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Secretary of Army visits Stewart

Brownlee addresses Reserve, NG concerns about billets, medical treatment

Sgt. Raymond Piper
Staff Writer

"The Army recognizes it's obligation to take care of all soldiers from start to finish to include training, equipping and deploying them to theaters of operation to carry out their missions," the acting Secretary of the Army said Saturday.

The Honorable Les Brownlee along with top Army officials visited here to determine the needs of soldiers on medical status and how the Army can work to treat them.

"We also recognize our obligation to take care of soldiers after they return from overseas, and we're here to assess how we are doing with that and to look at any areas that may need further attention," Brownlee said.

Brownlee met with hospital and garrison staff to discuss how they could improve on the services the command provides.

Col. Joe Barthel, Winn Army Community Hospital commander, presented a briefing explaining the services the medical community provides to Soldiers on medical hold status.

During his briefing, he explained how the medical command here is working to improve health care for Soldiers.

Currently there are three case managers working at the hospital, and by Oct. 28 the medical command will increase that number by 11.

Case managers are present at the beginning of the Soldier Readiness Checks and during the demobilization process. Case managers process Soldiers' conditions and work to get them evaluated and schedule appointments, Barthel said.

"Case managers are an advocate for soldiers and will help

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Sgt. Raymond Piper

The Honorable Les Brownlee, acting Secretary of the Army, speaks with senior leaders about the barracks he toured Saturday.

Pfc. Emily Danial

North Georgia College Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets construct and cross a rope bridge across a sizeable ravine as part of the Ranger Challenge Saturday afternoon at Hunter Army Airfield. For more on the Ranger Challenge, see the Nov. 6 issue of The Frontline.

Cav. Soldier receives Silver Star

Pfc. Benjamin T. Brody
Staff Writer

Sgt. 1st Class Javier Camacho of B Troop, 3/7 Cavalry, received the Silver Star for his exceptional bravery in combat during Operation Iraqi Freedom at battalion headquarters Oct. 24.

While traveling near An Najaf March 25, Camacho's troop was ambushed by jeeps mounted with anti-tank weapons and dismounted infantrymen. Two Bradleys took direct fire and began to burn during the ambush. As Camacho lay suppressing fire upon the enemy, he noticed the driver of on of the burning tanks was trapped in his vehicle. Camacho then ran through small arms and mortar fire twice to extinguish the flames and rescue the driver. Eight days later, Camacho and his troop observed a scout vehicle take fire and begin to burn. Camacho positioned his vehicle between the burning vehicle and an enemy barrage of small arms and rocket-propelled grenade fire. After evacuating the wounded Soldiers from the scout vehicle, Camacho's troop secured the area and destroyed the localized enemy forces.

During OIF, 3/7 Cav. destroyed 60 Iraqi tanks and killed over 2200 Iraqi Soldiers in

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Marne Six Sends

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

MISSION, SOLDIERS AND TEAMWORK!

The most important assets in our Army and division are our Soldiers!

Individual Soldiers have always been the critical key to the Army's success and you are no different. I continue to be impressed with the professionalism of the Soldiers and the teams you represent in our division. You know why we are here and the importance of being prepared for any mission we may be called on to perform.

SOLDIERS are the heart and soul of this Division Team and the Army at large. Without great Soldiers, no mission will be accomplished, and our equipment will be useless. Every Soldier must be a rifleman and a SOLDIER first, and a mechanic or clerk, or whatever, second. Every Soldier must be competent, confident with a weapon, lethal when he or she needs to be, always disciplined, able to defend himself, live in the field, and do his job in the dirt. Soldiers must do what is right at all times. Leaders must set the example at all times — lead by example, coach and teach growing leaders for the future. Make every bullet count!

Next week... TEAMWORK. We are a team, made up of many smaller teams.

MARNE SIX OUT.

Top Armor NCO visits 3ID units

Spc. Robert Adams
Staff Writer

Command Sgt. Maj. George DeSario, United States Army Armor Center and Fort Knox, Ky. command sergeant major visited Fort Stewart Oct. 20 to talk to the armor forces of the 3rd Infantry Division.

"The purpose of the visit was for me to get out and see our force and get direct feedback from the Soldiers," DeSario said.

DeSario began the day at the 3rd Battalion 69th Armor motor pool where he watched and interacted with Soldiers performing command maintenance on military vehicles. He asked young Soldiers if the training they learned in advanced individual training was useful or not during

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Command Sgt. Maj. George DeSario walks out to watch armor tanks perform during a live-fire exercise at Red Cloud Alpha.

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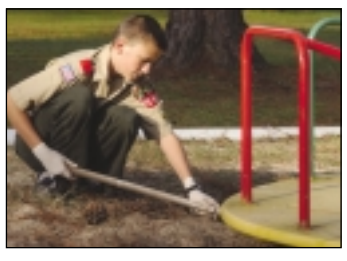

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Always ready ...

Photos by Sgt. Raymond Piper

Staff Sgt. Craig Graham, a section leader from E Trp., 196th Cav., tries to yell over the crowd to find the leader of the protesters during a simulated protest Saturday. The 196th, part of the 30th Enhanced Heavy Separate Brigade, is conducting training, which will end with them deploying to Iraq.

Training prepares troops for deployment

Sgt. Raymond Piper
Staff Writer

While at Fort Stewart, the Honorable Les Brownlee, acting Secretary of the Army, visited with National Guard Soldiers from E Troop, 196th Cavalry Regiment as they set up a simulated traffic point Saturday.

"When I observed them closely earlier they were conducting actions at road blocks and how they passed people through during various stages, and they were doing a marvelous job," Brownlee said.

The checkpoint presented several different scenarios to the Soldiers. They had to react to smugglers trying to bring weapons through the checkpoint, snipers, medical evacuation requests and dealing with crowds of protestors.

The situations didn't follow a set order, but often overlapped. In one situation, the Soldiers were searching a car for contraband and came under fire from a sniper.

As a result of the sniper's attack, they had to request a MEDEVAC for a wounded soldier.

"We're receiving very intense training, and I think that's what we need," said Sgt. Lucas Unsbach, radio operator with E Trp., 196th Cav. "I believe we might encounter some of the same situations when we deploy.

"The training makes me feel good because I know I'll be safe," Unsbach added.

Brownlee said as he observed the training, he saw 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) Soldiers with experience from Iraq helping train the cavalry Soldiers and giving them on-the-site advice, which he believes will be very helpful to them.

"What better post to train at than Fort Stewart because the Soldiers have hands on experience about where we will be deploying," said Capt. Rob Bumgardner, E Troop commander.

Spc. John Thompson, a fire direction specialist with 1st Battalion, 39th Field Artillery, said, "Everybody took back something from Iraq as far as engaging the enemy or interacting with the locals."

The training began at the individual level and has stair stepped to the squad, platoon and troop level, Bumgardner said.

The 196th will use the same method of training in the near future to conduct MOUT training.

"This training will bring it all together because we will have to execute missions at the platoon and troop level at different times (while deployed)," Bumgardner said.

The 196th is part of the 30th Enhanced Heavy Separate Brigade, headquartered in Clinton, N.C., which is the largest National Guard unit in the state. The 30th EHSB is one of fifteen designated enhanced brigades with the mission of mobilizing and deploying for combat within 90 days notice.

The brigade is also part of the 24th Integrated Division in Fort Riley, Kansas. The 24th is led by an active duty division headquarters and staff, and consists of three National Guard enhanced brigades.

Sgt. Lucas Unsbach, radio operator from E Trp., 196th Cav., requests a medical evacuation for a mock casualty during the training who was "wounded" by sniper fire.

Sgt. James Mattocks, from E Trp., 196th Cav., restrains Sgt. Cecil Samuel, 2/349th LSB, after contraband was found in Samuel's vehicle.

Soldiers from E Trp., 196th Cav. stand guard as a group of protestors throw trash at them as the crowd approaches the barrier.

(Above) Protestors approach a checkpoint during an exercise Saturday.
(Right) Spc. John Thompson, a fire direction specialist with 1/39 FA (MLRS), gets the crowd going during a simulated protest Saturday.

Job fair offers opportunities

Spc. Adam Nuelken
Staff Writer

The Army Career and Alumni Program sponsored a job fair at Club Stewart Oct. 22 that offered Soldiers, family members and civilians a chance to talk to recruiters both locally and nationally about job openings.

