THE FRONTLINE

October 16, 2003

Serving the Army of One

PRSRT STD U.S. Postage Paid, permit no. 43, Hinesville, Ga. 31314

Serving the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized), the Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield communities

Inside The Frontline

News

USO rocks 3ID Savannah style 2A

1/3 ADA soldiers receive OIF awards 8A

Sports

Kayakers cruise coastal canals, waterways 1B

C 1/64 shells 26th FSB in intramural soccer 1B

Life & Times

Cavalry honored at Pulaski 225th Anniversary 1C

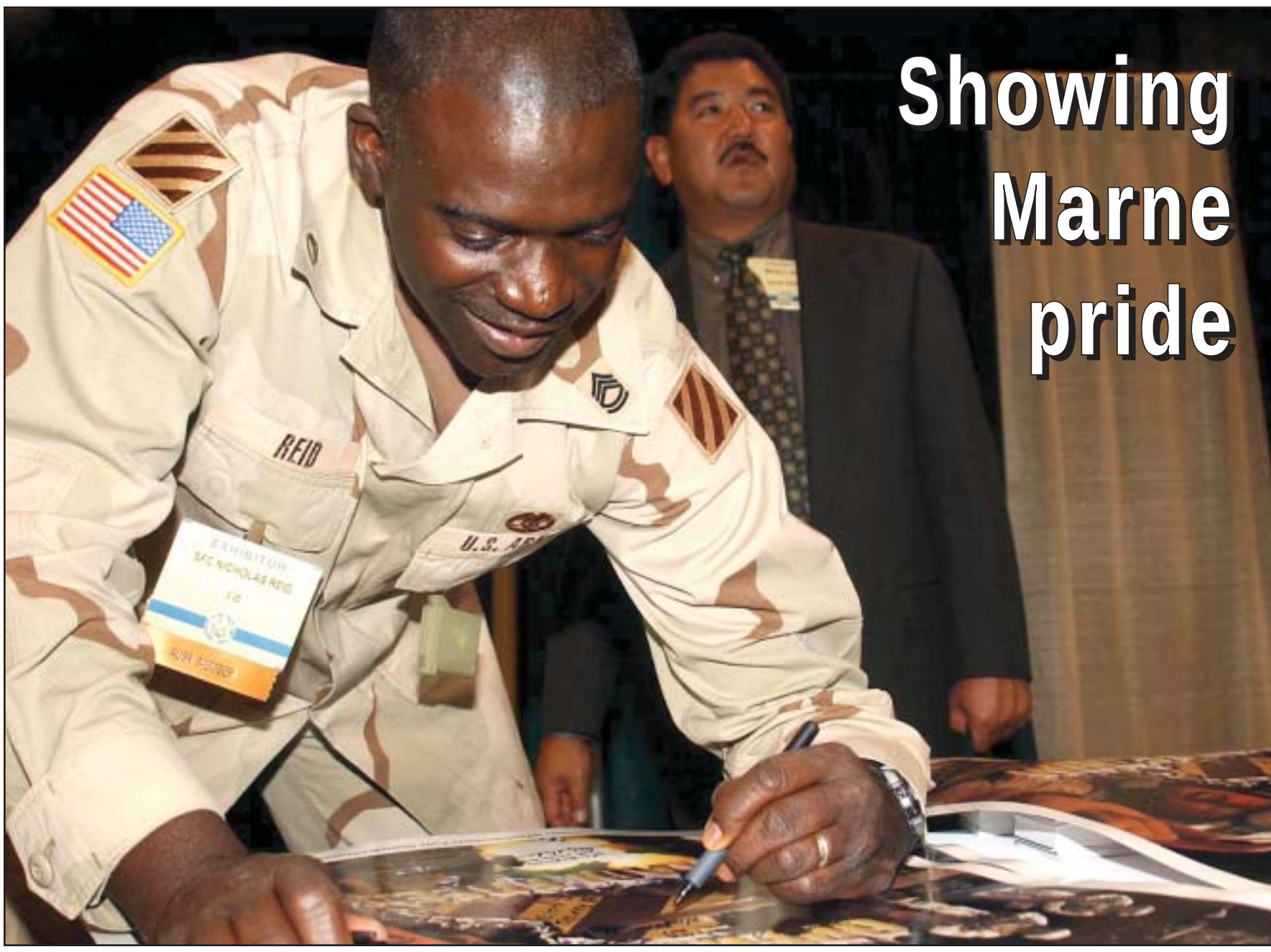
Framing class preserves memories 2C

Guide

Voices and Viewpoints 4A
3ID In Brief..... 15A
Police Blotters..... 16A
Ask the Judge 16A
Marne Scoreboard 3B
Worship schedule 4C
Pet of the Week..... 4C
Volunteer Spotlight 5C
Movie listing 5C
Birth announcements 5C

Weather Forecast

FRI	SAT	SUN
High 79°	High 74°	High 74°
Low 58°	Low 46°	Low 52°



Spc. Jacob Boyer

SPC Nicholas Reid, 26th FSB, autographs an Operation Iraqi Freedom poster for a visitor to the 3rd Inf. Div. display at the Association of the United States Army Annual Meeting Oct. 8.

3ID Soldiers attend AUSA

Spc. Jacob Boyer
Staff Writer

More than 60 soldiers from the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) represented the division at the 2003 Annual Meeting of the Association of the United States Army in Washington, D.C., last week.

The theme of this year's meeting was "The Army – At War and Transforming."

The event opened May 6 with "A Call to Arms," a multimedia presentation by the members of the 3rd U.S. Infantry "Old Guard" and the U.S. Army Band. It included a series of vignettes that focused on how soldiers have defended freedom since the Revolutionary War.

Following the presentation, acting Secretary of the Army Les Brownlee talked to the packed auditorium about the Army's current operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. He returned from his second trip to Iraq the week before the conference.

"We will help the people build a new, free, solid and democratic nation," he said about coalition efforts in Iraq. "Freedom has more power over people than the ideologies of hate."

Brownlee said throughout history soldiers have recognized the call to arms, and that the current generation's call came Sept. 11, 2001, when terrorists flew planes into the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and a field in Pennsylvania.

"The commitment of our fathers is now the call of our times," he said.

Hundreds of units and contractors set up displays for the conference, which was held in the Washington Convention Center. Soldiers and civilians had the opportunity to take a look at everything from hydration systems to weapons that are in the development stage.

"I got the chance to see a lot of stuff I never thought I'd see," said Staff Sgt. Darrel D. Brooks, petroleum supply specialist,

See AUSA, Page 5A

Army chief plans overhaul for 3ID

Special to the Frontline

The 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized)'s structure as it is currently known is in for a drastic overhaul.

Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker told reporters earlier this week he has charged Maj. Gen. Glenn Webster, the commander of the 3rd Inf. Div., to develop what Schoomaker is calling "brigade units of action."

"I want to know if he can turn his three brigades into five maneuver brigades, and if I provide the right equipment, could they be one and a half more lethal than before," Schoomaker said. "This is just a question, but I believe with the right enablers it can be done."

Part of Schoomaker's plan is to turn the division's brigades into smaller units with nearly twice the power under the current format, he said.

There is no indication how the reorganization will affect the division's upcoming National Training Center rotations and a Warfighter exercise planned for late spring.

The 101st Airborne Division, once it returns to Fort Campbell, Ky., from duty in Operation Iraqi Freedom, also will be tasked to turn its three combat brigades into five such units. The 3rd Inf. Div. and the 101st will be the Army's guinea pigs for the plan, with help from Forces Command and the Training and Doctrine Command.

The rest of the Army's active divisions won't be going to the concept right away, according to Schoomaker.

Though the plan is for five brigades, there won't necessarily be more troops added to the division, according to Schoomaker. Two of the division's maneuver brigades are at Fort Stewart. The other is at Fort Benning.

However, there was no mention of whether the 3rd Inf. Div. would turn

See CHANGE, Page 5A

Gen. Peter Schoomaker

Pfc. Benjamin T. Brody

Lt. Col. Mark Garrell, 1/3 ADA commander, details the battalion's advance on Baghdad during Operation Iraqi Freedom for Georgia state representative John Douglas.

Georgia state rep visits Stewart, tours 1/3 ADA

Pfc. Benjamin T. Brody
Staff Writer

While surfing the internet one day, Georgia State Representative John Douglas came across something that surprised him. The unit in which he had previously served as an officer, 1st Battalion, 3rd Air Defense Artillery, had moved from its old station at Fort Campbell to Fort Stewart, and further, the unit was making inroads toward Baghdad even as he scanned the website.

"I felt that I should come out and visit the soldiers from my old unit after their victory in Iraq," Douglas said. "I wanted to give them a pat on the back for all of their efforts."

After making contact with 1/3 Commander Lt. Col. Mark Garrell, Douglas arranged for a tour of the unit and to speak at the unit's Operation Iraqi Freedom awards ceremony Oct. 8.

