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| <b>FRI</b> | High<br><b>82°</b> | Low<br><b>62°</b> |
| <b>SAT</b> | High<br><b>81°</b> | Low<br><b>59°</b> |
| <b>SUN</b> | High<br><b>79°</b> | Low<br><b>61°</b> |



Sgt. Craig Zentkovich

A wounded Republican Guard soldier receives treatment from a 1st BCT medic for gunshot wounds to his chest and arms endured during fighting that took place March 26 in Kifl, Iraq.

## Raiders secure foothold in Kifl

Sgt. Craig Zentkovich

50th PAD

KIFL, Iraq — The 1st Brigade Combat Team continued its move north by securing a foothold in Kifl, a northern suburb of Najaf, March 25-27.

A number of Iraqi soldiers and armed civilians had been seeking refuge in the town as evident by the bunkers and fighting positions along the main road, including two atop a schoolhouse.

A section of the Brigade Recon Team and a tank platoon from Task Force 3/69 with attachments crossed the Euphrates River, from the west, into Kifl late Tuesday morning to establish

a blocking position for follow-on enemy forces from Najaf.

"It's important to own the intersections," said Col. William Grimsley, 1st BCT commander. "(Iraqi forces) need them to get soldiers and equipment into position."

The assault element began receiving contact about 500 meters before the bridge, to the north and south of the road, and fought their way to the river — leaving many dead Iraqi soldiers in their wake, while receiving no casualties of their own.

"We initially seized the west side of the bridge," Grimsley said. "When the assault element reached the east side, there was an explosion on the bridge behind them."

The explosion, triggered by two Iraqi soldiers

under the bridge, was an attempt to disable the bridge. It was only partially buckled, but still passable, according to Lt. Col. Tom Smith, 11th Engineer Battalion commander.

"We're making contingency plans now to lay a bridge to get the troops to and from, safely," Smith said.

The Iraqis who set off the charge were located and killed while attempting to detonate another section of the bridge, according to Grimsley.

"The BRT then immediately cut every wire they saw," he said "The entire bridge was rigged."

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## Fort Stewart receives "MSNBC" training



Sgt. Sam Hoffman

Staff Writer

Military action in Iraq has begun and with it, the race to Baghdad. The 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) leads this charge, and thus all eyes are on Fort Stewart.

News media from all over the country and world seem to be ubiquitous at Fort Stewart in an effort to keep the public informed with what happens on the home front.

This war is unlike any other, because of the interaction that journalists have with Coalition forces by the process of "embedding," said Maria Alcon, MSNBC

producer.

"What also makes this war different is the technology; so advanced that we are able to be with the troops every step of the way," she said.

Although media from as far as the Netherlands and Japan have been putting together "packages," (an industry term used to describe a story or report) the most frequent reports from national news crews come from MSNBC.

MSNBC is a nationally broadcasted cable news channel. The crews, based out of Atlanta and Charlotte, N.C. have been working around the clock to bring news about Fort Stewart to their audience.

"We are here to cover home front stories. We've been interviewing wives and also personnel about what the training for the 3rd Infantry entails," said Alcon.

Most of the focuses for the news medias' stories involve families, she said.

Soldiers have said that, at times, they are annoying, but they say it is important for the world to know what goes on here.

"We are seeing how the families that the soldiers leave behind are dealing with their soldiers being in the midst of the fighting ... for the rest of the world to see," said Alcon.

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## Meeting gives Hunter community members chance to voice concerns, raise issues

Pfc. Emily Danial

Staff Writer, Hunter Public Affairs

Residents of Hunter Army Airfield were given the opportunity to get "in the loop" March 25 during a post community meeting at the Army Community Service center.

The meeting allows senior installation leaders to interact with community residents and get feedback on programs that have an effect on those who live on post.

Although no contentious issues were raised, there was a considerable emphasis on communications and how families could expect to stay updated on current information.

The Army Community Service centers at Hunter and Fort Stewart have provided toll-free numbers that families are encouraged to call with any questions they might have.

At Hunter, families should call 1-877-896-8647 for assistance.

At Fort Stewart, the number is 1-877-433-6114.

Information coming from overseas has been conveyed to families in an efficient manner, said Lt. Col. Gerald Davie, garrison commander. In regards to notification of casualties, he said, "Things are working the way they are supposed to work."

He reminded spouses and family members, however, to make sure their expectations were not too high concerning information flow from the news media.

Since there is always the possibility that the media could take facts out of context, he said, the expectation should not be that everything heard on television or the radio is accurate.

Still, he said, "If I know anything, I will share it, because we don't want to put out bad information."

After the opening remarks, upcoming events were announced.

Dave Smith said that the Parent University classes are scheduled for

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## Central Heating Plant to shut down; several areas to be affected

Spc. Jonathan Stack

Staff Writer

The Central Heating Plant here will shut down steam, to tie in a replacement boiler into the system April 14 to 18.

The boiler was replaced due to old age, said Chester J. Schratzmeier, deputy director of the Directorate of Public Works.

Two hundred, 500, 600, 700 and 800 building blocks will be affected, said Don Thomas, contracting officer representative.

All barracks, dining facilities, medical facilities; with the exception of Winn Army Community Hospital; and fitness centers; except Newman Physical Fitness Center will be without heat and hot water, said Thomas.

The dining facilities during this time will be using paper plates, plastic silverware, and Styrofoam cups, said Schratzmeier.

DPW will be working 24 hours a day to limit the inconvenience to soldiers, said David Ruf, Griffin Services contractor for the installation.

This time will also allow DPW to do their semi-annual maintenance and repair and install a water softener system, which will make sure water is kept at the same consistency to protect the pipes from corrosion, said Thomas.

Soldiers living in the barracks or using a fitness center other than Newman during this time will have to find an alternate place to shower if they want a hot shower.

# 2nd BCT battles Al Qut soldiers



Photos by Spc. Mason T. Lowery

3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) soldiers in a set up south of An Najaf March 23 near Objective Rams.



An Al Kut vehicle sits destroyed beside the road the morning after 1st Bn., 64th artillery cleared the Rams objective area, 5 kilometers south of An Najaf, Iraq.

## Going to War:

### 2nd BCT tracks hit the sand 48 hours after ultimatum

Spc. Mason T. Lowery

50th PAD

Tracks hit the sand five hours after President George W. Bush addressed Americans and the world March 17 and gave Saddam Hussein 48 hours to get out of Iraq.

2nd Brigade Combat Team Commander Col. David G. Perkins, a native of Keene, N.H., briefed his battalion and company commanders the morning after Bush's speech that they and their soldiers are the last hope for peace in Iraq.

"We've bombed him, we've gone through the United Nations — nothing has worked. It's time to live up to the Spartan motto (Send Me). Guess what — Bush has sent us," he said.



B Co., 3/15, 2nd BCT soldiers get ready to head north March 18.

Perkins told them that peace isn't just the absence of war. "Peace is the absence of the threat of war. We're not at peace because of Iraq. The world will not be at peace until we eradicate international terrorism. There is no international terrorism without state sponsorship. Just north of us is a major cog in international terrorism sponsorship."

Perkins then stressed that 2nd BCT isn't going to War against Iraqi people, but Saddam Hussein. He said Hussein is cocky and doubts the World will oust him because no one has done it yet. But once 2nd BCT is on Hussein's doorstep, he'll get the message, Perkins said, and added that they'll tell him, "Look, the president meant what he said. ... Don't doubt the resolve of this nation."

Perkins told his commanders they need to make sure their soldiers know why they're going to war, not just now, but so they can be proud for the rest of their lives too.

He said Americans were at war September 10 but didn't know it. "We're going to war to get to the definition of peace (the absence of threat). ... We're not going to invade and occupy, but to liberate."

Perkins talked about Americans and the rest of the free world being able to go about their lives because of American soldiers. He stressed that the war will take a lot of work, but will be worth it. "The world is leaning on you. You will be that squad leader doing that heavy work."

It's going to be a real war, according to Perkins, "This is not a Nintendo war. It won't happen on a TV screen. It's going to be up

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50th PAD

AN NAJAF, Iraq — Objective Rams, near the town of An Najaf, Iraq, turned out to be a hornet's nest of Iraqi irregulars for 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) soldiers to root out from March 22nd to 29th.

Resistance was supposed to be light, but what U.S. soldiers found instead were Saddam Hussein's Al Qut, who were "curiously committed and tenaciously willing to go to their deaths for the regime," according to Lt. Col. Eric Wesley, 2nd Brigade Combat Team executive officer.

Approximately 3,000 enemy soldiers, armed with rocket propelled guns and AK-47s, were waiting in An Najaf. There were two types of soldiers; Al Qut — those that came from Baghdad to reinforce commitment to the regime, and those living in the area, who were viciously levered by the first group into fighting. They were told to fight or their families would be killed, explained Wesley.

Enemy soldiers used the town as headquarters. From there, they headed out in small trucks to attack American soldiers.

"They came out at night and were not deterred by dying in hundreds. They just kept coming but we suffered no deaths," Wesley said.

1st Battalion, 64th Armor soldiers first battled Al Kut Division soldiers March 22 and 23 in 2nd Brigade Combat Team's RAMS objective area 5 kilometers from An Najaf, Iraq.

In their first battle, they killed approximately 75 and took approximately 15 enemy soldiers prisoner, and suffered no casualties themselves, according to Master Sgt. Jedd Sweitzer, 2nd BCT S-2 (Security) NCOIC from Hinesville, Ga.

2nd BCT reconnaissance troop came into contact with the Al Kut soldiers at about 2 p.m. March 22, Sweitzer said. They pulled back and 1/64 went forward to clear the area for the 2nd BCT tactical operations center and the rest of V Corps, according to 1st Bn., 64th Armor Commander Lt. Col. Eric C. Schwartz. Tactical Psychological Operations Detachment 970 questioned approximately 15 enemy prisoners of war while 1/64 continued to clear the area.

They cleared the area by identifying the enemy at three points. They found about eight dismantled Al Kuts at a radio tower, about six at a processing plant, and approximately 90 soldiers reinforced with gun trucks, anti-tank weapons and automatic weapons at the Al Kut main defensive area 10 kilometers into the zone of attack, according to Schwartz.

"We developed this whole plan on the move and it worked out very well. We identified the enemy at each objective and subsequently destroyed them. We suffered no casualties," Schwartz said.

They were lucky the Al Kut soldiers came out and attacked them in the open where 1/64 could destroy them easier than if they were hidden in cities, 2nd BCT Commander Col. David G. Perkins said.

1/64 Bn. soldiers expected resistance, but not Al Kut, according to Schwartz. Al Kut soldiers were in the area stopping a local rebellion, Sweitzer said. The Al Kut Division soldiers are Baath Party members. They are called the "Golden Division" because of their historical fighting ability. They are loyal to Saddam Hussein and "They put up a fight," according to Schwartz.

The enemy attacked in human waves, even crawling up to 1/64 tanks and throwing

grenades. "These were not the guys who were ready to surrender. We got about 40 KIAs and 15 prisoners — we normally expect the opposite," Sweitzer said.

Rams was intended to be a staging area for the V Corps tactical operations center and 3rd Division Main to pause and plan operations for the battle with the Iraqi Medina Division, Wesley said.

1st Battalion, 64th Armor and 2nd Bde. Headquarters relieved 3rd Battalion, 7th Cavalry, lost two tanks and Bradleys but no soldiers. 1/64 soldiers moved across the Euphrates River to block enemy supply and communication lines, Wesley explained.

They captured and got information on enemy locations from enemy prisoners of war. The soldiers, aided by U.S. Air Force bombs and 2nd Bde. Multiple Launch Rocket Systems, dismantled a city block containing a Baath Party Headquarters building and troop barracks.

Wesley said it was a successful mission. After a day and a half of destroying buildings and cutting lines of communication, they killed approximately 1,000 enemy soldiers and captured as many as 800.

A captured Fedayeen general said that out of his original 1,200 troops, only 20 remained. 2nd Bde. soldiers suffered three return-to-duty casualties, Wesley said.

"That area is secured, we'll continue operations as planned," Wesley said. "It took a committed and strong arm to stop behavior that would be counter intuitive to most soldiers — they just ran in waves into the fire. ... They're committed to going to their deaths for a questionable regime."

Wesley attempted to explain the strange behavior of the Iraqi soldiers.

"Saddam has ruled with absolute terror for about 24 years. As a result, he's got a pretty solid grip on power. I think a lot of these loyalist soldiers have sold out — they get their legitimacy from (Saddam). As long as he's alive, they'll continue. The Iraqi people will turn on them once (Saddam's) out of power, so they want to keep him in power. Who knows, maybe they were levered into fighting for him years ago."

A soldier involved in the fighting, Pvt. 1st Class Walter Hicks, A Co., 1/64 from Jim Thorpe, Pa., said, "There's not much to tell. When you're shot at and you have to shoot back — your feelings just go out the window. We were ambushed by RPGs, machine guns, had a couple of vehicles try to run into us, and received light mortar attack. They were just a little short (of their target), thank God.

"I'm a loader; I was on top of the tank. By the time you see the flash, the round is already down range. It's just memories I don't want."

Bradley Driver Spc. James Slayton, a C Co., 3/15 soldier from Gainesville, Fla., said, "I was a little tense when we first got to Rams. You see your life flash before your eyes — going through that. You hate to see people get shot, but they had their chance to give up.

"The day we went to help 3/7 at the river was real dusty, I couldn't see the people shooting at me. I saw RPGs flying by my window, I just thank God they didn't hit me. I just had to stay calm as a driver — knowing I had a crew counting on me."

