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All of 31D to be home by September

Timeline set for parts of 31D to return

Press Release

A tentative timeline for elements of the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) to redeploy was announced today by Major General Buford Blount, commander, 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.).

The decision to re-deploy some of 3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) forces came after a careful re-evaluation of mission requirements and "right sizing" throughout Iraq by CTJF-7, according to Maj. Gen. Blount.

The 3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.), which played a central role in capturing Baghdad in April, is beginning a pullout from Iraq, and the entire unit will be back in the United States by September, said Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld.

The 3rd Brigade Combat Team will return to Fort Benning, Ga., July 11 to 18. Other units that will begin returning to Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield between July 11 to 18 include elements of the Division Artillery Headquarters and Headquarters Battery with 1st Battalion, 41st Field Artillery Regiment; the Aviation Brigade Headquarters with 1st Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment; 11th Engineer Battalion; 1st Battalion, 3rd Air Defense Artillery Regiment, and the 92nd Chemical Company.

"We are hoping the 2nd Brigade Combat Team will begin returning to Kuwait by late July and re-deploy to Fort Stewart by August 1. We are pushing to get the 1st Brigade Combat Team and 3rd Squadron 7th Cavalry Regiment to return to Kuwait in mid-August and back to Fort Stewart by the end of August," Blount said.

Division Headquarters, Engineer Brigade Headquarters, Division Support Command Headquarters, 703rd Main Support Battalion, 603rd Aviation Support Battalion, and other divisional units will flow out of Kuwait with the Brigade Combat Teams.

While the return of units generally reflects a "first-in, first-out" policy, some units are returning sooner because their mission is no longer required.

The installation will continue to provide updates on the return timeline of units as information becomes available.



Sgt. 1st Class James E. Stewart, Jr. of 632d Maint. Co. gets a warm welcome from his wife Melinda Stewart and their three children, Sunday at Cottrell Field.

Spc. Casandra Bolton

Sappers bid farewell to commander, CSM



Maj. Gen. Buford C. Blount III, 3rd Inf. Div. commanding general (right) hands the symbolic guidon to Col. Edward Cardon, incoming Engineer Brigade commander, signifying Cardon's taking command at the change of command ceremony June 27 in Fallujah.

Spc. Katherine Robinson

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50th PAD

FALLUJAH, Iraq — The 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) Engineer Brigade commander and command sergeant major bid their soldiers farewell and gave up their command in a change of responsibility/change of command ceremony June 27.

Col. Edward C. Cardon replaced Col. John W. Peabody as brigade commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. Gary Coker replaced Command Sgt. Major David M. Galka as brigade command sergeant major.

Peabody will go back to the U.S., although his brigade is still in Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He said although he is proud of his soldiers, he doesn't feel a sense

of completion, since they're not home yet. He said the Sapper brigade did an outstanding job during the war and thanked them for it.

"Before you stand the best Sappers I've ever known and probably the best Sappers in the world," he said. "They proved their mettle in the campaign to liberate Iraq."

Galka shared his commander's sentiments. "I pray every day that you will follow me shortly back home," he told his soldiers. "That would be more of an award for me than anything I could receive here."

During Galka's speech, the soldiers and audience took a moment of silence to remember the five engineer soldiers killed during the campaign in Iraq.

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24th CSG comes home

Sgt. Sam Hoffman

Staff Writer

About 900 soldiers, mostly from the 24th Corps Support Group, came home over the weekend. Two flights carrying the troops arrived at Hunter Army Airfield around 7 p.m., in a redeployment that marks the largest of the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) tenets' returns to date since the onset of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"It's exciting to see the large number of soldiers returning with the 3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) patch on their right shoulder. It represents a growing number of warriors that have experienced combat. This generation of soldiers will apply their experience to the times of transformation," said Col. Edwin Marrero, chief of staff. "Those with the Marne combat patch need to know that they are part of a foundation to train and prepare future warriors."

The buses arrived at Stewart's Newman Physical Fitness Center Saturday and Cottrell Field

on Sunday to roaring applause.

Ann Miller was there with her three-month-old son Brian. Her husband, Pfc. Edward Miller, 226th Quartermaster Company, had been deployed for more than four months and had not met his son yet.

"It's been stressful with him gone. I just want to tell him I love him," she said.

Frank Rodriguez, husband of Spc. Martina Rodriguez, 226th Qm. Co., also couldn't wait for his spouse to return. In her absence, he has been forced to raise the couple's two young children, Frank, 10, and Victoria, 4, by himself.

"It's been really tough raising two kids ... I give a lot of credit to anyone that can raise a kid by themselves," Rodriguez said.

He thanked his Family Readiness Group for the support, which without he might not have been able to make it and how comfortable they made him feel. It was awkward at first, but everyone



Pfc. Emily Danial

Soldiers deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom return to Hunter Saturday.

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Weather Forecast

FRI		
High		Low
92°		70°
SAT		
High		Low
90°		69°
SUN		
High		Low
89°		69°

Goodbye, Col. Perkins ... Spartan 6 signs off the net

Spc. Mason T. Lowery

50th PAD

"... We will control the LOC and if we stay the night, this war is over!" — 2nd Brigade Combat Team Commander Col. David G. Perkins to 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) Commanding General Major General Buford C. Blount on April 7, the first day of the Baghdad Battle.

His words and deeds proved true; April 9 was the last day of heavy fighting in Baghdad, and President George W. Bush declared major combat operations finished in Iraq May 1.

Perkins said goodbye to his Spartan soldiers June 20 after a two-year command of intense training that culminated with the brigade's heroic and historic actions in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Perkins set aside the rulebooks April 7, lined up his tanks and Bradleys, and led his soldiers straight up Highway 8 to attack Baghdad and end Saddam Hussein's control of the capital.

But the Spartans' decisiveness, assertiveness and skill during OIF started five hours after President Bush addressed Americans and the world March 17 and gave Saddam Hussein 48 hours to get out of Iraq.

It was going to be a real war, Perkins said, "This is not a Nintendo war. It won't happen on a TV screen. It's going to be up close and personal. It's time to walk the walk."

The soldiers who would fight up close and personal with Iraqi forces headed north a few hours later with confidence high and an understanding of why they were going.

They crossed the Iraq border March 20. "Adrenaline was running high. We had a very daring plan — splitting the brigade in half to save fuel," Perkins said.

20-21 MAR: As the Brigade occupies Attack Position Appalling, the first hostile act of the ground war is committed as Iraq fires SCUD missiles into Kuwait. The Brigade begins its combat operations on the evening of 20 MAR with a coordinated air, artillery, and ground attack to destroy enemy border operations and establish passage lanes.

Perkins set big goals for his soldiers. "From the very beginning we set the bar high and the soldiers made it over every time," he said.

21-22 MAR: The 2nd BCT makes history as it makes a monumental attack into Southern Iraq, moving further and faster than any armored force. The Brigade used a split formation - this unprecedented maneuver enabled the tanks to move on a faster, shorter route saving 30,000 gallons of fuel. Combat vehicles in "Team Heavy Metal" attacked along Axis Sixers and remaining support vehicles moving along Route Tornados as "Team Rock 'N' Roll." The Brigade covered 300 km in 24 hours, posting itself deep in enemy

territory prepared to continue the attack.

The Spartan soldiers had their first significant enemy contact March 23. "It was the first taste of what we'd be fighting — a very tenacious enemy. It was the first time I saw the steely eye in my soldiers. They knew it wasn't going to be a cakewalk. The only way they were going to make it through was by taking care of their buddy and doing everything they were trained to do. This first battle was reassuring because of its success," Perkins explained.

23-25 MAR: The Brigade had its first significant contact with Fedayeen forces as it attacked to Objective Rams. After securing this objective in order to facilitate occupation by Division and Corps support elements, the Brigade continued to advance north to Objective Spartans through small arms, rocket propelled grenade, and indirect fire from conventional and irregular forces that, while at times sustained, were largely not coordinated.

Perkins and the Spartan soldiers faced their first urban fight March 26 in An Najaf. Perkins said it was the first time he and his soldiers saw the enemy's ruthlessness. They heard stories of Fedayeen forces going into citizens' homes and threatening women and children so their husbands and sons would fight. Women and children were also used by the enemy as human

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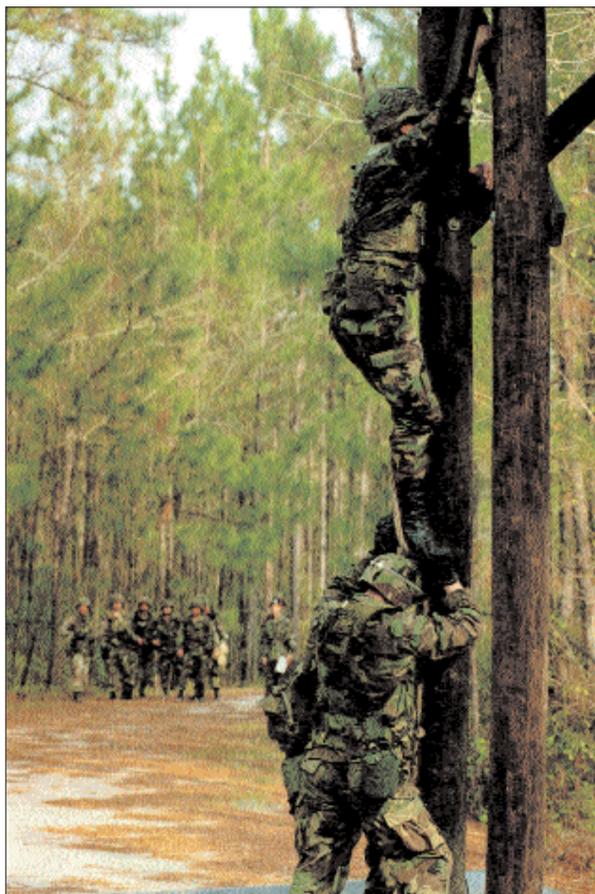


Photos by Spc. Mason T. Lowery

1st Lt. Dan VanKirk, a platoon leader with 4th Bn., 64th AR, from San Diego, scans the firing line at Range 8 during the Spartan live ammunition fire Feb. 8.



Soldiers set the Spartan TOC back up minutes after it was hit by an enemy missile. From left to right; 1st Bn, 9th FA soldiers attached to HHC, 2nd BCT; Sgt. Jeremy Smith; Pfc. Steven Wright.



Spc. Katherine Robinson

Soldiers from 4th Sqd., 2nd Plt., A Co., 3/15 Inf., help each other over a high obstacle March 25. Teamwork development was a large part of the Squad Stakes.

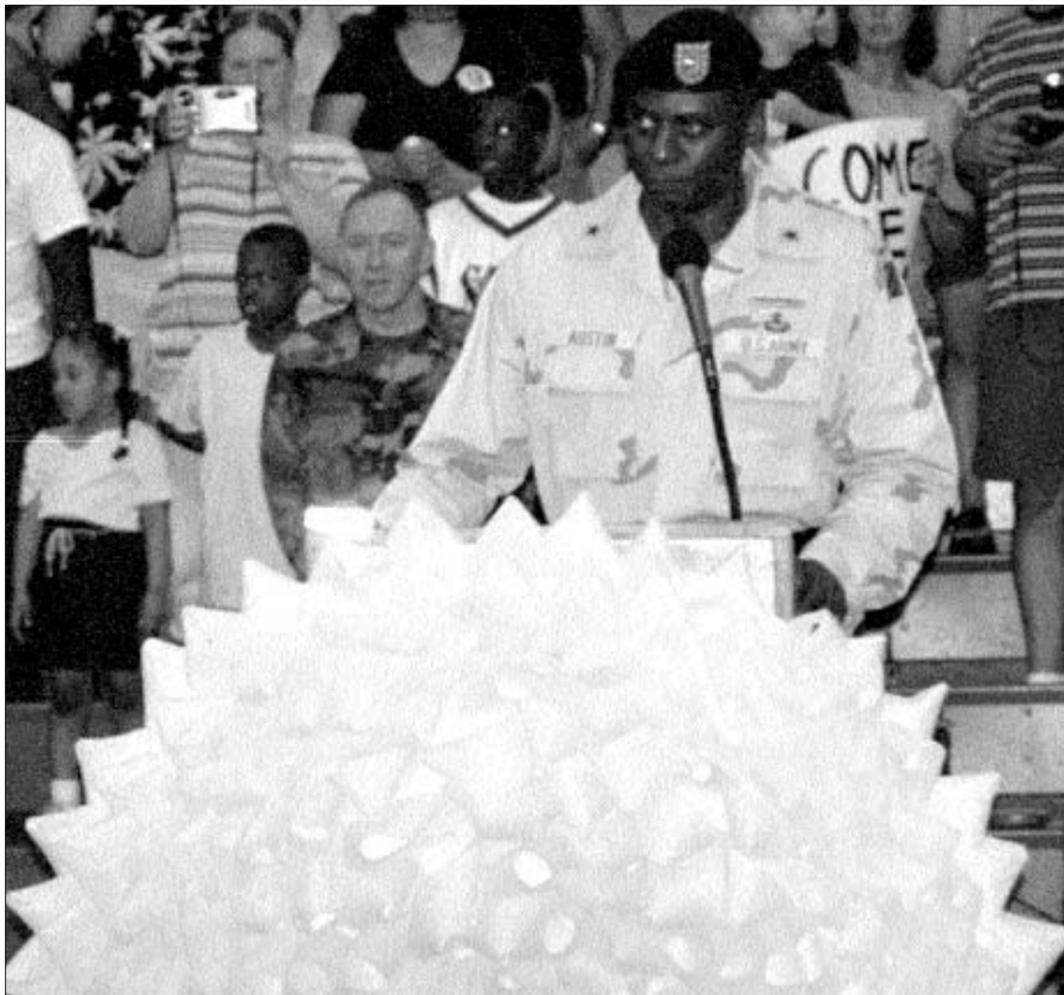


Former 2nd BCT Commander Col. David G. Perkins and Former 2nd BCT CSM Otis Smith Jr. talk before heading to war.



Sgt. Akilah C. Clarke

A mortar platoon with HHC, 3rd Bn., 15th Inf. Div., practices firing 120 mm rounds during a training exercise held Dec. 2, at the Udairi Range Complex in Kuwait.



Sgt. Sam Hoffman

Brig. Gen. Lloyd J. Austin III, 3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) assistant division commander (maneuver), talks to the troops from behind the four foot ribbon at the redeployment ceremony, Saturday.

Local patriot creates giant yellow ribbon

Sgt. Sam Hoffman

Staff Writer

Anybody present at the redeployment ceremonies would have noticed the four-foot diameter yellow ribbon in front of the podium there.

"There was one like that in Pooler, and I said Hinesville has to have one!" exclaimed Melinda Schneider, a Hinesville Military Affairs Committee volunteer.

Schneider made the ribbon from scratch, first cutting the particleboard circle, sanding the

board and then applying a finish.

"After that, I just put a whole lot of yellow strips of webbing and stapled them together," she said.

The ribbon took two days to complete and more than a hundred yards of yellow ribbon, donated by Waltrich Plastics, Schneider said.

"They donated thousands of yards (of ribbon), not only to Hinesville, but other cities," she said. In fact, Waltrich is responsible for nearly all of the ribbons, not just yellow, found around Fort

Stewart.

Schneider said she made the ribbon as a show of appreciation for the soldiers of the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) and supporting organizations.

