

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



Photos by Spc. Robert Adams

Sgt. Anthony Davis, B Company, 1/75 Ranger Regt. team leader, uses a smoke screen to conceal his movement to the 'shoot house' July 14 at the MOUT training facility at Hunter.

## 1/75 Rangers show off on 30th birthday

**Spc. Robert Adams**

Staff Writer

Soldiers of 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment celebrated their 30th anniversary by performing a battle drill for the public's eye July 14 at Sgt. Bradley S. Crose Advanced Military Operations on Urbanized Terrain training facility at Hunter Army Airfield.

Family, friends and veterans of the regiment gathered to meet and interact with current 1/75 Rangers and then watch them conduct an 'enter a building, clear a room' drill.

"Today marks the unit's 30th anniversary of becoming who we are," said Pfc. Kevin Favor, 1/75 Ranger Regiment grenadier. "We are honoring all past Rangers by letting them come in and view all our equipment, and it gives them a sense of nostalgia when they see what we use now and that we are still attaining our standards."

The event started with mem-

bers of the regiment interacting with attendees by showing them weapons, vehicles and equipment they use in combat.

"This gives the people of Savannah the opportunity to get to know the Rangers," said Staff Sgt. Cody Grow, 1/75 Ranger Regt. Rangers also got the opportunity to interact with children by giving them the opportunity to climb into vehicles and stand behind the mounted .50 caliber machine guns.

"I like talking to young children because they think everything is the coolest thing in the world," Favor said.

When it came time to begin the training exercise, everyone gathered on the second floor of the shoot house to view the Rangers conducting training in the rooms below.

Behind a smoke screen, Rangers tactfully made their way

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Pvt. Joshua Clemans, 1/75 Ranger Regt. grenadier, teaches an estactic Peter Kershaw about the .50 caliber machine gun mounted on top of a Humvee.

## Leaders brief Hunter, Stewart civilians on future of garrison

**Pfc. Ricardo Branch**

Staff Writer

Civilian personal working on Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield got a chance recently to see how their contributions help out the military communities and see how their posts are operating in a recent state of the garrison briefing by Col. John Kidd, Stewart garrison commander, June 15 at Woodruff Theater.

Kidd said that the state of the garrison briefing is important because it gives civilian workers the chance to speak to him directly about any concerns or comments on ways to make things better.

"This allows me to meet with people outside of their workplace and speak to me on any issues concerning them," Kidd said.

Some of the main key issues addressed at the state of the garrison were the Army's reorganization and the effect on Stewart's civilian personnel, con-

struction at both Stewart and Hunter and the division's upcoming deployment to Iraq.

Kidd said that the briefing serves as a way for civilians working on Army posts to also be current on what's going on at their post.

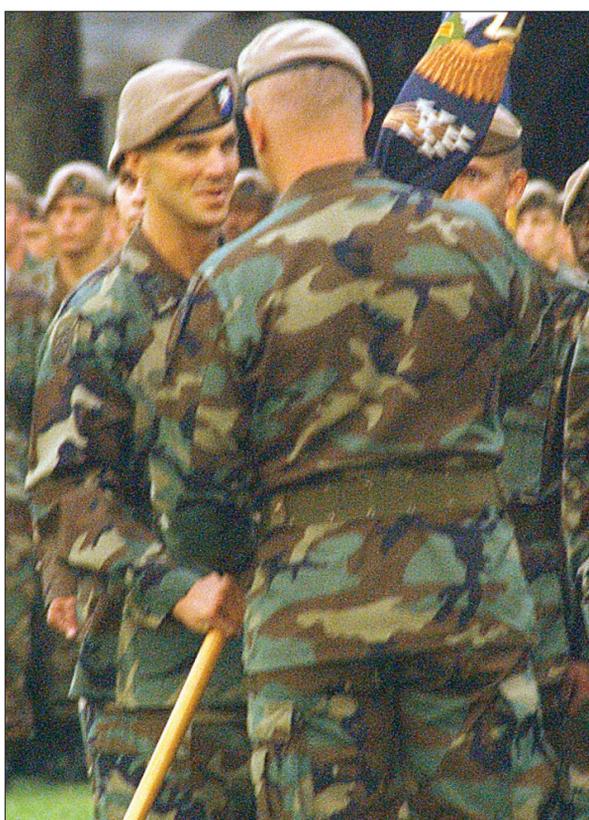
The garrison holds these briefings so its civilians know what is happening now and so they can know what to expect in the future.

There are many changes planned, mostly construction for Stewart and Hunter, that the garrison wants to have their personnel informed on.

Kidd said that without briefings like the state of the garrison, valuable information that needs to be put out might not be received by those needing to hear it.

Civilian personnel need to be informed because they are a large part of the workforce and make up a part of the military community, Kidd said.

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Pfc. Emily J. Danial

Col. Craig Nixon, 1/75th Ranger Regiment commander, passes the colors to Lt. Col. Richard D. Clarke, incoming battalion commander, during a change of command ceremony July 15 at Forsyth Park in Savannah.

## Kershaw relinquishes Rangers' reins to Clarke

**Pfc. Emily J. Danial**

Staff Writer

Col. Michael M. Kershaw, former 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment battalion commander, bid a fond farewell to his Rangers as Lt. Col. Richard D. Clarke stepped in to take his place during a change of command ceremony July 15 at Forsyth Park in Savannah.

"Mike is, first and foremost, a man of passion," said Col. Craig Nixon, 75th Regiment commander, said of the outgoing commander. "He's without a doubt one of the best war fighters I've observed, and he's leaving 1st Battalion better than he got it."

Kershaw, a Huffman, Texas, native, took over command of 1/75th on July 15, 2002.

During those two years he led the unit through four combat deployments in Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as various training

deployments, among them one exercise in South Africa and another at Yakima Training Center in Washington State.

His previous assignments include: Rifle Platoon Leader, Executive Officer and Scout Platoon Leader in the 3rd Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment with the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Ky.; Battalion Adjutant and commander of C Company, 3rd Battalion, 41st Infantry Regiment in the 2nd Armored Division, Fort Hood, Texas; and commander of the 1st Battalion, 508th Airborne Battalion Combat Team in Vicenza, Italy.

Kershaw's military education includes the Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Courses and the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Ks., and he

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Weather Forecast

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# Eyes in the sky ...

## UAVs keep 224 MI ahead of the game

**Pfc. Emily J. Danial**

Staff writer

If you've ever seen a James Bond movie, you know that the process of gathering information that's not supposed to be gathered is not always a safe task.

Thanks to the use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles, Soldiers in Hunter Army Airfield's 224th Military Intelligence Battalion don't have to worry about gambling their lives to gain essential knowledge in combat situations.

The battalion's A Company spent July 8 through Friday at Fort Stewart's Wright Army Airfield in training with its UAVs.

"This is a good opportunity for all of us to work together as a team to get ready to go down range," said Spc. Kris Karanovich, a UAV technician.

Although the aircrafts are not new to the unit, the Soldiers recognize their need to spend as much time with the equipment as they possibly can, according to Chief Warrant Officer 2 Anne Thrush, a 224 MI Bn. UAV technician.

"We're trying to keep Soldiers current with the technology and their proficiency levels up," she said. "Since we don't have our own airfield, we can only train several times a year, but ideally we should be working with the UAVs every day."

What kind of technology could this be, to require such constant attention?

The UAVs are approximately 24 feet long with a 29-foot wingspan.

At full capacity with fuel they tip the scales at about 1,600 pounds — quite a bit heavier than your standard remote-control airplane, although that is what they

have been said to resemble.

The engines they run on, according to Thrush, are actually motorcycle engines modified for aircraft.