Spc. Jeffrey Smith, a tank driver for A Co., 1-64 from Salinas, Ca., said, "When you're in it, you just reflexively go back to your training. I don't know how it will affect me. If we don't change things over here, I'll be really mad."



Photos by Spc. Mason T. Lowery

B Co., 3-15, 2nd BCT heads north March 18 as the president's patience wears thin.

close and personal. It's time to walk the walk."

The soldiers who will be up close and personal with Iraqi forces headed north a few hours later with confidence high and an understanding of why they were going.

"(Fighting terrorism) is why a lot of us joined the Army," said Pvt. 1st Class Robert O'Connor, a B Co., 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry soldier from Portsmouth, Ohio. "That's why I'm doing this — so my family

doesn't have to worry. I don't want my kids growing up in a world where they have to worry about a building they're in being blown up."

Sgt. 1st Class John Meadows, B Co. squad leader from Roanoke, Va., said, "The soldiers are feeling kind of anxious and ready to go. This is the quickest way home for us. We're tired of getting dates and getting dates and getting pushed back — it's time to go."

# Massive weapons cache found

Spc. Mason T. Lowery

50th PAD

KHAIRAT, Iraq — 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) soldiers found and destroyed a massive Iraqi Fedayeen weapons cache in a Khairat village school March 31.

Soldiers found more than 900 mortars, 26,000 AK-47 rounds, protective masks, protective suits and dynamite and safely destroyed them to keep them out of enemy hands.

The 422nd Civil Affairs Team received information alerting them to the location and amount of weapons, according to Sgt. 1st Class Willie Harrison, a 422nd soldier from Spring Lake, N.C.

A Co., 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry soldiers were in the town at the same time. Civil Affairs directed them to the cache, 1/15 secured the town and called in C Co., 3rd Battalion, 17th Engineers (supporting the 2nd Bde., 10th Engineer Battalion) and the 759th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Company — the first company ever deployed from Fort Irwin, Ca., to contain and detonate the weapons.

With small arms fire and returning artillery in the background, soldiers took the weapons out of the school, inventoried them, dug a hole with an armored combat earthmover to detonate the weapons that were too dangerous to transport, and moved the bulk of the mortars to a distant field to be safely destroyed.

Civil Affairs alerted civilians to the impending explosion

over loudspeakers in Arabic while engineer and EOD soldiers prepared the first explosion.

They used less explosives than normal because they were in a combat situation in a populated area, Staff Sgt. Joe Robsky, 759th EOD team leader from Hudson, N.Y. explained. Normally they would destroy everything with a mine clearing line charge to eliminate the threat of secondary discharges — the weapons going off in all directions. A full MICLIC explosion would pose too much of a threat to civilians, so they used as little C-4 as was necessary to get the job done quickly, he said.

They drove to a secure field to fully destroy the rest of the weapons. The ACE dug another hole, 40 meters of C-4 (half a full MICLIC) were laid down, and the soldiers prepared to detonate.

Robsky and his team radioed Engineer Headquarters to make sure no aircraft would be flying over, because fragments from an explosion of that magnitude can down a plane flying over. Just as they were about to detonate, they noticed civilians walking through the field. They passed, but then a shepherd and his flock appeared. Soldiers drove to the shepherd and ushered him to safety. Then the soldiers detonated the MICLIC and the rest of the rounds in a huge explosion and plume of smoke.

Maj. Mike Peloquin, 10th Engineer S-3 from Rockville, Md., commented on the success of the mission, "It was a big find, the largest so far in 2nd Brigade. It's definitely good to get out of enemy hands."



Spc. Mason T. Lowery

**A massive Fedayeen weapons cache found inside a Khairat school awaits destruction by 3-17 Engineers and 759th Explosive Ordnance Disposal soldiers March 31.**

# Apaches secure bridge at An Nasiriyah

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AN NASIRIYAH, Iraq — Attack helicopters from 1st Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment secured the Highway 1 Bridge over the Euphrates River near An Nasiriyah as ground troops from 3rd Infantry Division moved toward the town March 21 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

AH-64 Apaches from B and C Companies flew out shortly after arriving at an airfield near Jalibah in Southern Iraq. They initially observed artillery fire coming in on the 11th Iraqi Division before moving in and shaping the battlefield themselves, said Col. Curtis D. Potts, commander, 4th Brigade.

"We went in and shaped air defense, armor and artillery systems," said Potts, a Skokie, Ill., native. "Division Artillery hit them 30 minutes prior to set a seed and prep. Then we came in to shape what was left."

"It was a deliberate attack in support of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team," said Capt. R.J. Garcia, commander, B Co., 1/3 Avn. "We went up, identified the suspected target area, scanned for enemy forces and destroyed what we saw."

After taking out several Iraqi positions, the helicopters moved on to secure the bridge before enemy forces could destroy it, he said. Thirty dismounted troops, six armored per-



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**An AH-64 Apache helicopter lifts off from an airstrip near Jalibah in southern Iraq to fly a mission in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.**

sonnel carriers and several tanks were destroyed in the action.

Some of the tanks present were identified as T-72's, which are not assigned to the 11th Division, Potts said. Their presence was indicative of a Republican Guard presence in the area.

"We believe (Saddam Hussein)'s pushed them down to the regular army units," he said.

"But we killed those vehicles and secured the bridge."

The third portion of the mission consisted of giving close combat support to 3rd Brigade as they engaged enemy targets, Potts said. From his command and control UH-60 Blackhawk, Potts was able to call in air support from the Air Force, Navy and British forces.

"There were two British Harriers, two F-15s and two A-10s in the area," he said. "It was kind of cool. They were all stacked up waiting for us to send targets."

The enemy was fighting harder than expected, said Garcia, a South Lake, Texas, native.

"We saw no signs of enemy capitulation," he said.

The helicopters came under fire from surface-to-air missiles, but none were damaged in the operation.

"We had one go right in front of our nose," said Chief Warrant Officer David Keshel, a B Co. pilot from Savannah, Ga.

Garcia said he did not realize they had been fired on until it was time to leave.

"We actually didn't see it, but the follow on forces told us we had surface-to-air missiles fired behind us," he said.

The helicopters stayed on station until relieved and returned to Jalibah with a successful mission behind them.

"The mission was outstanding," said Chief Warrant Officer Steve Seahan, a B Co. pilot from Inkster, Mich. "We all came home safe, and that's the most important thing."

"We're proud to do it," said Chief Warrant Officer Mike Hartwick, a B Co. pilot from Orrick, Miss. "It's pretty apparent over the past few days that 1/3 Aviation is the shockwave in front of the spearhead in southern Iraq."

# VOICES AND VIEWPOINTS

## April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Spc. Casandra Bolton  
372nd MPAD

Well everyone, it is time to break out those blue ribbons once again; April is National Child Abuse Prevention month. This month is designated for the prevention of abuse and maltreatment of children.

I think this is a great idea because abused and neglected children are overlooked every day. In a society that is undergoing major adjustments daily, it is critical that we make a stand against issues that can easily be avoided with a little bit of commitment on our part.

As a memorial to the children who have been affected by child abuse, I'm asking that people carry on with the tradition that was started in the spring of 1989 and wear their blue ribbons on their clothes throughout this month.

The blue ribbon doesn't have any writing on it or designs of any sort, but it stands for approximately 2.9 million (1999 stats) abused children reported annually nationwide who have been affected by abuse and neglect in one form or another.

Child abuse is defined as, at a minimum, any recent act or failure to act on

### Commentary

part of a parent or caretaker, which results in death, serious physical or emotional harm, sexual abuse or exploitation.

During this month, I like to emphasize the three L's. Look, love and listen. First of all, look at what your child does with open eyes. If you can't see what is wrong, there is no way that you can possibly correct the situation efficiently. Love your child the way you want them to love you. Children can sense animosity and anger better than some adults can. And lastly, remember to listen to your child.

I have learned that in many cases, the abuser was abused as a child. Substance abuse has also been a growing factor in a number of cases. Sad to say, but children who are ill, disabled, or otherwise different, have a higher chance at being abused just because of the stress their parents or guardians are put under.



If people learn how to cope with their own stress, this would not be an issue.

Together we can avoid being trapped in a vicious circle of abuse. To everyone who wants to make a difference in the world; well, here is your chance. So, the next time that you feel stressed or a major overload, take a moment to think of how your actions affect all of the people around you.

Remember that the children are our future. Here are seven ways for parents and caretakers to avoid abuse towards children:

1. Take time to yourself each day.
2. Know what to expect from your child developmentally, so your expectations are realistic.
3. Be sure that your communication is clear.
4. Listen to your child.
5. Praise your child.
6. Take a "time out".
7. Call the Parents Life Line at 303-433-KIDS

If you would like to receive a free Prevention month packet offered from the National Clearinghouse on child abuse and neglect information, you can call 1-800-394-3366.

## Don't let terrorists' acts spread terror

John Davis

Army News Service

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. — Shortly after police alerted the nation that a vehicle license plate was being sought in connection with the D.C. sniper, a citizen reported it, and an arrest was made. The alleged killer was off the street.

Recently, a waitress at a Shoney's Restaurant in Georgia notified authorities of an apparent criminal discussion she overheard. Three men seemed to be planning to bomb a building in Miami. After police investigated, the bomb plot was alleged to be a hoax. In both cases, these citizens did what any civic-minded American should do. They reported a threat to the proper authorities. Such acts are our civic duty.

Not long ago my dad and I were comparing the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor with the suicide assaults on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

"Something a lot of people don't remember about those days," he reflected, "is that Americans were afraid. There were rumors across the land that Japanese had landed in San Francisco, at Los Angeles, and that saboteurs and spies were everywhere. Rumors spread fear, and fear fanned more fear."

The greatest human emotion is fear, and the greatest fear is fear of the unknown. It was for that very reason that President Roosevelt reminded everyone that, "The only thing we have to fear is ... fear itself."

"You can't imagine what a calming effect the president's reassurance had for everyone," Dad said. "We were sucker punched at Pearl, but pulled together for the fight to come. We believed the situation was dangerous, but that the right people were doing their best to take care of the nation. And it wouldn't be over till we finished it."

Today we too might believe the enemy appears to be everywhere. He seems capable of any number of horrific means of visiting destruction on us. We feel helpless to defend ourselves against an adversary we can neither see, nor identify, nor anticipate. We feel an unspecified dread. We don't feel safe anymore. That is just what the enemy

wants us to feel.

My favorite quotation came the day after the Sept. 11 attack. A German investigator, asked to comment on the apprehension of several al Qaeda terrorists in Hamburg, offered this matter-of-fact observation, "Don't forget. These people are criminals. Each of these terrorists has a face, a name, and an address." That comment, echoing President Bush's determined assurance that we will patiently but relentlessly pursue these killers anywhere they may hide, did much to reassure Americans. But how, Americans ask, can we take part? We want to pull together, so what do we do? The answer has been here all along; we've known it intuitively, but never until now really had an immediate need in this generation to act upon it. Working for the government, we know that loose lips sink ships. But now we know that our eyes catch spies ... and the criminal killers they report to.

Each of the terrorists has a face, a name, and an address, and now they too know fear. Their leaders have abandoned them, world law enforcement is seeking them, and every day more Americans become more astute in what to watch for and report. There are many practical hurdles to overcome, and the road won't be easy. Whereas yesterday we weren't aware, today we know who to call if something just doesn't seem right. We help each other. Americans are pulling together. We watch our surroundings in ways we didn't before.

We are protecting ourselves, informing ourselves, and not letting fear defeat us before we've entered the fight. No one today will turn away if a security problem seems to require a solution. We offer assistance to others and make sure someone takes action to protect us. If we see a better way, we speak up. The only thing we have to fear is fear itself. Remember that every terrorist has a face, a name, and an address. We'll get them if we help each other. We are a quarter billion Americans whose eyes are watching in restaurants, at gas stations, in the office, and on the road.

Now the cowards who murdered our people really have something to fear. We are out to get them.

## Marne Voice

THE FRONTLINE

Readers respond to the question:

What words of advice or encouragement would you offer for deployed troops?



"Plead the Blood of the Lamb of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior daily."

Michelle D. Coleman  
Spouse of retired service member



"Get good training and stay focused in their mission."

Sgt. Dionisia McLeod  
834 AG Postal,  
Miami Fla.



"Get the job over with and come home."

Pfc. Pedro Crespo  
841st Eng. Bn.



"Stick to the plan, stay encouraged, by no means give up."

Sgt. 1st Class Stanley Highsmith  
RTS-M



"Stay strong and persevere."

Maj. Kirby Spain  
317th MP Bn.



"Be safe and watch every step you take."