Representatives from more than 70 different companies and police departments, including Lockheed Martin, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and Georgia Department of Labor were at the fair.

The job fair offered participants a chance to network and get a better idea of what industries are presently hiring.

"I think this is very good for the area for both junior enlisted and senior leaders," said Lee Brown, Transition Assistance Program facilitator, and veterans' employment representative for Liberty and Long Counties as well as Fort Stewart. "This job fair gives them a chance to see some of the national employers."

Letting the Soldiers see what national jobs are available is important, according to Brown, because the local job market is not very open.

"There are not a lot of Hinesville jobs in this job fair," he said. "We are geared toward state and national jobs."

Chief Warrant Officer Liston Singletary III, counter-fire officer for Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, Division Artillery, was one of hundreds who participated in the job fair to try and get a head start in finding a new career.

"This job fair is very informative. It provides us the opportunity to network with local and national agencies," he said. "They give you pay charts, benefits and prerequisites, and it helps to alleviate the anxiety of getting out and wondering where you will get a job."

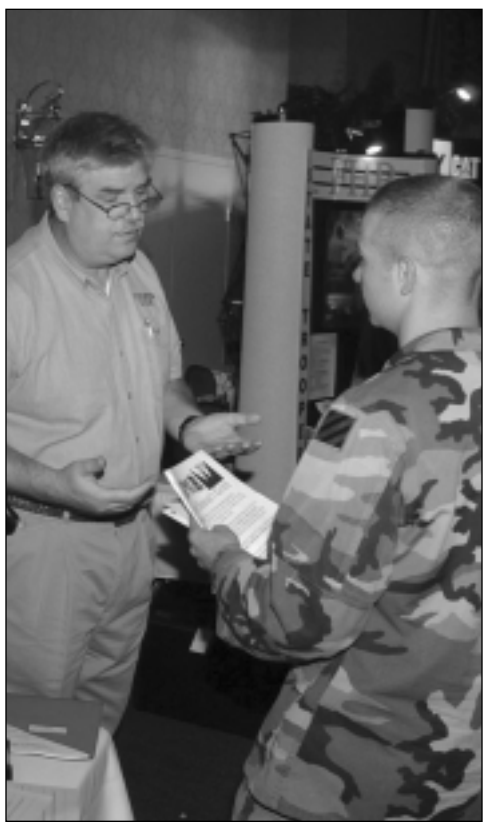
The job fair, though geared toward helping military members retiring or ending their enlistments, is a great tool for recruiters as well.

"We like to participate with the military because a lot of them have the discipline and leadership we look for," said Yvette Ashford, recruiter for the Columbia, S.C. City Police Department. "We like to hire military because they have the job experience and discipline, which are both required for police work."

By 10 a.m., the police department received more than 120 applications at the job fair.

More than 100 people participated in the job fair, filling the main ballroom at Club Stewart with booths and bodies. Information was passed freely from recruiters to participants in the hopes of future employment.

Singletary, who plans to retire July 31, simply added to the importance of the job fair on finding a career, "I just hope they have one in March."



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Bill Janke, human resources director, Cooper Kenworth of Durham N.C., talks about future opportunities to Spc. Jeremy Jones, track mechanic for B Btry., 1/9 FA, at the job fair on Fort Stewart. More than 70 companies attended the job fair.

Kingston meets with Army Secretary

Special to The Frontline

WASHINGTON — Congressman Jack Kingston met with the Les Brownlee, acting secretary of the Army Tuesday to discuss the Army's progress toward improving conditions for Reserve and National Guard Soldiers living at Fort Stewart and long-term solutions for mobilization stations Army-wide.

Brownlee just completed a visit to Fort Stewart to inspect living conditions and mobilization procedures.

"We appreciate the secretary's personal attention and quick response to this matter," Kingston said. "All of our Soldiers deserve the best treatment available and we are well on the road to providing that in the form of better living conditions, more attentive medical care and, for some, a rapid return home."

The Army has already spent over $3 million to improve the living conditions for Soldiers stationed at Fort Stewart as part of the Medical Hold Battalion. The Army plans to accelerate medical care for the Soldiers to reduce the backlog of care that has occurred over the summer months as the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) redeployed from Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Improvements include the addition of eight new case managers to help process medical hold cases, additional physical therapists and a transfer of over 50 Soldiers to Fort Gordon, Ga., for medical care.

"While many of these facilities are fine for Soldiers on temporary training, which is the purpose for which they were built, they are not adequate for Soldiers recovering from combat wounds or deployed for months at a time," Kingston said. "We can do better and the secretary of the Army and I are committed to improving this situation quickly."

Kingston recently introduced legislation as part of the Fiscal Year 2004 Military Construction Bill that will require a top to bottom review of the mobilization infrastructure and a report to Congress no later than April 15. the Military Construction Bill includes $56 million to construct new Soldier barracks at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield.

Spc. Adam Nuelken

Phil Cardinal, Phillip A. Connely judge, checks the temperature of corn on the serving line.

NCO Academy DFAC vies for Connelly Award

Spc. Adam Nuelken
Staff Writer

The Noncommissioned Officer Academy's Dining Facility is in the final stages of competition for the Department of the Army Phillip A. Connelly Award.

The DFAC had its final inspection Oct. 21 when judges came to the academy to test the DFAC for food and overall quality and cleanliness. Though nervous, the DFAC employees were ready.

"I'm thinking we'll do well," said Jeannie Land, cook. "We're well organized, we work as a team, we have our limits, but all in all we're good together."

Although the competition is stiff, between the NCOA and the five other dining facilities, the workers at the academy think they have a good chance of winning because they care about their food and pleasing the soldiers above all else.

"It takes a lot of practice and planning on the meal, and I think there are a lot of hard workers out there who deserve to be in the competition," said Dianne Long, DFAC administrator. "It makes me really proud when (the Soldiers) eat up our food."

The dining facility chose to serve baked chicken and pepper steak with many side items to include mashed potatoes and buttered corn – a meal they have served many times before. The employees, tense from the competition, insist it was business as usual at the DFAC.

"We've been doing what we always do," said Sherry Derkins, rations manager. "The meal we prepared isn't the first time we made it."

Mary Hayes, senior cook, agreed, "overall, we're doing the same thing we do everyday."

The DFAC has been getting ready for the competition for more than two months by working hard on cleaning up both the inside and outside of the building. Whether they win or lose, the employees take pride in simply pleasing the Soldiers with good homemade food.

"When I see those Soldiers come through here, I feel like I'm here for them," said Aldon Smith, assistant manager. "It means a great deal to me. It's a great honor."

Army of one is Army of many cultures

Spc. Jimmy D. Lane Jr.
Staff Writer

Commentary

One of the first things I knew I loved about the Army is that so many different colors and types of people are all required to wear the same green uniform.

We didn't really have a choice in the matter. We were all kind of thrown together and told that from now on we would all be the same. The only thing that separates us is the rank we wear on our collars.

Everyone grew up in different environments. Some people never went far from the place they were born, while others were exposed to much more variety.

I was an Air Force brat, so my family relocated every few years, both in the U.S. and overseas. From a young age, I learned to get used to new people and places. I used to get so excited when I learned that my father had received new orders.

Even after my father retired, I loved to travel and find things out about people who are different.

Anytime I hear a strange accent I am compelled to talk to its owner, finding out where the person is from and what his home is like.

Not everyone is like I am. Some people harbor prejudice and tend to hang out in cliques. Understanding other people's cultures and religions is not easy for some folks.

The Army causes a culture shock in many people, and more than a few withdraw into a crowd they are comfortable with.

People's cultures are very complex. When I speak Spanish among friends, I always enjoy hearing the variety of accents involved. Many people don't catch that particular part of the language, they just hear something foreign and dismiss it. But someone from Puerto Rico has a distinctly different accent than someone from Mexico or Colombia.

This is the best way to explain it. Imagine four people speaking English to one another. You should be able to understand English right? What if one person is from Scotland, another from Jamaica, one from Australia and the last has a deep southern drawl. Could you picture the confusion these people would encounter trying to understand each other's dialects?

I had a chance to experience such a situation when I went to the Bahamas to work for a year. There were contractors from all over the world building a resort in Nassau. We flew down from Georgia, so all of us had a southern accent, some not as thick as others. When we got to the hotel, the porter greeted us with a thick Patua accent, an English dialect indigenous to the Caribbean Islands. We could barely understand what he was asking us.