"We're proud of the job they did and the sacrifice they made," she said.

Schneider said that there is also a class for volunteers who would like to help make ribbons for the soldiers, or just for fun.

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there made him feel at home, he said.

Another spouse, Pualani Hudson, has seen many redeployed soldiers at her job as a Post Exchange barber.

She said she cut one soldier's hair, which had been seriously injured in the fighting in Iraq.

"I told him to hold his head up, and I let him know that I was very proud of him," she said.

Sgt. Tony Hudson, 226th Qm. Co., her husband, has been deployed for four months as well.

"We've only been married for a year and a half, so it'll be like we're dating again," joked Pualani.

After the returning soldiers were marched in to the gymnasium, Brig. Gen. Lloyd J. Austin III, 3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) assistant division commander for maneuvers, welcomed them briefly.

"These soldiers have done magnificent work — I think you've witnessed that," he said.

Austin, who will be promoted to major general and assume command of the 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), in Fort Drum, N.Y., later this summer, took a commercial flight back to the U.S. and arrived July 4.

"I'm just glad to be back in time to participate in this (welcome home ceremony)," he said.

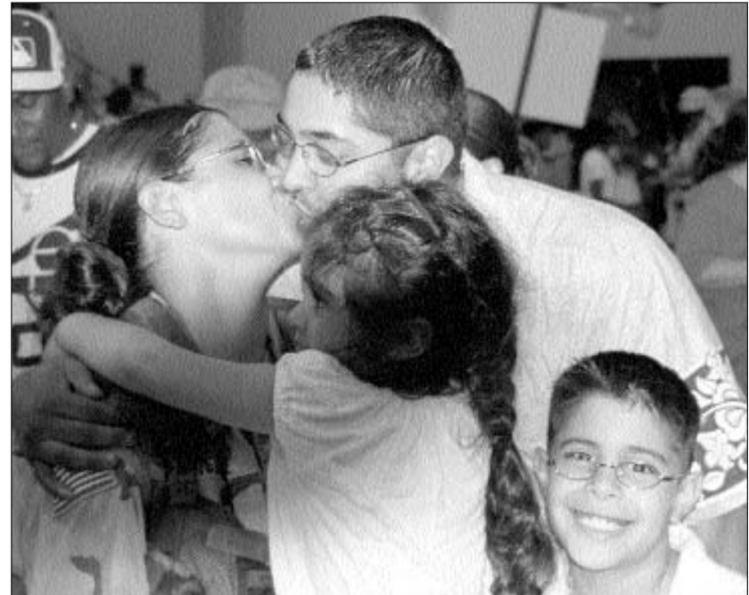
Austin also remarked on the campaign held in Iraq by the 3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) and its prospects for the future.

"It's a great division. It's proven itself in some very tough combat. I don't think anything will change, except, maybe more youngsters wanting to be a part of this division," he said.

Returning soldiers said they were very happy to finally be home. Col. Roberta Woods, 24th CSG commander, said that she is trying to get her troops leave before school begins this fall, so the soldiers can spend time with their children.

"We've been working on going home for a long time ... after they take a break through Tuesday, they'll come to work for a series of half-days," she said, which will help acclimate them to the pre-deployment state of being. Woods also expressed her personal joy in being home.

"It's fantastic — trees, green, rain — things we haven't seen for a long time," she said.



Sgt. Sam Hoffman

Spc. Martina Rodriguez, 226th Qm. Co., kisses her husband Frank, and hugs her children Victoria, 4, and Frank Jr., 10.

VOICES AND VIEWPOINTS

CG: Proud of soldiers, families

Maj. Gen. Buford C. Blount III

3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) commanding general

The 3rd Brigade Combat Team will begin returning to Fort Benning this weekend while other elements of the Division whose missions are no longer needed, will begin their return to Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield. We are pushing hard for all 3rd Infantry Division units to return to Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield by the end of August.

The redeployment of some of our forces is a success story for the coalition. We have been making great strides rooting out former regime hold-outs, improving infrastructure and helping the Iraqi people take control of their own destiny. A testament to the 2nd Brigade Combat Team and Engineer Brigade's efforts in Fallujah were revealed recently when the chief judge of the area judicial system stated the U.S. presence was a "change for the better" and "without cooperation, it will

fall apart." 1st BCT continues to support 1st Armored Division secure Baghdad and 3-7 Cavalry has stabilized the northern city of Balad for the 4th Infantry Division.

Iraq can still be a dangerous place, but rest assured, our leaders are doing everything to ensure soldier safety and a secure environment for the people. The attacks, I believe, are desperate acts in the face of coalition progress and strong resolve. The Iraqi people have been oppressed and they do not want to go back. As Thomas Paine once observed, there is no way to force a people who have been enlightened to "unknow" their knowledge or "unthink" their thoughts. The Iraqi people are enjoying liberty for the first time, and they want more freedom, not less.

We continue to improve the soldiers' quality of life. The 123rd Signal Battalion set up video teleconferencing capability so soldiers can visit with families. We have been rotating soldiers from the field through the VTC the last couple weeks and it has definitely boosted morale. For personal comfort we have ice contracts, more than 600 air conditioners and power generation to run them. Army laundry and bath units are operating in every sector. Even though we are getting redeployment orders, we will continue adding to the soldiers' comfort up through the time they depart.

Soldiers are getting two hot meals daily. We have acquired refrigerator vans and freezers to transport and store fresh food. We have been able to increase bottled water rations for soldiers to three (3) 11/2 liter bottles daily. Purified water is unlimited. We celebrated July 4 in a traditional style reminiscent of home. There were grilled steaks, hotdogs, hamburgers, baked beans, corn, near-beer and sodas. Soldiers also participated in games like volleyball and horseshoes. While we would have rather been home with our families celebrating our nation's independence, there was some satisfaction celebrating July 4th in Iraq.

Reuniting after an extended separation can be difficult, especially after the soldier has participated in combat operations. We are ensuring that all soldiers participate in medical screenings before returning home to include having the opportunity to talk about their feelings to doctors trained in dealing with combat stress. We have learned a lot about dealing with combat stress from previous conflicts and we will ensure all soldiers get any help they need. After the initial honeymoon, families can find themselves in awkward moments as everyone tries to find their roles in a household where roles were redefined out of necessity. Patience is key and the Army has many services to help families reintegrate. I am extremely proud of the accomplishments of our soldiers.

They have done outstanding work in the follow-on missions given them by the coalition joint task force. I am just as proud of the families who have done a great job keeping households together as our tour in Iraq has extended. I am working hard to ensure families and soldiers are reunited just as quickly as possible.

Rock of the Marne

3ID(M) PAO Photo

Chief Judge of the Fallujah court Nasseeb A'ed Jawhar shows Maj. Gen. Buford Blount, commander, 3ID(M), the Fallujah courtroom July 8 that is currently under renovation. With the assistance of the 3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) judge advocate general section, Fallujah was the first court to try cases independently in the liberated Iraq.

Freedom: an idea that burns brightly

Staff Sgt. Brian Sipp

3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) Public Affairs

The word "freedom" is tossed around so often in the news and media that I fear its true meaning has become blurred. I have also become convinced that the Iraqi people do not yet fully understand the implications of the gift that we have chosen to bestow upon them.

Freedom is not a tangible good that can be bought or sold. It is an all-encompassing state of mind which reveals itself in one's thoughts and actions. It is a belief structure that holds death as preferable to subjugation.

The American mind set is firmly entrenched with the ideals of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness as absolute necessities. America is synonymous with the concept of individual rights and freedoms. It is an integral part of our culture and defines who we are. No explanations are necessary and, without exception, no apologies ... ever. We earned every bit of it, many times over, through blood, sweat, and toil.

Let me take a step back and focus on the word "earned." We earned our freedom. No one gave it to us; we took it. We suffered immensely against incredible odds for, what was at the time, only a concept. We went to war against Britain, the premier world power of the time, for what we believed to be right. We swallowed our pride and asked the French (yes, the French) for help. We were ill-equipped, not schooled in the art of warfare, and desperately outnumbered; yet we won. We won because we believed. We won, because as cold as it may have been in Valley Forge during that long, cold winter, it was preferable to continued British

tyranny and control. We demanded the right to chart our own destiny; to succeed or fail based on our own merits.

We, as Americans, understand what the cost of freedom entails. The average Iraqi citizen is only beginning to comprehend the concept. Many Iraqis have not yet even begun to grasp it, but will if we give them the chance. It is for this reason that we must remain patient. Many question why we are still here. They ask "what have the Iraqis done to 'earn' the gift of freedom?"

I will counter by saying the Iraqi people are earning their freedom a little bit every day. Each morning when they wake up to uncertainty, no electricity, fear of looters and crime, and resolve to march on through the day to try and make tomorrow a little better for their families and themselves. They have endured 23 years of non-stop warfare. For 50 percent of the nation, there exists no other point of reference.

We cannot "unring a bell" in a matter of weeks that has rung the same way for years. Change will come in time if we can remain patient. For every criminal out there who seeks to stop change, there are thousands who embrace it. The signs are already there if you know where to look.

I read recently where there are now some 70 different publications in the city of Baghdad. While 68 of them are prob-



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ably anti-American, it's a sign. By the very fact that so many people are allowed to now voice their opinions, we're already turning the tide and opening eyes. That's the beauty of freedom. Even when the opinions are contrary to you, you win by their very existence. It is impossible to stop an idea whose time has come.

We must stay the course when the hour seems darkest. When there appears to be no end in sight and we seem to be spinning our wheels, we must drive on. I have spent more than a year in this part of the world, dating back to 1990-91 and the Persian Gulf War and believe that this country can prosper and thrive in time.

There exists a bond between human beings that transcends politics or geography. Take a walk through the city and spend some time with the ordinary citizens trying to make lives for themselves. You will find that they are not much different from your own neighbors. In time, they will come to understand the price that was paid by us on their behalf. In time, they will be able to repay the gift by affording every citizen the chance to realize their full potential.

Yes, we fought for our freedom and struggled to eventually emerge as a dominant world power. With that title comes an obligation to help other nations experience and enjoy what we have dedicated our existence to. Freedom is a concept that is much larger than any one person.

Pundits and nay sayers in the media will say Operation Iraqi Freedom was about oil, or power, or sending a message, or any of a number of reasons. Perhaps some or all of these are true, I don't know. The reason we are here has always been crystal clear to me.

Freedom.

Marne Voice

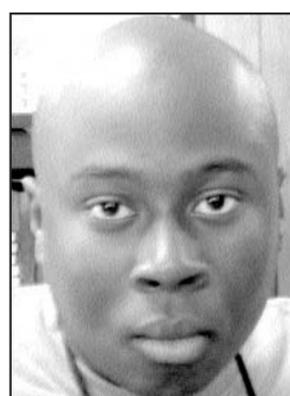
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What impact do you feel the 3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) had in Iraq?

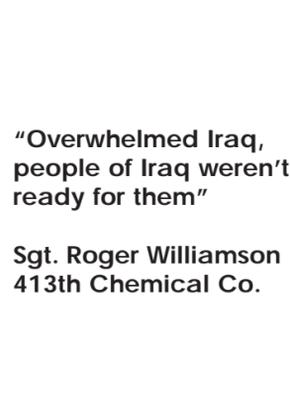
"They removed a dictator and brought order and stability."

Staff Sgt. Bob Harrison
1024th Inf. Reg.



"3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) brought peace to a country of people who will now begin to understand what democracy is."

Spc. Rafeal Murray
3220th GSU



"Overwhelmed Iraq, people of Iraq weren't ready for them"

Sgt. Roger Williamson
413th Chemical Co.



"3rd inf. Div. (Mech.) played a key role in showing people who have been under an oppressive rule, despite what propaganda might have taught them, that democracy is a good thing."

Stephanie Gentry
Military spouse



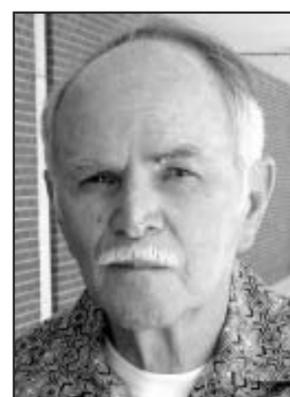
"I know they are doing a good job. I wish I was there with them."

Sgt. William McWilliams
1137th MP Co.



"They did the job and did it well. Too many people still getting killed over there."

Willy Gardner
Retired Air Force



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Bush: U.S. will support actions in Liberia

Jim Garamone

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WASHINGTON — President George W. Bush said during a quick media opportunity in Senegal that the United States will participate with the Economic Community of West African States and the United Nations in any humanitarian mission to Liberia.

“We’re now in the process to determine the extent of our participation,” Bush said.

The president told reporters that Liberian President Charles Taylor, “must go.” Over the weekend,

Taylor accepted a Nigerian offer of asylum, but did not put any timetable on leaving Liberia.

Taylor said he would not go until a U.S. — led peacekeeping force was in place.

Bush said the United States is working with friends in the region to determine “what is necessary to maintain the cease-fire and to allow for a peaceful transfer of power.”

A 32-member military team landed in Monrovia, Liberia, and is assessing the situation in the war-torn West African country Monday, U.S. European Command officials said, Tuesday.

The humanitarian assistance survey team is gathering information about the situation in Liberia. The team has a variety of specialists to help make any assessment. These specialties include: medical, contracting, civil engineering, logistics, water purification and so on. The team is working out of the American Embassy in Monrovia.

“It’s hard to say how long the assessment will take,” said Navy Lt. Cmdr. Rick Haupt., EUCOM spokesman. “We know that time is of the essence.”

Navy Capt. Roger Coldiron, the commander of the assessment

team, will make his recommendations to EUCOM Commander Marine Gen. James Jones. Jones will then relay recommendations up through Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld to Bush, EUCOM officials said.

Bush said West African leaders are concerned about the civil war in Liberia spilling over into other areas of the region.

Freed American slaves founded Liberia in 1822. Though never a U.S. colony, American-Liberian ties remained close. Many U.S. corporations established businesses in the country — most notably

Firestone, which at one time maintained the largest rubber plantation in the world there.

Liberia has been through a series of civil wars since 1989. Taylor — once a member of the government — was accused of embezzling from the government.

In 1989, he returned to Liberia to lead a revolt against the government. He took power in 1997 and was elected president the same year.

Nongovernmental organizations estimate “hundreds of thousands” have died in the wars and resulting lawlessness since then.

ENGINEER

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Spc. Katherine Robinson

An Eng. Bde. detachment moves into position for their role in the change of command ceremony June 27, in Fallujah.

As Peabody and Galka said goodbye to the soldiers, they immediately left to assume their new duties in the United States.

Peabody, a Norwalk, Ohio native, entered the military in 1980 as a second lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers.

His assignments include 193rd Infantry Brigade in Panama, 307th Engineer Battalion (Airborne) and 618th Engineer Company (Light Equipment) (Airborne), 82nd Airborne Division. He was the corps support command engineer at Fort Hood, Texas, and logistics support command engineer in Somalia. Peabody also served in 17th Engineer Bn., 2nd Armored Division, 299th En. Battalion at Fort Hood, and as political military division chief of J5, U.S. Southern Command in Panama. He served as senior engineer trainer, Operations Group at the National Training Center in Fort Irwin, Calif., and as an instructor at the U.S. Army School of the Americas, in Panama.

