

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

Sea Island hosts G-8 Summit

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Leaders of the world's major industrialized nations will meet at Sea Island, Ga. for the 30th G-8 Summit meeting June 8 through 10 to discuss world issues in an informal setting.

President George W. Bush is the Chairman of the 2004 G-8 Summit, and will include the leaders from the United Kingdom (Great Britain and Northern Ireland), Canada, France, Russia, Italy, Japan, Germany, the European Union, and special guests from all over the world.

At previous Summits, leaders have discussed a wide range of international economic, political, and security issues, according to G-8 Web Site www.g8usa.gov/g8usa/c10476.htm.

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Many issues will be discussed at the Summit and include: trade and world economics, war, terrorism, human rights, the death penalty, globalism, the environment, animal rights, genetic engineering, abortion and bio warfare, in addition to many others, according to a brief prepared by Leroy Malphrus, Fort Stewart terrorism analyst.

The G-8 Summit began in 1975 in France and included six countries (France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the UK, and the U.S.A), according to the Web site. Canada joined in 1976 and the European Community began participation in 1977. Russia attended the 1994 Summit and began participating in all Summit sessions in 1998.

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Protestors potential problem at Summit

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Over 10,000 protestors will be in and around the Savannah and Brunswick areas for the G-8 Summit. Due to the number of protestors, the security environment can become dangerous, volatile and unpredictable.

As in all past G-8 meetings, protestors will gather to voice their views on the issues.

Last year, the Summit in France attracted over 100,000 protestors, according to a brief prepared by Leroy

Malphrus, Fort Stewart terrorism analyst.

Sea Island was picked as the site the Summit for security reasons, and is very hard to get to, Malphrus said. Since this is the case, many of the protestors will gather in Savannah and Brunswick.

The protestors will begin protesting as early as a week before the Summit, according to the brief.

"Savannah is prepared for crowd control, due to the number of people that visit the city every year for St. Patrick's

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Pfc. Ricardo Branch

(Left to Right) Col. John M. Kidd, Fort Stewart Garrison Commander, Gary M. Halloway, chief executive officer for GMH, Geoffrey G. Prosch, (acting) assistant secretary of the Army, installations and environment and Maj. Gen. William G. Webster Jr., 3rd Inf. Div. commander break ground for the new community center and housing for Fort Stewart. The ceremony, held at Stewart, officially signifies construction of new post housing.

GMH breaks ground at Stewart

Pfc. Ricardo Branch
Staff Writer

GMH broke ground at Fort Stewart April 29 to begin the construction of new housing for Soldiers at Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield

"This is really important, because better homes will

enhance the entire well being of the Army and allow them (Soldiers) to accomplish their mission without having to worry if their families are being provided for," said Col. John M. Kidd, Fort Stewart Garrison Commander.

GMH, was one of many

companies to bid on the 50-year project, which has begun already to improve the living conditions of the Soldiers and families living here, according to post GMH Military Housing Project Director Archie Nelson.

Under the Army's Residential Communities

Initiative, Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield families will have new houses to call home at both installations.

"The new houses being built on Stewart and Hunter are part of a process to get

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Staff Sgt. Craig Zentkovich

Lt. Col. Jeffrey J. Goble, Hunter Army Airfield commander and licensed heavy equipment operator, lowers the bucket of the excavator through the roof of a Gannam Heights home April.

Hunter, GMH take first step to new housing

Staff Sgt. Craig Zentkovich
NCOIC, Hunter Public Affairs Office

The Gannam Heights housing area on Hunter Army Airfield was the site for a demolition ceremony April 29.

The event kicked off the Army's residential community initiative on the installation as well as the leveling of 50-year-old housing.

GMH Military Housing, the contractor for RCI at both Hunter and Fort Stewart, had representatives from their company join Geoffrey G. Prosch, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army (Installations and Environment) and Brig. Gen. Jose D. Riojas, Assistant Division Commander for Support, in commencing the demolition of the housing area.

"The key agenda for this administration is to provide adequate housing for Soldiers,

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Pfc. Ben Brody

Col. Thomas G. Torrance, outgoing DIVARTY commander, passes the colors to 3rd Inf. Div. Commanding General Maj. Gen. William G. Webster during his relinquishment of command ceremony at Cottrell Field Tuesday.

Thunder bids commander farewell

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After two years commanding 3rd Infantry Division Artillery, Col. Thomas G. Torrance bid the Marne division farewell in a relinquishment of command ceremony Tuesday at Cottrell Field.

DIVARTY's new commander, Col. Robert Grymes, is slated to take over the unit this summer. Grymes comes to Fort Stewart from XVIII Airborne Corps field artillery at Fort Bragg, N.C.

During the ceremony, Maj. Gen.

"Under Colonel Tom Torrance, DIVARTY achieved more in the two years he's been here than most units do in a decade."

Maj. Gen. William G. Webster Jr.
3rd Inf. Div. commander

William G. Webster, 3rd Inf. Div. commanding general, reflected on Torrance's many accomplishments as DIVARTY commander during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"Under Colonel Tom Torrance, DIVARTY achieved more in the two

years he's been here than most units do in a decade," Webster said. "It's not that DIVARTY will be worse for losing you, but better for having had you."

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Emergency!



Sewer water runs green following a "hazardous material" spill which resulted from the aircraft that went down in Gannam Heights.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Craig Zentkovich

The Hunter Fire Department responds to an "aircraft crash" in the Gannam Heights housing area during a joint response drill at Hunter Army Airfield April 28.

Hunter F.D. drills on crash response

Staff Sgt. Craig Zentkovich
NCOIC, Hunter Public Affairs Office

The Hunter Army Airfield Fire Department, in conjunction with other tenant and local agencies, took part in the quarterly Crash Joint Response Drill here April 28.

Hunter F.D. was joined by the military police and emergency medical service, Savannah F.D. and Southside F.D.

The drill, described by Hunter F.D. Assistant Fire Chief Eddie Shuman as "a once in a lifetime opportunity," entailed four emergencies resulting from a simulated Gulf Stream Five crash in the Gannam Heights housing area.

"In my 28 years (with the Hunter F.D.), we've never been able to take part in this type of exercise," Shuman said.

The "type of exercise" Shuman referred to is the use of the housing

area to extinguish structure fires in three of the homes, fight an aircraft fire, treat a hazardous material spill and evacuate casualties.

The Gannam Heights area where the exercise took place is due to be leveled for new homes to be built under the residential communities initiative.

"Our primary job, which we train for often, is to rescue victims," Shuman said, referring to the eight simulated casualties on site. "But the opportunity for (firefighters) to get into actual homes to fight fires — it by far surpasses any simulation we've done."