On the job, there were many Bahamians working with the contractors. The guys in my work crew almost came to blows because of the inability to understand each other. It was really amusing hearing my southern buddies and our Bahamian friends asking each other to repeat things over and over, never really catching the gist of what was going on. In the end the Georgia boys left the island not only understanding Patua, but even the ability to mimic the accent.

I wasn't born into a Hispanic household. My parents don't speak Spanish; I learned it from speaking to people over the years. So by not being a native speaker, I have had to gather bits and pieces of the language from many different sources. In doing this I learned all the dialects of Spanish. I can tell what country people are from, just like in English, by listening to their accent and their use of slang words.

By putting things into perspective and with a little effort, understanding the cultures and languages of the people who serve with you every day can be much easier than most people think. When you hear the guy behind the counter speaking Hindi or Urdu, ask him how to say hello and goodbye in his language. When you go to the Chinese restaurant, ask him how to order in Cantonese or Szechwan. By showing an interest in peoples' cultures, you will be surprised by the difference in the service you get and the amount of smiles you create.

As far as the Army goes, making an effort to understand the Soldiers around you creates a bond that makes a tighter unit. The better you know your fellow Soldiers, the more you will be inclined to join them in a foxhole or watch their back.

As most of us know, people from all cultures, races and countries serve in the Armed Forces. This is a fact none of us can change about the Army. But if you open your heart to new things and ideas, you may find that the Army can change you in a different way.

Army celebrates Halloween in non-traditional way

Pfc. Emily J. Danial
Staff Writer, Hunter Public Affairs

Commentary

Halloween, like Christmas and Tax Day, means different things to different people:

"Mmm … candy …" said my dad, reminiscing.

If you're a parent, it means dressing your kids up in a way that will make them seek revenge for the rest of their lives.

"Grandpa and Grandma always made your Aunt Lori a pumpkin," my dad recalled fondly. "Ha! Ha!"

If you're neither a kid nor a parent, you have the option of ignoring Halloween completely — provided you don't fall into the fourth category …

If you're an average Soldier in this great United States Army, Halloween always means one thing — the traditional oxymoron commonly known as the costumed "Fun Run."

Now, I'm not sure who invented the Fun Run, why running becomes fun one day a year or, for that matter, who decided that the one day a year was Halloween.

I do, however, know this — the originator of the Fun Run may have been suffering from the side effects of tampered-with circus peanuts, because anyone who can derive pleasure from watching Soldiers stumble around first thing in the morning wearing costumes for reasons that do not include money would have to be under the influence of something.

After careful consideration, I've decided that the magical factor, the secret ingredient, that special something that makes this particular run so much gosh-darned fun is simply that pile of assembled laundry we like to call the "Last-Minute Costume."

In a recent study, the Last-Minute Costume has overtaken Random Egging, Toilet-Papering, and Spraying Trick-or-Treaters With Garden Hoses as the most popular source of Halloween amusement, but that's only because I made that study up.

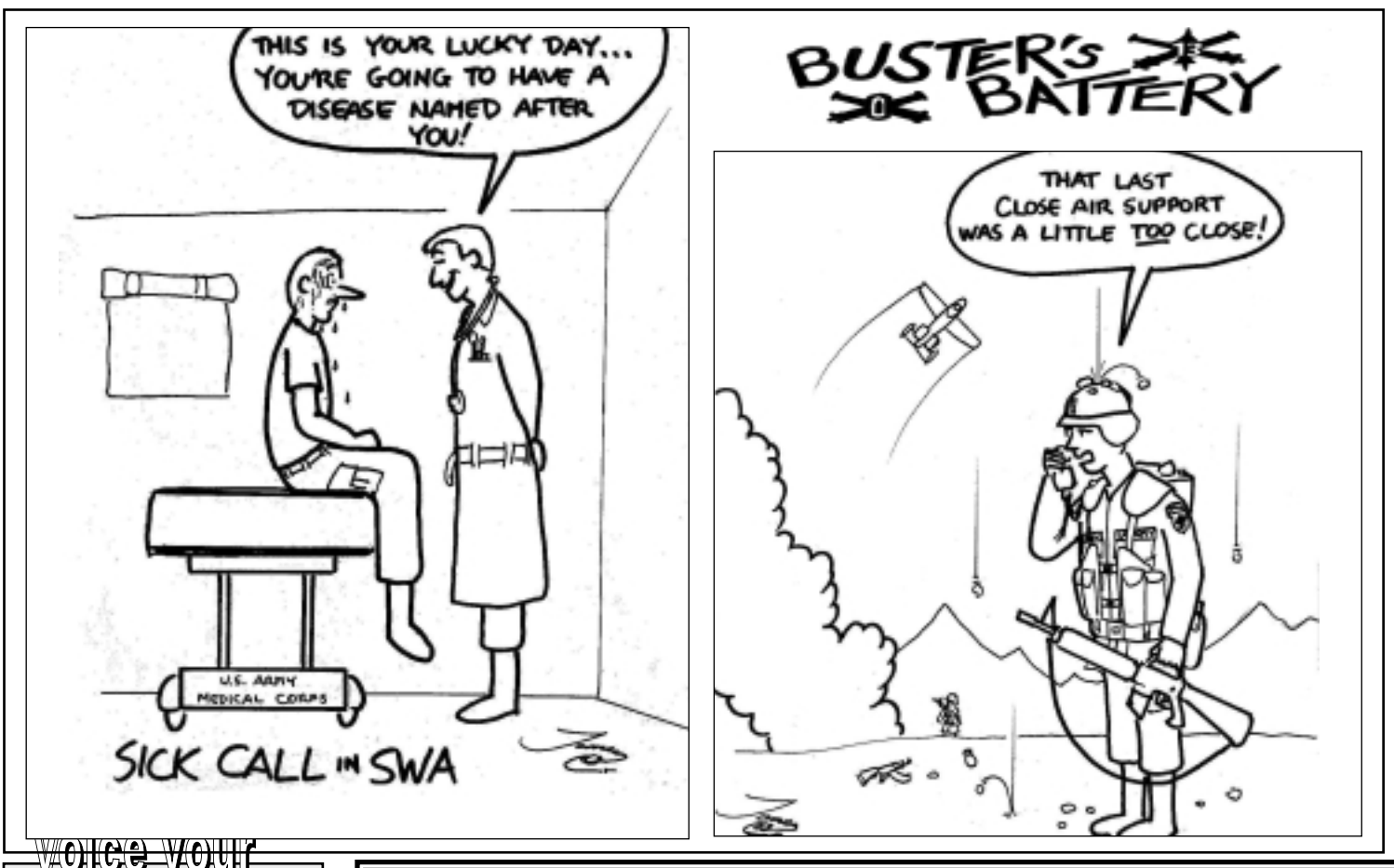
The Last-Minute Costume is an essential part of the Fun Run, generally put together the night before — or a few hours before, depending on its wearer's Halloween Eve activities.

It consists of items found in the Soldier's closet, on the Soldier's floor, and/or under the Soldier's bed. The amount of time required to don this garment is no more than 15 minutes, and that includes the time it takes to get out of bed and find its scattered pieces in a darkened room.

Past Last-Minute Costumes have included "Bum," "Basketball Player," "Guy In A Sweatshirt" and the ever-popular "Super-Soldier," made from your standard physical training uniform with the addition of a black cape.

In my opinion, the only thing that could add more fun to the Fun Run than the Last-Minute Costume would be converting the whole event into the "Midnight 99-cent Taco Run."

It can happen, just let me feed these circus peanuts to the right people …



Marne Voice

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Readers respond to the question:

How will you keep your children safe trick-or-treating this year?

"Make sure they wear bright colors, stay with them, and check their candy."

Jasmine and Tonya Brown
Family members

"I'd go with them, I wouldn't send them anywhere by themselves."

Sgt. 1st Class Jacob Rivera
2nd Bn., 307th FA

"I'll keep them with us at all times and check their candy."

Chesi Deweese
Family member

"I walk hand-in-hand with them and put glow sticks on them."

Pvt. 1st Class Joseph Nelson
HHC, 3/7 Inf.

"I'll stay with her."

Melissa and Avereil Francis
Family members

"Tell them not to go. We glorify horror too much in this county. Use a church program as an alternative."

CW3 Willie Edwards
1st Co., 312th Inf.

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expedite Soldiers' medical care," he added.