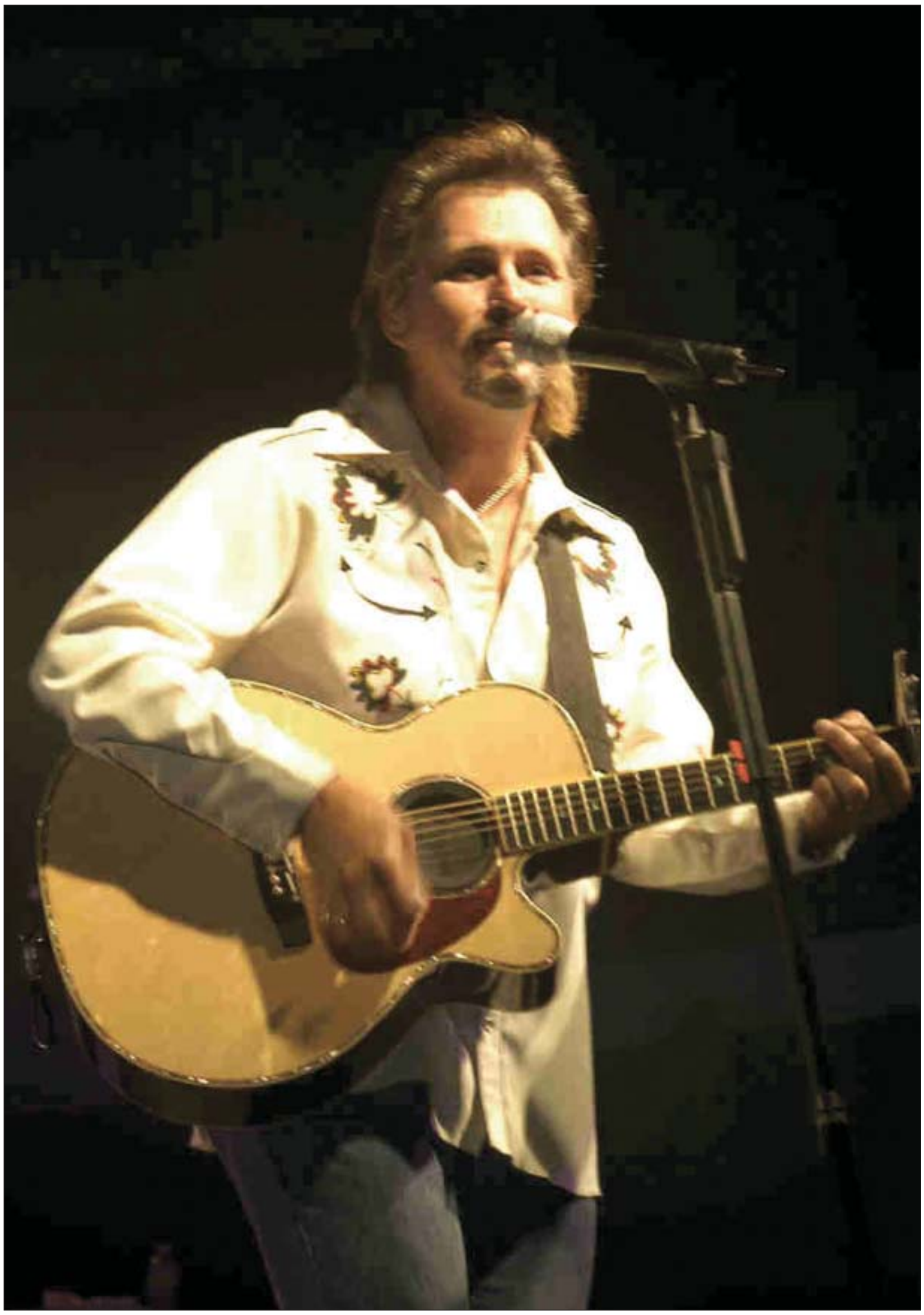
Douglas began the day by eating breakfast with a group of 1/3 soldiers, most of them from Georgia, and fielded their questions and concerns about state issues.

"I know you all have to pay state taxes in a state you probably hardly ever visit," Douglas said to the group. "I'm pushing a bill right now that would exempt soldiers from having to pay those taxes."

Among the other issues that local soldiers raised to Douglas, who has been a

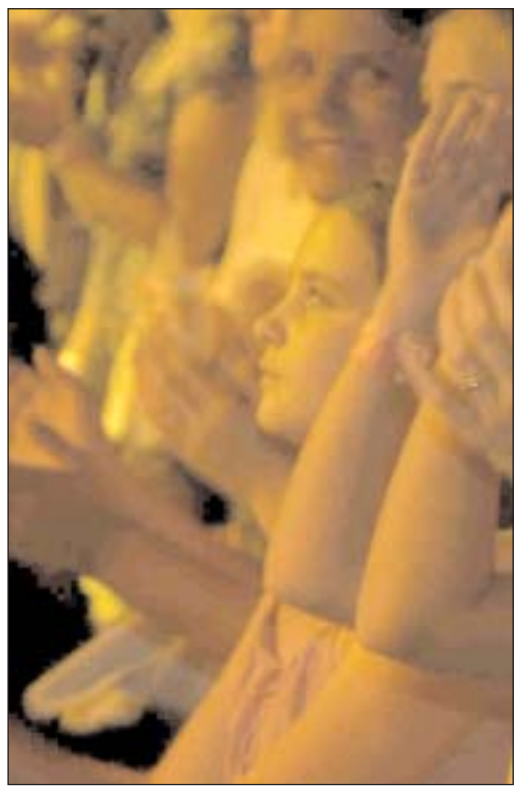
See DOUGLAS, Page 5A

USO rocks 3ID *Savannah* style



Photos by SGT. Craig Zentkovich

Diamond Rio Lead Singer Marty Roe entertains fans during the USO Welcome Home Festival Oct. 9., where 3rd Inf. Div. soldiers were recognized for their efforts and service during Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.



Front row seat fans repsond to the country group Diamond Rio.

Sgt. Craig Zentkovich
Hunter Public Affairs Office

The City of Savannah showed its appreciation for the soldiers of the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) Oct. 9 when it hosted the USO Welcome Home Festival (Savannah Style).

Thousands of soldiers, family members and volunteers crowded River Street to enjoy free food, entertainment and products.

"(The 3rd Inf. Div.) did a great job in Iraq," said Bob Harman, Savannah Military Affairs Council member. "(The council) wanted to do something to show our appreciation — that we were, and are, totally behind (the division)."

More than 200 volunteers from various veterans groups, local organizations and businesses were on hand to help however they could.

"I volunteer because I am thankful there are still people that fight to protect this nation," said Bob Haldeman, a 36-year Army veteran. When reflecting on the support of the soldiers now to that of 30 years ago, Haldeman said, "The government and people realize now that they need to be vocal in their supportof the soldiers."

Haldeman's wife, Betty (of Operation Betty's Brownies), has baked more than 15,000 brownies to hand out to redeployed soldiers at Hunter Army Airfield and during the "welcome home" festivities in Hinesville and Savannah. "It's the least I could do," she said.

Toward the end of the afternoon, Ray Gaster, USO Savannah chairman and Army veteran, called servicemembers from all four branches of the military onstage to be recognized for their service and accomplishments during Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Gaster reminded the crowd that there were still soldiers from the division serving in Iraq.

Following the recognition of a "job well done," spectators were treated to performances from Roger Moss of Cumulus Broadcasting singing the national anthem and the USO song-and-dance troupe New Vision singing a variety of medleys from songs old and new.

"This is my first welcome home festival," said Heather Jakeman, New Vision vocalist. "And a fine example of southern hospitality for the brave men and women who fight for our country."

As night fell, country music sensation Diamond Rio took the stage and wowed onlookers with more than an hour of hits spanning their three-decade career. During the last song of their set, a dazzling fireworks display canvassed the skies overlooking the Savannah River, bringing the day to a close.

Patriotism came in small and large packages during the welcome-home festivities.

(Above) Soldiers from 1/75 Ranger Bn. stand onstage while being recognized for their efforts and service during Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.
(Rght) A USO volunteer makes balloon animals for the children and adults attending the Welcome Home Festival.

Project Video Connect: We're here until they're home

Special to the Frontline

ATLANTA, Ga. — The United Services Organization and The National Museum of Patriotism, Inc. has joined forces with America Online for Broadband to support "Project Video Connect: We're Here Until They're Home" in the Atlanta Metro area. PVC was launched by AOL in May 2003 and allows thousands of military personnel who are still overseas and their families to send video messages to each other from USO locations around the world via AOL for Broadband.

PVC gives military families, troops and supporters the opportunity to communicate "face-to-face" by creating personal video messages that can be sent free of charge using VIDITalk, a special video messaging program created by VIDISolutions, a leading supplier of video communications software. One hundred computer stations provided by Hewlett Packard and equipped with VIDITalk and AOL for Broadband are being installed throughout the U.S. and around the world, many of these at American Red Cross chapters and USO offices.

"We are truly thrilled to be in a position to support Project Video Connect. The USO continually looks for ways to support the families of military and emergency services personnel, especially now with the recent extended deployments announced," said Michael Watson, Chairman of the Board USO. "PVC is a significant enhancement to our services as is The National Museum of Patriotism, Inc. for its hosting of this project. When it comes to communication, this program will certainly make a huge impact on morale," said Ms. Mary Lou Austin, president of USO Georgia.

"Our location is proud to help bring this program and the comfort it brings to our troops and their families in our area," said Mr. Nicholas Snider, founder of The National Museum of Patriotism, Inc.

"The Internet continues to be a powerful tool enabling people to stay in touch with loved ones in the military – more easily and frequently than during previous wars. By launching Project Video Connect, we hope to now bring families separated by war and peacekeeping efforts throughout the world a little bit closer by giving them an opportunity to send personal video messages to each other," said Carlos Silva, vice president of AOL for Broadband.

"We are thrilled to help launch Project Video Connect in the Atlanta Metro Area because of the large number of families in the area with military personnel overseas," said VIDISolutions President Paul Braun. "This program makes sending a personal video message as easy as possible, and boosts the morale of the troops and their families by bringing them together. In a matter of minutes, military personnel and their families can record and send a heartfelt message which can be viewed from anywhere in the world."

The simple process, which only takes a matter of minutes, allows military personnel and their families to use a computer equipped with a video camera to record a video message, create a URL containing that message, and then send the link to their loved one over AOL for Broadband. The message reaches its recipient via regular email and can be viewed or re-sent over any broadband connection. With hundreds of thousands of troops remaining overseas for an indefinite amount of time, PVC is meant to keep them connected to their friends and family for as long as possible. Hundreds of families have already begun to use the program with nearly 500 videos sent in just the first few weeks of the program.

For a complete list of locations visit the Web Site at **www.vidisolutions.com** and click on Project Video Connect.

Project Video Connect

Where and When

Wednesday and Saturdays starting Sept. 15, 9:30 a.m. - Noon at the National Museum of Patriotism
Midtown Atlanta
1405 Spring Street
Atlanta, GA 30309
(404) 875-0691
Please call for an appointment and ask for a "Video Connect" coordinator.
"Free" parking is available next to the museum.
If you need special arrangements for your video session, let the "Video Connect" coordinator know, so s/he can help you make them.
www.museumofpatriotism.org

How to Prepare

Bring the e-mail address of the service person to whom you want to send a video message.

Consider the general content of the message you want to send.

Ideas for Your Video
What's happening at home?
How are the children growing?
New back-to-school clothes?
Sports uniforms?
Recent activities?

Stewart, Hunter offer customers a complaint website

Spc. Jonathan m. Stack
Associate Editor

Fort Stewart, among other posts, is offering an on-line interactive customer evaluation system that allows Department of Defense customers to voice their questions, comments or complaints about a service they received at Stewart or Hunter Army Airfield.

The Web Site, **http://ice.disa.mil**, is a user-friendly way to submit a customer comment card directly to the service provider manager, said Robert F. Marshall, management analyst at the Plans, Analysis and Integration Office. The website offers a non-confrontational way for customers to voice their opinions and is convenient for them.

