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# Bosslift comes to Stewart

## Civilian employers get taste of 3ID's might

Sgt. Sam Hoffman  
Staff Writer

The Employer Support for the Guard and Reserve held its annual Bosslift at Fort Stewart June 27 through 29.

Bosses toured Fort Stewart and got a taste of Army life as they experienced Marne Call, visited the Close Combat Tactical Trainer, the Multi-purpose Range Complex for a live fire-display and the 3220th Annual Soldiers' Ball.

Twenty ESGR volunteers and bosses of soldiers from the 3220th U.S. Army Reserve Garrison Support Unit from West Palm Beach, Fla., departed the garrison's headquarters by bus at 7:30 a.m.

Upon arrival at Fort Stewart, Maj. Rock Henry, Deputy G-4, introduced the bosses to Col. Bernadette Peters, Troop Command commander, Lt. Col. William Zammit, G-3 and Maj. Bill Millard, G-2, and briefed the bosses on the Bosslift purpose, the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) mission and the sequence of events that they would go through over the course of the weekend.

Once the briefing was concluded, the bosses joined Fort Stewart soldiers in karaoke, billiards and a

few light refreshments at Marne Call.

"Our purpose is to try and help the Reservist with his civilian boss. A good example of what ESGR does is when an employer says he will fire one of his employees if he goes off on a mobilization, we would step in and try and explain to that employer that the servicemember has certain rights," said retired Col. Martin Rosen, ESGR Florida Bosslift coordinator. He has been with the ESGR for more than 20 years.

Rosen said that he loves the work he does, and it is done entirely on a volunteer basis.

"The employers are very impressed so far with 3220th soldiers and members of the 3rd Inf. Div.," said Rosen. Rosen, a 26-year veteran of the Army Reserve, said that once a year the ESGR takes employers of Reservists to a military post to show them the importance of the Reserve in the total Army mission.

"We try to get some of the employers who are negative to the reservists; and after the Bosslift they are some of our biggest supporters," he said.

After their first night, the employers went to the CCTT to



Maj. Rock Henry, deputy G-4, teaches Lee Menke of the South Florida Water Management District how to eat a MRE.

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## 3ID brings justice to Iraq

Spc. Mason T. Lowery  
50th PAD

AL FALLUJAH, Iraq — The first legal conviction in five months was handed down Tuesday at the Al Fallujah courthouse, thanks to coordination from Spartan soldiers.

A local guilty of looting was sentenced to three months, nine days in jail plus a 1,000 Dinar fine.

The conviction sends a message to Iraqi people that law and order is back, according to Maj. Robert Resnick, 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) chief of justice.

Judge Advocate General, 3rd Military Police and 103rd Military Intelligence soldiers are helping the Iraqi legal system run again, but are staying out of the actual proceedings, Capt. Michael Scionti, JAG Judicial Assessment Team, said.

Two other accused looters were tried Tuesday. Their trials were postponed until Wednesday because more evidence was being considered and an interpreter was needed.

This was the first trial in Iraq since the war, and also the first trial in decades without Saddam Hussein's influence. But the Iraqi court system mirrors the United States' and Hussein's influence at Judge Naseeb Eyd Johar court was minimal.

"With or without Saddam, the court will run fairly, no matter what," Johar said.

Accused criminals have the right to due process and the right to a court appointed lawyer like criminals in the U.S. The chief judge and two senior judges read the defendants the charges against them, heard from the prosecution and defense attorneys, and cleared the court to deliberate.

"There's no question that these guys got a fair trial. The judges looked at the evidence, listened to the defendants and talked among themselves," Resnick said.

JAG soldiers' future plan for the court is to hire an Iraqi Attorney Liaison to take JAG's place, so the Army has even less to do with their system, Resnick said.

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Spc. Mason T. Lowery

Three looting suspects await trial at the Al Fallujah courthouse. This was the first trial in Iraq since the war, and the first trial in decades without Saddam Hussein's influence.

## New Intranet tool to help keeps NCOERs on time

Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Army has developed a tool to monitor the timeliness and error rate of Noncommissioned Officer Evaluation Reports once they reach their final stop in Indianapolis.

Out of the 181,809 NCOs on active duty, about 10 percent of their evaluation reports are turned in late and about three percent have errors, said Master Sgt. Gary Adams, chief of the NCO Evaluation Branch at EREC. The error rate is actually down from last year, which was seven percent, Adams said.

A link titled NCO-ER Online Reports at the Web site, [www.EREC.army.mil](http://www.EREC.army.mil), can be accessed by personnel specialists who are charged with managing soldiers' files and senior leaders with command and control authority.

"The Army's human resources community has the opportunity to tap into EREC's data base to track what NCO-ERs have been processed," Adams said. "They don't have to call or e-mail us, and wait for us to respond."

The link is only to be used by persons with proper justification, Adams said. When individuals go to the site they have to request permission, and I won't approve an individual who just wants to see if his NCO-ER has been processed, he added.

Personal records can be reviewed by going to EREC's links: Official Military Personnel File Online or Personnel Data Snapshot, Adams said.

Although the link has been operational since late May, Adams said he still receives numerous e-mails from personnel specialists asking him if reports have reached EREC. "I get a lot of requests from individuals who want to go to the site, but they're not the ones who should be taking advantage of the information," he said.

The officer corps does not have a similar tracking system because the size of the force is smaller, according to officials at the Officer Evaluation Reports Branch. There are approximately 70,000 officers on active duty, according to Army Demographics Profile.

## Mosque explosion investigation plagued by mixed reports

3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) press release

FALLUJAH, Iraq — An explosion in a mosque courtyard killed at least 10 Iraqi civilians and injured four others at approximately 11:30 p.m. Monday night, witnesses and hospital officials said.

"There are mixed reports regarding the number of Iraqis killed in the explosion at the mosque in downtown Fallujah, some reports say 10 people were killed. We can confirm two deaths," said Lt. Col. Eric Wesley, 2nd Brigade Combat Team executive officer.

An Iraqi witness at the scene of the explosion said the cinderblock

building that was destroyed during the blast was hit by a missile or bomb. Explosive ordnance detachment personnel at the scene said it was apparent the explosion came from within the compound.

"The mayor of Fallujah and police came to a similar conclusion about the explosion, and are investigating the incident to determine how and

why the incident happened," Wesley said.

"There were no U.S. aircraft overhead at the time of the explosion and none of the r a d a r s picked up any errant artillery in the area. There were no hits on the radar," Wesley added. "The explosion initiated within the compound, not from an external

source."

According to Capt. Geoffrey Watson, 2nd BCT intelligence officer, Imam Sheik Liath had been making anti-American speeches in Fallujah. After meeting with American officials, he agreed to cease using that type of rhetoric. However, it was discovered in the last two days that Liath was still making anti-American speeches and had gone as far as to issue a fatwah to "fight the Americans."

The incident is under investigation by the Fallujah Police, military police and explosive ordnance detachment personnel.

**"There are mixed reports regarding the number of Iraqis killed in the explosion."**

Lt. Col. Eric Wesley  
2nd BCT executive officer

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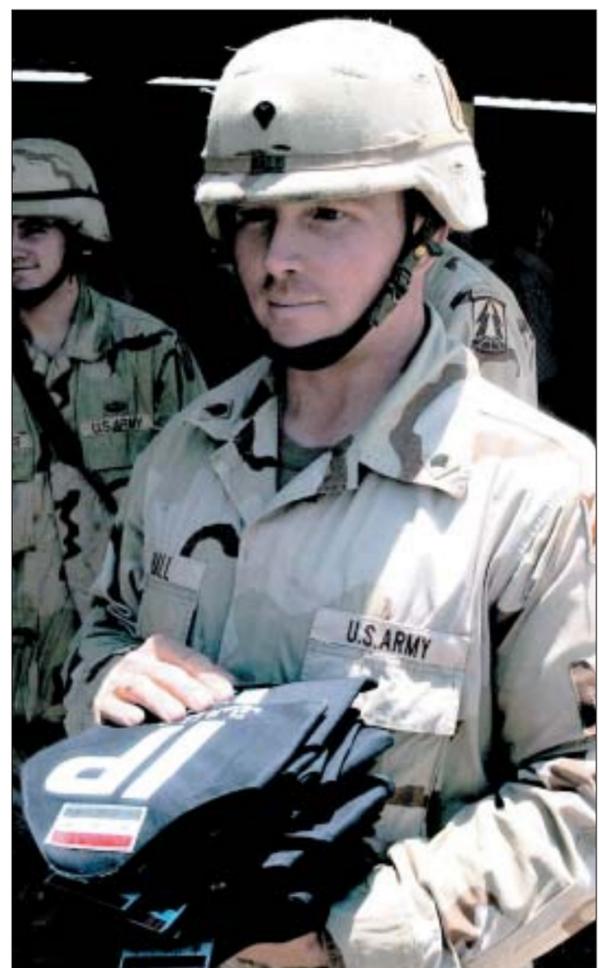
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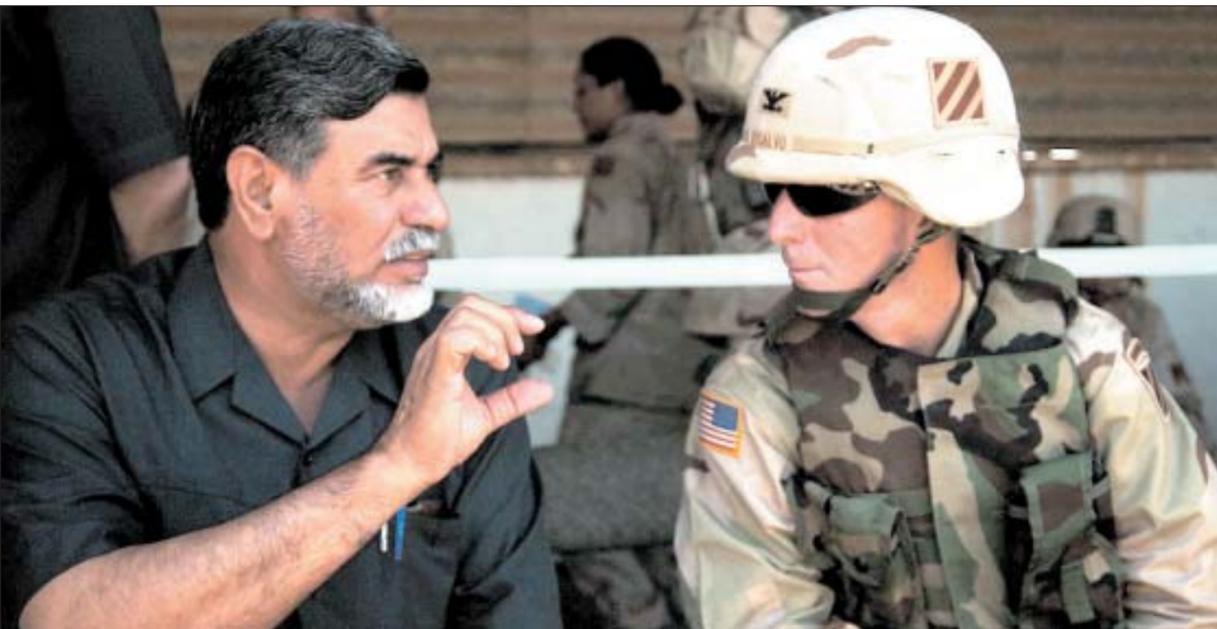
## All dressed up, ready to go ...



A .38 Special is issued to a Fallujah police officer. The 3rd MP Company issued more than 200 uniforms and pistols.



Spc. Dean Hall, 3rd MP Co., holds the brassards to be issued to the Fallujah police officers Monday.



Taha Bedani Alwan, mayor of Fallujah, speaks with Col. Joseph Disalvo, 2nd BCT commander, before a brassard presentation ceremony at the Fallujah Police Department.



Photos by Sgt. Craig Zentkovich

An interpreter with the 3rd MP Co. assists soldiers in issuing new uniforms to the Fallujah Police Department. The new uniforms replace the green, military-style uniform worn by officers under Baath Party rule.

# Fallujah PD gets new look

Sgt. Craig Zentkovich

50th PAD

AL FALLUJAH, Iraq — The 3rd Military Police Company gave Fallujah's law enforcers a much-needed facelift Monday by issuing new uniforms and pistols to officers at the main precinct.

The 3rd MP Co., in a continuing effort to rid Fallujah's streets of crime and abolish the remnants of the Baath Party's rule over Iraq, distributed the items to more than 200 members of the Fallujah Police Department.

"With these gestures, we hope to forge a relationship between the U.S. and Iraq that will last for years to come," said Capt. Joseph Hissim, 3rd MP Co. commander, during his remarks at the brassard presentation ceremony.

The ceremony, attended by Col.

Joseph DiSalvo, 2nd Brigade Combat Team commander, and Taha Bedani Alwan, mayor of Fallujah, was the culmination of

weeks of planning between the 2nd BCT and the city to take the steps necessary to ensure the city's safety.

"We've had to work hard to earn the people's respect here," said 1st Lt. Steven Devitt, 3rd MP Co. platoon leader and site coordinator. "We're the third unit here in two months, so credibility wasn't easy to come by."

Prior to the ceremony, soldiers

from the 3rd MP Co. distributed uniforms and side arms to the Fallujah officers. The uniforms were comprised of Air Force dress

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Capt. Joseph Hissim  
3rd MP Co. commander

trousers and shirt, locally purchased belts, an IP (Iraqi Police) brassard, and a .38 Special revolver pistol, respectively. The reason for the uniform change, according to Devitt, was to stray from the militant green uniforms symbolic of the former Baath Party Regime.

"The people are eager to get back on their feet, to keep moving forward," he said. "They were

eager for new uniforms — a fresh start."

Members of the Fallujah Police Department are adamant on returning to work and a peaceful way of life.

"Being a police officer has been my life," said Officer Kosai Esam Awni, FPD, via an interpreter. "My family's safety and home are my motivation to get back on the street." He added that he and his comrades are looking forward to working for a police force with greater legitimacy and purpose. "I thank the U.S. for this opportunity, and all their help."

Earlier Monday morning, 12 vehicles, painted by a local contractor, were distributed to the three precincts in the Fallujah area. Each vehicle, painted white with blue doors and marked FPD, will have an automatic weapon kept

inside for the officers' safety.

In the upcoming weeks, the 3rd MP Co. will be working hand-in-hand with the FPD, training them in all aspects of law enforcement. The multi-phase training will include blocks of instruction on law enforcement certification, proper reporting and administrative procedures, proper investigative procedures, and marksmanship training.