In addition to the fire training, Hunter had the opportunity to test its primary and secondary alarm notification systems, use air traffic controllers at the airfield, and initiate both Army and Coast Guard air evacuation capabilities at the site.

"All the parts and pieces worked

out well," said Warrant Officer Ed Childers, airfield safety officer and exercise coordinator. "After receiving (the simulated) 'May Day' call from the distressed aircraft, the tower automatically contacted the fire department, MPs and base operations who, in turn, contacted the mutual aid agencies and MEDEVAC aircraft."

Childers added that the response from all parties, including the Savannah agencies, went really well. "(The agencies) had to deal with a number of emergencies and did an excellent job doing so."

What took months of planning and preparation was history just two hours later. Overall, the parties involved saw the exercise as a great success.

"Everybody was on the same sheet of music," Shuman said. "I couldn't be any happier with the results."



Firefighters support Stample and help him away from the crash site, after he was evacuated.



Hunter firefighters evacuate a casualty, Pfc. Larry Stample, from the crash site to be triaged and receive further medical treatment.



A firefighter tears down a section of ceiling in a Gannam Heights housing unit in order to fully extinguish a fire that made its way into the attic.

Holocaust survivor shares experiences at Hunter, Stewart

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Pfc. Emily J. Danial

Staff Writers

Hunter Army Airfield and Fort Stewart held Days of Remembrance ceremonies to honor the memory of those who lost their lives during the Holocaust 40 years ago.

The ceremonies were held April 19 and 20 at Hunter's Army Community Service ballroom and Stewart's Woodruff Theater.

Dr. William Samelson, Ph. D, professor of Holocaust and Genocide Studies, was the guest speaker at both ceremonies, and shared his experiences as a Polish Jew who survived the Holocaust.

"We are urging humanity to remember what occurred, even if they say it can't happen again," he said. "It happened once, so it can happen again ... we have to guard ourselves against repetition."

Following a slide presentation depicting photos from concentration camps and various survivors' personal memories, Samelson walked up to the podium at Woodruff, looked his audience in the eyes, and started to speak.

"I was very moved by this presentation," he began, "but I do not need to look at photos, because these events are etched in my memory."

Samelson then spoke about his childhood in Poland and life there in the late 1930s and early 1940s.

"We had learned early on that, in order to survive, even as 11-, 12-, 13-year-olds, we had to become adults prematurely," he said, describing the danger that even young children faced under Hitler's government. "Hitler considered (many minority groups) subhuman, but he considered us (Jews) vermin."

Samelson described the Polish ghettos many Jews were "relocated" to, and what became of many of them after their move.

"I saw men in black uniforms with human skulls (pictured) on their hats and a swastika on their belts ... they were called 'Executioners,'" he said. "They gathered up groups of people — men, women and children, and ... took them to remote places."

"(The Executioners) stood them in a line, side by side, at a ravine, told them to take their clothes off, and then shot them in the backs of their necks," Samelson continued. "Then they buried them all in the ravine, whether dead or alive."

"Those who survived returned to the



Pfc. Emily J. Danial

Dr. William Samelson, Ph.D., professor of Holocaust and Genocide Studies, shares his experiences with Fort Stewart Soldiers at Woodruff Theater.

ghettos and told us tales of terror ... they would speak to deaf ears because no sane person could believe tales of such murderous activity. No one would believe them."

At Hunter, Samelson gave a more personal example of the treatment inflicted on Jews during his childhood.

"I was asked once, by a 10-year-old child, what my most humiliating moment as a prisoner was," he said. "I was startled by the question."

"My grandfather was a Hassidic Jew — devoted to his faith ... I thought of him, this quiet, sweet human being," he said in response to the boy's question.

"We were walking on the street in the ghetto when I was 11, when three guards walked toward my grandfather and stopped us," he continued.

"One guard told him to kneel down, and they all urinated on him. Then they took him by the beard and started shaving him with a knife, cutting his face so he bled. (Hassidic Jews wear their beards long as part of their religious beliefs.)"

"I didn't understand why he didn't do anything; he just knelt there moving his lips," he said with tears in his eyes. "It wasn't till years later that I realized by doing nothing, he was the victor through prayer."

Although the Nazis were sending Jews

from the ghettos to concentration camps on a regular basis during his childhood, Samelson said he and his family were among the last from their ghetto to go, since he was employed at a factory that manufactured items essential to the war effort.

When he left for Buchenwald Concentration Camp at 11, Samelson said he and his brother remained together, but that he never saw his mother or young sister again.

"The last thing she said to me," he said with great emotion, "was, 'Above all, remember — never forget.' Then she got on the freight train."

Samelson went on to say that years later, he came upon a photo of a group of people about to enter a gas chamber, and among the crowd, noticed a familiar face.

"I saw, in the front, a woman and child who very much resembled my mother and sister ... I'm not certain if it was them, but I know the date of the photo and know when they were taken, and the dates corresponded," he said.

He followed this story by saying, "Every person who went in the gas chamber had a name, used to smile, used to do mischief ... had a life of his own."

Samelson shared at Hunter, "The most devastating defeat created by the Nazis was

the killing of the children — imagine how many books and songs could have been written by them, how many contributions they could have made ... 229 million (people) died during World War II — 6.5 million Jews, 1.3 million of whom were children."

He said, "The Holocaust was a black hole in civilization ... it seemed to destroy everything that was good."

Soldiers in the audience after Samelson's presentation said his words struck a chord with them.

"It was very sad, very moving," said Pfc. Sara Elizabeth Rogers, 396th Transportation Company. "I started tearing up during his personal stories."

Pfc. Michael Mixer, 632nd Maintenance Company, said, "It was beautiful ... it helped me to see and better understand the pain (the Jews) went through."

Samelson concluded his address by saying that his trip to Stewart had included a visit to Warriors' Walk, where 44 3rd Infantry Division Soldiers are memorialized.

"We must remember those who gave their lives to salvage what humanity we may have left," he said, "because if we do not remember, they die every day, and their sacrifice is meaningless."

"I will remember."



Courtesy photo

A 6-year-old child waits for his name to be called at roll call at Buchenwald concentration camp in July 1945.

VOICES AND VIEWPOINTS

Lane Down Range

Build confidence, save lives

Spc. Jimmy D. Lane, Jr.
Staff Writer

Commentary

I was escorting some civilian news media a few months back, and they were speaking to a captain in an infantry unit. The captain said something that really stuck with me.

The reporter was asking him what it was like to be under fire. The officer told her that he was behind an obstacle and he had to shift himself into the open to get a better shot at the enemy. The reporter asked him why he would do something like that — wouldn't it also expose him to enemy fire?

