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CPX puts training to test

Spc. Jimmy D. Lane Jr.
Staff Writer

A command post exercise was conducted at Wright Army Airfield July 25 through July 29 to prepare Soldiers for the upcoming deployment to Iraq.

Soldiers went to the field and did the same jobs they usually do in garrison, but under field conditions. Some of the training involved setting up unit operational areas, doing maintenance on vehicles and providing support services for Soldiers during the exercise.

Local press representatives were brought out to prepare leaders for situations such as facilitating media in a deployed environment and how to interact with them during wartime.

"Right now we have a brand new staff, so we're trying to hone our tactics, techniques and our procedures on how we are going to base our operations once we get into theater over there," said Sgt. Matthew McCrossen, security noncommissioned officer in charge of Aviation Brigade Headquarters and Headquarters Company. "The benefits that have come out of this training so far in the couple of days we've been here is number one everyone gets to see how their counterparts within the brigade staff act. We are starting to learn the questions that our different sections are going to ask each other to accomplish our mission."

Soldiers who have been deployed used their experience to help the newer Soldiers who had never been in theater to do their job more efficiently and use the mistakes and accomplishments to make the training more realistic, he said.

"A lot of the (after action review) comments we have from the first rotation plus the lessons learned Army-wide definitely have played into this training," McCrossen said.



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Pvt. Vincent Floyd and Spc. LaStephanie Frazier, Special Troops Battalion, adjust a communications device to try to receive a signal during the CPX July 28 at Wright. The CPX offered Soldiers a chance to work with their fellow troops in the field.

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Landry takes over Black Diamonds as Moffatt says goodbye

Pfc. Emily J. Danial
Staff Writer

The 92nd Engineer Combat Battalion (Heavy) "Black Diamonds" said farewell to Lt. Col. Mark G. Moffatt, former battalion commander, and welcomed new commander Lt. Col. Keith A. Landry in a change of command ceremony at Cottrell Field July 28.

The Diamonds have been at

Fort Stewart longer than any other unit currently here. The four points of the black diamond on the unit's crest represent its four World War II campaign streamers, and the distinctive crest became its nickname during its involvement in Vietnam during the 1960s.

"It has truly been a memorable ride as the commander of the 92nd Engineer Battalion 'Black Diamonds,'" Moffatt said.

During his command, Moffatt led the 92nd to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and, shortly after returning from OEF, to Kuwait and Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

To Landry, Moffatt advised, "Take care of this great battalion. It is one of only six on active duty and it is important to the Army ... this battalion and a few others are the only ones that will remain

engineer battalions in the future."

He continued, "Before you change command (again), you may even be the senior engineer on the installation. You will be a mentor to many engineer officers and Soldiers, and they will need your counsel to keep the Corps of Engineers a viable branch in our Army's future ... you have some of the Army's best Soldiers - let them show you the way to success."

Moffatt's previous assignments

include commander of C Company, 46th Engineer Battalion (Heavy) at Fort McClellan, Ala., where he deployed his company in support of Hurricane Andrew relief operations; plans and policy, J5, European Command, working in the Military to Military Contacts program; assistant division engineer of the 2nd Infantry Division

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Job training comes to Hinesville ...



Pat Donahue

Hinesville Mayor Thomas Ratcliffe, along with other city officials, mark the opening of the Liberty Campus of Savannah Technical College Wednesday in a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Working closely with the Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield education centers, the college develops programs that are designed to meet the needs of our service members and their families.

Apache pilots qualify

Spc. Robert Adams
Staff Writer

1st Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment Apache Longbow crew teams are knocking targets down at the Multi-Purpose Range Complex while performing Table's Seven and Eight July 28 through Aug. 11.

Each crew is competing for the battalion top gun, which is awarded to the aircraft and crew with the highest total combined score from this week's qualification and from previous tests.

An Apache crew is made up of two fully-qualified pilots. The crew stations in the helicopter are nearly identical; the back seat primarily has flight duties and the front seat does primarily fire duties.

"Generally the pilot in the back has more flight time and experience and can control the aircraft and help the newer guy develop in the front with target training," said Chief Warrant Officer 3 Glen

Woodard, 1/3 Avn. master gunner.

"Flying an Apache is like the best roller-coaster you've ever been on, but you're in control of where it goes," said Capt. Jason Lynn, C Company, 1/3 Avn. platoon leader.

Before qualifying in Table Eight, each flight team has to first complete the critical operations of Table Seven.

During this table, each crew validates their aircraft. This is to ensure the weapons systems have been properly tuned for the live fire and for battle site zeroing.

"Our armament team will then align, zero and calibrate the sites for each helicopter," Woodard said. "Then each crew gets one dry run to familiarize themselves with the targets and how they are different than the simulator."

After the dry run, each crew is ready for the day and night live-fire qualification, which is required annually.

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Pfc. Ricardo Branch

Spc. Herbert L. Finley, HHSC, 3rd STB, transfers fuel from the truck to a pod so Soldiers can fill up their vehicles at the CPX at Wright Army Airfield. Finley's job consists of bringing the supplies necessary for vehicles to operate during the CPX.

CPX

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Some of the Soldiers new to the Army were learning lessons they would not be able to learn back at garrison, he said. These lessons are better taught in the field than in a battlefield situation.

The Soldiers were able to test their skills in their military occupational specialties and see how they fit into the bigger picture, he added.

"Right now we are training for the environment on how things are going to run during deployment," said Pfc. John Young, a Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 36th Engineer Group, driver.

Soldiers get to see first hand how their tactical operations center will be run and how their areas will be controlled, Young said.

Being in an environment such as this, Soldiers get to take part in the bigger picture and begin to realize how important each of their jobs are in making the mission run more smoothly.

"I've learned a lot about how certain areas function and how vital each section is to the rest of the unit," Young said.

If one area is down or not working properly, Soldiers get to see how it affects the entire structure, Young added.

"We make mistakes happen so we can train on how the other Soldiers will react," he said.

Each section had its own particular job providing support during the exercise.

"Our mission out here is to provide support to the 3rd Infantry Division," said an operations officer with 36th Eng. Grp. "We're fulfilling the role of the maneuver enhancement brigade, consisting of engineers, military police, civil affairs and (psychological operations)."

