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Best of the Best

549th MPs win laurels, not resting on them

Pvt. 2 Emily Danial
Staff Writer, Hunter Public Affairs Office

They just keep getting better and better. The 549th Military Police Company recently proved their excellence by winning the Brig. Gen. Jeremiah P. Holland Award, surpassing all other Army military police companies.

The company was placed in the running for the award in December, when its soldiers earned the Forces Command Eagle Award that showed them to be the best MP company in FORSCOM.

"This award shows that great leaders and great soldiers can work towards a common goal of mission accomplishment while building strong teams, squads, platoons and ultimately a cohesive, battle-focused company," said Capt. William H. Poole, company commander of the 549th. "This unit has proven itself in a garrison environment as well as deployed on a real world mission in a semi-hostile area."

Criteria for determining the recipient of the

award was evaluated through a packet that each unit submitted to describe its soldiers' abilities in areas including training, physical fitness, retention, weapons qualification, quality of life improvements, community volunteerism and family support programs.

"The main reason we won," said Poole, "is the great soldiers and leaders in the unit. This fact, combined with our diverse missions ranging from force protection to the Bosnia deployment truly showed the capabilities of the unit."

1st Lt. Steven Keane, who was largely responsible for putting together the 549th's unit presentation, agreed.

"The soldiers' performances are the sole reason for winning this award," he said. "They simply set the standard for all units during the SFOR 11 mission and across the MP Corps. By winning this award, the soldiers, noncommissioned officers and officers demonstrated their ability to work as a team and ensure there were no weaknesses."

Even though there have been some changes in leadership positions, Keane said the one thing that will change not is the unit's level of performance.

"The new leadership is ready for the challenges that lay ahead of them," he said. "The 549th will try to be the first company to ever get the J.P. Holland Award two years in a row."

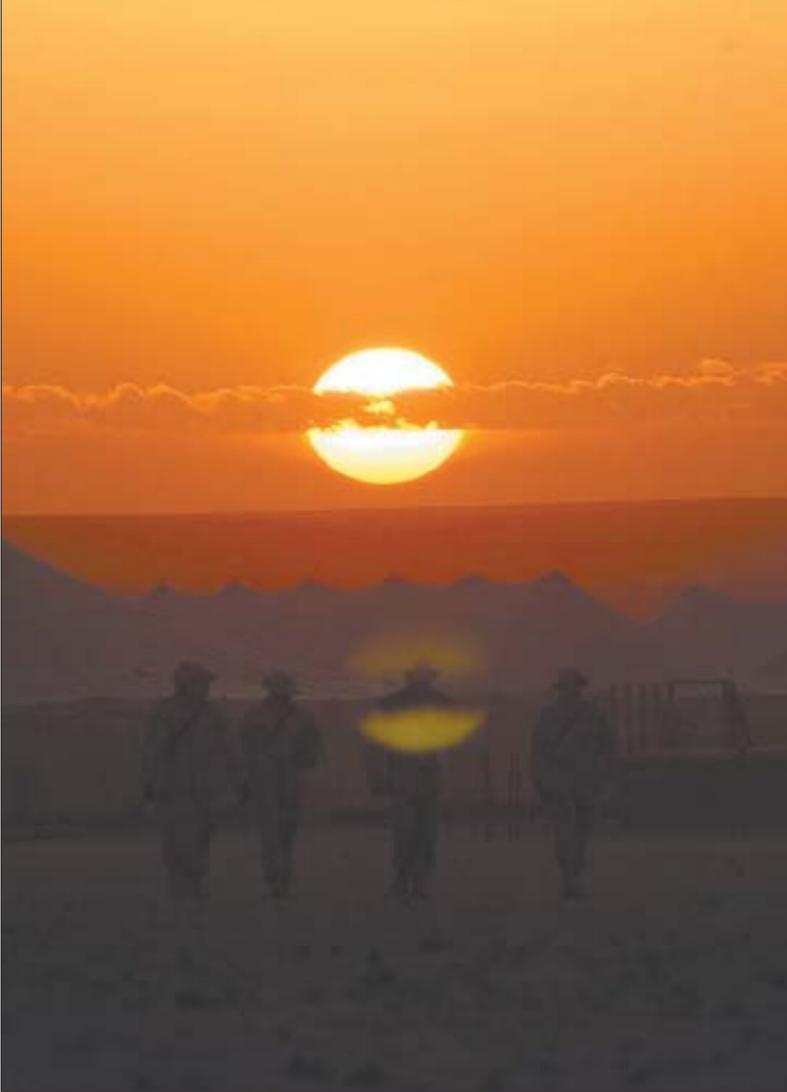
The award is presented to the most outstanding Active Army military police unit, company size or smaller. It has been sponsored by Brig. Gen. Jeremiah Holland, a military police officer, since his retirement in 1969. The award is intended to keep morale high and professionalism a priority in MP units.

"The teamwork and dedication of all soldiers, NCOs and Officers in the 549th truly made the Enforcers a symbol of excellence," said Keane.

And now they have something to show for it.

Editor's Note: Some of the information in this story was taken from previous articles written by Nicole Dowell and Spc. Katherine Robinson.

A change of pace ...



Spc. Mason T. Lowery

Recently arrived 3rd I.D. (Mech.) soldiers get used to their new surroundings.

'Bulldog' battery blasts Bradley Bushmaster

Spc. Natalie A. Schlotman
50th PAD

Marne soldiers with B Battery, 1st Battalion, 3rd Air Defense Artillery "Bulldogs" and elements of 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry proved how lethal they can be Jan. 2 through 13 during a training exercise in Kuwait.

Broken down into three separate evaluation tables, the exercise was a semiannual Bradley Linebacker crew qualification that tested each crew's ability to communicate and fire the 25mm Bushmaster cannon and the 7.62 mm, M240C machine gun in a variety of tactical conditions.

Linebacker crews are made up of a driver, gunner and a Bradley commander. The first stage of the exercise was Table VI, where crews fired from a stationary position, said Capt. Jeff Zanelotti, commander, B Battery, 1-3 ADA.

After successfully completing Table VI, crews advanced to Table VII, where

they conducted offensive and defensive fires, Zanelotti said.

For the defensive firing, the Bradleys settled into battle position.

"It simulates being dug in," said Sgt. Alberto Garcia, a gunner with C Co. 3-15 Inf.

Tables VI and VII were designed to prepare crews for Table VIII, Zanelotti said. "The targets on the preparation tables are down-sized to half scale and placed at maximum range; approximately 1400 meters," he said.

Firing at smaller targets to start off helps make the main event seem easier, according to many of the soldiers. "They make it hard to get hits on VI and VII, and that makes table VIII seem like a breeze," said Garcia, whose crew hit 10 out of 10 on table VII.

During Table VIII, crews had to hit seven out of 10 total targets. Master Gunners — experienced senior non-commissioned officers — evaluated crews on how much time it took to hit

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3rd BCT deploys to Kuwait

Pfc. Brian Trapp

Special to The Frontline

Friends and family members gathered to say tearful goodbyes to their loved ones as about 300 of the more than 4,000 3rd Brigade soldiers deployed Monday.

The soldiers loaded buses to travel to Robins Air Force Base in Warner Robins, Ga.

"I've had my moments when I cried today," said Melissa Thompson, family member. "It's hard to see him leave again, especially since we don't know when he's coming back this time. I only know he's going to do what he has to, and I just want him to come back safely."

Soldiers left from Robins Air Force Base throughout the week. Once in Kuwait, they will join the rest of the 3rd Infantry Division.

"This is what we've been training for since we've been in the Army," said Command Sgt. Maj. Mark Baker, 3rd Brigade, 3rd Inf. Div. "The president has called upon us to return to Kuwait, and we're ready to go."

The soldiers may be ready to go, but not everyone was ready to say goodbye.

"I'm sad to see my Dad leaving," said Jonathan Torbert, 11, before he and his brother, Alexander, gave their father a final hug goodbye and watched him walk into the Kelley Hill Recreation Center. "He's going away for a long time, and we don't know when he's coming back."

The brigade has an excellent system in place that will see to the soldiers' and families' needs, Baker said.

"It's hard for families because we just got back, but we

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Pfc. Brian Trapp

Sgt. 1st Class Kenneth Torbert, 1st Battalion, 10th Field Artillery Regiment, hugs his son, Alexander, 7, goodbye.

Moving out

3 Inf. Div. sends vehicles by rail

Sgt. Raymond Piper

Editor

Soldiers, working with Department of Defense civilians and contractors, prepared and loaded 2,000 pieces of equipment onto 64 railroad cars to send equipment to the Port of Savannah Saturday.

"This is a very big and labor-intensive operation so the soldiers and civilians work together," said Rita Johansen, unit movement coordinator. "Our job as DoD civilians is to support the mission. During deployment operations, our job is to help deploy soldiers."

The movement order for a unit usually comes weeks before the actual move so the unit movement control officer and the Deployment Control Headquarters can create a list of the equipment to be shipped and enter the information into a database.

The database is used to create labels that are used to identify and track the vehicles.

The DCH has to be able to track the equipment so they know where it's at in transition and that it's safe, said Maj. Donna Martin, officer-in-charge of the DCH.

When the vehicles arrive at the rail marshaling area, they are moved to a staging area where they are inspected for rail worthiness to ensure they are ready to be loaded. Then they are moved to a railcar where they are ground guided into position. Once in position they are tied down either by contractors, as in this case, or by soldiers certified for rail load.

Safety played a large role in all the activities throughout the day.

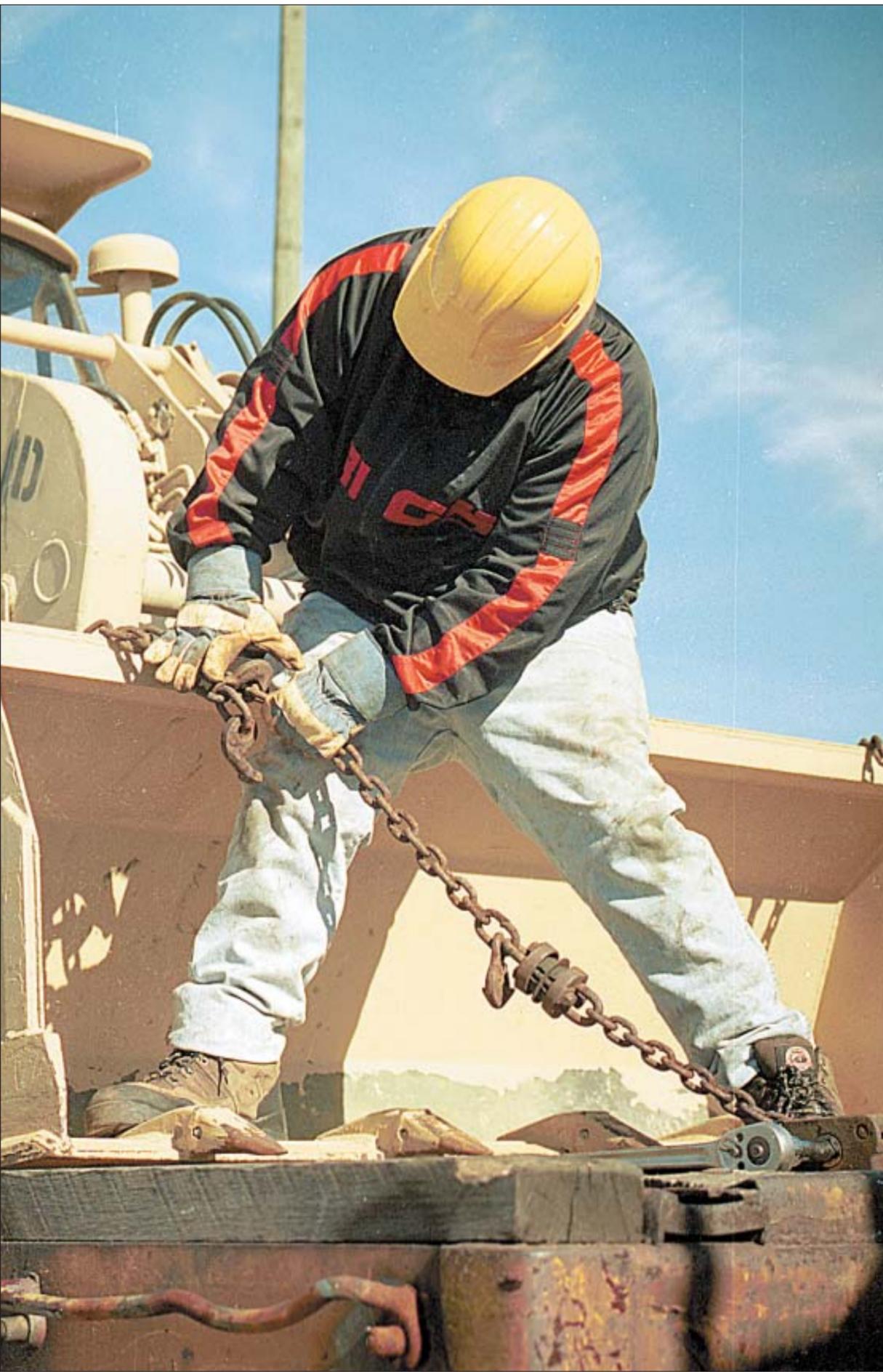
"Safety is essential out here and all soldiers have that responsibility," said Martin. "There are a lot of vehicles constantly moving out here and driving vehicles onto a rail car always poses a risk."

Sgt. Vincent Adams, Armored Vehicle Launching Bridge commander, had the responsibility of ground guiding vehicles onto the rail car.

He said, "Between this and the Abrams, this is one of the largest vehicles in the Army so you have to be careful — it's 60 tons of steel and aluminum."

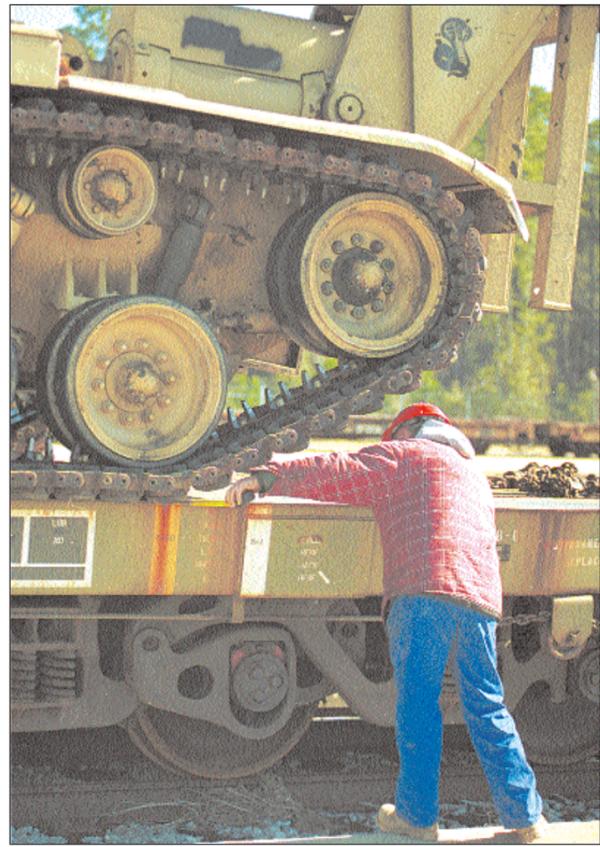
Not all of the equipment was loaded onto the rail cars. The bridge portions of the AVLBs, which sit atop the track, and about 70 containers with equipment were loaded onto commercial trucks to be transported to the port.

As more and more of the Division leaves, the DCH and the rail marshaling area will be ready to help move soldiers and their equipment out and get them where they need to be.



Photos by Sgt. Raymond Piper

A civilian contractor at the rail marshaling area tightens the chains holding a vehicle to a rail road car Saturday. Sixty-four cars were loaded with equipment to be transported to the Port of Savannah to be loaded on a ship and sent overseas.



A civilian contractor checks the distance of a track as it's ground-guided onto a rail car.



(Above) Sgt. Vincent Adams, Armored Vehicle Launching Bridge commander, ground guides an AVLB into position.

(Right) A soldier tightens the chains holding a vehicle down.



