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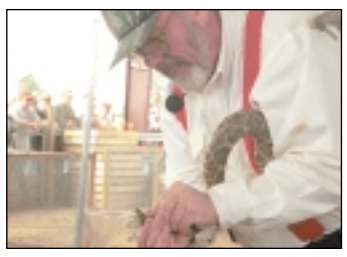

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Spc. Jacob Boyer

Spc. Steven Curry, HHC, 3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.), raises the American flag over his vehicle during his down time.

Signing sends RCI planning into next phase

Spc. Natalie Schlotman
Staff writer

The plan to privatize the transformation of Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield into a "Southern Living Station of Choice" is now officially in ink.

Installation Commander Col. Gerald Poltorak; Principal Deputy Secretary of the Army, Installations and Environment Geoffrey Prosch; Georgia Congressman Jack Kingston and Chief Executive Officer and President of GMH Military Housing Gary Holloway signed a contract March 7 during a Partnership Signing Ceremony inside Club Stewart.

The signing represents the next phase in the Residential Communities Initiave — the plan to turn present military housing into Southern-style communities soldiers can take pride in.

Over the next six months, Fort Stewart staff will work alongside GMH, Centax Construction Company and Atkins Americas, an engineering firm. Together, the staff will create the plans to develop and improve housing.

The partnership with private companies is the most effective way to transform the installation, Poltorak said.

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Four killed, one injured in separate accidents

Staff report

CAMP NEW YORK, Kuwait — Four soldiers were killed and one injured in separate incidents while training in Kuwait.

Spc. Rodrigo Gonzalez-Garza, 26, of Texas; Chief Warrant Officer Timothy W. Moehling, 35, of Florida; Chief Warrant Officer John D. Smith, 32, of Nevada and Spc. William J. Tracy, 27, of N.H. were killed Feb. 24 when their UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter crashed in the vicinity of Camp New Jersey.

The aircraft, one of two from V Corps conducting night training, crashed at approximately 1 a.m. local time.

The crewmembers were the only personnel on board the aircraft.

Gonzalez-Garza and Moehling were assigned to A Company, 5-158th Aviation, Giebelstadt Army Air Field, Germany. Smith and Tracy were assigned to B Co. 5-158th Avn., Aviano Air Base, Italy.

Pfc. Christopher Mathias, a soldier with Service Battery, 1/9 Field Artillery was shot at Camp Virginia Feb. 23. He suffered a gunshot wound from an M16A2 rifle to his right shoulder.

Mathias, 23, was treated at the scene and was air evacuated to the 86th Combat Support Hospital at Camp Udairi in stable condition.

He was further evacuated to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany where he remains in stable condition.

Both incidents are under investigation.

DoD, USAID teams readying to rebuild Iraq

Kathleen T. Rhem
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — "Free Iraqis" who have lived in the United States and other democratic countries will provide valuable liaison between local Iraqi government officials and U.S. officials overseeing the country after any potential conflict.

Officials from the Defense Department and the U.S. Agency for International Development are working to have teams ready to move into Iraq in the event of military conflict to begin coordination immediately for humanitarian aid and reconstruction.

A senior defense official was quick to point out to reporters Tuesday that the president hasn't made a decision to force Iraqi disarmament with military might. But if he does, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld has said the United States is committed to making life immediately better for the Iraqi people.

In January, President Bush authorized the immediate stand-up of the Office of Reconstruction and Humanitarian Assistance. A senior official familiar with that office and its efforts also was on hand to answer reporters' questions in the Pentagon today.

That official explained the agency is looking to hire more than 100 "free Iraqis" on 90- to 180-day contracts to assist the civil ministries and to act as representatives in each of the 17 provinces and Baghdad to coordinate

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Frontline takes 1st place

Spc. Natalie Schlotman
Staff writer

The Frontline proved to be "top of the line" last month when it was named Forces Command's best Metro-format newspaper.

The publication took first place in the U.S. Army Forces Command level of the 2002 Keith L. Ware Journalism Awards Competition.

The annual Keith L. Ware competition recognizes and rewards military and civilian journalists; both broadcast and print, for excellence in Army journalism.

The Frontline has now been submitted into the Department of the Army level of the competition, where it will compete against the winners from each of the Army's major commands.

Other top honors Fort Stewart's publications took in the

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Weather Forecast

	FRI	SAT	SUN
High	73°	70°	69°
Low	48°	50°	54°

101st Airborne Division's 'screaming eagles' land in Kuwait

Pfc. James Matise

Members of the 101st tighten their tent down prior to a sandstorm in Kuwait.

Pfc. James Matise
Army News Service

CAMP PENNSYLVANIA, Kuwait — The soldiers of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) claimed their piece of the ground in Kuwait last week by raising their brigade banner, and they are now learning how to operate in the arid climate.

As soon as the 1st Brigade, 101st Abn. Div., left the cold of Fort Campbell, Ky., and claimed residence at Camp Pennsylvania, they began battling the heat.

Due to the dry nature of Kuwait, scorched by long hours of sunlight and radiating heat, soldiers need to protect themselves from dehydration and heat sickness by drinking more water than they normally would, said Maj. Blain A. Reeves, S3, 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment.

"Forced hydration is the key to help getting them acclimatized," he said.

Soldiers are being told to increase their daily water intake up to eight quarts or more to remain healthy, and are also told to eat salt and other electrolytes to replace those lost through sweating, said Sgt. 1st Class Dwight Sparks, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Bde.

"I've definitely increased my water intake, and I always add a little salt to my meal," Sparks said.

Brigade officials said there have been no severe cases of dehydration or heat sickness reported in the camp.

Becoming acclimatized is one way soldiers are regaining their strength after being jet lagged.

"Jet lag is the number one thing they had to recover from, so we took it easy the first day," Reeves said. "They've been training all day to get used to the terrain: doing some night training to get used to moving at night."

Soldiers are conducting squad movements, practicing chemical attack drills, and working with what they have to keep their combat capabilities up to standard, said Col. Frederick B. Hodges, commander, 1st Bde.

It took until March 2 for all of the units to depart Fort Campbell. Elements of the brigade began

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Youths see success in action

Sgt. Raymond Piper
Editor

Twelve youths from the McIntosh County Youth Development Campus in Darien, Ga., received a first-hand look at the challenges PLDC students face and overcome as a team during a tour of the Noncommissioned Officers Academy March 6.

"I think the youth will benefit from this tour because they are going to learn how to work as a team and see some individuals that can basically be role models for the youth," said Warren Tettey, assistant director of the McIntosh County YDC.

The day's activities began with the youth watching the soldiers in formation recite the NCO creed and sing the "Dog Face Soldier Song."

After the soldiers finished, the youth moved onto the combat skills run. The two-mile course with six stations is a combination of questions and physical activity designed to build team work, said Small Group Leader Staff Sgt. Robert Carter.

"I think it's important to show them (that success) can happen," Tettey said. "One of the problems with youth that come into these programs is that they have low self esteem and no belief, but if you can show them that there are individuals that have been through the same problems that they have and have turned out successful then they start to believe in themselves."

After finishing the run, the points were tallied and the youth went through cool-down exercises and moved onto the next phase of their tour.

The youth assembled in the Academy Hall for a slide show about the curriculum and the academy in general before touring the classrooms to see where the training takes place.

1st Sgt. Wayne L. Williams, deputy commandant of the Noncommissioned Officers Academy, said, "I think it's going exceptionally, you can tell if they (the youth) are receiving the information. They are showing all of the positive signs of really enjoying the tour and taking in the information."

Once the tour of the facility was completed, the students walked to the field site to watch as soldiers prepared to defend an area against an attacking force.

The youth watched as soldiers dug fighting positions and asked questions of the soldiers about what they were doing. Some even took the opportunity to take a turn with the entrenching tool. Others tried on a ruck sack to feel the weight of what a soldier carries on their own shoulders.

Photos by Sgt. Raymond Piper

Spc. Alexander Santos, a military policeman from the U.S. Army Garrison MP Detachment, Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico, attending the Primary Leadership Development Course here, offers an entrenching tool to youth from the McIntosh County Youth Development Center so they could see first-hand how a hasty fighting position is made.

The activities selected for the tour, according to Williams, were the normal day to day activities that soldiers go through so the youth could see that their success was real and not staged.

Tettey said, "My main objective from this tour was for them to learn how to work as a team. If they learn that today, then it'll be easier for them to reintegrate themselves into society."

The center is a 60-bed facility for males 14 to 18 years old who are all adjudicated youths. It's a 90-day program that offers treatment and education services within a structured environment, Tettey said.

This was the first time the youth center has held a tour to the academy, but Tettey said he would like to expand the program to once a month or once a quarter,

He added, " Taking a look at how things have gone here today, it looks pretty successful and hopefully we'll be able to continue this in the future."

(Above) Sgt. 1st Class James Score, a senior small group leader at the NCOA, and Staff Sgt. Todd Wilson, a SGL, help one of the youths in tightening the straps of a ruck sack.
(Right) Sgt. 1st Class Gary Strauss, a senior SGL, explains the Combat Skills Course to the youth before they set out. The two-mile, six-station course is designed to help sharpen the skills of the students and build teamwork.

(Above) The youth watch as students recite the NCO creed and sing the "Dog Face Soldier Song."
(Left) Spc. Greg Childers, a member of the NCOA staff, and Staff Sgt. Michael Pierre, operations sergeant for the NCOA, help guide the students to the different points during the Combat Skills Course.

AER kicks off annual campaign

Sgt. Sam Hoffman
Staff Writer

Army Emergency Relief kicked off this season's campaign by holding a ceremony at the Army Community Service building March 6.

AER is celebrating its 61st year of aiding soldiers, family members and retirees in need of financial assistance. The agency assists soldiers by giving no-interest loans and grants, helping with items such as food, rent, insurance and car payments and also by providing assistance for new soldiers who haven't gotten their pay straight, said Frederick Sledge, AER coordinator.

"AER is a wonderful program. You know its there for you," Lucia Braxton, Chief of ACS for Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield, said in her welcome.

Col. Bernadette Peters, commander, troop command, led off the fundraising season by signing the first endorsement.

Last year's campaign brought more than $180,000 to more than 5,000 soldiers, family members and retirees.

"Together we can make it happen," she said to the capacity crowd made up mostly of unit project officials.

These officials bring the forms back to their units and ensure that commanders are kept abreast of any developments in the AER campaign, said Sledge.

Sgt. Julie Gorman, 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) AER campaign coordinator, spoke to the officials at the ceremony.

Gorman stressed to the audience the importance of briefing commanders on a weekly basis.

"You need to explain to your soldiers what AER does," she said.

100 percent solicitation is what this program needs, so that everyone has the opportunity to donate, said Gorman, as well as the protection of donations from theft or loss.

"Safeguard it like it's your own," she said

Sledge said he's confident that deployed soldiers will donate.

"While they're there, we want them to know that spouses and family members are taken care of," he said.

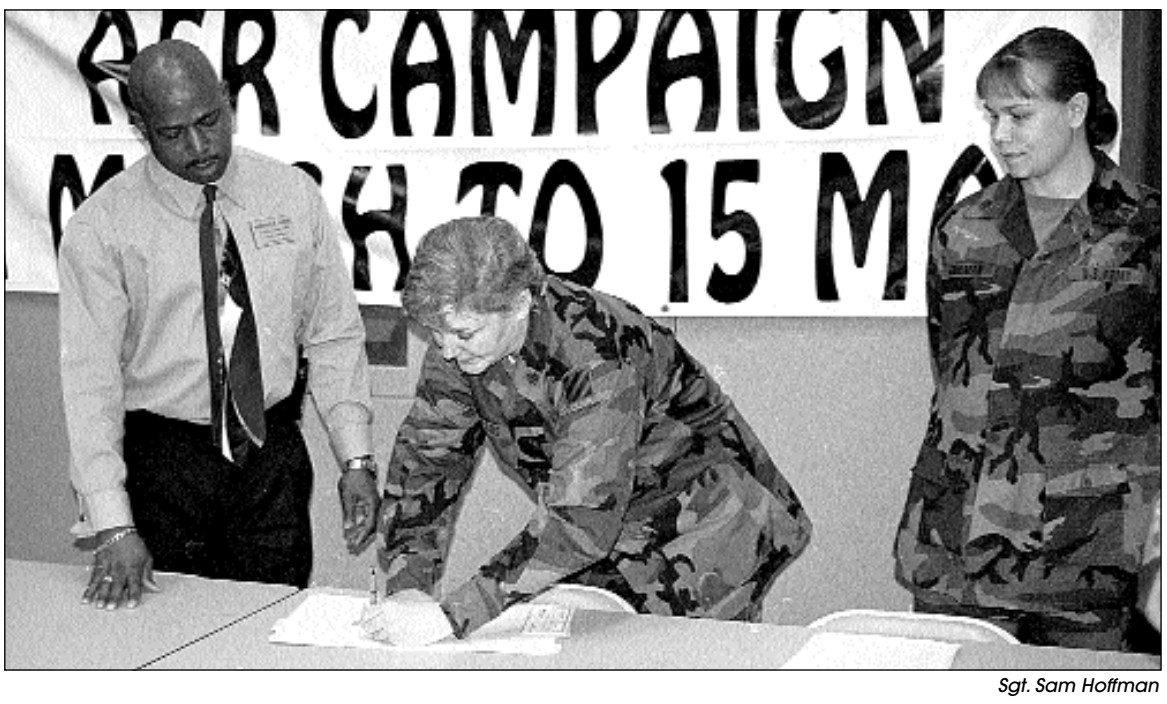
AER deals with the American Red Cross, Air Force, Navy and Coast Guard and donations are tax deductible, which means that the amount donated will not count as taxable income when filing income taxes at the end of the year.

Donations can be made three different ways:

- Checks
- Cash
- Allotments to be deducted from pay

Donations can be made at a minimum of $3. Contributions exceeding $250 will be put on a permanent list denoting exceptional service, said Sledge.

Persons wishing to donate should see their unit project official or stop by ACS for more information.



Sgt. Sam Hoffman

Col. Bernadette Peters, commander, troop command, kicks off the 2003 Army Emergency Relief Campaign March 6 as Frederick Sledge and Sgt. Julie Gorman, AER coordinators, look on.

Keeping confusion out of mail being sent to Kuwait

Staff reports

It can become confusing about how to send mail to Kuwait for 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) soldiers. The information below has been compiled to provide the latest and most up-to-date information to some of the most frequent concerns of those wishing to send mail via the U.S. Postal system.

What is a unit number? What is it for? What if I don't have one? Many 3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) units now have a unit number and a corresponding plus four APO code. These additional address identifiers have been assigned to allow the mail to be auto-sorted by the U.S. Postal Service which will speed the movement of the mail going to APO AE 09303. Mail without these additional identifiers must be manually sorted which slows down delivery.

If you are sending mail to a soldier whose unit does not have a unit number and plus four APO, send the mail to APO AE 09303, the mail will still be processed and delivered.

