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## Bryce wins top Army environmental award

**Pfc. Ben Brody**  
Staff Writer

Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army Raymond Fatz presented Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield Chief Fisheries Biologist Thomas Bryce with the Secretary of the Army Award for Natural Resources Conservation in an Earth Day ceremony April 22.

During his tenure at Stewart's Directorate of Public Works, Bryce innovated and organized new approaches to managing the recovery of the endangered shortnose sturgeon, while expanding a sport fishing initiative here. Eight of Georgia's 41 largest largemouth bass were caught on Stewart. He also

established and maintained the post's popular "Fishing Rodeos," helping about 2,000 children catch nearly 3,000 fish.

The award is the Army's highest honor for leaders in environmental stewardship on the Army's 16.7 million acres of land.

"This is really a significant award, and Tom should be proud of all he's achieved," Fatz said before presenting the award. "He's renowned as an innovator in fisheries biology, and known by name in Washington. It looks like Fort Stewart is hogging all the Army awards this year."

DPW chief Col. Mike Biering congratulated Bryce on the award, and handed him an

award of his own.

"Tom is a clear leader and innovator at Stewart," Biering said. "His programs support wildlife conservation goals without affecting the division's readiness."

Bryce received the award in front of many of his colleagues and co-workers, and thanked them all for their hard work and support.

"I really feel like the Army's overall natural resources conservation program is among the best in the nation," Bryce said. "We're all partners in conservation here — we're not like lone rangers on the plain. The hard work and dedication of our workers is the secret of our success."



Stewart Chief Fisheries Biologist Tom Bryce receives the 2003 Secretary of the Army Environmental Award from Assistant Deputy Secretary of the Army Raymond Fatz Thursday.

Pfc. Ben Brody

## Special Response Team trains to win



Spc. Robert Adams

Pfc. Christopher Hayes, 179th Military Police Detachment, shimmies under the wire at Stewart's confidence course April 20. The SRT worked on team- and stress-firing drills and battled a timed course in preparation for the SWAT competition in Spartanburgh, S.C. See page 2A for story and more photos.



Pfc. Ricardo Branch

Pfc. Matthew Griffin, HHC, 3rd Inf. Div., keeps watch over the perimeter while other Soldiers set up defensive positions.

## 3ID Soldiers take training to the field

**Pfc. Ricardo Branch**  
Staff Writer

Soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Infantry Division culminated their combat defense training with a perimeter defense exercise April 26 at Alpha Range 18 on the Small Arms Impact Area at Fort Stewart.

"It's more of a training aid to teach the Soldiers not accustomed to combat ways to successfully complete the mission," said Capt. Bill Papanastasiou, HHC commander.

"They can do a lot, but can they fight? That is what this type of training is teaching them," Papanastasiou said.

Soldiers were driven out in light medium tactical vehicles to a prescribed destination, where they had to construct fighting positions and hold their lines

against numerous attacks from a small rapidly moving opposing force. Donning the multiintegrated laser system equipment, Soldiers used all their training obtained in the previous month to combat the OPFOR.

"What we are doing here puts all training preceding today together for a final test of the way the Soldiers conduct themselves when faced with attacks on their perimeter," said Sgt. Patrick Plyter, HHC, 3rd Inf. Div.

"This type of training is set up to prepare for situations Soldiers could face in combat," said Pvt. Travis Malm, another HHC Soldier.

"You need to know what you're going to do when faced with attacking enemy troops," said Spc Johnjames Bloom, chemical operations specialist with HHC.

"This exercise serves to train new Soldiers and

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Spc. Johnjames Bloom  
HHC, 3rd Inf. Div.

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**Weather Forecast**

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<b>SUN</b>	High 79°	Low 54°

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# SRT prepares for SWAT competition

Spc. Robert Adams

Staff writer

The 179th Military Police Detachment's Special Response Team practiced for the Southeastern Special Weapons and Tactics competition April 20 and 21 at Fort Stewart's sniper range and confidence course.

The SRT trained with a variety of weapons, worked on speed and accuracy under pressure, and functioned as a team through the confidence course in preparation for the event, held in Spartanburg, S.C.

The SWAT competition, which will have military and civilian police squads competing against each other, started Wednesday and will continue through Saturday.

The team is made up of five competing Soldiers, two marksman observers and is led by Capt. Kevin Pugh, 179th MP Det. commander.

"It takes time to put a good team together," said Sgt. Dennis Edwards, 179th MP Det. "This team has been training together for the last month, and they are starting to come together."

The SRT will be firing the M4 carbine, M9 pistol, M24 Sniper Weapons System and Benelli M1 Super 90 shotgun at various targets during the competition.

"The team is comfortable with each of the weapons," Edwards said. "I would go into a house with any of them."

Snipers have to qualify every two months and familiarize themselves with every weapon every month, Pugh said.

To be a sniper you have to have self-discipline, patience and the ability to shut others out, Edwards added.

If the SRT wins the competition, they will move on to the SWAT olympics to face the best teams in the country.



Spc. William Pendleton, 179th MP Det., tackles the "low belly over" at the confidence course.



Sgt. James Kestner, 179th MP Det., crosses the horizontal ladder at Stewart's confidence course. The SRT will be competing in the SWAT competition through Saturday.

Photos by Spc. Robert Adams



Sgt. Dennis Edwards, 179th MP Det., fires a shell out of the Benelli M1 Super 90 shotgun. The Benelli is normally used for breaching doors, but will be used for breaking a 2x4 wood stake in half at the SWAT competition.

A member of the SRT loads M9 pistol rounds into a magazine during training conducted at Stewart's sniper range April 20. The team practiced firing at several different targets that they will encounter at the competition.



Spc. Christopher Kemp, 179th MP Det., fires an M9 pistol beside his SRT teammates while holding an M4 carbine. The drill consisted of switching between each weapon on call while firing at five specific locations on a silhouette.

# Relay for Life: Community comes together to celebrate survival, remember victims of Cancer

Spc. Katherine Robinson  
Editor

Hundreds of Cancer survivors, caregivers, friends and family of victims gathered at Donovan Field Friday for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

The field was crowded with booths and banners as teams and individuals walked the mile-long track all night and into Saturday to support the event. The track was lined with white and gold bags with candles in them, each bearing a name — either in honor of a survivor, or in memory of a victim.

The relay is a celebration of survivorship and helps raise additional money for education, advocacy and services provided by the American Cancer Society, according to Maj. Gen. William G. Webster Jr., 3rd Infantry Division commander.

"The history behind holding the relay overnight is to signify that Cancer is always with us, Cancer never leaves us, Cancer never sleeps," Webster said. The event was very personal for Webster, whose wife, Kimberly, is a four-time Cancer survivor.

Cancer is the second leading cause of death each year, he explained. One out of every two men and two out of every three women in the United States will have Cancer in their life times. There are over 1.3 billion cases of Cancer in the U.S. each year.

Webster described the fight against Cancer as a battle that must be fought diligently, but said the tables of victory are turning on the disease.