The captain replied that when he was being fired upon, it made him angry and more determined to take out his target. I think that many Soldiers will agree with this. This is a reply that would be given by many men of confidence.

Confidence is a quality that is essential in the proper execution of almost any Army mission. How would Soldiers be able to embark on any mission if they were not confident they would succeed?

Not all Soldiers come into the Army with confidence. I am sure

quite a few people who read this will agree they came into the Army to escape a certain situation, have steady paychecks, or to be trained in a certain career field. Many of us had an idea of what Soldiers did, but did not expect to be trained the way we were.

The essence of confidence building is training. This starts at the lowest level of the Army. I know from personal experience that Soldiers thrive on praise, and are destroyed by humiliation. A happy medium is constructive criticism. Yet if a Soldier has no self-confidence, he will always think he is being reprimanded in the face of constructive criticism.

Every one of us has had a good derriere chewing at one time or another. It builds character, and if absorbed by the Soldier in the right way, can be used as a tool to set stan-



dards. Soldiers who lack self-confidence will almost always take it the wrong way and think they will never succeed. I have seen many a salvageable case being chaptered out of our Army, saying that he was just not the kind of person the Army needs.

I personally think that course of thinking is a crock. The Army makes you a better person. I have seen too many people become all they could be in the Army.

Take the Soldiers who are lacking confidence and build them up. Take a special interest in them. Let them know they are being criticized for their own good. Soldiers tend to single out other Soldiers and no matter what they do, it is not enough because they are expected to fail.

By taking a special interest unit-wide in certain Soldiers, force protection and unit cohesion is made stronger. Isn't that what we need as Soldiers when we are on the battlefield? When it comes down to split-second decisions, we need Soldiers who have the confidence to execute the right decision and preserve lives.

You never know, the Soldier you take under your wing today can save your life when it really counts.

Conditions, given one jacked up beret

Spc. Katherine Robinson
Editor

Commentary

even bother to complain about it anymore.

But as we adapted, many of us also became complacent. The beret was originally adopted Army-wide as a way to show pride in ourselves as Soldiers and in our units.

But for some it has turned into just the opposite — a display of carelessness and incompetence.

I can't count the number of times I've had to send my staff to re-shoot a Marne Voice photo (see right) because one of their photos had a Soldier in it sporting the classic "pizza man" look. And sadly, it's not just fresh-outta-basic privates whose berets don't meet the standard.

Nearly three years after we began wearing it, senior noncommissioned officers and officers are still wearing their headgear improperly. What kind of standard does this set for new Soldiers, when they see their leaders



ignoring regulations?

Don't they realize when they talk to their fellow servicemembers, their heads are the most prominent feature people will see?

My staff and I have come up with a list of the common displays we've seen Soldiers sporting. The names we've come up with for them are totally unrelated to the faults.

- "Pizza man" — The beret sits on the head like a bubble, equally distant from the head all around, or perhaps flat on the top.

- "The Cyclops" — The beret's flash is centered directly between the eyebrows. A variation of this is when the flash is placed just over one ear.

- "The baseball cap" — The flash is pulled all the way forward so it is no longer visible to someone standing directly in front of you. However, if the person was laying down at your feet, they'd see it

clearly.

- "The Swiss cheese" — This often happens to over-ambitious privates with their first berets. They shave it until it's basically transparent, and sports at least two large holes. For some reason they continue to wear it.

- "The turtle" — The fold of the beret looks like a wrinkle. It extends about half an inch from the actual beret. The reverse of this is the "flying nun". This is when the fold of the beret extends to the wearer's right shoulder or thereabouts.

- "The rat tail" — You can only view these from the back. You're standing there talking to Spc. Highspeed, and thinking how good he looks with his beret squared away, when he turns around and walks away ... with the strings hanging down the back of this head.

We could tell you how the beret is supposed to look, but we would rather the experts do it. So look up Army Regulation 670-1 and that should answer any questions you may still have.

Marne Voice

THE FRONTLINE

Readers respond to the question:

What will you do for your mother on Mother's Day?

"I'm going to send my mother a nice card and flowers."

Staff Sgt. Alex Hill
87th CSB



"I'm sending her roses, candy, balloons and a trip to the beach."

Alesha Cooper
Spouse



"I'm going to send my mother and mother-in-law a bouquet of flowers."

Staff Sgt. Hazel Hughes
A. Co., HQ CMD



"I'm getting her a gift certificate for a pedicure and manicure."

Spc. Brandon Bird
2/7 Inf.

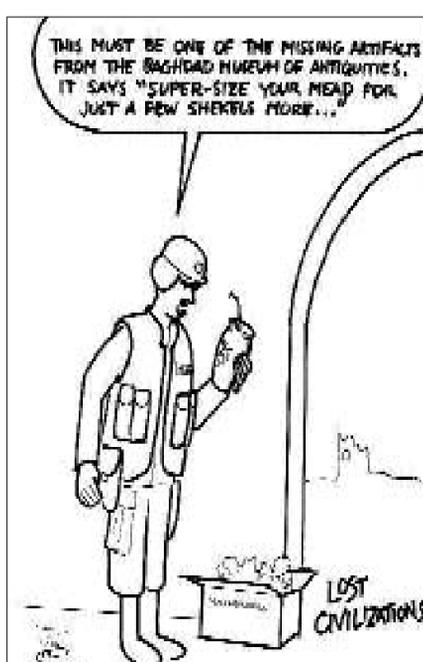
"I'm taking leave after Mother's Day to show mom the beach and take her to a nice restaurant."

Spc. Corey Jacobson
HHC, 3/15 Inf.



"I'm going to send her an engraved Mother's Day plaque."

Terri Valdez
AAFES concessionaire



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Live bombs to drop for more realistic training

Sgt. 1st Class Marcia Triggs

Army News Service

WASHINGTON (Army News Service, May 3, 2004) – The home to field artillery, Fort Sill, Okla., is re-instituting joint live fire in an exercise this week involving troops from across the country, and a new Joint Fires Course scheduled to debut this fall.

For the first time in about nine years, III Corps Artillery at Fort Sill is hosting a Joint Close Air Support live-fire exercise. Soldiers from Fort Bragg, N.C., will parachute in. Navy F-18 Hornets and Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcons will be used to drop ordnance, including the Navy's MK-83, a 1,000-pound bomb.

"We want to show that we can realistically coordinate and provide fire in support of joint operations safely," said Capt. Albert Huang the operations officer for the 212th Field Artillery Brigade.

The exercise, which continues through May 7, will also integrate multiple launch rocket systems, cannon fires and troops from Fort Hood, Texas, and the Marine Corps, Huang said.

There needs to be interdependence among the different services, said Col. John Haithcock, head of the Joint and Combined Integration Directorate at the U.S. Army Field Artillery

Center, Fort Sill.