The aircraft are equipped with Forward Looking Infrared and daytime cameras, both types of which can zoom in on the ground from an altitude of 8,000 feet, said Spc. Craig Wheeler, a 224 MI Bn. UAV operator.

"From 8,000 feet, the cameras can move in close enough to tell whether or not objects on the ground are people, whether or not they're carrying anything, even what they're carrying," Wheeler said. "They can actually get in enough from that height so that we can see what gender a person is — although they can't read name tapes (on uniforms)."

The vehicles also contain equipment to identify other aircraft and distinguish between friend and foe, based on codes read from the other vehicle.

UAVs are controlled from the ground by four people — two in a reconnaissance shelter and two outside.

The two-man teams ensure that, should anything happen to one operator, the other can step in and the aircraft will not be left uncontrolled.

The aircrafts are used primarily for reconnaissance, surveillance, battle damage assessment and targeting, according to Thrush.

"What's important is that we're not putting a body in danger; we can still get the intelligence data that's so greatly needed, without the risk," she said. "By far, the technology advances that have been made are incredible, and improvements are constantly being made."

Thrush added, "The UAV is definitely the technology of the future."



Photos by Pfc. Emily J. Danial

Spc. Brian Johns, A Co., 224 MI Bn. technician, checks the airspeed sensor one of the UAVs before launch during a training exercise July 14 at Wright Army Airfield. A Co. spent July 8 to 15 honing UAV skills.



A 224 MI Bn. UAV leaves the ground, controlled by two external pilots on the ground and two inside one of the battalion's reconnaissance drones.



Jimmy Vargas, external pilot instructor, and Spc. Jake Pacheco, A Co., 224 MI Bn. external pilot, maneuver a UAV from during the training exercise.



Above: Spc. Marvin Bernards, A Co., 224 MI Bn., adjusts the flight controls on a UAV as fellow A Co. Soldiers Spc. Jorge Castellanos and Spc. Brian Johns look on. Right: 224 MI Bn. Soldiers prepare for the launch of a UAV as they rotate it's nose down the runway.



# 3rd ID participates in recruitment video

Spc. Jimmy D. Lane Jr.  
Staff Writer

Soldiers from the 3rd Infantry Division met with members of the Leo Burnett USA Inc. film company at Holbrook Pond July 15 to conduct interviews that will eventually become part of an Army video.

The video will be part of a courtesy package given to prospective recruits, said Ellen Lovett, advertising program manager for the project.

Lovett is an Army civilian who coordinates projects involving Soldiers for Army advertising campaigns.

"We recently shot a commercial with some of the same Soldiers that will be interviewed today out at Fort Hood," Lovett said. "We actually built our own set out there and had Soldiers dressed in different uniforms from the past."

One of the Soldiers, 1st Lt. Luke Devlin, 3rd Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment section platoon leader, was part of the last project done by Leo Burnett USA Inc.

"They came back and asked me if I wanted to do another commercial and I was happy to do it," Devlin said. "This commercial is going to be about the spirit of Soldiers, not about war. I was deployed during Operation Iraqi Freedom, so I can offer some of my personal experiences to the video. I am proud to be part of the Army, and I get a good feeling from trying to help out with the military's retainment and recruiting campaign."

Devlin was one of a group of Soldiers being inter-

viewed. Kevin Zeir, copy supervisor for the project, conducted the interviews with the Soldiers. Zeir asked about the Soldier's experiences during deployment, how they felt about their jobs and what they were doing for their country. The result was to relay a positive message to men and women thinking about becoming part of the Army.

The essence of the video will be Soldiers' values and good feelings about being a part of the Army, said Ray Swift, vice president of Leo Burnett USA, Inc.

"I have been on more than 50 Army projects like this one," Swift said. "What we are trying to do is get a feeling of the total Army experience from these Soldiers. The best way we can think to do that is to hear Soldiers speak about their experiences through deployments."

Devlin explained how he has fulfilled his goals through the Army.

"The Army gave me a chance to go to college and eventually become an officer," he said. "There are so many ways to be a Soldier, and I think some of these kids out there should know about it. The Army is a good thing, and this is a good way to get that message across to potential recruits."

The interviews will not only become part of an Army video for recruitment purposes, but will also be put into a commercial that will air sometime this fall, Lovett said.

"The commercial will most likely be on cable channels such as MTV, Black Entertainment Television, The History Channel, ESPN and Univision."

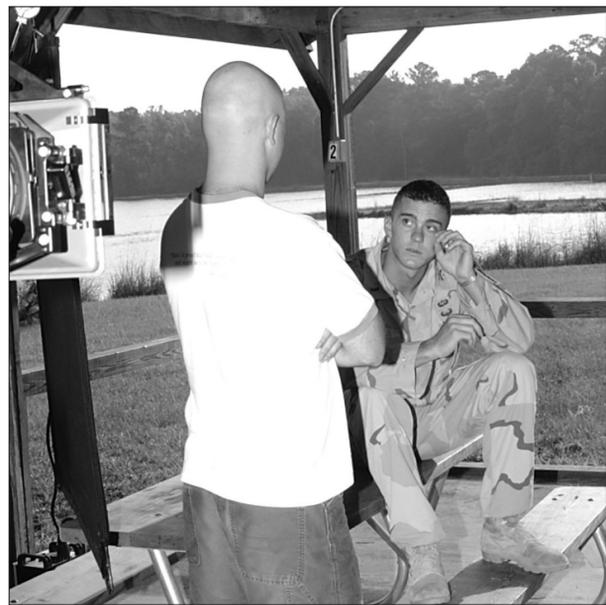


Photo by Spc. Jimmy D. Lane Jr.

Kevin Zeir from Leo Burnett USA Inc. interviews 1st Lt. Luke Devlin July 15 at Holbrook Pond for a video that will be aired on television and become part of a recruitment package.



Photo by Sgt. Fred Minnick

Pvt. Ian Battan, of Vancouver, Wash., secures his sector of fire from the Stryker's air sentry hatch.

## Fresh out of Basic, two privates experience Iraq

Sgt. Fred Minnick

Army News Service

MOSUL, Iraq — After completing basic and advanced individual training, Pvt. Robert Sisk and Pvt. Ian Battan only stayed at their first duty station, Fort Lewis, Wash., for a brief stint before deploying to a combat zone thousands of miles away from their homes. Sisk, from Lancaster, Calif., and Battan, from Vancouver, Wash., are both in Mosul assigned to Company C, 1st Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division (Stryker Brigade Combat Team).

The Stryker Brigade entered Iraq in December, while both Soldiers were still in basic training. Sisk

crossed the Iraqi border in February and Battan entered Iraq in June. The two Soldiers said they felt trained and ready, but didn't know what to expect when they crossed the border.

"I'll admit, I was nervous," said Battan, 19, an assistant gunner. "On my first day of actual duty with my unit, I went on a combat mission where we raided a suspected terrorist's house."

Sisk, 20, said Iraq was a culture shock, but his fellow platoon members helped him quickly adapt to his new surroundings.

"Ever since I joined this unit, I've been welcomed and they have taught me how to be a better Soldier," Sisk said. "In a way,

I'm really lucky because many Soldiers train for years for combat, and I'm getting the real-world experience on my first assignment."

Since their first day, Battan and Sisk have patrolled the streets of Mosul in 100-degree plus weather, conducted raids and operated traffic control points. They also work with the Iraqi National Guard Soldiers.

"We are preparing the Iraqi National Guard to take over when we leave, and even though I've only been here for a couple of weeks, I'd say the Iraqi National Guard Soldiers are doing a good job," Battan said. "Working with Soldiers from another country is certainly new to me, but then

again, I'm exposed to something new every day."

Sgt. 1st Class Brad Kelley, Battan's platoon sergeant, said they integrated Battan into the platoon as soon as possible.