"These (officers) are really excited," Devitt said. "They're a really good group of guys who are ready to make a positive impact on the community."

The FPD has conducted 24-hour joint patrols with the 3rd MP Co. for the past two weeks, and will continue to do so until both parties feel the FPD is trained and equipped to handle the task alone, according to Devitt.

## DeCamp passes colors to an old friend

## Roth takes command from Tusker 6

Spc. Katherine Robinson

50th PAD

FALLUJAH, Iraq — Tusker 6, commander of 4th Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment, handed over his command and headed back to America June 23.

Lt. Col. Philip D. deCamp relinquished command to Lt. Col. Robert Roth in a change of command ceremony on the Habbaniyah Soccer Field, west of Fallujah.

Roth joins 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) from Personnel Command where he served as the Armor Colonel's Assignment Officer.

As the sun set on Camp Habbaniyah June 23, it shed its last rays on a bittersweet scene — a group of soldiers and warfighters bidding farewell to their commander and welcoming a new leader.

Lt. Col. Philip deCamp has commanded 4th Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment for two years, leading the soldiers through peacetime and war.

As he prepared to leave the soldiers in the hands of Roth, deCamp thanked his Tuskers for their bravery and hard work during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"They have established their legacy in places with names that we all remember," he said. "The mere mention of these names will always have a special meaning to this band of brothers whose lives were changed in the courageous and heroic actions of which they were a part.

Their determined tenacity and composure under intense enemy fire earned several hard-fought victories."

DeCamp said he feels honored to have served with men who dedicated themselves to a higher calling — "patriots with a devout sense of duty."

"We've been through a hell of a lot together. These men mean the



Spc. Katherine Robinson

**Lt. Col. Robert Roth accepts the 4th Battalion, 64th Armor guidon, and command of the battalion, from Col. Joseph P. DiSalvo, 2nd Brigade Combat Team commander during a change of command ceremony at Habbaniyah Soccer Field June 23.**

world to me," he said.

Col. Joseph P. DiSalvo, 2nd Brigade Combat Team commander, thanked deCamp for his leadership and professionalism under fire.

"Simply put, you have been superb in peacetime and war over the past two years as Tusker 6," he said. "You demand high standards and your Tuskers have responded magnificently. You and your task force leadership took the great

legacy of Tusker and elevated it and that is your legacy which you should be very proud of."

The Tusker legacy has meaning for deCamp and his successor from as far back as Desert Storm, where both served as company commanders in 4/64.

"This battalion means the world to me because I've fought with it twice," deCamp said.

Roth said he is proud to come back

to the battalion, this time as a task force commander.

"Watching the heroic deeds you accomplished each day as you liberated this country made me swell with pride knowing that someday I would be a Tusker again," he said as he addressed the soldiers in formation for the first time as their commander.

As the battalion guidon changed hands and Roth took the reigns the two commanders spoke warmly of

each other.

"We need to say farewell to a warrior, a leader and a dear friend," Roth said.

"There is no finer officer to continue the tradition of the Tuskers," added deCamp.

DeCamp leaves 3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) to become the professor of military science at the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Va.

VOICES AND VIEWPOINTS

# Rumsfeld delivers red, white, blue message

**Hon. Donald H. Rumsfeld**  
Secretary of Defense

This Fourth of July marks the 227th anniversary of the birth of our nation, the day when brave and dedicated patriots made manifest their love of liberty and founded anation based on freedom. And from that day to this, the world has never been thesame. As Lafayette put it, "Humanity has won its battle. Liberty now has a country."

Indeed it does. For more than 200 years, America has stood for freedom.

So, on the Fourth of July we mark more than a birthday. We celebrate our God-given rights to liberty and life, and we honor all those who, over the centuries, have been willing to fight and die to keep our country free. Today we are engaged in a struggle as great as any America has faced throughout her long and honored history.

It is a struggle every bit as much a fight for freedom as the war that was fought in 1776. Once again it is a battle for

humanity, for the right of all people not just Americans to live in a world free of terror and fear.

You are the men and women who are fighting this new war. Your gallantry and courage in the face of evil has stirred the souls of all Americans. Day after day, week after week, they have seen your faces and read your stories. They have shared your sorrows and celebrated your victories. And in each one of you they see reflected their deeply-felt honor, pride and patriotism. Through your valor and sacrifice, our Republic has been strengthened and renewed.

So, as we celebrate the founding of our Nation, we honor you the men and women of the U.S. military who volunteer to help make our freedom possible.

Through Operation Tribute to Freedom, Americans across the land are participating in hundreds of local activities and events, honoring their hometown heroes, and expressing their appre-

ciation and support for your service and your sacrifice.

The global war on terror is far from over. While freedom has been restored to the people of Afghanistan and Iraq, dangerous threats remain in those countries and across the globe. The transition from tyranny to a free society will take time to accomplish. As Thomas Jefferson so aptly described it, "We are not to expect to be translated from despotism to liberty in a featherbed."

Meanwhile the tyranny of terrorism continues, and so must the global war on terror — until tyranny has been defeated wherever it threatens free men and women. As President Bush has said, the threat may be new, but America's duty is familiar: to defend the safety and security of our people and the hopes of all mankind.

I thank you for volunteering to serve our country and the cause of freedom. May God bless and protect you and those you love, and may He continue to bless the United States of America.

# CG: Remember Marne soldiers on the 4th

**Maj. Gen. Buford C. Blount III**  
3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) commanding general

So that others may be free ...

The Declaration of Independence was a watershed for civilization, an earthquake in the history of ideas. In it, Thomas Jefferson wrote that all men are "endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." It continues to shake all continents where evil oppression withholds the unalienable rights proclaimed in the visionary document.

Our country remains the flagship for democracy in the world, thanks to the selflessness and giving spirit of sol-

diers. For 228 years, American soldiers have kept the flame of freedom burning brightly. They shine as a powerful beacon of light, as freedom's torchbearers. Like the patriots who signed the Declaration of Independence, soldiers have left the world a legacy of freedom.

We who chose military service do not forget the high cost of freedom. Throughout our history, America's Army has responded to the call to fight for the principles of democracy outlined in the Declaration of Independence. Soldiers of our budding nation were placed on the battlefield numerous times to keep this vision alive. Our soldiers have offered the greatest gift anyone can offer — themselves. They bought our liberty with their toil, sweat, blood and sometimes with their lives.

We know well from experience what happens when a government oppresses its people to implement ignoble ideologies. In his Gettysburg Address, President Lincoln, stated the Declaration of Independence offered "liberty not alone to the people of this country, but hope to all the world for all future time." It offered "promise that in due time the weights of the world would be lifted from the shoulders of all men and that all should have an equal chance." With an understanding that these "unalienable rights" were "endowed" to all humankind, Americans have not only defended their own freedom, but have readily come to the aid of others to secure their liberty.

Celebrate this patriotic day and remember the sacrifices of those who came before us. As you celebrate the anniversary of our nation's birthday, remember the noble promise of the Declaration of Independence. Remember the benefits of freedom that all Americans enjoy. Remember the duties and responsibilities of citizenship that we carry each day, for it is up to each and every one of us to keep America free. Remember that, since 1775, American soldiers — men and women have defended the spirit of liberty in which our nation was conceived and have sustained that liberty for every American, today and for generations to come. But most of all, remember those Marne soldiers and their families who have sacrificed all, so that others may be free.



Spc. Adam Nuelken

Civilians in Iraq storm around 1st Lt. Jeffrey Cline, liaison officer for Task Force 2-69 Armor to cheer and celebrate. The mob stopped a convoy and surrounded soldiers to thank them.

# Spartans' true love: Freedom

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

Spartan soldiers are in love with their girl,

She's a dream, she's their hope, she's the perfect pearl.

While they're far from home helping those they never knew,

She's the one they love, with her eyes so blue.

During weeks and months in the fight,

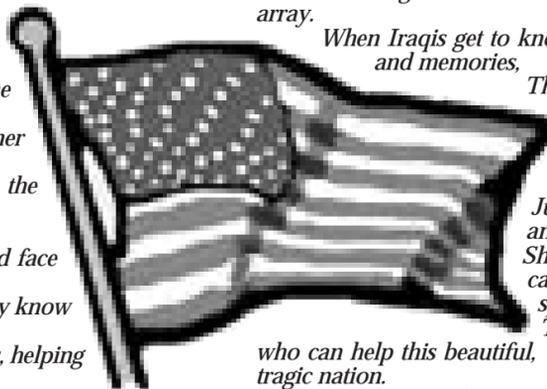
They dream of her every night.

When it's time to leave her and face another day,

They have to fight to wake, they know it's going to all be the same.

As they go through the motions, helping those who seem not to care,

She's in their minds, with that long blond



hair.  
It's been so long since they've seen her, the pictures all are frayed,  
But her image rides beside them, through so much disarray.

When Iraqis get to know her, from soldiers' tales and memories,

They fall in love just like us, finally seeing what we see.

But there's no cause for them to be jealous, her love goes out to all,

Just stop being so zealous, and give this girl a call.

She's the reason Spartans came here, never mind the speculation,

This girl is the only one,

who can help this beautiful, tragic nation.

Her name isn't Sally, or Donna or Hun,

## Marne Voice

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Readers respond to the question:

Why is it important to celebrate the Fourth of July?

"We kicked some British butt a couple hundred years ago, so we might as well party."

Pfc. Kevin Dean Levi  
603d ASB



"To celebrate our independence as a country."

Pfc. Jason Cramer  
1/3d ADA

"Because we get a four-day weekend."

Sgt. Justin Green  
1st Bde



"To celebrate the continuous history of soldiers fighting for freedom that is the American way."

Sgt. 1st Class Devon Parker  
3220th GSU

"It shows that we remember our past."

Pfc. Robert McNeal  
3rd SSB



"To honor the traditions of liberty and freedom our forefathers established."

Pfc. Brad Stuckey  
C Co., 703d MSB

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## BOSS

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learn how the 3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) uses simulators to train units. When the introductions were finished, the bosses climbed into a Bradley Fighting Vehicle, M1 Abrams tank or a Humvee to try a little war fighting of their own.

Following the battle, employers rode along in the back of Bradleys before lunch.

"Riding in the back of the Bradley gives you a greater appreciation of the sacrifice that those who rode in them for days and weeks had to make," said Brian Kroh, general manager of John's Island Club, Fla., and employer of Reservist Sgt. Chuck Gaal, intelligence analyst, for seven years.

"It's been difficult to replace the work that he does, but what he does here is a lot more important than what any of us (bosses) do on a daily basis," he said.

When the ride along was completed, the bosses sat down to a MRE lunch. Most of them said they were very impressed with the quality of food in the vacuum-sealed pouches.

Next, the employers watched a live fire demonstration of the vehicles they had operated in the simulator only hours earlier.

A Humvee rode out first, firing 7.62 mm rounds at targets. Then a Bradley rolled out and provided suppressive fire from its 25 mm cannon, while soldiers dismounted. The Abrams zipped down to the end of the range and fired two thunderous rounds, causing the crowd to jump with excitement.

The display was finished with a helicopter rescue of a simulated casualty.

The last event for the Bosslift was the Soldiers' Ball. In formal wear, employers joined their Reservists in dinner, toasts and a slide show. Following the retiring of the colors, they were then presented with awards and granted photo opportunities with Col. Edwin Marrero, chief of staff and 3220th commander.

A special award was presented to John Mathews, Semco Inc. plant manager, who donated \$7,000 to the Family Readiness Group. His company sold hundreds of sheet-metal yellow ribbons around South Florida to support the troops overseas.

Col. John M. Kidd, Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield garrison commander, was present at the ball. He said he was honored to have the opportunity to host an event like the Bosslift.

"The issue with the Army Reserve is that they have day jobs, so to speak," he explained, "It's very important for us to support their employers and what their sacrifice is buying the nation."

Kidd also said he was grateful for the work that the ESGR does and also the support from the Reserves.

"We couldn't run Fort Stewart without the 3220th," he said.

The Bosslift departed Hunter Army Airfield on a Navy jet to go back to West Palm Beach June 29. All of the participants said they had a great time touring Fort Stewart, and they are very proud of their Reservists.



Photos by Jonathan M. Stack

(Above) Mike Pena, ESGR volunteer, digs into his MRE at Fort Stewart's Close Combat Tactical Trainer, Saturday.

(Right) Bosses were able to "ride along" in a Bradley Fighting Vehicle. Experiencing the Bradley gave Brian Kroh, John's Island Club GM, "a greater appreciation of the sacrifice that those who rode in them for days had to make."



# Bremer: 'More Iraqis cooperating'

**Jim Garamone**

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The remnants of Saddam Hussein's regime are not only attacking coalition forces, but also the infrastructure all Iraqis rely on, said the presidential envoy to Iraq, July 1.

The death squad leftovers and unreconstructed members of the Iraqi Republican Guard and Baath Party loyalists "are increasingly alienating the rest of the population, which is beginning to enjoy their new-found freedoms," Paul Bremer said in a Baghdad news conference.

He noted that more and more Iraqis are coming forward to help the coalition forces and the reconstituted Iraqi police with information on who is behind these attacks.

Bremer said it is not surprising that these attacks are happening, since the remnants of Saddam's regime are being pushed to the wall. "Day by day, conditions in Iraq continue to improve, freedom becomes more and more entrenched and the dark days of the Baathist regime are further and further back

in people's memories," he observed. "So those few remaining individuals who have no desire or ability to fit into this new, free Iraq, not surprisingly, are becoming more and more desperate."

The trouble is concentrated in the area being called the "Sunni Triangle" — the area north and west of Baghdad and marked by Baghdad, Ar Ramadi and Hussein's hometown of Tikrit.

Bremer said he regretted the deaths of coalition soldiers and Iraqis in the attacks. "But it's important to remember how far we have come," he said. "It's really only 12 weeks ago that we had a war here. It's only 12 weeks ago that every Iraqi was living under one of the most tyrannical regimes in recent history. It's only 12 weeks ago that the economy was still a Stalinist economy. It's only 12 weeks ago that law and order in this country meant the dictatorship of the lucky few.

"Those things have all been changed," he continued. "The Iraqis have a freedom they've never had before."

Bremer said the coalition will go forward on many fronts. On the security side, the new Iraqi army should start enlisting its first recruits on July 15, he said. The Iraqi police force is growing and coalition planners, working with Iraqi citizens, are examining the court and prison systems.

On the economic frontier, the coalition is financing a wide range of reconstruction and rehabilitation projects. "In the last six weeks, the coalition has spent almost a billion dollars on several thousand projects in Iraq, such as irrigation and construction projects," he said.

