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Marne Escort: how not to get arrested

Sgt. Mason T. Lowery

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A new partnership between Hunter Army Airfield and the Savannah Police Department gives Soldiers who are arrested on weekend nights in Savannah a choice: cooperate and get a ride back to Hunter; or get belligerent, get arrested, and then get a ride back to Hunter anyway.

The partnership is called Marne Escort, and it was designed to keep Soldiers out of criminal trouble, maintain the quality of life of downtown residents, and lessen the workload for Savannah police officers.

Six minor infractions will get a Soldier, or anyone, arrested under Savannah's "Zero Tolerance" policy: carrying an open container of alcohol; public urination; obstruction and hindering ("Buddy Aid" — trying to help your buddy not be arrested); disorderly conduct; battery; and loud music. (See information box on 8A).

Savannah residents live above the businesses in City Market and River Street. The six actions affect their quality of life and strain Savannah's relationship with the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized), according to Maj. Louis Poore, Hunter Army Airfield deputy provost marshal.

Before the program, when a Soldier got arrested in Savannah, he was charged with a crime and processed at the Chatham County Detention Facility. After facing criminal charges, he would, in some cases, face administrative charges from his unit. The Marne Escort program attempts to cut out the "middle man" — the Savannah Police Department — and keep Soldiers out of criminal trouble, Poore explained.

"Attitude counts for a lot," he said, meaning that if a Soldier cooperates once arrested, he will be taken back to Hunter and not criminally charged.

Sgt. Melissa Hamilton, 179th Military Police Detachment, who was on duty in

Savannah Saturday night, said, "Soldiers need to realize that as long as they stay calm and cooperate, they'll be let go."

Americans and Soldiers can't be charged with the same crime twice. To be charged twice for the same offense is known as double jeopardy. According to Maj. Robert Resnick, chief of 3rd Infantry Division military justice, minor crimes committed in Savannah fall under state jurisdiction, while the Uniform Code of Military Justice falls under federal jurisdiction. Consequently, Soldiers can be charged in Savannah District Court and under UCMJ and it would technically not be double jeopardy.

But, he added, in most cases if state officials charge a Soldier with a crime, he will not be charged with a UCMJ crime, but will face administrative actions. If the crime is serious enough, units can request



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Spc. Randi Markham, 3220th MP Co., takes a Soldier into custody Saturday night in the City Market Parking Garage while on patrol for Marne Escort.

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Spc. Jacob Boyer

Sgt. Dallas Grandia, C Co., 3rd FSB, fires at pop-up targets during his battalion's live-fire convoy training Feb. 25.

3rd FSB conducts convoy live-fire

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Soldiers from 3rd Forward Support Battalion participated in the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized)'s first live-fire convoy exercise Feb. 25 at Fort Stewart.

Pop-up silhouette targets "ambushed" convoys of Humvees, M113 Armored Personnel Carriers and Light Medium Tactical Vehicles as they drove down a muddy trail in the northwest portion of the post, giving Soldiers a chance to practice their skills at reacting to such ambushes, said Lt. Col. Bobby A. Towery, 3rd FSB commander.

"It's been a good exercise so far," he said. "We learned a lot of this stuff in Iraq. About 30 percent of the Soldiers in the battalion are combat vets. We found out in the war you have to be ready to shoot on the move."

The battalion had one opportunity to train on these techniques in Kuwait during the buildup to Operation Iraqi



Sgt. 1st Class Billy Cheatam, C Co., 3rd FSB, fires at targets from his Humvee during the Maintainers' convoy live-fire training Feb. 25.

Freedom, Towery said. After driving re-supply routes in and around Baghdad, they decided more training was necessary.

"The exercise gives new Soldiers a

chance to see how things were in Iraq," said Sgt. 1st Class Billy Cheatam, C Company, 3rd FSB first sergeant. "Training events like this motivate them. We went and came back. This just lets them know what they need."

The training was conducted in three phases, he said. First, the Maintainers walked the course without their vehicles. After that, they went through with their vehicles and dry-fired at the targets. Once they felt comfortable, they went through the course in their vehicles with live ammunition.

"It's a series of crawl, walk and run to let them get comfortable before we start using live ammunition," Cheatam said.

Each convoy drove down a road and stopped in a herringbone formation after encountering a broken-down trailer. Soldiers got out of their vehicles to secure the formation

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Soldier awarded prestigious Medal for heroism in OIF

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A Soldier from 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, received the prestigious Soldier's Medal for his actions during Operation Iraqi Freedom in a ceremony in the unit's motor pool on Friday.

Staff Sgt. Kenneth Trinoskey, the Maintenance Team Chief of B Company, 3/7 Inf., helped save the lives of three fellow Soldiers during a vehicle rollover in Iraq. Two of the Soldiers later died.

"I saw it happen and just left what I was doing and ran up to help," Trinoskey said, who added that he feels honored for receiving such a prestigious medal.

The Soldier's medal is the highest medal given to anyone of the Armed Forces of the United States based on his performance during peacetime. The performance must have involved personal hazard or danger and the voluntary risk of life under conditions not involving conflict with an armed enemy.

The retelling of the accident left him moved but Trinoskey said his actions were just part of doing his job.

He helps people whenever he can and seeing some Soldiers hurt had him running to their aid, he said.

The 1st Brigade commander Col. William Grimsley, presented the award to Trinoskey and spoke to the Soldiers of 3/7th Inf. saying it was a honor to stand among them.

The rest of the unit received medals for various actions performed during the previous year in various missions the unit took part in.



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Staff Sgt. Kenneth Trinoskey, 3/7 Inf., receives the Soldier's Medal for his actions performed during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

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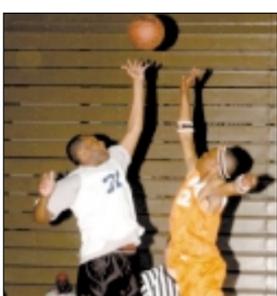
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Capt. Janet Dettle, 3rd Inf. Div. Engineer Cell assistant operations officer (left) and Spc. Jermaine Evans, HHD, Eng. Bde. track the battle and report obstacles, logistics and supplies needed for the lead elements at the Division Main CP Feb. 25 during the command post exercise at Evans Army Airfield.

Division CPs hone skills at exercise

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Marne Soldiers went to the field from Feb. 19 through 27 to conduct a division-wide Command Post Exercise at Evans Army Airfield.

"The purpose of a CPX is to synchronize the division staff with all the combat battlefield operating systems so the commander can make an informed decision when fighting in today's wars," said Sgt. Maj. Calvin Smithers, 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) operations sergeant major.

Soldiers set up tactical operations centers, tents, communications equipment and concertina wire to create a tactical environment in which they would live, train, eat and sleep.

"Our mission is to go to war on a moment's notice, so we've got to be trained and ready to go war," Smithers said. "While it is the Army's mission to deter war, we have to be ready to react to conflict, so the 3rd Infantry Division does a CPX every

quarter to train with current and future operations to prepare for war."

Three main areas work together during a combat situation; the division main, tactical and rear.

"The D-Main consists of the logistics support area, which consists of the dining facility, maintenance and medics; the division tactical operations center, which fights the battle and synchronizes all the planning for the fight; and the analysis control element, which is where all the top secret information is collected, analyzed and where interrogations are performed," Smithers said.

"The D-Rear is the farthest away from the battle. It consists of the division support command and other support elements and is where the 3rd Infantry Division pushes all logistics and supplies forward," Smithers explained.

"The D-TAC is the farthest forward element, and they are the ones that fight the battle," Smithers said.

Elements of the division used the time to

train Soldiers, hone equipment utilization skills, build teamwork within units and take better stock of their strengths and weaknesses.