Two of the four primary care doctors will be leaving in the near future, but by Nov. 9, two will be hired and a third will be on staff within 30 days, according to Barthel.

Three physicians assistants are assigned to the medical hold sick call. Construction has recently finished on the Preventative Medicine building behind the hospital, but it will be used to create a fourth troop medical clinic with a dedicated staff for National Guard and Reserve Soldiers, Barthel said.

During the deployment to Iraq, Soldiers went to one TMC to receive treatment, but since the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) has returned, the division Soldiers use their assigned TMCs.

"There are 3,000 to 5,000 mobilized Soldiers on average who process through this post," Barthel said. "Mostly they receive sick call from their own unit and the National Guard Dispensary during the mobilization process so our focus will be mostly on medical hold Soldiers."

He added that many of the Soldiers are high users of the system because they have complex conditions.

"There is one standard for our Soldiers, be they active or Reserve. We provide medical care based on the urgency of medical need and no other consideration," Brownlee said.

"The key feature is where they can get the best medical care. If that happens to be closer to their home, that's fine," Brownlee continued. "The first priority is to make sure their medical needs are taken care of. We take very seriously our obligation in the Army to these young people who come in and serve."

In addition, three civilian contract doctors have been requested and should start work Nov. 3. Two will cover medical evaluation boards and physical exams and the other will work with the Mobilization Continuity of Care Service.

"Our Soldiers have served honorably for the nation and deserve the best care possible. Our staff here gives it," he said.

Currently, there are 633 Soldiers on medical hold status, but that number fluctuates weekly as Soldiers leave and new ones come into the Medical Hold Battalion, said Col. John M. Kidd, Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield garrison commander.

The Soldiers live in the National Guard Training Center barracks at Fort Stewart. There are three types of barracks.

The improved barracks, which have air conditioning and internal latrines, are at capacity with 50 Soldiers, which includes Soldiers wounded in action.

Other barracks have air conditioning and external latrines. There are 136 Soldiers living in these. The third type is unimproved barracks with external latrines, currently housing 447 Soldiers.

"There has been some discussion about the adequacy of the facilities and I've had the opportunity today to look at them. I've looked at what they have described as the best and the worst," Brownlee said. "We kind of reached an agreement here ... that those in medical status should be in the improved level of billets, which have air conditioning and some have indoor latrines."

Brownlee visited Soldiers in the barracks to talk with them and get their feedback.

He said, the biggest concern that even in late October, Soldiers in medical status should have air conditioning. "We're going to move to address that as soon as we can. I think people in a medical status should have a latrine in the billets, and that's a standard we will have in the Army."

Brownlee said he told the Army staff that he wants them to look at other mobilization sites to make sure there aren't similar conditions, and if there are, to take appropriate action.

"What happened here at Fort Stewart is not just a Fort Stewart issue, it's an Army issue, and the people here at Fort Stewart ... did what they could with what they had, but the Army has more assets," Brownlee said. "We'll focus those assets to solve any problems that we found here. If those aren't enough, we'll go to the Department of Defense and the other services."

STAR

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their advance on Baghdad. Eight Silver Stars were awarded to 3/7 Cav. Soldiers for their actions during the war.

Battalion commander Lt. Col. Andrew Fowler gave opening remarks at the ceremony and praised Camacho's dedication to duty.

"I thank Sgt. 1st Class Camacho for demonstrating what a Soldier should truly be," Fowler said.

Assistant Division Commander (Support) Brig. Gen. Jose D. Riojas also spoke at the ceremony, and said that the global war on terror is bound to be won if we have Soldiers like Camacho.

"Camacho truly embodies the warrior ethos," Riojas said. "He did what he felt was right in his heart, and relied on his training and instincts to accomplish the mission."

After being presented the Silver Star, Camacho emotionally thanked his crew for their bravery.

"If it weren't for (Sgt. 1st Class Steven) Newby, we wouldn't have gotten it done," Camacho said.

Camacho's bravery, competence and dedication are highly regarded throughout the unit, according to members of his crew.

"He's the best role model you could get for an NCO," said Sgt. Jeremiah Gallegos, who was by Camacho's side during the ambush.

After the ceremony, Camacho shed some light on the details of the unsuccessful Iraqi ambush that led to his award.

"To me, I was just doing my job as an NCO," said Camacho. "Afterward I thought it was pretty stupid to have climbed on a burning and exploding tank. It's something we're taught not to do, but I'm glad I did."

Pfc. Benjamin Brody

Assistant Division Commander (Support) Brig. Gen. Jose D. Riojas pins the Silver Star on Sgt. 1st Class Javier Camacho during a ceremony Friday.

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Operation Iraqi Freedom.

DeSario next visited Woodruff Theater where he held a question and answer session with Soldiers. He told Soldiers how he could help them out in the field, and talked about training techniques and doctrine manuals being written, armor guidance and assignment guidance. He also touched on the importance of being a well-rounded Soldier, having a high score on the General Technical Armed Services Vacational Aptitude Battery, and getting promoted.

"Always improve yourself, do everything that is written in our doctrine to standard and maintain an iron discipline," DeSario said.

Red Cloud Alpha was DeSario's last stop where he watched 1st Battalion, 64th Armor tanks practice live fires. He also talked to Soldiers about field training exercises to see what is working for them or what needs to be changed.

"Soldiers come back with the operational experience you can't get in the classroom or from an instructor," Desario said. "The 3rd Inf. Div. gives us that operational experience to look at and learn from."

A piece of D.C. comes to Georgia

Spc. Jonathan M. Stack
Associate Editor

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Moving Wall display opened in Waycross, Ga. Oct. 26 and will be open 24-hours a day until Nov. 2.

The Moving Wall is dedicated to the 2.7 million Americans who served in Vietnam.

"The moving wall coming here is the biggest thing that could have happened to the community," said Jerry Sloan, a Vietnam veteran. "(The memorial) means everything to me because some of these men I served with."

John Devitt, Gerry Haver and Norris shears, three Vietnam veterans, came up with the idea and initial costs for building the Moving Wall. They wanted to keep alive the experience of seeing the "Wall" in Washington, D.C., and to give those who could not travel to the Capitol a chance to experience the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall.

The half-size replica of the Wall is 252.83 feet long and was completed in 1984. It is paid for by private contributions and donations. All the names of the Wall are also on the Moving Wall and listed in the same chronological order according to the date of casualty. There are 58,219 names listed, with approximately 1150 still unaccounted for.

"I grew up in the area and always wanted to see the wall and have never had a chance to travel to Washington, D.C. to see it," said Jimmy Robbins, a Desert Storm veteran.

Sloan added, "Seeing the wall sometimes gives me closure."

During the opening ceremony Monday two Vietnam veterans, Dr. Ken Fields and Owen Herrin, spoke to the audience.

"I hope everyone remembers not only the Vietnam veterans but all veterans who fought and gave their lives for freedom."

Photos by Spc. Jonathan M. Stack

Robert Yaun points out a name on the Moving Wall to his son, Robert.

Members of the Ware County High School JROTC post the Colors at the opening ceremony Monday. Two Vietnam veterans, Dr. Ken Fields and Owen Herrin spoke at the ceremony. After the ceremony, the audience was given a chance to look at the wall.

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Corrections

In the **Oct. 16 issue, page 1**, of *The Frontline*, Sgt. 1st Class Nicholas Reid, 26th Forward Support Battalion, was identified as a specialist.