On one irrigation project, 3,000 workers cleared over 350 kilometers of irrigation channels. "By the end of the month, we expect to have 50,000 men and women at

work on over 5,000 kilometers of irrigation channels," he said.

Bremer said he expects Iraqi airports to open soon to scheduled commercial flights — coalition officials confirmed a July start. Also, the seaport at Umm Qasr is operating at its highest level for years, he said. "Iraq's borders are open to trade and people," he said. "Trade is booming. We now need to establish real wealth-creating industries and services in Iraq to take forward this process of economic reform."

On the political front, the coalition is "on target with a good strategy" for establishing an Iraqi interim administration by mid-July. He said the new administration will be representative of the people of Iraq.

"I look forward to working alongside the council within a couple of weeks and, shortly thereafter, to seeing the constitutional process launched, which will culminate, once the constitution has been adopted, in the first free and democratic elections in Iraq's history, which in turn will be followed by the first sovereign Iraqi government, at which time the coalition's job will be over," he said.

**"The Iraqis have a freedom they have never had before."**

**Paul Bremer**  
Presidential Envoy to Iraq

## 433rd Chem, 246th QM redeploy

**Sgt. Sam Hoffman**

Staff Writer

The 433rd Chemical Detachment and the 246th Quartermaster Company returned from Operation Iraqi Freedom June 24.

The soldiers were taken from Hunter Army Airfield by bus to Fort Stewart. They arrived at Newmann Physical Fitness Center at approximately 9:30 p.m.

Col. Bernadette Peters, commander, Troop Command, welcomed the troops who had been deployed for more than three months.

"You did a wonderful job, and we're happy to have you home and safe," she said to the formation.

The 433rd is a Reserve unit

from Marietta, Ga., and the 246th is from the Puerto Rico National Guard.

Capt. Luiz Rivera, commander, 433rd, explained that their mission primarily involved monitoring nuclear, biological and chemical attack response systems and orders management. He also graciously thanked the 246th for the support given his detachment and the Iraqi people's newfound freedom.

"It really makes you appreciate what our nation stands for," Rivera said. Before departing, he also described the response Americans encountered from the Iraqi populace.

"In most of the towns, we were received with grace (and thanks)," he said.



Sgt. Sam Hoffman

**The 433rd Chem. Det. and the 246th Qm. Co. form up at Newmann Fitness Center upon redeployment from Iraq.**

## TRIAL

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The whole process of getting this first conviction took about two weeks. Resnick and Scionti sat down with the judges in an initial meeting, brought them cases the next day, and immediately started preliminary hearings. It went so well because there was no red tape or bureaucracy in Al Fallujah — soldiers coordinated directly with judges. The success in Al Fallujah will be a model for the rest of Iraq, according to Resnick.

Johar and the senior judges were pleased with 2nd Brigade Combat Team soldiers' help. They welcomed soldiers in the courtroom. Their only problem was the presence of soldiers' M16s.

3rd MP soldiers, who guarded the prisoners, felt a sense of satisfaction about helping the system get started.

"It makes me feel significant. I'm pretty proud of it — helping these guys get a fair trial. They probably understand now that we're here to help them. When we first got here they shot at us a lot. Now things are calming down and are pretty much under control," said Spc. Darris Mallet, a 5th Platoon, 3rd Military Police soldier.

Even as the conviction was handed down, 30 more cases were being reviewed, proof that the wheels of justice in AL Fallujah are in motion.

# Medical evaluations ensure healthy soldiers

**Spc. Casandra Bolton**

Staff Writer, 372nd MPAD

With soldiers returning, there is now a procedure that each and every one of them must go through during their redeployment. On June 17, when soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 39th Field Artillery started their redeployment process, they were given questionnaires to fill out and a briefing on what they could expect as far as their medical evaluation was concerned.

"During the evaluation, the soldiers should bring up any mental or physical problems they may be experiencing," said Lt. Col. Glen Tomkins, Deputy Command

The official name of the plan that started the post deployment health assessment is the deployment cycle support plan.

The plan includes redeployment, post deployment and reconstitution of all personnel deployed overseas, including reservist and active-duty soldiers.

After the soldiers finished filling out their questionnaires, they began the medical evaluation part of the process. During the process they

received screenings and they had blood drawn and they got to talk one on one with a mental health provider.

Spc. Todd Able, A Co. 1/39 was one of the soldiers that was going through this process after being deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

After he spoke with a doctor during the initial assessment, Able was off to start the process of medical evaluation.

The soldiers stopped at several different stations. One station they stopped at was mental health. At that station, they were asked a variety of questions pertaining to the current

"We screen the soldiers for psycho-social issues," Rose Mullice, assistant chief of social work services. "We document any symptoms, unusual occurrences and the soldiers wellness."

"It is good to document early on if anything is wrong," said Mullice. The health assessment is still in effect for all of the redeploying units.

"It is refreshing to see the DCS plan working," said Mullice in reference to the program.

**"It is refreshing to see the DCS plan working."**

**Rose Mullice**  
Assistant Chief of Social Work Services

Command



Spc. Casandra Bolton

**Spc. Paul Hamrick, LPN, prepares to draw blood from Spc. Todd Able, A Co., 1/39 FA. The blood drawn from the soldiers is used to check for illnesses as well as HIV.**

## New military web site helps diagnose SARS

**Staff Sgt. Michele Hammonds**

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Armed Forces Institute of Pathology has launched a new Web site designed to address diagnostic issues surrounding the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome, better known as SARS.

The new site, [www.afip.org/Departments/Pulmonary/SARS/](http://www.afip.org/Departments/Pulmonary/SARS/), is designed for physicians as well as the general public to receive an overview of SARS, said Dr. Teri J. Franks, who led the development project.

"The SARS Web site follows in the footsteps of AFIP's anthrax Web site," said Franks, associate chair of AFIP's Department

of Pulmonary and Mediastinal Pathology.

Frank said his staff created a template that enables AFIP to develop Web sites "on emerging diseases in a timely manner."

The site is also specifically designed to assist radiologists who are often the first asked to diagnose a disease after a clinician sees the patient. Dr. Jeffrey Galvin, chief of AFIP's Division of Pulmonary and Mediastinal Radiology, collaborated with Franks to provide an understanding of the imaging of SARS.

"I felt it was very important for a radiologist to understand what the findings were in SARS because recognition is crucial," Galvin said. "It spreads so rapidly and having a radi-

ologist recognize and raise the possibility of SARS could be the difference between it being contained in the emergency room or spreading throughout the country."

AFIP radiologists and pathologists teamed up with experts from the Department of Telemedicine to create templates for the anthrax and SARS websites.

"The new SARS site is even easier to navigate and has the capability for users to look at slides as well," Galvin said.

Dr. Aletta Ann Frazier, a radiologist and medical illustrator for the Department of Radiologic Pathology, created all of the illustrations on the SARS and anthrax sites.

"I have very visionary doctors who know the

value of teaching through illustrations," she said.

Frazier spent several weeks creating many illustrations and overlays for both sites. While some medical illustrators base their drawings from others or medical textbooks, Frazier looks no further than AFIP. Through her work at the Institute she has access to images, photomicrographs and radiology cases within the Department of Radiologic Pathology.

"Medical illustrations fill out the essential information that doctors need to know," Frazier said. "I feel so fortunate that I can carve out this special part of my career because this is just as important to me as the practice of medicine."

# CENTCOM News

## Coalition continues effort to rebuild Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A youth center was the main effort yesterday of Coalition forces helping to rebuild Iraq through reconstruction and humanitarian aid.

The Al Mothana Youth Center in Mosul is the focus of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) efforts to regenerate youth activity in the town. It was previously occupied and damaged by Saddam Fedayeen but has now been returned to the Mosul community and will soon feature Olympic parks and an arts and crafts facility.

3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) engineers along with local trash collection services removed approximately 1,300 truckloads of garbage from Fallujah area from June 10-29.

In Baghdad, the 354th Civil Affairs Brigade distributed 10,000 trash bags to the Abu Deshir community to have local Iraqi residents take part in clean up efforts.

## Coalition, Iraqi firefighters battle blaze together

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraqi and Coalition firefighters, along with engineers from the 101st Airborne Division, battled to control a fire at the Misraq State Sulfur Plant, 20 miles south of Mosul.

The firefighters doused flames and cooled the ground enough to allow the engineer to drive dump trucks and bulldozers close to fire, in an attempt to extinguish the flames with tons of dirt.

Col. Benjamin Hodges, commander of the division's 1st Brigade Combat Team, said he estimated the fire will consume the remaining sulfur and burn itself out in a few days.

The toxic smoke affected the cities of Qayyarah, Al Shurah and Makhmur, along with approximately 25 surrounding villages, according to an Iraqi cultural adviser.

Soldiers evacuated civilians in the vicinity of the fire, as well as areas downwind from the fumes. A shelter was established in Qayyarah for displaced individuals.

According to division medical personnel, the sulfuric smoke is a danger to all people, especially to the elderly, asthmatic and young children. The smoke has caused two deaths; an elderly woman and a small child. Many

others have shown similar symptoms and were treated by brigade medical personnel.

A thorough investigation is underway to determine the cause of the fire. Damages and clean-up costs have yet to be determined.

## Coalition forces assists in humanitarian food program

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment working in partnership with the World Food Program provided food to area hospitals feeding the sick, wounded, women and children. Units of the 3rd ACR delivered a total of 23,000 meals to six area hospitals.

In other humanitarian operations:

In Makhmur, 101st Airborne continued to conduct two police academy training classes with 135 candidates in Hammani Al Alil and Al Hadr in an effort to produce well-trained professional police officers.

In Baghdad, the 354th Civil Affairs Brigade delivered medical supplies to the new Baghdad Public Health Clinic #1 in the Karadah municipality. The supplies meet the immediate needs of the clinic to conduct operations.

In Fallujah, the 3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) engineers worked on improvements to Al Fallujah Hospital's electrical and water chlorination systems.

## CENTCOM change of command scheduled

MACDILL AFB, Fla.— On Monday, U.S. Central Command will conduct a change of command ceremony where Lt. Gen. John P. Abizaid will assume command from Gen. Tommy R. Franks. The change of command ceremony will take place at 3 p.m. at the St. Petersburg Times Forum arena, 401 Channelside Drive in Tampa, Florida.

Lieutenant General Abizaid's nomination to command U.S. CENTCOM was confirmed by the United States Senate June 27.

**Editor's note:** Information was taken from CENTCOM press releases.

## Rumsfeld uses American history as Iraqi lesson

Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — As Independence Day approaches, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld compared what the United States went through after the American Revolution to the situation in Iraq and Afghanistan.

That both countries are going through turmoil should be expected, the secretary said. "The transition to democracy is never easy," he said during a Pentagon press briefing June 30.

Following the American Revolution, the United States were not really united. The Colonies went through an economic depression, Rumsfeld noted, with rampant inflation and no stable currency.

"Discontent led to uprisings, with mobs attacking courthouses and government buildings," Rumsfeld continued. Right after the Treaty of Paris in 1783, demobilized American soldiers surrounded the State House in Philadelphia where the Continental Congress met to demand back pay.

Congress fled and was forced to meet at other locations for the next four years, he observed. The Articles of Confederation — the United States' first attempt at a governing charter — failed. "It was eight years before we adopted our Constitution and inaugurated our first president," Rumsfeld said.

The same upheaval faces Afghans and Iraqis today, the secretary noted, but there are differences. "Coalition forces drove Iraq's terrorist leaders from power," he said. "But Saddam never surrendered: The remnants of the Baath Party and the Fedayeen death squads faded into the population and have reverted to a terrorist network."

Rumsfeld emphasized coalition forces are actively searching for Saddam Hussein, his two sons and other regime leaders. In typical "Rumsfeldian" understatement, he said the absence of closure "is unhelpful." On the one hand, he noted, there are Iraqis who benefited from the former regime who want Saddam back in power. And there is a far larger group of Iraqis afraid he might still return.

"They're not going to come back," Rumsfeld said. "That's for sure."

Coalition forces are aggressively dealing with these remnants in Iraq, just as they are dealing with the remnants of al Qaeda and Taliban in Afghanistan, Rumsfeld said. "Those battles will go on for some time," he stated.

"The liberation of Iraq is complete. The regime has been removed from power and will not be permitted to return. But our war with terrorists in Iraq, Afghanistan and across the globe continues. It will not be over any time soon."

As OIF strives forward ...

# Stewart, Hunter continue to deploy troops

1st Lt. Amy Phillips

HAAF Deputy Public Affairs Officer

The war is over, but many soldiers in desert camouflage uniform still roam Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield waiting to deploy in support of the new peace keeping/nation building phase of Operation Iraqi Freedom and other operations abroad.

You see these DCU-clad soldiers because the installation is not only the home of the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized), but also is one of 27 mobilization sites across the country deploying soldiers to countries like Afghanistan, Bosnia, Cuba, Germany, Jordan, Kosovo and Kuwait in support of the many operations the U.S. armed forces are involved in.

Certain mobilization sites are called "power projection platforms" because of their ability to deploy one or more high priority active component brigades or larger and/or mobilize and deploy high priority Army reserve component units. There are 15 Army PPPs in the continental United States and two Marine Corps installations that serve a similar function. Fort Stewart and Hunter is called a "heavy" PPP because of its mechanized assets.

Installations must have the required facilities in place to house, feed, train and deploy units. Examples of these facilities are airfields, railroads and railheads; warehousing to support basic loads and additional requirements at staging areas; air terminal operations, ammunition holding areas, staging areas and port facilities.

Active-duty soldiers like those in the 3rd Inf. Div. soldiers receive deployment orders, deploy and redeploy, while reservists are activated, mobilized, and demobilized. Reservists are currently subject to a partial mobilization under a presidential declaration of a state of national security. Once activated, these soldiers are under

the care and direction of the regular army.

"We are deploying primarily Combat Service Support units now ... The average time for validation is about 18 days (varies by the size of the unit). First Army standard is 19 days," said mobilization officer Lt. Col. Odell Lewis.

CSS elements such as medical and quartermaster units deploy to help make life a little easier for deployed soldiers thousands of miles away from home.

The first three phases of the five-phased mobilization process are planning, alert, and home station (troops reporting to units). The Fort Stewart and Hunter Mobilization Directorate receives, trains, validates, and deploys Reservists as the fourth and fifth phase of the process. First Army and Fifth Army overseas all mobilization sites, east and west of the Mississippi River respectfully.

Part of unit validation involves every single soldier being properly equipped with such things as the latest protective uniform worn in a chemical/biological environment by all branches of the military called the Joint Service Lightweight Integrated Suit Technology, a flak jacket and a weapon.