Spc. Melissa Brown  
801st Combat Support Hospital

## Letter of support

To Lt. Col. Craig Finley - Phoenix 6; Capt. Richard Dunbar - Steel 6,

You have a hundred thousand things to think about other than a letter from an old soldier, so I'll try to be fairly brief. I served with the 1/39 Field Artillery from March 1970 to March 1971 in Quang Tri Province, Vietnam. The battalion was 8"/175mm at that time, and assigned to 108th Artillery Group/XXIV Corps Artillery. I worked in the S-3 shop — S-2/Asst S-3 and Acting S-3 for a while — for the first part of my tour. I was with the battalion when we won our Valorous Unit Award on April 13, 1970. I commanded B Battery from September 1970 until DEROS in March 1971. During Dewey Canyon II/Lam Son 719, when we reopened Khe Sanh (and the ARVN went into Laos), Bravo was placed OPCON to 2/94 FA and served right on the Laotian border — the only battery to take part directly in that operation. Bravo lost two guns and earned its Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry

there. I gave up command less than 100 meters from the Laotian border. The 39th was an excellent battalion — considered among the best in XXIV Corps. Today, it is a different battalion, with a different mission, in a much different (better) Army than the one I left in 1989. But you carry a lot of that tradition, and you have a lot of old cannons who are very much with you in spirit. Please tell your staff and your troops that they have a lot more than their family and friends pulling for them. The people of our country are solidly supportive of our Armed Forces — even that misguided minority who demonstrate because they don't understand why you are there. We are extremely proud of your professionalism, your courage, and your sacrifice. Countless people in the U.S. pray for your safety and look forward to the day you can return. God Bless all the soldiers of "Speed in Action."  
Lt. Col. (Ret) Kenneth A. Owen  
Field Artillery  
"Outlaw 45"

## Poem for soldiering

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In the face of sure defeat  
The Dog Face *Soldier Soldiered*,  
His *Soldierly* attitude discouraged the foe.  
They gave in to superior *Soldiership*.  
He was well known for his motto of life:  
"Soldier Soldier, with all aspects yourself  
Be *Soldierly*, *Soldiering* is for my people  
and the Constitution.  
I want my people to say —  
*He soldiered to the utmost.*"

Neil A. Dennington  
Chaplain, Colonel USA  
Soldier, Soldier Safe! *De Oppresso Liber*

## Correction

In the March 27 edition of The Frontline, Charlene Austin was misidentified as Cathy Sterling in the photograph on page 3A. On page 2B, Community and Family Support Center Commanding General Brig. Gen. Robert Decker's name was misspelled and his job title misidentified. The Frontline staff regrets the errors.

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# Avengers defend skies, ground

**Spc. Katherine Robinson**  
50th PAD

**SOUTHERN IRAQ** — As the 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) support assets make their way to various positions in Iraq, its soldiers can feel a little more secure thanks to 2nd Platoon, D Battery, 1st Battalion, 3rd Air Defense Artillery.

The platoon has four Avengers that travel with division rear, and two with the 703rd Main Support Battalion, always on the alert, and always watching.

The Avenger is a short range air

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**"We're always keeping an eye out for the enemy."**

**Spc. Joseph Smith**  
Avenger Gunner

Reifsnnyder, the acting platoon leader from Melbourne, Fla.

When they're not on any missions, the gunners spend their days in the turrets, searching and scanning the sky for aircraft, while the team chiefs, in the vehicle cab, watches the sees the same sight as the gunner through a remote control unit.

"I listen to the radio and search and scan to make sure no enemies are approaching," said Spc. Joseph Smith, an Avenger gunner from Newman, Ga.

The system is also equipped with an early warning radar, the forward area air defense, which can tell when an aircraft is coming, and identify it as hostile or friendly, Reifsnnyder said.

Once an enemy aircraft is sighted, a slew-to-cue feature allows the gun turret to automatically aim toward it, under the control of the team chief in the cab.

"If the aircraft is enemy, we'll be able to shoot them down," he explained.

But defending against air attack isn't the Avengers' only mission.

The secondary mission is to help with ground security, and engage ground targets around the D-rear perimeter if needed, Reifsnnyder

said. The soldiers use the Avengers' forward looking infrared, which picks up heat sources, to scan the ground.

"(The infrared) can see a lot better than most people's (night vision goggles) and we can see things a lot farther out," Reifsnnyder said.

Besides providing air and ground security for the D-rear and 703rd MSB perimeters, the Avengers also provide security for fuel and ammunition convoys whenever they go out, said Staff Sgt. Brian Huggins, a team chief and section sergeant from Silver Street, S.C.

Performing all these missions, 24 hours a day in a real-world environment is a lot different than the training back in the United States, Smith said, but thanks the soldiers are

to that training, ready.

"You've got to know your job. You've got to know everything," he said.

"We don't have any time to train because we're always on a mission and we're always keeping an eye out for the enemy."

Nevertheless, Smith said, "I'm prepared."



Photos by Spc. Katherine Robinson

(Above) Staff Sgt. Brian Huggins, a D Btry, 1-3 ADA team chief from Silver Street, N.C., explains how the Avenger works to Spc. Alexander Wilson, a 42nd Civil Affairs soldier from Morehead, N.C., as they sit atop the turret March 27.

(Below) Two Avengers sit near the entrance of the D-rear area in Iraq March 27, prepared to defend from air or ground attack if needed.



# 1/15th Inf. detains 60 Iraqi soldiers

**Spc. Mason T. Lowery**  
50th PAD

**NEAR KHAIRAT, Iraq** — Sixty Iraqi soldiers surrendered to 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry soldiers March 30 and were detained at a forward collection point near the village of Khairat by 3rd Military Police Battalion soldiers.

They weren't loyalists to Saddam Hussein, but locals pressured into fighting by Iraqi irregular soldiers with no food and the death of their families, according to 1st Lt. Bradford Fisher, a 3rd MP soldier from Mentor, Ohio.

Five EPWs were wounded and received medical care from MP medics, Fisher said.

3rd MP soldiers bound the EPWs' hands, lined them up in kneeling positions, did initial searches and interrogations, made sure they didn't communicate with each other, and watched over them.

The EPWs were later transported to the Division central collection point where they were searched and questioned in more depth.

Some of them said they were civilians, but the MPs had to be cautious and question them anyway, according to Fisher.

One EPW, a 42-year-old man with six children, spoke some English and tried to explain his and his comrades' situation.

He made a circular gesture, indicating all the EPWs and also Iraqi civilians, and said "freedom."

He put his hands to his mouth, waived them away, and said "no food" — his family would starve if he didn't fight.

He put his finger to his head, imitating a handgun, indicating he was threatened with the death of his family into fighting.

He opened his hands and pretended to read and turn pages. Then he pointed to the sky and made gestures indicating paper falling, looked back at his hands, and put them up in the surrender position.

He and his neighbors had been receiving Psychological Operations pamphlets, and they understood they wouldn't be hurt if they surrendered when American soldiers arrived.

The last thing he said, shaking his head, was, "Saddam, Iran, Kuwait ... America - tired." He meant he was sick of fighting.



Spc. Mason T. Lowery

EPWs captured by 1-15 Inf. and watched over by 3rd MP soldiers March 30 near Khairat, Iraq, wait for transport to the division central collection point for further questioning.

# Getting a grip: High school students train to become nurses

**Laurie Kemp**

Winn Public Affairs Officer

Every year between January and March, Winn Army Community Hospital opens its doors to local high school students who are studying to become Certified Nursing Assistants.

Since the programs inception in the late 1980s, hundreds of students have participated in the hands-on training at Winn, said Brigitte Roberts, Winn's volunteer services and student nursing program coordinator.

"We all start somewhere," said Col. Ana Savage, Winn's deputy commander for nursing. "With this experience, many students will decide their careers — whether it be to become nurses, physicians or some other medical professional."

The students undergo extensive classroom training prior to the hands-on portion of the class, said Teresa Strickland, registered nurse and student nursing program coordinator from Bradwell Institute. The course lasts a total

of four consecutive semesters, or two full school years, in which time the students learn a variety of skills, from taking vital signs to learning about confidentiality issues. According to Strickland, if the students meet all the class criteria and pass the state issued exam, they become Certified Nursing Assistants.

The last portion of the class is the hands-on training at Winn.

"There is the academic portion of learning we can all read about, but until you get your hands-on experience, you have no confidence in what you are doing," Savage said. "Winn is helping to provide that confidence, not just because it is a great stepping stone for the students, but also because it is great for the profession."

The students trained in a variety of clinics, from pediatrics to the emergency room.

According to high school senior Ramesha L. Perry, "It has been a great learning experience."

Perry plans on staying in the medical field. Her ultimate goal is to become a Registered Nurse.



Laurie Kemp

**Student nurse Ramesha L. Perry takes 9-year-old Jordan Lusco's vital signs. Perry, a high school senior, said she intends to become a Registered Nurse.**

# DAACG continues with USAR/NG

**Pfc. Emily Danial**

Staff Writer, Hunter Public Affairs

Now that the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) has deployed, other units are stepping up to fill those soldiers' shoes and in some cases to join them overseas.

This would not be possible without the constant presence and diligence of the workers at the Departure/Arrival Airfield Control Group at Hunter, since mobilization has become the installation's primary focus in recent times.

Every unit that deploys through Hunter and Fort Stewart goes through the DAACG, said Richard Patrick, Airfield Facilities and Operations Supervisor.

"For the last two years we've been busy, starting with the deployments to Afghanistan," said Patrick.

The DAACG has been getting more attention lately, though, in light of the entire division's move overseas and the continuous flow of Reserve and National Guard soldiers in and out of Fort Stewart and Hunter.

With so many departures and arrivals to keep track of and orchestrate, not to mention all the other purposes of the facility, its employees, both military and civilian, work 24-hour shifts to keep things running smoothly.

According to Patrick, the DAACG has workers from many organizations on duty 24 hours a day, including Movement Control Teams, Deployment Operations, Aircraft Attendants, Flight Operations, Service Support Battalions, a Tactical Airlift Control Element and volunteers from the American Red Cross, United Service Organization and Savannah Smiles.

"And it's my job to keep them all happy, working as a cohesive unit," he said. "But it's not too difficult with people who like their jobs."

He said despite the long hours and hard work put in by employees of the DAACG, "I bet you 90 percent of the people who work here like it. Most of them are retired military who've been deployed before and know what it's like."

Sometimes soldiers are held up for several hours waiting



**Richard Patrick pulls a duffel bag that has accidentally come off the aircraft's unloading conveyor belt so he can fix the problem.**



*Photos by Pfc. Emily Danial*

**Departure/Arrival Airfield Control Group employee David Hickman motions a portable staircase into place in preparation for soldiers who will be disembarking from the newly arrived aircraft.**

to deploy, and the DAACG also accommodates the needs of those soldiers.

Dealing with military aircraft is a difficult part of the job, said Patrick, because "you never know when it's going to show up."

He said even before the planes arrive at the DAACG, though, a great deal of planning is necessary and certain details need to be taken care 24 to 48 hours before the troops get on the plane.

"We need to know the type of plane, the load it's carrying, how much fuel it needs, what kind of maintenance has been performed on it prior to its arrival here, and the number of personnel that will be on board," said Patrick.

Patrick, who retired from the Army as a master sergeant in August 2000, has been working at the DAACG since then, and he said one of his favorite parts of the job he does is the level of communication he has with those around him.

"I like interacting with staff personnel, volunteers, Reservists and all the different people that come through here," he said.

Patrick said he also keeps a close eye on the DAACG employees, making sure everyone is healthy and happy, so to speak.

"When you work 20 hours a day or more," he said, "you get a little more tense than you'd usually get ... we try to look out for that, and send people home to get some rest if it's clear that their work is suffering as a result of lack of sleep."

It's clear that no matter how much sleep they do or don't get, the job of a DAACG worker is never finished.

Luckily, they won't stop till it is.



**Hickman unloads baggage from the cargo section of the plane onto a conveyor belt.**

# First Iraqis 2nd BCT TOC meet children not soldiers

Spc. Mason T. Lowery

50th PAD

The first Iraqis 2nd Brigade Combat Team's Tactical Operations Center soldiers met were children.

At fuel point one, as the 2nd BCT TOC moved from their tactical assembly area in a mass convoy north into Iraq, three children of a sheep herding family approached the soldiers.

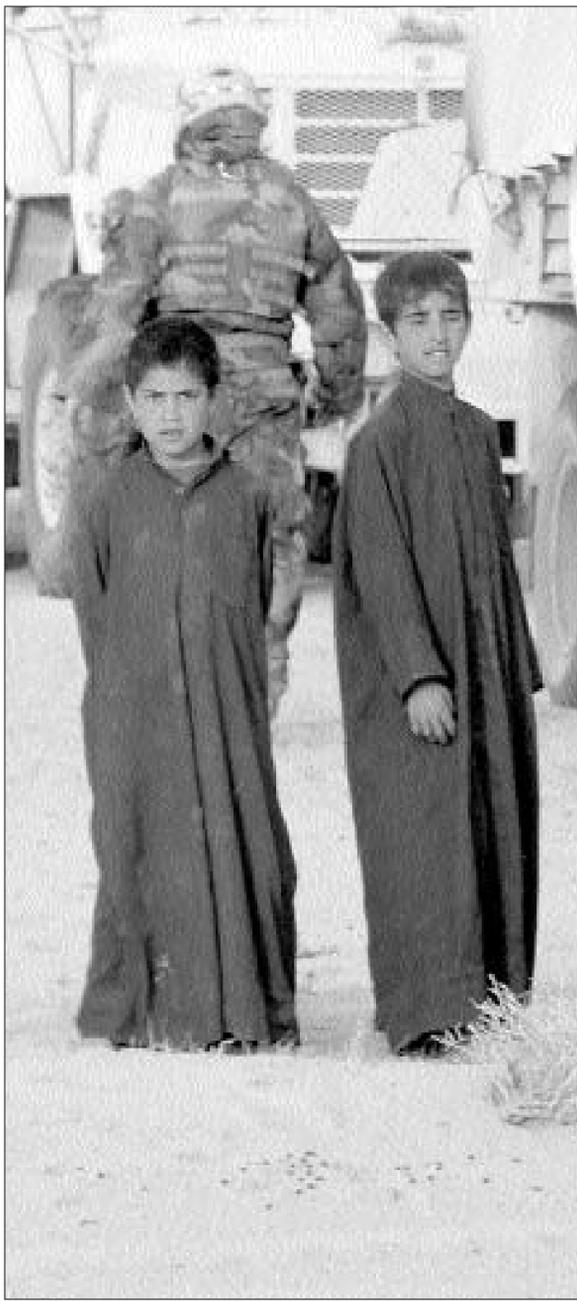
The soldiers were apprehensive at first, remembering warnings of enemy children carrying bombs.