Peabody graduated from the United States

Military Academy, the Command and General Staff College and the Army War College with a master’s in strategic studies. He holds a master’s in public administration from Harvard University.

Galka was born in Riverhead, N.Y., and joined the Army in 1977. He served in 27th En. Bn. at Fort Bragg, N.C., 62nd En. Bn. in Vicenza, Italy, 5th En. Bn. at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., 16th En. Bn. in Nuremberg, Germany, the 326th En. Bn. at Fort Campbell, Ky., the School of Military Engineering in Sydney, Australia. Galka served in combat in both Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Peabody thanked Galka during the ceremony for his outstanding service.

“The most important thing I can say about David Galka is that he was a good friend,” he said. “My right hand man, the best confidante I’ve ever had, the best sergeant major I’ve ever seen, and the best Sapper I’ve ever known.”

After years of silence ...

Iraqi administrative councils takes hold

Linda D. Kozaryn

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WASHINGTON — The Iraqi people can now speak their minds openly, according to Emad Dhia, an Iraqi-born American who's just spent eight weeks in Baghdad.

And, there's someone to listen, according to Larry Di Rita, the Pentagon's new spokesman.

Dhia, Iraqi Reconstruction and Development Council director, and Di Rita, acting assistant defense secretary for public affairs, spoke with reporters at a July 7 Pentagon briefing. Di Rita pointed out that like residents in many cities and towns throughout Iraq, Baghdad's citizens now have a forum to discuss important local issues.

Along with hearing citizen's concerns, he said, Baghdad's newly selected 37 member advisory council will "offer advice and suggestions to the coalition and to the city's municipal and ministry administrators as they manage basic services for the residents of the city."

Di Rita stressed that there is much work to do in Iraq, and he warned that there would be continuing violence.

"But make no mistake," he said. "Saddam Hussein's regime is gone and it is not coming back. All of Iraq's main cities and a large number of smaller towns now have councils,

administrative councils, and slowly but certainly, Iraqis continue to take responsibility for their own circumstances in Iraq."

Di Rita then introduced Dhia, noting that the Iraqi-born mechanical engineer left Iraq for the United States in 1982. Several years ago, he said, Dhia founded the U.S.-based Iraqi Forum for Freedom, and most recently, he organized the Iraqi Reconstruction and Development Council.

Earlier this year, Di Rita said, Dhia "put his life on hold to organize a global network of Iraqi volunteers, who made themselves available to go to Iraq after the conflict and to assist in the reconstruction and the post-hostility period."

The council is made up of about 130 Iraqi volunteers who are now assigned to Iraq's ministries in Baghdad and across the region. They offer technical experience in a wide range of fields from agriculture to health affairs.

"They bring energy, knowledge, skill and, most importantly, the firsthand knowledge, in most cases, of life under Saddam Hussein," Di Rita said.

Returning from eight weeks in Baghdad, Dhia spoke of his impressions, highlighting the Iraqi people's newfound sense of freedom.

"For the first time in 34 years, they feel free," he said. "There's no question about that. ... You can see it. You can feel it. And

you can notice when you talk to the Iraqis, they are speaking their minds. If they don't like something, they go in the streets and demonstrate. That never happened under Saddam's regime."

Other firsts, Dhia noted, include the first election of the University of Baghdad president, formerly assigned by the government, and Iraq's new wealth of about 50 newspapers representing different parties and political views.

"They write with no fear of prosecution or imprisonment," he said.

Dhia went on to talk about the improvements in Iraqi living conditions since the regime was ousted.

"Before liberation," he said, "an average (government) employee's monthly income was about 10,000 dinars, which runs about \$5. (After liberation) the first advance that they received to cover their living expenses was \$40 for government employees and retirees."

Some military retirees, he added, received about \$60 dollars - equal to about 80,000 dinars, compared to the 10,000 dinars they used to receive as a monthly salary.

Even with the challenges the coalition authority faces in restoring power in Iraq, Dhia said the Iraqis now have better access to electric power.

"Unfortunately," he said, "the remnants of

Saddam's regime, they are shooting our high-tension lines, which run in Iraq for hundreds of miles. They also go and throw a grenade on a switching station or a transformer to sabotage the process of providing electricity to all Iraqis."

With temperatures hitting 130 degrees Fahrenheit, Dhia noted, Iraqi families are frustrated by the sabotage. "And that tells you which side those remnants of Saddam's regime are standing on," he said. "Definitely, it's not the people's side."

Ba'ath Party officials and Saddam's security officers "will stop at nothing to regain their power and their privileges," Dhia added. "We understand that and we're going to fight them back and we're going to defeat them."

The Iraqi people's objective is different from the remnants of Saddam's regime, Dhia stressed.

"The objective of the Iraqi people is to enjoy liberty and start the democratic process," he said. "They are looking forward to a free and just Iraq, and they try to enjoy the new future that the United States is helping to build in Iraq."

More people will cooperate once they are sure Saddam is gone for good, he added. "Once they realize Saddam and his sons are either dead or captured, we will have much more cooperation from (the) Iraqi people in this process."

Two-year renovation pays off ...

Dental Clinic #1 open, ready for business

Spc. Casandra Bolton

Staff Writer, 372nd MPAD

Dental Clinic #1, which has been under renovation for the past two years, reopened its doors to the soldiers serving Fort Stewart June 25th.

Elaine Moore, expanded function duty dental hygienist, has been an employee at Dental Clinic #1 for the past 19 years, which includes the two years that she was at Dental Clinic #4 during the renovation of #1.

"It's beautiful and so clean," said Moore, as she looks around the sparkling white dental clinic.

"Dental Clinic #1 is obviously a much newer

"We've received numerous comments on how much of an improvement the new clinic is compared to the previous clinic."

Sgt. 1st Class Richard White
Dental Clinic #1 NCOIC

facility and has many technological advances that were not available in Dental Clinic #4 and are being incorporated into the new facility," said Sgt. 1st Class Richard White, noncommissioned officer in charge of Dental Clinic #1, Fort Stewart Dental Activity.

The new facility is a \$5 million investment.

There are a total of 37 chairs in the new clinic to facilitate the needs of the soldiers on post.

Even though the ribbon cutting initiated the official opening of the clinic, they opened their doors for patients on June 23.

"We've received numerous comments on how much of an improvement the new clinic is

compared to the previous clinic," said White.

Dentists and assistants checked out the new chairs and stations to ensure comfort for the patients as well as flexibility for the dentists and their assistants. The clinic also has computers at each station that let the dentists and assistants view the images from the patients x-ray. The digital system is more advanced than that of the old clinic.

White's favorite part of the new clinic isn't the renovated building at all.

"It is people that work here and the challenge of building a new team," said White. "I am looking forward to this clinic improving the dental health of the 3rd ID and keeping them ready."

Cavalry crews keep 'copters' climbing

Spc. Adam Nuelken

3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) Public Affairs

CENTRAL IRAQ — "If aircraft don't run, we don't fly," a platoon leader for D Troop, 3rd Squadron, 7th Cavalry said in regards to the mechanics working constantly to keep them aloft.

In six weeks, the aviators of D Troop, 3rd Squadron, 7th Cavalry put in more flight time on average in Iraq than they would in a year at home.

The added flight hours puts a major burden on the OH-58D Kiowa Warriors, that are used for presence patrols, reconnaissance and security missions, according to Capt. Robert Wright, a platoon leader for the troop.

The maintenance teams have their work for them by working around the clock to meet and exceed the Department of the Army standard for having a certain percentage of the helicopters flying.

Other major problems facing the aviation units are environmental — the heat, and amount of sand and dust in the air. The sand is kicked up during take-off and landings and damages the rotor blades, and the heat damages the avionics and electrical equipment.

"In the past two months, heat is killing all of our electrical systems and sand is getting in our rotor blades — sand kills everything," Spc. Benjamin Brown, crew chief for D Trp., 3/7 Cav., said.

The crews work to keep the helicopters clean, but it is very difficult, according to Brown, because all the wiring and electrical equipment is in the way.

In order to maintain a strong percentage of available helicopters ready to fly, the crews work 12-hour shifts day and night.

"On top of anything that breaks, we also have inspections where the aircraft has

to be perfect for flying," Spc. Chris Schafer, helicopter engine mechanic for the troop, said.

Every 100 hours, the maintenance crews and crew chiefs inspect the helicopters and perform routine maintenance. Unlike maintenance on military trucks, helicopter mechanics must annotate everything they remove to include the smallest bolts and screws on their forms then they must be annotated again once replaced.

Upon completion of the maintenance the work is inspected and every annotation is noted and further inspected, not once but twice, according to the mechanics.

Until recently, the mechanics had trouble getting needed parts. Most needed parts were stocked, but if a part wasn't on hand, it could take weeks to arrive.

"The biggest thing helping us out is logistics and getting the parts we need up here," Wright said. "There are some things we keep on stock, but there are other parts that when they go down, it can cause a stop."

"We just now started to get parts rolling in, so that's helping a lot," said Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Butcher, flight platoon sergeant for D Trp., 3/7 Cav.

Throughout Operation Iraqi Freedom, the mechanics proved themselves time and time again by maintaining that 96 percent of the aircrafts were ready to fly.

On one occasion, an aircraft burned out an engine while landing, so Schafer found himself surrounded by Humvees and infantrymen while he used the headlights to allow him to perform the repairs needed to get the Kiowa back into the air.

In only one occasion did another aircraft go down, and that was do to a hard landing. That aircraft was quickly repaired though and returned to duty as well.



Mechanics with D Trp., 3rd Sqdn., 7th Cav., work around an OH-58D Kiowa Warrior.



Photos by Spc. Adam Nuelken

Sgt. Brian Patrick, crew chief, D Trp., 3rd Sqdn., 7th Cav., tightens down some bolts on the engine of his Kiowa.

703rd changes hands near Baghdad

Spc. Jacob Boyer

3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) PAO

CENTRAL IRAQ — The command of 703rd Main Support Battalion changed hands June 26 at Camp Maintain in Iraq.

Lt. Col. Jack Haley took command from Lt. Col. Stephen R. Lyons in a change of command ceremony at the camp, which provides logistical support for the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) and the 1st Armor Division. Lyons will now serve as the logistics officer for Marne Division.

Lyons commanded the battalion for two years, leading them through two rotations at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif., and Operation Iraqi Freedom. He said he was proud to see the battalion maintain its high standards during the recent conflict.

"For two years, I've watched you maintain the highest standards in every task," he said to the assembled soldiers. "After two NTC rotations, there was no doubt in my mind that you were ready to support the combat power and freedom of maneuver of the Marne Team. I was not surprised because you soldiers are the best our

nation has to offer."

Lyons told the soldiers that they "represented the United States to the rest of the world."

"You have set the azimuth for a new century, not with your acumen for war, but with your quiet confidence," he said. "You showed consideration for a broken enemy. I was humbled by your performance, and I could not be more proud. This was history in the making."

The commander of troops for the ceremony was Col. James Hodge, commander, Division Support Command.

"You exercised command with true dedication, inspiring leadership and undeniable caring for you soldiers," he said to Lyons. "You led your soldiers to victory. You've been a tremendous coach and mentor. If I had to go to war again tomorrow, I'd want you by my side."

Haley said he was proud to be taking command of the battalion.

"A year ago, Brig. Gen. (Lloyd J.) Austin called me up in Washington and said he had some good news and some bad news," he said. "He said the good news was that I was going to command the 703rd and be part of

the 3rd Infantry Division and the bad news was I would have to leave the rarefied air in D.C. and mingle with the common folks. Both were good news. After watching your performance here, I know these soldiers are far from common. It's a testament to their training and their commander."

Haley previously served as the Army military aide to the vice president in Washington. He has been filling the role of division logistics officer since he arrived in Iraq five weeks ago.

Haley was commissioned into the Ordnance Corps in 1987 after graduating from St. Lawrence University in Canton, N.Y. He served as a platoon leader and shop officer with the 546th Maintenance Company, 66th Maintenance Battalion in Pirmasens, Germany. From there, we went on to serve as the aide-de-camp to the deputy commanding general, 21st TAACOM in Kaiserslautern, Germany. Following the Advance Course, he was the I Corps maintenance officer and commanded the 85th Maintenance Company at Fort Lewis, Wash. He then served as the force integrator and future readiness officer, ordnance branch, with PER-



Spc. Jacob Boyer

Col. Jim Hodge passes the 703rd MSB colors to Lt. Col. Jack Haley. Haley took command of the battalion June 26.

SCOM in Washington.

After attending the Army Command and General Staff College, Haley served as the DISCOM operations officer, 1st Infantry Division. He went on to serve as the support

operations officer and executive officer of the 701st MSB in Kitzingen, Germany, before his most recent assignment.

Haley and his wife, Jennifer, have two children, Mairin and Caoilinn.



Sgt. Craig Zentkovich

Col. Jim Hodge, Division Support Command commander, 3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.), passes the 26th FSB colors to their new commander, Lt. Col. Michael Armstead, in a ceremony June 28 at the 2nd BCT compound in Al Fallujah, Iraq.

Armstead takes charge of 26th FSB

Sgt. Craig Zentkovich

50th PAD

AL FALLUJAH, Iraq — The 26th Forward Support Battalion changed command in a ceremony June 28 at the 2nd Brigade Combat Team compound in Al Fallujah.

Lt. Col. Michael A. Armstead assumed command of the battalion from Lt. Col. Willie Williams Jr., who is leaving Fort Stewart to work as a logistics officer at the Pentagon.

Williams was confident that the 26th FSB would continue on the right track.

"You're in great hands," he said to the soldiers, referring to Armstead. "Take care of them, because they'll take care of you."

Armstead, a St. Louis native, is a 1985 Distinguished Military Graduate from Rust College in Mississippi where he was commissioned a second lieutenant.

Upon graduation from the Armor

Officer Basic Course, he was assigned to 1st Battalion, 40th Armor, 5th Infantry Division at Fort Polk where he served as a platoon leader. He transferred to the Transportation Corps in 1988 and served as a light truck platoon leader for the 705th Main Support Bn., 5th Inf. Div.

Following graduation from the Transportation Officer Advance Course, he was assigned to the Motor Transportation Officer 8th Army Special Troops, Korea, and later served as a company commander for the 21st Transportation Co., 34th Area Support Group, Korea.

After returning to the United States, he served as a company commander and operations officer for the New Orleans Recruiting Battalion, and later deployed to Saudi Arabia to serve as the transportation officer for the U.S. Military Training Mission to Saudi Arabia.

In 1996, Armstead served as support

operations officer for Division Support Command, 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized), Fort Stewart, Ga., and deployed to Bosnia as the plans and operations officer for the 1st Transportation Movement Control Brigade in 1997. Upon his return, he served as the operations officer for 26th FSB.

His last assignment before returning to the 3rd Inf. Div. was as executive officer for the 180th Transportation Bn. and operations officer for the 64th Corps Support Group, Fort Hood Texas.

Col. James Hodge, Division Support Command commander, had words of praise for Williams and reassurance for Armstead. "(Williams) has created a highly trained and focused battalion," Hodge said. "(Armstead) is inheriting a great team ... whose framework is already in place."

Armstead and his wife, Alisa, have two children — LaToyia and Michael.

Sapper 6, 7 reflect on time with Eng. Bde.



SpC. Katherine Robinson

50th PAD

FALLUJAH, Iraq — "It's a very sad day," said Command Sgt. Maj. David M. Galka at his change of responsibility ceremony June 27.

