

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

Inside The Frontline

News



Apache crew chiefs keep standards high 2A

CG: Be proud of your 'dog-faced soldiers' 4A

Life & Times



Chaplains hold prayer meeting for leaders, soldiers in Kuwait 1B

Women's conference on the way 1B

Sports



Students compete in golf tournament.... 4B

Youth basketball team learns to work together 4B

Guide

- Voices and Viewpoints 4A
- Police Blotters..... 11A
- 3ID In Brief..... 12A
- Winn articles 13A
- Score Board 4B
- Worship schedule 3B
- Pet of the Week..... 3B
- Volunteer Spotlight 5B
- Movie listing 5B
- Birth announcements 5B



Spc. Adam Nuelken

Pfc. Brian Luza, chemical operations specialist for B Btry. 1-10 FA shows soldiers how to help a partner remove their Mission Oriented Protective Posture suit during the MOPP exchange Feb. 12.

DIVARTY decons during livefire

Spc. Adam Nuelken
Staff Writer, Frontline Forward

CAMP NEW YORK, Kuwait — As part of a live-fire training exercise at the Udairi Range Complex, the redlegs took time Feb. 12 to do some crucial nuclear, biological and chemical training — decontaminating their vehicles in a field environment.

“We’re doing an operational decon for our units that got contaminated during the simulated battle,” said Staff Sgt. Dameon Walker, B Battery, 1st Battalion, 10th Field Artillery, NBC noncommissioned officer. “Out here we do at least one operational decon per field exercise.”

The artillerymen from B Btry. and Service Battery, 1-10 FA performed the training. Each vehicle was washed down for about three minutes, which took the batteries almost two hours each to be decontaminated.

After the vehicles were washed, the crews went through a Mission Oriented Protective Posture gear exchange.

“The vehicle wash down is to remove any contamination that might be built up on the vehicles. It helps with the weathering effect that happens naturally through the sun and the wind,” Walker, a Tampa, Fla. native, added.

“The MOPP gear exchange is basically temporary relief from MOPP gear where they can

get a new suit on, and some fresh air, before they continue on with the mission.”

The training was not only critical for the artillery soldiers, but the NBC specialists as well.

“It really gives them an opportunity to see what’s supposed to be happening on the ground,” Walker explained. “We’ve got a lot of books, but once you see it for yourself, you notice what the books are trying to tell you.”

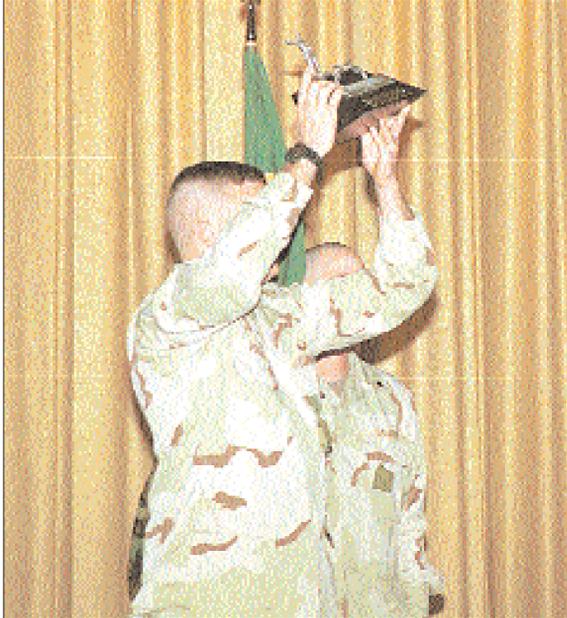
Decontamination training helps the soldiers gain added faith in their equipment and more understanding for performing their missions in a contaminated area.

See DIVARTY, Page 14A

549th MP Co. earns J.P. Holland award

Staff Sgt. Robert Harrison

Special to The Frontline



Sgt. Raymond Piper

Capt. William Poole, 549th MP Co. commander, holds up the J.P. Holland award during a ceremony Feb. 27.

Fort Stewart’s 549th Military Police Company received the prestigious Jeremiah P. Holland Award from Reginald J. Brown, Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower and Reserve Affairs), and they received the Eagle Award from Maj. Gen. James E. Donald, Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel and Installation Management Feb. 27.

Brown presented the Holland Award and congratulated the 549th for being the best military police company in the active Army. He related how the 549th outstanding performance contributed to winning the war against terrorism, and he thanked the soldiers families for supporting their “unlimited commitment.”

The best active Army military police unit, company size or smaller, receives the Brig. Gen. Jeremiah P. Holland Award for outstanding achievement in training, physical fitness, retentions, weapons qualifications, quality of life improvements, community services and family support programs.

Brig. Gen. Jeremiah Holland, a military police officer, sponsored the award when

he retired in 1969. The award is intended to keep morale high and professionalism a priority in MP units.

“As this year’s richly deserved winner of the Holland Award, the 549th should be justifiably proud, but hardly surprised. “The Enforcers have won numerous awards including the Holland Award in 1988,” Brown said.

The 549th outstanding performance defending life and property in Bosnia was as important to the war on terrorism as your upcoming deployment, Brown said.

In the next chapter of the war on terrorism, the soldiers of the 549th will be asked to confront and defeat the armies of a ruthless dictator who support terrorism, Brown said.

“Needless to say, none of your accomplishments would have been possible without the support of your families. “I pledge my personal support — and I know the Secretary of the Army backs me up on this — to continue to work earnestly and diligently to ensure we look after our Army families,” Brown said.

See MPS, Page 14A

Defending against Iraqi chemical biological threats

Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — If Saddam Hussein decides to use chemical or biological weapons against U.S. forces, he may well kill or injure more of his own forces than Americans.

“The United States fields the best-trained and best-equipped forces in the world,” said Maj. Gen. John Doesburg, commander of Soldier Biological and Chemical Defense Command at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. “The Iraqi capability is extremely limited. We have — and I don’t want to overstate it — a hundred percent better capability to operate in a chemical and biological environment than the Iraqis do.”

Doesburg, along with Brig.

Gen. Stephen Reeves and Col. Thomas Spoehr, answered questions about chemical and biological defenses today during a Pentagon press meeting. Reeves is DoD’s program executive officer for chemical and biological defense. Spoehr is commander of the 3rd Chemical Brigade at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

The men said that Iraqi forces being endangered by their own weapons of mass destruction doesn’t mean Hussein won’t use them anyway.

“You can never forget the fact that he used them in the past,” Doesburg said. “Inside his mind is something that says, against everything we know and everything we feel in the world, that it’s OK to use chemical agents,

See CHEMICAL, Page 14A

Pentagon leadership dicusses potential war with Iraq

Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon’s leadership discussed all aspects of a potential war with Iraq during the Chris Core Show on the ABC Radio network March 4.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld started the three-hour, live-from-the-Pentagon show by telling Core that it all comes back to the nexus of terrorist groups and rogue states with weapons of mass destruction.

“This is totally different,” Rumsfeld said. “(This nexus) poses a danger to the world of tens of thousands or hundreds of thousands of people being killed.” The secretary said the people of the world have to gauge this danger as they think about the threat Saddam Hussein poses.

He said a great risk is that if force

has to be used, Hussein could decide “the game is up” and use chemical or biological weapons on neighbors, U.S. forces or his own people. “There’s always the risk of acting and there’s the risk of not acting,” the secretary said. “And those are the things that make this a particularly tough issue.”

From his standpoint, the secretary said, he believes that if people saw the threat-reporting and intelligence that comes in day after day, it would be hard to deny that terrorists and the spread of weapons of mass destruction pose a significant risk to the United States.

Rumsfeld said that in the years ahead, the world has to come to grips with the dangers of these weapons. “Free people ought not have to live in that kind of world where terrorist

See PENTAGON, Page 14A

| | | |
|------------|--|-----|
| FRI | | |
| High | | Low |
| 73° | | 51° |
| SAT | | |
| High | | Low |
| 74° | | 47° |
| SUN | | |
| High | | Low |
| 69° | | 44° |

Standards sky-high in 1/3 Avn.

Apache crew chiefs' constant inspections, maintenance keep aircraft combat ready

Spc. Katherine Robinson

50th PAD

Defending the skies is a major part of securing a victory in the event of war.

Keeping the warriors of the sky up and running is an important, and sometimes stressful job.

When it comes to maintaining an Apache Longbow AH-64D, efficiency is crucial. If the aircraft isn't functioning properly when it leaves the ground, lives could be lost.

That's where the crew chiefs of 1st Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment come in.

"You can't miss anything," said Spc. Marilyn Ortega, an A Company, 1-3 Avn. crew chief from Virginia Beach, Va. "Everything has to be perfect."

Sgt. Samuel Bingham, an A Co. crew chief supervisor from Citra, Fla., said the mechanics have the lives of two officers in their hands every time an Apache flies. "Every day, every mission that we have has a lot to do with two pilots coming home," he said.

In order to ensure the pilots' safety, the mechanics have inspections at different frequency of hours and by several levels of people, according to Bingham.

"Before a pilot takes off, if there's any maintenance, we do it, then a supervisor checks it, then we have a technical inspector who has to check it," he explained.

The mechanics conduct scheduled and unscheduled maintenance before an aircraft takes off, and they use the time when the birds are in the air to sharpen their soldier skills, Bingham said. They also make sure all their ground vehicles are in a proper state of maintenance and take care of the helicopters that are still on the ground.

Despite all the work, Bingham said the mechanics like their jobs. "Every job has its pros and cons," he said. "The pros may outweigh the cons."

The battalion just returned from Kuwait earlier in 2002, and "(being out here) gets a little stressful," Ortega said.

But the mechanic teams are like a family, she added, and she trusts them all 100 percent.

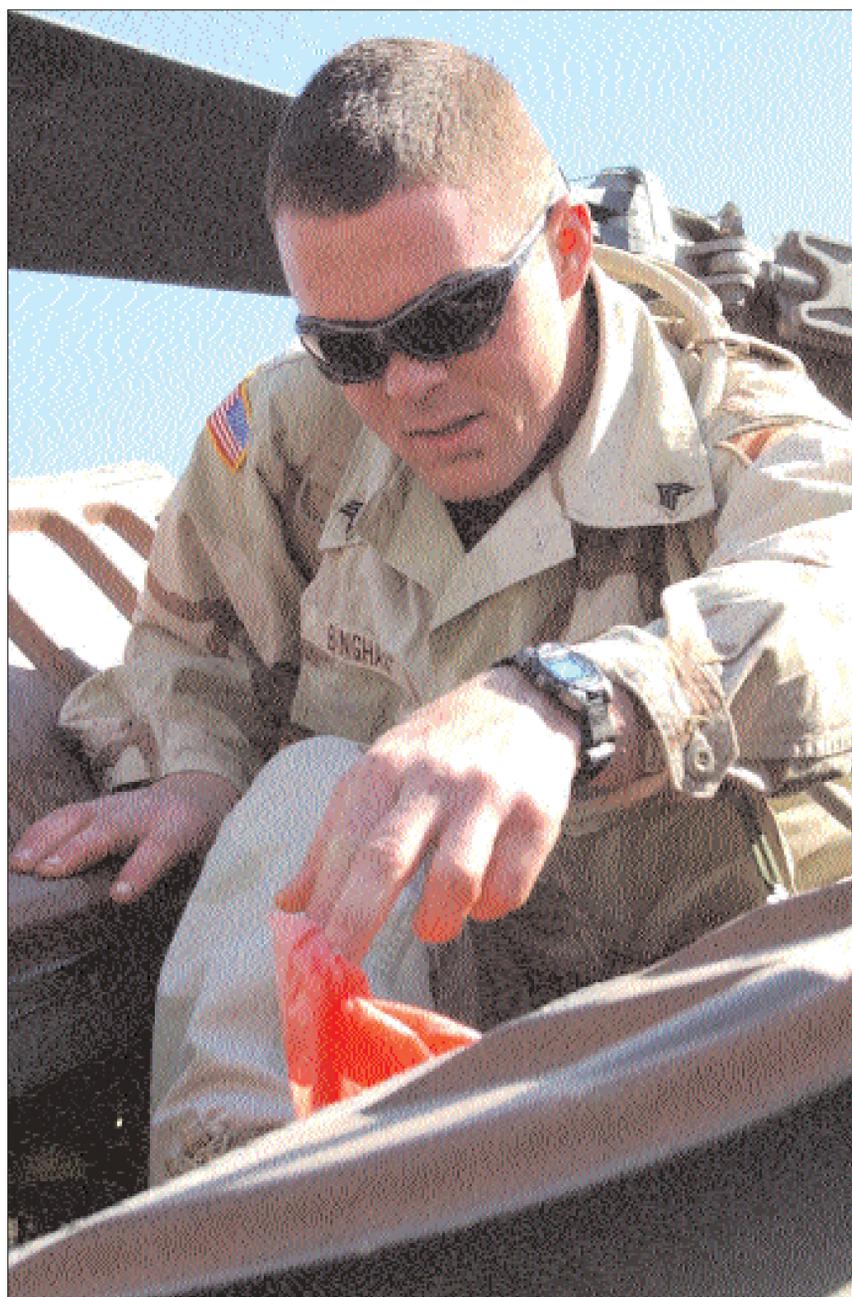
"I have complete confidence in the aircraft, because I have total confidence in the crew chiefs," Bingham agreed.

The pilots are included in that family, Ortega explained. "I've seen other units and other line companies, and we have the best ... as far as pilots and enlisted, I'd say we have a very close relationship."

