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Iraqi general surrenders to coalition forces



Spc. Jacob Boyer

A soldier from C Troop, 3-7 Cav. smashes the light on an Iraqi T-72 tank while others go inside to look for other systems to disable. More than 100 Iraqi vehicles were disabled after coalition forces accepted the surrender of the commander of the Western District.

Spc. Jacob Boyer

3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) PAO

AR RAMEDI, Iraq – United States and coalition forces accepted the surrender of the first enemy general in Operation Iraqi Freedom Tuesday when the commander of al armed forces in the western district of Iraq capitulated in Ar Ramedi Tuesday.

Maj. Gen. Muhammed Thumayla, commander, Western District, surrendered in the name of the more than 16,000 soldiers under his command to Col. Curtis D. Potts, commander, 4th Brigade, in a special operations compound 60 kilometers west of the city.

"This is the only official surrender of Iraqi armed forces to the coalition," Potts said. "I presented our conditions and accepted the surrender from him."

Although Thumayla had more than 16,000 soldiers under his command, he told Potts the bulk of his force had deserted five days after the beginning of the current conflict. He controlled military forces from Ar Ramedi, a town 50 kilometers west of Baghdad, to the border with Jordan and Syria.

Both Thumayla and his deputy commander were held at the compound by soldiers from the 5th Special Forces Group and other government agents.

Potts flew to the compound in a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter, and the surrender was signed in a central courtyard. After 40 minutes of discussion, Potts and Thumayla signed the documents on a small field table Potts brought to the site.

"I told him I appreciated what he was doing for his nation and the people of Iraq," said Potts, a Skokie, Ill., native. "This will limit any future bloodshed."

Potts asked Thumayla to stay in uniform for 30 days, take control of his soldiers and restore order in the Ar Ramedi area.

"At the end, I saluted him," he said. "I gave him that respect because he is a superior officer. I also gave him and his deputy some very good cigars, as professional soldiers, one to another."

Potts said he was "honored" to represent coalition forces in accepting the surrender.

After the ceremony, explosives and ordinance disposal soldiers disabled explosives wired to a bridge on Highway 1, allowing C Troop, 3rd Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment to move across the Euphrates River and disable 119 enemy vehicles, including more than 50 tanks and 20 fighting vehicles, Potts said.

AH-64 Apaches from A Company, 1st Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment kept aerial security for the operation, Elements from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th Brigade and B Co., 2nd Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment also aided the mission.

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Task Force Panther honors those who fell

Spc. Adam Nuelken

3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) PAO

BAGHDAD, Iraq – The sun crested the sky and the sounds of prayer that had not been heard in 26 years echoed through the sky as soldiers from Task Force 2-69 Armor gathered on the banks of the Tigris River to pay homage to the soldiers who fell during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The ceremony honored Staff Sgt. Terry Hemingway, Pvt. 2 Gregory Huxley, Jr. and Pvt. 2 Kelly Prewitt, all of who fell from enemy fire during the operation.

"These brothers of ours gave their lives for us and our nation. They, as all of us here, had the courage and guts to face danger that 99 percent of the citizens of our nation would never have thought to do," Capt. Stuart James, commander of A Company, TF 2-69

Armor, added. "They did not give their lives in vain. But fought, so our children don't have to. Never let us forget our brothers who made the ultimate sacrifice for us and our great nation."

Hemingway, a Bradley commander for C Company, 1/15 Infantry and 19-year veteran of the Army is survived by his wife Darlene and three children Terry Jr., Venetia and Danisha.

"As one of the newest members of the Hardrock team, Staff Sergeant Hemingway played a vital role in my 3rd Platoon of infantry," said Capt. Darren Rapaport, commander of C Co., 1/15 Inf. "At day one, his contributions and experiences as a Bradley commander and master gunner were put to the immediate test ... and overnight he increased the lethality of 3rd Platoon 10 fold. Staff Sergeant Hemingway, you will be truly missed,

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Spc. Adam Nuelken

A soldier with Task Force 2-69 Armor stands in formation watching the memorial ceremony to honor three fallen comrades.

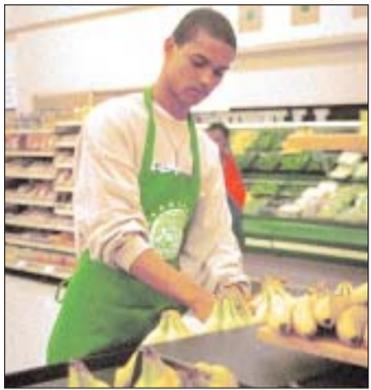
Nation's future gets a taste of the real world

Spc. Jonathan M. Stack

Staff Writer

The child youth services school liaison office held a career enhancement and job shadow day April 13, where 35 high school juniors and seniors from Liberty County High School and Bradwell Institute attended.

They had classes in the morning on



Martha Cuevos

Bradwell Institute student Justin Sefo learns how to stock produce at the Fort Stewart commissary.

interview preparation and techniques, financial aid, and resume preparation, and afterwards in the afternoon were able to shadow people performing jobs they were interested in.

This program is held once a year and this was the fifth year that it had been held, said David Smith, school liaison.

In the previous years the students were only given the opportunity to shadow jobs, this year the classes were added, he said.

This program is designed to give the students a basic level of skills from the workshops, said Smith. Then hopefully they apply what they learned from the classes to the afternoon portion and real life situation.

Marta Cuevos and Shatara Cox, juniors at Bradwell, were given the opportunity to visit the public affairs office, and learn how a newspaper is put together and to use a camera.

"I enjoyed the experience today," said Cuevos. "It has given me a chance to see if I would like this career field."

Career enhancement and job shadow day is a program set up to help students prepare for life after high school.

Army Chief of Staff announces command changes for Division

Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki announced Friday assignments for a new commanding general and assistant division commander-support for the 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.).

Maj. Gen. William G. Webster, Jr, deputy commanding general, Third U. S. Army, with duty as deputy commanding general, Combined Forces Land Component Command, Camp Doha, Kuwait has been named to succeed Maj. Gen. Buford C. Blount III.

In the same announcement, Brig. Gen. Louis W. Weber, assistant division commander-support, is being assigned as director of training, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3, U. S. Army, Washington, D.C.

Webster is no stranger to Fort Stewart. From Jun 1984 to August 1987, he served in such positions as assistant plans officer, G-3 Operations Officer, and S-3 (Operations) in what was then the 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized). He also served as the 3rd Infantry Division (M) Assistant Division Commander-Maneuver from July 1997 to November 1998.

Both moves will take place at dates yet to be determined.



Maj. Gen. Buford C. Blount



Maj. Gen. William G. Webster

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78°		55°

Soldiers have it when it's needed

Spc. Mason T. Lowery

50th PAD

Spartan soldiers reacted when they needed to most amidst the terror and chaos created when an enemy missile struck the 2nd Brigade Combat Team tactical operations center April 7.

Three soldiers and two civilian journalists were killed by the blast. Every soldier played a part in treating the wounded and getting the TOC set back up to continue supporting the battle in Baghdad.

Among them, three stand out, according to Headquarters and Headquarters Command 1st Sgt. Roderick Dalton, from Hendersonville, N.C. Their quick thinking and quicker action made it possible to treat and evacuate 17 wounded soldiers.

There are two ways people react in an emergency, according to Sgt. Mark Scott, an HHC soldier from Syracuse, N.Y. Some people freeze, and in others, training and instinct take over and they act.

Sgt. 1st Class Stanley Griffin, an HHC soldier from Fayetteville, N.C., was inside the TOC monitoring the battle when the missile hit. He heard a loud explosion. Half the TOC collapsed, there was nothing but dust and smoke, he was knocked down and couldn't see anything, he said.

Griffin acted. He stepped out of the TOC, saw everything burning and secondary explosions going off, heard people yelling that they were trapped, and started directing them out through the side entrance.

He saw how badly wounded HHC Sgt. Major Alexander Gongora, from Puerto Rico was and knew he had to take over as HHC sergeant major, he said. His first priority was perimeter security to prevent further enemy action. His second priority was his soldiers — getting the wounded medical care and accounting for all his soldiers. Three of his soldiers were missing. He directed soldiers to the casualty collection point — set up by Scott.

Scott said, "I walked outside and saw people running all over the place. I knew casualties would start pouring out. When I saw Sergeant Major Gongora, I knew someone had to do something."

He found a clearing for the casualty collection point and told Dalton to send him all his combat lifesavers and medical supplies. He saw that some of the combat lifesavers were

scared, so he had them work on the less seriously wounded casualties. He then went back in the TOC for more casualties.

Scott has been combat lifesaver certified since 1996. He said he has treated casualties in the past, but never so many, and never in a situation like that.

"You always wonder how you're going to act when it hits the fan. That was the one time ... and it turned out all right."

The second immediate priority for Griffin — after getting his soldiers out of the TOC, was salvaging as much equipment as quickly as possible to get the TOC back up to continue supporting the battle in Baghdad, he said.

Spc. Corneilus Midgette, also with HHC from Bayboro, N.C., ran back into the complex over and over again to move casualties and equipment, according to Griffin. He kept asking Griffin what equipment needed to be saved.

"He continued to do the job we needed to do. Regardless of his safety, he went back in to help however he could," Griffin said.

Midgette explained how he was able to go back into the smoke and the flames in the TOC. "At first it was just a reaction. I didn't expect I would do it. Looking back, I'm surprised I didn't run. But it was instinct to go back in and try to help someone. If a second missile was going to come, I wanted to move them.

"You hope a situation like that never happens to you. But if it does, put yourself aside and lend a hand, no matter what, even if it's just yelling 'look out,'" he said.

