

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

Stewart celebrates being Number 1

Spc. Robert Adams
Staff writer

A ceremony was held at Marne Garden Friday to celebrate Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield winning the 2004 Commander in Chief's Annual Award for Installation excellence and the Chief of Staff of the Army, Army Communities of Excellence Award installation awards.

Both awards and a \$1 million check were presented to the installation in Washington, D.C. May 6 and 7.

"These are awards of substance," said Col. John M. Kidd, Stewart garrison commander. "It is an award based on how hard our installation works to deploy and train Soldiers, take care of families, the environment and to better our installation so it can provide for the fight to provide liberty for America."

"The road to receive this award began almost 12 years ago when the division started strategically planning for the future, with continuous improvement as the theme," said Maj. Gen. William G. Webster, 3rd Infantry Division commanding general at the ceremony. "The installation's most valuable asset is its very professional, confident and dedicated civilian workforce which is second to none."

The civilian staff has come up with new and innovative ways to take care of Soldiers and families.

"We focused on strategic planning, leadership planning, awareness and performance, and the way we measure what we are doing to see where we need to improve," Janet Blanks, chief plans analysis and integration. "We used the Malcolm Baldrige Quality Award criterion which teaches how to become most efficient and effective and to provide the best quality of life for our customers, Soldier's and families," Blanks said.

Representatives from the community also gathered at Marne Garden to celebrate the awards.

"We could not accomplish all of this without the great partners and supporters in the community," Webster said.

"Our local communities are our best partners in providing for the welfare of our families, looking after our Soldiers and assisting in training and deploying them for the fight," Kidd added.

Stewart and Hunter competed against 188 organizations for the ACOE award and 552 for the CINC award this year.

"This is a difficult challenge because we



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Maj. Gen. William G. Webster, 3 Inf. Div. commanding general, and Col. John M. Kidd, Stewart garrison commander hold up a \$1 million check received for winning the ACOE award at the awards ceremony held at Marne gardens.

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Motions denied

Florida National Guardsman Staff Sgt. Camilo Mejia, who is accused of deserting his unit in Iraq, and his attorney Louis Font are interviewed by CBS Miami correspondent Michael Kirsch after the first session of his court-martial Wednesday. All three motions to dismiss his charges were denied by military judge Col. Gary W. Smith.

Spc. Jimmy D. Lane Jr.

Savannah preps for G-8 Summit

Staff Sgt. Craig Zentkovich
NCOIC, Hunter Public Affairs Office

The G-8 Summit on Sea Island, Ga., is set to begin June 8 — less than three weeks from now.

The City of Savannah will play host to thousands of officials, support staff and media from the eight-plus nations participating in the summit.

The highest priority and greatest concern of the city, according to Mayor Otis S. Johnson, is the safety and security of all Savannah residents as well as that of the visiting parties.

"Since the announcement that Savannah would host the G-8 media center ... the top priority has been public safety," Johnson said. "(Savannah) has prepared for the worst case scenario, and we're hoping for the best."

In past G-8 Summits, protestors have descended on host cities and surrounding metropolitan areas to voice their concerns over the summit. In some cases demonstrations have turned violent, but that doesn't deter Johnson from welcoming them into the city.

"I would love to see demonstrators come to town and exercise their freedoms," Johnson said. "Our goal (regarding protestors) is to protect their freedom of speech and right to demonstrate, and protect the citizens and

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Pic. Emily J. Danial

Col. Mark E. McKnight, incoming 1st UA commander, and Maj. Gen. William G. Webster, 3rd Inf. Div. commanding general, review 1st UA command, led by Col. William Grimsley, in formation during a change of command ceremony Friday at Cottrell Field.

Grimsley turns over Raiders to McKnight

Pfc. Emily J. Danial
Staff writer

Col. William F. Grimsley, 1st Unit of Action Raiders commander, passed his unit's colors into the hands of Col. Mark E. McKnight in a change of command ceremony Friday at Cottrell Field.

"Today marks another milestone in this brigade," said Maj. Gen. William G. Webster Jr., 3rd Infantry Division commanding general. "(Grimsley) is one of the best commanders with whom I have served ... a superb leader of a fine team, and he has the potential to lead in this Army for many years to come."

Grimsley, who has led the Raiders since 2002 and fought with them throughout operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, said he found it diffi-

cult to express the way he felt upon leaving his Soldiers.

"It's impossible to sum up in words the emotions running through me today as I put the past two years of my life in command of this tremendous unit behind me," he said. "I've heard hundreds of speeches at ceremonies talking about the bitter-sweet feeling of passing the colors, and I understand that."

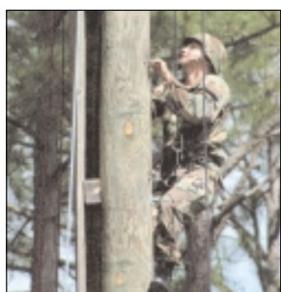
"The over-arching emotion I feel, however, is pride," Grimsley continued. "Pride in the accomplishments of the Soldiers representing their units on the field today, pride in the team known as the Raider Brigade Combat Team, pride in our part of the great Marne team who fought to liberate

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SAT	High 88°	Low 68°
SUN	High 90°	Low 67°

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Photos by Pfc. Ricardo Branch

1st Lt. John Cran, executive officer for B Co., rappels down the tower on a fast brake line. The Soldiers of the 92nd Eng. Bn. conducted rappel tower training to get some Soldiers up to speed on tasks they haven't done in a long time and experience something different.

Engineers take on rappel tower

Pfc. Ricardo Branch

Staff Writer

Soldiers from B Company, 92nd Engineer Battalion conducted rappel tower training May 14 at Fort Stewart.

"The unit has never done this type of training before," said Capt. Stuart Greer, B Co. commander.

Greer said the company conducted the exercise to get training they may not normally have the opportunity to do.

"I think as we get called to do different things, we need to expose Soldiers as much as possible to different types of training before all the resources become tied up," Greer said.

Prior to rappelling, Soldiers learned the safe way to secure a harness, as well as the proper methods to rappel.

"Soldiers need to be careful when rappelling and make sure they have the proper knots secured on their harness to ensure they don't become a danger on the

tower to themselves or others," said retired Sgt. Maj. Miguel Roblez, Youth Challenge Academy Commandant and safety instructor.

Roblez said that improperly secured harnesses might cause a serious problem when rappelling.

"If the knots are not done properly, they can cut off the circulation to a limb or become undone," Roblez said.

After the briefing, Soldiers were harnessed on to ropes on the rappel tower by carabiners, clamps used for climbing and rappelling, then climbed up a long ladder to the top of the tower to rappel down.

"I think this (rappelling) is really good training. It's fun and lots of people have not done this type of thing since basic training," said B Co.'s Spc. Adam Schwarzer.

Nearly 60 Soldiers participated in the exercise, jumping down with fast brakes or slow brakes in one or more bounds down the tower.

"Our (Military Occupation Specialty) doesn't expose us to things like this," Schwarzer said. "Any training that exposes people to different work, outside their normal area, is good because you'll be a little more well-rounded as a Soldier."

"Rappelling is not a difficult thing to relearn, it's fun and easy and an excellent way to train and have fun also," Roblez said.

Greer said the rappel training was a first for the engineers, who all valued the training, which helped them enjoy themselves, as well as, work at the same time.

"This is really great stuff because you never know when you are on a building or helicopter and need to get down very fast," said Spc. Timothy Hastings, B Co., 92nd Eng. Bn.

Greer said, "People don't think about the good training opportunities on Stewart. The rappel tower is one of those opportunities to train on something different and have a good time."



Pfc. Andrew Murray, climbs the ladder to jump off the rappel tower.



Roblez checks the harness on Spc. Timothy Hastings to see if it's secure prior to going down the rappel tower May 14.

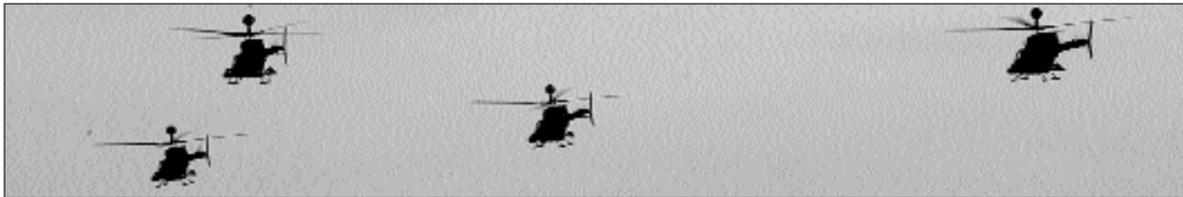


Retired Sgt. Maj. Miguel Roblez briefs the Soldiers of B Co., 92nd Eng. Bn. on the correct safety procedures of rappelling.



Sgt. James T. Lowe, B. Co. squad leader, rappels off the tower.

'Scattered to the winds...'