"(The Web Site) is the most beneficial tool for customer feedback the military came up with," said Buddy Carter, ICE manager. "There are six questions that the Office of the Secretary of Defense put in that nobody can change. Each organization can add questions."

Customers can fill out a customer comment card anonymously or if they want a response there is a place for them to put their names and they will receive a response within three days, he added.

"Every installation is on a volunteer basis to be on the Web Site," he said. "We were one of the first installations to be on (the Web Site.) Stewart has offered this Web Site for about a year and a half."

According to the Web Site, the ICE system began as a joint project sponsored by the OSD Quality Management Office, United States Europe Command and the Army 6th Area Support Group. The 6th ASG was the initial ICE system developer and host of the prototype system.

Customers can ask questions and voice opinions online instead of using the customary comment card.

VOICES AND VIEWPOINTS

Serving more than themselves

Baseball stars set aside careers for military

Spc. Rachel Tolliver
10th Mountain Division

FORT DRUM, N.Y. — My husband and I recently marked seven years of wedded bliss. As a type of celebration, the love of my life decided we should go somewhere for the weekend. His choice? Cooperstown, N.Y. ... be still my heart.

When we arrived in Cooperstown, I was surprised to see it did not resemble my preconceived notion of a factory metropolis encroaching on the hallowed ground of baseball fans. And I was relieved to find it had more to offer than that for which it has become so famous.

It was quaint — located on the tip of Lake Otsego, and surrounded on both sides by tall hills. Cooperstown is a well-preserved small town, with small-town charm, settled by William Cooper.

While William Cooper did not mean much to me, his son's name certainly did. James Fenimore Cooper, author of "Last of the Mohicans," "The Pioneers," and "The Deer Slayer," was born in Cooperstown. Many of James Fenimore Cooper's stories were set in and around the Cooperstown area.

This quaint village also plays host to the Farmers' Museum, the Cooperstown Brewing Company, the Fenimore House Museum and several other wonderful attractions. One of those attractions is, of course, the National Baseball Hall of Fame, for which the town is most famous.

Admission to the Hall of Fame, as well as the Farmers' Museum, is free for military personnel. There are several different displays to visit, but the one we spent the most time at was the wall of fame with all the plaques of the inductees.

The reason? We did not just look up our favorite players from days gone by, we visited each plaque that was decorated with a military disk identifying branch of the military in which the player served.

I was familiar with Ted Williams' service in the Marines during World War II and the Korean War, and I knew Pee Wee Reese was in the Navy during World War II. But I did not realize that so many ball players served in the military from 1942 to the Korean War. In all, one Hall of Famer served in the Civil War, 25 members served in World War I, 35 members and more than 500 major league players served in World War II, and five Hall of Fame members served in the Korean War.

For example, Ernie Banks, Whitey Ford and Willie Mays were all in the Army during the Korean War. During World War II, Yogi Berra served in the Navy and was stationed on a rocket launcher off the coast of Normandy Beach just after D-Day, while Leon Day, who was drafted into the Army, participated in Normandy after landing on Utah Beach with an amphibious unit.

Hoyt Wilhelm, whose knuckleballer won 143 games including a record 124 out of the bullpen and who started for the Orioles in 1958 where he pitched a no-hitter against the Yankees, served in the Army and earned a Purple Heart during the Battle of the Bulge.

Bob Feller was the first major leaguer to volunteer for active duty, enlisting in the Navy just two days after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. He served as an anti-aircraft gunner on the battleship Alabama with the Third Fleet, which fought in battles at Tarawa, Iwo Jima and the Marshall Islands. The Hall of Fame pitcher authored three no-hitters and a record-sharing 12 one-hitters, compiled 266 wins and struck out 2,581 batters in his 18-year career, despite missing four years of his prime because of World War II.

Warren Spahn was the winningest left-handed pitcher in history with 363 wins. He served three years as a combat engineer during World War II, saw action during the Battle of the Bulge, was wounded in the foot and survived the collapse of the Remagen Bridge in Germany.

Phil Rizzuto, and Stan Musial, to name a couple, were both in the Navy. Joe DiMaggio was in the Army Air Corps, as was Hank Greenberg and Enos Slaughter.

Jackie Robinson was in the Army and was stationed at Camp Breckenridge, Ky., which happens to be in my backyard. In fact, Robinson signed his historic contract with the Brooklyn Dodgers while at Camp Breckenridge!

Something else I did not know was that Happy Chandler, who I knew was a United States senator and a governor of Kentucky, was baseball's commissioner from 1945-1951. I found this out when I saw his Hall of Fame plaque with a military disk recognizing his World War II service in the Army.

America's favorite pastime was secured by those who served in our other, but least favorite pastime: war. When I look at all the men, Hall of Famers or not, who took time out from their ball careers to protect this country and our way of life, a service disk hardly seems like enough recognition.

Marne Voice

THE FRONTLINE

Readers respond to the question:

Why is it important for the Army to promote reenlistment?

"If the Army shrinks, we won't be able to meet our demands as a whole."

Sgt. Carlos Vinson
A Co., 3-15 Inf.

"So we can maintain readiness and keep quality soldiers in."

Sgt. 1st Class Roosevelt Dunn
HHB, DIVARTY

"It's important because we should want to keep the people we have in. That's where all our knowledge and experience comes from."

Staff Sgt. Michael Deliberti
C Co., 3/69 Armor

"We always need to keep quality soldiers."

Spc. Craig Clement
HSB, 1-9 FA

"It's a way for good soldiers who want to stay in to be rewarded. It helps us weed out the weak and keep the strong."

Spc. Rick Moore
A Co., 2/7 Inf.

"To maintain combat effectiveness through numbers. The more soldiers we have, the more soldiers we can train."

Sgt. Jeremiah Jarman
92nd Chem.

RCI lease signing ongoing

The Oct. 31 deadline for sponsors fo sign the Resident Responsibility Agreement (lease) is rapidly approaching.

Although the majority of on-post housing residents have signed their agreement, there are still sponsors that need to sign it. Those unable to attend may meet with the GMH representative.

At Hunter Army Airfield, residents may receive assistance at the Army Family Housing Office or call 352-5482.

At Fort Stewart residents may receive assistance at the Army Family Housing Office or call 912-767-1378.

ITALIAN FRONT

THE WAR BETWEEN ITALY AND THE AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN EMPIRE TOOK A GREAT TOLL ON THE ITALIANS, ESPECIALLY WHEN BATTLE-HARDENED GERMAN SOLDIERS WERE SENT TO HELP THE AUSTRIANS. THE ALLIES DECIDED TO BOLSTER THE ITALIANS BY SENDING AN AMERICAN REGIMENT: THE 332nd INFANTRY

THE 332nd WAS DETACHED FROM THE 83rd DIVISION AND SENT TO ITALY IN JULY 1918. IN ORDER TO FOOL ANY AUSTRIAN OR GERMAN SPIES INTO THINKING THE FORCE WAS MUCH LARGER THAN IT REALLY WAS, THE UNIT MOVED ABOUT SEVERAL TIMES IN THE SAME ITALIANS THE IMPRESSION THAT A LARGE AMERICAN FORCE HAD BEEN COMMITTED, GIVING A BOOST TO THE ITALIANS' MORALE.

U.S. SOLDIERS TOOK PART IN THE LAST OFFENSIVE ON THE ITALIAN FRONT, UNTIL AN ARMISTICE TOOK EFFECT ON NOV. 4, 1918

Voice your opinion!
Write a letter to the editor!

Send to:
Public Affairs Office
Attn: The Frontline, Editor
101 W. Bultman Ave.
Suite 101
Fort Stewart, Ga. 31314-4941

THE FRONTLINE ®

MILITARY NEWS: 767-3440
ADVERTISING: (912) 368-0526
Volume 19, Number 12
Publisher
3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) Commander — Maj. Gen. William G. Webster Jr.
Consolidated Public Affairs Office
Director — Lt. Col. Clifford J. Kent
Deputy Director — Richard Olson
PAO Supervisor — Master Sgt. Emma Krouser
Command Information Manager — Jim Jeffcoat
Editorial Staff
Managing Editor — Jim Jeffcoat
Editor — Spc. Katherine Robinson
Associate Editor — Spc. Jonathan M. Stack
Staff Writer — Sgt. Raymond Piper
Staff Writer — Sgt. Craig Zentkovich
Staff Writer — Spc. Jacob Boyer
Staff Writer — Spc. Jimmy D. Lane Jr.
Staff Writer — Spc. Mason T. Lowery
Staff Writer — Spc. Adam Nuelken
Staff Writer — Spc. Robert Adams
Staff Writer — Pfc. Benjamin Brody
Hunter Public Affairs Office
Chief — Steven Hart
Deputy Chief — 1st Lt. Amy Phillips
NCOIC — Staff Sgt. Brian Sipp
Staff Writer — Pfc. Emily Danial
Advertising Staff
Advertising Manager — Maryann Wilson
Frontline Production Manager — Juanita Vandenbosch

This civilian enterprise newspaper is an authorized publication for members of the U.S. Army. Contents of the Frontline are not necessarily the official views of, or endorsed by, the U.S. Government, Department of Defense, Department of the Army, or U.S. Forces Command. It is published weekly using offset printing by the Public Affairs Office, Fort Stewart, Georgia 31314-5000. Phone number: 912-767-3440 or 767-8072 Printed circulation up to 22,000. All editorial content of the Frontline newspaper is prepared, edited, provided and approved by the Public Affairs Office of Fort Stewart, Georgia and the 3d Infantry Division (Mechanized) and is printed by Morris Newspaper Corporation of Hinesville, Inc. a private firm in no way connected with the Department of the Army, under exclusive written contract with Fort Stewart, Georgia. The civilian printer is responsible for commercial advertising. Subscription rates are $9 for three months, $16 for six months and $30 for 12 months. Rates are for third class mail, inside the continental U.S.

AUSA

from page 1A

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment. "They had displays for all the new equipment that's coming down the line. They also had stuff that we'll probably never use."

The meeting included several sessions in which attendees had the opportunity to discuss different Army issues with the people who deal with them. The Marne soldiers in attendance were able to attend two sessions with Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack L. Tilley, one for senior noncommissioned officers and another for junior NCOs and enlisted soldiers.

During the sessions, Tilley talked about many of the changes that will be coming in the future for the Army, including changes in the physical fitness test and the high operational tempo he said was necessitated by the current war on terror.