Artillery, the greatest killer on the battlefield, can't do it alone, Haithcock said. Air and naval gunfire can't do it all, he added. At any time or place a person on the ground needs to be able to call for fire, and get whatever resources he needs – a ship, artillery or a plane, he added.

In March, Fort Sill also began training on how to employ joint fires through live exercises at its officer basic course — training that was suspended after resources were cut, and an officer was killed in 1996 by a misguided 500-pound bomb, Haithcock said.

"Close air support training was pushed down to the units, but what we found was some units were very good at it and others were not as good," Haithcock said. "We've realized over the years that we need to provide training here at the school house."

Haithcock acknowledged that some of the procedures that occurred in 1996 were done incorrectly. Several safety measures have been implemented so that the Joint Close Air Support exercise doesn't turn tragic.

Huang said that a couple of the measures include using trained, experienced observers and pilots during live drops. Air Force forward

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Spc. Matt Meadows

Airborne Soldiers demonstrate their teamwork by emplacing and firing cannons within minutes of landing on Fort Sill, Okla., during a Joint Close Air Support exercise. This week troops from the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force will combine their firepower on a simulated enemy target.

Job Fair prepares Soldiers for civilian life

Pfc. Emily J. Danial

Staff writer

The Army Career and Alumni Program held its 25th Job Fair at Club Stewart April 28.

The event was planned to help Soldiers transition into the civilian workforce by enabling them to meet employers from Savannah, Hinesville and the surrounding areas.

There were 82 businesses represented in the job fair, and by midmorning, more than 1,000 Soldiers and family members had shown up to see what they had to offer.

"This is a small community," said Sgt. Nicola Humphrey, B Company, Special Troops Military Intelligence Battalion. "This gives us the opportunity to find out about companies that we might not have known about before."

With the multitude of organizations represented ranging from the Secret Service to Avon, there was something for everyone.

"We wanted to give Soldiers practical application in their job search," said Louisa Sigman, ACAP manager. "This way they can make initial contact with possible employers."



Pfc. Emily J. Danial

Bryan Long, Secret Service (right), explains his job to Job Fair attendees (from left) Sgt. Daniel Schaffhauser and Spc. Kyle Gaylord, C Co., 1/39 FA.

ACAP holds job fairs twice a year at Fort Stewart, and according to Sigman, many employers in the communi-

ty attend every one.

"Military folks transferring out of Fort Stewart have a work ethic; they can get to work on time and get things done," she said. "Employers know that here, their future employees have the right skills."

Sgt. 1st Class Tyrone L. Major, A Company, 3rd Soldier Support Battalion said he has 90 days left before he retires from the Army after 20 years, and he is hoping to continue in his field, finance, after leaving the military.

"I was looking into law enforcement, too," he said. "The military has taught me how to be flexible — I've had three different (military occupational specialties)."

Sigman added that many Soldiers in combat MOSs believe that there are no jobs for them as civilians.

"That's not true," she said. "There are a lot of employers who are looking for people with the good experience those Soldiers have."

In addition to introducing Soldiers to the job market in the surrounding communities, the job fair also provides them the opportunity to get oriented or reoriented to the way things are in the civilian workforce.

"This is my first time coming to a job fair, and it's pretty interesting," Major said. "It's a great way to get people prepared to make that transition."

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WASHINGTON

— Lessons learned in Iraq and Afghanistan are quickly shaping improvements in LandWarNet, the networking system that connects Soldiers using technology to the information they need to better defeat enemies.

As the 3rd Infantry Division transforms into modular brigade-sized "units of action," new technology-enabled systems such as "blue force tracking" will be integrated, said Lt. Gen. Steven Boutelle, the Army's chief information officer/G-6, in a Pentagon media briefing. The units will also be equipped with new communications satellite-based systems for supporting command and control, and logistics information systems. Delivery of the systems will start in August and should be complete by November, Boutelle said.

A limited number of units have been using blue force tracking, which gives Soldiers a clearer, more detailed picture of the battlefield, but in time, the

technology will be standard for all fighting forces, Boutelle said.

The Army is also extending the bandwidth of the Global Information Grid, the conduit that ties Soldiers and posts, camps and stations into information systems using satellites, teleports, standard tactical entry points and global broadcast systems positioned all over the world. The GIG also connects the Army to the network systems of other services, allowing for improved joint fighting capabilities.

Bandwidth determines how fast information is delivered. The expansion begins this summer and when complete, will be comparable to converting a 4-square-foot doghouse into a 26,400-square-foot mansion, Boutelle said.

The Warfighter Information Network — Tactical is also improving. WIN-T will give commanders and other network

users the ability to exchange information with the most current technology. The Army currently has two contractors — Lockheed Martin and General Dynamics — that find and recommend commercial technology, but the Army is in the process of selecting and relying on one contractor, pending Department of Defense approval, Boutelle said.

Improving the Army's information network is imperative in the global war on terrorism, Boutelle and other officials stressed. More and more, the fight rests with smaller groupings of Soldiers in squads, platoons or companies. In the past, technology delivered information to division, brigade or battalion levels. Officials are now working to put information in the hands of individual Soldiers, Boutelle said.

"The focus now is getting information to the war fighter on the lowest level as quickly as possible,"

Boutelle said. "If we're going to win the war on terrorism, that's the way to do it."

And as delivery of technology improves, so does the training and organization of the Signal Regiment, said Brig. Gen. Jan Hicks, commander, U.S. Army Signal Center at Fort Gordon, Ga.

The regiment will move from nine career management fields to four, which will require Soldiers to train in a variety of job specialties, Hicks said.

"We'll have automation specialists and radio operators that are going to have to know how to do each others' jobs," Hicks said. "We will have multi-functional signal Soldiers."

The main challenge to improving LandWarNet isn't the availability of technology. It's having enough money to get it, Boutelle said.

"A lot of the resourcing comes in supplements, so it becomes a scheduling issue," Boutelle said. "The challenge is getting the right amount of dollars in the right place. The focus right now is on units going into Iraq and Afghanistan."



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TRICARE: 368-3048
Outpatient Records: 370-6949
Behavioral Medicine: 370-6100

Tuttle

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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

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 May 15, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. 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.

Central energy plant outage on Stewart

Special to The Frontline

Fort Stewart is in the process of replacing its failing High Temperature Water Distribution system.

In order to accomplish this task it will be necessary to disrupt the domestic hot water that is supplied to the 200, 500, 600, 700 and 800 blocks. This interruption will last from midnight May 14 until midnight May 16. The effect of this outage will be no hot water in the barracks, administration

buildings and dining facilities during this period. Heat should not be needed. Dining facilities will still be able to operate with paper plates, etc.