Since I have to include so much information in the address, is there a certain format to follow? Format the address for deployed 3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) soldiers as follows:

Rank and name
Unit name
Camp name (if known)
Unit # XXXXX
APO AE 09303-XXXX

What are the mailing restrictions for Kuwait? When sending mail to Kuwait, APO AE 09303-XXXX, adhere to the following. This information is subject to change so always check with your local post office before you mail a package:

Do not mail any parcels exceeding 72 inches in length and girth combined. Measure the longest side of the box and then the distance around the box. Add these two numbers together and they must not exceed 72 inches. Additionally, no parcel may exceed 48 inches in length.

Do not mail any item that exceeds 70 pounds. This is the normal weight limit that has always applied to U.S. Mail.

Do not mail the following items:

- Any matter containing religious material contrary to the Islamic faith. This refers to material that speaks out negatively against Islam and material sent in bulk in an effort to convert or evangelize. It is acceptable to send a Bible or religious tapes or books to a soldier.
- Any matter depicting nude or semi-nude persons, pornographic, or sexual items.
- Any matter containing nonauthorized political material. This refers to material that could be used to impose our political view on the host country. It does not prohibit mailing a U.S. flag or a picture containing a flag to a soldier.
- Firearms.
- Pork or pork by-products.
- Alcoholic beverages and materials used in the production of alcoholic beverages (distilling material, hops, malts, yeast, etc.).
- Securities, currency or precious metals in their raw, unmanufactured state.
- Obscene articles, prints, paintings, cards, films, videotapes, etc., and horror comics and matrices.

Can I send Express Mail to Kuwait? Express mail service is not provided to APO AE 09303 (Kuwait). All other mail services are available.

I represent a charitable/school/church organization and we wish to send letters of support or care packages to soldiers of the deployed 3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.). Is this allowed? Regrettably, this is not allowed due to the threat of terrorist attacks through the mail. You may send an E-Mail message instead. Visit the Operation Dear Abby web site at **http://anyservicemember.navy.mil** to send the E-Mail message. That web site has been established specifically for charitable/school/church organizations and private citizens to send messages of support to our deployed soldiers. This does not apply if you are sending mail to a specific soldier by name.

Do I have to put postage on mail going to Kuwait? Yes. If you are sending mail to Kuwait, you must pay for the postage. Many individuals are misinformed about the special "Free" mail service that has been approved for all soldiers deployed for Operation Enduring Freedom. This free mail service applies only to letters and cassette tapes weighing 13 ounces or less and mailed by the soldier from the deployment location. It does not apply to mail being sent to a deployed soldier.

CALL 876-0156 TO PLACE YOUR AD TODAY!

VOICES AND VIEWPOINTS

Little, tiny, carnivorous bugs are evil

Pfc. Emily Danial
Staff Writer, Hunter Public Affairs

Commentary

In many areas of the United States, the month of March means the approach of springtime, the return of birds from their winter-long absence, and every now and then the emergence of the sun.

Northerners such as myself also celebrate the arrival of March by shoveling a path out our front doors, climbing up on a five-foot snow bank, and checking the trees for green.

However, since I've come to Savannah, I've become aware of a local end-of-winter tradition that nothing in my upstate New York home can compare to — the arrival of the sand gnats.

Sand gnats, for anyone who hasn't had the joy of making their acquaintance as of yet, are lovely, tiny, vicious little buggers with absolutely no social skills. They are like the Unwanted Party Guest. Let me explain.

On a typical morning at Hunter Army Airfield, I, along with many others, participate in company P.T. One morning not too long ago, I was side-straddle-hopping in what I thought was a non-threatening fashion, but which in gnat body language was obviously a derogatory comment about each of their individual mothers. As a result of this involuntarily suicidal action, I was visited by about six jillion of these irritable, hyperactive creatures of death and harassed in a way that we could say was a definite violation of my "personal bubble."

I am aware that there are also mosquitoes around here of the "larger than America" variety. I can't remember how I heard about these … it might have been when I passed by the building for the Chatham County Mosquito Control Commission. Now, wag a disapproving finger at me if I'm wrong, but when I see the words "Control Commission" in conjunction with any animal, I get the feeling that maybe the animal has already won this battle.

The issue has more or less been pushed into the Run-Don't-Walk-From-The-Blob category — the actual waving of the white flag is only a technicality at this point.

I don't want to sound like the bad guy here — I mean, I'm sure the gnats and mosquitoes are extremely fascinating specimens once you get to know them.

But first, I'll let them get to know my can of Raid.

Letters of support

Editor's note: *Below are many of the messages that we have received over the past few weeks since the division received deployment orders. We will continue to post new messages as they become available. The Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield Consolidated Public Affairs Office reserves the right to edit the content or omit posting messages due to content.*

I just want to say to my two sons, Pfc. J. Sheppard and Pvt. M. Sheppard that I am so proud of you both and I miss you both so much. And also to all the soldiers that have come home with my boys from time to time Hi.

My thoughts and prayers are with each and everyone of the soldiers who have been or are getting ready to be deployed, especially J. and M.

- Love ya, N. Hicks, Alabama

I was stationed at Fort Stewart from '96-99 in the 703rd MSB (B C0. and HHD), and I just wanted to let you all know that my heart goes out to you. Thank you for keeping my babies safe here at home. Bless you all.

- B. Carlson (Trujillo), Nebraska

A. Harting, I miss you so much. You're in my deepest prayers and I know they fly to you each night on angel's wings. I miss you so much and I pray that you're OK. I can't wait for you to come home. Stay strong.

- Yours Truly, C.

This message is especially for Pfc. D. Glover, I love you and I miss you and I am counting the days until you are able to come home. I'm praying everyday for you and there is not a minute that goes by that I am not thinking about you. Be safe and remember that some one back home is always thinking about you.

- Love always, T. Samuel

This is to all the high-speed soldiers in A 3-15 Inf. Hope everything is doing well. Keep your heads up and stay strong. You'll make it through. I have all the faith in the world in you. You're the best infantrymen in the Army.

- Cpl. (P) B. Byrd, out in 2ID country

This message is to my loving husband Chief Warrant Officer 4 Marin. I just want to let you know that we all miss you very much and can't wait for you to come home. Your kids and I are very proud of you. We pray for you and everyone there everyday. Just remember that you have people back home that love you more than anything in this world. Stay safe. Hugs and kisses. I love you papito.

- Your wife, N. Marin

To my Son, Spc. G. Morris,

Hey, SON, I LOVE YOU and MISS YOU! Please be careful! I think of you always! Karla is fine I e-mail her often. She MISSES YOU and LOVES you too!

BreAnna said Hi! Oreo and Speedy too! Can't wait to you come back home!

I am so proud of you! I LOVE YOU, SON! I will write again, I don't know if you will get this or not but I will keep writing anyway in hope's that you do!

- Love Mom, BreAnna

To All the soldiers in Kuwait and to my son Spc. M. Boule, We love you M. and you and everyone else are in our prayers. Be safe and know that my heart is with you always. I need a hug, so you better stay safe, do your best, I'm so Proud of you. Be safe my son and know that I love you and miss you.

- S. Boule, Massachusetts

God's Speed to the "Rock of the Marne" with a special "Hoowa" to my hero, my friend, my son 1st Lt. J. Johnson, 123d Signal. Give 'em Hell, Tiger.

- Love, Your Dad, Texas

Dear C. Seymour,

I just want you to know that I am thinking about you everyday and I miss you uncontrollably. I love you with all my heart!! I pray for you every night to come home to me safely. I can't wait to hold you again!! I write you everyday. I love you so much snookie pie!!!

- Love your sneaker, L. Seymour

Hey Matt, just wanted to say "Hi" and let you know that we are all thinking of you. You are in our thoughts and prayers always. Hope all is well with you. We talked to Christina last night and Joshua and Taylor are doing great. We probably won't even recognize Joshua when we see him in about three weeks. Matt we are all so very proud of you and what you are doing. Take good care of yourself and be safe.

- We love you, Mom

To my husband and hero, Spc. M. Keeble, I just wanted to tell you that I, as well as the rest of the family, are very proud of you for defending our country. You truely are my hero!! I love you. Come home safely and soon.

- Your wife for life, Samantha Lee Keeble

2nd Lt. B. Boyea,

Mom and I are just browsing this web site and thought we would try and send you a quick note. Hope you are still doing well and are safe! It is currently 0 degrees and going down tonight however, it is not suppose to get as cold as last night ... minus 14! We are not sure how or if this will get to you, but hopefully it will. You know how proud we are of you and all the other soldiers over there. Scott and Stef said to say "Hi", and that they are thinking of you and hope you are home soon.

- Love, Dad, Mom, Scott, and Stef

This is to my husband Spc. W. French,

Hope that you are doing OK. Your son and I are doing OK and we miss you very much. Eveyone hear says hi and hopes to see you home soon. I just wanted to let you know that Triston is sitting up on his own and is saying hey. He is getting to be a big boy. We miss and love you very much.

- Your wife, N. French, Georgia

Sgt. R. Harter, (FUBIE)

In your letters you mention the protesters and marches and don't understand why, well here is what every soldier, Marine, airman and sailor needs to remember: I was that which others did not want to be. I went where others feared to go, and did what others failed to do. I asked nothing from those who gave nothing, and reluctantly accepted the thought of eternal loneliness ... Should I fail. I have seen the face of terror; Felt the stinging cold of fear; and enjoyed the sweet taste of a moments love. I have cried, pained and hoped … But most of all, I have lived times others would say were best forgotten. At least someday I will be able to say that I was proud of what I was … a defender of our freedoms!

- Frantz

Marne Voice

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Readers respond to the question:

What do you do to help cope with stress?

"I work out and read the word daily."

Staff Sgt. Alice Smith
3220th GSU

"I listen to Italian music sung by Dean Martin."

Warrant Officer Roberto Amoroso
PAO Media Center

"I make the best of a bad situation."

Sgt. 1st Class Jeffery Allmond
HHC 3rd Infantry Division

"I play with my Ranger action figures."

Maj. Curtis "Rock" Henry
Deputy G-4

"I go and spend time with friends."

Pfc. Robert McNeal
3rd SSB

"I relax to the sounds of Alan Jackson and Tim McGraw."

Stacey Markwith
DA civilian

Pvt. Murphy's Law

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Support groups help adults, children cope with life

Laurie Kemp
Winn Public Affairs Officer

Deployments are a part of Army life, and so is the stress and uncertainty left behind for the family members.

Winn Army Community Hospital and Tuttle Army Health Clinic can help people cope with the stress and uncertainty through several support groups for adults and children.

Coping Support Group for Adults:

"This group is being offered to provide support to the spouse who is having a difficult time dealing with the stress associated with deployment," said Carey Sawyer, prevention specialist at Winn Army Community Hospital. "Deployments can be very stressful for some people. We wanted to offer support and provide a place where spouses could share their experiences and concerns and be an encouragement to other spouses."

Part of the group is providing the attendees with a list of resources in the community that can help take the stress out of their lives and get them "out of the house," such as stress management classes to discount day care to community activities.

"I really encourage the spouses to stay active, to get out and do things whether its volunteering or just keeping up with events at Army Community Services," Sawyer said.

According to Sawyer, it is important to watch out for depression warning signs after a deployment. Signs include not wanting to get up in the morning, doing just enough everyday to get by, losing interest in usual activities, feeling sad almost every day, decrease/increase in appetite, thoughts of hurting self or others, lack of energy or feeling lonely.

"It is called a support group because it is meant for them to support each other. A group can help; it helps motivate a person to carry on while their spouse is not here," Sawyer said. She also emphasized that no one should be afraid to ask for help.

The Winn Coping Support Group for Adults meets 9 to 10:30 a.m. every Monday. For more information, call 370-6100. Tuttle's group meets 9 to 10:30 a.m. every Tuesday. For more information, call 352-5236.

Coping Support Group for Children:

"Deployment is especially hard for children because there is so much uncertainty," Sawyer said.

Children, like adults, show warning signs of depression and confusion.

"A child may become aggressive or angry or there may be a decrease in school performance," Sawyer said. "It may happen overnight or take a few weeks. Some children have difficulty coping upon hearing the news of a parent leaving and others will adjust without problems."

The most important thing is knowing how the child is feeling and to help the child cope with the uncertainty.

"There is no other support group for children," Sawyer said. "We try to make it fun and interesting, especially for the younger children."

The children will do activities like drawing pictures of how they are feeling, working in activity books focused on deployment and encourage parents to make video/audio tapes for the deployed parent. While the children work on the activities, Sawyer said she talks to the parents to help them understand what the child is expressing, and how they can help the child.

The Winn Coping Support Group for Children meets 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Mondays for children ages 6 to 9 and 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Thursdays for children ages 10 to 13. For more information, call 370-6100. Tuttle's group meets 3 to 4 p.m. every Monday and Wednesday. For more information, call 352-5236.

Expectant Mothers Support Group

The Expectant Mothers Support Group is specifically tailored to the meet the needs of pregnant women whose significant other is deployed.

According to Beth Wilkinson, Clinical Social Worker, Social Work Services, pregnant women don't need to feel alone and scared throughout their pregnancy because their primary source of support is deployed. The purpose of the support group is to provide a setting for pregnant women to get to know each other and provide support to one another throughout the pregnancy.

"It is their group," Wilkinson said. "All they have to do is tell me what they want from a group and I will try to make it happen."

Wilkinson said she is able to arrange educational classes from Winn, like lactation counseling, and also classes from Army Community Service like stress management.

For those women who want extra support, the Buddy Program is available.

The Buddy Program pairs one expectant woman with another to provide a more personal one-on-one support system.

Childcare will be available during the meetings with advanced notice.

The Expectant Mothers Support Group and Buddy Program are available at Winn and Tuttle. The next Expectant Mothers Support Group will be held 10 a.m. March 19 in the Palmetto Room at Club Stewart. For more information or to book childcare, call Beth Wilkinson at 370-6779.

The name's 2 — G-2

Sgt. Sam Hoffman
Staff Writer

It might not be as exciting as a James Bond movie, but military intelligence still plays a vital role in the day-to-day operations of Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield, said Maj. Bill Millard, installation G-2.

The mission of the G-2 is to provide the commander and chief of staff with intelligence and security. Soldiers of the 3220th Garrison Support Unit's Directorate of Security, which is based in West Palm Beach, Fla., assist in analyzing local and overseas threats, counter-terrorism, processing security clearances and "special tasks," Millard said.

In addition to their work, 3220th MI soldiers have even been volunteering for the Family Readiness Group.

"3220th soldiers are involved in every aspect of intelligence and security; with the new emphasis on homeland security, their mission grows everyday," he said. "Our mission has traditionally been counter-intelligence; under the new installation management authority we have been given the additional mission of filling in for the 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) intelligence office — the G-2."

Processing security clearances is one of the biggest missions of the 3220th DSEC, Millard said. Soldiers who submit a request for a clearance will have to fill out a computerized form with personal information about where they have lived, what they have done and the jobs they have held in the past seven to ten years.

"Based on their answers, the Defense Security Service will determine whether they're eligible to have access to classified info," he said. "However, having a clearance does not mean access."

Access is based on a soldiers' duty position and a need-to-know basis, Millard said.

"The G-2 office work's with the garrison intelligence division to ensure that the right people get the right access," he said. "Don Cahill (military intelligence officer) has been a big help with that."

Three 3220th DSEC soldiers have been at Fort Stewart for three years. Two more were mobilized in Sept. 2002, and the rest arrived with the full activation of the unit, said Millard.