"When bullets start flying, training takes over. With little direction, everyone should know what to do. So the more a Soldier trains, the less chance he has of being injured or killed. With repetition, training will become second nature and the leaders won't have to work as hard," Smithers said.

Practice makes perfect, and being out here allows us to redefine mistakes and work to improve and react to all situations, said Spc. Jermaine Evans, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, Engineer Brigade.

Spc. Eric Helton, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Inf. Div. generator mechanic, agreed, "Everything learned in the Army will be used at some time, and you have to know common tasks and what you are doing out there. You just got to stay focused on the mission and do your basic Soldiering skills."

The CPX also teaches Soldiers how to survive in different elements, since they are performed year-round.

"The elements could be wet, cold or hot and you have to deal with different personalities," Smithers said. "But every chance you can, get out and train in the field away from the office, telephones, emails and meetings. It is always better. There are less training distractors to learn your job, and ultimately this is what will be done in a combat environment."

While the elements are rough, the CPX provides Soldiers comforts to keep morale up.

Smithers said, "The mess hall has hot food for breakfast and dinner, sack lunches and portable bathrooms set up in battalion and brigade areas.

"Everything is there to make it comfortable for the Soldier," he said.

"Getting a hot meal for breakfast and a cold lunch keeps your body nourished and is enough to sustain you throughout the day," Helton said.

DIVARTY Counterfire Cell shapes battlefield

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The Division Artillery Brigade Counterfire Cell controlled simulated artillery missions during the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) Command Post Exercise Feb. 23 through 27.

"We're here exercising our artillery systems within the division to help the division staff in their decision-making processes," said Capt. Alan Wetzstein, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, DIVARTY battle captain. "As they simulate battles on the computers, we use our systems to make the battle more

real for the staff."

DIVARTY controls 1st Battalion, 39th Field Artillery's Multiple-Launch Rocket Systems, 155mm Paladin howitzers throughout the brigade combat teams and Q-36 and Q-37 counterfire radars to destroy enemy artillery positions and large groups of enemy combatants on the battlefield, said Chief Warrant Officer Liston Singletary III, DIVARTY counterfire officer.

Training with the division command posts helps the decision makers learn to use artillery effectively, he added.

"The Army standard is train as you fight, and artillery is an essential part of the battlefield,"

Liston said. "The maneuver commander depends on the artillery to help knock out the enemy's indirect systems or heavy concentrations of enemy soldiers."

On the battlefield, the Q-36 and Q-37 radars acquire enemy artillery positions by tracking incoming indirect fire back to its point of origin, Singletary said. When the coordinates are sent to the counterfire cell, the Soldiers there execute a battle drill where they plot the enemy's position and send the coordinates on to whatever weapon system will fire the counterfire mission. The decision to fire either MLRS or 155mm missions depends on the

enemy's location.

The fire support coordination line delineates the battlefield and helps Soldiers at the cell decide who should fire the counterfire mission, Singletary said. Below the line, brigade artillery assets will use their Paladins to destroy the targets. Above the line, 1/39 FA's MLRS are responsible.

"We go in with artillery and prepare an objective for the Soldiers on the ground," he said. "That way, when they go in, there aren't as many obstacles."

With changes in the division's organization and new personnel coming into the Fire Cell since it returned from Iraq, the CPX was

a good chance to see how the

team was working, said Sgt. 1st Class Howard Coleman, DIVARTY counterfire cell shift non-commissioned officer-in-charge.

"We've got a new role within the division, and we didn't know what our task organization was going to look like, but it didn't hurt us," he said. "It hasn't impacted us to where we haven't been able to do our jobs."

"We've got the tools to make this happen," said Maj. Bill Howard, Fire Cell officer-in-charge. "We've got a serious attitude to make this work not only within the DIVARTY (tactical operations center), but also for the division and its CPs."



Spc. Jimmy D. Lane Jr.

Chaplain (Capt.) Timothy Valentine, 123rd Signal Bn. chaplain, blesses the host before presenting it to Soldiers.

Soldiers celebrate faith in the field

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An Ash Wednesday Mass was held during the division command post exercise at the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) field dining facility in observation of the beginning of the Holy Season of Lent.

Soldiers need to be ready to deploy to a hostile situation at a moments notice. To be ready, they need a strong system of support, including a source of worship. To have this resource available is crucial to the morale and well being of the men and women defending our country.

"One's relationship to God goes to the very heart of the human being," said

Capt. Timothy Valentine, chaplain for the 123rd Signal Battalion. "If human beings are out here in the field, then so is God. To neglect the spiritual needs of Soldiers is to neglect their humanity."

"Back in the old church, people would be publicly accountable for their grievous sins, such as murder or adultery, Valentine said. "They were forced to wear a black sackcloth and ashes on their head. Ash Wednesday was a day they could publicly confess their sins and be forgiven by the community.

"There is a renewal of the church also. Lent is 40 days leading up to what is called the Triduum, the three days before Paschal, or Easter Sunday, the day Christ rose from the grave."

Roman Catholics who attended the ceremony were happy to be able to be

present on this day.

"This is a very important day to us," said Sgt. 1st Class Michel John, a G-6 planner from 123rd Sig. Bn. "It is the first day of 40 days of preparation for the celebration of Easter. It only happens once a year, so I am glad the mass was being held today."

Valentine read Scripture and made the sign of the cross in ash mixed with Holy Water on the forehead of each Soldier who attended the ceremony. Soldiers then received communion.

"On post or in a garrison situation, Soldiers have the choice of attending the church or service of their choice, but out here in the field we are all they have," Valentine said. "We try to meet their needs out here and be good instruments of the Spirit of God."

How to protect your children from predators

Spc. Katherine Robinson

Editor

Disguised by a seemingly harmless computer monitor, someone wants to prey on your child.

Children are in danger every day, not only when they're away from home, but in their own living rooms.

The Internet, while useful in many ways, can also be a window for a child predator to enter the home if the proper safeguards are not used.

It is important for parents to closely monitor their children's activities on the Internet for their own safety, according to Johnny Cusimano, family advocacy program manager, Army Community Service.

"A lot of this stuff (Internet solicitation of children) will occur more between the ages of 10 and 13," Cusimano said. "(Children that age) have the cognitive skills to operate the Internet, but not the maturity to assess danger."

The adolescent years are also times when children begin to challenge their parent's instructions and experiment with new things, he explained. This makes them more vulnerable to solicitation in forums such as online chat rooms.

A common misconception is that child predators look or act a certain way, Cusimano said. In fact, many of them seem harmless and friendly.



Photo illustration by Pfc. Benjamin T. Brody

"Predators are not like the typical image of a guy hitting on a girl," he explained. "They're friends. They are good conversationalists with kids that age." Many predators are good at taking their time, slowly obtaining information from their intended victims as they become confidantes, worming their way into the children's lives.

"They ... create an atmosphere desensitizing the child's self protective skills so they don't listen to what parents and adults say to protect them," Cusimano said.

From the friendship stage, a predator could move on to eventually molesting him or her. If it gets that far, there is often the need to conceal the act, and then the child's life becomes at risk, he added.

There are many things parents can do to provide the maximum amount of protection for their children against Internet solicitors, Cusimano said.

"I recommend a parent never have their kids access the Internet access without (supervising) them."

Chat rooms are not the only dangerous Internet venues children could become involved in. Often, they could unintentionally stumble on pornographic Web sites, or "stealth sites," while looking for information on innocent subjects.

There are several ways parents can provide protection by setting up their browsers to block potentially dangerous sites, according to Lottie Camp from the Directorate of Information Management.

"One of the main things is if you are a Department of the Army employee, military or civilian, Norton Antivirus is free," she said. "**Symantec.com** offers free firewalls for privately owned computers," she added. The firewall can be downloaded on the computer to monitor what the child is doing on the Internet.

