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**Sgt. Akilah C. Clarke**  
Staff Writer

CAMP NEW YORK, Kuwait — A low, incessant rumble echoes in the distance on the sandy plains of the Kuwaiti desert. It is dawn, and the first few rays of sun are just beginning to rise above the horizon, revealing the source that has broken the early morning silence — a group of M1A1 Abrams, headed towards its next training obstacle.

These sights and sounds have become an everyday part of life for the soldiers of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, the "Raiders," as they continue to conduct training here in Kuwait.

## 'Raiders' sharpen skills in Kuwait

The unit has been deployed since September, and as the months progress, many soldiers are beginning to realize just how significant this training event is to their overall mission, according to Col. David Perkins, 2nd Brigade Combat Team commander, 2nd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized).

"We are here as a forward presence to deter aggression from the Iraqis — so part of (this mission) is a defense of Kuwait to prevent any Iraqi aggression here. The second part consists of military to military operations and training. We train with the Kuwaitis here — they have a lot of American equipment, so we train with them and show them tactical procedures and

how they operate," he explained.

In all, the unit is participating in a unique training opportunity — one that allows them to exercise their equipment in the environment it was created for, Perkins said.

"This is an armored brigade, we have a lot of mechanized equipment and it takes a lot of space to train. So it's a great opportunity to train in a large portion of the desert," he said. "Right now I have the entire brigade combat team out here, which consists of thousands of soldiers. We've got tanks, artillery, mechanized infantry, dismounted infantry and combat engineers."

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A soldier from E Troop, 9th Cavalry, 2nd BCT, fires rounds at a target as the sun sets during a recent vehicle dismount and small-fire exercise. See page 5A for the story.

Steven Cooke

## 549th soars above the rest

**Spc. Katherine Robinson**

Staff Writer

They stand outside in all types of weather to give you access to post. They respond to calls at all hours. One of them may have written you a ticket, or saved your life. They also find time to train, conduct vehicle and weapon maintenance, field exercises, special missions and deployments.

The soldiers of the 549th Military Police company distinguished themselves recently by winning the Forces Command Eagle Award, earning the title of best MP company in FORSCOM.

The company also now has the opportunity to compete against MP units Army-wide for the Brigadier General Jeremiah P. Holland award.

"It's a great honor receiving this award," said 1st Sgt. Freddie L. T. Brock, the company first sergeant. "It shows all the hard work the soldiers put into making this an outstanding company."

And work the soldiers truly did, according to Brock. Besides training carrying out law enforcement operations on Fort Stewart, they also deployed to Bosnia for six months, where they performed a variety of missions.

"We're prepared for any type of mission," said Sgt. Robert Johnson, a team leader in the company. "With the size of our post and the missions we have, we are on top of our game."

Johnson attributed much of the company's success to its leadership, which he said is superior.

"It points all (noncommissioned officers) as well as junior enlisted soldiers in the right direction, so we make the right decisions in a timely manner."

As a result, he said the soldiers are always ready to make technical and tactical decisions. "We can think on our feet," he explained. "We can shoot, move and communicate with the best of units."

Capt. William H. Poole, the company commander agreed.

"It's a tribute to the NCOs in the unit," he said. "Great squad leaders, translates to success-



1st Sgt. Freddie L. T. Brock

**Sgt. Clarence Franklin II, a canine handler assigned to the 549th in Bosnia, talks to Maj. Gen. Buford C. Blount III, 3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield commanding general, during Blount's visit in July.**

ful missions."

"I think the ultimate is how we came together and deployed to Bosnia and we excelled over there," said Brock. He added that while in Bosnia, 15 of the 92 soldiers in the company reenlisted. Since then, four more have done the same.

But besides just performing well, a lot of work goes into preparing for the competition, according to Poole.

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## Days-deployed data now on AKO accounts

**Patrick Swan**

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Soldiers can now track their total deployment days on their Army Knowledge Online accounts.

This greater visibility for soldiers is a result of collaboration between AKO and the U.S. Total Army Personnel Command, which is establishing a link to AKO with its PERSTEMPO web application.

"Posting deployment data to AKO offers numerous advantages, makes best use of available technology at a reasonable cost and allows the Army greater flexibility to disclose PERSTEMPO data to soldiers in the field," said Capt. Rob McCaslin, an action officer for PERSCOM's Field Systems Division.

The initiative follows a July meeting between PERSCOM officials and those at AKO, McCaslin said. The AKO staff offered to explore including deployed days on the "My Personnel" page of AKO.

The deputy secretary of Defense suspended the PERSTEMPO per diem payment provision in October 2001, following the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. Tracking of deployed days continues, but not for payment consideration, PERSCOM officials said. Until November 2001, individual PERSTEMPO counts were posted to a soldier's leave and earning statement. Based on a unanimous recommendation by the military services at an October 2001 PERSTEMPO meeting the Office of the Secretary of Defense instructed that the posting of PERSTEMPO data on the LES

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**Weather Forecast**

<b>FRI</b>	High 56°	Low 31°
<b>SAT</b>	High 61°	Low 31°
<b>SUN</b>	High 64°	Low 45°

# TIME

# ON TARGET

## Live fire keeps A Btry., 1/9 FA soldiers sharp while in Kuwait

Spc. Jacob Boyer  
Staff Writer

CAMP NEW YORK, Kuwait — The Paladin howitzers of A Battery, 1st Battalion, 9th Field Artillery Regiment were involved in a live-fire exercise to prepare for upcoming 2nd Brigade operations in Kuwait Nov. 19.

The focus of the exercise was to "provide accurate and timely direct fire," said Capt. James Schwartz, commander. "We're focusing on our fire mission processing."

The battery was firing at targets roughly six miles from their position, Schwartz said. The targets were either tanks left behind during the Gulf War or concrete bunkers made to look like tanks.

The Paladin, which was introduced following the Gulf War, is an entirely digital artillery system, Schwartz said.

Every aspect of the mission is handled on computers, from the forward observers to the actual firing.

"Most soldiers can go through their entire careers and never once see what they're actually shooting," he said.

The training started with one gun firing a round at the target specified by the forward observers. Following that, each gun adjusted according to information sent back by the observers, Schwartz said.

The exercise was just one more step in the battery's training for its current mission, which stretches back more than a year, Schwartz said.

"It's been rigorous and strenuous training," he said. "All the way back to Spartan Focus last year and through our National Training Center rotation in April, we've been

working towards this."

The battery has also had to get used to working with new guns since it arrived here, Schwartz said.

The unit left its Paladins at Fort Stewart when it deployed, and was issued pre-positioned equipment when it arrived.

"We hit the ground running (when we arrived)," he said. "We immediately began gunnery exercises, leading up to section-level gunneries last week. After this, we'll move up and prepare for brigade-level exercises."

The battery's soldiers have handled the deployment well so far, Schwartz said.

"We built it up that it would be worse than what it is out here," he said. "We told them that in the desert it would be rustic conditions. Now they've got air conditioning, hot water, hot chow and even the Internet. It's more than any of us expected."

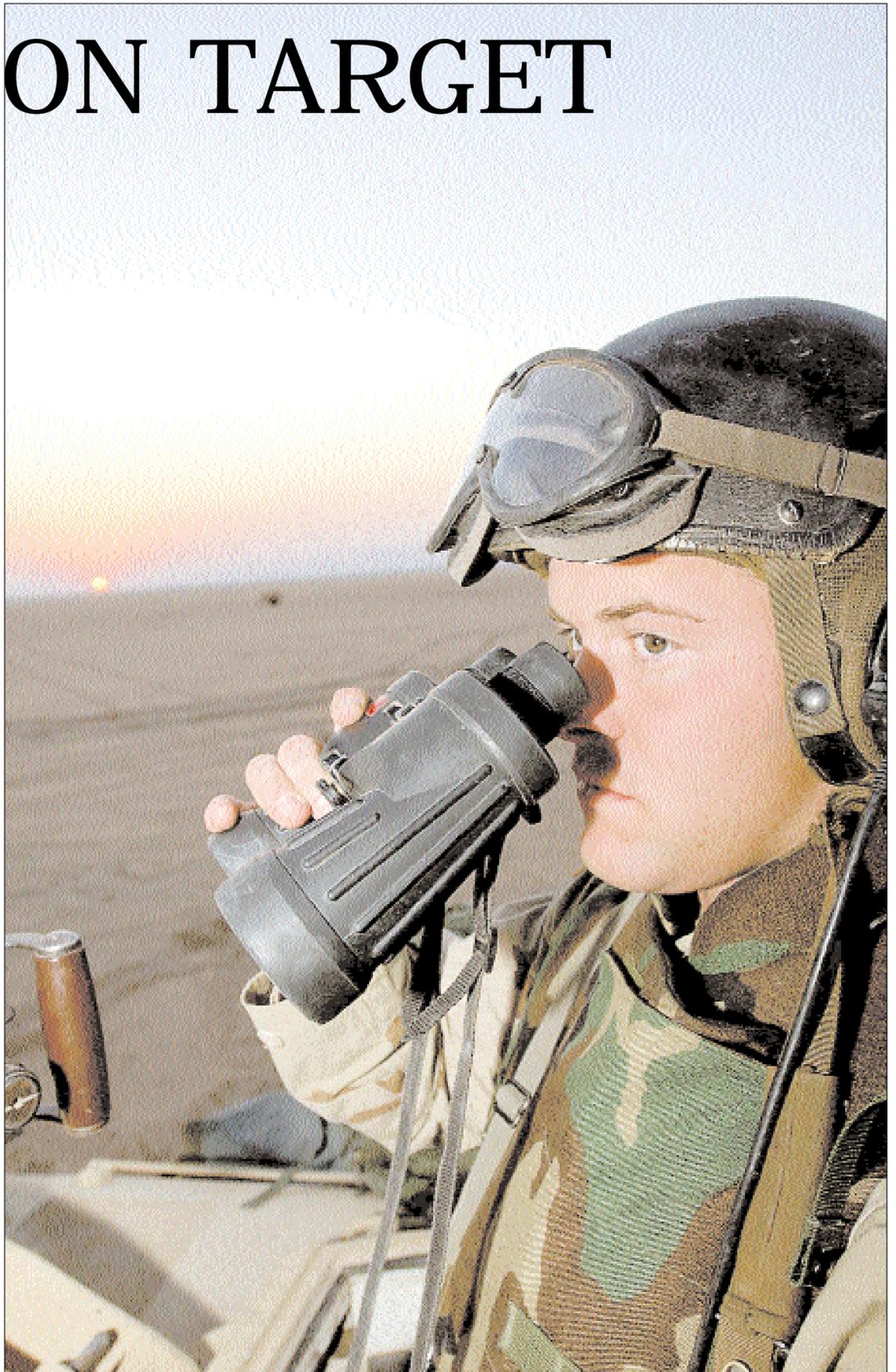
"The living conditions and chow are good," said Pvt. Charles R. Mason, a number one man with 1st platoon who is on his first deployment.

"I've had the chance to get a lot of training, and learned more about the gun than I had time to at Fort Stewart.

It's just like Basic Training. We're back to MREs and two hot meals a day."

Even with all of the training requirements, Schwartz is focusing on one main purpose.

"It's been excellent training in a real world environment," he said. "But I want to bring all of my soldiers back safely with an appreciation for the country, the military and what they have back in the States."



Photos by Sgt. 1st Class David K. Dismukes, CFLCC Public Affairs

A 1/9 FA soldier scans Udari Range in Northwestern Kuwait during a live-fire exercise Nov. 19.



A 1/9 FA soldier prepares to refuel a 155mm howitzer during a "refuel on the move" exercise in Kuwait, Nov. 19.



A 1/9 FA soldier ground guides a 155mm howitzer during a "refuel on the move" exercise in Kuwait.



A 1/9 FA soldier provides security at Udari Range in Northwestern Kuwait during the live-fire exercise.



A soldier from 1/9 FA provides security in the Northwestern sector of Kuwait during the live-fire exercise.

# What's clickin'?

## If it's not your seatbelt, you're wrong

*Military, civilian police take stand on seatbelts with 'Click it or Ticket'*

**Spc. Katherine Robinson**

Staff Writer

It takes approximately five seconds to put on a seatbelt, and can mean the difference between life and death. That fact alone should be enough to inspire drivers and passengers to wear them, but since it's not, the state of Georgia takes it a step further.

Fort Stewart military police handed out more than 100 tickets in just one day of the "Click it or Ticket: taking it to the streets" campaign that took place statewide between Nov. 13 and Sunday.

The MPs set up checkpoints at various places on post, two or three times a day, and wrote tickets to drivers who were not wearing seat-

belts, whose passengers were not wearing them, and whose children were not properly restrained.

"The aim is to reduce injuries and accidents by enforcing the use of seatbelts and child restraints," said Sgt. 1st Class Robert Cintron, Fort Stewart traffic noncommissioned officer in charge.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1,045 adults age 20 or older died in traffic accidents in 2001. Of those, 497 were not wearing seatbelts.

"You can see the difference," Cintron said. He said he has seen major traffic accidents in which drivers wearing seatbelts walked away uninjured, and he has seen minor accidents in which drivers have suffered serious injuries as a result of not wearing their seatbelts.

So in an effort to reduce injuries and death, law enforcement agencies all over the state intensified enforcement of the seatbelt law.

"We're enforcing zero tolerance," Cintron said. "No warnings. You

will get a ticket."

Many drivers are under the impression that driving a pickup truck exempts them from having to wear a seatbelt, Cintron added, because Georgia law states that pickup truck drivers are not required to wear one.

However, according to the Fort Stewart supplement to Army Regulation 190-5, all soldiers will wear seatbelts, whether on or off post, no matter what type of vehicle they drive.

Drivers who get into accidents without their seatbelts could risk losing their benefits.

"I think Fort Stewart has a more aggressive campaign right now than anybody," said Staff Sgt. Peter Domoracki, a military police traffic investigator.

According to Cintron, the traffic section will continue to set up checkpoints at random times even after the campaign comes to an end.

Pfc. John Jillard, a soldier with the 3rd Forward Support Battalion, was pulled over at one of the MP checkpoints Nov. 27, but it turned



Spc. Katherine Robinson

**Sgt. John Sunderland, a traffic investigator with the 179th MP Det., issues a citation at one of the seatbelt checkpoints Nov. 27**

out he was wearing his seatbelt after all. Despite the inconvenience, Jillard said he thought the program was a good thing. "I've lost a few friends because they were not wearing a seatbelt," he said. "I wear one no matter what."

If nothing else, the campaign brought up awareness in people, Domoracki said. The police are always on the lookout for drivers not wearing seat belts, and the end of the campaign doesn't signify the end of seat belt enforcement.

"Strict enforcement of seat belt

laws is the only way to get people to buckle up," said the Governor's Office of Highway Safety Director, Yvonne L. McBride.

The need for this enforcement is just as important in the military as anywhere else, said Chuck Hurley, executive director of the Air Bag and Seat Belt Safety Campaign and vice president at the National Safety Council.

"We don't leave our young servicemen and women on the battlefield, and we shouldn't leave them on the highway either," he said.

## CFLCC commander speaks on force protection, coalition training

**Sgt. Akilah C. Clarke**

Staff Writer

CAMP NEW YORK, Kuwait — Despite rumors of war and force protection concerns, it's business as usual for the soldiers here in Kuwait training in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

In a press conference held Nov. 18 at Camp New York, 3rd Army, Army Central and Coalition Forces Land Component Command commander Lt. Gen. David McKiernan stated that the Army has taken the necessary steps to ensure the mission of training soldiers in a desert environment is not compromised.