"My pre-conceived notion coming in here was 'Don't trust anyone,' especially after reading about Afghan kids being trained to be terrorists," said Spc. Jennifer Nelson, a 2nd BCT Headquarters and Headquarters Command soldier from West Palm Beach, Fl. "I'm still going to be cautious, especially as we go further north," she said.

2nd BCT Chaplain (Maj.) Patrick Ratigan, a native of upstate New York, said, "I was thinking how little it takes to be happy. These kids live in huts, but they seem pretty happy and content. This (seeing the Army) was probably the biggest thing to ever happen to them."

Sgt. 1st Class Miguel Berdecia-Rosada, HHC Chemical noncommissioned officer in charge, a native of Puerto Rico, said, "I don't think the little kids even know who Saddam Hussein is. I don't think they know what's going on. I'd like to give them MREs - but we can't. If I've got something I can give them, I give it to them."

The soldiers continued north a few candy bars poorer, but maybe wiser as Keene, N.H. native and 2nd BCT Commander Col. David G. Perkins' words made more sense, "We're not going there to invade and occupy, but to liberate."



Spc. Mason T. Lowery

Two Iraqi children approach 2nd Bde. soldiers at a fuel point in Southern Iraq.

# Casualty update for 3ID

Staff Reports

Fort Stewart officials have been informed that four 3rd Infantry Division soldiers were killed in action in a car-bomb incident and one soldier died in a Bradley Infantry Fighting Vehicle accident last week in Iraq.

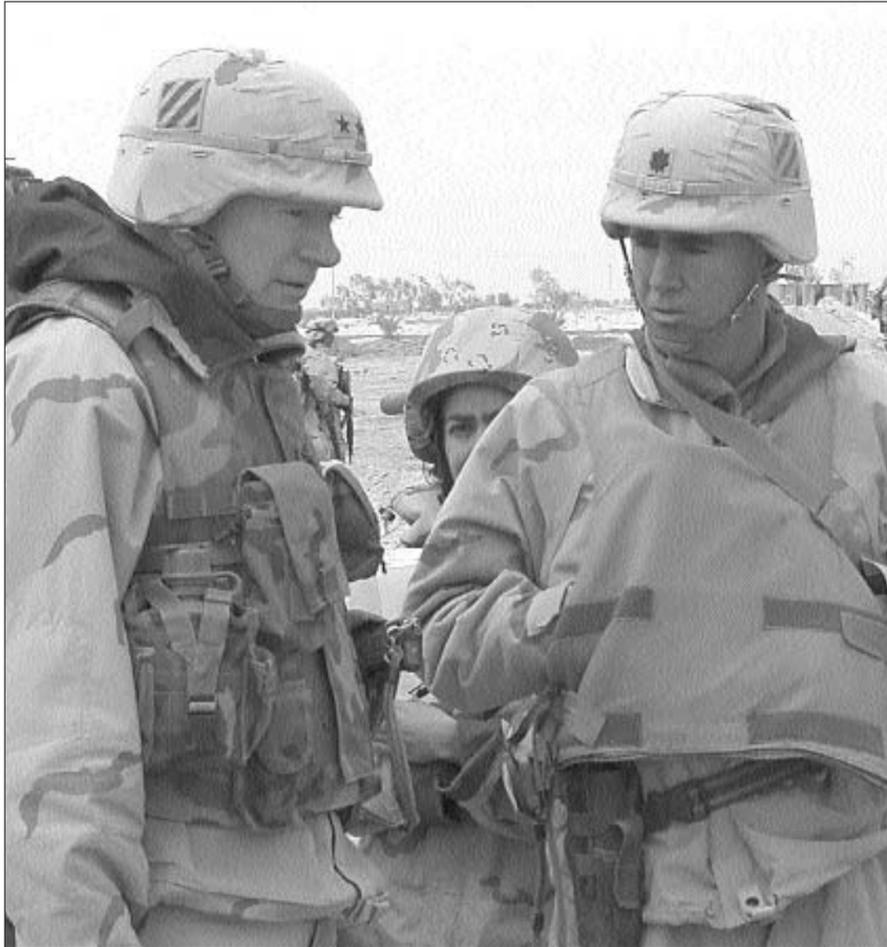
The soldiers dead in the March 29th incident are Pfc. Michael Russell Creighton Weldon, 21, of Palm Bay, Fla., Pfc. Diego Fernando Rincon, 20, of Conyers, Ga.; Spc. Michael Edward Curtin, 23, of Howell, N.J.; and Sgt. Eugene Williams, 24, of Highland, N.Y. All four soldiers were assigned to Company A, 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry

Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized).

In a separate incident, Sgt. Roderic A. Solomon, 32, from Fayetteville, N.C. was killed when the Bradley he was in rolled in a non-hostile accident March 28 in Iraq.

Weldon entered the service March 27, 2002. Rincon came in the Army February 5, 2002. Curtin enlisted June 21, 2002. And Williams' active service date is June 12, 1998. All four soldiers served in the army as infantrymen.

Solomon was a prior service soldier who completed nearly seven years active duty prior to re-enlisting in May 2002.



Sgt. Craig Zentkovich

Maj. Gen. Buford C. Blount III, 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) commanding general and Lt. Col. Scott Rutter, 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment commander, survey the site where a suicide bomber killed four 3rd Inf. Div. soldiers March 29 north of Najaf, Iraq

# TF 2-69 Armor's first days of battle

**Spc. Adam Nuelken**  
Staff Writer

**SOUTHERN IRAQ** — Shortly before midnight March 21, Task Force 2-69 Armor was the first unit to cross the berm into Iraq and toward their first objective.

"We started off as the lead element of the 3rd Brigade. We were the first unit in strength into Iraq for the invasion," according to Lt. Col. J. R. Sanderson, commander of TF 2-69 Armor. "We conducted about a 120 kilometer move up to (the first attack position). We staged out of (there) and attacked along Highway 1 suppressing both Telil Airfield and 11th Infantry Division headquarters, and ultimately seizing Objective Clay, which was the first river crossing north of An Nasariyah on the Euphrates River."

Objective Clay played a few key roles for the assault on Iraq.

"Our first objective effectively gave us the north bank of the Euphrates and simultaneous severed lines of communication for An Nasariyah back to the West," Sanderson said.

After taking the first objective, the task force was faced with the challenge of a long distance road march.

"When we completed (the mission), we road marched about 460 kilometers to Attack Position Raider," Sanderson explained. "It was a significant road march, and we made it here with more than 90 percent combat effectiveness."

Shortly after arriving in Attack Position Raider, a location in the middle of the desert, the task force was given the mission to secure a 10-kilometer area around a Euphrates River crossing by the town of Al Kifa.

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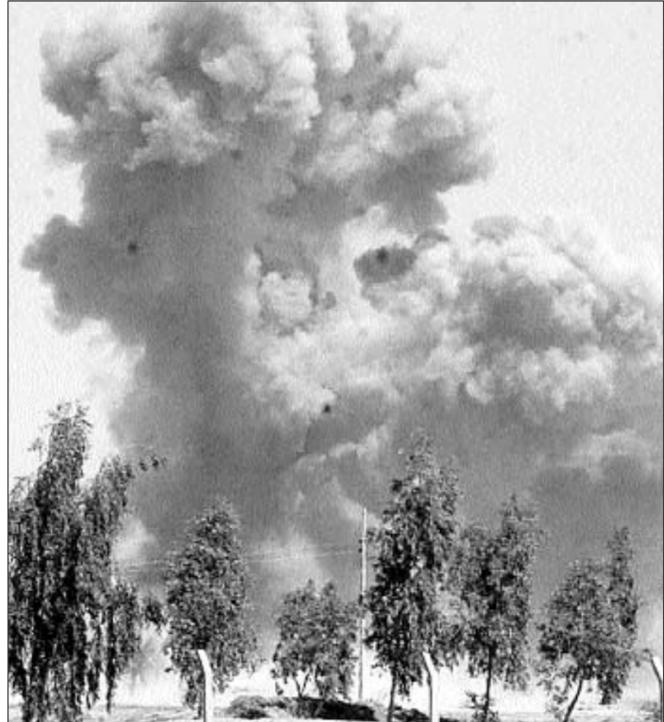


Photos by Spc. Adam Nuelken

An M1A1 Abrams with HHC, TF 2-69 Ar. opens fire on Iraqi soldiers with its .50 caliber machine gun outside Al Kifa.



Iraqi locals wave white flags to show they aren't combatants. Iraqi soldiers have taken advantage of this by dressing in civilian clothes and waving white flags during the day, then changing back into uniform to attack U.S. forces.



Air Force close air support bombs a brick factory northeast of Al Kifa. Iraqi forces help up in the brick factory and continued to fire on U.S. forces.

# Air traffic controllers prepare to deploy

Spc. Jonathan M. Stack

Staff Writer

Two National Guard units arrived two-weeks ago to Wright Army Airfield in order to enhance their air traffic control abilities before deploying overseas.

The 1/111th of the Florida National Guard and 2/104th of the Pennsylvania National Guard will be training at Wright Army Airfield for two to four months, said Sgt. 1st Class Joseph D. Fournier, non-commissioned officer in charge of the Wright Army Airfield control tower.

The job of an air traffic controller is to assist the pilots with staying on their routes and getting them to where they need to

go safely, said Staff Sgt. Jesse A. Lineberger, tower chief at Wright Army Airfield.

The National Guard is not going to get the training they need to be proficient air traffic controllers from the training they do one weekend a month two weeks a year, he said.

Being an air traffic controller is a perishable skill, said Fournier. If they do not keep up with their skills by practicing controlling air traffic, when they get over there, they will be useless to provide safe and expeditious traffic.

The National Guardsmen are practicing controlling air traffic with the aircrafts at Wright Army Airfield to become more proficient at it, so when they go overseas, they won't have to train and will be ready to control traffic during wartime missions, Fournier said.

They are trained on Army airspace command and control, which is key factor in de-conflicting airspace, he said. The 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) has their own airspace and anybody who wants to use their airspace must submit a request to the army airspace command and control.

Within the Army airspace command and control we make up the air traffic services portion, he said.

Among that training they are being trained to be a tactical air traffic control team, which is made up of three controllers, Fournier said. The control team can setup a fully instrumented airfield, which consists of a radar and tower, in order to bring the aircraft back in case of inclement weather.

Air traffic controllers are a necessity to the Army and no amount of training is enough when lives are at stake.

# Soldiers, scouts team up for derby

Cpl. Randolph Litwin

Special to The Frontline

As soldiers deploy and head overseas to defend our freedoms and ensure our security their families drive on. The Fort Stewart Boy scout troop 566 met for their annual Pine Wood Derby competition March 15th.

The scouts constructed small racing cars from a wooden block and other materials. The ultimate goal was to have the fastest car, but overall there were more than 50 categories to be judged in. With categories ranging from the most artistic to best fuel economy, every scout had a chance to walk away a

winner.

This event usually supported mostly by the parents looked to the local community this year for support due to many of the parents being deployed.

"The majority of the scouts have parents who are deployed right now," said Jeffery Allmond, acting Cub Master. "It is a great thing for the children to be able to come together and enjoy themselves at a time like this."

A variety of soldiers from the community came out to support the event, ranging from private first classes to colonels. Col. Gerald Poltorak, installation commander, and his wife, Kay, showed their support by volunteering there time to assist in the judging and

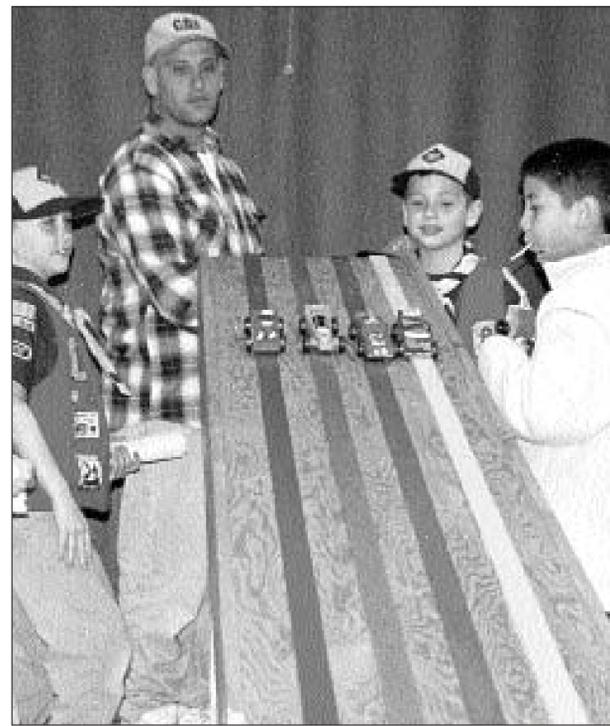
racing of the cars.

"They called and ask if we were interested in helping," said Poltorak.

His wife added, "Of course we said yes, we are here to support our soldiers families as well as our soldiers."