At the Army's display, soldiers who participated in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom gave presentations on their experiences in the war on terror. Several 3rd Inf. Div. commanders from OIF, including Col. David G. Perkins, former 2nd Brigade commander, Lt. Col. Eric Schwartz, 1/64 Armor commander, and Lt. Col. Terry Farrell, former 3rd Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment commander, talked about how their units contributed to the division's success in Iraq.

Although the Marne soldiers got to participate in many events, their main purpose at the conference was to represent the division and visitors to the division display about their experiences in Iraq.

"More than anything else, I really enjoyed talking to the people there," Brooks said. "A lot of them were wondering about our division and the war. They wanted to know about what we did in Iraq."

Brooks said he also enjoyed talking about those experiences with some of the Army's highest-ranking soldiers.

"Seeing all those high-ranking officials was an experience," he said. "I got to talk to (Forces Command commander) Gen. (Larry R.) Ellis and several other high-ranking people about what we did over there. They just wanted to know how it was."

The soldiers who represented the division at the meeting also took advantage of the opportunity to see some of the sights at the nation's capital.

"Just being up here in D.C. was great," Brooks said. "We got to do all kinds of things. Overall, it was a very good trip."

Spc. Jacob Boyer

Maj. Gen. William G. Webster Jr., 3rd Inf. Div. commanding general, talks to a pair of Marne soldiers at the division's display during the Association of the United States Army Annual Meeting Oct. 7.

DOUGLAS

from page 1A

Georgia representative for two years, were education for their children and jobs for their spouses, both of which have been continual struggles for soldiers in rural Georgia.

Douglas pointed out that, despite Georgia's troubled educational system, the Hope Scholarship offers Georgian students who maintain a B average through high school a complete scholarship to any public university, provided they hold the grades while they are in college.

After breakfast, Douglas went to 1/3 Headquarters to meet with Garrell and Maj. Larry Dunn, the battalion executive officer and discuss the unit's performance in Iraq.

Dunn, like Douglas, is a former Vulcan platoon leader, so the two shared many anecdotes about the renowned armored vehicle during the meeting. Dunn spoke of a field training exercise that lasted two weeks.

"ADA doesn't stay anywhere for two weeks except Iraq," Douglas quipped.

Garrell and Dunn then alternately described in detail the battalion's advance on Baghdad with the aid of an oversized map of Iraq. The three also discussed new technology that has made 1/3 both safer for its soldiers and at the same time more lethal.

"Our (Beyond Visual Recognition) radar system automatically detects incoming cruise missiles, differentiates between them and friendly aircraft, and locks weaponry onto the hostile object, even in low visibility conditions such as we faced in Iraq," Garrell said. "It's nothing like the old days."

Douglas then met with elements of the Georgia National Guard that have been called to duty at Stewart, answering their questions, many of which had to do with paid retirement, which only starts at age 60 for guardsmen, while regular army soldiers can retire after 20 years, regardless of their age.

Some of the guardsmen Douglas visited were busy checking identification cards at Stewart's gates.

"I really appreciate him coming out to see his soldiers," said Spc. Randall Moten of C Battery 1/214 FA Georgia National Guard, who was guarding the main gate. "It makes the soldiers feel good."

Pfc. Benjamin T. Brody

Georgia state representative John Douglas thanks soldiers from the Georgia National Guard, who are manning the gates at Stewart.

CHANGE

from page 1A

in the bulk of its Abrams tanks and Bradley fighting vehicles in an effort to be a lighter and more easily deployable force. Currently, the division has approximately 200 tanks and 260 Bradleys.

Though he said he wants to continue some of the changes enacted by his predecessor, Gen. Eric Shinseki, Schoomaker said he will discard the terminology of legacy, interim and objective forces.

An Army review identified 15 areas that needed addressing, Schoomaker said, and he put soldiers at the top of the list. He wants more money put into current equipment and weapons, and not into programs still on the drawing board.

"We were looking to the future," Schoomaker said. "But now the focus is on the present. We have got to make sure that we are doing the right thing by our soldiers. I don't think we should put soldiers in harm's way without doing the very best we can to equip them. We need to invest in the soldier."

Schoomaker is also a proponent of unit manning, which means entire units, rather than individual soldiers, would perform tours of duty in places such as Korea. The goal is to have greater unit cohesion and more stability for the family.

"Unit manning leads to unit cohesion and studies have said it leads to combat effectiveness and reduced casualties," he said. "We don't know what unit manning will look like in the end, but we do know what desired characteristics we want to see — stability and unit cohesion."

Units that train and deploy together will redeploy together and there will be changes of command in the Iraq or Afghanistan theaters, Schoomaker said.

He also said soldiers should be able to provide their own force protection and need to know how to perform the roles of infantry and military police.

Iraqis to guard Baghdad nuclear facility

Cpl. Todd Pruden
372nd MPAD

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A significant event marking the return to normalcy for the Iraqi people occurred Oct. 7. Authority of a site was transferred back to the people of Iraq.

Coalition forces transferred authority of the former Al Thawath Nuclear Research facility to the Iraqi Ministerial Guard.

The Ministerial Guard will oversee the security and integrity of the facility.

To kick off the ceremony, two separate formations, one comprised of the Iraqi Ministerial Guard and the other of soldiers from Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 35th Armored Regiment, 1st Armored Division, marched from opposite ends of the ceremony area toward each other and came to a stop five feet before they would have met.

The two formations showed the union upon which coalition forces and Iraqis are building a foundation of trust.

As a special guest speaker, Dr. Rashad Omar, the Iraqi minister of science and technology, said the day was monumental.

"Today marks the first change-of-command ceremony between Iraqis and the coalition," he said.

"This place (the nuclear facility) was a place of much concern and controversy. We will use it for new and better circumstances," he added.

The prior regime utilized the Al Thawath Nuclear Research Facility as a weapons research and development site, mainly concentrating on nuclear energy. Omar said the site will be used for science and technology research.

Lt. Col T.C. Williams, commander, 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Division, also spoke at the ceremony. He spoke of his fondness for the Iraqi people and said that their cooperation with the coalition made the event possible.

"I am proud of the spirit of cooperation between the coalition and the Ministerial Guard," he said.

The ceremony concluded with the playing of the Iraqi national anthem and a ceremonial exchange of an AK-47 assault rifle between a U.S. soldier and a member of the Ministerial Guard to symbolize the transfer of authority.

"The Americans did well to give back this facility to the Iraqi people," said Hady Bouhy, one of the 412 guards assigned to the 23,000-acre complex. "It shows great progress."

Capt. David Zelkowitz, B Co. 1/35 Armor commander, said the change of authority is more than just another step toward normalcy for the Iraqi people.

"It offers more jobs and this will definitely be a centerpiece for this area," Zelkowitz said.

Bouhy and the rest of the guards were thrilled by the transfer of authority ceremony and the chance to be a part of history.

"Now we can celebrate something new for ourselves," Bouhy said. "We did not have the opportunity to celebrate with the old regime."

Cpl. Todd Pruden

Capt. David Zelkowitz, B Co.,1/35 Armor commander, performs a ceremonial passing of an AK-47 rifle to a Ministerial Guard, symbolizing the transfer of authority, at the former Al Thawath Nuclear Research Facility in Baghdad, Iraq, Oct. 7.

Stars and Stripes to publish in Baghdad

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Servicemembers in Iraq will soon get more current news as The Stars and Stripes, the daily newspaper of the U.S. military abroad, begins publishing in Baghdad, Stripes officials said here.

The popular newspaper is establishing a second print site for its Middle East edition in downtown Baghdad.

The Baghdad plant will print 15,000 copies originally, said Stripes General Manager Max Lederer.

The current print plant in Kuwait will continue to operate and produce about 10,000 copies, he said. The paper is free for service members in the area.

Servicemembers in Iraq have complained of the spotty delivery of the paper. In some cases, the paper is delivered a week or two after the publication date.

The problem, Stripes officials said, was in getting the edition transported from Kuwait City to the bulk mail facility at Baghdad International Airport.

The new Baghdad edition will allow servicemembers in the capital to get same-day service. Servicemembers in outlying areas will still receive the paper via the mail facility, but the wait should be one or two days, said Stripes Publisher Tom Kelsch.

"The new Baghdad edition will allow same day service"
Tom Kelsch
Stars and Stripes publisher

The Washington offices of the newspaper will beam the pages of each day's edition to Baghdad using American Forces Radio and Television Service satellites, Lederer said. The printing plant will take the pages and print them in eight page sections through the night.

In what could be a help to the city economy, local Iraqis will stuff the various sections together. Lederer said he envisions each paper being 32 to 48 pages.

About 130,000 U.S. servicemembers are in Iraq, as well as about 100,000 U.S. civilians. Even with a "pass-along" rate of 4 to 1, that means only 60,000 will see a newspaper.

Kelsch said Stripes would like to increase the press run, but will need funding to do so. Officials are looking for the money to make that happen, he said.

Servicemembers have been able to watch the American Forces Radio and Television Service since the beginning of the conflict. Many units carried satellite television equipment into Iraq with them in March. Now, over-the-air radio is also available.

The first area to receive an AFRTS station was Talil in June. Servicemembers in Baghdad received an FM radio channel in July, and those based in Mosul got one in August.

1/3 ADA rewards their heroes

Pfc. Benjamin T. Brody
Staff Writer

After completing a successful mission in Iraq, 1st Battalion, 3rd Air Defense Artillery held their awards ceremony for Operation Iraqi Freedom at Club Stewart Oct. 8.

After neutralizing the air threat from Iraqi missiles, the unit reconsolidated and became a separate ground maneuver battalion. The unit seized many strategic bridges over the Euphrates River while securing the division's communication lines. 1/3 then relieved the 1st Brigade Combat Team of the defense of Baghdad International Airport and established a new city government at Abu Gharab.

The 650 soldiers who deployed with the battalion in its first combat operation since the Korean War all returned to Stewart in August.

Battalion commander Lt. Col. Mark Garrell gave opening remarks at the ceremony, which was attended by many soldiers and 1/3 families.

Capt. Charles Branson and Sgt. 1st Class Matthew Gruidl both received the Silver Star for their extraordinary heroism during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Capt. Ruel Smith, 1st Lt. Ralph Elder, Sgt. 1st Class Lawrence Moore and Staff Sgt. Albert Galvan received the Bronze Star with valor device for their bravery in action.

Sgt. Brian Cox received the Purple Heart for wounds suffered in battle.

Soldiers from the battalion were also presented with the Bronze Star, the Army Commendation Medal with valor device and the Combat Medic Badge. Members of the Family Readiness Group were presented with flowers and thanked for their help in assisting the families of the deployed soldiers.