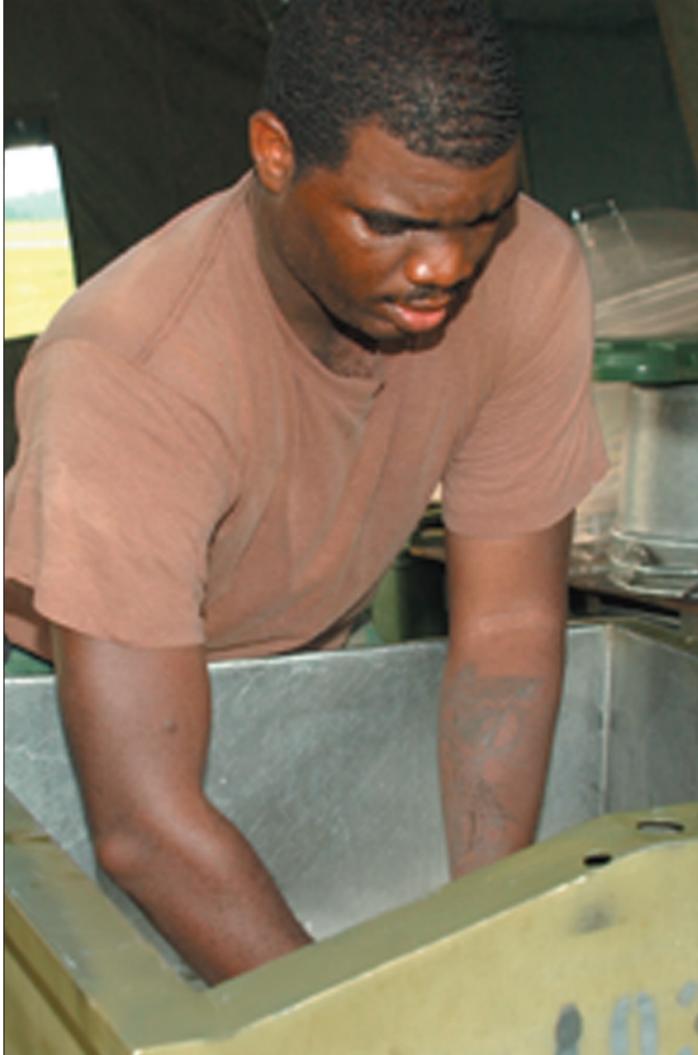
Although uncomfortable, leaders were positive that Soldiers were receiving good training while out here in the field and they would realize it after getting back home.

"Everyone complains while they are out here, but when they come back, everyone always says how great the training was," said Capt. Doug Dodd, the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment assistant operations officer. "It's good for Soldiers because they get time to make the adjustments needed."



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Lt. Col. John Charlton, assistant division operations officer, conducts an interview with a team of reporters as part of media training during the CPX July 28.



Pfc. Ricardo Branch

Spc. Jarrod Marshall, HHSC 3rd STB, cleans some kitchenware from dinner at the CPX at Wright.



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Journalists enter an LMTV as part of a convoy leaving from the CPX Wednesday. Soldiers shuffled reporters to the CPX site in simulation of a real media pool during a deployment.



Pfc. Ricardo Branch

Finley sits atop the fuel pod to see that the fuel enters and gets through the pipe properly.



Staff Sgt. Craig Zentkovich

Department of Defense police officers at Hunter investigate a motor vehicle accident that led to an alleged assault July 29.

DoD police on patrol at Hunter

Staff Sgt. Craig Zentkovich

NCOIC, Hunter Public Affairs Office

Two months ago, Soldiers, civilians and residents at Hunter Army Airfield began noticing changes.

Battle dress uniform wearing, brassard donning military police officers weren't anywhere to be found — at the gates or on patrol.

Instead, people wearing blue uniforms with gold badges were checking identification cards at the gates and patrolling the installation — the Department of Defense police force.

The reason for the change, which, at first, was unsettling to residents, was Army-driven. Army transformation and reorganization calls for Soldiers to be deployable; MPs working the gates and patrolling aren't.

"This frees up Soldiers to be warriors," said Lt. Col. Jeffrey J. Goble, Hunter garrison commander. "They're needed elsewhere in the Army and the world."

Prior to the transition to a civilian police force, MP units stationed at Fort Stewart would rotate in six-month

cycles to Hunter. They'd perform a myriad of duties that included gate security, traffic enforcement, residential patrols, desk duty and administrative duty.

According to Goble, Hunter is seeing a more consistent application of the security and law enforcement standards on the base.

"I have a police chief (Chief Kevin E. Charles) with over twenty years of law enforcement experience as a military policeman," he said. "He has a force of 60 professional, competent, well-trained law enforcement officers."

Charles, who recently retired from active Army service at Fort Stewart, has the utmost confidence in his force.

"About 95 percent of the officers have some type of law enforcement experience," Charles said. "Almost all of those are former or retired MPs."

DoD police force initially took the reigns of Hunter law enforcement in June, the number of incidents at the gates involving suspended licenses, expired registrations and no insurance spiked.

"The enforcement of regulations hasn't changed," he said.

"What has changed is the by-the-book consistency with which the regulations are enforced.

"The (DoD officers) at Hunter now are the same ones that will be here in 6 months, a year, two years — it's much more beneficial to security when the same officers are doing the same jobs in the same places for a long time."

An issue for both Goble and Charles was how the family members living at Hunter would react to a smaller military police force.

"Initially, residents weren't sure what to make of the situation and were concerned about their security and safety," Goble said. "But I think now we all know that (Hunter) can only benefit from this."

MPs, who once moved around many times in a year, can now focus on their training and tactical missions with relative stability while a different force carries out law enforcement.

"This allows both entities to focus solely on one mission," Charles said "I think it's better for everyone involved."

Goble added, "Everyone who lives and works on Hunter should feel safer now."

Responding when your child has problems at school

- Did your child come home with a problem at school that made you and your child's life miserable, and you did not know how to get it resolved or who to talk to?

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VOICES AND VIEWPOINTS

Lane Down Range

Esprit de corps is contagious

Spc. Jimmy D. Lane Jr.
Staff Writer

Commentary

One of the things that amaze me about being in the Army is the attitudes of me and the Soldiers around me and how they change by the minute.

I can't say every time I receive a command that I am happy about following it, but I do so nevertheless. I find myself totally disagreeing with my orders sometimes, but the Army takes care of me and my family and I am going to do what I am told to the best of my ability to take care of the needs of the Army.

I don't wake up every day happy to be enlisted. In fact, most days I don't stop cursing until right after I finish running three miles.

I believe what keeps me going is the Soldiers around me. I know these people personally, and to see them driving on keeps me driving on.

One thing that pleases me and helps me believe in what I am doing is watching Soldiers progress through the ranks. Watching someone who I know is a screw-up one day step up and take charge the next lets me know that the Army builds leaders from piles

of waste. My mother told me that everyone should at least go through Basic Combat Training. She said it cuts the apron strings and turns children into adults. At the time, like most teenagers, I thought she was talking nonsense. Yet the more I see people reach their full potential the more I know she was right.

I am in the field at the moment, and I am looking at Soldiers carrying on in the heat and doing their jobs. It is obvious they are uncomfortable. In conditions such as these it is a hard task to put your Marne standard on and go to the latrine. Yet these Soldiers are serving food, carrying fuel and water or doing whatever they were tasked to do.

At our most uncomfortable moments it is funny how we seek comfort in the simplest of ways.

We all know there are Soldiers who are going to whine for milk and cookies no matter what task is put before them. These Soldiers are probably not

going to be happy no matter where they are in their lives because they are not happy with themselves. The Soldiers who drive on and do their jobs while joking and laughing are the ones we all want in our fighting position. These people have reached a certain point of maturity, regardless of age or rank, which shows they have become what they wanted to be inside, and their surroundings aren't going to change who they are in their hearts.