As the day passed, race after race finished, the judges would soon have to pick one car for first place. Overall one young man, Tyler Phillips, prevailed with the fastest car out of the entire pack. But awards for the fastest car were also given within each pack. Although one scout had the fastest car they all came out winners.

Tyler said, "It was fun to race the car I built, and fun to be able to come out here with all my friends."



Photos by Cpl. Randolph Litwin

(Above) Scouts watch as their cars race toward the finish line during the Boy Scout's Pine Wood Derby March 15.

(Left) Cars sit ready for the pins to drop so they can rush to the finish line.



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3. Do not attempt to unearth the object or remove it.

# POLICE REPORTS

# MEETING

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Saturday, starting at 8 a.m. at Pulaski Elementary. The child and parenting classes are free of charge, with childcare also provided for free.

A Hunter Community Day is scheduled for April 12 from 10 a.m. till 3 p.m. across from the Youth Services building at Hunter.

Renee Davie invited women to participate in a weekly Ladies' Night Out to take place every Friday evening at Hunter Club.

She said attendees must register for childcare one week in advance if they required the Child Development Center's services, and that the CDC also offered free childcare on the first Saturday of every month for registered children.

She added that the Ladies' Night Out has not been highly attended and needs participation in order to continue the event.

After these events were announced, meeting attendees were invited to ask any questions.

One question that was asked was whether or not Hunter is equipped with any type of "alert system" in the event of an emergency.

Capt. Jason Jajack, Deputy Provost Marshal, responded by saying that although there is no alert system, MPs do have loudspeakers on their sedans, and information could be easily spread throughout post if that necessity arose.

However, he said, "We are not worried that anything of such magnitude will happen."

Although attendance was low, participation was high in the meeting.

• **Subject:** Sergeant, 29-year-old male, separate battalion  
 • **Charges:** Improper U-turn  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Sergeant, 24-year-old female, 24th Corps Support Group  
 • **Charges:** Driving while license suspended  
 • **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Sergeant, 25-year-old male, 2nd Brigade  
 • **Charges:** Driving while license suspended, improper lane change  
 • **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Civilian, 25-year-old male  
 • **Charges:** Driving while license suspended  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Civilian, 27-year-old female  
 • **Charges:** Driving while license suspended  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 29-year-old male, Aviation Brigade  
 • **Charges:** Aggravated assault  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 20-year-old female, Division Support Command  
 • **Charges:** Criminal damage to property 2nd degree  
 • **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Civilian, 21-year-old male  
 • **Charges:** Criminal trespass, driving while license suspended, no proof of insurance  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 25-year-old female, separate battalion  
 • **Charges:** Failure to yield right of way  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Civilian, 21-year-old male  
 • **Charges:** Driving while license revoked  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 22-year-old male, 24th Corps Support Group  
 • **Charges:** Driving under the influence, speeding  
 • **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Private 2, 19-year-old male, 24th Corps Support Group  
 • **Charges:** Driving under the influence  
 • **Location:** Savannah

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

separate battalion  
 • **Charges:** Obstruction  
 • **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Private, 23-year-old male, 24th Corps Support Group  
 • **Charges:** Simple assault, criminal trespass  
 • **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Specialist, 23-year-old male, separate battalion  
 • **Charges:** Driving while license suspended  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 30-year-old male, separate battalion  
 • **Charges:** Drunken driving, damage to government property  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Corporal, 24-year-old male, separate battalion  
 • **Charges:** Drunk and disorderly, damage to government property  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Family member, 30-year-old female  
 • **Charges:** Failure to obey a lawful order or regulation, failure to control pet  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Civilian, 22-year-old female  
 • **Charges:** Driving while license suspended  
 • **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

• **Subject:** Petty Officer 3, 22-year-old male, separate battalion  
 • **Charges:** Carrying a concealed weapon driving without a license on person, no proof of insurance, noise violation  
 • **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Private 2, 18-year-old male, 2nd Brigade  
 • **Charges:** Driving under the influence  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Civilian, 22-year-old female  
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• **Subject:** Civilian, 21-year-old male  
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 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 20-year-old male,

separate battalion  
 • **Charges:** Wrongful possession of marijuana  
 • **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Civilian, 28-year-old male  
 • **Charges:** Driving while license suspended, defective headlight  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

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 • **Charges:** Failure to yield while turning left  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Civilian, 27-year-old male  
 • **Charges:** Driving while license suspended  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Captain, 39-year-old male, separate battalion  
 • **Charges:** Possession of stolen weapon, driving left of center, failure to dim lights, driving while license suspended, sticking fixture on highway, failure to stop for blue light  
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 • **Charges:** Driving while license suspended  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

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 • **Charges:** Driving while license suspended, failure to display headlights after dark  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 23-year-old male, separate battalion  
 • **Charges:** Illegal possession of child pornography  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Civilian, 20-year-old male  
 • **Charges:** Driving on revoked license  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private 2, 23-year-old male, 1st Brigade

• **Charges:** Driving while license suspended, failure to stop at a posted stop sign  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private 2, 18-year-old male, 2nd Brigade  
 • **Charges:** Driving on a suspended license, laying drag  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Family member, 19-year-old female  
 • **Charges:** Failure to exercise due care  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Captain, 26-year-old male, Division Artillery  
 • **Charges:** Driving while license suspended  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 22-year-old female, separate battalion  
 • **Charges:** Following too closely  
 • **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 22-year-old, 24th Corps Support Group  
 • **Charges:** Driving under the influence, speeding  
 • **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Staff Sergeant, 34-year-old male, 24th Corps Support Group  
 • **Charges:** Improper backing  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 42-year-old male, 2nd Brigade  
 • **Charges:** Failure to maintain lane  
 • **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Civilian, 56-year-old male  
 • **Charges:** Simple assault  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Civilian, 37-year-old male  
 • **Charges:** Possession of marijuana  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Civilian, 28-year-old male  
 • **Charges:** Driving while license suspended  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Family member, 33-year-old male  
 • **Charges:** Driving on a suspended license, criminal trespass  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Civilian, 63-year-old male  
 • **Charges:** Failure to exercise due care  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart



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## 3ID IN BRIEF

## Stewart

**Blood Drive**

A blood drive to support the 3rd ID will be held 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., April 15 at the Hinesville Police Department courtroom.

**Family Fishing Rodeo**

A Family Fishing Rodeo will be hosted by DCAS Outdoor Recreation, DPW Fish & Wildlife Branch and Georgia DNR 8 a.m. to noon, April 19, at Pond 10. The pond is located adjacent to Wilson Ave. and the Softball Field Complex, Northwest corner of the Garrison Area, not far from the intersection of Hwy. 119 and Hwy. 144 E. This event is free and open to all military children under the age of 16.

**Housing speed limit reduced**

The Fort Stewart Military Police are reducing the Housing Area speed limit to 5 miles per hour on Saturday during the ACS Flea Market and Yard Sale event. Posted speed limit signs will be altered to reflect the adjusted speed. People are asked to be extra careful that day and watch for children on the street and coming out from behind vehicles.

**15th Street temporary change**

Effective Monday, the traffic at the 15th Street Gate will be temporarily restricted to a single inbound lane. Outbound traffic must exit the installation through any of the other open gates. This restriction will last for approximately 30 days.

**Learning centers extend hours**

The Main Education and 1st Brigade/DIVARTY Learning Centers, Buildings 130 and 1237 respectively, will expand their hours due to the high demand for services during the day and evening hours. Two temporary changes are in effect until further notice.

Computer access will be available during the week at the Main Learning Center, Building 130, will be available 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday.

The 1st Brigade/DIVARTY Learning Center, Building 1237 will be open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**(OCS) Selection Board**

HQDA has announced that the Officer Candidate School Selection Board for Monday and Tuesday 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 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.

**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.

**Delays on Highway 119**

Georgia Highway 119 will be closed for training from approximately 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., May 4. The road will not be closed more than one hour at a time.

**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.

**Bi-annual Block Party**

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

**Child Walk**

There will be a Child Abuse Prevention Month Child Walk 9 a.m. to 11 p.m., Saturday at ACS. Families and organizations are welcome.

**Club Stewart Easter Brunch**

Club Stewart will be open for Easter Brunch 10:30 a.m., noon and 1:30 p.m. Prices are \$11.95 for adults, half-price for 9- to 12-year-olds and free for children 8 and under.

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt at each seating and children can get their photo with the Easter Bunny.

For more information or reservations, call 368-2212.

## Hunter

**Hunter Club**

Every Wednesday, the Hunter Club will be serving Grill Beef Strip Steak with Sautéed 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, Wednesday, 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.

**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 Building. 1286.

**Poker Run and party**

The American Red Cross Savannah Chapter, Chatham Branch will hold its first Poker Run and Party, April 13. Registration starts at 9 a.m. at Harley-Davidson, Savannah, first bike out at 10 a.m., last bike out at 11 a.m. and last bike in at 1 p.m. There are prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places and worst hand. Rain date is set for April 26.

**Hunter Outdoor Recreation**

Hunter Outdoor Recreation has scheduled eight-hour safety classes for the following days: April 19, Aug. 16 and 30, Sept. 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.

**First Steps Program**

The First Steps Program needs volunteers. This is a program that provides information and support to expectant and new parents stationed at Hunter. Volunteers make home visits to expectant parents and provide a 12 month phone call follow up. Volunteers are paid mileage reimbursement and enjoy flexible hours. For more information, call 756-6516.

**Hunter Community Day**

Hunter Community Day will be 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., April 12, on the baseball fields at the Hunter Youth Center on Perimeter Road.

**Auto Craft Shop**

Is your teen between age 13 and 15 and anxious to drive? Enroll them in a Beginners' Car Maintenance class, 10 a.m. to noon, Saturdays. This class is to help build their confidence and skill. Parents and children will learn to change oil, belts and tires together. This class is also available for individuals or small organizations. Must have at least three participants. For more information, contact the Hunter Auto Craft Shop.

**Hunter hosts Parent University**

The Directorate of Community Activities and Services' School Liaison office, will host Parent University Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and will be held at Pulaski Elementary School, located on Hunter Army Airfield. Parent University is open to parents from Hunter Army Airfield and Fort Stewart.

Parents are required to attend three class sessions to receive the nine credit hours required to graduate from Parent University. They can also earn the nine credit hours by volunteering in schools or by becoming active members of the Parent Teacher Organization at their child's school. Parents can earn two credit hours at the Pulaski Elementary School Parent University session.

For additional information contact Dave Smith, (912) 767-6533/6071.

**Community Appreciation**

There will be a Community Appreciation Festival 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., April 12, across from the Youth Activities Center.

The festival will start with an Easter Egg Hunt at 10 a.m., other activities will include carnival rides, face painting, games and pony rides, activities are free for children. There will also be an opportunity to win great prizes like a Play Station 2, a mountain bike and a 27" TV.

## 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.

**Tuttle Shuttle 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.

**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 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. for children ages 6 to 9 and 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Thursday for children ages 10 to 13. For more information, call 370-6100.

**Expectant Mothers Group**

The Expectant Mothers Support Group is specifically tailored to the meet the needs of pregnant women whose significant other is deployed. The next meeting will be 9 a.m. April 15 at Club Stewart. Educational classes, such as lactation counseling and stress management, will be offered through the group. Childcare will be available during the meetings with advanced notice. The group is available at Winn and Tuttle. For more information or to book childcare, call Beth Wilkinson at 370-6779.

**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.

**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 with a completed FL92-R who sign in by 1:30 p.m. will be seen. This exam is not a treatment evaluation. All soldiers E4 and below must be accompanied by an E5 or higher. For more information, call 370-6100.

**Bereavement Support Group**

A Sunrise Bereavement Support Group will be held 7 to 8 p.m. April 8 in Winn's chapel. The group is open to beneficiaries who have lost a loved one. For more information, call 370-6661 or 370-6779.

**Tobacco Cessation**

Tobacco Cessations classes will be available at Winn 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. or 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday starting April 3. To register, call 370-5071. The class will be available at Tuttle 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesdays starting April 2. To register, call 767-

6633 or 1-800-652-9221.

**Expectant Parenting Class**

The next Expectant Parenting Class will be 6 p.m. April 1. This 4-week class helps patients to understand labor, delivery and newborn care. 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.

**Winn and Tuttle Champions**

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

**Developmental screenings**

Military families with children up to 3 years old who may be at risk for developmental delays can call Educational and Developmental Intervention Services for a free screening. Services include home visits, occupational therapy, special instruction, physical therapy, speech and language therapy, vision and hearing screenings, family training, developmental screenings and assessments. For more information, call 370-6349.

**ASAP sees families**

The Army Substance Abuse Program will now see dependent family members at least 18-years-old, retirees, contract employees and Department of the Army civilians on a walk-in basis. ASAP is located in Building 620 on 6th Street. For more information, call 767-5265/5267.

**Medical Threat Briefings**

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

**OB/GYN Appointments**

To schedule an appointment, check on a consult or talk to a nurse in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, call 767-6633. The automated line will connect with clinic staff members who will schedule appointments and answer questions. To speak directly with a nurse about medical concerns, call 370-5920. Alternate phone numbers for the Women's Wellness Center and OB/GYN are 370-6017 and 370-6321.



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Sgt. Jason Olwine, Pfc. Stephen Smith, Sgt. Richard Penfield, Staff Sgt. Sucre Diaz and Pfc. Pedro A. Serrano Jr. scan their surroundings before Olwine leads them through the door to practice taking out an enemy threat.

## 320th MP Co prepares for urban warfare

Spc. Chad D. Wilkerson

372nd MPAD

The 320th Military Police Company, an Army Reserve unit, being deployed as combat support for the 3rd Infantry Division, has been conducting very concentrated and specific training in preparation for their eminent arrival in the Iraqi theater.

