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Always ready

Stewart, Hunter win Deployment Excellence Award

Spc. Mason T. Lowery
Associate Editor

The Department of the Army recognized that Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield can deploy and deliver soldiers anytime, anywhere in the world faster than any other power projection platform in the Army Friday.

Headquarters, Department of the Army, announced Stewart and Hunter as the winner of the 2002 Army Chief of Staff Deployment Excellence Award.

Stewart and Hunter beat the nine other Major Army Commands and was then judged alongside Fort Sill, Okla., of the Army Training and Doctrine Command, to win at the DA level.

According to Lt. Col. Osvaldo Ortiz,

Headquarters Command, executive officer, Stewart and Hunter have a unique deployment strategy that contributed to the win. "We won because of the way we are set up. We are the only installation in the Army with separate deployment control headquarters,"

Ortiz said the award resulted from the total-team effort of all the Stewart and Hunter units, soldiers, directorates, Family Readiness Groups, civilians and contractors.

To compete for the award, installation officials highlighted 2nd Brigade's deployment to the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, Calif., in April. It was chosen because troops and equipment were shipped 2,300 miles by air, wheel, rail and sea.

Ten representatives from each MACOM

judged Stewart and Hunter, and Sill on four categories: meeting deployment standards, meeting deployment timeliness, deployment complexity, and progress toward deployment improvement and excellence.

Col. Gerald J. Poltorak, garrison commander, said he had heard that Stewart and Hunter was a world-class power projection platform, but wanted an outside opinion. Winning this award proves it for him, "This award is a result of the great installation and garrison teamwork here... (Congratulations) to all who make deployment a way of life. Wow, what a team!"

Poltorak will fly to Washington Aug. 28 to represent Stewart and Hunter at the awards ceremony where Chief of Staff of the Army Eric K. Shinseki will present the award.

Study shows significance of local military

Staff Sgt. Ranston V. Harvey
Hunter Public Affairs Office

Imagine an area losing more than 43,000 jobs, \$1.3 billion in expenditures, resulting in a reduction of total regional employment by 54,590 and the gross regional product dropping by \$3.1 billion.

The mere thought of this happening through Base Realignments and Closures was enough to influence the Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce to establish a Military Support Initiative Committee, as well as have an in-depth study conducted on the economic impact of military bases in the coastal empire.

According to Bill Cathcart, vice-chairman of the MSI Committee, the initiative was designed to help pull community and business leaders together along with base and unit

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Getting back on the road ...

Pfc. Adam Nuelken

Sgt. Timothy Wheeler, gunner for B 13, and Staff Sgt. Derrick Slaughter, tank commander of B 12, repair a track on an M1A1 Abrams. The track was damaged during maneuvers, but after an hour's worth of repairs, it was ready to go. For story and photos, see Page 10A, 11A.

Fire destroys M1A1 Abrams

Staff Report

A 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) M1A1 Abrams tank was completely destroyed by fire here Sunday morning during a training exercise.

No one was injured, but the tank, fire simulation devices, and blank small ammunition devices were destroyed.

Soldiers attempted to extinguish the flames while waiting for responses from the fire department, military police, safety, and

explosive ordnance.

The soldiers are part of the 1st Brigade Combat Team participating in Marne Focus, a training exercise that precedes a unit's deployment to the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif.

Replacement cost for an M1A1 Abrams tank is approximately \$2.4 million. The cause of the fire is being investigated by the U. S. Army Safety Center, Fort Rucker, Ala.



Courtesy photo

A fire truck arrives at the scene of a burning M1A1 Abrams to try to extinguish the flames. The tank was destroyed by fire Sunday morning during Marne Focus training exercises.

31D soldier killed, 4 injured in crash

Staff Report

A 20-year-old 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) soldier was killed Monday night when the M113 armored personnel carrier he was driving overturned during Marne Focus training exercises.

Dead is U.S. Army Spc. Francisco Martinez Beltran Jr., assigned to Company C, 11th Engineer Battalion as a combat engineer. Beltran entered the military from El Cajon, Calif., in 2000. He is survived by his wife and two young children.

Four other soldiers were injured. Two were treated at Winn Army Community Hospital: 2nd Lt. Ryan Wampler, Company C, 11th Eng. Bn., and Spc. Brad A. Gaskin, Company B, 11th Eng. Bn.

Two were treated at a field medical site: Sgt. James J. Lovewel, Company C, 11th Eng. Bn., and Pvt. Bryan A. Pierce, Company C, 11th Eng. Bn.

All four soldiers have returned to duty. Night vision devices were in use at the time of the accident.

Col. John Peabody, commander, Eng. Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) said, "We all have really heavy hearts over this whole thing."

It's really hard when you lose one of your own. He was always a cheerful kid and a hard worker. He had a great reputation as a family man. He just absolutely loved his kids."

The 11th Engineers are a part of the 1st Brigade Combat Team and were participating in Marne Focus, a 3rd Infantry Division controlled training exercise that precedes a Brigade deployment to the Army's National Training Center, Fort Irwin, Calif.

Beltran's unit was acting as a member of the opposing force during training and were in the process of placing defense obstacles to impede movement of an attacking unit in the northwest area of the installation. Placing and removing obstacles is a normal engineer duty in training and in warfare.

A memorial service was held by the 11th Engineers in the training area. A formal memorial service is being planned when the exercise is complete and will be held at a post chapel at a time and date to be determined.

The accident is under investigation by the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command, Fort Stewart Military Police and the U.S. Army Safety Center, Fort Rucker, Ala.

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Falcon Focus



Avn Bde descends on Fort Gordon



Photos by Spc. Mason T. Lowery

Black Hawk Pilot In Command Chief Warrant Officer 2 David J. Ritchie, B Co., 2nd Bn., 3rd Avn. Reg., goes through pre-flight preparation for a long range deep attack exercise at Fort Gordon, Ga., Friday during the Aviation Brigade's Falcon Focus training Aug. 5 through 11.

Spc. Mason T. Lowery
Associate Editor

Pilots, crew chiefs and support soldiers descended on Fort Gordon, Ga., with Black Hawks, Apaches, M-16s and MREs Aug. 5 through 11.

They were there training for Falcon Focus — the train up for their October deployment to the National Training Center in Fort Irwin, Calif., to aerially support 1st Brigade in the 03-02 Rotation.

“Our purpose out here is to conduct long range deep attack operations,” said Maj. Jack O. Parkhurst, Avn. Bde. executive officer.

According to Maj. Scott Brown, Avn. Bde. S-3, “The deep attack starts with the identification of a high-payoff target that the division needs destroyed to influence the ground fight. That mission is then translated down through the deep operations cell, where DIVARTY and the G-2 work out the target details.

“Once we respond to the target details, the brigade issues both warning orders and fragmentary orders to the attack battalion or battalions if it’s a mass-destruction attack, to prepare their planning cycle,” Brown said.

“We incorporate combat multipliers in the process — the Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps,” he added.

The Avn. Bde. judges it’s mission a success if it destroyed or reduced a threat to the division before it entered close battle for the division ground forces, according to Brown.

The brigade did the training at Fort Gordon because of its distance from Fort Stewart. The pilots and soldiers took off from Gordon, executed actions and battle positions at the Air Force bombing range in Townsen, Ga., and refueled at Stewart.

The flights they flew are simulated flights from the last Warfighter exercise. They used Warfighter data for the training scenario to save the time it would take to develop a new scenario and focus more on flight training, Brown explained.

According to C Co., 1st Battalion, 3rd Aviation

Regiment Commander Capt. Mark Piccone, Apache pilot, “This is an excellent training opportunity. We don’t get to fly long-range missions like we’re doing here. Coming here and operating in desert conditions adds to sand-type landings for us and gives us long distance capability to go down and strike targets.

“We’re prepared — from the pilot down to the crew chiefs, to the maintainers and ground guys, we’re ready to go. This training gives us the opportunity to communicate across distances we’re not used to,” Piccone said.

“It will definitely help us if something comes up. It’s an excellent feeling, seeing it come together like this, working out some minor problems and knowing we’re combat capable,” he added.

Local Augusta, Ga., media had the chance to witness the training. According to Mike Petchenik, WAGT 26 Augusta, an NBC affiliate, “It’s an interesting opportunity for us to come out and actually see what these helicopter crews are doing, especially in the climate we’re living in — the War on Terrorism. This really builds relationships — sometimes we don’t know what is going on with the military — we only hear it from people in Washington. To actually see what’s going on gives me a better understanding. It makes me feel like we really are preparing our soldiers for combat.”