It's just like that run every morning. Most of us want to fall out before we even begin, but we drive on because of the spirit of those around us. I have not found that spirit anywhere else I have traveled or worked in this big world. As long as that spirit survives, I am proud to be a part of our Army.

Down range I want to be a sergeant major one day, and I will try to make all the Soldiers in my command aware of this esprit de corps.

I will point out that not everyone is strong all the time. When they are not, it is up to their battle buddies to lift them back up again, in times of war and peace.

I believe this kind of thinking will be what has kept me and many others in the greatest Army in the world.



Barracks living — it is what you want it to be

Pfc. Emily J. Danial
Staff Writer

Commentary

Picture this: you are a typical barracks-dwelling Soldier, and you've just gotten back to your room after a long, relaxing weekend away.

You open your door and are immediately filled with a sense of uneasiness — something is wrong.

A strange smell is wafting through the air, your trash can is full to overflowing, and you can't help but wonder what's become of several of your personal items, which you could swear were sitting right there when you left.

Now, this scenario may seem common to Soldiers living alone who are constantly visited by the invisible personal-items-eating monster, but more than likely, you're living with something even worse than that — an inconsiderate roommate.

things in this situation: silently fume and go on, less happy with your day; calmly approach your roommate and attempt to take care of the problem in a mature manner; or ... go ahead and follow his or her lead, and have a little fun.

I've been a single, lower-enlisted Soldier for a little more than two years now, and lived at Hunter Army Airfield and Fort Stewart for more than a year and a half.

Needless to say, I've occupied my share of barracks rooms and had more roommates — good, bad and ugly — than a typical YMCA tenant.

There was, of course, the considerate, friendly, clean roommate (or as I like to call her, the Freak of Nature), but then there was also the Bi-polar Anal Retentive, the Nymphomaniac, the Bitter and Resentful Misfit, the Thief, the Liar and my all-

time favorite, the Midnight Caller with the Most Annoying Cell Phone Ring Ever.

Having seen which cohabitants make life interesting and which just make it a living hell, I've attempted to become more conscious of my own annoying habits.

However, if you'd rather overpower your roommate with obnoxiousness than coexist peacefully with him or her, I've picked up some helpful tips to push you closer to your goal.

• Turn your music up as loudly as possible, especially at key moments in movies, phone conversations and naps that your roommate is partaking in.

• Randomly throw away your roommate's belongings, for no apparent reason other than that you don't feel like looking at them anymore.

• Leave dried toothpaste spittle-flecks around the edges of the bathroom sink, taking special care with the areas the spigot water will never, ever reach.

• Never buy toilet paper. If necessary, use fast-food restaurant napkins until your roommate breaks down and goes to Wal-Mart.

• Have "friends" over at all hours of the night, making sure that they are such loud, irritating individuals that they could qualify for the Mr. or Ms. Loud, Irritating Individual of the Year finals.

• Don't bathe. Armed with these simple yet effective suggestions, I bid you adieu, and wish you an interesting barracks life. If you have any issues, don't call me — I'm moving out.



Marne Voice

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Readers respond to the question:

What advice would you give to students returning to school?

"Join as many clubs as possible."

Pvt. Mark Davis, A Co., 4/64 Armor



"Use your academic opportunities and time in school wisely."

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Mark A. Fed A Co., 703rd MSB



"Remember you're there to learn, don't just be a class clown, like I was."

Sgt. Vincent L. Folmar 1/76 FA



"Make sure you stay in school and actually pay attention, or you could end up going to Baghdad."

Spc. Brian A. Kondziela HHT, 6/8 Cav.



"Go to college, so you can have more options ..."

Spc. Justin McWilliams 4th Bde. Cmd. Grp.



"Set your goals and focus on them, and you'll accomplish whatever you set out to do."

Patricia Wright dependant



Correction

On page 1B of the July 29 issue of The Frontline, "Aviation takes softball championship" was used as a headline. "Aviation Support Battalion takes softball championship" was the intended headline.

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Pfc. Emily Danial

Col. Brian R. Layer, DSB commander, hands the 92nd Eng. Bn. colors to incoming battalion commander Lt. Col. Keith Landry during a change of command ceremony at Cottrell Field July 28.

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in Korea; chief of plans in the office of the chief of engineers at the Pentagon.

His civilian education consists of a Bachelor of Science in civil engineering from Lafayette College and a Master's degree in Business Administration from Bowie State University.

Moffatt's military education includes the Engineer Basic and Advanced courses, the Command and General Staff College, and the Sapper Leader course.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal (with oak leaf cluster), the Defense Meritorious Service Medal and the Meritorious Service Medal (with four oak leaf clusters). He wears the Parachutist and Air Assault badges, the Joint Meritorious Unit Award, the Army Superior Unit Award, the Department of the Army Staff Badge and the Bronze DeFleury Medal.

"(Landry) left a ... teaching job to lead these Soldiers into combat," said Col. Brian Layer, Division Support Brigade com-

mander, introducing the new 92nd commander.

Among Landry's other previous assignments are platoon leader, company executive officer, assistant operations officer and adjutant in 65th Engineer Battalion (Light), 25th Infantry Division (Light) in Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; Adjutant of the 33rd Engineer Battalion (Provisional) supporting 3rd Brigade, 3rd Armored Division during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm; and commander of C Company, 12th Engineer Battalion, 8th Infantry Division in Dextheim, Germany.

Landry also served as a professor in the Department of Civil and Mechanical Engineering at the U.S. Military Academy before returning to troops for a year, then took a position as assistant professor in the same department at the USMA.

His civilian education includes a Master's degree in Civil Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y.;

and a Ph.D. from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Landry's military education includes the Engineer Basic and Advanced courses, the Combined Arms Service Staff School and the Command and General Staff College.

His awards include the Bronze Star, the Southwest Asia Campaign Ribbon (with two stars), the Overseas Service Ribbon (with four awards), the Saudi Arabian Liberation Medal, the Kuwaiti Liberation Medal and a Valorous Unit Award.

Landry also wears the Parachutist badge, the Air Assault Badge and the Ranger Tab, and is a licensed professional engineer in the state of Virginia.

After assuming command, Landry briefly addressed his Soldiers for the first time as their leader.

He said, "Someone once told me, 'Be the leader your superiors expect, your peers respect and your Soldiers deserve,' and that's what I plan to do."

APACHE

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On Table Eight, each crew will be firing three primary weapons systems: the Hellfire Missile System, the Hydra 70 Rocket System, and the M230 .30 millimeter Chain Gun.

"Our number one weapon system is the hellfire," Woodard said.

The pilots will be firing five hellfire engagements and one radar hellfire engagement. They will then fire three 2.75 inch rocket engagements, and three chain gun engagements.

The targets consist of static pop-up targets and moving tank and personnel carriers.

Both pilots will fire during qualification. Each pilot fires two engagements individually, one with rockets and one with the guns, and two other engagements are performed cooperatively. The other eight engagements involve the co-pilot gunner does the primary targeting while the pilot simply positions the aircraft.

"Though both pilots have to qualify indi-

vidually, they have to work as a crew to get through the qualification," Woodard said. "We want to make sure everyone is individually and unit qualified before we go back to Iraq."