Other validation criteria involve receiving immunizations, deployment briefings, reinforcement training on basic soldier skills, and ensuring soldiers update their records. Having correct and current information in records is crucial so families can be contacted in case of an emergency.

The command is not only responsible for making sure that deploying soldiers meet all deployment criteria, but also provides additional training such as the combat lifesaver course, hazardous materials course, anti-fratricide course and global positioning satellite equipment training to enhance a soldier's readiness.

To date, Fort Stewart and Hunter has deployed more than

24,000 active and reserve component soldiers since Sept. 2002 and is still supplying a steady flow of soldiers and equipment into theater. During the height of reserve component deployments in late March and early April, the installation mobilization directorate has received, equipped, trained, and deployed more than 8,400 soldiers at one time.

Hunter Army Airfield's Departure/Arrival Airfield Control Group Facility has supported 261 cargo/transport flights, 156 civilian/charter flights, 105 military flights, and has also flown more than 8,000 short tons of equipment.

According to the Airfield Facility Manager, Richard Patrick, the DAACG not only keeps track of all incoming and outgoing flights, park aircrafts, load/unload aircrafts, request fuel for aircrafts, shuttle crews, weigh cargo, but they also provide troops with things like dog tags and a warm meal before boarding their planes for their deployment destination.

"We try to help with any and all little crisis that might develop," said Patrick.

Volunteer organizations like the Red Cross and USO, and generous Savannah residents like Bob and Betty Haldeman also provide troops with things like brownies, on-flight care packages and books at the air terminal.

"We're just trying to give the troops a touch of home," said the Haldemans, who have baked more than 3,000 brownies and paid for it out of their own pockets.

While soldiers are deployed, installation and rear detachment commanders, family readiness groups, post chaplains, and many programs through Army Community Service are available to families who might need help.

There's never a dull moment at Ft. Stewart and Hunter with all things said and done because all the fun begins again with the redeployment of soldiers and the welcome home ceremonies.



Soldiers board a chartered airplane at the DAACG facility at Hunter Army Airfield in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Hunter Staff

# Looking back ...



A train departs Fort Stewart loaded with vehicles from the 2nd BCT, which traveled across the country to Fort Irwin, Calif., for a rotation at the National Training Center.

Staff photos

## DiSalvo takes command of Spartan Brigade

**Spc. Mason T. Lowery**

50th PAD

AL FALLUJAH, Iraq — Col. Joseph P. DiSalvo returned to the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) Friday as he took command of the Spartans in a change of command ceremony in Fallujah.

Former 2nd Brigade Commander Col. David G. Perkins' historic, two-year reign of training culminating in a deliberate march straight into Baghdad to finish the war ended as he stepped down to take a J5 position at the Pentagon.

DiSalvo holds a Masters Degree in Operations Research from the Air Force Institute of Technology and a Masters Degree in Strategic Studies from the Army War

College.

Before taking over as the Spartan commander, he was the executive officer of 1st Battalion, 4th Cavalry Squadron, 3rd Inf. Div.; the S3 for 1st Brigade, 3rd Inf. Div.; the S3 for 2nd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division; and aide-de-camp to the commanding general, United States Army Europe and 7th Army.

From 1998 to 2001 he commanded 1st Squadron, 3rd ACR and served as 3rd ACR executive officer.

His most recent assignment was senior brigade trainer, Operations Group, at the National Training Center in Fort Irwin, Calif.

DiSalvo is married to the former Leighann Little. They have three children — Kathryn Lee, Emily Serra, and Aaron James.



Spc. Mason T. Lowery

Maj. Gen. Buford C. Blount III, 3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) commander, passes the guidon and command of the Spartans to Col. Joseph P. DiSalvo Friday, incoming 2nd BCT commander.



Old friends Lt. Col. Philip deCamp, 4/64 Armor, Lt. Col. Stephen Twitty, 3/15 Inf., and Lt. Col. Rick Schwartz, 1/64 Armor, talk Feb. 8 during a live fire at Range 8.



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



(Above) 2nd BCT Commander Col. David G. Perkins, with 2nd BCT Command Sergeant Major Otis Smith jr., brief the media on the rules of reporting with 2nd BCT prior to heading into Iraq.  
(Left) Sgt. Oscar Martinez, a C Co., 3/15 squad leader, practices dismounts for the Good Morning America broadcast with his team Feb. 7 at Camp New York.



Humvees move cautiously during a dust storm Feb. 25. Gusts of up to 29 knots stirred up sand and cut down invisibility.

# Silence no longer, Iraqi people reveal the past

Linda D. Kozaryn

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — For the first time in decades, the Iraqi people can talk openly about what happened during Saddam Hussein's regime.

They're talking, and the world is listening.

Each day, U.S. and coalition officials in Iraq hear more and more about the atrocities that occurred over the last two decades, according to Sandra Hodgkinson, the Coalition Provisional Authority's director of human rights. Whether they're Kurdish, Sunni, Shia or Christian, she said, "it seems like every Iraqi has a story."

"In some way, the regime affected their day-to-day life, either someone they knew, or loved or cared about," Hodgkinson said this week during a telephone interview from her office in Baghdad. While many Iraqis seek out the Human Rights Office, she said, others talk to coalition military forces, nongovernmental organizations staff or provisional authority personnel.

"Everybody that is interacting with the local Iraqis is inundated with these complaints," Hodgkinson said.

Several Iraqi employees at the Human Rights Office in Baghdad take summaries of past atrocities from Iraqi victims.

"When they want to come in and tell their story to somebody," Hodgkinson said, "we allow them to sit down in an office and talk about what happened, or we give them a summary of past abuse form that they can fill out." One purpose of the form, she said, "is to get information that may be useful at some point in a future, Iraqi-led, justice system for crimes against humanity."

The Iraqis describe missing loved ones. They talk of torture and executions. They tell where the bodies are buried.

"To date, we have had reports of over 80 mass graves, and we have confirmed the existence of over 20 where we're sure that it is a mass grave, that there are bodies in there," Hodgkinson said.

The human rights specialist is from the State Department's Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor [http://www.state.gov/www/global/human rights](http://www.state.gov/www/global/human_rights) [http://www.state.gov/www/global/human rights/](http://www.state.gov/www/global/human_rights/). She is also a Navy Reserve judge advocate general officer with the International and Operational Law Unit at the Pentagon. She's worked as a military prosecutor and an instructor in crimes against humanity issues through the International Military Education and Training program.

Under the Iraqi Liberation Act of 1998,

defense officials provided some war crimes and crimes against humanity training at the Defense Institute of International Legal Studies in Newport, R.I., for the Iraqi opposition. "I was the course coordinator and an instructor for that program," Hodgkinson said, "which early on, got me working with Iraqi opposition in areas related to crimes against humanity, human rights protection and how to investigate and preserve evidence of these crimes."

In her civilian capacity, Hodgkinson has participated in the State Department's Future of Iraq Project, and about two years ago, she spoke at a Human Rights and Transitional Justice seminar arranged by the Iraqi National Congress in London. In February she began working with the Defense Department's Office of Reconstruction and Humanitarian Assistance, deploying first to Kuwait and then to Baghdad on March 16.

With all her experiences over the years, Hodgkinson has heard numerous stories about what was going on inside Iraq. Even so, she said, "you can't possibly imagine what it would have been like to be an Iraqi under Saddam's regime until you actually walk out to one of these sites and see the marks of bulldozing at the bottom of the pit from 10, 15 years ago — where they specifically dug a grave just to throw bodies in it. And to see bullet holes in skulls. To see blindfolds over their eyes. To see ligatures holding their hands behind their back, and handcuffs, and to hear the local witnesses' stories."

Visiting the gravesites has been overwhelming, Hodgkinson said, particularly where the local people have rushed out to the site, trying to find any remains of their missing loved ones.

"It is just heart-wrenching to see them sobbing, lying there — men, women, children, entire families — just trying to find something to help them reconcile with what they've been through. It's really, really very moving. It's proof that everything we've been hearing about for years is absolutely true and possibly at an even higher level than what we'd expected."

Coalition officials have been getting daily reports of mass graves in neighborhoods, villages and towns throughout Iraq, Hodgkinson said. Military officials do preliminary investigations and determine whether further inquiry is warranted. In some cases, coalition forces secure the site, pending further examination.

"We try to verify as quickly as possible whether or not there is, in fact, a mass grave, and what's the likelihood that something could happen to the grave in the short term, if we don't maintain a presence or cordon it



AFIS photo

"You can't possibly imagine what it would have been like to be an Iraqi under Saddam's regime until you actually walk out to one of these sites and see the marks of bulldozing at the bottom of the pit from 10, 15 years ago," said Sandra Hodgkinson, the Coalition Provisional Authority's director of human rights. These sites are "where they specifically dug a grave just to throw bodies in it," she added.

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"For the past six weeks now, we've had a forensic assessment team in from the United Kingdom," she added. "We brought them in to help not only do initial site surveys and initial assessments, but also to help advise us on our overall graves strategy."

The team has been creating "forensic protocols," she noted, "which are standards that every forensic team that comes in to assist in the exhumation process will have to live by in all the graves around the country. It was most important to make sure that this is done in a systematic way so that the identifications that

are done and the evidence that is pulled from these graves can actually be useful in the future."

The British team has done initial assessments at many of the graves in the Baghdad area, Hodgkinson said. Coalition officials will use the team's input to help prioritize where they'll send full forensic exhumation teams.

"We've been contacting many of our coalition partners to explore the possibility of getting donor exhumation teams," she said. "Given the sophisticated level of expertise necessary to do this, we're going to need all the forensic teams possible."

# New Research

## Gulf War veterans illnesses

### VA Press Release

WASHINGTON — Research studies that challenge the conventional wisdom regarding potential links between military service during the Gulf War and the numerous, yet often undiagnosed, illnesses reported by many veterans were presented recently to the Department of Veterans Affairs Research Advisory Committee for Gulf War Veterans Illnesses.

"I am very pleased with the progress of the committee and ongoing research into the illnesses that continue to afflict the brave men and women who served so well during the Gulf conflict," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony J. Principi. "They haven't given up on their search for answers and neither will we."

Presentations June 16 by the principal investigators of four completed studies looked at the nervous system, cognitive function, use of pyridostigmine bromide (a drug protecting people from nerve agents) and exposure to pesticides and nerve gas.

Antonio Sastre, Ph.D., of Midwest Research Institute in Kansas City, Mo., presented, for the first time, results

of his Defense Department-sponsored study of autonomic nervous system function in Gulf War-era veterans. The autonomic nervous system controls many of the body's functions (like breathing) automatically, without any conscious effort. Using a battery of tests to capture the complexities of the autonomic nervous system, Sastre's findings indicate that ill veterans demonstrate autonomic system dysfunction on a broad range of tests.

Results of a just-published VA-funded study by Roberta F. White, Ph.D., of Boston University School of Medicine and the Boston VA Healthcare System Medical Center indicated that Gulf War-deployed veterans performed "significantly worse," on tests of attention, visuospatial skills, visual memory and mood. Additionally, Gulf War deployed veterans who used pyridostigmine bromide performed worse than their deployed comrades who did not use the drug.

John Vogel, Ph.D., of Lawrence Livermore Laboratory in California, discussed the use of accelerator mass spectrometry to detect very low levels of pesticides and their effect on the brain's

increased absorption of a second toxic exposure. The research, conducted with animals, was sponsored by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences.

Likewise, undetected low-level exposure to sarin nerve gas can cause delayed development of brain alterations that may be associated with memory loss and cognitive dysfunction in animals. This study, by Rogene Henderson, Ph.D., of Lovelace Respiratory Research Institute in Albuquerque, advances scientific understanding of the long-term effects of exposure to chemical weapons.

"This new research has important implications, not only for ill veterans, but for the development of medical defenses to protect future American troops and civilians from chemical attack," said committee chairman James Binns.

The advisory committee was established by Secretary Principi to review research and give advice on those areas showing the greatest promise for finding the cause, or causes, of Gulf War illnesses and treating Gulf War veterans.

# Veterans' questions and answers

**Editor's Note:** *Following are typical questions answered daily by VA counselors. Full information is available at any VA office.*

**Q** I read on the Internet that VA's budget is being cut. With a new generation of combat vets coming into the system and older vets needing medical care, this doesn't make sense.

**A** VA's budget has not been cut, although wrong information continues to circulate on the Internet and on the opinion pages of some newspapers. President Bush's proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1 has an 8 percent increase in VA health care spending. VA's budget for health care has increased 32 percent since President Bush took office.

**Q** I'm a 20-year military retiree whose retirement pay is cut by the amount I receive from VA for disability compensation. I read the military soon will begin making up this offset. How can I make sure I receive this?

**A** The military services will make case-by-case decisions if military retirees are eligible for the new program, which is called "Combat-Related Special Compensation." It is for veterans rated at least 60 percent disabled because of armed conflict or certain other conditions, such as hazardous duty, training exercises, or mishaps involving military equipment. VA will

provide the military information from veterans' files that may help determine eligibility.

Veterans may download DD Form 2860 and obtain more information at <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/crsc>. They may also call their branch of service for more information: Army, 866-281-3254; Navy and Marine Corps., 877-366-2772; or Air Force, 866-229-7074.

**Q** We hear all the time that veterans are dying at an increasing rate and national cemeteries are running out of burial space. What is VA doing about this?

**A** VA is developing five new cemeteries in metropolitan areas that now have neither national nor state cemeteries with burial space available. These new cemeteries, plus expansions planned for several existing cemeteries, will advance VA's goal to have 85 percent of veterans living within 75 miles of casket and cremation burial space by 2007. Beyond that date, VA has identified other metropolitan areas that do not have veterans burial space or that will run out of space by 2020 in order to begin planning to fill that need.

For further information about VA financial payments, call 1-800-827-1000.

For information about VA health care, call 1-877-222-8387 or visit VA's web-page at [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)

# Commissary Website customer link to savings

Bonnie Powell

Special to the Frontline

FORT LEE, Va. — When is the next case lot sale? What time does my commissary open? Where can I get more coupons? The answers to those questions, and more, are at [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com). Commissary customers will find their one-stop cyber information center is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, and there is always something new.

The Web site is there to help them save money, said Rick Brink, Web content editor for the Defense Commissary Agency.

“One thing we’re often asked is why there aren’t Internet coupons on our site. But there are. We may not be able to offer them ourselves, but customers can find links to commer-

cial sites that offer commissary sales information, newsletters and downloadable coupons through the links page at [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com).”