Four 3/7 Cav. OH-58D Kiowas roar away from Wright Army Airfield for the last time May 11.

Air Cav. leads modular reorganization

Pfc. Ben Brody

Associate Editor

As waves of OH-58D Kiowas took to the air at Fort Stewart's Wright Army Airfield May 11, aviators from 3rd Squadron, 7th Cavalry bid them farewell forever.

The reconnaissance aircraft are moving permanently to Fort Campbell, Ky. as part of Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker's plan to reorganize the 3rd Infantry Division and the 101st Airborne Division into modular units of action.

The Air Cavalry Soldiers will move on to assignments with other units, some with 101st Abn. Div., according to Chief Warrant Officer 5 Warren Aylworth of Aviation Brigade.

"After they fly to Campbell, the pilots will come back briefly, then the unit will sort of scatter to the winds," Aylworth said as he watched three of the small helicopters fly into the morning clouds.

Soldiers snapped photos with the Kiowas, and some brought their families to see the pilots off.

"It's kind of a sad day for me to see the birds go," said Chief Warrant Officer 2 Jamie McGinity, a maintenance test pilot with E Troop, 3/7 Cav. "I've been with 3/7 since flight school four years ago and flown on all the deployments since then."

McGinity said during Operation Iraqi Freedom, the Air Cav. played a crucial role in reconnaissance and fire support.

"We were the eye in the sky for our squadron in Iraq — we can see much farther than the tanks can," McGinity said. "We just went out and did our job. We didn't think it was anything special, but the ground units all said they were glad we were up there."



Photos by Pfc. Ben Brody

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Heather Rowley of 3/7 Cav. buckles up before flying to Fort Campbell, Ky.

The Kiowa's unique role as a reconnaissance helicopter will be filled in the short-term by AH-64D Apache Longbows from 1st Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment at Hunter Army Airfield, according to 1/3 Commander Lt. Col. Dan Williams.

"We've got more Apaches coming from (Fort Bragg, N.C.) to fill out the attack battalion's recon roles, but there may be a new aircraft on the horizon," Williams said. "It's a bittersweet time for us, but exciting too. Those birds will be back in Iraq within a year."

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Things

You Can Do to Help the Environment



- 1. Use water-based paints.**
- 2. Recycle your household trash.**
- 3. Compost yardwaste.**
- 4. Plant trees.**
- 5. Conserve energy.**
- 6. Buy non-aerosol products.**
- 7. Carpool.**
- 8. Keep your car engine tuned.**
- 9. Recycle used motor oil.**
- 10. Choose less packaging.**

VOICES AND VIEWPOINTS

FROM THE SECRETARY AND CHIEF OF STAFF:

Never in recent memory have our Army Values, the Soldier's Creed, and our Warrior Ethos been more important for us to reflect upon than today. Our Army is serving our Nation with great courage and honor during very dangerous times. We enjoy great support and the confidence of the American People, whom we serve, and we are respected around the globe.

In view of current events, we must re-double our efforts—hold our heads high—and drive on to accomplish our individual tasks and collective missions. Integrity is non-negotiable. Everyone has leadership responsibilities when it comes to the Legal, Moral, and Ethical. Discipline is doing what's right when no one is watching.

We are proud of you and our Army. Drive on!

Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker
Chief of Staff of the Army

R.L. Brownlee
Acting Secretary of the Army



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Lane Down Range

Watching your battle buddy's back

Spc. Jimmy D. Lane Jr.

Staff Writer

Taking care of Soldiers and watching your buddy's back is a task that should not be taken lightly. Not doing these things can create an environment of disdain among Soldiers, and may affect you when you need them most.

I am going to confess some evil deeds that I committed in my career against other Soldiers to give you an idea of what lengths a man will go to when he is blue-falconed by his fellow Soldiers.

In basic training I was always the guy who volunteered for details. I pulled fire guard, roving guard, command of quarters desk detail and any other detail that was shy a few bodies.

Pulling these details meant that I would get in from work after everyone else was already engaged in personal hygiene. Even though I worked so that these Soldiers could enjoy time off, I got stuck with a cold shower for about six weeks.

I asked my battle buddies to help me with the details, but received no positive response.

So I became vengeful, and devised a little prank. Anyone who remembers basic and advanced individual training knows that at shower time, the shower

room would fill up with Soldiers in their birthday suits waiting for a Soldier to get out so they could hop in.

Being the resourceful Soldier that I was, I found where the circuit breaker box was located.

I waited until the shower room was full of naked Soldiers, ran to the breaker box, and shut off the lights.

Can you imagine the chaos that ensued? A wave of homophobia swept the room, and 50 Soldiers screamed like little school-girls. Needless to say, they all ran out into the well-lit hall. That is when I switched on the breaker and slipped into the shower for a much deserved hot shower.

Another method of clearing the shower was to find the hot and cold water pipe shutoff. This preserver of hot water was located right above the urinals in the latrine. The pipe shutoff technique was much more effective, because many soldiers would assume that the hot water had run out, and would drive on and take a cold one. After the last frigid body emerged from the shower, I would open the

Commentary



hot water valve and stroll in to take a hot shower at my leisure.

AIT was better, because the Soldiers were a little more mature about sharing the shower privileges, not to mention that we had about an hour longer to conduct hygiene.

But there was always the guy who would refuse to do his cleaning detail. The fact that the detail was not done to standard when the drill sergeant inspected the latrines led to Soldiers not receiving weekend passes.

I really worked hard and eventually became the floor-cleaning leader for the male floors. This position enabled me with the right to wake a Soldier up out of a dead sleep at 3 a.m. to supervise the scrubbing of toilets until I approved the job. By teaching one Soldier responsibility, I took care of two platoons of Soldiers at the same time.

In growing I became more mature in dealing with problems that faced me.

Being the smart Soldier I am, I decided to get married to enjoy the quiet life with plenty of hot showers and weekends enjoying my time off. Once again I was

fooled.

Entering the bathroom at the Lane residence requires a boatload of tact, because after 1 p.m. getting in is about as easy as breaching the Ardennes section of the Maginot Line. Once again I have prevailed in the face of extreme opposition.

It seems my vixen is attracted by the ringing of a telephone, and will emerge from any stronghold to pursue the sound. I simply call my home phone from a cellular phone. When she races to answer the call, I slip in from across the hall, brace a high-backed chair against the door to thwart the old screwdriver lock-picking device, and settle down to enjoy the confines of the latrine at my convenience.

The point is to share what you have and take care of your Soldiers sternly or softly, whatever the situation demands. If you know your buddy is pulling guard duty, make sure he has eaten or had a chance to use the latrine. If you have a soldier who fails to meet the standard, take some extra time to train the Soldier to meet the standard.

Avoid undermining morale by taking care of each other and subordinates. If not, a conspiracy to reduce your comfort levels may be in the works.

Marne Voice

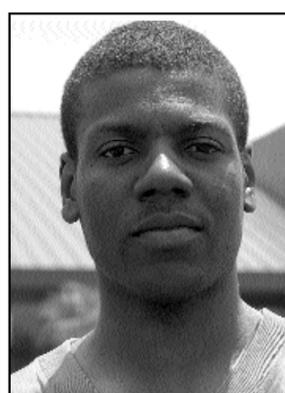
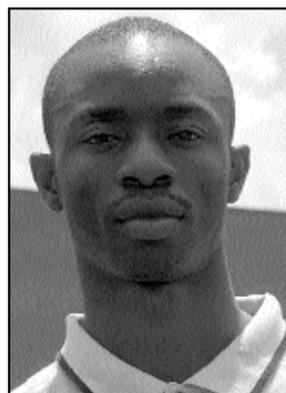
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Readers respond to the question:

What is one way to keep cool in the Georgia summer?

"Get court-martialed; you'll get all the air-conditioning you want."

DeAnthony Rosser
Military Spouse



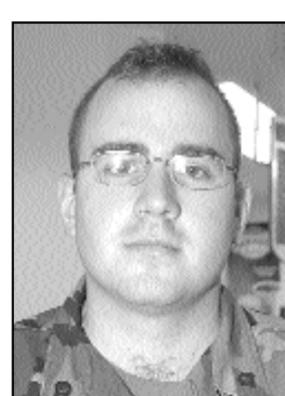
"Don't use too much A/C; you'll get dependent on it."

Spc. James Burns
1/111 Avn.



"Don't go to work."

Spc. Luke Bartley
1/3 ADA



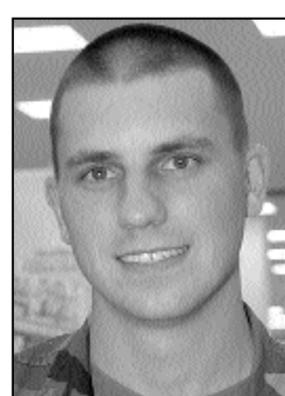
"Go boating."

Spc. Matthew Goeckel
351st MP Bn.



