The Hunter Officer Spouses Club is hosting an auction at 6 p.m. Friday at the Hunter Club. There will be hors d'oeuvres, cash bar and great fun. Auction proceeds benefit military welfare and scholarships.

For more information, contact the OSC Fundraising Chairman, Nicole Weaver, at 925-5593.

**Thrift Shop**

The Hunter Thrift Shop is open on Wednesday, Friday and the first Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with consignments accepted from military identification card holders from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

It has a great assortment of bargains from baby clothes to furniture. All proceeds are returned to the Hunter Community in scholarships, grants to units, and through other military organizations. Donations are accepted, and volunteers are always welcome.

For more information contact the Hunter Thrift Shop at 352-0376."

**Salsa lessons**

Hunter Club is under renovation, however activities are still ongoing.

There will be free Salsa lessons 7 to 10 p.m. Wednesdays. For more information call 353-7923.

**Youth Services**

School Age Services is open 6 to 9 a.m. and 3 to 6 p.m. during school. There are before and after

school programs for 1st through 5th graders. Enjoy fun and leisure activities, educational, tutoring, computer lab, sports, fitness and more.

Join the 4-H community club, photography and technology groups. Check with your school for transportation. For more information, call 352-5708 or 352-6705.

**Toys for Tots**

The drive has already begun and boxes were placed in the community this weekend. A box for people to donate new toys will be at the PX, the Commissary, ACS Bldg., Stewart and Hunter Credit Union and at the Hunter Chapel.

These boxes are in place now until Sunday, Dec. 14.

**Library**

The grand opening of the Hunter Library is projected in early January. The new facility will include features of the Stewart Library, including DVDs, talking books, and more.

**FRG luncheon**

There is a FRG Leaders Appreciation luncheon sponsored by ACS, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Friday. Child care is free at hourly child care center.

For more information call Derick Futrell or Jo Anne Amundson at 352-6816.

**Community Meeting**

A community meeting is scheduled at ACS, 7 p.m., Dec. 9.

## Winn Army Community Hospital

**Tuttle Information Desk**

Tuttle Army Health Clinic's new Information Desk phone number is 352-6500.

**Flu Shots**

Flu shots are available for all ages at Winn's immunization clinic 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 370-6878.

**Satellite Refill Pharmacy**

The satellite refill pharmacy located at the PX is open for business. Hours of operation are 9 to 11 a.m. and noon to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Prescriptions can be refilled by calling 767-6633 or online at [www.winn.amedd.army.mil](http://www.winn.amedd.army.mil).

**Great American Smokeout**

Learn about tobacco addiction and tobacco cessation 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. today at the PX during the Great American Smokeout. For more information about tobacco cessation or addiction, call 370-5071 or check out these websites: [www.lingua.org/tobacco](http://www.lingua.org/tobacco); [www.cdc.gov/tobacco](http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco); [www.drugabuse.gov/NIDA](http://www.drugabuse.gov/NIDA) and [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org).

**Physical Exam Section**

The physical exams section is now located with the allergy/immunization clinic at Winn. The clinic will be open 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 370-6619.

**"Take Care of Yourself"**

The next "Take Care of Yourself" class at Tuttle will be held 10 to 11 a.m. Nov. 26. Upon completing the class, you will receive a card that allows you to get over-the-counter medications from Winn or Tuttle. To register for the class, call 1-800-652-9221.

**Expectant Siblings Class**

The next Expectant Siblings class will be 5 p.m. Nov. 26. This class helps prepare children ages 4 to 12 for the arrival of a new brother or sister. To register, call 370-6017/6670.

**Catholic Hispanic Retreat**

The Savannah Catholic Hispanic RETreat will be held Saturday at the Hunter ACS Building from 3 to 5 p.m., followed by mass and a social. Visiting monk Father Isaac Camacho will be in attendance.

For more information, call 352-5111.

**Intervention Services**

Families with children up to 3-years-old who may be at risk for developmental delays can call Educational and Developmental Intervention Services for a free screening.

Services include home visits, occupational therapy, special instruction, physical therapy, speech and language therapy, vision and hearing screenings, family training, developmental screenings and assessments. For more information, call 370-6349.