"We are not going to let threats or force protection concerns keep us from training. We're going to continue to train very realistically and extensively," he said.

McKiernan went on to point out that all the soldiers participating in OEF, down to the

lowest-ranking private, understand that there are awareness and force protection areas that they must pay attention to.

"But as we all know, the threat is global and it's a long-term threat ... as we train, we constantly have to factor in the protective force," he said.

For the past decade, the Army has supported Kuwait in a coalition environment specifically focused on the country's defense. During that period of time, the Army has become more experienced and better skilled at deploying forces to this area, living in the desert for months at a time, training its soldiers and finally redeploying them back to their home stations, according to McKiernan.

"Over the course of 10 years we've been able to rotate a good portion of the Army over to these training areas," he said. "A vast majority of the leadership in the Army — both officer and enlisted, have trained in

Southwest Asia — most of it here in Kuwait, especially our conventional forces. There is a large increase in expertise of how to operate in this kind of environment, in these weather conditions and in this part of the world."

Playing a significant role in the Army's ability to conduct its mission is the Kuwaiti government, which has established and maintained strong ties with U.S. forces to ensure the safety of their country.

"The Kuwaitis are also very concerned about terrorism in their country. We have a very close working relationship with the Kuwaiti Ministry of the Interior and their military," McKiernan said.

"In every one of these training rotations, a portion of that rotation is specifically aimed at coalition training with the Kuwaiti military. So we'll conduct live-fire exercises and maneuver training or force-on-force training with the (Kuwaiti) military."

The Kuwaiti government has also taken one additional step to assist the Army's stringent force protection measures. Movement by civilians in designated military training areas is restricted, allowing the Army to train without interruption, according to McKiernan.

In general, the Army's increased presence in Kuwait is in support of OEF, McKiernan said.

"We continue to reposition equipment, soldiers, Marines, sailors and airmen to better support Operation Enduring Freedom. We are doing what we've done for 10 years here and that's defending Kuwait, working with the Kuwaitis and keeping our military trained and ready," he said.

McKiernan went on to say that although no decision has been made about whether U.S. forces would be called upon to actively "disarm" Saddam Hussein, the Army would be ready if needed.

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# VOICES AND VIEWPOINTS

## Deployment update:

### Marne soldiers keeping spirits, training high in Kuwait

Maj. Gen. Buford C. Blount  
Commanding General

Marne soldiers continue to execute some of the Army's finest training in Kuwait as part of the Crisis Contingency Response Force 03-01 mission. This week saw the arrival of the remaining elements of 4th Battalion, 64th Armor, who rounded out the Spartan Brigade's deployment that began in late September. Some of the Tuskers got a longer-than-expected stay in Shannon, Ireland, as their airplane experienced some mechanical problems and had to wait there for repairs. They arrived Thursday morning, just in time to download their equipment and enjoy a great Thanksgiving feast with all the trimmings. The Spartan Brigade Food Service Team did a fantastic job. Col. David G. Perkins and his senior officers pulled guard duty so their soldiers could enjoy some time off.

Brig. Gen. Lloyd J. Austin, assistant division commander (maneuver) and I made the rounds to all of the BCT's dining facilities, extending Thanksgiving greetings to our deployed dog-faced soldiers.

We were just the tip of the VIP iceberg, though, as this week also saw visits by the Chief of Staff of the Army, the Undersecretary of the Army, Lt. Gen. James T. Conway—the new Marine Expeditionary Force comman-

#### Commentary



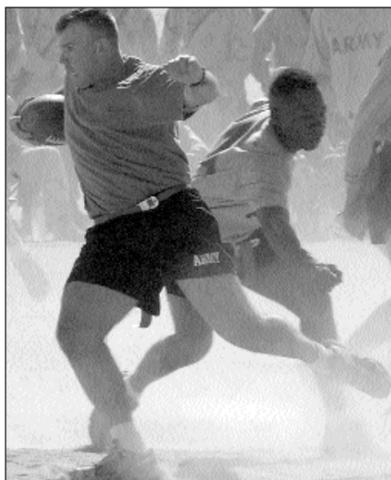
der—the Chief of Chaplains, senior leaders from the Army Signal Corps, and several major generals from the Coalition Forces Land Component Command staff. We also have our own 'VIPs' from Georgia

staying with us—reporters from Hinesville, Savannah, and Atlanta. Hopefully you've seen some of the products of their work on TV and in local newspapers.

Our soldiers are staying busy conducting training — 4th Battalion, 64th Armor was on the gunline, the day after their Thanksgiving arrival, installing new equipment.

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Inf. Div. participated in CFLCC exercise Lucky Warrior and was able to put its command and control capabilities to the test and did exceedingly well.

We did take time to relax a little this week as the Spartan Brigade hosted their second boxing smoker. Soldiers throughout the BCT signed up to prove their mettle for two one-minute rounds in the ring, all expertly refereed, and monitored by the Brigade surgeon. Everyone had a great time and it was a



Sgt. Kevin Doheny

#### During their time off, soldiers from various camps competed in flag football tournaments.

good break from the pressures of the constant training and maintaining missions.

Topmost on our minds were our family members as we celebrated Thanksgiving. It's our families — and the sacrifices they make to support what we do — that we are most thankful for when we are away.

God bless all of them and thanks for all the prayers, email, and packages. Rock of the Marne

## Marne Voice

THE FRONTLINE

Readers respond to the question:

How is Force Protection important during deployments?

"Force protection is vital to all soldiers who are deployed. Without (it) you're at risk from any organization that wants to do you harm. It is crucial to carrying out your mission."

Chaplain (Capt.) Archie Simmons  
123rd Sig. Bn.



"It's very important because of security reasons. (Especially) entrances and exits to post. If everyone knows the importance of security and safety, we'll all be aware of our surroundings."

Staff Sgt. L. B. Baker  
D Btry, 1/3 ADA

## Bipolar disorder; overcoming an illness

### One woman explains her search for treatment, health

Kelly Miller  
Special to The Frontline

**Editor's Note:** This story is continued from the Nov. 27 issue of The Frontline.

As you can imagine this caused a lot of problems in my life, both with friends and in my marriage. I lost a very good friend because she happened to call and need support from me during one of my angrier times and I was unable to be supportive and help her. My husband paid for my problem on an almost daily basis because I couldn't seem to rationalize anything. If he went to work, to the field, stayed home on leave, it didn't matter. Nothing was ever done right or good enough. I could never seem to express what I really wanted to say. "There is something wrong with me, please help me." And of course he couldn't read my mind so he had to pay for that. All of this took a very large toll on my life.

Finally, I took control of my life even when I didn't want to. I forced myself to tell the doctor everything, something I had never done before. I told her how I felt,

when it happened, how often, the whole deal. I surprised even myself. She started me on the mood stabilizers, and it was the difference between night and day. I could be rational again. I found out my husband actually did things right most of the time. He could come home from work and know that there was a sane person waiting for him. Not some crazy person that would fly off the handle at anything. It did take some time to find the right medicine. I started to do a lot of research into Bipolar Disorder. I found out the medicines used to treat it, their side effects and their benefits. Everything I could find I used to get help for myself. If a medicine had a side effect I didn't like, I asked about another. I've been on this one for almost eight months now. It really works for me. But I had to be aggressive in my care. I had to take the opportunity to verbalize what was wrong with me and how I wanted it fixed. I'm going through psychotherapy to reverse the behavior that I've learned over the last 30 years. I have to learn new coping skills,

anger management, and how to effectively communicate my wants and needs.

Not every day is a good day. But I am having more good ones than bad. I'm able to tell my husband what it is that I need. I've found out that he is willing to be my partner in fighting this, but ultimately it is my responsibility to fight this. I am the one responsible for taking my medication and going to all of my appointments. But he is there to support me as much as he can be and I'm learning not to be angry with him for not being able to physically be here. There are other forms of support. There are groups and people out there with the same problems I have; I am not alone. But most of all I've realized that I can be a good mother and a good wife and a good friend and still have Bipolar. It doesn't make me a freak. It doesn't define who I am. It's just a part of me, like my hair color or eye color. I can't make it go away but I can learn about it and fight to make sure that it's controlled by me and not controlling me. I have that power. I can control the symptoms with medication. I can help educate others about having a brain disorder and that it doesn't make you someone who needs to be locked away. You can live

a "normal" life, raise your children, have friends and have a good marriage with it. It's just a part of what I am. Not who I am as a person. It is possible to do this. I'm not saying that it's been easy on anyone, least of all my family. But I have found out that the more I speak to people about it, the more accepting they are. They look at me and see me for who I am, not the brain disorder inside my head. The more people that know about Bipolar, the more accepting that they will be. I'm not a freak or a crazy person. I'm a wife and mother and friend. That's it. I'm advocating to everyone that I can, so that people will learn to accept this the way that they have cancer. It's not fully where it should be, but if people do not start telling what they need to have to help others, nothing can be done. I'm finally happy and content with my life, it's not perfect but what is?

For caregivers of adults suffering from a brain disorder, I highly recommend the Family to Family classes offered by Army Community Service.

They will give you information and hopefully some kind of understanding of the different brain disorders. For more information, call Laura Arisohn at 767-3032.

"(It's important) because you're not in your normal environment. Once you get outside the norm, awareness and security will go up."

Staff Sgt. George Stephenson  
B Co., 2/7 Inf.



"Force protection is important on deployment or back here in the U.S. ... It ensures the right people are in and the wrong people are out and keeps everyone safe."

Sgt. Brandi Crawley  
USA MEDDAC

"Force protection is important (back in the U.S. during deployments) because it keeps the civilians and spouses secure. There's still a high threat here."

Spc. Jared Rice  
293rd MP Co.



## Courses help soldiers, families cope under stress

Nancy Gould  
DCAS

In January, the Directorate of Community Activities' Army Community Service offers two courses free to soldiers and their families. They are sponsored by the Georgia Chapter of the National Alliance for Mentally Ill and taught by Lori Arisohn, a certified Army Community Service special needs family project educator.

Family-to-Family is a comprehensive 12-week course designed specifically for families of adults and teens with major depressions, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, panic disorder or obses-

To register for a course, contact the Special Needs Family Project Educator at 767-3032.

sive-compulsive disorder. The class offers information, self-care, coping skills and emotional support. They begin 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Jan. 2, 2003, and continue each Thursday of the 12-week period. Evening classes are 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., Thursdays.

Visions for Tomorrow is a comprehensive eight-week course designed for families of children with ADD/ADHD, PDD/Autism, Tourette's disorder,

Conduct Disorder, Bipolar Disorder, Depression, Eating Disorders, Anxiety Disorders, and Early Onset Schizophrenia/Schizoaffective.

This class will offer information, problem management, empathy, sharing, coping and self-care advocacy, judicial and stigma. It begins Jan. 7, 2003, and continues every 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, throughout the eight-week period.

Due to space limitations and confidentiality issues, pre-registration is required for both courses. Contact Laura Arisohn, Special Needs Family Project Educator, at 767-3032 for more information.

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# Diverse training prepares 2nd BCT for future battles

Steven Cooke

19th PAD

As part of ongoing Operation Desert Spring, a Joint Task Force Operation, several elements of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team recently conducted a series of training exercises at the Udari Range.

Col. David Perkins, commander, 2nd BCT, said there were three objectives of Operation Desert Spring and such training exercises.

One, it allows the U.S. Army to serve as a forward presence to deter aggression from Iraq.

Two, it strengthens the military relationships between the U.S. and Kuwait through military-to-military training.

And third, it's just a great training opportunity for the U.S. Army in general.

Perkins said that the one of the big advantages to training in Kuwait as opposed to back in the states is the wide span of desert.

The large space allows soldiers to maneuver large forces over large areas. It also allows the BCT to stretch its communication capabilities and combat support elements.

As an example, Perkins offered an example of a training exercise involving carrying a casualty over a long distance.

The series of training exercises occurred over two days and were in preparation for when the entire BCT is scheduled to train later in the year.

Some of the scheduled exercises included a javelin course, small arms range, river crossing and defending lanes, Apache hellfire missile firing and a maneuver range.

Fourteen combat vehicles from D Company, 10th Engineer Battalion along with 1st Battalion, 64th Armor traveled down a constructed lane in the desert with several obstacles along the way while under aggression by eight other combat vehicles acting as the enemy.

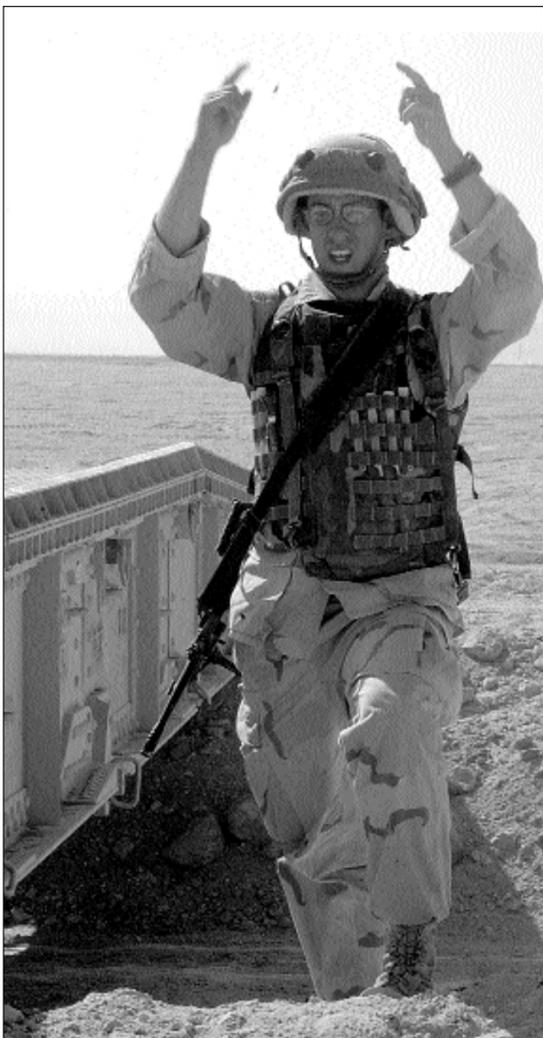
The first obstacle was a riverbed crossing. To do this, the elements secured the riverbed then sent in an Armored Vehicle Launch Bridge to lay a bridge over the river bed.

It takes a matter of minutes for the bridge to be set in place. Soldiers drop orange cones to outline the path. The combat vehicles, including three M1A1 Abram Tanks and a mine-clearing line charge (MILIC) attached to an armored vehicle, then make their way across.

The next phase in the exercise moving through impassable terrain such as wire obstacles and land mines.

The MILIC is used to set off the mines and clears a path for the vehicles to come through.

All of this is done within minutes in an organized manner one step after the other. As soon as the cones are set the vehicles signaled through and they rush through on the next obstacle.



Steven Cooke

**A 3rd Inf. Div. soldier makes sure his vehicle makes it over the launch bridge without having any problems. The 2nd BCT soldiers recently conducted lane training in preparation for a brigade-size training exercise.**

Their next obstacle was a tactical mine field about 100 meters in depth, explained Capt. John Burgess, battalion operations officer, 10th Engineer Battalion. Again, the MILIC is used to set off the land mines and clear a path. Once the path is clear purple smoke is set off to signal the lane is clear.