Falcon Focus increased soldier confidence in their systems, planning and individual proficiency, according to Brown, to prepare them for NTC and real-world missions.

At NTC, the Avn. Bde. will support 1st Bde. by “... providing air support in the close fight, cold insertion, casualty evacuation, command and control, aerial resupply and aerial transportation — all those functions the task force has by maintaining a general support aspect and an attack aspect focused together in one task force package,” he said.

On Sunday they redeployed to Fort Stewart to train with the Raider Brigade in Marne Focus.



Sgt. Tracey George, Headquarters, Headquarters Command, 603rd Aviation Support Battalion, teaches Pfc. Latasha Hutson, 603rd, proper refueling techniques.



After the crew chief goes through the pre-flight safety checks, making sure there are no deficiencies, the pilot, with cyclic stick in hand, begins take-off procedures.

MPs host second Multinational K-9 Conference

Dog handlers showcase talent, put K-9s to test against area best

Spc. Vincent Oliver

Assistant Editor, 305th PAD

EAGLE BASE, Bosnia and Herzegovina — The 549th Military Police Company hosted the second Multinational K-9 Conference held at the Bratunac dog-training compound July 27.

"I'm really excited about this," said Capt. Edwin Escobar, 549th MP Co. commander. "This is a great opportunity for all these K-9 handlers to demonstrate their capabilities and to develop friendships."

Professional dog handlers from the 549th MP Co., Tuzla police department, Republic of Srpska police department, Germany and Italy participated in the day's events.

Handlers showcased tech-

niques in basic obedience commands, drug and ordinance detection and suspect takedown and control procedures.

Police officers from the Republic of Srpska were the first to display their K-9s' talents. Lining up in a single rank, 12-deep, handlers and K-9s impressed the crowd of nearly 100 spectators with the strict discipline the dogs displayed. The handlers ordered them to sit and stay and walked as far away as 50 meters while the dogs barely moved.

Soldiers from the 549th MP Co. continued to impress the crowd by demonstrating various techniques in suspect takedown and control. K-9 Dokie leapt through a window nearly five and a half feet in height with seemingly little effort to restrain a sus-

pect who refused to exit his vehicle.

"It's always an honor to come out here and exchange techniques and ideas and to see how other dogs work," said Sgt. Erik Holmes, 549th MP Co., K-9 handler. "Our whole purpose is to not only bringing our dogs, but all the other dogs out here to their full potential."

Italian dog handlers then demonstrated the proper way for a K-9 to subdue and control an armed suspect.

Dog handlers from the Tuzla police department demonstrated their dog's ability to enter through an open house window, pursue and subdue a fleeing suspect.

"It's very important for us to see how the other nations work and to share their knowledge and expertise," said Emin Jusopovic, deputy commander and head K-9 trainer for the Tuzla police department. "What's most important for us, is widening the cooperation between us and the RS police."

The day ended with a barbecue where the international K-9 handling teams got the chance to sit and talk with each other, after which a "mini-World Cup" soccer tournament was held.

In the end it was the police officers from the RS who claimed the top honors as the multinational K-9 conference World Cup soccer conference champions.



Photos by Spc. Vincent Oliver

(Above) 1st Sgt. Gino Carreras, 324th PSYOP Co. first sergeant, helps Sgt. Erik Holmes, 549th Military Police Company K-9 handler, demonstrate suspect takedown and control techniques.

(Left) Officers from the Tuzla police department demonstrate suspect apprehension techniques during the second Multinational K-9 Conference in Bratunac.



VOICES AND VIEWPOINTS

Much done since Sept. 11

Sgt. Don Dees
1st Bn., 3rd Special Forces Group

In every generation there is a decisive moment, an instant in time, against which all other events are measured.

Your parents can tell you exactly where they were when President John F. Kennedy was assassinated. Your grandparents likely can describe in detail what they felt upon learning of victory in Europe and the final days of World War II.

For those of us who wear the uniforms of the Armed Forces of the United States, our decisive moment is Sept. 11, 2001.

As the one-year anniversary of our decisive moment approaches, we can look back at a number of accomplishments.

The wounds of Sept. 11 are healing. Workers toil valiantly to repair the site where American Airlines Flight 77 was flown into the Pentagon, claiming the lives of scores of innocents. By the anniversary, Pentagon workers will occupy renovated offices at the site of impact.

In the country where these

terrorists plotted to take the lives of American citizens, al Qaeda and the Taliban are reduced to scattered pockets of evil. The Afghan people are free from warped religious tyranny. A National Army is forming at the Kabul Military Training Center to provide stability and security to the developing Afghan government.

However, much remains to be done.

Some in the international community decry America's continuing presence in Afghanistan, claiming our job is finished and we should go.

Leaving Afghanistan now would be akin to inviting al Qaeda, the Taliban or similar organizations to take over. American soldiers are providing security to Afghan President Hamid Karzai in the face of what Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld called, "credible threats." The International Security and Assistance Forces are on the job protecting Afghanistan's seat of government in Kabul. We must not abandon the Afghan people until they can provide for their own security.

There are those who

accuse the United States of human rights violations in Afghanistan, and claim that our continued presence will result in further loss of life.

A report in the July 29 London Times quoted preliminary findings by a United Nations investigating team claiming the U.S. attacked innocent civilians on July 1 and then tried to cover up the mistake.

U.S. forces are investigating the so-called wedding party incident at Kakarak and remain committed to preventing civilian casualties. Our forces are highly trained and disciplined. They will react swiftly and with extreme lethality against enemy threats, but will never intentionally attack unarmed people.

Some claim that al Qaeda and the Taliban are finished. But reports continue to pour in of former fighters returning to Afghanistan to take up arms against the foreign presence. Reports surfaced July 30 that a man with more than a thousand pounds of explosives hidden in his car was headed for a target in Kabul.

One account said the man was in a traffic accident and authorities discovered him

before the plot could be carried out. This would-be bomber illustrates that our work is not finished.

Our commander in chief addressed a grieving nation just nine days after the terrorist attacks that set the War on Terrorism into motion. President George W. Bush called on each and every citizen to uphold American values and the American way of life. He called on our Armed Forces to wage war on violence against our people.

He inspired us to action saying, "we will not tire, we will not falter, and we will not fail."

We must remain strong. We must remain steady. We must be committed.

There will, no doubt, be other fronts in the war on terrorism. Our forces will fight to deny safe havens for evil. We will win those fights in due time.

In doing so, we must not forget what President Bush said to the soldiers of the 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum, N.Y., July 19, "This is a decisive moment in the history of freedom. As your commander in chief, I leave you this message: Be proud, be strong and be ready."

Marne Voice

THE FRONTLINE

Readers respond to the question:

How do you utilize the Fort Stewart education centers?

"Instead of driving all the way to Savannah, I come here to take classes."

Kerisa Kittrell
Family member



"To enhance my career within the military and prepare for the civilian world."

Sgt. 1st Class Curtis Ashley, HHC 123rd Sig. Bn.



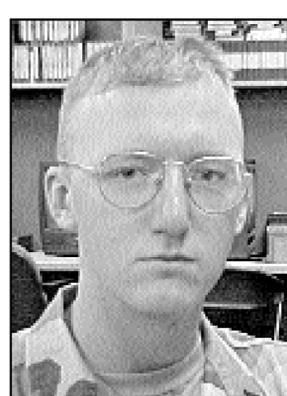
"I use them to ask questions, especially about financial resources, which I think there needs to be more of."

Tisch Barnes
Family member



"I use the computers to fill out monthly counseling statements."

Sgt. Timothy R. Craft, 396 Trans. Co.



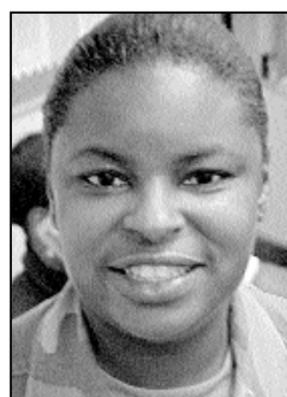
"I'm working on a two-year internship to become an education counselor. They provide valuable guidance and resources to (the Army community)."

Olivia Penrod
Family member



"Tuition assistance, financial aid and guidance to help me complete my degree."

Spc. Viva R. Smith, 3rd MP Co.



The case of the missing candy bars

(Ret.)Sgt. Maj. Gary G. Beylickjian

Heavy Machinegun Platoon, H-Co., 7th Inf. Regt., 3rd Inf. Div., 1951 through 1953

The Army never tolerated theft among its rank and file. Men could leave valuables around and feel confident no one would touch or take them.