"We have a tight-knit platoon and we wanted Battan to feel like a part of the team, because it's difficult being away from home for the first time," Kelley said.

For Sisk, his biggest challenge is being away from his grandparents, Christine and Harry Ralph, but said he overcomes homesickness by putting things into perspective.

"I really feel like I'm a part of history," Sisk said. "I hope I can look back 20 years from now and say I helped make Iraq what it is today."



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Race open to active duty service members only. Sign up morning of race or prior to race at **FS Sports Office, Bldg 471.**

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# VOICES AND VIEWPOINTS

## Marne Six Sends

### OIF3 deployment orders arrive

**Maj. Gen. William G. Webster Jr.**

3rd Inf. Div. commanding general

In the past few months we have discussed the possibility of deploying to Iraq as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom 3. I assured you that when the Marne Team Headquarters was given orders for deployment for any contingency mission that we would keep you, your families and our communities informed so we all could plan appropriately.

At the end of February we received a written warning order for the division to prepare for deployment to Iraq

as part of OIF3, and your chains of command were immediately informed so that you could be informed. We have openly anticipated receipt of a Deployment Order as part of OIF3 and have been preparing accordingly. As I have mentioned to many of you on numerous occasions OIF3 is next fiscal year's deployment.

Last Thursday or Friday (pending receipt of Corps DEPORD) we received the OIF3 deployment order from 18th Airborne Corps Headquarters. This is no surprise and is part of the normal orders process. If the situation in theater

remains unchanged the deployment is expected to be no earlier than November 2004.

Everyone on the Marne Team knows that the situation can change. We all know that our enemy has a vote. If the general situation turns bad we could be directed to go anywhere at anytime in support of the nation's requirements.

Specific dates and instructions will follow as the mission analysis process develops. No firm guidance or solid dates have been provided. The orders process is on going and further details will be learned over time.

Reorganizing the division to respond to any crisis anywhere in the world when we are called to do so still remains our primary mission.

We know the lessons learned from OIF. We are gaining valuable lessons from training as reorganized units. We have great training programs in place to ensure that every Soldier is a rifleman and can destroy the enemy when required. Keep building your teams and maximize every training opportunity to master your battle drills.

Mission.....Soldiers..... Teamwork!!!  
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## Marne Voice

THE FRONTLINE

Readers respond to the question:

What is a good way to stay safe while grilling outside?

**"Be careful when you ignite the fire. Stand back!"**

**Bob Hock  
Retired Army**



**"Make sure the grill is away from things that can catch on fire or melt. Keep things far enough away that grease doesn't get splattered on them."**

**Capt. Dennis Tebout  
HHC, 703rd MSB**



**"Keep your eye on the charcoal and make sure there's water nearby."**

**Jenna Alexander  
Spouse**



**"Make sure you use the right type of fluid. Use lighter fluid, not gasoline."**

**Sgt. Aris Dock  
3/7 Cavalry**



**"Make sure you don't grill on a wooden surface."**

**Tina Dennis  
Post librarian**



**"Watch the connections from the gas line to the tank so they don't leak and catch on fire."**

**Steve Thoma  
Government contractor**



## Lane Down Range

### Living the army values

**Spc. Jimmy D. Lane Jr.**

Staff Writer

At the heart of a true Soldier who is proud of what he does is honor. Soldiers who know the true meaning of what it is to serve demand respect. This comes from living the Army values.

Like I was told when I first entered basic training, men and women enter the Army with these values already instilled in them. Soldiers who have a sense of values and responsibility don't need to be taught these things and make the best leaders.

My father is a retired Air Force master sergeant, and he forced these values upon me in my upbringing. Hard work, earning what you have and having respect for people who have achieved their position through time and perseverance are just a few of the examples of the values instilled in me as a youth.

For example, when I was 16, I asked my father for a car. He agreed, and I waited in anxious anticipation for him to pull up one day with a new Mustang or truck. Instead, one day he pulled into the yard towing a 1974 puke green Plymouth Volare

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station wagon. I meandered up the stairs of my house to take a peek under the hood. I could compromise looks for speed, as I had heard that station wagons have good engines. Much to my surprise, when I lifted the hood, there was nothing but an empty cavity.



I sat at the house for about two more weeks, and my father strides into the house to demands my help. I walked outside to find a Cleveland Slant Six sitting in the back of his truck. After running a chain and pulley over the limb of a massive oak tree in my yard, I set to work. Three weeks later I ahead installed my engine and had a running vehicle. My friends laughed as I passed them walking on the road.

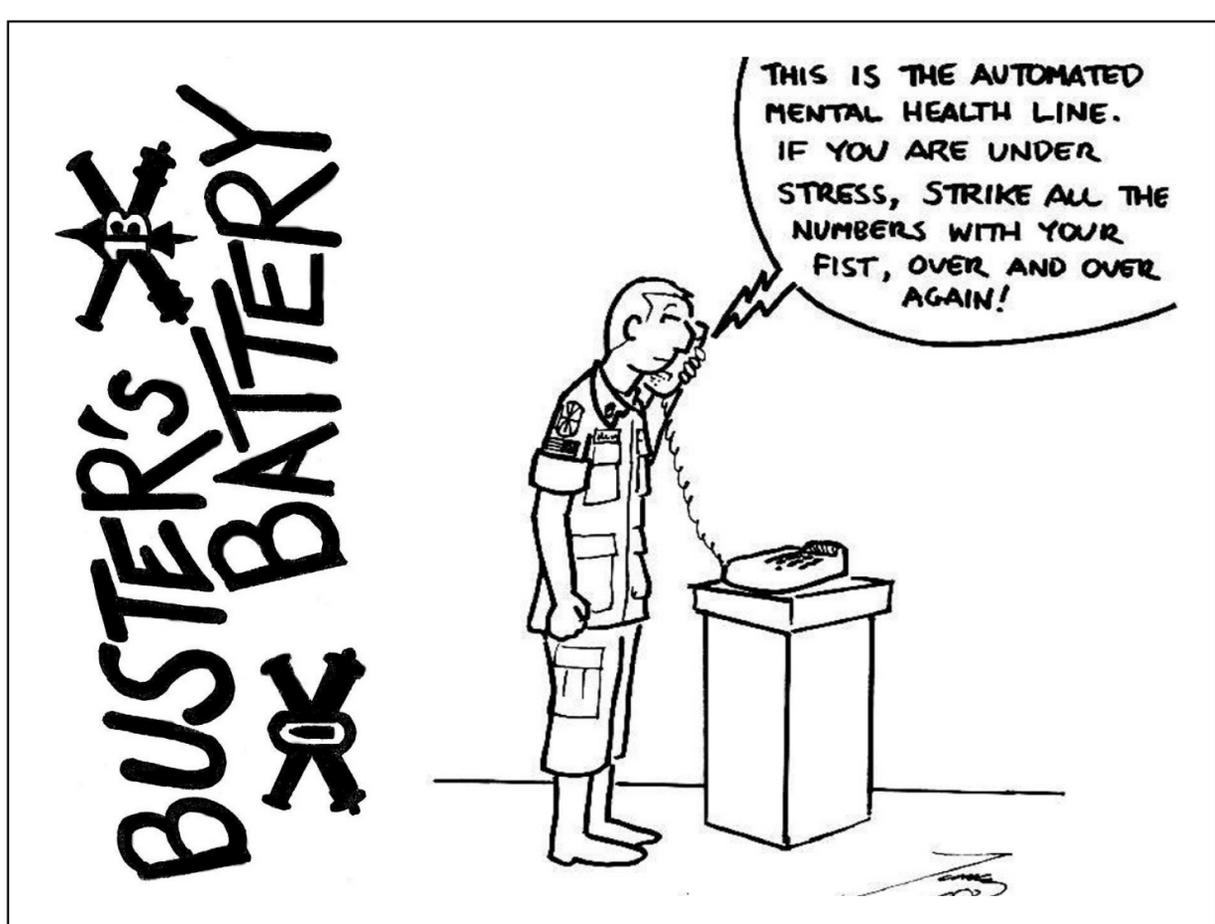
My father taught me the value of hard work and earning the things I wanted. I am sure many of you have similar stories. These values carried

over in my life and I use them in everyday situations in the Army.