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# Team ensures CG's security

## Firepower opens battlefield up for command staff

Spc. Jacob Boyer

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CAMP NEW YORK, Kuwait — When Maj. Gen. Buford C. Blount III, commanding general, 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) needs to move around the battlefield, security must be ensured and his command post should be prepared to react to any attack. The Assault Command Post, a part of G-3, allows the general to move about unfettered in tie of war.

The Assault Command Post is currently deployed along with the division's Headquarters and Headquarters Company in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, said Capt. David Anderson, assault team leader.

"We've got one big task," he said. "It's to allow the CG to go wherever he wants on the battlefield and ensure security is maintained wherever that may be."

The 29 soldiers of the Assault Command Post use M1-A1 Abrams tanks, Bradley fighting vehicles, military police Humvees and command and control vehicles to accomplish their mission, Anderson said. All of the vehicles were brought from Fort Stewart for the deployment.

1st Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment looked after the tanks and 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment kept the Bradleys until the assault team got here, Anderson said.

Since its arrival, the team has been performing maintenance on its vehicles to ensure they are ready to go should the need arise, Anderson said.

"So far a typical day in camp consists of maintenance, maintenance and more maintenance," he said. "We've also gone over some basic combat drills."

"Right now we're either getting the Bradleys up to par or training on how to work in the field," said Spc. Mike Haviland, a Bradley driver with the team. "There's a lot of maintenance to get done."

Even though the team consists of infantryman and tankers, its primary mission is not to attack, Anderson said. They are responsible for ensuring Blount's safety as he performs his duties of command and control of the division.

"When we go out to train, we do a lot of action and react to contact drills," he said. "We aren't out here to attack. If we run into enemy remnants, we make sure the mission can continue."

The deployment has been different from what some of the soldiers thought it would be so far.

"It's a much more relaxed environment than I thought it would be," Haviland said. "I was expecting something more like (the National Training Center)."

Things have gone well on this deployment, though, Anderson said.

"We've got a lot of young, hard-charging soldiers who are eager to learn," he said. "They understand the huge responsibility of their jobs, and they're beginning to realize how the Army functions outside of the home station field environment."

# Tankers remember victims of Sept. 11

**Sgt. Kevin Doheny**

Editor, Desert Voice

Kuwait — Since the devastating attacks on our nation Sept. 11, 2001, many people have paid tribute to those who lost their lives, whatever their role in the tragedy was.

Whether it has been through prayers, visuals, songs or other ways, many people have tried to remember those who were victims of the event which reshaped how Americans live.

For a group of tankers from 2nd Platoon, A Company, 1st Battalion, 64th Armor, there wasn't a more powerful way to pay tribute to the victims of the four aircraft, which crashed into the two World Trade Center buildings, the Pentagon and in Pennsylvania.

"We designed a theme for our tanks so that we could pay tribute to those on the Sept. 11 flights," said Sgt. 1st Class Eric Olsen, platoon sergeant. "We really did it in hopes, that if we do go north into Iraq, we could possibly be the first platoon to cross the border. It's not necessarily to make for revenge, but rather more in remembrance and to pay tribute for those of Sept. 11."

The four flights, American Airlines Flight

11, scheduled from Boston to Los Angeles, crashed into the North Tower of the World Trade Center. United Airlines Flight 175, from Boston to Los Angeles, hit the South Tower of the World Trade Center, American Airlines Flight 77, from Washington (Dulles) to Los Angeles, slammed into the Pentagon, and United Airlines Flight 93, from Newark, New Jersey to San Francisco, went down in Pennsylvania.

"I think the platoon is really motivated by the idea of having these flight numbers on their tanks," Olsen said. "Now that these guys are over here, there might just be more of a sense of purpose with the threat of war."

"We sat down one day and talked about why we were here and what motivates us," said 1st Lt. Ryan Kuo, platoon tank commander. "We have four tanks, so it fit just right to have the four flights on our gun tubes."

The crew spoke of how they normally have names on their main gun tubes, which start with the letter "A", for Company A, but after discussion with their commanding officer, they felt there could be an exception to the rule.

"Theoretically we normally use names which start with 'A' because of being in

Company A," said Olsen. "We originally came up the idea of the American Airlines flights, but we had to work a little bit to get the United Airlines on there because it doesn't start with an 'A'. It went through the company commander and then ultimately through battalion commander and he finally authorized it."

"The command felt that even with using the United Airlines flights on the gun tubes, that we were being patriotic enough and it serves its purpose with motivating us."

The platoon hasn't had a chance to contact any of the victim's families to let them know

of them paying tribute to their lost loved ones. They explained with all the training they have been doing, their time has been limited.

"We plan on contacting the families once we get some time off from training," said Kuo. "Our training has kept us very busy."

In preparation for a possible conflict, the tank platoon trains and goes on with business as usual.

With every shell fired from their gun tubes, the tank platoon could bring their tribute onto the battlefield where the flights of that tragic day began this current fight against terrorism and all who support it.



Sgt. Kevin Doheny

(Above) Tankers from 2nd platoon, A Co., 1/64 Armor, stenciled the flight numbers of the Sept. 11 attacks on the main-gun tubes of their M1A1 Abrams tanks.

(Left) Sgt. 1st Class Eric Olsen, platoon sergeant, directs his tank through the Kuwaiti desert.



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# DFACs go extra mile for soldiers deployed to Kuwait

Spc. Jacob Boyer

Staff Writer

CAMP NEW YORK, Kuwait — Any soldier deployed to Kuwait knows there is a lot of work to do. Days off, if they ever materialize, are a rarity, and everyone has many tasks to accomplish before each day is through. But for some soldiers, the day begins before the rest even think of waking up, and ends long after chow and showers are out of the way.

The food service specialists running the dining facilities in the camps fall under that category.

Soldiers working the early shifts start working at 4 a.m. to prepare breakfast, and those working the late shift usually do not finish until 8 p.m., said Staff Sgt. Lida Powell, a senior food service operations sergeant with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 10th Engineer Battalion.

“A lot of times soldiers see us in our tents during their duty day, and they don’t realize we’re working just as much as they are,” she said. “Then they have to do KP and realize we actually do a lot of work.”

The cooks start their day by preparing the breakfast meal, Powell said. At the Skybridge Dining Facility where she works, 500 to 600 soldiers come through for each meal.

“There’s are some long lines at points, but at others it can get quiet,” she said.

After breakfast, the staff cleans the dining tent, orders rations and ensures that the entire site is cleaned, Powell said. Then the process is repeated for dinner, with the meal coming from the Country Kitchen, where meals for all of the camps are prepared.

Even when the head counts are lower, the job does not get any easier, said Spc. Travis Miller, a food service specialist with HHC, 3rd Infantry

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Sgt. Lida Powell  
Senior food service  
operations sergeant

Division (Mech.). Le Marne Cafe, which serves between 200 and 250 soldiers each meal, can be just as hectic.

“We’re a little short-staffed, so everybody has to work more than usual,” he said. “We get about five KPs a day, and we need them.”

Many details go into the work at the dining facilities that the average soldier probably does not realize, Miller said.

“The ration detail is one many don’t think about,” he said. “We’ve got to make sure there is enough food here according to our head counts. If we run out, the soldiers aren’t going to be too happy.”

In addition to preparing meals, the staff is responsible for other soldier standards, Powell said. They conduct physical training, sergeant’s time and command maintenance regularly.

Even with all of the work required of them, the dining facility staff knows it is here to provide services for the other soldiers.

“Customer service is the key part of food service,” said Miller. “Nobody wants to wake up and see a frowning cook. We take pride in our job to ensure all the soldiers get their chow. We’ll do whatever we can do.”

# Aid station keeps mission going

Spc. Jacob Boyer

Staff Writer

CAMP NEW YORK, Kuwait — Any number of ailments can befall a soldier whether he is deployed or not. Colds can happen anywhere, and the different tasks required of soldiers can lead to any number of injuries. But anywhere you can find soldiers, you can also find an aid station to help those who are having a little trouble.

Although the aid station at Camp New

York is not set up to handle major maladies, it can handle any number of minor problems, said Spc. Xavier Dailey, a health care specialist with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 10th Engineer Battalion.

Sick call is held from 5:15 to 5:45 a.m. and 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. every day at the station, which is located on the 3rd Battalion 15th Infantry Regiment’s pad.

The aid station can give medicine to soldiers with minor illnesses and injuries, but anything major gets sent to Camp Virginia, Dailey said. When the maneuver units are not in the field, about 10 people come in with a complaint each day.

“They’re set up with dentists, X-Rays, physician’s and a lot more lab assets,” said Spc. Erentira Cruz, a health care specialist with C Co., 26th Forward Support Battalion. “People with pneumonia and other major illnesses are all sent there.”

But soldiers can still find relief within their own camp. The New York aid station has sinus medicine, cold packs and inhalers for different respiratory problems, in addition to other medications, Dailey said.

The number of injuries varies from camp to camp, Cruz said, but most of them are typical running injuries.

“The first few weeks we were here, we had a couple of soldiers who fell out of the guard towers,” Dailey said. “They’d get tired pulling 12-hour shifts and fall. Those are probably the most notable injuries I’ve heard about.”

Even though the desert days can get hotter than those at Fort Stewart, there have not been many heat injuries, Dailey said.

“It’s kind of a surprise when we have someone come in (with a heat injury),” he said.

“But we’ll give them an I.V. and send them on their way when they’re ready.”

The aid station is also responsible for administering vaccines to the soldiers here, Dailey said. Soldiers most commonly come in to get the Anthrax and Influenza vaccines.

“Everybody who just got here should be on his third shot,” he said. “We’ve covered the brigade and all of its attached units.”

The first three shots in the Anthrax series should be taken two weeks apart, Cruz said. Soldiers who need a new shot can stop by any time during the day, when the station is open for emergencies and vaccines.

In addition to their military specialty, medics learn a lot of other things while they are deployed.

“When you’re a medic in a line unit, you usually do the same things the rest of the unit does,” Dailey said. “You’re always training with them, so you learn their jobs. We live and work with the soldiers we treat.”

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Spc. Xavier Dailey  
Healthcare specialist

# Personnel, war, readiness priorities of Authorization Act

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WASHINGTON — The National Defense Authorization Act for 2003 funds the military portion of the global war on terror and the continuing transformation of the U.S. military to face the threats of the 21st century.

President Bush signed the bill into law Monday during a ceremony at the Pentagon. The act actually allows DoD to spend money released under the 2003 National Defense Appropriations Act, which Bush signed Oct. 23.

Under the two bills, servicemembers will receive at least a 4.1 percent pay raise beginning Jan. 1, 2003. Many mid-level NCOs and officers will receive a pay jump of between 5.5 percent to 6.5 percent.

The bills call for an increase in the basic allowance for housing to cut out-of-pocket expenses to 7.5 percent. The bill puts elimination of this financial inequity to service members on course for fiscal 2005.

The act also deals with the hot button issue of concurrent receipt. Currently, military retirees who receive Department of Veterans Affairs disability payments have their retired pay reduced dollar-for-dollar by the VA payment.

The act authorizes an enhanced special compensation for military retirees who "incurred a qualifying combat-related disability." The retiree must have received the Purple Heart for the injury or have a service-connected disability of 60 percent or higher incurred as a direct result of combat or training for combat.

Other personnel portions of the act include a National Service Plan. The new program encourages volunteers to enlist in the military and serve 15 months on active duty, followed by either an additional active-duty period or 24 months in the Selected Reserve. If time remains on service commitments, it may be spent on active duty, in the reserves or serving in organizations such as the Peace Corps or Americorps.

Those who qualify may receive one of the following incentives: \$5,000 payable after completing the initial 15 months of active duty; repayment of student loans up to \$18,000; an education allowance at the Montgomery GI Bill monthly rate for one year; or an educational allowance of one-half the Montgomery GI Bill rate for three years.

The act continues special pays and bonuses for active duty and reserve personnel and expands special pays given to high-demand military specialties. It also increases the bonus awarded to prior-service personnel.

The act makes medical improvements a high priority. The legislation calls on the Defense Department and the Department of Veterans Affairs to share assets, especially in regards to pharmacy benefits.

Congress continues to improve the TRICARE program. The legislation expands TRICARE Prime Remote to cover dependents who remain in remote locations when they cannot accompany sponsors. An example of this is a dependent who stays in a remote location while a spouse is assigned to Korea on an unaccompanied tour.

Congress also expressed concern over the stability of the TRICARE provider networks. Many providers complain that claim processing takes too long. Under the legislation, the requirements for TRICARE and Medicare will be the same.

The budget supports an active-duty end strength of



White House photo

President George W. Bush signs the Bob Stump National Defense Authorization Act at the Pentagon Monday.

1,389,700 with the Army set at 480,000, the Navy at 375,700, the Marines up slightly to 175,000 and the Air Force pegged at 359,000. The overall strength of the reserve components is unchanged from fiscal 2002 at 864,558.

The legislation expands the size of the service academies from 4,000 to 4,400 students beginning in the 2003-2004 school years.

In the authorization act, the legislators say they "believe that active-duty end strength needs to be increased in the long term."

The act authorizes \$7.3 billion for counterterrorism programs throughout the services. Much of this is channeled into biological warfare defense and chemical and biological detection, protection and decontamination.

The programs also cover the Nunn-Lugar Cooperative Threat Reduction program. The Senate and House approved \$417 million for this counterproliferation activity.

The act directs DoD to set up National Guard civil support teams in all states and territories. The teams provide medical and technical advice in the event of a terrorist attack involving weapons of mass destruction.

In readiness accounts the act fully funds President Bush's request of \$78.4 billion. This covers such items as steaming days, flying hours, tank miles and depot maintenance.

Modernizing the force is a large part of the budget. In aircraft the bill authorizes 23 F-22 Raptors this year and 27 in fiscal 2004. The act also funds \$3.4 billion for Air Force-Navy research on the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter program.

The act allots \$3.7 billion for 12 C-17 Globemaster III air transports. The act also provides funds to upgrade F-15 and

F-16 fighter aircraft.

The Army's Comanche helicopter program will receive \$910 million for engineering and manufacturing development.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld cancelled the Army's Crusader artillery system. The act authorizes DoD to shift funding from that program to other indirect fire programs. A total of \$673 million will be split among six promising technologies.

The act authorizes two new Arleigh Burke-class destroyers and close to \$1 billion for research and advance procurement for Navy aircraft carriers.

The authorization act can be a grab bag of initiatives. Included in this year's budget are calls for DoD's senior-level Joint Requirement Oversight Council to study missile defense programs and report on their progress before the programs may be fielded.

Also included is authorization to create the new positions of undersecretary of defense for intelligence and assistant secretary of defense for homeland security.

It also exempts the military from portions of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. Provisions allow service members to train more realistically at their stations while expanding buffer zones around training areas.

Finally, the 2003 budget buys the Army's last Abrams tanks and Bradley fighting vehicles. The request funds \$376.3 million for 103 tanks and \$397 million for 138 Bradleys. In a sign of things to come, the budget authorizes \$788 million for the Stryker Armored Vehicle and \$759 million for research on the Army's Future Combat System.

# Tragedy strikes Cottonbalers ...

## Friends gather to remember 2nd victim of Nov. 24 incident

A memorial service was held at Victory Chapel Dec. 4 for a Fort Stewart soldier who died Nov. 24.