"During the live-fire we record a tape," Lynn said. "The master gunner then reviews each tape and grades the crews on procedures, times, and the number of target and target area impacts."

Each crew receives 100 points for each successful engagement for a possible total of 1200 points.

"The gunnery has adapted slightly since the division's first deployment to Iraq," Woodard said. "The training is now geared to how we fought over there, and it involves more moving and running instead of the static popping up and firing."

Each crew will be performing diving engagements, in which each crew will dive from around 1500 feet at an angle across the range to engage one 2 1/2 ton vehicle with

rockets and another with the chain gun.

"This training is very important," Lynn said. "We practice many times and qualify in the simulation, but by increasing the stress level during the live fire it prepares us for battle situations."

Before qualifying at the MPRC, pilots first had to complete the visual simulator, take the written Helicopter Gunnery Skills Test and take the enemy vehicle identification test.

"The simulator is a very well designed device," Woodard said. "Pilots maneuver with flight controls through a gunnery scenario very similar to this range multiple times so they are familiar with it."

"We don't let any crew leave the range without qualifying," Woodard said. "If a team receives a no go on a particular engagement they are given the opportunity to re-shoot it, but once crew makes a second qualifying run, they are taken out of the top gun running."



Spc. Robert Adams

A 1/3 Avn. Apache prepares to land at the MPRC Monday. After a dry run on Table Seven, flight crews perform a live-fire qualification on Table Eight.

Currently Lynn and Chief Warrant Officer 2 Michael Carman, C Co., 1/3 Avn., Apache pilot, are in the lead for top gun before engaging Table Eight.

Lynn says they are confident they will do well, but will they come out on top?



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Cutting to the core

A look at the roots of domestic violence, and what to do about it

Pfc. Jacqueline Watson

Staff Writer

There are several big decisions we make and milestones we reach along the way in life, several milestones. One of the biggest is the decision to marry.

People choose their spouses for lots of reasons. People choose when to get married for just as many. Some people marry their closest friend after years and years of familiarity and companionship. Others meet the man or woman of their dreams, and within a matter of months decide marriage is a perfect option.

Almost all of us have great dreams for the future when we take the step to become a family. None of us expect to be mistreated, ridiculed, isolated, or abused.

Unfortunately, things don't always work out the way we dream.

Domestic violence is when people in a relationship, even those who are not married, hurt each other emotionally, sexually, physically, or through neglect, said Johnny Cusimano, Family Advocacy Program manager at Fort Stewart.

Most people associate the words "domestic violence" with hitting, slapping, punching, pushing or throwing. But it can be (and most often begins as) hurtful words, threats, name-calling and manipulation, he said.

When two people enter a relationship without knowing each other very well, or have two very different personalities, they can potentially lay the foundation for domestic violence in the future, said Richard J. Wazeter, victim advocacy coordinator at Stewart. One of the best ways to prevent that situation from ever occurring is for the two individuals in the relationship to be best friends.

Best friends, he continued, know how to do one key thing that keep relationships healthy: communicate. The more communication, the better couples will understand each other; and the better the understanding, the better arguments can be resolved.

Arguments, of course, happen in every relationship, because differences inevitably arise, Cusimano said.

"It doesn't matter how much money you have. It doesn't matter how good the sex is. It doesn't matter how much you love each other, how much you love your kids, or even how devoted to your faith you are," he said. "If you don't know how to resolve an argument, problems begin there."

Typically when a conflict arises, one partner (usually the man) will avoid it, and the other (normally the woman) will follow to try to talk about it.

While the man wonders, "why do we have to talk about this?", the woman tends to want to work things out and help (or make) her partner understand, Cusimano explained.

Dealing with conflict is unfortunately not a subject that is taught in school, and nowadays, aren't taught at home, either. It is a behavior that is learned through experience, and in times of stress, those experiences, whether good or bad, are the ones people tend to pull on, he said.

People bring different values, those learned experiences, with them when they enter a relationship. If a man watched his father from a young age striking his mother or belittling her when he was upset, chances are he will draw from those experiences whether intentionally or not when he is in a similar situation, he said.

But what if a couple find themselves in a relationship in which communication isn't great, or with negative experiences as the only knowledge of dealing with conflict?

All is not lost, but something needs to be done immediately to ensure the relationship continues in a healthy way, Cusimano said.

He compared relationships with training Soldiers undergo. Soldiers, he said, are trained for combat with the hope they will never need to use that training.

Couples, in the same way, should from the beginning work to practice open communication skills, learn to relate to each other, and come up with their own set of values. Prevention programs can help couples get the right start.

"Marriage is an equal partnership," Wazeter said.



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and one thing only, and that is control. One partner wants power and control over the other, and will do anything to rationalize it, Cusimano said.

The attitude becomes, "it's all about me," Wazeter said. The partner who wants control, usually the man, displays narcissistic, "2-year-old" behavior.

"The support system for life is constructed somewhat like a milking stool," he explained. "The three legs that support you are your job, your friends, and your family."

Without them, the feeling of isolation creeps in, and the ground is laid for violent acts to occur.

The legs can be taken away one at a time, and little by little, he said. First, perhaps, a woman is pulled away from the support of her coworkers when her husband suggests she become a stay-at-home mom for the good of the children, the family and their relationship.

Then the husband could start to feel threatened by the wife's friends, and might tell her it might be better for the relationship if she spent less time with them.

And at last, with one leg left to stand on, the man who desires control may influence his wife to spend less time with her parents and family, maybe because the husband doesn't get along with the in-laws, or because he feels it takes time away from the two of them.

With the three legs of support eroded, isolation is complete. The woman finds herself alone, put into situations she cannot win, and manipulated.

If the beginning stages of domestic violence are not dealt with in time, then the cancer will continue to eat until it does become physical. At first, the physical violence may include things like punching holes in walls or cabinets, or throwing items of emotional value to the victim.

There are many reasons a victim of domestic violence might not speak up or act on the problem. If the abuser is a husband in the Army, he could tell his wife that if she makes a big deal of it, he could get in trouble and his military career could be put in jeopardy. Or, he could threaten to take the kids away if she tries to do something about it, Wazeter said.

According to a Web site, www.abanet.org, devoted to helping victims of domestic abuse "few people identify themselves as abusers or victims... Victims may be silent about the abuse because of embarrassment or shame, or for fear that their batterers will hurt them if they tell other people about the violence.

Abusers may minimize their actions or blame the victims for provoking the violence. Both victims and abusers may characterize their experiences as family quarrels that 'got out of control.'"

But something must be done to prevent serious injury or even death. Free treatment programs are available to victims and couples who are caught in the cycle of domestic violence.

"Guys only change when it's in their best interest," Wazeter said candidly. "Abusers have never been told what they're doing is wrong, and have no reason to believe they have to change."

The treatment programs exist to help couples develop a new philosophy on marriage and relationships. They strive to teach abusers why their actions are wrong, not just that they are, he said.

If a victim does not tell the abusive partner that he can't continue to do these things, though, in essence she sanctifies his actions, he warned.

If you are in a domestic abuse situation, do not wait until it gets worse. The core of domestic violence is a problem with communication. Domestic violence is treatable.