"For the first time ever, both Cancer incidents and mortality rates are on the decline. We are

beginning to win this fight and today there are more than nine million survivors in the U.S.," he said.

One of those nine million, Adrienne Seay, was diagnosed with Breast Cancer two and a half years ago. "You keep thinking, it's a death sentence," she said. "I couldn't even say that I was a survivor a year ago."

Seay and other survivors walked the "Survivor's lap" as the first lap of the relay, wearing "survivor" banners. The second lap was the caregivers lap.

"I'm walking with this banner with tremendous pride that I was able to fight the battle," Seay said. "At one point I gave up the battle ... it took the nurses to get me back on track, and I did start fighting and that's why I think I'm a survivor today."

Seay said it was very emotional seeing all the paper bags, in which the candles were lit later in the evening, and being reminded of the many people who have succumbed to the deadly disease. "I'm so thankful for the medications and the new research that are out," she said.

To the many people who are currently fighting Cancer, Seay had a message. "Along the journey, you'll get the wisdom and you'll know why you are the chosen one."

She said she feels the relay is one positive step toward finding a cure for all types of Cancer.

Maggie Wethington, who works at VIP, a local office supply store, has been on the store's team for four years, and said she couldn't think of a better cause to support.

"Like they say, Cancer doesn't sleep and for these Cancer sur-



Photos by Spc. Katherine Robinson

Cancer survivors kick off the American Cancer Society's Annual Relay for Life by walking the Survivor's Lap together Friday evening at the Donovan Field track.

vivors, this is an everyday thing ... they suffer every day and do what they can do to beat Cancer and this is a small thing the community can do for them," she said. "I wish we could do more."

Kim Davis coordinated the relay for Liberty County, and said she began chairing the event after her father was diagnosed with prostate Cancer.

"The one reason I'm out here is to hope that one day I can hang up my walking shoes and there won't be a need for an event like this," she said.

This is the second year the event has been held at Donovan Field, and Davis said the support from the local community as well as Fort Stewart, 3rd Infantry Division and the National Guard Training Center has been wonderful.



Paper bags, honoring Cancer survivors and remembering victims, line the mile-long track at Donovan Field. In the evening, candles in the bags were lit as the relay continued.

Webster, in turn, saluted the Cancer survivors for their courage and personal strength, and the caregivers for their support.

"No individual alone wins this battle against Cancer," he said.

"Combat is a team sport and caregivers are the key.

"Those who lost their lives to Cancer will never be forgotten," he continued. "And those who face Cancer will be supported and ... one day it will be eliminated."

# VOICES AND VIEWPOINTS

## Considering the future



Pfc. Emily J. Danial

Bryan Long, Secret Service (right), explains his job to attendees of the Fort Stewart Job Fair (from left) Spc. Jamal Burks, B Co., 703rd MSB, Sgt. Daniel Schaffhauser, C Co., 1/39 FA, and Spc. Kyle Gaylord, C Co., 1/39 FA.

## Marne Voice

THE FRONTLINE

Readers respond to the question:

What have you gotten out of the Army that will be useful to you as a civilian?

"Discipline."

Sgt. Nicola Humphrey  
B Co., Special Troops  
MI Bn.



## Lane Down Range

# Thank God for my NCOs

Spc. Jimmy D. Lane, Jr.

Staff Writer

### Commentary

Nothing in the Army is more vital to the development of a good Soldier than a caring and perseverant noncommissioned officer. NCOs are the epitome of tough love. I can tell you this not out of Army rhetoric, but from a life changing experience.

After finishing my initial training, I entered into the Army workforce still immature at heart. I passed all the tests and excelled at the tasks set before me, but in my soul I had not grasped the true essence of what it meant to be a Soldier.

I was not able to make it to work on time, and was juggling an Army career and a family at the same time. I was failing in all areas of my life. I can attribute this to still being irresponsible and selfish. I joined the Army late in life, and for many years my time was for me, I went to work when I wanted and answered to no woman about what I was doing with my time.

I received repeated warnings from my chain of command, yet I paid no heed to their warnings. I would fail to appear day after day, and finally they had enough.

Instead of sending me up the creek, my NCOs took a special interest in me. They made me be an adult and take responsibility for my

actions. The concept was alien to my course of thinking. I not only had to be in the Army, but I could be a part of something bigger. I could be made into a well performing Soldier, whose battle buddies could count on him in a time of pressure and stress.



Although I was the guy in the unit everyone was sure they could not depend on, with the tough love I was shown by my NCOs, I slowly became aware of the man and the Soldier I wanted to be. Every unit has one of those guys, a Soldier that everyone just knows will not be able to accomplish the mission.

With the support and care I was shown, I changed. In changing, I became more confident, able to function better at home and at work. When I did well, I was praised. In receiving praise, I yearned for more, and started to achieve a higher state of self-awareness because of it.

If you have such a Soldier in your unit, give him a hard time, but do not write him off as a lost cause. If

someone is not confident of his abilities, and that point is constantly confirmed by his peers, the Soldier will not have the will to do better. It is a difficult situation, but the most important aspect of being an NCO is to take care of Soldiers. When that mission is accomplished in a tactful manner, there is no mission a Soldier cannot accomplish.

I want to thank the NCOs who took an interest in not only my performance at work, but my whole life. Without their care and support, I would not believe in myself the way I do now. I have become the man that for years I only dreamed about being. My NCOs are a very important part of my life, and I wish I could have them over me throughout my career.

Everyone knows that Soldiers are sent wherever they will best meet the needs of the Army, so having the same people in your unit for 20 years is not an option. Instead, I have begun to take an interest in the Soldiers below me.

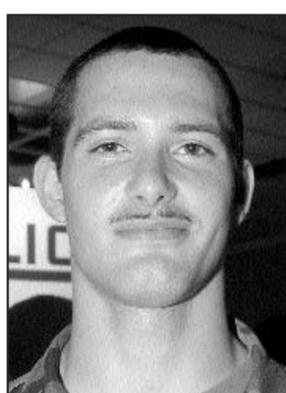
With patience and tough love, I can see them changing and becoming more confident. In my soul I can begin to see the true meaning behind the challenges a good NCO faces every day. Maybe one day I can become the type of person who not only does Army work, but changes the lives of all the Soldiers who come in contact with me. God bless my NCOs.

## BUSTER'S BATTERY



"I learned how to be flexible — I've had three different MOSs. "

Sgt. 1st Class Tyrone L. Major  
A Co., 3rd SSB



"Efficiency."

Spc. Nathaniel Sharpe  
C Co., 1/39 FA



"I've learned how to supervise."

Spc. Jose Rodriguez  
HHC, 3/7 Cav.



"I've learned how to adapt to different situations."

Spc. Jamal Burks  
B Co., 703rd MSB



"I got my debts paid off."