Soldiers who are remembered make up a long history of honor and values that make us the greatest army in the world. Even if you don't like the people in charge of you, if they display the Army values you have to admit you respect them. I have met so many people that are role models for my. One day I want to be a sergeant major, and I will remember lessons taught to me as a young specialist.

If you come from a place devoid of these values, try to use them as models for your life. Whether you are in or out of the service, these values are respected all over. People who were in the military are hired much quicker because employers know what we were taught while we were in the Army.

Do the right thing, follow what you know is right in your heart, and maybe you will get the chance to be a role model for someone who wasn't taught these values. Down Range someone will walk up to you and shake your hand to thank you for the way you have changed their lives. To me that is the greatest feeling in the world.



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# Retired Soldier can't stay away

**Jimmy Sungur**

Intern

Few can likely say that they were assigned to one post for 28 years on active duty and even fewer can say they were involved in the Army for 42 years collectively.

Jacob Umholtz retired as a sergeant major in 1987 and the same year accepted a job as Deputy Adjutant General, or Military Personnel Officer back when the 24th Infantry division was at Fort Stewart.

Over the years the location has changed, but his duty has

remained the same; serving the soldiers and families of Fort Stewart as the installation AG.

"I've always been a personnel manager...it's basically taking care of soldiers and family members and I think that is what drives me; not only because of what my position is but because of the way in which I do my job," Umholtz said. "I really feel I help a lot of people the best I can."

Umholtz works in the new SSC building and said, "Personally, this new building is my dream child...something I've been working on for the past ten years".

The new building was built so everything a Soldier could need for inprocessing and outprocessing could be in one building.

The old building only had about 34 people that would work in it at one time. The new one facilitates about 250 jobs and on any given day can be occupied by 500 people.

While he is initially happy with the new building that was activated in May, Umholtz also said while they have consolidated inprocessing, outprocessing,

transportation and so on, now they're trying to figure out how to manage the crowds in such a way to protect everyone.

This problem is just one of the daily chores that Umholtz and everyone deals with.

"I have the normal awards and merits like the Legion of Merits and Bronze Star, things like that, but what I think probably the best part of my career is that I was in administration the whole time, and every unit in the Army has that position; that's a lot of units, and I've been with just about every kind."

Umholtz has been a personnel officer in artillery, infantry, armor, and was with a signal battalion in Vietnam, to name a few.

"The most memorable thing about my career was that I got to learn from all of those different kinds of people, and trust me, they are all different."

Umholtz also said that, he learned something every day. His first assignment on Stewart was as a first sergeant of a military police company.

"I wasn't an MP, but I had to learn to be one. There was never a dull day in my career in the

Army," he said.

"Not a day goes by where I don't help somebody and as long as that happens, I feel worthwhile; until I feel I can't do that, that's when I'll retire," he added.

Umholtz said, "It's hard for me to try to envision a future goal because I'm at a point where I don't think that far. Right now I'm trying to keep this place running, and just trying to get through the day."

Umholtz also commented that there's a bright future for the new SSC.

"I've already seen this building becoming one big family," Umholtz said. "They were all strangers two months ago and I believe that friends take better care of customers."

Carol Taylor, a friend and co-worker for the past 18 years and said that, "he always makes time to listen to you and that he always has been a people person."

When Umholtz is away from being AG on Stewart he likes to play golf in Hinesville where he resides and also enjoys making golf clubs because he says it keeps him out of his wife's way.



Courtesy photo

Jacob Umholtz works on a handmade golf club at home.

## Work orders: GMH explains how, when, why

Special to The Frontline

There are many questions that arise concerning our work order system, and GMH Military Housing would like to take this opportunity to explain the process of a work order.

We have a system in place to allow for maximum efficiency in resolving these requests. To put in a work order, our residents can either call 408-2466 or go online to [www.southernliving-choice.com](http://www.southernliving-choice.com).

Our service request administrators will then put your information into our computer system. They will determine the category in which the work order will be placed.

There are three categories: emergency, urgent, and routine. These requests are immediately logged and dispatched to the appropriate technician.

Our response time for emergencies is within one hour and for urgents is between one and two hours. That means that we will do everything we can to get a technician to your house within those times.

Routine requests are scheduled for completion within three working days of the time you place the work order. You will be given a day in which we can do the work and you can request either morning or afternoon on that day. For routine requests,

each technician keeps a log of the work they have done and these logs are kept at the Maintenance Office.

Once a work order is completed, it is put into our system with the date and time of completion. Records are kept of which technician has done the work and any notes that he/she has made about the work done. We keep a hard copy of all work orders in the Maintenance Office and we also keep them in our computer system.

Concerning night and weekend requests, we can only respond to emergencies. You can call the same number and you will be transferred to our after-

hours answering service. They will then dispatch the work order to a technician. He/she will then respond to these requests in the order in which they were received.

Please be patient with our staff if you place a request at night or on the weekend. Remember that there is limited manpower and the response time of your request will depend on the demand.

As residents on Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield, you may pick up certain items from our self-help such as air filters, certain light bulbs, etc.

These can be installed easily and our maintenance staff can

show you how to do it if necessary. We also appreciate the cooperation of all residents with urgent and emergency requests; please limit these to true urgent and emergency situations.

If we treat a routine request as an emergency, it will slow down our response time for other emergency or urgent requests.

In order to improve our service to you please contact our Management Office at (912)408-2460 on Fort Stewart or (912)459-2140 on Hunter Army Airfield.

GMH is dedicated to quality service as we strive to improve the quality of life for soldiers and their families.

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holds a Bachelor of Science from the United States Military Academy and a Master of Arts from the Naval Postgraduate School.

Among his awards and decorations are the Combat Infantryman Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge, Master Parachutist Badge and the Ranger Tab.

Clarke, Kershaw's successor, comes to 1/75th from Fort Bragg, N.C., where he participated in deployments to Afghanistan and Iraq in support of

Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, respectively.

"I can think of no one more qualified to lead this battalion as we continue the global war on terrorism," Nixon said of Clarke.

Clarke's other previous assignments include 75th Ranger Regt. regimental training officer; battalion operations officer and executive officer with 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry Division (Mechanized); and brigade executive officer and deputy com-

mander for 173rd Airborne Brigade.

His military education includes Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Command and General Staff College, Airborne School and Ranger School.

Clarke said one thing he appreciated about Rangers was their "everyday approach to life."

He added, "It's a great opportunity, as a leader, getting to work with other phenomenal leaders ... with the best Soldiers in the Army, that's all I could ask for."

## GARRISON

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Hunter held their state of the garrison July 7 at the post theater.

Lt. Col. Jeffrey Goble briefed civilians on a multitude of construction projects currently underway on Hunter including the future groundbreaking of the new fitness center.

Goble also said that with the new reorganization of 3rd Inf. Div. there will be an additional 600

Soldiers working on Hunter following the divisions deployment back to Iraq.

The garrison holds these kinds of briefing annually as a ways to communicate and receive feedback from personnel working on Stewart and Hunter to bring about change to improve the way things are run on the posts.