The pilots try to be around for the maintenance as much as possible, Bingham said. "It's a pretty good bond. If we needed their help for anything, they would have no problem coming out here."

As far as having the lives of the pilots depend on her and her team, Ortega said, "If they leave, I want to make sure they come back."

An A Co., 1/3 Avn. Apache Longbow AH-64D helicopter sits on the flight line at Camp Udairi awaiting maintenance. Crew members conduct scheduled and unscheduled checks and services before each aircraft takes off to ensure safety.



Spc. Katherine Robinson

Sgt. Samuel Bingham, an A Co. crew chief supervisor, cleans up rags drenched in hydraulic fluid during maintenance on the hydraulic system.

Stewart, Hunter deployment mobilization platforms

Spc. Lorie Jewell

107th MPAD

Two soldiers are on their backs, moaning for medics beneath the covering of a camouflage net. From a nearby outer perimeter, two other soldiers dash from prone positions to the sides of their "injured" comrades.

"Why are you taking so long?!" shouts Sgt. Robert McCants, the training NCO in charge of station five at Fort Stewart's common task training site. "These soldiers are hurt! They need you! Get moving!"

McCants fevered pitch propels the National Guard soldiers into faster motion. They drop to the ground and immediately begin first aid. At this station, soldiers learn the basics of treating open head injuries, possible fractures and preventing shock in combat situations.

Groups of soldiers, all wearing Kevlar helmets and web gear, rotate among several stations at the site. It is a day of training and familiarization with tasks like first aid, donning NBC gear, recognizing munitions, and the exercise is followed by another day of testing.

Making sure troops are up to speed with common tasks is just one part of the process preparing them for deployment.

Along with mobilizing and training the active duty force, Fort Stewart has taken on the mobilization of thousands of National Guard and Reserve soldiers, explained Lt. Gen. Joseph Inge, 1st Army com-

manding general.

"As you well know, those of you that live here in the 3rd Infantry Division, we continually deploy. In the last 14 to 15 months we have additionally deployed some 10,000 reservists and National Guard soldiers," Inge said.

Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield is an ideal starting point for the soldiers to mobilize because it's designed as a place for practice, Inge said.

"We have all the facilities here needed to prepare to deploy. Fort Stewart is a power projection platform with marvelous rail, seaport and road facilities. It also has a great deal of motor pool space and ranges," he said.

Spc. Angela Barnes recently encountered McCants and his frenzied teaching style with other members of her unit, C Company, 890th Engineer Battalion of Columbia, Miss. She feels better prepared for whatever comes next after going through CTT training.

"It was very realistic, very motivating," Barnes said. "I just want to leave here knowing that I know what I'm doing, that I'm able to do my job." That's exactly what McCants aims for with his booming, in-your-face instruction. He wants to see soldiers face a situation and automatically move into action, without having to stop and think.

"We have to take this training very, very seriously," said McCants. "They have to be ready. We try to

"(Reservists and National Guard soldiers) have to be ready. We have to try to challenge them, make (the training) as real as possible."

Sgt. Robert McCants
Training NCO

challenge them, make it as real as possible."

The mobilization process also includes time at the range, or several different ranges, depending on the unit. Spc. Steve Perry, an Army Reservist with the 51st Military Police Company from Ocala, Fla., qualified recently on the M-249 SAW, the automatic version of the M-16 rifle.

Operation Enduring Freedom is Perry's second deployment in a nine-year military career. He was on active duty in 1997 when he went to Bosnia, where he served for nine months. Two years later, he transferred to the Reserve.

"The training here is pretty good, I feel ready to go," Perry said. "It's been a week so far. A week of long days and short nights."

Along with firing weapons and refresher classes on first aid, those days are also filled with trips to the

gas chamber and Mower Gym, where soldiers get medical and dental checks, finance and personal reviews.

"The shots were pretty painful," said Pfc. Christopher Woodward, of the headquarters and Support Company of the 890th Engineer Battalion.

The most challenging part of preparing for deployment, most soldiers say, isn't rising before dawn for a full day at the range, or taking several jabs in the arm, or even trying to remember the first step in treating an open head wound.

It's dealing with the emotional aspects of the experience. For Perry, this deployment is tougher than going to Bosnia six years ago. He didn't have a fiancée back home that time.

Woodward has a wife and two young children, ages seven and five. He has been in the National Guard for about a year, completing basic and advanced individual training in October.

"It's kind of hard, leaving my family behind," Woodward said. "But overall, I think I'm adjusting pretty well." Well enough that he's already thinking about making the military a full-time career when he gets back home. As a civilian, he works as a cook and dishwasher on an offshore oil rig.

Sgt. Darwin Burke of headquarters and headquarters Company, 168th Engineer Battalion from Vicksburg, Miss., is making a return

trip to the Middle East. He was in Saudi Arabia for Desert Storm while on active duty in the early 1990s.

Saying goodbye to his wife and daughters has been the toughest part of deploying, Burke said. He's grateful for the support of his civilian employer, U.S. Rubber Reclaiming in Vicksburg. They've called his wife a few times since he left to make sure she's doing well, he said.

"That helps," Burke said. "They lost me and another guy who is in the Guard. They've been really good about it."

Most soldiers say they're trying not to think too much about what comes after they leave Fort Stewart.

"I'm just staying focused on putting God first," said Barnes, of the Mississippi engineer battalion. "From there on, I'm just hanging in there."

Inge said Fort Stewart is well-prepared for the demands of moving the soldiers forward, and that the mobilization mission is going "awesome."

"Fort Stewart has long rehearsed projecting combat power to overseas positions. Its staffed full of dedicated, truly knowledgeable, motivated professionals — soldiers and DOA civilians — who care about people, care about the Army, care about getting the force where it needs to be, and care about getting soldiers trained the way they need to be," he said.



photos by Spc. Bradley Staggs

(Far left) A soldier from the 51st MP Co. from Ocala, Fla., qualifies on the M249 Automatic Rifle (SAW) at a range on Fort Stewart. Reserve and Guard soldiers spend time at the ranges as part of the mobilization process.

(Left) Pfc. Christopher Woodard of the 890th Engineering Bn., Columbia, Miss., prepares ammunition for SAW training. In addition to qualifying on various weapons, the soldiers must also complete refresher courses on first aid, a CS chamber qualification, and medical and dental screenings. All of the training is realistic and intense, and it is designed to prepare the soldiers for deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

3/15 Warrior Squad trains in trenches on Camp N.Y.

Spc. Mason T. Lowery

50th PAD

CAMP NEW YORK, Kuwait — The Warrior Squad made the most of a Saturday afternoon Feb. 22 to train in the trench systems on Camp New York.

As the days add up, or maybe the day draws near, these A Company, 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry soldiers realized the importance of staying ready.

"We're sharpening our skills to stay proficient in acquiring and eliminating threats," explained Cpl. Jayson Levinsky, the A Team leader, Warrior Squad, 2nd Platoon, from Red Lion, Pa.

Soldiers train in squad-size elements on the camps in Kuwait before heading to the numerous surrounding ranges to train on bigger scales as platoons, companies, battalions and brigades. Soldiers can simulate obstacles with engineer tape and lines in the sand on the camps, or they can head to the trenches like the A Company soldiers did.

"You get more of a feel for what it will be like. There won't be engineer tape across the berm," said Pvt.

2 Marc Moyer, a Wallingford, Vt. native.

Levinsky and Spc. Derek Watson, the Warrior Squad's B Team leader from Washington, N.C., started the training by leading their soldiers through reflexive fire drills. They took turns calling orders and demonstrating techniques over and over until their soldiers got it right. "Whoa, wait a minute, listen up," Levinsky called when he saw mistakes. Then he or Watson showed the soldiers how to do the move correctly.

"It's one of the best ways to learn — to physically see and do what you are supposed to do," Levinsky said.

Pfc. Robert Dougherty, from Nashville, Tenn., understood the training and explained its usefulness. "For one, it gives us a good stance in case we run into the enemy. Two, it gets us looking, so we can distinguish between civilians and the enemy. And three, it gives us practice shooting standing up."

Once the soldiers mastered the reflexive fire drills, Levinsky and Watson had them move on to modern operations in urban terrain, and trench training.

According to Watson, "You can flip flop techniques from MOUT and trench — a trench is just a long hallway. Why not clear a corner in a trench the same way as in a building? ... There are more variables in MOUT — windows, stories, civilians — civilians are the main thing in battle; we try not to kill them. Trenches are better — when you come up on a trench, you know it's more than likely the enemy."

Levinsky drew a large square in the sand to simulate a building. He had his soldiers practice entering and clearing the room and explained the importance of staying away from the walls to avoid bullet ricochets.

They went through malfunction drills next. If a soldier's weapon malfunctions when he enters a room, he drops to his knees and the soldier behind him scans or shoots over him, according to Pfc. Jake McLaughlin, from North Hollywood, Calif.

The soldiers laughed and joked between drills, just like any other teenagers and twenty-somethings. They used rocks to simulate grenades and bet double and triple-or-nothing for sub sandwiches on who could get one into the trench. But when the drills started again, their faces changed instantly. The smiles turned into seriousness as they snapped back into soldiers, ready to train more, or ready to go to war.

Trench training ended the day's tasks for the Warrior Squad. Moyer and Spc. Gregory West, from Williamston, N.C., crept cautiously up to the edge of the trench, laid on their backs feet to feet, and waited. They simulated pulling pins from grenades, threw them into the trench, and rolled away.

After the blast that would have happened, they jumped into the trench and the rest of the squad followed. They used what they'd gone over earlier in the day to clear corners and bunkers while Levinsky and Watson looked on.



Spc. Mason T. Lowery

The Warrior Squad, soldiers with A Co., 3/15th Inf., go through reflexive fire drills Feb. 22 on Camp New York in Kuwait.

Installation commander updates local community

Sgt. Raymond Piper

Editor

"If you have been watching the news, most of the soldiers you'll see are from the 3rd Infantry Division ... and I will guarantee that they are going to make you proud that they are from this part of Georgia," said Col. Gerald Poltorak, Fort Stewart installation commander, to members of the Glenville Rotary Club Feb. 19.

Poltorak spoke to the members of the club to give them an update about the deployment and the Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield community.

The deployment of the 3rd Inf. Div. began in November and pretty much culminated with more than 15,000 soldiers from the division and tenant units that deployed to nine countries in support of the global war on terrorism, Poltorak said.

He added, "In addition, we can add on about 2,000 Reservists that we have deployed through Fort Stewart."

"In the mobilization arena, we have the National Guard and Reserve units from all over the United States coming to Fort Stewart," Poltorak said. "They come here to be brought onto active duty, which is essentially about a three-day process."

The process gets them entered into the military personnel system, which allows them to get paid, check them out medically, test some of their individual skill, Poltorak said.

He continued, "We try to get the mobilizing soldiers out into the local communities to hopefully support the economy. We know that the loss of more than 15,000 soldiers from the 3rd Inf. Div. Has had a tremendous economic impact."

"The good news is that most of the families of the division have stayed in the local area," Poltorak said. "We've been watching it very closely because we want our family members to stay in the local area."

"It's important they stay here because this is where the information of their spouses' unit and their

spouses will come to first," he continued. "This is where they get their support from our great military agencies if they have any difficulties."

Poltorak added, "It's also because this is a great community to live in. We know outside our gates ... are people that are willing to help our family our family members."

"The local communities have made the families feel very, very welcome and that was a confirming factor on why they stayed in the local area," Poltorak said.

A lot of rumors have been heard from the family readiness groups on post that the different agencies have been working hard to reduce, said Poltorak. Rumors have ranged from mail not being delivered overseas after a certain date to soldiers would come back from the deployment sterile.

"(The mail rumor) was inaccurate, and we'll always deliver the mail," Poltorak said. "We had to dispel that rumor because there was near hysteria on the day that people believed was the last day packages and letters could be mailed."

He continued on about the rumor about soldiers returning from the deployment sterile.

"Obviously, the soldiers of the 3rd Inf. Div. are in a very dangerous situation ... Saddam Hussein has weapons of mass destruction and the use of chemical and nuclear weapons could cause that (sterilization)," Poltorak said.

He continued, "I'll tell you that the soldiers of the 3rd Inf. Div., and I believe all soldiers of the Army, are very well trained in dealing with and operating in those kind of environments, but whether they will come back sterile or not ... there is no evidence out there that says that will happen."

"We work hard to keep the family members informed, and we have a lot of information conduits that are open to them," Poltorak said. We also have a lot of listening posts in regards to rumors so as soon as we hear them we try to get a statement out and dispel them."

VOICES AND VIEWPOINTS

CG: Be proud of your 'dog-faced soldiers'

Maj. Gen. Buford C. Blount III
3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart and Hunter Army
Airfield commanding general

Commentary

All the Brigade Combat Teams have departed their camps, as have the Division Artillery and Engineer Brigade Tactical Operations Centers. The Division Tactical Operations Center moved off Camp New York Tuesday, and the Division Main will move Friday. The 101st Division is flowing into theater and need a place to stay until their equipment arrives. The Aviation Brigade is staying on Camp Udairi. The Division Rear remains on Camp New York providing outstanding support to the Marne Division. We have everything we need, we are well-trained and ready.

Third Infantry Division units established assembly areas nearby the installations they recently departed. Living conditions are a bit more austere, but we are trying to ensure the soldiers have access to as many amenities as possible. Soldiers are getting hot chow twice a day that is prepared on the base-camps and delivered to them in their AAs. The MRE for lunch remains the standard as it was when the soldiers lived on camp. We are inquiring into having a small PX at each brigade that units will run themselves. Crews have pitched their squad tents providing them a place to stay out of the elements.