Sgt. Daniel Schaffhauser  
C Co., 1/39 FA

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# 'Can Do' Soldiers wage urban warfare

Sgt. Kim Dooley

Bayonet Assistant Editor

FORT BENNING, Ga. — Inside, it was still, dark and quiet. But was it empty? The Soldiers couldn't be sure. Huddled close in a four-man team, they moved through the building, searching for enemies, friendlies and contraband.

It's a scenario that many 3rd Unit of Action Soldiers are familiar with after their tenure in Iraq last year, and one the troops of C Company, 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment will be ready for when the UA returns for Operation Iraqi Freedom 3.

The company wrapped up an eight-day field training exercise at Brann Range Wednesday. Their focus? The "big four," said Capt. Vern Tubbs, company commander — marksmanship, physical training, battle drills and medical skills.

The Soldiers left Kelley Hill on foot last week on a 12.7-mile road march to the range. Once there, they trained on combatives, close-quarters marksmanship, breaching, clearing buildings and applying tourniquets.

The Soldiers practiced combatives daily, led by the unit's five Level II trainers. By the time the unit headed home, 90 percent of its troops were Level I-qualified, Tubbs said.

The marksmanship training, meanwhile, familiarized the Soldiers with firing outside the foxhole, kneeling, standing, turning and running. "Close-quarters marksmanship isn't as accurate, but it's quicker," Tubbs said.

In an environment like the urban areas of Iraq, it's what the Soldiers are more likely to use.

Breaching techniques are used to remove obstacles, like locked or barricaded doors. The troops learned and practiced explosive, ballistic and mechanical breaching. Explosive breaching employs demolitions, ballistic breaching calls for a shotgun and mechanical breaching uses manual tools, like a sledgehammer or hooligan tool.

These techniques were new to many of the Soldiers, even though many of them encountered these barriers in Iraq, said Cpl. Shawn Rice, a team leader.

"In Iraq, we were kicking in the doors, and using shotguns. But for a lot of guys, the first time they used a shotgun was (to breach a door) in Iraq, so they weren't familiar with it," he said. "It kind of messed them up."

The techniques they learned during the FTX will help them breach faster and save energy, Rice said.

The Soldiers got to put those techniques to the test in two "shoot houses," where they practiced entering and clearing rooms in four-man teams.

Using a 'building block' approach, the troops started off as single teams clearing single rooms, Tubbs said.

Once they had that down, they began adding variables — multiple rooms, doors, furniture, enemy targets, friendlies — eventually working their way up to multiple-team, multiple-room missions.

The Soldiers performed several runs through the shoot houses — dry runs with no ammunition, then runs using blanks and later live rounds, Tubbs said.

Having two shoot houses and the ability to vary the rooms enhanced the training, Rice said.



Sgt. Kim Dooley

A four-man team from C Company, 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, prepares to clear a room in a "shoot house" during its FTX.

"When it's just one shoot house, you'll practice, practice, practice to the point that you know what it looks like — you don't have to think anymore," he said. "But with the second shoot house, it's a whole different (set-up), so it surprises you. It's more realistic."

As the FTX drew near its end, the Soldiers were able to flow in putting together everything they had learned, Tubbs said.

They entered the shoot houses, breached doors, engaged enemy targets with close-quarters marksmanship, used their combatives skills to detain a resistant 'bad guy' — a combatives trainer in an impact reduction suit — and cleared the building.

For Pfc. David Mulligan, the FTX was vital training. Mulligan, 19 and already a team leader, wasn't with the unit during its first bout in Iraq, but he will be when it heads back.

"This gave me some hands-on experience, actually getting a feel for how to enter and clear a room," he said. "It gave (my team) a chance to learn each other's jobs and just do a whole bunch of training." And training is something Mulligan takes seriously.

"The bottom line is that we're going back to Iraq," he said. "And over there, it's a life or death situation when you go into a building. I know I'm coming back alive, and I'm bringing all my men back alive."

## Computerized medical records on the way

Laurie Kemp

Winn Public Affairs Officer

Through the implementation of the Composite Health Care System II, medical records at Winn Army Community Hospital and Tuttle Army Health Clinic began evolving from paper to a secure electronic format Tuesday.

CHCS II is a medical and dental information system that will generate and maintain a comprehensive, life-long, computer-based medical record for every beneficiary in the Military Health System.

CHCS II will store information ranging from patient's history to lab results in a

database accessible to health care providers anywhere in the world.

"This system will immensely benefit our patients and staff. All medical records will eventually be electronic — that gives us the ability to have legible, complete and longitudinal medical records that won't get lost," said Dr. (Col.) Joe Barthel, hospital commander.

According to Dr. (Lt. Col.) Glen Tomkins, CHCS II project manager at Winn and Tuttle, CHCS II offers a lot of big advantages, but it will take time to train the doctors.

"It is going to be a kind of traumatic change for the doctors," he said. "You see 15 to 20 patients everyday for 20 years

and you get used to doing it a certain way, even if it is clunky."

While providers receive training and time to adjust to the new system, appointment times will increase which will mean fewer overall appointments during the 10 week training period. However, only a handful of providers will be trained at a time so only routine appointments, such as physicals, are expected to be effected. The training will last through the second week of July.

"We do that so not all providers will be at lower patient efficiency and at the same time, we are trying to reduce the loss of appointments," he said.

"But there is no way around it, we're

not going to have as many appointments available during this (training) time so we are asking people to put off routine appointments and to just come in for problems that can't be put off until July or August," he added.

Winn is the second Army Military Treatment Facility to implement CHCS II. Until all facilities are using CHCS II, paper records will be maintained.

"For the first year at least, we will automatically pull the paper chart for every visit. Nothing paper will be generated, but the chart will be there" in case the provider needs it, Tomkins said.

"CHCS II will help deliver quality and efficient medical care," Barthel said.

# Initiatives to improve education system that has served the Army well

Joe Burlas

Special to The Frontline

WASHINGTON — Today's methods of training the force and growing leaders are not broke, but they do need some tweaks to ensure continued success on tomorrow's battlefields, according to the findings of Task Force Leader Development and Education.

Leader Development and Education is one of 17 focus areas Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker has directed the Army to examine closely for recommendations to channel Army efforts in winning the global war on terrorism and increasing the Army's relevance and readiness.

"We have what I consider a world-class Army and world-class leaders today — you have to recognize they are products of the (education) system we have in place today," said Brig. Gen. James Hirai, Army Command and General Staff College deputy commanding general. "Recognizing that level of competence, we still need to grow. We need to anticipate and prepare for the unknown."

As part of its charter, the task force reviewed the findings from the officer, warrant officer, noncommissioned officer and civilian Army Training and Leader Development Panel surveys that were conducted over the past few years. The task force validated the majority of those findings, Hirai said.

However, the task force did not limit itself to just validating past studies. It has taken a broad look across the Army, Hirai said. He talked about what the task force has determined to date under several categories:

## **Lifelong Learning**

While the Army has espoused a culture of lifelong learning in leaders of all levels, accountability for that lifelong learning has not been well defined. The individual Soldier, the organizations the Soldier belongs to during an Army career and the institution itself all have roles to play in that lifelong learning journey, Hirai said. Those roles need to be clearly defined and understood by each player, he continued.