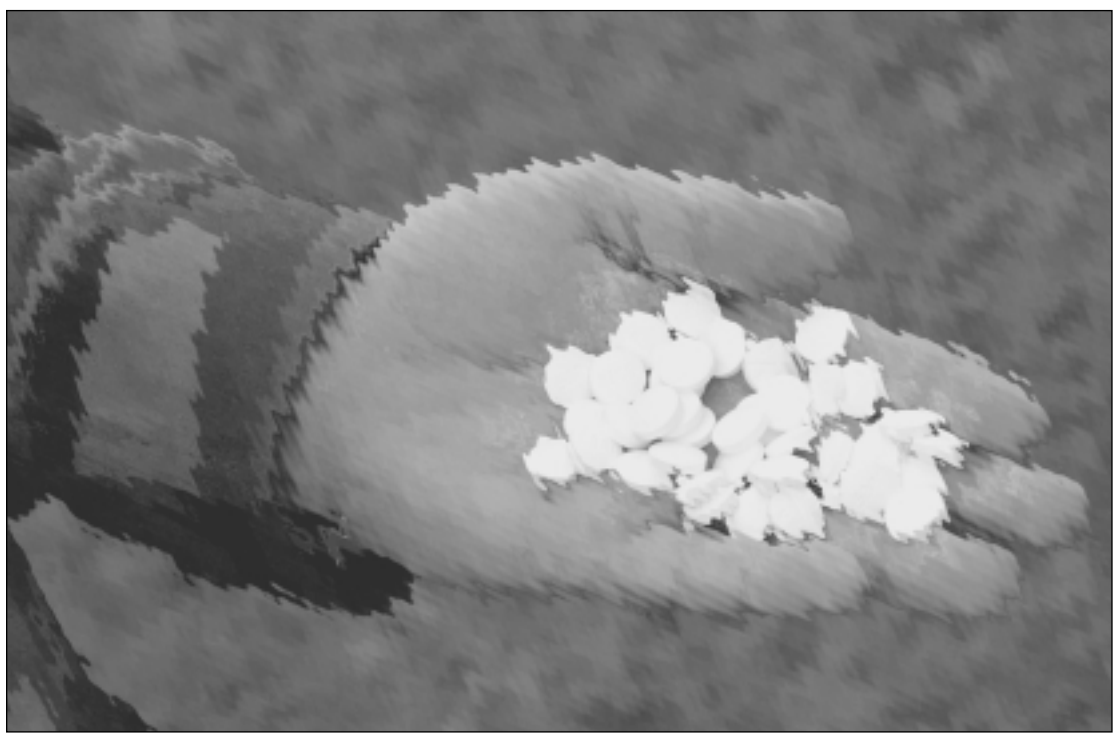
In the **Oct. 23 issue, page 1**, *"The Army has maintained the ability to fight a conventional war, with waves of enemy troops our soldiers. We need to adapt to our training to prepare our soldiers for unconventional war ..."* should have read *"The Army has maintained the ability to fight a conventional war with waves of enemy troops attacking our soldiers. We need to adapt our training to prepare our soldiers for unconventional war ..."*

The Frontline staff regrets the errors.

A means to an end ...

ASAP offers help for alcohol and drug dependants

Spc. Jonathan M. Stack
Associate Editor



The Army is facing a serious issue with Soldiers' increased drug use according to a recent official Army message. Currently, the percentage of Soldiers on active duty who have tested positive exceeds that of other services.

"Between 70 and 80 percent of domestic disturbances are due to drug or alcohol use," said Ed Habeck, clinical director of the Army Substance Abuse Program at Winn Army Community Hospital.

The Army developed ASAP to help soldiers with alcohol or drug dependence.

The mission of ASAP is to provide outpatient, evaluation, intervention, education, counseling, case management and referral services, Habeck said.

He added, ASAP also helps restore military and civilian alcohol and drug abusers to effective duty performance as early as possible and to prevent further occurrences of alcohol and drug-related problems.

It is important to deal with these problems, he said. Alcohol abuse can affect the liver and lead to other problems; drug abuse can lead to psychological changes and affect the thought process.

There are three phases to ASAP, Habeck said. The first phase involves an aspect of prevention. There is group and individual therapy that can run no longer than 30 days depending upon the individual's needs.

"The second phase involves intensive individual and group counseling and may also include awareness education that runs usually no longer than 360 days depending on the patient's needs," he added. "The third phase is a residential program. The individual usually attends for four or more weeks depending on the program for drug and alcohol abuse. Afterwards the individual is discharged then referred back to ASAP and placed in rehabilitative counseling and attends the phase one and two programs."

To determine what phase an individual enters depends on the severity of the diagnosis at the initial screening, according to Habeck. A person is referred to ASAP either by self-referral, command directed, law enforcement or medical referral.

"A medical doctor also reviews all of the records and is involved in the treatment plan process," he said.

"The ASAP that I attended was five sessions," said Pvt. Lenny Woods, whose name was changed at his request. "(During) the first session, I met with a counselor and was evaluated.

Woods attended ASAP from late April to early May for drug rehabilitation due to testing positive for marijuana.

"The second through the fourth sessions, I attended group counseling where we discussed why we were in there, watched movies and answered questions about the movies," Woods said. "The movies were mainly alcohol-related."

"If you go (to ASAP) for drugs and tell them you have a beer a night, they consider you an alcoholic and then they start treating you for alcoholism," he said. "ASAP didn't help me with my drug problem."

"(ASAP) should have a separate group for alcohol and one for substance abuse but they don't, and they don't touch on drug abuse much," Woods said. "This point was brought up a lot, but the counselors didn't respond to it."

"The group therapy sessions are designed to equally assist both drug and alcohol patients with the recovery process," Habeck said.

"This is accomplished by providing the patient insight into his behavior related to using the recovery process and providing significant aftercare resources for support," he added.

Woods added, "I didn't quit due to ASAP; I quit a month after completing ASAP. I quit to alleviate all the drama in my life, and if there was a possibility the Army would give me a second chance I could take it."

Habeck added, "The Winn Army Community Hospital program and Stewart ASAP has been consistently recognized by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospital Organizations as having an outstanding program."

If you think that you need help with your alcohol or drug dependency here are some numbers that may help you.

Alcohol and Drug Abuse Center — Stewart — 767-3307 and Hunter — 352-5175

Alcohol Treatment Referral Hotline — 1-800-252-6465

Marijuana Anonymous — 1-800-766-6729

Child Help USA — 1-800-766-6729

Commanding General's Pot of Gold Award

Editor's note: *Due to technical difficulty the Pot of Gold photos taken by the Frontline staff could not be used. We apologize for the inconvience and appreciate your support and understanding.*

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Capt. Tyson Voelkel, A Co., 3/325 Abn. Inf. commander, directs his paratroopers into the Al Bayaa Mosque.

Paratroopers take on extremists in Baghdad

Sgt. Brent M. Williams
49th Public Affairs Detachment (Abn.)

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Paratroopers of the 82nd Airborne Division's Task Force Falcon, one of several brigade combat teams attached to the U.S. Army's 1st Armored Division, are working to eliminate former regime loyalists and extremists hostile toward coalition forces.

The current mission before the light infantry paratroopers of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team's 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment is to conduct offensive operations and defeat hostile forces in the Al Rashid District of Baghdad, said Col. Kurt Fuller, brigade commander.

"We have defeated the (former regime loyalists), and they are really no longer a major threat," Fuller said. "Now, a new enemy has emerged."

The brigade combat team, which crossed into Iraq to secure several key cities along Highways 8 and 9 last March, is now facing groups of religious extremists opposing coalition efforts and the Iraqi people, he said.

The brigade, charged since May to maintain a secure environment for Coalition Forces in south Baghdad, is responsible for an area that is home to approximately 1.5 million people.

The extremists do not support Coalition efforts or the will of the Iraqi people, which is to rebuild a country ravaged by nearly 20 years of war, sanctions, and poverty, Fuller said.

Extremists are calling their followers to form their own governments and militias, he said. These unofficial and unrecognized governments reflect one particular community and do not represent the Iraqi people.

Task Force Falcon is working to reduce the extremists' influence on the people of Iraq by working directly with local leaders, Fuller said.

Commanders have been working with Iraqi Police, Facility Protection Services, and the Iraqi Civil Defense Corps to search for weapons and weapons-making materials hidden inside Iraqi religious sites, said Capt. Tyson Voelkel, commander of A Company, 3rd Battalion, 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment.

Iraqi Islamic beliefs forbid foreigners and non-believers from entering their sacred places of worship. Without the assistance of Iraqi forces, buildings, such as a mosques or temples, would be inaccessible to coalition forces.

Voelkel, who recently worked with Iraqi Police Service officers in Baghdad Oct. 6 to detain a local religious leader responsible for anti-coalition violence, believes the task force is seeing more hostile activity from religious extremists.

"The guys we're working against now, they're better trained," Voelkel said. He said some extremists may be coming in from neighboring countries. These foreign instigators are "trying to persuade younger Iraqis to turn against the coalition."

Task Force Falcon remains busy in the face of the enemy, said Capt. Sam Mokhiber, plans officer, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 325th AIR.

Increasing coalition patrols and search and seizure operations, the 82nd is working to engage the unconventional forces operating in south Baghdad.

"Just as the enemy has adapted to us, we have adapted to them," Mokhiber said. "We are making measured success in each operation."