Trust and confidence were - among other values - drilled into soldiers of my era. Even on the front lines of Korea, the very subject of theft, taking of other soldier's possessions, was unthinkable and rarely discussed.

Unfortunately, not all soldiers in Korea got the word or remembered warnings about taking from others without their approval. Rumors that fallen soldiers, those Killed In Action, being stripped of personal belongings surfaced. Some men on the line swore they'd shoot anyone seen "robbing" the dead. We also heard of men having been severely disciplined or even confined for such acts. Fortunately, not a single member of my platoon, the Heavy Machinegun Platoon, was involved in theft.

So, when a soldier came to me with complaints that candy he had kept in his bunker was missing, I was surprised and, need I say, angered. I had to take action, and would ensure the culprit or culprits would answer for such acts.

At first blush, you'd be justified by laughing at such complaints. But, this was not petty. Sweets were a valued commodity to soldiers on the front. In many cases, candy subsidized C-rations which we all depended on for nutrition.

The Army did its best to feed soldiers hot meals along the line. But terrain, location and weather conditions, especially during the winter months, were obstacles in getting hot meals to frontline troops.

Also, when hot meals were available, they were served at the foot of mountains. Merely climbing down then back up discouraged many from eating hot chow. Further, the men on line had to eat in shifts. Obviously, they could not leave their positions to trek down to where food was served. Feeding and getting fed was a chore for both the cooks and the soldiers on the front.

Although we insisted everyone eat warm meals, many men passed and preferred canned rations supplemented with sweets, usually a candy bar or

two.

Among the most popular sweets were Hershey bars, Butterfingers and Chuckle jelly bars all of which were most often available at chow lines.

Also, when soldiers received packages of foodstuffs from home - which we called C.A.R.E. packages - they usually shared the contents with other members of the squad. Those wrapped were held over for other days and stuffed between sandbags.

We kept most of our wrapped food tucked between sandbags; the bags kept eatables cool in summer and cold in winter. In my bunker, which was also a machinegun bunker, dozens of bars, jars of jams and canned food could be seen stashed between the bags. But, we did not place food by the aperture for fear muzzle blasts when firing would damage the food.

The soldier showed me his bunker, shared with three members of his squad. Each swore they had not taken the chocolate bars; each also expressed

"It seems several bars had been taken the night before and a few the other nights. And, why only chocolate?"

anger that someone would steal from a fellow soldier. Something had to be done, they said. Strange that other gun positions had not complained about stolen food.

The squad leader and I concluded the thief had to have crawled along the right side of the position and, with one arm stretched into the aperture, pulled the bars located at the forward end of the bunker by the aperture. The culprit had to have known where the candy was stashed. But who? And, this took place at night.

The machinegun bunker was always occupied. At night, at least three men slept in the position while one soldier stood guard outside; each pulled two-hour guard shifts in a foxhole by the left side of the emplacement.

It seems several bars had been taken the night before and a few the other nights. And, why only chocolate?

The bars stashed further back in the bunker were undisturbed. Only the

bars near the right side of the aperture were taken.

Then the suggestion! Let's place several bars between the bags and bait the culprit. I was asked to stay at the position and help catch the thief. The men would pull guard outside as usual, and I'd sleep in one of the corners and would be awakened near midnight and stay awake for 30 minutes or so. What about the squad leader? Well, he had an excuse. He had to stay with one of the squad's other machinegun because the position was short a man.

I agreed - reluctantly. This problem had to be solved. We were fighting a war. Luckily, we were not involved in any heavy action the first night I stayed in the bunker. But, on the second night, some enemy activity alerted everyone to man positions so everyone was up. We heard small-arms fire in front, but nothing involving us directly. The artillery was called in.

Third night, the soldier, who lost the candy was also in the bunker, awakened me saying he heard sounds by the aperture. I crawled onto the gun table, the dirt mound on which the machinegun is mounted. My plan was to grab the hand or arm of the culprit and scare the hell out of him.

In retrospect, I should have gone outside to the right of the position. I didn't want to create a ruckus by running out of the emplacement and down the trench.

As I stretched close to where the sound came from and near where the candy bars were, I was poised to act when I came eye-to-eye with the alleged culprit. We were inches apart. Two piercing eyes greeted me. Below the eyes, an elongated nose and whiskers.

I was staring straight into the face of the biggest rat I had ever seen. It had to be more than five pounds. Without flinching, the rat looked at me, grabbed one of the wrapped chocolate bars between its teeth, slowly turned around and went on its way as I tried quickly to retreat while stretched out on my stomach.

Amazing how that brief encounter could cause an on-the-spot liquid weight loss.

I decided then and there I'd no longer eat chocolates while in Korea. Many months of abstinence weren't easy. Unfortunately, years later I more than made up for those many months I went without chocolates back in 1953. I wondered too, years later, if that rat

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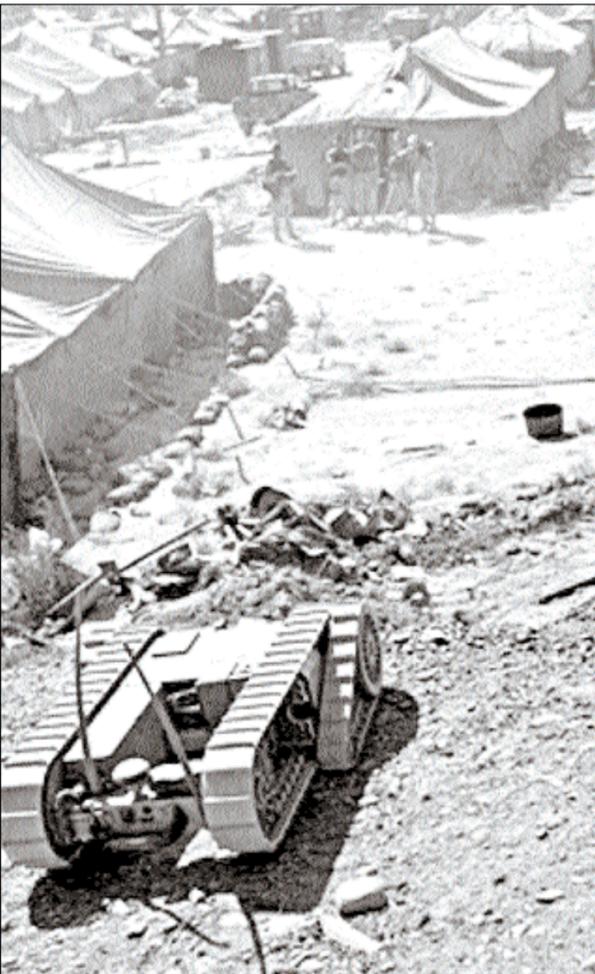
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Soldiers use robots to explore, clear caves



Spc. Erica Leigh Foley

'Fester' is taken out on a practice run while soldiers learn how to maneuver the robot for clearing areas.

Spc. Erica Leigh Foley

28th Public Affairs Detachment

When a soldier clears a cave, he has to look for booby-traps and trip wires, making all the dangers inherent to him personally, said Col. Bruce Jette, robotics team. Being hand picked by the Vice Chief of Staff of the Army, Jette had his work cut out for him and the team he chose. After conjuring up the best folks for the job, he set out with an idea of helping soldiers in Afghanistan by producing the rapid integration of a robotics system for the soldiers to utilize.

"This is a three-fold mission. Our first objective is to enhance the mission capability while reducing risk to the soldiers," said Jette.

Instead of sending soldiers into an unknown cave now, a robot can be sent.

"We can walk up and say, 'here let the robot explore the cave and find the trip wires.' That way if the robot runs over a trip wire, we lose a robot not a soldier. Robots are replaceable," said Jette.

Once in the cave, the robot can make the mission go by rapidly because of the multiple sensors. Some of its capabilities include infrared illumination and a zoom lens on the cameras.

"You get the enhanced ability and the increased safety factor for the soldier who can be 700 meters away," Jette said.

"We brought 'Fester' (an i Robot Pack bot) here along with a couple other robots to try to get these in the hands of troops. We think we have

great technology here to help with the clearing of caves and doing reconnaissance in buildings."

The second aspect of the mission is to develop tactics, techniques and procedures along with doctrine. Doctrines are usually written after a study, then questions are raised. Then there is time to think about what ought to be done and what would be the best next step.

"We can walk up and say, 'here let the robot explore the cave and find the trip wires.'"

Col. Bruce Jette
robotics team

Then tests are done. That process wouldn't work in this situation. There needed to be a faster way to insert a robotics system into operations. So they cut through a lot of red tape to help save soldiers lives by implementing a successful system as fast as possible. The third part of their mission is to examine the feasibility and value of providing material solutions, Jette said.