Additionally, there must be some

form of formal standards-based assessment and feedback mechanism in place in order to determine if lifelong learning goals are being met and to adapt to changing learning needs or emerging technologies.

## **High-Payoff Initiatives**

The task force is recommending that Army schoolhouses move toward a common scenario based upon today's asymmetrical threat. Working off a common scenario may allow different career field training centers to build synergies in conducting collective joint exercises via linked simulators and computer networks, Hirai said.

Another high-payoff initiative the task force recommends is conducting a formal reoccurring training needs assessment across the Army, he added.

## **Education System**

Task Force Leader Development and Education is also reviewing content delivery and timing of training. Part of that is determining when a Soldier should get resident training and the duration of that training.

"The question is what type and amount of training does the Soldier or leader need to be comfortable with in current and future operations," Hirai said.

Joint operations training is one area that should be done at a lower level than most Army school curriculum — likely at the basic qualification course, the general said.

"Joint interoperability, joint operations (training), is not at the right level," Hirai explained. "We are finding in the contemporary operating environment today that joint operations are done by junior leaders."

Not all institutional training may need to be done at the schoolhouse, Hirai said, especially with off-the-shelf technology that allows for more distance education than available 10 years ago.

## **Leveraging Technologies**

Leveraging technologies includes distance learning via linked simulators and distance learning via the Web, but it is more.

"We are looking at the human dimension — how people learn," Hirai

said. "It's about identifying what leaders and Soldiers have to do and how to most effectively deliver the training they need to do those tasks."

## **Single Education Proponent**

Agreeing wholeheartedly with the Civilian Army Training and Leader Development Panel finding, the task force is recommending a single education proponent for all Soldier and Department of the Army civilian training.

Under the current system, civilian training is managed through the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, G1, with major commands footing the bill. Soldier training management is an Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, G3, responsibility, with the Human Resource Command paying travel and other costs.

Hirai said he envisions a single organization responsible for managing the training of both the military and civilian workforces. Whatever that organization ends up being, it would still need to coordinate with G1 and G3 to ensure legal mandates are met.

As far as civilian leader development, Hirai said there are many courses out there, but none tied to career progression. The task force recommends the Army establish a specific civilian leader development program.

## **Integration**

The Leader Development and Education Task Force has been in close contact with the other area task forces, Hirai said, as what each finds often impacts other areas.

The focus areas are all linked and all designed to improve the readiness of the Army. When one of the other task forces recommends a new piece of equipment or process, Army training will play a role in ensuring Soldiers know how to use that equipment or procedure, Hirai said.

"Current and past leader development and education programs have served our nation very well," Hirai said. "Our leaders, in fact, have been pretty well prepared to plan and execute complicated operations in combat. We are building on success."

## ATTENTION RESIDENTS

Canoochee EMC has been awarded the contract for the Privatization of Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield's electric distribution systems. During the next few weeks, Griffin Services will help with the transition and continue to handle calls on outages until May 16. After May 16, any power outages can be reported by calling Canoochee EMC at 912-459-1112. This is a local call for both Hunter and Fort Stewart residents. In the event of a power outage, please remember to check your breakers and/or fuses before calling in order to ensure that it is in fact a distribution problem. Thank you for your cooperation and we look forward to serving you!

## Winn Army Community Hospital and Tuttle Army Health Clinic Important Numbers

*The Appointment Line number has changed.*

### **Winn**

Appointment Line: 370-6633  
Front Desk: 370-6965 or 370-6837  
Prescription Refills: 370-6576 or 370-6633  
Nurse Line: 370-6633  
Patient Representative: 370-6125  
Health Benefits: 370-6015  
TRICARE: 368-3048  
Outpatient Records: 370-6949  
Behavioral Medicine: 370-6100

### **Tuttle**

Appointment Line: 1-800-652-9221  
Front Desk: 352-6500 or 352-6811  
Prescription Refills: 1-800-652-9221  
Nurse Line: 1-800-652-9221  
Patient Representative: 352-5731  
Health Benefits: 352-5062  
TRICARE: 352-5821  
Outpatient Records: 352-5217  
Behavioral Medicine: 352-6430



Photos by Sgt. Craig Zentkovich

The MCAS Beaufort band performs the National Anthem during the opening ceremonies of the bi-annual air show Sunday.



The Red Baron Squadron plunges toward the earth during one of their many aerial demonstrations.

# MCAS Beaufort hosts air show

**Sgt. Craig Zentkovich**  
NCOIC, Hunter Public Affairs Office

Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort held its bi-annual Air Show on its flight line Saturday and Sunday.

The event featured a myriad of aerial stunts and more than fifty aircraft static displays, including four Army helicopters from Hunter Army Airfield.

Pilots and crew chiefs from Hunter provided visitors with information on their respective aircraft as well as the opportunity to sit in the pilot's seat.

"A lot of people who check out the (AH-64D Apache Longbow) don't realize just how big it is and what it's capable of — they've only seen it on TV," said Chief Warrant Officer Steve Sheahan, C Company, 1st Battalion, 3rd Aviation (Attack) Regiment, maintenance test pilot. "(The air

show) is a great opportunity to interact with and inform the community ... and the kids just love it.

"The people here have been outstanding, and they haven't ceased to show their appreciation for what soldiers of the 3rd ID have done."

According to Marine Lt. Col. Mark Hamilton, event coordinator, more than 110,000 people from all over the country attended the festivities.

"This was probably the largest two-day crowd the (air) show has ever seen," he said.

The first performance, and a crowd favorite, was the Red Baron Squadron — a 4-plane aerial acrobatic troupe. The biplanes, built between 1938 and 1942, put on an aerial show, complete with smoke systems,



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Pilots Patty Wagstaff and Jim LeRoy pass over the Super Shockwave Jet Truck during aerial "sparring".

# Given task conditions ... Soldiers test skills at

# NTC



Photos by Pfc. Ben Brody

Capt. Zan Hornbuckle, C Co. 3/15 Inf. commander, points his Bradley's 25mm chain gun at a building where insurgents are suspected of hiding at the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, Calif.



(Above) Soldiers, local police and villagers combine information to form a plan of attack on insurgents in Red Pass Ranch.  
(Below) A squad from C Co., 3/15 Inf. moves in on a building containing insurgents.



As shots ring out, Soldiers from C Co., 3/15 Inf. prepare to raid buildings in Red Pass Ranch looking for opposition forces April 2.

2nd UA medics and villagers treat Capt. Sean McConnell after he was injured in Red Pass Ranch.



(Above) Medics attend to 2nd UA Chaplain (Maj.) Patrick Ratigan after he was wounded in a firefight.  
(Below) 2nd UA military police block protesters from entering the UA staging area. The role-playing protesters were driven back from the gate by an M1 Tank blowing intense dust and heat on them.