After review, Iraq declaration 'deliberate effort to deceive'

By Kathleen T. Rhem

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — After reviewing Iraq's declaration to the U.N. Security Council for a month, U.S. officials feel the document is "a deliberate attempt to deceive by material omissions."

U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations John Negroponte told reporters at U.N. headquarters Jan. 9 in New York that the Iraqi declaration of Dec. 7 constitutes "a further material breach" of Security Council Resolution 1441.

Resolution 1441, passed by unanimous vote Nov. 8, 2002, was intended to be Iraq's last chance to disarm peacefully. U.S. and international leaders have repeatedly urged Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein to disarm to prevent military action against his regime.

Iraq declared in the 12,000-page document that it has no such weapons. American officials maintain this is false. Negroponte said today that the report fails to answer "numerous outstanding questions."

Previous U.N. inspectors left Iraq in 1998 after years of noncompliance with various Security Council resolutions on Iraq's part. At the time they reported Iraq had enough supplies and equipment to produce 26,000 liters of anthrax and more than 38,000 liters of botulinum toxin, another biological agent that can be fatal within days of exposure.

The inspectors still have questions about several other items Iraq is believed to have had, including the chemical agent VX, missile engines and materials for making solid rocket fuel.

"The declaration, regrettably, has not helped very much to clarify any question marks of the past," Chief U.N. Weapons Inspector Hans Blix said in New York Jan. 9.

He and Mohamed ElBaradei, director-general of the International Atomic Energy Agency were there to brief the Security Council on their progress. They said they expect to brief again Jan. 27.

ElBaradei said today that the inspectors need better cooperation from Iraq. He specifically mentioned displeasure that inspectors haven't been able to interview Iraqi scientists inside Iraq without government "ministers" present.

"That does not indicate the proactive cooperation we expect from Iraq," ElBaradei said. The inspectors' next move could be to interview scientists outside Iraq. Resolution 1441 expressly permits the inspectors to take willing scientists and their families out of Iraq to avoid government coercion.

Iraqi government officials have been actively telling international media representatives that they are cooperating with inspectors and pointing out that no weapons of mass destruction have been found in the country.

According to a transcript released by the United Nations, Blix told the Security Council members today that the matter isn't so simple. "The absence of 'smoking guns' and the prompt access which we have had so far and which is most welcome, is no guarantee that prohibited stocks or activities could not exist at other sites, whether above ground, underground or in mobile units," he said.

Army delays eMILPO

Army News Service

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — The Army will wait another 60 days to field its Web-based "electronic military personnel office," known as eMILPO, according to U.S. Army Personnel Command officials.

The new personnel system was originally scheduled to go online in early January, officials said, but an eMILPO fielding team uncovered problems that will require technical solutions.

"We originally wanted to turn SIDPERS-3 off this month," said Col. Gina Farrissee, the adjutant general of the Army. "Waiting 60 more days however, is the right thing to do."

The eMILPO system was designed to give near real-time, Army-wide visibility on personnel information via a Web-based application.

Some data transactions into eMILPO failed at a high rate during its final systems test, though, officials said. During this test, several problems arose due to the migration of 43 super server databases to the eMILPO test database.

"Our promise is that you will not need to re-enter data that was already resident in super server and that all soldiers currently slotted against a

position in super server will be slotted in eMILPO," said Farrissee recently to Army personnel leaders.

Other items that are being checked by system integrators are UIC hierarchy, and a data-storage query tool. Division and Corps strength managers at several Army installations are assisting with the datastore to ensure it provides the query capability needed by the field Army to assimilate important personnel management information.

Lastly, integrators are fine-tuning the datastore for the enlisted records brief. The Enlisted Records and Evaluation Center is introducing a new initiative to provide the Enlisted Records Brief to soldiers via Army Knowledge Online in support of the selection board process.

The ERB in eMILPO and the selection board ERB are essentially the same document and the data is consistent, officials said. They said both ERBs will look very much like the officers records brief except the EREC ERB will have a photo in the bottom right-hand corner.

The eMILPO is an interim step toward a much larger, multi-service, integrated personnel and pay management system called the Defense Integrated Military Human Resources System.

Intel of 'enormous value' gleaned from Guantanamo detainees

By Kathleen T. Rhem

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Enemy detainees being held at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, are providing U.S. military officials with intelligence of "enormous value," the general in charge of the facility said.

Maj. Gen. Geoffrey D. Miller wouldn't discuss specific information, but he said the intelligence gleaned from detainees is particularly valuable when pieced together with information collected elsewhere.

"It links with that intelligence that's being developed in other areas of the global war on terrorism," Miller said during an ABC News interview Jan. 8. "It provides enormous value to the nation."

The U.S. military has been holding enemy combatants at Guantanamo for a year, as of

Jan. 11. Roughly 625 detainees are held in a recently completed detention facility. Enemy combatants who can contribute to America's ongoing fight against terrorism are being detaining while those who no longer pose a threat are beginning to be released, he said.

Miller stressed the detainees are treated humanely and are well cared for. They receive culturally sensitive meals and quality medical care, and their religious needs are met. The detainees have access to a Muslim chaplain and receive their own copy of the Quran. They are allowed to pray at the proper times each day.

"Our hospital...has been able to do a number of procedures to increase (the detainees') quality of life."

Geoffrey D. Miller
Army Major General

(the detainees') quality of life," Miller said.

U.S. policy came under fire over the "enemy combatant" status conveyed to the detainees. Critics said the individuals should be prisoners of war and be given all the rights that status provides under the Geneva Conventions.

The general pointed out the detainees have gained an average of 13 pounds each since their arrival. Many have received medical procedures that wouldn't have been possible in their home countries. "Our hospital down there has been able to do a number of procedures to increase

Bush administration officials argued against that, saying the men didn't belong to a military force of a recognized government. U.S. officials still maintain that even though the detainees aren't prisoners of war, they will continue to be treated humanely and, to the extent appropriate with military necessity, in a manner consistent with the principles of the Geneva Convention.

Simply put, Miller said, detainees are being treated as Americans would want U.S. service members to be treated in the same situation.

He couldn't say how much longer the bulk of the detainees might be held, noting that would be a decision for the U.S. government to make.

"We will detain them as long as we are directed to while the global war on terrorism is ongoing and until the president and secretary of defense give us further guidance," Miller said.

VOICES AND VIEWPOINTS

Blount: 3ID best in the world

Maj. Gen. Buford C. Blount, III
3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.), Fort Stewart and Hunter Army
Airfield commanding general

By now I'm sure everyone knows the entire 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) is deploying to Kuwait. It must be true because we all saw it announced on Fox News, New Years Eve. The true insider, the "anonymous defense official" (which is usually some major working in Army Plans) tipped off Fox News and the Associated Press.

Imagine our surprise when Fox News cut in for an alert while we were counting down to the new year. It was my intent for everyone to hear it from me first. So much for the official talking points we were supposed to use.

Once in Kuwait the division will continue to train, synchronizing and honing its combat power and awaiting further orders. As Defense Secretary Rumsfeld said recently, nothing is inevitable and perhaps deterrence will work. The "Sledgehammer" Brigade has started to flow in to Kuwait, draw equipment and occupy Camp New Jersey. The rest of the division is expected to follow in a deployment that will continue throughout the month. The great training we have conducted at home station, the National Training Center and in Kuwait have prepared us for any challenge.

Commentary

Training continues in the desert since the new year. Infantry from TF 3-15 are conducting live fire trench, bunker and urban terrain dismounted operations. This type of training is tough and realistic. Most importantly, it is accomplished safely without compromising realism. Our Bradley and tank gunners have been sustaining their skills and crew drill on the range. We are also receiving new soldiers into the division from basic training and through PCS. These soldiers are being integrated and will be trained to the same high standards as the rest of the division.

Tough training always exacts a high toll on our vehicle and equipment maintenance. The mechanics and logisticians in the battalions and in the 26th Forward Support Battalion continue to do outstanding work in the most austere conditions. Yes, even tougher than some of the motor pools on Ft. Stewart and Hunter. Most Americans don't realize the long hours they work behind the scenes with little fanfare. If



we paid them what they were truly worth, we couldn't afford them. I am very happy with the division, especially the quality of the soldiers and their level of training.

We rang in New Years Eve with a talent show and bon fire on Camp New York. Most of the talent are keeping their day jobs. We had all the 'near' beer and sparkling cider you cared to drink. The 10th Engineers built a large pit and stacked a tower of wood that would have been the envy of any college homecoming. Perhaps you saw us on CNN. They carried part of the show and the countdown live on their afternoon shows.

We continue to build a strong relationship with the media. Along the way Americans have met the "baby-faced" commander of the Spartans and his "brawny" commanders. (It must be true because I read it in Newsweek). More importantly, it is incumbent on those of us who are responsible for America's sons and daughters to let their mothers and fathers know they are being cared for. We want to tell the Army story through the eyes of Marne soldiers. Because of the extensive coverage, Americans are coming to understand what our neighbors in the Coastal Empire always knew: That we are arguably the best division in the world. **"Rock of the Marne!"**

Marne Voice

THE FRONTLINE

Readers respond to the question:

Why do you think the draft should or should not be reinstated?

"I believe that every U.S. citizen should serve their country at some time."

Spc. Nigel Lue,
3220th USAR GSU



"We have enough Americans willing to volunteer to serve our country, making the draft unnecessary."

Sgt. Jesse Lee,
Hunter Army Airfield
DAACG



"I feel the draft should never have been given up. Everyone should do a two-year military obligation."

Sgt. Donald Foerch,
3220th USAR GSU



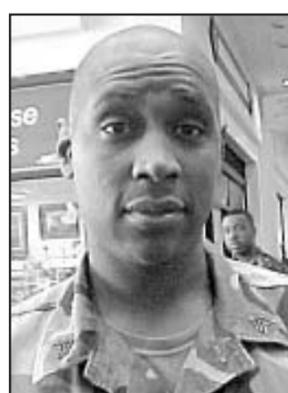
"I think the draft should be reinstated because this is everyone's country and everyone should fight for it."

Heather Johnson,
Fort Stewart family
member



"I think everybody should have a choice."

Sgt. Kevin Smith,
B Co., 2/7 Inf.



"I still believe the Army should be volunteer-only."

Sgt. Michael Root,
B Co., 2/7 Inf.

OPSEC is the way to go

Casey Craig

Volunteer

Now that we've learned through the national media 1st and 3rd Brigade of 3rd Infantry Division (M) have received "deployment orders," please heed this warning:

Be careful what you say when you are off post regarding 1st and 2nd Brigade deployments, schedules of plant and facility operations and most of all, information on troop movement!

It is our job to help keep our soldiers and your soldier safe.

Whether you are a civilian employee, active duty soldier or family member affiliated with Fort Stewart, Department of the Army and

Department of Defense, you have to accept the fact foreign intelligence agents target Ft. Stewart.

Spies in Hinesville?

Why not Hinesville, the home of a U.S. Army Rapid Deployment Division, a location of classified material, and a post undergoing major deployments as our commander in chief builds up troop strength in a particular region of the world.

I am hyped on this subject because I recently narrated a video on SAEDA, Subversion And Espionage Directed Against the Army.

A section of the briefing illustrates a group of friends meeting for lunch.

They are talking about the latest deployment, discussing departure dates, air routes, destinations, and

equipment to be shipped, and all information they heard around post or from their soldiers. Not one of them noticed the man in the corner writing down the information they were disclosing.

Everything they talked about is exactly the kind of information spies are looking for.

It is our job to help keep our soldiers safe.

Be careful who you talk to and what you say.

Forget the movie image of a spy. The whole purpose of a foreign intelligence agent is to blend in.

The person asking you questions could be someone at your church works out next to you at the gym, the grandmotherly woman at the laundry mat who likes to

chat or the cashier at the store.

Lock your doors and never leave your home?

No. Just be careful of the people who ask more than polite questions of your soldier's where abouts and what is happening on post.

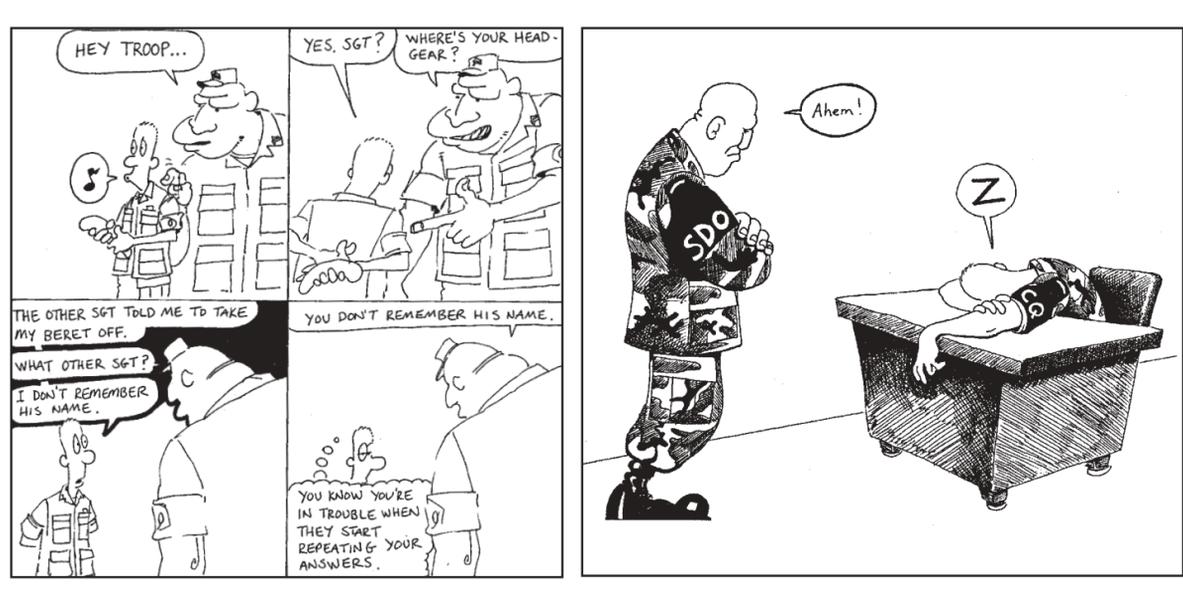
Not everyone is your friend.

The Sept. 11 terrorists lived and worked among us. They gathered information that ultimately led to the deaths of more than 2,000 Americans. They took advantage of our openness.

We protect our soldiers, and family members here, by watching whom we talk to and what we say.

Next time, let's talk about the different ways foreign intelligence agents get their information.

Pvt. Murphy's Law



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Organizations provide support for soldiers, families

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Staff Writer, Hunter Public Affairs Office

As soldiers from the 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) continue to deploy from Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield, a network of garrison support groups work diligently to keep the soldiers' spouses and family members who are still on post connected, active and informed while also welcoming soldiers from National Guard and Reserve units who are arriving here to fill the shoes of those who have already gone to Kuwait.

A few of the organizations involved with this work are the Army Community Service, the Marne Welcome Center, the Directorate of Public Works and the Central Issue Facility, as well as others from both Fort Stewart and Hunter.

Ms. Lucia Braxton, chief of ACS, said her organization is increasing the intensity and the amount of training that they do for soldiers and families in light of the deployment. She said families often don't realize training is necessary until deployment is imminent or has already happened.

"They're not thinking about all the particulars," said Braxton, referring to frequently overlooked issues such as car payments and other financial matters.

She said families who attended meetings with Family Readiness Groups and other support groups were able to adjust to changes more easily than families who hadn't had any experience or guidance in dealing with problems that came up.

The ACS offers assistance in the areas of relocation, employment, finances, deployment and mobilization, and individual family needs. Its mission, said Braxton, is "to provide support and services to the command group and to all soldiers and their families."

With so many troops leaving Fort Stewart and Hunter, it has become necessary to activate National Guard and Reserve units to take over the on-post duties of deployees. All new

soldiers in-process and deploying soldiers out-process through the Marne Welcome Center at Fort Stewart.

Hazel Vukovich, a representative at the Welcome Center, said the increase in the number of arriving and departing soldiers has not kept the Center from functioning as normal.

"We run into glitches, but we do anything possible to keep things running efficiently," said Vukovich.