"Just two months ago this was just a concept, now its battle-experienced hardware," said Richard Kremer, lead contractor and Principal and Practice director.

A vest has everything needed to control and monitor the robot. Looking like a souped-up flack jacket, the wearable computer has replaced the laptop in a big briefcase, Kremer said.

This Pentium doesn't need a table or need to be plugged in an outlet to get the job done.

"We needed to have the same functionality, but built on something tactical that the infantrymen can wear and patrol with.

They need to be able to get to the fight and not be too encumbered if the fight breaks out into a shooting match," Kremer said.

The computer has a joystick, much like a video game controller, along with 16 other buttons, Kremer said.

In addition, the soldier also wears a battery, two radios and a helmet-mounted display that clips onto the helmet with a piece that goes right over the soldier's eye. This lets the soldier see what the robot sees in high resolution.

With one complete vest, a soldier can control multiple robots, and others who wear the vests can observe what each robot is doing.

"We have already taken it out on a few missions: we have cleared about a dozen caves and compounds where we sent the robot in first," said Tom Frost, project manager. "It went into scout the compound and developed a sketch of the way the compound was laid out. We gave the layout to the squad that was going to breach the compound, (so that) they had an idea of what to expect."

After being inside the compound, the soldiers continued to use the robot to further inspect areas and rooms to make sure it was clear before sending troops in.

"This is exciting. I am proud to be playing a part in the overall effort here," Kremer said.



So what's the bright idea?

Army Suggestion Program rewards ingenuity that makes life a little better

Pfc. Natalie Schlotman

Staff Writer

"So you think you know a better way to do this, huh?"

For more than 20 years, the Army Suggestion Program has been seeking soldiers and government employees who can answer that question.

Formally known as the Army Ideas for Excellence program, ASP offers people the opportunity to submit ideas they feel will make Army operations safer, more efficient and more cost effective.

If an idea is put into use, the suggestor is awarded a cash prize. The prize money varies for each winner, as amounts are based on the net savings to the Army, explained Mary Bealm.

"Submissions are evaluated by military and civilian subject matter experts in the area of the idea," said Bealm, chief of the Fort Stewart Management and Manpower Division.

Because all ideas must be tested and validated, the length of judging, and the time it takes for a suggestor to receive his reward varies on the idea's complexity, she said.

"Rewards are sometimes given right away if the suggestion is at the local level," Bealm said.

If ideas are implemented on a wider scale, there is a more lengthy approval process.

"If an idea goes Army-wide, it must be evaluated at the Department of the Army level, which takes more time. It all varies on the nature of a suggestion," she explained.

The program allows people to make a difference in their everyday work environment, Bealm pointed out.

"Soldiers feel like they are making a contribution when their ideas are heard. They actually see the evidence that someone is listening when their ideas are reviewed and implemented. With this program, their voice is heard," she said. "It's the government's way of recognizing its employees' creativity. People have the rights to their ideas — and they take pride in that," she said.

Some Fort Stewart residents have reaped the benefits of having innovative ideas.

Sgt. Jeremy Neal, 95th Maintenance Company, proposed that a warning label be added on the AN/UDR-13 unit, which is used by soldiers in the field as a personal radiation detection meter.

While stationed at Fort Hood, Texas, Neal said he noticed

"We (soldiers) see stuff everyday that needs improvements. It's an easy process to submit a suggestion."

Sgt. Jeremy Neal

Army Suggestion Program awardee

that soldiers often installed the unit's battery incorrectly, which led to overheating. The label Neal proposed warns unit operators that improper installation can cause equipment failure.

"It was a simple suggestion, honestly. At Fort Hood, I was a radiac officer and I had to repair the same battery problem over and over. It became expensive to repeatedly fix something that is so easily preventable," said Neal, who now works in the Test Measurement Diagnostic Equipment section here. His suggestion is currently being implemented Army-wide. He was awarded \$100.

Neal added soldiers who use Army equipment are the best judges of what needs to be changed.

"We (soldiers) see stuff everyday that needs improvements," he said. "It's an easy process to submit a suggestion.

The worst they can say is no," he said.

Not all ideas have to be related to military equipment. Debbie Darby, an accounting technician at Winn Army Community Hospital, reported a roadside hazard.

Darby proposed that shrubs at the intersection of the 103rd Military Intelligence Battalion and the Headquarters Company, 3rd infantry Division motor pools be cut so motorists can more easily see soldiers entering the road.

"Every time I drove through that intersection, especially around lunchtime, I couldn't see the soldiers entering the crosswalk until I was two or three feet away," she said.

There are all kinds of small safety issues on post that people encounter during their daily routines, according to Darby. She encouraged people to give their input instead of assuming "the other guy will do it."

A perk of the Army-wide program, according to Bealm, is that the rewards follow people, even if they change duty stations.

Anyone who thinks they have an idea that will benefit the Army and its employees can submit their suggestion on a Department of the Army Form 1045.

Idea-holders must describe the current procedure, and then describe the new procedure and its benefits.

All DA Form 1045s should be sent to the ASP program coordinator at the Directorate of Resource Management, Building 621, Room 334. There the form will be processed.

There is an online suggestion form on the DRM Fort Stewart intranet web page. The online form makes it easier to submit a suggestion, and it allows for faster processing.

Any suggestions that relate to saving money in supply, maintenance or tools may be submitted to the Supply Maintenance Assessment Team program. More information on the SMART program can be found on the DRM intranet page.

For more information, call ASP coordinator Marie Barnes at 767-4129, or email to Marie.Barnes@stewart.army.mil.

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Soldier's fish story causes medical concerns

Office of the Surgeon General, U.S. Army

Prompted by reports of potential health complications resulting from a soldier's self-medication with drugs purchased "in the fish medication aisle" of a local pet store, the Army Medical Command is taking steps to ensure soldiers and their families are aware of the dangers associated with taking medication without a prescription.

In a letter to the editor of The New England Journal of Medicine published in July, doctors at the Pentagon's DiLorenzo TRICARE Health Clinic cited the case of a soldier suffering from a persistent sinus infection. The soldier reluctantly admitted that he had treated himself with a combination of penicillin and sulfa antibiotics intended for fish.

"The idea that you can treat yourself with medicines intended for fish or other animals is a dangerous one," according to Col. Robert F. DeFrait, a doctor who heads the Army surgeon general's preventive medicine office. "Animal medications are not tested for use in humans or licensed for human use by the Food and Drug Administration. You just don't know what you're getting in terms of the quality and strength of the ingredients."

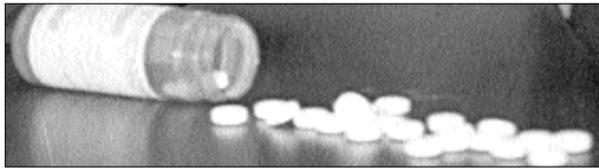
In addition to questions about the nature of the ingredients, fish antibiotics and other nonprescription drugs intended for animals could cause side effects, some of them serious.

"Antibiotics and other drugs intended for use in animals could interact with other prescription or non-prescription drugs a soldier might be taking," DeFrait pointed out.

"There could be a range of reactions, even severe allergies, which can be fatal."

Like many of his U.S. colleagues, DeFrait is also concerned about overuse of antibiotics.

"If antibiotics are taken or prescribed indiscriminately, they become less effective in fighting disease in the individual who has overused them," DeFrait explained. "Or, you can kill bacteria in your body that you need, for example in the diges-



tive tract, and you cause illness or damage to yourself that way."

Some soldiers may perceive that a visit to sick call is a sign of weakness, or fear that they may be removed from duty status by a doctor or medic.

"Dedication to duty is commendable; however, if you don't get care when you need it, you damage both your own health and your unit's health," DeFrait pointed out.

He encouraged soldiers and family members to consult with a health-care provider (doctor, physician assistant, nurse practitioner or pharmacist) before consuming any prescription or nonprescription drugs, especially if other drugs, vitamins or dietary supplements are already being taken.

To speak with a pharmacist at Winn Army Community Hospital about this issue, call 912-370-6745. To speak with a pharmacist at Tuttle Army Health Clinic call 912-692-8710.

To make an appointment at Winn or Tuttle call 767-6633 or 800-652-9221. Active duty soldiers on Fort Stewart should visit their assigned soldier family health clinic.