# TRAINING

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refresh experienced ones on the way to defend themselves in combat," Plyter said.

"This is basically practice for Iraq, cause we'll be staying in a place long enough for attacks to occur and just knowing how to strengthen your defenses and find good fighting positions can go a long way," Bloom said.

The final hour of training involved the Soldiers being flanked from two different sides and massed attacks on one area.

"The last couple of hours the attacks kicked up in intensity and really got the adrenaline flowing," Bloom said.

"Some of us haven't been exposed to this kind of training in a long time, so it was good training to have," Bloom said. "You need stuff like this to fall back on to better prepare you."

"The challenge for the Soldiers

was putting the moving pieces together to execute the mission properly," said 1st Sgt. Reginald Moore, HHC, 3rd Inf. Div., first sergeant.

When digging into an area and setting up a fighting position, you need to be aware of possible avenues of attack and areas that have a good line of sight, Malm said.

He added, "If you don't consider the little things like a good fighting position and being in good physical condition, you could be in for a world of hurt before the actual combat even begins. This training is showing us things to think about, so we are not in a situation where the many small things can cause a serious problem and hinder the mission's success."

The next training scheduled for HHC, 3rd Inf. Div. will focus on convoy attacks.



Pvt. Antonie Gardner, HHC, 3rd Inf. Div. G-3 waits in ambush with the opposing forces for the Soldiers conducting perimeter defense training at Alpha range 18.

## How to protect pets from accidental poisoning

Laurie Kemp

Winn Public Affairs Officer

Did you know cooking with Teflon coated utensils can kill a bird? Did you know Tylenol is extremely toxic to cats? Did you know grapes and raisins can cause kidney damage in dogs?

"People will give animals a lot of things they don't know are toxic, which we would also consider poisons," said Fort Stewart veterinarian Capt. Patricia A. Rabiansky, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine.

There are an estimated 60 million pet dogs and 70 million pet cats in the United States alone. And most pet owners are aware of the more common toxic substances, such as anti-freeze, rat poison and insecticides, but what about the more common

household items?

According to Rabiansky, toxins can take on many forms and in most cases it doesn't take a whole lot to cause illness. It is up to the owner to become educated about what pets can eat, be around and what to do in the event a pet gets into something he shouldn't have.

"Some animals will eat anything, even if it doesn't smell good, so keep toxins out of reach, just like you do with children," she said.

Raw onions, chocolate and house plants are a few other common household items that are toxic to pets.

"One of the most common toxins is chocolate," she said. "The most toxic is unsweetened cocoa, then Baker's chocolate, semi-sweet and milk chocolate is the least

toxic."

Extreme exposure to poison can result in intestinal, renal (kidney) neurological or respiratory damage. Symptoms can include extreme vomiting, diarrhea, acting lethargic, seeming painful or just not acting right.

"If your animal obtained some of these toxins, especially anti-freeze or rat poisoning, immediately contact your vet," Rabiansky said.

"Time does matter. It is better to at least immediately call the vet and explain the situation," she said. "It is better to be safe than sorry."

The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals operates an animal poison control center, for a fee, can be reached at (888) 426-4435.

### Tips from the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

- Be aware of the plants you have in your home and yard. The ingestion of azalea, oleander, castor bean, sago palm, Easter lily (in cats only), or yew plant material by an animal can be fatal.

- Never allow your pets to have access to the areas in which cleaning agents are being used or stored. Cleaning agents have a variety of properties; some may only cause mild stomach upset, but others can cause severe burns of the tongue, mouth and stomach.

- Store all cleaners, pesticides, and medications in a secured area.

- Keep all prescription and over-the-counter drugs out of your pets' reach, preferably in closed cabinets. Pain killers, cold medicines, anti-cancer drugs, anti-depressants, vitamins and diet pills are all examples of human medications that can be lethal to animals, even in small doses.

- Food items that potentially could be dangerous to pets include onions, onion powder, chocolate, alcoholic beverages,

- yeast dough, coffee (grounds, beans, chocolate covered espresso beans), tea (caffeine), salt, macadamia nuts, hops (used in home beer brewing), tomato leaves and stems (green parts), rhubarb leaves, avocados (toxic to birds, mice, rabbits, horses, cattle, and dairy goats), cigarettes, cigars, snuff, chewing tobacco, moldy or spoiled foods.

- Automotive products such as gasoline, oil and antifreeze should be stored in areas that are inaccessible to your pets. As little as one teaspoon of antifreeze can be deadly to a cat; less than one tablespoon can be lethal to a 20-pound dog.

- If a product is for use only on dogs, it should never be used on cats; if a product is for use only on cats, it should never be used on dogs.

- Make sure your companion animals do not enter areas in which insecticidal foggers or house sprays have been applied for the period of time indicated on the label.

# 3ID IN BRIEF

## Stewart

### Free concert

The Hinesville Area Arts Council is presenting a free concert featuring 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) Soldiers Crystal Miller, soprano vocalist, and Eugene M. Losilevich, pianist at the First United Methodist Church on May 18 at 4 p.m. Light refreshments will be served after the recital.

### ACES

Army Continuing Education System will hold its 27th Combined Commencement Exercise in honor of the candidates for graduation, May 20 at 7 p.m. in the Club Stewart ballroom. The guest speaker will be Maj. Gen. William G. Webster Jr., 3rd Inf. Div. commander. If you are a 2003 or 2004 college graduate, please call the Education Center at 767-8331 to participate.

### Town Hall Meeting

The meeting will be held May 6 at 6:30 p.m. at Club Stewart.

### Special Forces

1st Special Forces Operational Detachment-Delta is the U.S. Army's special operations unit organized for the conduct of missions requiring a rapid response with surgical application of a wide variety of unique special operations skills.

1st SFOD-D has numerous positions available for various military occupational specialties and is currently recruiting and accepting applications for operational, direct support, and support positions.

All Soldiers in the rank of specialist through master sergeant, and captain through major may apply. For more information please contact the Special

Missions Recruiting Team at [sof6.recruiting@us.army.mil](mailto:sof6.recruiting@us.army.mil).

### EMT Courses

Soldiers at Fort Benning and Fort Stewart areas may apply for the Georgia Hope Grant which pays for the emergency medical technician course. Soldiers may also use tuition assistance. They may apply for the grant at Savannah or Columbus Tech or go to <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>.

EMT Classes will start at Savannah Tech Main Campus July 7 and at Columbus Tech July 8. Contact the education center for further information or call Sgt. 1st Class Margie Smith at 370-5233. The classes at Stewart are free. The next two classes will start July 12 and Aug. 30.

### Flea Market/Garage Sale

This post-wide flea market/garage sale is being held Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost to set up a table on Walker Field is \$5. No special permit is required. To register or for more information call Randy at 767-3000.

### Just Dancing

A 10 week dancing course will be held at Club Stewart, Wednesday and Thursdays from 6 to 10 p.m. The cost is \$60 which includes salsa swing, hustle and swing. No partner is required. Get fit and make friends.

For more information call 767-6212.