Pfc. Thomas M. Delauder, age 20, a squad automatic weapon machine gunner in A Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry, died as a result of a shooting incident that occurred the morning of Nov. 24.

"He was a good soldier who deserves to be remembered fondly. ... His boots will be hard to fill and I will personally miss him greatly," said Delauder's platoon leader, 1st Lt. James Horn, A Co., 2nd Bn., 7th Inf.

Delauder, a native of Bakersfield, Calif., entered the Army March 30, 2001, as an infantryman. He completed Basic and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Fort Stewart was Delauder's first duty station. He served as a rifleman and later as a squad automatic weapon machine gunner at the National Training Center in Fort Irwin, Calif.

He earned personal recognition from the NTC Observer and

Controller Group for his efforts in establishing a company support-by-fire position.

The 2nd Bn., 7th Inf., battalion commander and command sergeant major recognized him as well for his personal efforts during the fall 2002 dismantled live-fire training and Bradley gunnery.

Delauder is survived by his parents, Rosie and Edward Delauder, and his sister Alice.

Delauder's roommate, Pfc. Eric Sturgeon, A Co., 2nd Bn., 7th Inf., said, "I'll always remember Tom for being an outstanding soldier and an even better friend."

*Editor's note: Delauder's funeral was 2/7th's second in as many weeks; they held one for Pfc. Patrick G. Gagnon Nov. 27. Delauder and Gagnon's deaths were the result of the same shooting incident, which is currently under investigation.*



Sgt. Craig Zentkovich

(Above) The weapon, kevlar, boots and dog tags of Pvt. Patrick G. Gagnon are displayed before the altar during his memorial service at Victory Chapel Nov. 27. Gagnon, who died Nov. 26, was a rifleman for A Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry. (right) Following roll call, Gagnon receives a 21-gun salute outside the chapel.

**Spc. Mason T. Lowery**  
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# Turkey is among 'most reliable' of U.S. allies, official says

Gerry J. Gilmore

American Forces Press Service

CHARLESTON, S.C., — A senior U.S. administration official traveling with Deputy Defense Secretary Paul D. Wolfowitz praised Turkey as one of the "most reliable allies" of the United States.

Wolfowitz's trip to London, Brussels, Belgium, and Turkey was delayed because a faulty part developed in his C-17 plane's backup communications system. The group flew here Dec. 1 from Andrews Air Force Base, Md., to replace the part, as required by regulation to fly overseas, an Air Force official noted.

The deputy secretary's group departed Charleston about five hours later for London, where he is slated to

meet with senior British leaders. He then travels to Ankara, Turkey, for discussions with top Turkish officials.

In Charleston, the U.S. official noted to reporters traveling with Wolfowitz that Iraq would be high on discussion lists in Great Britain, Turkey and at NATO.

The official said Turkey recently elected a new government whose majority party, although comprised of an Islamic base, has declared for the continuation of a democratic and secular state. Turkey continues to provide Operation Northern Watch air bases from which U.S. and coalition planes over fly northern Iraq, the official noted.

Turkey has been a staunch U.S. ally since the Korean War, the official said. Today, its assistance continues to be valuable, the official continued, whether as another strong ally to confront

Saddam Hussein to convince him to give up his weapons of mass destruction peaceably or as a potential partner in a possible war with Iraq should Hussein refuse.

As U.N. inspectors traverse Iraq looking for prohibited weapons, the official remarked that the first real test of Saddam's sincerity comes Dec. 8, when he has to declare his entire WMD inventory.

Following Turkey, Wolfowitz will jet to NATO Headquarters in Brussels to meet with alliance leaders.

The trip is the first of a series over the next few weeks in which senior U.S. leaders will travel to several regions, the official said. The trips are intended to enhance support for Iraqi disarmament and to sound out allies for assistance in the event Hussein reneges.

# Turkey moves closer to West with recent human rights, social reforms

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American Forces Press Service

LONDON — Turkey's recent social reforms are moving it closer to the European fold and bolstering its economic and political standing in the world, a senior U.S. administration official said Monday.

The official, speaking to reporters traveling with U.S. Deputy Defense Secretary Paul D. Wolfowitz, cataloged Turkish constitutional reforms made over the last several months. He counted off the cessation of military rule in the southeastern provinces, more free speech, rights of assembly, and conferring linguistic and educational rights to its Kurdish population.

The official noted the U.S. and British governments are promoting Turkish entry into the European Union, a 15-nation bloc that wields significant economic and political clout on the continent. Turkey, which has sought EU admission for years to no avail, is struggling with a sluggish economy and rampant inflation.

The European Union is composed of Austria, Finland, Ireland, Sweden, and 11 NATO members — Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal, Spain and United Kingdom. Eight current NATO allies, including Turkey, are not in the EU: Canada, Czech Republic, Hungary, Iceland, Norway, Poland and the United States.

In recent years Turkey has demonstrated a desire to work on human rights, to work on their relationship with Greece, the U.S. official said. Such efforts helped Turkey to gain entry into the European Customs Union a few years back, he said.

Turkey and Greece, he explained, have wrangled for years over the status of Cyprus.

(Turkey responded to an alleged Greek-sponsored coup in the mid-1970s by invading and occupying the island nation, ostensibly to protect the ethnic Turkish Cypriot minority.)

"We believe that if we could ... create more human rights changes in Turkey, advance Turkish democracy, move on a Cyprus settlement and continue the more positive relations between Greece and Turkey, then there is a chance" the Turks would be provided an opportunity to join the European Union, the U.S. official said.

In meetings Dec. 12 in Copenhagen, Denmark, he noted, the European Union will discuss expansion. The Turks, he pointed out, could obtain a date from that meeting to begin negotiations to join.

"There is a big opportunity brewing between now and the twelfth of December" for Turkey, the official remarked. However, he noted, Turkey's fortunes will likely depend upon Cyprus' entry into the EU, a Turkish-Greek agreement to settle the Cyprus political question, and that Turkey gets a date to discuss joining the EU.

Earlier in the day, Wolfowitz emphasized to members of the International Institute for Strategic Studies, a British "think tank" in London, that Turkey's commitment to democracy has helped to bridge differences between Muslim and Western societies.

"Europe now has a strategic opportunity. By helping Turkey realize its aspirations to join the EU, Europe would contribute to the progress of a country that has the potential to be a model for the Muslim world," he pointed out.

Turkish societal and economic success "can demonstrate to the world's 1.2 billion Muslims that there is a far better path than the path of destruction and despair offered by the terrorists," Wolfowitz added, which would also "demonstrate that the benefits of free and prosperous and open soci-

# DPS to initiate CityWatch messaging system test

DPS press release

The Directorate of Public Safety Director, Lt. Col. John Huey, will activate the CityWatch Community Messaging System from AVTEX, Inc. Dec. 16 at 10:30 a.m. CityWatch will help DPS better inform residents of Fort Stewart and Hinesville about what is happening in their Community via telephone.

DPS, Emergency Services, 911 Division will use the system for immediate notification of emergencies.

Product Technician Jeff Gilbert of AVTEX, Inc. is working with the 911 Staff, Directorate of Information Management, and Coastal Communications to ensure operational readiness.

"We have no doubt the CityWatch System will help us in solving crime, locate lost children, evacuate areas, and communicate information to block coordinators" said 911 Chief Peggy Steele.

This system allows 911 Dispatchers to target a geographic area, block by block. CityWatch gives 911 the ability to quickly notify citizens and staff in emergency situations.

# Installation responds to sewage overflow

Public Notice

A sewage collection system manhole, located on Victory Division Drive on Fort Stewart, had a backup due to a grease buildup, thus causing the lines to overflow onto the surrounding vegetation and then into the adjacent dry drainage ditch.

Installation personnel immediately responded, containing the sewage from further release to an adjacent tributary of Taylor's Creek (downstream of the Hinesville Wastewater Treatment plant's final discharge point.)

Once contained at approximately 11:45 a.m., a vacuum truck was utilized to remove all of the wastewater from the first drainage ditch. The vacuum truck attempted, but was unable to retrieve any wastewater from the flowing ditch due to the steep slopes of the ditch's banks.

It was determined that an estimated 300 gallons of sewage was discharged to an adjacent flowing drainage ditch.

In accordance with Georgia's Water Quality Control Regulation and the Fort Stewart Sewage Spill Contingency Plan, notification by public notice is hereby made.

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## 2nd BCT

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Despite the current political situation brewing between the U.S. and Iraq, training has not changed, Perkins said.

“There is no difference between now and any of the other previous rotations that have come through here. Our exercises are the same. We conduct armored mechanized training here — in fact, we’re doing a lot of the same exercises on the same terrain that units before us did. The difference would be in the mindset of the soldiers here,” he explained. “Obviously they are well aware that the world situation is different now than it was four years ago. Therefore, that provides an additional focus to the operation. People are putting a little extra effort into understanding what their job is and how to execute it.”

The unit’s training focus centers on the mission essential task list for an armored brigade — all of the various tasks the unit would be required to execute if involved in combat, according to Perkins.

“So when we come here, our plan is to train on those tasks regardless of the world situation — it’s just as the world situation changes, there’s a greater chance we would have to use that training,” he explained.

The training program includes six jam-packed months of gunnery live-fire, maneuver training and other mechanized infantry related tasks, Perkins said.

Using MILES gear, the unit is able to keep track of every “kill” during the simulated exercise.

Soldiers designated as observer controllers monitor the training to ensure soldiers are completing all tasks to standard.

“The observer controllers are white cells — they’re not good or bad guys. They move around within the exercise and take notes of what’s going on all the time. After each iteration we have an after action review, and in the AAR, we generally focus on things we need to sustain and things we need to improve,” Perkins said.

Like many of his fellow soldiers the deployment is Pfc. Chris Rushing’s first. A combat engineer with D Company, 10th Engineer Battalion, Rushing said the training allowed him the opportunity to sharpen his skills.

“When we first got here it was kind of a weird experience and I didn’t know what to think, but we got adjusted and acclimatized to the weather and it got better. Now we’re just training hard and trying to stay motivated and just waiting to get home and see our families,” Rushing said. “I think this deployment and this training is better preparing me so if in fact the call does come down for us to go (to war) then I would be 100 percent ready to go. I feel the more we practice and train, the better we get.”

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## Award

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The company had to put together a presentation that included things like weapons qualification scores, training events physical fitness scores, external evaluations, community and volunteer events and reenlistment statistics.

## AKO

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be suspended.

Following recommendations from a number of senior Army leaders earlier this year, PERSCOM and AKO staffs proposed posting the relevant PERSTEMPO information on AKO in a format similar to that recently implemented for individual soldier dental readiness information, McCaslin said. This information will be available to soldiers in the Personnel community of the AKO web site, under the “My Personnel” channel.

“Using AKO in this way leverages technology to the Army’s advantage,” McCaslin said. “Unlike the once-per-month LES remark, deployment data posted to AKO is updated throughout the month. This allows soldiers easy access to their individual PERSTEMPO counters anytime/anywhere. In addition, soldiers can keep up to date with the PERSTEMPO program through a Frequently Asked Questions link in AKO.

“We’re really excited about working with PERSCOM (specialists) because they understand how we can get something to soldiers today at little or almost no cost,” said Maj. C.J. Wallington, an AKO team leader with NETCOM’s Chief Technology Office, Fort Belvoir, Va. “This is one more example of how we can help soldiers take care of themselves simply by making information available to them.”

“This gives soldiers one less thing to be concerned about, so they can concentrate on the mission,” said Sgt. Maj. Freddie L. Davis, Jr., CIO/G-6 visual information sergeant major. “It is easy to tell soldiers you care. But they are more comforted when they see evidence, such as this, that supports what they are doing. Seeing this information via AKO reassures soldiers that what they are doing counts and it is important.”

AKO officials are constantly exploring new ways to serve soldiers, Wallington said. These include using AKO User ID and password from the Army Portal ([www.us.army.mil](http://www.us.army.mil)) to let soldiers view their leave-and-earnings statements online and to conduct TRICARE business as well.

Wallington added that the medical community is “right on their heels” with some initiatives like online appointment scheduling. “These things help our troops in the field focus on soldier tasks rather than on someone to help them do administrative tasks,” Wallington said.

The preparation of this package begins almost as soon as the previous year’s winners are announced, Brock said.

Poole, who took over the company Oct. 25, said much of the credit should go to his predecessor, Capt. Edwin Escobar, and 1st Lt. Stephen Kane, who did most of the legwork for the competition.

Brock agreed, adding that Escobar and former 1st Sgt. Norman Hampton set the standard in the unit.

Though the 549th is proud to be chosen for the Eagle Award, the competition is far from over. Soldiers still have to compete for the J.P. Holland award.

“Win or lose, we will continue to train hard and be prepared for future missions,” Poole said.

## Training

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Throughout the entire exercise, the soldiers and vehicles were under enemy fire. Perkins explained that MILES gear is attached to the soldiers, the vehicles and their weapons. MILES gear is a laser system that fires a signal in place of real ammunition. When a soldier or a vehicle is hit with the signal, an alarm goes off and the soldier or vehicle in considered dead.

Observer/controllers watched over the exercise. They watched the exercise and took notes to be used later in the after action review.

The observer/controllers also acted as referees, looking for incorrect performance. If the controllers feel an error was made, they too have MILES gear and can put a soldier or vehicle out of the exercise.

The final obstacle in the exercise was to breach a constantine wire obstacle and the enemy on the other side.

To breach the wire the soldiers use a Bangalor Torpedo. The Bangalor Torpedo is a tubular device has been used since World War II.

Once the wire obstacle is blown away, green smoke is used to obscure enemy’s the sight. The soldiers then move in and strategically set themselves up to take over the enemy.

The soldiers rushed a berm of dirt hiding the enemy and took the objective. The mission was a success.

After the exercise, observer/controllers conduct an AAR. In the review they go over what went well, what wrong and what could be done to correct mistakes.

“This was a tactical exercise. The focus is on did you do everything tactically correct,” said Gregory McIntosh, observation controller, Military Professional Resources Incorporated.

Soldiers said the training went well. “It went great,” said Spc. Saad Muhammad, combat engineer, 10th Engineer Battalion. “It’s more realistic training than back in the states because we get to use all the elements.”

“The training is very useful,” said Spc. Mathew Martinez, C Company, 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry, attached to 64th Armor. “For instance, I usually have a squad leader. I’ve never really been a team leader. I’m getting to feel trying to run my team without our squad leader.”