Soldier Family Health Clinic No. 1 holds clinic hours Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Thursday Mornings — Urgent care only. Active-duty sick call is Monday through Friday, 6:30 to 8 a.m. Scheduled appointments for soldiers are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Scheduled appointments for family members are weekdays, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Soldier Family Health Clinic No. 2 holds clinic hours Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Thursday Mornings - Urgent care only. Active-duty sick call is weekdays, 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. Scheduled appointments for active-duty are between 8:20 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and scheduled appointments for family members are weekdays, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Soldier Family Health Clinic No. 3 holds clinic hours Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Thursday Mornings - Urgent care only. Active-duty sick call is weekdays, 6 to 7:30 a.m. Scheduled appointments for active-duty are 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and 1:30 to 3 p.m. Thursdays. Scheduled appointments for family members are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Travel reimbursement benefits for eligible TRICARE Prime beneficiaries

Air Force Lt. Col James R. Whitton

TRICARE Management Activity

TRICARE Prime beneficiaries, other than active-duty members, enrolled at Winn Army Community Hospital or Tuttle Army Health Clinic may be eligible for travel expense reimbursement — for themselves and for one non-medical attendant accompanying them when they are referred for non-emergency, medically-necessary specialty treatment more than 100 miles from Winn or Tuttle.

To qualify for reimbursement for their travel expenses, non-active-duty TRICARE Prime members — active-duty family members, retirees, retiree families and others — must have travel orders authorizing travel for referred, medically-necessary specialty care more than 100 miles from the military treatment facility where they are enrolled.

Patients may be reimbursed for actual travel expenses (up to the government rate) to include fuel; oil; highway, bridge and tunnel tolls, and parking fees. Reimbursement of actual expenses is also authorized, within government limits for other expenses related to travel, such as lodging (including taxes and service charges) and the cost of meals (including taxes and tips, but not including alcoholic beverages).

Travel orders are prepared by a patient travel representative at Winn or Tuttle where the Prime patient is enrolled, or by a regional lead agent representative, if the beneficiary's primary care manager is a civilian network provider.

Beneficiaries will need to fill out and submit a travel voucher upon completing their travel in order to be reimbursed for their expenses.

TRICARE Prime travel reimbursement is

retroactive to Oct. 30, 2000 for the patient.

Travel orders and reimbursement may also be authorized for one non-medical attendant to accompany a non-active-duty TRICARE Prime patient referred for such medically necessary specialty care. The traveling Prime patient's Primary Care Manager must determine that a non-medical attendant is necessary and appropriate.

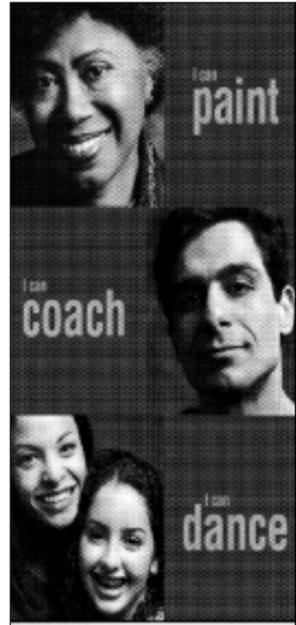
The non-medical attendant must be a parent or guardian of the patient, or another adult member of the patient's family. A parent or guardian is not required to be age 21 or older, but if the attendant is another adult family member, he or she must be at least 21. The non-medical attendant is not required to be enrolled in TRICARE Prime or be eligible for TRICARE.

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porary duty allowances (per diem and mileage), not actual expenses. If the non-medical attendant is a civilian not employed or affiliated with the Department of Defense, he or she is authorized reimbursement of actual expenses up to the government rate.

TRICARE Prime travel reimbursement is retroactive to Oct. 30, 2000. Non-medical attendant travel reimbursement is retroactive to Dec. 28, 2001.

For additional information, non-active duty TRICARE Prime members should contact the patient travel representative or the beneficiary counseling and assistance coordinator at Winn by calling 370-6015 or at Tuttle by calling 352-5062. Prime members enrolled with a civilian provider should call their regional lead agent patient travel representative or BCAC. Telephone numbers and addresses for BCACs are available on the TRICARE Web site at www.tricare.osd.mil.



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Black Hawk provides all-purpose support

Spc. Mason T. Lowery

Associate Editor

The Black Hawk helicopter is the Swiss Army Knife of helicopters.

"It's got so many missions, it's an all-purpose helicopter — you name it, it can do it," said B Co., 2nd Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment Crew Chief Sgt. Michael Stewart.

The Black Hawk supports the Apache on missions, and vice versa.

According to Spc. Mika Grover, B Co., 2/3 crew chief, "We carry their downed aircraft support team,



Spc. Mason T. Lowery

A 2nd Bn., 3rd Avn. Reg., Black Hawk sits at Fort Gordon Friday during Falcon Focus.

do crash search and rescue, hover, and do radio relay for them — they give us a message and we relay it further." The Apache can send radio messages about 100 miles — the Black Hawk up to 600 miles.

He added, "They make sure we don't get shot down. On missions, they cover for us if we have to go in for an air assault — make sure there's no air defense artillery."

Grover was a Black Hawk mechanic for two-and-a-half years before becoming a crew chief in December. "The difference between a mechanic and a crew chief is I'm a mechanic like them, but I fly. We learn more about the flying realm," he said. "Being a crew chief is almost as important as being the pilot. We're in charge of making sure it's OK to fly, and during flight we monitor fuel, cross check instruments, and do aerial surveillance. We're a team; we build a pretty good relationship."

Stewart has been in the Army for three years and has been a Black Hawk crew chief with 2/3 the whole time. He said that during that time he has been to Bosnia, the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, Calif., and the Bahamas. "I love it, it's an awesome job — probably one of the best in the Army," he said.

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New Apache four times more lethal



Courtesy photo

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Associate Editor

The Apache is regarded as the best helicopter in the world by its pilots and crewmembers.

"Knowing we're sitting on a platform that is far superior to anything the enemy has to offer increases confidence and morale of all the pilots involved," said Apache pilot and

C Co., 1st Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment Commander Capt. Mark Piccone. "The platform we fly on is very combat capable. It gives us the ability to detect and identify any type of threat system well before they can see us."

The first production model AH-64D Apache Longbow was delivered to the Army in 1997. It is four times more lethal and seven times more survivable than the AH-64A Apache it replaced. The Apache can automatically locate and classify more than 128 potential targets and prioritize the 16 most dangerous. Within 30 seconds of identifying the targets, it can hand off the information to other Apaches and Black Hawks near by and attack.

Maj. Scott Brown, Aviation Brigade S-3, agreed, "It's a very complicated aircraft, but a very lethal system."

Crew Chief Sgt. Nestor Tirado, C Co., 1/3 Avn., explained his role in the Apache missions. "I not only make sure they take off all right — but that they come back too. If they complete their mission, I complete my mission. We all look good when that happens."

The Avn. Bde.'s soldiers are trained and eager to join The War On

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Tuskers pierce tank tables, ready for combat



Pfc. Adam Nuelken
Staff Writer

Tankers from 4th Battalion, 64th Armor returned Aug. 7 from the field where they honed their skills and combat abilities.

The units in the forests of Fort Stewart completed Tank Table XII last week. The training for them consisted of platoon maneuvers and a platoon live-fire exercise.

The combination of the two parts offered the tankers a chance to improve their abilities far more than a range could. It also taught them to work as a platoon instead of individual tanks.

"I think it is critical because you're never gonna' fight an enemy just on the range," said Capt. Steven Barry, assistant training officer for 4/64 Ar. "To focus on one or the other would just be foolhardy."

"The tactical portion tries to get the platoon leader, platoon sergeant and the rest of the soldiers thinking along the correct train of thought in order to get the mission done as well as focus on their gunnery skills," he added.

MANEUVERS

Leading up to the live-fire qualifications, the units first went through two phases of tactical maneuvers and preparations.

"We have to always incorporate maneuver and thinking about the tactical tasks that go along with training platoons," said Barry.

The first phase the soldiers had was preparation where they had to conduct troop leading procedures and combat assembly area activities.

During this phase, the units issued operational orders, load plans, performed preventive maintenance on their vehicles and set up their communication equipment.

The second phase the units went through was a tactical road march.

"We set up lanes, and we evaluate the platoons on tasks that are in their training plan," Barry said. "And, we get a good feeling of where they stand on the training level."

The units went through lanes where they had to react to aerial and indirect fire as well as having to set up a defense and make an assault through obstacles, which throws in all the facets and forms of fire the soldiers may face in combat, according to Barry.

The tactical maneuvers are essential to newer soldiers because they give them a concept of how the platoon would work together in a real-world situation.

"If he comes straight out of Advanced Individual Training, he's trained to be loader or driver, and now we put him in a situation where he's in a platoon. He's being graded on (performing) his collective tasks," Barry said. "I think it puts it into perspective for him."