Staff Sgt. Ty Bumpus, 3220th DSEC platoon sergeant, was on active-duty for eleven years prior to joining the Reserves.

"To me, the most rewarding thing is to come from the Reserves back to active duty and accomplish the same missions I did when I was on active duty," he said. "It's fascinating when we accomplish a mission ... and watching [soldiers] grow."

The mission of the 3220th DSEC continues to evolve, said Millard.

"We're looking forward," he said.

Because of the length of time it takes to become qualified in a military intelligence military occupational skill, many Reservists have not gotten the opportunity to attend the proper schools, said Millard.

"My priority is for 3220th MI soldiers to get qualified in their MOS and cross-train in as many different areas as possible," he said.

Millard said this would enable partial mobilizations in the future that would send soldiers to certain sections that they could specialize in.

In addition, the counter-intelligence section has produced a family readiness film about security information. This film is available to all soldiers and families. For information, contact Chief Warrant Officer 4 Ray Laurie at 767-3772.

Twice the citizen ...

Sgt. Sam Hoffman

Capt. Stuart Siegel, administrative law attorney, congratulates Spc. Camila Gonzalez, an Army Reservist from the 3220th Garrison Support Unit, for earning her U.S. citizenship.

PAPER

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contest include: Third place for The Frontline On-line — the internet edition of The Frontline — and second place for The Spartan Chronicle — the 2nd Brigade field newsletter produced by the 50th Public Affairs Detachment.

The Frontline took first place because of its sound variety of coverage and solid design principles, according to Jim Jeffcoat, managing editor.

"The issue that was considered had just about every element that they teach at the school. (The staff) keeps an average of five stories on front page, as well as a dominant photo that follows the design of many award winning civilian newspapers," he said.

Content is also another factor in The Frontline's success, Jeffcoat added. "We run a variety of features — many supported by graphic elements — and commentaries. Basically, our stories serve the people," he said.

The on-line version on The Frontline placed highly in the competition because it is user-friendly, Jeffcoat said.

"We've taken great care to make (navigating the site) easy," he said. "We continue to make it faster and make the pages work more efficiently. We try to show the flavor of the actual paper itself."

Staff members who contributed to the winning 2002 The Frontline were: Jeffcoat, managing editor; Sgt. Amy Nyland, Sgt. Raymond Piper, Spc. Mason T. Lowery, editors; Sgt. Akilah Clarke, Sgt. Craig Zentkovich, Spc. Adam Nuelkin, Spc. Robin Tenney, Spc. Jacob Boyer, Spc. Laurie Kemp, Spc. Katherine Robinson, Spc. Natalie Schlotman, staff writers and Leslie Miller, production manager.

Tim Hale produced the 2002 on-line version of The Frontline.

Members of the 50th PAD who produced the Spartan Chronicle are: Maj. Larry Winchel, Staff Sgt. Anthony Joseph, Spc. Mason T. Lowery, Spc. Katherine Robinson and Spc. Natalie Schlotman.

Six tent cities serve 15K soldiers

Bob Whistine
Army News Service

CAMP ARIFJAN, Kuwait — Six tent cities in Kuwait now have space for 15,500 soldiers and officials said more requests arrive daily.

Camp sizes in Kuwait range from 500 to 6,500 personnel, officials said. Dining facilities have increased their capacity to feed up to 10,000 per day with projected increases to reach 20,000 per day.

Joyce Taylor of the U.S. Army Materiel Command's Program Management Office for the Logistic Civil Augmentation Program, know as LOGCAP, arrived in Kuwait in September. She then helped develop plans to construct six Force Provider modules to provide bedding for nearly 3,500 personnel.

Today, the number has more than quadrupled for soldiers housed and it continues to grow, Taylor said, explaining that both Force Provider and Festival Tent communities have been built under the LOGCAP contract.

Force Provider modules provide climate-controlled billeting, dining facilities, hygiene services and morale, welfare and recreation, or MWR facilities capable of supporting more than 550 personnel.

Force Providers are containerized for shipping by land, air and sea. A typical camp requires about five to 10 acres of land, officials said. Site preparation takes about three to four days, they said, with an entire camp becoming fully operational in 14 days or less.

"I believe the most important aspect of a Brown and Root contract to construct Force Provider units is that it drastically reduces the military logistics footprint on the battlefield," said Lt. Col. Rod Cutright, the senior LOGCAP planner for all of Southwest Asia.

"We can quickly purchase building materials and hire third-country nationals to perform the work," Cutright said. "This means a small number of combat-service-support soldiers are needed to support this logistic aspect of building up an area."

More than 1,800 Brown and Root contractors support the LOGCAP missions in Kuwait, Cutright said, along with nine officers from the Logistic Support Unit, or LSU.

Force Provider modules come complete with water and fuel storage, power generation and distribution, and wastewater collection systems. The basic building block is the Tent Expendable Modular Personnel, or TEMPER, each of which has an environmental control unit, officials said.

Force Providers have been used in Haiti, Bosnia, Guatemala, Honduras, Guantanamo Bay (Cuba) and various locations in Kuwait in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Missions for Force Providers include: theater reception; intermediate staging base; rest and refit and base camps for military operations such as humanitarian/disaster relief; and peacekeeping missions.

Modernization plans for the Force Provider include increasing its efficiency while decreasing the logistical footprint, operations and maintenance costs, according to officials of the Assistant Product Management office.

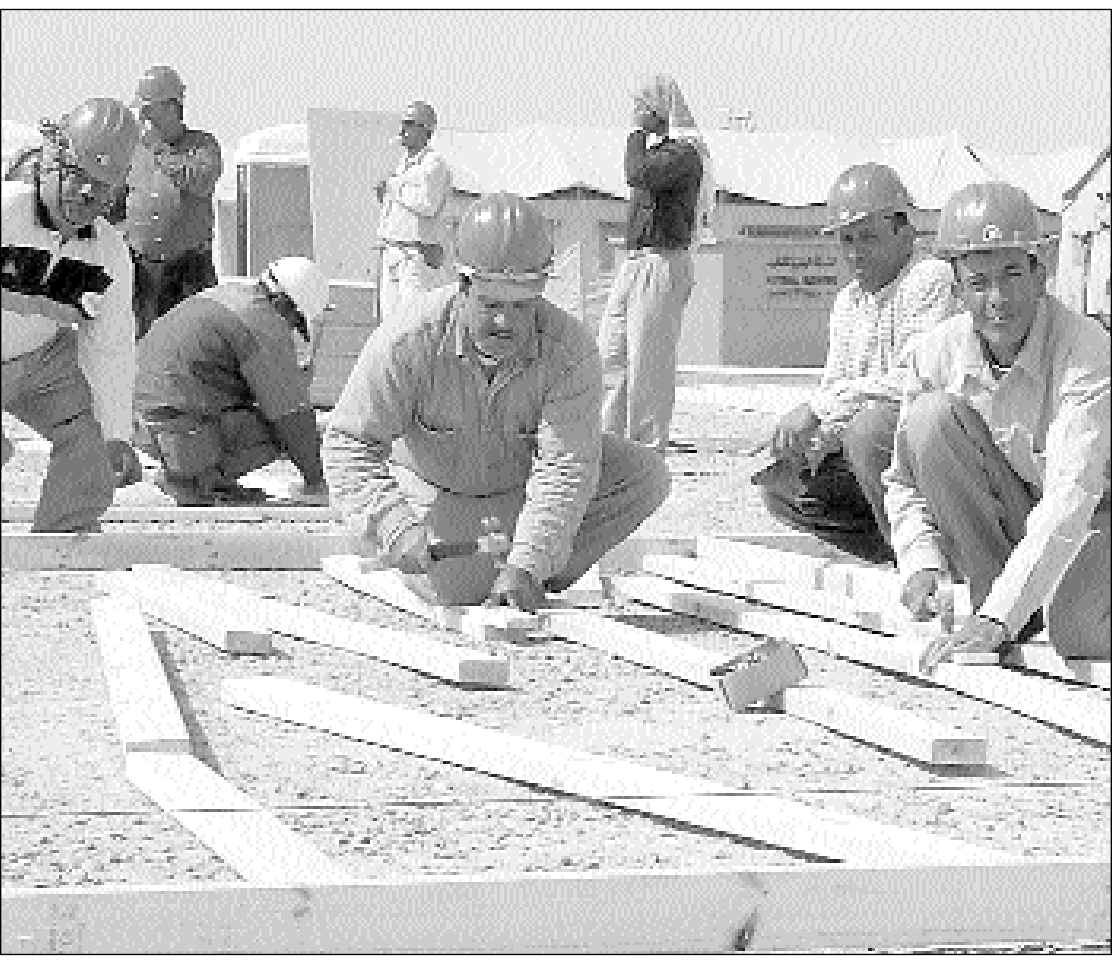
The APM office was tasked to develop, build and assemble a total of 36 modules by fiscal year 2005. Thirty-one modules were already completed by June, officials said, adding that five are still in production. Current storage plans call for 12 to be kept aboard preposition ships; eight in CONUS; one at Fort Polk, La., to be used for training and testing; six in Europe, six in the Pacific; and three in the Central Command area of responsibility.

All modules will be under AMC management, officials said. Production will be completed at the Defense Distribution Depot, Albany, Ga.

"Last year there were no Force Provider units here," said Taylor in Kuwait. "Now there are 10 modules, which means we are now supporting over 6,000 coalition forces."

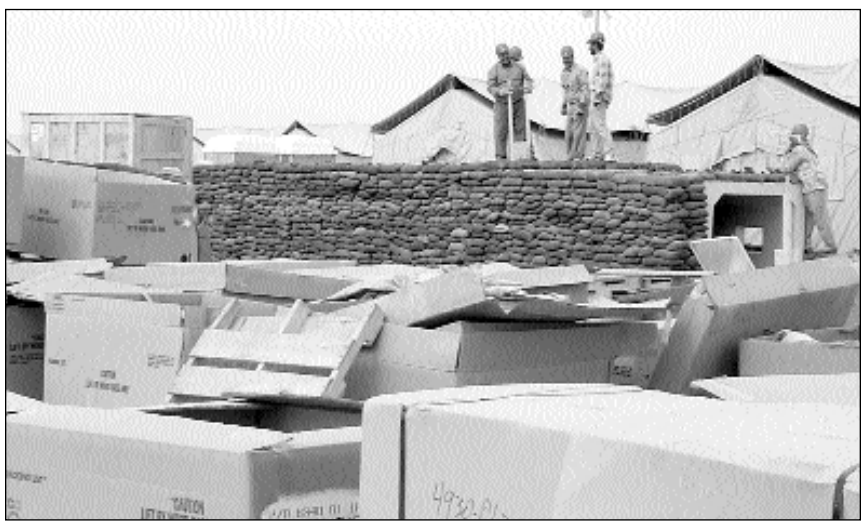
"I get a great deal of personnel satisfaction in knowing I'm supporting the soldiers by meeting their personal needs like a place to sleep, a shower and a place to eat," Taylor said. "My job is to provide them a better life support system that allows them to go out and do the job they are trained for."

Editor's note: *Bob Whistine is the AMC-Logistic Support Element Public Affairs Officer.*



Photos by Bob Whistine

Third-country nationals build frame for a floor that will be the foundation of a Force Provider tent.



(Above) Brown and Root employees finish placing a water liner for a Force Provider shower unit.

(Left) Third-country national place sand bags around a bunker.

POLICE REPORTS

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 21-year-old male, Headquarters Command
• **Charges:** Speeding, driving with a suspended or revoked license
• **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Civilian, 24-year-old male
• **Charges:** Driving under the influence
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Civilian, 19-year-old male
• **Charges:** Driving under the influence, driving while license suspended, speeding 75/55
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Family member, 20-year-old male
• **Charges:** Criminal trespass
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Civilian, 22-year-old male
• **Charges:** Driving while license suspended
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private 2, 27-year-old female, 24th Corps Support Group
• **Charges:** Simple assault consummated with a battery
• **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

• **Subject:** Private, 25-year-old female, 24th Corps Support Group
• **Charges:** Simple assault consummated with a battery
• **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

• **Subject:** Civilian, 19-year-old female
• **Charges:** Conspiracy, larceny of private property, forgery and larceny of government property
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Civilian, 18-year-old female
• **Charges:** Conspiracy, larceny of private property, forgery and larceny of government property
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private 2, 19-year-old female, separate battalion
• **Charges:** Improper backing
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 21-year-old male, separate battalion
• **Charges:** Conspiracy, false official statement, unlawful possession of weapon
• **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Specialist, 20-year-old male
• **Charges:** Conspiracy, unlawful possession of a weapon
• **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 22-year-old male, separate battalion
• **Charges:** Simple battery
• **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 24-year-old male, Headquarters Command
• **Charges:** Failure to exercise due care
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 20-year-old male, separate battalion
• **Charges:** Improper backing
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Civilian, 61-year-old male
• **Charges:** Failure to yield right of way
• **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 21-year-old female
• **Charges:** Failure to use due care
• **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

• **Subject:** Civilian, 29-year-old female
• **Charges:** False official statement
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 23-year-old female, separate battalion
• **Charges:** Failure to appear
• **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Specialist, 42-year-old male, separate battalion
• **Charges:** Drunk and disorderly
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Civilian, 59-year-old female
• **Charges:** Failure to yield right of way
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private 2, 20-year-old male, separate battalion
• **Charges:** Driving under the influence less safe (refusal), failure to stop at a stop sign, failure to obey a traffic control device, driving without license
• **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Private, 20-year-old male, Aviation Brigade
• **Charges:** Wrongful use of marijuana
• **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

• **Subject:** Specialist, 21-year-old male, 24th Corps Support Group
• **Charges:** Improper backing
• **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

• **Subject:** Private, 19-year-old female, 24th Corps Support Group
• **Charges:** Improper parking
• **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

• **Subject:** Sergeant, 23-year-old male, separate battalion
• **Charges:** Driving with unlawful blood alcohol level
• **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 21-year-old male, 1st Brigade
• **Charges:** Driving under the influence, speeding 69/45
• **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Private 2, 21-year-old male, 1st Brigade
• **Charges:** Larceny of government property
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 22-year-old male, separate battalion
• **Charges:** Driving while license suspended, failure to wear seat belt
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 18-year-old male, 2nd Brigade
• **Charges:** Larceny of AAFES property
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Civilian, 25-year-old male
• **Charges:** Improper backing
• **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

• **Subject:** Civilian, 28-year-old male
• **Charges:** Driving while license suspended
• **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

• **Subject:** Sergeant, 48-year-old male, separate battalion
• **Charges:** Following too closely
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 34-year-old male, separate battalion
• **Charges:** False and fraudulent insurance claim
• **Location:** Vero Beach, Fla.

• **Subject:** Specialist, 22-year-old, separate battalion
• **Charges:** Driving while license suspended
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

Courts-Martial

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

Special Courts-Martial

United States v. Pvt. 2 Christopher C. Hall, B Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry, Fort Stewart, Georgia. On Feb. 26, the military judge found Pvt. 2 Hall guilty of three counts AWOL, wrongful use of marijuana and not guilty of larceny, but guilty of wrongful appropriation. The military judge sentenced Pvt. 2 Hall to: be reduced to the grade of E-1, be confined for six months and a bad-conduct discharge.