"Stay indoors."

Pfc. Tammy Wilcox
2/3 Avn.



"Drink water."

Spc. Christopher Burton
2/3 Avn.

Islam: Respect the faith, not the fanatics

By Staff Sgt. Russell Bassett
Special to the Frontline

FORT EUSTIS, Va. — Religion is never a very easy topic to talk about. It tends to divide more than it unites.

Religion gets to the heart of what we believe and what we value, and strong emotions are wrapped around those beliefs and values. Even atheists strongly defend their right not to believe in God.

Down through history, religion has been used to justify great injustices, including war and genocide.

Today, one religion — Islam — is facing close scrutiny as its radical fringe terrorizes the world through violent attacks.

The White House has gone to great pains to ensure the War on Terrorism is not seen as a clash of religions. President George Bush made a point of praising Islam as "a religion of peace." He invited Muslim clerics to the White House for Ramadan dinners and criticized

evangelicals who call Islam a dangerous faith.

One such evangelist, Franklin Graham, son of Billy Graham wrote, "Islam — unlike Christianity — has among its basic teachings a deep intolerance of those who follow other faiths."

That Islam has produced its share of fanatics should come as no surprise. Every religion has its extremists, Christianity included, and there can be no denying that militant Islam's rigid and intolerant orthodoxy is making the world a more dangerous place.

But is Islam itself the reason for terrorism, or is it something else? Has the backlash against terrorism created intolerance for Islam? And are those of us in the military doing enough to ensure that Muslims in uniform are enjoying the same tolerance of their faith as those from different religions?

Islam is the second largest religion in the world, totaling more than 1.3 billion believers. Less than

20 percent of the Muslims in the world are Arab, and all Arab countries have populations that believe in other religions. Indonesia has the world's largest Islamic population — 88 percent of citizens are Muslim.

In the United States, Islam is the fastest growing religion. There are currently five to seven million Muslims who are U.S. citizens.

There is also a substantial number of Muslims in the U.S. military; between 10,000 and 20,000 U.S. service members consider themselves followers of Islam.

In the U. S. Army, Muslims are afforded the same rights to worship as any other religion.

"The Army tries to accommodate different religions," said Col. Hanson Boney, Fort Eustis chaplain. "There have been Muslims in the Army for the past 40 years. There are times we can't accommodate religions, like in times of war, but Muslims have no harder time worshipping in the Army than any other religion."

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Finance, personnel troops go tactical

Training exercise helps sharpen Soldier's skills

Sgt. R. James Piper

Staff Writer

Keeping Soldier's pay and providing human resource services is the bread and butter of the 3rd Soldier Support Battalion, and when the 3rd Infantry Division deploys, the 3rd SSB will be with them.

The battalion conducted a training exercise May 10 through Friday to help the Soldiers prepare for the tactical side of their mission.

"The benefits of this training is we will be able to support the 3rd Infantry Division in any situation," said 3rd SSB Command Sergeant Major Greta Penor. "We can totally focus on the training out here."

The day-to-day mission of the companies of the 3rd SSB doesn't change too much. In the field, the mission is to provide finance and personnel services, but the way they accomplish that mission changes, and there are some jobs they only do in the field.

A Company, 3rd SSB is made up of financial specialists and work to keep Soldiers' pay on track and starting entitlements, such as combat zone pay and tax-free status, said Capt. Brian Doerr, A Co. commander.

"There are more than 19,000 Soldiers in the division, and we have to make sure that their pay is correct," said Capt. Santoshia Gardner, financial support operations officer in charge.

One of the major differences when deployed or training is the companies have the capabilities to send out teams to units to meet personnel or finance needs.

"We're flexible with our teams. Based on the mission and threat guidance, we can tailor a team to send out to support a unit," Doerr said.

One of the purposes of the finance teams is to provide check-cashing services in the form of casual pay and exchanging foreign currency. To provide this service, the battalion has to have the necessary funds on hand.

The disbursing tent ran by 1st Lt. Tayonia Williams, 3rd SSB disbursing officer, is the central focus for all disbursements of cash.

Anywhere from \$50,00 to a \$100,000 can be held at the tent and is used to pay contractors, conduct pay missions, exchange currency and run weapons for cash programs.

B Co. takes care of the personnel side of the house and tackles many of the same tasks while in the field as they do in garrison.

Some of the services the company provides are managing Soldiers records, promotion packets and personnel actions.

"Personnel support is important, because once units are stable in theater, they can begin to think about promotions, which is a morale booster," said Capt. Darin Haas, B Co. commander.

C Co., stationed at Hunter Army Airfield, performs the same missions as A and B Co.

The one big difference for the Soldiers of the 3rd SSB is communication.

"When you are in garrison you have a hard site and have more communication capability than you need," Haas said. "Here you get what you need to get the job done."

All of the companies had to work together during the exercise, and when a mission came, both finance and personnel Soldiers would go out together.

If additional Soldiers or vehicles were needed to augment a mission, the headquarters company was ready to supply them, according to Capt. Yu Hu, Headquarters and Headquarters Co. commander.

"We're not just dealing with one company when a mission comes. They all have to work together," said Chief Warrant Officer 2 Valerie Brooks, chief of personnel operations for 3rd SSB. "It's like one big hand because all of the parts have to work together to accomplish the mission."

Part of the training focused not only on the Soldiers' job skills, but also on tactical skills.

"The big benefit of the FTX is we focused 60 percent of the training on tactical troop movement," said Lt. Col. William Johnson, 3rd SSB commander.

The missions took the Soldiers out of their secure base camp where they encountered attacks by the opposing force and improvised explosive devices.

"The Army has encountered a lot of IEDs so we are training our Soldiers to see and react to them," Doerr said.

While on a mission, the Soldiers have to be aware of what's going on around them and fight if necessary.

"The teams go out in convoys so we have to know how to protect ourselves," Brooks said. "We have to be multifunctional."

Pfc. Jeffrey Martin, a finance specialist with A Co., echoed Brooks statement. He said, "You can have your MOS, but you have to be ready and train in both areas."



Sgt. R. James Piper

Spc. Mie Hla, a finance specialist with C Co., 3rd SSB, counts out money for a casual pay transaction during the 3rd SSB's training exercise Friday.

Mass casualty exercise comes to Hunter

Staff Sgt. Craig Zentkovich

NCOIC, Hunter Public Affairs Office

Medics from Winn Army Community Hospital and Tuttle Health Clinic joined other healthcare professionals from the region at Hunter Army Airfield to participate in a mass casualty exercise May 13.

The exercise was part of Lifesaver '04 — a medical exercise involving military and civilian healthcare professionals from the Hunter, Fort Gordon, Ga. and Fort Jackson, S.C. areas.

"This is one of the largest mass disaster exercises ever," said John Donohue, Southeast Regional Medical Command homeland security coordinator. "It extends as far west as Houston."

Under real world conditions, the Federal Emergency Management Agency would notify the appropriate regional Disaster Medical Assistance Teams to respond to the incident.

Two DMATs were on site at the airfield. They were made up of volunteers — doctors and nurses from Atlanta and Augusta area hospitals.

The goal of the exercise, according to Donohue, was to gauge the joint response to a national terrorist incident at a heads-of-state golf tournament on Jekyll Island, Ga.

"We're trying to train the agencies in a worst-case-scenario setting," he said. "For this, 100 casualties (70 human, 30 mannequin) are airlifted to Hunter,

given initial care by the DMATs, and transported via C-130 to Augusta.

"From there, they'll be sent to different area hospitals for treatment — this actually happened or will happen today."

He added that realism was a necessity.

"The (human and mannequin) casualties all had realistic, simulated wounds and ailments for the doctors and nurses to treat, and that really helps in the training."

Following initial treatment from the DMAT personnel, the human casualties (Soldiers from Gordon) were transported on litters by WACH and Tuttle soldiers, and loaded into the C-130 for a flight back to their installation.

"This helps medics sustain transport training they've received," said Sgt. Nicole Prescott, Tuttle primary care medic. "As Army medics in this type of situation, that's our mission."

Prescott added that events like this are good for medics who've only worked hospitals and clinics in the Army.

"There's a lot of medics that are here and it's their first duty station. This gives them exposure to field training — it's a great opportunity to cross train."

According to Donohue, that was the entire point of the exercise — training.

"Exercises like (Lifesaver '04) are going to challenge the system to see where the problems are, and that's great," Donohue said. "That's how you learn and that's how you get good."



Photos by Staff Sgt. Craig Zentkovich

A "casualty" of a "terrorist incident" on Jekyll Island is unconscious while awaiting transport to a medical center outside Fort Gordon, Ga., May 13.



A sea of "wounded" await an aircraft to take them to Augusta, Ga., for further treatment at area hospitals and clinics. Multiple agencies and installations from Georgia and South Carolina took part in the mass casualty exercise.