Task Force leaders continue to identify the major needs of the Iraqi people and continue to work with local leaders providing stability and progress for the Iraqi people and the new Iraqi government, Mokhiber said.

Their efforts will take time, he explained.

The events surrounding the detainment of an Iraqi religious leader accused of crimes against coalition forces and the people of Iraq are proving to be what Fuller calls a "watershed event."

" . . . (The extremists) have been able to convince large numbers of followers that the issue is a religious one and not a legal one," Fuller said. "How this plays out will more than likely determine the future of the conflict and of Iraq."

Any movement by the brigade combat team against the anti-coalition extremists is carefully planned and handled with sensitivity to prevent a violent response from their followers and to show respect to the Iraqi people, Fuller said.

The threat these extremists pose is extremely difficult to counter, Fuller said, but the majority of the Iraqi people are making tremendous progress towards forming a representative government and setting the conditions for peace and prosperity.

Winter Special Olympics

Volunteers are Needed

Dec. 5
8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The event will be held at the Marne Lanes. Approximately 40 to 50 volunteers are needed. What a difference your hugs and cheers can make to these outstanding athletes!

If you don't have time to volunteer on a regular basis, this is the volunteer activity for you.

If you cannot stay the entire day, you can come for a portion of the day and be a cheerleader for all of the athletes.

To pre-register or for any questions call 767-5058/5059.

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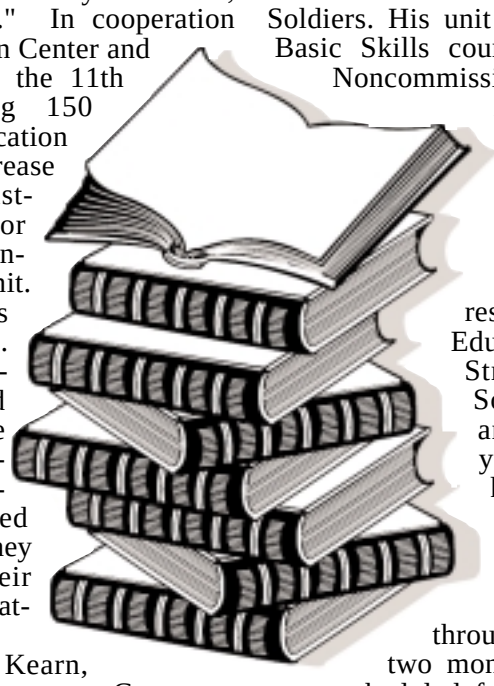
Units work to give Soldiers education opportunities

Kathy Strand
Special to The Frontline

The 11th Engineer Battalion has established a Special Education Cycle coined, "Jungle Cat University." In cooperation with the Army Education Center and Central Texas College, the 11th Eng. Bn. is sending 150 Soldiers through an education cycle designed to increase promotion and reenlistment opportunities for Soldiers while strengthening capabilities in the unit.



Lt. Col. Thomas Smith, 11th Eng. Bn. commander, took advantage of the decreased operation tempo for the 4th quarter, which presented a prime opportunity to get the enlisted Soldiers the education they require to support their Army careers and the battalion.

Maj. Kevin Kearn, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 11th Eng. operations officer, was able to schedule the education cycle that began Sept. 22 and will continue through Dec. 17 around the training calendar. The Basic Skills and Leadership Skills Enhancement Program classes were scheduled in the afternoons.

Command Sgt. Maj. Johnnie Moore of 3rd Bn., 69th Armor has also recognized the need for more opportunities for his Soldiers. His unit will be starting special Basic Skills courses in November. The Noncommissioned Officer Academy is offering special LSEP classes to their Soldiers during each cycle as well.

The collaborative effort has already begun to show tremendous results. Combat Support Education Counselor, Kathy Strand, reported that 37 Soldiers took DANTES and CLEP exams that yielded 159 semester hours of college credit, equivalent to 238.5 promotion points. Almost 40 Soldiers have taken the LSEP classes through the NCO Academy in two months and 25 soldiers are scheduled for the Basic Skills class through 3/69 Armor. We anticipate excellent results from the all the courses.

If your unit is interested in scheduling special classes, contact the Fort Stewart Education Center at 767-8331.

Group helps Purple Heart recipients in need

Spc. Jacob Boyer
Staff Writer

Nobody necessarily wants to receive one, but the Purple Heart is a decoration that shows just what a servicemember has sacrificed for his country. It is a decoration that recognizes those who have been wounded by the enemy in combat, and it is a respected symbol throughout the military and the United States.

However, many of those in the Savannah area who have received the medal may not realize there is a veterans' organization meant specifically for them.

The Military Order of the Purple Heart's mission is to help combat-wounded veterans and families of those missing or killed in action when they find themselves in financial distress, said Jerry T. Walker, commander of the organization's Savannah chapter.

"We're an elite group of individuals," he said. "Not just anyone can get into our organization. Unlike other veteran's organizations, you have to be wounded in combat and be able to prove it."

The Purple Heart, the decoration from which the organization takes its name, is the oldest currently-used military decoration in the world and the first American award made available to common Soldiers, according to the organization's Web site, **www.purpleheart.org**.

It was created as the Badge of Military Merit by General George Washington in 1782 as a means of recognizing "unusual gallantry … extraordinary fidelity and essential service" among the ranks of the Continental Army, according to Washington's General Orders of Aug. 7, 1782. Three Soldiers received the award, which was forgotten until the Orders were rediscovered in 1932.

After the Orders were discovered, the Purple Heart Medal was revived as an award for Soldiers "wounded by an instrument of war in the hands of the enemy," according to the Web site. Washington's purple heart-shaped ribbon became a medal with his profile over the heart and bearing his family's coat of arms.

The Military Order of the Purple Heart was also formed that year for the protection and mutual interest of everyone who received the medal. President Harry S. Truman later opened the award to members of all services.

In the Coastal Empire, the 75 members of Chapter 596 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart use the organization to ensure the basic needs of its membership are met, said Walker, who was wounded on two separate tours in Vietnam.

"We help them when they are in financial distress," he said. "When they're waiting for (Veterans' Administration) claims against their injuries, when their lights and water get cut off. We help them with food and whatever else they need, like shelter."

The group, which consists of veterans whose service stretches back to the 1930s, meets the first Saturday of each month to decide on business and spend time with fellow veterans, Walker said. They bring in speakers to talk to the veterans about issues that concern them, such as crime, healthcare and fire hazards in the home.

In addition to helping veterans with their immediate needs, they administer a scholarship program and try to stay active in "anything that pertains to veterans," he said.

They recently helped erect a monument to Purple Heart recipients in Effingham's Veterans Park. The national organization will provide a memorial to any community that has a veteran's park. The local chapter is currently working toward having one erected in Savannah.

One big goal of the organization is to get as many Purple Heart recipients as possible to join, Walker said. Anyone who has received the medal is eligible for membership, and Walker wants to ensure servicemembers who recently returned from Iraq are aware of the organization.

"People should join because it's something nobody really wanted," he said. "But once you receive it and return home, people see what you've done for your country. It shows you were out there. There will never be a war without casualties, and we'll be here for years to come."

Purple Heart recipients who are interested in joining the Order can contact Walker at 354-4314 or go to the organization's Web site, **www.purpleheart.org**.

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.

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9 a.m.	Air Force News	**5 p.m.**	**MARNE REPORT**	11 p.m.	Army Newswatch

ASK THE JUDGE

Immigration Issue-President Bush's Executive Order Regarding Non-Citizen Soldiers

Maj. Kathy Giraitis
Special to The Frontline

On July 3, President Bush signed an Executive Order titled "Expedited Naturalization of Aliens and Noncitizen Nationals Serving in an Active Duty Status During the War Against Terrorism." This article discusses what this Executive Order means — and what it does not mean.