# POLICE REPORTS

• **Subject:** Private, 22-year-old male, Division Support Command  
 • **Charges:** Wrongful use of marijuana  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 23-year-old male, 24th Corps Support Group  
 • **Charges:** Wrongful use of marijuana  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private, 21-year-old male, 24th Corps Support Group  
 • **Charges:** Wrongful use of marijuana  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 23-year-old male, Engineer Brigade  
 • **Charges:** Wrongful use of marijuana  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 19-year-old male, Aviation Brigade  
 • **Charges:** Wrongful use of marijuana, wrongful possession of marijuana  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Corporal, 27-year-old female, Headquarters Command  
 • **Charges:** Following too closely  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 37-year-old male, 24th Corps Support Group  
 • **Charges:** Driving on a suspended license, improper lane usage, failure to obey a lawful order or regulation  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 23-year-old male, Division Artillery  
 • **Charges:** Carrying a concealed knife, communicating a threat  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 23-year-old male, separate battalion  
 • **Charges:** Wrongful use of marijuana  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 22-year-old female, separate battalion  
 • **Charges:** Wrongful use of marijuana, wrongful possession of marijuana  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Civilian, 35-year-old male  
 • **Charges:** Driving on a suspended license  
 • **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

• **Subject:** Specialist, 26-year-old male, 1st Brigade  
 • **Charges:** Driving under the influence, speeding 80/45, open container  
 • **Location:** Midway

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 22-year-old male, Headquarters Command  
 • **Charges:** Larceny of private property  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 22-year-old male, 1st Brigade  
 • **Charges:** Larceny of private property, housebreaking, damage to private property, damage to government property

• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private 2, 21-year-old female, Headquarters Command  
 • **Charges:** Failure to appear  
 • **Location:** Hinesville

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

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 27-year-old male, Aviation Brigade  
 • **Charges:** Assault, communicating a threat, drunk and disorderly  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 22-year-old female, 24th Corps Support Group  
 • **Charges:** Improper backing  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Civilian, 34-year-old female  
 • **Charges:** Larceny of NAF property  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Civilian, 18-year-old female  
 • **Charges:** Larceny of NAF property  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private 2, 20-year-old male, 1st Brigade  
 • **Charges:** Driving under the influence, drinking underage  
 • **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Private 2, 20-year-old male, Aviation Brigade  
 • **Charges:** Disorderly conduct  
 • **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 21-year-old male, Aviation Brigade  
 • **Charges:** Disorderly conduct  
 • **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Staff Sergeant, 32-year-old male, 24th Corps Support Group  
 • **Charges:** Accidental damage to government property  
 • **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

• **Subject:** Specialist, 23-year-old male, 24th Corps Support Group  
 • **Charges:** Passing in a no passing zone, failure to exercise due care  
 • **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

• **Subject:** Sergeant, 23-year-old male, Headquarters Command  
 • **Charges:** Failure to exercise due care  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 27-year-old female, Headquarters Command  
 • **Charges:** Driving while license suspended, speeding 85/55  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private, 20-year-old male, Engineer Brigade  
 • **Charges:** Wrongful use of marijuana  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 21-year-old female, Engineer Brigade  
 • **Charges:** Failure to obey a lawful order or regulation, parking in a restricted area, fleeing the scene of a traffic accident, improper starting of a parked vehicle  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private, 21-year-old male, Engineer Brigade  
 • **Charges:** Fleeing the scene of a traffic accident  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private, 30-year-old male, 3rd Brigade  
 • **Charges:** Wrongful possession of cocaine  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private 2, 24-year-old male, 1st Brigade  
 • **Charges:** Resisting apprehension, obstruction of justice  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

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

• **Subject:** Private 2, 20-year-old male, Division Support Command  
 • **Charges:** Assault  
 • **Location:** Allenhurst

• **Subject:** Private 2, 20-year-old male, 24th Corps Support Group  
 • **Charges:** Improper backing  
 • **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

• **Subject:** Private 2, 21-year-old male, 24th Corps Support Group  
 • **Charges:** Wrongful appropriation of NAF property  
 • **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

• **Subject:** Private 2, 19-year-old female, 24th Corps Support Group  
 • **Charges:** Wrongful appropriation of private motor vehicle  
 • **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

• **Subject:** Private 2, 19-year-old male, 1st Brigade  
 • **Charges:** Driving under the influence, no proof of insurance, driving too fast for conditions, obstruction, driving wrong way on one way underage drinking  
 • **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Civilian, 29-year-old male  
 • **Charges:** Damage to private property  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 26-year-old male, Division Support Command  
 • **Charges:** Speeding 67/55, driving while license suspended  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 24-year-old male, separate battalion  
 • **Charges:** Driving while license suspended, speeding 67/55  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Sergeant, 31-year-old male, Headquarters Command  
 • **Charges:** Improper lane change  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 23-year-old male, Division Support Command  
 • **Charges:** Driving while license suspended, failure to show proof of insurance  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 22-year-old male, Engineer Brigade  
 • **Charges:** Driving while license suspended, failure to show proof of insurance  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Family member, 23-year-old female  
 • **Charges:** Driving under the influence  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private, 19-year-old male, Aviation Brigade  
 • **Charges:** Driving under the influence, consumption of alcohol by a minor, laying drag, driving while license suspended  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 22-year-old male, Aviation Brigade  
 • **Charges:** Wrongful use of cocaine  
 • **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

• **Subject:** Family member, 20 year-old female  
 • **Charges:** Improper parking  
 • **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

• **Subject:** Family member, 21-year-old male  
 • **Charges:** Trespassing on military property  
 • **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

• **Subject:** Sergeant, 27-year-old male, 24th Corps Support Group  
 • **Charges:** Uttering checks without sufficient funds  
 • **Location:** Norfolk, Va.

• **Subject:** Civilian, 21-year-old female  
 • **Charges:** Larceny of NAF property  
 • **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

• **Subject:** Family member, 20-year-old male  
 • **Charges:** Criminal trespass, failure to show proof of insurance, defective equipment  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Sergeant, 22-year-old male, Division Artillery  
 • **Charges:** Following too closely, no drivers license on person  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 25-year-old male, 24th Corps Support Group  
 • **Charges:** Failure to maintain lane, driving on post suspension  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private 2, 19-year-old male, separate battalion  
 • **Charges:** Speeding 72/55, driving while license suspended  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 22-year-old male, 1st Brigade  
 • **Charges:** Driving under the influence, weaving on roadway  
 • **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Private, 18-year-old male, 1st Brigade  
 • **Charges:** Failure to appear  
 • **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Specialist, 21-year-old male, Headquarters Command  
 • **Charges:** Failure to yield right of way, no proof of insurance  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 24-year-old female, Division Support Command  
 • **Charges:** Failure to appear  
 • **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Specialist, 25-year-old male, Aviation Brigade  
 • **Charges:** Driving on suspended license, failure to stop at posted stop sign  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

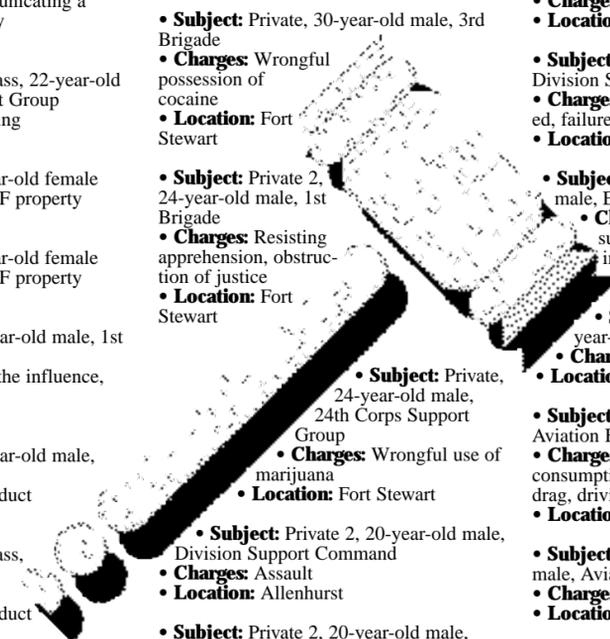
• **Subject:** Private First Class, 21-year-old male, 2nd Brigade  
 • **Charges:** Larceny of private property  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private 2, 31-year-old male, 1st Brigade  
 • **Charges:** Driving under the influence, drunk and disorderly  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private 2, 19-year-old male, separate battalion  
 • **Charges:** Driving while license suspended, speeding 72/55  
 • **Location:** Pembroke

• **Subject:** Specialist, 32-year-old male, Aviation Brigade  
 • **Charges:** Driving while license suspended, speeding 42/30, failure to obey a lawful order or regulation, driving on post suspension  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private, 19-year-old male, 1st Brigade  
 • **Charges:** Theft by shoplifting  
 • **Location:** Hinesville



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## Stewart

## Claim for or against estate

The 15th Air Support Operations Squadron has been saddened by the loss of Airman 1st Class Jack O'Brien. If anyone in the area has a claim either for or against the estate of Airman O'Brien, contact the Summary Courts Officer: Capt. Charles Glasscock at (912) 767-8091 during duty hours. He may also be reached by e-mail at [charles.glasscock@stewart.army.mil](mailto:charles.glasscock@stewart.army.mil).

## School Board meetings

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

## American Red Cross

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

## 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.

## Life Skills class

As part of the installation's Operational Stress Control Program, Division Mental Health is offering Life Skills training for soldiers, non-commissioned officers and junior officers. The objectives are to help people develop skills relating to dealing with difficult people, achieving goals, listening skills, differences between self-talk and reality, and passive, aggressive and assertive communication. For more information, call 767-2545.

## American Red Cross

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

For more information, call 767-2197/4750. After-hours emergency message service available at (877) 272-7337.

## Thrift Shop volunteers

The Fort Stewart Thrift Shop is in need of volunteers to help run the business. Volunteers help take care of customers and consignments. Without the necessary volunteers, the Thrift Shop will be unable to take as many consignments. For more information, visit or call the Thrift Shop at 876-2667. Ask for Irene or Wendy.

## Join Special Forces

The Special Forces recruiting office is seeking professional enlisted and officer volunteers to join the ranks of one of America's most premier fighting forces.

Available class dates for Special Forces assessment and selection are Jan. 12, Feb. 16 and March 23.

Both combat and non combat MOSs may apply. To learn more about Special Forces, attend the weekly briefing at Hunter, noon and 4 p.m., Tuesdays at the Education Center or Fort Stewart, 10 a.m., 2 or 5:30 p.m., Wednesdays, at the Recruiting Office, Building 132 (Coastal Communications.)

For more information, call 767-1857.

## Recycle cardboard

All military units and activities should deliver their bulk cardboard to the new Processing Station, located off of Kilpatrick Rd. (Gate #6) next to the landfill scale house. All other cutsumers should take their cardboard to the Recycling Center, located on the corner of McFarland Ave. and Sigma St.

Processing Station hours are 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Recycling Yard hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, call 767-8880/6327.

## Holiday tree lighting

Come share in the holiday season with the 3rd Infantry Division. A tree lighting ceremony will be held 5 p.m. Dec. 17 at Building 1.

## Hunter

## Hunter traffic delays

Montgomery Gate construction began Nov. 18; Wilson Gate construction is scheduled to begin approximately 21 days later. Each gate will be down to one inbound and one outbound lane. You will not be able to exit through Middleground Rd. This will create delays. Plan accordingly and allow extra time to gain post access.

The worst times will be during lunch hours, noon to 1:30 p.m.

## 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.

## FCC Certification

If you would like to be Federal Communications Commission 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, up to \$250 per semester hour, so come on in and sign up with your education counselor today. Call 352-6130 for information.

## 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 on in and sign up with your education counselor today. Call 352-6130 for more information.

## Hunter Lanes

Two-fer-Tuesday – Two people bowl for the price of one, 6 p.m. until closing, every Tuesday.

Casino Bingo – Friday and Saturday night, 9 p.m. until midnight. Win free bowling passes, prizes and cash; open to bowlers age 18 and over.

Dollar Day – All games \$1 opening to closing every Sunday. There is a one-lane limit for parties

of less than eight bowlers.

Super Bowling – Games only \$1 on Mondays and Wednesdays, noon to 6 p.m. Pay only \$2 a game on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

## Tree Lighting ceremony

There will be a Christmas tree lighting ceremony 4:45 p.m., Dec. 11, in front of Garrison Headquarters. The event will feature songs by the Jenkins High School Band, and an opportunity for children to visit and be photographed with Santa. Everything is free and families are encouraged to attend.

## Toys for Kids

This Christmas, many of our military families will be separated. Many children will be missing a mom or dad due to deployments. It will be financially difficult for many of these families. We can help and show our patriotism by purchasing a toy. No money is accepted; only new toys. The goal for this year is to collect 3,000 toys. The drop locations will be at Midtown Deli at Chatham Plaza and all offices of Coldwell Banker Greater Savannah Realty. Also, many businesses will be collecting among their employees. For toy pick-up, call 658-8851

## Travel Office Relocation

Carlson-Wagonlit Travel will be closing their Hunter Army Airfield office and relocating to Fort Stewart on Dec.13. They will begin operating out of Building 920, 725 Sigma St., Suite 200 at Fort Stewart on Dec.16. For travel reservations call (912) 877-6801 or 1-800-495-6258, or fax at (912) 877-6859 after Dec.16. Reservations will continue to be accepted at the Hunter office until Dec.13.

## Road Resurfacing

Duncan Road (400 feet from the Montgomery Gate) southwest to Douglas Road, is scheduled for resurfacing and paving. Construction began Tuesday and will continue through Dec. 27. Flagmen will be utilized and cross traffic will continue. Motorists are asked to exercise caution in and around the construction area and to drive with care at all times on the installation.

## Winn

## Flu Shots

Flu shots are now available on a walk-in basis at the Immunization Clinic. Children 3 and under must have a prescription for the shot. Walk-in hours are 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to

3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 370-6878.

## Volunteer Orientation

A mandatory orientation for all new American Red Cross/Winn volunteers is 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Friday in the hospital conference room. For more information, call 370-6903.

## Bereavement Support Group

The next Sunrise Bereavement Support Group meeting will be 7 p.m. Dec. 10 in Building 311. All military beneficiaries who have experienced the loss of a loved one are welcome to attend.

For more information, call 370-6779.

## "Winn Delivers" videos

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

Copies are available in the OBGYN Clinic on the fourth floor or at the public affairs office on the first floor.

## Labor and Delivery tour

The next Labor and Delivery tours will be 7:30 p.m. Dec. 5 and 19. Expectant mothers in their 32nd week, and their partners, are encouraged to take the tour. To register for the tour, call 767-6633.

## 'Take Care of Yourself' class

The next 'Take Care of Yourself' classes will be Dec. 11 at 2 p.m. in the OB Registration classroom and Dec. 18 at 11 a.m. in the TRICARE Service Center. Tuttle's class will be held 10 to 11 a.m. Dec. 18 in the Tuttle library.

Upon completion of the class, you receive a card that allows you to get over-the-counter medications from the outpatient pharmacy. To register for the Dec. 11 or Tuttle's Dec. 18 class, call 370-5071. Register by Dec. 16 for the Dec. 18

class by calling 368-3048.

## Expectant sibling class

The next Expectant Siblings class will be 5 to 6:30 p.m. Dec. 12. The class is for "expectant siblings," ages 4 to 12 whose mother is approximately 34 weeks pregnant. A parent must attend class with the child/children. To register, call 767-6633.

## ASAP sees families

The Army Substance Abuse Program will now see dependent family members at least 18-years-old, retirees, contract employees and Department of the Army civilians on a walk-in basis. ASAP is located in Building 620 on 6th Street. For more information, call 767-5265/5267.

## Winn and Tuttle Champions

The Winn and Tuttle Champions program matches representatives with Family Readiness Groups to answer questions about what healthcare services are available to you — from transferring your TRICARE enrollment to refilling prescriptions to scheduling appointments. 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.

## Prenatal/child birth class

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

To register for the class, call the Winn appointment line at 767-6633.

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

## Medication refills

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

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

## ATTENTION: Command and Soldiers PREVENTION INTERVENTION PROGRAM (PIP)

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## CONTACT:

Carey P. Sawyer, LMSW  
Prevention Intervention  
Specialist  
Phone: (912) 370-6100  
Monday-Friday  
7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

## LOCATION:

Outpatient Psychiatry  
Building 301, Harmon Ave.  
Winn Army Community  
Hospital, Exterior Building  
(Adjacent to the  
Emergency Room entrance  
at the rear of the hospital)

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

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

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

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# Conducting combat downtown:

## Fighting on urban terrain challenging, not impossible

Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Americans believe that the next conflict will take place on urban terrain, which is the most challenging environment to fight, officials said.