A "casualty" is loaded into an Air Force C-130 during the Southeast Regional Medical Command mass casualty exercise at Hunter.

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private property of Savannah.”

Maj. Willie Lovett, Savannah-Chatham County Metropolitan Police G-8 incident commander concurs.

“We need to make sure the protestors rights aren't abused and they're not abusing anyone else's,” Lovett said. “It's not the police against the protestors like people may think.”

Nevertheless, the SCCMPD has been preparing for any and all situations with intensive training over the past six months.

“There isn't anything that can happen that we can't handle,” Lovett said. “I have all the confidence in the world in our officers and staff.”

Protest organizers looking to hold a demonstration are required to apply for a permit.

“It's the same permit process as everyone who puts on a parade or public gathering in Savannah,” Johnson said. “As responsible public officials, we have a right to know ... how many people plan on doing what, where, when, for how long and why.”

Though Johnson is uncertain of how many protestors will be out and about, he hopes that when the summit has passed, the protestors will leave the community just as they found it.

Another concern of the community and local businesses is the impact the summit will have on the city economically. Federal security restrictions on hotels housing G-8 participants may have an initially negative impact on the local economy and tourism industry, but Johnson assures residents that the end will justify the means.

“We are asking people to carry on with business as usual,” he said. “In the long run, thousands of reporters from all over the world are going to write about Savannah — that can only boost our tourism and economy.”

As Savannah prepares for the unknown, the City's proactive approach to handling every “what if?” will be tested next month.

Ultimately, Johnson has a universal message to everyone involved in the G-8. “Come to Savannah, have a good time, safely do what you need to do and go back home.”

G-8 Summit: Stay Safe



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

Possible violent protest day tactics

- **CS (tear gas) canisters** and pepper spray
- **Frozen water balloons**
- **Containers** filled with water, gasoline, urine, blood, ammonia, bleach and battery acid.
- **Smoke bombs** and fireworks

Safety measures for Soldiers in the area

- **Use common sense** so you don't put yourself or your family in a dangerous situation.
- **Avoid areas** where large crowds of demonstrators are assembled.
- **If caught** in an area where protestors are, avoid conflict and keep a low profile.
- **Have a cell phone** handy in case of an emergency.
- **Expect traffic** to be backed up, so be patient.
- **Avoid road rage** against protestors and law enforcement.

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Stewart town meeting addresses post issues

Spc. Jimmy D. Lane Jr.

Staff Writer

Fort Stewart Garrison Directorates held a town meeting with post residents to discuss issues, problems and concerns May 13 at Club Stewart.

Leaders and representatives from Directorate of Information Management, Directorate of Logistics, Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation, Provost Marshal, Staff Judge Advocate, Directorate of Public Works, Army and Air Force Exchange Service, Dental Activities, Medical Department Activities and the Commissary were available to answer questions and issue information to the residents in attendance.

Mayors from the different housing areas attended the meeting and were praised by Col. John M. Kidd, garrison commander.

"These are unpaid positions, and we really appreciate all the support and hard work that you do for the Soldiers and their families," Kidd said.

The mayors brought forth the concerns of their neighbors on issues such as loud music, curfew, child neglect, and speeding in the housing area to the attention of Lt.

Col. John M. Huey, provost marshal.

"With the help of residents, we can find out who these children belong to and track down their parents," Huey said. "As far as speeding and loud music go, we are not allowed by the magistrate to take money from Soldiers. We can only give them a ticket that has to be followed up by their chain of command."

"Many times when these teenagers see a patrol car, they take off running," he continued. "We now have our bike patrol going through these neighborhoods, and they can get to places regular patrol cars can't."

Plans for protecting Soldier's best interests were also discussed, and SJA had a possible solution to problems Soldiers and residents were facing from civilian businesses.

"We look forward to reenergizing the (Armed Forces Disciplinary Control Board) for businesses that prey on Soldiers and their families," Said Col. William A. Hudson Jr., staff judge advocate. "We will make those businesses off limits to Soldiers, not only around Stewart but also in Savannah."

Kidd talked about improvements to the

Fort Stewart garrison area and asked the residents to help out by reporting the problems they see.

"Don't assume that we have a guy riding around in a truck looking for problems in the housing area," Kidd said. "We need everyone's help in calling these issues to our attention."

Command Sgt. Maj. Luis Garcia, garrison command sergeant major, voiced his concern on disabled vehicles on post and doing maintenance on vehicles in the housing area.

"We are in the process of towing vehicles that have been in the same place for a long time," Garcia said. "We obviously have problems with a lack of parking spaces on post, and by removing these vehicles hopefully it will help to clear this problem up. Unfortunately we only have one tow truck. If I could keep this guy working 24 hours a day I would."

Other issues that were addressed were the lack of parking spaces at the hospital and the transition of all hard copy medical records to electronic files.

"We have dedicated 300 spaces for patient parking," said Col. Joe Barthel, Winn Army Community Hospital com-

mander. "We have about 780 spaces at the hospital now, and about 1200 workers, so you can do the math and see the problem. We were able to clear up some of the parking problems with the help of the (military police). We are currently working with the garrison on getting a gravel-packed lot for the workers. As of now they are parking across the street in the field."

"All our records are going to electronic files," he continued. "This is a much better system, but we need to get physicians and nurses trained on this system. This takes away from the time they have for appointments, so we have to ask that everyone be patient, because it is worth it in the long run."

The directorates could fix not all the issues, but any issue that was put forth was discussed and solutions were considered.

"These meetings are a good way for residents to voice their concerns directly to the people responsible for handling them," said Vickie Wiginton, a volunteer coordinator. "This is an awesome way for the community to direct issues to directorates without dealing with all the red tape."

Focus TF linking joint virtual training to 'box'

Gary Sheffick

Special to the Frontline

WASHINGTON — Transformation at the Army's combat training centers has accelerated to support the Global War on Terror while driving a cultural shift toward a campaign-quality Army with joint and expeditionary capabilities.

That is the message from Brig. Gen. Timothy D. Livsey, the deputy commanding general for training at the Combined Arms Center, Fort Leavenworth, Kan. Livsey also heads up the Army's CTC Focus Area Task Force, which developed the implementation plan to change the Army's capstone training program.

Lessons learned in Iraq and Afghanistan are being injected into CTC training scenarios in "almost near real time," said Livsey. "If an (improvised explosive device) goes off over there or an ambush happens, we're feeding that to trainers and to the units getting ready to deploy."

This streamlined delivery of lessons learned, Livsey said, has an impact on all training rotations at the Army's CTCs. The maneuver box or "dirt" CTCs include the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif.; the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, La.; and the Combat Maneuver Training Center at Hohenfels, Germany. These focus at the tactical maneuver brigade level. The Battle Command Training Program is also part of the CTC program, and provides simulation-assisted command post exercises for brigade and higher-level

organizations.

The CTC training is full spectrum, Livsey said, meaning leaders and Soldiers train not only on offensive and defensive warfighting, but also stability operations — often concurrently.

The Army is also linking battles on the ground at its three maneuver CTCs with simulation-supported training at Fort Leavenworth, the Joint Warfighting Center in Suffolk, Va., and other simulation centers. This distributive training network was enabled by the recently established DoD Joint National Training Capability, or JNTC, Livsey said. He said this "realistic live-virtual-constructive training environment" will better prepare deploying units to operate as part of a joint, interagency, and multinational force as they face "unpredictable and highly adaptive enemies."

The CTC/BCTP Focus Area Task Force was charged by Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker to "rescope the CTC program to train in a joint context."

Livsey said the task force includes representatives from all major commands, and ranks range from generals to junior observer-controllers at dirt CTCs. It also includes retirees who have participated in BCTP exercises, troops who recently returned from Iraq, and many Soldiers who submitted ideas through a collaborative Web site.

"The Web site was an enabler that saved time and kept us from locking people in a room for five weeks and throwing pizzas under the door," according to Livsey.



Pfc. Ben Brody

Soldiers from 2nd UA, 3rd Inf. Div. train at NTC.

"We work very closely with (Joint Forces Command) in creating architectures that are joint," Livsey said.

For instance, during an NTC rotation, about 5,400 blue force soldiers pop up on a common operational picture screen at JFCOM headquarters in Suffolk.

"If you look at some of the databases we build for both constructive and virtual training, you're going to see many similarities," Livsey said. "We're continuing to mature and advance, and the catalyst is the JNTC program," emphasizing that the Joint National Training Capability is really a global capability.

As the CTC/BCTP Focus Area Task Force developed its implementation plan toward training in a joint context, Livsey said it was also influenced by other focus areas — specifically, Task Force Modularity.

The Combined Arms Center for Training is now developing training models for modular units and defining the specific effects that units must experience at the CTCs to understand the joint context in which they will be expected to fight. BG stated that a new CAC-T white paper on training in a joint context recognizes that other services need to be involved in both maneuver CTC and BCTP rotations, along with interagency and multinational participation. For example, the paper states that in the future, joint fires at the centers may be delivered by air, land, naval, special operations forces and even space assets, instead of primarily Air Force assets as is the case now.