General Courts-Martial

United States v. Pvt. Alalade Horne, C Company, 11th Engineer Battalion, Engineer Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Georgia. On Feb. 28, the military judge found Pvt. Horne guilty of failure to repair, wrongful use of marijuana, aggravated assault, willful discharge of firearm, false statement under 18 USC 922(a)(6), AWOL and escape from confinement, not guilty of wrongful purchase of firearm and dismissed before findings on motion by government for disobeying lawful order of an NCO. The military judge sentenced Pvt. 2 Horne to: forfeit all pay and allowances, to be confined for 42 months and be discharged from the service with a dishonorable discharge.

United States v. Sgt. Melanie L. Pratt, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, Engineer Brigade, Fort Stewart, Georgia. On Feb. 11, the military judge found Sgt. Pratt guilty of larceny and dismissed on motion by the government before findings for conspiracy. The military judge sentenced Sgt. Pratt to: reduced to the grade of E-1, to be confined for two years and a bad-conduct discharge.

United States v. Sgt. Anthony J. Davis, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry, Fort Stewart, Georgia. On Jan. 31 and Feb. 3, the military judge found Sgt. Davis guilty of AWOL, wrongful use of cocaine and larceny. Dismissed on motion by government for dereliction of duty, two counts larceny and housebreaking. The military judge sentenced Sgt. Davis to: reduced to the grade of E-1, total forfeiture of all pay and allowances, to be confined for 21 months and a bad-conduct discharge.

It's that time again ... *Tax tips for soldiers*

Special to The Frontline

How will deployed 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) soldiers do their taxes? Will there be a tax center provided to soldiers of the 3ID?

Soldiers have several ways of doing their taxes.

First, on a limited basis, soldiers can get help from the brigade legal counsel or Judge Advocates in the Division Rear legal office.

Soldiers will be able to have judge advocate assistance only for the 1040EZ forms.

1040A forms are available if the soldiers want to file that form on their own. Soldiers must obtain their W-2 on My Pay prior to coming to D-Rear Legal for assistance. Judge Advocates will not download W-2s from My Pay for soldiers.

Second, as discussed below, a spouse can file taxes stateside for the soldier.

Finally, a soldier may electronically file taxes for free or at most, a nominal fee. These options are discussed below.

What happens if I'm deployed past April 15, 2003? Will my taxes be late?

No. Military members deployed to Kuwait are allowed special extensions of time to file their taxes. Soldiers have at least 180 days after they redeploy to file taxes.

No penalty or interest will accrue during this period, so if a soldier owes taxes, it may be to the soldier's benefit to delay filing. A soldier also gets an additional day to file for every day deployed during the 2003 tax-filing season (Jan. 1, 2004 to April 15, 2004).

For example, if a soldier was deployed on Jan. 1 for 180 days, he or she would have 285 days (105 days for tax season plus the 180-day delay) to file taxes without any kind of penalty or interest.

Does my spouse get the same extension of time to file?

Yes, the extension applies to all spouses of military members deployed to Kuwait.

Do I have to take any special action to get the time extension to file?

You DO NOT have to file a Form 4868 for an extension. But when you file your taxes upon return home, attach a statement to your return explaining what situation qualifies you for the extension, in this case serving in a combat zone, the Persian Gulf. You have to write "Operation Desert Storm Combat Zone" on all correspondence to the IRS, including your 1040 tax form. The reason you use "Desert Storm" is because that authorization was approved for Kuwait in 1991 and has never been closed.

What if I want to file now so I can get a refund?

If your spouse is at Fort Stewart/Hunter, he or she can file for you (or sign for you if it's a joint return) with a power of attorney. The tax center at Fort Stewart is also available for your spouse to use. If you have given your spouse a general power of attorney, it will suffice, but the IRS Form 2848 also works for that purpose. You can get this form from the legal section, or **www.irs.gov/formspubs**.

Are there ways to file my taxes online?

Yes. There is free filing online through the IRS e-file system if your adjusted gross income (AGI) is less than $28,000. The website is **www.free1040taxreturn.com**. *If you AGI is greater than $28,000 the filing costs $9.95.*

Where can I get additional information about my taxes?

Contact your nearest JAG if you have other questions.

DRINKING & DRIVING DON'T MIX

3ID IN BRIEF

Stewart

Wives of Warriors

Fort Stewart Chaplains and 2nd BCT Spouses Prayer Group invite you to a two-day conference with "Wives of Warriors — Connected by Hope." there will be several workshops to choose from with discussion time built-in. The conference is scheduled 6:30 to 9 p.m., March 28 and 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., March 29 at Club Stewart. Childcare is provided. Deadline for reservations is Tuesday. For more information or for conference and childcare reservations, call 877-7263 or 876-9232.

(OCS) Selection Board

HQDA has announced that the Officer Candidate School Selection Board for March 31 through April 1st has been cancelled. The next board is scheduled to be held in July.

For more information and criteria needed, call 767-1452 or 767- 5817.

Marne Tax Center

Starting Tuesday the Marne Tax Center will be changing from extended hours to normal business hours. The tax center will be open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday at Building 9611 in the National Guard Training Center area.

Call 767-3909 for more information.

Warrant officer board

HQDA has announced the Fiscal Year 2003 CW 3, 4 and 5 Promotion Board. The board is scheduled to meet April 29. The following are the zones of consideration for all grades:

AV MOSs less 151A

- Above Zone — Sept. 30, 1997 and earlier
- Primary Zone — Oct. 1, 1997 through Sept. 30, 1998
- Below Zone — Oct. 1, 1998 through Sept. 30, 1999

Tech MOSs plus 151A

- Above Zone — Sept. 30, 1998 and earlier
- Primary Zone — Oct. 1, 1998 through Sept. 30, 1999
- Below Zone — Oct. 1, 1999 through Sept. 30, 2000

Officers who will be considered by this board in all zones of consideration should immediately schedule themselves for a new digital photo.

In addition to having the new digital photo posted to their files, officers will also receive two hard copies. These hard copy photos must be forwarded to PERSCOM in time for the promotion board.

For more information, call 767-3416 or 352-6296.

GED classes and testing

Soldiers and family members may attend the free GED Class at the Rock Learning Center, Building 206.

Registration takes place the first Tuesday of the month, and meetings are held 6 to 9 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays. The GED test costs $45 for Army family members and $55 for non-Army family members.

For more information, call 368-7322.

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 date for Special Forces assessment and selection is March 23. Both combat and non-combat MOSs may apply.

To learn more about Special Forces, attend the weekly briefing at Hunter, noon and 2 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.

Continuing education

Family members, Army Reservists and National Guardsmen can continue their education during their relocation to Fort Stewart the following learning centers, regardless of their specific unit.

Classrooms are also available for training and FRG meetings. For additional information about these locations or continuing education call the Main Education Center at 767-8331.

2003 Women's Conference

Army Community Service is inviting ladies of the community to join the group for the 2003 Women's Conference to be held at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield.

The Hunter event will happen 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., March 20 at Hunter Club. The Fort Stewart conference is 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., March 21 at the Community Activity Center. For more information call Linda McKnight, ACS, at 767-5058

Hunter

Hunter Club

Every Wednesday, the Hunter Club will be serving Grill Beef Strip Steak with Saut`eed Onions, Baked Potato, Side Salad, and Drink for $6.50.

NCO and Officer Calls every Friday from 4 to 8 p.m., except training holidays.

Catering is available for any function. The Hunter Club is open to the public. For reservations, call 353-7923 or 352-5270.

Army Education Center

The Army Education Center is sponsoring a Pell Grant/Financial Aid Workshop, Wednesday, at the Army Education Center, Building 1290.

Correspondence Courses

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

Continuing education

Family members, Army Reservists and National Guardsmen can continue their education during their relocation to Hunter Army Airfield, regardless of their specific unit, at the Hunter Army Airfield Education Center, Building 1290. For more information, call 352-6130. Classrooms are also available for training and FRG meetings. For additional information about these locations, or the ACES program, call the Main Education Center at 352-6130.

Memory Tree

A ceremony will be held to honor deployed soldiers, today at 4:30 p.m. at the Hunter Army Airfield Chapel. Anyone who wishes to participate may do so by placing a yellow ribbon on the Memory Tree that will be set up. The Hunter Post Exchange will provide large yellow ribbons and 60 smaller ribbons upon which the deployed soldier's name can be written. So that participants may be sure they have a ribbon, they may purchase one at the Hunter PX and have it ready for the tree.

After all ribbons have been placed, all involved are invited to the chapel for prayer.

After-school Program

The Hunter Youth Center is now signing up students in the 6th grade level and higher for a free After-School Program.

The program offers field trips, homework help, computer labs, crafts, cooking, sports and fitness, as well as Boys and Girls Club programs.

1st- through 5th-graders may also sign up, however, space is limited. Those who are interested can register at Buildin. 1286.

Volunteer Opportunities Fair

A Volunteer Opportunities Fair is scheduled for Thursday March 27 at Hunter Club from 9 a.m. to noon. All ages are welcome. For more information, contact Vickie Wiginton, Fort Stewart ACS, at 767-5058/5059 or the School Liaison Office at 767-6071/6533.

Hunter Outdoor Recreation

Hunter Outdoor Recreation has scheduled eight-hour Safety Classes for the following days: Saturday, April 19, Aug. 16 and 30, Sept. 6 and 20, Oct. 4 and 18, Nov. 8 and 22, and Dec. 13. No classes will be held in May, June or July. For more information call Pass & Permit at 767-5032.

Phatt Katz Comedy Show

The Phatt Katz Comedy Run will present shows at the Hunter Club on Wednesday starting at 9:30 p.m. Performances will feature two comedians and one headliner.

Doors open at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are $10 in advance and $15 at the door. For reservations call 912-269-0277.

Volunteer Opportunities Fair

Looking for a positive and rewarding experience helping others in your community? Come out to the Volunteer Opportunities Fair 9 a.m. to noon, March 27 at the Hunter Club. For more information, call 767-5058.

First Steps Program

The First Steps Program needs volunteers. This is a program that provides information and support to expectant and new parents stationed at Hunter. Volunteers make home visits to expectant parents and provide a 12 month phone call follow up. Volunteers are paid mileage reimbursement and enjoy flexible hours. Volunteers can help as many or as few families as they like. For more information, call 756-6516

Newcomer's briefing

There is a newcomer's briefing 9:30 a.m. every Wednesday at Building 1290 for newly arrived soldiers and their families. For more information, call 352-6816

Winn Army Community Hospital

Blood Drive

Winn Army Community Hospital will be hosting a blood drive 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 20 in the parking lot.

Tuttle Shuttle

Transportation to Winn Army Community Hospital from Tuttle Army Health Clinic is now available through the Tuttle Shuttle. The shuttle runs Monday through Friday. The pick-up point is the front desk.

Shuttle schedule is as follows:

Depart Tuttle at 7 a.m. - arrive at Winn at 8 a.m.; Depart Winn at 8:15 a.m. - arrive at Tuttle at 9:15 a.m.; Depart Tuttle at 9:30 p.m. - arrive at Winn at 10:30 p.m.; Depart Winn at 10:45 p.m. - arrive at Tuttle at 11:45 a.m.; Depart Tuttle 1:15 p.m. - arrive at Winn 2:15 p.m.; Depart Winn at 2:30 p.m. - arrive at Tuttle at 3:30 p.m.

Active-duty Mental Exams

The Behavioral Health Clinic will conduct Active-duty Mental Status Exams 1 to 1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. All patients with a completed FL92-R who sign in by 1:30 p.m. will be seen. This exam is not a treatment evaluation. All soldiers E4 and below must be accompanied by an E5 or higher. For more information, call 370-6100.

Coping Support Groups

The Coping Support Group is for adults having difficulty dealing with the stress in their life. The group meets 9 to 10:30 a.m. every Monday. The Coping Support Group for Children meets 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. for children ages 6 to 9 and 3:30 to 4:30 Thursday for children ages 10 to 13. For more information, call 370-6100.

TRICARE Hours of Operation

The TRICARE Service Center is open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 370-6015.

EFMP Enrollment Orientation

The Exceptional Family Member Program will be holding an enrollment orientation from 1:30 to 3 p.m. March 27 in Winn's Patriot Auditorium. Meet other families and learn about other community support services. For more information, call Jennie Pullings at 370-6505.

"Take Care of Yourself" classes

The next Winn "Take Care of Yourself" class will be 11 a.m. to noon March 26 at the TRICARE Services Center. A class will also be available 2 to 3 p.m. Wednesday at Winn. Tuttle's class will be 10 to 11 a.m. March 26. The class gives an overview of how to use the "Take Care of Yourself" book. Upon completing the class, you will receive a card that allows you to get over-the-counter medications from Winn or Tuttle. To register for the class in the TRICARE Services Center, call 368-3048. To register for Tuttle's class, call 767-6633. To register for Winn's class, call 370-5071.

Pregnancy Nurse Line

Patients more than 20 weeks pregnant who have questions between their regularly scheduled appointments can call the direct nurse line at 370-6550.

Tuttle TRICARE enrollment

TRICARE enrollment briefings for Tuttle are held by appointment from 9 to 11 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday. To schedule an appointment, call 767-6633 or 1-800-652-9221.

Winn and Tuttle Champions

The Winn and Tuttle Champions program matches representatives with Family Readiness Groups to answer questions about what health-care services are available to you — from transferring your TRICARE enrollment to refilling prescriptions to scheduling appointments. For more information, call Winn at 370-6225/6143 or Tuttle at 352-6015.

Developmental screenings

Military families with children up to 3 years old who may be at risk for developmental delays can call Educational and Developmental Intervention Services for a free screening. Services include home visits, occupational therapy, special instruction, physical therapy, speech and language therapy, vision and hearing screenings, family training, developmental screenings and assessments. For more information, call 370-6349.

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.

ANA, U.S. soldiers work together in Madr Valley

Spc. Worley B. Smith
109th Mobile Public Affairs Det.

MADR VALLEY, Afghanistan — Soldiers of the 3rd Kandak (battalion), Afghan National Army were instrumental in recovering part of Afghanistan's cultural history.

3rd Kandak soldiers along with U.S. Special Forces went into the village of Daste Safed to investigate reports of two people suspected of being falsely imprisoned in a house in the area.

In past weeks, information had been circulating around the area of Madr that disputes between artifact dealers in Daste Safed and a village to the north over money resulted in warnings that anyone passing through the village of Daste Safed would be imprisoned.

When the Kandak soldiers arrived at the site, the person who owned the house was not present. While conducting a routine sweep of the premises looking for weapons they came across a cave in the back yard where three crates thought to contain weapons were discovered. When opened, the contents were identified as national relics.

"ANA soldiers with the assistance of U.S. forces immediately took control of the artifacts, inventoried them and took responsibility for transportation of them to Kabul," said Capt. Vincent Martinelli, commander of SF Forces currently responsible for training the 3rd Kandak.

"This mission showed yet another example of the professionalism of the Afghan National Army," he said.

After the artifacts were taken into custody, they were brought back to Firebase Romero and put on display for local Afghan media and political and military officials.