Midgette said Griffin was the first person he saw through the smoke. Watching Griffin acting under pressure gave him strength. "He went back in 10 times. He was getting people, vehicles and equipment out ... directing people," Midgette said.

Going back in and not panicking was hard, according to Griffin. But when he saw his soldiers, he knew he had to be the example and give them strength. "I had doubts about going back in. But you have to go back in. I wasn't thinking about my own safety, just 'Is there anyone else I can help.'"

"Scott and Midgette put their lives ahead of other soldiers' lives. That's what makes a great organization. Without those two guys, I think that situation would have been a lot worse," Griffin explained.

According to 2nd BCT Command Sgt. Maj. Otis Smith from Millerville, Ala., all the



Spc. Mason T. Lowery

Spartan Commander Col. David G. Perkins, right, briefs V Corps Commander Lt. Gen. William Wallace, and 3rd ID Commander Maj. Gen. Buford C. Blount III at one of Saddam Hussein's palaces in Baghdad April 13.

TOC soldiers were heroes that day. "They continuously went back in to pull soldiers out of a burning inferno with secondary explosions. They pulled vehicles out to save and relocate the TOC so we could continue to support the battle in Baghdad."

Smith said the TOC soldiers are not normally on the front lines of battle, but reacted well to a battle situation. "It's a tribute to the training we did in Kuwait and (the National Training Center). Everyone did a great job."

After the initial chaos had settled down and casualties and equipment were taken care of, Griffin continued looking for his soldiers. He still couldn't find one of his soldiers. He walked back in the TOC, around the perimeter, and to the field hospital and found no sign of him. Eventually HHC Company Commander Capt. William Glaser, from Hendersonville, Tenn., informed him that his soldier hadn't made it out alive.

"As a platoon sergeant, losing a soldier makes me wonder what I could have done dif-

ferently. You feel like it's your responsibility as platoon sergeant to take care of all your soldiers. So it was a great loss for me and the team," he said.

Griffin said his soldiers are back up and running. "Everyone did their part — everyone has his own area. If you put that all together it puts the team back together."

"We just mourn our losses and want to pay our respects to the families who lost loved ones. We've got soldiers who lost their lives in this war — they made a difference in world peace," he said.

The Army has definitions for leadership and duty. While the definitions are accurate, seeing examples in action gives them new meaning. Leadership is standing up and walking among your soldiers after you and they have come under artillery fire, looking them in the eyes, giving them strength and letting them know everything will be OK, even when it isn't.

Duty is going back in.

Medical supplies uncovered in warehouses



Courtesy photo

Former employees from the Iraqi Ministry of Health inventory medical supplies that were discovered in a warehouse complex Thursday. The warehouse was full of medical supplies, pharmaceuticals and medical maintenance equipment.

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3rd Inf. Div. Public Affairs

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The 3rd Infantry Division Medical Operations Center/Division Surgeon section and 30th Medical Brigade discovered a warehouse complex April 17, full of medical supplies, pharmaceuticals and medical maintenance equipment.

No one was at the site that day, so Capt. Andrew Sims, division medical planner, Maj. Joe Bird, G-5, 30th Medical Brigade, and Maj. John Balsler went back. When they arrived Saturday and went inside, there were 60 workers who worked for the Ministry of Health there. Dr. Khalil Wahab, new defacto Minister of Health, showed them what was inside. From there, Wahab led them to the other sites. This complex is the Central Medical Supply Center for all medical facilities in Iraq.

The 12,000 square foot warehouses hold six months of

supplies for what was formerly known as a governmental region. There were 26 such warehouses in Iraq prior to the war that maintained a six-month stock for all the medical facilities in the country.

"I had never seen anything like it in one place ... it's a tremendous amount of medical supplies," Sims said.

The warehouses were full of medical maintenance equipment, bulk supplies, pharmaceuticals, facilities/engineering equipment, hospital generators, and ambulance parts. According to Dr. Wahab, the supplies were being held in the warehouses because there were security concerns for convoys to deliver them to the hospitals.

"The Iraqi people suffered due to a conscious decision of the former regime to withhold medical supplies," said Maj. Gen. Buford C. Blount III, commander, 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized).

Many of the poorer hospi-

tals were not aware of where to go to get the medical supplies they needed to keep their hospitals afloat. Now brigade combat team surgeons are taking hospital directors from those hospitals to the Ministry of Health to make the initial introduction and to let them know where to go to get supplies.

"We are here to help the Iraqi people and want them to help themselves. We want to eventually have minimal intervention in their system of medical treatment," Sims said.

The critical needs of Baghdad hospitals include fuel for generators, water and general supplies like gauze, bandages, pharmaceuticals, infant tourniquets and diapers.

Sims added that Yarmuk Hospital needed a generator two days ago. A replacement generator was found and is now functioning in the hospital.

"So, the system will work," he said.

MPs trade vehicles for bicycles, helmets

Spc. Casandra Bolton

Staff Writer

Bicycles are a great way of getting exercise and staying in shape; but for the 3rd Military Police Battalion it is a great way to patrol Fort Stewart.

The bike patrol helps enhance the regular vehicle patrols. While the vehicles keep the roads safe, the bicycles assist them by keeping the neighborhoods safe.

Sgt. Michael Dinkel, military policeman with the 3rd MP Bn. is the noncommissioned officer in charge of the bike patrol. The patrol consists of six MPs who voluntarily want to participate.

There is no criterion that the MP's must meet to participate; they just need to have willing legs.

"The bike patrol has better access to the neighborhoods because they don't have to

patrol on the streets only," said Dinkel.

With the patrol out and ready to ride; they are a great source of public relations in the community.

"They are more approachable than the MP's in the patrol cars," said Dinkel. "The children can walk up and touch the bicycles as opposed to the soldiers patrolling in the vehicles."

A lot of times, people don't even see them coming.

"They are a great group of soldiers," said Dinkel. "Every once in a while when I have some free time, I like to get out and patrol with them."

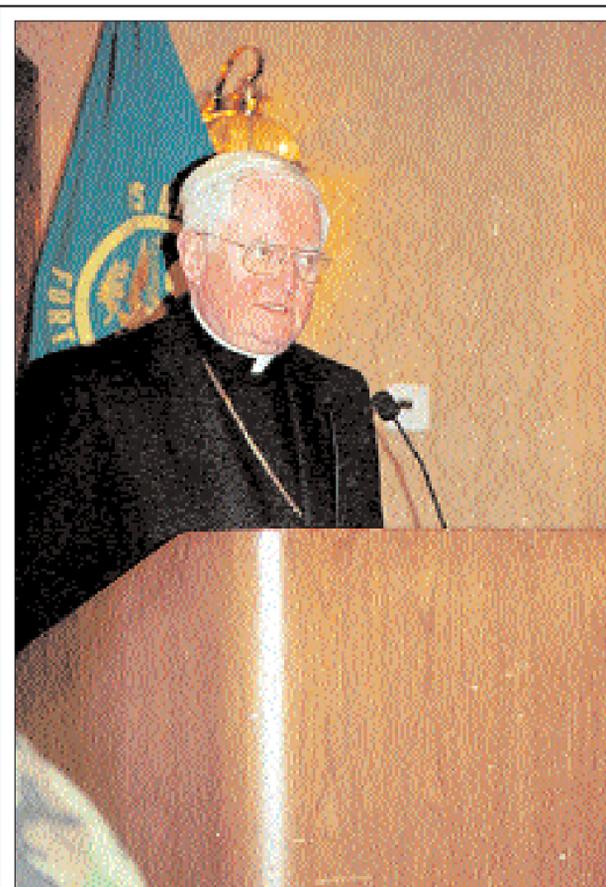
With a lot of soldiers gone, the patrol offers increased visibility throughout the post.

"This is a lot of exercise," said Dinkel. "But it is also a lot of fun."

Trading in vehicle keys for bicycle helmets and shorts, the MP's ride into the sunset and help keep Fort Stewart a safe place.

"The bike patrol has better access to the neighborhoods because they don't have to patrol on the streets only."

Sgt. Michael Dinkel
3rd MP Bn.



A side dish of prayer ...

Spc. Jonathan M. Stack

Bishop John Kevin Boland speaks to members of the Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield community about love and knowledge, during the National Prayer Breakfast at Club Stewart April 16. He is currently a board member of the All Hallows Missionary College Fund and a Trustee of Catholic Mutual.

Fort Stewart to hold a memorial ceremony

Staff Reports

The Fort Stewart installation commander has ordered a post monthly memorial ceremony with the first of such services scheduled for 4:30 p.m. Wednesday at Cottrell Field.

The ceremony is being held to recognize the service and sacrifice of honored soldiers while providing spiritual and patriotic meaning, said Command Sgt. Maj. Carl T. Smith, Garrison command sergeant major.

A ceremony will be held every month that there are casualties added to the list, he said. The public is invited to the services, which will include a reading of each fallen soldier's name and a Living Memorial dedication. Family members of the fallen soldiers are guests of honor at the ceremony.

Visitors attending the ceremony are encouraged to use Gate One converging from Hinesville's General Screven Way, Memorial Drive and General Stewart Way. Motorists are reminded that the driver and other adults must be prepared to present a pictured ID. Also, the driver must have registration and current insurance.

Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield commanders, soldiers, civilian employees and Family Readiness Groups are providing ongoing assistance to all families of soldiers stationed here and are prepared to continue around the clock assistance throughout this operation.