As a result of the moves, morale calls and email have been reduced.

However, the mail is still flowing. Please keep the cards, letters and small packages coming. Mail call is one of the best times of the duty day for your Marne soldier. Recently, we read a report in Stars & Stripes about some mail at Dover Airforce Base, Del., having been delayed due to the recent snowstorm in the Northeast. Most of the mail has been shipped and is either in your soldier's hands or soon will be. We appreciate the outstanding support from our families, friends and even strangers who take the time to just say thanks. Some times, a letter makes all the difference.

You may also keep up with the Marne Division through the Frontline Forward online edition. The Public Affairs section publishes a weekly twelve-page newsletter for the soldiers here and it is posted on the Fort Stewart webpage at www.stewart.army.mil. There is clearly more activity than twelve pages allow us to publish, and we try to ensure there is broad coverage of the division. You can also send a short note to your Marne soldier from the same web link. For those who do not have access to a computer, the arti-



cles are reprinted in The Frontline. Several accidents occurred this past week one of which tragically resulted in the death of four aviators. The soldiers belonged to the V Corps aviation brigade, the 11th Attack Helicopter Regiment. The UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter in which they were traveling crashed in the vicinity of Camp New Jersey. The cause of the crash was unknown and is currently under investigation. The soldiers remain in our prayers.

Four mess tents on Camp Udairi burned when one of the tents caught fire in the kitchen area and ignited the others. No one was hurt and the fire is also under investigation. The Aviation Brigade on Udairi quickly put their mobile kitchen trailers to action and soldiers are getting hot meals.

Training and maintenance continues in the AAs primarily at the individual and small unit level. The 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) is arguably the best-trained division in the Army. We have undergone some tough training in harsh environments here and at the National Training Center over the last year. The soldiers are led by experienced non-commissioned officers and officers. They have state of the art equipment at their disposal that is clearly superior to any potential adversary.

While we are not enthusiastic about war, the division is prepared and confident. Be proud of your "dog-faced soldiers."

"Rock of the Marne!"

Marne Voice

THE FRONTLINE

Readers respond to the question:

What's your favorite thing about springtime?

"March Madness."

Maj. Ed Lawson
3-347th Regt.



"The opportunity to marvel at the majesty of the flowers and the tranquility of God's work ... also outdoor activities, such as golf."

Sgt. 1st Class Fabian Cook, Sr.
A Co., HQ CMD



"My birthday (April 9th)."

Pvt. 2 Franklin Stonom
HHC DISCOM



"Fishing."

Staff Sgt. Gordon Shepherd
C Co. 122nd Eng. Bn

"The smell of the flowers."

Spc. Andy Daniels
C Co. 122nd Eng. Bn



"Definitely not spring-cleaning."

Pvt. 2 Stephen Hare
3rd FSB

AKO keeps families in touch, securely

Patrick Swan
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Loose lips sink ships, but will errant e-mails strafe soldiers and their families?

It may all depend upon whom soldiers trust with information about themselves and their families when surfing the vast, anonymous, unsecure locale called the Internet.

We'd be rightly skeptical if we linked to a Web site offering support for U.S. military families with emergency notifications — but which was run by Osama bin Laden's operatives.

But what if the Web site with such a service seemed innocuous enough — with good, red-blooded American names and addresses listed in its "Contact Us" button?

And what if the organization offering this service couched its request in noble-sounding, patriotic, rally-around-the-flag sentiments?

You know the kind: "We help our dedicated military

people and their concerned loved ones stay in touch in uncertain times as these."

You just might be persuaded to submit your soldier's name, address, social security number — or your family member's names and addresses and other Privacy Act Information.

Such an Internet-based organization may or may not be legitimate. But to borrow a phrase from a typical site's pitch, in these "uncertain times," why take the chance?

After all, any information provided to such sites could be used for identity theft, intelligence gathering by foreign nations or terrorists, or pose other threats to service members, their families and their privacy.

Indeed, why take any such chance when the Army is already offering a Web site to keep soldiers and families connected when separated by a deployment. That place is Army Knowledge Online, www.us.army.mil.

AKO allows family members the ability to rapidly access general-level knowl-

edge about the Army and their soldiers across a secure communications channel. Translation: It keeps the bad guys from getting your personal information while it helps you keep in touch with those you love in uniform.

AKO is a cyber-space example of its familiar credo: The Army takes care of its own. Hence, every family member of a soldier is eligible for an AKO account/e-mail address. All family members have to do to get one is sign in as a new user and request a guest account. Soldiers serve as the sponsors and once they approve the family member's request, they are re-connected in a trusted sector of cyber space. They can exchange e-mail, chat online, engage in instant messaging. They can even post photos or personal information in a secure individual knowledge center on AKO that only the soldier and family can access.

A soldier from the Oklahoma Army National Guard recently wrote that a

friend at work has a son who just joined the Army.

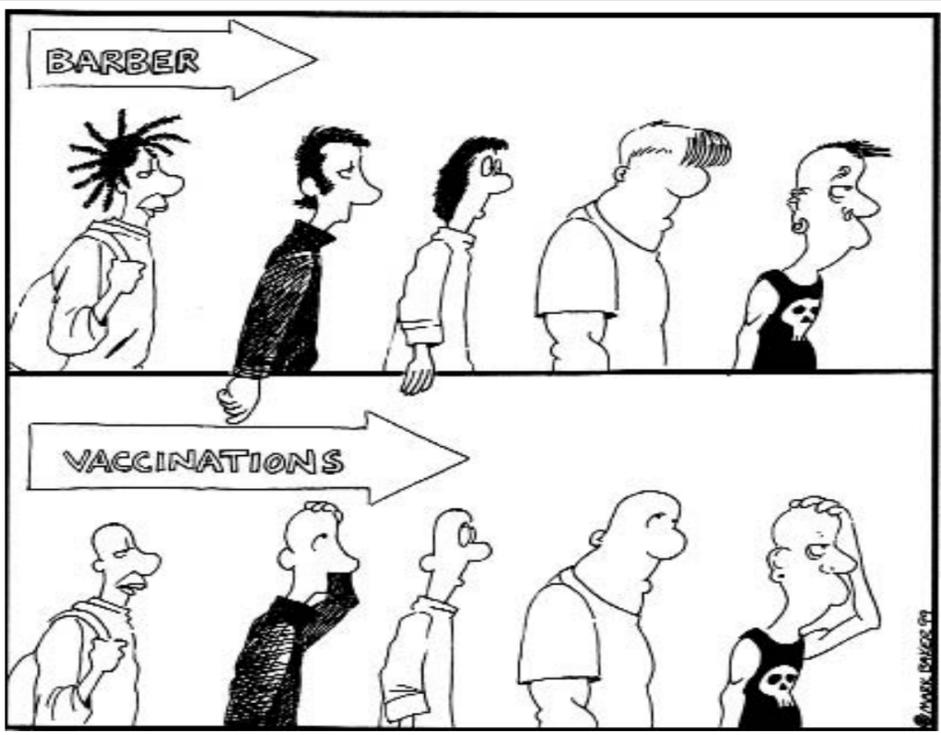
"She didn't know how to contact him via e-mail," said 1st Lt. Benjamin J. Weiss. "I was able to go onto the white pages in AKO and find his e-mail address. He's at Fort Carson, Colo., getting ready to head overseas."

And because his mother only has to know one, lifetime e-mail address for her soldier-son, she can stay in touch, even when he is far away. That makes her very happy when she could be heart-sick and worried.

Clearly, not every Web site claiming to "support the troops" is a security risk for the soldier and family member. But thanks to AKO's ability to keep the Army family connected, we don't ever have to find out, either. That's worth a world of piece of mind.

Editor's note: Patrick Swan, Patrick.Swan@us.army.mil, is a public affairs liaison with the Army's Chief Information Office/G-6 in the Pentagon.

Pvt. Murphy's Law



Voice your opinion!
Write a letter to the editor!

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

THE FRONTLINE

MILITARY NEWS: 767-3440
ADVERTISING: (912) 368-0526
Volume 19, Number 9

Publisher
3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) Commander —
Maj. Gen. Buford C. Blount III

This civilian enterprise newspaper is an authorized publication for members of the U.S. Army. Contents of the Frontline are not necessarily the official views of, or endorsed by, the U.S. Government, Department of Defense, Department of the Army, or U.S. Forces Command. It is published weekly using offset printing by the Public Affairs Office, Fort Stewart, Georgia

Consolidated Public Affairs Office
Director — Maj. Michael G. Birmingham
Deputy Director — Richard Olson
PAO Supervisor — Master Sgt. Kenneth Russ
Chief Command Information Branch — Jim Jeffcoat
Editorial Staff
Managing Editor — Jim Jeffcoat
Editor — Sgt. Raymond Piper
Staff Writer — Sgt. Sam Hoffman
50th PAD
Staff Writer — Sgt. Craig Zentkovich
Staff Writer — Spc. Mason T. Lowery
Staff Writer — Spc. Natalie Schlotman

31314-5000. Phone number: 912-767-3440 or 767-8072
Printed circulation up to 22,000. All editorial content of the Frontline newspaper is prepared, edited, provided and approved by the Public Affairs Office of Fort Stewart, Georgia and the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) and is printed by Morris Newspaper Corporation of Hinesville, Inc. a private firm

Staff Writer — Spc. Katherine Robinson
Frontline Forward
Editor — Sgt. Akilah C. Clarke
Staff Writer — Spc. Jacob Boyer
Staff Writer — Spc. Adam Nuelken
Hunter Public Affairs Office
Chief — Steven Hart
NCOIC — Staff Sgt. Brian Sipp
Staff Writer — Pvt. 2 Emily Daniel
Advertising Staff
Advertising Manager — Maryann Wilson
Frontline Production Manager — Leslie Miller

in no way connected with the Department of the Army, under exclusive written contract with Fort Stewart, Georgia. The civilian printer is responsible for commercial advertising. Subscription rates are \$9 for three months, \$16 for six months and \$30 for 12 months. Rates are for third class mail, inside the continental U.S.

AER needs your money!

Soldiers encouraged to donate to relief fund

Pvt. 2 Emily Danial

Staff Writer, Hunter Public Affairs Office

Nobody expects financial disaster to strike.

It could be anything — a minor car accident, a rent increase, an unforeseen travel expense or all of the above.

Whatever the problem may be, Army Emergency Relief could be able to help, but they also need your help.

AER's slogan is "Helping the Army Take Care of Its Own." In order to continue to do that, the non-profit organization will be holding its annual fundraising campaign, which began Saturday. Ninety-six percent of all the money raised will go to eligible soldiers and their families who are in need of emergency loans or grants.

Although it has been the Army's emergency financial assistance organization since Feb. 5, 1942, the AER does not receive government funding. It depends on loan repayments, its annual fund campaign, investment income and unsolicited contributions to sustain its ability to provide for those in need.

AER offers interest-free loans, grants (when repayment would cause hardship) and combination loan and grants (when repayment of the full amount of assistance would cause hardship).

Those eligible for AER's services are limited to:

- Soldiers on extended active duty and their eligible family members
- Army members of Reserve Components (U.S. Army Reserve and Army National Guard) on continuous active duty for longer than 30 consecutive days, and their eligible family members
- Soldiers who retired from active duty for longevity or by reason of physical disability or upon attaining age 60 (Reserve Components), and their eligible family members
- Widows/widowers and orphans of soldiers who died while on active duty or after retirement

Janie Smith, the Assistant AER Officer for Hunter Army Airfield, explained the process that must be followed to apply for an emergency loan.

First, she said, the soldier must fill out an application, available through the AER office. Next, he or she has to see a financial advisor and make a budget sheet. After that is completed, the soldier needs to bring the application, a Leave and Earnings Statement, an ID card and supporting paperwork pertaining to the financial need (i.e. a rental agreement if the loan is for a rental deposit, a car repair statement for mechanical work, etc.).

When all these requirements are met, said Smith, the AER office does an Interactive Web Query to find out the applicant's history with AER, such as an outstanding balance or a previous restriction of a loan, although these factors will not necessarily affect the soldier's eligibility.

"We don't have many disapprovals," said Smith, who has worked at the Hunter AER office since 1998. "Everybody who comes in here is looked at on a case by case basis."

Smith said for January 2003, Hunter soldiers' two most occurring reasons for needing emergency finances were for initial rent deposits and for essential P.O.V. needs — car repairs, payments, etc. She said AER provided \$18,176.94 for rent deposits and \$14,486.34 for P.O.V. needs that month.

Even though in most cases Smith said AER will come through for soldiers in need, she mentioned the fact that many, especially young soldiers, don't realize that AER was not government-funded, and therefore tend to fall back on AER funds for invalid reasons.

"Soldiers receive assistance based on their emergency," said Smith. "We're not just here to loan you money because you didn't get paid. We are a private, non-profit organization."

AER is here to help soldiers, but it needs their help too, and the more it receives, the more it can give. Everyone is encouraged to keep in mind that every little bit counts because one day, as a Fort Stewart soldier put it, "It could be you on the chopping block."



Spc. Jacob Boyer

Marne Humvees move cautiously during a dust storm Feb. 25 in Kuwait. Gusts of up to 29 knots stirred up sand and cut down visibility.