"This find shows the people of Bamian that Daste Safed is a very old city and was used quite extensively by the Buddhists many years ago," said Col. Aminullah, 3rd Kandak commander.

The village of Roy Seng and other areas throughout the Madr and Kamard Valleys were home to Buddhist priests thousands of years ago.

"These artifacts quite possibly date back as far as two to three thousand years," Aminullah said.

In years past, national treasures like those found in Daste Safed were taken by Taliban supporters to be sold on the black market. "People supporting the Taliban and al-Qaeda have spent many years taking our cultural artifacts out of this country to sell in Pakistan to other countries," said Muhammad Rahim Aliyar, Governor of Bamian.

"I appreciate the soldiers who recovered these artifacts. It is obvious that they were well trained by the U.S. forces here. They work well together," he said.

While the ANA's mission in Bamian has primarily been disarming the region, political and military officials agree that the recovery of these artifacts lends even more credibility to the ANA because they are essentially giving back to the people.

"This discovery is important not only for the Kandak but for all the people of Afghanistan," said Aliyar.

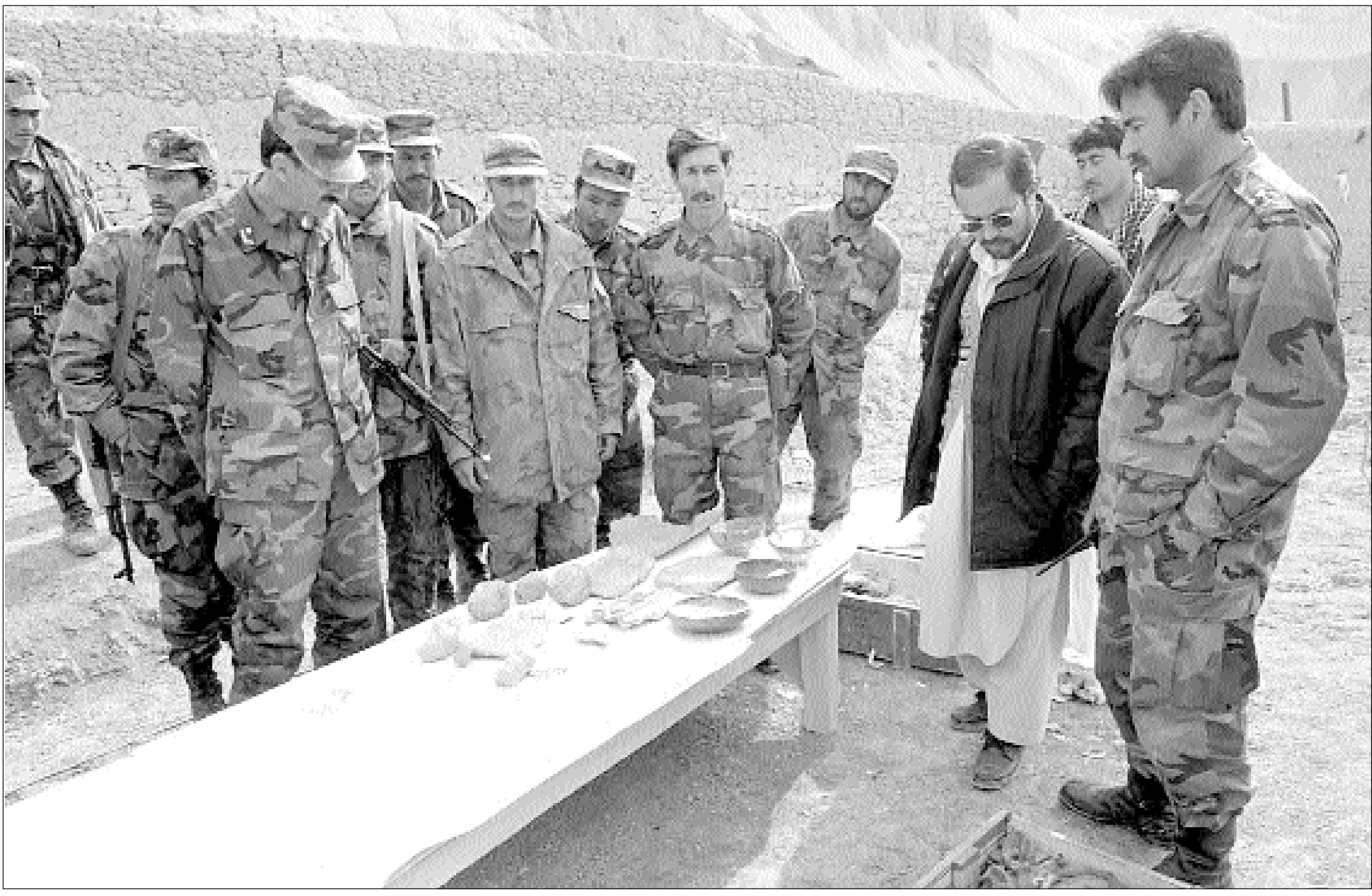
While it is speculated that there are other artifacts in the area, getting to the locations where Buddhist priests might have lived is hampered by the many mines still in the area.

According Aminullah that will not deter his troops from recovering more artifacts in the future.

"ANA soldiers and officers are very proud of the fact that we found these artifacts and will work day and night to recover others," he said.

Aliyar added, "The first step starts here."

These two bowls are just a few of the many found in Daste Safed by ANA soldiers. These bowls along with other artifacts are believed to be national artifacts dating back 2-3 thousand years ago.



Photos by Worley B. Smith

Col. Aminullah (far right), Gov. Aliyar (civilian clothes) and other ANA soldiers look at national artifact relics on display found in Daste Safed.

One K-9 team stands alone to sniff out drugs

Staff Sgt. Christina Bhatti
11th Public Affairs Detachment

BAGRAM, Afghanistan — In an effort to flush drugs and contraband out of this theater of operations, one dog and his handler take on the task alone.

They are the only team in this theater qualified to sniff out narcotics. Sgt. Laurence Gilbert, narcotics dog handler, 163rd Military Police Detachment, Fort Campbell, Ky., K-9 unit and 85-pound German shepherd, Johnny, have taken on the task to make sure no illegal narcotics are brought into the camps on Bagram.

"It is a huge responsibility," said Staff Sgt. Michael Sytsma, kennel master, 35th Military Police Detachment, Fort Gordon, Ga. "There is a lot of area this one team has to cover."

The team has been on the ground since December and have done approximately 20 health and welfare inspections. The most recent was Wednesday. Though Gilbert said he doesn't see Bagram as a large problem, he and Johnny have found drugs on several different inspections.

"In Afghanistan, hashish is the biggest problem — it is cheap and easy to come by," said Gilbert. "Afghans will readily sell to soldiers."

Hashish is a derivative of marijuana, but it has a gummy consistency and leaves a heavy oil residue. It is easily recognizable, and is generally sold in sticks.

"Hash is as easy to get as a candy bar," said Sytsma.

It is Gilbert and Johnny's job to prevent the substance from being used or owned. They do this through their health and welfare inspections.

The inspections are random and done when a commander calls upon them, Gilbert said. Each tent is thoroughly searched by the trained nose of Johnny under the direction of Gilbert. A dog's sense of smell is much more keen than a human's and as soon as Johnny enters an area, he knows if there is something there — it is just a matter of finding it. The process takes only minutes. Once he does he immediately sits and waits for Gilbert.

"I am basically there to 'present' to Johnny any areas that he misses or may not sniff on his own, and once he has alerted me to something I search and find exactly where it is," Gilbert said.

The MPs will not dig through belongings until Johnny has positively alerted them to something. His reward is a chew toy that Gilbert always carries with him.

Johnny is trained to sniff out five different narcotic substances. All drug dogs are trained at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. It is an intensive 90-day training where the dogs learn how to work with soldiers on sniffing drugs and patrolling. Once they complete training they are ready to go to work at a military installation.

It is then that they meet their new handlers. "Once we get a new dog we have to go through a 45-60 day familiarization. That is where we learn the dog and the dog learns us," Gilbert said. The familiarization period is there to certify both the handler and the dog. Once they become certified they are ready to take on missions.

To keep the required 90 percent accuracy, Gilbert and Johnny must go through at least quarterly training. Training kits are ordered from the Naval Criminal Investigative Service.

"We try to make the training as realistic as possible," said Gilbert. "We try to think like a person who would have the substance and ask ourselves, 'If we were trying to hide this, where would we put it?'" said Gilbert. The object of the training is not to make it too hard for the dog, but to challenge him.

According to Gilbert, the longest training will last is two hours. "We want the dog to find the substance, and we want them to do it quickly," he said.

Since the conventional training aids cannot be shipped here, Gilbert and Johnny use sticks of hashish. During their inspections, the MP who is accompanying the team will randomly place the sticks. This serves two purposes; one is to keep Johnny interested in the inspection and the other is for training.

"It is important to keep the dog sharp," said Gilbert. "If we go three months without training, we will no longer be certified."

Gilbert has been a dog handler for about two years and was drawn to the task by observing other teams. His first experience was in 1997 when he was stationed at Fort Belvoir, Va.

"I saw a specialist on patrol with his dog and he was on his own. I had respect for that and that is what I decided what I wanted to do," he said.

When it came time for Gilbert to reenlist, he did to be a dog handler. Now Gilbert is on his own. "It's just me and my dog."

Photos by Staff Sgt. Christina Bhatti

(Above) Sgt. Laurence Gilbert, narcotics dog handler, 163rd MP Detachment K-9 unit, Fort Campbell, Ky., "presents" an area to search to his dog Johnny during a Health and Welfare search Wednesday.
(Left) Sgt. Laurence Gilbert, narcotics dog handler, 163rd MP Det. K-9 unit, and Staff Sgt. Michael Sytsma, kennel master, 35th MP Det., Fort Gordon, Ga., give Johnny a drink of water during a Health and Welfare inspection Wednesday.

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"We are fortunate to have as our partner a developers who not only understand the traditional military culture, but also have vast experience as leaders in creating communities of excellence," Poltorak said.

The privatization of military housing is an important step in improving the quality of life for soldiers, Poltorak added.

"Throughout the past decade we've transformed from an exclusive military way of life into a more exclusive customer service oriented community," he said. "This is a time of change for the good of our soldiers and their families. This is a time in which we can be proud to know our soldiers will have the kind of homes they deserve," Poltorak said.

RCI will make the Army more efficient because the soldiers can better focus on their missions, knowing that they and their families are well taken care of, Kingston said.

"The soldiers out in Kuwait could not do it without their families and the support systems here," Kingston said, adding, "Supporting families – that's what's happening with this military housing development."

In addition to reflecting the Army's shift to a more soldier-oriented force, the RCI plan fits into the Army's goal of winning the war on terror, Prosch said. "Installations are a key part of winning wars. Installations are where we mobilize the force, where we house the force, where we train the force and where we project the force," he said.

The RCI plans will also bring about improved installation management, according to Prosch. "We've focused our efforts to more organization to better manage installations in a business like fashion," he said. "This privitazation is part of the Army's plan to gain resources to better accomplish its mission," he added.

Prosch said the Army's goal to eliminate all inadequate housing by 2007 reflects the respect America feels for its soldiers. "We have soldiers deploying right now to defend everything America stands for. Don't you think we should respect them enough to give them the adequate housing they deserve?" he said, adding that the RCI plans will do just that.

Spc. Natalie Schlotman

Col. Gerald Poltorak, installation commander, signs the RCI partnership Friday at Club Stewart.

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rolling into the camp March 3, setting up in the area previously occupied by the 3rd Infantry Division.

Due to the influx of troops coming in to Kuwait, transportation was not immediately available to bring them to their camp and many of them had to endure a long stay at Camp Wolf, the small reception facility just off the airstrip.

The 7,000-mile trip and mild shock of the sudden reversal of climates taxed the troops' stamina, so the unit's leadership is initially focusing on recovery and familiarizing the soldiers with their new environment, Reeves said.

The Kuwaiti desert has very little plant life to keep the sand locked in to the ground, and winds gusting up to 60 miles per hour across the land pick up loose soil and turns small grains of sand in to potentially harmful projectiles. Severe dust storms are almost a daily occurrence, and several soldiers in the camp reported windburn and eye injuries.

For now, the brigade is working and training amidst the high winds and dust storms, but should the weather get too severe, soldiers will be able to protect themselves by seeking shelter in the relatively sturdy tents set up in the camp.

"I was actually impressed with the tents," Butler said. "They were already put up when we got here, and most of them are climate-controlled," Sparks said.

Although the climate is different than what the soldiers are used to, they are confident that they will have success in Kuwait, Sparks said.

"I don't think it will affect our mission, as far as operating in the desert," he said, adding they are mission-ready, "without a doubt."

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with the local officials and help recommend reconstruction or humanitarian projects.

"We think that's a good recipe," the official said, "to have people that were born and raised in those provinces but now have lived in a democracy. And now they can explain things to the people there who have been oppressed for 30 years."

He said he hopes to hire Iraqis who have specific expertise in certain areas. For example, he is looking for volunteers who have experience in public health administration and who can assist officials in the Iraqi health ministry.

The official said the goal of the Office of Reconstruction and Humanitarian Assistance is to pass the country's governance to the Iraqi people as soon as possible, "but with a government that expresses the free will of the people of Iraq."

In the immediate aftermath of any conflict, a civil administrator, who is a senior Defense Department civilian official, would coordinate efforts in Iraq and report directly to the chief of U.S. Central Command, Army Gen. Tommy Franks. This administrator would oversee three separate teams coordinating reconstruction, civil administration and humanitarian assistance.

A cornerstone of the plan would be to keep Iraqi officials in their current positions within the civil ministries, police and military forces, and courts, and to continue paying them. The Defense Department briefer explained officials are working to determine a fair pay scale, keeping in mind that as much as 60 percent of all Iraqis now get government food aid.

He said there are many possible sources of funding for payrolls. He specifically mentioned frozen Iraqi assets as a potential solution.

Regular Iraqi army soldiers would provide the manpower for many reconstruction projects, the official explained. Military forces are suited to completing engineering projects like road construction and removing rubble, and to demining and disposing of unexploded ordnance.

"Using the army allows us not to demobilize it immediately and put a lot of unemployed people on the street," the official explained. "They're working to rebuild their country. It's re-establishing some of the prestige that the regular army has lost over the years, and it allows us to get a lot of good things done for the country."