# Division band to perform Thanksgiving concert

Special to The Frontline

The greater Fort Stewart community is invited to come out next Tuesday evening and celebrate the season of giving thanks.

A program of sacred music will be performed by the Marne Division Band with narration by selected Chaplains from the installation.

The concert, which lasts about 50 minutes, will be held at Club Stewart's Ballroom at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 25.

Though the band's focus this week is preparing for several Christmas/Holiday concerts beginning on Dec. 1, the unit is pausing to recognize the Thanksgiving season through music.

"This program lands us right in the middle of just having completed a successful

and moving military/spouse appreciation concert two weeks ago, and the Christmas concerts in early December," said Chief Warrant Officer Fred Catchings, the band's commander.

Never one to shy away from a performance challenge, Catchings is also presenting the premiere performance of the newly formed "Marne Chorus".

Sixteen of the finest soldier voices at Stewart will come together to celebrate the Thanksgiving season as well.

These soldiers come from a cross-section of units on the installation and will add a new dimension to the band concert.

The concert is free and open to the public.

Soldiers who will have family members visiting from out of town are encouraged to bring them to the concert.



Courtesy photo

Members of the show band jam for the audience at Club Stewart.

# Registering vehicles at Stewart and Hunter

## Provost Marshal's Office

Special to The Frontline

The Vehicle Registration process is an important part of ensuring a safe and secure working environment at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield. Command Policy Letter No 09-11 (Motor Vehicle, Motorcycle, Visitor Pass and Temporary Pass Registration) identifies the requirements to register privately owned vehicles. This information is provided to ensure that you are in compliance with the policy letter, and ease the registration process for you and your family.

The DD Form 2220 (Department of Defense Vehicle Registration Decal) is a controlled form/ decal. The decal will be issued to all active-duty military and civilian employees assigned to Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield, retired military personnel and contract employees with proper identification.

The registration process is simple and takes only about 15 minutes. The vehicle registration offices are located at Fort Stewart in Building 295 on East Bultman Road near Gate 1 and at Hunter Army Airfield in Building 1240 on Lightning Road. The Fort Stewart office is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and the Hunter Army Airfield Office hours are from 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The decal will be placed on the center of the windshield at the top (above the reach of the wiper blades) with the decal in the top position and the post identifier below it with the expiration date to the right (driver side). The top number of the expiration date decal is the month of the expiration (last date of the month) and the bottom number is the year of expiration. Rank insignia will be placed on the passenger side of the DOD Decal. Rank insignia is only issued/available for Sgt. Maj./Command Sgt. Maj., Col.

and above. The DOD Decals are issued in four-color types as indicated below:

**Blue Installation Identifier Tabs** – The blue tabs are issued to all officers, active duty or retired.

**Red Decals Installation Identifier Tabs** – The red tabs are issued to all enlisted personnel, active duty or retired.

**Black Installation Identifier Tabs** – The black tabs are issued to all contractor personnel with a contractor job that is longer than 365 days. .

**Green Installation Identifier Tabs** – The green tabs are issued to all Appropriated or Non-Appropriated Department of Army civilian employees.

Temporary permits are issued for a period up to one year. The temporary permits are generated through the Vehicle Registration Computer System. A photograph of the registrant will be placed on the permit. The temporary permits are issued for a period of more than 24 hours, but less than 366 days. The temporary permits require the same identification and documentation as a permit registration. The temporary permits are displayed in the front windshield/dash at all times while on post. Temporary permits will not be issued if the owner/operator of the vehicle has all of necessary paperwork for a permanent registration.

A 24-Hour Pass is used for short-term access to the installation. These permits are issued at the gate by the access control personnel. The 24-hour pass is only good for 24-hour access. If the owner/operator requires additional time, he/she must come to the vehicle registration office the next duty day to obtain a temporary permit. 24-hour passes will not be issued if the owner/operator of the vehicle has all of necessary paperwork for a permanent registration.

In order to register a vehicle the owner must produce proof that he/she is

the registered owner of the vehicle, and that he/she has a current registration, valid insurance and state driver's license. In the event the operator is not the registered owner, the operator must have a notarized affidavit or power of attorney, giving permission from the owner, for the operator to drive the vehicle.

Decals from other installation will be allowed access, however the owner/operator is being assigned to Fort Stewart or Hunter Army Airfield, the owner has 10 working days to report to the Vehicle Registration Office to have the decals transferred from the losing installation to the gaining installation.