Dust storms lower visibility; cover camps in sand, dust

Marne soldiers drive on in windy, sandy weather

Spc. Jacob Boyer

Staff Writer, Frontline Forward

CAMP NEW YORK, Kuwait — Soldiers found themselves cleaning their gear after the third dust storm in as many weeks left a coat of sand covering the camps in Northern Kuwait Feb. 25.

"I couldn't see five feet in front of me," said Spc. Jose Loya, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) fueler from El Paso, Texas. "But you've just got to suck it up and drive on."

Gusts of up to 29 knots made seeing difficult as virtual walls of sand swept through living areas.

"The biggest factor (in the storms) is the gusty winds," said Maj. Dave Coxwell, 15th Air Support Operations Squadron weather flight commander.

"It's very dependent on the seasons. In this season, you can see high winds every day, and a storm like this maybe once every 10 days."

There are many problems associated with the storms, but one of the biggest is eye protection, said Coxwell, a Savannah, Ga., native.

"If you can't see, you can't fight," he said. "Right now the big issue is visibility. It negatively impacts all kinds of operations, particularly flight."

"When the dust rolls in, you've got to put your

goggles on and find whatever breathing protection you've got," said Spc. Austin Boone, HHC, 123rd Signal Battalion information systems technician.

Technical equipment, such as computers, is very vulnerable in a dust storm, Boone said. Many soldiers wrap their gear in clear plastic bags so work can continue without ruining the equipment.

"Sand gets into everything," Coxwell said. "It's either laptops failing or just everything getting covered in it."

Recent storms have also damaged tents around the camps. One of the dining facilities at Camp New York has had one of its walls collapse twice, and other tents have completely collapsed.

Once the storms pass, cleanup begins.

"Our office has an air compressor," Boone continued. "We go around and clean everybody's computers and tables. You've got to get the dust out as quickly as you can."

Boone, who was in Kuwait last summer during 3rd Brigade's rotation, said the recent storms are only the beginning.

"We haven't even seen the real dust storms yet," he said. We'll see them in a few months. You can't see anything."

The gusts in Kuwait in March average about 34 knots, Coxwell said.

Dust storms can affect a soldier's day in other ways beyond the impact on equipment.

"These dust storms are kind of like a rainy day back in the States," Boone said. "You know the day's going to be sluggish, you don't want to go outside, and you don't want to do any work."

Leland, Mackenzie at Fort Stewart

Sgt. Sam Hoffman

Staff Writer

Every soldier at Fort Stewart may require counsel from an attorney at some time during his or her tenure here. The deployment of the 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) has taken most of the Staff Judge Advocate office's staff to the Middle East.

The 3220th Army Reserve's Garrison Support Unit's SJA office is at Fort Stewart to "provide immediate assistance in all areas," said Lt. Col. Stephen J. Berg, installation staff judge advocate.

"The (3220th) office is a mirror image of the deployment group," said Lt. Col. Russell H. Putnam, deputy staff judge advocate.

"Within 60 days of the division deploying, we assumed the position of JAG at Fort Stewart," said Capt. Stuart Siegel, an administrative law attorney from the 3220th.

3220th staff can be found in criminal law, administrative law and legal assistance sec-

tions.

"God forbid someone should get involved with any kind of judicial or non-judicial punishment, so they'll go to criminal law ... for any UCMJ (Uniform Code of Military Justice) matters," Siegel said.

For anything not covered by criminal law, soldiers would see administrative law. Legal assistance takes care of everyday matters, such as wills and power of attorney.

"In addition, we have someone in Trial Defense Service," he said.

Siegel stressed the importance of such a broad spectrum of SJA responsibilities.

"The military is not devoid of any problems that are on the outside," he said. Some of the problems brought to the SJA office are murders, sexual assaults, and drug offenses.

Being mobilized means a lot to Siegel, who's very glad to be at Fort Stewart, for his second year.

"It has special significance in my life, because my wife's cousin was on the first

flight that flew into the World Trade Center," he said.

Tremendous help has been given to Fort Stewart by the 3220th SJA. They have provided paralegals, which assist prosecutors and legal assistance, as well as soldier readiness checks and trial attorneys, Berg said.

"(When the 3rd Inf. Div. left) I had nobody left to prosecute cases," he said. "They've also given me a deputy (SJA)."

"(Putnam) is full of experience and leadership in customer service," said Berg.

Fort Stewart lost 14 lawyers and 30 paralegals because of the deployment. The 3220th SJA offices mission is to augment and backfill the 3rd Inf. Div. and Fort Stewart, he said.

Despite the intense workload, because the 3220th can't match the manpower, there is still a great amount of enthusiasm, said 1st Lt. Steve Meints, an attorney who is attached to the 3220th.

"It's been a great experience, personally and professionally," he said.



Sgt. Sam Hoffman

Capt. Stuart Siegel, SJA, and Maj. Jonathan Gold, SJA, review an action.

NCO uses humor, wisdom to train troops



Sgt. Sam Hoffman

Sgt. 1st Class Edward Williams tells a joke while showing soldiers from 3rd Sqdn. 7th Cav. preventive maintenance procedures on a Humvee.

Sgt. Sam Hoffman

Staff Writer

Before deployment, all soldiers of the 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) will have to accomplish a rigorous driver's training course. This course ensures that everybody who goes to Kuwait will be fully prepared and capable of driving a military vehicle.

Aside from his duties as rear detachment commander, Sgt. 1st Class Edward L. Williams, C Company, 103rd Military Intelligence Battalion, has trained the entire 3rd Inf. Div. and continues to schedule classes as needed for deploying troops.

"Whatever I can do to help the Division," he said, in reference to his hectic and fluid schedule.

"(During the height of the deployments) I was teaching at night, just to ensure that they met the Army standard," said Williams.

The 40-hour class includes all of the fundamentals, he said, to include Army licensing (Department of the Army form 5988E), vehicle dispatching, hazardous material storage and disposal procedures, preventive maintenance checks and services and safe vehicle operation.

Williams noted that the driver-training course goes beyond just learning how to operate a Humvee.

"It's not just Army driving. We teach laws, rules and regulations of civilian driving in the state of Georgia," he said.

Teaching soldiers this much material in a relatively short period of time is difficult work, Williams said.

There are a lot of boring facts and numbers to

remember, but he makes sure his students remain focused.

"He keeps us interested," said Pfc. Ben Sansoucie, 3rd Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment.

"Its not exciting material, so I use humor to keep their interest. You've got to make them laugh," said Williams, who in his class uses references to his days as a junior-enlisted soldier and humorous anecdotes about people he has interacted with in the past, as part of the whimsy.

"The humor I put out, they remember that," he said.

"I also mix my technical skills with a little wisdom," said Williams, who attributed his wisdom to his father who had a lot of common sense. That's where he said he learned the importance of humor.

"(Williams) makes it funny, so we remember the material," said Spc. Steven Dillahunt, 3rd Sqdn., 7th Cav.

It's a great feeling when old students remember the class, Williams said.

He said "I love teaching when the soldiers remember my class."

The five-day driver-training course culminates with a road test on the Humvee.

Williams feels that this course is very important to the Army, and directly affects the 3rd Inf. Div.'s war-fighting ability.

"The Army depends on its soldiers and vehicles for mobility," he said. "If (soldiers) can't drive, the Army can't move!"

After having been in the Army for 22 years, Williams said that he is happy to finish his career this way.

Paratroopers rope into Baghran Valley

Cpl. Keith A. Kluwe

109th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

BAGHRAN VALLEY, Afghanistan — It was a cool, clear morning Feb. 19 when paratroopers from the 82nd Airborne Division and other supporting elements air-assaulted into the southern end of the Baghran Valley, starting "Operation Viper."

The goal of Operation Viper, conducted in the Hemand Province, was to search villages in the valley and recover weapons caches and other war material left by hostile Taliban and al-Qaida forces. Coalition forces were searching for hostile forces as well.

Soldiers of the operation met with much less resistance than they were expecting, said paratroopers on the ground. There were no Coalition forces soldiers wounded or killed during Operation Viper, but that doesn't mean things were safe for soldiers in the field.

"When I search a home, I open the door and hope nobody inside is armed," said Spc. Jonathon Kohnen, a paratrooper with A Company, 2nd Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment. "I do my job and look for weapons and ammunition — stuff they shouldn't have. I try to be pretty decent and not tear up the place."

Civil affairs soldiers contacted village leaders — with the help of local interpreters — and asked for permission to search homes in the village and cooperation during the house-to-house search.

"We try to be as un-intrusive as possible," said 1st Lt. Jeffrey Pickler, a platoon leader in B Co., 2/504th PIR.

"We have to search everything; false walls and things like that. We want to be respectful but we have to do our job. We have to be thorough to find anything," said Pickler.

More than 20 rifles of various types, a machine gun and more than 2,000 rounds of ammunition and other war materials were confiscated during the searches on the first day.

"This operation is happening one step at a time," said Capt. Andrew Zieseniss, commander, B Co., 2/504th PIR.

"It's not a war where we're fighting a conventional army like World War II. There are bad guys in civilian clothes. It's old-fashioned detective work, digging through hay stacks — literally," he added.

Soldiers, interpreters and civilian media reporters were camped throughout the valley where temperatures during night fell below freezing. Daytime temperatures were comfortable and the skies were clear.

Operation Viper will continue until completion, but day-to-day activities of the hostile elements in the valley were interrupted, said one of the commanders.

"The leadership of the Taliban is on the run and are not functioning as well as they were yesterday," said Lt. Col. Charles A. Flynn, 2/504th PIR commander. "We're disrupting their activity and denying them their ability to operate."



Photos courtesy Dave Swanson, Philadelphia Enquirer

(Above) A weapons cache is found in one of the villages searched during Operation Viper.

(Left) 2/504th PIR paratroopers set up a perimeter guard after landing in the Baghran Valley.

POLICE REPORTS

- **Subject:** Private, 19-year-old male, Division Support Command
- **Charges:** Wrongful possession of marijuana
- **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

- **Subject:** Family member, 36-year-old female
- **Charges:** Improper backing
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Civilian, 19-year-old female
- **Charges:** Failure to yield at intersection, driving while license suspended
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private First Class, 18-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Wrongful possession of a controlled substance
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Specialist, 20-year-old male, 1st Brigade
- **Charges:** Failure to obey a lawful order or regulation, driving on post suspension, no driver's license on person
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Civilian, 75-year-old male
- **Charges:** Following too closely, failure to wear safety belt, no driver's license on person
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private 2, 23-year-old male, Division Artillery
- **Charges:** Driving under the influence, speeding, 78/45
- **Location:** Hinesville

- **Subject:** Staff Sergeant, 58-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Driving while license suspended
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private First Class, 21-year-old male, 24th Corps Support Group
- **Charges:** Driving while license suspended
- **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

- **Subject:** Family member, 38-year-old male
- **Charges:** Wrongful possession of marijuana, driving without license
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private First Class, 30-year-old male, 1st Brigade
- **Charges:** Driving under the influence
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Civilian, 30-year-old female
- **Charges:** Following too closely
- **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

- **Subject:** Civilian, 26-year-old male
- **Charges:** Driving while license suspended

- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Private First Class, 39-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Driving under the influence, failure to obey traffic control device
- **Location:** Hinesville

- **Subject:** Sergeant First Class, 37-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Failure to stop at a posted stop sign
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Civilian, 39-year-old female
- **Charges:** Too fast for conditions
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Family member, 24-year-old female
- **Charges:** Failure to stop at a posted stop sign
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Captain, 37-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Driving under the influence
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Specialist, 25-year-old male, 24th Corps Support Group
- **Charges:** Simple assault consummated with a battery

- **Subject:** Civilian, 51-year-old male
- **Charges:** Improper right turn
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Civilian, 62-year-old male
- **Charges:** Failure to yield right of way
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Civilian, 24-year-old male
- **Charges:** Failure to maintain lane, expired tags, driving while license suspended
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Family member, 29-year-old male
- **Charges:** Larceny of AAFES property, failure to pay for gasoline, possession of drug paraphernalia, no driver's license on person
- **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

- **Subject:** Civilian, 51-year-old male
- **Charges:** Improper right turn
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Civilian, 62-year-old male

- **Charges:** Failure to yield right of way
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Civilian, 24-year-old male
- **Charges:** Failure to maintain lane, expired tags, driving while license suspended
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Civilian, 24-year-old female
- **Charges:** Driving while license suspended
- **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

- **Subject:** Specialist, 31-year-old male, Headquarters Command
- **Charges:** Driving while license suspended
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private First Class, 21-year-old male
- **Charges:** larceny of NAF property
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Specialist, 25-year-old male, 24th Corps Support Group
- **Charges:** Simple assault consummated with a battery

- **Charges:** Improper backing
- **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

- **Subject:** Private First Class, 21-year-old male
- **Charges:** Improper backing
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private First Class, 20-year-old male, 24th Corps Support Group
- **Charges:** Failure to obey a lawful order, under age drinking
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private First Class, 19-year-old male, 24th Corps Support Group
- **Charges:** Wrongful use of cocaine
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private, 23-year-old male, 24th Corps Support Group
- **Charges:** Wrongful use of cocaine, wrongful use of marijuana
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private, 24-year-old male, 24th Corps Support Group
- **Charges:** Wrongful use of cocaine, wrongful use of marijuana, wrongful possession of cocaine
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private, 20-year-old male, Division Support Command
- **Charges:** Wrongful use of marijuana
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Specialist, 22-year-old male, 24th Corps Support Group
- **Charges:** Disrespect to an NCO, disrespect to an officer
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private 2, 22-year-old male, Headquarters Command
- **Charges:** Driving while license suspended, failure to obey a lawful order
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