"The synergies we get are very positive," according to Livsey. He said that the synergy between simulations and live training in the CTCs will be used to train the Army's new units of action and units of employment as divisions restructure upon returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.

"We're working now on an expansion of the CTCs' responsibilities to help units reset faster, and get ready for the next deployment. Training in a multi-echelon manner is more important than ever."

Up until now, the Battle Command Training Program has focused primarily on corps and division staffs (except for National Guard units) and the dirt CTCs have focused on brigade combat teams.

"We're actually collating the formerly separate levels of training responsibility — both BCTP and the dirt CTCs will have a piece of the training of the units of action," Livsey said.

Because we'll be a "plug and play" modular force in the future, commanders will have to adapt to working with unfamiliar units on short notice, Livsey said. For example, while training the unit of employment or UEX at Fort Stewart, an exercise could pull in units of action from other locations, such as Fort Campbell, Ky., or Fort Drum, N.Y.

Livsey would actually like to train each UA's command and staff element through a simulation-supported BCTP CPX prior to a "dirt" rotation, which will train the entire unit. Resources will be the determining factor though, he said.

"There are no bad training ideas out there, but there's a finite amount of dollars," Livsey said. His staff is currently trying to procure resources for the CTCs six years out.

Livsey said commands in the future must be capable of conducting "simultaneous, full-spectrum operations." For instance, one battalion in the brigade could be engaged in a full-intensity fight; another unit in the same brigade could be keeping lines of supply open; still another could be doing humanitarian support.

"In other words, you've got to be able to do it all," Livsey said, adding that's what must be replicated in training. He said units must leave CTC with the ability to face the full spectrum, especially to defeat an enemy in a major combat operation.

New commanders take reins at Stewart

Pfc. Ricardo Branch

Staff Writer

Fort Stewart welcomed five new commanders last week during four change of command ceremonies here.

3rd Infantry Division's Aviation Brigade welcomed a new commander as they said goodbye to the outgoing commander May 10 at Stewart.

Col. Ronald D. Tuggle took command from outgoing Aviation Brigade commander Col. Curtis D. Potts.

Potts was the commander of Aviation Brigade since July 2002. He subsequently deployed his brigade in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom from August 2002 thru July 2003.

Tuggle is coming to Stewart from Objective Force Task Force, Washington D.C.

Some of Tuggle's other assignments include positions in the following units: 3rd Squadron, 6th Cavalry, Fort Hood, TX; Joint Readiness Training Center, Fort Polk, La; 1st Squadron, 6th Cavalry, Camp Eagle Korea; and Army G-3 (Army Initiatives Group), Objective Force Task Force, Washington D.C.

11th Engineer Battalion welcomed a new commander in a change of command ceremony May 11 at Cottrell Field.

Lt. Col. Douglas L. Victor took command from outgoing 11th Engineer Battalion (combat) commander Lt. Col. Thomas P. Smith.

Smith was commander of 11th Engineers since June 2002 and led the battalion during

Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Victor is coming to Stewart from Fort Drum, N.Y., where he was the assistant division engineer and battalion executive officer in the 41st Engineer battalion, 10th Mountain Division.

Some of Victor's other assignments include: engineer observer/controller for the Joint Readiness Training Center, Fort Polk, La., and assistant division engineer and battalion executive officer in the 41st Engineer Battalion, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, N.Y.

3rd Forward Support Battalion welcomed their new commander as they said goodbye to outgoing commander May 12 at Cottrell Field.

Lt. Col. William K. Boyett took command from outgoing 3rd FSB commander Lt. Col. Bobby Towery.

Towery took command of 3rd FSB on June 7, 2002 and since that time he has deployed to the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif., Kuwait in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Boyett is coming to Stewart from Human Resources Command, formerly PERSCOM, where he served as an assignments officer for the Ordnance Branch.

Some of Boyett's other assignments include: troop commander in the 1st Special Forces Operational Detachment-Delta, DISCOM operations officer, 1st Infantry Division (Mechanized), Kitzingen, Germany, and support operations officer



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Lt. Col. William K. Boyett and his staff salute the former 3rd FSB commander Lt. Col. Bobby A. Towery and Col. William F. Grimsley, 1st Bde commander as they walk by during a change of command ceremony at Cottrell Field Wednesday.

and battalion executive officer for the 201st Forward Support Battalion, Vilseck, Germany.

3rd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment also had a change of command ceremony to greet the new incoming command, as well as, say goodbye to the old command May 13 at Cottrell Field.

Lt. Col. Mark D. Wald took command from outgoing 3rd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment commander Lt. Col. Ernest (Rock) Marcone.

Marcone took command of 3rd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment on June 3, 2002 and trained it for war as the advance guard for the 1st Brigade in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Wald's other assignments include: commander of Delta company, 3rd Battalion, 37th Armor Regiment, and HHC 2nd Bde., Fort Riley, Kan., tactical officer for company I-2 and 3rd Battalion, 2nd Regiment, USCC at West Point, Va., and S3 for 1st Battalion, 63rd Armor Regiment, Vilseck Germany, brigade S3 for 2nd Brigade.

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Pfc. Shaun E. Newton's memorial service held May 13 at Victory Chapel.

ADA pays tribute to fallen Soldier

Pfc. Ricardo Branch

Staff Writer

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 3rd Air Defense Artillery, held a memorial service May 13 at Victory Chapel on Fort Stewart.

The memorial paid tribute to Pfc. Shaun E. Newton II, a fallen Soldier.

"Newton was full of potential and we are now robbed of his presence," said Capt. Christopher Fairley, 1/3 ADA battery commander.

Newton was born to Shaun Newton and Cindy Winslow and raised in East Otto, New York.

Newton attended Basic Training at Fort Benning, Ga.

After Basic Training, Newton went on to Fort Bliss, Tx., for Advanced Individual Training.

After 19 weeks of training, he was awarded

the Military Occupation Specialty 14J, air defense tactical operations center operator. He was trained to detect and identify enemy aircraft.

He was then assigned to the Sentinel Platoon, HHB, 1-3 ADA, where he served as a Sentinel Radar Operator.

"Newton was a good man of principal and proud of being a Soldier," Fairly said.

"Things will be different with him gone and rather than remember how he died, we'll remember Newton by how he lived," Fairly said.

Newton had been in the military for approximately eight months. He arrived at Fort Stewart in May.

His awards and decorations include the National Defense Medal and the Army Service Ribbon.

Newton was posthumously awarded the Army Achievement Medal.

Smith says goodbye to Hunter

Pfc. Emily J. Danial

Staff Writer

Command Sgt. Maj. Mittie A. Smith, Hunter Army Airfield garrison command sergeant major, bid adieu to her Soldiers and colleagues in a farewell ceremony May 12 at Hunter.

A Pittsview, Ala., native, Smith joined the Army in November 1981, six months after graduating from Chavala High School as salutarian, and completed both Basic and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Jackson, S.C., as an administrative specialist.

Lt. Col. Jeffrey J. Goble, garrison commander, was the reviewing officer at the ceremony.

"This is a sad day because we're losing (Smith), but it is a proud day because we can recognize all of her accomplishments," Goble said.

Smith arrived at Hunter in May 2002 in the midst of the flurry of activity that comes with deployment.

"She greased the skids of the power projection platform here at Hunter, and then she brought the 3rd Infantry Division back safely to a proud home," Goble said. "Later on, she took us through the labyrinth of reorganizing the garrison ... she didn't miss a beat."

Some of Smith's past duty

stations are the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command, Yongsan, Korea; Third U.S. Army, Fort McPherson, Ga., and the U.S. Sergeants Major Academy, Fort Bliss, Texas.

She has held many leadership positions in her military career, including Primary Leadership Development Course instructor, senior drill sergeant, chief/adjutant of the Personnel and Administration Division and first sergeant.

"I had never really worked with females since I'd been in the military before I came to Hunter," Goble said. "But once I met Command Sgt. Maj. Smith, it took about 10 seconds for me to forget she was a female, because when you look at her, all you see is Soldier and sergeant major."

"She is an incredible woman," he added. "She's a role model for my three daughters and all the young women in the community."

Among Smith's awards and decorations are the Meritorious Service Medal (fourth oak leaf cluster), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal (fifth OLC), four Noncommissioned Officer Development Ribbons, three Overseas Service Ribbons and the Drill



Pfc. Emily J. Danial

Command Sgt. Maj. Mittie A. Smith speaks at her farewell ceremony on May 12 at Hunter.

Sergeant Badge.

In her final address to her Soldiers and friends, Smith called the farewell ceremony "bittersweet."

"There is no more gratifying position than a command sergeant major of an organization," she said. "I feel honored to have had such a rewarding challenge."

Smith will go on from Hunter to become commandant of the NCO Academy at Fort Stewart, a job Goble said she was hand-picked for.