However, doctrine and training over the last decade have increased soldiers' level of preparedness, officials at the Army's Infantry School said at a Pentagon press briefing Nov. 25.

In 1993, 18 Rangers from 3rd Battalion, 75th Regiment, Fort Benning, Ga., were killed in Mogadishu, Somalia, during what they described as a fight against an entire town. Now with an evolving doctrine and training at sites like the fictional Shugart-Gordon, named after two soldiers killed in Mogadishu trying to rescue a down pilot, soldiers can practice for the unexpected, said Col. Paul Melody, the director of the Infantry School Combined Arms and Tactics Directorate, Fort Benning.

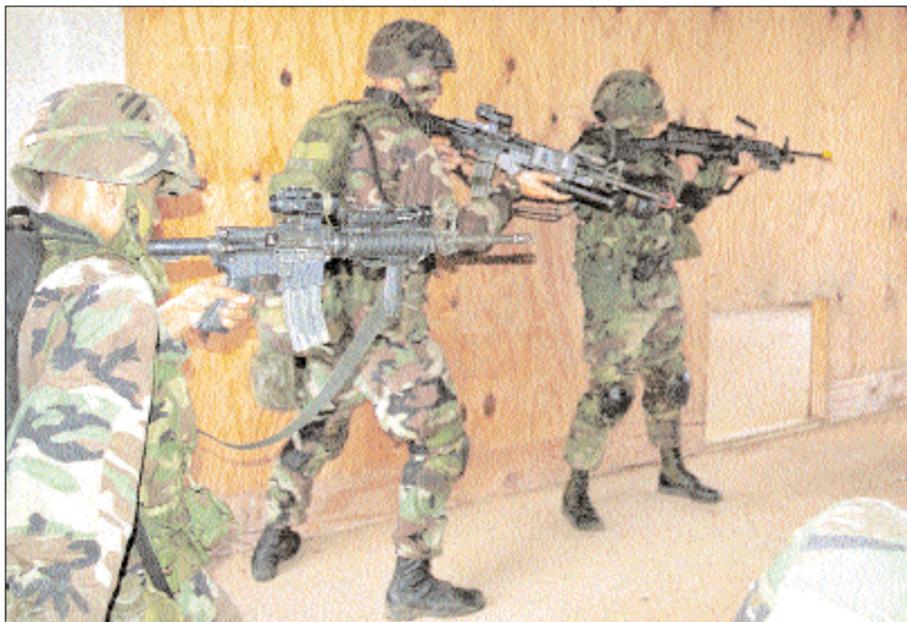
In the past, troops fighting in urban terrain had little knowledge of who they were going to fight and what the nature of the terrain was going to be," Melody said. "That's different now. We make a point to know the terrain almost as good as the people that live there. We know what is valuable to defend and what to attack."

Field Manual 34-06.11 Combined Arms Operations in Urban Terrain was approved in March 2001 and can be found at <http://www.adtdl.army.mil/>. Just the name changed from its predecessor, FM 90-10-1 Infantry's Guide to Military Operations in Urban Terrain, is significant, Melody said.

"If we don't fight in a combined or joint way with our sister services and coalition forces, the level of success decreases," Melody said. "Other significant changes include the depth the manual goes into.

"The first chapter of both manuals is the same. But the current manual analyzes and assesses eight different city patterns and seven different categories of terrain to help us gain insights on the best way to approach the mission to a degree that hadn't existed in the past."

The tasks, conditions and standards in the current manual elaborate on scenarios like how to move a tank or armored vehicle in a



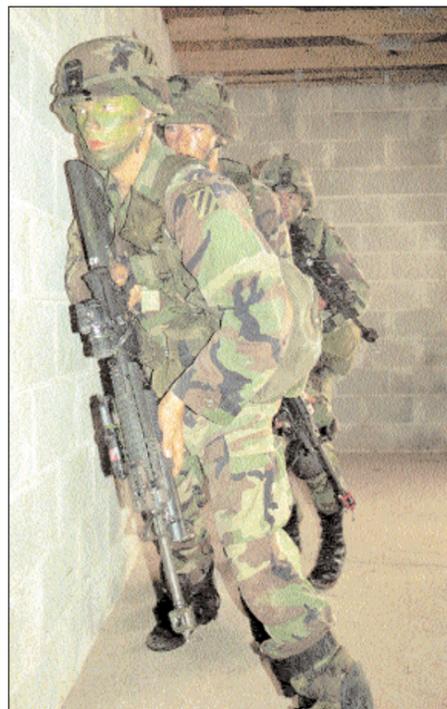
Sgt. Raymond Piper

**A team of A Co., 3/15 Inf. soldiers begins clearing a room during the squad-on-squad portion of the Military Operations on Urban Terrain training Sept. 16 to 18.**

town; how to engage a certain part of a building, and when and where to shoot, Melody said. That way units can train and practice before the rubber meets the road, he added.

There are four principles that guide FM 34-06.11 - assess, shape, dominate and transition. Before troops go into an operation, the situation has been assessed, Melody said. To a novelist looking at an urban area he can be misled into thinking that that it is all the same, he said. For someone who sees the terrain for fighting, he realizes that there are a lot of areas that can lead to destruction and attack, he added.

Shape means setting conditions prior to the offensive and defensive meeting, which includes putting civil affairs, information and psychological operations into play, Melody said. Taking away the enemy's options and collapsing their ability to resist or attack is to dominate, and when the focus of the operation changes, Melody said, soldiers can transition from offense or defense to stability and support.



Sgt. Raymond Piper

**Cpl. Jason Levinsky, a team leader for A Co., 3/15 Inf., prepares to clear a short room during Military Operations on Urban Terrain training at the MOUT site Sept. 16 to 18. A short room is one in which only two people can fit comfortably.**

introducing another level of sophistication and thought processes for leaders and soldiers to think about."

About 4,500 soldiers a month go against JRTC's opposing forces to seize Shugart-Gordon. Part of their mission after taking control of the town is to transition control of the town back to the host nation government.

Training in mock towns is also conducted at Hohenfels, Germany. "Our training and doctrine is unprecedented," Melody said. "However, our young soldiers fighting in Afghanistan have proven that they are aware of the risks over there and they are confident — not cocky."

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## 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 Gulick 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 and 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.

### Marne Lanes Ham Bowl

Marne Lanes will host a Ham Bowl Dec. 9. Win a ham or a turkey at a cost of \$3 per person. Call 767-4866 for more information.

### Hunter Golf Club

The Hunter Golf Club will host a Guy's and Dolls Tournament Dec. 8 at 1 p.m. Call 352-5622 for more information.

### Hunter Lanes Tournament

The 700 Hunter Lanes Bowling Tournament will begin at 8 a.m. Dec. 7 and continue through finish Dec. 8.

Early submissions close Dec. 7 at 8 a.m. Call 352-6279 for more information.

### Hunter Recreation special

Rent one item for two days, and get the third day free at the Hunter Outdoor Recreation December Special. Call 352-5722 for more information.

### Sports USA

Don't miss Monday Night Football at 8 p.m. at Sports USA. Come and watch the game on one of six big screen TVs. Call 767-8715 for more information.

### Intramural basketball

The Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield Pre-Season Intramural Basketball Tournament will be held Monday through Nov. 28. 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 team and individual trophies.

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

### Newman offers training

The Newman Physical Fitness Center now offers free personal-training consultations. Consultations consist of health screenings (body fat assessments), exercise prescription and nutritional counseling. Consultations are on appointment basis only. Persons desiring this service may contact the Newman Physical Fitness Center at 767-3031

## Off Post

### 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. 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.

## Holiday 'cheer' finds way to 2nd BCT

All-American cheerleaders stop in Kuwait to entertain deployed servicemembers

Spc. Jacob Boyer

3rd Inf. Div. Public Affairs

CAMP NEW YORK, Kuwait — The All-American Cheerleaders, a touring group of members of the Washington Redskins and Washington Wizards cheerleading teams, paid a visit to the soldiers of 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) Nov. 20 at Camp New York.

The cheerleaders are currently on a tour of military installations, said Anne-Marie Ludlow, who has been on the tour three times since she became a Washington Redskins cheerleader in 1995.

The Redskins cheerleaders have been touring on and off since the early 1980s, Ludlow said. The team recently got started again in 1999, and this is the 10th tour it has performed.

In addition to several dance numbers, the 10 team members also came out individually and said a few words to the crowd about themselves and their appreciation of servicemembers.

A few also sang songs, including "I Will Always Love You" and "That Don't Impress Me Much." The cheerleaders also presided over a dance contest and a pushup contest between sol-



Jamie Koslow

The Washington Wizards 2002/03 (above) and the Washington Redskins performed for 2nd BCT soldiers in Kuwait Nov. 20. The cheerleaders tour military installations world wide.

diers. At several points throughout the night, soldiers were brought on stage to dance with the team.

The team members enjoy these tours, and they were especially appreciative of the crowd support from the Marne soldiers, Ludlow said. "These guys are crazy," she said. "There isn't enough we can say or do to show our appreciation for the soldiers."

"It was a pretty good show," said Pfc. Timothy Panfil, C Battery, 1st Battalion, 39th Field Artillery Regiment. "It's been quite a morale booster. It's nice to know that people still care

back home."

While on tour, the cheerleaders get a chance to see how soldiers live in the field, Ludlow said.

"We've been in the tents, the dust and the heat," she said. "But we're really proud and very privileged to be here."

The cheerleaders also get a perspective the average American does not receive from watching the news, Ludlow said.

"You can see things on CNN but when you meet the soldiers one at a time, it just takes your breath away," she said. "You make friends in a day. It's a rare privilege that can't be duplicated."

## Army soars over Air Force for AFBT gold

Spc. Charles Goff

Army News Service

FORT HOOD, Texas — When it was all over, only points separated the All-Army basketball team from the Air Force squad, tied with four wins each.

The soldiers though, averaging 82.3 points per game, took home the gold medals and the 2002 Armed Forces Basketball Tournament title last week at Fort Hood.

The All-Army basketball team clinched its second championship in two years Nov. 16 with a 4-2 record and 494 total points, despite losing its final game to the All-Navy team 83-87.

"This is the first time in over 10 years that Army has won back-to-back," said Coach Babe Kwasiak, Army head coach. "We are proud of all the guys. We get to keep the gold medal where it belongs."

The deciding factors for the tournament were agreeably the players' ability to work together and ability to effectively play two games a day, Kwasiak said.

"I feel that player for player, I had the best team here," said Air Force head coach, Mark Watley. "We just didn't play well together."

For Watley, playing six games over three days was a tough way to play a tournament.

"I think the quality of the tournament drops way off when you play two games a day," he said. "No coach comes here expecting to play all 12 of his guys extended minutes. You lose quality because your best

players aren't on the court at all times."

The tournament, which was round-robin style where each team played every team twice, tipped off the morning of Nov. 13.

In the opening game of the tournament, the Air Force nipped Navy 89-85 in overtime. In Army's debut game, soldiers slashed the Marines 90-63. The Army's second half offense was more than the Marines could handle.

That afternoon Air Force dominated Army 85-75, while the Marines scored the most points in a single game in their 104-79 romp over the Navy. At the end of the first day, the Air Force was undefeated at 2-0. Army and Marines were tied at 1-1, and the Navy was winless at 0-2.

The next morning the Marines upset Air Force 67-60, while Army beat Navy 87-77. This created a three-way tie for first at 2-1. With the tournament half done, it was anybody's championship.

Then the Air Force slid past Navy 83-80.

The second match-up between the Army and Marines was a clash of the titans. The Marines had proven they were a match for anyone by beating the undefeated Air Force that morning and were itching to pay back Army for their opening game.

In the first half, though, neither team could get decisively ahead. But by the middle of the second half, the Marines had a 10-point lead. The Army mounted a comeback catching up to the Marines

**"This is the first time in over 10 years that Army has won back-to-back."**

Babe Kwasiak  
All-Army basketball  
team head coach

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Spc. Charles Goff

Army forward, Joseph Allen, forces his way through the Navy defense to try for a slam during the last game of the tournament.

## Soldiers go on the run in Afghanistan's 1st marathon



Spc. Erica Leigh Foley

Minefield Marathon runners pass by the Ronco bomb dogs clearing unexploded ordnance just feet away.

Spc. Erica Leigh Foley

28th Public Affairs Detachment

BAGRAM, Afghanistan — In a land accustomed to war, people from around the world came together. At Bagram Air Base not only did these servicemembers fight the war on terror, they gathered Friday morning for Afghanistan's first marathon. Troops from Poland, Germany, Korea, United Kingdom, Slovakia and the United States took off when a mine detonated, echoing through the Hindu Kush Mountains.

With high mobility multi-purpose wheeled vehicles on either side of the road and a blackhawk hovering, the runners set off for 26.2 miles of dust and dirt.

Coalition runners ran for various reasons and possessed different abilities.

"We are having the Minefield Marathon to give soldiers a chance to challenge themselves, and the novelty of running a marathon in Central Asia," said Lt. Col.

James Post, 339th Combat Support Hospital commander, Pittsburgh.

Mine Field Marathon came about because the course lies over previously cleared sections of the mass mine-filled area surrounding Bagram Air Base.

Because of the dust, rough terrain, desolation and uncontrollable diet, many runners found this marathon more difficult than others.

"This was different than any other marathon, it was much more mentally challenging," said the winner, 2nd Lt. Ray Youngs, 277th Military Police Co., Fort Bragg, N.C., who ran the marathon in 3:01:65. "Here, you don't get to train or eat the right way."

In the war zone, servicemembers eat what is available at the dining facility rather than "carbing up" before a race.

Most runners had never run in a marathon and had no idea what to expect other than a lot of dust and fulfilling a

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# Run

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goal. "Running a marathon has always been a dream of mine," said Dusko Vican, an engineer with the Slovakia Air Force.

Tech. Sgt. Chris Kotsko, 438th Air Expeditionary Squadron, ran the last half carrying two American flags for some very special people.

He is part of a team in training, sponsored by the Lymphoid and Leukemia Society.

"I have two heros — one is in Dayton, and one is in Columbus (both in Ohio)," he said. I had to finish the marathon, so I could present these flags to the kids."

The mission was important to him, because he is a Lymphoma survivor. Kotsko carried the flags through dust



Spc. Erica Leigh Foley

## Runners of the Minefield Marathon in Afghanistan ran around the base airport with aircraft frequently passing by.

kicked up by passing vehicles, incoming aircraft, damaged buildings and local nationals who watched the runners as they passed by.

Most ran, however, some finished the marathon with a combination of walking and running. Before coming to Afghanistan, Spc. Jessica Shank's, 339th CSH, longest

run was six miles.

"My goal was just to finish. I was really excited, I started training a few months ago, before I even knew we were going to have a marathon here in Bagram," she said. The terrain was rough. Rocks and dust were the surface for most of the route; scattered potholes decorated the pavement.

The Marines also made an appearance along the route.

"This is my first marathon," said Lance Cpl. Francis Senatus, mechanic, 513th Marine Attack Squadron, Yuma, Ariz. "It feels great. I used to run in Haiti, and it is dusty there too, so the dust didn't bother me. I am glad I did it and would do it again, not tomorrow, but I would definitely do it again."