Stickers are not transferable from one vehicle to another. If a vehicle is traded, sold or otherwise destroyed or becomes inoperable, the vehicle owner must obtain the decal from the vehicle and turn it in to the vehicle registration office.

Soldiers, civilian employees and contractors that have registered vehicles will be required to out-process through the vehicle registration office. Soldiers (except for when retiring), civilian employees and contractor no longer employed on the installation, will have the decal removed from the window and furnished a temporary permit to complete the clearing process. Stickers stolen or otherwise missing from a vehicle must be reported immediately to the Military Police Desk.

If you have any questions about stolen decals, please call the MP Desk at 767-4895 for Ft Stewart, or 352-6133 for Hunter.

For more information and FAQs, please go to [www.stewart.army.mil](http://www.stewart.army.mil) and enter Vehicle Registration in the Keyword Search, or call Vehicle Registration at 767-5195. The customer satisfaction survey is located at <http://ice.disa.mil>

## ASK THE JUDGE

### Divorce and Retirement Pay The Uniformed Services Former Spouse Protection Act

**Q:** Since my wife and I have been married for over fifteen years, isn't she entitled to half of my retirement pay if we divorce?

**A:** *No. The Uniformed Services Former Spouses Protection Act allows courts to divide disposable retirement pay as marital property but it does not require courts to divide retirement pay.*

**Q:** What does the court consider to be disposable retirement pay?

**A:** *Disposable retired pay includes military retirement pay minus forfeitures, recoupments, most disability pay, and certain other sums.*

**Q:** I thought that if our marriage lasted for at least ten years, my spouse would be entitled to half my retirement pay?

**A:** *No, however, if you have been married for at least ten years that overlap with service and the court awarded a portion of retired pay, then the Defense Finance and Accounting Service will assist in enforcement by sending, on request of the spouse to whom it is owed, his/her court-awarded portion directly from the military finance center. Although the court may award more than 50 percent to the non military spouse, DFAS limits direct payments to this amount.*

**Q:** If the court divides my retirement pay, does my spouse automatically get half regardless of how long we were married?

**A:** *No, retirement pay will be divided according to state law. States differ in determining how retirement pay is to be divided among the spouses. Most states use a formula to divide retirement pay, the most common formula gives the non-military spouse one half of the retirement pay for each year that the couple was married during the time of service. For example, if the soldier served exactly 20 years and was married for ten of those, then the spouse would be awarded 25 percent of retired pay; representing one half of the half-career he/she was married to the soldier. There are other formulas used by different courts which calculate the percentage differently and in most states the formula is only a guideline and the court can award more or less than the formula would indicate.*

# Courts-Martial

The following cases were tried by special courts martial and general courts martial at Fort Stewart with the following results:

## Special Courts-Martial

**United States v. Pvt. Hassan M. Chebaro**, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Georgia. On Aug. 14, the military judge found Pvt. Chebaro guilty of desertion. The military judge sentenced Pvt. Chebaro to: forfeit \$767 per month for 5 months, confined for 5 months and a bad-conduct discharge.

**United States v. Pfc. Carlos A. Arriola-Colmenares**, Delta Company, 3rd Forward Support Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division Support, Fort Stewart, Georgia. On Aug. 18, the military judge found Pfc. Arriola-Colmenares guilty of AWOL. The military judge sentenced Pfc. Arriola-Colmenares to: be reduced in rank to E-1, confined for 169 days.

**United States v. Pfc. Cornelius D. Hemingway**, Delta Battery, 1st Battalion, 41st Field Artillery, Division Artillery, Fort Stewart, Georgia. On Aug. 19, the military judge found Pfc. Hemingway guilty of desertion and wrongful use of marijuana. The military judge sentenced Pfc. Hemingway to: be reduced to E-1 and confinement for 6 months and a bad-conduct discharge.

**United States v. Pvt. 2 David A. Cain, Jr.**, Headquarters Service Company, 92nd Engineer Combat Battalion (Heavy), 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized), Fort Stewart, Georgia. Aug. 22, the military judge found Pvt. 2 Cain guilty of AWOL, failure to repair, go from appointed place of duty, disrespect to Officer, disobey Order of NCO, damaged to military property, drunk and disorderly. The military judge sentenced Pvt. 2 Cain to: be reduced to E-1, forfeit \$776 pay per month for 5 months, confinement for 5 months and a bad-conduct discharge.