"You can set up your browser to block restricted zones," Camp continued. "The systems themselves can be considered to block and protect the child at home."

Children can also protect themselves, by not giving any information out to "friends" on the Internet.

Many Web sites have eliminated their chat rooms in response to the significant danger to children, Cusimano said. But there are some chat rooms where the user can remain anonymous, and are not required to provide a profile containing, name, age, hometown, etc. Even in these cases, children should

never give out any information about themselves to anyone, he said, including where they go to school, what sports they play, or anything that can be used to discover identity and age.

Parents need to talk to their children, and guide them in the right direction, Cusimano added. They should also know their children's friends and the friend's parents.

"A lot of times, kids won't talk to their own parents," he explained. Although the process of questioning and challenging parental guidance is normal, the trick is to manage that process, not prevent it, by providing safety and direction.

There is also the danger children face from predators anytime they go out without their parents. Some things parents can do to protect their children include encouraging group activities, chaperoning, and providing a safe place in the home for children and friends to have fun, Cusimano said.

The Commission on Online Child Protection, a panel commissioned by the Child Online Protection Act, offers other methods that help reduce access by children to potentially harmful materials on the internet. For more information, visit www.copacommission.org.

Don't let your child be victimized by child predators. Educate yourself, your child and your community.

Defense Department introduces Global War on Terrorism Medals

Jim Garamone

American Forces Information Service

WASHINGTON — Military members serving at home and abroad in the war on terrorism will now be recognized for that service. Defense officials announced the final approval of two new medals and their criteria Feb. 26.

Individuals who have deployed to operations Enduring Freedom or Iraqi Freedom will be awarded the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal. The Global War on Terrorism Service Medal will be awarded to those who served in airport security operations in the United States following the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks or who supported operations Enduring Freedom, Noble Eagle or Iraqi Freedom.

"These medals recognize the significant contributions members of the armed forces bring to bear in combating terrorism in all forms throughout the world — for both current and future operations," stated a DoD news release.

Individuals can receive both medals if they meet the individual criteria, officials said.

To be awarded the expeditionary medal, individuals must have been deployed outside the United States for OEF or OIF for 30 consecutive days or 60 nonconsecutive days. The time requirement is not needed if the individual engaged in combat was wounded or killed in action, or was medically evacuated for any reason, officials said.

The area of eligibility encompasses the U.S. Central Command area, excluding the lower Horn of Africa; Middle East; eastern Turkey; Philippines; Diego Garcia; and all air spaces above the land and adjacent water areas, according to the release.

Each day aircrew members fly sorties into designated areas counts as one day of deployment toward the 30- or 60-day requirement.

Individuals engaged in actual combat may be eligible for battle stars on the expeditionary medal. Only a combatant commander can initiate a request for a battle star, and the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff is the approving authority for them, the release stated.

Personnel eligible to receive the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal must have participated or support operations on or after



The Global War on Terrorism Medals, left, will be awarded to servicemembers at home and overseas who served in the war on terrorism. The Department of Defense announced the approval of the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal (for Soldiers who deployed to Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom) and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal Feb. 26.

Sept. 11, 2001. Service medal eligibility dates run from Sept. 27, 2001, until May 31, 2002, for individuals who served in airport security operations.

The same 30- or 60-day requirements apply to the service medal as to the expeditionary medal.

"Each military department will prescribe appropriate regulations for processing award-

ing and wearing of the medals and ribbons for their servicemembers, to include application procedures for veterans, retirees, and next-of-kin," the DoD release stated.

The Global War on Terrorism Service Medal has an eagle and wings display, with a terrestrial globe and the inscription "War on Terrorism Service Medal." The reverse side features a laurel wreath.

VOICES AND VIEWPOINTS

Marne Six Sends

Division warned to stay ready for OIF3

Maj. Gen. William G. Webster Jr.

3rd Inf. Div. commanding general

Last week we discussed the possibility of deploying to Iraq as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom 3. I assured you that if the Marne Team Headquarters was given a warning order for deployment for any contingency mission that we would keep you, your families and our communities informed so we all could plan appropriately. Last Friday we received a

written warning order for the division to prepare for deployment to Iraq as part of OIF3, and your chain of command was immediately informed so that you could be informed. OIF3 is next Fiscal Year's deployment. We still feel that if the situation in theater remains unchanged the deployment is expected to be no earlier than November.

We all know if the situation turns bad we could be directed to go anywhere at anytime in support of the

nation's requirements.

We have no specified date or specific instructions because it is early in the initial orders development process. The orders process for this mission is no different from any other past operation and further details will be learned over time.

Our mission is still to reorganize the division and be prepared to respond to any crisis anywhere in the world when we are called to do so. We remain the "ARMY'S-GO-TO-TEAM."

Continue to incorporate the lessons learned from OIF into our training. Let's work hard at ensuring our teams are well drilled and we are all capable of putting steel where we want it! Everyone is key to protecting our teams, and engaging the enemy with your personal weapon needs to be second nature.

Focus on your part of reorganization - help get your team trained.

Mission ... Soldiers ... Teamwork!
MARNE SIX OUT!

There will be no sleep without noise

Spc. Jimmy D. Lane, Jr.

Staff Writer

As a military brat, I have always been subjected to loud noises. Growing up around the world on a variety of Air Force bases, first thing bright and early, I would be awakened by the sound of the world coming to an end.

The Air Force F-16 was not made with the sleeping population in mind. In Torrejon, Spain, the locals would hold protests at the base's main gate to try to entice the base commanders to remove our planes from their country.

Upon moving back stateside, I nestled in a quiet little town in central Georgia. I knew that at last I would have peace and quiet and would not have to succumb to a 5:30 a.m. wake up call every day. After about two weeks, I awoke to the sound of jet fighter afterburners flying over my quarters — at Robbins Air Force Base.

When I had saved enough money, I moved out west to Grantville, Ga., a town hidden away from the public and nowhere near any airfields.

I specifically interrogated the landlord as to if there were any airstrips tucked away that I did not see upon my initial satellite reconnaissance of the immediate 200-mile area. He assured me that there

Commentary

were no such airstrips in existence.

About 3 a.m., I heard a horn as loud as Poseidon's rage coming straight toward my bedroom. I leapt from my bed and grabbed my shotgun and raced outside to meet my oncoming attacker, who was surely some trucker who after years of eating caffeine pills and hauling logs had finally lost his mind and headed for the first light he saw in the woods, intent on making me the first stop in a path of death and destruction.

As the lights drew closer, I braced myself and pointed my weapon, waiting to see this crazy man's eyes and take him out before he could tread upon me.

About 200 yards from me, the vehicle swerved and continued off to my right. The landlord had neglected to tell me about the train tracks a half a mile away in my back yard. Since I had signed a lease, I endured six more months of this auditory torture before deciding to join the Army.

Upon moving into housing on

Fort Stewart, there were noise control statutes governing the community. I was finally going to get a good night sleep.

A week after I moved in, I heard the neighbor upstairs stomping on the floor. I got out of bed cussing, which in turn made my wife start cussing at me. I went out on the back porch to make some noise of my own.

Once outside, I noticed that the noise was not from upstairs, but from off in the woods. The artillery and tank units were conducting field exercises in the middle of the night.

The next day I went to clothing sales and bought myself a nice pair of earplugs.

That night I went home and inserted my noise reduction device and prepared myself for some long awaited quiet sleep.

To my surprise, I could not keep my eyes closed. I got out of bed, and went into the living room and started watching Saving Private Ryan. I fell asleep almost immediately.

I attributed my rest to the sounds of artillery fire and loud planes flying overhead.

I have since then made a tape recording of World War II naval battles, and every night before I lay down to rest, I put on my walkman and fall asleep to the soothing sounds of Armageddon.



Marne Voice

THE FRONTLINE

Readers respond to the question:

What did you learn at the division command post exercise?