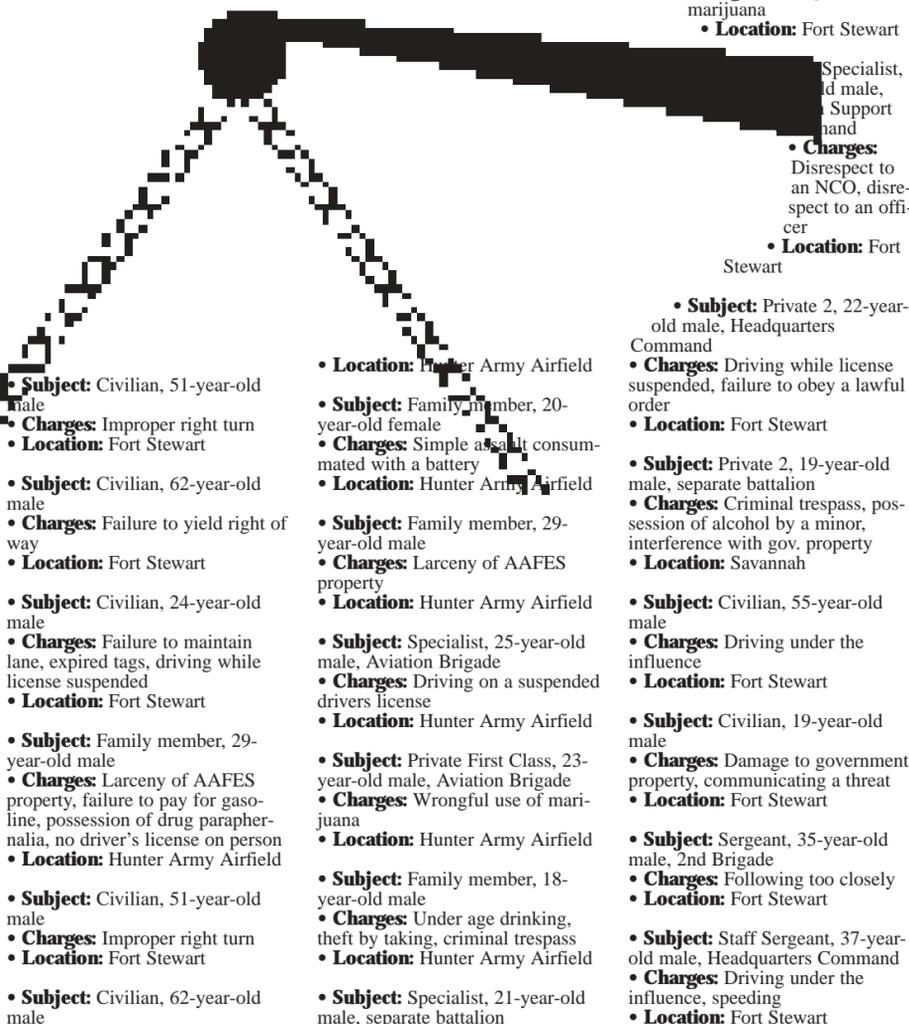
- **Subject:** Private 2, 19-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Criminal trespass, possession of alcohol by a minor, interference with gov. property
- **Location:** Savannah

- **Subject:** Civilian, 55-year-old male
- **Charges:** Driving under the influence
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Civilian, 19-year-old male
- **Charges:** Damage to government property, communicating a threat
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Sergeant, 35-year-old male, 2nd Brigade
- **Charges:** Following too closely
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

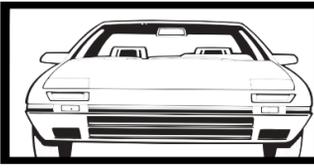
- **Subject:** Staff Sergeant, 37-year-old male, Headquarters Command
- **Charges:** Driving under the influence, speeding
- **Location:** Fort Stewart



Creating a Clean and Healthy Environment

How to make your own Drain Cleaner

Pour one cup each of baking soda, salt and white vinegar down the drain. Wait 15 minutes and flush with boiling water.



Sell your car in

THE FRONTLINE

Call 368-0526 to place your ad today!

3ID IN BRIEF

Stewart

(OCS) Selection Board

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

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

Warrant officer promotion board

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

- AV MOSs less 151A
- Above Zone — Sept. 30, 1997 and earlier
- Primary Zone — Oct. 1, 1997 through Sept. 30, 1998
- Below Zone — Oct. 1, 1998 through Sept. 30, 1999
- Tech MOSs plus 151A
- Above Zone — Sept. 30, 1998 and earlier
- Primary Zone — Oct. 1, 1998 through Sept. 30, 1999
- Below Zone — Oct. 1, 1999 through Sept. 30, 2000

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

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

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

GED classes and testing

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

Registration takes place the first Tuesday of the month, and meetings are held 6 to 9 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays. The

GED test costs \$45 for Army family members and \$55 for non-Army family members.

For more information, call 368-7322.

Join Special Forces

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

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

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

For more information, call 767-1857.

Continuing education

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

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

2003 Women's Conference

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

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

Hunter

Hunter Club

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

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

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

Army Education Center

The Army Education Center is sponsoring a Pell Grant/Financial Aid Workshop, March 19, at the Army Education Center, Building 1290.

Correspondence Courses

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

Continuing education

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

Memory Tree

A ceremony will be held to honor deployed soldiers, March 13 at 4:30 p.m. at the Hunter Army Airfield Chapel. Anyone who wishes to participate may do so by placing a yellow ribbon on the Memory Tree that will be set up. The Hunter Post Exchange will provide large yellow ribbons and 60 smaller ribbons upon which the deployed sol-

dier's name can be written. So that participants may be sure they have a ribbon, they may purchase one at the Hunter PX and have it ready for the tree.

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

After-school Program

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

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

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

Volunteer Opportunities Fair

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

Hunter Outdoor Recreation

Hunter Outdoor Recreation has scheduled eight-hour Safety Classes for the following days: Mar. 15, Apr. 19, Aug. 16 and 30, Sep. 6 and 20, Oct. 4 and 18, Nov. 8 and 22, and Dec. 13. No classes will be held in May, June or July. For more information call Pass & Permit at 767-5032.

Phatt Katz Comedy Show

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

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

Winn Army Community Hospital

Tuttle Shuttle

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

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

Active-duty Mental Status Exams

The Behavioral Health Clinic will conduct Active-duty Mental Status Exams 1 to 1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. All patients who sign in by 1:30 p.m. will be seen. For more information, call 370-6100.

Coping Support Groups

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

TRICARE hours of operation

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

"Take Care of Yourself" classes

The next Winn "Take Care of Yourself" class will be 11 a.m. to noon March 26 at the TRICARE Services Center. Classes will also be available 2 to 3 p.m. March 5 and 19 at Winn. Tuttle's class will be 10 to 11 a.m. March 26. The class gives an overview of how to use the "Take Care of Yourself" book. Upon com-

pleting the class, you will receive a card that allows you to get over-the-counter medications from Winn or Tuttle. To register for the class in the TRICARE Services Center, call 368-3048. To register for Tuttle's class, call 767-6633. To register for Winn's class, call 370-5071.

EFMP enrollment orientation

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

Expectant Siblings Class

The next Expectant Siblings Class will be 5 p.m. March 26. This class helps prepare children, ages 4 to 12, for the arrival of a new brother or sister. To register, call 767-6633 or 1-800-652-9221.

Pregnancy Nurse Line

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

Tuttle TRICARE enrollment

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

Medical Threat Briefings

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

SFHC Consolidation

Soldier Family Health Clinic #3 has consolidated with SFHC #1. SFHC #1 is located in Building 701 on Divarty Road. For more information, call 767-7035.

Winn, Tuttle Champions help answer healthcare questions

Laurie Kemp
Winn Public Affairs Officer

It is always beneficial to have a point of contact within an organization. Someone who can answer your questions and put you in touch with the "right" people.

Who do you know at Winn Army Community Hospital or Tuttle Army Health Clinic?

Through the Winn and Tuttle Champions Program, you know more people than you think.

"Everyone should know they have someone they can contact when they need help," said Darla Vaught, Winn Champions program coordinator and patient representative.

The purpose of the program is to match a champions team with brigade family readiness groups. That way, every unit on Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield has a dedicated team ready to answer their questions about healthcare and related issues.

"Champions offers FRGs and rear detachment staff a means of support when they have issues or concerns involving Winn or TRICARE," Vaught said. "The teams talk about TRICARE enrollment and portability, DEERS (Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System) and the various services offered at Winn (and Tuttle.)"

In addition, Vaught said, the teams are willing and able to attend FRG meetings at the unit or the FRGs are welcome to hold

their meetings at Winn for a closer look at the facility.

The teams can also coordinate to have specialty classes, such as the "Take Care of Yourself" class, brought to the FRGs.

According to Connie Berhane, one of the FRG representatives for 3rd Squadron, 7th Cavalry, "Champions is like a one stop-shop — having a point of contact within the hospital to answer your questions or point you in the right direction."

There are 10 Champions teams at Winn and four teams at Tuttle. Each team consists of four to six people, from doctors and nurses to administrative and TRICARE specialists.

"While the teams may not be subject matter experts on everything in the hospital, they can get you in the right direction and get you what you need," Vaught said.

Whether the FRG members need information about new TRICARE policies or a refresher course in available services, champions is the place to start.

"I want my FRGs to know that there are formal channels to go through but if they don't know where to start or they aren't getting through the channels, that I can help," said 1st Lt. Kristin Monnier, chief of clinical nutrition and Champions team leader.

The Champions program is available to all FRGs on Fort Stewart and Hunter. To find out who your team leader is, call Winn's program coordinator, Darla Vaught, at 370-6143 or Tuttle's program coordinator, Marilyn O'Mallon, at 352-5731.

"Everyone should know they have someone they can contact when they need help."

Darla Vaught
Winn Champions program coordinator and patient representative

Tuttle Shuttle...



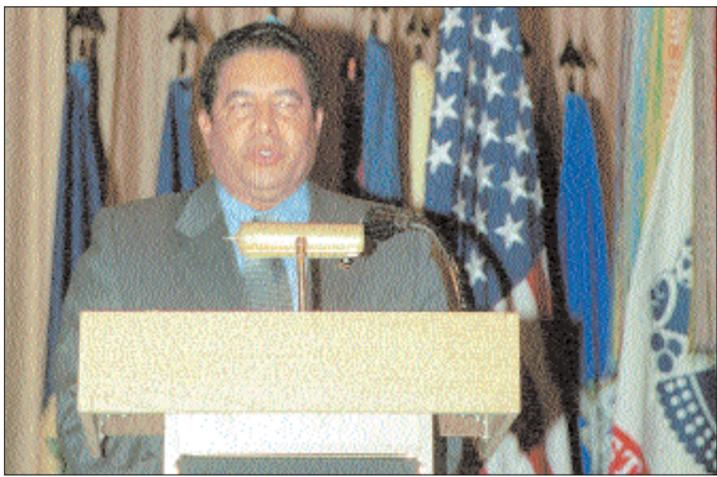
Laurie Kemp

Tuttle Shuttle driver Will Norman prepares to head back to Tuttle Army Health Clinic after dropping off a patient at Winn Army Community Hospital. The Tuttle Shuttle runs Monday through Friday, excluding Federal Holidays. Anyone with a valid Military ID Card can ride the Tuttle Shuttle to catch appointments at Winn. For more information, call 692-8724.

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

MPS

from page 1A



Sgt. Raymond Piper

Assistant Secretary of the Army (Man Power and Reserve Affairs), Reginald J. Brown, speaks during the J.P. Holland Award Ceremony Feb. 27.

PENTAGON

from page 1A

states have these weapons and the ability to give them to terrorist networks and then have them used in a way that gives them 'deniability,' he said.

Technologically advanced countries of the world must confer and devise rules "that enable us to interdict the transportation and the movement of nuclear weapons, fissile materiel, ballistic missile technology," he said. "This will take enormous cooperation. For example, we stopped that North Korean ship carrying the missiles to Yemen, and we had to give it up because we had no legal right to keep it. We need the right to keep it; we need the ability to do that."

Air Force Gen Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, followed the secretary on the show. He told Core the military can wait "almost indefinitely" for a decision by President Bush. He said the U.S. military is configured in such a way to give the president the utmost flexibility. Myers said he'd wait before writing a northern front from Turkey off the board. He said there is a "Plan B, and a Plan C, and a Plan D," and the United States will prevail in any conflict with Iraq.

He also generally talked about the changes in the U.S. military that will become apparent if the crisis comes to war. "In Desert Storm, we used about 10 percent precision(-guided) weapons," he said. "In Afghanistan, that went up to between 60 to 70 percent. If it comes to war, I would expect the percentage will be at least that or higher in Iraq. That means we'll hit targets better, and reduce civilian casualties and collateral damage."

He said the way command and control systems have changed will also mean a much better integration of air, land and sea forces.

The chairman said Americans must be ready for casualties if the impasse comes to war. He said he wouldn't guess what casualties could be. "We don't know if Iraq will use weapons of mass destruction, is one variable," he said. "But if the military is ordered to go into Iraq, this is war. War is a dangerous and ugly thing and there will be casualties. I don't think anyone should think this is going to be anti-septic and just like Desert Storm was or just like the Kosovo air campaign. It could be different than that and we have to make ourselves ready."