*Spc. Robert Adams*

**Staff Sgt. Michael Ayala, C Company, 1/75 Ranger Regt. squad leader a breaching tool to open the door to the shoot house while Davis provides cover.**

## RANGERS

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up to the shoot house and commenced to breach its main door.

Two four-man teams, behind the leadership of a squad leader entered the building. Each team is made up of a team leader, squad automatic weapon gunner, grenadier, and rifleman.

"As we enter a building, our first threat is the enemy and the second is what type of combatants they have," said Staff Sgt. Michael Ayala, C Company, 1/75 Ranger Regt. squad leader. "The battle drill is built into the youngest man's mind. What they know is from muscle memory and as they enter the room they think and react quickly to complete the drill."

Once inside, the teams moved in teams through each room and fired rounds at targets placed on walls until all were clear.

"We rely on each other quite a bit," Ayala said. "If I'm facing forward and I'm firing and someone shoots me from behind, I'm not going to turn around and shoot at him because I know my guys covering the rear will take the enemy out."

1/75 Ranger Regt. is able to conduct this training numerous times before

being called up for a mission.

"Repetitive training helps tremendously because a Soldier's mind won't wander and will just think about the job at hand and get it done," Ayala said.

Veterans of the regiment in attendance got the chance to reflect back on the training that they conducted when they were active duty and view the advances in technology and training procedures.

"It brings back memories when I see these Soldiers doing some of the same things I did 24 years ago," said James Kinney, federal government employee who was in C Company, 1/75 Ranger Regt. from 1978 through 1980.

"The training the modern Rangers are doing today is what we started to do back then and this demonstration brought back memories of similar type missions we performed."

Some people in attendance hadn't ever seen this type of training up close and were amazed at what they go through.

"All this training is new to me," said Laura Kinney. "As an American I am proud of our servicemen, and I think they are great at what they do."

## POLICE REPORTS



- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 20-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Suspended registration, no valid insurance
- **Location:** Hunter
- **Subject:** Private 2, 19-year-old male
- **Charge:** Wrongful making, altering or tampering with military identification card
- **Location:** Savannah
- **Subject:** Sergeant 1st Class, 43-year-old male, Div. Spt. Bde.
- **Charges:** Larceny of government funds, fraud involving quarters, subsistence and cost of living allowance
- **Location:** South Korea
- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 21-year-old male, 2nd Bde.
- **Charges:** Possession of marijuana, driving under the influence, driving while license suspended, failure to maintain lane
- **Location:** Hinesville
- **Subject:** Specialist, 30-year-old male, Aviation Bde.
- **Charge:** Concealed weapon
- **Location:** Hunter
- **Subject:** Civilian, 52-year-old male
- **Charge:** Failure to exercise due care, no drivers license on person
- **Location:** Hunter
- **Subject:** Specialist, 23-year-old male, 1st Bde.
- **Charge:** Simple battery
- **Location:** Savannah
- **Subject:** Specialist, 22-year-old female, separate battalion
- **Charge:** Aggravated assault
- **Location:** Hinesville
- **Subject:** Specialist, 23-year-old male, 2nd Bde.
- **Charge:** Driving while license suspended, failure to wear safety belt
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 20-year-old female, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Wrongful making, altering, or tampering with military identification card
- **Location:** Hunter

- **Subject:** Specialist, 26-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charge:** Operation of vehicle with altered or improperly transferred plates
- **Location:** Hunter

- **Subject:** Sergeant, 23-year-old male, DIVARTY
- **Charges:** Driving while license suspended, failure to stop at posted stop sign
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 20-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charge:** Deposit account fraud
- **Location:** Hinesville

- **Subject:** Specialist, 21-year-old male, Div. Spt. Bde.
- **Charges:** Driving while license suspended, failure to wear safety belt
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 20-year-old female, DISCOM
- **Charge:** Failure to obey lawful order/regulation — weapons violation
- **Location:** Hunter

- **Subject:** Civilian, 23-year-old male

- **Charge:** Entering military property (climbed perimeter fence)
- **Location:** Hunter

- **Subject:** Sergeant, 32-year-old male, 2nd Bde.
- **Charges:** Driving while license suspended, no insurance
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Specialist, 25-year-old male, DIVARTY
- **Charges:** Possession of marijuana, impeding traffic flow, suspended or revoked license
- **Location:** Hinesville

- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 21-year-old male, Div. Spt. Bde.
- **Charges:** Driving while license suspended, failure to obey traffic control device
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Specialist, 25-year-old male, 2nd Bde.
- **Charges:** Aggravated assault, child abuse
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Specialist, 21-year-old male, Div. Spt. Bde.
- **Charges:** Wrongful use of cocaine
- **Location:** Montgomery, Ala.

- **Subject:** Private 2, 22-year-old male, 2nd Bde.

- **Charges:** Drunken driving, improper display of license plate, failure to stop at red light
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 27-year-old male, 2nd Bde.
- **Charges:** Simple battery, criminal trespassing
- **Location:** Savannah

- **Subject:** Specialist, 19-year-old male, 4th Bde.
- **Charges:** Speeding, careless or reckless driving
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 21-year-old male, 2nd Bde.
- **Charges:** Possession of marijuana, driving under the influence, driving while license suspended, failure to maintain lane
- **Location:** Hinesville

- **Subject:** Sergeant, 27-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charge:** Driving while license suspended
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Specialist, 20-year-old male, 2nd Bde.
- **Charge:** Simple battery
- **Location:** Hinesville

- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 23-year-old male, Aviation Bde.
- **Charge:** Wrongful possession of marijuana
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Master Sgt., 41-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charge:** Wrongful use of cocaine
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Specialist, 22-year-old female, separate battalion
- **Charge:** Deposit account fraud, failure to appear
- **Location:** South Korea