Normally, the battalion wouldn't be able to perform that intense of maneuver training because the amount of land isn't always available. However, the battalion was able to use a large amount of land on the west side of post for their maneuvers, intensifying the experience, Barry said.

Even though the training was thorough and realistic, it could have been better.

"There's always room for improvement on training of this size," Barry stated. "With everything going on back in the rear with other missions and the fact that 1st Brigade is executing Marne Focus, the resources for us were limited, so without the MILES gear, we lost a realism in some of the tactical lanes."

"But because the attitude of the platoons and the way they attacked the lanes, I think the effect was minimal. (Also) because they were new, they still got quite a lot out of it," he added.

All in all, unit leaders were pleased about their troop's abilities to perform above standard.

"The platoons I have seen have been very motivated," Barry added. "They've been executing the lanes to standard. They've been learning a lot from their observer/controller counterparts. I think it's going great."

GUNNERY

Following the two days of the tactical maneuver training, the tankers moved onto the range for the live fire. The move took them seamlessly from the maneuvers to a tactical ammunition supply point and onto the range while keeping everything in a tactical manner.

When the platoon pulled onto the range, they moved into a defensive position and established sectors of fires.

Then the tankers assaulted the range as a platoon, during the day fire, acquiring and attacking both vehicle and troop targets. After the platoon moved down the range, they came off the range for an after-action review where they were critiqued and given their score.

Most of the AARs focused on improvements the platoons could make and skills they needed to maintain.

The day-time gunnery paved the platoon's way into the night gunnery and gave the tankers a chance to evaluate their shooting ability as well as their ability to

work as a team.

"It's really to evaluate their precision gunnery skills," Barry said. "We also see how the platoon leader and platoon sergeant control their fire distribution of their platoon, how they report up to higher, and how they move their platoon."

"You get to evaluate all that with live ammunition, so of course the risks increase," Barry said. "It really makes the situation more complex, and tests the skills they learned in previous tables."

The tankers also performed a night gunnery where they did almost the same thing as the day gunnery. In all, each platoon faced 42 vehicle targets and 18 troop targets.

Adding to the difficulty of the range and the maneuvers was the climate the soldiers worked in. The sun beat down on the range with temperatures in the mid to high 90s.

"They did extremely good under the challenging conditions with the heat and humidity of Georgia this time of year," said Maj. Mark Rasins, training and operations officer for 4/64 Ar. "They shot very well on the ranges."

NUCLEAR, BIOLOGICAL AND CHEMICAL

Instead of resting all day until the night fire, the platoons still faced more training, which gave the tankers very little down-time.

"In the middle of their day and night fire platoon qualifications, they went down the road to do some very interesting and detailed NBC training, which went exceedingly well," according to Rasins.

The training taught the soldiers how to decontaminate their tanks and perform a Mission Oriented Protective Posture exchange, which is rarely performed.

"They did an operational decon, which is where they drive their vehicles in a simulated contaminated environment," Rasins said.

The vehicles are then hosed down, and "they move off to the side, the people get off, and they execute a MOPP exchange."

"The soldiers who have never done this before are getting a lot of good and timely information on how to operate in a chemical environment," he added.

The decontamination was another portion of training the soldiers underwent that they normally would not be able to do.

"This kind of training we did is not something you do very often," he explained. "It's just that we had the opportunity to do it because we are out here with our vehicles. Generally speaking, you'll do training on various NBC tasks on a regular basis, but being able to do a full-up MOPP gear exchange as well as doing the (vehicle decontamination), doesn't happen often."

In the future, 4/64 Ar. is slated to deploy later this year where they will enhance their training further in the deserts of Kuwait.

"I would say they did as well as expected," said Rasins. "We got a lot of things on our plate right now, trying to get a lot of things accomplished at the same time, and it's going very well."

Tanks from 1st Platoon, B Co., 4/64 Ar. hold a defensive position in a "Mexican stand-off" during the maneuver portion of Tank Table XII. The platoon was assaulted on all sides to see how they would react and defend their position.



(Above) An M1A1 Abrams from 4/64 Ar. is hit by a simulated chemical attack during their field training exercise.
(Right) Tankers load sabot rounds into the Abrams just before moving onto the range for the gunnery qualification.



(Above) Tankers from B Company, 1st Platoon, 4th Battalion, 64th Armor, prepare for a Mission Oriented Protective Posture exchange as part of their Nuclear, Biological and Chemical warfare training. The battalion conducted a full-scale decontamination training exercise during their time in the field. The NBC training took place between the day gunnery and night gunnery of Tank Table XII.



An M1A1 Abrams is "decontaminated" as part of the training tankers from 4/64 Ar. went through recently. The decontamination was not a part of the actual Tank Table XII. Tankers went through it to see how the entire decontamination process and MOPP gear exchange was handled.



(Left) An M1A1 Abrams from 1st Platoon, B Co. 4/64 Ar. fires a round down range during their Tank Table qualifications. The platoon was rated well during their after action review and were praised for their ability to take down troop targets better than previous platoons.



100 Days of Summer

Hikers beware: Have fun and be safe on the trails this summer

Spc. Robin M. Tenney

Staff Writer

Hiking can provide exercise and fun for people of any age. Like any summer activity, however, one must take the proper precautions to ensure that the trip does not end disastrously.

Before you leave; plan ahead

Learn about the area ahead of time. Study the latest guidebooks and maps that give information on highways, trails, streams and other physical features. Check weather reports before you go out.

"I mapped out everything, including mail drop points," said Palmer Dasher, a Hinesville resident who recently hiked the Appalachian Trail. "I did lots of research and made a day-by-day schedule."

Prepare yourself physically. If your trip will be strenuous, get into good physical condition before setting out. Do not attempt a trip that is beyond your physical conditions.

Leave a copy of your itinerary with a responsible person. In order to locate you in an emergency or send assistance should you need it, leave word at home or with a friend as to where you are going and when you intend to return.

"I left a schedule with my wife so that she knew my whereabouts and so that she could

bring me supplies," Dasher said.

Never hike alone. Travel with at least one companion.

On the trail

Dress appropriately for the season and wear appropriate hiking shoes or boots. Layered clothing is best to meet the changing weather conditions.

"I started out wearing a medium-grade hiking boot for the first 600 miles," Dasher said. "I then switched to a trail shoe for the next 1,100 miles."

Carry a compass or a topographic map of the area and know how to use both. If there is a trail, stay on the trail, said Tom Hilliard, Fort Stewart Forestry Branch chief. Even if you have a GPS unit, having the skills to read a topographical map and compass as backup are essential.

Take along appropriate equipment and supplies. A day-pack containing rain gear, extra warm clothing, high energy food, water, first

aid kit, pocket knife, whistle and matches in a waterproof container are recommended. Sunglasses and insect repellent are also handy.

"I used plenty of insect repellent," Dasher said. "In some areas, the mosquitos were very heavy."

Don't drink water from ponds or streams unless you have treated it first by boiling, filtering or using purification tablets.

Avoid hiking at night. "Hiking at night can be very tricky," Dasher said. "Even with flashlights, depth perception is not as good."

If you get lost or someone is injured

If you become lost, keep calm, stay dry, keep warm and stay put. Conserve energy by staying out of the wind, sitting on your pack or a pad.

If you need to spend the night, build a shelter using dead branches, hemlock boughs and leaves. A campfire will also provide heat and light. It may also serve as a signaling device for rescue teams.