Staff Sgt. Phil May, squad leader of first squad, first platoon, 320th MP Co., is preparing his squad for any and every possible challenge.

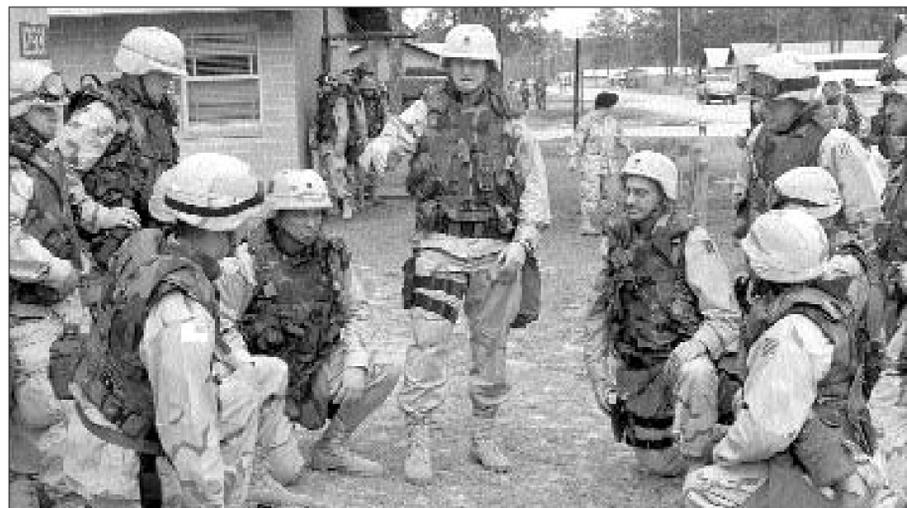
"We could be doing anything: enemy prisoner of war operations, VIP escorts, and definitely combat support are all normal functions for us," said May.

The training and preparation for deployment includes dismounted maneuvers, basic battle drills, such as react to contact, react to sniper/artillery fire, and MOUT, said May.

Military operations in urban terrain consists of a set of pre-set team movements that allow a team-sized element to move "street-to-street, building-to-building, clearing one floor at a time, one room at a time, both above ground and subterranean," May said.



Pfc. Pedro A. Serrano Jr. pulls security underneath the windows for the rest of his squad while the building is "being cleared."



(Above) Writings in the sand: Staff Sgt. May prepares to draw out a sand table as a visual tool for 1st squad's after action review.

(Left) Staff Sgt. Phil May, 1st squad leader, 1st platoon, conducts an after action review with his squad after the completion of their MOUT exercise.

# TF

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“I think it was a stunning victory for us in (Al Kifa) because the enemy casualty rate was clearly unbelievable ... The enemy took some seriously significant losses,” Sanderson added. “I have no idea the exact count because we don’t keep body count, but he was trounced good in that little place known as Al Kifa.”

During the battle, TF 2-69 Armor captured more than 60 enemy prisoners of war to include Republican Guard officers and noncommissioned officers who were sent to try and rouse the local populace.

Once the bridge was sealed, the task force began assisting the people of Al Kifa by supplying needed water.

“We sealed (the bridge) from the south and sealed it from the north, we then began to try and do things for the local populace,” Sanderson explained. “There is a water factory in town, so we went down to the water factory and took a local national truck. We filled it up with water and established two water points. On both sides of the river.”

Sanderson credits the victories of his task force to the training and cohesion of his soldiers.

“No commander could be prouder of their soldiers than I am of the soldiers of this task force,” he said. “We’ve had a tremendously cohesive unit and a very, very tight unit, and I think that’s one of the great reasons for our phenomenal success.”



Photos by Spc. Adam Nuelken

Soldiers from the 101st Airborne Division race to Al Kifa to replace units from the 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.)



A tank with Task Force 2-69 is silhouetted by sunset during a 400 kilometer road march down Route Ottawa.



A destroyed Nissan truck rests on the bridge leading into Al Kifa while an M1A1 Abrams guards the bridge. Iraqi soldiers use civilian vehicles as a ploy to trick U.S. forces.

# RAIDERS

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An explosive ordinance disposal team went to the site the next day to disable and remove the charges, which were discovered to be composed of C-4 explosive.

In the midst of a sandstorm with 25-meter visibility, an infantry company team from 1st BCT crossed the river into Kifl shortly thereafter to further establish a foothold in the town. A Battery, 1st Battalion, 3rd Air Defense Artillery, provided indirect fire support from the west side of the river. Close-air support from Air Force bombers and 1st Bn 3rd Aviation Regiment attack helicopters aided the team from above.

Once the 1st BCT soldiers were in the town, it was evident the families had already left, according to Grimsley. "There were no people in the shops or the street. Just fortified fighting positions."

Sporadic fighting carried on through the night into Wednesday. Later that night, TF 2-69 relieved the soldiers in place and continued the fight.

"When the sandstorm lifted, we realized we were right in the middle of them," said Lt. Col. J.R. Sanderson, TF 2-69 commander.

Following 12 hours of heavy fighting into Thursday morning, no personnel or vehicles had been lost, while many Iraqi soldiers lay lifeless on the streets of Kifl.

"They were charging and coming right at us — some in vehicles, some on foot, some in uniform and some not," Sanderson said. "We are broadcasting the (surrender) messages and all that's causing them to do is fight harder."

Sanderson added that they also encountered Republican Guard soldiers during the fight, including one that they critically wounded.

1st BCT medics treated the soldier, who received multiple gunshot wounds to the chest, arm and leg. The soldier claimed roughly 3,000 Republican Guard soldiers from the north had already been killed from U.S. air strikes, rockets, artillery and small arms fire.

In the afternoon, a B-52 dropped numerous bombs on a brick factory north of Kifl. Intelligence gathered showed the factory was used as a regrouping and staging area of Iraqi forces coming down from the north — mainly armed civilians in construction trucks, according to Grimsley.

Following the raid, tanks got on line facing the factory while an HMMWV broadcasted a surrender message. Shortly thereafter, 7 Iraqis made their way out of the facility with their hands in the air.

Also on Thursday, TF 3-7 was tasked to block and seal the high ground west of Najaf, where many Iraqi forces as well as mortar fires had been harassing 1st BCT for a number of days.

"It was a very effective mission," Grimsley said. "We killed a bunch of enemy forces and captured a large amount of ordinance and equipment."

By evening, roughly 50 enemy prisoners were secured on the west side of the bridge leading to Kifl, bound by zip ties at their wrists, awaiting transport and interrogation. While soldiers stood guard outside the wire in stifling heat, there was one inside the wire with the prisoners, pouring water into the mouths of every person who asked for it.

"We've taken care of the prisoners and the wounded — right after we fight them," Reflecting on the actions of his soldiers Grimsley said, "I am in awe of the incredible personal bravery and compassion of these amazing soldiers."

# MSNBC

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Both live and pre-taped broadcasts are sent out by MSNBC. Alcon said that it requires tough work and requires many daunting hours of shooting and editing.

The correspondent for MSNBC is Benno Schmidt of Miami. He is quite impressed what he's seen so far with Fort Stewart.

"From an outside perspective, the Army's so well run. Normally with military and police we don't get any access. This time they've been wonderful," he said.

Schmidt also noticed the prominent ethics that Fort Stewart spouses have.

"I was struck by how strong the wives and husbands on the home front are, just demonstrating what the resolve is and seeing how high the morale's been," he said.

Aside from the usual NBC and CNN, Telemundo, a Spanish-speaking network that broadcasts to the entire Latin world, has sent a team to cover home front stories at Fort Stewart.

"We don't want to be left behind, because Hispanics make up a large portion of soldiers. We want to take to our audience the participation of Hispanics in this war," said Mariela Salgado, reporter.

She, as well, has felt the great sense of welcome for which Fort Stewart and surrounding communities are rapidly becoming famous.

"Everybody in Hinesville has something to do with the base. They have been wonderful," said Salgado.

Telemundo has been filming many live broadcasts focusing on deployments and families, much like MSNBC.

Salgado compared the impact of having live broadcasts to the proximity of events unfolding on the other side of the world.

"As we speak, the 3rd Infantry is on the way to Baghdad," she said.

Their participation covering the war in Iraq from the home front at Fort Stewart has changed many of the journalists, giving them new perspective.

"It's been a difficult and exciting experience. We are fortunate to see the wives faces when they see their husbands on TV with our correspondent, Dave Bloom, and thankful to the wives and husbands who share their experiences of anxiety in seeing their loved ones in war," said Alcon.

Many of the news crews here will stay until the war is over, she said.

## Declaration of Support for Our Military

*The men of Claxton Police Department appreciate the sacrifices our military and allies are making for this nation. Since the dawn of history, people have fought against other people, in many wars. In modern times, wars are fought between nations or groups of nations. Men and women determined within their boundaries, the choice to serve their nation. In doing this, they believe in the freedom and ideals of the United States of America.*

*The majority of Americans believe that Iraq is a threat to our freedom and our neighboring countries. We also believe in the freedom of the Iraqi people. Because of the lack of diplomacy from Iraq, our military and other allies have been called to war to liberate Iraq.*

*The police officers of this department thank you for your sacrifice to protect the men, women and children of this nation. Jesus said, "No greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13). As police officers, we can relate to this act of human kindness. Our department will display ribbons with blue, the color of police along with yellow to show our support and prayers for your safe return.*

*God Bless America and our military. Our prayers are with you.*

*Respectfully Yours,*

*Given this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 2003*

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## LIFE &amp; TIMES

B SECTION

## On Post

## 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

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## 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](mailto:Bowenja@stewart.army.mil).

## Bi-annual Block Party

There will be a Bi-annual Block Party, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday 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, Saturday. All talents and ages are welcome. For more information, call 767-5058.

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## Off Post

## Historic Marker Dedication

The Historic Marker Dedication of the 16.5 Mile Historic Savannah-Ogeechee Canal Corridor has been rescheduled due to flooding to 11 a.m., May 3 at the SOC Museum and Nature Center. There will be a arts, crafts and baked goods sale and a Bull Roast Celebration from noon to 3 p.m. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 748-8068.

## Parent's night out

Enjoy a night out while your kids have fun at the YMCA 5 to 10 p.m., Fridays and every 2nd and 4th Saturday. Rates per child, per hour are E-1 through E-4, \$1; E-5 through E-6, \$1.25 and all others, \$1.50.

Children may bring swimsuits. Registration is required and may be completed when children are dropped off.

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

## Giving support

## Army offers ways for public to support troops

Special to the Frontline

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Army Public Affairs Office receives numerous heart-felt requests from Americans who are seeking ways to show their support for soldiers, especially those serving overseas in this time of war.

"At this time of heightened awareness we are hearing from family members, friends and concerned citizens that they want to reach out and show their support for troops deployed overseas," said Col. Richard H. Breen, Jr., Director of the Army's Community Relations and Outreach Division. "Knowing this we have identified a variety of outlets that people can use."

These websites represent several organizations sponsoring programs for members of the Armed Forces overseas. While the items and services

are not endorsed by the military, these providers help soldiers and their families keep in touch. You may:

Donate a calling card to help keep service members in touch with their families at Operation Uplink a [www.operationuplink.org/](http://www.operationuplink.org/)

Send a greeting via e-mail through Operation Dear Abby at <http://any Servicemember.org> or [www.OperationDearAbby.net](http://www.OperationDearAbby.net)

• Sign a virtual thank you card at the Defend America web site at [www.defendamerica.mil/nmam.html](http://www.defendamerica.mil/nmam.html)

• Make a donation to one of the military relief societies:

• Army Emergency Relief at [www.aerhq.org/](http://www.aerhq.org/)  
• Navy/Marine Relief Society at [www.nmcrs.org/](http://www.nmcrs.org/)

• Air Force Aid Society at [www.afas.org/](http://www.afas.org/)  
• Coast Guard Mutual Assistance at [www.cgmahq.org/](http://www.cgmahq.org/)

[www.cgmahq.org/](http://www.cgmahq.org/)

• Donate to "Operation USO Care Package" at [www.usometrodc.org/care.html](http://www.usometrodc.org/care.html)

• Support the American Red Cross Armed Forces Emergency Services at [www.redcross.org/services/afes/](http://www.redcross.org/services/afes/)

• Volunteer at a VA Hospital [www.va.gov/vets-day/](http://www.va.gov/vets-day/) to honor veterans who bore the lamp of freedom in past conflicts.

• Support families whose loved ones are being treated at military and VA hospitals through a donation to the Fisher House at [www.fisherhouse.org](http://www.fisherhouse.org)

Reach out to military families in your community, especially those with a loved one overseas.

Send a personal message via "Stars and Stripes" — U.S. troops deployed to the Persian

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## Family Assistance Center activated at Stewart

## Nancy Gould

DCAS

On March 31, the Army Community Service established the Family Assistance Center, operating 24 hours a day, seven days a week at Fort Stewart and from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. seven days a week at Hunter Army Airfield.

According to Susan Wilder, the Mobilization and Deployment Specialist who works at ACS, the new schedule was implemented to accommodate the increasing number of phone calls from the family members of soldiers who want assistance or information, especially regarding deployment.

"We want to help Family Readiness Group leaders and rear detachment commands handle these requests for information and assistance," said Wilder. "The FRGs consist of family members and volunteers who want to assist, but they're having the same stress and concerns that the other families have."