**United States v. Pfc. Wayne A. McMillan**, A Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Soldier Support Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized), Fort Stewart, Georgia. On Sept. 2, the military judge found Pfc. McMillan guilty of AWOL, FTR, disobey order/NCO, disrespect in language/NCO, dereliction of duty, wrongful use of marijuana. The military judge sentenced Pfc. McMillan to: be reduced to E-1, forfeit \$500 per month for 6 months, confined for 6 months and a bad-conduct discharge.

**United States v. Pvt. Daniel L. Sutton**, A Company, 10th Engineer Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized), Fort Stewart, Georgia. On Sept. 11, the military judge found Pvt. Sutton guilty of desertion. The mil-

itary judge sentenced Pvt. Sutton to: be confined for 6 months and a bad-conduct discharge.

**United States v. Spc. Michael J. LaFleur**, A Company, 123rd Signal Battalion, Fort Stewart, Georgia. On Sept. 25, the military judge found Spc. LaFleur guilty of larceny and housebreaking. The military judge sentenced Spc. LaFleur to: be reduced to E-1, confined for 7 months and a bad-conduct discharge.

**United States v. Spc. Christopher T. Reed**, 559th Quartermaster Battalion, 24th Combat Support Group, Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia. On Oct. 3, the military judge found Spc. Reed guilty of failure to repair, disobey order/NCO and larceny. The military judge sentenced Spc. Reed to: be reduced to E-1, confined for 5 months, and a bad-conduct discharge.

**United States v. Pfc. John D. Foland**, 110th Quartermaster Company, 559th Quartermaster Battalion, 24th Combat Support Group, Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia. On Oct. 3, the military judge found Pfc. Foland guilty of failure to repair. The military judge sentenced Pfc. Foland to: be reduced to E-1, forfeit \$767 per month for 6 months, confined for 6 months and a bad-conduct discharge.

**United States v. Spc. Michael A. Catlett**, Headquarters Service Company, 92nd Engineer Battalion (Heavy), 24th Corps Support Group, Fort Stewart, Georgia. On Oct. 29, the military judge found Spc. Catlett guilty of desertion. The military judge sentenced Spc. Catlett to: be reduced to E-1, confined for 9 months and a bad-conduct discharge.

**United States v. Pvt. Ira L. Robinson**, C Company, 1/64th Armor Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized), Fort Stewart, Georgia. On Oct. 30, the military judge found Pvt. Robinson guilty of disobeyed regulation/weapon, destruction of military property, wrongful use of marijuana, discharge firearm/barracks, and breaking restriction. The military judge sentenced Pvt. Robinson to: be reduced to E-1, forfeit \$652 per month for 4 months, be confined for 7 months and a bad-conduct discharge.

## General Courts-Martial

**United States v. Sgt. 1st Class John W. Hall**, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 123rd Signal Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized), Fort Stewart, Georgia. On Sept. 4, the military judge found Sfc. Hall guilty of indecent acts with a child. The military judge sentenced Sfc. Hall to be reduced to E-1, 18 months confinement and a

bad-conduct discharge.

**United States v. Pfc. Dexter D. Fisher**, B Troop, 3rd Squadron, 7th Calvary, 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized), Fort Stewart, Georgia. On Sept. 17, the military judge found Pfc. Fisher guilty of dereliction of duty, false official statement, malingering, wrongful discharge of weapon, and AWOL. The military judge sentenced Pfc. Fisher to be reprimanded, confined for 18 months, and a dishonorable discharge.

**United States v. Pvt. Robert L. Pattison**, C Company, 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry, 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized), Fort Stewart, Georgia. On Oct. 1, the military judge found Pvt. Pattison guilty of failure to repair, AWOL, disobey an NCO, disrespect an NCO, violate lawful general order, damage to military property, disorderly conduct, and communicating a threat. The military judge sentenced Pvt. Pattison to forfeit all pay and allowances, be confined for 13 months and to be discharged with a bad-conduct discharge.