The DPW has also been orchestrating a number of tasks designed to assist those deploying and their families, said directorate Sgt. Maj. Melvin Goodman. "I'm working with the mayors of the housing areas on post," said Goodman. "We want to make sure families' work requests come through on time so they can get those concerns out of the way before their family member deploys."

The DPW is also starting projects that will benefit the soldiers upon their return home.

"We're going to take a team and go through the barracks to take care of all the deficiencies so that when the soldiers come home, they don't have to worry about them," Goodman said.

He added that those working at the DPW have "a huge handle on things" due to the team's experience with the last deployment.

Goodman, Vukovich and Braxton all were optimistic about all that is happening in their respective organizations with regards to all the changes that are being made.

"Adaptability and patience are the best assets a person can have," Vukovich said with a smile as she prepared to get back to work.

"(Our mission is) to provide support and services to the command group, to all soldiers and their families."

Ms. Lucia Braxton
Chief, Army Community Service

For further information about:
ACS — Call Ms. Lucia Braxton at Fort Stewart at 767-5058 or Ms. Monica Battle at Hunter at 352-6816/5301.
Marne Welcome Center — Call 767-1031.
DPW — Call Sgt. Maj. Goodman at 767-4585.



Pvt. 2 Emily Danial

Deploying soldiers wait in line at the Central Issue Facility at Fort Stewart to get Desert Camouflage Uniforms. The CIF is one garrison organization that has been working to provide incoming and outgoing soldiers with all of the gear they will need to accomplish their mission.

Deployment & Mobilization Readiness

These services are available through your Unit Services Coordinator (USC). Contact your unit or ACS for the name of your USC.

- Deployment Guide
- Deployment Fairs
- Operation Ready
- Family Readiness Groups (FRG)
- Army Family Team Building (AFTB)
- Rear Detachment Commanders

Shrink-wrapping, Marne Division-style



Staff Sgt. Brian Sipp

(Above) Black Hawk helicopters sit at the Port of Savannah after being shrink-wrapped for protection from the elements during shipment overseas. Both Black Hawks and Apaches were shrink-wrapped during pre-load operations.

(Far Right) An AH-64 Apache helicopter is prepared for shipping from start to finish by civilian port workers.

(Right) A UH-60 Black Hawk lands at the Port of Savannah to begin the process.



New LMSR arrives to transport Division's equipment

Staff Sgt. Brian Sipp

Hunter Public Affairs Office

In what can be described as a fitting tribute to the soldiers of the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized), the United States Navy Ship Mendonca, one of the Navy's largest noncombatant vessels, pulled in to Ocean Terminal Berth 13 at the Georgia Ports Authority in Savannah early Tuesday and began receiving U.S. Army combat vehicles and equipment bound for Southwest Asia.

The USNS Mendonca is one of 19 large, medium-speed, roll-on/roll-off ships, or LMSRs, which are operated by the Military Sealift Command to enhance the nations sealift capability.

Most of the LMSRs are named for Medal of Honor recipients with this vessel's namesake holding a special significance to the Marine Division. Sgt. Leroy A. Mendonca received the Medal of Honor posthumously for extraordinary gallantry and exemplary valor during the Korean War while assigned to Company B, 7th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division.

The 950-foot vessel can carry an entire U.S. Army Task Force, including 58 tanks, 48 other tracked vehicles, plus

more than 900 other wheeled vehicles. It utilizes two 110-ton single pedestal twin cranes to load and unload cargo where port infrastructure is limited or nonexistent. Also featured is a commercial helicopter deck for emergency daytime landing.

While the task of loading such an enormous ship is physically demanding, keeping accurate accountability is vital to the mission's success, said Col. Pete Lennon, commander, 1189th Terminal Transportation Brigade, based out of Charleston, S.C.

"I tell all of my troops that we are not only moving cargo, but also information," said Lennon. "Each vehicle has a barcode and is scanned as it arrives in port, and again as it enters the boat." This provides an accurate count at the beginning of the voyage as well as at the destination, said Lennon.

When fully activated, each ship is crewed by 30 civilian crew members and utilizes a team of 15 military personnel serving as cargo supervisors or "super cargo" to monitor and maintain vehicles and equipment while at sea. "The trip to Southwest Asia takes about three weeks," said Doug Harrington, captain of the Mendonca.

"The ship will be completely loaded and under way in 48 hours and another vessel will be brought in to continue the load up," said Lennon.

The Military Sealift Command maintains 11 LMSRs in a "reduced operating status." They have cadre crews who maintain the ships and keep the propulsion systems in a high state of readiness. When ordered to activate, the ships can be fully crewed and ready to sail in four days.

The entire LMSR fleet was designed specifically "for military equipment," but is used on humanitarian missions also during peacetime, said Harrington.

The program was initiated after the need for additional military sealift was identified in a Congressionally-mandated study by the Joint Chiefs of Staff following the 1991 Persian Gulf War.

With a frenetic pace and noticeable increase in security, the full might of the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) will soon be loaded and on its way to the very soldiers who depend on it for success.

Editor's note: Ship specification data gathered with the assistance of Military Sealift Command Public Affairs.



Staff Sgt. Brian Sipp

One of the two on-board 110-ton single pedestal twin cranes uploads a milvan full of equipment bound for Southwest Asia.



Staff Sgt. Brian Sipp

Sgt. David A. Cheuvront, Headquarters Company, Headquarters Command, logs in every vehicle that is driven up the loading ramp.



Staff Sgt. Brian Sipp

A Humvee's bar code is inspected prior to it being loaded onto the U.S.N.S. Mendonca. Both wheeled and tracked vehicles, as well as 3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) aircraft were prepared to be loaded on the ship at the Port of Savannah.

MOUT training prepares soldiers for urban warfare

Spc. Steven Cooke

19th PAD

CAMP DOHA, Kuwait — E Troop, 9th Cavalry, 3rd Infantry Division, participated in a three-day exercise on military operations in urbanized terrain outside Camp Doha, Kuwait, Dec. 31.

"We train to keep soldiers alive," said Capt. Scott Woodward, commander of the troop. "We need to quickly assess a situation and control it. We want to minimize civilian casualties."

According to Woodward, MOUT training involves a lot of stress, and real-life situations.

Woodard explained, soldiers maintain a high level of control in these situations. Other stressful factors include maintaining focus, coordination and communication.

MOUT training is not routine for these soldiers, but as the climate changes, it is becoming increasingly important for them to have, according to 1st Sgt. James Baugh.

"Primarily as a reconnaissance unit we don't usually do MOUT exercises," said Baugh.

Baugh said that part of reconnaissance for this type of terrain is setting up observation posts, which can quite possibly be set-up inside buildings in an urban setting.

For this exercise, the soldiers learned how to take over a building, room by room.

The troop's three maneuver platoons and one headquarters platoon were separated in to three-to-four-man teams, with each team armed with M4 carbine rifles. Soldiers learned to secure the rooms of the building under the guidance of their platoon sergeants.

According to Staff Sgt. Ronald Herd, 'Colt Platoon,' platoon sergeant, part of what makes the training so difficult is all the different possibilities of clearing a room.

"The hardest part was that there are so many

ways to clear a room you can't possibly cover everything," said Herd. "There are different ways to clear a room. No way is any better than others, it's just what the soldiers are comfortable with."

According to Staff Sgt. Felipe Vega, platoon sergeant for 1st platoon, no matter which way a team chooses to clear a room, communication is the key element stressed in every situation.

"Communication is key," said Vega. "Everybody needs to know what they're doing and where they're doing it. You want to communicate. You want people to know you are coming in and out of a room, the size of the room and if your weapon is functioning properly."

In the end, Woodward said his soldiers were able to meet the standard.

"They've done really well," Woodward said. "When we first arrived here, we went really slow and deliberate. This time around we went a little faster."

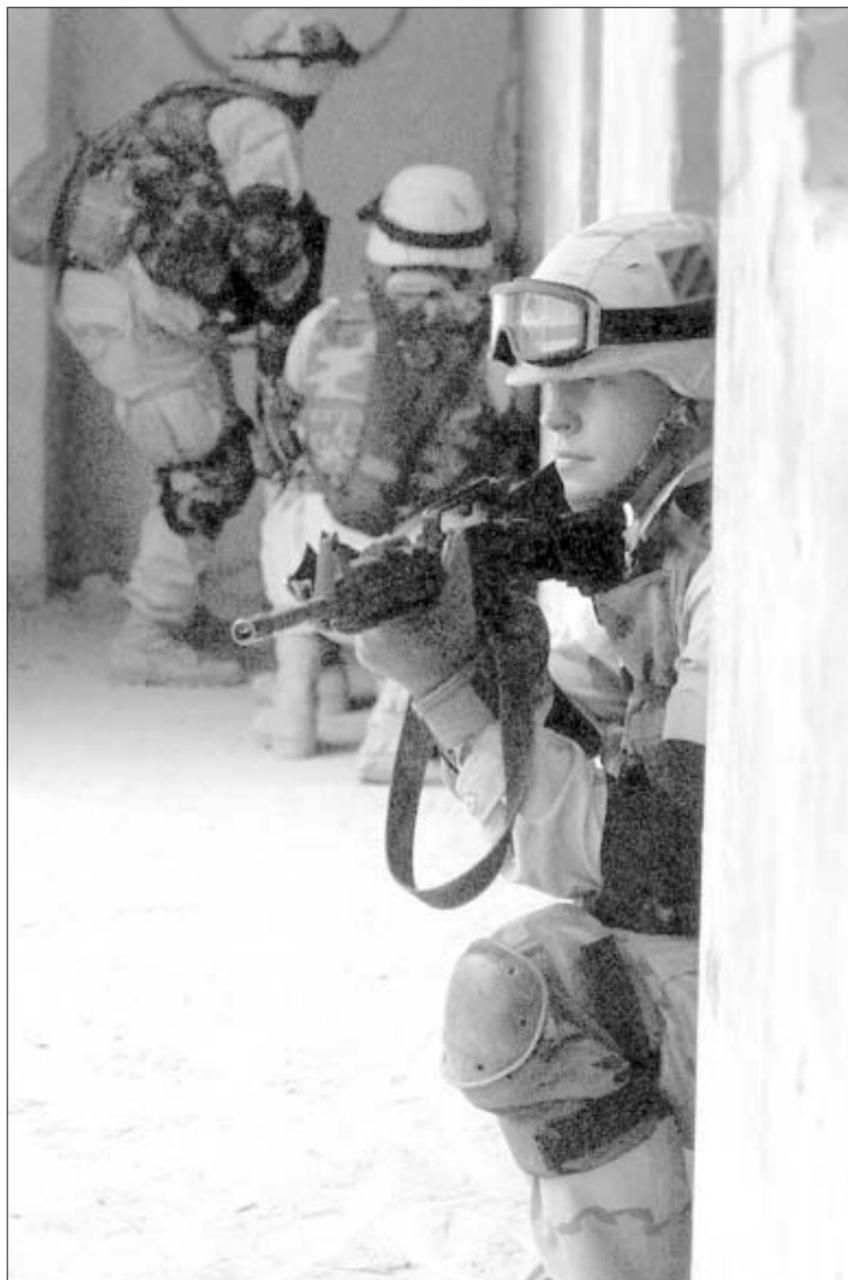
"They are motivated and taking the training seriously. They know, being a reconnaissance unit, we're going to be the first in a situation."

1st Lt. Michael Berriman, 2nd platoon leader, agreed.

"They're doing great. It's been leaps and bounds compared to the first time," said Berriman. "The soldiers are starting to take initiative."

Baugh said the soldiers successfully met the goal of the training, which was training to standard, and it is important that his soldiers train together and know each other's role in each scenario.

"The goal of the training was to teach everybody the basics so they know what is going on," said Baugh. "I can take a soldier from third platoon and put him with a soldier from first platoon and they can do (the mission) together successfully."



Photos by Sgt. Kevin Doherty 19th PAD

(Above) An NCO from E Troop, 9th Cavalry, 3rd Infantry Division, acts as a rear support for his team as they attempt to clear a room during a three-day military operations on urbanized terrain training exercise Dec. 31 at an abandoned women's prison outside Camp Doha, Kuwait.

(Left) Two soldiers from E Troop, 9th Cavalry, 3rd Infantry Division, prepare to move around a corner during military operations on urbanized terrain (MOUT) Dec. 31 at an abandoned women's prison near Camp Doha, Kuwait.



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Soldiers slated to get smallpox vaccination

Spc. Jacob W. Boyer

Staff Writer, Frontline Forward

Vaccinations are a part of life most soldiers have learned to accept. In order to be combat effective, the men and women of the Army need to keep from becoming ill. Vaccinations have become even more important since the advent of chemical and biological warfare. If the enemy is prepared to fight with disease, soldiers need to be ready to fight off the disease.

In the past year, the Armed Forces have seen the Anthrax vaccination program begin anew. More recently, President George W. Bush ordered that all servicemembers receive the smallpox vaccine. Every member of the 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) deployed to Kuwait will be administered this vaccine some time in the middle of January, said Lt. Col. William Corr, division surgeon.

"It's important for those serving here to get the smallpox vaccination because it can be used as a weapon," he said. "In its aerosolized form, smallpox can be an effective weapon, with a case

The disease is highly contagious and spreads easily from person to person, he said. It could spread through a camp in 24 hours. Because of that, it is important that all soldiers in Kuwait receive the vaccine as soon as possible.

"All (servicemembers) who will be in a high-threat area for more than 15 days need to get the smallpox vaccine," Corr said. "We plan to get everybody here vaccinated in one day."

Dryvax, the vaccinia vaccine for smallpox, is a live virus that builds immunity to the virus that causes smallpox, Corr said.

"It's a fairly harmless virus which gives protection against smallpox," he said.

Although some soldiers may have been vaccinated in their childhood or earlier in their military careers, they need to be inoculated again, Corr said.

"The effectiveness of the vaccine wanes after five years, and after 20, its effects are negligible," he said.

Unlike the Anthrax vaccine, which requires six shots and an annual booster, Dryvax only needs to be administered once, Corr said. A two-pronged needle is dipped in the vaccine and punctured one-sixteenth of an inch into the receiver's skin 15 times.

Two out of three soldiers will not notice any effects for the first seven days after vaccination, Corr said. The other 33 percent may experience fever and achy muscles between days five and seven.

A pustule, which resembles an acne sore half an inch across, should form by the seventh day, Corr said. At that point, medics will check for the sore to make sure the vaccination has "taken." If the sore is not there, the vaccine needs to be re-administered.

"Since most of the people out here are between 18 and their mid-40s, which is a healthy population, we expect minimal side effects. But we will hospitalize those who experience

them," Corr said.

To prevent any problems, those who receive the vaccine should not pick at the pustule, Corr said. If someone picks at the scab and scratches another open area, it could be spread to another part of the body.

Pregnant women, people with documented allergic reactions to antibiotics and people with suppressed immune systems should not receive the vaccine, Corr said.

It is imperative that vaccinated people stay away from non-vaccinated people for observation of the pustule while the medicine is taking, Corr said. Any contact between the two populations could spread the vaccine from one to the other, which could cause problems.

It is important for those serving here to get this vaccine because it is an effective way to protect the soldier, Corr said. "Smallpox is a threat, and this is our way to fight it."

Smallpox Fast Facts

The Vaccine

* Don't touch the site of the smallpox vaccination. If you do, wash your hands.

* The smallpox vaccination is safe, with low incidence of serious side effects or death. Normal side effects include fever, chills, body and headache and soreness at the vaccination site.

* Getting the smallpox vaccine is mandatory for all soldiers unless medically exempt.

* Soldiers who are medically exempt from getting the smallpox vaccination are still deployable.

The Disease

* Smallpox is a serious disease, with a 30 percent chance of death. Survivors are often badly scarred and, in rare cases, blinded by the disease.

* Smallpox symptoms include high fever, body rash, vomiting and head and body aches.

* For more information, visit www.bt.cdc.gov/agent/smallpox/index.asp or www.vaccines.army.mil/smallpox.asp.

Smallpox vaccination screening questions

Be prepared to answer several questions when you line up to get your smallpox vaccination. The screening process' purpose is to ensure only those soldiers who don't have health issues that could be compromised by the vaccine get the shot.