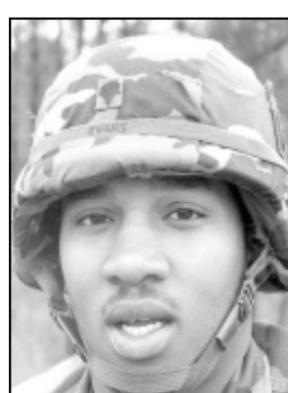
"Some of the old equipment we have is no longer combat effective. We need to look at new options."

Sgt. Ron Coleman
123rd Sig. Bn.



"This is basically good 24 hour Soldiering. Rain, sleet or snow, the mission doesn't stop."

Sgt. Rodney Young
HHC 3rd Inf. Div. DFAC



"It's good to know the Army has the technology to fight better fights and win more battles."

Spc. Jermaine Evans
HHD, Eng. Bde. (ADE)



"This is a good integration of people who went to Iraq and new people coming in."

Sgt. Troy McNaughton
HHC, 123rd Sig. Bn.



"Each section has come together to process and pass information to meet the mission standard."

Sgt. 1st Class Willie Smith
HQB, 1/3 ADA



"I learned how to work the mobile kitchen trailer. This is the first time I've been in the field."

Pfc. Sandra Wilson
HHC, 3rd Inf. Div. DFAC

Lady Soldier, Thank you ...

At home she's a mom, daughter, sister, wife
But there she's living a Soldier's life
She walks the perimeter, rifle in hand
So far from home, in that foreign land

Doing the job she was sent to do
Following orders as all Soldiers do
She'll stay the course, she'll do her part
While keeping her family close in her heart

Some say her being there isn't right
That she shouldn't even be in the fight
"She's a woman," "Not strong enough"
They don't realize that inside she's tough

She's faced the fact that she might be hurt
All her life's blood poured into the dirt
And although she doesn't care for war
She's there because she knows what she's fighting for

She knows that freedom isn't free
That sometimes action is the key
That oppression must be overthrown
In doing this we protect our own

To safeguard family, friends and others

She'll stand beside her uniformed brothers
Doing all that must be done
Her life on the line 'til the war is won

Honors or glory, that's not her scheme
A safe, happy homeland — that's her dream
So she'll endure the discomfort and strife
Working hard to secure that better life

Missing her loved ones so far away
She prays she'll return to them safe someday
But for now she'll remain at that distant station
Doing her duty, serving her nation

Yes, terrorists, despots, you better beware
She's not out for fun while she's over there
She's a U.S. Soldier, and proud to be
Fighting for justice, the right to be free

A woman's liberator I am not
Nor a feminist, if put on the spot
I simply wanted to give them their due
So, Lady, Soldier, I'll say "Thank you."

Jan McBride
Wife of 703rd Main Support Battalion Soldier

Correction

• In a Page 1C story in the Feb. 19 issue of *The Frontline*, the price for the Student Transition and Recovery program was incorrectly stated as \$21 per day. The actual price is \$2 on the first day of the program only. *The Frontline* apologizes for this error.

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Fisheries director earns DA award

Spc. Ryan Smith
372nd MPAD

The Department of the Army recognized Fort Stewart's commitment to the environment recently, awarding Thomas D. Bryce, the post's fisheries management program director, with the Army's top environmental award.

Bryce received the Secretary of the Army

Environmental Award for natural resources conservation. His most notable accomplishment results from his work to restore the population of the endangered shortnose sturgeon in the Ogeechee River here.

Though he received the award as an individual, he credits his team as an integral part of the conservation effort.

"I'm just one person on a team," Bryce said. "I'm kind of like the quarterback for the

fisheries team. Without the other players, I can't do anything."

Bryce and his five-person fisheries management team have not only worked to restore the shortnose sturgeon population, but have also developed programs to support Soldiers and their families by sustaining training missions, improving quality of life, and protecting the environment.

He has created an expanded sport fish

management program, which has produced eight of the top 41 record largemouth bass in Georgia. Bryce has also organized fishing programs for children.

In all, Bryce oversees 22 ponds and lakes covering 450 acres, as well as 200 miles of coastal streams and rivers.

Bryce will go on to compete for the Secretary of Defense Environmental Award for natural resources conservation.



Pfc. Ricardo Branch

Spc. Arthur Phillippe, B Co., 3rd FSB, repairs an M-249 SAW Feb. 27 at a weapons repair workshop.

703rd MSB repairs division's weapons

Spc. Ryan Smith

372nd MPAD

Because an infantry division without well-maintained weapons is about as effective as a rock band without guitars, Soldiers from the 703rd Main Support Battalion and other 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) units are working to inspect and repair the division's small arms.

After up to a year of heavy use in harsh conditions in Kuwait and Iraq, many units' weapons are in need of repair or replacement, according to Chief Warrant Officer 4 Ralph Williams, armament technician, D Company, 703rd MSB.

"Many of these weapons are well-used," Williams said. "We're working to make sure they're mission-capable. Soldiers need to be prepared to go back to war."

Units bring their weapons for the maintenance Soldiers to inspect. If there is a problem with a weapon, the inspection team turns it over to Soldiers and civilian contractors who are working to repair the arms.

Williams anticipates that he will see more than 2,000 weapons from 3rd Inf. Div. and 24th Corps Support Group units that need repair or replacement.

Contractors from Lear Seigler, Inc., and Eagle Support Services are working along with Soldiers from the 703rd MSB and the 3rd and 203rd Forward Support Battalions in the repair shop.

"This is an important job for the safety of these Soldiers," said Paul Benoist, a small arms repair contractor with LSI. "The Soldiers are trusting me to make sure their weapons are functioning properly."

EST improves Soldiers' marksmanship

Spc. Jacob Boyer

Staff Writer

Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 3rd Forward Support Battalion Soldiers worked on their marksmanship skills Feb. 25 at the Enhanced Skills Trainer.

Knowing how to fire his weapon is one of the fundamental skills a Soldier must master, said Capt. Carl Winowiecki, HHD, 3rd FSB commander.

"Marksmanship is one of our main Soldier skills," Winowiecki said. "If you can't make contact with the enemy and engage them with direct fire, you won't be successful. The EST allows us to enhance those skills."

The EST uses a projection screen and light-operated weapons to help Soldiers learn what they need to work on before they go to a live range for qualification, said James R. Todd, EST facility manager. Soldiers at the facility can work on both zeroing weapons and hitting pop-up targets.

"It's a pretty accurate electronic representation of real life," said Pfc. Julius Ofiaza, HHD, 3rd FSB supply specialist. "Everything is pretty much the same. You pick up your weapon, put the magazine in and pull the charging handle to the rear. You do everything you would do with a real weapon."

One advantage of using the EST for training is it saves money and time, Winowiecki said.

"(When we use the EST), I don't have to schedule a range," he said. "I don't have to draw rounds that cost money. I don't have to use Soldiers to man the range and civilians to maintain the range. We can do all that training through electronics. It's like a video game that allows us to improve our skills."

In addition to range simulations, the EST can also train Soldiers on different



Spc. Jacob Boyer

Spc. Adam Dearing, HHD, 3rd FSB, zeroes a light-operated M-16 on video targets at the Enhanced Skills Trainer Feb. 25 at Stewart.

types of combat, Todd said. Soldiers can train on urban warfare, rules of engagement, squad tactics, checkpoint operations and other scenarios.

After working on their basic marksmanship, the Maintainers trained on a desert scenario where simulated enemy combatants attacked them and they had to fight back.

"There are buildings, parkways, snipers and everything else," Winowiecki said.

"It's like a war scene," Ofiaza said. "You have to determine who's the enemy and who's not. You can't go shooting everything you see."