Galka, along with brigade commander Col. John W. Peabody, said goodbye to the brigade they have had charge of for over two years, and headed back to the U.S.

Both said they had hoped to travel home with their soldiers when the division's mission in Iraq was complete, but it was not to be.

"I'm disappointed that I have to return before the troops," Peabody said. "But ... we're soldiers, we're ordered to do our duty. I have another duty."

Peabody took command of the Sapper Brigade on June 28, 2001, nearly two years to the day before he relinquished that command.

In the time he's served with the engineers, Peabody said the brigade has improved greatly before and during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Before the operation, the engineers trained for combat operations — manipulating the battlefield, digging tank fighting positions, placing and replacing obstacles — and for reconstruction operations — placing and repairing bridges, restoring power, water and sewage. They then performed all these missions and

more during the operation.

"We've started a lot of systems to try to improve the mobility that we deliver to the division — some better training aids," he said. "We've acquired some additional equipment and we've fielded a new topographic detachment for the division that increased its capability by about fourfold and gave the capability to put topographic analysis equipment with each one of the brigade combat teams to provide them responsive terrain analysis."

Peabody said he's also seen the soldiers change over the last few years, and, specifically, seen his captains develop and grow into better leaders.

When the division deployed to Kuwait, Peabody said the intensity level of all the soldiers increased, although they constantly trained back at Fort Stewart.

"The soldiers matured incredibly before my eyes and their ability to fight against a committed enemy who didn't really have any respect for life ... was quite impressive," he said. "(It was) something I'm not sure we were quite prepared for, but something that the soldiers responded to tremendously well."

The goals that he set for his brigade two years ago have been met, Peabody said, and his Sappers have made his experience as their commander gratifying.

"When I took command I asked them to do three things: to ensure the mobility of the division in every

instance, to become the division's terrain experts and to be full members of the combined arms team," he explained. "These Sappers are worthy of each of these areas in every respect."

Peabody said he expected commanding the brigade to be a challenge, he expected to work and train hard, and to have fun.

"I wasn't expecting a deployment like Operation Iraqi Freedom, but if it's got to happen, I'm glad I was fortunate enough to be a part of it," he said.

Throughout his time in command, Peabody said one of the most important things he learned was the value of teamwork. "This division doesn't operate as a bunch of separate units, it operates as a team. As an engineer brigade commander, to be successful you have to train your organizations and then you have to give them up to somebody else."

Peabody said the future of the brigade is in good hands with his replacement, Col. Edward Cardon.

"I know that Col. Cardon is going to take some of the programs I already have in place and really do much better with the brigade," he said.

Galka echoed this thought. "I see some very good leaders coming in with Col. Cardon and (Command) Sgt. Maj. Coker."

Though many units are losing their commanders, few

are losing their command sergeants major at exactly the same time.

Galka became the brigades command sergeant major approximately two and a half years ago, and has worked closely with Peabody for his entire time of command.

He said watching the progress of the brigade has been extremely satisfying throughout his tour.

"I can tell you the main (highlight) was to go to the training areas, the National Training Center, Marne Focus ... and then see it come full circle in combat and done to standard and beyond the standard," Galka said.

Galka said he feels it's time to go take care of his family, but he hates leaving his second family in Iraq, still performing their mission. "I would quickly turn in all my awards to be able to take them home right now instead."

Peabody said the success of the mission in Iraq came at a high cost. "We lost the lives of five sappers and over thirty others were wounded ... we will return home with precious soldiers missing from our ranks," he said. "That's a scar I'm personally going to bear, probably forever."

Still, Peabody leaves with good memories and sense of pride.

"It was great to be a member of the Marne Division and it will be the highlight of my professional life ... no matter what else I do."



Sgt. Akilah C. Clarke

(Above) Sgt. Jason Miller, a combat engineer with the 10th Eng. Bn., prepares a field-expedient Bangalore.

Sgt. Craig Zentkovich

The soldiers of B Company, 11th Eng. Bn., maintain security of the battle site in southern Baghdad, April 4.



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(Above) Pvt. 2 Jake Jordan and Staff Sgt. Curtis Ratliff of B Co., 10th Eng. Bn., set up a detonation card on a simulated wall during MOUT-breach training Jan. 24, 2002.

(Below) SpC. Edwin Dunson, B Co., 11th Eng. Bn., sets up a live landmine Sept. 4, 2002, as part of the Eng. Bde.'s biannual tables one-through-eight qualification.



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(Above) Squad Leader Sgt. Lamsteen Morris, B Co., shows his soldiers the proper way to set up a landmine.

(Right) Sgt. Matthew Gloxner, a B Co., 10th Eng. soldier, clears a field around a Medina Division garrison April 4, outside the town of Al Yusufyah, Iraq, where another massive weapons cache was found by 2nd Bde. soldiers.





Photos by Spc. Mason T. Lowery

1st Platoon Fire Direction Officer, 1st Lt. Erik Balunis, introduces himself to Iraqi children and answer questions as Battle King soldiers deliver candy and rations outside Al Fallujah, July 3.

Battle Kings deliver candy, kindness

Spc. Mason T. Lowery

50th PAD

AL FALLUJAH, Iraq — Battle King soldiers shifted their aim from military targets to humanitarian aid, delivering more than 200 rations, and buckets of candy to Iraqi children in villages outside Fallujah Thursday.

"When you give (food and candy) to the kids, it makes them happy, which will hopefully go up the chain to their parents," said Pfc. Andrew Atterson, a 1st Platoon, B Battery, 1st Battalion, 9th Field Artillery soldier describing the intent of the Battle King's "Hearts and Minds" campaign.

The soldiers drove through the winding, rural streets of the villages waving to everyone they saw. They stopped their humvees and armored track vehicles where crowds gathered, and handed out rations and candy. The children swarmed the soldiers and their vehicles — 1/9 soldiers have been handing out food and candy since they arrived in Fallujah about a month ago, so the children knew what to expect. The soldiers organized them into a line as best as they could.

Spc. Kenny Nguyen handed them the food first from inside the track. They clutched the food to their chests with one arm so their other hands were free to receive candy from B Battery 1st Sgt. Garry Hunt.

"(Giving out food and candy) feels great. That's the only reason I come out. At first, I didn't want to come to this country, but seeing the kids changed my mind," Hunt said of the benefits he and his soldiers receive from helping the children.

The Battle Kings also checked on schools, water treatment plants and warehouses along their route because, according to 1st Lt. Erik Balunis, 1st platoon fire direction officer, "Handing out MREs and candy is good, but we've also got to focus on their basic needs — water and electricity, which will make peace easier."

According to Hunt, 1/9 soldiers are hiring people from the community to work on fixing the problems in their neighborhoods. "These people have been suppressed so long — they're waiting for us to do everything. We want them to get together as a town. We're trying to tell them, 'Don't wait for us to do everything, you've got electricians and plumbers.'"

The relationship between the Battle Kings and the Iraqis is relatively good, Hunt said.

"The more time you spend with them, the more they trust you and open up to you. They were fed misinformation from Saddam; they want the truth from us. Like every city, this has pockets of resistance. We've been fortunate that nobody's been injured," he said.

Hunt explained the Iraqis' misconceptions about Army soldiers. "People ask us, 'Are you going to take my house?' We tell them, 'No, we're here to help you.' Most of them think we're here for oil. They also ask how long the United States will be in Iraq. We tell them we'll be here until they can run themselves."

A child threw a rock at one of the Battle King's vehicles as they were driving to another distribution point. The soldiers stopped, got out of their vehicles, and gave the children candy, showing they mean what they say — they're in Iraq to help.



An Iraqi boy clutches the ration he received from Battle King soldiers outside Al Fallujah.

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CSM Smith bids farewell

Spc. Mason T. Lowery

50th PAD

AL FALLUJAH, Iraq — A kind, soft-spoken word from him is more powerful than a ‘chewing out’ from a drill sergeant. Of course he was a drill sergeant years ago, so maybe he got it out of his system, but he never yells. He was the second most powerful man in Baghdad in the first weeks of April, and he executed his power through smiles, help and pats on the back. He has a formidable appearance — a weight lifter’s build, a sharp military uniform, a tooth pick usually hangs from the corner of his mouth, and sunglasses conceal his eyes; but his smile ruins the tough-guy look. One look at former 2nd Brigade Combat Team Command Sgt. Maj. Otis Smith Jr. tells you this is a guy who will help you. He is a real “Rock of the Marne” you can lean on when you’re not strong, or you just want someone to talk to.

The Army Values subconsciously pour from him as he walks among and talks to his soldiers. Everything he tells them has one of the seven values at its core. He is the epitome of LDRSHIP.

He has served his country for 28 years. (LOYALTY)

“Never turn a soldier away, because you don’t know what type of problem that soldier has at that moment — you might be his last hope.” (DUTY) Even if he’s busy, he said he tells them, “Come on in” and listens to them.

“My parents taught me to RESPECT people. As long as you treat people right, they’ll treat you right. And even if they don’t, you’ll be rewarded for doing the right thing,” he explained.

He said he always tries to help people and

doesn’t expect anything in return. (SELFLESS SERVICE)

He said, “Always be honest with people even if it will hurt them in the short run, because it will eventually help them. (HONOR)

“As long as you know in your heart you’ve done the right thing, you can feel good about yourself.” (INTEGRITY)

When his soldiers were about to cross the berm into Iraq, he told them to control their fears. He told them he was afraid too, but they all just had to rely on their training and each other to make it through. (PERSONAL COURAGE)

Paragraph 1-24 of Army Field Manual 22-100 — Military Leadership and Counseling, states, “... You also must embrace Army values and develop leader attributes, living them until they become habit. You must teach Army values to your subordinates through action and example and help them develop leader attributes in themselves. Smith didn’t have to learn to embrace Army Values in the Army; he learned them as a child from his church-oriented family.

“My mom and dad made sure we went to church, even when we didn’t want to. My upbringing carried over into the military — always do the right thing,” he said.

Smith said he gets as much out of helping soldiers as he gives. “It’s a journey. You start here, and as you travel this path there’s soldiers you see on the way who say, ‘Hey sergeant major, can you help me with this?’ I’m just glad to be part of the team. You gain knowledge and wisdom as an individual from helping soldiers. It comes with time and experience.”

He explained further, “Leaders can’t solve everything, but just listening to their problems

comforts soldiers. Never say, ‘That problem can’t be fixed.’ Then they’ll think they have nowhere to turn.”

Noncommissioned officers need to help soldiers deal with problems such as pay, promotion, family readiness groups etc. so soldiers don’t have to worry about them when they’re supposed to be focused on a mission, Smith said.

“Senior NCOs deal with problems on a daily basis. You don’t want commanders getting bogged down, especially during war when they’re busy making plans,” he said.

He said being a leader is a challenge every day. “Just when you thought you’d heard of every problem — a new one will come up. Experience leads to confidence. You know you can guide a soldier to the proper agency if you can’t help him personally.”

He explained the soft-spoken manner he has with his soldiers. “You don’t have to be a jerk to get your message across. You just learn to deal with people in different situations.”

Smith said age doesn’t indicate leadership ability. He talked about a newspaper article that stated young sergeants aren’t experienced enough to maintain control over themselves or their soldiers in the heat of battle.

He said, “Evidently (this reporter) never met any of those young noncommissioned officers/soldiers in the 2nd BCT,” and went into detailed accounts of leadership he witnessed among his soldiers during the war.

Smith brought his soldiers through the combat phase of Operation Iraqi Freedom. “The most difficult day I had during my tenure as the BCT command sergeant major was on April 26, the day we conducted a BCT memorial for eight heroes who paid the ultimate sacrifice for freedom. Let it be known they didn’t die in vain. They are heroes in every sense of the word.

“They answered the inspiring and challenging call of the Lord, through Isaiah, when asked who will go. They all responded, ‘Here I am. Send Me.’ The soldiers of the mighty Spartan Brigade continue to live up to that courageous motto today.”

He left his soldiers and NCOs with three pieces of advice he said helped him achieve success in the military.

“1. Never forget where you came from. Remember when you were a PFC, a specialist or a young sergeant and you made mistakes and learned from them.

“2. Learn to draw the line between personal and professional. If someone’s wrong and you’re in a leadership position, you have to correct them.

“3. My goal as a leader is always to take care of soldiers and help someone along the way.”

Banello takes charge

Spc. Mason T. Lowery

50th PAD

AL FALLUJAH, Iraq — Command Sgt. Maj. William A. Barnello Jr. assumed responsibility of the Spartans in a change of responsibility ceremony at the MEK compound in Fallujah, July 2.

Former 2nd Brigade Combat Team Command Sgt. Maj. Otis Smith Jr. relinquished responsibility to assume the position of command sergeant major of the Armor School at Fort Knox, Ky.

Smith said, “It saddens me that (my soldiers) are still here, because we all deployed as a team. My plan is to hang around Fort Stewart as long as I can so I can watch them come home and say ‘Mission Complete’.”

Barnello said he has big boots to fill, and will try his best.

Barnello has a long history with the Spartans and the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized). He served as division master gunner for the 3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) He stepped straight out of the command sergeant major position for 1st Battalion, 64th Armor into his position at the Spartan Brigade level.

He holds an Associates Degree in general studies from the University of Maryland. His military education encompasses all four levels of the Noncommissioned Officers Education System; Primary Leadership Development Course, Basic Technical Course, Basic Noncommissioned Officers Course, Advanced Noncommissioned Officers Course, and he is a graduate of the United States Sergeants Major Course.

Barnello is a member of the Sergeant Morales Club, the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club and is knighted in the Order of Saint George.

He has two sons; William A. Barnello III — who serves in the Marine Corps, and James A. Barnello of Cape Coral, Fl.



Spc. Mason T. Lowery

Command Sgt. Maj. Otis Smith Jr., Col. Joseph DeSalvo and Command Sgt. Maj. William Barnello salute the colors during the 2nd BCT change of responsibility ceremony in Al Fallujah July 2.



File photo

Ray Semko, also known as the Diceman, will be presenting an intriguing look at the world of espionage, July 16, 17 and 18.

Spys beware ...

Diceman brings espionage briefing to Stewart, Hunter

Spc. Casandra Bolton

Staff Writer, 372nd MPAD

Ray Semko, also known as the Diceman, presents a provocative, uncompromising and even irreverent look at the world of espionage on Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Air Field July 16, 17 and 18.

The Diceman is a live wire, entertaining as he is informative, sure to keep you on the edge of your seat, and guaranteed not to put you to sleep.

The Diceman will be at Stewart's Woodruff Theater 2 p.m., July 16 and 10 a.m., July 17. He will also be at Hunter's

Post Theater 2 p.m., July 17 and 10 a.m., July 18.

Semko has more than 30 years of military and government security and counterespionage experience. Before joining the Interagency OPSEC Support Staff, Semko worked as a counterintelligence officer for the Department of Energy since 1992.

Semko's DICE briefings were so highly requested that had his schedule permitted, he could have given a briefing every day of the year.

He has been presenting the briefings around the world since he initially created them for

Defensive Intelligence Agency employees in 1988 and will be traveling for the IOSS to raise awareness of the threats to U.S. security and the value Operational Security in neutralizing these threats.

His Defensive Information to Counter Espionage briefing delivers the message of countering the threat through OPSEC and personal responsibility. The briefing is for military, DA civilian personnel and contractors only.

The seating is available on a first come first serve basis. All personnel who want to attend the briefing must bring their government ID card.