She thanked her husband, friends and colleagues for their support throughout her term as command sergeant major.

"I am forever indebted to you all," Smith said. "I have grown both personally and professionally for having worked with you ... I pray I have been a bridge-builder and will leave a legacy here."

"Remember you are here to serve, not to be served," she concluded. "Take care of yourselves, your families and your Soldiers."

— ASK THE JUDGE — Duties of executors

1st Lt. Jacob Lilly

Special to the Frontline

Q: What is an executor?

A: When a person dies, the executor is the person responsible for the management and disposition of the property comprising the deceased's estate. Administration of the estate is necessary to ensure that creditors are paid, taxes are filed, and valid title to assets can be transferred to those persons who are entitled to share in the estate. This administrative process is called probate.

Q: What does an executor do?

A: The first thing an executor should do is seek legal advice. An attorney can provide guidance and explain the confusing aspects of the probate process. The basic duties of the executor include collecting and preserving the assets of the estate, paying all of the decedent's debts and expenses of administration including taxes, and distributing the remainder of the estate to those persons entitled to share in the estate.

Q: Whom should I choose to be my executor?

A: In Georgia, any citi-

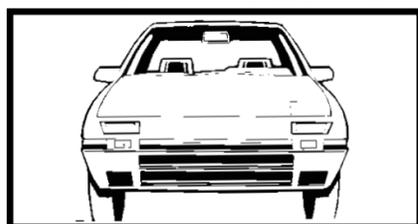
zen or resident alien over the age of 18 and of sound mind may serve as the executor.

However, administration of an estate can be a complex process. The Probate process can last up to twelve months or more, depending upon the complexity of the estate. Only those persons, who are fully capable and committed to fully discharging all of the duties and responsibilities, should be named as executor. It is important to discuss the duties and responsibilities of an executor with the person you choose.

It does not matter if the executor is also a beneficiary named in the will. Spouses and relatives are commonly chosen to act as executors. Friends are also a popular choice. Any of the above would be a good choice because these people are likely to have knowledge of what the deceased owned at the time of death. This makes administration of the estate much easier.

For more information on wills, executors, and the probate process, call the Staff Judge Advocate's Legal Assistance Office at Fort Stewart (767-8809) or Hunter Army Airfield (352-5116).

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ACES

Army Continuing Education System will hold its 27th Combined Commencement Exercise in honor of the candidates for graduation, tonight 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.

Youth Volunteer Program

The deadline to apply for the Summer Youth Volunteer Program is today. Youth ages 14 to 17 interested in volunteering at Winn from June 3 to July 22 can apply. Applications can be picked up 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Volunteer Services Office at Winn. An interview is required. For more information, call 370-6903 or e-mail Brigitte.roberts@se.amedd.army.mil.

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, contact the Special Missions Recruiting Team at sof6.recruiting@us.army.mil.

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.

Volunteers needed

The ACS volunteer coordinator and the installation volunteer coordinator have information about a wide variety of volunteer opportunities in the ACS center and other agencies at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield.

Volunteer orientation at Hunter ACS is the first Thursday of every month, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Volunteers are always welcome and much-needed at ACS.

For more information, call 352-6816.

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.

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.

Hunter Golf Club

The Hunter Golf Club is hosting a Payday Activities Golf Scramble May 28 at 2 p.m.

For more information, call Tommie McArthur at 352-5622.

Swimming pool

The Hunter swimming pool will open daily beginning May 29.

Hours of operation will be from 11:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Vacation sale

The Hunter PX will have a May Vacation Days sale tomorrow through May 27. For more information, call 352-8380.

Sidewalk sale

The Commissary at Hunter will hold a sidewalk sale May 28 through 30.

Spouses golf clinic

There will be a free golf clinic at Hunter Golf Club Tuesday. Civilians are also welcome. Call 352-5622 for information.

Golf sweepstakes

Drive to Win at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield's "Lucky Bucket Sweepstakes 2" promotion. Sharpen your golf skills and win some great prizes in the process. Through June 30, one orange "lucky" ball will be drawn out each week at each golf facility. Win instantly if you find the orange "lucky" ball in the bucket of balls you purchase at the driving range. In addition, an "Enter to Win" sweepstakes form is available for local and national grand prize drawings at the end of the promotion.

The promotion is a Business Programs initiative to help installations "Build Their Business."

For more details about the event, contact Tommy McArthur, golf course manager, at 912-352-5622 or 912-767-2370.

Winn /Tuttle

New Appointment Line

The new appointment line phone number is 370-6633.

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.

Third Party Insurance

Effective July 1, individual's social security numbers will no longer be displayed on health insurance cards in accordance with Georgia Senate Bill 721.

Individuals with private health insurance should contact the Third Party Insurance Office at Winn upon receipt of their unique member identification numbers (policy numbers.) Call the Third Party Insurance Office at 370-6037/6947 for more information.

Tobacco Cessation classes

Tobacco Cessation classes at Winn will be held 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. every Thursday from today

to June 3 or 6 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday until June 1. Tuttle's class will be held 1 to 3 p.m. on Wednesday. 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.

Winn and Tuttle Seek Volunteers

Winn and Tuttle are seeking volunteers to help in general administrative and clinical areas. Volunteers are always welcome and needed. The next Red Cross volunteer orientation will be held 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. June 3. For more information, call 370-6903 or send an email to Brigitte.Roberts@se.amedd.army.mil.

"Take Care of Yourself" Classes

The next "Take Care of Yourself" class at Winn will be held 11 a.m. to noon Wednesday. Tuttle's class will be held 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesday. The class gives an overview of how to use the "Take Care of Yourself" book. Upon completing the class, you will receive a card that allows you to get over-the-counter medications from Winn or Tuttle. To register at Winn, call 368-3048 and to register at Tuttle, call 1-800-652-9221.

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.

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**

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**

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- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 20-year-old male, 2nd Unit of Action
- **Charge:** Speeding 66 mph in 40 mph zone
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private, 21-year-old male, 1st Unit of Action
- **Charges:** Driving on suspension or revocation of license
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private, 21-year-old male, 2nd Unit of Action
- **Charge:** Desertion, surrendered to military authorities
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Specialist, 21-year-old male, Division Artillery
- **Charge:** Wrongful use of cocaine, wrongful use of marijuana
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, Headquarters Command
- **Charge:** Deserter reported
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private, Headquarters Command
- **Charge:** Deserter reported
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Specialist, 27-year-old male, Headquarters Command
- **Charge:** Desertion, surrendered to military authorities
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Specialist, 29-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charge:** Deserter reported
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Staff Sergeant, 41-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charge:** Absent without leave
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private, 22-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Absent without leave, surrendered to military authorities
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Sergeant, 24-year-old male, 2nd Unit of Action
- **Charge:** Desertion, surrendered to military authorities
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private, 22-year-old male, Division Artillery
- **Charges:** Desertion, apprehended by civilian authorities
- **Location:** Westland, MI

- **Subject:** Private, 19-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Desertion, apprehended by civilian authorities
- **Location:** Deltonia, FL

- **Subject:** Private, 18-year-old



- male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Desertion, apprehended by civilian authorities
- **Location:** Daytona Beach, FL

- **Subject:** Private, 19-year-old male, Division Artillery
- **Charge:** Desertion, surrendered to military authorities
- **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

- **Subject:** Specialist, 22-year-old male, 1st Unit of Action
- **Charge:** Failure to appear
- **Location:** Hinesville

- **Subject:** Private, 20-year-old male, Engineer Brigade
- **Charge:** Failure to appear, contempt of court
- **Location:** Hinesville

- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 22-year-old male, 1st Unit of Action
- **Charge:** Failure to appear, contempt of court
- **Location:** Hinesville

- **Subject:** Civilian, 47-year-old female
- **Charge:** Failure to yield right of way
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Specialist, 24-year-old male, Aviation Brigade
- **Charge:** Desertion, surrendered to military authorities
- **Location:** Camp Lejeune, NC

- **Subject:** Specialist, 21-year-old male, Division Support Command
- **Charge:** Deposit account fraud
- **Location:** Hinesville

- **Subject:** Private, 22-year-old

- male, separate battalion
- **Charge:** Wrongful use of marijuana
- **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

- **Subject:** Private, 21-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charge:** Wrongful use of marijuana
- **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

- **Subject:** Sergeant, 33-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charge:** Wrongful use of cocaine
- **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

- **Subject:** Specialist, 25-year-old male, Division Artillery
- **Charge:** Drunken driving, possession of open container, unlawful use of flashing or rotating lights
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 24-year-old male, Division Artillery
- **Charge:** Shoplifting
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** First Lieutenant, 23-year-old male, Aviation Brigade
- **Charge:** Improper right turn
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Civilian, 23-year-old male
- **Charge:** Assault
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Specialist, 26-year-old male, 2nd Unit of Action
- **Charges:** Absent without leave
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Specialist, 33-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Absent without leave,