Assistant division commander (Maneuver) Col. Robert Caslen gave closing remarks, and stressed the importance of the continuation of operations against terrorism.

"We must not turn our backs on terrorism as we did in Beirut or in Somalia," Caslen said. "These soldiers have confronted and defeated the Hussein regime, and will continue to crush terrorism wherever its seeds lay."

Georgia state representative John Douglas attended the ceremony and congratulated the soldiers on their victory.

"It's a testament to your competence and dedication that all 650 of you made it back to Fort Stewart," Douglas said. "Thank you all for your outstanding service."

As the evening drew to a close, the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) Band played 'The Dogface Soldier Song' and 'The Army Song' while attendees sang along.

During the reception following the ceremony, Douglas offered some insight as to the significance of the 1/3 awards ceremony.

"Fort Stewart is one of the only installations in the country that is having these formal awards ceremonies," Douglas said. "It's great for the soldiers and their families."

Pfc. Benjamin T. Brody

Assistant division commander (Maneuver) Col. Robert Caslen pins the Silver Star on Sgt. 1st Class Matthew Gruidl for his extraordinary hero-

Army testing pump that makes water from exhaust

Spc. Bill Putnam
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Army is nearing the end of testing a pump that will make potable water from vehicle exhaust.

Doug Snowden, an engineer from Hamilton Sunstrans, displayed the two-part pump at the Army's Tank and Automotive Command booth at the Association of the Army's annual convention in Washington, D.C., Oct. 6.

"All we're simply doing is recovering the water that's present in the fuel," Snowden said.

In development for three years, the pumps when fielded may cost about $25,000 each, Snowden said, adding that they may eventually go on every vehicle in the field.

The biggest benefit will be the reduction on the Army's in-the-field logistics, Snowden said. Currently the Army is using 40 percent of its supply chain on distributing water in Iraq, he said. By minimizing the amount of water being sent forward, the demand and burden on the logistics tail will be reduced, Snowden said.

The numbers being tossed around for a soldier's drinking water requirement vary, Snowden said. It's anywhere from three to four gallons per day.

How it works is simple: the pump combines oxygen and hydrogen in vehicle exhaust into water.

The water comes about by taking the hydrogen, which is also already present in the fuel, and combining it with oxygen, he said. That oxidation makes water.

Now here's where it becomes complicated. The process involves regenerative heat exchangers, evaporative coolers, filters and pumps.

The vehicle exhaust moves from the exhaust system to a heat exchanger. That exchanger lowers the temperature of the exhaust before it hits those coolers. The cooler is similar to a car's Freon-based air conditioner, Snowden said. The cooler lowers the exhaust temperature to a point where water starts to condense.

"For us, we run our condenser at about 80 degrees Fahrenheit," he said.

That now cool exhaust goes back to the heat exchangers on the other side and cools the incoming stream of exhaust, Snowden said.

From there, the water is put into a small receiver, Snowden said.

At this point the process isn't done. The last step is chlorination. The system, Snowden said, uses Myox or a mixed oxidation generator. This generator uses salt, water and electricity to make the water drinkable.

It will also replace the use of iodine to make water potable, he said.

The system is set up on two sides of a vehicle, Snowden explained. At the booth, a humvee held the system. The driver's side held the receiver and a small pump. The passenger side had the water treatment parts.

The filters will produce about 150 gallons of water before they need to be replaced, Snowden said.

For every two gallons of fuel, the pump can make about one gallon of water.

That one gallon of water can be produced in about an hour of operation, Snowden said.

The vehicle's temperature determines how hot the water is, said Snowden.

"If the vehicle is 120 degrees, (the water) is going to be 120 degrees," said Snowden.

The pump will enter field-testing next year at Yuma Proving Ground, Ariz., and the Army Surgeon General's office is about to approve it too.

Traveling Vietnam War memorial en route to Ga.

Spc. Jonathan M. Stack
Associate Editor

The Moving Wall, a half-size replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, in Washington, D.C., will be on exhibit at Bit Tanner Field in Waycross, Ga. from Oct. 26 to Nov. 2.

The wall will be open 24 hours a day for visitation and there will be an opening ceremony Oct. 27 at 6 p.m.

"The Grace Episcopal Church in Waycross put their name on a waiting list for it to visit," said Cindy Ball, marketing and public relations coordinator at Satilla Health Services Inc. "That was three years ago. This year they got a call that it would be available to come."

The Moving Wall has been touring the country for almost twenty years, according to **www.themovingwall.org**. When John Devitt attended the stationary wall's 1982 dedication in Washington, he felt the positive power of The Wall. He vowed to share that experience with those who did not have the opportunity to go to Washington.

Devitt, Norris Shears, Gerry Haver, and other Vietnam veteran volunteers built The Moving Wall, according to the Web Site. It went on display for the first time in Tyler, Texas in October of 1984.

Two structures of The Moving Wall now travel the United States from April through November, spending about a week at each site.

During the week the wall is in Waycross volunteers are needed 24 hours a day, they still need some volunteers, especially during the night hours and on Halloween night, Ball said.

"Volunteers will help with locating names, name rubbings and security," added Ball.

For more information about "The Moving Wall" call (912) 338-6354. For information about how you can volunteer call (912) 285-2610.

Courtesy Photo

The Moving Wall will be in Georgia in late October.

Commissaries provide work experience, college money for high school students

Pfc. Emily Danial
Staff writer, Hunter Public Affairs

Local high school students who are in need of on-the-job experience and money for college are in luck — Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield commissaries have come up with a solution — the Student Hire program.

The program, initiated by the Defense Commissary Agency, is open to all full-time students age 16 and older who have at least a "C" average. No experience is necessary, but students who apply for the job must pass a physical and be able to lift at least 40 pounds.

"We have about eight to 10 students working right now," said Mariesa Jeffers, Fort Stewart commissary personnel liaison. "We pay more than downtown jobs (between $8 and $9 an hour), and it gives them the opportunity to earn money for college and learn some responsibility."

Students are scheduled to work 20 to 24 hours weekly, no later than 8 p.m., and are trained to work in all departments.

"There are two positions," said Michael Pulley, Hunter commissary store director. "One is a GS-1 Sales Store Checker and the other is a WG-1 Storeworker. Storeworkers can work in the Grocery, Produce or Meat Departments, as long as they are at least 18 years old.

"They have to be willing to work weekends," he continued. "Without weekends, it's hard to get the 24 hours in."

The commissary works around students' school schedules, Pulley said, taking into account school plays, proms, and other extracurricular activities.

Jeffers said the Fort Stewart commissary generally looks for workers who are sophomores or juniors in high school, because the main goal of the program is to help students save money for college.

However, she said, anyone may still apply.

"It's a good way for students to get their feet wet in the business world," Jeffers said.

Students who are interested in working in the commissary can pick up applications at both the Stewart and Hunter locations at 767-4395 or 352-5007, or call the administration offices for more information.

The Coastal Heritage Society appreciates you!

COASTAL HERITAGE SOCIETY

Free Entrance for Active Duty Military and dependents to:

Roundhouse Railroad Museum

Savannah History Museum

Old Fort Jackson

Entry is free to all three museums with valid ID anytime between October 9th and December 31st, 2003.

All museums open 7 days a week – call ahead for hours.

Ideal for families or for an Officer and NCO professional development function!

We look forward to seeing you soon!

On the web at chsgeorgia.org

Habitat for Humanity® International

Baghdad soldiers get new chow hall

Spc. Anthony Reinoso
372nd MPAD

BAGHDAD, Iraq – As Operation Iraqi Freedom progresses through its seventh month, the U.S. Army is working on improving living conditions for the troops in Iraq. One of the newest projects recently completed is a dining facility recently opened at the 3rd Squadron, 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment forward operating base in Baghdad.

The new dining facility also serves nearby soldiers of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, and attached units, such as civil affairs units.

"It was amazing how the contractors were able to get this building rolling and ready for the soldiers," said Chief Warrant Officer Sabrina Nero, coordinator and supervisor of the dining facility.

Contracted by Kellogg, Brown and Root services, the modular building was trucked into the area in sections and pieced together like a jigsaw puzzle.

The facility has a seating capacity for 500 people with a turnaround capacity to serve 2,000 personnel for breakfast, lunch or dinner.

"KBR is working astonishingly hard to provide a great meal," Nero said. "We want to provide good, wholesome meals to the soldiers."

Unlike the dining facility at the nearby Al Rasheed Hotel, which has its meals delivered from the Coalition Provisional Authority palace dining facility, the 2nd ACR facility has its own kitchen and culinary crew contracted through KBR. The facility has food items such as bread, muffins and pastries prepared and served daily.

Each month Nero plans to have a diverse menu based on an ethnic theme, such as Mexican or Asian entrees. The facility will also prepare meals for special occasions and holidays such as Thanksgiving Day.

"The soldiers are very pleased with the meals they are provided," Nero said. "We are just ecstatic about feeding our soldiers the way we can now."

A cook dices red cabbage at the new dining facility.

Kellogg, Brown and Root service employees prepare for the dinner crowd Monday.

Photos by Spc. Anthony Reinoso

Soldiers line up for dinner at the 3rd Sqdrn., 2nd Armored Cav. Regt. forward operating base's new dining facility.

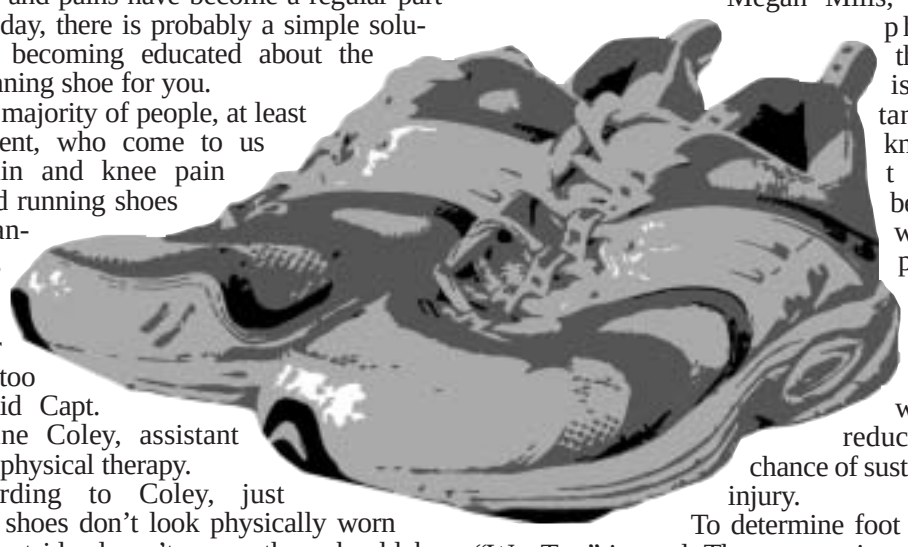
Starting on the right foot ...