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Hiking Checklist

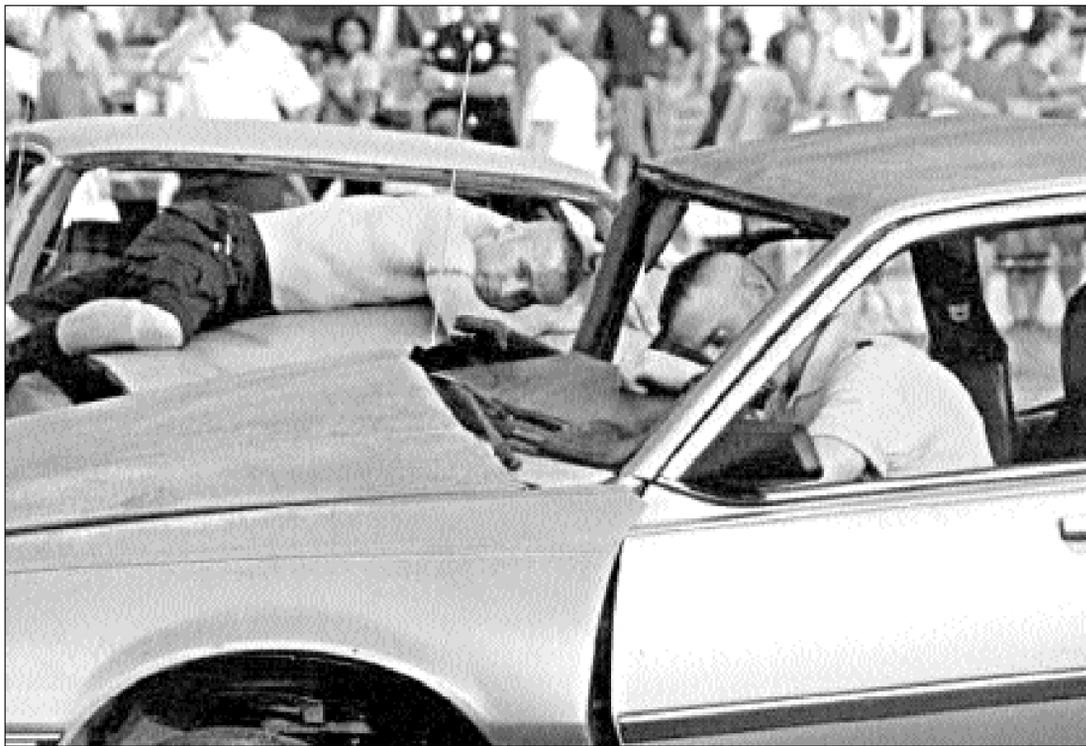
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| ✓Cell phone | ✓Prescription medications for ongoing medical conditions |
| ✓Clothing (always bring something warm, extra socks and rain gear) | ✓Radio with extra batteries |
| ✓Compass | ✓Space blanket or a piece of plastic (to use for warmth or shelter) |
| ✓First aid kit | ✓Sunglasses |
| ✓Food (bring extra) | ✓Sunscreen |
| ✓Flashlight | ✓Trash bag |
| ✓Foil (to use as a cup or signaling device) | ✓Water |
| ✓Hat | ✓Waterproof matches or matches in a waterproof tin |
| ✓Insect repellent | ✓Water purification tablets |
| ✓Map | ✓Whistle (to scare off animals or to use as a signaling device) |
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MPs, Savannah police team up for national night out



Photos by Sgt. Ranston V. Harvey

Pvt. 2 Barrett Fisher, a military police officer, plays dead after a simulated drunk driving accident with Spc. Matthew Wright, an MP, during the National Night Out at Lake Mayer in Savannah Aug. 6. The night out is an annual event that heightens awareness about the dangers of drunk driving while informing the citizens about the legal consequences.



Savannah police officers give a simulated field sobriety test to Spc. Matthew Wright, a military police officer, after he exits the wrecked vehicle during National Night Out in Savannah on Aug. 6.

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Legislation designed to help veterans find jobs

Sgt. 1st Class Kathleen T. Rhem

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Legislation passed by the House of Representatives and pending in the Senate is designed to improve the Department of Labor's role in helping veterans find jobs.

The Jobs for Veterans Act, H.R. 4015, passed the House 409-0 May 21. The bill redesigns a Labor Department program called the Veterans Employment and Training Service.

Darryl Kehrer called the Jobs for Veterans Act "one super piece of legislation." Kehrer is the staff director for the benefits subcommittee of the House Veterans Affairs Committee.

He spoke in New Orleans July 31 to more than 450 attendees at the DoD Worldwide Transition Assistance Program Training Conference.

Kehrer described the current program as "good people trapped in a very bad system." He said seven out of 10 veterans who use the current DoL program do not get jobs through it.

"That's an embarrassment to the people at the point of service who are doing the work, and it's an embarrassment to the business community who are losing good, skilled people," he said.

The current system doesn't work because there are no rewards for success or penalties for failure, Kehrer explained. The House bill aims to fix the system through "results,

incentives, accountability and flexibility," he said.

Enactment of the Jobs for Veterans bill also would give former servicemembers first priority in all DoL-funded employment-training programs, and it would create the president's national Hire Veterans Committee, he noted.

Kehrer quoted Subcommittee Chairman Mike Simpson of Idaho as saying it's fine for employers to hire transitioning service members for patriotic reasons, but patriotism isn't the best reason to hire veterans.

"Hiring former members of our military is a good business decision," Simpson said in a subcommittee hearing July 19. "Their reliability, initiative and leadership qualities are the best we'll find anywhere. Indeed, they are a unique national resource that we must harness."

That hearing was on expanding the Transition Assistance Program in overseas locations. DoD and service transition assistance managers testified that Labor Department assistance at overseas bases would greatly help the program, Kehrer said.

As a result, Simpson asked Labor Secretary Elaine Chao to "help servicemembers overseas get jobs before they separate," Kehrer said.

"I want the young Americans stationed at the 38th parallel in Korea, or Afghanistan, or Kuwait, to get the same comprehensive post-service job assistance from the Labor Department as the servicemember stationed in the U.S.," Simpson said in the hearing.

Pending bills could provide tax bennies for services members

Sgt. 1st Class Kathleen T. Rhem

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Several initiatives in various bills before Congress now could sweeten military members' tax benefits if they become law.

Sure to be the most popular with the troops are proposals to extend combat-zone tax exclusions to Korea and members serving unaccompanied tours outside the United States. Another bill would extend the combat-zone exclusion for troops serving in the Sinai with the Multinational Forces and Observers there.

Lt. Col. Tom Emswiler, an Army tax lawyer and executive director of the Armed Forces Tax Council, said tax exemptions are immensely popular with servicemembers but ironically may not be the best thing for the troops or the Defense Department.

"A lot of our junior members don't pay a lot in the way of federal income taxes," he said. "If we're trying to target a problem, there may be more efficient ways than with a broad tax exclusion." He noted, for instance, 75 percent of servicemembers would be better off financially with an additional allowance of \$250.

Emswiler said a tax exclusion also would cause a loss of revenue that might be assessed against the Defense Department budget.

Another break addressed in several pieces of pending legislation in both houses of Congress would exempt servicemembers from a normal-two year residency rule for claiming a tax exclusion on a certain amount of profit on a home sale.

Under current law, individuals who live in

a house at least two of the five years prior to the date they sell it can exclude a certain amount of their gain from taxes. Each homeowner can exclude the first \$250,000 of gain, up to \$500,000 for married individuals filing jointly, Emswiler explained.

The current bind for some military members is that owning the home isn't enough — if military service were to take them away from the home long enough, the two-out-of-five-years rule might disqualify them for this tax break.

A third issue is the exemption from federal taxes of the whole \$6,000 death gratuity paid to families of military members who die on active duty. Only \$3,000 is tax-exempt now.

Congress enacted Section 134 of the Internal Revenue Code in 1986 to consolidate and clarify which military benefits were tax-exempt. The law states that increases in existing benefits are tax-exempt only if they're the result of an inflation adjustment. The death gratuity was \$3,000 in 1986, and inflation indexes were not factors when Congress summarily doubled the benefit during the Gulf War, Emswiler noted.

He said the chances of seeing any of this legislation enacted improved when the House passed the Armed Forces Tax Fairness Act of 2002 by a vote of 413-0 on July 9. The legislation addresses the death gratuity and home-sales issues.

In the month since, senators introduced several tax-relief bills:

Sen. Tim Johnson of South Dakota introduced S. 2785 on July 24 to provide a tax fil-

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ing delay for members of the Armed Forces serving in a contingency operation.

Sen. Jean Carnahan of Missouri introduced S. 2783 on July 24 to restore the tax-exempt status of the death gratuity.

Sen. Tom Harkin of Iowa introduced S. 2789 on July 24 to expand the eligibility for membership in veterans organizations so that having these dependents as members does not cause the organizations to lose their tax-exempt programs.

Sen. Mary Landrieu of Louisiana introduced S. 2807 on July 24 to clarify the tax treatment of DoD dependent care assistance programs.

Sen. Max Cleland of Georgia introduced S. 2802 on July 26 to address, among other things, ending the taxation of student loan repayments of service members; covering reservists' travel expenses to and from duty assignments; ensuring military service does not interfere with members' capital gains treatments in home sales; and

stopping the taxation of assistance military families receive from the Housing Assistance Program when they are forced to sell their homes at a loss due to base alignment and closure.

Sen. Max Baucus of Montana on July 29 introduced S. 2816, which would consolidate proposals of several of the bills above, and add other proposals, into one bill.

The Senate may address these proposals in September, Emswiler noted.

Study

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commanders, primarily Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield, in the face of the planned BRAC process scheduled for 2005.