Some questions to expect include:

- Are you or do you live with someone who is pregnant?
- Did you ever receive a smallpox vaccine?
- Are you currently ill with a fever?
- Have you ever had a reaction to a vaccination?
- Do you have any skin conditions?
- What medications do you take?
- What medications do the people you live with take?
- Do you have allergies?

Is it the stomach flu?

Dr. Donald Daeke

Emergency Medical Service

Evans Army Community Hospital, Fort Carson, Colo.

Diarrhea and vomiting are often caused by a flu-like virus. They may also be caused by emotional upset, food poisoning, infections, eating certain foods, or bowel blockage.

The most common symptoms of stomach flu are cramping, abdominal pain, loose watery stools, nausea, headache, fever, being tired and muscle aches.

Bacteria may also cause vomiting and diarrhea, but this is much less common. This situation may develop shortly after having been on a course of antibiotics, especially amoxicillin or ampicillin. In this case, the symptoms may be more severe, and you are more likely to have blood in the diarrhea.

If a bacterial infection is suspected, the doctor may prescribe an antibiotic. Bacterial diarrhea can be very contagious. If an antibiotic has been prescribed, take the medication as directed. Do not stop taking the medication just because you feel better. The infection may return.

Drink plenty of clear, non-alcoholic fluids, such as ginger ale, water, tea, broth and clear soft drinks or sports drinks during the first 24 hours or until the vomiting and diarrhea stop. An adult should drink eight large glasses of fluid a day during normal waking hours. If vomiting, you should start fluids in small sips, increasing to larger amounts as tolerated.

After the first 24 hours, and as the vomiting and diarrhea subside, you may eat bland foods such as cooked cereals, rice, soups, bread, crackers, baked potatoes, bananas, eggs or applesauce. Do not eat fruits, vegetables, dairy products, spicy or fried foods or candy and do not drink alcoholic beverages.

Decrease activity until you feel better.

Contact your doctor or go to the emergency department if any of the following occur:

- ✓ Fever greater than 101 degrees Fahrenheit or shaking chills begin or worsen.
- ✓ Symptoms last for more than three days.
- ✓ Pain in the abdomen or rectum.
- ✓ You see blood, mucus or worms in your stool.
- ✓ You see signs of dehydration including dry mouth, excessive thirst, wrinkled skin, little or no urination, dizziness or lightheadedness when sitting or standing.

If vomiting persists, you must be seen in the emergency room or doctor's office.

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Army testing new method to detect breast cancer

Michael E. Dukes

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — A five-year trial is now underway at Walter Reed Army Medical Center to prove the value of “electrical impedance scanning” in detecting early stages of breast cancer in women under the age of 45.

Two hundred patients are enrolled so far and the goal is 4,800, said Maj. Alexander Stojadinovic, a surgical oncologist at the Walter Reed Comprehensive Breast Center. He said planning has begun for a Department of Defense study involving 12 sites with an expected enrollment of 20,000.

The study is not intended to compete with mammograms, said Stojadinovic. He said the clinical research should prove electrical impedance scanning to be a valuable ally to conventional screening methods, particularly in young women.

“The current process of using clinical breast examination

alone to screen younger women is widely recognized as deficient,” Stojadinovic said.

Although the risk of breast cancer in women under 50 is low, the incidence is increasing, and breast cancer tends to be more aggressive in younger women, Stojadinovic said.

It is timely and warranted to pursue this screening trial now at Walter Reed, the Army’s only comprehensive breast center, he said.

EIS is able to detect early stage tumors, particularly in young women; and 20 percent of the active-duty force is female; 92 percent of which are women under the age of 40.

“EIS has the potential to identify women at high risk of breast cancer, even if it does not localize a specific lesion,” Stojadinovic said.

Tumor tissue differs from normal breast tissue in electrical properties, and electrical impedance scanning detects in five minutes whether further screening is needed.

The electrical impedance scanning can complement and

enhance the accuracy of mammographic screening, Stojadinovic said.

Nurse Practitioner Abby Rogers, of Walter Reed’s Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, said the American Cancer Society and National Cancer Institute currently recommend that women practice monthly breast self-exams a week after menstruation, get a yearly clinical breast exam, and for women over 40, an annual mammogram.

Women eligible for the trial include non-pregnant military health-care beneficiaries ages 18 to 45 who have not breast fed or had breast surgery within the preceding three months and who do not have implanted electrically-powered devices. Patients undergo outpatient assessment with electrical impedance scanning.

More information on the trial is available from the Walter Reed Comprehensive Breast Center at 202-782-3416.

Editor’s Note: ARNEWS intern Nicole Dowell contributed to this article.

Group aids grieving families

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Grief is an issue few people like to talk about, though doing just that can help a person cope with the loss of a loved one.

“People don’t overcome grief — they go through it,” said Beth Wilkinson, clinical social worker and leader of the Bereavement Support Group at Winn Army Community Hospital.

“We provide a safe place for people to continue talking about their feelings without feeling pressured to ‘move on’ or ‘get over it,’” Wilkinson said.

“Bereavement after the second week is very isolating and the social pressure to stop talking about feelings of loss grows. The group provides a sense of normalcy to the experience of loss — it provides a sense of community and support, because loss just doesn’t happen to one person.”

According to Wilkinson and Dr. Dennis McCormack, Supervisory Clinical Psychologist, grief has no boundaries, it is a journey that can affect one at anytime — there are no designated time frames or stages.

“There is no ‘normal’ way to cope with loss — a person’s grief is their own,” Wilkinson said. However, people commonly experience acute grieving and anger.

“The first sign of a grief response is for the person to find themselves in a state of shock over what has happened — a

numbing experience so to speak,” McCormack said.

“After the shock, some will find themselves depressed, which might be followed by expressions of anger. The anger might be directed at themselves for not doing something to prevent the loss, at others who should have been able to prevent the loss and in some cases, people turn the anger toward God for letting this terrible thing happen.”

“People don’t overcome grief — they go through it.”

Beth Wilkinson

Clinical social worker and leader of the Bereavement Support group at Winn Army Community Hospital

The support group was created to provide a forum for people to talk about their feelings and experiences after the loss of a significant person in their life.

Grieving does not mean forgetting about our loved ones, McCormack said. It is a process that helps allow a person to understand what has happened.

“When we are ready, we move into a state of acceptance of what happened and recognize that life goes on for us and we begin to pick up the pieces and put our lives back in order,” McCormack said.

“Working with a bereavement support group is one way of helping people sort out the grieving process so that it begins to make sense,” McCormack said.

All military beneficiaries are welcome to attend the group or contact Social Work Services to arrange a one-on-one appointment with a counselor. For more information, call 370-6779.

Military seeks to replenish blood supply

Spc. Chuck Wagner

Special to the Frontline

WASHINGTON — The Armed Services Blood Program Office has asked the military to withdraw all frozen blood supplies donated during last summer’s West Nile virus epidemic to avoid transmitting the potentially fatal disease to recipients.

Meanwhile, blood collection centers and blood plasma manufacturers are scurrying to replace military stockpiles as a potential war looms in Iraq.

“There is some additional urgency” about the need to replenish supplies under the prospect of war, said Col. G. Michael Fitzpatrick, blood program office director.

The armed services have already replaced at-risk blood supplies within the European and Central commands, which would be front-line in a conflict with Iraq.

The withdrawal went into effect Dec. 13, after a statement by the American Association of Blood Banks. The American Red Cross, America’s Blood Centers and the Armed Services Blood Program Office coordinated the withdrawal, which includes the Defense Department and civilian blood banks nationwide.

The ultimate goal is to replace all the frozen blood withdrawn from the current inventory. “The withdrawal is focused on frozen products (particularly plasma products) that were collected in states experiencing mosquito-borne transmission of West Nile virus to humans in 2002,” according to a blood program office press release.

The release said the services will accelerate the production of frozen plasma products to replace withdrawn stocks and begin stockpiling frozen plasma for the summer.

Most of the liquid red blood cells collected during the height of the West Nile virus epidemic have already been transfused,” the release said.

The blood program office estimates it will take

until mid-March to replace the entire inventory. Blood banks were asked to quarantine, but not destroy, at-risk blood products. Meanwhile, blood banks are prioritizing their supply by sending out the safest stocks first.

The Defense Department’s supply of frozen red blood cells stored for contingency operations will not be affected by the withdrawal, Fitzpatrick said, because these units were not collected during the 2002 West Nile epidemic. This includes blood stored on Navy ships.

The services have three major repositories for contingency blood supplies — one in Italy, two in Korea. Frozen blood plasma stored in these banks was donated in the late 1980s to early 1990s, prior to the first West Nile virus outbreak in New York during the summer of 1999.

Doctors identified 13 transfusion recipients who acquired West Nile through blood collected from eight donors last year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The eight donors resided in states where doctors documented mosquito-borne West Nile infections to humans. Since Dec. 3, 2002, doctors have reported 3,775 human cases of the virus, with 216 deaths. Only three deaths were related to blood transfusions.

Military and civilian blood collection organizations have asked donors to help fill the sudden dip in supply. Fitzpatrick said donors with Type AB blood are especially welcome, because AB is the universal blood plasma type. There are 21 defense collection sites.

No Food and Drug Administration-licensed test yet exists to detect the presence of West Nile in blood. The Armed Services Blood Program Office has issued donor screening and deferral guidelines to military collection sites to help identify donors who may have West Nile symptoms. This measure is intended to decrease the risk of infecting recipients in the event a test is not available by summer 2003.

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All-volunteer force: *Proven quantity in Persian Gulf War and beyond*

Kathleen T. Rhem

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON - The all-volunteer force took nearly a generation to come to fruition, but has since proved its worth in combat.

Thirty years after then-Defense Secretary Melvin R. Laird established the all-volunteer force, some politicians are again calling for resumption of a military draft. Defense leaders are crying foul; they don't want it, and they don't need it.

A senior defense official today briefed media in the Pentagon on the advantages and history of the all-volunteer military force.

"There was no military in the world at that time of comparable size that operated on a volunteer basis," the official said. He noted that Great Britain had a volunteer military, but it was nowhere near as large in either absolute numbers or in percentage of population as what the United States was attempting.

The force took 10 to 15 years to come to fruition, and it wasn't proven in combat until the Persian Gulf War of the early 1990s.

"I would argue that the fine performance of our forces in the

Persian Gulf War in 1991, the fine performance you've seen in a variety of crises in the last 10 years, including operations in Afghanistan this last year and continued operations in the greater Southwest Asia region, indeed reflect the excellence of that force," the official said.

This official debunked the notion that the all-volunteer force would lead to a higher percentage of African-Americans and other minorities being killed in a war.

He said blacks comprise only a slightly higher percentage of enlistees than found in a comparable age group in the general population — 21 percent of military service members versus roughly 14 percent of the general population.

A Defense Department report from the Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, which was distributed at this briefing, explains that most blacks in the military serve in administration and other support jobs. They make up only 15 percent of the combat arms positions.

In the Persian Gulf War, the first major test of the all-volunteer force, 23 percent of service members were black, while blacks comprised only 17 percent of combat or non-combat deaths, the report stated.

This official also refuted the oft-held notion that military recruits come from the "poor and uneducated" in American

society. He said military recruits come from among the best-educated and most-intelligent segments in society. The vast majority of recruits are high school graduates. By the time they complete their first term of enlistment, many have at least some college.

"We demand a higher level of educational aptitude achievement for most of our recruits than is true of the population at large," the official said. "So we are aiming to get an above-average population in terms of enlisted recruits."

The information paper that was distributed states 90 percent of new military recruits have graduated high school, while only 75 percent of the general population has.

The all-volunteer force is the envy of other countries around the world and of civil society, the official said.

He noted countries in Western Europe and even former Communist Bloc countries in Eastern Europe are following the lead of the United States and asking for this country's help in establishing all-volunteer militaries.

The military's high esteem in civil society is evidenced by the high level of success former service members have when they leave the military.

"(Former service members) successfully are offered positions in civilian life and often go on to very senior posts," the official said.

Rumsfeld: No Need for Draft; 'Disadvantages Notable'

Kathleen T. Rhem

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The United States is not going to implement a military draft, because there is no need for it, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said today.

Rep. Charles Rangel said last week he was planning to introduce such legislation in the New Year. Rep. John Conyers Jr. has since expressed support.

"I believe that if those calling for war knew their children were more likely to be required to serve — and to be placed in harm's way — there would be more caution and a greater willingness to work with the international community in dealing with Iraq," Rangel wrote in a recent commentary in the New York Times.

Rumsfeld dismissed the notion out of hand

during a Pentagon press briefing. "I don't know of anyone in this building or in the administration who thinks that anyone ought to go to war lightly," he said. "I know the president doesn't, and I know I don't."

The country doesn't need a draft because the all-volunteer force works — in fact, the United States has the most effective military in the world precisely because it is all-volunteer, Joint Chiefs Chairman Air Force Gen. Richard B. Myers said.

"The people that are in the armed services today ... are there because they want to be there..."

HON. DONALD RUMSFELD
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"(The all-volunteer force is) efficient; it's effective; it's given the United States of America, the citizens of this great country, a military that is second to none," Myers said.

"The people that are in the armed services today ... are there because they want to be there and are ready and willing and, without any question, capable of doing whatever the president may ask," Rumsfeld added.

The secretary described "notable disadvantages" to having a conscripted force. He said people are involuntarily forced to serve, some for less than they could earn on the outside. There are many exemptions, which change all the time, thus providing for unfair situations. Troops are "churned" through training, serve the minimum amount of time and leave — thus caus-

ing more money to be spent to churn more draftees through the system.

He also dismissed the notion that the all-volunteer force leads to a disproportionate number of blacks and other minorities being killed in battle.

"I do not know that that's historically correct," Rumsfeld said. "And I do not know that, even if it were historically correct, that it's correct today."

He and Myers kept coming back to their bottom line: America is better off for the force it has today.

"We have people serving today — God bless 'em — because they volunteered," Rumsfeld said. "They want to be doing what it is they're doing. And we're just lucky as a country that there are so many wonderfully talented young men and young women who each year step up and say, 'I'm ready; let me do that.'"

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Korea — 50 years ago this week, Jan. 16-22

Operation Smack begins, U.S. plane shot down over Formosa Strait

Jim Caldwell

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Operation Smack began in Korea 50 years ago this week while off the coast, a Navy N2V Neptune bomber, carrying 13 crewmembers, was shot while patrolling the Formosa Strait.

Jan. 16 — The 15th Field Artillery Battalion fires on positions on the T-Bone hill complex in the opening moves of Operation Smack.

Operation Smack is intended to be an experiment connected with a real mission to assault Spud Hill and capture prisoners. It is to satisfy Gen. Mark Clark, U.N. supreme commander, who directed that a series of experiments be conducted to test the efficiency of air-tank-artillery-infantry operations.

The artillery fire is an attempt to destroy enemy bunkers and fortifications on Spud. The barrage is lifted Jan. 20, five days before the operation begins.

B-29s are redirected from bridge, road and rail targets around Sinanju below Manchuria to similar targets around Pyongyang on Jan. 16.

Jan. 17 — The Air Force reports Jan. 17 that on the seven days beginning Jan. 11, allied pilots shot down 13 MiGs. Enemy pilots shot down a B-29 over North Korea Jan. 12 while the bomber was dropping psychological warfare leaflets. Eight other allied planes were lost to enemy ground fire and other causes.

On the ground, the Chinese stage attacks against U.N. positions on the central front from Jan. 17-18. Then from Jan. 19-20, U.N. troops conduct harassing attacks on enemy positions all along the entire front. Fighting fades off as temperatures drop to 2 degrees on Jan. 20.

Jan. 18 — A Navy N2V Neptune bomber, carrying 13 crewmembers, is shot down by anti-aircraft fire coming from the enemy-held island of Namoa near Taiwan.

It is the first U.S. plane shot down while patrolling this area in two and a half years.

A U.S. Coast Guard amphibious plane with an eight-man crew lands in rough seas that night and picks up 11 survivors, but it loses an engine taking off and crashes.