Soldiers can train on most of the Army's small arms and crew-served weapons at the EST, Todd said. Even if a unit does not have a particular

weapon, it can familiarize its Soldiers with it at the trainer.

"If they want to get familiar with a weapon, all they have to do is ask," he said.

Todd said many Soldiers have improved their marksmanship by using the EST.

"There have been a lot of Soldiers in here who have never fired expert," he said. "After they leave here, they'll go to the range and come back to tell me they fired expert."

Although Ofiaza said he thinks the EST is pretty realistic, there is one big difference.

"If you're shot here, you can always reset the machine," he said. "You can always learn from your mistakes and improve."

March ... American Red Cross month

Special to The Frontline

One year ago, the war in Iraq began and troops from Fort Stewart and the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized), along with Red Cross, deployed to Iraq. Throughout the deployment American Red Cross has been behind the scenes bringing hope and help to Soldiers and their families in their difficult times.

As the summer passed and families were left at home to deal with everyday life, the Red Cross Armed Forces Emergency Services continued to provide emergency messages for servicemembers. Throughout the past year, the Fort Stewart station has made over 40,000 comfort kits for returning single Soldiers. The Red Cross also cantered at Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield redeployments providing water and snacks to

families awaiting for their loved ones.

American Red Cross has also partnered with Spencer's Infant and Children's Clothing to offer a complete layette to babies born since Sept. 11, who are children of military personnel deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

The month of March has been designated as Red Cross Awareness month. The Red Cross dedicates its mission to continual support of Armed Forces Emergency Services, as well as other community events. The Fort Stewart American Red Cross staff and volunteers are proud to support this installation.

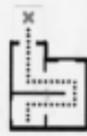
"Together We Prepare" is a nationally recognized five step process started by the Red Cross to help families prepare for unexpected disasters and to get involved in the community. For the month of March one step of the five step process will be featured

each week and by following these five simple steps we can accomplish so much. The American Red Cross would like to remind everyone that when we all come together, we become part of something bigger than us all. You and the community will benefit by preparing for unexpected events by making a plan, building a kit, training, volunteering and giving blood.

Week 1: Make a Plan

During American Red Cross month, we would like to encourage all families to MAKE A PLAN for any unexpected event. The American Red Cross would like to encourage families to discuss plans for fires, hurricanes, tornadoes and other disasters that may occur. Emergency contacts and safe locations are important for families to know. Having a plan and knowing what to do keeps you in control if the unexpected happens.

TOGETHER WE PREPARE



Make a Plan



Build a Kit



Get Trained



Volunteer



Give Blood



American Red Cross
Together, we can save a life.

Make a plan. Build a kit. Get trained. Volunteer. Give blood.

Five Step Plan

Spc. Jonathan Stack

Glenda Brody, senior account representative with Southern Business Communication, demonstrates the Smart Board to attendees of the Fort Stewart Technology Show at Club Stewart Feb. 25. The technology show offered the Stewart community a chance to see what companies have to offer in new products.

The future is coming ...



Press Releases

West Point Society of Savannah Celebrates the 202nd Anniversary Military Academy

The West Point Society of Savannah, an organization of graduates and friends of the United States Military Academy, will host the annual Founder's Day Dinner at the Mighty Eighth Air Force Heritage Museum starting at 6 p.m. March 5.

The Dinner is an opportunity for West Point graduates, spouses, former cadets, other service academy graduates, and friends in the Coastal Empire to celebrate the 202nd anniversary of the founding of the USMA at West Point, New York. The USMA was founded March 16, 1802 with legislation signed by President Thomas Jefferson.

Events recognizing the Academy's beginning are held wherever groups of graduates gather. Founder's Day is celebrated in more than 50 sites in the United States and around the world in places such as Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait, Manila, Moscow, London, Paris, and Berlin.

Brig. Gen. Leo Brooks, the 68th commandant of the USMA, is the honored guest and speaker at this year's Dinner. Brooks knows Savannah well since he served with the 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment for nearly two years. The event is open to all West Point graduates and former cadets, graduates of other service academies and candidates for admission.

Further information may be obtained by calling 448-2140.

Coastal Empire Chapter, AUSA will host the 3ID Soldiers Appreciation Night

Retired Lt. Gen. Roger G. Thompson Jr., former deputy commander in chief, United States Transportation Command and former 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) Soldier, to be special guest at Club Stewart, March 9, 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. The Coastal Empire Chapter, Association of the United States Army will host the 3rd Inf. Div. Soldiers Appreciation Night.

Plans include food, door prizes and opportunities for free membership from our great corporate members.

AUSA represents every American Soldier by being the voice for all components of America's Army, fostering public support of the Army's role in national security and providing professional education and information programs.

AUSA is the voice for America's Soldiers and serves as a dedicated team committed to building the best professional and representative association for the world's best Army.

Please join the Coastal Empire AUSA Team for fun, food and fellowship with and for 3rd Inf. Div. Soldiers. For more information call 876-6920.

Where do you draw the line? Learn how alcohol affects health on National Alcohol Screening Day

"My husband and I are expecting a baby, and I enjoy an occasional glass of wine with dinner — will this affect my unborn child?" "I take an over the counter pain medication for my bad back — does this mean I shouldn't drink alcohol?" "My friend has recently been diagnosed with high blood pressure — can drinking make his hypertension worse?"

For most adults, moderate alcohol use causes few, if any, problems. But for some, any alcohol use may lead to significant health problems. Trying to figure out the risks associated with alcohol use is not easy because alcohol affects your body differently at different times.

To protect yourself, it is important to figure out where you should draw the line when consuming alcohol — where do you draw the line if you are trying to get pregnant, if you have a family history of alcohol abuse, if you develop a medical condition, or if you take certain medications.

To help determine where you should draw the line, the Army Substance Abuse Program is offering a free, anonymous education and screening program as part of National Alcohol Screening Day April 9. The free screenings will be held April 9 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Winn Army Community Hospital's auditorium.

As part of the program, participants will hear have an opportunity to view videos on alcohol problems, complete a written self-test, and have the opportunity to talk privately with a health professional, all for free. Pamphlets, brochures and flyers will be available, as well as referrals to local treatment and support resources for those who need further evaluation.

National Alcohol Screening Day, held in April as part of Alcohol Awareness Month, is a program of the nonprofit organization Screening for Mental Health, Inc. in collaboration with the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Screenings will be held across the country at approximately 5,000 screening sites, including hospitals, alcohol and addiction treatment centers, primary care offices, and colleges.

For additional information about alcohol or the screening program, visit www.NationalAlcoholScreeningDay.org.

BUILD A MORE SATISFYING RELATIONSHIP

COUPLES COMMUNICATION CLASS

Improve the way you listen, the way you talk and conflict resolution

- March 5
- April 30
- June 4

- March 9
- May 7
- June 25

ALL CLASSES

Cost: Free
Time: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Location: Victory Chapel, Building 2125
Corner of DIVARTY & Gulick
Light lunch provided

Financial Peace University
Financial Planning for Families
Starting March 4
13 week class which meets
Every Thursday
3 to 5 p.m.
limited to 10 couples

Limited seating ... For
Reservations Call
Chaplain (Maj.) Timothy
Sowers (912) 572-8605



PREP

Prevention & Relationship Enhancement Program — Couples learn and practice how to communicate effectively, resolve conflicts, and express their needs and desires

- April 16
- May 14
- July 9

PAIRS BASIC

Practical Application of Intimate Relationship Skills

- March 26
- April 23
- May 21
- July 30

Keys To Loving Relationships — by Gary Smalley
•April 2

WASTE WATER SPILLAGE

On Feb. 26 a wastewater line broke under Building 642 on Fort Stewart causing a spill. This line break caused the crawlspace to overflow onto a driveway and then into the adjacent storm drain. Installation personnel responded immediately, averting further spillage, but an estimated 100 gallons of wastewater was discharged into the storm drain. For more information call the DPW Environmental Branch at 767-2010.