The Family Advocacy Prevention Programs at Fort Stewart have several options for those struggling with domestic abuse, from dealing with the first warning signs together as a couple, to getting help as a victim after physical violence has already taken place. For information or help, call (912) 767-5058.

Another option is to call Military One Source, a free, 24-hour service that provides assistance with anything from simple questions to complex issues. All calls to One Source are answered live. The phone number is (800) 655-4545. One Source is also available online at www.militaryonesource.com.

Domestic Violence Basic Warning Signs

From <http://www.abanet.org/domviol/mrdv/identify.htm>

Batterers frequently display extreme jealousy.

The following controlling actions may signal that domestic violence is occurring:

- Batterers often discourage their victims from seeking help. People who have difficulty making or keeping appointments may be trying to avoid letting their abusers know that they are seeking help.
- Batterers frequently insist on accompanying victims to appointments, even if they have no involvement in the case. During office visits or phone calls, a batterer may try to speak for the victim, in order to control the information the victim shares with you.
- Batterers harass, stalk, and keep tabs on their victims. If someone reports constant phone calls at work or home to keep track of their whereabouts, consider whether other warning signs of domestic violence are present.
- Batterers try to isolate their victims from emotional support systems or sources of help. Be sensitive to persons who report that their partners do not allow them to see relatives, friends, or neighbors. Also, be alert for persons who tell you that their partners are excessively jealous of persons they see outside of the home and make statements such as "if I can't have you, nobody can."
- Batterers also isolate their victims by sabotaging their ability to get and keep jobs. Clients who keep changing or losing jobs or "cannot" work because of their partner's disapproval or actions may be suffering from domestic violence.

Stewart supply center ...

"A to Z" supplies, convenience available at SSSC

Jennifer Wingfield

Managing Editor

Pressure washers, mattresses, air conditioners, desert steel-toe boots, 14.9 cubic feet refrigerators, under garments, megaphones, palm pilots, mirrors, primers, foot-lockers, targets, flare nut wrenches, toilet paper, scouring powder, and exterior paints.

Looks like a list for spring-cleaning, but these are merely a few items that the Fort Stewart Self Service Supply Center provides to bona-fide carriers of the international merchant purchase authorization card.

Jim Sandoval, manager, and his staff of eight contract employees who work for LC Industries, provide daily service to IMPAC shoppers.

The majority of the items in the store are available under the Javits-Wagner-O'Day act, which has items produced by the blind and the severely disabled.

Michael Hill, regional sales representative southeast manager, said that the original Wagner-O'Day act was enacted as a federal law in 1938 that assisted in the employment of blind Americans. In 1968, congressman Jacob Javits created another agency that included the disabled.

Anything in the SSSC with the JWOD or Skilcraft emblem has been made by them. Other items in stock may include items from the non-profit agencies National Industries for the Severely Handicapped or National Industries for the Blind.

Civilians and 3rd Infantry Division Soldiers make up 75 percent of the clientele base at SSSC. The other 25 percent is made up of Soldiers from other areas that are here for training or other military duty, Sandoval said.

The SSSC staff here may have as many as 1000 customers per month, said Sandoval. Each military IMPAC cardholder usually comes in with three or four unit personnel and shop for the whole section for about two week's worth of supplies necessary to run the unit. Popular items are small office products, sand bags, water and gas cans, weapon cleaning kits for the M-16 rifle and 9mm pistol, and the hydration systems, also referred to as camel backs, made by the Lighthouse of the Blind, Seattle, Wash. About 1500 of them were sold in the spring for a unit deploying.

IMPAC cardholders also have the convenience of service from the Internet, fax, or by phone. Once SSSC gets the order from the website of www.buylci.com, they pull and deliver the merchandise. A customer need only come in to pay for the merchandise. Ordering by fax is also becoming more pop-



Assistant Manager Jerome Smalls and Jim Sandoval, SSSC manager, help Staff Sgt. Jackie Rivas-Martinez, HHC, 1/3 Aviation battalion supply sergeant with her supply request.

ular according to Sandoval. Then there are the phone orders. "If a customer places an order by 2 p.m., we can have their item here by the next day. There is a possibility that orders placed after that time might still make the next day delivery, but it would more than likely be here the day after that", said Sandoval.

How about competition from other sources? "There is no competition when it comes to JWOD products," said Hill. "The law states that the federal customer has to buy a JWOD product before they buy a commercial product. They can break the law when they don't do that."

Cardholders shall satisfy requirements for supplies from or through the sources listed in descending order of priority: activity or installation inventories; Federal Prison Industries; NIB/NISH; mandatory federal supply schedules; wholesale supply sources, general services administration advantage; and other commercial sources.

Hill stated that the committee for purchases in Washington, sets prices in the SSSC. They are checked quarterly and are at fair market value. However if a customer has problem with pricing, he can contact the committee and ask for a prick check. "We have seen prices change based upon customer comments," said Hill.

The SSSC has a vehicle that makes deliveries every day, even to Hunter. The Hunter deliveries are not exclusive to one day a week either. Whenever it goes to Hunter, the truck is normally full for the customers there.

"A small SSSC is scheduled to open at

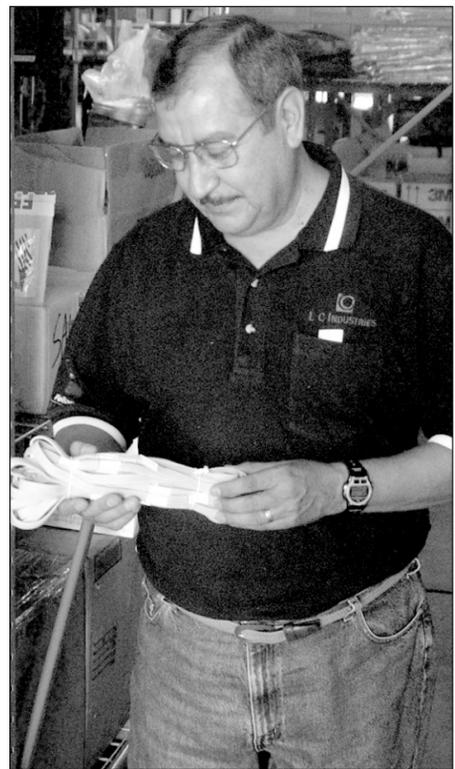
Hunter in late October and that will take care of our customers there that we don't see that often," said Sandoval. "That store will stock their own items, and re-stock from our inventory here."

Fiscal year end and deployments are the busiest times when everyone seems to want everything now, said Sandoval. "The supply sergeants are usually the last to find out what the unit wants, but we try to get as much as we can for him. He's trying to fill those lists at the last minute, but 90 percent of the time he can get his supplies here. Some rare special orders may have to come from another source," said Sandoval. Also, hours are usually extended during such periods. "During the month of September the store is open every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sometimes we may close as late as 10 p.m., or remain open 12 hours per day, including Saturdays and Sundays, during deployments," said Sandoval. "Hours are flexible based on the mission."