The casualties of 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized):

Capt. James F. Adamowski
Capt. Tristan N. Aitken
Pfc. Wilfred D. Ballard
Staff Sgt. Stevon A. Booker
Spc. Mathew G. Boule
Sgt. Henry L. Brown
Staff Sgt. George E. Buggs
Pfc. Michael R. Creighton-Weldon
Spc. Daniel F.J. Cunningham
Cpl. Michael E. Curtin
Staff Sgt. Wilbert Davis
Chief Warrant Officer 4 Erik A. Halvorsen
Staff Sgt. Terry W. Hemingway
Staff Sgt. Lincoln D. Hollinsaid
Pvt. 2 Gregory P. Huxley Jr.
Chief Warrant Officer 2 Scott Jamar
Pvt. 2 Devon D. Jones
2nd Lt. Jeffery J. Kaylor
Capt. Edward J. Korn
Sgt. 1st Class John Marshall
Pfc. Jason M. Meyer
Pfc. Anthony S. Miller
Spc. George A. Mitchell
Sgt. Michael F. Pedersen
Pvt. Kelley S. Prewitt
Spc. Gregory P. Sanders
Pfc. Diego F. Rincon
Chief Warrant Officer 3 Eric A. Smith
Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith
Sgt. Roderic A. Solomon
Staff Sgt. Robert A. Stever
Sgt. Eugene Williams

Kingston talks with military spouses

Sgt. Sam Hoffman

Staff Writer

Rep. Jack Kingston (R-Ga.) visited with the Fort Stewart Enlisted Spouses Club to answer questions and quell rumors about soldiers of the 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.), now deployed in Iraq.

The visit was held at Club Stewart's Palmetto Room April 14.

As Kingston asked if and what kind of contact the spouses have had with their husbands and addressed concerns such as finances and the deployments, spouses listened intently.

"I want to handle problems that are not theoretical," he said.

One of his main concerns was trying to increase the standard of living for soldiers at Fort Stewart. Too many congressmen feel that this type of military spending is frivolous and irresponsible, and they vote against it. If we took them on a tour of some of the housing areas, they wouldn't have those beliefs, said Kingston, who strongly supports the Residential Communities Initiative. RCI is a project to build better military housing.

Spouses were concerned about the lengthy deployments and also asked questions about finances and the cost of sending care packages to the Middle East. The cost of shipping goods like candy and cigarettes is greater than the goods themselves cost, they said.

Although he does not work for the Postal Service, Kingston said that spouses should keep exercising 1st Amendment rights by writing letters to congress.

Kingston also reminded spouses of his work to raise salaries for soldiers. Closing the pay gap between military and civilian job markets will help provide incentive for good soldiers to stay in the Army, he said.

"You have a friend in congress," said Kingston.

Aside from a sensing session, Kingston talked for a little while about the president and the military action in Iraq.

President Bush cares about the soldiers and especially those stationed at Fort Stewart, he said as he reminded his audience that Fort Stewart was his first visit as president.

"I am extremely proud of the 3rd Infantry Division. As I followed the movement up the Euphrates (River), I just got prouder and prouder," said Kingston, wearing his Marne patch lapel pin.

The spouses were especially interested in Psychological Operations leaflets. Kingston had a large stack of the leaflets, identical to the ones air dropped over Iraq, which he passed out to the spouses. The leaflets are designed to deteriorate Iraqi will to fight and depict different messages promoting the U.S. military as liberators.

A number of weeks earlier, Kingston had met with the Officers' Spouses Club at Hunter Army Airfield. He felt that he needed to meet with the enlisted wives in order to get the full perspective of family concerns which prompted Kingston to schedule this visit, an aide to the congressman said.

He talked about how tough it is to be an Army spouse and how important family support is.

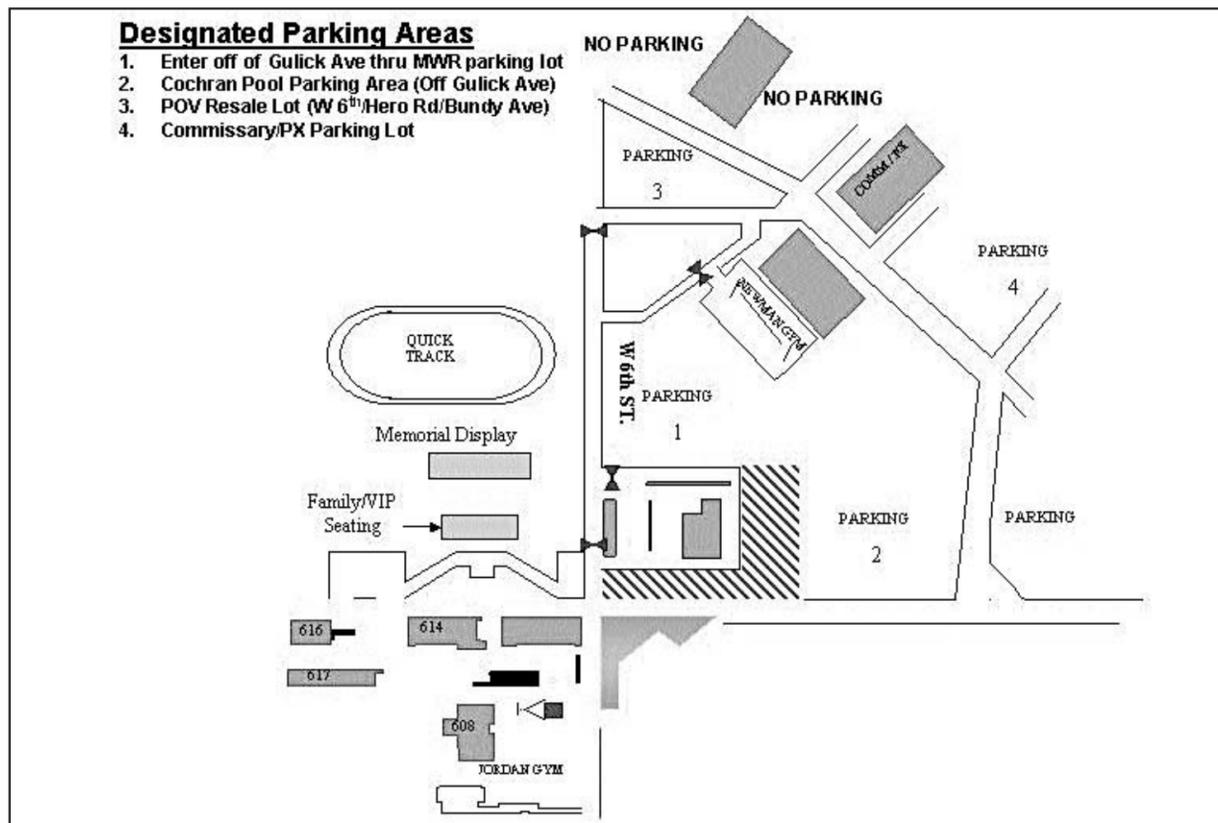
"You are absolutely on the frontline of this war," he said.

One instance of support for families is Home Depot's free repairs for doors or windows for military families.

"As a military spouse it's important that our voice is listened to. I think he's genuinely addressing our concerns," said Mychelle Ostrow, Enlisted Spouses Club president.

Information regarding free repairs can be obtained at

www.homedepot.com.



VOICES AND VIEWPOINTS

CG: 3ID ... took ... Baghdad

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

The 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) took control of the entire city of Baghdad Monday as Marines from the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force withdrew from positions east of the Tigris River. With one division responsible for the entire city, this offers unity of command that allows for ease of movement and coordination among sectors. Civil-military operations are our main focus while we also continue to root out leaders from the former regime who continue to cause unrest in the city. Marne soldiers continue to go about the business of getting Baghdad running on its own while planning for the transition of the civilian executive management that will assist Iraq in the long term.

Our work continues to be oriented towards helping set the conditions for the Iraqi people to govern themselves. We continue to gain the trust and confidence of Iraqi citizens as they come to understand we will not abandon them. Iraqis are providing us with information that helps us apprehend members of the former oppressive regime. They are directing us to the massive weapons caches often stored in schools. Police are returning for joint patrols and arresting looters and putting notice on would-be criminals. We continue to help them secure critical infrastructure including banks, ministries, cultural sites and businesses.

Our civil affairs efforts are beginning to pay big dividends. The division engineers are doing a fantastic job working with the local utility operators to get power, water and sewage returned to normal. More than 80 percent of the city has water and approximately 40 percent have power. The problem of garbage removal is being addressed. Garbage trucks have been located and soon we will employ Iraqis to begin pickup. As the utilities return to normal so does the business of the city. Vehicle and pedestrian traffic continues to increase. Many shops are opening and the entrepreneurship of the citizens has found a willing customer in the U.S. soldier. Capitalism is finding its way to Baghdad.

The division surgeon's section has completed an assessment of all the hos-

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pitals in Baghdad that will help prioritize service and supply needs. It was clear that there was a disparity in medical care between Iraqis who supported the regime and those who did not. Recently, the 3rd Brigade Combat Team found several warehouses in their sector filled with critical medical supplies. The supervisors in the warehouse directed us to several more.

In total, there are more than 26 similar warehouse complexes in Baghdad that store about six-months of supplies each. The warehouses were full of medical maintenance equipment, bulk supplies, pharmaceuticals, facilities/engineering equipment, hospital generators and ambulance parts. These supplies will fill the grave shortages throughout Baghdad hospitals, especially those in the poorer neighborhoods.

I'm sure many of you have seen the Iraqi people protesting the American presence in Iraq. We like to think of it as the Iraqi people finally getting the opportunity to exercise their basic right of free speech. It is not as prevalent as perhaps the news media in Baghdad would have you believe. In a city of six million people, the protests number about five hundred to one thousand every several days. Intelligence reports state that the protests are primarily a "rent-a-crowd" arrangement funded by former Ba'ath Party members. The protests have been non-violent so far and commanders report the Iraqis waving and cheering soldiers from their buses as they are enroute to their protest.