On Jan. 19 the destroyer Halsey Powell picks up 10 survivors — seven sailors and three Coast Guardsmen. Six sailors and five Coast guardsmen died.

Peking radio says the U.N. decision to allow convoys into the communist truce talk team's compound at Kaesong only on Sundays is "an attempt to wipe out the armistice talks in Korea."

Jan. 19 — Individual rotations to and from Korea should be switched to regimental rotations, says Maj. Gen. Joseph P. Cleland, 40th Infantry Division. Commanders in Korea then wouldn't have to devote time to "breaking new men into our

fighting units."

Francis Cardinal Spellman returns to New York after a trip to Korea and Rome. He says "time is on the side of our enemies" and can see "no end to the present situation there."

Jan. 20 — Retired General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower, 62, is sworn in as the 34th President of the United States in Washington, D.C., at 12:32 p.m.

In his inaugural address, Eisenhower vows that the United States will be a rock of support for all people who believe in freedom, and help such nations build their own power to safeguard their liberty.

Jan. 21 — Peking radio brags that the communists have "built a great wall across Korea" along their front line that is "impregnable." They also claim they inflicted 28,000 allied casualties in fall fighting at the Triangle Hill complex and Sniper Ridge in IX Corps' area. Actually, South Korean and American units suffered 9,000 casualties combined, to the enemy's 18,000.

South Korean Defense Minister Shinn Tae Yung says that the draft-eligible age range must be expanded to those aged 17-30 years. The country is running short of draftees in the 20-28 range. The new age limits will make 1.1 million men eligible, but Shinn predicts that 40 percent of them won't be fit for service because of physical problems and other drawbacks.

The Defense Department gives a more detailed accounting for the 128,971 casualties as of Jan. 16. The total includes 22,735 dead and 9,288 missing and unaccounted for.



Army photo

(Top) Artillery shells which three hours before were being loaded aboard a U.S. Far East Air Force's C-36 "Commando" of the 437th Troop Carrier Wing, are now being delivered with deadly accuracy on a concentration of Communist troops in Korea. (Left) Artillery men load shells into a cannon to fire at a concentration of Communist troops in Korea.



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AAFES holiday hours for observance of MLK January 20

Fort Stewart

Main Store 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 Hospital PX Closed
 Main Shoppette/Class Six 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
 Bryan Village Shoppette 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
 Brigade Troop Store Close 9 p.m., 19 Jan
 Reopen 11 a.m., 20 Jan
 Victory Shoppette 24 Hours
 Anthony's Pizza 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 Robin Hood Closed
 Wetzell Pretzel Closed
 American Eatery Closed
 Blimpie 12 p.m. to 6 p.m.
 Burger King 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
 Anthony's Pizza 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.
 Popeye's 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.
 Car Care Center Closed
 Military Clothing Sales 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Woodruff Theater 7 p.m. Showing

General Nutrition Center 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 Shoe Shine 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 Alltel Wireless 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 MCC Phone Center Closed
 Brigade Barber Shop Closed
 Laundry/Dry Cleaners Closed
 Alterations Closed
 Sprint Barracks Phone Closed
 Alterations Closed
 Economic Car Rental Closed
 E. L. Car Wash/Detail Closed

Hunter Army Airfield

Main Store 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 Hunter Corner Express 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 Military Clothing Sales 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 Burger King 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Concessions

Short Term Concessions 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 Barber Shop 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 Beauty Shop 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 Cedric's Gift Shop 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 Flower Shop 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 Alterations 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 Laundry/Dry Cleaners 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 Optical Shop 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Concessions

Short Term Concessions 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 Flower Shop 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 Laundry/Dry Cleaners 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 Alterations 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 Beauty Shop 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 Barber Shop 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 Optical Shop 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 Economic Car Rental 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 C's Boot Shine 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 Sprint Barracks Phone 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

New course to help scope under stress

DCAS Press Release

Beginning in February, the Directorate of Community Activities' Army Community Service, DCAS, offers two free courses soldiers and their families. They are sponsored by the Georgia Chapter of the National Alliance for Mentally Ill, NAMI-GEORGIA, and taught by Laura Arisohn, a certified Army Community Service special needs family project educator.

for families of adults and teens with major depressions, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, panic disorder or obsessive-compulsive disorder.

The class offers information, self-care, coping skills and emotional support. They begin Feb. 06, 2003, 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., and 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Classes continue each Thursday of the 12-week period.

Visions for Tomorrow is a comprehensive 8-week course designed for families of children with ADD/ADHD, PDD/Autism, Tourette's disorder, Conduct Disorder, Bipolar Disorder,

Depression, Eating Disorders, Anxiety Disorders, and Early Onset Schizophrenia/Schizoaffective. This class will offer information, problem management, empathy, sharing, coping and self-care advocacy, judicial and stigma. It begins March 4, 2003, and continues every Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. throughout the 8-week period.

Due to space limitations and confidentiality issues, pre-registration is required for both courses. Contact Laura Arisohn, Special Needs Family Project Educator, at 912-767-3032 for more information.

Fat-Free Sewers

Fats, Oils, and Greases aren't just bad for your arteries and your waistline; they're bad for sewers, too. Sewer overflows and backups can cause health hazards, damage home interiors, and threaten the environment.

What we can do to help

- ✓ Never pour grease down sink drains or into toilets.
- ✓ Scrape grease and food scraps from trays, plates, pots, pans, utensils, and grills and cooking surfaces into a can or the trash for disposal (or recycling where available).
- ✓ Do not put grease down garbage disposals. Put baskets/strainers in sink drains to catch food scraps and other solids, and empty the drain baskets/strainers into the trash for disposal.

Military W-2s Available On-line

Armed Services Reserve personnel are currently able to download their 2002 W-2s from their Intranet site. These downloaded W-2s are considered standard. Returns prepared using these W-2s can be filed electronically. The client will need his or her PIN previously issued by the military. A tax associate preparing someone's taxes may not enter the information on behalf of the client and may not ask for or learn the client's PIN.

The website includes a process (in the FAQ section) for obtaining a new PIN if the client does not know his or her PIN. It may take several days for the taxpayer to receive the new PIN.

Website:
<https://emss.dfas.mil/mypay.asp>

Access:
 Social Security Number of the service member

Requirements:
 Military-issued PIN
 W-2 forms for active duty personnel will not be available on line until the end of January. Active duty personnel will receive their hard copies of W-2 forms around the time that W-2s are available on-line.
 Returns prepared using a Leave and Earnings statement cannot be filed electronically. IRS rules continue to prohibit transmission of a tax return that includes W-2 income until the client provides an actual W-2.

Tax assistance available

The Marne Tax Assistance Office, located in Building 9611, will be open Monday through Friday starting Jan. 21. For more information, call 767-4148.

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DEPLOY

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have really good family readiness groups," Baker said. "Also this time, we know what we're up against, and we're familiar with the area."

Soldiers seemed honored and proud to receive President Bush's call.

"This is what we have to do to ensure democracy doesn't perish from the face of

the Earth," said Staff Sgt. Todd Winters, battalion fire support NCO, who plans on sending letters to keep in touch with his loved ones. "I left for Desert Storm on Christmas Day. Getting to leave after Christmas for this deployment was a really positive experience. It lets us go away on a good point."



3rd Brigade soldiers board a bus headed to Robins Air Force Base in Warner Robins, Ga. From there, they deployed for an undetermined amount of time.



Photos by Pfc. Brian Trapp

3rd Brigade soldiers march to the Kelley Hill Recreation Center Monday.

BULLDOG

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each target. Also, soldiers were evaluated on their ability to use fire commands and the five part alert system.

The battery continues its annual training schedule while deployed because it's an opportunity to test its abilities in a real world environment, said B Battery, 1/3 ADA 1st Sgt. David Nelson, from Price, Utah.

"These guys have gone through Spartan Focus, Marne Focus, (National Training Center, Fort Irwin, Calif.) and now here," he said, adding that in between field exercises the battery completed four gunnerys.

"These guys have been training hard for 14 months. Their total focus has been train, train, train."

Zanelotti said the battery's soldiers have maintained their focus and high standards while being deployed in a time of uncertainty.

"I'm sure in the back of their minds, they're wondering what the future holds. I think these guys are very well trained, motivated and very serious about doing their job. I'm proud of the way they have stepped up to the challenge," he said.



Spc. Natalie Schlotman

A linebacker crew rolls out for a training exercise in Kuwait.

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POLICE REPORTS

• **Subject:** Staff Sergeant, 40-year-old male, separate battalion
 • **Charges:** Damage to government property
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Civilian, 41-year-old female
 • **Charges:** speeding 67/55, driving while license suspended, wrongful possession of marijuana
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 22-year-old female, Headquarters Command
 • **Charges:** Wrongful possession of marijuana, wrongful use of marijuana
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private, 18-year-old male, 1st Brigade
 • **Charges:** Wrongful use of marijuana
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 21-year-old male, separate battalion
 • **Charges:** Wrongful use of marijuana
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 20-year-old male, separate battalion
 • **Charges:** Probation violation
 • **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Chief Warrant Officer 3, 41-year-old male, Aviation Brigade
 • **Charges:** Obstructing intersection
 • **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

• **Subject:** Sergeant, 31-year-old male, Aviation Brigade
 • **Charges:** Failure to stop at a stop sign, warrant served for deposit account fraud
 • **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Sergeant, 27-year-old female, separate battalion
 • **Charges:** Wrongful use of amphetamines
 • **Location:** Miami, Fl.

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 24-year-old male, Division Support Command
 • **Charges:** Cruelty to children, simple battery, interfering with a 911 call
 • **Location:** Hinesville

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

• **Subject:** Private 2, 25-year-old male, Division Support Command
 • **Charges:** Larceny of NAF property

• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private, 23-year-old female, Division Support Command
 • **Charges:** Failure to appear
 • **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Specialist, 22-year-old male, Division Support Command
 • **Charges:** Driving while license suspended, driving with suspended tags, improper lane usage
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 21-year-old male, Division Support Command
 • **Charges:** False official statement, fraud, larceny of private funds
 • **Location:** Orlando, Fl.

• **Subject:** Private First Class, Division Support Command
 • **Charges:** Aggravated assault
 • **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Private, 18-year-old male, 1st Brigade
 • **Charges:** Assault
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private 2, 21-year-old male, 1st Brigade
 • **Charges:** Assault
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Civilian, 30-year-old male
 • **Charges:** Too fast for conditions, fleeing the scene of an accident, wrongful damaging of government property, failure to stop at a posted stop sign
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private 2, 18-year-old female, separate battalion
 • **Charges:** Failure to maintain lane
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Civilian, 49-year-old female
 • **Charges:** Speeding 79/55
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 24-year-old male, separate battalion
 • **Charges:** Simple assault, disrespect to a non-commissioned officer, drunk and disorderly
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** 1st Lieutenant, 28-year-old male, separate battalion
 • **Charges:** Driving while license sus-

pending, no insurance
 • **Location:** Pembroke

• **Subject:** Private, 20-year-old male, Division Artillery
 • **Charges:** Open container violation, possession of alcohol by a minor
 • **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Private 2, 22-year-old male, Division Artillery
 • **Charges:** Open container violation
 • **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Private, 20-year-old male, Division Artillery
 • **Charges:** Drinking underage
 • **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Private, 22-year-old male, Division Artillery
 • **Charges:** Open container violation
 • **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 20-year old male, Division Artillery
 • **Charges:** Hit and run, leaving the scene of an accident, driving under the influence, driving without license on person, improper lane usage, drinking underage
 • **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Sergeant, 29-year-old male, Aviation Brigade
 • **Charges:** Driving while license suspended
 • **Location:** Darien

• **Subject:** Private, 22-year-old male, separate battalion
 • **Charges:** Wrongful use of marijuana
 • **Location:** Miami, Fl.

• **Subject:** Petty Officer 3, 26-year-old male, separate battalion
 • **Charges:** Wrongful use of marijuana
 • **Location:** Miami

• **Subject:** Private, 19-year-old male, separate battalion
 • **Charges:** Underage drinking
 • **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Sergeant, 23-year-old male, 1st Brigade
 • **Charges:** Failure to obey a lawful order, driving on post suspension, failure to stop at a posted stop sign
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 20-year-old male, 24th Corps Support Group
 • **Charges:** Failure to yield the right of way
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Civilian, 27-year-old male
 • **Charges:** Improper backing
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

Court-Martials

The following cases were tried by Special Courts-Martial or General Courts Martial at Fort Stewart with the following results:

Special Courts-Martial

United States v. Pfc. Eric P. Scott, B Company, 3rd Forward Support Battalion, Fort Stewart Georgia. On Nov. 1, 2002, the military judge found Pfc. Scott guilty of AWOL and distribution of marijuana. The military judge sentenced Pfc. Scott to: Seven months confinement and to receive a bad-conduct discharge.

United States v. Pvt. 2 Singhoth A. Bounmy, D Company, 703rd Main Support Battalion, Fort Stewart Georgia. On Nov. 18, 2002, the military judge found Pvt. 2 Bounmy guilty of AWOL, larceny and forgery. The military judge sentenced Pvt. 2 to: Reduced to E-1, forfeit \$737 pay per month for 12 months, 12 months confinement and be discharged from the service with a bad-conduct discharge.

United States v. Pfc. Thomas Banks, Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 3rd Squadron, 7th Cavalry, Fort Stewart Georgia. On Nov. 19, 2002, the military judge found Pfc. Banks guilty of AWOL, failure to go to appointed place of duty, disobey NCO, disrespect NCO, false official statement, larceny and wrongful appropriation. The military judge sentenced Pfc. Banks to: Reduction to E-1, seven months confinement, forfeit \$737 per month for seven months and bad-conduct discharge.

United States v. Spc. Dave Roberson, Jr., Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 64th Armor, Fort Stewart Georgia. On Nov. 25, 2002, the military judge found Spc. Roberson guilty of AWOL. The military judge sentenced Pfc. Banks to Reduction to E-1, six months confinement and bad-conduct discharge.

United States v. Pvt. 2 Ashanti B. Graves, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment, Fort Stewart Georgia. On Nov. 27, 2002, the military judge found Pvt. 2 Graves not guilty of AWOL.

United States v. Pvt. 2 Jeffrey B. Granger, C Troop, 3rd Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, Fort Stewart

Georgia. On Dec. 11, 2002, the military judge found Pvt. 2 Granger guilty of two counts AWOL, larceny and false swearing. The military judge sentenced Pvt. 2 Granger to: Reduction to E-1, six months confinement and be discharged from the service with a bad-conduct discharge.

United States v. Pvt. Jesse R. Gibson, C Company, 11th Engineer Brigade, Fort Stewart, Georgia. On Dec. 11, the military judge found Pvt. Gibson not guilty of two counts use of marijuana and assault; he was found guilty of failure to go to appointed place of duty and two counts use of marijuana. The military judge sentenced Pvt. Gibson to: Four months confinement, forfeit \$500 pay per month for four months and a bad-conduct discharge.

United States v. Pvt. Thomas S. Hicks, Jr., D Company, 10th Engineer Brigade, Fort Stewart, Georgia. On Dec. 13, 2002, the military judge found Pvt. Hicks guilty of Desertion with intent to avoid hazardous duty and communicating a threat. The military judge sentenced Pvt. Hicks to: Seven months confinement and a bad-conduct discharge.

General Courts-Martial

United States vs. Melissa D. Herbin, Headquarters and Headquarters Operational Company, 103rd Military Intelligence Battalion, Fort Stewart, Georgia. On Nov. 1, 2002, the military judge found Herbin guilty of Aggravated assault, AWOL, flee apprehension, wrongful use of marijuana/cocaine, wrongful appropriation and larceny. The military judge sentenced Herbin to: reduction to E-1, seven years confinement and a dishonorable discharge.

United States v. Master Sgt. Donald R. Madison, Headquarters Company, Headquarters Command, Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia. On Nov. 6, 2002, the military judge found Master Sgt. Madison guilty of wrongful use of cocaine, sodomy, adultery and indecent acts with another. The military judge sentenced Master Sgt. Madison to: be reprimanded, to be reduced to the grade of E-6 and 60 days confinement.