Get to know your security manager ...

Stewart, Hunter hold Security Awareness Week

Jim Jeffcoat

Managing Editor

Security Awareness Week starts Monday and ends July 18, but the requirement for security awareness never ends, according to Special Agent Lisa Phillips, Intelligence and Security Division.

The ISD is part of a bigger picture known as the Counter-Intelligence Group. The mission of the CIG is to detect, neutralize and defeat the Foreign Intelligence Service threat to United States Army Forces, secrets and technologies throughout the continental United States. This mission also includes physical threats posed to the US by foreign terrorism.

As an integral part of the CIG, the Fort Stewart Resident Office is responsible for reporting and investigating SAEDA, Subversion and Espionage Directed against the Army, and other suspicious incidents in and around the Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield areas. Some crimes included under the umbrella of SAEDA are:

Subversion: Advocating, causing, or attempting to cause insubordination, disloyalty, mutiny or refusal of duty by any member of the armed forces of the United States or by Department of Defense civilian personnel with

the intent to interfere with, impair, or influence the loyalty, morale or discipline of such armed forces. During time of war, subversion additionally includes:

- Making or conveying false reports or false statements with the intent to interfere with the operation or success of the armed forces of the United States or to promote the success of its enemies; and
- Willfully obstructing or attempting to obstruct the recruitment or enlistment service of the United States, to the injury of the United States. See 18 United States Code 2387-88.

Espionage: The act of obtaining, delivering, transmitting, communicating, or receiving information in respect to the national defense with an intent or reason to believe that the information may be used to the injury of the United States or to the advantage of any foreign nation. See 18 USC 792-798 and Article 106a, Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Spying: In time of war, the act of clandestinely or under false pretenses collecting or attempting to collect information with the intent to convey it to a hostile party. See Article 106, UCMJ.

Treason:

- Violation of the allegiance owed to one's

sovereign or state; betrayal of one's country.

- Aiding or attempting to aid the enemy with arms, ammunition, supplies, money or other things.

- Without proper authority, knowingly harboring or protecting or giving intelligence to, communicating or corresponding with, or holding any intercourse with the enemy, either directly or indirectly.

See Article III; section III, U.S. Constitution, 18 USC 2381, and Article 104, UCMJ.

Sedition: Participation in one or more of the following:

- Knowingly or willfully advocating or teaching the duty or necessity of overthrowing the U.S. government or any political subdivision therein by force or violence.
- Printing, publishing, circulating, selling or publicly displaying written matter, with intent to cause the overthrow or destruction of any such government, which advocates or teaches the duty or necessity of such overthrow by force or violence.

- Organizing a society or group whose purpose is to advocate or teach the duty or necessity of such overthrow by force or violence.

- Being or becoming a member of, or affili-

ated with, such society or group, knowing the purpose thereof. See 18 USC 2385.

Sabotage: An act or acts with intent to injure, interfere with, or obstruct the national defense of a country by willfully injuring or destroying, or attempting to destroy, any national defense or war material, premises or utilities, to include human and natural resources. See 18 USC 2153 and DOD Directive 5240.6.

Other reportable suspicious incidents: Requests for information by unknown persons, possible surveillance of gates or post facilities and attempted unauthorized entry into sensitive or classified areas by unknown persons. This list of incidents is by no means all-inclusive.

Soldiers, families and DOD civilians can join the security effort by first getting to know their security manager. Second, learn how to effectively report suspicious activities.

You can get to know your security manager by inquiring up the change of command, Phillips said.

For effective reporting: remember as much identifying information from the incident as possible, such as dates, times, places and descriptions of objects or people. Report all SAEDA at 767-1293.

FDA alert: *recall for counterfeit Lipitor*

The Food and Drug Administration announced that Albers Medical Distributors, Inc., has voluntarily recalled three lots of 90-count bottles of the cholesterol-lowering drug Lipitor and is warning healthcare providers and others that these three lots of counterfeit Lipitor represent a potentially significant risk to consumers. The product was repackaged by Med-Pro, Inc., of Lexington, Neb., and the labels say "Repackaged by: MED-PRO, Inc. Lexington, Neb." in the lower left-hand corner.

The following lots are involved in this recall:
20722V - 90-tablet bottles, Expiration 09-2004
04132V - 90-tablet bottles, Expiration 01-2004
16942V - 90-tablet bottles, Expiration 09-2004

FDA is urging healthcare providers and patients alike to check the packaging very carefully before using this product. Patients who have any of the product (labeled as "Repackaged by MED-PRO, Inc.") with these three lot numbers should not take it, and

they should return the product to their pharmacies.

As part of the FDA's ongoing efforts to investigate and address unscrupulous counterfeiting activities, FDA's Office of Criminal Investigations is investigating the existence of counterfeit Lipitor. Lipitor is a member of a class of cholesterol-lowering drugs that are commonly referred to as "statins."

In carrying out its public health mission, FDA regularly conducts investigations and testing to identify and remove from market products that are counterfeit, have been tampered with, or are otherwise unsuitable.

FDA supports the activities of legitimate manufacturers, in cooperation with FDA, to inform the public about counterfeit products and how to identify them. The agency is committed to rooting out counterfeiting activity and alerting the public to the existence of counterfeit product. Earlier this month, FDA entered into an agreement with a major pharmaceutical trade association to cooperate more closely on cases of suspected counterfeit products.

FDA's investigation into this matter is continuing.



Spc. Jonathan M. Stack

Ana Cuevas hugs Jose Cuevas, her husband, and Emmanveo Cuevas, her 4 1/2-year-old child, upon her return from Iraq. She had been gone since Jan. 19. Her husband was proud of what she did and happy to see her again.

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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

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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.

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.

1/15th Inf. Award Ceremony

First Battalion, 15th Infantry Bn. will hold an award ceremony 9 a.m., July 23 at the China Gate Memorial, Fort Benning, Ga.

The inclement weather site will be the Officer's Club Regimental Ballroom.

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.

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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Auto Craft

Cars and some light trucks can get an oil change for \$19. Buy tires and get them mounted and balanced FREE. Buy a set of four, get them mounted, balanced, and the front end aligned FREE.

For more information call 352-6244/692-4737.

Winn Army Community Hospital

Blood Drive

The American Red Cross will host a blood drive 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday in the outpatient clinic parking area. For more information, call 370-6522.

Expectant Mothers Support

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

Exceptional Member Program

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"

The next "Take Care of Yourself" classes will be 2 to 3 p.m. July 23 and 11 a.m. to noon July 30. The next Tuttle class will be 10 to 11 a.m. July 30. The class gives an overview of how to use the "Take Care of Yourself" book. Upon completing the class, you will receive a card that allows you to get over-the-counter medications from Winn or Tuttle. To register for the July 23 class, call 370-5071. To register for the July 30 class at Winn, call 368-3048. To register for Tuttle's class, call 767-6633 or 1-800-652-9221.

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.

Preventive Medicine

The Department of Preventive Medicine has relocated to buildings PB473 and PB474, across from Army Community Services. For more information, call 370-5085.

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.

Pregnancy Nurse Line

Patients more than 20 weeks pregnant who have questions between their regularly scheduled appointments can call the direct nurse line at 370-6550.

TRICARE Hours of Operation

The TRICARE Service Center will be open 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month. Regular business hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 370-6015.

Tuttle TRICARE enrollment

TRICARE enrollment briefings for Tuttle are held by appointment from 9 to 11 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday. To schedule an appointment, call 767-6633 or 1-800-652-9221.

POLICE REPORTS

- **Subject:** Civilian, 39-year-old male
- **Charges:** Failure to exercise due care
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Family member, 23-year-old female
- **Charges:** Assault of a child under 16
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Sergeant 1st Class, 40-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Simple battery
- **Location:** Hinesville

- **Subject:** Civilian, 27-year-old male
- **Charges:** Dog bite
- **Location:** Hunter

- **Subject:** Civilian, 59-year-old male
- **Charges:** Improper backing
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Family member, 26-year-old female
- **Charges:** Criminal trespass, unlawful entry into a military installation, driving while license suspended, failure to stop at a posted stop sign
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private 2, 32-year-old male, 1st Brigade
- **Charges:** Simple assault
- **Location:** Hinesville

- **Subject:** Private 2, 20-year-old female, Headquarters Command
- **Charges:** Deposit account fraud
- **Location:** Hinesville

- **Subject:** Sergeant, 50-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Larceny of AAFES property
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private 2, 20-year-old male, 2nd Brigade
- **Charges:** Wrongful possession of marijuana, failure to appear
- **Location:** Hinesville

- **Subject:** Staff Sergeant, 35-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Deposit account fraud
- **Location:** Hinesville

- **Subject:** Specialist, 23-year-old female, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Speeding 86/55

- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Civilian, 24-year-old male
- **Charges:** Damage to government property, larceny of private property
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Civilian, 49-year-old female
- **Charges:** Failure to yield right of way
- **Location:** Hunter

- **Subject:** Sergeant, 23-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Driving while license suspended, speeding
- **Location:** Hunter

- **Subject:** Sergeant, 25-year-old male, separate battalion

- **Charges:** Criminal trespass
- **Location:** Hinesville

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

- **Subject:** Civilian, 23-year-old male
- **Charges:** Driving while license suspended
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Specialist, 21-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Reckless driving, attempt to elude police, speeding 127/55
- **Location:** Long County, Ga.

- **Subject:** Staff Sergeant, 34-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Driving under the influence, speeding 51/40, use of private property as a thoroughfare

- **Location:** Hinesville

- **Subject:** Staff Sergeant, 33-year-old female, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Driving under the influence
- **Location:** Savannah

- **Subject:** Private, 20-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Battery, obstruction by fleeing
- **Location:** Savannah

- **Subject:** Private 2, 26-year-old male, 1st Brigade
- **Charges:** Driving while license suspended, expired tag, no insurance
- **Location:** Hinesville

- **Subject:** Civilian, 30-year-old male
- **Charges:** Driving under the influence
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** NONPO, 22-year-old female, NDCPI
- **Charges:** Driving with unlawful blood alcohol level, driving too fast for conditions, open alcohol containers in car
- **Location:** Savannah

- **Subject:** Petty Officer 3, 34-year-old male, 10th Marines
- **Charges:** Obstruction by hindering, open container violation
- **Location:** Savannah

- **Subject:** Family member, 20-year-old female
- **Charges:** Driving under the influence, obstruction of justice, no driver's license, permitting an unlicensed person to operate a motor vehicle
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Civilian, 24-year-old male
- **Charges:** Speeding 69/55, driving while license suspended, fleeing or eluding police
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Family member, 20-year-old male
- **Charges:** Attempted burglary, underage consumption of alcohol
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private, 20-year-old male, Headquarters Command
- **Charges:** Driving under the influence, underage violation, open container
- **Location:** Savannah

- **Subject:** Private, 22-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Driving under the influence
- **Location:** Savannah

Courts-Martial

The following cases were tried by special courts-martial or general courts martial at Fort Stewart with the following results:

Special Courts-Martial
United States v. Pvt. Jeremy L. Charles, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, Division Artillery, Fort Stewart, Georgia. On May 30, the military judge found Pvt. Charles guilty of desertion, larceny, housebreaking, attempted larceny, and forgery. The military judge sentenced Pvt. Charles to: be reduced to E-1, forfeit \$767 per month for 7 months, confined for 7 months and a bad-conduct discharge.

United States v. Spc. Edy C. Banks, Headquarters Support Company, 603rd Aviation Support Battalion, Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia. On June 3, the military judge found Spc. Banks guilty of desertion, AWOL, failure to repair, and adultery. The military judge sentenced Spc. Banks to: be reduced in rank to E-1, confined for 6 months and a bad-conduct discharge.

United States v. Pvt. 2 Charles M. Houghton, Company C, 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia. On June 30, the military judge found Pvt. 2 Houghton guilty of AWOL. The military judge sentenced Pvt. 2 Houghton to: be reduced to E-1, forfeit \$776 pay per month for 5 months, confinement for 5 months and a bad-conduct discharge.

General Courts-Martial
United States v. Spc. Nashon T. Pelefoti, K Company, 159th Aviation Regiment, Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia. On June 6, the military judge found Spc.

Pelefoti guilty of battery on child under 16. The military judge sentenced Spc. Pelefoti to 3 months confinement.

General Courts-Martial
United States v. Pvt. Mario V. Rodriguez, Company D, 123rd Signal Battalion, Dogwood, Iraq. On June 11, the military judge found Pvt. Rodriguez guilty of self injury to avoid duty, failure to repair, disobey order by NCO, disrespect to NCO. The military judge sentenced Pvt. Rodriguez to be confined for 1 year, total forfeitures of all pay and allowances and a bad-conduct discharge.

General Courts-Martial
United States v. Sgt. Omar B Seymour, Company D, 703rd Main Support Battalion, Division Support Command, Georgia. On July 1, the military judge found Sgt. Seymour guilty of rape, attempted sodomy of child under 16, sodomy with child under 12 (2 counts), indecent acts with child. The military judge sentenced Sgt. Seymour to be confined for 20 years and to be discharged with a dishonorable discharge.

General Courts-Martial
United States v. Pvt. 2 Andre Easter, Quartermaster Company, 260th Quartermaster Battalion, 24th Corps Support Group, Fort Stewart, Georgia. On July 1, the military judge found Pvt. 2 Easter guilty of failure to repair, disobey order (officer), disobey order (NCO), assault, communicate a threat, housebreaking, reckless endangerment. The military judge sentenced Pvt. 2 Easter to be reduced to E-1 confined for 2 years, total forfeiture of all pay and allowances and a bad-conduct discharge.



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Abizaid takes reins of CENTCOM

Air Force Tech. Sgt. Chris Miller

Army News Service

MACDILL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. — Gen. John P. Abizaid assumed command of U.S. Central Command from Gen. Tommy R. Franks July 7, during a ceremony at the St. Pete Times Forum in downtown Tampa.

Franks served as commander of CENTCOM since June, 2000. During his time, he commanded operations against terrorism in Afghanistan and Iraq. Abizaid served as the Central Command's deputy commander.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld officiated the ceremony while Marine

Corps Gen. Peter Pace, vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, also attended.

Rumsfeld used the occasion to praise the men and women who served in that command.

"From the Horn of Africa, to the mountains of Afghanistan and the heat of Iraq, troops of this command are serving the cause of freedom with dedication and distinction," Rumsfeld said. "We thank each of you for all you do for our country."

The secretary praised Franks for being "a soldiers' soldier." He said the outgoing commander embodies the qualities needed in time of war: "strength, experience, a keen mind, good humor, energy, honor, a deep loyalty

for his troops and his country."

Rumsfeld also said Franks' service would have a lasting impact on the U.S. armed forces.

The secretary praised Abizaid as "the leader for the 21st century," and called on him to "do our country proud as we know you will."

After the transfer of the command flag, Abizaid thanked Franks for his leadership and confidence.

"Today, one of the world's greatest soldiers turns over command," Abizaid said. "General Franks, thank you for your extraordinary service to the nation in both peace and war."

Franks — who commanded at every level of the Army

— retires following 38 years of service. Defense officials said he is one of the most innovative commanders in the business.

Abizaid said the greatest honor for any soldier is to command the sons and daughters of America.

"It is a particular honor to embark upon this command in time of war," he said. "Central Command will continue to take the fight to the enemy on his ground. We will continue to do our work with our friends and allies to defeat our mortal enemies."