Requirement 1: We must reposition some electrical work in the plant to tie in a new and more efficient chill water pump — that means for 12 to 24 hours those buildings (mostly barracks and admin.) that are on the system will lose air conditioning — daily temperatures are rising and we need to get it done before it gets much hotter.

Requirement 2: Tie in the Central Energy Plant to the new High Temp Water system (new pipes) — requires take down of the entire plant (hot water in barracks and DFACS) for up to 48 hours (worst case) may pull it off in less, but Murphy lives in the CEP — what that really means is that it takes about six hours to take the plant down to temperatures cool enough to let the workers do their thing — it takes about six hours to refill the system and affected zones and another 12 hours to slowly bring the system

up to operating steam temperatures (375 degrees or so) without causing a thermal shock that could cause catastrophic failure — due to residual hot water in the lines and time for cool down, showers would be available for the first 8 hours or so — more so with fewer troops on the system — DFACS would have to go to paper but can still serve.

Requirement 3: Tie in the new Troop Medical Clinic to the CEP — estimated eight hours — loses hot water in the 500, 300 and 200 blocks.

Mosquito population control a must in Georgia springtime

Laurie Kemp

Winn Public Affairs Officer

Mosquito season has officially arrived in Southeast Georgia and mosquito population control is a must.

In an effort to help control the mosquito population, Fort Stewart has begun spraying for mosquitoes, flies and gnats.

While mosquitoes were once commonly regarded as a summertime pest, they have become much more over the past few years. Today, mosquitoes in this area not only carry parasitic diseases, like the type that can cause heartworms in dogs, but they can also carry West Nile Virus and Eastern Equine

Encephalitis.

According to Maj. Sofi Ibrahim, Stewart entomologist, spraying is an effective way to keep the population down and the pesticide used is low risk for humans and animals.

However, spraying is not the only mosquito control mechanism used on Stewart.

Ibrahim said an Integrated Pest Management Control plan is used. This plan encompasses chemical, physical and environmental alternatives.

The chemical aspect is the use of a pesticide. The pesticide used on Stewart, KONTROL 4-4, uses insecticides derived from plants and poses little to no health risks for humans and animals.

While it poses a low risk, Ibrahim recommends avoiding direct contact with the spray, bringing in pets, laundry and toys prior to spraying, covering or rinsing off any outdoor furniture, and washing any fruits or vegetables that may have come in contact with the spray.

The physical aspects of the plan encompass actions people can do to avoid risks.

These actions include wearing repellent, minimizing the time spent outdoors during peak mosquito times, ensuring door and window screens are in good repair and draining areas in the home area where water stagnates, such as in bird baths.

And last but not least, the

environmental aspect uses nature to its fullest advantages, from using plant-based pesticides to stocking area ponds with Gambusia fish that feed on mosquito larvae.

Mosquito population control

efforts will continue throughout the season, typically over in September.

For more information or to report a pest problem, call the Stewart entomology office at 767-4250.

Mosquito Spraying

Weekly mosquito sprayings are now in effect on Fort Stewart. Sprayings will occur between 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 767-4250.

Monday — Motor Pools, Holbrook Pond and Wright Army

Airfield areas

Tuesday — Housing areas

Wednesday — National Guard area

Thursday — Motor Pool and surrounding areas

Friday — Housing areas



G-8

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The Presidency of the G-8, and responsibility of hosting the Summit, rotates each year, according to the Web Site. Italy hosted the Summit in Genoa in 2001, Canada hosted it in Kananaskis in 2002, and France hosted it in Evian in 2003. The UK will host it in 2005 and Russia in 2006.

Previously the U.S.A hosted the Summit in Dorada Beach, Puerto Rico (1976), Williamsburg, Va. (1983), Houston Texas (1990) and Denver, Colo. (1997), according to the Web site.

Sea Island was picked for this year's Summit because of its secure location and beautiful landscape, Malphrus said. The island is located on the southern portion of the Georgia coastline (80 miles from Savannah).

While Sea Island will host the leaders, Savannah will host thousands of members of the International Press Corps, according to the Web site. For many of the attendees, it will be their first visit to Georgia.

"The G-8 Summit is a good thing in the long run," Malphrus said. "It's a necessary meeting for the leaders to discuss issues, and it's a good chance for the local people of Savannah to see what their leaders are doing to make the world a better place."

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Day," Malphrus said.

The big concern at these meetings is the threat of violence and the possibility of terrorism, though there are currently no identified terrorist threats, Malphrus said.

With the United States currently at war in Iraq, protesters might also try to protest at the gates of Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield, Malphrus added. The installations have plans set to handle any situation that might occur, but aren't increasing security at the gates, he added.

Some extremist groups might try to provoke law enforcement, counter-protestors and Soldiers using a number of tactics (possibly violent) to do so.

"The biggest protection for Soldiers is to use common sense, and avoid groups of protestors," Malphrus said.

Many protestors form affinity groups which are made up of five to fifteen people, according to the brief. Some of these groups cover their faces with ski masks, handkerchiefs and

other materials to hide their identity and are responsible for initial property damage.

The colors that protestors wear have significant meaning to their roles in the groups.

Red indicates a tactical advisor, and green and yellow ball caps delegate legal observers, according to the brief. These observers document actions between law enforcement and the demonstrators and use any unlawful activity for post-event civil and criminal court cases. There may also be protestors wearing yellow wrist bands which indicate they are communication personnel, and people wearing white shirts with black or red crosses are designated as medical personnel, according to the brief.

The summit also attracts a large media pool of international broadcasters and reporters.

"What we do in Savannah will be seen around the world," Malphrus said. They will grade the summit as to whether it was good or bad compared to past meetings.

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Prosch said. He added that RCI's intent is to have world-class developers use their private capital to build and maintain post homes.

According to Prosch, the Army has put forward \$400 million in equity investments, which will in turn translate to \$7.5 billion in capital for RCI. Over the course of the 50-year project, 1.9 billion Army dollars will have been invested in both Hunter and Fort Stewart housing communities.

"This is going to allow the entire community to be fixed at one time," the retired colonel said. "This is the best quality of life program for the Army since I joined."

Gary Holloway, chairman and chief executive officer of GMH, agreed that it is a win-win situation for everyone involved.

"Soldiers and their families are going to receive brand-new or refurbished, quality housing when all is said and done," Holloway said. "And 75 percent of the subcontractors will be from the area, which is a big

part of our goal — hire local."

In addition to the Gannam Heights phase, which will be renamed "New Gannam" following completion, two more GMH housing projects are already in the works at Hunter — New Calloway and New Savannah.