The number of coupons redeemed online or downloaded and used at brick and mortar stores has increased dramatically over the last three years, with grocery coupons among the most popular. For example, a link to CoolSavings, one of the largest providers of coupons on the Internet, is brand new on the links page of [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com).

“If a business sells groceries in commissaries or has coupons of interest to our customers, all they need to do is provide a gateway page for commissary customers and we’ll provide a text link to their Web site,” Brink said. “We want to do anything we can to encourage savings above

and beyond the 30 percent savings we typically provide commissary shoppers.”

The DeCA Web site attracts heavy traffic and experiences from two to four million hits per month, according to Web master Corintha Russell.

“Average daily visits this year increased more than 20 percent by the end of March,” she said. “In fact, March 28 was the most visited day ever at the Web site.”

“Store pages are the most visited areas of our Web site by far,” said Brink. “Customers can find commissary locations, hours, news about store events and other useful information about their commissary. They can even e-mail the store. It’s all right there at their fingertips. All they have to do is click.”

The DeCA Web site also has the latest news

releases about what’s happening at commissaries and customers can contact the agency directly to ask questions, offer suggestions, send compliments and resolve issues through the Web site’s comment feature. Customers can also access the shopping pages before they plan their commissary trips to find out what’s on sale.

Another recent addition is a link to the Commissary Gift Certificates page, which allows anyone to purchase the certificates as a gift of groceries for military families and friends or to donate to charities that support the military.

The gift certificates page has become the top-ranked specialty page with more than \$1 million commissary gift certificates purchased or donated since October 2002.

## DeCA Fast Facts

### Shoppers Give Commissaries High Grades

A steady rise in customer satisfaction continues as commissary shoppers gave high marks — a 4.42 overall score out of a possible 5.0 - in the latest commissary customer service survey. The results of the 2003 mid-year customer service survey, which was conducted in April, mark a steady rise in customer satisfaction going back to 2000. In 2000, customers gave commissaries an overall score of 4.23. By 2001, the score had risen to 4.33, and by November 2002, the score had risen to 4.39.

The survey tallies the responses to 14 questions from more than 20,000 commissary customers worldwide. The 2003 mid-year survey showed customer satisfaction rose slightly in each of the 14 targeted areas compared to the November 2002 survey. The greatest improvements since the last survey dealt with time and ease of shopping. “Checkout waiting time” improved from 4.39 to 4.46 while “Store layout and time required to shop” went from 4.39 to 4.45.

### July 4th — Get More Bang at Your Commissary!

With Independence Day just moments away, grocery shoppers can get more bang for their bucks at their commissary. Hot dogs, hamburgers, buns, chips, pickles, sodas, ice cream and snacks are all at your commissary . . . at 30-percent savings! Enjoy the holiday and eat well by shopping at your commissary.

The Fort Stewart commissary is having a warehouse sale now through July 6. The facility is closed Friday.

### Commissaries Offer “Club” Deals

Commissary shoppers are getting the shopping club experience this summer with a variety of products ranging

from hot dogs and frozen pizzas to paper products and laundry detergent being sold in “club packs.” Club packs, which generally offer several items of a product packaged as one unit for sale, are popular with shoppers seeking to load their pantries. Plastic food storage bags, diapers, macaroni and cheese, coffee, soap, pet food and candy are among the items offered in club packs. The packs started appearing in commissaries in May and will continue to be offered through September. Club packs aren’t hard to find. Because of their unique sizes and volume, commissaries usually set up special club pack displays, or offer them in case lot sales.

### Commissaries Save Young Service Members Big \$\$\$

One of the simplest ways to improve the family budget is to use the commissary benefit. This is especially true for young service members in grades E-1 through E-6. Regular commissary shopping saves a family of four \$2,400 per year. Savings are even greater in high-cost areas. Many of the items young service members purchase — chips, frozen pizza, produce, soda, snack foods, shampoo, hair spray, shaving cream, soap, detergent, over the counter medicines, batteries and more — are available in commissaries at a savings of 30 percent or more. Customers who use coupons find they save even more. Coupons are routinely available in commissaries, newspapers, and online links at <http://www.commissaries.com>. Commissaries provide shoppers with an opportunity to add a significant boost to their grocery purchasing power — and increase their disposable income.

### What Do Food Product Dates Mean?

• A “Sell-By” date tells the store how long to display the

product for sale. You should buy the product before this date.

• A “Best if Used By (or Before)” date is a recommendation for best flavor or quality. It is not a purchase or safety date.

• A “Use-By” date is the last date recommended for use of the product while at peak quality. This date is determined by the manufacturer based on analysis of the product throughout its shelf life, tests, or other information.

For more information on food safety, visit DeCA’s Web site at <http://www.commissaries.com> and click on the food safety information link.

### Great Grilled Steaks Can Be Inexpensive

If you’re a steak lover, watch for “Manager’s Specials” in your commissary’s meat department for the best buys, and be sure to choose a cut that’s a natural for grilling. The tenderest cuts are generally the most expensive, but using a tenderizing marinade can make the more economical cuts just as good or better. A tenderizing marinade must contain an acid ingredient such as lemon juice, yogurt, wine or vinegar or a natural tenderizing enzyme such as those found in fresh papaya, ginger or pineapple. It can be as simple as bottled vinegar-and-oil-based salad dressing or as elaborate a homemade concoction as your imagination can muster.

Timing is important when using a marinade as a tenderizer. Beef must be marinated for at least six hours for tenderization to take place, and should always be done in the refrigerator — never at room temperature. If the marinade is used mainly for flavor rather than for tenderizing, the time can be as little as 15 minutes or as long as two hours. For safety’s sake, always discard any leftover marinade.

# POLICE REPORTS

- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 25-year-old male, 24th Support Group
- **Charges:** Deposit account fraud
- **Location:** Hinesville

- **Subject:** Civilian, 30-year-old female
- **Charges:** Driving while license suspended, criminal trespassing
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Specialist, 22-year-old male, 24th Support Group
- **Charges:** Drunk driving, no drivers license on person
- **Location:** Flemming, Ga.

- **Subject:** Private, 21-year-old female, 24th Support Group
- **Charges:** Drunken driving
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Civilian, 18-year-old male
- **Charges:** Possession of marijuana
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Family member, 27-year-old female
- **Charges:** Deprivation of a child
- **Location:** Hunter

- **Subject:** Private, 31-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Wrongful use of marijuana
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Specialist, 22-year-old female, Division Support Command
- **Charges:** Driving while license suspended
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Specialist, 20-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Larceny of NAF property
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Sergeant, 39-year-old male, 24th Support Group

- **Charges:** Failure to exercise due care
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Family member, 22-year-old female
- **Charges:** Driving while license suspended, failure to appear
- **Location:** Hunter

- **Subject:** Specialist, 23-year-old female, Division Support Command
- **Charges:** Driving while license suspended
- **Location:** Hunter

- **Subject:** Sergeant, 34-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Possession of an open container, driving under the influence, speeding 51/40
- **Location:** Hinesville

- **Subject:** Airman, 19-year-old male, separate battalion

- **Charges:** Forgery, wrongful possession of marijuana, possession of an open container
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private, 18-year-old male, 1st Brigade

- **Charges:** Wrongful use of marijuana, possession of marijuana
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Family member, 34-year-old female
- **Charges:** Cruelty to children, damage to government proper-

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- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Specialist, 29-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Driving under the influence, failure to obey traffic control device
- **Location:** Savannah

- **Subject:** Specialist, 26-year-old male, National Guard
- **Charges:** Driving while license suspended, speeding, failure to appear
- **Location:** Hunter

- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 21-year-old male, 24th Support Group
- **Charges:** Entering an auto or other motor vehicle with intent of felony
- **Location:** Hinesville

- **Subject:** Family member, 21-year-old female
- **Charges:** Driving while license suspended
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Family member, 21-year-old female, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Driving while license suspended, speeding 69/55
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 26-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Driving on suspended license, speeding 77/55
- **Location:** Hinesville

- **Subject:** Civilian, 18-year-old male
- **Charges:** Simple assault, cruelty to children
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Staff Sergeant (Retired), 49-year-old male
- **Charges:** Simple assault, false imprisonment
- **Location:** Hunter

## 3ID IN BRIEF

## Stewart

**Temporary Road Closure**

Hase Road between Lindquist Road/Wurzburg Street (parking lot access road for Main PX shopping area) will be closed to through traffic beginning Monday at 7:30 a.m. to July 11 at 4 p.m. Detour signs will be posted during this closure. Motorists are urged to exercise caution in and around areas of the replacement.

**Diceman Cometh**

This presentation meets the requirement for OPSEC Security Education — G3 Refresher Training. The Diceman presents a provocative, uncompromising and even irreverent look at the world of espionage. Ray Semko, the Diceman, brings 30 years of military and government OPSEC, security and counterintelligence experience to the IOSS.

He will be at Woodruff Theater July 16 at 2 p.m. and July 17 at 10 a.m.

For more information call Ray Laurie at 767-1293. This briefing is for military, DA civilian personnel and contractors only.

**15th Street Gate**

Effective July 1, the operation hours of Gate #7 will be 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. Only commercial vehicles will still be allowed to enter during the physical training period of 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. Currently the gate is open 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. Please adjust your driving routes due to this change.

**Family Assistance Center**

Army Community Service at Fort Stewart scaled back its Family Assistance Center hours of operation. New hours are 7 a.m. to

7 p.m., Monday through Friday. Weekends will be handled with an on call roster and phones forwarded to EOC.

**Childcare Needed**

Military wives are needed to provide childcare in their homes. Free training and assistance offered through Youth Services' Family Childcare program. Why not consider this excellent opportunity to make money?

For more information call 767-2311.

**Education Center Hours**

The Main Education Center, Building 130, will continue with expanded hours due to the high demand for services during the day and evening hours. The 1st Brigade/Divarty Learning Center will return to regular business hours. Computer access is available during the week at the Main Learning Center, Building 130, 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, from 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

**Scuba Diving Course**

Course consists of 2 four-hour class sessions on July 8 and 9 and 1 two-hour session July 10. Two 4-hour pool sessions are scheduled July 16 & 17 and a diving trip to Florida, the weekend of July 18.

For more information, call Perry Yawn at 767-8326.

**Sunday Brunch**

Bring 20 or more people, or a church bulletin and get \$1 off. Half price for children 9 - 12 and children under age 8 eat free. Cartoon available for children. For information call 368-2212.

## Hunter

**After-school Program**

The Hunter Youth Center is now signing up students in the 6th grade level and higher for a free After-School Program. First through 5th graders may also sign up, however, space is limited. Those who are interested can register at Building 1286.

**Phatt Katz Comedy Show**

The Phatt Katz Comedy Run will present shows at the Hunter Club on Wednesday starting at 9:30 p.m. Performances will feature two comedians and one headliner.

Doors open at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. For reservations call 269-0277.

**Continuing education**

Family members, Army Reservists and National Guardsmen can continue their education during their relocation to Hunter Army Airfield, regardless of their specific unit, at the Hunter Army Airfield Education Center, Building 1290. For more information, call 352-6130.

Classrooms are also available for training and FRG meetings. For additional information about these locations, or the ACES program, call the Main Education Center at 352-6130.

**First Steps Program**

The First Steps Program needs volunteers.

This is a program that provides information and support to expectant and new parents stationed at Hunter. Volunteers make home visits to expectant parents and provide a 12 month phone call fol-

low up. Volunteers are paid mileage reimbursement and enjoy flexible hours. For more information, call 756-6516.

**Youth Services**

There are various programs available for every age at the Youth Services Bldg. 6052. You can pick anything from basketball to Tae Kwon Do lessons.

For more information call 352-5708.

**Softball Signups Slated**

Intramural Softball registration is still open — sign up today! Semi-pro baseball is also available. All sports open to active duty, reserve component soldiers and family members. For more information call Art Lewis, Hunter Sports Office at 352-6749.

**Hunting and Fishing License**

Fort Stewart and Hunter AAF hunting and fishing permits and Georgia State hunting and fishing licenses are sold at the Hunter Skeet Range, Bldg. 8250. A Hunter Education course is required for on-post hunting permit. For more information, please call 352-5916.

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## Winn Army Community Hospital

**Expectant Mothers Group**

No Expectant Mothers Support Group will be held in July. The next meeting will be Aug. 19, 9 a.m. at Club Stewart. The group is open to all expectant mothers whose significant other is deployed. For more information, call 370-6779.

**Bereavement Support Group**

The next Bereavement Support Group meeting will be 7 to 8 p.m. July 8 in the chapel. The group is open to beneficiaries who have lost a loved one. For more information, call 370-6661.

**Exceptional Family Member**

The next Exceptional Family Member Program enrollment orientation will be 1:30 to 3 p.m. July 24 in Patriot Auditorium. Meet other families and learn about other community support services. For more information, call 370-6505.

**"Take Care of Yourself" Class**

The next "Take Care of Yourself" class will be 2 to 3 p.m. July 9 at Winn. The class gives an overview of how to use the "Take Care of Yourself" book. Upon completing the class, you will receive a card that allows you to get over-the-counter medications from Winn or Tuttle. To register for the class, call 370-5071.

**Family Reunion Support**

Family reunion support is available for families having difficulty adjusting after a deployment. Support is available by appointment or on a walk-in basis. For more information, call 370-6100 or 370-6111.

**Coping Support Groups**

The Coping Support Group is for adults having difficulty dealing with

the stress in their life. The group meets 9 to 10:30 a.m. every Monday. The Coping Support Group for Children meets 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Monday for children ages 6 to 9 and 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Thursday for children ages 10 to 13. For more information, call 370-6100.

**Winn and Tuttle Champions**

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

**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.

**ASAP sees families**

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

# Early screenings now available

To get a jump on next year's school health requirements, school health screening services are now available at Winn Army Community Hospital and Tuttle Army Health Clinic for military beneficiaries.

Children entering the Georgia school system for the first time are required to have the Georgia Certificate of Eye, Ear and Dental screenings as well as the Certificate of Immunization completed and signed by a healthcare provider.

The required certificates can be obtained from the respective clinics. Remember to bring the child's medical records, shot

records and ID card to the screenings.

## Winn Army Community Hospital Eye and Ear screenings

Vision and hearing screenings are available by appointment Monday through Friday.

To schedule an appointment, call 767-6633 or 1-800-652-9221.

## Dental Screenings

Dental screenings on Fort Stewart are available on a walk-in basis at the sponsor's assigned dental clinic.

• Dental Clinic #1 will hold walk-in hours from 12:15 to 2:15 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 767-8510.

• Dental Clinic #4 will hold walk-in hours from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information, call 767-8930.