United States v. Pfc. Christopher D. Cousin, B Co.,

2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry, Fort Stewart Georgia. On Nov. 8, 2002 the military judge found Pfc. Cousin guilty of Larceny. The military judge sentenced Pfc. Cousin to: reduction to E-1, total forfeitures of all pay and allowances, confinement for eight months and a bad-conduct discharge.

United States v. Spc. William E. White, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 69th Armor, Fort Stewart, Georgia. On Nov. 20, 2002, the military judge found Spc. White guilty of indecent act with a minor. The military judge sentenced Spc. White to: reduction to E-1, to be reprimanded, six years confinement and to be discharged from the service with a dishonorable discharge.

United States v. Sgt. Randy D. Hester, A Company, Headquarters Command, Fort Stewart, Georgia. On Nov. 26, the military judge found Sgt. Hester guilty of Larceny and two counts of Conspiracy (larceny). The military judge sentenced Sgt. Hester to reduction of E-1, forfeit all pay and allowances, two years confinement, to be discharged with a bad conduct discharges and to pay a fine in the amount of \$3,000.

United States v. Maj. Ernest Moore Jr., Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 39th Field Artillery, Fort Stewart, Georgia. On Dec. 3, the military judge found Maj. Moore guilty of Failure to report to appointed place of duty, wrongful possession of marijuana (by exceptions and substitutions), Wrongful use of cocaine, assault consummated by a battery and administrative proceeding. The military judge sentenced Maj. Moore to be reprimanded, 18 months confinement and be dismissed from the service.

United States v. Spc. Theron L. Hantla, B Company, 159th Aviation Regiment, Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia. On Dec. 18, the military judge found Spc. Hantla guilty of Wrongful use of marijuana, carnal knowledge and sodomy with a child. The military judge sentenced Spc. Hantla to: Reduction to E-1, four years confinement and receive a bad-conduct discharge.

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Stewart

Police officer recruitment

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department is looking for officers for many areas of their department. The hiring process will begin 9:30 a.m., Feb. 5 at the ACAP office. The Darany Entry level Police Officers Examination will given, a four-part test, the applicants will have two hours to complete the test. For an appointment, call 767-2611 or for more information, call 877-525-6145, e-mail dharky@cmpd.org or visit the website at www.cmpd.org.

Tax assistance available

The Marne Tax Assistance Office will be open Monday through Friday starting Jan. 21, the are located in Building 9611. For more information, call 767-4148.

\$500 Reward

There is a \$500 reward being offered for information leading directly to the identification, apprehension and conviction of the perpetrator(s) responsible for the theft of a set of AN/PVS 7A Night Vision Goggles (Serial #06472C) belonging to the HHC, 2nd Bn., 7th Inf. The goggles were reported missing from the dust bowl, Fort Irwin, Calif. Oct. 19.

Anyone with information concerning this crime can, contact CID Special Agent Barragan at DSN 470-5885 or Commercial (760) 380-5885. Offer expires Dec. 9, 2003.

American Red Cross

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

School questions

If you have school-related questions concerning your child's education, call the Directorate of Community Activities and Services between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Leave a message for the school liaison officer stating your name, home and work telephone numbers or e-mail and reason for calling. You can also E-mail David Smith at David.Smith4@stewart.army.mil, or call him directly at 767-6533/6071.

Life Skills class

As part of the installation's Operational Stress Control Program,

Division Mental Health is offering life skills training for soldiers, non-commissioned officers and junior officers.

The objectives are to help people develop skills relating to dealing with difficult people, achieving goals, listening skills, differences between self-talk and reality, and passive, aggressive and assertive communication. For more information, call 767-2545.

American Red Cross

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

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

Join Special Forces

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

Available class dates for Special Forces assessment and selection are Feb. 16 and March 23. Both combat and non combat MOSs may apply.

To learn more about Special Forces, attend the weekly briefing at Hunter, noon and 4 p.m., Tuesdays at the Education Center or Fort Stewart, 10 a.m., 2 or 5:30 p.m., Wednesdays, at the Recruiting Office, Building 132 (Coastal Communications). For more information, call 767-1857.

Recycle cardboard

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

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

For more information, call 767-8880/6327.

Outdoor recreation

See what recreational services and activities are available for you and your family. Go to the fishing and camping outdoor recreation websites

at www.stewart.army.mil/dpw/fish For more information on area attractions, events and craft classes, see the Leisure Guide at www.fortstewartmwr.com.

Hunter

Hunter traffic delays

Montgomery Gate construction began Nov. 18; Wilson Gate construction began Dec. 10. Each gate is down to one inbound and one outbound lane. You will not be able to exit through Middleground Rd. This will create delays. Plan accordingly and allow extra time to gain post access.

The following will help expedite traffic:

- * Ensure your vehicle is registered
- * Get extended passes if authorized
- * Avoid leaving and having to reenter
- * The worst times will be during lunch hours 12 to 1:30 p.m.; try to utilize on post facilities.

Rio Gate now open

The Rio Gate is now open to vehicles with Department of Defense decals only. The gate will be open at the following times: 5:30 to 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Wednesday and Friday; 5:30 to 9:30 a.m. and 3 to 5 p.m. Thursday; 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The gate will be closed on federal holidays.

Hunter Lanes

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

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

Dollar Day - All games \$1 opening to closing every Sunday. There is a one-lane limit for parties of less than eight bowlers.

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

Marvin's Corner Café - Serving the best food at Hunter Army Airfield. Call ahead for pick-up, 352-6279.

Correspondence Courses

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

FCC Certification

If you would like to be Federal Communications Commission certified, the Hunter Education Center is the place to go. Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University is offering

coursework that leads to certification. Tuition Assistance is now 100 percent, up to \$250 per semester hour, so come on in and sign up with your education counselor today. Call 352-6130 for information.

Airframe and Powerplant

Do you want to be A&P certified? The Hunter Education Center is the place to go. Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University is offering coursework that leads to certification. Tuition Assistance is now 100 percent; so come on in and sign up with your education counselor today. Call 352-6130 for more information.

Phatt Katz Comedy Show

The Phatt Katz Comedy Run will present a show at the Hunter Club on Feb. 12 starting at 9:30 p.m. Performance will feature two comedians and one headliner. Doors will open at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. For reservations, call 912-269-0277.

Division Training Holiday

Friday will be a Division Training Holiday prior to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday on Monday.

Golf Tournament Change

The Annual Hunter Golf Club Championship, normally scheduled in September, will now be held Saturday and Sunday, March 29-30. Please call the pro shop at 352-5622 for details.

Basketball Promotion

The Georgia Southern Athletics Department and the Georgia Southern Men's Basketball program would like to show their appreciation to the men and women of the armed forces. On Military Services Appreciation Night, Jan. 21, service members who show valid military identification will receive a discounted ticket (\$3.00 ticket) to the game matching the Georgia Southern Eagles versus The Citadel Bulldogs. Along with the discounted ticket, service members will also receive a certificate for one-free popcorn, redeemable at the concessions area before halftime of the game.

Tip-off is scheduled for 7:30 pm. in Hanner Fieldhouse on the campus of Georgia Southern University in Statesboro. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Winn Army Community Hospital

Medical Threat Briefings

Units that require a Medical Threat Briefing can now schedule it by calling Environmental Health at 767-3050.

EFMP Enrollment Orientation

The Exceptional Family Member Program will be holding an enrollment orientation from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Jan. 23 in the hospital auditorium. Meet other families and learn about other community support services.

For more information, call Jennie Pullings at 370-6505.

"Take Care of Yourself" class

The next "Take Care of Yourself" class at Tuttle will be 10 to 11 a.m. Jan. 29 in the library. Winn's next class will be 2 to 3 p.m. Jan. 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, call 370-5071 or 767-6633.

Tuttle TRICARE enrollment

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

Pregnancy Nurse Line

A nurse line is available for patients at least 20-weeks into their pregnancy who may have questions that can't wait to be answered until their regularly scheduled appointment.

To speak with a nurse, call 370-6550.

ASAP sees families

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

For more information, call 767-5265/5267.

Division Mental Health Clinic

The Behavioral Health Clinic at Winn will assume the duties of Division Mental Health, effective immediately. This means that all

Division soldiers and additional Reserve and national Guard soldiers will be treated at the Behavioral Health Clinic.

Sick-call hours are 7:30 to 8:30 a.m., Monday through Friday, except federal and training holidays. Division chapter and administration evaluations will continue to be assessed on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting at 1 p.m.

No evaluations will be completed if soldiers sign into the clinic after 1:30 p.m.

Emergencies after 4 p.m. on duty days, weekends and holidays are seen in the Winn emergency room.

If you have any questions, call the clinic at 370-6100.

Winn and Tuttle Champions

The Winn and Tuttle Champions program matches representatives with Family Readiness Groups to answer questions about what health-care services are available to you - from transferring your TRICARE enrollment to refilling prescriptions to schedule appointments. For more information, call Winn's representatives, Linda King or Darla Vaught, at 370-6225/6143 or Tuttle's representative, Marilyn O'Mallon, at 352-6015.

TRICARE 'online'

There is an e-mail address where you can go to get assistance with TRICARE questions: TRICARE_help@amedd.army.mil. If you would prefer to ask your questions to someone in the Fort Stewart/Hunter area, you may contact a health benefits advisor/beneficiary counseling and assistance coordinator.

If you have soldiers who are deployed, they too can access information and get assistance at Winn, 370-6015 or Tuttle, 352-5062.

Tuttle Army Health Clinic

Marilyn O'Mallon is Tuttle Army Health Clinic's patient representative.

Her role as a patient advocate means that patients have someone to address their concerns and find resolutions to their problems. She also offers notary service. Visit O'Mallon in her office at Tuttle Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Call 352-5731 or e-mail at Marilyn.O'Mallon@se.amedd.army.mil.

On Post

Academy deadlines

The Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools have posted the following key dates to remember concerning registration to the Academies, formerly known as the Magnet Programs:

Feb. 7 — Academy application deadline for lottery
Feb. 21 — Lottery date
Feb. 24 — Letters mailed to parents (acceptance, denial, and second choice letters)
March 28 — Deadline for school year 03/04 pre-registration

For more information on the Academies, contact the SCCPS central office at 201-4170 or the School Liaison Office, at 767-6533 or 352-5525

First steps volunteers

First Steps, a free program for military families expecting their first child, is seeking volunteers. Volunteers provide information and support to expectant and new military parents through home visits, monthly telephone calls, handing out information packets and making referrals to community resources. First Steps offers flexible hours, free daycare and mileage reimbursement.

For more information, call Laura Pifer at 756-6516.

ACS seeks volunteers

Army Community Service is looking for volunteers. There are a variety of programs to volunteer in: information and referral, relocation services, family member employment, family advocacy program, information technology, family services, consumer affairs, AER deployment mobilization and AFTB. You may set your own hours and may receive 12 free hours of childcare per week at CDS. For more information, call 767-5058/5059.

Dr. M. L. King celebration

Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield will host this year's Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday observance 1:30 to 3 p.m., Today, at Woodruff Theater.

Guest speaker will be radio personality Walt "Baby" Love, who will be accompanied by musician Moses Tyson Jr.

Tax assistance available

The Marne Tax Assistance Center will be open Monday through Friday starting this Tuesday. The center is located in Building 9611. For more information, call 767-4148.

Off Post

'Riverdance' on the way

"Riverdance," that high-stepping international phenomenon, will return to the Johnny Mercer Theatre from Feb. 18 through 23. Tickets range from \$15-\$65. Call 651-6556.

'Beauty and the Beast'

Disney's "Beauty and the Beast," the Tony Award-winning musical, is coming to Savannah. The production will hit the stage at the Johnny Mercer Theatre from March 18 through 23. Tickets range from \$30-\$48. Call 651-6556 or 1-800-351-7469 or see www.tickets.com or www.savannahcivic.com.

'Cinderella' to be staged

Rodgers & Hammerstein's "Cinderella" will be staged Feb. 21 and 22 at the Lucas Theatre for the Arts. Tickets are \$25, \$35 and \$45.

Call 525-5050 for tickets or more information.

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

'Wives of Warriors' offer keys to surviving deployments



Casey Craig

Ilene Stubbs, shares her experiences as a military spouse with families Sunday at Marne Chapel.

Casey Craig

PAO Volunteer

Just imagine - military wives who have walked in your shoes, sharing experiences they had while separated from their soldier, in hopes of making your path a little smoother. Three "Wives of Warriors" did just that as 60 Army spouses listened and asked questions at Fort Stewart's Marne Chapel Sunday afternoon. The event, brought to Fort Stewart by the 2nd Brigade Combat Team's prayer group, was geared directly at Army spouses with soldiers deployed or about to be deployed.

Ilene Stubbs, Paula Halvorson and Doris Waldrop are touring military installations on a trek to putting to ease the minds and hearts of military spouses with deployed or deploying mates. The ladies have a combined total of at least 70 years as military spouses. Their goal is to encourage and support 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) and other military spouses. All three, in

some form, have or continue to survive the situations 2nd BCT and 1st BCT soldiers and family members are facing today. The Stewart wives hoped to capture an idea or two they could take home and apply to their lives.

First speaker, Stubbs, identified herself as a former military spouse whose husband made "defending his country" a 30-year career. During his first tour of Vietnam, her children were 18-months and 4-years old. At those ages, her children's needs were a stable and secure home life while daddy was gone for lengthy periods of time.

Stubbs also discussed levels of intimacy between married couples, described causes of stress for spouses — left home during a deployment — and also provided 'stress buster' suggestions, essential for any spouse to stay physically and mentally healthy.

A point she hoped the audience learned from

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Not your average cup of joe ...



Staff Sgt. Brian Sipp

Lt. Col. Daniel E. Williams 1/3 Aviation Bn. commander, helps Harvey Libow, vice president of Resource Development, and Dick Sanders, vice president of Community Development, load 250 pounds of Starbucks Coffee, which is being sent to the 3rd Inf. Div. (Mech) troops deployed to Kuwait. Williams accepted the donated coffee from the Savannah Chapter of the American Red Cross on behalf of the 3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.).

ACS helps families cross T's, dot I's

Casey Craig

PAO Volunteer

Whether supporting an accelerated or regularly scheduled rotation, one responsibility of Army's Community Service is assisting soldiers and their families prepare for deployment.

When 1st Brigade Combat Team's original spring deployment to Kuwait was accelerated, Army Community Service, like many organizations on post, has kicked into high gear providing deployment briefs for units departing.

Susan Wilder, Mobilization and Deployment specialist, is in charge of setting up these briefings. With a brigade combat team deploying within a short amount of time, Wilder said, "We are doing (deployment briefings) nightly as well as on the weekends to ensure that our soldiers and their families are armed with the information that they will need to sustain during deployment."

These briefings — designed to assist families who have experienced deployment, but especially for new Army families facing their first deployment — are an opportunity for the soldier and family to obtain answers to readiness questions directly from chaplains, legal services and other support agencies.

With a soldier's family well-being linked to the

morale and ability of the soldier to focus on the mission during separation, these briefings provide checklists for the soldier to complete with his or her family. Having information on finances, automotive care and insurance at hand, helps the spouse remaining behind resolve any emergency should one arise during the deployment. That cuts down on distractions for the soldier.

Often these briefings follow company-level deployment briefing with the unit's Family Readiness Group. B Company, 11th Engineer Battalion, held its deployment briefing for FRG members Saturday. Some items covered by Capt. Michael Bliss, the company's commanding officer, included introduction of the rear detachment commander, and explaining the role of rear detachment personnel with families.

Bliss warned spouses not to expect much communication from their soldier for a time. Rapid troop build up requires expanding existing facilities and services to accommodate all arriving soldiers.

The battalion's deployment briefing, scheduled one day this week, includes both a morning and afternoon session.

Wilder, along with staff from different support agencies represented at the briefings, are practically working around the clock. Perhaps the only people at Fort Stewart getting deep sleep these days are military dependents under the age of two, as they nap.

Some airlines drop ticket exchange fees for troops

Gerry J. Gilmore

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Some U.S. airlines are adjusting their rules so service members won't have to pay penalties if they need to alter ticket reservations because of military duty.

AirTran Airways, Delta Airlines and Hawaiian Airlines now waive ticket change fees for service members on military deployment orders, while ticketing changes on Southwest Airlines are currently free, according to Jean Marie Ward of the Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for personnel and readiness.