For most servicemembers, it was back to work after the marathon. 1st Lt. Kirsten Lafond, 118th Military Police, Co., Fort Bragg, N.C., came in third overall and first for females with the time of 3:08:30.

After finishing her eighth marathon, the Bogota, N.J., native had the rest of her day planned. "I am going to go check on my platoon and find a shower that is open."

# Gold

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with less than 3 minutes to play. The Army had the advantage of the large home crowd cheering them on, but when the clock ran out the score was tied at 78.

The overtime period began with the Marines scoring four points almost immediately. Turnovers, however, and a technical foul for bad sportsmanship left the Marines trailing 86-84 with exactly two seconds to play.

After a timeout, the Marines quickly got the ball to Billy Shanks, one of their team's two leading scorers. He took a clean three-point shot at the buzzer, but it bricked, shattering the Marines' hopes for a second upset.

"That was the biggest heartbreaker," said Antonio Robinson, Marines' head coach.

This win for the Army tied the record with the soldiers and airmen both at 3-1.

On the final day of competition, the Army got a second chance at the Air Force. This time the soldiers pulled together and topped Air Force 73-63, putting them in first place for the first time in the tournament.

"We lost the Army game because of 20 turnovers," said Watley. "We had 12 turnovers in a half. We were up 19-6 at one point, and then we just gave away the

lead, and it was turnovers that did it. They played better as a unit of 12 guys than my 12 did."

Several coaches and players agreed that this was the game that decided the gold.

"Our guys were patient and very diligent in attacking them," said Bullock. "We always wanted to be on the attack mode, and that paid off for us at the end."

The Marines beat Navy 77-74 in overtime after tying at 68 in regulation.

A lot was at stake during the final game between the Air Force and Marines. A loss meant third place for the Air Force and no chance at the gold, while a win presented the possibility of tying the Army for first.

The Marines came out strong at first, but were quickly dominated by Air Force, who stayed ahead a majority of the game.

The Marine fans could be heard uttering "this is not the same team that played yesterday" in disappointment. Air Force won the final match-up 74-67.

Navy had nothing to gain, but Army had everything to lose in the final game. The Army know-

ing this did not take Navy lightly. "Your worst enemy is a wounded one," said Bullock.

Navy came out strong and had a significant half-time lead. Army once again mounted a comeback, but this time they were down by four when the buzzer went off.

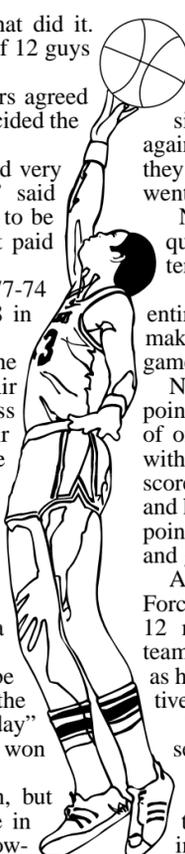
Navy head coach Kenneth Gray was quick to point out that Navy was a better team than the record showed.

"We've been playing at this level the entire time," said Gray. "We've just been making mental mistakes at the end of the game..."

Navy was second only to Army in points scored, but ended up with a record of only 1-5. The final games tied Army with Air Force at 4-2. But Air Force had scored less than 70 points in two games, and had only 453 total points. Army's 493 points gave the soldiers the championship and gold medals.

After the tournament, the Armed Forces Team was announced. Five of the 12 members were from the All-Army team. Kwasniak and Bullock were named as head coach and assistant coach respectively.

The Armed Forces Team will represent the United States in international competition Dec. 1-9 in Brussels, Belgium. Until then, the team is training at Fort Hood and scrimmaging with local colleges.



# Marne Scoreboard

## Racquetball

### Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield Christmas Holiday Racquetball Single Elimination Tournament

The tournament will be held Dec. 14, at the Newman Physical Fitness Center. Entry deadline is Dec. 12 with a \$5 entry fee. For more information, call the Fort Stewart Sports Office at 767-6572 or Hunter Army Airfield at 352-6749.

## Basketball

### Schedule

#### Monday

##### Pacific Conference

##### Court 1

6 p.m. C Co. 3/7 Inf. v. 92nd Chem. Co.  
7 p.m. HSC 92nd Eng. v. MEDDAC  
8 p.m. HHS 1/39 FA v. A Co., Hq. Cmd.

##### Court 2

6 p.m. 3rd SSB v. MEDDAC  
7 p.m. HHS 1/39 FA v. 92nd Chem.  
8 p.m. C Co., 3/7 Inf. v. 632nd Maint. Co.

#### Tuesday

##### Western Conference

##### Court 1

6 p.m. D Co. 123rd Sig. v. 396th Trans. Co.  
7 p.m. D Co. 123rd Sig. v. HHT 3/7 Cav.  
8 p.m. HHC 3/7 Inf. v. C Co., 123rd Sig.

##### Court 2

6 p.m. HHB Divarty v. C Btry., 1/41 FA  
7 p.m. 94th Maint. Co. v. HHB 1/41 FA  
8 p.m. Svc. 1/41 FA v. HHC, 3/7 Inf.

#### Wednesday

##### Pacific Conference

##### Court 1

6 p.m. A Co., 2/7 Inf. v. A Co., Hq. Cmd.  
7 p.m. 632nd v. HHS, 1/39 FA  
8 p.m. C Co., 2/7 Inf. v. MEDDAC

##### Court 2

6 p.m. B Co., 703rd MSB v. C Co., 2/7 Inf.  
7 p.m. C Co., 3/7 Inf. v. 103rd MI Bn.  
8 p.m. 92nd Chem. v. HSC 92nd Eng.

### Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield 3rd Annual Open 3 on 3 Christmas Tournament

The tournaments will be held at Newman Physical Fitness Center, Dec. 14, at 11 a.m.

Register at the Sports Office, Building 471, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Entry deadline is Dec. 13. For more information, call Fort Stewart Sports Office at 767-6572/8238 or Hunter Army Airfield at 352-6749.

### Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield 3-Point Shoot Out Christmas Tournament

The tournament will be held at Newman Physical Fitness Center, Dec. 14 at 1 p.m.

Register at the Sports Office,

Building 471,

8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Entry deadline is Dec. 12.

### Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield 3rd Annual Open Slam Dunk Contest

The contest will be held at 3 p.m., Dec. 14,

at Newman Physical Fitness Center. Register at the Sports Office, Building 471, 8 a.m.

to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Entry deadline is Dec. 12.

For more information call, Fort Stewart Sports Office at 767-6572/8238 or Hunter Army Airfield at 352-6749.

## Bowling

### Wednesday Night Mixed League

#### Nov. 20

**High Series Handicap**  
Women Tina Henderson 688  
Men Andrew Gose 754

**High Series Scratch**  
Women Elizabeth Hargrove 597  
Men Andrew Gose 715

**High Game Handicap**  
Women Tina Henderson 261  
Men Andrew Gose 293

**High Game Scratch**  
Women Elizabeth Hargrove 216  
Men Andrew Gose 280

### Miller's Friday Night Mixed

#### Nov. 22

**High Series Handicap**  
Women Amber Wingard 700  
Men Torrence Harvey 718

**High Series Scratch**  
Women Jennifer Anderson 541  
Men Paul Kelly 677

**High Game Handicap**  
Women Jennifer Anderson 281  
Men Ted Robinson 276

**High Game Scratch**  
Women Jennifer Anderson 242  
Men Paul Kelly 256

### Other highlights from the night

Scratch games: Todd Batt 248; Amber Wingard 211

Scratch series: Torrence Harvey 634; Denise Walker 530

### Heritage Bank Senior Mixed Classic

#### Nov. 25

**High Series Handicap**  
Women Sandy Mobley 641  
Men Robert Partridge 691

**High Series Scratch**  
Women Sandy Mobley 530  
Men Robert Partridge 610

**High Game Handicap**  
Women Sandy Mobley 277  
Men Robert Partridge 274

**High Game Scratch**  
Women Sandy Mobley 240  
Men Robert Partridge 247

### 1st Place Team

Harold and Bridget Browa, Yoly Tellames

Got Scores?  
Contact the Frontline staff at  
767-3440 or e-mail piperrj@stewart.army.mil.

# LIFE & TIMES

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## On Post

### 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.

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

### 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 ACS at 767-5058.

### Volunteering

The Installation Volunteer Coordinator Program needs 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.

### 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.

### Hunter Outdoor Recreation

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

### 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.

## Off Post

### Museum

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

The museum is open 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.

# A nontraditional Thanksgiving

## 2nd BCT soldiers celebrate holiday with second family

Sgt. Kevin Doheny

Editor, Desert Voice

As the Thanksgiving Day holiday rolled around this year, the soldiers of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, were tucked in tight in the sandy deserts of Kuwait, ready to train and prepare for whatever may come in the near future.

Even with the threat of a possible conflict, they spent time on Thanksgiving Day reflecting on why they were there and not at home.

They weren't able to spend Thanksgiving Day with their families, eating a bountiful meal, watching the traditional football games and talking about the upcoming

Christmas shopping season.

Soldiers of the 2nd BCT did the closest thing, which is spend Thanksgiving Day with their other family, each other.

"The soldiers also realize that we are a family as well. We are an Army family and a task-force family too," said Capt. Ron Cooper, 1st Battalion/64th Armor Task Force chaplain.

With a brigade-sized training event scheduled to take place in the near future, the soldiers of the 2nd BCT took the time over the holiday to pay thanks for their freedoms and liberties, while noting they are away from their families so that others will have the opportunity to enjoy happy Thanksgivings.

"We all realized when we signed up, that one day we might have to

go forward and protect our liberties," Cooper said. "We as soldiers are always prepared for having to be away from our families during holidays. We take it all in stride and after a while, we seem to become emotionally unattached and begin to take care of the business at hand."

Some soldiers feel their families and friends back home are more worried about the possible drive northward into Iraq than they are.

"Although we think about it every now and then, I think it scares the people back home more than it does us," said Staff Sgt. Fred Stiles, Battery A, 1st Battalion, 9th Field Artillery. "As for us, we don't worry about it too much. We talk about it, train for it and if it (war) goes then we go."

The soldiers took the day off to

relax and enjoy different events. At Camp New York, some soldiers spent the morning in the Turkey Trot, a run competition, and for others on Camp Pennsylvania, a prayer breakfast was more to their liking. During the prayer breakfast a dedication of the MWR tent was named after Spc. Pedro Pena, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1-64 Armor, who was killed about a month ago.

Later on in the day, soldiers in various camps gathered to compete against one another in sports such as flag football, basketball, and Frisbee football.

After the competitions ended, the soldiers sat down and enjoyed their Thanksgiving feast, and later on in

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## 2nd BCT choir spreads good news through song

Sgt. Akilah Clarke

Hunter Public Affairs Office

It wasn't the gusty desert winds that rocked the tent posts of the Camp New York chapel the evening of Nov. 24. Rather, it was the strong voices of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team's 40-plus member choir, singing praises unto the Lord until the later hours of the night.

Directed by Maj. Terrance Sanders, 2nd BCT S-1, the soldiers were part of a gospel revival sponsored by the brigade's unit ministry team.

"We wanted to spread the good news to all the camps. So we asked the brigade chaplain if we could do a gospel extravaganza so all of the soldiers from the brigade combat team could come worship together," explained Chaplain (Capt.) Chris Edwards, 2/6th Forward Support Battalion.

After the call to worship and invocation, the choir marched in to "Don't Wait 'Til the Battle is Over," followed by "Take the Shackles Off My Feet," "Jesus is Real," and "I Just Can't Give Up Now," to name a few.

Edwards, who is also Camp Virginia's chaplain, further explained that the revival was held to demonstrate the unity and solidarity of the units.

"(Events like these) keep the soldiers in the ministry, while helping them develop a positive attitude, strengthening their faith and giving them the opportunity to develop their spiritual gifts," he said.

Additionally, by being able to exercise their beliefs and share the message with others, the soldiers are given the opportunity to establish new friendships in a spiritual setting — something that can help relieve some of the problems that may be encountered during a deployment, Edwards said.

"We can help strengthen and nurture people during these uncertain times. People need faith," he said.

It took a lot of coordination to get the event up and running, but after one month of planning and three weeks of practice, the soldiers were ready to go, according to Sgt. Danny Gibbs, 2nd Brigade UMT noncommissioned officer in charge.

"We had a plan — it was executed well and I give my guys all the credit for the revival's success," he said.

Plans are in the works to hold one revival every month in each of the camps, Gibbs said.

"It helps soldiers to see that another camp can come together and interact with them," he said. "It's good to support each other."

Gibbs added, "We're in the house of the Lord, and we support that."

Edwards went on to thank everyone who had a part in supporting the event. "We give thanks to the Lord and we would also like to acknowledge the support from our commanders and sergeant majors — they've really supported us by giving us the resources we needed to hold this event."



Spc. Mason T. Lowery

Senior leaders at the 24th Corps Support Group Dining Facility serve soldiers and their families Thanksgiving dinner to show them that the Army is a home for them while they are away from home. See page 2C for story and photos.

# Distance Learning: A Fact of Army Life

Robin Ellert

Special to *The Frontline*

There are some items that soldiers and family members need to be aware of when they choose to enroll in online courses, also known as distance learning. The range of information spans from how to seek admission to an online program, to finding out whether or not it is an accredited institution, to setting up tests at the local Army Education Center. It can be a daunting process but that is where your counselor can assist.

The first step in the process is making sure the program you are interested in is legitimate and that you, the student, have enough time to dedicate to your coursework.

A lot of so-called "educational" institutions market themselves as accredited, degree-granting schools.

Your education counselor has a large book with all of the accredited schools listed and it would benefit you to check out the actual accreditation before signing anything.

Time is, as always, a major issue.

Counselors, often hear students saying, "I want to take an online class because I don't have time for a traditional course."

Do not make the mistake of assuming that an online course is less time-consuming than a traditional evening class.

There are still time constraints relating to turning in assignments and when the terms start and finish.

In fact, if you speak to a person who has taken a distance learning class, you will likely find out that he or she spent as much or even more time on completing assignments than a person attending school locally.

Taking distance learning classes also requires a great deal of self-discipline since the student has to establish all schedules for study time and testing.

The responsibility rests with the

student to go through the admissions process and enroll online.

Each educational organization has its own requirements when it comes to admissions and enrollment.

Pay careful attention to what needs to be sent in and when the deadlines are. And if you are able to utilize Army Tuition Assistance, you must remember to bring in all the applicable information to your Education Counselor in order to receive TA.

Some of that information includes: start and end dates of the term, cost per semester hour, course name and number, title of the course, and any other fees associated with the cost.

If that information is missing, you may be directed to a student computer in order to find the answers the counselor needs to fur-

ther assist you in your efforts..

One of the most challenging aspects to distance learning is setting up to take tests. Almost every school will require that their tests be proctored. This means that someone has to monitor the student while he or she is taking the exam and insure that the test is sent to the appropriate place thereafter.

Arranging for tests to be proctored is a separate application process from enrolling in the classes. Again, it is the student's responsibility to make sure that the education center has all the information it needs to allow the student to be successful. Contact your counselor early so that you may get the testing date you need. Walking in the day the test is supposed to be taken is much too late. You have to verify beforehand that the test has been received by the education center and you have to inform the school of where the test needs to be sent. Your Education Counselor can help guide you through each step of the process.