# Marne TV

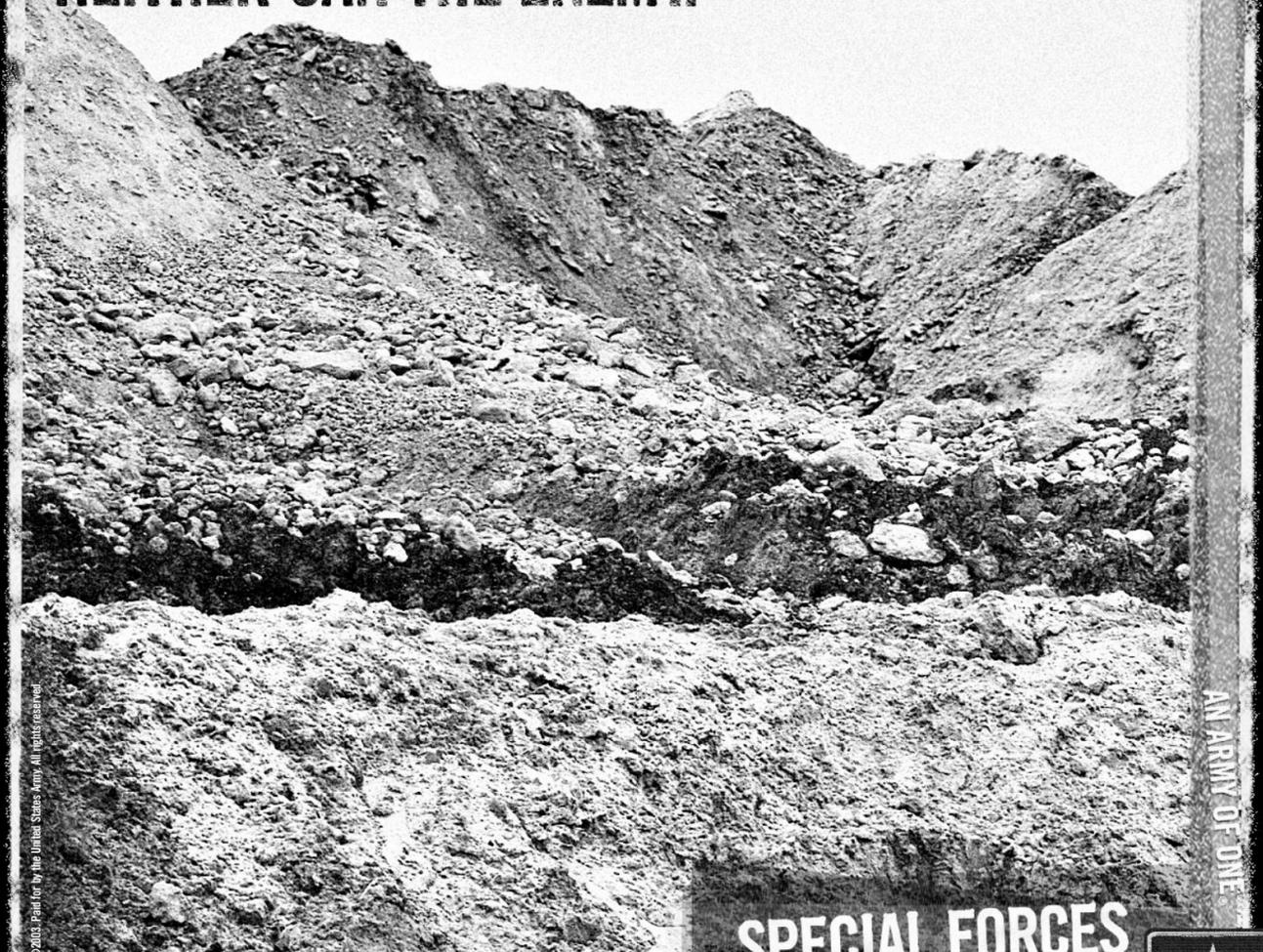
## July 2004 Schedule

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

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

1 p.m.	Air Force News
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6 p.m.	Army Newswatch
6:30 p.m.	Air Force News
7 p.m.	Navy News
10 p.m.	MARNE REPORT
11 p.m.	Army Newswatch
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## 3ID IN BRIEF

## Stewart

**Brittin Elementary open house**

Parents and students are welcome to visit school and meet teachers on Aug. 4, 3 to 5 p.m. If you are a private organization (Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts), and wish to set up a table, please contact Principal Tillman at 368-3324. Registration starts Monday until Aug. 2, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. For further information regarding registration, you may contact our registrar, Ms. Lampkin, at 368-3324/7514 or 767-8179/8182. Registration packets can be picked up anytime and returned during this period.

**DUI nomination**

The Army Substance Abuse Program (ASAP) is now accepting nominations for the Sept. 2004 DUI Free Awards Program.

Request all units eligible to self nominate for their DUI Free Award no later than Aug. 9 (no exceptions). To nominate your unit, ASAP will need the name of the unit being nominated (spelled out exactly how you will like to see it on the certificate), the last accountable date a DUI was given to your unit, which award it will be (1st, 2nd, or 3rd),

and the POC and telephone number for the unit.

**AFAP issues**

Planners for the next Army Family Action Plan conference are gathering issues to discuss at this year's conference, Sept. 22 to 23 and the Youth AFAP, Aug. 21. If you have an idea or concern, contact AFAP program manager, Vicki Wiginton before Aug. 1. If you want to work as a delegate, facilitator, recorder or volunteer at the conference, contact Wiginton at 767-5058 or 352-6816.

**Indebtedness claim**

Anyone having claims against or whom is indebted to the estate of Capt. Scott T. Corwin, HSC, 92nd En Cbt Bn, Fort Stewart, Ga., should contact Capt. Jacqueline M. Reini at 658-3427.

**ACS birthday celebration**

The Fort Stewart Army Community Service center's 39th birthday celebration is scheduled for today from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Club Stewart. Free food and games are offered. Call 767-5058 for more information.

## Hunter

**Golf tournament**

The Savannah chapter of the American Red Cross has joined forces with Hunter for the first-ever command supported ARC golf tournament at Hunter G.C. today at 1 p.m. The fund-raising event is open to all military personnel and their families.

Sign up for the individual or team competition at Hunter G.C. or ACS. The cost is \$50 per player and will go toward continued support of Hunter Soldiers and families. For more info call 651-5314.

**Town Meeting**

Hunter will be holding its quarterly town hall meeting Aug. 3, 7 p.m. at the ACS building. All members of the community interested in learning more about what's going on at Hunter, or have any concerns to address with the garrison commander, are encouraged to attend.

**Indebtedness claim**

Anyone having claims against or whom is indebted to the estate of CW2 Nicholas P. Dimona II, Company C, 1-3 Aviation, Hunter Army Airfield, Ga., should contact CW2 Michael Kennedy at

352-5713.

Anyone having claims against or whom is indebted to the estate of WO1 William L. Loffer, Company C, 1-3 Aviation, Hunter Army Airfield, Ga., should contact CPT Jason Lynn at 352-5713.

**Thrift Shop**

The Hunter Thrift Shop is open on Wednesday, Friday and the first Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with consignments accepted from military identification card holders from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. It has a great assortment of bargains. All proceeds are returned to the Hunter Community in scholarships, grants to units, and through other military organizations. Donations are accepted and volunteers are always welcome.

For more information call at 352-0376.

**Sand Gnats**

The Savannah Sand Gnats' Hunter Army Airfield Night is scheduled for Aug. 7 at 7 p.m. at Grayson Stadium. For \$5, all military ID cardholders will receive a general admission ticket, a bag of chips, a hot dog and one soda or three beers (age 21 and up).

## Winn /Tuttle

**TRICARE Center**

The Fort Stewart TRICARE Service Center moved. It is located at 740 General Stewart Way, Suite 109, in Hinesville.

The Health Benefits Office will remain co-located with Winn. For more information, call the TSC at 368-3048.

**Patient Affairs Relocated**

The Patient Affairs Branch has relocated to building 301, co-located with the Health Benefits Office. The phone numbers have remained the same. For more information, call 370-6893.

**TMC 4 Relocated**

TMC 4 has relocated to building 202, across from the main entrance of Winn and next to the ambulance station. For more information, call 370-5187.

**Baby Training**

Baby Basic Training offers fathers-to-be the chance to ask questions and practice taking care of their child through hands-on training. The class, facilitated by a man for men, will cover topics that include

how to change diapers, bathe and hold an infant to what to expect during pregnancy, labor and delivery.

The class will be held 1 to 4:30 p.m. Aug. 4 in the Social Work Services building. For more information, call 370-6779.

**Tobacco Cessation**

Tobacco Cessation classes at Winn will be held 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. every Thursday from Aug. 5 to Aug. 26 or 6 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday from Aug. 3 to Aug. 24. Tuttle's class will be held 1 to 3 p.m. every Wednesday from Aug. 4 to Aug. 25.

The class will help you kick the habit, whether smoking, chewing or dipping. To register at Winn, call 370-5071. To register at Tuttle, call 1-800-652-9221.

**Tuttle School Health Screening**

School Health Screenings will be available by appointment July 31 at Tuttle Army Health Clinic. Call 1-800-652-9221 to schedule an appointment. You may schedule an appointment through July 29.

## Corrections

The Public Affairs Office apologizes for incorrectly identifying Nicole Keeney and Nicole Dill in an article of the Life and Times Section of The Frontline, dated July 15, entitled "Volunteers".