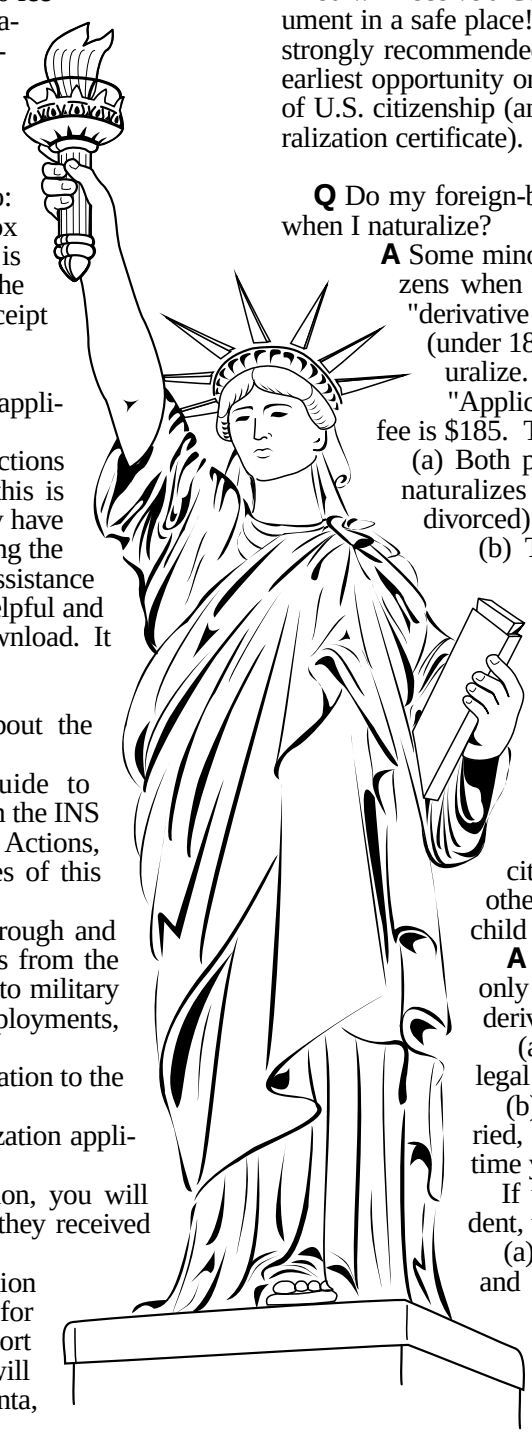
Q What the Executive Order does NOT mean:
A The Executive Order does NOT automatically confer United States citizenship on any alien or noncitizen national serving in the Armed Forces. An alien affected by this Executive Order must still apply for naturalization with the US Immigration & Naturalization Service, and the INS will still evaluate the alien's background and time in the United States to determine if naturalization will be granted or denied. For instance, an alien with a criminal record, significant absences from the United States (not including military assignments or deployments), or past fraud with regard to immigration benefits will likely be denied naturalization.

Q What the Executive Order DOES mean:
A Basically, the Executive Order waives the "normal" three-year service requirement for aliens serving in the Armed Forces of the United States. That is, an alien servicemember may now apply for naturalization without first having served three years in the military.

Q What are the requirements for applying for naturalization under the Executive Order?
A The applicant must meet ALL of the following criteria:
• The soldier must be a lawful permanent resident of the United States. (He or she must be a valid "green card" holder. If there was fraud involved in obtaining the green card, the person is not a lawful permanent resident. INS will certainly look into this area carefully.)
• The soldier must have served during a period of time beginning Sept. 11, 2001.
• The soldier served in an active duty status during the relevant period. This would apply to active duty soldiers and to reservists called or mobilized onto active duty in support of the war against terrorism.
• The soldier's service must have been honorable.
• The soldier must be at least 18 years of age.
• The soldier must show proficiency in the English language.
• The soldier must pass a test of United States civics.
• The soldier must be a person of "good moral character." "Good moral character" problems would include: commission of serious crimes; commission of crimes involving fraud or "moral turpitude"; commission of two or more crimes with an aggregate sentence of over 5 years; lying to the INS (or IRS); lying to obtain an immigration benefit.
• The soldier must provide fingerprints to INS for processing.
• The soldier must appear for an interview before an INS official.
• The soldier must express an attachment to the U.S. Constitution and its values, and be willing to take an oath expressing his or her allegiance to the United States.

Q I Meet the Criteria. What is the process to apply for naturalization?

A The appropriate INS forms you will need are: Form N-400 (Application for Naturalization); Form G-325B (Biographic Data-make sure it is G-325B, not G-325A); Form N-426 (Request for Verification of Military or Naval Service). You will also need to include a photocopy of the front and back of your "green card", two photographs (in a specific format-see application instructions), and a check or money order for $310 (this includes the $260 application fee and a $50 fee for fingerprinting). For all lawful permanent resident soldiers applying for naturalization on the basis of their military service, including those soldiers now eligible to apply for naturalization under the Executive Order, the entire naturalization application package will be mailed to: USINS Nebraska Service Center, PO Box 87400, Lincoln, Neb. 68501-7400. It is strongly recommended that you send the application by certified mail, return receipt requested.



Q Where can I get assistance with this application process?
A Seek assistance from the Special Actions section of Personnel. At Fort Stewart, this is located in Building 621, Room 209. They have all the forms and can assist you in preparing the application. You may also go to Legal Assistance for help. Also, the INS website is very helpful and contains all the forms, which you may download. It is **www.ins.usdoj.gov.**

Q What else do I need to know about the Naturalization Process?
A • Read the INS booklet "A Guide to Naturalization." It is available online from the INS website, **www.ins.usdoj.gov**. Special Actions, Personnel Office, should also have copies of this booklet.
• When you complete the N-400, be thorough and truthful. For the question about absences from the United States, if your absences were due to military orders, military assignment, or military deployments, indicate so on the form.
• Attach all required supporting documentation to the N-400. See instructions for details.
• Keep a photocopy of the entire naturalization application package for yourself.
• Shortly after sending in your application, you will receive a letter from INS indicating that they received your N-400. Keep this.
• At some point, you will receive notification from INS as to when and where to go for your fingerprints. For soldiers here at Fort Stewart or Hunter Army Airfield , this will usually be Jacksonville, Florida, or Atlanta, Georgia.
• After the fingerprints clear, you will receive notification from INS as to when and where to go for your naturalization interview. For soldiers here at Stewart or Hunter, this will be in Atlanta. Make sure you go at the time appointed. Bring any additional documents requested by the INS.
• At the interview, you will answer questions about your application, and take the U.S. civics test.
• Often, if you "pass" the interview, INS will offer to swear you in as a citizen that same day. Otherwise, you will be notified of the time and place for your naturalization ceremony. You will return your "green card" to the INS just before the ceremony.
• You will receive a Certificate of Naturalization. Keep this document in a safe place! It is your proof of U.S. citizenship. It is strongly recommended that you obtain a U.S. passport at your earliest opportunity once you have naturalized. It is also proof of U.S. citizenship (and is easier to carry around than the naturalization certificate).

Q Do my foreign-born minor children become U.S. citizens when I naturalize?
A Some minor children automatically become US citizens when their parent(s) naturalize. This is called "derivative citizenship." This rule applies to minor (under 18), unmarried children of persons who naturalize. The appropriate INS Form is N-600, "Application for Certificate of Citizenship." The fee is $185. The requirements are (ALL must be met):
(a) Both parents naturalize or the surviving parent naturalizes or the parent with legal custody (if divorced) naturalizes; and
(b) The child is under 18 years of age and unmarried when the parent naturalizes; and
(c) The child was a lawful permanent resident of the United States (LPR) before his/her 18th birthday; and
(d) The child has good moral character. (This is presumed if the child is under 14-years-old.)

Q What is I am become a naturalized citizen, but I am still married to the child's other parent (who is a foreign citizen)? Is my child still a derivative citizen?
A If you are married to a foreign citizen, and only you have naturalized, your child is a derivative citizen IF:
(a) the child is in your legal custody (the legal custody of the naturalized parent), and
(b) the child is under 18 years old, unmarried, and a lawful permanent resident at the time you naturalized.
If the child is not a lawful permanent resident, the following rules apply:
(a) the child must be in your legal custody; and
(b) the child must be under 18 years old and unmarried at the time you naturalized; and
(c) you (the naturalizing parent) must have lived in the United States for 5 years before the child's birth, at least 2 of which were after your 14th birthday; and
(d) the child must be lawfully in the United States in a valid nonimmigrant status-i.e., B-2 visitor or F-1 student). If the child

Find everything you need in the Classified Section

3ID IN BRIEF

Stewart

Rhythm of the Marne

The 3ID Band is having a concert 7 to 8 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 5, at the Club Stewart Ballroom. The concert is free and all are invited.

For more information call Staff Sgt. Curry at 767-2021/2207.