Abizaid thanked all the service men and women for their devotion to duty. "It is their untiring efforts that will preserve the freedom we so rightly cherish," he said.

Abizaid was commissioned a second lieutenant of Infantry upon graduation from the U.S. Military Academy in June, 1973. He has held a number of vital command and staff positions including a tour with the United Nations as operations officer for Observer Group Lebanon.

His military education includes Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced courses, Armed Forces Staff College and a U.S. Army War College Senior Fellowship at the Hoover Institution, Stanford University. In his civilian studies, he earned a master of arts degree in Area Studies at Harvard University, and was an Olmsted Scholar at the University of Jordan in Amman, Jordan.

His military decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with five oak leaf clusters and the Bronze Star Medal. He earned the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Master Parachutist Badge with gold star, Ranger Tab and the Expert Infantryman's Badge.

CENTCOM covers the 25 countries of the Middle East, Central Asia and Horn of Africa. The area is larger than the continental United States and stretches 3,600 miles to the east and west, and 4,600 miles to the north and south.

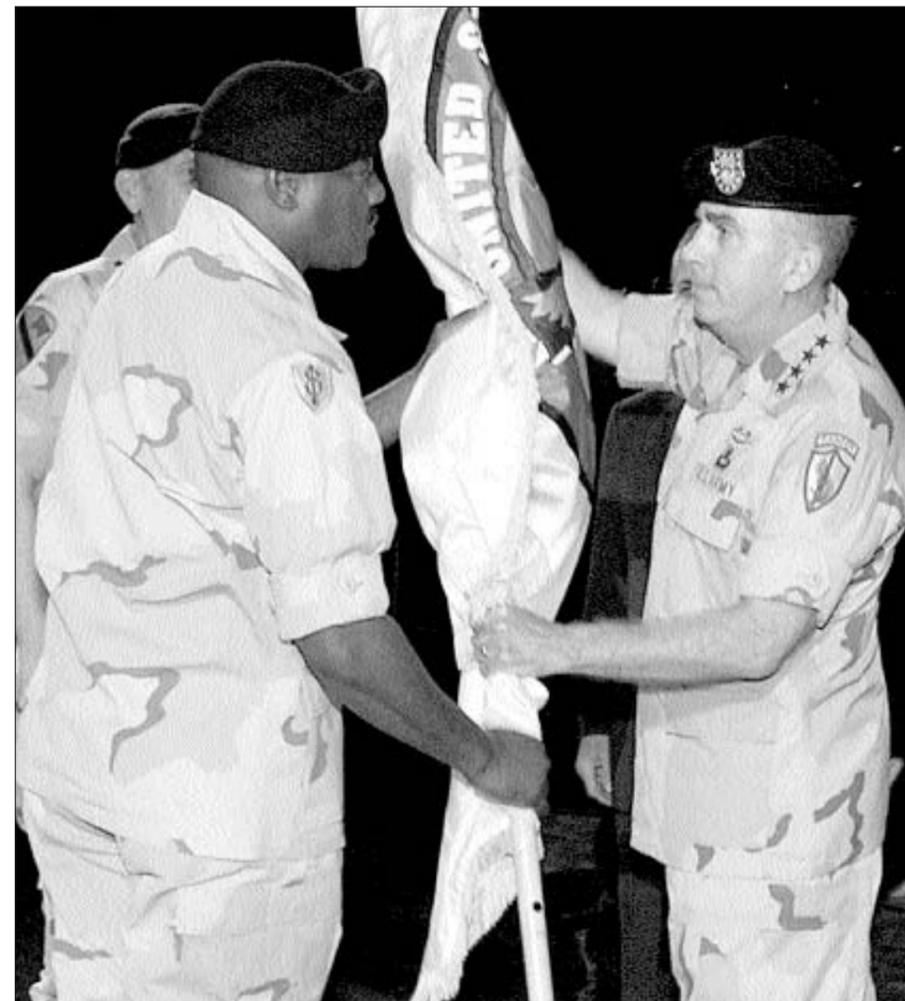


Photo by Air Force Staff Sgt. Norma J. Martinez

Gen. John Abizaid gives the U.S. Central Command flag to Command Sgt. Maj. Dwight Brown after accepting command of CENTCOM, at a ceremony in Tampa, Fla., June 30.

CENTCOM News

Coalition and Iraqi police work to make Iraq secure

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Coalition forces foiled numerous potential attacks by seizing weapons caches and explosive devices Tuesday.

The 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment seized a weapons cache of 400 to 500 rocket-propelled grenades from a vehicle at a traffic control point located between the cities of Ar Ramadi and Al Asad. Four Iraqi males riding in the vehicle were detained.

The 1st Marine Expeditionary Force found a large cache of tank rounds just north of Mahmudiayah. An engineer unit detonated three truckloads of the rounds. The rest, which were still crated, were transported to another location for disposition.

The 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) discovered and seized a cache of 12 antitank projectiles that were camouflaged with cut wheat, on a road near Tal'afar.

Coalition forces continued aggressive patrols throughout the country over the last 24 hours conducting 14 raids, 1,222 day patrols and 825 night patrols. They also jointly patrolled with the Iraqi Police conducting 190 day patrols and 187 night patrols. On their own, Iraqi Police conducted 10 day and one night patrols. The total raids and patrols resulted in 213 arrests for various criminal activities including three for murder, four for car jacking, nine for assault, eight for burglary, and 60 for looting.



Two from Iraqi 'top 55' in Coalition custody

BAGHDAD, Iraq — One former Iraqi leader surrendered and another was captured July 8 in two unrelated incidents. Both members are listed on the U.S. Central Command "Iraqi Top 55."

Mizban Khadr Al Hadi, a high-ranking member of the Ba'ath Party Regional Command and Revolutionary Command Council and number 23 on the coalition's list of wanted government officials, turned himself in to Coalition forces in Baghdad.

Mahmud Dhiyab Al-Ahmad, former Minister of Interior and number 29 on the Top 55 list, was captured by Coalition forces and now is in custody.

Coalition forces will continue to work at apprehending former members of the Saddam Hussein regime.

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

Brotherhood of the badge

MPs and Iraqi police working together

Spc. Katherine Robinson

50th PAD

FALLUJAH, Iraq — “Police are brothers no matter where they’re from,” said Sgt. 1st Class Terry Ford, a 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) Provost Marshal operations sergeant. “This is the building block of our relationship.”

Fifty Fallujah police officers and two Habbaniyah police officers graduated from the first Iraqi Police Refresher Course July 1 at the Mayor’s Office.

The week-long course was taught by Ford, Master Sgt. David James, and Staff Sgt. Sean Sullivan. Ford and James, who were both Military Police school instructors and drill sergeants at one time, are now serving with the 3rd Military Police Company under the 2nd Brigade Combat Team in Fallujah. Sullivan is a 411th Civil

Affairs Battalion soldier, who works as a police instructor in Springfield, Mich.

The course covered the basics of day-to-day police work, and served as a refresher for the more experienced policemen and an eye-opener for some of the fresh recruits.

“We’ve gone over police ethics, interpersonal communications, how to deal with the public, different types of searches – individuals, vehicles or buildings – how to process and transport offenders, how to conduct a traffic stop ...” Ford explained. The list goes on and on.

During the week a medic also came in and gave a first aid course, and members of the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate gave a class on use of force and rules of engagement.

“The biggest challenge for us has been making sure ... the translation got across to them correctly,” Ford said.

The Iraqi police in the class, some still wearing green military uniforms, and others clad in the new blue uniforms and brassards the MPs issued June 23, welcomed the training with open arms, and shared some of their own experiences as well.

“Regarding the investigation part, it is not very different from ours,” said Asaad Ali through a translator. Ali has been on the Iraqi Police Force for fourteen years. “Our officers have ideas and theories, but what was missing was the application of that.”

The police got mostly classroom training, but some hands-on as well. Ford said during a class on civil disturbance, the police had a hard time grasping the concept of riot control formation. James, Ford and Sullivan integrated themselves into the formation, did it with them, and when the officers got it right, they started cheering, clapping and hugging each other.

“They were so proud of what they accomplished,” Ford said.

On the last day of class before the graduation, the instructors reviewed basic handcuffing techniques.

Many of the IPF officers had never seen a set of handcuffs before and didn’t know how to use them. Ford said the biggest setback for the IPF is lack of equipment. The military has issued them, along with new uniforms, several weapons, and new patrol cars – bringing the station up to an eight-car status. “We’re looking at getting more,” he said.

Ford said the participation in the classes started out slow, but the IPF officers got into it as time went by.

“They’re starting to gain our trust,” he explained. “We see them reinforcing (the training) with each other.”

He said it’s important for the police to view the MPs as people who are here to help, not as conquerors. “It’s important not to come in with a holier-than-thou attitude.” “We came here to teach and help,” James said. “However we were also educated by our students on the laws, customs and history of Iraq.”

“The course was ... to help you hone and sharpen your skills, and help you build confidence in your ability,” he told the IPF graduates during the ceremony. “You are the first group to move forward, turning over a new page in Fallujah and Iraq history. You will be called upon even more as the people of Iraq start to learn and enjoy new



Photos by Spc. Katherine Robinson

Master Sgt. David James, 3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) Provost Marshal operations sergeant, and an Iraqi police officer show off the brassards that unite the military policeman to the Iraqi policeman after the graduation ceremony for the first Iraqi Police Refresher Course at the Mayor’s Office, July 1.

freedoms.”

The police proudly accepted their graduation certificates from the mayor of Fallujah, and the chief of police.

“Only God knows what will happen in the future,” Ali said. “But good people called us to wear these uniforms and restore order.”

Now that the first class is over, the instructors are immediately embarking on a three-day course for facility security guards, a two-day seminar on senior leadership, and then they’ll start over with the police refresher course. The instructors hope to make the second class three weeks long, instead of one.



Spc. Katherine Robinson

Sgt. 1st Class Terry Ford, 3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) Provost Marshal operations sergeant, shakes hands with a graduate of the Iraqi Police Refresher Course July 1 at the Mayor’s Office.

Spartan 6

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shields.

The complexities of the fighting in An Najaf proved to be a good way for Perkins and his soldiers to get ready for the Baghdad Battle, he said. "They (Spartan soldiers) were aggressive, determined and discriminating so they did not shoot everyone, but engaged the enemy." They continually pushed and engaged the enemy. "It was masterful, it became a basis for a lot of subsequent fighting," he said.

26-29 MAR: After it became apparent that Fedayeen forces would pose an unexpected threat to LOCs, Task Force 1-64 established cordon around An Najaf and relieved 3rd Battalion, 7th Cavalry of security of Euphrates River bridges. During this engagement, the Rogues (1-64) destroyed hundreds of irregular forces and numerous technical trucks. This action ultimately eliminated the irregular forces in the An Najaf region.

The brigade secured Objective Spartan March 31. They didn't encounter a lot of direct fighting, but took artillery and sniper fire from the cliffs, according to Perkins. They cleared the enemy from the cliffs. E Battery, 9th Scouts got the enemy's position, and multiple launch rocket systems and tanks did the rest.

The most significant event at Objective Spartan was a sandstorm. The air turned from yellow to orange to red to dark brown in about an hour and lasted two days. It produced a Martian-like atmosphere that soldiers persevered through, Perkins said.

31 MAR- 01 APR: 2nd BCT attacks to seize Objective Spartan. Task Force 4-64 attacks to seize Euphrates River crossing at Objective Murray in order to cause the commitment of enemy forces from the north and east.

This short and decisive engagement resulted in the destruction of 50 dismount troops, 10 technical trucks, and multiple weapon caches.

The brigade split into four battalions to fight in Karbala, April 2. It was a big command and control challenge, according to Perkins. The brigade was brought together at Objective Garth, a refuel point. One company refueled at a time, then continued to fight. The four brigades attacked and marched for two days straight.

2-3 APR: The Brigade initiates an attack north through Karbala in preparation for the attack across the Euphrates. Due to poor trafficability, the Brigade was forced to direct follow on units along four separate axis to get around the famed city.

The entire brigade converged on Objective Saints, the intersection of Highways 8 and 1 ten miles from Baghdad, to control enemy movement to and from the city April 4. Perkins said he and his soldiers went through a gauntlet of enemy fire to secure Saints.

03-04 APR: With portions of the Brigade still moving through the Karbala Gap, Task Force 1-15 leads the attack across the Euphrates River to seize Objective Saints. Task Force 1-64 followed and destroyed remnants of the Medina Division further south along Highway 8 with Task Force 4-64 destroying enemy forces along Highway 1. Task Force 3-15, operating under control of the Engineer Brigade, successfully repelled numerous counter-attacks on the crucial river-crossing site at Objective Peach.

Perkins initiated 'Thunder Runs' – quick trips from Saints to Baghdad

International Airport April 5. "We encountered intense enemy resistance. My soldiers did a remarkable job returning fire and discerning between enemies and civilians while under thick enemy presence," he said.

05-06 APR: Task Force 4-64 and Task Force 3-15 attack south to complete the destruction of the Medina Division. Simultaneously, in order to assess the defenses of Baghdad, Task Force 1-64 executes a "Thunder Run" north along Hwy 8 on 5 April through Baghdad from Objective Saints to Baghdad International Airport. There was heavy enemy activity along the attack route, but the Brigade was successful and was prepared to put the death-nail in the Iraqi-regime coffin.

The Spartans attacked Baghdad, April 7. "It was the culminating tactical event marked by every element of the brigade under contact simultaneously," Perkins explained. "We attacked straight into the city. We saw that the key to that was movement and masked fire. The result was we made it into the city and spent the night."

Staying in the city was the key to people realizing Saddam Hussein wasn't in power anymore, Perkins said. "Mental capitulation – people saw that Saddam had lost the war."

07-09 APR: In what would be the decisive engagement of the war, 2nd BCT attacked to destroy regime control of the capital. In this battle all three battalions would be in direct contact simultaneously for over 8 hours to seize key political and culturally symbolic nodes. Task Force 1-64 led the attack, seizing key government buildings and the Parade Field in central Baghdad. Task Force 4-64 followed directly behind, seizing



Spc. Mason T. Lowery

B Co., 3/15, 2nd BCT heads north March 18 as the President's patience wears thin.

presidential palaces along the west bank of the Tigris River. Task Force 3-15 endured some of the most tenacious fighting of the war as they maintained security of Highway 8 from the brigade objectives back to Objective Saints. Key to this action was the bold decision to remain in the city over night, in spite of a devastating missile attack on the Brigade Tactical Operations Center, heavy contact on Objective Curly, and heavy fire against re-supply operations. This unprecedented approach to urban warfare abbreviated the strategic timeline of the war by days or even weeks.

And in a few days, the fighting was over. "Never before in recent history has our Army and nation asked so much of soldiers. And never have soldiers answered the call so well. They've done what was

asked of them and more. They beat the military, and won Iraqi's hearts and minds. They are owed a huge debt of gratitude from the nation that can never be repaid. The best thing they'll leave here with is the self-satisfaction of knowing they changed a nation," Perkins said of his soldiers.

Perkins said commanding a brigade was a lonely job, as he had no peers. Except one – 2nd Brigade Combat Team Command Sergeant Maj. Otis Smith Jr. Smith was there to keep him in line, Perkins said.

Smith said Perkins was a good leader – which lead to success on the battlefield, because he didn't micromanage. He let his officers and enlisted soldiers do their jobs, and they found success because of that.