The looting of the Iraqi National Museum is another incident misrepresented in the media by those whose agenda is primarily against the war. The site was not looted wholesale in the wake of the war. Eighty to 90 percent of the artifacts remained in the museum. Most of the damage was vandalism of the administrative offices. Important artifacts had been stored in locked vaults for some time. Much larger artifacts

were protected with foam in the event they fell. There is substantial evidence that much of the looting occurred as an "inside job" as keys were found in the building. Local religious leaders have asked people to return artifacts and many have.

Accusations in the international community that we failed to immediately secure the museum belie the evidence that the museum building had Fedayeen fighting position on its grounds and across the street was a Republican National Guard barracks where there was heavy fighting. The museum director and curator volunteers recently returned to work and have corroborated our statements. A similar complaint is that we guarded the Ministry of Oil first before the museum. This demonstrates in their mind that the war was really about oil. Col. Dave Perkins, Spartan 6, said it best when he told a reporter recently that it is oil that will generate income for the Iraqi people and in turn buy them the food and medical supplies they desperately need. The wealth of this nation belongs to the Iraqi people, and we will safeguard it until they the time when they can begin governing themselves.

Third Infantry Division soldiers have demonstrated the same flexibility in peace as they have demonstrated in war. As I continue to get around to each sector, the compassion of the American soldier is clearly evident and genuine. An example of this care occurred in the 3rd Brigade Combat Team sector this week. Thanks to Staff Sgt. James Mattwig of the brigade recon troop, a little 3-year old girl named Aya is receiving medical care aboard the USS Comfort. Her left eye was damaged when flying glass from an explosion during the war lodged in it possibly blinding her. Staff Sgt. Mattwig made her condition known to his commander and now an ophthalmologist is performing surgery. We will know in a few days if her sight will return.

Marne soldiers demonstrated that they were invincible in war, now they are once again demonstrating they are persuasive in peace. I am extremely proud of the division soldiers and will work to get them home as fast as possible, safely, when our job in Baghdad is done.

"Rock of the Marne!"



3rd Inf. Div. Photo

Maj. Gen. Buford C. Blount III, 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) commanding general, listens as Lt. Col. Eric Schwartz, TF 1-64 Armor commander points out his units sector on the steps of the Al Rasheed Hotel in downtown Baghdad where the armor task force set up operations.

Marne Voice

THE FRONTLINE

Readers respond to the question:

Why is it important for the Holocaust to be remembered?

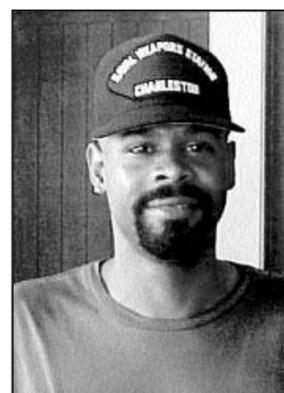
"Being a Berliner for five years, I've seen the camps and the injustices that occurred. The world can't stand by in apathy again."

Staff Sgt. Ervin Hicks
3220th GSU



"It's an important part of history that must be reflected on so that we don't let that same mistake happen again."

Larry D. Hudson Jr.
Big Boy's Shoe Shine



"At this point it becomes impertunate, but we must not forget the Holocaust, so we don't let a tragedy like this happen again."

Spc. Jon Stack
HHC 3rd Inf. Div.
(Mech.)



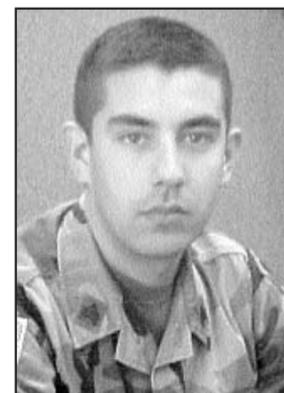
"So America doesn't sit by while innocent people are slaughtered like it did during WWII."

Sgt. Dan Harvey
3220th GSU



"It's important to remember, because it highlights what happens when people who are intolerant of others are in power."

Capt. Walter Foster
SJA



"So we can learn about humanity's mistakes in the past."

Sgt. Juan Gallegos
53rd Infantry Bde.

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Holocaust remembered

Sgt. Sam Hoffman

Staff Writer

The Fort Stewart Equal Opportunity office will be sponsoring a Holocaust Remembrance at the Post Exchange, April 30, commemorating Jewish holiday Yom Hashoah, day of remembrance.

The Nazis annihilated more than 9,000,000 Jews, Roma, mentally ill and homosexuals, anyone determined to be the "untermensch," or undesirables during the Holocaust, beginning in the late 1930's.

Hermann Goering signed the "Total Solution to the Jewish question" into law during July 1941, ordering the extermination of the aforementioned ethnic groups.

It is important to understand why and how such a large destruction of human life occurred, for many reasons. For one, it helps to ensure that genocide won't happen in the future. It has aided our nation in its decision to take military action in the Balkans and Somalia and to some extent Iraq.

One more reason is that it serves as a reminder of how easily public opinions can be molded, after all, the people of Europe watched as their neighbors were stripped of their rights

and eventually deported.

"We must recognize that when any fellow human is stripped of humanity ... then all human beings are victims, too," said former President Jimmy Carter

on International Holocaust Day April 24, 1979.

Ron Jones was a high school teacher in California who decided to conduct an experiment with his class. He formed a movement called the "Third Wave" and turned nearly the entire school into blindly obedient enforcers of the new rules. In less than a week he had turned them all into Nazis.

Jones wrote an article and later a book, which was turned into a movie called "The Wave." I can hardly imagine a Hebrew school that doesn't screen it.

His experiment proved that while some say, "It can never happen here," it could, and fairly easily.

Commentary



The biggest tragedy about the Holocaust is that some deny it. In order to properly honor the memory of the 9,000,000 who perished, we must ensure, not only, that it doesn't happen again, but also so the world won't sit back while injustice is being done.

All of this becomes more relevant with the situation in the Middle East. Aside from allegations of attempting to develop weapons of mass destruction, Iraqi President Saddam Hussein was torturing and murdering his people by the thousands.

Terrible things have happened in Iraq under Hussein's regime and someone had to stand up. If the world were to sit back like it did during



World War II, we would have learned nothing.

Also remember how easy it was to turn a population into Nazis and how easily people can be swayed by false righteousness, empowerment, sense of purpose and scapegoats.

It would be too easy to hate those that wish to destroy us, when we need to understand them.

The American way of life is a scapegoat to the terrorists. They have been taught that we are selfish and unrighteous. Americans are now in the position that the Jews of Europe were in more than 50 years ago.

Sgt. Hoffman recommended reading: Jones, Ron "The Third Wave." Available from Sgt. Hoffman upon request.

Soldiers train for real-life bomb threat situations

Sgt. Sam Hoffman

Staff Writer

Lights and sirens from fire trucks and Military Police vehicles surrounded the 2nd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) headquarters building, reminiscent of the scene at the World Trade Center in New York, 1993.

An unknown person had called a bomb threat into the building April 17, said Master Sgt. Rickey Frazier, Emergency Response Force supervisor.

"This is the incident I fear the most. The rest (that we train for) are just reactions to a reaction," Frazier said.

Luckily for Fort Stewart, this was just a training exercise and the bomb threat was staged. The 24th Corps Support Group held a bomb threat reaction exercise to put their training to the test.

"We've been training for the past two and a half weeks," Frazier said. He stated that the training included riot controls as well.

"They augment MP's in any major incidents where there is a need for per-

sonnel," he said.

The 24th has put together an ERF in the wake of the major deployments that took many MP units to the Middle East. The ERF is made up of soldiers from the 24th, 87th Command Support Battalion, 92nd Engineers and the 3rd Soldier Support Battalion, Frazier said.

While the MPs had quarantined the area and the fire department stood ready for a worst-case scenario, the ERF divided into teams and deliberately searched for bombs.

They interviewed occupants of the building and then evacuated them before moving in. Deliberately using credit cards and flashlights to screen doorways, they checked for anything out of the ordinary.

When the training was completed, the ERF conducted a after action review.

"The purpose of this training is to prepare the soldiers for a real-life event," said 1st Lt. Kristen Lewis, ERF team leader.



Sgt. Sam Hoffman

Soldiers from the Emergency Response Force search a building for a bomb during a training exercise.

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Medics tend to casualties while under fire

Spc. Katherine Robinson

50th PAD

When the two medics came to Iraq, they never expected to be on the front lines. That was not their assigned role in the war. But that's exactly where they found themselves - under fire, and called to action by their wounded comrades.

Spc. Michelle Chavez is an ambulance driver with the 550th Area Support Medical Company from Fort Bragg, N.C. A Huntington Beach, Calif., native, she is currently assigned to the 566th ASMC from Fort Hood, Texas. Her partner Spc. Michael Lastimado is a 566th ASMC soldier from Kapolei, Hawaii. Lastimado and Chavez work at the enemy prisoner of war camp near the 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) division rear. Their job is to treat EPWs and wounded soldiers who come to the rear.

But in early April, they were a little farther forward, working with one of the 3rd Inf. Div. forward support battalions.

On April 3rd, the two were heading toward the Euphrates River, when they received a call that one of TF 4-64's mortar soldiers needed evacuation.

"Our task force (4-64) didn't have their main aid station set up, so we had to take the patient to ... I think 1st Brigade's main aid station," Chavez said.

The ambulance had one escort vehicle, TF 4-64's command sergeant major, Command Sgt. Maj. Dennis Oggs, and his driver Pfc. Travis Nelson.

After dropping the patient off, the medics tried to get in contact with the task force, and heard over the radio that the 4-64 convoy was being ambushed, according to Chavez.