Winn to educate shoe-buyers, ease common pains

Laurie Kemp
Winn Public Affairs

In observance of National Physical Therapy Month, Winn Army Community Hospital's physical therapy department will set out 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday in the PX to help alleviate some common pains shared by runners all over.

If shin splints, knee or other lower-extremity aches and pains have become a regular part of your day, there is probably a simple solution — becoming educated about the right running shoe for you.



"The majority of people, at least 75 percent, who come to us with shin and knee pain have bad running shoes — meaning wrong for their feet or too old," said Capt. Jacqueline Coley, assistant chief of physical therapy.

According to Coley, just because shoes don't look physically worn on the outside doesn't mean they should be worn until they fall apart. Typically, running shoes should be replaced every four to six months.

"You need to get the type of shoe for the activity; that is why they make running shoes. Cross Trainers are just that — a shoe in which you can do many different activities. The misconception is people think this includes running, but it doesn't," Coley said. "Like you wear basketball shoes for basketball, you need to wear running shoes for running."

Now that the right type of shoe for the activity has been determined, it is time to pick a shoe based on foot type.

There are three foot types — Normal, Flat and High-Arched. And according to Lt. Col. Megan Mills, chief of physical therapy, it is important to know foot type because it will get a person in the right shoe, which in turn will reduce the chance of sustaining an injury.

To determine foot type, the "Wet Test" is used. The test consists of having a person dunk his foot in water and then stand on any surface that will leave an imprint of the foot. People are then able to look at the imprint and determine their foot type.

Once foot type is determined, it is just a matter of matching the type to an appropriate shoe type — Motion-Control, Stability or Cushioned.

Usually, normal foot types do well in stability shoes. Flat foot types in motion-controlled or stability shoes and high-arched foot types in cushioned shoes. But the final determining factor is comfort.

While knowing the proper shoe attire can dramatically reduce injury, Coley said, it is not a cure-all.

If runners experience pain, Coley said, they should try to self-treat at the first noticeable signs.

"Active rest (continuing exercise using low-impact exercises such as stationary bicycling, swimming or elliptical trainer) and ice are the most important self-treatment techniques," Coley said.

"However, if pain persists for more than one week in active-duty soldiers and more than two weeks in regular runners, "you definitely need to get it checked it out," Coley said.

Physical therapy is a specialty clinic and requires a referral from a health care provider. However, anyone can request a referral from their health care provider, especially to attend the department's walk-in knee and ankle clinic. Walk-in time for the knee and ankle clinic is seven to 7:15 a.m., Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

For more information about physical therapy appointments, talk to your health care provider. For more information about the walk-in knee and ankle clinic, call 370-6098.

Editor's Note: *The physical therapy department will be offering the running shoe clinic 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday in the PX*

TIPS FOR BUYING RUNNING SHOES AND SOCKS

1. According to Mills, the first step is to go in armed with information. For example, know what shoe type you are looking for and look at various brands that include that type.

2. Try both shoes on and fully lace them. Then, actually hop, walk around or jog in place to make sure they feel good. Take as much time as you need to move around in them. You want to ensure there is no friction and your toes aren't squished.

3. One foot is usually a little larger than the other. Buy shoes to fit the larger foot comfortably. If needed, wear an extra pair of socks on the other foot.

4. Allow space between your toe and the edge of the shoe – the rule of thumb is to leave enough space for one thumbnail.

5. Also keep in mind that your feet are larger at the end of the day. Remember that trying on shoes in the morning will be different than trying them on in the afternoon.

6. Buy socks that are comfortable for you, but look for something that has a little added cushioning on the bottom.

Stewart/Hunter Commissary holiday schedule:

Veteran's Day (Nov. 11) — Open
Monday before Thanksgiving (Nov. 24) — Open
Friday after Thanksgiving (Nov. 28) — Open
Monday before Christmas (Dec. 22) — Open
Friday after Christmas (Dec. 26) — Optional closure
Monday before New Years (Dec. 29) — Closed
Friday after New Years (Jan. 2) — Normal schedule

Make a difference right at work with Earth Share, bringing the leading environmental groups together. How? Please visit our web site at www.earthshare.org.

Earth Share
One environment. One simple way to care for it.

Building Houses, Building Lives

Habitat for Humanity International
121 Habitat St.
Americus, GA 31709-3498
(800) HABITAT
ww.habitat.org
a CFC participant

Father, daughter create lasting memory

Sgt. Raymond Piper
Staff Writer

In all soldiers' careers there are milestones they strive for and achieve over the years. From promotions to reenlistments, they build memories that will remain with them long after the event has passed.

Staff Sgt. Samuel Bivins and his daughter 2nd Lt. Autarie Bivins, who was recently commissioned as an officer, created a lasting memory as she reenlisted him Friday in front of the 103rd Military Intelligence Battalion motorpool.

"I've always wanted my daughter to reenlist me. If any officer is going to reenlist me, I want it to be my daughter," Samuel said.

He said he was told that he would have to reenlist one more time before retirement because his previous enlistment brought him to 19 years and four months.

Autarie, who was commissioned May 9 and graduated from college the next day, was eager to share this experience with her father.

She said, "He was my first salute when I received my commission so I'm returning the favor."

Autarie said her father being in the military did influence her some to join the Army because it helped her see the Army as a job, but she felt it was best to acquire a degree first and receive a commission.

"I've always been exposed to (the Army) all my life being a military brat," she said.

The two talked about the options and benefits of different programs available to her as a student.

"She was going to college and she could either take the Georgia Hope grant or join ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) after she qualified for it," Samuel said.

After joining the ROTC program she was able to benefit from the scholarships that are offered.

Army ROTC awards hundreds of scholarships, available at more than 600 schools. Army ROTC scholarships pay tuition and required fees, and can be worth as much as $70,000.

They're awarded on merit, such as academic achievements, extracurricular activities and personal interviews.

Scholarship winners receive a stipend for each academic month plus an allowance for books and other educational items.

"The money for college was pretty good through scholarships and the stipend for extra money," Autarie said.

"We talked about how you have to have a career when you finish the military (or school) … at least this way she has a commission, a job and gains experience if she chooses to get out," the senior Bivins said.

In the end, he said, "It all worked out well."

Sgt. Raymond Piper

Staff Sgt. Samuel Bivins gets sworn in by his daughter, 2nd Lt. Autarie Bivins.

NORAD monitors U.S. skies to protect the homeland

Donna Mills
American Forces Press Release

WASHINGTON — On the morning of Sept. 11, 2001, the staff at the North American Aerospace Defense Command was poised to identify a missile test or space launch anywhere in the world, or to tell exactly how many items of "space junk" were circling the globe.

What they didn't know was that four commercial airplanes hijacked within U.S. borders were launching an orchestrated terrorist attack on the United States.

That's because, at the time, the eyes and ears of NORAD were focused on aerospace threats launched far from the shores of the United States and Canada. The concept of an attack from within U.S. borders seemed almost inconceivable to a command created in the 1950s to address Cold War threats.

Today, NORAD's operations division chief says the command is dramatically changed, with a larger scope and a major role in the war on terror.

Air Force Lt. Col. Lennie Coleman said NORAD's ground-based radar, airborne radar, aircraft, satellites and intelligence capabilities now focus within the United States and Canada as well as offshore to identify suspicious aircraft or other aerospace threats.

"We've expanded from our Cold War structure to be able to meet the terrorist threat that's out there," he said.

From its air warning center, deep within Cheyenne Mountain near Colorado Springs, Colo., NORAD now conducts around-the-clock monitoring in support of Operation Noble Eagle — the mission to protect the homeland.

Since Sept. 11, 2001, Coleman said, NORAD has flown more than 32,000 sorties in support of Operation Noble Eagle. More than 1,500 of these sorties, flown by U.S. F-15 and F-16 fighters and Canadian CF-18s from sites throughout the United States and Canada, involved what Coleman calls "targets of interest."

"In every single one of these cases, the pilots taking off on the ground or being diverted have no idea if they are going up to another Sept. 11," Coleman said. "Every mission is taken very seriously."

Fortunately, most "targets of interest" have turned out to be pilots who had mistakenly strayed into restricted air space or whose communication or navigation equipment had failed, he said.

But in several instances, they proved to be real-life threats. One was the airliner that carried Richard C. Reid, the "shoe bomber" who tried to blow up a Paris-to-Miami flight just four months after the 9-11 terrorist attacks. U.S. fighters shadowed the flight until the pilots made an emergency landing in Boston.

Coleman emphasized that NORAD does not conduct its expanded mission in a void. The command works hand-in-hand with a wide range of government agencies, including the Department of Homeland Security, the Secret Service and the Transportation Security Agency.

"We work closely with them to complement the security measures that they have put in place since 9-11," Coleman said. "And we've helped make sure that our defensive measures will be there if those security measures fail."

Nowhere is NORAD's increased intergovernmental coordination more evident than with the Federal Aviation Administration.

"Before Sept. 11, the FAA had to physically pick up the phone and call us if there was a hijacking," said Coleman. "Today, they don't have to do that. We have constant, real-time communications with the FAA. So when they have concern about an airplane - even before they determine that it is a problem - we already know about it. That's a vast improvement."

Coleman said regular exercises help reinforce that the system is working, and serve as a deterrent to would-be terrorists.

"Time and space are our friends," he said. "If we can gain one extra day, one extra hour, one extra phone call, one extra planning effort that the bad guys have to take, that gives those intelligence, law enforcement and security elements in the field that one chance to catch them before we, the last line of defense, (have) to act."

Coleman said these initiatives are making the United States and Canada far safer than before Sept. 11.

"We're much better postured to meet the threat, no matter where it comes from - not only externally, but internally as well. And that's a guarantee."

Privitization of Housing at Stewart, Hunter

GMH Military Housing
Special to the Frontline

GMH Military Housing, LLC, assumes the full operations at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield Family Housing Nov. 1.

With all resident's current assignments to government quarters terminating on Oct. 31, GMH is in the process of signing Resident Responsibility Agreements (leases) with all of the sponsors.

The majority of residents at Hunter attended the lease signing sessions held Oct. 1 and 2.

Those unable to attend may visit the Army Family Housing Office at Hunter where a representative of GMH will be available to assist them.