Ward said particulars of these carriers' programs can be viewed at DoD's Military Assistance Program Web site at dticaw.dtic.mil/mapsite/airtickets.html. Information from more air-

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An artist's rendering of the new Fort Stewart Post Exchange. The new PX is scheduled to be opened in July.

New PX promises to be bigger, better

Sgt. Raymond Piper

Editor

The Army and Airforce Exchange Services on post is looking to create a one-stop shopping experience for Marine soldiers and families at Fort Stewart.

The new facility, scheduled to be opened in July, doubles the space of the old exchange and will add several new vendors to the food courts and the kiosks.

In the food court will be a Charlie's Steakery, Anthony's Pizza, Cinnabon, Taco John's and Robin Hood.

Stores located in the lobby area will include an alteration/drycleaning shop, barber shop, beauty salon, Hip Hop shop, pharmacy, a flower shop, candy store, T-shirt shop and a General Nutrition Center. A Military and Clothing Exchange will also be in the new facility.

"The drycleaners will have a drive-through window so people can drop off and pick up clothes without getting out of their car," said Gordon Wynn, Fort Stewart AAFES general manager.

He added, "Our goal is to create a one-stop shopping experience for the Fort Stewart community."

Inside the actual exchange there will be twice as much floor space for shoppers giving ample room for soldiers and family members to shop, Wynn said. "The Powerzone will be expanded as well as all of the major departments," he said. "We will also add a garden center and a year-round Toyland department, which will be expanded during the holidays."

Shoppers will find many new items in the shop, but not as many high-end items, such as Coach handbags, Wynn said.

He added, "We have found that soldiers and fam-

ilies at Fort Stewart are very conscientious shoppers.

"All of the new fixtures and counters will be brand new and top of the line. The latest retail point of sale systems will be used and there will be more checkouts so the customer should see faster service," Wynn said. "This is expected to be AAFES largest facility in CONUS."

The parking lot will have 750 parking spaces and there will be five entrances to the lot.

With the increase in size there will be an increased need for more employees.

"We are expecting a 15 to 20 percent increase in staffing due to the need for more employees," Wynn said.

AAFES is continuing to train their employees, both new and old, so they can provide the best service possible, Wynn said.

The old facility will remain in place but will be transformed into the furniture store, giving the store more space for display items but also for storage.

"We hope to be able to provide lay-a-way on all of the furniture in stock," Wynn said.

The current furniture store is only able to offer lay-a-way on baby furniture because there is not enough storage space.

The barbershop and the shoe repair shop will remain and a computer-repair shop and engraving and trophy shop will be added. The food court will be transformed into either a super Anthony's Pizza or a Godfather's Pizza. A 24-hour Internet café and the U-Haul/Economic Car Rental will be moved into the current plaza.

Construction on the \$9.1 million dollar facility began in February 2002. Construction should be complete in April and the doors of the new facility will open in July

The new post exchange begins to take shape as construction continues on the new facility. Construction began in February 2002. The new PX, will have 61,000 square feet of floor space and will offer more shopping options for family members and soldiers.



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her was how important it is to reach out to a positive support group.

The next speaker got the group's attention by merely mentioning the fact she has six children. Paula Halvorson, married to a helicopter pilot, said her children were 12-years old and under when her husband was flying the most dangerous missions of his career. She saw that time as an opportunity to teach unique lessons to her children. It became a special time for her — as she learned much from her children.

Most nodded heads in agreement as Halvorson discussed one of the loneliest times in marriage can happen when your soldier is not deployed. Often a spouse can be home physically, but be so consumed and focused on the mission, tasks, and soldiers, that family feel invisible and is a symptom of separation stress discussed in Fort Stewart pre-deployment briefings.

The final speaker, Doris Waldrop, marveled at the communication opportunities available to today's military family, such as 24-hour news channels, email and video conferencing. Her husband's first tour in Southeast Asia was when their sons were 4- and 5-years old. Because Dad was not a part of their every day life "in the flesh", Waldrop turned to family, her church and her support group so the boys could be around father figures.

She shared such wisdom as "While no one likes unwanted change, each of us can decide how it will affect us," and included a warning of sorts. When a spouse is bitter and angry because of frequent separations, those feelings will affect the children growing up in that house. Afterwards, several Fort Stewart wives commented that Waldrop's perspective of the past was one they would take to heart: "You cannot change the past, but you can change the hold the past has on you."

One 1st BCT spouse, Sabrina Murphy, learned about the program through an email from a 2nd BCT Family Readiness Group leader. She was impressed with the topics, and wanted to learn ways to maintain her focus and how not become overwhelmed during the deployment. Murphy acknowledged while her husband has an important mission, she also has one here at home. Murphy said it was great to learn the information on stress and the importance of taking care of one's self.

While family separations are part of military life, when Army spouses take the responsibility of guiding younger, more inexperienced spouses and passing on lessons they have learned along the way, it is simply a win-win situation for everyone.

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lines is expected to be added soon, she said.

According to General Service Administration officials, a number of other airlines will waive ticket change penalties if service members present copies of their military orders or a letter from their commanders, Ward noted. The waiver procedures are official company policy for some carriers, she said, but not all reservation or check-in personnel may know that. She suggested travelers call their airline for waiver information before going to the airport.

Much of the U.S. airline industry has been in a financial tailspin since Sept. 11, 2001, and have instituted or boosted penalties for customers who want new tickets because of missed flights or changes in their travel plans.

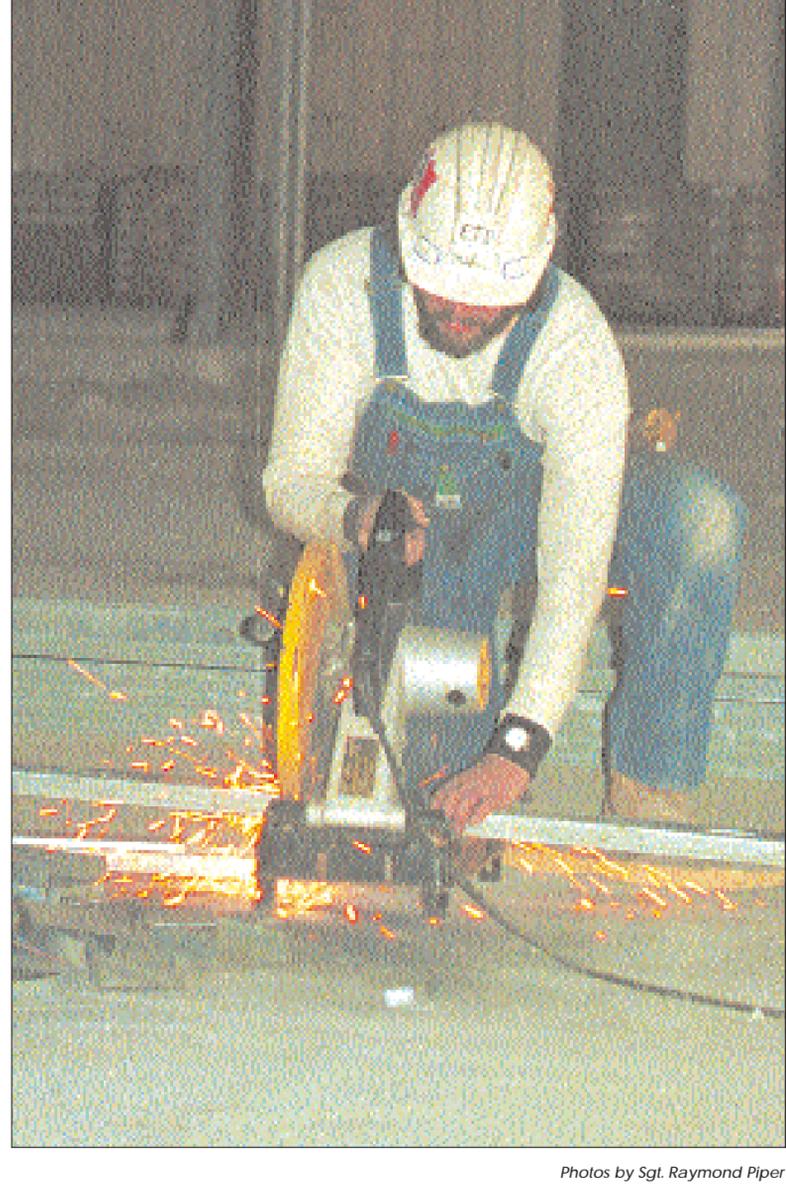
Military travelers became prime penalty targets on Oct. 7, 2001, when America launched its military offensive against global terrorism. Many thousands of active and reserve component service members already have been called up and deployed, Ward noted, and myriad thousands more have been tapped for duty as part of the U.S. military buildup for potential war against Iraq.

Questions were raised in late 2002 about the travel penalties faced by service members called off leave for military operations.

At DoD's request, GSA officials queried City Pairs Program carriers — the contract carriers for government travelers — regarding ticket exchange penalties and waivers for military personnel, Ward remarked. Meanwhile, she added, Air Mobility Command officials pursued parallel inquiries and ultimately coordinated much of the discussion between DoD and the airlines regarding waivers.

Information on the Military Assistance Program Web site notes that the Army Emergency Relief Society, Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society and the Air Force Aid Society may provide loans to cover unexpected expenses resulting when air carriers don't waive fees or penalties.

The Web site notes that service members needing



Photos by Sgt. Raymond Piper

A construction worker from LPI construction cuts a section from a steel beam during construction on the new Fort Stewart Post Exchange.

"The travel issues related to short term deployment are broader than changes in personal travel plans."

Jean Marie Ward

Office of the Undersecretary of Defense

for personnel and readiness

financial help of this type can call or visit the relief society office at the nearest military installation. The three organizations have reciprocal agreements with each other and the Coast Guard.

Policies for changing reservations or travel plans vary across the travel industry, Ward explained, noting that Amtrak tickets, for example, can be changed without charge in most cases. In contrast, prearranged travel packages would be more difficult to alter.

"However, the travel issues related to short-term deployments are broader than changes in personal travel plans," Ward said. Certain military personnel, such as single and dual military parents, are required to have family care plans for deployments, she noted, adding that these plans can involve sending children to distant family members or bringing a caretaker into the home.

Ward said DoD is exploring the issue of this kind of short-fused family travel with the airlines. Pending new airline policies, she said, DoD recommends service members implementing plans that call for short-fused family travel ask their airline representative about eligibility requirements for any special fares.

Military families whose care plans rely on other forms of transportation should check their carriers' policies, Ward said. In any case, she noted, local military service relief societies might offer loans to cover these expenses.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

A Just War?

Chaplain (Maj.) Timothy Sowers

Family Life Chaplain

As our nation considers war, the soldiers of Fort Stewart are placed front and center on the world stage. Here, families and loved ones consider the sacrifice of deployment and possible war. Elsewhere, we hear of pacifists in Hollywood on the one hand, while the opposite extreme seeks to portray the United States as a modern crusader. These two extremes are not new but in fact led to our understanding of "Just War." After centuries of debate, these two extremes led St. Augustine and Thomas Aquinas to posit specific ideas concerning just war. Augustine stated that war is waged that peace might prevail. Thomas Aquinas contributed by stating, it is legitimate for authority to use force to conquer evil for the common good.

The ethical framework for the just war theory has been compiled throughout the centuries and gives us the criteria for going to war. These prin-

ciples are:

1. Just Cause — The right of self-defense.
2. Last Resort — War is always a last resort after the failing of all negotiations.
3. Just Intention — War is carried out for peace and security, not for territorial conquest.
4. Proportionality — The force used is proportionate to that needed to secure the peace.
5. Discrimination — Civilians and noncombatants are not to be attacked.
6. Limited Objectives — War is to secure the peace not the obliteration of a nation or social/political institution.

In our day and age, leaders struggle with these concerns. Church leaders too have struggled with this challenging and complicated question. Some have issued statements concerning a first strike against Iraq was consistent with the just war theory, which is in keeping with self defense. Never the less, whatever our personal opinion, each of us are called to be responsible citizens supporting our president, and our military for the sake of peace.

Worship Opportunities

Fort Stewart

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

Hunter Army Airfield

| | | |
|--------------------------|-------------|---------|
| <u>Protestant</u> | | |
| Sunday Service | Post Chapel | 11 a.m. |

COUPLES COMMUNICATION WORKSHOP

This is a monthly workshop for couples to learn communication skills.

The next workshop will be held 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Jan. 24, at Victory Chapel, Building 2125, across from Popeyes. Lunch is provided.

Pet of the Week

Dusty is a well behaved, 2-year-old, male, Rottweiler mix. He is very friendly and gets along well with other animals and loves children. Dusty also knows basic commands and is housebroken.

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



SPORTS & FITNESS

On Post

Youth B-ball/cheerleading

Register your child for the Fall Fort Stewart Child and Youth Services basketball and cheerleading "step" team from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, Building 443, located on the corner of Gulick Ave. and Lindquist Rd., behind Corkan Pool.

Basketball age divisions will be 6 to 7 boys and girls, 8 to 10 boys, 8 to 10 girls 11 to 12 boys, 11 to 14 girls, 13 to 14 and 15 to 18 boys. Cheerleading will be two divisions, ages 6 to 9 and 10 to 14. Uniforms provided by Youth Services. For more information, contact CYS at 767-2312.

Tae Kwon Do lessons

Tae Kwon Do is available for children and adults.

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

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

Marne tournaments

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

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

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

Massage therapy

The location of massage therapy has changed.

Massage therapy is now available at Caro Gym Mondays through Fridays.

For more information, call 767-7090 or 767-4763.

Newman offers training

The Newman Physical Fitness Center now offers personal-training consultations. Consultations consist of health screenings (body fat assessments), exercise prescription and nutritional counseling. Consultations are on appointment basis only.

Persons desiring this service may contact the Newman Physical Fitness Center at 767-3031.

Golf Course

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

Off Post

Aerobics classes

The West Broad Street YMCA presents aerobics.

The classes are held from 11 a.m. to noon, noon to 1 p.m., 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and 5:45 to 6:45 p.m., every Monday, Wednesday and Friday; and from 9 to 10 a.m. Saturdays.

There is no fee for YMCA members and \$30 for non-members per month.

For more information, call 233-1951.

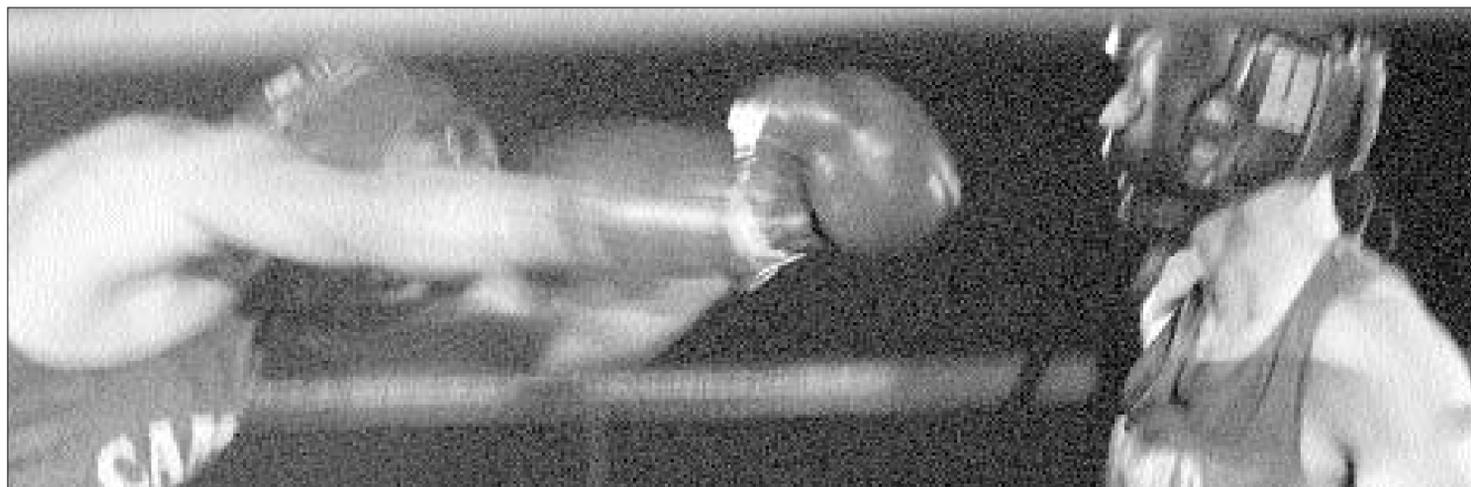
Half marathon

Registration begins for the Hilton Head Island Half Marathon.