Maj. Gen. Donald J. McClellan and at Fort Leonard Wood.

Ryder re-enforced the importance of the family support for high performing units.

Donald also presented the Eagle Award to the 549th. "A high performing unit such as the 549th can't get to where they are today without the support of their family members," said Ryder, "because they can't focus on their mission if they don't know their family members are being cared for and that their families are behind them 100 percent."

Ryder has spent his Army career with military police units in Germany and the United States.

He has been the Commandant of the military police schools at Fort

McClellan and at Fort Leonard Wood.

Donald also presented the Eagle Award to the 549th.

"You know achieving this award doesn't suggest that you are better than other soldiers, but what it does suggest is that you are the best by test," said Donald.

Forces Command presents the Eagle Award to the best MP Company in the active Army.

The 549th carries out law enforcement operation on Fort Stewart, maintains training and readiness, conducts vehicle and weapons maintenance and deployed to Bosnia for six months in 2002.

CHEMICAL

from page 1A

because he's done it."

The general said Hussein did not use chemical weapons against the coalition in the 1991 Persian Gulf War. "He probably has some grave reservations about using those chemical and biological agents, but we're going to be prepared," he said. When the Iraqis used chemical agents against Iran and the Kurds in the 1980s, they used them in the "classic" way. Doesburg said they placed persistent agents along the front line and nonpersistent agents along any axis of attack. He expects that if used today, the Iraqis might try something different.

But U.S. troops are trained to operate in such environments. Spoehr said there are 15,000 nuclear, biological and chemical specialists at all levels of the Army. These specialists train fellow soldiers how to operate in an NBC environment. They also advise commanders on defensive actions. In addition, there are specialized chemical and biological defense units at division and corps levels.

"The training they get is rigor-

ous and demanding," Spoehr said. "They learn how to operate and maintain equipment, the properties of the agents and how to predict hazardous areas."

Every service member must successfully complete training at the Chemical Defense Training Facility — "the Super Bowl of chemical training." They train with toxic agents and with the equipment they will use in the field.

There have been many changes to the chemical and biological agent defense equipment since the Gulf War. "We have put out 19 new systems over the past few years. These include chemical and biological agent detectors, new individual protection systems ... new collected protection systems, new decontamination systems and new reconnaissance systems," Reeves said. During the Gulf War, one persistent problem was chemical and biological detectors often rang with false alarms. "We learned our lessons from the Gulf War," Reeves said. "Alarms often reacted to some battlefield contaminants like diesel fuel, JP-8 and

insecticides. Based on that, we developed the automatic chemical agent alarm. It's more sensitive and has been tested against more than 80 battlefield 'interferents.'"

Reeves said this wouldn't totally eliminate false alarms. "We may still get one or two percent false alarms," he said. "But it's a great improvement."

Reeves and Doesburg also addressed a report indicating that 250,000 chemical suits were defective. "What we've issued is the Joint Service Light-weight Suit Technology to those who are deployed," Doesburg said. "In that report, they were referring to the battle dress overgarment, which is another suit that we had."

The new suits are up to snuff and in fact are lighter and less hot than the older battledress overgarment. While the BDO is still in inventory, it serves as a back up to the new suits. "If we have to issue some of those BDOs, ... we will inspect every one of them before they are issued to any soldier, sailor, airman or Marine," Reeves said.

DIVARTY

from page 1A

"They get used to the extreme heat that is going to be caused by putting it on, and they also get more confidence that they can survive in a chemical environment."

"They also now they can get the stuff off of them," he explained.

While back at Kelly Hill on Fort Benning, the redlegs receive training on decontamination during every field problem, but many of them feel they could use more.

"You can never have enough training. But we go through it quite a bit, so I feel confident in what we have and who we are with," said Pfc. Chad Pennington, B Btry., 1/10 FA, field artillery ammunition supply vehicle driver, from Delta, Ohio.

Sgt. John Parker, B Btry., 1/10 FA, ammo team chief, from Macon, Ga., agreed.

"We must practice on it each and every time we get a chance. It shows them we already have the equipment for chemical war and chemicals will not hurt us."

After the decontamination exercise, the units returned to the gun line, ready for combat, and awaited the next fire mission.

LIFE & TIMES

B SECTION

On Post

FRG activities

• D Co., 10th Eng. Bn.

An FRG meeting will be held 5 p.m. today at HHC, 10th Eng. Bn. There will also be a bake sale fundraiser Saturday at the PX.

• 2nd Brigade

There will be a prayer meeting 5 to 6 p.m., Sunday at Marne Chapel classroom.

• HHC 2nd Bde.

Pizza night will be at 6 p.m., Friday, at Ci-Ci's Pizza. A walk together is scheduled for 6 p.m., Tuesday and March 25, at Quick Track. Also, a fire-house tour is scheduled at noon, March 22 at Fort Stewart Fire Station 1.

• C Co., 3rd Bn., 7th Inf.

A Stress Management class is slated for 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., March 18 at C Co., 3rd Bn., 7th Inf.

ASE exams

Registration for ASE exams has begun. Please see your education counselor to get signed up. Deadline to register is Monday with the testing dates in early May. Call 767-8331 or 352-6130 for more information.

Spouses' night out

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

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

Tax assistance available

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

Toastmasters

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

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

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

Bi-annual Block Party

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

Talent Search

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

For more information, call 767-5058.

Scholarship announcement

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

Those wishing to apply may obtain applications at the Education Center on post or at Savannah Tech. All completed applications must be post-marked by April 1 and mailed to Maggie Roberts, Scholarship Committee Chairperson, P.O. Box 3069, Fort Stewart, GA 31315.

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

For God & country



Sgt. Akilah Clarke

Division Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Roger Heath, V Corps Chaplain (Col.) Doug Carver and V Corps Chaplain Command Sgt. Maj. Marion Lemon, pray for individuals during the Unit Ministry Team dedication service, held Feb. 20 at Camp New Jersey.

Division's deployed UMTs gather to pray for leaders, soldiers

By Sgt. Akilah Clarke

Editor, *The Frontline Forward*

CAMP NEW YORK, Kuwait — As the U.S. grows closer to engaging in hostile actions here in the Persian Gulf, soldiers of the 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) continue to train in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

However, soldiers of the division's unit ministry teams engaged in another operation Feb. 20 at Camp New Jersey — a spiritual one.

"What we wanted to do is have all of the division chaplains and assistants get together and have a time of dedication for themselves, their soldiers, their commanders and for the leadership of the nation as we begin to deploy and possibly go into hostile actions," explained Chaplain (Col.) Doug Carver, V Corps chaplain.

Carver was the featured speaker at the dedication service, which was

a historical moment in itself, he said.

"Last year we had a brigade in Bosnia, a brigade in Kosovo and we've had brigades rotating through (the National Training Center), so this is actually the first time that we've had all three maneuver brigades plus the supporting elements ... together at one time to have this kind of gathering for prayer. So it's a historical moment for us," Heath explained.

Carver's message to the UMTs focused on three specific areas that he stressed were needed to accomplish the mission — whether on or off the battlefield.

"First is that they walk with the power of God. Second that they also walk with purpose — they have a specific purpose in the battlefield, and that's to provide religious support for soldiers and authorized civilians," he said. "And third, per-

haps probably my key point, is that they don't do this alone."

"They walk with the presence of the Lord with them. The promise from God in the scripture is that they will not do anything by themselves, that God is with them, whether they're at Fort Stewart, Kuwait or anywhere in the world."

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Roger Heath, 3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) chaplain, further explained that a similar service was held during Operation Desert Shield before the air and ground wars started.

"We gathered together and had our senior chaplain at that time to come and (hold a service). Out of that, I don't think we lost a single chaplain's assistant and our casualties during Desert Storm were so few," he said. "We are hoping that the spirit of the Lord will be among us again, and the same thing will happen."

The chaplain prayed that God

would bless our Army and bless the Iraqi army too by having few casualties on their side.

"We're not out to harm them, we're out to end the corrupt regime," he said.

Spc. Darian Wilder, a chaplain's assistant with Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 9th Field Artillery, said the dedication was a good opportunity for all of the UMTs to get their minds and spirits right for the mission that lay ahead.

"The service today was good training — it was the first time that all the chaplains and chaplain assistants of the division were together in one place at one time.

"The training that we've done over here has been excellent, and it's prepared me mentally and physically to accomplish whatever mission that's put before us," the Atlanta native said.

RCI: Getting Army families into quality housing faster

Verdelle Lambert

Public Works Digest

Editor's note: *This article is continued from the last issue of The Frontline.*

The Army has more than 110,000 family housing units, some 67,000 of which are inadequate. By 2005, more than 69,000 units, representing close to 80 percent of the Army's family housing inventory in the United States, will be under the RCI program. But the Army's goal to eliminate all inadequate family housing in the U.S. by 2007 also relies on traditional military construction and increases in the BAH.

"This is a smart move for the Army," said Col. Roger A. Gerber, commander of the Corps' Savannah District. "RCI can produce quality housing much quicker and that's great for soldiers and their families. Traditional Army Family Housing Construction is limited to the funding Congress appropriates each year."

"This has been a long time coming," said Col. Gerald J. Poltorak, installation commander, Fort Stewart/Hunter, acknowledging the tremendous backlog in maintenance and construction of quality family housing. "Some innovative, visionary people came up with this program, and I'd like to thank them for enabling us to get quality housing for our family members on the installation. We have an outstanding partner

in GMH- they're not our contractor, but rather our partner. The relationship is based on a trust that we both have a common vision to accomplish, we both understand our end-state, and we both have vested interests in getting there."

"With us approaching the project from that partnership perspective, I think there is no way that we can fail," added Taylor. "We have one goal in mind, and that's to improve the quality of life for these service members and their families."

Over the next five months the partners will work together to develop the CDMP. A model of the proposed community has already been developed.

"What we're trying to do is replicate a lot of the best of land planning in the local communities," explained Taylor. "At Hunter, for example, we're trying to incorporate themes from Savannah's historic district into the overall community. The individual blocks that make up the neighborhood are all street-facing homes with center courtyards that provide a safe environment for children to play and opportunities for families to interact. Each block is interconnected by a series of walkways leading to the next block, and we replicate those blocks to create a neighborhood. The larger neighborhoods encourage

Women's conference on the way

Nancy Gould

DCAS

The Directorate of Community Activities, and Army Community Service, will sponsor a Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield Women's Conference in this month, entitled, "Connecting for a Better You."

The conference is scheduled 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., March 20, at Hunter Army Airfield's Hunter Club and continues at Club Stewart, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., March 21, at Fort Stewart.

The diverse workshops include classes on health, finances, parenting, how to become an entrepreneur, education, car maintenance, and more. Classes are designed primarily for women affiliated with the military, such as spouses, sol-

diers, retirees, guardsmen and reservists, but are beneficial, open and free to all women who wish to attend.

Lunch is free at both locations and includes Fort Stewart's guest speaker, Paula Dean, entrepreneur and restaurant owner of The Lady and Sons in Savannah, and at Hunter Club, Ardis Wood, owner of Victorian Lady Tours, also located in Savannah.

Conference registration is encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome. To register call 912-767-5058 or 912-767-5059 at Fort Stewart, or 912-352-6816 at Hunter Army Airfield. Childcare is not provided, however, the Child Development Center is accepting reservations for authorized customers. To make your childcare reservation call 912-767-3202 at Fort Stewart and 912-352-6115 at Hunter.

Who would you call, if this happened to you ... ?



The Red Cross spells relief

Special to The Frontline

The Friends of the American Red Cross (Liberty County Branch) is kicking off a Disaster Relief Preparedness and Fundraising Campaign, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday at the Liberty County Recreation Center on Highway 84 in

Hinesville.

This family event will feature food, fun, information and prizes.

Scheduled events for the day are disaster preparedness briefings, displays from the Hinesville Fire Department, Liberty County Sheriff's Department, U.S. Army 3rd Infantry Division/Fort

Stewart, Liberty County E.M.A., Blood Services and more!

All proceeds from this campaign support the Liberty County branch of the American Red Cross.

For more information, call Douglas Foxx at 912-876-3975 or visit the office at 215 E. Court Street.

From Southeast to Middle East: Father, son serve on two fronts

Sgt. 1st Class Charles R. Evans
87th Division (Training Support) Public Affairs

When Reservist Sgt. 1st Class James A. Roberts received activation orders and learned that he would spend several days in-processing at Fort Benning, Ga., one of the first things he did was call his son.

"Whatcha' doing son?" Roberts asked. "Cleaning up an old barracks for some incoming Reservists," the younger Roberts answered.

"Appreciate that son . . . we'll be there in a few days," replied the father.

The elder Roberts is a Physical Security Specialist with HHC, 87th Division (Training Support), Birmingham, Ala., which mobilized several dozen Reservists in late January. His son is Pvt. Joseph O. Roberts, an infantryman with B Company, 1/30th, 3rd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division located on Kelly Hill, Fort Benning.

Joseph had just graduated from infantry AIT at Fort Benning in mid-December. He was assigned to the 3rd Inf. Div. element on Kelly Hill, which was then in the process of deploying to the Persian Gulf region. Joseph was attached to the trail party loading out vehicles and cleaning up after the initial movement.

Joseph's delayed departure would prove happily fateful, as it would allow father and son to spend precious hours together before going their separate ways in the service of their country. James would return to Birmingham following mobilization in-processing at Fort Benning, and Joseph would likely be involved in operations overseas in a matter of weeks.