Author's note: Bold paragraphs used in this story came from a commemoration poster made by 2nd Brigade S3.

10 Things You Can Do to Help the Environment



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

LIFE & TIMES

B SECTION

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.

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 in 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.

ACS Birthday Celebration

Army Community Service is celebrating its 38th birthday, July 25 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The party is located at the ACS building, 76 Lindquist Ave.

There will be free food, entertainment and games.

Summer Reading Program

Parents with children ages two through 15 can sign their child up for the Fort Stewart Library's Summer Reading Program.

Participants will receive a book bag, bookmarks, reading log and activity sheets upon registration.

The program runs through Aug. 2. For more information, call 767-2828

Matting and Framing Class

Learn to professionally mat and frame your treasures and personal prints.

Free classes are open to the public.

Pre-registration is required to order necessary supplies.

Classes begin at 8:30 a.m. and continue until finished.

New mats and moldings available on special order. Prints available at great prices. Special introductory demonstrations and classes available for all types of groups — FRG, church groups, OSC, ESC and BOSS.

For more information, call RoseMary at 767-8609.

Off Post

Summerfest 2003

On August 9 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. the Chamber is seeking participants for the BBQ cookoff, and food and craft vendors. Squeal about the summer fest to all your friends! Great food, live entertainment and kids games. There will also be a 5K road race/ fun run and walk. The race is at 9 a.m. and the fun run/walk is at 8:30 a.m.

For details, contact the Chamber at 368-4445.

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.

Sea Cadets get taste of Navy training

Sgt. Raymond Piper

Editor

The Noncommissioned Officer Academy was flooded with a different type of recruit as 105 first-year Naval Sea Cadets went through their Summer Recruit Training.

"After the training, the cadets have a basic idea of what to do in the military and know what to expect from the Navy," said Naval Sea Cadet Command Lt. David Hill, commanding officer for the training.

The 10 days of training began at 4:30 a.m. with physical fitness training to prepare the cadets for their physical fitness test that they would have to take and pass to graduate.

The days were filled with learning the basics of what a servicemember needs to know, such as drill and ceremony, naval history, customs and traditions, and basic seamanship and navigation.

The cadets graduated Sunday on their eleventh day at the academy.

For Naval Cadet Recruit Joshua Smith, one of the benefits was learning how to work as a team.

The 14-year-old Pike County, Ala., native said, "It (the teamwork) has improved a lot since we got here. No one could stay in step and now we are working on becoming the honor company."

Once a cadet completes their initial training they can earn rank and qualify for advance training. The training opportunities give the cadets the chance to train aboard Navy and Coast Guard ships and other shore activities.

Much like the Army Junior Reserve Officer Corps, the sea cadets wear Navy uniforms and may earn rank and ribbons, Hill said.

The Sea Cadet Corps is authorized by the Secretary of the Navy to wear Navy uniforms customized with the Naval Sea Cadet insignia.

The program is open to young adults 13 to 17 year olds and is comprised of 325 Sea Cadet units with a membership of more than 10,000.

"This is a very good youth program and is not meant to encourage them to join the service," Hill said. "Although many of them have set goals to join the military."

Smith was one of the cadets who have set a goal. He said that he is considering joining the Navy when he is old enough and feels that being a cadet will help him to decide.

Hill said, "Many of the cadets think that this is a real good program ... and I think they look forward to future training."



Sgt. Raymond Piper

First-year Naval Sea Cadets wait to be inspected by the company officers July 3 at the NCOA.

POA protects soldiers, families

Sp. Casandra Bolton

Staff Writer, 372nd MPAD

With soldiers constantly on the move, whether in training or deployments, they should ensure that there is someone who can step in and act on their behalf when they are unable to. One way to do this is through Power of Attorneys. There are several different types of Power of Attorney. They cover everything from medical care of children to shipping and receiving of household goods.

It is good to always have a backup. If someone were to get hurt and your mother and father were the POA holders. But you and your children are at Fort Stewart and your parents are in Seattle.

"Maybe they (your parents) might need a day or two to lock up the house and feed the dog," said Capt. Jennifer Blount, legal assistance attorney.

ney. "It's good to have a back up," she added.

Someone else that is trust worthy, like a neighbor, should have a short term POA so they can take care of your children until your parents get there.

To get a power of attorney, all a soldier has to do is go into the JAG office and tell them what kind of POA he needs and JAG will help him from there. The person who is accepting the POA does not need to be present, but should be aware of what they are expected to do.

"It is good to let the person who is receiving the POA know ahead of time so they are aware of what they are in control of."

"What people don't realize is that they don't have to accept the Power of Attorneys," said Blount.

One of the most powerful POAs is the General

Power of Attorney. The General Power of Attorney covers everything, from children and their care to paying your bills. The only things a person can't do with a General POA is increase or exceed the credit limit on existing credit, credit cards, signature loans or other similar accounts. They also cannot obtain any other loans.

There is also a Special Power of Attorney that is left blank for the person to fill out. If there is anything that needs to be covered that is not in the other Power of Attorneys, it can be written in the space provided on the form.

Power of Attorneys should not be taken lightly, according to Blount, especially the General Power of Attorney.

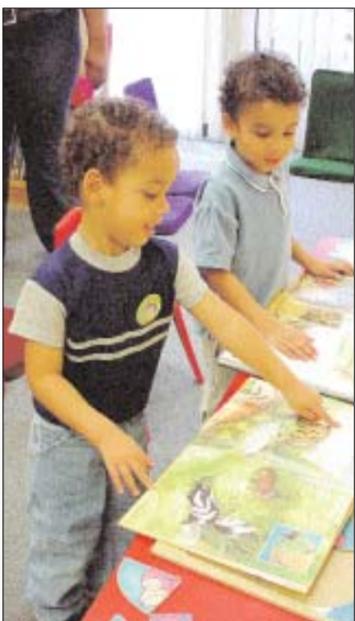
"You don't want to take them lightly," said Blount. "You don't want to come home and your bank account is cleared out by the person you gave the Power of Attorney to."

Stewart Library offers a wealth of resource

Nancy Gould

DCAS Marketing

You might find 12-year-old Stefani Wright with her three sisters and her mother at the Fort Stewart library on any given day this summer.



Nancy Gould

Marcus Mitchell, 5, and brother, Makik, 4, enjoy dinosaur books at Fort Stewart Library.

Except for her father, Spc. Martin Binion, who has been in Iraq for six months — Stefani's family regularly spends time there with 1,600 other patrons each week, searching for a good book to read.

"She read 147 books last summer," said her mother, adding, that was less than a two-month period of time. Big sister, 14-year-old Angelica Wright, read about 137 books last summer, and 8-year-old sister, Khandi, 63.

This year the girls' goals are higher. They want to earn some of the "cool" prizes awarded to kids who read the most books at the conclusion of the summer reading program, "Catch a Dragon by the Tale," which ends Aug. 2.

More than 400 children participated in the program last year, according to Marilyn Mancuso, Stewart Library director, and so far this year, participation has progressed well and could top last year's figure. "We look for ways to make our children's program fun," said Marilyn Mancuso, the seasoned librarian from Fort Drum who began managing Stewart Library last January.

After working in MWR libraries for 27 years, Mancuso knows what it takes to serve soldiers and their families — especially soldiers seeking self-development to qualify for promotions. "We like to offer programs and services that our patrons need and expect," Mancuso added, "We try

to give them resources equivalent to what's available in a small town library."

One service includes Internet access, for soldiers enrolled in college programs, which is only one of many programs and services available through the Army Continuing Education System, ACES. Mancuso plans to eventually add more computers as space becomes available, which are now used by patrons to research periodical databases, literary criticisms, and more. Other computers are available for word processing and other administrative tasks.

"We could really use more computers," said Mancuso. "When patrons come in ready to do research, they have to take a ticket and wait. And when they do get online, they only get half an hour."

Another improvement slated for the future is the children's area. Mancuso wants to add books, furniture and eye-level tables to make books more accessible to children. She also plans to promote more special events to draw children into the library who normally don't read. She wants to separate the older and younger children areas and target specific age groups with age appropriate activities.

But until funds are available for those changes, she and her seven full-time staffers continue to work dili-

gently at maintaining the full selection of programs now in place, making them the best they can.

Another well-used program is the inter-library loan service. Staff can get patrons the books they request by going online to locate any one in particular — and get it "loaned" to the Fort Stewart Library often within just a few days. Staff also helps patrons get a book they want that is already loaned out by placing it on reserve and holding it for them when it's returned.

Educational videos and DVDs are also available for patrons to borrow, as well as some recreational ones. Four on-line card catalogs are available for clients to find current fiction, nonfiction and reference books quickly.

If you want to expand your reading skills, or your children's, visit the Stewart Library to see what they offer. It's open to active and retired servicemen and their families, as well as DoD civilians on Mondays through Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., and on Saturdays and Sundays, 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. It is closed every Friday and all federal holidays. Valid identification is required for all library transactions.

If you have questions about Fort Stewart Library, call Mancuso or her staff at 912-767-2828 or visit them at the library located in building 411 on Lindquist Avenue.

Rain or shine the show must go on ...

Stewart rocks to country on the 4th

Spc. Jonathan M. Stack
Associate Editor

The 4th of July is a time for Americans to celebrate their independence and to show support for the troops who have helped the nation achieve greatness.

To honor the Nation's birthday and the deployed soldiers Morale Welfare Recreation and Budweiser sponsored a festival here, where Sammy Kershaw and Carolyn Dawn Johnson, country music stars, performed for a crowd of cheering soldiers, family members and members of the community.

"Performing for the military on the 4th of July is an honorable experience and the least I can do for all they have done," Johnson said, country music's top new female vocalist and American Music Award winner for Favorite New Country Artist.

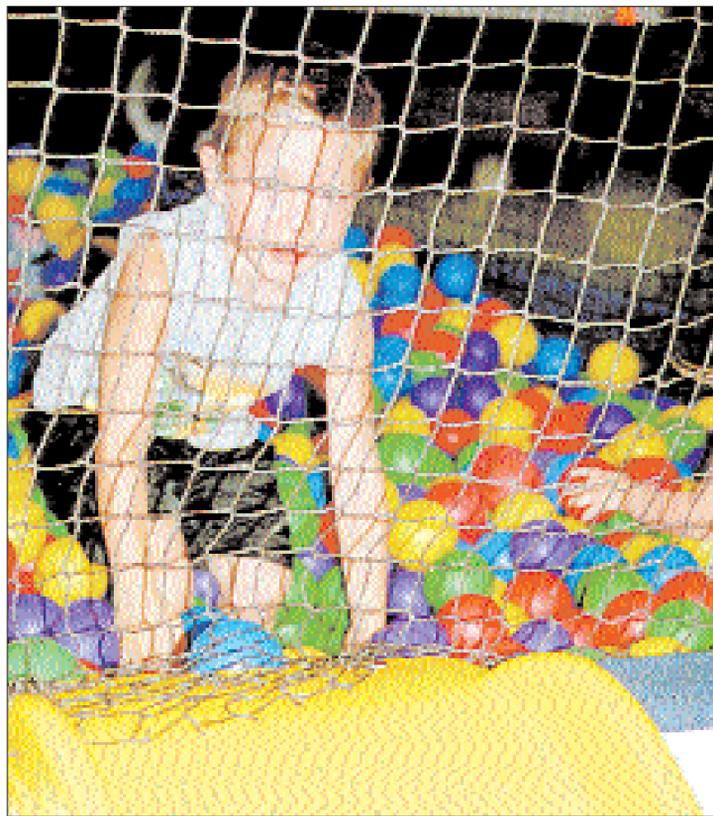
It is important to support the military all the time, 24 hours a day seven days a week, Kershaw said.

Kershaw, who has aspirations for being Governor of his home state of Louisiana, with Lorrie Morgan, his wife, played at the 54th Presidential Inaugural of President George W. Bush.

"First time I've played on a base for the 4th, it is a good feeling," he said. "It makes me feel closer to the country."

Among these two performances, there were Family Readiness Group booths selling food, crafts, drinks and T-shirts. There were also games and activities for children, such as a moon bounce and a ball pit to play in.

July 4, 1776 America claimed its independence from England and democracy was established and it is important to celebrate the freedom established.



Anthony Oquinn, 5-years-old, plays in the ball pit at the Fort Stewart Festival.



Sammy Kershaw, country music star, plays one of his hits to hundreds of Fort Stewart and local community fans at Donovan Field.

Photos by Spc. Jonathan M. Stack



(Above) Carolyn Dawn Johnson, country music top new female vocalist, performs for an audience of soldiers and family members.

(Left) The audience at Fort Stewart's 4th of July festival awaits Carolyn Dawn Johnson's appearance on stage.

Stewart helps local communities celebrate 4th

Dunwoody holds annual 4th of July Parade

The streets of Dunwoody, Ga., were filled with spectators and participants of all different ages and backgrounds. There were trucks of people throwing out candy and tons of children trying to scour it up. There were football players, representatives, churches and even soldiers. Recently redeployed soldiers from 1st Battalion, 39th Field Artillery and the 75th Ranger Battalion participated in the 4th of July parade in Dunwoody, Ga. on the outskirts of Atlanta, Ga.

Officially titled "Dunwoody Salutes America," this year's parade added the theme "Freedom for All" as a reminder of the true meaning of this annual celebration of our nation's birthday.

The parade got its start in 1991 as a victory celebration fol-

lowing Desert Storm, the war in the Middle East to evict Saddam Hussein from Kuwait. After the turnout and massive support, Dunwoody decided to incorporate this as an annual event.

The parade started at 9:30 a.m. at the intersection of Dunwoody Club Drive and Mount Vernon Road. The parade was led by the Grand Marshals and the Dunwoody High School color guard, band and cheerleaders. The parade marched to Dunwoody Village for the 11:00 a.m. closing ceremony.

Richmond Hill supports troops

Richmond Hill, Ga., hosted the 27th Annual Old Time Festival and first Celebrating Freedom Parade Saturday.

"The festival is held on July 5, to keep the celebration going all weekend," said Linda Paige, chairperson of the Old Time Festival and Celebrating Freedom Parade.

The festival was originally held at Fort McAllister, Ga. but it outgrew that area and was moved to Richmond Hill. The festival has always been sponsored by Richmond Hill.

The parade was lead by the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized), stationed out of Hunter Army Airfield, Ga. The festival had booths selling different crafts and different contests such as a watermelon eating contest, seed spitting contest and water balloon throwing contest.

Richmond Hill is exactly in between Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield. Many soldiers call Richmond Hill home.

The parade was started to say thank you to the military community and honor the military families in the area, Paige said.

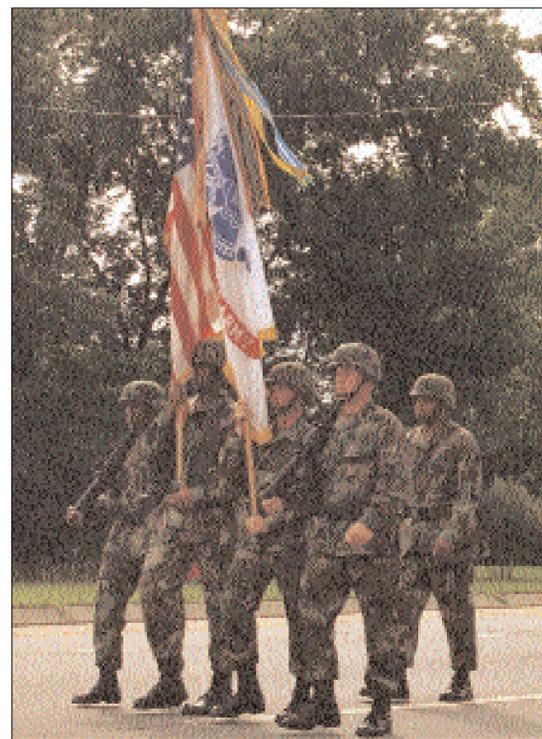
"The goal of the day is to celebrate freedom with a flavor of yesterday," she said.