Following remarks by Holloway, Riojas and Lt. Col. Jeffrey J. Goble, Hunter Army Airfield commander, Goble hopped into the operator's seat of one of the two excavators on site and dropped the bucket through the roof of the first house, signifying the beginning of the end of housing at Hunter as people know it.

"It was important to have this ceremony as a visible sign ... that things are changing for the better," Goble said. "The housing operation here is undergoing a revolutionary change, and it's great to celebrate it this way."

For more information on GMH's housing at Hunter and Fort Stewart, including floor plans and illustrations, visit the Web site at www.southernliving-choice.com.



Pic. Benjamin T. Brody

A cannon salute bids farewell to Col. Thomas Torrance, outgoing DIVARTY commander Tuesday.

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the full advantage of the Army budget for Soldiers there," said Geoffrey G. Prosch, acting assistant secretary of the Army, installation and environments.

The renovation plan developed by Residential Communities Initiative and GMH Military Housing, is to build 1,868 new homes, demolish 856 in the process and renovate 1,597 existing homes. Over the 50-year project, \$1.9 billion will be invested in the housing communities at Stewart and Hunter. As soon as GHM Military Housing assumed

operations Nov. 1, 2003, they began general maintenance and clean up of the housing units and grounds, in addition to performing major renovations to the existing homes.

In addition to the renovation, four new communities will be added to Fort Stewart — Liberty Woods, Southern Oaks, New Marne and Coastal Ridge. Three communities will also be added to Hunter — New Gannam, New Savannah and New Callaway.

"The first 30 houses are expected to be built in November before

THUNDER

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After ceremonially passing the colors to 1st Battalion, 39th Field Artillery Regiment commander Lt. Col. Craig Finley, who will head the unit until Grymes arrives, Torrance gave his former troops his outgoing remarks.

"I'm sure only my mother believed all the nice things General Webster just said about me," Torrance cracked. "It's been an honor to have been among such fine Soldiers."

Torrance related his experi-

ences with the 3rd Inf. Div. in Iraq to journalist Tom Brokaw's book, *The Greatest Generation*, which centers on those who fought in World War II. He told several stories of his Soldiers' bravery under fire last year, and said they could certainly stand among the heroes Brokaw's book describes.

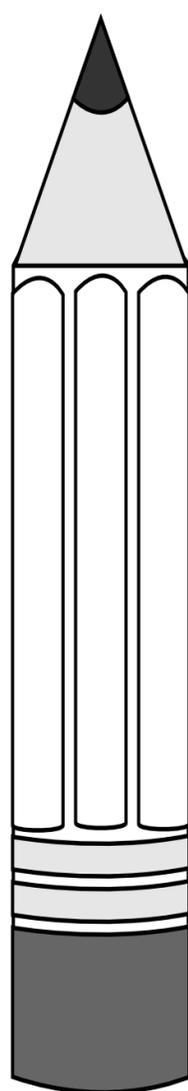
The 3rd Inf. Div. "Rhythm of the Marne" band played the Dogfaced Soldier Song and the Army Song as DIVARTY's troops marched off the field.

Thanksgiving," said Gary M. Holloway.

At the end of the eight-year initial development plan, the number of homes at Stewart will increase from 2,438 to 3,027 and Hunter will increase from 488 to 675.

"The new homes are just one of the ways we like to show our appreciation and give back to the Soldiers for all they do and the houses being constructed are going to ensure Soldiers have a world class community where they live," Holloway said.

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24th CSG helps NCOs brush up

Pfc. Emily Danial

Staff Writer

Senior noncommissioned officers in 24th Corps Support Group took part in the group's quarterly NCO Development Program Friday at Fort Stewart.

"The reason for this training is that I want to make sure my senior NCOs understand their tasks before teaching their Soldiers," said Command Sgt. Maj. Sam F. Perrotta, 24th CSG command sergeant major, who orchestrated the training.

Approximately 85 NCOs — mainly platoon sergeants, first sergeants and command sergeants major — attended the three-hour program, and were broken up into five groups to concentrate on each of the different weapons systems.

"Based on my experience as a logistical Soldier, I've seen the need for senior NCOs to be familiar with different types of weapons systems," Perrotta said.

The NCODP incorporated training on five types of weapons, including the M2 .50 caliber machine gun, MK19-3 40mm grenade machine gun, M249 Squad Automatic Weapon, M16A2 rifle and M4 carbine.

According to Perrotta, one of the main points of the exercise was weapons-clearing procedures to prevent accidental discharge.

"In Iraq, we've had convoys where we had to engage, and had weapons jam," he said. "This helps NCOs to know how to



Photo by Pfc. Emily J. Danial

Command Sgt. Maj. Sam F. Perrotta instructs 24th CSG senior NCOs on weapons clearing procedures during a group NCODP Friday.

unjam and clear the weapons, and put them back in firing status. We have to be able to secure our own convoys and make sure our weapons are fully mission capable."

Perrotta said right now, not during combat, is the best time for training of this nature.

"In order to be successful on the battlefield, NCOs need to know these proce-

dures ... about 60 percent of the NCOs who were at the training were familiar with the weapons, but the others really weren't," he said. "We did all hands-on training, no classroom stuff, and afterward, their eyes were opened up."

Perrotta, who arrived at 24th CSG March 19 after 10 months in Iraq, said this was the first opportunity he'd had to conduct this type of training with his new unit.

"It was good to get everyone together and get to know what their experiences are," he said. "This was my first NCODP here, and it was all geared toward battle."

"It's my strong belief that officers plan and NCOs execute," Perrotta added. "NCOs are winning this war in Iraq."

He said overall, he felt the exercise was a success.

"The NCOs really enjoyed that type of training, and they feel more confident about the weapons for their units," Perrotta said. "I am so proud of my NCOs throughout the group ... I definitely know I have some experts within 24th CSG, and there is no doubt that they will be very successful with our next deployment."

He added that the training should not stop with just the senior NCOs.

"This is group-level, and it's just beginning ... I expect them to teach their subordinates," Perrotta said. "There are Soldiers, E-3s and E-4s, really stepping up to the plate out (in Iraq), and the NCOs are there to guide them and lead the way."

Iraqi Cultural Tips

• DO THIS

Shake hands gently in greeting and departure, but always with your right hand.

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Civil Military Operations

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!

MP roadblocks for Cottrell Field during Change of Command ceremonies

Provost Marshal Office

Special to The Frontline

From now until the end of July, many units on Fort Stewart will be going through change of command ceremonies.