Sandoval, a 30-year Army veteran, is still dealing with Soldiers and enjoys it thoroughly. Though he professes that he can no longer wear his uniform, the dog chain still fits. "I am working with the same people, those civilians and Soldiers that are part of the Army system. I didn't have to learn a new language. I didn't miss a step."

Hill is also an Army veteran of 20 years who retired last year. "It's great to know that you are making a difference. I'm helping to make that happen."

"We listen to our customers," said Hill. "A customer came in and told us that they wanted us to sell Lysol. It was able to be



Photos by Pvt. Dan Balda

Sandoval, inspects a supply of items that is in stock at the store.

added to the procurement list and we now have it as a valued JWOD product on the shelf."

"You get good home customer service here," said Sandoval. Even when not shopping, people will come in. "They know that we keep 'bug juice' (also known as Gatorade) on hand for the really hot days," said Sandoval.

He recalled a time when a Soldier passed out from the heat while working around the store. "His unit bought him in here, gave him some 'bug juice' and rest from the heat, and then the Soldier was able to go right back to work," he said.

Keeping customers happy is a goal of the SSSC crew. If an item doesn't work, you ordered too many, or got the wrong color...no problem. Just bring the item back in for a reimbursement to your IMPAC card. Most of those items can be resold at a discount, if not returned.

Current hours are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Response time is up to two hours," said Sandoval. This can occur when units come out of the field and they need something really bad.

FORT STEWART SCHOOLS 2004-2005 CALENDAR (Diamond & Brittin Elementary)

August		
2-4	(Mon-Wed)	Teacher Workday/Staff Development (No Students)
5	(Thurs)	First Day of School for Students
September		
3	(Fri)	Teacher Workday/Staff Development (No Students)
6	(Mon)	LABOR DAY HOLIDAY
8	(Wed)	Mid-Progress Report (23 Days)
October		
8	(Fri)	End of 1st 9 Weeks (45 Days)
11	(Mon)	COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY
18-19	(Mon-Tues)	Parent Teacher Conferences Report Cards distributed at conferences
29	(Fri)	Teacher Workday/Staff Development (No Students)
November		
11	(Thurs)	VETERAN'S DAY HOLIDAY
22-26	(Mon-Fri)	THANKSGIVING BREAK
December		
1	(Wed)	Mid-Progress Report (28 Days)
17	(Fri)	STUDENT EARLY DISMISSAL (12:30 PM)
20-31	(Mon-Fri)	WINTER BREAK
January		
3	(Mon)	Teacher Workday/Staff Development (No Students)
4	(Tue)	Students Return to School
14	(Fri)	End of 2nd 9 Weeks (49 Days)
17	(Mon)	DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HOLIDAY
26	(Wed)	Report Cards sent home with students
February		
18	(Fri)	Teacher Workday/Staff Development (No Students)
21	(Mon)	PRESIDENTS DAY HOLIDAY
23	(Wed)	Mid-Progress Report (25 Days)
March		
18	(Fri)	End of 3rd 9 Weeks (42 Days)
24	(Thurs)	Report Cards sent home with students
28	(Mon-Fri)	SPRING BREAK
April		
4	(Mon)	Students Return to School
27	(Wed)	Mid-Progress Report (23 Days)
May		
26	(Thurs)	Last Day for Students -STUDENT EARLY DISMISSAL (12:30 PM) (Report Cards sent home with students, 42 Days)
27	(Fri)	Teacher Workday/Staff Development (No Students)

Inclement weather days for Professionals are Jan. 3, May 31, June 1, 2, 3 if required.

Safety and security in Savannah ...

What Hunter residents need to know, do

Staff Sgt. Craig Zentkovich

NCOIC, Hunter Public Affairs Office

The City of Savannah is famous for its old-fashioned hospitality and Southern charm.

A history that dates back 270 years, the city is home to more than 225,000 people, with a historic district that attracts thousands of visitors monthly.

Hunter Army Airfield, located in the heart of Southside Savannah, employs and houses more than 10,000 people, most of whom frequent the city.

As popular a destination as the City is, there are occasional acts of lawlessness and violent crime that should motivate everyone, visitors and residents alike, to stay alert to what is going on around them.

In the past six months, there have been a few incidents involving both members of the military and civilian communities, inside and outside the gates that, according to Lt. Col. Jeffrey J. Goble, Hunter garrison commander, "are no cause for concern."

Due in part to the transition from a military police force to a Department of Defense police force, "there is a general sense that (Hunter) residents feel less secure on post when in fact they should feel more secure.

"(Hunter) now has a permanent police force that does not rotate in cycles, deploy or (change their duty station)," and Goble wants to ensure everyone at Hunter, "the changes are done."

While violent crimes rarely occur on Hunter, Savannah has always had sporadic bouts with them.

"The (violent crime) rate in Savannah is not where local leaders want it," Goble said. "But the issue is being attacked by the city and county."

For residents concerned, a map plotting all reported crimes in Savannah for the prior week could be found in each Monday edition of the Savannah Morning News.

According to Goble and Chief Kevin E. Charles, Hunter chief of police, there are precautions everyone can take to ensure their trip is safe and enjoyable.

River Street

If heading to the historic district or River Street, take the most direct route.

"Take the highway the whole way," Goble said. "Take I-516 to I-16 right to River Street.

Any of the major north/south roads leading to downtown (from Hunter) goes through a major crime-ridden area of the city."

He added that at night it would be especially important to avoid the indirect routes.

To the mall

Malls, historically, have a greater number of nonviolent crimes (i.e. vehicle theft, larceny from vehicles). After the sun sets, the numbers rise dramatically.

"Bottom line, as with any trip you take, you need to secure your vehicle and belongings," Charles said. "Lock your doors, never leave valuables in sight and always park in lighted areas."

There were 66 reports of theft from vehicles in the City last week.

City Market

"Family members should, if at all possible,

avoid City Market at night," Charles said. "With such a large number of drinking establishments, there is an increase in alcohol-related incidents."

Last week, Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police made arrested 11 people for driving under the influence.

On the home front

Hunter residents, though living in a secure, gated community, should always be aware of what's going on in their neighborhood, according to Charles.

"Crime on post, though rare and minor, still occurs," he said. "It's important that all residents act as eyes and ears for the community. If there's suspicious activity in your neighborhood, report it immediately."

Goble, who has been in command at Hunter for more than a year, believes the installation is safer than it's ever been.

"With the (DOD police force), there's a consistency that Hunter has never seen," he said. "The same officers are patrolling the same neighborhoods and manning the same gates day in and day out.

"(Residents) safety should be more of a concern than security — that's harder to combat."

The security of Hunter has been, for some time now, impeccable. The safety of individuals is based, in part, by the precautions one takes.

Soldiers and civilians should take a couple extra minutes to get where they're going and think about what they're doing, and ultimately avoid becoming a victim, he said.

Hunter and Savannah have too much to offer.

The Walkin' Man's Friend

3ID IN BRIEF

Stewart

Combined Federal Campaign
The CFC is scheduled Sept. to Oct.
A point of contact for units/directorates should be forwarded to Miguel.cruz@stewart.army.mil

Indebtedness claim
Anyone having claims against or who is indebted to the este of Spc. Mathew R. Hance, HHC, 3/7 Inf., Fort Stewart, Ga., contact 1st Lt. Jeffrey Harmon at 767-7703.