- surrendered to military authorities
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Civilian, 24-year-old female
- **Charges:** Following too closely
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private, 20-year-old male, 1st Unit of Action
- **Charges:** Equipment/failure to obey lawful order or regulation
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Civilian, 54-year-old male
- **Charges:** Improper backing
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Civilian, 38-year-old male
- **Charges:** Improper backing
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Sergeant, 27-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Improper loadage
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Civilian, 44-year-old male
- **Charges:** Improper backing
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 20-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Following too closely
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 21-year-old female, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Improper lane change
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Specialist, 25-year-old

- male, separate battalion
- **Charge:** Desertion, surrendered to military authorities
- **Location:** McDill Air Force Base

- **Subject:** Specialist, 34-year-old male, 1st Unit of Action
- **Charge:** Absent without leave
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private, 27-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Desertion, apprehended by civilian authorities
- **Location:** Tampa, FL

- **Subject:** Private, 21-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charge:** Failure to appear
- **Location:** Hinesville

- **Subject:** Private, 26-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charge:** Absent without leave
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Civilian, 46-year-old female
- **Charges:** Driving while license suspended
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Staff Sergeant, 30-year-old male, 2nd Unit of Action
- **Charges:** Failure to yield the right of way, driving while license suspended
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private, 20-year-old male, Division Support Command
- **Charges:** Larceny of private property
- **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 23-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charge:** Wrongful use of marijuana
- **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

- **Subject:** Civilian, 47-year-old female
- **Charge:** Failure to use due care
- **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 18-year-old male, Aviation Brigade
- **Charge:** D-cell confinement
- **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 28-year-old male, 1st Unit of Action
- **Charge:** Contempt of court
- **Location:** Richmond Hill

- **Subject:** Private, male, 2nd Unit of Action
- **Charge:** Simple battery
- **Location:** Allenhurst

- **Subject:** Private, male, Division Support Command
- **Charge:** Assault consummated by battery
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

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AWARD

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aren't typically funded at the levels that we would like to be to do what we want," Kidd said. "But we won these awards, because we were that much better at doing that than anyone else in the Army and the Department of Defense."

The installation has come close in the past getting honorable mention in the ACOE award in 1997 and runner-up in 2000.

"In 2000, we won \$200,000, which we used to build the electronic reader board at Stewart and at Hunter," Blanks said.

We are going to ask the community how they would like to spend the \$1 million to improve the installation, Blanks said.

"We want to use it to benefit the majority, and we could take on several projects," Blanks said.

Blanks said, "We can continue to compete for these awards and there is also a new award that started this year, the Army Performance Evaluation Award, and we are already working on next year's application."



Spc. Robert Adams

Maj. Gen. William G. Webster, 3rd Inf. Div. commanding general, and Col. John M. Kidd, Stewart garrison commander hold up the 2004 CINC award, which was awarded to the top installation in each military service.

RAIDERS

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millions of people and bring hope to them when there had been none before, and pride in being offered the opportunity to command America's greatest treasure — the sons and daughters of the United States."

While under Grimsley's command during OIF, the Raiders were active in several battles pivotal to the operation and became the first American unit to enter Baghdad. The unit remained in Iraq conducting aggressive security and stability operations and returned home in late August 2003.

Grimsley, his wife Jan and their family will now move on to Washington, D.C., where he will be assigned to the Joint Staff in the Pentagon within the C4

Systems Directorate.

McKnight comes to the unit from Fort Leavenworth, Kan., where he was commander of operations group Bravo in the Battle Command Training Program.

"(McKnight's) extensive infantry experience in every aspect of infantry, in airborne and heavy units, combined with his terrific leadership experience, make him a perfect addition to the Marne team," Webster said. "Mark, welcome aboard the Marne Express."

McKnight, a native of Bedford, In., is a graduate of Indiana State University with a bachelor's of Science degree in criminal justice and a Master's of strategic studies.

He arrives with his wife

Christine and their four children, Ian, Mitchell, Sarah and Meredith.

"I can only hope that over the following weeks and months through our meetings and encounters that my family and I will be able to express how proud we are to be here with you," McKnight said, addressing his Soldiers as their commander for the first time. "For the Raider Soldiers and families, my family and I are prepared to, and will give you, our very best to sustain and support this tremendous team."

"We look forward to meeting and serving with each of you as we face together the challenges which lay ahead," he added. "Thank you for all that you have done and will do for our Army and the nation."



Pfc. Emily J. Danial

Col. Mark E. McKnight, incoming 1st UA commander, Col. William Grimsley, outgoing 1st UA commander and Maj. Gen. William G. Webster Jr., 3rd Inf. Div. commanding general, review 1st UA Soldiers in formation during a change of command ceremony Friday at Cottrell Field.

UXOs create a no-go

Spc. Jimmy D. Lane Jr.

Staff Writer

The majority of land mass that makes up Fort Stewart is outside of the garrison area. Much of this land is used for training and weapons firing, and some of the ordnance that is ejected from artillery fire does not explode, creating a hazard for sportsmen and Soldiers who may stumble upon them.

"Fort Stewart covers a vast area, and it would be a shame if people could not enjoy these areas," said Jim Pearson, operations officer for range control. "Much of the land is used for recreation, but people need to know the dangers of entering these areas that are used for small arms fire and artillery impact."

"We have everything carefully coordinated so that one unit doing land navigation or someone hunting or fishing doesn't get too near a range that is conducting live fire or accidentally enter an area that may have unexploded ordnance," he said.

One of the main hazards in these impact areas is the UXOs, which can be volatile for many years after they have been fired.

"There is actually no time limit for UXOs," said Staff Sgt. Lawrence Ezell from the 38th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Detachment. "We have dug up grenades out on the ranges from World War II that are still dangerous. In fact, we had a torpedo wash up on the shore from the Civil War. We didn't know if it was still active, but we still treated it as dangerous."

Anyone wishing to use Stewart's land for recreation must first check in at the Pass and Permit Office before going out Pearson said.

"The Pass and Permit Office has maps that can be purchased that will show where areas of danger are," he said.

Soldiers preparing to go into the field for training must first coordinate with Range Control to set up an area that will be safe for the exercise.

"For units wishing to do training, we have maps that we keep updated here at Range Control that show areas that could be dangerous, because there are all kinds of activities that go on out there that could be hazardous. These maps are updated constantly to show hazardous areas," Pearson said.

When anyone needs to enter an impact area, they must have EOD check the area before they go out, if they are permitted to be there at all.

Stewart is an Army training facility and Soldiers must train with many types of weapons and equipment to ensure they get the most realistic training possible.

If someone happens to find a UXO, they need to follow the three "Rs" concerning UXOs, according to information found at <http://www.stewart.army.mil/dpw/fish/FISH%20CONCL2c%20UXO.htm>.

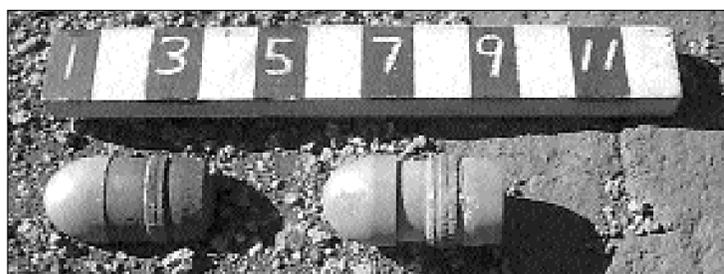
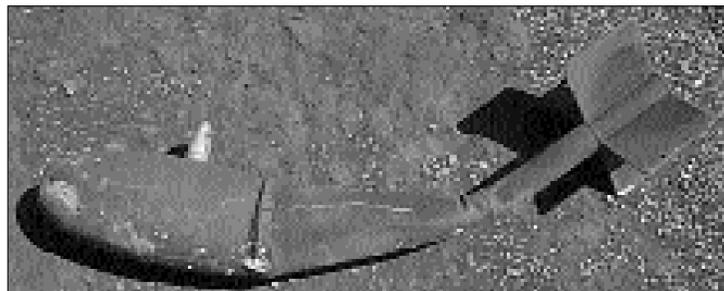
Recognize — If you think you have seen something that looks like a UXO, don't touch it.

Retreat — Leave the area, go back the same way you came.

Report — Let someone in authority know where it is.

"The main thing is that we want units to be able to train and for people to be able to enjoy Fort Stewart, but we want everyone to stay safe," Pearson said.