The half marathon will be held 8 a.m., Feb. 15. The fee is \$30 if registered before Feb. 8. After this date, the fee is \$40. No race-day registrations will be permitted.

Participants can register at www.bearfootsports.com.

If you're interested in having your sports articles, commentaries or briefs posted in The Frontline, call 767-3440, or fax at 767-5979. Deadline is noon on Fridays.



Spc. Adam Nuelken

Javier Johnson (left) swings at an unprepared Matt Clark (right) during Camp New York's third fight night.

'The Champs in the Camps'

Fight night helps knock out deployment doldrums

Spc. Adam Nuelken

Staff Writer, Frontline Forward

CAMP NEW YORK, Kuwait — Like any formal military ceremony, Camp New York's third fight night, held Jan. 4, started off with an invocation and posting of the colors. But that was where the pomp and circumstance ended. Once the fights began, the crowd of soldiers was anything but quiet and solemn.

In all, 26 soldiers battled it out for the crowd to win medals and bragging rights. During the fights, the crowd of soldiers cheered on their fighters and took a step away from the typical desert night.

"It's a good way to escape being in the desert, and it provides a good entertainment value," said 1st Lt. Herb Leggette, fire support officer for Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 9th Field Artillery. "You can hear it out here — it's a real good thing for morale."

The fighters were given only a few minutes to try and pummel each other. But after the fight, the boxers were still part of the team.

"It brings the soldiers together to witness raw competition," said Maj. Terrence Sanders, personnel officer for 2nd Brigade Combat Team. "They gave their best, and when it

was over, they were still friends."

But the fights are more than just a chance for soldiers to wait on one another; it also keeps soldiers motivated and helps unit cohesion.

"It's definitely a morale booster. It gives them great motivation to see their friends do this," said Command Sgt. Maj. Otis Smith, 2nd Brigade Combat Team's command sergeant major. "I think it builds their morale, team and unit cohesion. It brings the guys closer together."

"I like (fight nights) because I like to have fun, and it's a break from the every day routine," said Spc. Rashad King, a medic for Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 9th Field Artillery. "I think it's a big stress relief because it gives the soldiers a chance to do what they want."

Planning the events is well worth the hassle according to Sanders because it is an activity that can build camaraderie and esprit de corps.

"I just like seeing soldiers come together and build cohesion. This is one of those things we can do together," he said. "Once it is all over and you see the pageantry and you the soldiers enjoy themselves, it's well worth it."



Spc. Adam Nuelken

Matt Clark (right) lands a shot to Javier Johnson's (left) chin.

Champs in the Camps

139-146 Class
Carlos Rosario

147-153 Class
Lovell Amison

154-164 Class
Benjamin Jackson

Bryan Spears

165-178 Class

Jason Hollman
Edmund Diaz
Matt Clark

Female
Jessica Dull

179-200 Class

Michael Neam
Robert Williams

201 and up class

Ricardo Calloway
Kri Davis
DeJuan Bryant

The Citadel tops Campbell 34-10

Daryl Grove

Special to The Frontline

The Citadel picked apart Campbell University with wins at the seven of the ten weight classes. The night was highlighted by falls at the 133, 149, 184 and 197-pound weight classes.

The most stirring match of the night came in the 125-pound weight class between The Citadel's Ryan McClester and Campbell's star Andy Bricker. Bricker was able to ride out McClester to win a sudden death victory (2-2).

At 133-pounds, nationally ranked (18) Sean Markey stuck Luke Francis in a time of 2:10.

Bricker's brother Adam defeated Bulldog Mike Martinez in the 141-pound weight class scoring a major decision 14-5.

149-pounder Vince Bartges worked over Elliot Berger scoring a technical fall (17-1) late in the third period.

The Citadel's 157-pound Travis Piccard notched a major decision (14-4) versus Victor Arena.

At 165-pounds Campbell's Adam Rees slid by Bulldog James Rose 8-6.

Citadel captain Keith Clifton scored four team

points for the Bulldogs by defeating Jonathon Carlisle 13-2.

Bulldogs John Bohren and Jordan Everett added six team points each by pinning Brian Hocum (4:12) and Josh McConnell (5:40).

Heavyweight Billy Linane added three team points to give the Bulldogs a 34-10 advantage by slipping past Dennis Campbell 6-5. "We won a lot of matches that we thought we could win," stated head coach Rob Hjerling. "It's nice to know we can come in and dominate when we need to. The 125-pound match was important and we are disappointed we didn't pull it off, but we have to move on."

Black Knights sweep long-distance events

Special to The Frontline

WEST POINT, N.Y. - The Army men's track and field team started its 2003 indoor track season with a dominant performance at the Carlton Crowell Open. The Black Knights took first place in 10 of 18 events at Saturday's non-scoring meet.

Competitors from SUNY-Albany, Medgar Evers, Binghamton, Lafayette and USMA Prep School were also on hand to compete at West Point's Gillis Field House.

Junior Trevor Hopper led the team with two wins, picking up victories in the 400-meter dash and 55 hurdles. Hopper's time of 7.78 seconds in the 55 is one of the fastest times in Army history. The junior's first-place showing in the 400 led an Army sweep of the top-three spots, with Mark Haseman and Evan Newpher-Lockard finishing right behind him. Haseman also scored a win in the 200, crossing the line with a mark of 23.09.

The men simply overwhelmed

their competition in the distance events, collecting victories in the 1,000, 3,000 and 5,000 mile runs. Although the other schools declined to enter the 1,000 and 5,000, the Black Knights managed to sweep the top-nine positions in the 3,000 and the top-five spots in the mile.

Freshman Cory Wroblewski took first-place in the mile with a clip of 4:26.86. Also winning for Army in the distance events were Seann Kim (1,000), Eric Motzenbecker (3,000) and Aaron Smead (5,000).

Jevan Willis excelled in both jumps, taking first in the triple-jump (45-6 1/2) and second in the long jump (21-10 1/4). Rounding out the Army victory streak were Brian Harris' first-place launch of 46-4 1/4 in the shot put and Tony Corona's gold-medal showing in the 500 (1:07.69).

The Black Knights will be back in action at Gillis Field House on Saturday as they host the West Point Quadrangular. The indoor meet starts at 1 p.m.

Marne Scoreboard

Basketball

| Team | Standings Through Jan. 9 | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|---|-------|
| | W | L | Pct. |
| HSC, 92nd Eng. Bn. | 4 | 0 | 1.000 |
| HBB, 1/41 FA | 4 | 0 | 1.000 |
| Svc. Btry, 1/41 FA | 3 | 0 | 1.000 |
| D Co., 123rd Sig. Bn. | 1 | 0 | 1.000 |
| 3rd SSB | 4 | 1 | .800 |
| 369th Trans. Co. | 3 | 1 | .750 |
| B Co., 703rd MSB | 5 | 2 | .700 |
| A Co., 2/7 Inf. | 5 | 2 | .700 |
| A Btry, 1/41 FA | 2 | 1 | .666 |

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|-----------------------|---|---|------|
| C Co., 11th Eng. Bn. | 2 | 1 | .666 |
| 632nd Maint. Co. | 3 | 2 | .600 |
| 92nd Chem. Co. | 3 | 2 | .600 |
| HHS 1/39 FA | 2 | 2 | .500 |
| MEDDAC | 3 | 4 | .400 |
| C Btry, 1/41 FA | 1 | 3 | .250 |
| C Co., 3/7 Inf. | 1 | 4 | .200 |
| C Co., 2/7 Inf. | 0 | 3 | .000 |
| A Co., HQ CMD | 0 | 6 | .000 |
| 94th Maint. Co. | 0 | 3 | .000 |
| C Co., 123rd Sig. Bn. | 0 | 2 | .000 |
| HHT, 3/7 Cav. | 0 | 4 | .000 |
| HBB DIVARTY | 0 | 3 | .000 |

Fort Stewart Intramural Basketball Western Conference

| Jan. 7 | |
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| 396th Trans Co. (27) vs. C Co., 11th Eng. (34) | |
| HBB, 1/41st FA (50) vs. C Btry, 1/41st FA (44) | |
| HHC, 3/7th Inf. (45) vs. 94th Maint. Co. (44) | |
| Jan. 9 | |
| HBB, 1/41st FA (2) vs. HHT, 3/7th Cav. (Forfeit) | |
| C Btry, 1/41st FA (2) vs. HHT, 3/7th Cav. (Forfeit) | |
| SVC, 1/41st FA (45) vs. 94th Maint. Co. (29) | |
| Jan. 8 | |
| 3rd SSB (55) vs. A Co., HQ Cmd. (44) | |
| C Co., 3/7th Inf. (2) vs. HHS, 1/39th FA (Forfeit) | |
| A Co., 2/7th Inf. (54) vs. 103rd MI Bn. (50) | |
| B Co., 703rd MSB (Forfeit) vs. 632nd Maint. Co. (2) | |
| 92nd Chem. (43) vs. MEDDAC (26) | |

| Hunter Intramural Basketball Western Conference | |
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| Jan. 7 | |
| 416th Trans. Co. (74) vs. U.S. marines Corps (45) | |
| K Co., 159th Avn. (54) vs. 24th Ord. (34) | |
| D Co., 1/3rd Avn. (46) vs. DFAC (58) | |
| Jan. 8 | |
| 110th QM Co. (2) vs. B Co., 603rd (Forfeit) | |
| B Co., 1/59th Avn. (38) vs. 1/12th QM (36) | |
| 2/3rd Avn. (Forfeit) vs. HSC 603rd MSB (Forfeit) | |
| Jan. 9 | |
| DFAC (42) vs. K Co., 159th Avn. (37) | |
| 24th Ord. (44) vs. 416th Trans. Co. (57) | |
| U.S. Marines (50) vs. A Co., 603rd MSB (35) | |

Volunteer Spotlight



Michelle R. Allen



Michelle R. Allen, a native of Toledo, Ohio, is a Red Cross volunteer at Winn Army Community Hospital. "I volunteer because the Red Cross has helped my family in the past and I would love to help the Red Cross," Allen said. She also said she looks forward to meeting and helping people.

Allen's interests include arts and crafts and baking. She and her husband Steven have two sons, 20-year-old Steven Joseph Allen and 18-year-old Michael Todd Allen.

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



WOODRUFF THEATER

Jan. 16 - 22

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



Extreme Ops (PG-13)

Starring: Devon Sawa, Rufus Sewell
Thursday and Wednesday at 7 p.m.
 A film crew travels to the Austrian Alps where they plan to film three extreme-sports. However, they happen to film a notorious Serbian war criminal and he gives chase, forcing the crew through a number of extreme situations if they hope to survive. Run time: 93 minutes

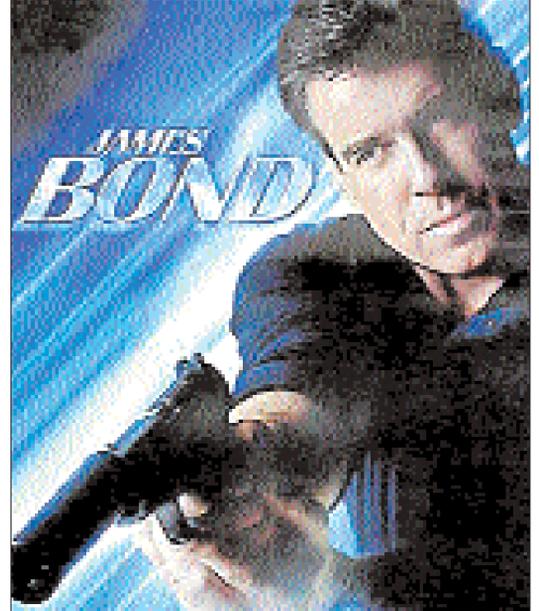
Treasure Planet (PG)

Starring: Animated
Saturday and Sunday at 7 p.m.
 Fifteen-year-old Jim Hawkins, who joins the crew of an intergalactic expedition as cabin boy aboard a glittering space galleon. Befriended by the ship's cook, a charismatic cyborg named John Silver Jim blossoms under his guidance, and shows the makings of a fine "spacer" as he and the alien crew battle supernovas. Run time: 96 minutes

Analyze That (R)

Starring: Robert DeNiro, Lisa Kudrow
Monday and Tuesday at 7 p.m.
 Story picks up where the original left off, with Paul Vitti being let out of prison. He again hooks up with therapist Ben Sobel, who may need more psychological help now than his mobster patient... the burden of taking over his deceased father's practice is making him just crazy enough to have another wacky adventure with his wife and his emotionally distraught mobster companion. Run time: 95 minutes

FREE Showing Friday at 7 p.m. DIE ANOTHER DAY



Starring: Pierce Brosnan, Halle Berry
 Bond is on the trail of new villains — the deadly megalomaniac Gustav Graves and his ruthless right-hand man, the North Korean Zao. Along the way, Bond crosses paths with Jinx and Miranda Frost, before following Graves to his lair in Iceland: a palace entirely of ice. Run time: 120 minutes



Birth announcements

December 17
Madison Lee Brown, a girl, 8 pounds, 5 ounces, born to Sgt. Christopher A. Brown and Courtney Lin Brown.
Marcus Shar'Ron Averhart, a boy, 9 pounds, 7 ounces, born to Sgt. 1st Class Michael Averhart and Staff Sgt. Sharon Averhart.
Liam Jake Brooks, a boy, 8

pounds, 7 ounces, born to Pfc. William Jake Brooks and Claire Brooks.
Teresa Grace Bayles, a girl, 7 pounds, 8 ounces, born to Capt. Andrew McKelvy Bayles and Jeannine Michelle.

December 18
Swinn Benai Bastian, a girl, 8 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Spc. Demetrius Bastian and Viola Nickson Bastian.
Michael Dennis Freese Jr., a boy, 7 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Pfc. Michael Dennis Freese and Jessica L. Freese.
Mya Esperanza Hotchkiss, a girl, 6 pounds, 12 ounces, born to

Spc. Corey J. Hotchkiss and M. Elizabeth Hotchkiss.
December 19
Brandon Micah Springer, a boy, 7 pounds, 13 ounces, born to Spc. David Andrew Springer and Erin A. Springer.
Breanna Katherine Stanisch, a girl, 5 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Pfc. Benjamin J. Stanisch and Stacey Ann Stanisch.
James Franklin Kennedy III, a boy, 7 pounds, 5 ounces, born to Sgt. James Franklin Kennedy II and Rita Annette Kennedy.

December 20
Wesley Neil Blanchard Jr., a

boy, 8 pounds, 15 ounces, born to Spc. Wesley Neil Blanchard and Patricia Ann Blanchard.
William Christopher Blue, a boy, 6 pounds, 7 ounces, born to Spc. Christopher Blue and Cassandra Blue.
Claudia Denise Bullock, a girl, 5 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Michael D. Bullock and M. Coleen Bullock.
Isaiah Duane Miles, a boy, 8 pounds, 4 ounces, born to Spc. Craig Duane Miles and Sheila Lisa Miles.

December 26
Cristian David Carvajal, a boy, 6 pounds, 13 ounces, born to

Sgt. Gustavo A. Carvajal and Claudia P. Carvajal.
December 27
Damien Xavier Boling, a boy, 8 pounds, 14 ounces, born to Jack Boling Jr., and Spc. Amy Boling.
Chloe Marie Monroe, a girl, 9 pounds, born to Sgt. Chad Everett Monroe and Corey Ann Monroe.
Acacia Shavonne Williams, a girl, 7 pounds, 13 ounces, born to Pfc. Edward Williams and Angela Williams.
December 28
Kylie Michelle Koger, a girl, 5 pounds, 8 ounces, born to Pvt. 2 Michael Koger and LaGina Koger.