### WO Recruiting Briefings

The next WO Recruiting briefing will be held May 14 at 1:30 p.m., in the Woodruff Theater. For more information call 1-502-626-0328.

## Hunter

### Relationship enhancement

The chaplain's office is sponsoring free couple's communication and relationship enhancement classes at Hunter Club.

For a list of the classes and more information, call Chaplain (Maj.) Timothy Sowers at 572-8605.

### Town Hall Meeting

The meeting will be held May 4 at 7 p.m. in the Army Community Service building. All members of the Hunter community are encouraged to attend.

Anyone with issues or concerns will have the opportunity to directly address the installation commander and other key personnel from Hunter.

### Red Cross Cafe

Come and enjoy coffee and danish at 8 a.m. May 13. Spouses get together for updates and conversation.

### Family Barbecue

Child Development Center is having a family outing Friday. There will be fun for all with rides, games and more until 2 p.m.

### Sand Gnats

The Savannah Sand Gnats will be holding a USO and All Military Night May 7, 7 p.m., at Grayson Stadium on Victory Drive in Savannah. Anyone presenting a valid military ID will receive a free hot dog, bag of chips and soda.

### Fishing Seminar

There will be a Salt Water Fishing Seminar Saturday, 8 a.m. to noon in Building 8454. For more information or to sign

up for class call 352-5722.

### Golf Tournament

The Savannah Women's Golf Association Tournament is being held at the Hunter Golf Course, May 6 at 9 a.m.

### Armed Forces Appreciation

May 10 is Armed Forces Appreciation Week. Help build the Wall of Appreciation 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Bring a picture and show you care.

For more information call 352-6115.

### Mother's Day Brunch

Enjoy Mother's Day at Hunter Club for brunch. Serving times are 10:30 a.m., noon and 1:30 p.m. Adult price is \$11.95, children ages 9 to 12 eat for half price, age 8 and under eat free.

For more information and reservations call 303-3679.

### Golf America

There will be free golf lessons May 8 at Hunter Golf Course from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information or to register for lessons call 352-5622.

### 2004 Miller Lite Concert

Buy your tickets in advance for the 2004 Miller Lite Concert featuring "Train" at Hunter Lanes. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 after May 8 and \$20 on the day of the concert, June 17.

### WO Recruiting briefings

The next Warrant Officer Recruiting briefing will be held May 13 at 9:30 a.m., in the Woodruff Theater.

For more information call 1-502-626-0328.

## Winn Army Community Hospital/Tuttle

### School Health Screenings

School Health Screenings will be available by appointment 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 15 at Winn Army Community Hospital. Children entering the Georgia school system for the first time must have a School Health Screening. To schedule an appointment, call 767-6633 or 1-800-652-9221.

### Baby Basic Training

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

### Tobacco Cessation classes

Tobacco Cessation classes at Winn will be held 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. every Thursday from May 13 to June 3 or 6 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday from May 11 to June 1. Tuttle's class will be held 1 to 3 p.m. every Wednesday from May 5 to May 26. The class will help you kick the habit, whether smoking, chewing or dipping. To register at Winn, call 370-5071. To register at Tuttle, call 1-800-652-9221.

### CHCS II Training

Routine appointments, such as physicals, will be limited through July for staff Composite Health Care System II training. CHCS II is a medical information system that will generate and maintain a computer-based, life-

long comprehensive medical record (electronic medical record) for every military beneficiary.

### Intervention Services

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

### Pharmacy Options

Prescriptions may be filled in several ways.

**New Prescription Drop-off Box:** New prescription orders for handwritten or electronic prescriptions can be picked-up and dropped-off in the drop box at the Main Pharmacy desk. The prescription will be ready for pick-up at the refill pharmacy in three hours or at the PX pharmacy the next working day.

**Satellite PX Pharmacy:** Located in the Fort Stewart PX, this refill pharmacy is open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Refills can be ordered online at the Winn Web site at [www.winn.amedd.army.mil](http://www.winn.amedd.army.mil) or by calling 370-6576.

**Refill Pharmacy:** Located in the hospital, this refill pharmacy is open 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Thursday.

Refills can be ordered online at [www.winn.amedd.army.mil](http://www.winn.amedd.army.mil) or by calling 370-6576.

# Marne TV

## April 2004 Schedule

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

5 a.m. . . . . Army Newswatch  
**5:30 a.m. . . . . MARNE REPORT**  
 6:30 a.m. . . . . Air Force News  
 7 a.m. . . . . Navy News  
 7:30 a.m. . . . . Army Newswatch  
**8 a.m. . . . . MARNE REPORT**  
 9 a.m. . . . . Air Force News  
 9:30 a.m. . . . . Navy News  
 11:30 a.m. . . . . Army Newswatch  
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1 p.m. . . . . Air Force News  
 4:30 p.m. . . . . Navy News  
**5 p.m. . . . . MARNE REPORT**  
 6 p.m. . . . . Army Newswatch  
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 7 p.m. . . . . Navy News  
**10 p.m. . . . . MARNE REPORT**  
 11 p.m. . . . . Army Newswatch  
 11:30 p.m. . . . . Air Force News



# POLICE REPORTS

- **Subject:** Specialist, 24-year-old male, Aviation Brigade
- **Charge:** Damage to private property
- **Location:** Hunter
- **Subject:** Specialist, 22-year-old male, Division Support Command
- **Charges:** Driving under the influence, failure to exercise due care
- **Location:** Hinesville
- **Subject:** Civilian, 23-year-old female
- **Charge:** Speeding 55/30
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Sergeant, 24-year-old male, Division Support Command
- **Charge:** Self injury without the intent to avoid duty
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Sergeant, 29-year-old male, 24th Corps Support Group
- **Charge:** Driving under the influence
- **Location:** Hinesville
- **Subject:** Civilian, 24-year-old female
- **Charge:** Theft by shoplifting
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 22-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Driving under the influence, speeding 77/55
- **Location:** Savannah
- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 20-year-old male, Division Artillery
- **Charges:** Driving under the influence, failure to obey a traffic control device
- **Location:** Savannah
- **Subject:** Specialist, 21-year-old male, Division Support Command
- **Charges:** Drunken driving, reckless driving, failure to maintain lane
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Specialist, 19-year-old male, Division Artillery
- **Charges:** Drinking underage without permission, altered ID card
- **Location:** Fort Stewart