Their convergence at Fort Benning was entirely unexpected.

"You can't plan something like this," said James. "I wouldn't trade this time for anything."

The two soldiers took every opportunity to meet between formations, eat together at the dining facility, and relax during off-duty hours. One topic of discussion between them was Joseph's experience as a new private in the Army.

"The training was tougher than I expected," the young soldier said. "Dad had told me a lot about the military, but it's been a long time since he was a private."

James joined the Army in 1972 and served four years on active duty. Following a break in service, he joined the Alabama National Guard in 1987 and spent nine years as a Guardsman. For the past six years he has been a Reservist with the 87th Division (Training Support).

While not anxious to leave family again, the younger Roberts expressed eagerness to get on with the mission he trained for.

"I've been on Kelly Hill for about a month. I like Fort Benning, but I don't enjoy cleaning barracks. I'm ready to do my job!" he said.

"With the good training we've had, I'm sure we'll be ready to take on whatever missions we're called to do. The 3rd ID seems like a real squared away unit," he added.

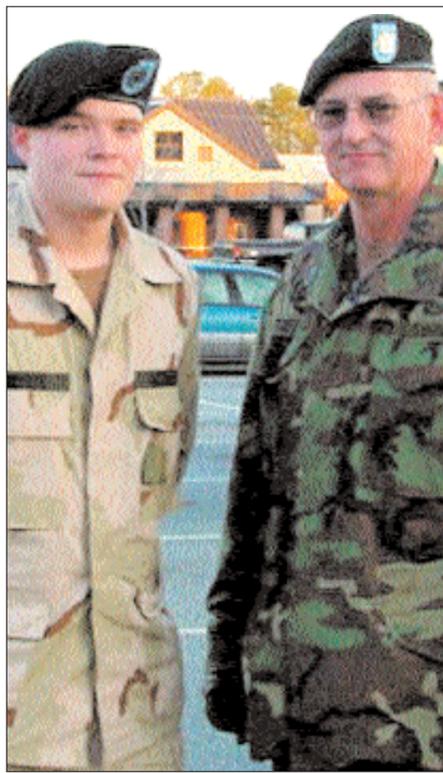
When asked about future plans after deployment, the younger Roberts said, "I think I might like to get into law enforcement like Dad."

As a civilian, James is a sergeant with the Alabama Bureau of Investigation.

"Old Dad would really like to see him attend college," James responded. "He's been paying into the college fund since he came into the Army."

"I just hope this whole experience will make me a better person," said Joseph.

"It will," his father affirmed.



Sgt. 1st Class Charles R. Evans

Pvt. Joseph O. Roberts, an infantryman with B Co., 1/30th Inf. Regiment, stands with his father Sgt. 1st Class James A. Robert, a Reservist with HHC, 87th Division (Training Support).

The "Golden Acorn" Division

The 87th Division (Training Support) is an Army Reserve division headquartered in Birmingham, Ala., with subordinate brigades located in five southeastern states: Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, and South Carolina.

The mission of the 87th Division (Training Support) is to develop, conduct, and validate training for selected Army Reserve and National Guard units throughout its area of responsibility.

The Division is organized under a concept known as Training Support XXI, which integrates active and Reserve component soldiers into a training mix that maximize the scarce training resources and time available to Reserve component forces, and ensures the battle readiness of these units by delivering consistent, quality training to a uniform Army standard.

Approximately 700 members of the 87th Division (Training Support) have been mobilized in support of Operation Noble Eagle. Noble Eagle refers to military operations in support of homeland defense. The 87th Division (Training Support) will prepare Army Reserve and National Guard units throughout the Southeast for mobilization and deployment.

The Division's responsibilities include supervising and coordinating the mobilization process, conducting pre deployment training, assisting in unit preparation for deployment, and executing deployment. This includes such tasks as ensuring medical and personnel records are updated, proper equipment is issued, and appropriate training for the specific duties to be performed is received.

The 87th Division (Training Support) traces its lineage back to the 87th Infantry Division of World War I and World War II. Division members still wear the distinctive "Golden Acorn" patch.

Pot of Gold



Photo by Pvt. 2 Emily Danial

Volunteers recognized Friday during the Commanding General's Pot of Gold Ceremony at Hunter Army Airfield are from left to right: Kathy Smith, Christina Garrett, Selena Smith, Janelle Ferguson, Brad Stanley, Patrice Meeker, Meghan Farrell and Melissa Gardner.

RCI

from page 1B

pedestrian traffic and interaction among families from one neighborhood to the next, and from one community to the next. Within these neighborhoods are fitness centers, swimming pools, and other luxuries that families in some of the nicest communities off post have. In many cases, they're not available to families on military installations. We're going to bring that to Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield."

The Army secretariat and the installation's RCI staff provided general guidelines for the project. GMH's private-sector partner, Atkins Americas (an architectural engineering firm with an equity stake in the project), drew up the architectural plans. Families will comment on the plan in a series of focus group meetings, which have already started. GMH will use this input to refine and finalize what the ultimate project will look like.

"We approach these projects with the intent to exceed what is available in the private sector," said Taylor. "Our military families deserve no less."

"Once we have completed the plan, we will submit it to the Department of Army, the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Office of Management and Budget, and to Congress for their approval," said Adams. "After we get the approvals, we will finalize the legal documents necessary to transfer the assets and future income stream (BAH) to our partner. We believe the transfer will occur by Jan. 1, 2004. At the point of the transfer, we won't have Army family housing as we once knew it. The government will have an oversight role and our partner will manage and own the houses."

Construction will begin immediately after transfer. GMH's construction partner is Centex Construction Company. Centex is one of the largest general contractors in the country and the second largest homebuilder in the nation. They will replace many of the existing homes with new homes, renovate those that are not replaced, and build up to 1,012 new homes-825 at Fort Stewart and 187 at Hunter.



An artist's conceptual rendering of the Fort Stewart RCI community.

Fort Stewart currently has 2,439 family housing units, Hunter, 488. The majority of the work, including amenities such as swimming pools and fitness centers, will be accomplished during the first eight years of the contract, when all of the housing will undergo either renovation or replacement.

"The initial development is about \$463 million," said Taylor. "Over the entire 50 years it's about a \$2 billion project. We will use funds the Army has committed to the initial development, we will put in equity in the form of cash, and then we will go out and attract bond financing for the balance of the work."

"We are striving to be a 'Southern Living Station of Choice,'" said Poltorak, outlining his vision for the program. "We want the coastal Georgia architectural styles to reside here at Fort Stewart. We want the porches and the openness of the houses. We want to capture that wonderful cultural feeling of neighborliness, where people help without being asked. We're trying — in our quality of life, in our training and the way we project power out of here, to be the station of choice for soldiers around the Army. We can't do that until we've replaced and repaired this housing and ensure that all the other facilities that support them are quality."

March Lunch Menus

Elementary School

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|---|---|--|--|--|
| | | | | March 7 Chicken salad, baked potato, broccoli & cheese, crackers and jello |
| March 10 Stromboli, tossed salad, fresh apple and Elf grahams | March 11 Pepperoni pizza, french fries, garden salad and ice cream sandwich | March 12 Turkey, ham & cheese on a bun, chips, carrot sticks with dip and juice | March 13 Chicken noodle soup, grilled cheese sandwich, corn and apple crisp | March 14 No School |
| March 17 Spaghetti with meat sauce, tossed salad, green beans, roll and ice cream | March 18 Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, garden peas, roll and peanut cluster | March 19 Vegetable beef soup, peanut butter and jelly sandwich, orange smiles and oatmeal cookie | March 20 Chicken pot pie, peaches, roll and chocolate chip cookie | March 21 Fish sandwich, potato wedges, garden peas and chocolate chip cookie |
| March 24 Shepherd's pie, fruit cup, peas & carrots, roll and sugar cookie | March 25 Chicken fajita, shredded lettuce, french fries, strawberries and bananas | March 26 Pepperoni pizza, tossed salad, fresh orange and chocolate chip cookie | March 27 Fried chicken, seasoned rice, steamed cabbage, chilled apricots and cornbread | March 28 Corn dog, french fries, chilled pears and cinnamon roll |

Middle and High School

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|---|--|--|--|--|
| | | | | March 7 Fish nuggets, french fries, hush puppies, cole slaw and peanut butter confection |
| March 10 Orange glazed ham, macaroni & cheese, steamed cabbage, cornbread, ice cream sandwich and chilled pears | March 11 Stir fried rice, egg roll, frozen juice bar and garden salad | March 12 Spaghetti, garlic bread, corn, chilled peaches and vanilla ice cream | March 13 Chicken strips, tater tots, green beans, roll and jello | March 14 No School |
| Feb. 17 Salisbury steak, rice, garden salad, chilled apricots, frosted yellow cake and roll | March 18 Popcorn fish, french fries, garden peas, cornbread and chilled peaches | March 19 Lasagna, garden salad, garlic bread, Mexican corn, frosted spice cake and ice cream | March 20 Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, California blend, roll, vanilla pudding | March 21 Stir fried rice, egg roll, oriental vegetables and frozen juice bar |
| March 24 Spaghetti, garlic bread, garden salad, mixed fruit and frosted yellow cake | March 25 Cream chicken with noodles, peas and carrots, tossed salad, yeast roll and glazed donut | March 26 Roast beef, mashed potatoes with gravy, roll, broccoli & cheese, frosted cake | March 27 Baked chicken, seasoned rice, roll, buttered carrots and peach cobbler | March 28 Chili cheese baked potato, garden salad, fresh orange and ice cream sandwich |

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Point & Counterpoint: How should Americans view Muslims

Man from Arkansas writes to Chaplain ...

Do you remember ... the Muslim bombing of PanAm Flight 103, the Muslim bombing of the World Trade Center in 1993, the Muslim bombing of the Marine Barracks in Lebanon, the Muslim bombing of the military barracks in Saudi Arabia, the Muslim bombing of the American Embassies in Africa, the Muslim bombing of the USS Cole, and most of all, do you remember the Muslim attack on the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001? Do you remember all the American lives that were lost in all of those vicious Muslim attacks?

Now the United States Postal Service remembers and honors the EID Muslim holiday season with a commemorative first class holiday postage stamp.

Now ... do you think that I might be biased against a Muslim? You bet! Until I see them place their right hand over their heart and pledge allegiance to the United States of America, and see a tear slide down their cheek when the National Anthem is played and Old Glory parades in front of them, you bet!

We darn sure don't owe them a commemorative postage stamp!

I strongly urge you to remember to adamantly and vocally boycott this stamp on every occasion you have, and refuse to buy it at any United States Post Office.

To buy or use this stamp would be a slap in the face of every American who died at the hands of those whom this stamp would honor; a disgraceful insult to every New York firefighter, policeman, or other hero who responded to the trade center disasters and lost their own life in the line of duty.

Why in the name of a merciful God would I want to honor any person who professes a religion that offers eternal rewards for the utter destruction of every American and all others who do not bow to their god?

I also strongly urge you to pass this along to every patriotic American you know, whether by e-mail or otherwise.

Army Chaplain replies ...

*Dear Cousin in Arkansas,
Thank you for the email. You would be proud of the American soldiers who serve here at Fort Stewart, Ga., and are currently deployed to Southwest Asia as part of Operation Enduring Freedom.*

*As a chaplain who serves soldiers of all faiths I have a different point of view regarding the issue of a stamp with an Islamic theme. May I share it with you?
Sgt. 1st Class J——— is originally from*

Turkey and professes the religion of Islam. He is neither extremist nor sympathetic to those who are. He feels it is a shame that some extreme terrorists hide behind Islam to perpetrate their version of Islam. He is an Arab linguist as well and works for our commanding general as an interpreter.

There is quite a group of Islamic worshipping soldiers in the U.S. Army. They wear the same uniforms as all of us and have taken the same oath of enlistment. They are patriotic and follow orders like all good soldiers.

It is a major error to lump the extreme terrorists in the same camp of all Muslims. That is like saying a criminal who is Catholic reflects on all Catholics or the Catholic faith in general.

Those who bombed the U.S.S. Cole were fanatical and extremist. Just like Timothy McVeigh who was executed for his brand of extremism in bombing the Federal building in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Our current military mission is to stop that type of activity and bring a halt to their ability to take lives and make statements. We will do our duty in that regard as long as it takes. And the dedicated group of soldiers doing their duty so you can sleep well and safely includes men and women of all the faiths of our country.

For example the 442nd Regimental Combat Team from Hawaii served in the European theater with distinction. They had more combat casualties for a unit of their size than any other unit in U.S. history! They were Japanese Americans whose families were often confined in camps at home in America while they served with honor. Most of them were Buddhist. Their chaplains were Christian. And their motto was, "Go for Broke." They sought to prove their patriotism and serve with honor. They did so. A certain one-armed senator from Hawaii named Daniel Inouye has served in Congress with distinction. You might have heard of him. During WWII it was popular to speak of all Japanese as Japs. It is not wise to do that now. We know better. Daniel Inouye was awarded the Medal of Honor. He served with the 442nd.

There will yet be stories of heroism by Americans of many faiths before we lay the power of the extremist to rest. A new stamp for Islam? I have no problem with that. Just don't make me a stamp with Osama Bin Laden's face on it.