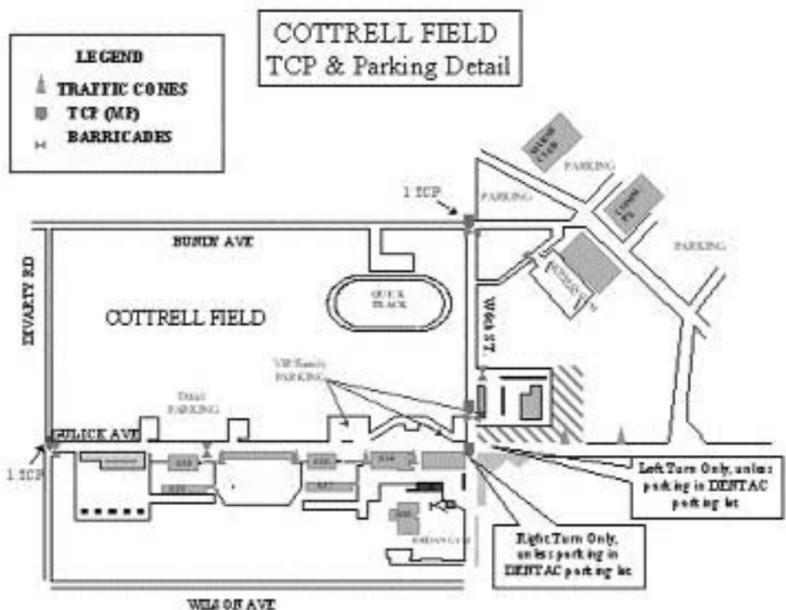
Battalion and higher ceremonies are held on Cottrell Field. During these ceremonies, portions of 6th St. and Gulick Ave will be blocked off. At five minutes before the beginning of each ceremony, the roadblocks will go into effect.

Prior to the roads closing, Military Police will be in position to help direct traffic. Access to Dental Clinic #1 is available from Gulick and 6th St., and access to Newman Gym is available from Bundy.

Parking lots for units along Gulick between 6th St. and Bldg. 623 will be blocked with cones, please do not exit these when the cones are in place. A schedule of the upcoming changes of command and a diagram of the roadblocks are provided.

If you have any questions please contact the PMO Operations Office at 767-1721 or Traffic Office at 767-9595.

| DATE | EVENT | TIME |
|--------|-------------------|-----------------|
| May 7 | 87th CSB CoR | 11 a.m. to noon |
| May 11 | 11th Eng., C Co. | 9 to 10:30 a.m. |
| May 12 | 3rd FSB, C. Co. | 9 to 10:30 a.m. |
| May 13 | 3/69 Armor, C Co. | 9 to 10:30 a.m. |
| May 14 | 1st Brig. | 9 to 10:30 a.m. |
| May 18 | NCOA C Co. | 9 to 10:30 a.m. |
| May 21 | PLDC Graduation | 7 to 10:30 a.m. |
| May 26 | 4 US Activation | 9 to 10:30 a.m. |
| Jun 11 | 87th CSB, C Co. | 9 to 10:30 a.m. |
| Jun 15 | 103rd MI, C Co. | 9 to 10:30 a.m. |
| Jun 16 | 1/39 FA | 9 to 10:30 a.m. |
| Jun 17 | 10th Eng. C Co. | 9 to 10:30 a.m. |
| Jun 22 | 92nd Eng. C Co. | 9 to 10:30 a.m. |
| Jun 25 | 24th CSG, C Co. | 9 to 10:30 a.m. |
| Jun 29 | 123 Sig. C Co. | 9 to 10:30 a.m. |
| Jul 2 | PLDC Graduation | 7 a.m. to noon |
| Jul 8 | 1/64 Armor, C Co. | 9 to 10:30 a.m. |
| Jul 20 | 3rd MP, C Co. | 9 to 10:30 a.m. |
| Jul 23 | 3rd SSB, C Co. | 9 to 10:30 a.m. |



ASK THE JUDGE

Ad Valorem Tax

Capt. Heather Herbert

Claims Judge Advocate

Q: What is the Ad Valorem Tax exemption?

A: The Ad Valorem tax exemption is for vehicles owned by non-resident military personnel who are in the state of Georgia by reason of military orders. It allows military personnel to register their vehicles within the state without having to pay the higher rate of tax. They may register any number of vehicles solely owned, and one vehicle owned jointly with a non-resident spouse.

Q: Do I qualify for the tax exemption if I co-own my car with a sibling?

A: No. You may only qualify for the exemption

for vehicles owned only by you, or for one vehicle co-owned with a spouse. If any other person's name appears on the title of the vehicle, you are not eligible for the exemption.

Q: What do I need to do to get the exemption?

A: You need to get an Ad Valorem Tax Form 941. You may pick up these forms at the Legal Assistance Office. You must list the state of which you are a resident. If that state is Georgia, you do not qualify for the exemption. You will need to bring a copy of your LES to Legal Assistance as well as your military ID. This form must be signed in front of a notary, which may also be accomplished at Legal Assistance. You will then take the form along with your driver's license and a copy of your insurance to the Tag Office located in the Liberty County Court

House at 112 N. Main Street in Hinesville. You will be required to pay the lower tag fee of \$20.

Q: I have heard that some people have had to get Georgia driver's licenses when they tried to get their tags. Why is that?

A: You must have a driver's license from the state where you are claiming to be a resident of or a Georgia license. This is required by Georgia State law. You may not for example claim to be from Montana, have a New Mexico driver's license, and try to get the tax exemption. In that case you would be required to get either a Montana driver's license, or one from Georgia to comply with the law.

If you have any questions, you may contact the Legal Assistance Office at 912-767-8809/8819 or the Liberty County Tax Office at 912-876-3389.

3ID IN BRIEF

Stewart

Free concert

The Hinesville Area Arts Council is presenting a free concert featuring 3rd Infantry Division Soldiers Crystal Miller, soprano vocalist, and Eugene M. Losilevich, pianist at the First United Methodist Church on May 18 at 4 p.m. 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 has been rescheduled to May 13, 6:30 p.m. Palmetto Room 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 sofb.recruiting@us.army.mil.

WO Recruiting Briefings

The next Warrant Officer Recruiting briefing will be held May 14 at 1:30 p.m., in the Woodruff Theater. For more information call Chief Warrant Officer 3 Anthony Edwards 1-502-626-0328.

MEDPROS Assistance

MEDPROS training and assistance for units is available through the MEDPROS Readiness Coordinator located at Winn. For more information call 370-6992 or send an email to michael.thompson4@se.amedd.army.mil.

Just Dancing

A 10-week dancing course will be held at Club Stewart, Wednesdays 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.

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.

Red Cross Cafe

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

Sand Gnats

The Savannah Sand Gnats will be holding a USO and All Military Night, Friday, 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.