## Immunization Screenings

Immunizations and record reviews are available on a walk-in basis.

Walk-in hours are 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and 7:30 to 9:30

a.m. and 1 to 3:30 p.m. Thursday. The clinic is closed until 1 p.m. the third Thursday of the month.

## Tuttle Army Health Clinic

Tuttle's full-service screening is available by appointment only. The one-time appointment will walk the child through each required clinic. Appointments are held from 12:15 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday until August 15.

To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-652-9221.

# Iraq clinic celebrates “National Vaccination Day”



Spc. Anthony K. Reinoso

(Above) Staff Sgt. Robert Laverick of the 422nd Civil Affairs Battalion, an Army Reserve unit based in Greensboro, N.C., consoles a crying baby after the baby was given shots to prevent diseases such as measles or mumps.

(Right) An assistant at the Fakhir El Din Al Jamil childrens clinic preps for the next patient's vaccination in Baghdad on Iraq's National Vaccination Day.

## Spc. Anthony K. Reinoso

372nd MPAD

BAGHDAD, Iraq – U.S. soldiers of the 422nd Civil Affairs Battalion visited a childrens health clinic here recently to commemorate Iraq's National Vaccination Day, June 22, to show the U.S. support for public health in Iraq, and presented gifts — small stuffed animals and candy — to the children there.

National Vaccination Day in Iraq is not a day when all the children get vaccinated; it is just a day to emphasize the importance of immunizations. The clinics here regularly give vaccinations free of charge, twice a week.

Maj. Roger McDaniel and Staff Sgt. Robert Laverick of the 422nd Civil Affairs Battalion, an Army Reserve unit based in Greensboro, N.C., said their role is to assess the needs of the childrens clinic and to discover any flaws in the system that may prevent the clinic from functioning proper.

One example, according to Laverick, is that the refrigeration system at the Fakhir El Din Al Jamil

clinic is unreliable because of the frequent power failures in Baghdad's electrical grid. The vaccination medicines are kept under refrigeration at a local hospital, which has a generator for electrical backup, so not to risk spoiling at the clinic.

Clinic employees drive to and from the hospital through heavy traffic each session day to transport the medicine. While there are delays and glitches, the clinic perseveres.

According to Dr. Nada (first name withheld at her request), head of Fakhir El Din Al Jamil children's clinic, prior to the war, Operation Iraqi Freedom, the clinic ran its immunization program twice a week and has missed only two sessions since the main parts of the fighting ended in late April.

The clinic practices preventive action against various diseases such as measles, mumps, tuberculosis, hepatitis, tetanus, and typhoid, especially due to circumstances after the war, when there was no running water and no electricity in parts of Baghdad and in other parts of Iraq. “People need hygienic education, especially now,” Nada said.

However, only about 30 to 50 children are brought to the clinic per session (twice a week) in Baghdad, a city of five million people. Because of the present circumstances, such as mass unemployment and lack of an Iraqi government, not enough people are visiting the clinic for treatment or education. But, Nada said, when things are back to normal again, she is confident more people will frequent the clinic.

Hygienic education and classes are very important for Iraq, she said. The clinic provides classes for parents and their children in addition to the vaccinations. According to Nada, classes should also air on television and radio in Iraq, emphasizing how imperative it is that good hygiene be practiced to avoid disease outbreaks.

“I hope that people will be safe from diseases. I feel sorry for the kids when they come in with diseases crying in pain. I wish that there will be more health centers and clinical centers built than there was before the war,” Nada said. “I wish the best for our country and that it will be one best countries in the time to come.”



# Savannah conference hopes to save endangered fish

DPW

Special to The Frontline

Fish scientists from many state and federal agencies, institutions, and organizations will gather in Savannah in July to study the endangered shortnose sturgeon in an effort to help recover this unusual riverine fish. The three-day Shortnose Sturgeon Recovery Conference held at Armstrong Atlantic State University will provide opportunities for these biologists to share research findings, discuss impacts on the fish, and pro-

pose management actions to help rebuild population levels in our coastal rivers.

The shortnose sturgeon is a member of a family of fish most widely known for its fish eggs, or more commonly referred to as "caviar." This species of sturgeon was listed as endangered throughout its range in 1967. It is an anadromous fish that spawns in the coastal rivers along the east coast of North America from the St. John River in Canada to the St. Johns River in Florida. An anadromous fish is one that spends part of its life in salt

water and swims up river in the late winter and early spring to spawn in fresh water followed by a return to salt water. This fish can be found in the local estuaries and large river systems. Locally, populations of shortnose sturgeon occur in the Savannah, Ogeechee and Altamaha Rivers. The shortnose sturgeon is the smallest of the two sturgeon species that occur along the Atlantic coastline, having a maximum known total length of 56 inches and weight of 50 pounds. The other sturgeon found in our waters is the larger Atlantic sturgeon.

Because many populations of the shortnose sturgeon are small and in jeopardy and many aspects of the fish's life history is not clearly understood, fisheries biologists, geneticists, physiologists, chemists, hydrogeologists, and other aquatic scientists are gathering for the first time to share information and build partnerships in an attempt to recover the fish. An unlikely local agency is helping spearhead this effort by co-hosting the conference. That agency is the U.S. Army, specifically Fort Stewart's Fish and Wildlife office. Fort Stewart, in conjunction with the National Marine Fisheries Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Armstrong Atlantic State University are teaming up to invite many of the nation's most knowledgeable shortnose sturgeon experts to this unique gathering.

Tom Bryce, Chief of Fisheries for Fort Stewart's Fish and Wildlife Branch, said that the purpose of this gathering was to "build relationships, partnerships and knowledge for recovering the shortnose stur-

geon to healthy population levels throughout its range." Bryce continued, "By coming together to share and listen, we are better able to assess what we know, identify the future needs and pool resources to accomplish our common goals. This fish will be restored to desired levels only when we communicate and cooperate."

The Canoochee and Ogeechee Rivers are two coastal rivers in Southeast Georgia that harbor the endangered sturgeon. Both rivers flow through Fort Stewart, a 280,000-acre Army installation, and because the Army is tasked to be a good steward of its natural resources and ensure all environmental laws are adhered to, the installation's Fish and Wildlife office has been actively monitoring its shortnose sturgeon population for almost 10 years.

Bryce and his staff of aquatic biologists, with the help of the Army Environmental Center, the Corps of Engineer's Waterways Experiment Station, and the Coastal Resources Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, has determined the population of adult shortnose sturgeon to be less than 300. This population is small and appears to be suffering from reduced recruitment of young juvenile sturgeon. Whether the problem is degraded spawning habitat, reduced water quality or diminished ground waters, Bryce believes the answers can only be found by building additional partnerships with conservation agencies and organizations and tapping into the expertise of other shortnose sturgeon experts, as he hopes to do during this

Savannah conference. Although the installation works hard to ensure that it does not impact the river and the fish, Bryce feels that the possible causes of this species decline are regional in scope. Consequently, a team approach is needed among local and regional specialists to identify the limiting factors.

Vince Mudrak, Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Warm Springs Regional Fisheries Center said, "The USFWS has been involved with shortnose sturgeon recovery work for about twenty years in the southeast. During that time key advancements in knowledge have taken place, but on-the-ground implementation of recovery actions for improving sturgeon populations has been minimal. This conference can serve as the springboard for the formation of implementation teams to accomplish this kind of work. Resource partners could be encouraged to combine their very limited but important human and technical resources, and agree to work in harmony in specific rivers, to assess and improve the status of our fish populations."

Mudrak concluded by saying, "This conference will likely be viewed in the future as one of the milestones that marked the beginning of an integrated partnership approach for the recovery of imperiled sturgeon in southeastern rivers."

**For complete schedule on the Shortnose Sturgeon Recovery Conference and more information, please visit: <http://www.stewart.army.mil/dpw/fish/STURGEON%20MEET.htm>**



Fort Stewart Environmental Division photo

A close up shot of an adult shortnose sturgeon revealing the blunt nose, the bony side and dorsal scutes and the sensory barbels suspended beneath its snout.

# Audie Murphy unit prepares for return to Fort Benning

**Spc. Petersi Liu**

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CENTRAL IRAQ — June 14, soldiers from the B Company 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, known as the Audie Murphy unit, washed their vehicles at the wash racks in Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, part of out-processing from theater.

“In Operation Iraqi Freedom, the Audie Murphy unit is the leading element at the western flank to Baghdad March 21 and did not sustain any casualties, but some are wounded,” said Staff Sgt. Jose Maldonado, a platoon sergeant of the Audie Murphy’s unit.

The unit fought seven major battles; An-Nasariyah, Tallil Airfield, Highway 8, Highway 9, a tactical bridge over the Euphrates River, Al Salem, and Baghdad, said Capt. Philippone Douglas, commander of the Audie Murphy unit.

Over the course of the battles, the unit, working in conjunction with other companies, destroyed more than 20 enemy T-72 Russian made tanks, 15 tank artilleries, and 30 tactical vehicles. They eliminated 200 Iraqi soldiers and captured more than 100 enemy prisoners of war, Douglas said.

Tanks of the Audie Murphy unit were bombarded with heavy rocket propelled grenades when entering Baghdad, but it survived with few armor plates blown away, Douglas said.

“Soldiers have to go through a board to be inducted in to the Audie Murphy Club. It is prestigious! Whenever we are assigned to another station, the division commander gives the new station a letter signifying that we are one of the members of the Audie Murphy Club,” said Maldonado.

The Audie Murphy unit is named after a Congressional Medal of Honor recipient who was the highest and most decorated soldier of World War II.



*Spc. Petersi Liu*

Sgt. Terry Henderson, M2A2 Bradley gunner B Co., 1/15 Inf. Regt. known as the Audie Murphy unit, cleans a Bradley at the vehicle wash racks at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait.

## On Post

## Toastmasters

Whether you're a professional, student, stay-at-home parent or retiree, Toastmasters is the best way to improve your communication skills.

The Dog-Faced Soldiers Toastmasters International Club meets noon every second and fourth Wednesday at Club Stewart and is open to everyone.

For more information, call 767-0383 or email at [Bowenja@stewart.army.mil](mailto:Bowenja@stewart.army.mil).

## Swimming lessons

Classes are open to military adults and children, DoD civilians, retirees, National Guardsmen and Army Reservists.

The two-week sessions will be held at Corkan Gym and Bryan Village Pool during June and July. The cost is \$25 for youth and adults, \$15 for infants and toddlers.

Call 767-2312 to sign up for swimming lessons.

## CYS Central Registration

The CYS Central Registration, Building 443 will be open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday and Friday by appointment only; 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday by appointment only and all day Wednesday for walk-in. Pick up records from your child's program (SAS, CDC, FCC and YS) prior to update. For more information, call 767-2312.

## July 4th Events

• **Bait Casting Contest** — 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Donovan Parade Field. Participants are allowed three "tries" to land the plug into the pool. Those who hit the target two out of three tries wins. No registration required. For additional information contact Susan Chipple, 767-8609.

• **Sports USA** — Come and enjoy the following events before the concert and fireworks on Donovan Parade Field at 7:30 p.m. No registration required.

• **Outdoor Cookout** — Noon - 5 p.m. Enjoy a hotdog, lemonade, watermelon for only \$2. Activities following the picnic include hula-hoops, golf-tee, craft show, jello wrestling, limbo contest and more!

• **Softball Tourney** — 9 a.m. until completion at Fort Stewart Softball Complex across from Heritage Bank. Teams must register at Fort Stewart Sports Office by close of business July 1, or call Perry Yawn at 767-8326.

• **Family Bowling Day** — 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Marne Lanes Bowling Center. Only \$1.25 per game and \$1.25 for shoes. Please call 767-4866/3294.

• **Taylor Creek Gold** — Anyone who plays the course 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. can submit their name into a drawing for a free round of gold, a golf car and a dozen golf balls. For additional information contact Tommy McArthur at 767-2370 or 452-5622.

## Off Post

## Disaster Services Training

Disaster Services Training will be held July 10 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Pembroke Welcome Center

Training will cover Introduction to Disaster Services and Mass Care. Red Cross is seeking volunteers to assist with our mission of helping individuals prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies. For more information, call the American Red Cross Liberty Branch Office at (912) 876-3975

If you're interested in having your sports articles, commentaries or briefs posted in The Frontline, call 767-3440, or fax at 767-5979. Deadline is noon on Fridays.

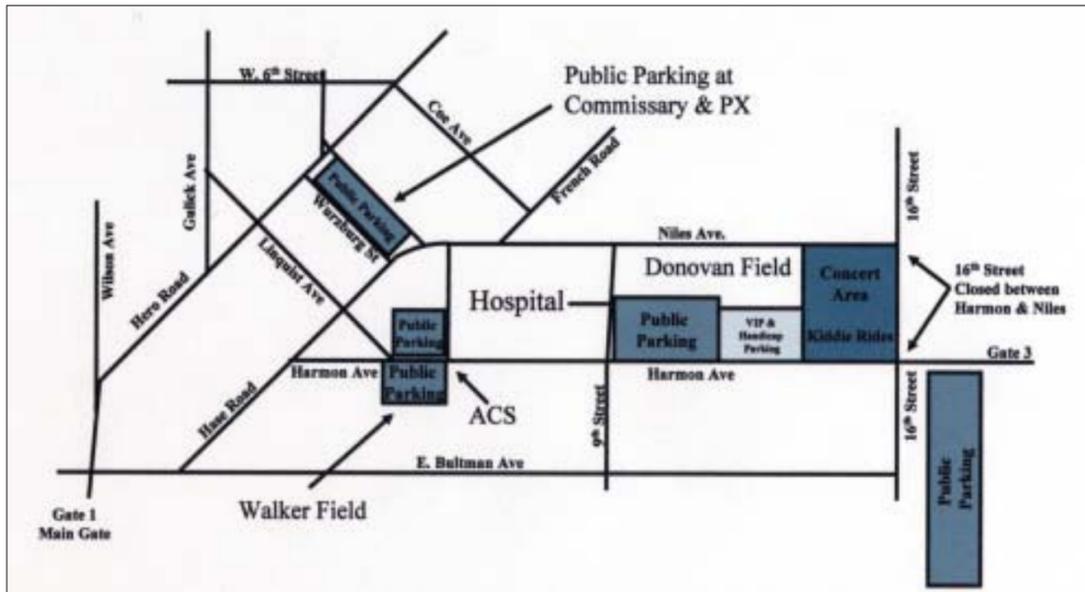
## Possible delays on Stewart for July 4th celebrations

Fort Stewart press release

Personnel coming from off-post to celebrate the 4th of July on the installation should plan for extra waiting time at the gates. Current security measures and increased traffic will increase access times at all gates.