They may also contact the GMH representative by calling 912-352-5482.

Over the last two weeks, residents of Fort Stewart attended lease-signing sessions held at Club Stewart, where they completed their paperwork. Those not able to attend may visit the Army Family Housing Office at Stewart where a representative of GMH will be available to assist them. They may also contact the GMH representative by calling 912-767-1378.

GMH thanks the residents of Family Housing for attending the lease signings, reporting that the majority of residents signed their leases.

They are also looking forward to meeting with the remainder of the families as the process continues.

Anyone who would like to obtain further information regarding privatization, information about GMH Military Housing, to look at a preview of the plans for Fort Stewart and Hunter housing, or gain other information which is captured in the Frequently Asked Questions, should visit the GMH — Stewart/Hunter Web Site at: **www.southernlivingchoice.com.**

Any resident with questions is encouraged to contact the GMH Community Management Office for Hunter Army Airfield at 912-352-5482 or the Community Management Office for Stewart at 912-408-2460.

Courtesy photo

An artists redention of the GMH Military housing proposal.

Army shipping new Strykers to Iraq

John Randt
MTMC Public Affairs

TACOMA, Wash. — The Army's new Stryker armored vehicles are headed for their first operational assignment — service in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Vehicles of the Fort Lewis-based Stryker Brigade Combat Team began rolling onto ships today at the port of Tacoma, Wash.

The Stryker vehicles and related equipment will support 3,600 soldiers from the I Corps' 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division who will begin their assignment in Iraq in a few weeks.

This week's move at the port of Tacoma represents several benchmarks for the port, according to the Military Traffic Management Command. It's the biggest movement of military cargo at the port since Operation Desert Shield in 1990.

In addition, this is the first time Large, Medium-Speed, Roll-On/Roll-Off vessels of the Navy's Military Sealift Command have ever visited the port. The two vessels designated for the move are the USNS Shugart and the USNS Sisler.

"This is an historic move," said Lt. Col. Darren Zimmer, commander of the 833rd Transportation Battalion, the unit conducting the loadout for MTMC. "This is the first use of the Stryker vehicles in an active combat environment. My unit is honored to have such a significant role in support of both a changing Army and Operation Iraqi Freedom."

The Stryker Brigade Combat Team completed its combat certification at Fort Polk, La., in May. The wheeled Stryker vehicles are part of the Army's transformation to move to a more agile combat force that may be transported faster.

Courtesy Photo

Stryker armored vehicles line up at the port before being loaded onto ships.

Marne TV

October 2003 Schedule

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

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

IT'S 3PM.
DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR KIDS ARE?

Times have changed. Keeping kids off drugs means knowing what they're up to. Especially after school. There are ways to do it. Encourage them to stay active in the hours before you get home. Clubs. Sports. Volunteering. Anything they'd actually like to do. Kids involved in after school activities are less likely to use drugs. Call 1-800-788-2800 for more information. Or visit theantidrug.com.

PARENTS.
THE ANTI-DRUG.

3ID IN BRIEF

Stewart

Estate claims

Anyone with property belonging to Pfc. Charles M. Sims, 549th MP Co., should contact Capt. Mark Germano.

Additionally, anyone indebted to Sims, or to whom Sims is indebted, should also contact Germano as soon as possible at **mark.germano@stewart.army.mil**; or 767-2384/2385/9068.

Bi-Annual Block Party

This event is sponsored by Family Advocacy Program, ACS, Fire Dept., ASAP, and DPS.

There will be food, music, entertainment, K-9 demonstrations and fun from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 25, ACS Bldg. 470.

For more information, call 767-5064.

Youth Fall Festival

Enjoy a family fun day with carnival games, face painting, Bingo prize drawings, and delicious food for sale. There will be free wood projects/workshops and free How-To workshops on home repairs for adults and older teens.

There's something for everyone at Bryan Village Youth Center, Bldg. 7338, 3 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25. For more information call 767-4491/4493.

Child and Youth Services

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

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

School absences conditional

Fort Stewart Schools (Diamond and Brittin) will support recently deployed soldiers, within reason and within available resources, when requesting a student absence.

Students will be considered excused during block leave. Parents are encouraged to coordinate with the student's teacher on missed homework and class assignments. Time away from school should be kept at a minimum.

Liberty County Schools will grant up to five days of unexcused absence during block leave for children of deployed soldiers.

Soldiers are required to provide a written request to the school principal which states the reason for the absence and projected dates that the student will be out of school.

Students will be allowed to make up missed homework and assignments. Teachers will work with students to ensure that they do not fall behind in the classroom.

Since Liberty County schools are required to follow the No-Child-Left-Behind mandate and are graded by attendance, students will be required to be re-enrolled in school if an absence exceeds five days.

Main Gate

Two outbound lanes from Fort Stewart to downtown Hinesville are now open and Memorial Drive has been converted to two lanes one-way for inbound traffic. The left turn from Memorial inbound lanes to Bultman Ave. will be elimated until construction of inbound lanes is completed and opened.

According to the contractor, the inbound lanes should be constructed by Nov. 30, however they may be completed earlier.

Main Education Center

The Main Education Center, Building 130, discontinued its Saturday hours Oct. 4. Computer usage is available at the Marne Multimedia Center 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m Friday.

There are also other learning centers in buildings 1237, 729, 506 and 208 where computers may be accessed as well.

If you have any questions or need more information, please call 767-8331.

Hunter

Annual Halloween 5K

There will be a 5K Run and Fun Walk Oct. 25. Registration and Fun Walk (in costume for children 12 and younger) is 8:30 a.m. and 5K Run will start at 9:30 a.m., with a breakfast to follow for $3.50 a plate.

The Fun Walk is free and the 5K is $15 per person before race day and $18 day of race. Pre-register at B/159th across from Hunter MP Station.

Prizes and awards will be given in several different categories.

Bi-Annual Block Party

This party is sponsored by Family Advocacy Program, ACS, Fire Dept., and DPS. It will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, in the ACS parking lot, Bldg. 1286, across from the PX.

There will be free food, games, entertainment and educational fun.

For more information, call 352-6494/5259.

Annual Fall Festival

Hunter Officer Spouses Club is hosting an auction at 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14 at the Hunter Club. There will be hors d'oeuvres, cash bar and great fun. Auction proceeds benefit military welfare and scholarships.

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

DCAS events

Post Youth Fall Festival will be held from 1 to 3 p.m., Oct. 25 for youth and families. There will be games, prizes, competitions, crafts and food. Program will be held at the Youth Center, Bldg. 6052. For more information, call 352-5708.

Morning road closure

North Perimeter Road from the 117th Tactical Control Squadron to the Stephen Douglas Street intersection will be closed to vehicular traffic from 6 to 7:30 a.m., Monday through Friday to support unit physical fitness programs.

Ask your unit first sergeant or contact the Hunter Safety Office for Hunter's physical training policies, by calling 352-5814.

American Red Cross

The Savannah Chapter of the American Red Cross has FREE toiletry items, such as soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste for soldiers and family members.

For more information, call 651-5300.

Skeet range

The skeet range is open from 4 to 9 p.m., Thursdays and 9 a.m. to noon, Saturdays.

Fort Stewart and Hunter Hunting and Fishing Permits and Georgia State Hunting and Fishing licenses are sold in Bldg. 8250.

An education course is required for an on-post hunting permit.

For more information, call 352-5916.

Youth Services

School Age Services (SAS) opens 6 to 9 a.m. and 3 to 6 p.m. during school. There are before and after school programs for 1st through 5th graders. Enjoy fun and leisure activities, educational, tutoring, computer lab, sports, fitness and more.

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

Keystone Club

Meetings are held the fourth Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. This club offers Character Counts activities as well as other activities that meet the physical, emotional and social needs and interests of girls and boys through diversified program activities in six areas:

- Personal and Educational Development
- Cultural Enrichment
- Social Recreation
- Citizenship and Leadership Development
- Outdoor and Environmental Education.

Winn Army Community Hospital

Hospital main entrance

Access to the main entrance of the hospital will be limited due to construction through the first week of November.

Patient parking will not be affected. However, refill pharmacy parking will not be available. Patients must follow the designated sidewalk to enter the hospital.

Additional parking

An additional parking lot on Harmon Ave., adjacent to Winn and next to the sports complex, is open for patient parking.

Expectant Siblings Class

The next Expectant Siblings Class will be 5 p.m., Oct. 29. This class helps prepare children ages 4 to 12 for the arrival of a new brother or sister. To register, call 370-6017/6670.

"Take Care of Yourself"

The next "Take Care of Yourself" class at Winn will be from 11 a.m. to noon, Oct. 22. Tuttle's class will be held 10 to 11 a.m., Oct. 22. 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 Oct. 22 class, call 368-3048. To register for Tuttle's class, call 1-800-652-9221.

Exceptional Family Member

The next Exceptional Family Member Program enrollment orientation will be from 1:30 to 3 p.m., Oct. 23 at Winn. Meet other families and learn about other community support services.

For more information, call 370-6505.

Winn seeks volunteers

Winn is looking for adult volunteers to help out in a wide range of areas from administrative specialists to chaperones to certified or licensed nurses. The next mandatory orientation will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m., Nov. 7. For more information, call 370-6903.

Pharmacy hours of operation

The pharmacy is open from 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Wednesday and Friday, and from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., Thursday. Hours on training holidays are from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The refill pharmacy is open 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Wednesday and Friday and from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Thursday.

Tuttle

The pharmacy is open 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Wednesday and Friday. The pharmacy is closed weekends, federal holidays and training holidays.

Intervention services

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

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

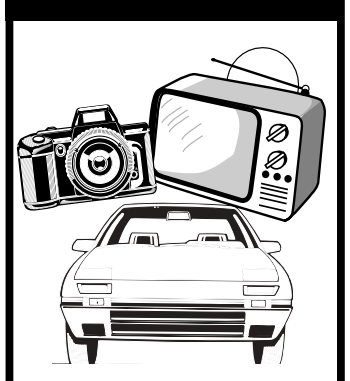
Family reunion support

Family reunion support is available for families having difficulty adjusting after a deployment. Support is available by appointment or on a walk-in basis. For more information, call 370-6100 or 370-6111.

Tuttle TRICARE enrollment

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

Whatever it is. . .



sell it in the classifieds.

Call

368-0526

to place your ad today!

WE SUPPORT OUR TROOPS
AT HOME AND ABROAD

Be ready for heavy traffic concerns

2nd Lt. Joel Ryals
Fort Stewart PMO

We receive a large number of complaints weekly concerning the flow of traffic and access to the installation.