- **Subject:** Private, 25-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Driving under the influence, driving on wrong side of road
- **Location:** Hinesville
- **Subject:** Civilian, 32-year-old female
- **Charges:** Driving under the influence, possession of open container while operating vehicle
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Specialist, 25-year-old male, Division Support Command
- **Charges:** Driving under the influence, speeding 63/45
- **Location:** Richmond Hill
- **Subject:** Specialist, 27-year-old male, Aviation Brigade
- **Charges:** Failure to obey order or regulation, operating motorcycle without license, driving while license is suspended
- **Location:** Hunter
- **Subject:** Retired Staff Sergeant, 49-year-old male
- **Charge:** Theft by shoplifting
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Civilian, 33-year-old male
- **Charges:** Theft by shoplifting, eluding police
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Sergeant, 36-year-old male, 2nd Unit of Action
- **Charge:** Driving under the influence
- **Location:** Hinesville
- **Subject:** Private 2, 20-year-old male, 1st Unit of Action
- **Charges:** Simple assault consummated with battery, drinking underage
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Sergeant 1st Class, 40-year-old male, Division Artillery
- **Charge:** Driving under the influence
- **Location:** Hinesville
- **Subject:** Specialist, 21-year-old male, 2nd Unit of Action
- **Charge:** Driving while license revoked
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Specialist, 21-year-old male, Division Artillery
- **Charge:** Improper left turn
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 18-year-old male, Aviation Brigade
- **Charges:** Loud music, driving on a suspended license
- **Location:** Hunter
- **Subject:** Specialist, 24-year-old male, 2nd Unit of Action
- **Charges:** Simple battery, criminal trespassing
- **Location:** Savannah
- **Subject:** Civilian, 21-year-old female
- **Charges:** Wrongful damage of private property, simple assault
- **Location:** Hunter
- **Subject:** Sergeant, 23-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Speeding, driving while license suspended
- **Location:** Bloomingdale
- **Subject:** Sergeant, 40-year-old male, 24th Corps Support Group
- **Charges:** Simple assault consummated by battery (2 counts)
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Specialist, 22-year-old male, 1st Unit of Action
- **Charge:** Wrongful possession of marijuana
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Private, 19-year-old male, Division Support Command
- **Charges:** Felony obstruction of justice, driving while license suspended, carrying a concealed weapon, speeding
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Staff Sergeant, 36-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charge:** Fraudulent use of government credit card
- **Location:** Hinesville
- **Subject:** Sergeant, 29-year-old male, 24th Corps Support Group
- **Charge:** Larceny of government property
- **Location:** Fort Stewart



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# New construction at Gate 3

## Provost Marshal Office

Special to The Frontline

A new phase of construction is beginning at Gate 3 on Harmon Ave. This gate is also known as the Hospital Gate or National Guard Area Gate.

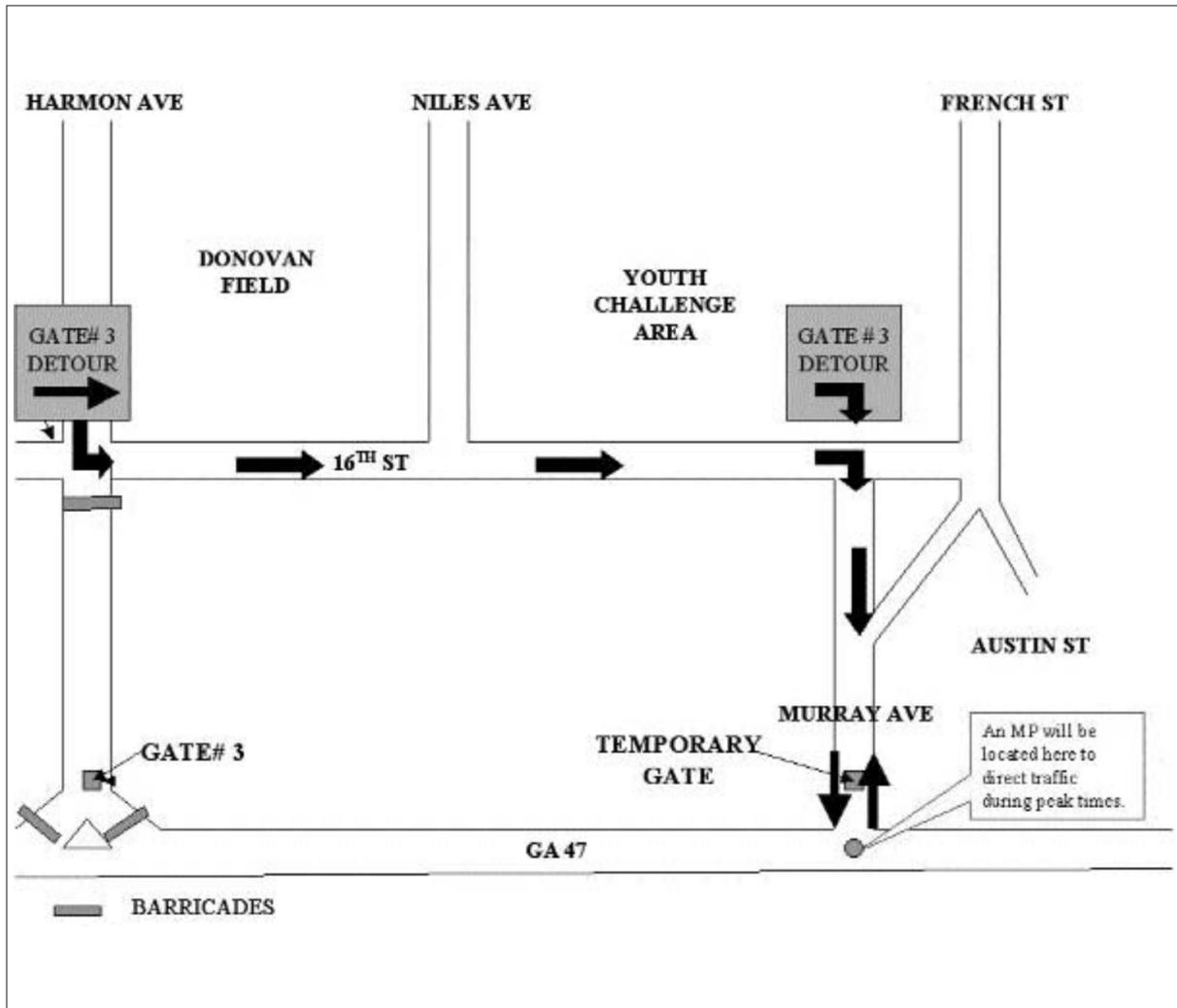
This phase of construction makes

it necessary to close Gate 3. The construction began Monday. In order to accommodate personnel who use this gate, the access control point moved to Murray Ave. Gate hours and procedures remain the same. Gate 3 is located on Murray Ave. and will remain there until construction is complete.

A map is provided to depict the detour. Please use caution when traveling on Ga. Highway 47, as this will create a significant change in the traffic flow.

Military Police will be on site to direct traffic during peak times.

If you have any questions please contact PMO at 767-1721.



## ASK THE JUDGE

### Property Losses During Deployment

Capt. Heather Herbert

Claims Judge Advocate

**Q: Will the Army compensate me for my personal property destroyed during combat operations?**

**A:** The short answer is yes, but it depends on how the loss occurred and whether the item was reasonable and useful under the circumstances.