Seeking a Witness

The Hunter Army Airfield provost marshal's office is seeking the witness to an alleged hit-and-run accident that occurred on South Perimeter Road Feb. 23, between 3 p.m. and 4 p.m.

PMO is trying to locate the courteous witness — a black, male Soldier driving a late model, white pick-up truck — who was a good samaritan to a jogger that was struck by a vehicle.

If anyone has information on the individual, please contact Investigator Beaver, Hunter PMO, at 352-5374/5088.



Take a look at THE FRONTLINE classified for good deals
To place and add, call (912)876-0156.

ESCORT

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permission from the commanding general to process the Soldier under UCMJ. The Marne Escort program is designed to stop this "unofficial" double jeopardy for minor crimes.

Spc. Vanessa Nixon, 179th MP Det., agreed, "(The Marne Escort Program) is better for Soldiers. If they don't get released to us, they could face worse charges."

The idea for the program came from Cpl. Kenneth Brewer, downtown special operations police force and retired sergeant first class. He said he remembered the courtesy patrols from the time he spent on active duty in Germany.

The program is about one month old and results are promising so far, according to Sgt. Mitch Shores, downtown special operations police force supervisor. "We are very appreciative of the MPs' cooperation. It's making our job a lot easier. It works for everyone."

The combination of a division full of Soldiers and numerous nightclubs, restaurants and bars in close proximity makes it common for more than 1000 people to descend on City Market and River Street on Friday and Saturday nights to party, according to Kendal Brown, downtown special operations police force. The majority of partiers are Soldiers, he said. "Most of them

come here to enjoy themselves, but a few people can ruin it for everyone." As the temperature increases, more people will come out, will drink more, and the problem will get worse, he theorized.

Poore said Soldiers are not the problem, the problem would exist whether the people downtown were Soldiers or not. "(Soldiers) represent a slice of society," he explained. He said most arrests are due to alcohol.

Nixon, who has been on Marne Escort duty twice and has arrested numerous drunken Soldiers, said, "They know they're not supposed to do certain things. But when they drink, they do it anyway."

The program works like this: MPs and downtown special operations police force officers use the City Market Parking Garage as a base. The special operations officers are in plain clothes, so they blend into the crowd. The MPs have no jurisdiction off base, so they stay near the garage and wait for Soldiers to be brought to them by the Special Ops officers. When the Special Ops officers see a crime, they arrest the offender, and if they determine that the arrestee is a Soldier, they turn him over to the MPs, who escort Soldiers by the van load back to base to be picked up by their first sergeants or commanders.

Since the Marne Escort program began

one month ago, 46 Soldiers have been arrested by downtown special operations police force officers and turned over to the MPs, according to Poore. Sixty five percent of the Soldiers are from Fort Stewart, 27 percent are from Hunter, and the remaining percentages are Marines and Coast Guard

members.

"It's a win-win situation for everyone. The Soldier doesn't get charged by the Savannah Police. They only have to deal with their chains of command — not both (chain of command and criminal charges)," he said.

Things that could get you arrested

Open Container:

Soldier Act: Carrying a glass bottle or aluminum can containing an alcoholic beverage

Police Action: Arrest Soldier

Correct Act: Use a plastic cup provided by bar or brought by you

Public Urination:

Soldier Act: Soldier urinates in a public parking garage, alley or street

Police Action: Arrest Soldier

Correct Act: Use bathrooms in bars and restaurants (common sense)

Obstruction and hindering:

Soldier Act: 2nd Soldier defends the actions of his buddy who is detained by police. Police officer tells him to back away; Soldier continues to try to get his buddy out of trouble.

Police Action: Arrest both Soldiers

Correct Act: Do not interfere with police, back away

Disorderly Conduct:

Soldier Act: Soldier fails to leave bar after closing

Police Action: Arrest Soldier

Correct Act: Leave bar, don't cause a scene

Battery:

Soldier Act: gets into a fight with another patron

Police Action: Arrest Soldier

Correct Act: Don't get into fights

Loud Music (Car Stereo):

Soldier Act: Plays loud music from car downtown. Continues to play it loud after police officer orders Soldier to turn it down

Police Action: Arrest Soldier

Correct Act: Turn music down the first time (common sense)

CONVOY

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before artillery simulators sounded and the first ambush began. The Maintainers fired both small arms and crew-served weapons at silhouettes that came back up almost as quickly as they went down.

After the observer controllers told the Soldiers the ambush was over, they got back in their vehicles and continued to move along the road. Further on, the Soldiers were ambushed as they drove, requiring them to fire from their vehicles at targets representing both enemy soldiers and vehicles.

"I think we did very well overall, although there's always room for improvement," said 1st Lt. David Caruso, C Co. executive officer, after a platoon from his company went through the live-



Spc. Jacob Boyer

Pfc. Kyle Tibbits, B Co., 3rd FSB, looks for targets during his battalion's convoy live-fire training Feb. 25.

fire portion of the training. "We came into this with a good bit of knowledge. Our veterans help

enhance the new Soldiers' training at all levels."

The training did a good job of

simulating the types of ambushes that have happened in Iraq, said Capt. Dan Misigoy, C Co.

commander.

"There are a lot of small gorilla attacks and (improvised explosive devices)," he said. "This fits our unit's mission. The training also gives the Soldiers a lot of confidence handling their weapons and firing live rounds down-range. Hopefully, training like this can save lives in future operations."

Having the hands-on training with live ammunition was "fun," said Spc. Danielle Bryant, C Co. Supply clerk.

"We learned a lot during the training," she said. "I haven't had any hands-on experience with this until today. It was a chance to see where the enemy would be if this happened in the real world and it gave me a feel of what to expect."

3ID IN BRIEF

Stewart

Paperback kits

Fort Stewart Library provides paperback book kits for units, through the unit chaplains, for recreational reading during deployments, exercises and for unit day room collections. Call 767-0805 to pick up your kit.

Marne Tax Center

The Marne Tax Center will be open until April 15. The hours of operation are:

March

Monday through Friday
9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Saturday (ending March 13)
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

April

Monday through Friday
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The center is located in Bldg. 9611 in the National Guard Training Area. Currently, there is little or no wait to receive services. With free electronic filing, customers will receive their refund in less than seven business days.

For more information call the tax center at 767-3909.

Red Cross Instruction

The American Red Cross is asking for your assistance in the handling of emergency messages for Soldiers during

National Training Center rotations.

All emergency Red Cross messages will be handled by the Fort Irwin Emergency Operations Center which is currently operating with minimal staff. For additional information, please contact Carrie Mead, Fort Stewart station manager, or Heather Conkle, command relations team leader, at 767-2197.

Travel Fair

Explore new directions at the MWR Travel Fair, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., March 16 at Club Stewart. Participants get the opportunity to talk with and gather information from vendors from attractions, theme parks, hotels and cruise lines. Plenty of specials and door prizes. No charge. Get a head start on planning your next vacation.

United Way

Interested in learning more about your local United Way and our community's health and human service non-profit organizations?

Come out to the 2004 United Way Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon at the Coastal Communications Warehouse on Patriot's Trail (Hinesville) at noon March 11. The cost is \$10. Please call 368-4282 to RSVP (by March 8th).

Hunter

Youth babysitting classes

There will be a babysitting class for ages 13 and up Saturday, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. The cost for this class is \$10 and all attendees must have a CYS membership.

For more information call 352-5708/6075.

Hunter Tax Center

The Tax Center, located in Building 1279 on Neal Blvd. (behind the Ranger PT field), is open and currently there is little or no wait to receive services. With free electronic filing, customers will receive their refunds in less than seven days.

Hours of operation are:

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9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information, call 352-5278.