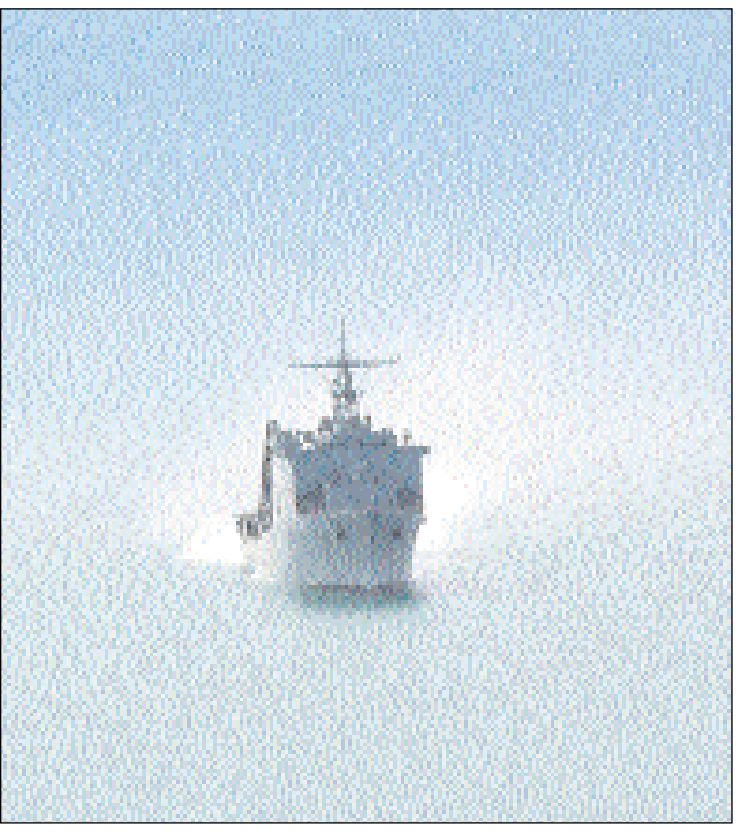
The official estimated the Defense Department could get the mechanisms for Iraqi self-governance into place within several months. He's optimistic, he said, these efforts will get Iraq back on its feet more quickly than similar efforts in Afghanistan.

"Even though it's been an oppressed country, (Iraq) has the structure and the mechanisms in there to run that country and run it fairly efficiently," the official said. "At one time, it was probably one of the most efficient countries in that part of the world, and a lot of that talent's still there."

Photos by Navy Journalist 1st Class Joseph Krypel

CAMP PATRIOT, KUWAIT - In the beginings of the what is known as the Amphibious Task Force West offload - formally known as part of Commander, Task Group 51.6, an early morning landing from a Landing Craft Air Cushion (LCAC) marks the start of a very busy week for more than 4,000 Sailors and Marines involved from the sea and ashore here. The seven San Diego based ships that have deployed in support of future operations in the Central Command area of responsibility, will offload equipment and men belonging to the 1st Marine Expeditionary Battalion from Camp Pendleton, Calif.

West Coast ships offload in Kuwait



(Above) The USS Comstock (LSD-45) sails out of an early afternoon rain shower here. The Comstock is one of seven San Diego based ships that have deployed in support of future operations in the Central Command area of responsibility.
(Right) Sailors and Marines offload vehicles from a LCAC after it arrives at Camp Patriot.

Navy Journalist 1st Class Joseph Krypel
CMPF Public Affairs

CAMP PATRIOT, KUWAIT — A joint-service, multi-national force is participating in the offload of seven American west coast ships at Camp Patriot. The armada of ships, known formally as Commander, Task Group 51.8, and commonly called Amphibious Task Force West, recently arrived to offload servicemembers and equipment for possible future operations in the Central Command area of responsibility.

This is the third such offload operation to take place at Camp Patriot. During the week-long process, Camp Patriot residents will work with their Kuwaiti counterparts in ensuring that weapons systems, aviation assets, combat equipment, military supplies and more than 1,500 Marines from the 1st Marine Expeditionary Battalion are transported in to Camp Patriot, and out to their specific mission areas.

Typical loadouts include 155mm Howitzers, Light Armored Vehicles, HMMWV'S, a variety of trucks and trailers, generators and other miscellaneous military supply requirements.

According to Capt. Donald P. Cook, Commander Task Group 51.8 and the "mayor" of Camp Patriot, this is not one-group job. "We work as a team here. We are a coalition not only of American forces, but of multinational cooperation with our host nation and others."

Task Group 51.8 (CTG 51.8) is the joint command is comprised of multiple units from the Navy, Marine Corps, Army, Air Force and Coast Guard.

CTG 51.8 is deployed to Kuwait to support the global war on terrorism and to prepare for possible future contingencies. More than 2,000 sailors, Marines, soldiers, airman and coast guardsman make up Camp Patriot.

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Luncheon

A Women's History Month luncheon is scheduled 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesday at the Hunter Club. The guest speaker is Major Jessie I. Pennington with the Chatham County Police Department.

The luncheon is sponsored by the Aviation Brigade "Strength and Honor." For more information or to reserve tickets, call 352-5663

FRG activities

• HHC 2nd Bde.

A walk together is scheduled for 6 p.m., Tuesday and March 25, at Quick Track. Also, a firehouse tour is scheduled at noon, March 22 at Fort Stewart Fire Station 1.

• C Co., 3rd Bn., 7th Inf.

A Stress Management class is slated for 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesday at C Co., 3rd Bn., 7th Inf.

Spouses' night out

A Spouses' Night Out will be held 6 to 10 p.m., Friday at Club Stewart's Patriot Corner. There will be line dancing and ballroom dancing lessons at 7:30 p.m.

There will also be board games, music, snacks, cards and a beverage station. Child care is available, call CYS at 767-3203 for child care requirements.

Tax assistance available

Get free tax assistance at the Marne Tax Assistance Center. The center is open 9 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at Building 9611 in the National Guard Training Center area. Call 767-3909 for more information.

Toastmasters

Whether you're a professional, student, stay-at-home parent or retiree, Toastmasters is the best way to improve your communication skills.

The Dog-Faced Soldiers Toastmasters International Club meets noon every second and fourth Wednesday at Club Stewart and is open to everyone.

For more information, call 767-0383 or email at **Bowenja@stewart.army.mil**.

Bi-annual Block Party

There will be a Bi-annual Block Party, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., April 5 at the Fort Stewart Army Community Service, Building 470. There will be games, food and free entertainment.

Talent Search

Family Advocacy is looking for talented people to participate in our bi-annual Block Party, April 5. All talents and ages are welcome.

For more information, call 767-5058.

Scholarship announcement

The Fort Stewart Enlisted Spouses' Club is pleased to announce the application process has begun for the "Rita Ackerman Continuing Education Scholarship." this merit-based scholarship is available only to spouses of active, retired or deceased enlisted soldiers in the Fort Stewart area.

Applications are available at the Education Center on post or at Savannah Tech. All completed applications must be postmarked by April 1 and mailed to Maggie Roberts, Scholarship Committee Chairperson, P.O. Box 3069, Fort Stewart, GA 31315.

Child Walk

There will be a Child Abuse Prevention Month Child Walk 9 a.m. to 11 p.m., April 5 at ACS. Families and organizations are welcome.

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

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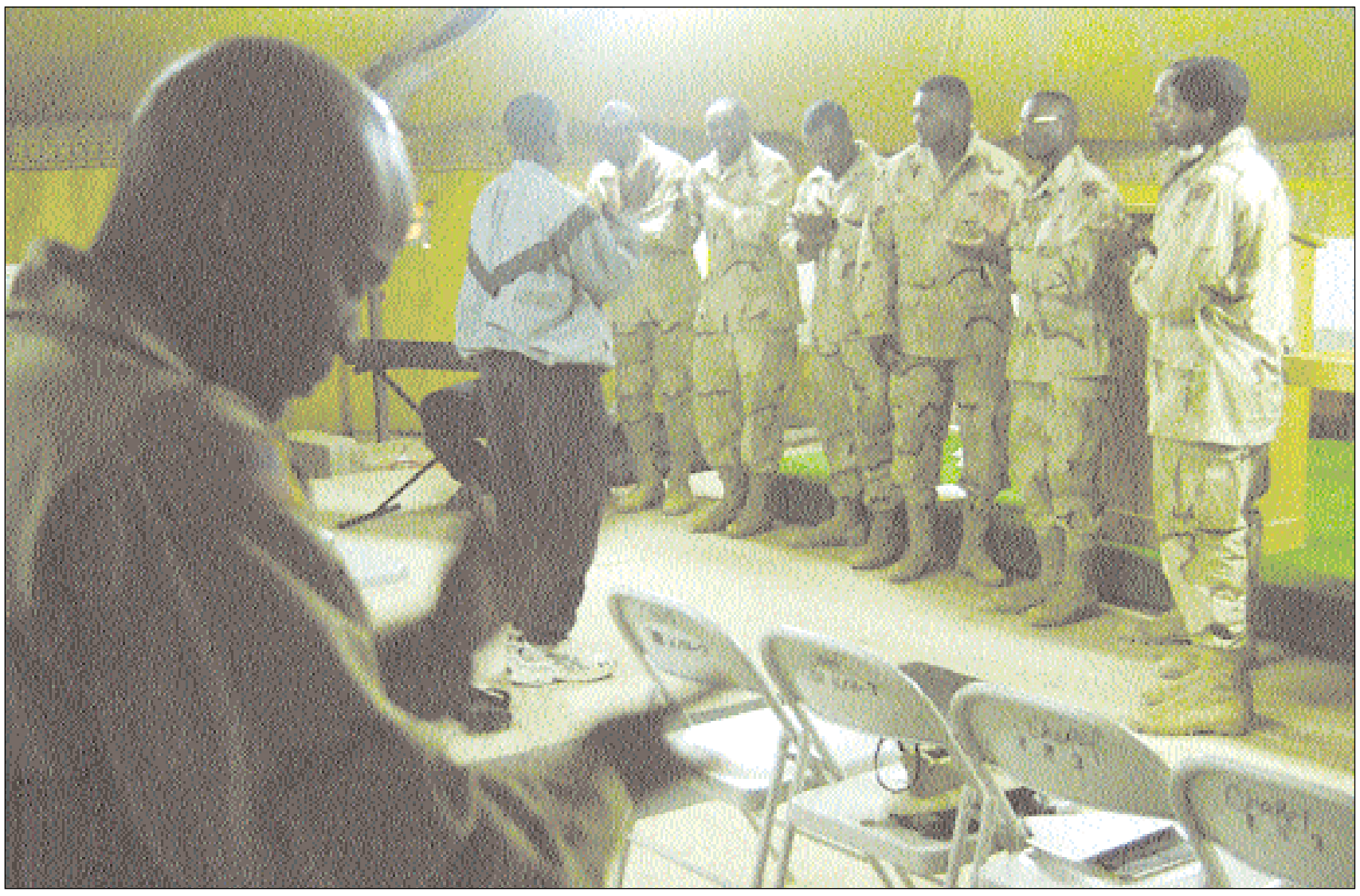

Sgt. Akilah C. Clarke

Soldiers on Camp New York take time out to unwind and praise the lord during the gospel service at Camp New York, Kuwait.

Homeland security guide lists everyday measures

Jamie Danesi
Army News Service

ATLANTA, Ga. — A new online guide answers questions that many Americans had about the Homeland Security Advisory System, a color-coded system that depicts the current risk of terrorist activity.

The American Red Cross recently developed the on-line publication, "Homeland Security and You: A Guide to Disaster Preparedness." It lists specific things that people can do to prepare their families, schools, communities, and businesses for each level in the advisory system.

"We thought it would be helpful to the American public to answer the inevitable question as to 'What does going to orange or red mean to me or my family?'" said Carol Hall, manager of Red Cross' Weapons of Mass Destruction/Terrorism Program.

Family Disaster Plan

The first thing every individual and family should do is develop a disaster plan and assemble a disaster kit, according to the guide. The plan should cover such information as:

- What community warning signals sound like
- Whether emergency shelters allow pets
- What disaster plans are in place at family members' schools and workplaces
- Where to meet if family members become separated during an emergency
- An out-of-state family contact person
- How to shut of gas and water lines to the house
- Escape routes from the house
- How to use fire extinguishers

The plan should be practiced every few months to ensure that everyone is familiar with it.

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Teens Supreme lends helping hand for Habitat for Humanity

Special to the Frontline

The Teens Supreme from the Fort Stewart Youth Center volunteered community service hours to assist Habitat with Humanity Feb. 23 with a clean up project.

Teens organized a storage room full of building supplies, such as cabinets, wood, tubs, etc.

Linda Schumm, training and program specialist, said, "Teens learn most by doing it hands on. Teenagers, 14 and older can gain valuable work experience that could lead them to future careers."

The teens plan to work with Habitat for Humanity as their Community Service Project.

The Teen Supreme is a youth leadership development program affiliated with Boys and Girls Club. The Club meets at the Youth Center every first Thursday of the month at 5 p.m. Their advisor, Evelyn Alston, facilitates the youth through the six core program areas: service to community, education and career exploration, free enterprise, social recreation, unity, and leadership development. Teens who are interested in joining need to register at the Child and Youth Services, Central Registration, 767-2311 or Youth Center, 767-4493.

Bernadette Rambharose, president, Habitat for Humanity of St. Johns Parish plans to have a roof repairing project and other home improvement projects in the near future. Habitat for Humanity is currently looking for a needy family for building a home. If you know somebody or just want to help call 877-9246.

Courtesy photo

The volunteers for the project from left to right are Linda Schumm, Tiffany Emspson, David Utz, LaCharles Hughes, Jeff Ashman, Justin Murphy, and Preston Cormier.

Country hit inspired in Afghanistan sparks controversy

Golden Knight's photo

Country Singer Darryl Worley performs a tandem jump with the Army's Golden Knights at Fort Campbell, Ky., in June of 2001. Worley's newest single, "Have you Forgotten?" was inspired by his trip to Afghanistan to visit soldiers.

Lee Elder
Army News Service

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — A December trip to Afghanistan gave country singer Darryl Worley a renewed appreciation for America's Army along with a chance to see the frontlines of the nation's war on terrorism. It also provided him with the inspiration for what might be a new hit song.

A DreamWorks recording artist, Worley released the single "Have You Forgotten?" on Feb. 24. The song is already taking off on country radio, but that's not why Worley said he penned the song along with Wynn Varble.

"It was on my heart to do something to honor those guys since I got home," Worley said. "I needed a way to say, 'This is what I experienced.'

"I'm on a mission. I knew I had to come back and do this."

Worley said he hopes the song will make Americans better appreciate their Army.

"Our soldiers are the best," Worley said. "They do great things every day that people never know about, but they don't care.

"I just thought it was time somebody spoke out for them."

Worley, 38, had never been overseas prior to his USO tour to Afghanistan. He said the trip he made with Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack L. Tilley and others gave him a new sense for the rigors of military life.

"The whole experience completely changed my life," Worley said. "That's what this is all about.

"It's all about those soldiers."

The song's bridge pays homage to the soldiers serving in harm's way. It says, "I've been there with the soldiers who've gone away to war/And you can bet that they remember just what they're fighting for."

The song is also very outspoken. It has even been called a pro-war song.

It's a charge Worley flatly denies. He said he was concerned that the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks were starting to fade in the public's memory.

"I don't want to forget it as long as we live," Worley said. "When we forget about these things, that's when we become vulnerable again.

"We can't get too comfortable and let our guard down. There's quite a few people who would like to see the United States crumble and fall."

Worley said the song was not aimed at those who oppose U.S. action in Iraq. He acknowledged the song could be a risky career move.

"I'm not doing this to come against other people," Worley explained. "I'm not trying to create a huge controversy. At the same time, I'm not trying to be politically correct.

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Snake...rattle and roll

Soldiers unwind at Rattlesnake round-up

Sgt. Raymond piper
Editor

Thousands of people crowded the streets of Claxton, Ga., Saturday for the 36th annual Rattlesnake Roundup. The events began Saturday morning with a fun run and continued with a parade with soldiers from 1st Battalion, 9th Field Artillery carrying the National, Army and Garrison colors.