Editor's Note: The following staff writers contributed to this article: Spc. Casandra Bolton and Spc. Jonathan M. Stack.



Gail Aldridge

1/39th FA, 3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) walk through the streets of Dunwoody, Ga., in their 4th of July parade.



Members of the 3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) color guard, out of Hunter, participate in the parade at Richmond Hill, Ga.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Snapshot of your marriage ... Part II

Conflict Questions

Answer each statement in terms of how often you and your spouse/partner experience each of the following situations.

Little arguments escalate into ugly fights with accusations, criticisms, name calling, or bringing up past hurts. Does that happen . . .

1. never or almost never
2. once in a while
3. frequently

My spouse/partner criticizes or belittles my opinions, feelings, or desires. Does that happen . . .

1. never or almost never
2. once in a while
3. frequently

My spouse/partner seems to view my words or actions more negatively than I mean them to be. Does that happen . . .

1. never or almost never
2. once in a while
3. frequently

When we argue, one of us withdraws ... that is, does not want to talk about it anymore, or leaves the scene. Does that happen . . .

1. never or almost never
2. once in a while
3. frequently

Total up your answers on the four questions above. The highest score possible is 12 and the lowest score possible is 4. On the first two sets of questions, higher scores are usually better. Here, lower scores are better because they indicate less negative communication patterns of a sort that cause difficulties for most couples.

9 to 12 **HIGH:** Scores in this range indicate a high frequency of conflict patterns that various studies suggest damage relationships over time. If you scored high and that matches your sense that the two of you argue often and in damaging ways, you should both consider developing a plan (or get some outside help) for how you will turn these kinds of negative patterns around—all the more so if you have children at home.

6 to 8 **MEDIUM:** Scores in this range mean you might be seeing more difficulties in how the two of you handle conflict than is really good for you or your relationship over time. It might be good to be thinking together about how you could manage conflicts and differences more constructively so

that you do not damage the great things about your relationship. Skill training in a marriage workshop may be very helpful.

4 to 5 **LOW:** Scores this low indicate that you see little to be concerned with in terms of how the two of you handle conflict. The key for you is to keep it that way, since negatives can do so much damage to the positives in life together. It is always a great time to do preventive work.

Positive Bonding 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 We have a lot of fun together.

1 2 3 4 5 We regularly have great conversations where we just talk as good friends.

Total up your answers on the two questions above. The highest score is 10 and the lowest score is 2.

9 to 10 **HIGH:** Your score suggests that, at least from your perspective, the two of you are doing a great job keeping the positive connection going between the two of you.

7 to 8 **MEDIUM:** Your score suggests that there might be room for improvement in how often you are taking time to be together in positive ways.

2 to 6 **LOW:** Your score suggests that the two of you are not spending nearly enough time together in these positive ways. You can get by for a time letting this slide, but to really keep your relationship strong you should consider what the two of you can do to rebuild the kinds of positive time you spend together.

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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	Location	Time
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	Location	Time
Sunday Worship	Vale	1 p.m.

Jewish	Location	Time
Friday Shabbos Service	Marne	6 p.m.
Weekday Kaddish	Marne	1 p.m.

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

Seventh Day Adventist	Location	Time
Saturday Sabbath School	Vale	9:15 a.m.
Saturday Divine Worship	Vale	11 a.m.

Lutheran	Location	Time
Sunday Worship	Marne	9 a.m.

Contemporary Service	Location	Time
Sunday Worship	Marne	6 p.m.

Hunter Army Airfield

Protestant	Location	Time
Sunday Service	Post Chapel	11 a.m.

Pet of the Week

Rachel a 10-month-old German Shepherd mix is very playful and as you can see, camera shy. She is waiting for a home and a loving family or companion.

If anyone 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

Sports clinics

The following clinics are available in July.

• **Basketball clinic** will be held at Post Gym for ages 7 to 14 at 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., July 14 to 18.

• **Cheerleading clinic** will also be held at Post Gym for ages 6 to 12, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., July 14 to 18.

• **Soccer clinic** will be held at the Youth Sports Complex for ages 7 to 12 at 5:30 to 7 p.m., July 21 to 31.

For more information call 352-5708 or 352-6075.

Racquetball tournament

The Ektelon Summer Slam racquetball tournament will be held July 11 to 13 at Newman Gym. There will be cash and prizes for all events. For more information call Charles Knight at 800-335-5066, ext. 247 or 912-877-5368.

Family fishing rodeo

The next family fishing rodeo will be held at Pond 3, 4 to 8 p.m., July 19. DPW Fish and Wildlife Branch personnel are present at each fishing rodeo to answer questions and give instructions on how to bait a hook, cast a rod, and hook a fish. For more information call 767-5245/8609.

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.

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 Friday and Saturday. Registration deadline is today. 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

Sand Gnats game

Fireworks at 7:05, July 12 to salute the military. Each full price ticket purchased with military ID will receive free hot dog, 12 oz. soda and bag of chips.

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.



Courtesy photo

Firefighters from Hunter Army Airfield compete in one of the events in the Georgia Police and Fire Olympics Games on June 25.

Firefighters go for the gold

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June 25 was a day of celebration for the firefighters of Hunter Army Airfield — their team of five men claimed first place in the annual Police and Fire Olympic Games, held in Carrollton, Ga.

The games consisted of events such as rapid dress, changing a malfunctioning hose and climbing a ladder 21 feet.

According to Firefighter Perry Smith, one of the members of the

Hunter team, the Olympics were held as a morale-boosting event for the teams, because "the one that wins can say we are the best!"

Since the events that were chosen to make up the games were activities that the firefighters perform on a regular basis, the Olympics were also a good way for the men to train, said Smith.

"I think they're great because they refine our skills, and that helps us do our job better," he said.

Not only that, but their first-place trophy has also given the men

motivation to work harder next year, according to Hunter's Deputy Fire Chief D. Lea Hayes.

"We of course can't let up because there is some pressure going into the next games being number one," she said. "The morale in the department is up and everyone is looking toward winning the next one."

The team has won first place on two other occasions. Their overall victory on the 25th made it a proud day for the team, and especially for Hayes.

"I want to say that I am extremely proud of the firefighters who participated in the Georgia Police and Fire Olympics," she said. "They trained while on and off duty time and gave 100 percent of themselves for the competition and it showed. Certainly we have some bragging rights in the state right now and we are currently looking ahead to the next competition."

If this year's competition is any indication of their future performance, they have every reason to look ahead.

Some exercises in FM 21-20, some that aren't

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When it comes to physical fitness, there are three groups of people in the Army: those who have met the standards, those who are trying to meet them, and those who have been trampled while running in formation with members of the first two groups.

Now, those of us with sneaker-sole remnants on the back of our P.T. shirts have probably realized by this point that it is important to maintain our personal fitness levels, because if we don't pass the Army Physical Fitness Test, we will surely die of complications caused by doing remedial P.T. in non-human levels of humidity.

As you have possibly noticed, Army P.T. is not always a frolic in the park, but for many of us, it is a necessary way of life. If I were running the Army P.T. program, I'd undoubtedly make some changes, so here's a quick look at the way things are now — and the way they should be.

The Army P.T. program has ...

• **The Jog in Place:** A warm-up for just about every fitness program the Army has to offer, the Jog in Place is performed by going through all the motions of actual jogging, but without actual forward movement. It is a good way to get your heart pumping before a workout without physically going anywhere.

Commentary

• **The Biceps Curl:** According to Field Manual 21-20, this exercise is performed by holding a weighted bar in front of you (palms upward) and pulling the bar up to your chest for eight to 10 repetitions per set. For those of you with Schwarzeneggeresque aspirations, this is a good one to do.

• **The Sit-Up:** 21-20 says the proper way to do this exercise is by first lying on your back with your hands interlocked behind your head and your knees bent at an angle of approximately 90 degrees. Then, sit up until your torso is in a vertical position. Third, do it again. And again. And again. Repeat. This is a good exercise for you if your abdominal muscles have killed your father and you want to take revenge on them.

Okay, enough of that. Here's how we'd do it if I were in charge:

The Pfc. Danial Non-P.T. program has ...

• **The Stand in Place:** This can be considered a warm-up, and can also be performed just about anywhere. First, raise your body into a full standing position. Then, stay that way until I say you can move. The "warm-up" sta-

tus does not apply if it is not technically warm in the place where you are doing the exercise.

• **The Couch Curl:** This one is usually done indoors. First, find a couch. Then, curl up on it. Third, stay that way until I say you can move. Not only is this exercise good for you, but it is also a fun way to annoy your roommate who has just run four miles and never wants to use her legs again.

• **The Lie-Down:** My favorite exercise, albeit a bit more complicated than the rest, this one has five steps. First, find a legal reason why you cannot participate in company P.T. Then, excuse yourself from formation as soon as this is allowable. Third, find some way back to wherever your own safe, warm bed is. Fourth, climb under the covers and fall asleep, like you were doing before you put on those horrid shorts with the built-in spandex underwear and went to formation. Fifth, — you guessed it — stay that way until I say you can move.

Keeping in mind that these are the exercises preferred by kinetically-challenged personnel such as myself, I would not attempt them unless you are in spectacular physical condition or you know you have nothing to lose by being a lazy bum with a large posterior. The Army way is infinitely superior in the event that you might really want to get in, or stay in, shape. So practice all these exercises in good health, figuratively speaking, and have a lovely day!

Oh, and the rubber marks will come out with a little Spray-N-Wash, I promise.



Marne Scoreboard

Aerobics

Newman Fitness Center Aerobics schedule

Mondays
Latino Rhythm 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.
Busy Feet Workout 9 to 10 a.m.
4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Tuesdays
Butts and Guts 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.
Basic Training Workout 9 to 10 a.m.
Cardio-Stepping 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Wednesdays
Calliente 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.
Cardio Kick-boxing 9 to 10 a.m.

Step-kicking 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Thursday
Basic Training Workout 9 to 10 a.m.
4:30 to 5:30

Fridays
"Master C" Workout 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.
"Killer Friday" 9 to 10 a.m.
4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Saturdays
"Pick Your Poison" 9 to 10 a.m.

Hunter Fitness Center Aerobics schedule

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

Wednesday — 6 to 7 p.m.

Cardio-Stepping
Low Impact
Jump Rope
Weights
AB Work Stretch

Fridays — 6 to 7 p.m.

Fun Fridays
Party Dance
Yoga Stretches

Spring Schedule

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

Racquetball Tournament July 11-13

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

Volunteer Spotlight



Tina Anderson



Tina is a native of West Virginia and a volunteer for the Army Community Service at Hunter.

She is assigned to the relocation/mobilization area and enjoys helping all the individuals who call upon her.

Tina also teaches sign language and helps other ACS volunteers.

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 10 — Jul 16

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



**Free Showing
Friday, Saturday and Sunday**

Bruce Almighty (PG-13)

Starring: Jim Carrey, Jennifer Aniston

Free Showing Tonight

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

Finding Nemo (G)

Starring: Animated

Free Showing Friday, Saturday and Sunday

Marlin desperately searches the sea for his son, Nemo. Little Nemo finds himself in a dentist's fish tank in Sydney, Australia, with other underwater captives. As Nemo works on a plan to escape, Marlin swims closer but will need more than fins to get into the dentist's office.

Run Time: 101 minutes

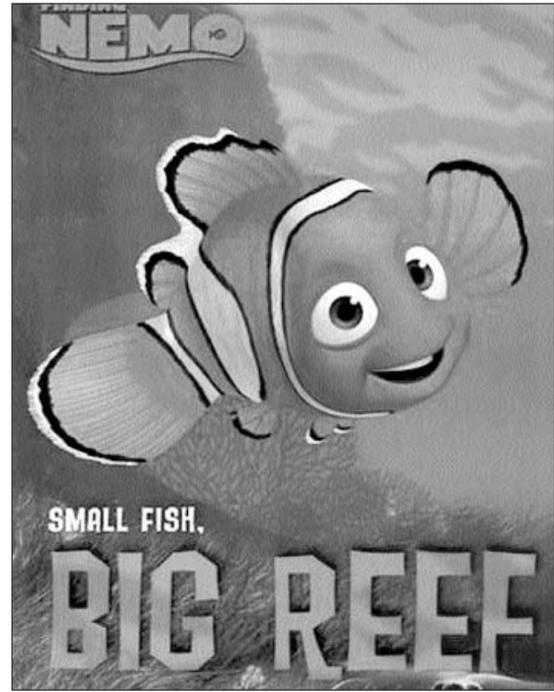
The Italian Job (PG-13)

Starring: Mark Wahlberg, Edward Norton

Showing Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

The plan was flawless, the job was executed perfectly, the escape was clean. Charlie could not believe he was being double-crossed by one of his own crew. Now it's not about payoff, it's about payback!

Run Time: 105 minutes



Birth announcements

June 24

Christopher David Bienaime, a boy, 5 pounds, 12 ounces, born to Pfc. Rudy Bienaime and Shaunte A. Bienaime.

Anajae DeQuaveyae Chestnut, a boy, 5 pounds, 15 ounces, born to Spc. Audrey Denise Chestnut.

June 25

Alden Christopher Stevens, a boy, 8 pounds, 7 ounces, born to Sgt. Crystal M. Stevens.

Triniti Trinai Cilvia Brown, a girl, 6 pounds, 7 ounces, born to RoShawnda K. Brown.

Ryleigh Anne Felty, a girl, 8 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Spc. Aaron John Felty and Michelle Felty.

June 26

Zach Wayne Bright, a boy, 7 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Steve W. Bright and Rebecca Ann Bright.

Falina Grace Sefcik,

a girl, 8 pounds, born to Spc. St. Claire Richard Sefcik and Wendy Lorene Sefcik.



June 27

Justin Gabriel Delgado, a boy, 5 pounds, 14

ounces, born to 1st Lt. Jesse Delgado and Maria L. Delgado.

Madison Ann Duckworth, a girl, 8 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Sgt. Eric T. Duckworth and Sonya L. Duckworth.

Caleb Lindsay Lowe, a boy, 6 pounds, 8 ounces, born to Robert Lowe and Sgt. 1st Class Melissa Lowe.

Michael William Eckroth, a boy, 11 pounds, 4 ounces, born to Sgt. Daniel V. Eckroth and Spc. Catharine R. Eckroth.

June 28

Jacob Craig Hobbs, a boy, 8 pounds, 7 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Craig Hobbs and Christina Rene Hobbs.

Ethan Kainoa Correa, a boy, 8 pounds, 3 ounces, born to Spc. David L. Correa and Christina M. Correa.

Unique Se'lah Rael Heyward, a girl, 6 pounds, 3 ounces, born to Sgt. Jamey Heyward and Unique Heyward.

Kendra Mi'chelle Little, a girl, 7 pounds, 14 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Kenneth Little and Nicole Little.