ACS staff operates the FAC, referring and informing their callers from building 470 at Fort Stewart and from building 1286 at Hunter Army Airfield. They also help "crisis" callers, such as one young pregnant woman who was upset because her husband's

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Nancy Gould

Sgt. 1st Class Herman Keith and Tim Clay work quickly to access information to give the caller on the phone line with Lattonia Lyles, another FAC volunteer whose husband is deployed in Kuwait.

## TCI conference at Fort Stewart

## Nancy Gould

DCAS Marketing

The Directorate of Community Activities and Services' School Liaison Office will co-sponsor a two-day Transition Counselor Institute conference in conjunction with the Military Child Education Coalition, a non-profit organization that promotes solutions to hurdles facing highly mobile children of military services.

The conference is open to counselors in military and civilian communities and is scheduled Tuesday and Wednesday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Club Stewart.

The first TCI conference was held at Fort Stewart last year. Organizers will repeat Phase I training from last year for new counselors, in addition to Phase II.

According to David Smith, School Liaison Officer, the training's three phases deal with specific subject areas based on the Secondary Education Transition Study.

Training is intended to mitigate the negative effects that frequent moves have on children in military families. Conference sponsors hope to facilitate partnerships and networking ability between school counselors and military installations, to teach counselors about existing support systems and to develop processes to resolve problems military children have with transition and other educational issues.

Col. James Leech, MEDDAC commander, will address participants about the mentoring/tutoring partnership that MEDDAC has with Snelson-Golden Middle School and the importance of the Adopt-A-School program. Kim Borders, Savannah Morning News newspapers in education coordinator, will speak April 9 about newspapers in education.

The five Georgia school systems participating in the conference this year include Fort Stewart, Liberty, Bryan, Savannah-Chatham, and Camden counties. Additional school sys-

tems from Florida, North Carolina, and Alabama were invited to participate. All branches of the military are invited to participate and learn the skills necessary to prepare children for their moves to new schools. Counselors also learn how to integrate new children into their respective areas. A key topic to be covered this year is how to help children deal with deployment.

The number of Transition Counselor Institutes conducted by MCEC has grown from five states to more than 10, with more than 500 school counselors participating.

Dr. Mary Keller, MCEC Executive Director said, "We believe in the capacity of the individual guidance professional to make decisions that ease the transition for the highly mobile military connected student. When students move an average of six to nine times from kindergarten through high school graduation, it takes an informed community of guidance professionals working in unison to ensure a strong safety net as students move from school to school. This is what the TCI is about — information, awareness, and networking."

If you wish to attend the TCI conference, make your reservation and pay the \$50 registration fee by Friday. The fee covers the cost of instructional materials and a continental breakfast and lunch for both days.

For additional information contact the SLO office at Fort Stewart at (912) 767-6533/6071.

**TCI Conference**  
Tuesday and Wednesday  
Registration due Friday  
For more information, call  
(912) 767-6533

## Recognizing the signs of emotional abuse

## Regina Mims

FAP

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month/ Month of the Military Child. In observance of this month, the Family Advocacy Program wants to heighten the awareness through education.

Child Abuse is the blanket term for four types of child maltreatment. E.S.P.N (Emotional, Sexual, Physical and Neglect) represents four types of child abuse.

Child Abuse was once viewed as a minor social problem effecting only a handful of U.S. children. However, in recent years it has received closed attention from the media, law enforcement and helping professions. With this increased public and professional awareness has come a sharp rise in reported cases.

There is no universally accepted definition of emotional abuse. Like other forms of violence in relationships, emotional abuse is based on power and control. In children, emotional abuse can impair psychological development, including; intelligence, memory, recognition, perception, attention, imagination and moral development.

Emotional abuse can also effect a child's social development and may result in an impaired ability to perceive, feel, understand and express emotions. The following are widely recognized as forms of emotional abuse:

**Rejecting** Refusing to acknowledge a child's presence, value or worth.

**Example:** repeatedly treating a child differently from siblings in a way that suggests resentment, rejection or dislike for the child.

**Degrading** Insulting, ridiculing, name-calling, imitating, and infantilizing: behavior, which diminishes the identity, dignity and self worth of the child.

**Example:** yelling swearing, publicly humiliating or labeling a child as stupid.

**Terrorizing** Inducing terror or extreme fear in a person: coercing by intimidation; placing or threatening to place a child in an unfit or dangerous environment.

**Example:** forcing a child to watch violent acts toward

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# Flags fly high on Highway 84 as ...

# Citizens rally in support of soldiers



Photos by Sgt. Raymond Piper

Families and friends of the 3rd Battalion, 7th Cavalry show their support for deployed soldiers Saturday at the intersection of General Screven Way and Highway 84. Soldiers, families and friends showed their support for their loved ones from 1 to 4 p.m.



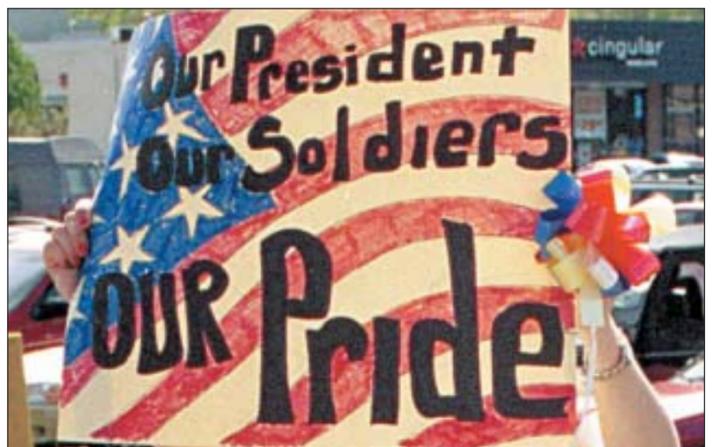
Families and friends of soldiers deployed from the 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) encourage passing cars to show their support by honking.



Josiah Childers, 3, holds up a sign showing his support for "Pezinent" Bush during the rally.



Stephanie Nickson, wife of Sgt. Ellis Nickson, decorated their car to show her support and love for her deployed husband.



The people at the support rally showed their support with many different signs but they all shared the same message — we love and support our soldiers.

# Hunter Army Airfield Hosts Parent University

Nancy Gould

DCAS Marketing

The Directorate of Community Activities and Services' School Liaison office, will host Parent University Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and will be held at Pulaski Elementary School, located on Hunter Army Airfield. Parent University is open to parents from Hunter Army Airfield and Fort Stewart.

Parent University is a grassroots, non-profit organization focused on bridging the gap between schools and communities. School aged children's parents, who want to enrich their involvement in their child's education, can learn valuable parenting and life skills free of charge. Lunch and childcare are also free of charge for participants.

Parents are required to attend three class sessions to receive the nine credit hours required to graduate from Parent University. They can also earn the nine credit hours by volunteering in schools or by becoming active members of the Parent Teacher Organization at their child's school. Parents can earn two credit hours at the Pulaski Elementary School Parent University session.

The School Liaison Office is coordinating classes for Parent University based on the current needs of military families.

Examples of classes now scheduled include-preparing your child for Pre-K and kindergarten, discipline and the difficult child, community resources for the single parent, preparing your children for standardized tests and eliminating homework stress.

For additional information contact Dave Smith, (912) 767-6533/6071.

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other family member or pets; threatening to leave, physically hurt or kill a person, pets or people they care about.

**Isolating** Physical confinement; restricting normal contact and limiting freedom within a child's own environment.

**Example:** Locking a child in a closet or room.

**Denying** emotional responsiveness. Failing to provide care in a sensitive and responsive manner; being detached and uninvolved; interacting only when necessary; ignoring a child's mental health needs.

**Example:** ignoring a child's attempt to interact; failing to show affection, caring and or love for a child.

Emotional abuse may be difficult to detect however, personal awareness and understanding of the issue is key to recognizing it.

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Gulf region and other locations can now receive personal messages from family members, friends, neighbors, colleagues and supporters via the pages of the overseas newspaper "Stars and Stripes" as well as "Messages of Support," a daily section that debuted March 17, giving family and friends of deployed service members a chance to pass their greetings, words of encouragement and announcements free of charge. "Messages of Support" can be e-mailed to "Stars and Stripes" 24 hours a day at [messages@estripes.com](mailto:messages@estripes.com), are limited to 50 words or less and will be printed on a first-come, first-run basis. "Stars and Stripes" reserves the right to screen and

edit all messages and to omit any determined inappropriate.

Purchase "Gifts From the Homefront" gift certificate — These can be redeemed by troops in their local exchange. Anyone may purchase these "Gifts From the Homefront" with a U.S. credit card or check, but only authorized AAFES customers can redeem them at any PX or BX. Sold by CertifiChecks, these gift certificates can be purchased 24 hours a day, seven days a week, every day of the year, and they come in denominations of \$10 and \$20.

At this time military authorities have advised that CertifiChecks can only be sent to a specific service member at his

or her APO or U.S. mailing address. AAFES officials said they are currently working to find a solution to allow CertifiChecks to be sent to units or non-specific troops. Breen noted that due to security concerns and limited transportation space, the military can no longer accept mail to "any service member."

Many generous people have tried to avoid these prohibitions by sending large numbers of packages to an individual service member's overseas address, which, however well intentioned, clogs the mail system and causes unnecessary delays.

For additional information on the Army please visit us at [www.army.mil](http://www.army.mil)

## FAC

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extended deployment limited her resources and her ability to know what steps to take until his return. Counselors help calm and reassure those callers who lack the education and experience to find the appropriate help they need.

Additional phones lines and other facility requirements have already been met at both buildings, which are fully functional. The external staff that helps operate the FACs are trained in crisis intervention and referrals and stand by to help operate the centers if they are commanded to do so.

Wilder said the Army learned a lot of lessons from the 600 FACs that were set up during Desert Storm. ACS is better at preparing families for deployment than they were at that time. Families are now taught where to go for information, help, and support before a family member is deployed.

"We also prepare them for the eventuality of those last contingency deployments, like we're in now," said Wilder. "That's why we haven't already had to set up a 24-hour

operational center before now."

If you need support and would like to contact the FAC at Fort Stewart, call ACS toll free at 1-877-433-6114, or at Hunter Army Airfield, 1-877-896-8647. To get information about Operation Iraqi Freedom war casualties at Fort Stewart and Hunter, call the Casualty Operations number at 1-800-557-7408.

The Department of the Army has also established a Family Assistance Hotline at 1-800-833-6622.

### Support numbers

FAC, Fort Stewart — 1-877-433-6114

FAC, Hunter Army Airfield — 1-877-896-8647

Casualty Operations — 1-800-557-7408

Family Assistance hotline — 1-800-833-6622

The following indicators may assist in detecting emotional abuse.

Depression

Withdrawal

Low self-esteem

Severe anxiety

Sleep disturbances

Overly passive/compliant

Fearfulness

Failure to thrive in infancy

Aggression

Emotional instability

Physical complaints with

no medical basis

Suicide attempts or

discussion

Emotional abuse accompanies other forms of abuse but may occur on its own. Emotional abuse follows a pattern it is repeated and sustained. If left unchecked abuse does not get better over time. It only gets worse.

**If you suspect a child is being emotionally abused please contact your local child protective services.**

Department of Family and Children Services

370-2555 -Liberty county

545-2177-Long county

756-2786- Bryan county

651-2217- Chatham county

Army Community Service

767-5058/5059 -Fort Stewart

352-6816/5259 - Hunter Army Airfield

Social Work Services

370-6779 -Fort Stewart

352-5236- Hunter Army Airfield

# 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 shopette.

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 match** is scheduled for Wednesday.

• **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](mailto: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.

## Golf season kicks off with Commander's Cup

### Sgt. Sam Hoffman

Staff Writer

The foursome of Jake Umholtz, Chet Schratzmeier, James Jones and David Hollaham took top honors in the opening tournament of the Coastal Empire's military golf season.

The team finished a strong 13-under-par 59, on the par 72 Taylors Creek Golf Club of Fort Stewart, March 28.

In what many call the Ryder Cup of military golf, soldiers and civilians alike competed for the coveted Commander's Cup. The tournament followed a scramble format, meaning the team selects each best shot for every stroke and plays from that lie.

"I say look, just have fun," said Paco Ortiz, who's team of Curtis Henry, Dan Schreck and Kevin

McLaughlin, longest drive winner, finished third in the tournament at 11-under.

"On every green we were putting for birdie. Ortiz was snaking 20, 30-foot putts. He saved the team," said Curtis Henry.

Other highlights of the day included Alice Kerr's solo birdie on the 137 yard, par 3, 11<sup>th</sup> hole. Kerr used an 8-iron to put her ball within 9 feet of the pin and then sank the double-breaking putt. Her tee shot was good enough for closest-to-the-pin.

"That had to feel good," she said, when asked about the hole.

Winners of the tournament received Taylor Made lob wedges at the awards banquet immediately following the tournament.

Participants said it was one of the most exciting tournaments that they had ever played in.



Sgt. Sam Hoffman

(Above) Alice Kerr sinks her double-breaking birdie putt on the 11th hole. Kerr's tee shot was good enough to win the closest-to-the-pin prize

(Left) John Grove, teeing off on the par 5, 7th hole. Grove led his team to a 1 under par, 71. His team missed the cut by only one stroke.

## Top players sought for 2003 All Army Chess Championships

### Victoria Palmer

CFSC Public Affairs

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — The 2003 All Army Chess Championship will pit the Army's top chess players against each other in competition June 20-27 at Fort Myer in Arlington, Va.