Several factors contribute to traffic congestion on Fort Stewart. **(1)** This is the first time in years that the entire 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) has physically been on post adding a tremendous amount of vehicles attempting to enter/depart the installation simultaneously. **(2)** Prior to OIF we had five inbound lanes at the front gate for surge time periods such as PT, due to gate construction this was cut down to two. **(3)** Finally, we have hundreds of National Guard and Army Reserve units mobilizing and demobilizing from Fort Stewart, adding more vehicles to the installation.

Traffic entering, exiting and while on post can be frustrating at best and infuriating at worst. It is important to remember that safety comes first. The Installation Provost Marshal Office is attempting to take as many measures as possible to reduce the traffic flow problems. PMO is working closely with the contractors at the gates to ensure that we do not hamper traffic flow at more than one gate at a time.

Some of the things that you can do to help and ensure the safest and most enjoyable driving experience are:

•Have your I.D. out and ready to hand to the MP at the gates — every second makes a difference in the traffic flow. Checking I.D.s is for your and your families' safety. It ensures that only authorized personnel are allowed on post.

•Use common courtesy — this will help out a fellow soldier or family member and make you feel good at the same time.

•Slow down — it is not worth having an accident to save a few seconds.

•Be patient — remember, everyone else has to deal with the same traffic congestion as you. Several motorist have attempted to bypass the gate and cut through the wood line and firebreaks; it didn't work and caused damages to their POV.

•Follow traffic laws — you are expected to follow the posted speed limits and road signs. Several motorists recently were involved in traffic accidents trying to make U-Turns in the road to avoid traffic.

•Watch for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorcycles, ensure that you keep an eye out for those with less protection than a car.

•Plan ahead — you know that it is going to take a little longer getting on the installation and while traveling around post, so plan ahead to ensure that you meet your time requirements.

Thank you for your patience and please help us, help you.

Ask the judge

Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance

Capt. Frederick Lewis
Hunter AAF Legal Center

Soldiers and Spouses with Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance Family Coverage, listen up!

If you are a spouse covered under the FSGLI, the proceeds of your policy go directly to the servicemember; there is no other option, other than purchasing life insurance from another company or going without. Servicemembers may designate whomever they wish as beneficiaries under SGLI. They should, however, take note of who would be the beneficiary in a variety of situations. Additionally, servicemembers with children from both a first and second marriage need to take specific steps to ensure that all of your children are covered by your SGLI policy.

With this in mind, consider the following scenario of a servicemember with children from a first and second marriages.

Typically, the servicemember designates his current wife as one of the principle beneficiaries for the majority of the SGLI proceeds (for example, 75 percent). He does this so that his wife will have money to take care of herself and their children. He designates his children from the first marriage as principle beneficiaries of the rest (25 percent). What happens if both the present spouse (covered under FSGLI) and the servicemember (covered under SGLI) die in a common accident? Without careful planning, his children from his second marriage would not get any life insurance proceeds. This is because when his wife died, all the proceeds for her (and the children) went to the servicemember's other principle beneficiary (the children from the first marriage). Even worse, the wife's FSGLI proceeds could not be paid to him since he died with her, therefore they would go according to his beneficiaries- which would mean the kids from his first marriage!

How do you avoid this result? The servicemember should name the children from the second marriage as contingent beneficiaries and clearly state on the SGLI beneficiary form (SGLV 8286) that in the event his spouse (a principle beneficiary) predeceases him or simultaneously dies with him, then her portion shall pass to the contingent beneficiaries (children from the second marriage). This will permit the children from the first marriage (principle beneficiaries) to collect 25 percent of the proceeds, and the children from the second marriage to collect their mother's share (75 percent) as contingent beneficiaries.

Children may receive proceeds, even if they are minors, with a custodianship or trust provision in a will. The following language is recommended for trusts/custodianships on the SGLV 8286. If the will includes a formal trust provision, the language should state in the beneficiary block, " My trustee to fund a trust established for the benefit of my children under my will." If you feel comfortable that the guardians of your children, or another party, will utilize the money properly for the benefit of your children, you can skip the hassle of a formal trust by designating a custodian of the funds under the Uniform Gift to Minors Act (UGMA). If choosing this option, your beneficiary block should read, for example, "My brother, as custodian for my children, pursuant to the UGMA." A further discussion of the proper language to use when designating SGLI beneficiaries may be found at Ft. Stewart's Legal Assistance Website, **http://www.stewart.army.mil/Display.asp?Page=9DF073FC-D4FC-4B80-8A12-8D1E2B0785A8.**

Further questions may be directed to Legal Assistance at 767-8809 or 352-5115. You may also wish to consult the VA's website at **http://www.insurance.va.gov/SgliSite/default.htm.**

POLICE REPORTS

• **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 22-year-old male, separate battalion
• **Charges:** Failure to stop for accident involving injury, improper left turn
• **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Private, 23-year-old male, Aviation Brigade
• **Charges:** Driving under the influence
• **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Specialist, 21-year-old male, Engineer Brigade
• **Charges:** Driving under the influence, speeding 95/55, failure to maintain lane
• **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 23-year-old male, Division Support Command
• **Charges:** Drunken driving, speeding 38/20, driving on post suspension
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 22-year-old male, 2nd Brigade
• **Charges:** Driving under the influence, possession of an open container
• **Location:** Hinesville

Check out the Classifieds

MOUT training site gives troops a dose of reality

Pfc. Kelly Hunt
Army News Service

BAGRAM, Afghanistan — In the back trails of Bagram Air Base stands a hand made mud compound Bagram troops use to prepare for combat in urban Afghanistan.

The Army identified the need for Soldiers to train even when in a remote area, such as Afghanistan. To supplement this need, the Program Executive Office for Simulation, Training, and Instrumentation joined forces with Anteon Inc. to develope Military Operations on Urbanized Terrain training facilities in these areas.

In December, the Department of Defense directed the construction of MOUT sites in Kuwait and Afghanistan to support Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, and in February, funds arrived for the sites' birth, according to William Howsden, site manager. Construction was completed in September.

The training site resembles an Afghan village, with high mud walls plastered around metal conexs.

"It's unbelievable," said Staff Sgt. Jim Bagnell, 416th Engineer Command, Facility Engineer Team 28. "The MOUT site looks like an Afghanistan compound. It offers the environment of Afghanistan."

Adding to its sense of reality was the hands-on work of local nations who have become experts at this trade.

"They've done this all their lives, so it comes naturally to them," said Bagnell who oversaw their work. Bucket by bucket, mud was passed up ladders to awaiting hands that packed the mixture.

"It's neat," he said. "I was really excited about it because I watched it come up from nothing."

It was really a unique project, said Bagnell. "You can build a building, you can build a road, but to build something out of the earth (is incredible)."

Pfc. Kelly Hunt

Troops from the second platoon, Co. A, 2nd Bn., 87th Infantry Regiment, 10th Mountain Div., put their training to the test at the new MOUT training site located on Bagram Air Base. The site is modeled after an Afghan compound offering troops a realistic option to prepare them for combat in urban Agfhanistan.

Though from the outside, it looks like a simple Afghan compound, this small village contains many hi-tech advantages allowing troops to receive the highest training evaluation opportunities after completing the course, according to Howsden.

The instrumentation used within the site has been used at the Joint Readiness Training Centers Shugart-Gordon MOUT site since 1996. Capabilities include low light cameras with laser illuminators, panic buttons for safety and security, targets in each building, sound effects, moveable interior walls, trap doors, external lighting, external cameras, and smoke generators.

On site is a multimedia theater that gives troops an opportunity to see what the hidden cameras caught and gives them a chance to improve techniques.

Training as they fight keeps troops on their toes and the new facility gives them a more realistic view of the terrain they will encounter.

"We do MOUT training about once a month," said Sgt. 1st Class John Folkenroth, A Company, 2nd Battalion 87th Infantry Regiment, 10th Mountain Division. This was the first time his troops had been through the new course.

"It looks a lot like what we'll (encounter) out here," he said, complimenting on the site's realistic disposition. "(The training) helps refine your skills and see what you are doing wrong."

Getting troops to the site for training just takes a little planning. Scheduling is required a week in advance. The unit will need to submit a scenario including training objectives, training level of the squad, platoon or company, the type of training whether it be live fire or force to force training, type of ammo being used and a risk assessment, Howsden said.

CENTCOM News

Two killed, four wounded in ambush

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Two 1st Armored Division soldiers were killed and four were wounded during an ambush in the Sadr City district Oct. 9.

The soldiers were on a routine patrol when they were attacked with apparent small arms fire at approximately 8 p.m.

The soldiers were evacuated to the 28th Combat Support Hospital.

The soldiers' names are being withheld pending next-of-kin notification.

The incident is under investigation.

One soldier killed, one wounded near Bayji

BAYJI, Iraq — One 4th Infantry Division soldier died of wounds received and one was wounded when their M2 Bradley vehicle struck a mine northwest of Bayji at approximately 7:45 p.m. Oct. 12.

The soldiers were evacuated to the 28th Combat Support Hospital.

The soldiers' names are being withheld pending notification of next-of-kin.

This incident is under investigation.

Ninevah Province schools benefit from seized Iraqi assets

MOSUL, IRAQ — Coalition soldiers and non-governmental organizations partnered to rebuild more than 800 schools in the Ninevah Province, current home of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault).

The division's Commander's Emergency Relief Program, which draws from Iraqi government funds seized after the first Gulf War, has to date spent $2,040,513 on 330 completed school projects including the recently opened Ninevah Province Education Headquarters in Mosul.

The 101st has made nearly a daily hobby of opening schools throughout northern Iraq since August. Lt. Col. Kevin Felix, 2nd Battalion, 320th Field Artillery commander, opened three schools in the town of Tal Abtah Monday.

Oct. 1 marked the first day of school for all public primary and secondary school students throughout Iraq.

Schools in need of simple supplies and new windows, or a complete renovation, have received a helping hand from 101st Airborne Division CERP funds and Non-Governmental Organizations working with the soldiers.

"The students are eager to go back, especially those who are going to new, renovated schools," Sgt. First Class Rocky Upchurch of New Deal, Texas, 431st Civil Affairs Battalion, said. Upchurch has worked with the education headquarters and numerous schools during the summer rush to rebuild schools.

Upchurch has also worked with several NGO's all over the globe, including the United Nations Development Program. The NGO's have provided additional muscle with "a lot of the little stuff."

SELL IT QUICK IN THE CLASSIFIEDS 368-0526