Women's History Month

Aviation Brigade will host the Women's History Month Observance with a luncheon at Hunter on Friday, at the Hunter Club. Tickets can be purchased for \$6.50 through Sergeant 1st Class Lisa Whitters at Hunter Garrison EOA or Sergeant 1st Class Silvia Marchan at Fort Stewart. The

guest speaker is Brig. Gen. Gina S. Farrissee, adjutant general of the Army.

Officers' Spouses' Club

The March luncheon will be held Tuesday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Hunter Club. Guest speaker is Sonny Dixon who co-anchors the new on WTOC 11. There will also be a special raffle of a \$100 gift certificate to "The Driftaway Cafe".

The luncheon price is \$10 and RSVP to Terri Kanicki at 756-7371 no later than Friday.

Protestant Woman of Chapel

There will be a prayer breakfast March 19, 7:30 to 9 a.m. at Hunter Club. Dee Marvin with Savannah's Intercessory Prayer Group will be the guest speaker with a dance performance by a Savannah Arts Academy group, Praise & Worship.

Suggested donation is \$2 with limited seats available. For more information call Rochell Crockett at 756-3821 or LaMuir Baze at 961-0895.

3ID Purple Heart recipients

The Richmond Hill Chapter of the American Legion have \$5,000 yet to be claimed in their purple heart fund for Soldiers of the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) wounded in combat.

For more information contact John Ellis at 695-0735.

Winn Army Community Hospital

Baby Basic Training

Baby Basic Training offers fathers-to-be the chance to ask questions and practice taking care of their child through hands-on training. The class is facilitated by a man and is for men only. Topics will include how to change diapers, bathe and hold an infant, what to expect during pregnancy, labor and delivery. The class will be held 1 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Social Work Services building. For more information, call 370-6779.

Book Appointments Online

Schedule Wellness appointments online at www.winn.amedd.army.mil. Wellness appointments are routine visits to clinics such as family practice and pediatrics. First-time users must complete the one-time online registration prior to scheduling an appointment.

Dedicated Beneficiary Parking

Effective today, dedicated patient-only parking will be available at the main entrance of the hospital, on Harmon Ave., from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Beneficiaries parking in No Parking Areas, as indicated by a yellow curb, will be ticketed or towed by the Military Police.

Winn/Tuttle Training Time

The next training time is March 18. Services at Winn will

be limited to sick call, emergency and inpatient care from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. to allow for Soldier/employee training. All services will resume as normal in the afternoon. Services at Tuttle will be closed from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. All services will resume after 2 p.m. For more information, call 352-6500.

New OB/GYN Hours

The new walk-in hours for the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology are 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. Monday thru Wednesday and Friday and 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Thursday.

"Take Care of Yourself"

The next "Take Care of Yourself" classes at Winn will be held 2 to 3 p.m. March 10 and 11 a.m. to noon March 24. Tuttle's class will be held 10 to 11 a.m. March 24. The class gives an overview of how to use the "Take Care of Yourself" book. Upon completing the class, you will receive a card that allows you to get over-the-counter medications from Winn or Tuttle. To register for the March 10 class, call 370-5071.

To register for Winn's March 24 class, call 368-3048 and to register for Tuttle's class, call 1-800-652-9221.

Tuttle Information Desk

Tuttle Army Health Clinic's new Information Desk phone number is 352-6500.

Marne TV

March 2004 Schedule

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

5 a.m.	Army Newswatch
5:30 a.m.	MARNE REPORT
6:30 a.m.	Air Force News
7 a.m.	Navy News
7:30 a.m.	Army Newswatch
8 a.m.	MARNE REPORT
9 a.m.	Air Force News
9:30 a.m.	Navy News
11:30 a.m.	Army Newswatch

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



Burn Debris Disaster Free

Smokey is counting on you to follow the rules for safely burning debris.

1. Check local laws on burning.
2. Don't burn on dry windy days.
3. Clear a 30-foot circle around debris before lighting fire.
4. Keep shovel, rake and water nearby.
5. Don't leave fire unattended by an adult, even for a minute.
6. Consider alternatives to burning: composting, recycling, or taking to a landfill.

REMEMBER, ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES.



Future gate controlled access

New look for Stewart boundaries

Provost Marshal Office

Special to The Frontline

You may have noticed new gate construction at the Fort Stewart Installation boundaries over the past few weeks.

Beginning March 29 all post highway boundary gates will be manned on a 24-hour basis in order to control access to the installation and ensure the safety and security of our Soldiers, family members, civilian employees, contractors and members of our local communities.

The 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) will be conducting a significant amount of training and thousands of reservists will continue to mobilize and train on our installation. With many unit maneuvers and live firing planned, the Military Police have the responsibility to ensure that only authorized personnel are transiting in and around our installation and those that are authorized drive in a safe manner.

What you can expect to see:

•Military Police will be positioned at each highway boundary gate and will be checking for valid Department of Defense decals or valid permits and passes.

•Personnel that do not have a decal, permit or valid pass will be issued a temporary 24-hour pass at the highway boundary gate.

•Vehicles with expired or unserviceable decals will be directed to the Vehicle Registration Office (Building 295, near Gate 1) for a replacement.

•Those personnel requiring access to the Fort Stewart cantonment area will still have their IDs checked at all cantonment gates.

•Commercial trucks (log, concrete, gravel) not requiring access to the cantonment area may use the highway boundary gates for access to the maneuver area and ranges.

•Commercial trucks, requiring access to the cantonment area, must still go through the x-ray machine at Gate 7 (15th Street Gate) in order to be scanned prior to entering the cantonment area.

•Trucks carrying ammunition must use the highway boundary gates to access the Ammunition Supply Point and cannot enter the cantonment area.

For your safety and the safety of the MPs at the gates, please observe the reduced speed limit signs (15 miles per hour). Be prepared for traffic to be stopped at

these locations for short periods of time.

We will not be controlling access from the cantonment area (gates 3 and 6) out to the maneuver and range areas. If you entered the installation through any of the cantonment area gates you have already met the security requirements and may have unhampered access to Georgia Highways 144, 119 and 47.

Location of highway boundary gates:

•The boundary gate on Ga. 119 North is located in the vicinity of the fire tower near the Noncommissioned Officer Academy.

•The boundary gate on Ga. 144 East is located near the Shell station on 144 East.

•The boundary gate on Ga. 144 West is located at Fort Stewart 1 and Sandhill Road.

•The boundary gate on Ga. 47 and Sunbury Road is located 40 meters north of the Wright Army Airfield turn off.

Further questions may be directed to the Fort Stewart Provost Marshal Operations office during the duty day at 767-1721, or the MP Desk 24 hours a day at 767-4895.

ASK THE JUDGE

Post Privileges

Q: My spouse is a civilian and regularly uses the post golf course. This weekend my spouse was out on the post golf course and started an altercation with the foursome of golfers in front of his group. The altercation consisted of verbal threats and profanity. The director of the post golf club took my spouse's name and identification card. Now, the installation commander wants to bar my spouse from using both the Hunter and Fort Stewart golf courses. Can this be done?

A: Yes, The use of post facilities by Soldiers and their dependents is a privilege. This privilege can easily be taken away if misuse or abuse of a privilege occurs. The installation commander has the inherent authority to exclude Soldiers and civilians from the area of his command where a clear danger to the loyalty, discipline, or morale of troops on the installation is at stake. A total bar to the installation and specific bars to public facilities like the commissary, post exchange, and recreational facilities like the post golf course or gym may be executed against civilians and Soldiers. Examples of behavior that may warrant a bar are criminal mis-

conduct, discourteous, rude or obnoxious behavior, abusing privileges such as buying alcohol at the class six store for minors or buying items for someone not authorized to use the PX, and harassing civilian or military personnel while performing their duties. Once barred, the individual subject to the bar will receive a bar letter signed by the commanding general explaining why his privileges have been revoked and the length of the bar, and what happens if he violates the bar. In addition, the individual's military identification card may be stamped with the bar notice. Soldiers, dependents and retirees should take extra care not to abuse their privileges while on post.