Let's talk about "reasonable and useful" first. The 21st century Soldier no longer relies on paperback novels and a deck of cards to occupy downtime; iPods, DVD players and Play Stations have become the norm. So where does the claims office draw the line? In the absence of a general order as to prohibited items, we use our common sense. Eight inch portable TV? Yes. Twenty-seven inch TV? No. The bottom line is that technology has changed the world, even the world of the combat Soldier, and these items serve a useful purpose for Soldiers during down time. These items provide entertainment and communications in a time of hardship where there may be very little else to rely on for diversion; and that is reasonable and useful.

To protect yourself you should prepare an inventory of the personal items you pack and save the receipts for any high-value items. Remember that the quantity of items you bring may be limited by the reasonable and useful clause. Ten video games? Yes. 150? No.

The claims office received many requests for payment from Soldiers who took personal tools and equipment to Operation Iraqi Freedom in order to perform their military jobs. Compensation for these losses are specifically banned by regulation, even though the Soldier had all the best intentions. Use the army supply channels and don't risk your own loss to do your job.

You will also need to show the loss or damage was due to extraordinary hazard, e.g. a tent fire or explosion or as a result of combat activities. If the loss is due to theft, you will need to demonstrate you secured the item in the best means available under the circumstances. For example, that portable DVD player should be locked up when not in use. Compensation will not be paid due to day to day occurrences such as sand damage, power surges, rough handling or high temperatures.

Remember, this is a deployment, not a permanent change of station, and the rules will be different.

If you have further questions regarding the claims process, please contact the Claims Office at 767-8185.

## School Health Screening May 15

•Children entering the Georgia school system for the first time must complete a School Health Screening.

School Health Screenings will be available by appointment 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 15 at Winn Army Community

Hospital.

To schedule an appointment, call 370-6633 or 1-800-652-9221. Make sure to bring

your child's shot records.

The screenings will include eye, ear, dental and immunization checks.

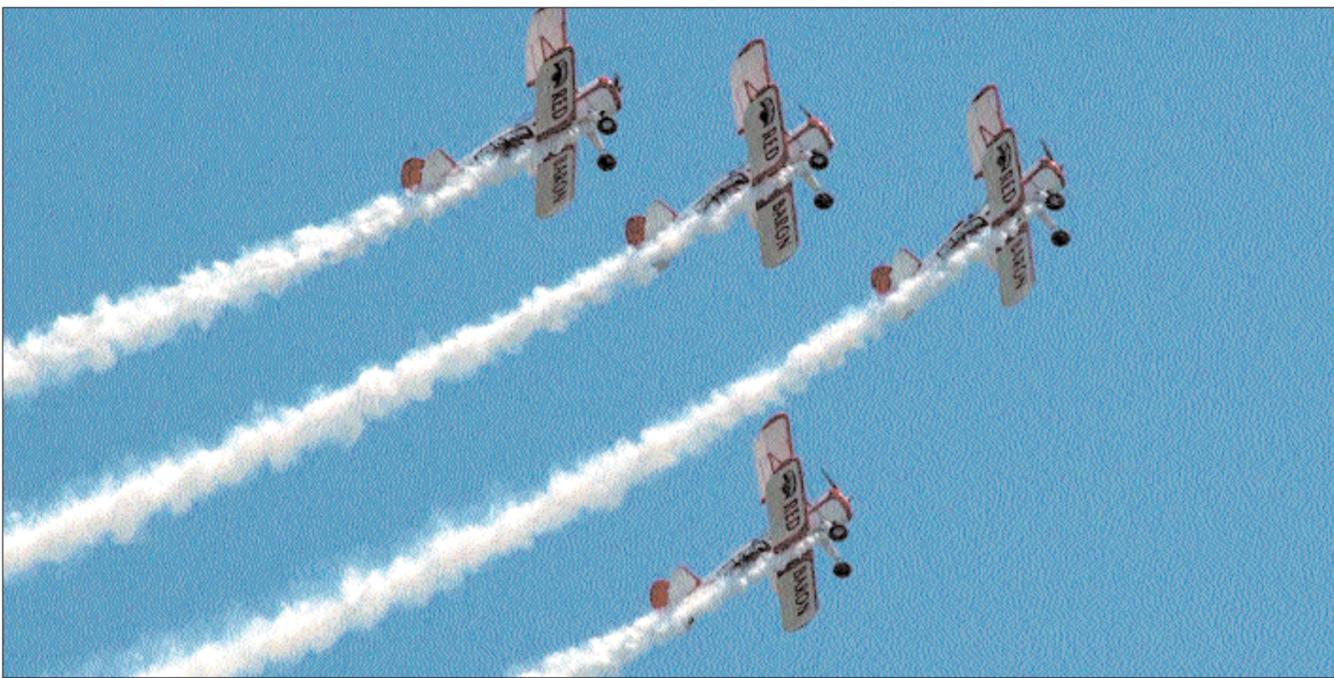
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The Red Baron Squadron gains altitude before an 800 foot dive directly toward the ground during their demonstration at the MCAS Beaufort Air Show Sunday.



Pilot Jim LeRoy waves to the cheering crowd following his aerial acrobatic display at the air show.

## AIR SHOW

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that brought many in the crowd to their feet.

Another "ooh" and "ahh" winner, according to Hamilton, was the low-altitude acrobatics of two vintage single-engine aircraft. Adding to the excitement was a fire spewing, smoke producing, earthshaking ground effect called the Super Shockwave Jet Truck, which traveled up and down the runway while the aircraft worked their magic.

"It was one of the more interesting sequences of the show," Hamilton said. "(The Super Shockwave Jet

Truck) seemed to get more people interested."

The feature event of the show was the world-renowned Blue Angels, who concluded the festivities both days.

"(The Blue Angels) had a great performance," Hamilton said. "We couldn't have had better conditions for their high-altitude show."

Hamilton said, overall, the weekend was an absolute success.

"We couldn't have asked for anything better," he said. "It was a great air show."

## CENTCOM News

### Task Force Olympia Soldier dies, four wounded

MOSUL, Iraq — One Task Force Olympia Soldier died and four were wounded when their convoy was attacked with an improvised explosive device west of Mosul just after 9 a.m. April 20.

Originally, five Soldiers were wounded in the attack. Three of the Soldiers have been returned to duty, and the other two were transported to the 67th Combat Support Hospital in Mosul. One of the Soldiers later succumbed to wounds and died in the hospital.

The identity of the Soldier killed is withheld pending next of kin notification.

Additionally, several vehicles were damaged in the IED attack.

News reports by the Associated Press Television Network and other news agencies that two Soldiers died in the attack were false.

### Coalition Soldier killed in action

KABUL, Afghanistan — A coalition combat patrol was ambushed near the village of Sperah, 40 kilometers Southwest of Khowst, at approximately 7:30 p.m. local time April 22.

The enemy action was immediately responded to by the coalition patrol with direct fire and a firefight ensued.

During the engagement, one coalition Soldier was killed and two wounded. One Afghan Militia Force soldier was also killed. The enemy broke contact during the engagement.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and loved ones of the fallen Soldier.

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