Following the parade, the activities moved to the Claxton parade grounds where the rattlesnakes were on display, bands performed and the Rattlesnake Roundup beauty queen was crowned.

The event that drew the largest crowds was the live demonstrations. Dozens of captured rattlesnakes were removed one by one from each box to be weighed.

After the snake was weighed, it was placed in a pen to wait to be milked by Snake Handler Ken Darnell. Darnell works for a company that uses the venom for medical research and to produce antivenom for snakebites.

"We have a serious purpose to milking the rattlesnakes," Darnell said. "That purpose is for medical research in areas, such as blood pressure and anti-clotting medicines.

"There is a drug on the market that is venom derived and acts as an anticoagulant. Right now it's used during heart surgery to prevent the blood from clotting during open-heart surgery. More research will show that this medicine can be used to stop a heart attack or stroke caused by a blood clot," he added.

Snake handling can be dangerous but comes down more to mental preparation than physical strength, Darnell said.

"Any 10-year old has the physical ability to handle any one of these snakes. What you have to have is the mental understanding and training to handle them. More importantly you have to have a very high regard for them, but at the same time, not be afraid of them," Darnell said.

He added, "If you're afraid of them, you'll hesitate and a snake really strikes at movement so if you're not really putting your hand on him, the snake will eventually get you. You can't hesitate, and you can't be afraid."

According to Darnell, hunters, farmers and various people from the area go out during the winter to hunt the snakes.

"They have to walk a long ways and look in gopher holes to see if there is a snake there," he said.

He added that they use long plastic tubes — 14- or 15- feet long — and put them down a gopher hole and listen for snakes. If they hear a rattlesnake rattling, they either dig him out or put a special self-sealing bag over the hole and come back on warm day and pick it up.

The roundup began in 1967 after a child was repeatedly bitten by an Eastern Diamondback Rattlesnake. Following the incident a group of Evans Countians gathered to learn what could be done to prevent future tragedies involving poisonous snakes. The Evans County Wildlife Club was born and now sponsors the roundup each year.

Visitors get a safe look at the snakes brought in by hunters for the roundup each year. The purpose of the roundup is to educate people not eradicate the snakes.

Photos by Sgt. Raymond Piper

Ken Darnell, a snake handler for a company that uses venom for medical research, milks a rattlesnake during the Claxton Rattlesnake Roundup Saturday.

An Eastern Diomondback Rattlesnake tries to work it's way up the side of a pen after being removed from the box that was holding it.

Darnell lets attendees reach out and touch a rattlesnake as he educates them about how the snake lives.

The 1/9 FA color guard, comprised of Pfc. Austin Smith, lead guard, Sgt. Edgar Recinos, carrying the U.S. flag, Sgt. Curtis Salem, carrying the Army colors, Spc. Wesley Waste, carrying the Garrison colors, and Pvt. 2 Adrian Dillard, trail guard, lead the parade through the streets of Claxton.

A wide variety of vendors were on hand to offer goods to the attendees.

Army's premier band to perform in Savannah

Special to The Frontline

The internationally acclaimed U.S. Army Field Band of Washington, D.C., will continue its long history of presenting free public performances when it appears at the Fine Arts Auditorium at Armstrong Atlantic State University March 22 at 7:30 p.m. The Field Band's concert in Savannah is sponsored by AASU and the Savannah Morning News .

As the premier touring musical representative for the United States Army, the Field Band travels thousands of miles each year throughout the nation and abroad, keeping the will of the American people behind the members of the armed forces and supporting diplomatic efforts around the world. Since its formation in 1946, the Field Band has appeared in all 50 states and in more than 30 countries on four continents.

Along with the Soldiers' Chorus, which was founded in 1957, this 65-member Concert Band presents a powerful and diverse program of marches, overtures, popular music, patriotic selections, and instrumental and vocal solos. A music critic for the Boston Globe called a Field Band performance "a cause to stand up and cheer."

Past performance highlights include World War II 50th anniversary commemorations in the United States and Europe, Presidential Inaugural Parades, the rededication of the Statue of Liberty, nationally televised broadcasts on Memorial Day and the Fourth of July, and the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City. Joint concerts with many of the nation's leading orchestras, including the Boston Pops, Detroit Symphony Orchestra, and Cincinnati Pops, have received rave reviews.

The Field Band's members, selected by highly competitive audition, represent some of the finest musical talent in America. More than five decades as the military's most traveled musicians have earned them the title, "The Musical Ambassadors of the Army."

For additional information about the Field Band's performance in Savannah, please contact Department of Art, Music and Theater at AASU at 921-5496 . To obtain free tickets by mail, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope with your request to:

ATTN: U.S. Army Field Band Tickets
Department of Art, Music and Theatre
Armstrong Atlantic State University
11935 Abercorn Street
Savannah, GA 31419-1997

Army Band photo

The Army Band and Chorus on stage.

SECURITY

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As part of the overall plan, families should assemble disaster kits. The disaster kit should contain enough water and non-perishable food for every family member for at least three days. The kit should also include:

- A first-aid kit
- Hand tools
- Cash or traveler's checks
- Personal hygiene items
- At least one complete change of clothing and footwear per person
- Extra glasses or contact lenses
- Prescription drugs
- Important family documents

Specific Steps for the Advisory System

The disaster plan and supplies kit are just the first step in preparing yourself and your family for the possibility of a terrorist attack. Red Cross has additional recommendations for each level of the Advisory System.

Green-Low Risk of Terrorist Attack

- Learn basic first aid and CPR
- Examine volunteer opportunities in your community and choose an agency that provides disaster preparedness training

Blue-Guarded; General Risk of Terrorist Attack

- Be alert to suspicious activity and report it to proper authorities
- Review stored disaster supplies and replace items that are outdated
- Volunteer and take advantage of additional volunteer training opportunities

Yellow-Elevated; Significant Risk of Terrorist Attack

- Check telephone numbers and e-mail addresses in your personal communication plan and update as necessary
- Develop alternate routes to and from work and school and practice using them
- Contact your child's school and obtain its emergency notification and evacuation plans
- Continue volunteering and taking additional training

Orange-High Risk of Terrorist Attack

- Review your personal disaster plan and update as required.
- Have materials on hand in case you are confined to your home during a disaster.
- If a need is announced, donate blood at a blood collection center.
- Prior to engaging in volunteer activities, contact the agency to determine its needs.

Red-Severe Risk of Terrorist Attack

- Listen to radio/television for current information and instructions.
- Contact your office to determine the status of your work day or site.
- Obey any travel restrictions announced by local government authorities.
- Be prepared to "shelter in place" or evacuate if instructed to do so by local authorities.

Editor's note: *Jamie Danesi is with U.S. Army Forces Command Public Affairs. Information taken from "Homeland Security and You: A Guide to Disaster Preparedness" at* **www.redcrossatlanta.org/homelandsecurity.** *Red Cross information used with permission.)*

HIT

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"It's a message people need to hear. I don't think we accomplish anything unless go out on a limb and take some risks."

The week since the new single was released was a busy one for Worley. He is gearing for a summer on the road that will promote his new album which will be called, "Have You Forgotten?"

The trip to Afghanistan was just the latest in Worley's association with the U.S. Army.

In June 2001, Worley and fellow country music singer Craig Morgan performed tandem jumps with the Army's Golden Knights at Fort Campbell, Ky. The pair also impressed soldiers at Fort Campbell's Sabalauski Air Assault School with their agility on the school's obstacle course.

"I had forgotten about that," Worley laughingly recalled. "Where I come from, we do that kind of stuff for fun."

Worley has also visited Army recruiters in central Kentucky where he recorded a public service announcement.

After returning from Afghanistan, Worley debuted "Have You Forgotten?" on WSM-AM radio's "Grand Ole Opry" broadcast.

The response was immediate from both the crowds and the Opry's huge radio and Internet audience.

"He hit a chord with the song," said a WSM staff member. "We got calls immediately requesting we play the record and people wanted to know where they could buy it.

"It's gotten a tremendous response."

Radio around the nation has similarly responded, according to Scott Borchetta, DreamWorks' senior executive of promotions and artist development. He predicted the single could be a Top 20 song during its first full of week of release.

"It's extremely rare these days," Borchetta explained. "They are treating this like a superstar release. "This is extremely huge."

While some stations have given the label negative feedback, Borchetta said the overwhelming majority of feedback has been enthusiastic. A music industry veteran, he likened the record's response to chart-toppers from the past by the likes of George Strait and Reba McIntyre.

"The kind of airplay we are getting immediately is unbelievable," Borchetta said.

There's a reason for the impassioned response, Borchetta said.

"One of the reasons the song is so captivating is that it conjures up how people felt on 9/11 right up front and center," Borchetta said. "It was crystal clear when they saw those planes going into the building.

"It's like, 'Hey guys this wasn't just movie-of-the-week stuff.' It really choked a lot of people up."

Worley was philosophical when acknowledging the furor "Have You Forgotten?" could bring.

"If this were to end my career and I had to go back home and build houses, what a way to go out," Worley said. "If I go out standing up for the people who make this country what it is, that suits me fine.

"I don't have any fear, though, because I have confidence in this

SPORTS & FITNESS

On Post

Basketball courts closed

The Hunter gym's basketball courts are closed for renovations.

Tae Kwon Do lessons

Tae Kwon Do is available for children and adults.

Classes are held 5 to 6 p.m. for children and 6 to 7 p.m. for teens and adults, Tuesday and Thursday at Fort Stewart Youth Services Center, Building 7338, Austin Road in Bryan Village next to the shoppette.

The cost is $30 per month. For more information, call Child and Youth Services at 767-2312.

Marne tournaments

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

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

A scotch doubles tournament is held the third Saturday of every month at Marne Lanes. Bowling starts at 7 p.m. Cost is $20 per couple. For more information, call 767-4866.

Newman offers training

The Newman Physical Fitness Center now offers 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.

Golf course

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

- Troops Tune Up, a soldiers free clinic, is held every Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- A Ladies Free Clinic is held every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- Liberty High golf matches are scheduled for Tues., March 18th, and Wed., March 26.
- A "Junior Golf Academy" is scheduled to begin in April and during the summer.

Anyone who wants to schedule a fundraising event for Family Support Groups, Unit Activities or a private organization is asked to contact Charlie Dobbertin at 767-2370.

Registration for girls sports

Registration began Feb. 1 for girls softball, T-ball, baseball and Track & Field. You can register your child 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Fort Stewart CYS, Building 443. All sports are open to children of active duty, retired military and DoD civilians. All children must be a registered member of Youth services and have physicals and proof of age to participate in Youth Services Sports Programs. the cost is $20 for the first child and $18 for each additional child. For more information, call 767-2312.

Off Post

Military night at the YMCA

The 1st and 3rd Friday of each month are Military Night at the YMCA. Show your Military ID and enjoy the Y free of charge from 4 to 10 p.m.

Baseball players wanted

If you are interested in playing baseball for a semi-pro baseball team, contact Art Lewis at 352-6749 or 767-6572, or James Simmons at 767-3031 or 369-3974.

For more information, email **simmonsh@yahoo.com**

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.

Army athlete finishes 3rd in 5,000

Tim Hipps

Army Spc. John Nunn records the third-fastest 5K ever walked by an American to finish second in the 5,000-meter race walk in 19 minutes, 26.43 seconds in the 2003 USA Indoor Track & Field Championships at Reggie Lewis Track & Athletic Center on the campus of Roxbury Community College in Boston.

Tim Hipps
US ACFSC Public Affairs

BOSTON – Army World Class Athlete John Nunn posted the third-fastest 5,000 meters ever walked by an American to lead the U.S. Army's contingent in the 2003 USA Indoor Track & Field Championships at Reggie Lewis Track & Athletic Center.

"That was an amazing, unbelievable race for him," said New York Athletic Club's Tim Seaman, who won the 5,000-meter race walk event for the sixth consecutive year in 19 minutes, 21.56 seconds, just three ticks off the American record of 19:18.40 set in 1987 by Tim Lewis. "I knew that John was in very good shape and that he would be very tough today."

Nunn, who just came down from a month of training in the lofty altitude of Cuenca, Ecuador, even impressed himself by earning a trip to Birmingham, England, to represent the United States in the World Indoor Track & Field Championships, scheduled for March 14-16.

"That's impressive; that's very good," Nunn said of eclipsing his personal best by more than a minute to finish in 19:26.43. "I feel like there's a lot more to give. I had no clue that we were that close (to the American mark).

"My fourth kilometer was a little slow. That's where I lost it. And then with one kilometer to go, I don't think I started kicking soon enough."

During the waning laps, excitement nearly got the better of Nunn, who was on the verge of upsetting the current king of American race walking.

"The problem comes on an indoor track with a banked curve, you have a tendency to probably lift a little more and more calls are given, especially with race walking," Nunn explained of the event in which one foot always must maintain contact with Mother Earth. "Having lapped third place (Curt Clausen, who finished in 20:38.34), I wasn't content with second, but I knew I would risk a chance of getting disqualified if I really hammered it on the last couple of laps.

"It's always easy for me to say I had more to give after the race. Hindsight is 20-20 after the race is over, but looking at it, I feel very confident there was a lot more to give."

Nunn passed Clausen and moved into second place behind Seaman around three kilometers.

"That was probably the time to move up and sit on (Seaman's) shoulder and just let him work," Nunn admitted. "That was an immature move on my part, just not knowing, but this is the first indoor race I've done since 1997."

Wiley veteran Seaman also realized that.

"He came to Nationals in '97, but he was a kid," Seaman said of Nunn, 25, who has been concentrating on race walking since November of 1999. "He wasn't training with us, and that's different."

So is having the support of the U.S. Army's World Class Athlete Program, which allowed him to join three members of the U.S. Race Walking Team in Ecuador. The WCAP is one of many Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs delivered to soldiers and families worldwide through the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center.

"I was a little skeptical about what was going to happen at altitude, but I spoke to the WCAP officials and they were very supportive of me going to altitude, knowing what good it can do," said Nunn, an infantryman from Evansville, Ind. "It cost five hundred dollars for the entire month we were in Ecuador for room and board. There was no sightseeing. All we did was train in the morning, rest in the afternoon, and train again in the evening."

Nunn's altitude training was for much more than a runner-up finish at the USA Indoor Track & Field Championships. He will compete Saturday in the Mexican Walk Week 20K at Tijuana, Mexico, and March 15 in the Pan Am Cup 20K at Chula Vista, Calif.

"Altitude was geared towards walking a 20K," Nunn explained. "This was just an intermittent fun stop, which turned out to be extremely profitable as far as confidence-building. I felt very good today. Yesterday, I did a 3K race-pace workout and I walked 12 minutes and 10 seconds, so I felt very confident coming into the race."

The hardest part of Nunn's day was the two hours it took to muster a measurable urine sample for drug testing.

"It wasn't that I was dehydrated, it was that I was over-hydrated," he said. "The consistency level was too diluted, so they made me sit in there and just wait. I would've felt a lot better being there if this was the Olympic Trials, knowing that I'm on my way to the Olympic Games."