"We couldn't catch up to them, so we stayed with the vehicle we were rolling with," she explained. "We drove most of the night, taking turns sleeping and driving."

Eventually they ended up at Baghdad International Airport, on the outskirts of Baghdad.

That morning, two B Company, 2nd Battalion 7th Infantry soldiers who Chavez and Lastimado were talking to, started screaming, "Tank!"

There was an enemy tank approaching. Chavez described the infantry dismounts scrambling, picking up anti-tank weapons, running toward the tank, while a Bradley Fighting Vehicle approached it from another direction.

"It amazes me that we were sitting there watching those guys run closer to get a better shot at the Iraqis who were trying to shoot at us," she said. "They're braver than I could ever hope to be."

"I heard a loud boom," she continued. "Clothes flying up in the air, people screaming, 'medic.'"

Lastimado and Chavez treated the three-man Bradley crew for smoke in the eyes and singed hair, but no serious injuries.

"We pulled back a little bit, about 500 feet down the road," Chavez explained.

While in that position, the call for medics resounded once again, this time for two Iraqis who had been driving a fire truck down the road shortly after the tank attack. She said one of them had been shooting out the door. U.S. soldiers had returned fire, forcing the truck to stop. There was little the medics could do for the Iraqis, due to lack of equipment.

"Sometimes you feel helpless because we have only a certain amount of equipment that we carry," Lastimado said.

"We made the call that a helicopter would not fly in - it was a hot (landing zone)," Chavez added.

Instead, the soldiers found a grid coordinate on the nearest forward aid station, and after bandaging the patients, brought them to the FAS. They parked around the side of the aid station, where Chavez recalled Oggs telling her, "we'll be safer

here."

But this was not to be. While parked, the area came under fire from Iraqis with AK-47s, she said. Someone started screaming for a medic yet again.

One of the aid station medics ran first, followed by Chavez and behind her, Lastimado.

Nelson, Oggs' driver, acted as a sort of bodyguard for Chavez. "He was running between me and the rounds," she said. "It just amazed me that he put his life on the line for me."

The patient they found upon arrival had a minor shrapnel wound and they returned him to duty after treatment.

"After that we had a little break," Chavez said. "I was back at the ambulance when the firefight started." This time it was in earnest - attack from AK-47s, mortar rounds and Iraqi 50 caliber guns. "The fire started coming in. The sergeant major looked at me and said, 'maybe we should get down now.'"

Chavez said they waited in that position during the first two calls for medics. "We knew (the FAS) had enough personnel to treat the number of patients." But when the third call came, she and Lastimado ran to help.

While the FAS physician's assistant pulled up a 113 Carrier Personnel to block incoming fire, the medics set to work, Chavez explained. "I was thinking, 'Please, God, let our guys be okay.'"

Lastimado said he, too, was thinking less about getting shot, and more about rescuing the soldiers and getting them out of the area.

There were several serious patients this time around. One died, according to Lastimado.

"When you see a fellow soldier die in front of you, it breaks your heart," he said. "It temporarily paralyzes you."

When the medical helicopter arrived, Chavez said there wasn't even room on the bird for the last patient.

"He stayed with us and we changed his bandages again," she said. When they moved to another part of the airport to meet up with a convoy, they took the patient - who she referred to as "Luis the engineer" - with them and put him in the back of the air-conditioned ambulance to make him more comfortable while they called in another MEDEVAC.

Yet again, the convoy they were waiting for was being ambushed. When it came in, there were three casualties that needed treatment. Chavez said they evacuated two with Luis the Engineer, and returned the third to duty. Luis told her "thank you," before she left.

"It feels great when a soldier tells you, 'thanks doc,' for helping them out," Lastimado said.

Soon afterward, a mortar landed in the area. No one was injured, but the soldiers moved to another area where they spent the night, according to Chavez.

The position these medics were in was very abnormal for someone from an ASMC, according to their first sergeant 1st Sgt. Carl Massey, from Newton Grove, N.C.

"Our traditional role as an ASMC is echelons above corps, very much in the rear," he said. "The front line is far removed. The mindset is different."

Massey said the ASMC soldiers train to see medical emergencies, and work under pressure, but under fire on the front lines is a different story.

He said being attached to the 3rd Inf. Div. was a non-traditional role to begin with, and then the company pushed people to the forward support battalions, which is farther forward than most of them would ever normally get. The FSBs, in turn, pushed them even farther forward.

"This answers a lot of questions as far as the training of people in rear areas ... soldiers are soldiers and they're always going to give. That's what makes the Army great," Massey said.



Spc. Katherine Robinson

Spc. Michelle Chavez and Spc. Michael Lastimado, 566th ASMC medics, in front of their ambulance.

"The reason I'm here and able to do this job is because the guys on the front lines are willing to sacrifice their lives for our freedom and safety," Chavez said. "If it wasn't for them, none of us would be here. I appreciate everything they do."

Lastimado said he would never forget the traumatic experience. "It was more than I bargained for. If I have to go to the front again, I will gladly do it ... I have a lot of respect for those who went before me to battle."

Chavez saw combat in Afghanistan as well as Iraq, but for Lastimado, this was a first.

"The soldiers ... did what they needed to do, without question and without regret," Massey said. "But I know it's been tough on them. That is something that will haunt you."

Medics can't move away from the carnage after a battle, he explained. They have to stay and deal with the aftermath.

"They have to pick up the pieces, try to put people back together," Massey said.

POLICE REPORTS

• **Subject:** Civilian, 32-year-old female
 • **Charges:** Driving while license suspended
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 26-year-old male, Headquarters Command
 • **Charges:** Improper backing
 • **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

• **Subject:** Chief Warrant Officer 2, 30-year-old male, Aviation Brigade
 • **Charges:** Driving while license suspended, speeding 35/15
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Family member, 44-year-old female
 • **Charges:** Improper lane change
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Family member, 42-year-old male
 • **Charges:** Driving under the influence
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Sergeant, 24-year-old male, Headquarters Command
 • **Charges:** Theft by taking of an automobile
 • **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Staff Sergeant, 40-year-old male, Headquarters Command
 • **Charges:** Failure to maintain lane
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Civilian, 50-year-old male
 • **Charges:** Improper backing
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 30-year-old male, separate battalion
 • **Charges:** Public drunkenness
 • **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Private, 22-year-old male, 2nd Brigade
 • **Charges:** Wrongful use of marijuana
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 32-year-old male, 1st Brigade
 • **Charges:** Wrongful use of cocaine
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Sergeant, 27-year-old male, Division Support Command
 • **Charges:** Wrongful use of cocaine
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Captain, 31-year-old female,

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

• **Subject:** Private, 20-year-old male, 1st Brigade
 • **Charges:** Larceny of private property
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Civilian, 23-year-old male
 • **Charges:** Possession of open container while operating vehicle, no driver's license
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 26-year-old male, separate battalion
 • **Charges:** Driving while license suspended
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Civilian, 29-year-old male
 • **Charges:** Driving while license suspended, alteration of license plate
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

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

• **Subject:** Private, 19-year-old male, Division Artillery
 • **Charges:** Wrongful possession of marijuana
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Sergeant, 28-year-old male, 1st Brigade
 • **Charges:** Driving while license suspended
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Sergeant First Class (Retired), 49-year-old male
 • **Charges:** Failure to yield right of way
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Master Sergeant (Retired), 49-year-old male
 • **Charges:** Improper backing
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Corporal, 37-year-old male, separate battalion
 • **Charges:** Reckless driving 78/45
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Staff Sergeant, 31-year-old male, 24th Corps Support Group
 • **Charges:** Driving under the influence, no permit, no proof of insurance, expired decal
 • **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Staff Sergeant, 42-year-old female, separate battalion
 • **Charges:** Disorderly conduct, public intoxication
 • **Location:** Ludowici

• **Subject:** Civilian, 38-year-old male
 • **Charges:** Obstruction of justice
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Sergeant, 26-year-old male, separate battalion
 • **Charges:** Disorderly conduct
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 19-year-old male, separate battalion
 • **Charges:** Improper starting of a parked vehicle
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private, 19-year-old male, Division Artillery
 • **Charges:** Wrongful possession of marijuana
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 19-year-old male, separate battalion
 • **Charges:** Disorderly conduct, under age drinking
 • **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Captain, 33-year-old male, separate battalion
 • **Charges:** Battery
 • **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Civilian, 22-year-old female
 • **Charges:** Simple assault
 • **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

• **Subject:** Private 2, 20-year-old male, Aviation Brigade
 • **Charges:** Failure to appear
 • **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Specialist, 23-year-old male, separate battalion
 • **Charges:** Wrongful use of marijuana
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 20-year-old, separate battalion
 • **Charges:** Wrongful use of marijuana
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Civilian, 31-year-old female
 • **Charges:** Driving while license suspended, altering drivers license
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Staff Sergeant, 34-year-old male, separate battalion
 • **Charges:** Driving under the influence, driving on wrong side of roadway
 • **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 31-year-old male, separate battalion
 • **Charges:** Driving under the influence
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 21-year-old male, separate battalion
 • **Charges:** Driving while license suspended, speeding 70/55
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Civilian, 25-year-old female
 • **Charges:** Driving while license suspended, speeding 70/55
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Civilian, 22-year-old female
 • **Charges:** Simple assault
 • **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

• **Subject:** Family member, 20-year-old female
 • **Charges:** Speeding, eight counts warrant served for check fraud
 • **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

• **Subject:** Specialist, 33-year-old male, 2nd Brigade
 • **Charges:** Attempted larceny of private funds, larceny of government property, fraud against the U.S. government
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private 2, 19-year-old male, separate battalion
 • **Charges:** Damage to government property
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Family member, 27-year-old male
 • **Charges:** Wrongful possession of marijuana, wrongful possession of drug paraphernalia
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Family member, 24-year-old female
 • **Charges:** Wrongful possession of marijuana
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Civilian, 21-year-old male
 • **Charges:** Wrongful possession of marijuana
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Family member 25-year-old male
 • **Charges:** Wrongful possession of marijuana
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Family member, 25-year-old female
 • **Charges:** Wrongful possession of marijuana
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Family member, 30-year-old female
 • **Charges:** Driving under the influence, driving while license suspended, defective equipment
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Civilian, 21-year-old male
 • **Charges:** Larceny of AAFES Funds, larceny of NAF property
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 28-year-old male, separate battalion
 • **Charges:** Simple assault
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Civilian, 38-year-old male
 • **Charges:** Failure to exercise due care
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private 2, 21-year-old male, 1st Brigade
 • **Charges:** Driving under the influence, failure to maintain lane
 • **Location:** Statesboro

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Stewart

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.