Recycle your computer
Recycle your computer, television and other technology hardware for free
Office Depot Stores will accept televisions, computers, peripherals, and other electronic equipment for recycling during regular store hours July 18 through Sept. 6 at all stores in the continental U.S. There is no charge for the program.
There is a limit of one computer system (pc, monitor,

keyboard, mouse) or one product (such as PDA or cell phone) per customer per day.
For program details go to www.officedepot.com/recycle.
Town Hall meeting
The Town Hall meeting will be held at Club Stewart today at 6:30 p.m.
Fall sign up
Officers' Spouse Club cordially invites you a fun filled evening of information, great food, and fellowship with "Kickin Back in the Sand", Aug. 31, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., at Club Stewart.
Booths are available for a fee of \$30 for private vendors and non-profit vendors are FREE. If private vendors are willing to donate an opportunity prize there is a \$5 deduction.
For table reservations or more information contact Kelley McCulley at 368-1653/659-0252 or Rachel Curry at 448-2140.

Hunter

School health screenings
School Health Screenings will be held Saturday at Tuttle Health Clinic on Hunter from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. For more information, contact Michael Sutton at 352-5454.
Kids appreciation day
Kids Appreciation Day at Hunter Chapel on Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come and enjoy yourself. There will be games and food. For information contact the Chapel at 352-5111/5515.
Sand Gnats
The Savannah Sand Gnats' Hunter Army Airfield Night is scheduled for Saturday 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 three sodas or three beers (age 21 and up).
Veterinary facility
The Hunter Veterinary Treatment Facility is open Fridays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The

facility is located at building 1030 on North Perimeter Road. Call 767-4194 for appointments or more information.
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. All proceeds go 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.
Road Closing
Cook Blvd. between Billy Mitchell Blvd. and Stephen Douglas Street will be permanently closed beginning Monday. This is necessary to facilitate the construction of new ranger barracks complex. Alternate routes are available. Road closure signs will be posted.

Winn /Tuttle

Winn/Tuttle School Health Screening
School Health Screenings will be available by appointment Aug. 7 at Tuttle Army Health Clinic and Aug. 21 at Winn Army Community Hospital. Call 1-800-652-9221 or 370-6633 to schedule an appointment. **Eye and Ear screenings** are available by appointment by calling 370-6633. **Dental screenings** are available on a walk-in basis 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Immunization Clinic. **Immunization screenings** are available on a walk-in basis 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Immunization Clinic.
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.
TRICARE Moved
The Fort Stewart TRICARE Service Center moved. It will be 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.
Third Party Insurance
Effective July 1, individual's social security numbers will no longer be displayed on health insurance cards in accordance with Georgia Senate Bill 721. Individuals with private health insurance should contact the Third Party Insurance Office at Winn upon receipt of their unique member identification numbers (policy numbers.) Call the Third Party Insurance Office at 370-6037/6947 for more information.
Tuttle School Health Screening
School Health Screenings will be available by appointment Aug. 7 at Tuttle Army Health Clinic and Aug. 21 at Winn. Call 1-800-652-9221 or 370-6633 to schedule an appointment. However, all screening services at Winn are available on an individual basis

Marne TV

August 2004 Schedule

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

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

1 p.m.	Air Force News
4:30 p.m.	Navy News
5 p.m.	MARNE REPORT
6 p.m.	Army Newswatch
6:30 p.m.	Air Force News
7 p.m.	Navy News
10 p.m.	MARNE REPORT
11 p.m.	Army Newswatch
Midnight	MARNE REPORT

POLICE REPORTS



- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 21-year-old male, 4th Bde.
- **Charges:** Wrongful possession of marijuana, wrongful use of marijuana
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Private, 19-year-old male, 1st Bde.
- **Charge:** Underage drinking
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Private, 19-year-old male, 2nd Bde.
- **Charges:** Giving false information to law enforcement officer, possession of alcohol by a minor
- **Location:** Savannah
- **Subject:** Sergeant, 24-year-old male, DIV SPT Bde.
- **Charge:** Communicating a threat
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Private 2, 29-year-old male, 1st Bde.
- **Charges:** False reporting of a crime, conspiracy, false swearing
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Specialist, 23-year-old

- male, 1st Bde.
- **Charges:** Assault with intent to murder, aggravated assault, communicating a threat, wrongful possession of marijuana, discharge a firearm, carrying a concealed weapon, public drunkenness
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 19-year-old male, 2nd Bde.
- **Charge:** Disorderly conduct
- **Location:** Savannah
- **Subject:** Specialist, 20-year-old male, 4th Bde.
- **Charge:** Wrongful making, altering or tampering with a military identification card
- **Location:** Hunter
- **Subject:** Private, 21-year-old male, 2nd Bde.
- **Charges:** Disorderly conduct, damage to government property
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Specialist, 22-year-old male, DIV SPT Bde.
- **Charge:** Aggravated assault
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 25-year-old male, DIV SPT Bde.
- **Charges:** Simple battery, cruelty to children, obstruction of justice
- **Location:** Hinesville
- **Subject:** GS-11 Civilian, 44-year-old male
- **Charges:** Fraudulent use of government credit card, conflict of interest, major fraud, theft of government funds
- **Location:** Hunter
- **Subject:** Specialist, 20-year-old

- female, Sustainment UA
- **Charges:** Criminal trespassing, stalking
- **Location:** Hinesville
- **Subject:** Specialist, 21-year-old male, 4th Bde.
- **Charges:** Fleeing the scene of a traffic accident, expired tags, improper backing
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 20-year-old female, 1st Bde.
- **Charges:** Drunk and disorderly, drinking underage
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Civilian, 25-year-old male
- **Charges:** Improper left turn, assault consummated by battery
- **Location:** Hunter
- **Subject:** Civilian, 39-year-old female
- **Charge:** Theft by shoplifting
- **Location:** Hunter
- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 23-year-old male, DIV SPT Bde.
- **Charges:** Failure to stop at post-

- ed stop sign, driving while license suspended, failure to obey order or regulation
- **Location:** Hunter
- **Subject:** Specialist, 22-year-old male, 4th Bde.
- **Charges:** Wrongful use of cocaine, wrongful use of marijuana
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Sergeant, 42-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charge:** Wrongful use of cocaine
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Specialist, 20-year-old male, 2nd Bde.
- **Charge:** Wrongful use of cocaine
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Specialist, 24-year-old male, 4th Bde.
- **Charge:** Wrongful use of marijuana
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Private, 19-year-old male, 4th Bde.
- **Charge:** Wrongful use of cocaine
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

New TRICARE contract in effect at Winn

Laurie Kemp
Winn Public Affairs Officer

A new Tri-service medical care contract went into effect Monday at Winn Army Community Hospital and Tuttle Army Health Clinic, but odds are good beneficiaries won't notice the change.

"While a new TRICARE contract is here, beneficiaries don't need to worry," said Col. Joe Barthel, hospital commander. "The TRICARE benefits will be the same as will the quality health care services we provide."