Golf Tournament

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

Armed Forces Appreciation

Monday begins Armed Forces Appreciation Week. Help build the Wall of Appreciation 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Bring a picture and show that

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 Saturday 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.

Hunter Club

The Hunter Club is open for lunch Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information or to schedule a special event, call 352-5270.

Winn /Tuttle

School Health Screenings

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

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 habits of 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 chil-

dren 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

New Prescription Drop-off Box: Order forms for handwritten or electronic prescriptions can be picked-up and dropped-off in the drop box at the Main Pharmacy desk. It 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 or by calling 370-6576.

Refill Pharmacy: Located in the hospital, 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 or by calling 370-6576.

Marne TV

May 2004 Schedule

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

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

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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 |
| 6:30 p.m. | Air Force News |
| 7 p.m. | Navy News |
| 10 p.m. | MARNE REPORT |
| 11 p.m. | Army Newswatch |
| Midnight | MARNE REPORT |

For just a quarter a minute ...

Troops in Iraq and Afghanistan can now call home

AAFES News Service
Special to The Frontline

DALLAS — In the harsh and austere conditions of operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom, few things take on greater importance than phone calls home. Because of this, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service and its contractor, AT&T, have worked diligently to offer affordable phone service throughout Iraq and Afghanistan. Because of these efforts, Soldiers, Airman, Sailors and Marines have been able to keep communication open between the front lines and the home front.

Deployed troops now get to talk longer, for less, since AAFES reduced the price per minute of armed services calls originating from Iraq

and Afghanistan. The new price per minute for calls from both countries, when using AAFES' 550-Unit AT&T Global Prepaid Card, will be reduced from \$0.32 cents per minute to only \$0.25 cents per minute. This special rate applies only to calls from call centers in Iraq and Afghanistan to the United States with prepaid phone cards purchased from any AAFES PX/BX, tactical field exchanges or Imprest Fund sites in Iraq and Afghanistan.

AAFES and AT&T are committed to offering the lowest phone rates OIF and OEF Spc. Joshua R. Hopkins of Headquarters and Headquarters Support, 2nd Battalion, 20th Field Artillery Regiment, whose daughter was born while he was in Iraq, is just one of the troops who speaks of the

importance of telecommunication services for deployed troops. "Having been in Iraq at the beginning of Operation Iraqi Freedom activities, I can attest to the importance of phone calls home. The morale benefit affordable calling options offer our troops can not be overstated," Hopkins said.

"We are always excited when we are able to extend more calling to military personnel," said AT&T's director of Military Markets Bill Baumann. "I'm proud of AAFES and AT&T's support to deployed troops. It gratifies me to see how our collaboration has progressed from virtually no telecommunications infrastructure a year ago to where we are now operating call centers throughout Iraq and Afghanistan that offer calls

for just a quarter a minute."

Today, AAFES and AT&T operate 35 call centers in Iraq and Afghanistan. AAFES and AT&T continue to work together to open call centers throughout Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom while keeping costs down. 550-Unit Military Exchange Prepaid Phone Cards are available at any of AAFES' 35 contingency locations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

AAFES and AT&T also operate nine Internet Cafes in Kuwait that are proving very popular. Troops who visit the cafes are enjoying video teleconferencing, Internet access, gaming and email 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

The rate for this service will also drop from 10-cents/minute to 8-cents/minute June 1.

BOMBS

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observers will guide in aircraft to ensure that pilots have properly identified the targets, and the Army and Marine Corps observers will call in the artillery, he added. Also revisions were made to the air space coordinates to make sure artillery isn't fired at the same time aircraft is flying over, said Huang.

Repetition on how to employ joint fires leads to enemy deaths, not friendly ones, Haithcock said, adding that a Joint Fires Course is being designed. A three-week pilot course is scheduled to begin in September or October.

"What we found is that we grow and train our fire supporters at brigade levels and below, and they understand how the Army works," Haithcock said. "However, they don't get the training at upper-echelon headquarters, which are joint environments."

Eventually Haithcock said the

course will be shortened to two weeks. The curriculum will include an introduction on Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force doctrine; rules of engagement to include international law. Other courses will be joint and combined targeting, time sensitive targeting and air support request, and at the end is a command post exercise.

The course is open to senior enlisted, sergeant first class and above and officers, captain through colonel. Any servicemembers can attend the course if they are going to be assigned to a fire-support job in a joint environment. This course isn't just for field artillerymen, Haithcock said.

Depending on concepts that are being worked under the Future Combat Systems, there may not be a need for as many field artillerymen at the company level, Haithcock said.

"We're looking at improving the

technology of individual Soldier equipment and combat platforms," Haithcock said. "So if we can provide the individual Soldier the ability to engage a target, then you can probably reduce the number of forward observers on the battlefield."

The Global Information Grid, a network that connects Soldiers with platforms and command and control systems, is another factor on whether advanced equipment will be able to replace artillerymen.

"We will always need artillerymen, because they do more than just call for fires," Haithcock said. "They will have to do the planning and execution and have the expertise to figure out how to support maneuver commander's plan."

Editor's note: Staff Sgt. Michael Lavigne from *Soldiers Radio and Television* contributed to this article.

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TF Olympia Soldier Dies From Injuries Following Grenade Attack

MOSUL, Iraq — One Soldier assigned to Task Force Olympia died April 28 from wounds following a hand grenade attack west of Mosul just before 7 p.m. April 27. Three other Soldiers were wounded in the attack.

Three Soldiers were transported to the 67th Combat Support Hospital in Mosul. One of these Soldiers later succumbed to wounds and died in the hospital April 28. A fourth Soldier was provided with medical treatment and has been returned to duty.

The identity of the Soldier who died is withheld pending next-of-kin notification.

One Marine Killed In Action

CAMP FALLUJAH, Iraq — One Marine assigned to the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force was killed in action while conducting operations against anti-Coalition forces in the Al Anbar Province April 26.

I MEF force protection measures preclude the release of any information that could aid enemy personnel in assessing the effectiveness or lack thereof with regard to their tactics, techniques and procedures. The release of more details about the incident could place our personnel at greater risk.

The name of the deceased is being withheld pending next-of-kin notification.

Soldier Killed By Anti-Coalition Gunmen

BAGHDAD, Iraq — One Task Force Baghdad Soldier was killed and another wounded when their patrol came under small-arms fire in east Baghdad April 27.

The Soldier died after being hit with an initial burst of gunfire that erupted from the second floor of a building. Another Soldier was wounded slightly in the incident.

The patrol immediately established a cordon of the building, and searched the premises, detaining 12 Iraqis.

The wounded Soldier received treatment and was returned to duty. The name of the Soldier killed is being withheld pending the next-of-kin notification.

The incident is under investigation.



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