(OCS) Selection Board

The Officer Candidate School Selection 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 Tuesday.

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.

Special Forces

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

To learn more about Special Forces attend a weekly briefing at Hunter at noon and 2 p.m., Tuesdays, at the Education Center or Fort

Stewart at 10 a.m., 2 and 4:30 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Special Forces Recruiting Office Building 132. For more information, call 767-0229.

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.

EEO Staff

Equal Employment Opportunity office will host a "Meet the Staff" meeting on April 29 from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. at Building 1080.

EEO will present their goals, mission and objective for Fort Stewart and Hunter and will be open to new ideas, suggestions and comments.

For more information call 767-4074.

Prayer Breakfast

The 3220th Garrison Support Unit is having a Prayer Breakfast, 6:00 a.m., April 30. Community is invited. Location: Fort Stewart price: \$6.50

For more information contact Chaplain C. Dixon, 767-8801.

Learning Center

The Main Education and First Brigade/Division Artillery has expanded their hours. Computer access is available during the week 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays at the Main Education Center and 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday at 1st BDE/DIVARTY.

Hunter

Hunter Recycling Center

The Hunter Recycling Center, Building 1412, is open. Blue recycling bins will be placed next to all trash dumpsters on post this week-end. Only recyclable materials should be placed in the recycling bins to reduce the processing time as it is hand sorted.

Military units should take all scrap metals to the recycling center. Call 352-5987 for more information.

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.

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

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.

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Kids Day '03

This annual event helps expose children ages 3 to 12 to educational, cultural and safety topics. Children participate in hands-on activities and special guest Magic Marc. Event will be held Sunday at the Savannah Civic Center from noon to 4 p.m.

Colonel Edward L. Hubbard

Retired Air Force Colonel Edward L. Hubbard, artist, author and motivational speaker will speak at 6:00 p.m. on May 9 at the Mighty 8th Air Force Heritage Museum in Savannah. Col. Hubbard was a POW in Vietnam and will speak on overcoming adversity, being positive, and staying focused.

For more information call Tiffany at 354-1812.

Winn Army Community Hospital

"Take Care of Yourself"

The next Winn "Take Care of Yourself" classes will be 2 to 3 p.m. May 14 and 11 a.m. to noon May 28. Tuttle's class will be 10 to 11 a.m. April 30. The class gives an overview of how to use the "Take Care of Yourself" book. Upon completing the class, you will receive a card that allows you to get over-the-counter medications from Winn or Tuttle.

To register for the Winn class, call 370-5071. To register for the Tuttle class, call 767-6633 or 1-800-652-9221.

EFMP Enrollment Orientation

The Exceptional Family Member Program will be holding an enrollment orientation from 1:30 to 3 p.m. April 24 in Winn's Patriot Auditorium. Meet other families and learn about other community support services.

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

Expectant Siblings Class

The next Expectant Siblings Class will be held 5 p.m. May 1. The class is open to children ages 4 to 12 to help them prepare for the arrival of a new sibling.

To register for the class, call 767-6633 or 1-800-652-9221.

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 May 15. To register for the class, call 370-5071. The class will

be available at Tuttle 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesdays starting May 7. To register for the class, call 767-6633 or 1-800-652-9221.

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. May 13 at Club Stewart.

The educational class topic will be pregnancy wellness. Childcare will be available with advanced notice. For more information or to book childcare, call Beth Wilkinson at 370-6779.

Bereavement Support Group

A Sunrise Bereavement Support Group will be held 7 to 8 p.m. May 13 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.

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. Monday 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.

Dealership to give free oil changes

Staff report

Staff report

Vaden Nissan located on Abercorn Street in Savannah will give free oil changes to members of the military with a valid ID card Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 6 p.m.

"We are welcoming the entire coastal empire to come out and get an oil change for a donation,"

said Rick Himel, Vaden Nissan general manager

The dealership will accept donations for oil changes for non-military personnel. They will also donate \$200 from each car sold during the weekend with a goal of \$10,000 to be donated to family readiness groups.

"This event is about the troops and is a way for us to show our support," said Himel.

Midway Napa Auto Parts is donating all of the oil filters and Colonial Oil is donating the oil.

SURRENDER

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"First, we downloaded any ammunition on the vehicles and put it in a truck," said Staff Sgt. Paul Sheppard, commander's driver, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th Brigade. "We didn't destroy the vehicles, but we made sure it would be a while before they could be repaired."

Sheppard, a Waltham, Mass., native, said they poked holes in the vehicles' radiators,

disabled their batteries, cut their fuel lines and disarmed the firing mechanisms. All of the damage was done with bayonets and sledgehammers.

Sheppard said that while he was happy to see such a large force capitulate, he had mixed emotions seeing the general after the ceremony.

"In a way it was sad, because it seemed like they had nothing to go back to," he said. "But I think they were happy their men had defected, because it saved lives. I wish more units had capitulated."

MEMORIAL

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you will be mourned, you were after all, a man on a mission with the best intentions."

Huxley joined the Army as a combat engineer and was assigned to the 317th Engineer Battalion at Fort Benning. It was his first military assignment.

"Our republic's existence depends on the citizen soldiers like Staff Sergeant Hemingway and Private Huxley — men who are willing to stand for the Constitution and defend it to the death. These two men did just that," James added. "It is a debt we could never hope to repay. I know I will never forget these two men who gave their lives so others would not have to. Those men will never be forgotten."

Prewitt joined the Army as an armor crewmember less than a year ago and was assigned to support platoon, Headquarters Company, 2/69 Armor.

"Kelly Prewitt joined the Army in May of 2002, and as best as I can tell, he did so to become a man," Capt. Jason Miseli, commander of Headquarters Company, TF 2-69 Armor, explained. "A lingering image in my mind of Kelly will always be of him observing and mimicking his peers and leaders. It was both a compliment in the highest form to everyone in the support platoon as well as a statement of his willingness to learn and eagerness to take on other challenges."

"We are all aware of the events that took place April 6, 2003 to the northwest of this compound. Beyond that however, Kelly's acts of tremendous heroism tell two

important stories. Kelly fought alongside of several men who stand here today because he knew without hesitation they would do the same for him on any street on any night. The second story from that night, that must be understood, is how through his actions, he demonstrated his inherent maturity, caring and selflessness. Quite clearly, Kelly was, before this war ever began, already the man he sought to become."

Those who were lost due to the actions will forever be remembered by the commanders and soldiers they worked for and with.

"Today we call this formation to bring honor and tribute to three great soldiers who do not stand in our ranks today. War is about us, and the names of these three great soldiers will ring eternal in my heart," Lt. Col. J. R. Sanderson, TF 2-69 Armor, commander, said solemnly. "Each of these great soldiers gave the ultimate sacrifice in the defense of human freedom ... Each man we honor here today proved time and again that they were willing to go any length to accomplish the mission and take care of their brother soldiers."

"These men are our credentials. We will honor their memory and never forget their sacrifice to both our unit and our nation," the commander added. "But the years will pass, and soon the nation's memory will begin to fade. But my solemn promise to you ... is that this commander will never forget the honor and sacrifice of Private Gregory P. Huxley, Jr. Private Kelly Prewitt and Staff Sergeant Terry Hemingway."



Spc. Adam Nuelken

Lt. Col. R. J. Sanderson, commander of Task Force 2-69 Armor, and Command Sgt. Maj. Jesse Andrews, the task force command sergeant major, salute their soldiers who fell during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

LIFE & TIMES

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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.

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.

Education Center hours

The Main Education Center and 1st Brigade/DIVARTY Learning Centers, Buildings 130 and 1237 have expanded their hours due to the high demand for services during the day and evening hours until no longer needed.

Computer access will be available during the week at the Main Learning Center, Building 130, 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.

Prayer Warriors

The Fort Stewart Prayer Warriors meet 3 to 4 p.m., Sundays at Marne Chapel Conference Room. This prayer group is open to everyone, if you cannot make it, email your soldier's name and unit to casey-bcraig@coastalnow.net and we will add them to our prayer list. No babysitting is provided, please bring a toy for your child.

Prayer service

The installation commander announces a weekly prayer service, noon to 12:20 p.m., Thursdays at Marne Chapel. It is a prayer time for Remembrance and Hope.

CYS Central Registration

The CYS Central Registration, Building 443 will be open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday and Friday by appointment only; 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday by appointment only and all day Wednesday for walk-in. Pick up records from your child's program (SAS, CDC, FCC and YS) prior to update.

For more information, call 767-2312.

Bluegrass concert

If you enjoy bluegrass or country music, don't miss this special live performance of Rhonda Vincent and the Rage. This concert will begin at noon, April 30, at the Fort Stewart Commissary.