The annual event is a United States Chess Federation-rated tournament that attracts the Army's best chess players.

Soldiers are selected for the tournament based on their United States Chess Federation-rated tournament activity, level of tournament play and current USCF rating, said Kris D'Alessandro, recreation center program manager, of the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center in Alexandria, Va.

Players do not need to participate in installation or major Army command tournaments to qualify for the championship tournament, D'Alessandro said. Soldiers who have been on active duty 90 days or more are eligible to apply to compete in the tournament. Reserve and National Guard soldiers who have been activated and are who are serving on active duty may also be eligible.

The 2003 All Army Chess Championship will be conducted by a USCF-certified tournament director according to USCF Official Rules of Chess, using a seven-game round robin format.

The tournament application form and detailed information is available online at the Army MWR Web site at [www.armymwr.com](http://www.armymwr.com). Go to Rec and Leisure, select "Community Rec Centers Program" and click on "Army Chess" to complete the application online. Interested players can also apply by fax or mail.

In addition to the application, soldiers must send a release memorandum signed by their commander ensuring their availability for and approving their participation in both the Army and international competitions.

Submission deadline for the 2003 championship tournament is May 28, 2003.

Tournament participants' travel and lodging will be arranged by the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center.

The top six finishers will form the Army Chess Team and will participate in the Inter-service Chess Competition Aug. 4-8 at Camp Lejeune Marine Corps Base, N.C.

Winners of the Inter-service Chess Competition will comprise the United States Military Chess Team and go on to represent the United States against 13 NATO countries at the 14th International Military Chess Championships in Copenhagen, Denmark, in September.

According to D'Alessandro, the objective of the annual All-Army Chess Championship is to

promote interest in the Army recreation program through the application of mental skills that relate to military strategy. It gives soldiers a chance to enhance their combat readiness by applying learned skills in logic and strategic thinking at the Army's highest level of competition.

"MWR continues to provide programs to support soldiers' morale, which is especially critical in times of increased optempo," said D'Alessandro.

"We realize many soldiers are deploying, but there are still a lot of outstanding chess players out there," he said. "This is their opportunity to compete at the highest level in Army competition and possibly represent the Army in inter-service and international competition."

The All-Army Chess Championship is part of the Army's Morale, Welfare and Recreation community recreation program, an activity of the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center in Alexandria, Va. It is one of more than 200 MWR programs the Army provides for soldiers and families worldwide. Further information is available at the Army MWR web site at [www.armymwr.com](http://www.armymwr.com).

**Editor's note:** Victoria Palmer is a senior information specialist with the Public Affairs Office of the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center.

## Marne Scoreboard

### Golf

#### Commander's Cup Winners

First Place — 59

Jake Umholtz  
Chet Schratzmeier  
James Jones  
David Hollaham

Second Place — 60

Scott Armbrister  
Cliff Hefner  
Dean Bushnell  
Ron Heatherly

Third Place — 61

Paco Ortiz  
Curtis "Rock" Henry  
Dan Schreck  
Kevin McLaughlin

Fourth Place — 64

Bob Brennan  
Gene Borer  
Gary Blanchard  
Ralph Foster

### Softball

Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield

### Intramural Softball

Team roster deadline for Intramural softball is April 18. It is open to active duty, family members, national guard and reserves. A softball clinic is scheduled for 1:30 p.m., April 28 at Club Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield Sports Officer. For more information, call Art Lewis at 767-8238 or 352-6749.

### Soccer

Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield  
Intramural Soccer  
Team roster deadline for Intramural Soccer

is April 18. It is open to active duty, family members, national guard and reserves. A softball clinic is scheduled for 1:30 p.m., April 28 at Club Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield Sports Officer. For more information, call Art Lewis at 767-8238 or 352-6749.

### Aerobics

Hunter Fitness Center  
Aerobics schedule

Mondays — 6 to 7 p.m.

Cardio-Stepping  
Cardio-Kicking  
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

Got Scores? Contact the Frontline staff at 767-3440 or e-mail [Frontline@stewart.army.mil](mailto:Frontline@stewart.army.mil).

# — CHAPLAIN'S CORNER — Out of the ashes

**Chaplain (Maj.) Barb Sherer**

6003rd ASB

The central dining facility in Camp Udairi is gone. A fire that began in one of the DFAC tents quickly spread to engulf all five and completely destroyed them in less than 30 minutes. No surprise there ... the wind was blowing quite hard and the tents were close together.

After the smoke cleared, and all units checked the status of their soldiers, it was apparent that everyone had made it out alive. Amazing. It was Sunday morning and a service had just concluded, but most of the worshippers had left. A Catholic service was scheduled next, and one of the tents would have been packed. During breakfast, all the tents were packed, but not at the time of the fire. Some sharp NCOs pushed military and civilian cooks outside and propane tanks were removed to safety. Firefighters arrived quickly and kept the flames from spreading to the rest of the camp.

What could have been a major catastrophe merely resulted in the loss of some equipment and soldiers eating MREs for a few days. I call this a miracle. God takes care of his children, even when they are deployed far, far away from homes. Especially when they are deployed far from home.

But let me tell you the rest of the story. The fire occurred on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. This is the day many Christians observe the beginning of the season of Lent. It is a time of penitence, as we prepare for Holy Week and Easter.

We mark our foreheads with ash as a sign of this penitence. I had planned to offer ashes for Protestant soldiers who wished to observe this ritual. I didn't have any ashes, though. Traditionally, you burn palms from the previous year's Palm Sunday celebration to make ash for Ash Wednesday. I didn't have any. So, it seemed to me that the most significant ash to use for this occasion would be ash from the DFAC.

The site was under guard, so I asked an MP to escort me to the firefighters who were working there. Things had calmed down, and they were just watching to make sure there were no flare-ups. I explained to the officer in charge what I wanted. He agreed it was a very appropriate request. I handed a cup to one of



*Spc. Jacob Boyer*

**Chap. (Maj.) Barbara Sherer, 603rd ASB, shows the burnt cross she found in the ashes of the Camp Udairi dining facility to Maj. Nate Glover, executive officer, 603rd ASB.**

the firefighters, who walked to the rubble, scooped up some ash, and returned to me.

"Is this enough?" he asked.

"Perfect," I replied. I placed the cup in a Ziploc bag and headed to my tent.

Two days later I decided to open the bag and see if I needed to crunch up the ashes into smaller pieces. I was digging around in the cup with a plastic knife when I noticed the edge of something metallic. I reached in, and pulled out a cross. A flat, metal cross. It had some dark smudges on it from the fire, but it was otherwise undamaged. I could still read the etching on it: "Jesus is Lord."

I can't even fathom the odds of picking the exact site of that cross out of the acreage destroyed by the fire. It doesn't matter. The message to me is clear: God walks with us through the terrible firestorms of our lives and we are lifted unharmed out of the ashes. We may be marked in some way, like the cross of ash placed on our foreheads during Ash Wednesday. However, that mark is a symbol of God's love and protection.

I wear that cross now on my dogtags. No matter where the Army may send me, or what God may ask of me, I will cherish this special reminder that God will never leave us alone to face the tragedies in our lives. With God's help, we will always rise out of the ashes.

## 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 | Vale | 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     | Location    | Time    |
|----------------|-------------|---------|
| Sunday Service | Post Chapel | 11 a.m. |



## Pet of the Week

**B**osco, a 1-year old German Shepherd mix, is sweet and affectionate and great with kids. He needs a backyard to call home and run around in.

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

# Volunteer Spotlight



## Elisa Duran



Elisa Duran is a volunteer with the Mayors Program at the Hunter Army Airfield Army Community Service office. Her husband is in the 110th Quartermaster Company.

From Downey, Calif., Duran said she volunteers because she takes pride in giving. "I volunteer because I enjoy assisting people. It has priceless rewards," she said.

Duran said she has developed new skills while volunteering for ACS.

"I like assisting new people and developing new skills while meeting people. But, most of all, I like giving back to the Army community," she said.

If you would like more information about becoming an ACS volunteer, visit ACS at Building 470 on Fort Stewart, Building 1286 on Hunter Army Airfield or for more information, call Vickie Wiginton at 767-5058.



# WOODRUFF THEATER

April 3 — April 9

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



## Dark Blue (R)

Starring: Kurt Russell, Scott Speedman

**Tonight Free Showing at 7 p.m.**

Feared on the streets of L.A. Veteran Officer Perry and Rookie Officer Keough of the elite Special Investigations Squad investigate a high profile homicide. Officer Perry is feared on the streets and Officer Keough soon learns that cops aren't above the law, but sometimes they operate outside it.

Run time: 118 minutes

## Deliver Us From Eva (R)

Starring: LL Cool J, Gabrielle Union

**Friday, Sunday and Monday at 7 p.m.**

Hardened by her parents' deaths, Eva gives up her dreams to provide for her three sisters. The sisters honor and obey Eva's every decision, often at the expense of their self-absorbed men. Fed up, the three men conspire to rid themselves of Eva.

Run time: 105 minutes

## Jungle Book 2 (G)

Starring: Animation

**Free showing Saturday at 2 p.m., 7 p.m.**

Mowgli gets restless and decides to return to the "bare necessities" of jungle life, leaving behind his new girlfriend, Shanti, who's afraid of the dangerous wild animals Mowgli is used to romping around with. Mowli's old nemesis, the tiger named Shere Khan, is out for bloody revenge. Can old friends Baloo and crew help Mowgli avoid Khan's lethal claws?

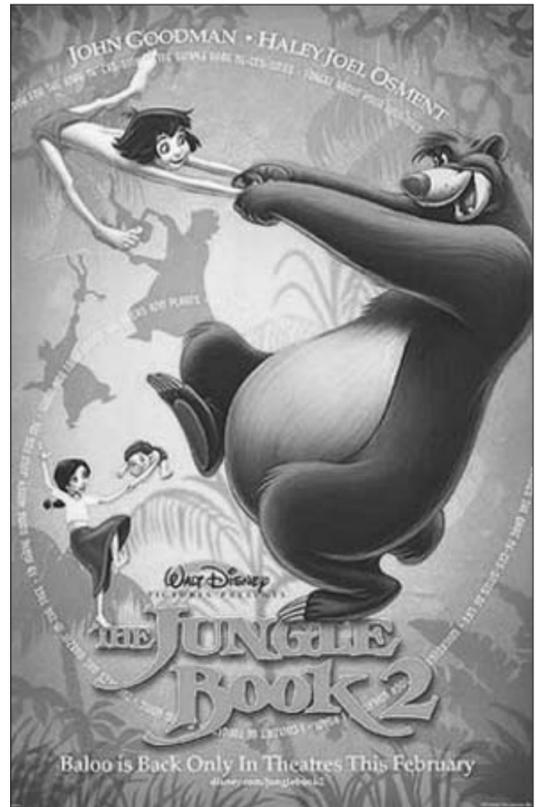
## Adaptation (R)

Starring: Nicolas Cage, Meryl Streep

**Tuesday and Wednesday at 7 p.m.**

The true story of a plant dealer and three Seminole Indians who conspire to clone rare orchids and sell them at exorbitant rates to plant collectors. And is it the tale of screenwriter Charlie Kauffman's attempt to adapt The Orchid Thief to the big screen?

**FREE Showing on Thursday Dark Blue  
Free Showing on Saturday Jungle Book 2**



# Birth announcements



March 14

**Adrian Isaac Figueroa**, a boy, 6 pounds, 13 ounces, born to Spc. Isaac Figueroa and

Michelle Figueroa.

**Bryan Nathaniel Lowe**, a boy, 7 pounds, 7 ounces, born to Pfc. Joseph James Lowe and Spc. Stephanie Diane Farrow.

March 15

**Jaheim Jamal Garner**, a boy, 8 pounds,

7 ounces, born to Sgt. Jeffrey Garner and Spc. Stephanie Garner.

March 19

**Isaiah Nathaniel Huntington**, a boy, 7 pounds, 8 ounces, born to Spc. Nathaniel Huntington and Rosalie Huntington.

**Khalil Amir Bagley**, a boy, 7 pounds, 4 ounces, born to Spc. Ameer Bernard Bagley and Spc. Tiffany Antionette Bagley.

March 20

**Jonathan Aaron Riley**, a boy, 9 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Marion Riley and Spc. Kelly Riley.

**Taliyah Renea Smith**, a girl, 7 pounds,

born to Roy B. Smalls and Spc. Deneé Nicole Smalls.

**Faith Hsing Hu**, a girl, 7 pounds, 5 ounces, born to Sgt. Yu Kun Hu and Julie Hu.

**Arne Ethan Oas V**, a boy, 8 pounds, 13 ounces, born to Sgt. Arne E. Oas and Linde L. Oas.

March 21

**Kamron Meadowcroft**, a boy, 8 pounds, born to Sgt. Lee M. Meadowcroft and Bridgette C. Meadowcroft.

March 22

**Francesca Dawn Enriquez**, a girl, 5

pounds, 4 ounces, born to Sgt. Franklin T. Enriquez and Diane Enriquez.

**Morgan Jean Warzynski**, a girl, 8 pounds, 4 ounces, born to Spc. Ryan Warzynski and Jean M. Warzynski.

**Gavin Xavier Olvera**, a boy, 6 pounds, 15 ounces, born to Rey Olvera and Pvt. 2 Christina Olvera.

March 23

**Valerie Isabel Boudreau**, a girl, 8 pounds, 4 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Richard P. Boudreau and Amalia M. Boudreau.

**William Lee Perry Jr.**, a boy, 10 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Spc. William Lee Perry and Jessica Collins Perry.