The old TRICARE Health Plan had seven health services contractors and supports contracts that provided health care services to more than eight million beneficiaries worldwide. Those contracts reached the end of their planned existence leading to the transition to the new contract.

"I am very pleased with this next generation of TRICARE contracts," said Lt. Gen. James B. Peake, Army surgeon general and U.S. Army Medical Command commander. "They will take us to the next step in focusing on our patients, claims efficiency, ease of portability and enhancing our military medical facilities. Most changes will not be apparent, except for more effective and efficient delivery of services."

Under the new contract, services at Winn will remain the same. However, the new contract will allow Winn staff to provide more efficient access to health care through Composite Health Care System II and online appointing services.

Through the implementation of the

CHCS II, medical records are evolving from paper to a secure electronic format. CHCS II will generate and maintain a comprehensive, life-long, computer-based medical record for every beneficiary in the Military Health System. It will allow information, ranging from a patient's history to lab results, to be stored in a database that will allow health care providers to pull any information on a patient from anywhere in the world.

In addition to CHCS II, beneficiaries have an alternate way to schedule appointments - online.

Beneficiaries can book routine and wellness appointments online with their Primary Care Manager. Online appointments are available through TRICARE Online at www.tricareonline.com.

"The new contract will help make a strong system better," Barthel said.

For additional information, call or visit the Fort Stewart or Hunter Army Airfield Health Benefits Office at 370-6633/1-800-652-9221, the TRICARE Service Center at 1-800-444-5445 or visit www.tricare.osd.mil.

The Contractors and Regions

The new contract, in an effort to maximize customer service and portability, has consolidated 11 regions and seven contractors to three regions and three contractors. Winn is now part of the South region, headquartered in San Antonio, Texas.

Humana Military Healthcare Services, Winn's old TRICARE contractor, was awarded the DoD contract to administer TRICARE to the South region. Humana

will provide TRICARE services for approximately 2.76 million beneficiaries in Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, South Carolina, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Arkansas and eastern Texas.

West region

The West region contract was awarded to TriWest Healthcare Alliance Corp. TriWest will provide services for beneficiaries in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Iowa, Idaho, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, western Texas, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

North region

The North region contract was awarded to Health Net Federal Services. Health Net Federal Services will provide services for beneficiaries in Connecticut, the District of Columbia, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Maryland, Maine, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

TRICARE Benefits and Costs

TRICARE benefits, costs, claims enrollment and health care plans will remain the same. For more information, call the Health Benefits Office at 370-6633 or 1-800-652-9221.

What do I need to do to Transition?

Beneficiaries do not need to do anything in preparation for the new contract. TRICARE enrollment will automatically transition.

Enhanced Services

Retail Pharmacy

Under the new contract, beneficiaries will have greater access to pharmacies when traveling outside of the region, consistent access to medication for continuity of benefits and improved quality as pharmacists will have complete access to prescription data.

Retiree Dental Plan - Delta Dental

The Delta Dental plan will include accident coverage, additional diagnostic and preventive services and monthly premiums may be deducted automatically from the retired uniformed services pay system. Call Delta Dental at 1-888-838-8737.

TRICARE Online

TOL allows you to book routine and wellness appointments at Winn and Tuttle. TOL also serves as a general health information site for military beneficiaries only, offering services such as RxChecker and educational games for children.

TOL can be accessed at www.tricare-online.com. However, TOL use is contingent upon correct enrollment in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System. To update DEERS information, call 1-800-538-9552 or visit www.tricare.osd.mil/deers/default.cfm.

TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy

This pharmacy offers beneficiaries up to a 90-day supply of medication for a copay of \$3 for generic and \$9 for name brand drugs through the mail.

Prescriptions may be ordered online at www.express-scripts.com, by phone at 1-866-363-8667 or by fax at 1-877-895-1900.

ASK THE JUDGE

Legal Personnel Within The Army

Capt. Jacob Lilly
Special to The Frontline

Q: The election is coming up and I am not anywhere near my state of residency. What do I do and how long do I have to do it in?

A: For those that are not registered to vote at all, you should request your ballot at least 60 days before the election. The general election for President this year will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 2. You can request your ballot by contacting your local election supervisor. Depending on your State, this individual may be the County Clerk, County Auditor, County Registrar or Supervisor of Elections, or the Board of Elections. While elections are for local, state, and national positions, the elections themselves are run by the states and thus everything must be done through local officials.

For those that are already registered to vote, you should request your ballot a minimum of 45 days before the election. If you are

unsure of whether you are still registered to vote, you need to check with your local state government. Remember, your voter registration can be cancelled without your knowledge for such things as not voting over a period of time, changing name or residency, and a change in political parties (primary elections only). It is always important to check your registration.

After you request your ballot, you need to follow the guidelines outlined in it. Each state has different rules and regulations governing the content and procedural requirements of absentee balloting. A list of some of these requirements can be found at <http://www.fec.gov/pages/faqabsentee.htm> but the most up-to-date information is always held by your local election supervisor. State

and local election rules can usually be accessed via the internet and will include sections explaining whether you need your ballot notarized, how long you have to return your ballot, whether or not your ballot needs to be mailed overseas, and how to update your information on file for future elections.

Additionally, the U.S. Army and the State department provide assistance in absentee balloting in the United States and overseas through the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP). The uniformed services maintain hundreds of voting assistance officers (VAOs) who sponsor educational programs on voting and voter registration drives, and can answer questions on the balloting process.

The army VOA information page is <http://www.perscomonline.army.mil/tagd/pssd/psb/voting/votingindex.htm>.

If you have any questions, please contact your legal assistance office at 767 8809.

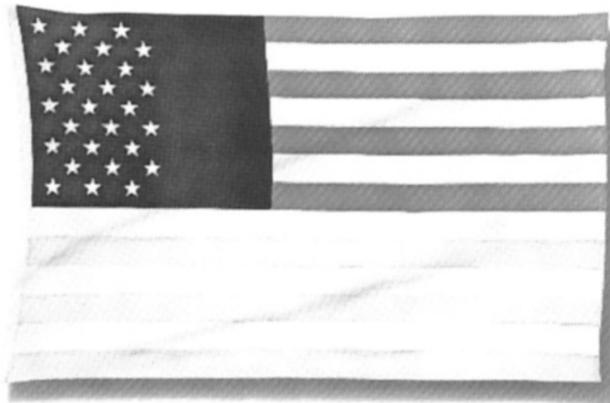
This might hurt a little ...



Laurie Kemp

Seven-year-old Tristan Morgan holds onto his mom, Jennifer, while getting a shot Saturday during the School Health Screening at Winn Army Community Hospital.

SINCE ONLY 50% OF AMERICANS VOTE, WILL THIS BE THE KIND OF FLAG WE WAVE?





Iraqi Cultural Tips



- **DON'T DO THIS**

Don't ask for a single opinion on an issue, as Iraqis often first reply with the answer they think you want to hear, rather than an honest response.



Iraqi Cultural Tips



- **DO THIS**
IN IRAQI HOMES:

Try all food offered to you, even if in small portion. Feel free to ask about the cuisine or its preparations.