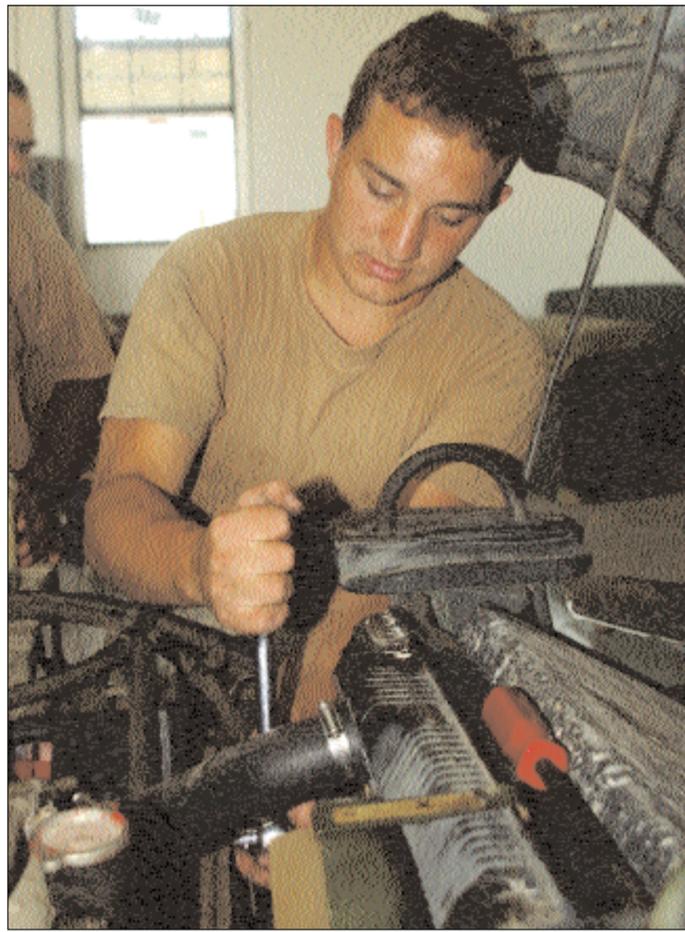
If anyone should find anything they suspect to be a UXO, they should contact Range Control at 767-8100 or 767-8777.



Courtesy photos

UXOs can be concealed, deadly hazards for years after firing.

Florida NG Soldiers doing their part



Photos by Pfc. Ricardo Branch

Spc. Ken Maulsby, vehicle mechanic, 631st Maint. Co., tightens down the fan belt on a defective Humvee May 7 at the company motorpool.

Pfc. Ricardo Branch

Staff Writer

Since National Guard Soldiers have been mobilized, the 631st Maintenance Company out of Starke, Fla, have handled a heavy workload during their active duty on Fort Stewart.

The 140 Soldiers from 631st have been at Stewart for 18 months (an extension from their original one year tour) and have accomplished the enormous task of getting equipment working to and from deployments.

"We arrived here with the mission of getting the equipment from National Guard and Army Reserve units to and from Iraq, mobilized and demobilized," said 1st Sgt. Anthony Molina, 631st Maint. Co. first sergeant.

The 631st Maint. Co. handles everything from engines, tires, windshields, and various other maintenance required to bring units up to 70 percent mission capable.

The 631st focuses mainly on light track wheel

vehicles and tractor-trailers. They are currently due back for demobilization.

"We've done a lot more than expected from a maintenance company," Molina said.

Molina said accomplishing all things and everything is a challenge when you take on the workload of the enormity of the 631st's.

Coming to Stewart the company didn't anticipate as large of a workload as they found, according to Molina.

"We didn't believe that we would be doing all the repairs on the vehicles by ourselves," said Molina.

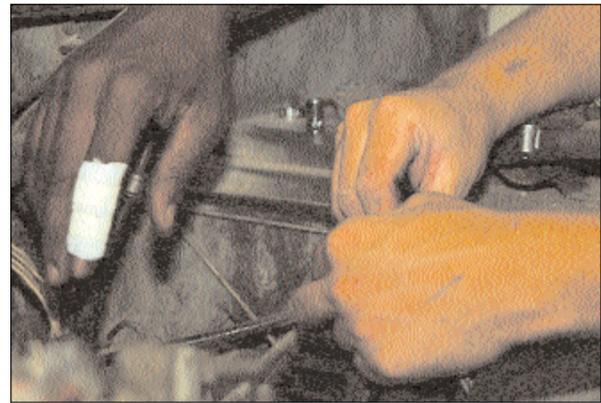
He said the Soldiers under his command are performing above and beyond expectations with the work they are doing.

"The Soldiers here have done an excellent job sometimes working long hours and on the weekend," said Master Sgt. Jay Siegel, maintenance control sergeant. "These are excellent Soldiers."

Molina said, "We are doing repairs and getting things fixed on the level equal of a division without the support of any organizational mechanics."



Spc. Joshua B. Lizenbee, a heavy wheel mechanic, ground-guides Spc. Michael Griffis as he backs up a truck.



Mechanics check the transmission of a disabled Humvee at the National Guard motorpool.

CENTCOM News

Combined Forces Afghanistan casualty release

KABUL, Afghanistan — A coalition convoy was attacked Saturday near Garesk.

One Soldier was killed; two Soldiers were injured and returned to duty; and one anti-coalition militia was detained.

Three TF 1st Armored Division Soldiers die in separate incidents

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Two Task Force 1st Armored Division Soldiers died of wounds and one of injuries received in a vehicle accident Friday and Saturday.

All three fatalities occurred in incidents south of Baghdad.

The first Soldier died at about 3 p.m. from wounds he

received during a mortar attack on his unit Friday.

The second Soldier died later on Friday from bullet wounds he received when his unit was ambushed by a sniper.

A vehicle accident took the life of the third Soldier shortly after midnight on Saturday when his vehicle overturned during a patrol.

Names are being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

Patriot Missile, Tornado fratricide investigation completed

MACDILL AFB, Fl. — The investigation into the March 22, 2003 friendly fire incident between a U.S. Patriot missile system and a British Royal Air Force aircraft is complete.

While there was no single specific finding of fault, the investigation did reveal several contributing factors that

lead to the tragic accidental downing of the British Tornado and death of two British servicemembers. Among those factors was a failure in the aircraft's Interrogation Friend or Foe transponder, which resulted in the Patriot missile system misidentifying the Tornado. The investigation board determined that the Patriot crew fired in perceived self-defense in accordance with existing procedures and rules of engagement.

In addition to the investigation ordered by U.S. Central Command, an investigation was also simultaneously conducted by the British Royal Air Force, as well as a US Army Safety Board investigation. The investigation determined that the incident did not occur due to negligence on the part of the Patriot Missile battery personnel, and therefore no charges have been filed nor has any disciplinary action been taken against any service members.

U.S. Central Command regrets the loss of life resulting from this tragic incident.

Media interested in obtaining investigation specifics can contact US Central Command Public Affairs.

Troops treat villagers near Iraqi post



Courtesy Photo

Spc. Elizabeth Jarry, a dental hygienist at Balad Air Base, Iraq, shows villagers of all ages how to brush their teeth during a recent Medical Civic Action Project at a small village in Balad. Jarry distributed toothpaste and dental floss to villagers.

Staff Sgt. David Gillespie

Special to the Frontline

BALAD, Iraq — Civil affairs and medical personnel from Logistics Support Area Anaconda provided medical assistance to more than 130 residents of a nearby village May 12.

Soldiers and airmen combined forces to provide medical care for Bakra Village residents during a Medical Civil Action Project mission. A wide variety of medical professionals including doctors, optometrists, dentists, physical therapists and physician's assistants treated patients during the MEDCAP mission. Residents began lining up

for medical care as soon as the military convoy entered the village. Medics led them into a waiting area to be triaged and directed to the appropriate care provider.

The doctors provided basic medical care, evaluated individual health problems and distributed over-the-counter medicines to assist the villagers. Interpreters played a vital role, translating both Arabic and English.

"It's a little overwhelming," said Tech. Sgt. Paula Edwards, a medical technician with the Air Force's Contingency Aeromedical Staging Facility, about the growing crowd that showed up to be seen by the doctors. "They just keep coming."

Most of the patients Edwards assisted needed routine medical care for ailments including high blood pressure, arthritis and ear infections.

"I am surprised at how welcomed we are," said Air Force Maj. Kristina Miller, an administrator with the CASE. "The children really seem to love us and the patients are very gracious."

Spc. Elizabeth Jarry, a dental technician from the 118th Area Support Medical Battalion, taught people proper oral hygiene. "Preventative measures are very important. It's never too late to start," she said.

"I wish I could understand them so I could speak back to them," she added. Jarry relied on hand gestures and demon-

strations to teach people how to properly care for their teeth.

Soldiers from the 13th Corps Support Command, the 29th Signal Battalion and the 81st Brigade Combat Team provided site security.

Sgt. 1st Class Patrick Bilon, a platoon sergeant with Company C, 29th Signal Battalion said "Every chance I get I try to volunteer for security. I take a different group of soldiers with me every time so we can get out and see what's really going on around here."

This MEDCAP mission is one way that the Coalition Forces are improving the quality of life for the Iraqi people so when the coalition leaves Iraq, the citizens will have a higher standard of living.