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# DISCOM wins best decorated dining



Photos by Spc. Mason T. Lowery

A Ludowici farmer lent soldiers from the 24th CSG Dining Facility this live turkey for soldiers and their families to observe during the commanding general's Thanksgiving Day Best Decorated Dining Facility Celebration.

**Spc. Mason T. Lowery**

Associate Editor

**S**oldiers at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield's four dining facilities put on Thanksgiving Day feasts rivaling anything any restaurant could offer as they competed for the Commanding General's Thanksgiving Day Best Decorated Dining Facility award.

From the 15-foot long center display heaped with nuts, candy, fruit and the Horn of Plenty at the Aviation Brigade Dining Facility at Hunter; to the live turkey exhibit and visit from Santa Clause at the 24th Corps Support Group Dining Facility; to the pony rides at the Division Artillery and 1st Brigade Dining Facility; and finishing with soldiers dressed as pilgrims, Native Americans, and in traditional Hispanic outfits and live piano music at the Division Support Command Dining facility.

Fort Stewart and Hunter showed soldiers and their families that even though they may be far from home, the Army is also their home and they were going to be taken care of.

Soldiers at the four dining facilities put in hundreds of extra hours to make their facilities as festive as possible, with DISCOM winning the award for the second consecutive year.

"We covered all the bases of the [award] evaluation and had a lot of diversity in our costumes and displays," said Sgt. 1st Class Eric Rosario, a DISCOM soldier from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 11th Engineers Battalion.

Sgt. 1st Class Walter Moore, DISCOM, added that family members told him they were impressed by the way the Army supports its soldiers.

Sgt. Maj. Dana C. King, 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) dining facility sergeant major, said, "This is our Academy Awards." He and 3rd Inf. Div. (M) Command Sgt. Maj. Julian A. Kellman were the judges for the award. King said they were looking for a theme, the degree of difficulty of the displays, good attitudes and interesting costumes from each dining facility, and DISCOM had the best of the four.

Col. Gerald J. Poltorak, garrison commander, presented DISCOM soldiers with a trophy for winning the award.

He said, "DISCOM had the right touch for taking care of soldiers and their families away from their Homes."



Newborn Lindsey Hamrick, daughter of Pfc. Sandra Hamrick, HHC 92nd Engineer Battalion, and Anthony Hamrick puts in her first Christmas wishes with Santa Clause at the 24th CSG Dining Facility on Thanksgiving Day.



Soldiers and their families enjoy the good food and festivities at DISCOM.



Logan Rooker, 6, son of Maj. Rob Rooker, HHB DIVARTY, and Eli Thompson, 9, son of Master Sgt. Mike Thompson, HHB DIVARTY, pet a horse at the DIVARTY Dining Facility



3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) Command Sgt. Maj. Julian A. Kellman and Sgt. 1st Class Mathew Loftis, HHB DIVARTY, observe the Bald Eagle display carved in 30 hours by Sgt. 1st Class Otis Green, 3/69 Armor.

# Program sends books to troops

**Kathleen T. Rhem**

Armed Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON - Three major publishers have revived the World War II practice of publishing special editions of their books for U.S. troops serving overseas.

They kicked off the new program by giving away several hundred books in the Pentagon Nov. 7.

During World War II, more than 123 million paperback books were handed out to U.S. troops overseas as special Armed Services Editions. The books were light and small enough to fit in a cargo pocket.

At the height of the program, which lasted from 1943 to 1947, more than 1,300 titles were made into Armed Services Editions, including best sellers and classics.

For the new books, Hyperion, Simon and Schuster, and Dover Publications joined together to publish and distribute more than 100,000 copies of four different titles.

The books are in the small, signature style of the 1940s versions and will be distributed to service members overseas and aboard ships at sea in December.

The four titles published as special editions are:

“Medal of Honor: Profiles of America’s Military Heroes from the Civil War to the Present,” by Allen Mikaelian, with commentary by Mike Wallace.

“Henry V,” by William Shakespeare.

“The Art of War,” by Sun Tzu.

“War Letters: Extraordinary Correspondence from American Wars,” edited by Andrew Carroll.

Carroll, author of “War Letters,” was instrumental in restarting the program.

“I’m not in the military myself, but I collect these old books,” he said at the book giveaway in the Pentagon. “I wanted to see them brought back for a while.”

Carroll said he’d been working with the publishers for a couple years, but the outpouring of patriotism stemming from the Sept. 11,



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**Military and civilian Pentagon employees line up Nov. 7 to receive free copies of books in special Armed Services Editions. Books will be sent to service members overseas and at sea in December.**

2001, terrorist attacks has really helped.

“I think there’s a greater appreciation now for what our men and women in uniform are

doing for this nation,” he said. “This is a very small token of saying thank you.”

The author said he’d like to see more vol-

umes published as Armed Services Editions and hopes more publishers will support the program in the future.

## Turkey

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the night, some moved to the MWR tent to watch the annual football games.

Whether or not these soldiers make the drive northward isn’t going to be up to them.

The ultimate decision is made at a higher level, but they can stay ready for whatever may be asked of them.

These soldiers might have been spending their Thanksgiving holiday in the desert of Kuwait, but they took time to put off all stresses for a day.

“I can’t explain how great it is what you’re doing for your country,” said Command Sgt. Maj. William Barnello, 1-64 Armor task force command sergeant major, to his soldiers during his speech at the prayer breakfast held at their Morale, Welfare and Recreation tent.

“It’s tough to spend Thanksgiving away from our families, but we can have comfort in knowing we are spending it with our other family, our Army family.”

## Education

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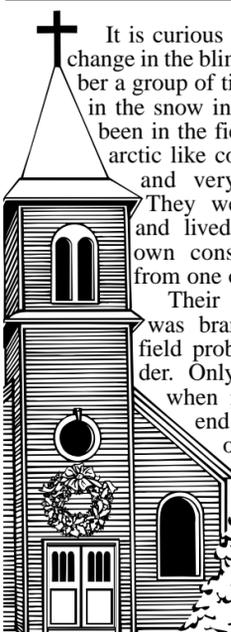
If all of the above factors are kept in mind, taking online courses are a great alternative to sitting in classrooms. They allow the student to be flexible by not assigning a place to physically meet. They also offer a greater range of courses to choose from which makes fulfilling degree requirements often more simple. If you have more questions about distance learning programs, please visit your Army Learning Center for more information. Remember, education makes a good soldier better.

# CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

## 'Choose an attitude of gratitude'

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Allen B. Boatright

Deputy Installation Chaplain



It is curious how our attitudes can change in the blink of an eye. I remember a group of tired soldiers marching in the snow in Germany. They had been in the field for three weeks in arctic like conditions of snow, ice and very low temperatures. They were infantry soldiers and lived in shelters of their own construction and moved from one objective to another. Their battalion commander was brand new, on his first field problem as the commander. Only later would he know when it was appropriate to end an exercise because of hazardous weather. So the soldiers marched on. They were sullen, quiet and complaining in low voices. As they

marched, another soldier approached from a side road and announced to no one in particular, "You see those trucks up ahead about a half mile? That's your ride out of here, it's ENDEX." (ENDEX meant end of exercise) Those same dead tired, complaining soldiers who moved so slowly toward another objective of many objectives had already attacked and consolidated on, literally ran to those trucks!

The Platoon leader asked his weapons squad leader, "Where did those guys come from? They surely weren't the same bunch we were marching with?"

He was joking, but there is a kernel of truth in the idea that we choose our attitude.

To choose an attitude of gratitude is like choosing to serve God no matter what. Joshua said to the camp of Israel, "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve ... but as for me and my house we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15).

Those infantry soldiers found renewed hope in the end of the misery they were suffering when they could see the trucks ahead. That meant a ride home to a warm shower and warm food.

We can have eternal hope in the end of our troubles in our God and his love for us that transcends the misery of our current day.

There is so much to be thankful for.

## Pet of the Week

Sam, a full-grown male, is a friendly mixed breed that loves to relax.

If interested in adopting Sam 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.

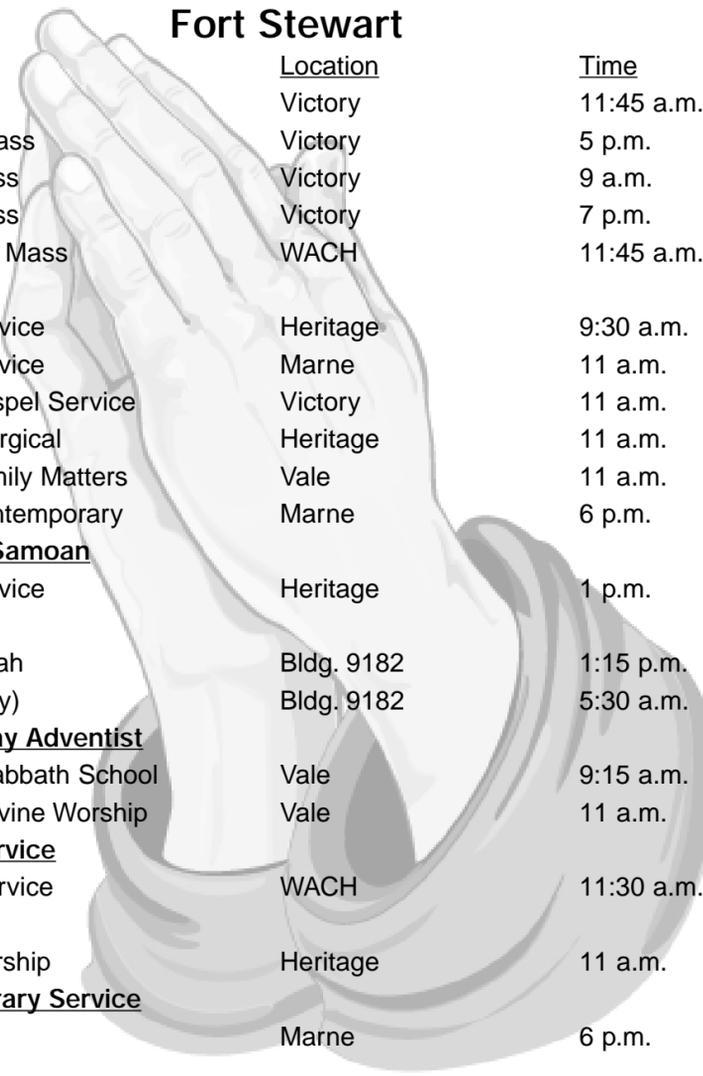
For more information, call 767-4194.

Find your loved one.



# 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.

DRINKING  & DRIVING  DON'T MIX 

# Volunteer Spotlight



## Vicky Lysak



Vicky Lysak, a Florida native, volunteers with Army Community Service.

"I volunteer to be of assistance to anyone who needs the job skills I have and am learning," she said.

She said, the most enjoyable part of volunteering for her is working with others who like to help.

"I truly enjoy working with everyone at ACS. They are a terrific group of individuals who are very willing to provide the support and knowledge needed to learn about military life."

If you would like more information about becoming a volunteer with ACS, call Vickie Wiginton at 767-5058 or 767-5058



# WOODRUFF THEATER

Dec. 5- Dec. 11



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

### Knockaround Guys (R)

Starring: Barry Pepper, Vin Diesel  
Thursday at 7 p.m.

Gotti's gone, the Feds are cracking down and there's no such thing as the honor system anymore. but for the somewhat pampered twenty-something sons of four well-known wiseguys, it goes deeper than that. When you wear an infamous last name, the legit business world isn't an option either.

Run time: 91 minutes

### Jonah - A Veggie Tales Movie (G)

Starring: Animated  
Sunday at 2 p.m. (Free Admission)

The Veggie gang set sail on a whale of an adventure in Jonah.

The story of Jonah and the whale as you've never seen it before — a story where everyone learns that one of the best gifts you can give or get is a second chance.

Run time: 83 minutes

### Brown Sugar (PG-13)

Starring: Taye Diggs, Sanaa Lathan  
Sunday and Monday at 7 p.m.

Dre and Sidney attribute their friendship to a single childhood moment.

Now some fifteen years later, hip hop isn't the only thing that keeps them coming back to memories of that moment on the corner.

Run time: 108 minutes

### Red Dragon (R)

Starring: Anthony Hopkins, Edward Norton  
Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m.

Former FBI agent Graham is recruited by the agency to help track down a killer who has slaughtered entire families. To do this, he has to work with the imprisoned Lechter. The killer develops an odd relationship with a blind coworker which may help tame his violent ways or stoke the fires even more.

Run time: 125 minutes.

### The Transporter (PG-13)

Starring: Jason Statham, Shu Qi

Tuesday and Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Frank hires himself out as a mercenary transporter who moves goods, human or otherwise, from one place to another — no questions asked. His new transport leads to shocking secrets and deadly complications.

Run time: 92 minutes



## Birth announcements

### November 16

**Sebastien Aleksandr Martin**, a boy, 8 pounds, 13 ounces, born to Spc. Rhett Martin and Mindy Martin.

**Katy Paige Harless**, a girl, 6 pounds, 2 ounces, born to Pfc. Roger Harless and Krishawna Harless.

**Jaeden Jaron Marshall**, a boy, 8 pounds, 15 ounces, born to Erick Marshall and Christi Hearn (dependant daughter).

**Javian Dixon Lewis**, a boy, 8 pounds, 2 ounces, born to Garvari Travonte Lewis and Natasha Monique Mitchell (dependant daughter).

### November 18

**Jazmyn Ashaila Jackson**, a girl, 8 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Kurtell Jackson and Rosa Jackson.

**Raven Louise Vines**, a girl, 6 pounds, 14 ounces, born to Spc. Johnny W. Vines and Crystal L. Vines.

### November 19

**Matthew Landon Sheahan**, a boy, 9 pounds, 2 ounces, born to Chief Warrant Officer Stephen M. Sheahan and Lori A. Sheahan.

**Omar Tyreke Marshall**, a boy, 6 pounds, 10 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Timothy Marshall and Shirlecia L. Marshall.

### November 20

**Jamea Renee Johnson**, a girl, 5 pounds,

14 ounces, born to Sgt. 1st Class Byrd Johnson and Jeaneene Johnson.

### November 21

**Grace Caroline Bailey**, a girl, 7 pounds, born to Spc. Scott Michael Bailey and Katherine Staubach Bailey.

**Jordan Brianna Lundy**, a girl, 7 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Sgt. Jonathan Lundy and Spc. Shonda Lundy.

### November 22

**Samantha Lauren Wess**, a girl, 6 pounds, 13 ounces, born to Sgt. Kevin S.

Wess and Angela Wess.

**Anna Isabella Sukeforth**, a girl, 6 pounds, 15 ounces, born to Spc. Michael Allan Sukeforth and Melissa Zajac Sukeforth.

**Alexander Everette Beets**, a boy, 5 pounds, 10 ounces, born to Cpl. Tracey Beets and Anna Marie Beets.

**Michael Alex Cronin**, a boy, 7 pounds, 8 ounces, born to Sgt. 1st Class Michael Cronin and Kathleen Cronin.

### November 23

**David Louis Nelson III**, a boy, 6 pounds, 14 ounces, born to Capt. David L. Nelson Jr. and Joy L. Nelson.

**Evelyn Rianne Rosado**, a girl, 6 pounds, 14 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Richard Rosado and Ebelin I. Rosado.