Nicole Keeney



Nicole Dill

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# Driving on suspended licenses without insurance causing legal problems

**Provost Marshal Office**  
Special to The Frontline

The Georgia Criminal and Traffic Law Manual section 40-5-121 states the following regarding driving while license suspended or revoked:

"...any person who drives a motor vehicle on any public highway of this state at a time when his/her privilege to do so is suspended, disqualified or revoked shall be guilty of a misdemeanor first conviction and shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than two days nor more than 12 months and there may be a fine of not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000..."

The Georgia Criminal and Traffic Law Manual section 40-5-121 states the following regarding not presenting proof of valid insurance:

"...the owner or operator of a motor vehicle for which minimum motor vehicle liability insurance coverage is required shall keep proof or evidence of required minimum insurance coverage in the vehicle at all times during the operation of the vehicle...any person who fails

to comply with the requirements of this subsection shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$200 nor more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than 12 months, or both..."

Since Jan. 1, Fort Stewart Military Police have charged over 150 Soldiers and civilians for driving on a suspended or revoked license or not having proof of valid insurance on their vehicle. Many times Military Police will observe a vehicle make a simple violation such as not coming to a complete stop at a posted Stop Sign or exceeding the speed limit. Normal procedure requires the MP to verify driver's license, insurance and registration. This process is completed using the Georgia Criminal Information Center as well as visually observing the expiration dates on each document. Too many times one of the required documents is expired or revoked for a variety of reasons. Therefore, what would have been a minor traffic ticket now has ballooned into an offense that

results in apprehension and an entry into the Stewart Blotter. The daily blotter is then sent to every senior leader in the Division beginning with the Commanding General.

There are several preventive measures that leaders and Soldiers can take to ensure that their driver's license and vehicle insurance are current.

- Unit Leaders can inspect these documents for validity during Personnel Assets Inventory inspections, weekend safety briefings and during in-processing.

- Soldiers need to research the state laws governing the expiration status of their driver's license. Many states offer Soldiers automatic extensions on expired driver's licenses. This information can be accessed on the Internet typically at [www.yourstate.gov](http://www.yourstate.gov)

- Contact the insurance company for rules governing your insurance policy and coverage.

- Be pro-active and take responsibility for your required vehicle information. If you don't, the Military Police will.

## ASK THE JUDGE

Legal Personnel Within The Army

**Capt. Jacob Lilly**

Special to The Frontline

**Q: I know that there are military legal personnel on this installation who work with courts-martial and provide help with personal legal problems, but what do they do when we go to war?**

**A:** Legal personnel within the military, whether they are attorneys or legal clerks have a number of important missions when the 3rd Infantry Division prepares for an operation, engages in that operation, and conducts post conflict operations. Here are some of the things they do.

Each division has Operational Law Attorneys who advise the command on laws of war and many other issues throughout the process of planning an operation or armed conflict. These people track the battle and advise the commander on any legal issues that arise.

Criminal Law personnel are extensively involved in courts-martial. Whether prosecuting, defending, or administering courts-martial, these duties often continue through-

out a conflict. These courts-martial may be conducted at Fort Stewart or, during long deployments, wherever the division is deployed. It is not unusual to see a military courtroom, complete with Judge, on a long deployment.

Some people that have moved household goods have worked with Claims personnel, when seeking reimbursement for items that were lost or damaged during a move. These same claims personnel may deploy with the division to investigate and/or adjudicate other types of claims. For example, U.S. personnel may damage the property of a host nation citizen while moving through the host nation. This is easy to imagine in a mechanized division. In such a case, the host nation property owner may be entitled to reimbursement from the U.S. for the damages under the Foreign Claims Act. Legal personnel investigate the severity of the damages to protect the U.S. from a false or inflated claim by the property owner.

A personal legal problem left unattended back at Stewart may become very significant to a

deployed Soldier. Therefore, Legal Assistance personnel try to help resolve legal issues prior to deployment. These individuals are critical in the pre-deployment process as they also provide wills and powers of attorney to deploying Soldiers who need them. Legal Assistance personnel also deploy with the division to help Soldiers continue to manage their legal affairs throughout a long deployment.

Finally, there are always a large number of legal questions that commanders need answered that fall within the expertise of the Administrative Law personnel. To save money and time deploying, the division may buy many things it needs from host nation companies. Contracting actions of this sort may be reviewed by a Contract Attorney. Investigations may be conducted by or investigating officers may be advised by Administrative Law attorneys. Many other issues relating to funding, ethics, regulatory interpretation and a host of other areas may be answered by these personnel.

## Tuttle Army Health Clinic — School Health Screening July 31!

**School Health Screenings will be available by appointment 8 a.m. to noon July 31 at Tuttle Army Health Clinic. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-652-9221. The last day to schedule an appointment is July 29!**

## CENTCOM News

### Police advisors, donated gear arrive for Iraqi police

AR RAMADI, Iraq — Three International Police Advisors recently arrived at Camp Mahmudiyah to assist Marines in advising, training and supporting the Iraqi Police. The IPA will help build a credible, ethical and competent Iraqi Police force capable of protecting and serving citizens of Mahmudiyah.

Marines delivered police gear to the Eskan/Iskandariyah Iraqi Police station, donated by the Beverly Hills Police Department in California.

Marines met with Iraqi police chiefs from Eskan, Iskandariyah and Haswa police stations before making the delivery. More gear and police cars are ready for delivery in Ar Ramadi to be handed over to police in this region.

Marines also made three \$10,000 payments on projects, including the Abu Fleiss medical clinic, the Sin Ahn Dhiban Water Treatment Plant and the Sin Ahn Dhiban Water Facility. Another \$20,000 was paid toward the Al Anbar Jobs Program, an effort to boost employment throughout the province.

### Iraq National Guard, Iraqi police team up for major operation

BAGHDAD — The Iraqi National Guard and Iraqi Police, two of the four Iraq Security Forces, marked a major milestone together early July 18.

For the first time, the Iraqi National Guard and the Iraqi police worked together on a large-scale operation to search for insurgents involved in a recent attack that resulted in one IP officer

killed and two others wounded.

About 90 ING soldiers cordoned off a large area while almost 300 IP officers searched for insurgents.

Several illegal weapons were seized by the IP during the operation.

### Soldiers improve lives of disabled Iraqis with wheelchairs

BAGHDAD — Fulfilling a request by the Al Jihad Neighborhood Council, civil affairs troops in the 1st Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 5th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division recently improved the lives of the disabled residents in the area by providing them wheelchairs.

On July 13, 1-7 Cav. Soldiers and leadership presented 50 wheelchairs to the council and to disabled Iraqis who were able to make the trip to the Al Rashid District Council building.

The chairs, costing a total of \$6,500, were a small price to pay for an improved quality of life for many people in Al Jihad, said Capt. Aaron Hetherington, civil military operations officer for 1-7 Cav. They helped provide improved mobility to 20 children and 30 adults with diseases, birth defects and disabling injuries.

This mission was the first time a 1-7 Cav. civil affairs effort had given away wheelchairs, but it isn't the last, he said. Chairs have already been ordered for two other neighborhoods in the 1-7 area of operations.

"The wheelchair project is just one small piece of a very large scope of our operations," Hetherington said. "We are doing operations ... from trash pickup, new sewers, water lines, electricity all the way to building soccer

fields and renovating buildings."

### MNF — Iraq: Iraq leaders authorize strike against forces in Fallujah

*Statement by Brig. Gen. Erv Lessel, deputy director for Operations:*

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Today, the Interim Iraqi Government authorized Multinational Forces-Iraq to conduct a strike against a known terrorist fighting position in southern Fallujah.

The strike, conducted at 2:03 a.m. local Baghdad time, destroyed defensive fighting positions and trench lines near the remains of a house and a foreign fighter checkpoint.

Approximately 25 anti-Iraqi forces with ties to Abu Musaab Zarqawi were present at the site just prior to the strike. The precision operation was conducted on multiple sources of Iraqi and MNF-I intelligence.