Don't miss this unique opportunity to hear this former country artist sing her award winning bluegrass.

Off Post

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.

Fishing rodeo nets fun

Sgt. Raymond Piper

Editor

Children, parents and friends took to Pond 10 Saturday for the first monthly Family Fishing Rodeo.

"Usually this event is held in the first full week of June, but Col. (Gerald) Poltorak, installation commander, wanted more activities for the families of deployed soldiers," said Tom Bryce, Fisheries Management Section chief. "We first thought of moving the rodeo up than decided to have an event once a month."

The event was supported by the Directorate of Public Works Fish and Wildlife Branch, the Directorate of Community Activities and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources.

Members of the Fish and Wildlife Branch and the Forestry Branch were on hand to help bait hooks, provide a little help in casting and take the fish off the hook, if needed.

Pond 10 is a four-acre pond stocked with more than 7,000 channel catfish. The fish were provided by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources as a way to promote fishing among the youth of the state.

The Fish and Wildlife Branch man-

ages the pond and feeds the fish to improve their growth rates and increase their size.

The event was designed to encourage families to come out and enjoy fishing, said Bryce.

During the four-hour Rodeo, 135 fish were caught (primarily catfish) averaging 1/2 pound each. That turned out to yield an overall catch rate of nearly three fish per child.

The next Family Fishing Rodeo will be held at Pond 10 May 10 8 a.m. to noon.

"There is a lot more fun than dirt in fishing," said Bryce.

"It's a joy to see a child's face light up when they catch their first fish," he said.

Out of the 47 children participating, 19 of their parents are deployed.

"The majority of my daughter Amy's 6th-grade class at Diamond Elementary has a parent deployed overseas, which gave her the idea to invite the neighborhood children out to the event," said Lt. Col. Charlie Ferguson, Directorate of Resource management.

"I had a few extra fishing poles that they could borrow if they didn't have one. We had a lot of takers," he said.

"I don't think there's a person on post who wouldn't support the families here," Ferguson added.



Lt. Col. Charlie Ferguson, DREM, removes a catfish from a hook that his daughter, Amy, 12, caught Saturday.

Fort Stewart fights cancer

Sgt. Sam Hoffman

Staff Writer

It's been called the greatest cataclysm of our time. To some it's a crab, others it's a tropic. Tobacco companies have denied they cause it and according to the American Cancer Society, thousands of people die from cancer every year.

Soldiers, civilians, family members and anybody in Liberty County, Ga. who was interested in fighting cancer participated in the American Cancer Society, Southeast Division's Relay for Life at Donovan Field, April 11.

The relay, a fundraiser for the society, began at 6 p.m. and ran all through the night until noon, the next day.

"This is the American Cancer Society's biggest fundraiser of the year. Because it's an overnight event, it symbolizes how tireless cancer is," said Kim Davis, co-chairperson for the Liberty County RFL.

Special "flag laps" were thrown into the relay, during which everyone participating held an American flag.

"Each relay reflects the community. We wanted to do something special for the troops this year," Davis said.

The Relay for Life began with an opening ceremony with guest speaker, Col. Gerald Poltorak, installation commander.

"You have contributed greatly to the defeat

of this disease," he said during his remarks.

A survivor lap was first, with all of the cancer survivors present walking a lap around Donovan Track. Caregivers were invited to walk with survivors on the second lap.

Other laps and events included a volleyball tournament, a bubblegum blowing contest, scavenger hunt and a martial arts demonstration.

It was a community-wide event, formed by teams of fundraisers from organizations, church groups, corporations, women's groups and any group of people who raised money to fight cancer, said Davis.

"Teams are a reflection of our community."

Most of the teams set up tents or stages for their teams, many of which were theme-based. Some of themes were hospital crews, pirates, religious figures or sports teams.

On-site concessionaires were available to aid teams that still desired to raise more money.

This is the eighth year of the RFL in Liberty County and the first at Fort Stewart. Concerns about size restraints and safety prompted the American Cancer Society to look for a different site, said Davis.

"We're proud to say that Fort Stewart is tremendous and a great sponsor of the event!" she said.

One of the relay's highlights was the Luminary Candlelight Ceremony.

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Sgt. Sam Hoffman

The Relay for Life begins with the opening lap, the "survivor lap." It is marched by cancer survivors to honor their battle with the deadly disease.



Prayer brings community together

Sp. Casandra Bolton

372nd MPAD

Chaplain Col. Neil Dennington, installation chaplain, started a weekly prayer service at the Marne Chapel for Remembrance and Hope. The meetings are held every Thursday at 12 p.m.

Mary Fairley, chaplain's secretary, said that you can never pray too much.

"Prayer helps bring us together," said Fairley. "I think this is a good program that Chaplain Dennington has started. He was going to start it sooner, but with all of the deployments it has been rough."

The attendees prayed for family members as well as deployed soldiers and their families.

Chaplain Maj. Timothy Sowers, Family Life Chaplain, said, "This program is to remember all of our soldiers deployed and for the casualties and to be a comfort to each other," said Sowers.

"It is important that we pray for the deployed soldiers as well," said Fairley.



Sp. Casandra Bolton

Chaplain Dennington leads the first weekly prayer service.

Don't be a fool go to school Stewart, Hunter offer opportunities for furthering education

Sp. Jonathan M. Stack

Staff Writer

Soldiers have to realize that they will not be in the military forever and while they are serving their country the military serves them with a variety of free educational services to benefit them when they get out.

Fort Stewart has seven learning centers and Hunter Army Airfield has one learning center, said Clem Clemons, learning support specialist at the Marne Learning Center here.

"The learning centers conduct individual educational counseling to soldiers, family members and civilian on a broad scope of education topics as well as advising the soldier or family members on their individual educational interests," said Clemons.

The manager and education services specialist provides educational counseling services to help attain an associate's, bachelor's, and/or master's degree, he said. There are 10 colleges that offer the associate's and bachelor's degree programs and one that offers the master's degree program here and at Hunter.

Not only do they offer civilian education but also the education centers help soldiers with military education, said Clemons.

"Resources are available to help soldiers in their professional development such as the Army Correspondence Course Program, primarily to improve their military occupational specialty training as well as other military training," he said.

"I enroll soldiers and family member in the computer-based basic skills program provided by Army Continuing Education System," said Clemons. "The basic skills program provides lessons in reading, grammar, writing, math, social studies, science and literature."

Soldiers can also enroll in the Skillsoft/Smartforce, this program offers more than 1,500 free, online courses, with a wide variety of business, technical and interpersonal learning paths, and all one needs is an Army Knowledge Online account, he said.

The American College Test Coach, Scholastic Aptitude Test Coach, and the Mavis Beacon typing program are more computer-based resources, he said.

Learning centers also keep publications such as Army Regulations, Training, Field and electronic manuals on hand, or available for order, for soldiers, said Clemons.

"The learning center is a one-stop training and educational experience," he said.

Soldiers are given many opportunities to start and further their education while in the military and should take full advantage of them.

Army Learning Center Locations

1st BDE	767-2269
2nd BDE	767-8353
DIVARTY	767-8543
ROCK	767-3398
DISCOM	767-2652
ACE	767-2905
MARNE	767-2618
123 SIGNAL	767-4166
HUNTER	352-6130

Spirits rise with son at Easter service



Photos by Sgt. Sam Hoffman

Marne Garden is decorated with tulips as worshipers sing hymns at the Easter Sunrise Service. "I think there's a special need to come together right now," said Amy Taberski, military spouse.

Soldiers, citizens gather at Marne Garden to sing praises

Sgt. Sam Hoffman
Staff writer

The Bible tells the story of Mary Magdalene searching for the body of recently crucified Jesus to prepare it for burial, when she stumbles upon not the body, but Jesus himself, resurrected. This event happened before sunrise, hence the Easter Sunrise Service.

At Fort Stewart's Marne Garden, 6:30 a.m. Sunday, Christians of all denominations gathered around "Rocky," the 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) mascot to commemorate the resurrection of Christ.

Time of day was not a factor as the flock clapped and sang aloud to different hymns led by pianist, Beulah Kuntz.

Chaplain (Col.) Robert Boidock, Pa., Army National Guard, gave what worshipers

called an inspirational and energetic sermon about the lessons learned by Magdalene and the apostles during this time.

"The basis of their prayer is their faith in god. It encourages them to keep on keeping on," he said.

Boidock spent his first Easter at Fort Stewart and said he was very pleased with the turnout and spirit of the worshipers.

"It was a beautiful morning and a great

opportunity to come together," he said. Easter baskets filled with toys and candy were given to children who were present at the service.

Amy Taberski was a worshiper at the Easter Sunrise Service. Her husband is currently deployed to the Middle East with the 549th Military Police Company.

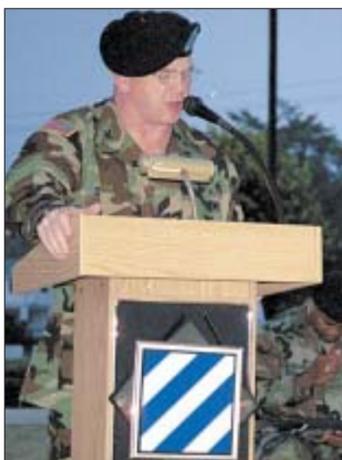
"I think there's a special need to come together right now," she said.



Worshipers raise their voices to heaven as they sing a hymn during the worship service. The attendees sang various hymns during the service.



Beulah Kuntz's hands flow elegantly across her keyboard. Many of the selections she played praised Jesus Christ for being Lord and Savior.



Chaplain (Col.) Robert Boidock gives the sermon. "It was a beautiful morning and a great opportunity to come together," he said.