Winter Special Olympics

Event will be held at the Marne Lanes 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Dec. 5. Approximately 40-50 volunteers are needed.

What a difference your hugs and cheers can make to these outstanding athletes!

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If you cannot stay the entire day, you can come for a portion of the day and be a cheerleader for all of the athletes.

For units or large groups call and we will fax you a group registration sheet to 767-3195.

Marne Chapel

Seeking volunteers to lead worship in Marne Chapel Contemporary Worship congregation. Need worship leader, musicians and praise team members. Musicians requested are keyboard player, guitarists, bass player, and drummer. Individuals responding to this ad must be of the Christian faith. Previous experience in leading worship not necessary, just a desire to serve God with your talents. Congregation meets Sunday evening at 6 p.m. for worship. If interested in sharing your talents call Chaplin (Maj.) Tim Bonner at 767-8517 or 266-0477.

Car/Audio Competition

The first annual Car/Audio Competition will be held at 11 a.m. Nov. 2, at the old PX parking lot.

Entry fee is $20 in advance, $25 day of event. Pre-register by Oct. 29 at the Fort Stewart Sports Office, Bldg. 57.

Classes are Best Car and Best Audio System with cash prizes being awarded. For more information call 767-0329 or see a Boss representative.

Flea Market and Yard Sale

Rain or shine and open to the public — the biggest community yard sale ever. Starting at 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, there will be a flea market at Walker Field and yard sales all over Fort Stewart.

Vendors can pre-register at the Sports Office for a fee of $5. For more information call 767-8326/8238.

Singers needed

Auditions for the newly formed Marne Chorus will be conducted 3 to 5 p.m., through Friday, at the Marne Chapel, Bldg. 610. All Soldiers with singing talent are encouraged to audition.

For more information call Chief Warrant Officer Catchings at 767-2207/2694.

AAFES Food Court

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

Come join us Monday through Saturday at the following hours:

- American Eatery 7 a.m. -3 p.m.
- Robin Hood 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Anthony's Pizza 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Countrytime Grill 11a.m. - 1 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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

Child and Youth Services

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

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

Hunter

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.

Military Spouse Award

Procter & Gamble Military Markets is sponsoring the new American Military Spouse Award at "The 9th annual American Veteran Awards: A Tribute to Freedom presented by Anheuser-Busch Companies."

The Military Spouse Award will be bestowed upon four recipients who have demonstrated exceptional volunteer accomplishments, selfless giving to others in the community, and the ability to sustain the home front during long deployments and times of family separation.

If you know someone who meets one or more of these criteria, we encourage you to nominate him/her. The four chosen recipients will receive paid travel accommodations to attend the TV taping in Beverly Hills, Cal. from Nov. 20 to 23.

The 9th annual American Veteran Awards (AVAs) will premiere on The History Channel in Feb. 2004 and also can be seen on American Forces Network. Pick up a nomination form at your local commissary or enter online at **http://www.avashow.com**. All nominations must be received by 12:00 a.m. PST, Sunday, Nov. 9.

Thrift Shop

The Hunter Thrift Shop is open on Wednesday, Friday, and the 1st Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with consignments accepted from military ID card holders from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.. It has a great assortment of bargains from baby clothes to furniture. All proceeds are returned to the Hunter Community in scholarships, grants to units, and through other military organizations. Donations are accepted, and volunteers are always welcome.

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

Salsa lessons

Hunter Club is under renovation, however activities are still on-going.

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

Youth Services

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

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

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.

For more information call Youth Services at 352-5708/6075.

Winn Army Community Hospital

Hospital main entrance

Access to the main entrance of the hospital will be limited due to construction Oct. 13 through the first week of November. Patient parking will not be affected, however, refill pharmacy parking will not be available.

Patients will need to 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.

Pharmacy hours of operation

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

Physician Assistants needed

The Army is looking for qualified Soldiers to attend the interservice Physician Assistant Program at the AMEDD Center School in Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

This is an intensive two-year course of study. Graduates receive a commission as 2nd Lieutenant and a Master's degree from the University of Nebraska.

Applicants must be enlisted Soldiers, commissioned or warrant officers with a minimum of three years time in service. Other eligibility criteria include, but are not limited to; a GT score of 110 or greater, 60 semester hours of post secondary school education of which 30 hours must include six hours of English, six hours of humanities, six hours of chemistry, six hours of anatomy and physiology, three hours of algebra, and three hours of psychology.

Applications for this program are accepted until April 30 of each year and are reviewed by a board in July of each year. Complete application procedures are found in AR 601-20, The Interservice Physician Assistant Training Program, and in the yearly message update to the regulation found on the website.

Briefings will be held Wednesday at the Patriot Auditorium, Winn Army Community Hospital at the following times:

- 1st brief 8 - 9:30 a.m.
- 2nd brief 10 - 11:30 a.m.
- 3rd brief 1 - 2:30 p.m.
- 4th brief 3 - 4:30 p.m.

Iraqi children get toys from soldier

Cpl. Todd Pruden
372nd MPAD

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Being in a hospital can be a miserable and frightening experience for children. It can be difficult to bring joy to children in these places. But, with the help of a soldier in Iraq and generous Americans in the States, smiles were abundant at a children's hospital in Baghdad Oct. 19.

Chief Warrant Officer Paul Holton, an interrogator with the 141st Military Intelligence Battalion, a Utah Army National Guard unit from Salt Lake City, has spearheaded a toy-drive to brighten the lives of misfortunate children in Baghdad. Armed with a busload of toys and his warm demeanor, he visited as many rooms as he could, distributing toys, checking on the children's progress, and talking to their mothers.

"I am trying to do something for the Iraqi children," Holton said. "It's rewarding to perhaps change an attitude, change a perspective of a new generation of Iraqis and how they might feel about us and the rest of the world."

Dr. Quasem Al-Taey, director of the Central Teaching Hospital for Children in Baghdad, the hospital Holton visited, said the toys seem to lift the children's spirits.

"Happiness matters for the children," Al-Taey said. "It gives them the power to fight diseases."

According to Holton, the toy drive started when he asked friends to send things for Iraqi civilians. But that evolved into something more. He said the thing that really kicked things off was when he saw a little girl crying at one of the coalition checkpoints, looking for her mother.

He rushed back to his office and grabbed some toys that had been sent to him and gave them to her to console her.

"Just from the joy I saw in her face and the smile and the twinkle in her eye, I knew I needed to do this on a larger scale," Holton said.

He then asked his friends to send toys, but that was not enough.

"I asked people to send more toys so I could do this in hospitals, orphanages, schools, and neighborhoods around Iraq," Holton said.

Holton decided to use the Internet as a medium to solicit this request.

Holton has a Web site where he posts his personal journal of experiences he has had in Iraq. When he posted his request for toys, the response was overwhelming.

"My Web site gets between 6,000 and 7,000 hits per day," he said. "It's definitely not my writing style or my interesting journal that's drawing in most of the people," Holton added.

The Web site, at **www.chiefwiggles.blog-city.com**, details what type of toys to send, the mailing address and also includes testimonials by Holton and photos of the actual distribution process.

Since the posting about the toy drive on his Web site, Holton said he has received more than 700 boxes of toys from people around the world.

Cpl. Todd Pruden

Chief Warrant Officer Paul Holton, an interrogator with the 141st MI Bn., consoles a sick child.

CENTCOM NEWS

One Soldier killed, two wounded in IED attack

BAQUBAH, IRAQ — One 4th Infantry Division Soldier was killed and two were wounded in an improvised explosive device attack against their military vehicle convoy south of Baqubah at approximately 11:30 a.m. Oct. 23.

The wounded Soldiers were transported to the 21st Combat Support Hospital.

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

Two 4th ID soldiers killed, four wounded in mortar attack

SAMARRA, IRAQ — Two 4th Infantry Division Soldiers were killed and four were wounded during a mortar attack at a forward operating base near the northern city of Samarra just before 12 p.m. Oct. 24.

The wounded Soldiers were transported to the 28th Combat Support Hospital.

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

The incident is under investigation.

4th ID soldier dies of non-hostile gunshot wound

BAGHDAD, IRAQ — One 4th Infantry Division Soldier died of a non-hostile gunshot wound in Ba'qubah at approximately 1:15 a.m. Oct. 26.

The Soldier was taken to a nearby medical facility for treatment and pronounced dead.

The Soldier's name is being withheld pending next-of-kin notification.

The incident is under investigation.