All personnel entering the installation should check to ensure they have all required documents before they arrive at the gate. All personnel in the vehicle, except young children, will be required to show a valid pictured ID, such as drivers license, social security card, etc. Vehicle operators will also be required to show a valid operators license, proof of insurance and a valid vehicle registration. All vehicles and persons entering the installation will be subject to searches by military police, including the utilization of military detection dogs.

Parking will be controlled by military police for the parking lots on Donovan Field and E. 16th Street (see map). Other parking areas will be first come first serve, but illegally parked vehicles will be subject to fines and/or towing. Fort Stewart residents are encouraged to walk to the concert area to ease parking and traffic congestion. Please ensure that all vehicles are



properly secured and no valuable items are left in plain view.

Personnel are reminded not to bring any unauthorized items to the concert area. These items include, but are not limited to, weapons of any type, drugs or drug paraphernalia, glass bottles, and explosives or explosive devices including fireworks. Personnel attempting to bring unauthorized items into the con-

cert area will be denied access and afforded an opportunity to store these items in their vehicle or offered an amnesty area to surrender them. Items that are surrendered at the entrance will not be returned to the owner.

All personnel entering the concert and their bags/coolers will be searched prior to being allowed access.

Pets are not allowed in the con-

cert area.

The Military Police will be operating a mobile command post on Donovan Field adjacent to the review stand, where they will process lost and found items and assist individuals with children who have become separated from their parents. The Military Police mobile command post may be reached at 370-7495 on the 4th of July.

## ACS and chapels offer services to families

## Pfc. Emily Danial

Hunter PAO

After several months of convincing themselves that sand can be a nutritious addition to any meal, soldiers from the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) are finally beginning to trickle slowly back into Hunter Army Airfield and Fort Stewart and reunite with their families. What better way is there to welcome them home than by making their transition back into "normal" life as easy and painless as possible for all involved?

There are a number of ways to do this, and some of those ways involve taking advantage of the assistance offered by Army Community Services and installation chaplains' offices.

ACS exists to help soldiers and family members with the rigors of daily life through support systems and services.

"Our goal is to provide 100 percent soldier and family Reintegration and Reunion Training classes

and workshops to assist in reintegrating deployed soldiers back into the family unit," said Derick Futrell, director of the Hunter ACS.

One of the special services provided for returning soldiers and families is the Reunion Workshop, Futrell said.

"Designed for families, it allows them to prepare for the challenges of reunion before the loved ones return," he said. "In a group setting its objectives are to educate the families on reunion joys and concerns, getting back together, ways and barriers to communication, re-establishing intimate relationships and the expectations of change."

Chaplain (Maj.) John Foxworth said relationship and marriage problems dominate those issues being dealt with by returning soldiers and spouses.

"Both (the soldier and spouse) are distressed, both are tired, and the expectation on both sides is that once the soldier returns, 'Things will be wonderful,' when this is not necessarily the case," he said. "What

they both need to do is change their expectations to something more realistic, and work their way up."

Hunter's post chapel also offers guidance to couples and individuals who seek it. Foxworth said the number of couples asking for counseling has slightly increased due to the recent return of some of deployed soldiers.

"I'm not seeing any significant changes (from the norm) right now but that doesn't mean there won't be," he said. "Also, not every soldier on post attends our chapel — I can't account for those who take advantage of services off-post."

Although marriage issues do dominate concerns of returning soldiers with families, the number of programs geared toward families and children show that they are not the sole area in need of development by far.

For one, children must also be properly prepared for the homecoming of a parent, and according to Futrell, ACS is taking measures to make sure that

they are.

"Our School Liaison Officers will work with the local schools both on and off post assisted by the ACS staff to provide a "Train The Trainer" course to teach reunion information to children of all ages," he said. "We also offer age specific classes for children, both battalion-based and open-to-the-public classes and encourage parental participation."

"To follow-up after the soldiers' return we offer a Couples Reunion class for the soldier and spouse, which is designed to assist them in dealing with the stresses of reintegration into the family. These classes will be taught predominately by the Social Work Service staff personnel."

Soldiers don't have to wait until they get here to get advice on the things they'll go through when they come home, though.

As part of the redeployment process, each unit must receive reunion training, suicide awareness and prevention training, a brief-

ing on how to identify signs and symptoms of distress, training on changes in relationships, and training on communication with children and spouses. Married soldiers are also required to take a marital enrichment assessment instrument.

The Army's approach to caring for military families has changed. The Army used to provide all the services for the purpose of taking care of them, but now it is more geared toward empowering them to do things for themselves.

This isn't as easy as it may seem, according to Foxworth, since no two people need exactly the same type of assistance.

"You can't build a program on every single person's needs and we don't have a cookie-cutter solution to problems," he said. "If we did, it would be bureaucratic and defeat its purpose. What I try to do mostly is help people see things in a different light."

Still, sometimes a little different light is just what a homeward bound soldier needs.



Spc. Leslie Pearson

Ashanti performed Friday for spectators at Fort Gordon, Ga. She was a part of the 2003 Miller Lite Concert Tour.

## Ashanti raises morale, welfare at Fort Gordon

## Spc. Leslie Pearson

513th Military Intelligence Battalion

Singing favorites from her soulful self-titled debut album Ashanti and recent hits from her latest album Chapter II, urban R&B singer Ashanti gave a dynamic performance Friday night at Fort Gordon's Barton Field as part of the 2003 Miller Lite Concert Tour.

The concert, sponsored by U.S. Army Entertainment and Fort Gordon Morale, Welfare and Recreation, drew hundreds of people who were anxious to hear some music.

The evening opened with local performers Pam Wilson and the Ghetto Dancers who warmed up the crowd with their dance moves and vocal skills. Next on the play list was special guest rapper Mr. Cheeks, also known as Terrence Kelly (formerly with the Lost Boyz), who laid down tracks from his album "John P.

Kelly" and the recently released "Back Again."

For AIT student Pvt. Antonio Howells the concert was a chance to spend some time with his wife Jessica Howells, who drove all the way from Virginia to see him.

"We're having a good time tonight especially since I would normally be in class right now," said Howells glancing at the time on his wristwatch, "but it was cancelled because of the concert. It gives us a little more time to relax and be together."

Sgt. Christina Carter, a personnel actions clerk with the 513th Military Intelligence 201st Battalion and Sofia Blocker, a civilian budget assistant with the 513th MI 202nd Bn., were at the concert with their daughters who are fans of Ashanti's music.

"I'm having fun and I've been looking forward to coming to the concert to hear Ashanti sing 'Rock with You,'" said Raven Blocker.

# Recreation for the whole family



Lotts Island Facility Photos

Whether you want to hold a 50-meter dash or just a family get-together, there's plenty of room for both at Lotts Island on Hunter Army Airfield.



The pavilions at Lotts Island are open to everyone, so bring your baked ziti and watermelon and take advantage of the beautiful screened-in outdoors.

## Lotts Island facilities open for fun in sun

**Pfc. Emily Danial**  
Staff Writer, Hunter Public Affairs

The Lotts Island recreational area on Hunter Army Airfield offers all the facilities you'd need to have fun in the sun this summer — well, except a force-field of protection against harmful ultraviolet rays that burn your skin, but nobody has that.

Open to soldiers and families as well as members of the civilian community, Lotts Island boasts a dock for private boat berthing, boat hoist, boat ramp, fishing pier, six screened picnic shelters, playground, open picnic tables with grills and a campground, plenty of the necessities for a full day enjoying the outdoors.

"A lot of the units on post hold their special functions out here, and people also have birthday parties and that sort of thing here," said Lee

Collins, director of outdoor recreation at Hunter. "It's on post, but it's so far out that it still seems like they're getting off post, and they enjoy that."

The new screened pavilions have also been a benefit to picnickers to Lotts Island, said Collins. "This way, you don't have to share your food with the bugs."

The easiest access to Lotts Island is through Rio gate, and to get into the facility, all that is required is a military identification card for soldiers and families. Civilians must provide a valid driver's license proof of insurance and vehicle registration, as is usually required to get on post.

Since all these requirements can be easily met, and Lotts Island is just a short drive away, don't hesitate to head out there for a day of summer frolicking.

And don't forget your sunscreen!



(Above) The friendly Lotts Island staff will do their best to take care of helping you set up for a huge cookout or any problems you come across. There are also pavilions which are free but required advance reservations.

(Left) Now you have a place to put your boat thanks to the Lotts Island boat slips.



### AAFES INDEPENDENCE DAY OPERATING HOURS JULY 3, 4, 5 and 6

**FORT STEWART**

Main Store	10 am to 6 pm
Hospital PX	Closed
National Guard PX	Closed
Main Shoppette/Class Six	9 am to 9 pm
Bryan Village Shoppette	9 am to 8 pm
Brigade Troop Store	Close at 9 pm
July 4	Reopen at 3 pm
Victory Shoppette	24 Hours
Anthony's Pizza	10:30 am to 6 pm
Robin Hood	Closed
Wetzel Pretzel	Closed
American Eatery	Closed
Blimpie	12 am to 6 pm
Burger King July 4 & 5	10 am to 6 pm
July 6	10 am to 9 pm
Anthony's Pizza	11 am to 8 pm
Popeyes July 3	10 am to 8 pm
July 4,5 & 6	11 am to 6 pm
Car Care Center	Closed

Military Clothing Sales	
July 4,5, & 6	Closed
Woodruff Theater	7 pm Showing

Economic Car Rental	Closed
E L Car Wash/Detail	Closed

**HUNTER ARMY AIRFIELD**

Main Store	10 am to 4 pm
Hunter Corner Express	9 am to 6 pm
Military Clothing Sales	10 am to 4 pm
Burger King	11 am to 4 pm

**Hunter Concessions**

Short Term Concessions	11 am to 4 pm
Flower Shop	Closed
Laundry/Dry Cleaners	Closed
Alterations	Closed
Beauty Shop	Closed
Barber Shop	Closed
Optical Shop	Closed
Economic Car Rental	Closed
C's Boot Shine	Closed
Sprint Barracks Phone	Closed

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Barber Shop	10 am to 4 pm
Beauty Shop	Closed
Cedric's Gift Shop	10 am to 4 pm
Flower Shop	Closed
Alterations	Closed
Laundry/Dry Cleaners	11 am to 4 pm
Optical Shop	Closed
General Nutrition Center	10 am to 4 pm
Shoe Shine	Closed
Alltel Wireless	Closed
MCC Phone Center	Closed
Brigade Barber Shop	Closed
Laundry/Dry Cleaners	Closed
Alterations	Closed
Sprint Barracks Phone	Closed

# CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

## Rebuild your strengths

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Gary Mauck

Installation Chaplains Office

**Psalm 20: 4 and 5 says, "May He give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed. We will shout for joy when you are victorious and will lift up our banners in the name of our God. May the Lord grant all your requests."**

This is a season of refreshment. It is a time when we can take the opportunity to get away for a period of rest.

Vacations are when we get away to recharge our batteries and get ready for the New Year that begins in the fall. Sometimes I think that September 1st should be New Years Day instead of January 1st. Nonetheless, make your vacation a time of getting away from your normal routine and try something new and fun.

As I remember back over vacations past, I remember the ones where we went away as a family to travel or play at the beach. I have forgotten

the ones where I stayed at home to mow the lawn or paint the basement.

There will always be time for cleaning up the house but there won't always be time to spend fun time with your children. When they grow up, it will be too late. They will have their own lives to live.

Give your plans to God and enjoy your time in the sun. There is also plenty of time coming up to be serious and to work hard in your life. God expects a lot from us but even He rested on the seventh day. There are stories of Jesus taking the Disciples off to a secluded spot to rest and just to sit under a tree and share stories. There would be times for the crowds and Jesus knew when to get away and take it easy. Can we do no less?

Enjoy your vacation time. It is not just recreational time but it is necessary for our going into a new year refreshed, rested, and spiritually and physically stronger. Have a great time and God bless you and yours!

## Snapshot of your marriage

This tool is for you only. Your spouse will also have an opportunity to use this tool. It is designed to provide you with a snapshot of where your marriage is today. No one will ask for or collect these scores.

These are validated questions that researchers have used in many studies on marriage. While no tool such as this should be taken as being something that can predict your future – the questions and your scores are designed to help you evaluate where your marriage is today. Remember, you can choose to change the things that are not working, and for things that are going well, you can work on ways to enhance and strengthen your marriage further. A strong and satisfying marriage is your choice. If your score indicates a need for change or assistance, please contact your unit chaplain, or an installation or local helping agency for a marriage education workshop or counseling. Many issues can be resolved by awareness, skills training and personal support. Do not assume your marriage will grow without some thinking and effort on your part. Remember: there are people available to help you.

### Commitment Questions

Please answer each of the following questions by indicating how strongly you agree or disagree with the idea expressed.

- 1 = Strongly Disagree
- 2 = Disagree
- 3 = Neither Agree Nor Disagree

- 4 = Agree
- 5 = Strongly Agree

1 2 3 4 5 My relationship with my partner is more important to me than almost anything else in my life.

1 2 3 4 5 I like to think of my partner and me more in terms of "us" and "we" than "me" and "him/her."

1 2 3 4 5 I want this relationship to stay strong no matter what rough times we may encounter.

Total up your answers on the above three questions. The highest score here is 15 and the lowest is 3. Relative to many others who have responded to these questions, we suggest these ranges for interpretation. Since most people respond at the higher ranges of these questions:

14 to 15 HIGH: You scored high like most of people do who respond to these questions.

12 to 13 MEDIUM: You scored in a range we would call medium, but this is at or below the most typical score which tends to be in the higher range.

11 & below LOW: You scored relatively low on this. The further under 11 you scored, the more it might mean that you are struggling with your desire to be with your partner in the future. If that sounds like you, what does that mean to you and your relationship in the present?

**Editor's note: The second half of this article will appear in the next issue of the Frontline and is used with the permission of PREP, Inc.**

## Worship Opportunities

### Fort Stewart

Catholic	Location	Time
Sunday Mass	Victory	9 a.m.
Sunday Mass	Victory	7 p.m.
Weekday Mass	Victory	11:45 a.m.

### Protestant

Sunday "Protestant Worship"	Marne	11 a.m.
Sunday Gospel Service	Victory	11 a.m.
Sunday Family Friendly	Vale	11 a.m.
Tuesday Healing Service	WACH	11:30 a.m.

### American Samoan

Sunday Worship	Vale	1 p.m.
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### Jewish

Friday Shabbos Service	Marne	6 p.m.
Weekday Kaddish	Marne	1 p.m.