**United States v. Sgt. Brian D. McCann**, C Company, 703 Main Support Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized), Fort Stewart, Georgia. On Oct. 14, the military judge found Sgt. McCann guilty of AWOL, false official statement, 2 counts of indecent liberties with a child. The military judge sentenced Sgt. McCann to be reduced to E-1 confined for 2 years, forfeiture of all pay and allowances and a bad-conduct discharge.

**United States v. Staff Sgt. Jason A. Moore**, A Company, 123rd Signal Battalion, Fort Stewart, Georgia. On Oct. 27, the military judge found Staff Sgt. Moore of false official statement, larceny of military property and forgery. The military judge sentenced Staff Sgt. Moore to be reduced to E-1, 9 months confinement and a bad-conduct discharge and a fine of \$5000.

**United States v. Sgt. James M. Joseph, III**, 92nd Chemical Company (Deployed), Fort Stewart, Georgia. On Oct. 28, the military judge found Sgt. Joseph guilty of indecent assault. The military judge sentenced Sgt. Joseph to be reduced to E-1, 18 months confinement and a bad-conduct discharge.

**United States v. Pvt. Ryan M. Hudson**, C Company, 1/64th Armor Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized), Fort Stewart, Georgia. On Nov. 5, the military judge found Pvt. Hudson guilty of AWOL, wrongful use of marijuana and distribution of oxycodone. The military judge sentenced Pvt. Hudson to 15 months confinement and a bad-conduct discharge.

## Soldier found murdered

### Staff Report

Special to The Frontline

The skeletal remains of 25-year-old Spc. Richard Davis, listed as AWOL four months ago, was found in a wooded area near Fort Benning, Ga. He was last seen on the base July 14. Investigators with the Criminal Investigation Division at Benning discovered the body after receiving a tip.

Davis had been severely beaten and stabbed several times. After his death, his body was covered in lighter fluid and set on fire in the wooded area to dispose of any evidence.

Davis had been in Iraq and returned home the day before his death.

Three Soldiers, Douglas Woodcoff, Mario Navarrete and Jacob Burgoyne, all 24-years-old and attached to B Company, 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, are charged with concealing the death of another. They are currently being held in a Columbus, Ga. jail on a \$25,000 bond.

A fourth suspect, Alberto Martinez, also 24 and a Soldier is being held in Seaside, Calif., on a murder charge awaiting extradition.

Police Sgt. Steve Cox of Columbus was reported saying that two of the suspects, Burgoyne and Navarrete, told police there had been an argument between the five Soldiers, outside a club they had been earlier that evening.

## POLICE REPORTS

- **Subject:** Family member, 19-year-old female
- **Charges:** Shoplifting
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private 2, 23-year-old male, 24th Support Group
- **Charges:** Drunk in public, drunk and disorderly
- **Location:** Hinesville

- **Subject:** Civilian, 24-year-old female
- **Charges:** Failure to yield while turning left, no driver's license
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Corporal, 22-year-old male, 1st Brigade
- **Charges:** Driving under the influence
- **Location:** Hinesville

- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 20-year-old male, Division Artillery
- **Charges:** Failure to obey a lawful order or regulation, failure to wear safety belt.

- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 21-year-old male, Division Support Command
- **Charges:** Driving while license revoked, failure to use turn signal
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Specialist, 24-year-old male, 2nd Battalion
- **Charges:** Failure to appear, loud music
- **Location:** Hinesville

- **Subject:** Specialist, 24-year-old male, Engineer Brigade
- **Charges:** Driving while license suspended
- **Location:** Allenhurst

- **Subject:** Specialist, 29-year-old male, 2nd Brigade
- **Charges:** Driving while license suspended
- **Location:** Hinesville

- **Subject:** Sergeant, 28-year-old male, 2nd

Brigade

- **Charges:** Improper backing
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Staff Sergeant, 30-year-old male, Aviation Brigade
- **Charges:** Battery
- **Location:** Savannah

- **Subject:** Private, 19-year-old male, 2nd Brigade
- **Charges:** Simple battery
- **Location:** Allenhurst

- **Subject:** Private, 23-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Wrongful use of marijuana, wrongful possession of marijuana
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 20-year-old male, Aviation Brigade
- **Charges:** Unsafe lane change
- **Location:** Hunter