A trip to Athens, Greece, for the 2004 Summer Games looms foremost on Nunn's mind.

"Not just to go to Athens, but to go and represent the country very well and be able to say the past four years of training has been phenomenal and being a representative of the Army has been great," he said. "To go and actually represent the country well and compete at a level that hasn't been competed at before, I feel capable of doing.

"The WCAP program is phenomenal. It gives athletes a wonderful opportunity to represent the Army and to get the Army name out there. We are soldiers first. That is our full-time job. I understand that and I honor that.

"If given the opportunity or the situation arises where they ask for us to depart from the WCAP program to go and represent the country in another form, be that defending our country and our freedom, then I'm ready to go," he said.

Safety in youth sports

Lisa J. Young
Special to The Frontline

If you drive through a residential area on any given Saturday morning, you are likely to see a playing field amass with children, youth and adults involved in the "play" of youth sports. For many American families, the call of community recreation leagues and school sporting events rules the weekend schedule.

Since the 1950s, there has been an explosion of organizations and community groups offering organized sports for youth. It is estimated that 35 million youth between the ages of 6 and 21 participate in sports, including six to eight million in school programs.

The term "youth sports" applies to a variety of athletic programs that provide practices and competitions for youth that differ greatly in competitive level, length of season, cost to competitors, qualifications of coaches and officials, and skill levels of participants. While this phenomenal increase in sports participation provides opportunities for young people to exercise and learn teamwork, there is concern with the related increase in the number of injuries within these athletic programs.

A nationwide survey indicated that nearly three quarters of American households with children between the ages of five and fourteen have a child involved in organized sports, and that one of every three of these children has been injured, resulting in approximately three million injuries occurring yearly during sports participation. While these numbers may seem staggering, nearly half of the million sports injuries treated in emergency rooms could have been prevented. Data shows that sports and recreational activities account for about one third of all serious injuries in children age five to seventeen years.

The reasons for this high injury occurrence are numerous. First of all, as physical educators have played a diminished role in coaching and sports, parents and well-meaning volunteers have taken their place. This is significant because the quality and safety of the sports experience is dependent on the competence and commitment of the adult leadership. Unfortunately, the vast majority of these adults have no certified training in coaching, physical development, first aid, injury prevention, or emergency care. Because of this lack of appropriate training, coaches may not recognize injuries or emphasize safety measures adequately. Only one in four organized sports activities have a certified athletic trainer present during sports events, and 40 percent of parents report that the coach is not cardiopulmonary resuscitation certified and/or does not keep a first-aid kit on hand.

The increase in youth injuries may also be influenced by an increased perception of external pressure from parents and coaches to win and succeed, as researchers have recently established a link between anxiety and injury in sports.

The surge in youth athletic participation and the resulting explosion in injuries have prompted researchers, pediatricians, athletic trainers, sports medicine professionals, and physical educators to recommend the following solutions to overcome these concerns:

- Require first-aid and safety training for coaches.
- Recognition and immediate response to head, neck, and spine injuries, and heat illnesses.
- Improved head protection in non-contact sports.
- Increased use of injury prevention equipment.
- Greater supervision and enforcement of safety rules.
- Proper initial, follow up care and rehabilitation for injuries.
- Mandatory pre-participation athletic evaluations.
- Focus on physical training and nutrition appropriate to age and developmental level.
- Discouraging premature specialization in sports by children younger than 12 years.
- Emphasis on participation for internal satisfaction and fun by reducing the pressure, on youth to excel year-round at a sport.
- Offering challenging yet attainable goals.
- Teaching coping resources and relaxation skills to parents and youth.

Whether we are a parent, coach, sports medicine professional, or health care provider, we have a responsibility to promote an injury-free experience and positive environment for children and youth as they participate in organized athletic activities. Being injured should be the last thing our youth worry about when playing sports.

Stewart youths win championship title

Special to The Frontline

Youth Services' 17 & Under Senior Boys Basketball team won the Georgia Recreation & Parks Association State title (Class "B") in the tournament held Saturday and Sunday at Fort Stewart's Corkan Youth Gym.

In the first game, Fort Stewart defeated Effingham County All-stars 64-49. Fort Stewart's Ivory Carter scored 12 points and Lester Powell scored 11.

In game two, Fort Stewart defeated Liberty County 55-53. The winning goal was scored with less than two seconds remaining in the game. Fort Stewart's William "Billy" Wofford scored 21 points and Lorenzo Dupree scored 15.

In the championship game, Fort Stewart defeated Ware County 65-49. William "Billy" Wofford scored 13 points and Ivory Carter scored 12.

The Fort Stewart All-stars consisted of Terry Whitby, Jerry Willis, Marcus Simpson, Cordell Styles, Lester Powell, William "Billy" Wofford, Lorenzo Dupree, Ivory Carter, Marcus Troche`, Auvae Matavao, and Larry Cleveland. They were coached by Michael "Ice Cream" Jones and James Sharp Sr.

Marne Scoreboard

Basketball

Youth Services 17 & Under Senior Boys Basketball Championship
Fort Stewart 64 vs. Effingham County All-Starts 49
Fort Sewart 55 vs. Liberty County 53
Fort Stewart 65 vs. Ware County 49

Aerobics

Hunter Fitness Center Aerobics schedule

Mondays — 6 to 7 p.m.
Cardio-Stepping
Cardio-Kicking
Buns/Thighs Weights
AB Work Stretch

Wednesday — 6 to 7 p.m.
Cardio-Stepping
Low Impact
Jump Rope
Weights
AB Work Stretch

Fridays — 6 to 7 p.m.
Fun Fridays
Party Dance
Yoga Stretches

Volleyball

Volleyball sign-up/clinic
Team rosters must be submitted by March 10 for the upcoming volleyball season for soldiers, family members, National Guard and Reserves to the Fort Stewart Sports Director's Office, Building 471, Sports Complex or Hunter Sports Director's office, Building 925, Duncan Road.
For more information, call 352-6749 or 767-8238. There is a Volleyball Clinic scheduled for 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, at the Stewart Club and Hunter Sports Office.

Golf

DCAS/MWR presents the Garrison Comander's Cup
Registration for the Garrison Commander's Cup is March 25. It will be held at Taylors Creek Golf Course, March 28. Teams will be by blind draw, show time will be 10:30 a.m. and Tee time will be 11:30 a.m. Individual registration is required at Taylors Creek Pro Shop. Entree fee is $30, includesgree fee, golf cart and prize fund. For more information, call 767-2370.

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

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Thoughts for Purim

Lt. Col. Arthur C. Zeidman
SJA

March 18 is the Jewish holiday of Purim, commemorating the actions of Queen Esther in saving the Jews of Persia (Iran) from destruction.

We celebrate by reading the Megillah scroll which retells the story, by eating hamantashen pastries (in the shape of our adversary's hat) and by giving gifts of food to each other. Purim, like all Jewish holidays, varies with the lunar calendar each year.

In 1991, the Gulf War ended on Purim (Iraqi local time). As we face possible conflict in the region again, we should explore the Torah's view of necessary war.

To love one's fellow as oneself, the Talmud tells us, is the entire Torah; the rest is commentary. Even when we are compelled, as a society, to punish criminals or wage wars, we do so reluctantly, without passion, certainly without hate.

On the Sabbath before Purim, however, we read a portion from the Torah that tells us to hate.

In Zachor ("remember") (Deuteronomy 25:17-19) we read, "Remember what Amalek did to you .... Eradicate the memory of Amalek from under the heavens!"

Amalek was not the only nation to attack us; in the course of our 4,000 year history, there were many others who did the same or worse. Yet Amalek is singled out as the very essence of evil. There was no rational reason for Amalek's attack on us, no conceivable gain in doing so. Amalek simply hates goodness and seeks to destroy it wherever it flourishes in God's world. Yes, we are enjoined to love all God's creatures and creations, including the less loveable ones amongst them. But when pure hatred rears its head, it must be destroyed. Because if you love God's world, you don't feed love to the forces that would destroy it.

In the wise words of our sages: "He who is compassionate to the cruel, ends up being cruel to the compassionate."

At this season of Purim's victory of good over evil, we must strive to understand the differences between good and evil and vow to defeat evil in order to bring peace.

Editor's Note: *Jewish personnel seeking guidance on services, food, holidays and study, call at 767-1128. This story was adapted from an article on chabad.org.*

Pet of the Week

Bernie is a male, black lab-mix. He is approximately 4 months and is very friendly and playful. Loves children and is good with other animals.

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

Worship Opportunities

Fort Stewart

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

Hunter Army Airfield

Protestant		
Sunday Service	Post Chapel	11 a.m.

Volunteer Spotlight

Yvonne Smith

Yvonne Smith, a native of Hinesville, is a Red Cross volunteer at Winn Army Community Hospital.

She volunteers at the Hospitality Desk.

Smith volunteers in the hopes of learning new job skills to acquire a job.

Her interests include walking and running.

Smith and her husband Kent have three children, 16-year-old Kent Jr., 10-year-old Bianca and 3-year-old Alex.

If you would like more information about becoming an American Red Cross volunteer at Winn, call Brigitte Roberts at 370-6903 or send an email to **Brigitte.Roberts@se.amedd.army.mil**.

WOODRUFF THEATER

March 13 — March 19

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

Confessions of a Dangerous Mind (R)

Starring: Sam Rockwell, Julia Roberts

Free admission Tonight at 7 p.m.

Chuck Barris, Gong Show host and creator of the Newlywed Game and Dating Game, was recruited by the CIA and trained to become a covert operative. As he basks in glamour of two worlds, television producer by day and CIA assassin by night, his life begins to spiral out of control.

Run time: 113 minutes

Final Destination 2 (R)

Starring: Ali Larter, A.J. Cook

Friday, Sunday and Monday at 7 p.m.

Kimberly watches helplessly as a logging truck careens out of control and loses its deadly payload, setting off a horrifying chain reaction. A moment later she finds herself still stuck in on-ramp traffic, with a line of commuters she saw die moments before trailing behind her. It was only a vision, but was it also a warning?

Run time: 90 minutes

Biker Boyz (PG-13)

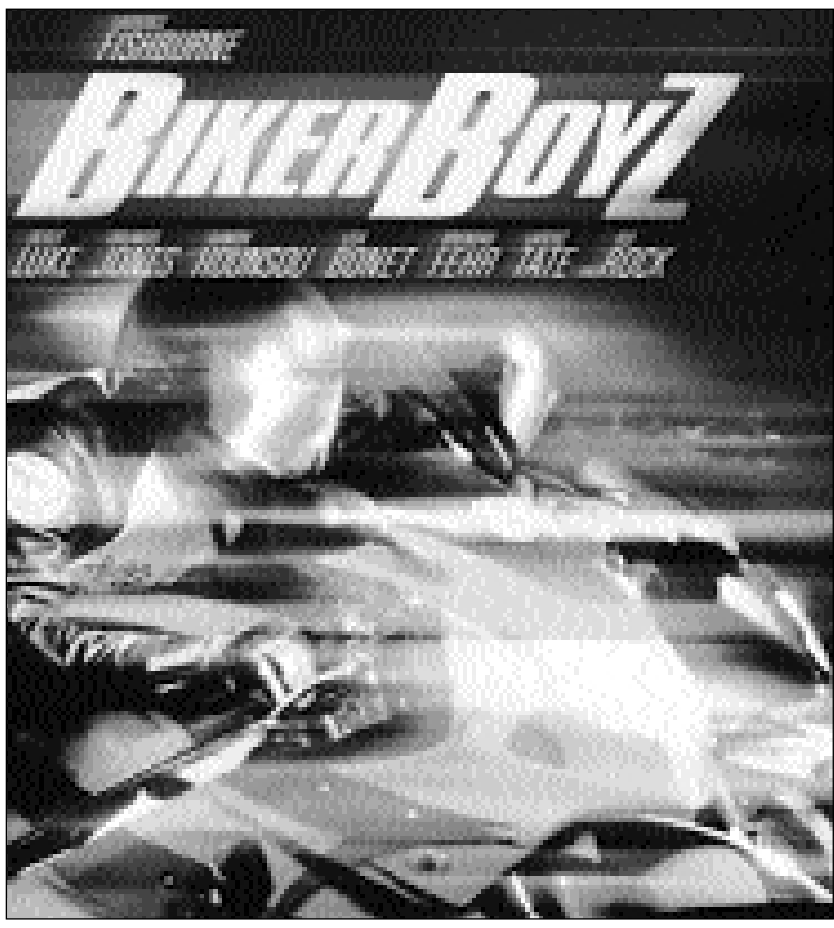
Starring: Laurence Fishburne, Tyson Beckford

Saturday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 7 p.m.

An undefeated racer known as Smoke is the undisputed King of Cali, but Smoke's dominance of the set is about to be threatened by a young motorcycle racing prodigy called Kid, who is determined to win Smoke's helmet and earn the coveted title.

Run time: 111 minutes

FREE Showing on Saturday Biker Boyz



Birth announcements

February 6

Terry Jabril Dawkins, a boy, 8 pounds, 2 ounces, born to Sgt. 1st Class Terry Dawkins and Chantell Dawkins.

February 24

Aricin Christopher Cotto, a boy, 8 pounds, 3 ounces, born to Spc. Dayna Stephens and Pfc. Damian Cotto.

Donnay Lyla Beito, a girl, 6 pounds, 7 ounces, born to Pvt. 2 Gulman Chantry-Shane Beito and Corrine Ann Beito.

Malia Leilani Plumey, a girl, 6 pounds, 4 ounces, born to Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Plumey and Michelle Louise Plumey.

February 25

David Dennis Tumey, a boy, 8 pounds, 15 ounces, born to Spc. Brian Adam Tumey and Denise Lynn Tumey.

February 27

Gemma Jane Pugh, a girl, 8 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Capt. Kevin Pugh and Lisa Pugh.

Briana Ashli Higginbotham, a girl, 7 pounds, 1 ounce, born to Pfc. Michael Higginbotham and Kristene Higginbotham.

Mylena Marie Yvonne Evans, a girl, 6 pounds, 7 ounces, born to Pfc. Jermane W. Evans and Silena R. Evans.

February 28

JacqKenya Renee Sutton, a girl, 7 pounds, 3 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Kenneth Bernard Sutton and Jacquelyn Darden Sutton.

Avery Claire Dumas, a girl, 7 pounds, 9 ounces, born to 1st Lt. Joseph M. Dumas and Amanda Dumas.

March 2

Halia Rosalie Nomura, a girl, 7 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Sgt. Chris Anthony Nomura and Heather Marie Nomura.

Gavin Lane Pratt, a boy, 8 pounds, 2 ounces, born to Capt. Brian Pratt and Lisa Pratt.

Shaniya Quanashya Middleton, a girl, 6 pounds, 3 ounces, born to Pfc. Patrick Lee Middleton and Taquria Daronnay Middleton.

March 3

Franklin Casanova III, a boy, 6 pounds, 8 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Franklin Casanova and Maria Andes Casanova.

James Paul Wohlmaker Jr., a boy, 7 pounds, 7 ounces, born to Spc. James Wohlmaker and Jodi Wohlmaker.

Ryan Joshua Peterson, a boy, 6 pounds, 14 ounces, born to Pfc. Joshua Peterson and Kristin Peterson.