### Muslim

Friday Jum'ah	Bldg. 9182	1:15 p.m.
Masjid (Daily)	Bldg. 9182	5:30 a.m.

### Seventh Day Adventist

Saturday Sabbath School	Vale	9:15 a.m.
Saturday Divine Worship	Vale	11 a.m.

### Lutheran

Sunday Worship	Marne	9 a.m.
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### Contemporary Service

Sunday Worship	Marne	6 p.m.
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### Hunter Army Airfield

### Protestant

Sunday Service	Post Chapel	11 a.m.
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## Pet of the Week

Charlie, is a 3 month-old Akita mixed puppy. He is playful and loving and would make a great companion to young and old alike. Who can pass up a face like this?

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

# SPORTS & FITNESS

## On Post

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

**Karate-Gju-Ryu Classes**  
Classes are held Tuesdays and Thursdays for people five years old and up at the Fort Stewart Youth Center. The fee is \$30 per person. Beginners 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Advanced, teens and adults 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. No classes on Federal Holidays.

**4th of July events**  
• **Family Day Bowling** — 2 p.m. to 10 p.m., Marne Lanes Bowling Center. Pay only \$1.25 per game and \$1.25 for rental shoes. Direct questions to Jerry Evans or Gladys Pointer at 767-4866/3294.  
• **Taylor's Creek Golf** — Anyone who plays the course, 7 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., can submit their name into a drawing for a free round of golf, a golf car and a dozen golf balls. Contact Tommy McArthur at 767-2370 or 452-5622 for additional information.

• **Bait Casting Contest** — 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Donovan Parade Field. Participants are allowed 3 tries to land the plus into the pool. Those who hit the target 2 out of 3 times wins. No registration is required. For additional information contact Susan Chipple, 767-8609.

**Golf course**  
Taylor's Creek Golf Course offers Senior Blitz on Thursdays with a 9 a.m. tee off. They also offer a Dogfight Tournament at 7:30 a.m. and Men's Blitz at 1 p.m. on Saturdays and Men's Blitz at 1 p.m. on Sundays.  
• **Troops Tune Up**, a soldiers free clinic, is held every Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
• **A Ladies Free Clinic** is held every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.  
• **A "Junior Golf Academy"** is scheduled to be held during the summer.

Anyone who wants to schedule a fundraising event for *family support groups, unit activities* or a private organization is asked to contact Charlie Dobbertin at 767-2370.

**Pool passes**  
Pool passes are now available. Call Andy Arrington, DCAS Aquatic Director, at 767-3034 for more information.

**Track and Field Meet**  
Event will be July 11 and 12. Registration deadline is July 10. This meet is limited to 20 teams and 15 players per team. Active duty military, National Guardsmen, Reservists, and retirees are eligible. For information call 352-6749 or 767-8238/8326.

## Off Post

**Firecracker 5000**  
The Island Packet Firecracker 5000 Road Race and Fun Walk will be held 8 a.m. Saturday at the Mall at Shelter cove.

Runners from all over the United States participate in this Independence Day Event. It is the largest road race in Beaufort County and will be limited to the first 1,000 participants registered. For more information or to register, contact Bear Foot Sports at (843)379-3440 or register online at [www.bearfootsports.com](http://www.bearfootsports.com).

**Beach Challenge**  
On Aug. 9. Bear Foot Sports presents the first-ever multi-sport, team-only Beach Challenge, pitting teams of four athletes against one another in head-to-head competitions on the beach and in the water. For more information call Bear Foot Sports at 843-379-3440.

If you're interested in having your sports articles, commentaries or briefs posted in The Frontline, call 767-3440, or fax at 767-5979. Deadline is noon on Fridays.

## Dribbling encouraged but no bibs needed...



Jerome Washington, Youth Sports Director, teaches the six and seven year olds how to dribble. In their week of camp, the children learned how to dribble, pass and shoot the basketball.

# Kids show skills in basketball camp

**Spc. Casandra Bolton**  
Staff Writer, 372nd MPAD

Children from ages six through 18 years old attended Basketball Camp conducted at the Brian Village Youth Center June 23 through Friday.

The children attended their sessions from 9 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. daily. In this allotted time the coaches could teach the children basketball techniques without having to push the children.

There were approximately 55 children in attendance during the week-long camp.

The children were divided up into three different age groups. The way

the ages were broken down was six and seven year olds, eight through 10 year olds, and 11 through 18 year olds. The age groups, with the exception of the 11 to 18 year olds, stay in these categories during the actual basketball season.

Youth Sports Director, Jerome Washington, was the coach for the six to seven year olds during their camp. During their week of camp, they learned different fundamentals of basketball ranging from dribbling methods to shooting and making a basket.

"In the beginning they (six, seven year olds) could barely do anything," said Washington. "But they have improved so much."

The kids 11 and under played with the goal lowered to 8 1/2 feet.

"When they play during the year, they play with the goal at 8 1/2 feet," said Washington. "It is in the regulations of the Georgia Parks and Recreation Association."

The children smiled and gave each other high fives whenever they made a basket.

Some of the kids had on basketball gear ranging from basketball jerseys to headbands.

As whistles blew from each end of the court, children switched hands, directions and passed the ball on to the next person in line.

On Friday, the children ended their week of camp up with a scrimmage

that showed their parents what all they had learned in their week of camp.

They smiled from ear to ear as they practiced all of the skills they learned during their week of camp.

Parents cheered and recorded their children as the game went on.

After the scrimmages were over, the children all received medals to show that they were all winners.

The basketball camp was held to enhance the children's skills and to let them get some time with their peers.

"The camp gives all of the children something to do," said Washington. "Whether they are going to play basketball during the year or not."

## Rockets shoot for the stars



Fort Stewart Youth Services

T'Era Alston, nine years olds, participated in the Javelin Throw, for the females. Alston has qualified for the 2003 Region III Junior Olympic Championship in Landover, Md.

**Spc. Casandra Bolton**  
Staff Writer, 372nd MPAD

The Fort Stewart Youth Services Rockets Track Club participated at Barrow High School in Winder, Ga. at the 2003 Georgia Association of USATF Junior Olympic Association Championships June 19-22.

The "Rockets" are talented young children ranging in ages from 6 to 18

years old. Out of 85 Rockets, 48 children have qualified for the USA Track and Field Region III 2003 Junior Olympics Championship to be held in Landover, Md. That event will be held July 10-13.

The top three in each event at the regional meet will advance to the National Junior Olympics Championship in Miami, Fla.

## NFL, Boys and Girls Clubs donate grant to Stewart Youth sports

**Nancy Gould**  
DCAS Marketing

The Fort Stewart Youth Sports Program is one of 130 programs out of 200 nationwide to receive a \$1,000 grant recently from the National Football League Charities, according to Larry Laughlin, Fort Stewart Youth Services director.

Laughlin, who expressed his gratitude to the association for the money, said it was possible

because of the center's pre-existing relationship with the Boys and Girls Clubs of America and their partnership with the NFL.

To qualify for the grant, Laughlin had to propose a football plan for his youth program meeting all NFL Charities' criteria. In that proposal, he agreed to use the

money for specific football program improvements, such as pre-season and pre-game equipment inspections and to replace old, broken equipment. Additionally this season, funds are slated to certify and upgrade players' helmets for

added safety and protection.

"We appreciate the NFL giving us this money," said Laughlin. "We can always use extra funds to keep our equipment upgraded and

at the highest safety standards possible.

If your child wants to participate in the center's fall football program, and is between age 6 and 13, call 912-767-2312 for information about how to enroll them, or just go by the Fort Stewart Youth Center, 946 Austin Road.

**"We appreciate the NFL giving us this money."**

Larry Laughlin  
Fort Stewart Youth Services director

# Marne Scoreboard

## Aerobics

Newman Fitness Center Aerobics schedule	
<b>Mondays</b>	7:30 to 8:30 a.m. 9 to 10 a.m. 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
<b>Tuesdays</b>	7:30 to 8:30 a.m. 9 to 10 a.m. 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
<b>Wednesdays</b>	7:30 to 8:30 a.m. 9 to 10 a.m.

Step-kicking	4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
<b>Thursday</b>	
Basic Training Workout	9 to 10 a.m. 4:30 to 5:30
<b>Fridays</b>	
"Master C" Workout	7:30 to 8:30 a.m.
"Killer Friday"	9 to 10 a.m. 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
<b>Saturdays</b>	
"Pick Your Poison"	9 to 10 a.m.

## Hunter Fitness Center Aerobics schedule

<b>Mondays — 6 to 7 p.m.</b>	
Cardio-Stepping	
Cardio-Kicking	
Buns/Thighs Weights	
AB Work Stretch	

<b>Wednesday — 6 to 7 p.m.</b>	
Cardio-Stepping	
Low Impact	
Jump Rope	
Weights	
AB Work Stretch	

<b>Fridays — 6 to 7 p.m.</b>	
Fun Fridays	
Party Dance	
Yoga Stretches	

## Spring Schedule

Spring schedule for softball  
Call 767-8326 to sign up.

Softball Tournament July 7-10

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

# Volunteer Spotlight



Yvonne Johnson

Yvonne is the fourth child of a fourth child born in Sebastopol, Calif.

She first got involved with volunteering to bond with other family members, both locally and army wide. She also wanted to get training in teaching, certify job skills, promote something she believes in, and to just have fun doing something she thinks is important.

Yvonne wants to join the board locally, and to become a CORE instructor on an army-wide level. And most of all, Yvonne wants to continue to inspire others to learn, grow, and strengthen themselves, their families, their units and therefore the whole Army.

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



# WOODRUFF THEATER

Jul 03 — Jul 09

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



**Free Showing**  
**Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday**

## The Matrix Reloaded (R)

Starring: Keanu Reeves, Laurence Fishburne

**Free Showing Tonight**

Neo, Morpheus, Trinity and the rest of the crew battle the machines that have enslaved the human race in the Matrix. The battle moves to Zion, the last center of human resistance.

Run Time: 137 minutes

## The In-Laws (PG-13)

Starring: Albert Brooks, Michael Douglas

**Free Showing Friday, Tuesday and Wednesday**

Prospective fathers-in-law Steve and Jerry meet for the first time to celebrate their children's upcoming marriage. After the cake hits the fan, Jerry and Steve discover they can truly be an effective team.

Run Time: 98 minutes

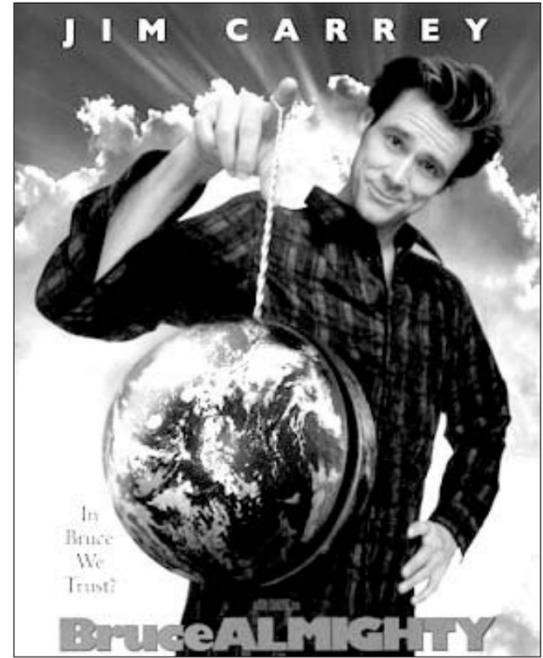
## Bruce Almighty (PG-13)

Starring: Jim Carrey, Jennifer Aniston

**Free Showing Saturday, Sunday and Monday**

At the end of the worst day of his life, Bruce angrily ridicules and rages against God and God responds. He appears in human form endowing Bruce with all of His divine powers, challenges Bruce to take on the big job and see if he can do it any better.

Run Time: 101 minutes



## Birth announcements

June 14

**Isabella Ivanna Martin**, a girl, 7 pounds, 14 ounces, born to Spc. Jeremy Ian Martin and Martha Esthela Martin.

June 15

**Nikolas Allen Gillette**, a boy, 9 pounds, 15 ounces, born to Spc. Bryan W. Gillette and Marie S. Gillette.

**Kathryn Olivia Hanlon**, a girl, 8 pounds, 3 ounces, born to 1st Lt. Thomas Michael Hanlon and Elizabeth Ann Hanlon.

**Kameron Tori Leedorsey**, a boy, 8 pounds, 4 ounces, born to Sgt. 1st Class Richard Dorsey and Tracy Leedorsey.

**Skyler James Smith**, a boy, 7 pounds, 1 ounce, born to Pfc. Tyler Matthew Smith and Cristina Amber Smith.

June 18

**Nie'ya Eucalia Stacey Ellison**, a girl, 6 pounds, 15 ounces, born to Spc. Chad Everett Ellison and Adanna Kelly-Ann Camille Ellison.

**Isabelle Alexandra Calderon**, a girl, 8 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Spc. Eduardo A. Calderon and Aleida M. Calderon.

June 19

**Ashlynn Grae Smith**,

a girl, 5 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Pfc. Rebecca A. Smith.



**Tayshon Antonio**

**Gordon**, a boy, 5 pounds, 15 ounces, born to Toni Lanese Gordon.

**Javier Zuniga Jr.**, a boy, 7 pounds, 3 ounces, born to Spc. Javier Zuniga and Julie Zuniga.

June 20

**Noah Jacob Kuhaneck**, a boy, 9 pounds, 5 ounces, born to Sgt. Lisa M. Kuhaneck and John D. Kuhaneck.

**N'diya Imani Shelton**, a girl, 7 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Spc. Kristin M. Shelton.

June 21

**Adrienne Leigh Dennis**, a girl, 7 pounds, 15 ounces, born to Cpl. Nathan B. Dennis and Lindsay W. Dennis.

June 22

**Angela Kristine Rice**, a girl, 6 pounds, 4 ounces, born to retired Sgt. Maj. Keith R. Rice, and Cristeta A. Rice.

June 23

**Javier Martinez**, a boy, 7 pounds, 8 ounces, Spc. Reynol Martinez and Ana A. Morel.

June 24

**Calen London Aloni Prevo**, a girl, 6 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Pfc. Renardo D. Prevo and Nicole Lee Prevo.

**Nathalie Marie Weaver**, a girl, 8 pounds, 15 ounces, born to Spc. Nicholas Weaver and Pfc. Ginny Weaver.

**Bradley Michael Jinks**, a boy, 9 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Spc. James Jinks and Carrie Jinks.