Fort Stewart Chaplains gather before the Sunrise Service to prepare for the upcoming festivities.

— CHAPLAIN'S CORNER —

Love your neighbor as you love yourself

Chaplain (Maj.) Calvin G. Dixon
 Special to The Frontline

According to Matthew 22:34-40, the greatest law within the Commandment is to love the Lord with all of your heart, mind and soul and to love your neighbor as yourself. In the last message, I discussed how we are to love our neighbor and ourselves. Also, I stated that if we are to love our neighbors, we must first love ourselves. If we cannot love ourselves, we cannot only love our neighbors, we cannot love a god whom we have never seen.

Today, I want to talk with you about some shortcomings and aids to loving yourself and your neighbor.

First, let us look at some of the shortcomings to loving self and neighbor. As we talk about this, let us keep in mind that these shortcomings apply to both arenas – what affects one dimension certainly can affect another dimension.

These shortcomings are as follows: apathy, depression, resentment, fear, low self-esteem, negative thinking, guilt, unforgiveness, hatred and others. These behavioral characteristics will hinder us from loving others and ourselves. If we are to love self and neighbor, we must overcome these behavioral flaws; we must bury them – let them go as the apostle Paul would say.

On the other hand, we cannot do this alone. We must have the assistance of an outside source who is none other than the creator, God. Otherwise, we will continue to live in self-defeat.

Second, if we seek the aid of God, he will give us some aids for loving self and neighbor. These aids are as follows: joy, peace, patience, high self-esteem, positive thinking, for-

giveness, love, empathy, and others,

Finally, when we ask god to help us overcome our shortcomings and aid us in loving self and neighbor, then we can do a better job of really loving him.



Pet of the Week

Stewart is an unneutered male, approximately 1 year old, with one blue and one green eye. Very docile, affectionate and attentive. Great with children and other pets.

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.

Worship Opportunities

Fort Stewart

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

<u>Lutheran</u>		
Sunday Worship	Marne	11 a.m.
<u>Contemporary Service</u>		
Sunday Worship	Marne	6 p.m.

Hunter Army Airfield

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

SPORTS & FITNESS

On Post

Basketball courts opened

The Hunter gym's basketball courts are newly renovated and now open.

Tae Kwon Do lessons

Tae Kwon Do is available for children and adults.

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

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

Marne tournaments

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

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

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

Newman offers training

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

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

Golf course

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

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

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

• **Liberty High golf 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.

Pool passes

Pool passes will be available May 23. Call Andy Arrington, DCAS Aquatic Director, at 767-3034 for more information.

Picnic areas

Picnic areas are available at Fort Stewart and Hunter. To reserve the picnic areas, call Outdoor Recreation Center at 767-8609.

The center also rents boats, trailers and kayaks, as well as small items such as cookers, pots and pans.

Troop Command Scramble

The Taylor's Creek Golf Course is now accepting pre-registration for the Troop Command Scramble for May 3.

You can register as an individual and the golf course staff will assign the player to a team or you may register as a team of four.

The event is open to anyone, the first 18 teams will be accepted. Registration begins at noon, shotgun starts, 1 p.m. The cost for this event is \$25 per player and Mulligans, \$5. Register by phone, 767-2370 or go to golf pro shop.

Therapeutic massage

Therapeutic massage is offered three times a week at Caro gym. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday. There is a deployment special for April and May, \$10 for 20 minute massage. To make an appointment, call 767-4763.

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.

Liberty County Olympians have fun day as Stewart holds 18th Annual Spring Special Olympics

Spc. Casandra Bolton

372nd MPAD

The 2003 Liberty County/Fort Stewart Spring Special Olympics games were held Friday at the Quick Track.

Chaplain (Maj.) Timothy Sowers, Family Life chaplain, performed the invocation at the beginning of the games.

After select participants ran the Olympic torch, Command Sgt. Maj. Carl Smith, Garrison command sergeant major, led the participants in reading the Special Olympic Oath. After the reading, he announced the 2003 Spring Special Olympic games open.

The events varied from various aquatics to track and field. The participants were competing in several different events that tested their strengths.

The field events included shot put, tennis ball throw, standing long jump, running long jump, and softball throw.

The track events included the 10-meter walk, 25-meter walk, 50-meter walk, 10-meter wheelchair race, 50-meter run, 100 meter run and the 200-meter run.

Johnny Cusimano, Family Advocacy Program manager, said, "This is the second time we have had the Special Olympics with the soldiers deployed."

"This is the 18th year the Special Olympics has been held here," said Laura Arisohn, Special Needs Family Project educator.

There were plenty of volunteers helping the participants get from one activity to the next. Some Bradwell Institute students helped out as well as some soldiers.

"The turnout was awesome," said Arisohn. "There were approximately 175 student volunteers from Bradwell Institute. They were representing their parents who were deployed to Iraq."

"We had more than 1,200 volunteers, including Reserve and National Guard soldiers," said Arisohn.

The participants of the Special Olympics will go on to participate in the area games, which will include more surrounding counties in Georgia — May 7. The participants of the aquatic games will go on to compete state-wide in Atlanta, Ga., during the last week of May.



Photos by Spc. Casandra Bolton

Nakia Joyce, an olympian, threw her third tennisball during Event #2 The Tennisball Throw. She was in the 5-7 year old age group.



Command Sgt. Maj. Carl Smith, Garrison command sergeant major, leads the olympians in saying the "Special Olympic Oath".



Tony Jackson, an olympian, participated in the standing long jump in the 12-15 year old age range on Friday.



A participant and two volunteers run the torch around the track at the beginning of the games.



Rosemary Miller, an aquatic events participant, finishes up her two laps during Friday's events.

Special Olympics Oath

"Let me win, but if I cannot win, Let me be brave in the attempt."

Marne Scoreboard

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
Fridays — 6 to 7 p.m.
Fun Fridays
Party Dance
Yoga Stretches

Softball

Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield
Intramural Softball

Team roster deadline for Intramural softball is Friday. 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 Friday. 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.

Spring Schedule

Spring schedule for softball, racquetball and tennis
Call 767-8326 to sign up.
Softball League May 3-June 26
Softball Tournament July 7-10
Racquetball Tournament June 14 & 15
Tennis League June 9-26

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

Volunteer Spotlight



Katrina Davis

Katrina Davis, a native of Jacksonville, Fla., is a Red Cross volunteer at Winn Army Community Hospital.

Davis said she volunteers to “get hands-on experience, meet people and to learn more about the medical field.”

Davis and her husband Calvin have two children, 3-year-old Desarie and 23-month-old Hezekiah. Her hobbies include spending quality time with her family, shopping and helping others.

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



WOODRUFF THEATER

April 17 — April 23

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



The Hunted (R)

Starring: Tommy Lee Jones, Benicio del Toro

Tonight Free Showing at 7 p.m.

Tommy Lee Jones is an FBI deep-woods tracker who captures an assassin who makes a sport of killing deer hunters. When the killer escapes in the city, he must team up with another agent to hunt down this thrill killer before he starts to hunt them.

Run time: 94 minutes

Tears of the Sun (R)

Starring: Bruce Willis, Monica Bellucci

Friday, Monday and Tuesday at 7 p.m.

A team of Navy SEALs is sent into the jungle in the heart of Nigeria on a search and rescue mission for a doctor. Can a handful of U. S. soldiers get to their rendezvous point before several hundred African soldiers on their tail can get to them first?

Run time: 121 minutes

Agent Cody Banks (PG)

Starring: Frankie Muniz, Hilary Duff

Saturday Free Showing at 7 p.m., Sunday at 7 p.m.

Teenager Cody Banks is recruited by the U.S. government to be a special agent that they call upon when they're faced with a mission that can only be accomplished by someone who wouldn't normally be old enough for such a mission.

Run time: 101 minutes

Willard (PG-13)

Starring: Crispin Glover, Laura Harring

Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Pestered by his coworkers, Willard exacts revenge when one of his pet rats is killed at work. Led by the unusually intelligent rat Ben, an army of rats descends on those who did Willard wrong.

Run time: 100 minutes



Birth announcements

March 31

Imari Khalid Kellman, a boy, 7 pounds, 4 ounces, born to Sgt. Paul Kellman and Wendy Kellman.

April 1

Amaya Dorice Bland, a girl, 7 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Sgt. Dorice Bland and Pfc. Nicole Hall.

Ceiana Enajia Richardson, a girl, 6 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Charles Eugene Richardson and Pfc. Gina Marie Richardson.

RELAY

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“The purpose of Luminary Ceremony is to honor the people who have succumbed to or survived cancer. We honor them by putting a candle in a bag to light the track,” said Lynette Greene, Luminary chairperson.

Purchasing candles and a bag is part of the fundraising campaign, she said. The name of the person(s) being honored or remembered is inscribed on the bag. Hats and T-shirts were also sold at the relay as fundraisers.

“Proceeds will come back to the community through the American Cancer Society,” said Davis.

Monies raised by the relay will be put

towards the society’s services: cancer research, advocacy and survivor support, between the community and Fort Stewart,” she said.

Command Sgt. Maj. Carl Smith was present and pleased to see such an important event in the fight against cancer held at Fort Stewart.

“All the people that haven’t had the chance to see Fort Stewart get the chance. Everybody gets to come together as one big family and it builds continuity

“Everybody gets to come together as one big family.”

Command Sgt. Maj. Carl Smith Garrison command sergeant major

Participants were also vocal about their feelings. Almost all of them have been affected by cancer, either knowing someone who had the disease or by suffering from it themselves.

“It’s the battle between good and evil,” said participant John Rourke, of the St. Stephen Catholic Church’s team.