Q: What happens if a Soldier, dependent, retiree or civilian violates a bar to the installation or a specific post facility?

A: All military members are subject to discipline authority under the Uniform Code of Military Justice to include Article 15 punishment or courts martial. Dependents, civilians and retirees are subject to criminal action in Federal Magistrate's court.

POLICE REPORTS

• **Subject:** Specialist, 23-year-old male, Aviation Brigade
• **Charges:** False official statement, wrongful use of marijuana
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private 2, 23-year-old male, Aviation Brigade
• **Charge:** Wrongful use of cocaine
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 23-year-old male, separate battalion
• **Charge:** Driving under the influence
• **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Family member, 24-year-old female
• **Charge:** Simple assault consummated by battery
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 19-year-old male, Headquarters Command
• **Charges:** Driving without a driver's license, following too close
• **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 26-year-old male, 2nd Brigade
• **Charges:** Larceny of private funds, wrongful appropriation of private property
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private 2, 22-year-old male, Aviation Brigade
• **Charge:** Obstruction of a law enforcement officer(civil)
• **Location:** Walthourville

• **Subject:** Specialist, 21-year-old male, 1st Brigade
• **Charge:** Improper right turn
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 22-year-old female, separate battalion
• **Charge:** Wrongful use of

marijuana
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 20-year-old male, Division Support Command
• **Charge:** Wrongful use of marijuana
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 21-year-old male, 2nd Brigade
• **Charges:** Wrongful possession of marijuana, wrongful use of marijuana
• **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Sergeant, 26-year-old male, 1st Brigade
• **Charges:** Communicating a threat, simple assault consummate with a battery
• **Location:** Fort Stewart, Ga.

• **Subject:** Corporal, 22-year-old male,

separate battalion
• **Charge:** Self injury with intent to avoid service
• **Location:** Richmond Hill

• **Subject:** Specialist, 24-year-old male, Headquarters Command
• **Charge:** Damage to private property
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 27-year-old male, 2nd Brigade
• **Charges:** Larceny of AAFES property, failure to produce a military identification card
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 24-year-old male, separate battalion
• **Charge:** Assault on child under 16 years of age
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 24-year-old male, separate battalion
• **Charge:** Simple battery
• **Location:** Walthourville

Blasts in Baghdad

Karbala Kill 143 Shiia Pilgrims

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WASHINGTON — At least 143 Iraqis were killed in terrorist attacks in Baghdad and Karbala, coalition officials said at a Baghdad news conference March 2.

Suicide bombers attacked Shiia Muslims as they observed Ashoura, the holiest day in the Shiia calendar. Ashoura commemorates the death in battle of Hussain, the third Shiite Imam, in A.D. 680.

The Iraqi Governing Council wasted no time in attributing the blasts to Abu Musab Zarqawi, a terrorist with ties to al Qaeda. He wrote a letter to al Qaeda leaders, detailing how he would bring on a sectarian civil war in Iraq, which was intercepted by the coalition in Iraq.

"Certainly, one of the chief suspects in this would be Zarqawi, just by the methods that have been used in the past," said Army Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt during the news conference. The attacks point to a "transnational organization with local assistance," he said. Kimmitt is deputy operations director for Combined Joint Task Force 7.

The blasts were nearly simultaneous in the Iraqi capital of Baghdad and in Karbala, about 50 miles to the south. In Baghdad, the blasts ripped through crowds gathered at the Kazimiya shrine, killing at least 58 and wounding more than 200. Iraqi police said three suicide bombers were responsible. A fourth suicide bomber whose vest did not explode was captured at the scene.

In Karbala, there was an explosion in the center of the city as well as explosions on a road used by Shiite pilgrims leading to a Shiia shrine. Officials said the blasts were intended to maximize

civilian casualties. These attacks killed at least 85 Iraqis and wounded 230.

"The explosions were caused by three methods: a suicide bomber in the city center, explosives along the road outside the city set off by remote-detonation devices, and mortar rounds fired from near the city," Kimmitt said. He said Iraqi police arrested six people, and that no group has taken responsibility for the attacks.

In the aftermath, some Shiia — noting the absence of coalition forces near the mosques — said the coalition should do more to protect them. Kimmitt said the coalition worked with Iraqi officials to tailor the protective posture around these sites and many others. "The plan was specifically meant to respect the cultural requirements and the cultural desires of those planning these events," Kimmitt said. "The coalition forces set an outer cordon, the Iraqis Civil Defense Service as well as the Iraqi Police Service set the inner cordon. These were coordinated plans."

"This was a clear and well-organized act of terrorism," Dan Senior, senior coalition spokesman, said. "We've seen these acts of terrorism can be carried out all over the world."

Senior stressed the attacks follow agreement on the Transitional Administrative Law, or interim constitution, that guarantees democratic rights to the Iraqi people. He added that Zarqawi specifically identified "the path to Iraqi democracy" as the greatest threat to terrorist groups.

In an unrelated attack, a 1st Armored Division Soldier was killed and another was wounded when someone threw a hand grenade into a humvee. Their names are being withheld until their families are notified.

CENTCOM News

Two pilots dead after helicopter crash near Hadithah

AL ASAD, Iraq — Two Soldiers from the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment died Feb. 26 at approximately 2 p.m. when their OH-58D Kiowa Warrior helicopter crashed near the Hadithah Dam.

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

The cause of the crash is under investigation.

One Soldier killed, one injured in vehicle accident

KABUL, Afghanistan — One U.S. Soldier was killed and another injured at approximately 8 p.m. Feb. 25 in a single-vehicle accident here.

The Soldiers, assigned to the Office of Military Cooperation-Afghanistan here, were traveling along a main road.

Names of the Soldiers are being withheld pending notification of next-of-kin.

The accident is being investigated.

TF Olympia detains suspects in northern Iraq

MOSUL, Iraq — Soldiers from 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division (Stryker Brigade Combat Team) under the operational control of Task Force Olympia detained personnel suspected of anti-coalition activities in northern Iraq Feb. 25.

Soldiers from 5th Battalion, 20th Infantry Regiment returned fire on a group of four assailants Wednesday night following a rocket-propelled-grenade attack near Hammam Al Alil. The coalition Soldiers killed one

assailant, and the remaining suspects ran into a nearby building.

The unit immediately cordoned off the building and conducted a search that resulted in the unit detaining two suspects.

In Mosul, Soldiers from 2nd Battalion, 3rd Infantry Regiment conducted two cordon-and-search operations and detained five personnel suspected of anti-coalition activities.

Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment conducted a cordon-and-search operation outside of Mosul and detained three personnel associated with anti-coalition activities, including one target suspected of selling illegal weapons in northern Iraq.

Task Force Olympia uncovers explosive device in northern Iraq

MOSUL, Iraq — Soldiers from 1st Squadron, 14th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division (Stryker Brigade Combat Team), under the operational control of Task Force Olympia, recovered several caches of weapons in northern Iraq Friday.

Members of the Coalition for Iraqi Unity, a concerned group of citizens in northwestern Iraq, approached 1st Squadron, 14th Cavalry Regiment and turned in 34 60 mm mortar rounds, five 82 mm mortar rounds, 15 120 mm mortar rounds, 520 14.5 mm rounds, one 60 mm mortar tube and one demolition-initiating device.

Elsewhere, a group of concerned Iraqi citizens approached the 1st Squadron, 14th Cavalry Regiment near Rabiya and turned in four rocket-propelled-grenade launchers, six hand grenades, 225 rifle grenades and one primer for an RPG launcher.