*Sincerely, Your Cousin,
Allen Blake Boatright
Chaplain (Lt. Col.) U.S. Army*

Worship Opportunities

Fort Stewart

| Catholic | Location | Time |
|--------------|----------|------------|
| Sunday Mass | Victory | 9 a.m. |
| Sunday Mass | Victory | 7 p.m. |
| Weekday Mass | Victory | 11:45 a.m. |

Protestant

| | | |
|-----------------------------|---------|------------|
| Sunday "Protestant Worship" | Marne | 11 a.m. |
| Sunday Gospel Service | Victory | 11 a.m. |
| Sunday Family Friendly | Vale | 11 a.m. |
| Tuesday Healing Service | WACH | 11:30 a.m. |

American Samoan

| | | |
|----------------|---------|--------|
| Sunday Worship | Victory | 1 p.m. |
|----------------|---------|--------|

Muslim

| | | |
|----------------|------------|-----------|
| Friday Jum'ah | Bldg. 9182 | 1:15 p.m. |
| Masjid (Daily) | Bldg. 9182 | 5:30 a.m. |

Seventh Day Adventist

| | | |
|-------------------------|------|-----------|
| Saturday Sabbath School | Vale | 9:15 a.m. |
| Saturday Divine Worship | Vale | 11 a.m. |

Lutheran

| | | |
|----------------|-------|---------|
| Sunday Worship | Marne | 11 a.m. |
|----------------|-------|---------|

Contemporary Service

| | | |
|----------------|-------|--------|
| Sunday Worship | Marne | 6 p.m. |
|----------------|-------|--------|

Hunter Army Airfield

| | | |
|-------------------|-------------|---------|
| Protestant | | |
| Sunday Service | Post Chapel | 11 a.m. |



Pet of the Week

Pepper is a three-year-old pure breed male Catahoola. He is very friendly and would make a great family pet.

If interested in adopting Pepper 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

Basketball courts closed

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

Tae Kwon Do lessons

Tae Kwon Do is available for children and adults.

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

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

Marne tournaments

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

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

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

Newman offers training

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

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

Golf course

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.

Troops Tune Up, a soldiers free clinic, is held every Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A Ladies Free Clinic is held every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Liberty High golf matches are scheduled for Tues., March 18th, and Wed., March 26.

A "Junior Golf Academy" is scheduled to begin in April and during the summer.

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

Registration for girls sports

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

Off Post

Military night at the YMCA

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

Baseball players wanted

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

For more information, email simmonsh@yahoo.com

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

Students compete in golf tournament



Pvt. 2 Emily Danial

Armstrong Atlantic State University junior David Roger lines up a putt on the 16th green at the Hunter Golf Course during the GEICO-DIRECT Pirate Invitational Golf Tournament on Sunday.

Pvt. 2 Emily Danial

Staff Writer, Hunter Public Affairs

When you look out the window at 7 a.m. and see nothing but puddles and dark gray clouds, the first thing you think is usually not, "Looks like a great day for 18 holes!"

But then again, maybe it is.

Nine college golf teams competed Saturday and Sunday in the GEICO-DIRECT Pirate Invitational Golf Tournament at Hunter Golf Course, despite constant rain and other play-hampering weather conditions.

The tournament, which was hosted by Armstrong Atlantic State University, kicked off Saturday morning regardless of periodic downpours.

The universities participating in the competition were Armstrong Atlantic State University, Cleveland State University, Liberty University #1, Liberty University #2, Longwood University, Seton Hall University, University of South Carolina at Aiken, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, and Wright State University.

The first day of the tournament ended with USC-Aiken taking the lead with a score of 308, followed closely behind by Liberty's 310.

Saturday's lead scorers, Reggie Bergholtz of USC-Aiken and David Roger of AASU, finished the first day two strokes over par, with a score of 75.

Ironically, the two leaders each credited their day's success to opposite parts of the game — Bergholtz to his putt and Roger to his drive.

Bergholtz said he has been golfing for 16 years.

"My dad got me into it," he said.

Originally from Poughkeepsie, N.Y., Bergholtz said he received a golf scholarship from USC-Aiken and has now been there for two years.

He said the rain hadn't been too much of a deterrent for him so far on the course.

"I don't mind it," he said. "Once you're wet, you're wet."

Roger, a junior at AASU and a Scotland native, said his coach, Michael Butler, recruited him for the school.

"My dad got me started when I was 11," he said.

Butler spoke highly of Roger's performance in the tournament on Saturday.

"David played well under very bad conditions," he said.

Roger attributed his accomplishments to hard work.

"If you practice anything for a long time, you'll get better," he said.

For Sunday's play, said Roger, "I'm going to go ahead and keep it on the fairway ... I still need to improve my putt."

Roger and Bergholtz both finished out the tournament with 158 points, with Roger coming in 14th place and Bergholtz in 10th.

Tommie McArthur, the Director of Golf Course Operations, said the invitational was "going great" in spite of the raindrops that kept falling on everyone's head.

"The last four (tournaments) have been dictated by bad weather," he said. "The golf course is a difficult challenge for these guys ... we're just excited the kids are here."

When all was said and done, Liberty University came out on top of the game with 619 total points, with USC-Aiken and AASU coming in second and third places with 627 and 633 points respectively. The top scorer of the weekend was James Yoo of Liberty with 151 points.

The collegiate tournament is the only one to be hosted by a Morale, Welfare and Recreation golf course, said McArthur.

This type of competition takes some time to get ready for, McArthur said. "I'll start preparing tomorrow for next year's tournament," he added.

Maybe he can make a note for the sun to be available that weekend.

Hunter youth basketball team learns to work together on court



Pvt. 2 Emily Danial

Hunter top scorer Denzel Allen shoots a jump ball against West Chatham.

Pvt. 2 Emily Danial

Staff Writer, Hunter Public Affairs

The Hunter Army Airfield youth basketball team fought valiantly against West Chatham Feb. 22 at the Islands YMCA on Wilmington Island in their second-to-last game of the season, losing 16-38.

Hunter's top scorer, Denzel Allen, shot 10 of the team's 16 points.

The Hunter team, which consists of 10 youths from age 12 to 14, played an animated game despite never having a single formal practice due to the fact that Hunter's basketball court is being remodeled.

However, said Leon Dunk, one of the two Hunter coaches, the team has provided its members the opportunity to "compete, meet friends and have fun."

Dunk, who has been coaching the team for three years, said, "They're learning to work together as a group of individuals to accomplish a common goal."

Women's Basketball team faces Lehigh In PL tournament

Sixth Seeded Army looks to Upset No. 3 Mountain Hawks

Special to the Frontline

WEST POINT, N.Y. - The Army women's basketball team will face Lehigh for the third time this season when they meet in the first round of the Patriot League Tournament on Friday evening at the Show Place Arena in Upper Marlboro, Md.

The Black Knight, seeded No. 6, will square off against the No. 3 Mountain Hawks for the second consecutive season at the league tournament.

Last season, the pairing identical to this year, Army defeated Lehigh, 71-66, in the opening round on March 1. Lehigh (12-14) swept both rounds with Army (13-15) in the regular season slipping past the Black Knights, 64-59, on Jan. 26 at home and winning, 62-51, on Feb. 21 at West Point. Army holds a 16-13 series advantage over Lehigh.

Army and Lehigh square off at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Show Place Arena in Upper Marlboro, Md. Holy Cross (21-7), the top seed for the seventh consecutive time, will open the tournament against No. 8 Lafayette (3-24) at 12 p.m. on Friday. First round matchups include No. 4 Bucknell (12-14) versus No. 5 Navy (17-11) at 2:30 p.m. and No. 2 American (17-10) opposite No. 7 Colgate (9-17) at 5 p.m.

Army is coming off a heartbreaking 86-85 triple overtime loss to Navy on Saturday.

Marne Scoreboard

Basketball

2003 GRPA District II 17 & Under Senior boys Basketball Tournament Feb. 28 through March 1
Camden 22 vs. Liberty Co. 78
Wayne Co. 83 vs. Liberty Co. 65
Fort Stewart 67 vs. Camden Co. 58

2003 GRPA District II 10 & Under Mite Girls Basketball Tournament Feb. 28 through March 1
Fort Stewart 19 vs. Ware Co. 39

Volleyball

Volleyball sign-up/clinic
Team rosters must be submitted by March 10 for the upcoming volleyball season for soldiers, family members, National Guard and Reserves to the Fort Stewart Sports Director's Office, Building 471, Sports Complex or Hunter Sports Director's office, Building 925, Duncan Road. For more information, call 352-6749 or 767-8238. There is a Volleyball Clinic scheduled for 1:30 p.m., March 19, at the Stewart Club and Hunter Sports Office.

Aerobics

Hunter Fitness Center Aerobics schedule

Mondays — 6 to 7 p.m.

Cardio-Stepping
Buns/Thighs Weights
AB Work Stretch

Wednesday — 6 to 7 p.m.

Cardio-Stepping
Low Impact
Jump Rope
Weights
AB Work Stretch

Friday — 6 to 7 p.m.

Fun Fridays
Party Dance
Yoga Stretches

Golf

GEICO-DIRECT Pirate Invitational Golf Tournament

Liberty University: 619 pts., 1st place
University of South Carolina-Aiken: 627 pts., 2nd place
Armstrong Atlantic State University: 633 pts., 3rd place
Wright State University: 636 pts., 4th place
Longwood University: 645 pts., 5th place
University of Tennessee-Chattanooga: 648 pts., 6th place
Seton Hall University: 664 pts., 7th place

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

Volunteer Spotlight



Spc. Edward Duran Jr.

Spc. Duran is in the headquarters section of the 110th Quartermaster Company at Hunter Army Airfield. From Downey, Calif., Duran is an active duty floater volunteer for Army Community Service. He helps with ACS special events. "I volunteer because it is a priceless reward to give back and connect with our Army community," he said. Duran added he likes being involved in Army events. "What I like most about volunteering is taking part in a ongoing chain that the community knows and appreciates," he said.



Call The Frontline at 767-3440 for information on how to recognize a volunteer in your organization!



WOODRUFF THEATER

March 6 — March 12

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



A Guy Thing (PG-13)

Starring: Jason Lee, Julia Stiles
Tonight at 7 p.m.
 Paul tells a teensy lie, which turns into a bigger lie. From his bachelor party to the wedding, soon his lies are spiraling out of control. It's amazing how much can change because of one little thing — a guy thing.

NARC (R)

Starring: Jason Patric, Ray Liotta
Friday at 7 p.m.
 A narcotics cop, who happens to be a recovering drug addict, is assigned to help uncover the truth behind the murder of a young officer. He teams up with the dead officer's partner. The cover-up they unravel could destroy them both. Run time: 105 minutes

Confessions of a Dangerous Mind (R)

Starring: Sam Rockwell, Julia Roberts
Saturday, Wednesday at 7 p.m.
 Chuck Barris, Gong Show host and creator of the Newlywed Game and the Dating Game, was recruited by the CIA and trained to become a covert operative. As he basks in glamour of two worlds, television producer by day and CIA assassin by night, his life begins to spiral out of control. Run time: 113 minutes

Darkness Falls (R)

Starring: Chaney Kley, Emma Caulfield
Sunday, Monday, Tuesday at 7 p.m.
 Kyle Walsh must return home to confront his troubled past and save his childhood sweetheart Caitlin and her younger brother Michael from an unrelenting evil that has plagued the town of Darkness Falls for more than one hundred and fifty years. Run time: 85 minutes

FREE Showing on Saturday Confessions of a Dangerous Mind



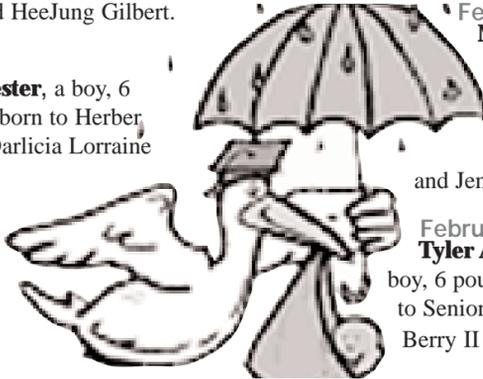
Birth announcements

February 17
Emily Lynn Sherbanenko, a girl, 8 pounds, 2 ounces, born to Sgt. Michael Sherbanenko and Jennifer Sherbanenko.
Amber Lynn Cline, a girl, 10 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Spc. Joshua Cline and Hannah Marie Cline.

February 18
Carson Broc Hendrickson, a boy, 9 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. David Hendrickson and Gina Hendrickson.
Sean Colin Gilbert, a boy, 7 pounds, 10 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Christopher

Lynne Gilbert and HeeJung Gilbert.

February 19
Jadin Jameer Lester, a boy, 6 pounds, 1 ounce, born to Herber Lester and Spc. Darlicia Lorraine Lester.
Keanna Marie White, a girl, 6 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Pfc. Chimere Latrice White.



February 20
Michael Daily Meller Jr., a boy, 8 pounds, 2 ounces, born to Seaman Michael Daily Meller Sr., and Jennifer Leigh Meller.

February 21
Tyler Anthony Berry, a boy, 6 pounds, 10 ounces, born to Senior Airman John E. Berry II and Jessica M. Berry.

Jesse Damon Holmes, a boy, 9 pounds, 1 ounce, born to Spc. John R. Holmes and Michelle L. Holmes.

February 22
David Alan Houghton Jr., a boy, 7 pounds, 13 ounces, born to Spc. David Houghton and Davina Houghton.

February 24
Neeasha Allencia Forbes Brown, a girl, 5 pounds, 15 ounces, born to Spc. Jason A. Brown and Pfc. Nicole S. Forbes.