Multinational Forces-Iraq continue to support the Iraqi security forces and the sovereign government of Iraq in their efforts to defeat foreign fighter terrorists and criminal elements within the country.

### Coalition forces seize weapons caches

KABUL, Afghanistan — Coalition forces on Saturday seized two weapons caches 39 kilometers southeast of Qalat.

Among the items seized were 75 Rocket Propelled Grenades, 300 82mm mortar shells, 100 rockets and 10 mines.

Many of the weapons were in good condition and were handed over to the Afghan National Army. The remaining items were detonated in place.

## Retirement ceremony celebrates Soldiers with more than 300 collective years in service

The monthly retirement ceremony held Tuesday at Stewart Club included Soldiers retiring with 360 collective years of active duty service in the Army.

Medical Activities Commander, Col. Joe Barthel, serving as keynote speaker, commended them on their service and the sacrifice to duty, foregoing many family activities, in order to serve their country.

All attendees received a retirement flag, presented on behalf of the Secretary of the Army, a retirement pin, and appropriate medals. If interested in participating in your retirement ceremony, please contact the installation ceremonies office, 767-5061/3151.

Retirees participating in the ceremony included:

**Lt. Col. Jon S. Mowers,**  
retiring in Savannah, Ga., **20 years**  
**1st Sgt. John C. Buxton,**  
retiring in Savannah, Ga., **21 years**  
**Master Sgt. Curtis L. Harris,**  
retiring in Allenhurst, Ga., **26 years**  
**Master Sgt. Michael Mack,**  
retiring in Fayetteville, N.C., **21 years**  
**Master Sgt. Althea White,**  
retiring in Mount Pleasant, S.C., **24 years**  
**Sgt. 1st Class Orlando Abney,**  
retiring in Hinesville, Ga., **21 years**  
**Sgt. 1st Class Ricky Butler,**  
retiring in Hinesville, Ga., **21 years**  
**Sgt. 1st Class William H. Reid,**  
retiring in Allenhurst, Ga., **20 years**  
**Sgt. 1st Class Carolyn Steele,**  
retiring in Allenhurst, Ga., **20 years**  
**Sgt. 1st Class Dwaine Foster,**  
retiring in Country Club Hills, Ill., **20 years**  
**Sgt. 1st Class Steve A. Pinney,**  
retiring in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, **20 years**  
**Sgt. 1st Class Gladys Dukes,**  
retiring in Hinesville, Ga., **24 years**  
**Sgt. 1st Class John D. Lewis,**  
retiring in San Antonio, Texas, **21 years**  
**Sgt. 1st Class Richard Stearns,**  
retiring in Huntsville, Ala., **20 years**  
**Sgt. 1st Class Keith A. Dowd,**  
retiring in Assumption, Ill., **21 years**  
**Staff Sgt. Angel A. Ortiz,**  
retiring in Tampa, Fla., **20 years**  
**Staff Sgt. Orlandra D. Lake,**  
retiring in Washington, D.C., **20 years**

# Twenty-three units receive deployment awards

**Sgt. 1st Class Marcia Triggs**  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON, June 23, 2004 — Two combat engineers longed to be in Iraq blowing things up with their unit, but because of injuries they had the opportunity to accept the Deployment of Excellence Award on behalf of their company.

Twenty-three units in all were recognized June 22 in Washington D.C., for their innovative deployment initiatives.

“This is not an amateur sport,” said Lt. Gen. Claude Christianson, chief of the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for logistics, G4. “Deploying requires an amazing amount of competence and coordination to move units by road, rail, sea and air.”

In its fourth year, the awards program looked at units that deployed or those who support-

ed deploying units from Dec. 1, 2002 to Feb. 10. Within that two-year period the Army redeployed more than 111,500 Soldiers back to their home stations from war fighting missions.

Christianson said that deployment excellence is measured in a variety of ways including training, preparation, organization and innovation.

“I didn’t do anything specifically to earn this award,” said Staff Sgt. Grachya Kazanchyan, a combat engineer. “The boys in Iraq who spent long hours preparing for the deployment earned this award.” Kazanchyan, who is from Company B, 65th Engineer Battalion, 25th Infantry Division (Light), deployed to Kuwait and into Iraq in December. However, Kazanchyan had to return to Hawaii because of injuries.

The engineer company shared first place in the small

unit, operational deployment category with C Company, 121st Signal Battalion, 1st Infantry Division, Kitzingen, Germany.

“I appreciate that the Army’s higher echelons recognize even the smallest units for their readiness, but I never thought about deploying as a competition,” said Capt. Harold Poston II, C Co. commander. “It’s just something that you have to do to get ready for war.”

Anyone who works for the Army, both military and civilian, should have deploying in their job title, said Maj. Anthony Arthur, executive officer for 2nd Battalion, 227th Aviation Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

Arthur’s unit won first place in the large unit, operational deployment category.

“In order to win wars and protect our nation, we must be able to go anywhere in the world at a moment’s notice,” he said.



Courtesy photo

**Combat engineers from 25th Inf. Div. (Light) pose for pictures with the official party after receiving the Chief of Staff Deployment of Excellence Awards June 22 in Washington, D.C. (Left to Right) Maj. Gen. Brian Geehan, Maj. Gen. George Bowman, Sgt. Moses Sonera, Lt. Gen. Claude Christianson and Staff Sgt. Grachya Kazanchyan.**

## Winners

### Operational Deployment Category

**Large Unit**  
First Place: 2nd Battalion, 27th Aviation Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

**Small Unit**  
First Place: Company B, 65th Engineer Battalion, 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii  
Company C, 121st Signal Battalion, 1st Infantry Division, Kitzingen, Germany

### Deployment Category

**Active Large Unit**  
First Place: 53rd Movement Control Battalion, Fort McPherson, Ga.  
Runner-up: 11th Signal Brigade, Fort Huachuca, Ariz.

**Army Reserve Large Unit**  
First Place: 1192nd Transportation Terminal Brigade, New Orleans, La.  
Runner-up: 1394th Deployment Support Brigade, Camp Pendleton, Calif.  
**Army National Guard Large Unit**  
First Place: 2nd Battalion, 116th Infantry Regiment, 29th Infantry Division, Lynchburg, Va.  
Runner-up: 1st Battalion, 162nd Infantry Regiment, 41st Infantry Brigade, Forest Grove, Ore.

**Active Small Unit**  
First Place: Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 7th Transportation Group, Fort Eustis, Va.  
Runner-up: 469th Transportation

Detachment, 24th Transportation Battalion, Fort Eustis, Va.

**Army Reserve Small Unit**  
First Place: Headquarters and Headquarters Company, United States Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command, Fort Bragg, N.C.  
Runner-up: 1190th Deployment Support Brigade, Baton Rouge, La.

**Army National Guard Small Unit**  
First Place: 82nd Rear Operations Center, 82nd Infantry Brigade, Lake Oswego, Ore.  
Runner-up: Company B, 52nd Engineer Battalion, Lake Oswego, Ore.

**Active Support Unit**  
First Place: 842nd Transportation Battalion, Beaumont, Texas  
Runner-up: 831st Transportation Battalion, Port of Salalah, Oman

**Army Reserve Support Unit**  
First Place: 2125th Garrison Support Unit, Fort Bragg, N.C.  
Runner-up: 307th Quartermaster Battalion, Salt Lake City, Utah

**Army National Guard Support Unit**  
First Place: 1067th Transportation Company, Pennsylvania National Guard.  
Runner-up: Florida State Area Command  
**Supporting Installation**  
First Place: Fort Stewart, Ga.  
Runner-up: Fort Bliss, Texas