"The Chamber wanted to get a more current and complete handle on the actual economic impact to our area represented by the combined Fort Stewart and Hunter installation, so that we might better and more accurately present the Fort Stewart and Hunter impact story to area businesses and the public at large," said Cathcart.

A recent study by the Georgia Southern University Bureau of Business Research & Economic Development, confirmed what committee members already knew - the effects of BRAC in the Coastal Empire would be catastrophic.

According to Phyllis Isley, director of the BBRED, the seven-month study showed that Fort Stewart and Hunter would account for 72 percent of the lost employment and 68 percent of the lost gross regional product. "The most significant job losses would be in services, retail trade and construction," said Isley. "There would be a sustained depression in the region with loss in business capital of about \$1.5 billion and loss in the value of residential capital stock of \$2.2 billion. Fort Stewart/HAAF would account for about 50 percent of those losses."

Isley also pointed out how BRAC might affect veterans. "The region's 55,494 veterans would lose access to the medical facilities," said Isley. "About 19,500 veterans used the facilities last year, and 90 percent of those went to Fort Stewart Hunter facilities."

According to Cathcart, the results of the study were as expected. "We knew going in that the impact would be huge," said Cathcart. "The study just gave us more precise projections from which to work."

Even though unlikely, the Chamber takes the possibility of BRAC very seriously, as well as its relationship with its military neighbors.

"The relationship with our area military units, including the Coast Guard, is excellent. It's looked upon as a definite positive, both from the standpoint of economic impact and from the beneficial contributions that service-members and their families make to our communities every day," said Cathcart. "Whether on active duty, or in retirement, members of the military are always considered to be positive additions to the greater Savannah area. The presence, here, of current and former military members and their families simply makes this a much stronger community, and a better place to live for us all."

The work of the MSI will continue through the BRAC decisions in 2005.

Hiking

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If you feel you can try and find your way out of the woods, remember that following streams downhill will nearly always lead you back to civilization.

Hydration

Drink lots of fluids. "It can get extremely hot," said Susan Chipple, Fort Stewart Directorate of Community Activities and Services Leisure Activities director. "It is important to drink lots of water." Dehydration can lead to frostbite, heat stroke, headache and in extreme cases, death.

Wildlife

"Make sure you are familiar with animals and plants in the area," Chipple said. In this area, snakes are a concern, she added.

For the next month or month-and-a-half, rattlesnakes will be on the move in the Fort Stewart area, according to Hilliard, "Do not reach into places with poor visibility, such as a log."

Rattlesnakes are also most active at night. If you are bitten, it is best to go to the hospital immediately.

It is also important to know how to identify plants, such as poison ivy.

"Poison ivy is best identified as a ground-running vine with three leaflets," Hilliard said. "It is best to wear long sleeves, trousers."

If you do come in contact with poison ivy, wash the affected area(s) with soap and water as soon as possible, Hilliard added.

If you have any questions regarding hiking, please call the Forestry Branch at 767-8736.

Editor's Note: Some information for this article was compiled from the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation Website and the article "Backcountry hiking safety" by Dan Smuts.

First Aid Kit

Sterile adhesive bandages in assort sizes
Assorted sizes of safety pins
Cleansing agent/soap
Latex gloves (2 pairs)
Sunscreen
2-inch sterile gauze pads (4-6)
4-inch sterile gauze pads (4-6)
Triangular bandages (3)
Non-prescription drugs
2-inch sterile roller bandages (3 rolls)
3-inch sterile roller bandages (3 rolls)
Scissors
Tweezers
Needle
Moistened towelettes
Antiseptic
Thermometer
Tongue blades (2)
Tube of petroleum jelly or other lubricant
-American Red Cross

Apache

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Terrorism, according to Piccone.

"I've been training for this for the past eight years - a lot of the guys for a lot longer than that. After what took place on Sept. 11, a lot of guys are anxious to get over there and do what needs to be done," he said.

Tirado added, "I've been training since the day I got in, five years ago. My wife is really supportive of everything - she understands that I'm doing it for my country."

During the past two years, Fort Stewart Apache's and their crews have participated in many exercises, including a Mission Ready Exercise at

Fort Polk, La., in July 2000 to train up for Stabilization Force 8 in Bosnia. They deployed to Kuwait in support of Operation Desert Spring in January and just recently returned Aug. 4. They deployed to the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, Calif., to support the 2nd Brigade combat team in April, after participating in Warfighter and Marne Focus.

Mission: Conduct rear, close and deep operations and deep precision strikes; provide armed reconnaissance and security when required in day, night and adverse weather conditions ... Apache Longbow will

add significant warfighting capability to the combined arms team through increased survivability, lethality, versatility and long-term reliability improvements. - Weapons Systems, United States Army 2001.

Capability: The pilot and co-pilot gunner are able to travel at 167 miles per hour, for 300 miles without refueling for 2.5 hours, carrying Hellfire missiles, 2.75" rockets and a 30 mm chain gun.

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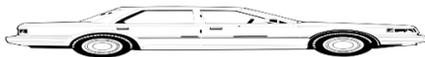
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POLICE REPORTS

- **Subject:** Civilian, 23-year-old female
- **Charges:** No driver's license on person, possession of marijuana
- **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

- **Subject:** Civilian, 23-year-old female
- **Charges:** Assault, wrongful possession of marijuana
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Sergeant, 24-year-old male, 2nd Brigade
- **Charges:** Assault, wrongful possession of marijuana, wrongful use of Ecstasy, wrongful possession of steroids, wrongful use of steroids
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private first class, 19-year-old male, Division Artillery
- **Charges:** Forgery, larceny of government funds, larceny of private property
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private, 18-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Wrongful use of marijuana, wrongful possession of marijuana
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private first class, 24-year-old male, Aviation Brigade
- **Charges:** Failure to appear
- **Location:** Hinesville

- **Subject:** Specialist, 28-year-old male, 24th Corps Support Group
- **Charges:** Failure to wear safety belt, driving while license suspended
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Specialist, 21-year-old male, 1st Brigade
- **Charges:** Larceny of NAF property
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private first class, 21-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Driving while license suspended
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private 2, 22-year-old male, Division Artillery
- **Charges:** Driving while license suspended
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Sergeant, 31-year-old male, 24th Corps Support Group
- **Charges:** Failure to obey a lawful order or regulation, discharge of weapon in cantonment, failure to register weapons
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Sergeant, 35-year-old

- male, 2nd Brigade
- **Charges:** Following too closely, driving on post suspension
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Specialist, 27-year-old male, Division Support Command
- **Charges:** Failure to display headlights after dark, driving while license suspended
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Specialist, 24-year-old male, 1st Brigade
- **Charges:** Rape
- **Location:** Hinesville

- **Subject:** Specialist, 29-year-old male, Aviation Brigade
- **Charges:** No license on person, driving on a suspended drivers license
- **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

- **Subject:** Private 2, 24-year-old, Division Support Command
- **Charges:** Driving with suspended license, driving on wrong side of road
- **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

- **Subject:** Private first class, 28-year-old male, 24th Corps Support Group
- **Charges:** Improper backing
- **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

- **Subject:** Private, 27-year-old male, 2nd Brigade
- **Charges:** Improper storage of weapon
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private, 22-year-old male, 2nd Brigade
- **Charges:** Discharge of a weapon in cantonment, damage to government property, damage to private property
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Sergeant, 31-year-old female, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Breaking restriction
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private 19-year-old female, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Driving on post suspension, accessory after the fact
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Specialist, 23-year-old male, 24th Corps Support Group
- **Charges:** Accessory after the fact
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Civilian, 22-year-old female
- **Charges:** Aggravated assault
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Specialist, 21-year-old male, Aviation Brigade
- **Charges:** Simple assault, damage of government property
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Staff Sergeant, 28-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Failure to yield the right of way
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private 2, 20-year-old male, Engineer Brigade
- **Charges:** Driving while license suspended
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Civilian, 23-year-old female
- **Charges:** Improper backing
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private first class, 20-year-old male, Division Artillery
- **Charges:** Improper lane usage
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private first class, 20-year-old female, Headquarters Command
- **Charges:** Failure to yield the right of way
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Sergeant, 23-year-old female, Division Support Command
- **Charges:** Improper backing
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private first class, 24-year-old male, Engineer Brigade
- **Charges:** Speeding 45/30, drinking under the influence
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Specialist, 20-year-old male, 24th Corps Support Group
- **Charges:** Unlawful possession of a prohibited weapon
- **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

- **Subject:** Private 2, 19-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Driving under the influence, underage drinking, no license, no proof of insurance, operating vehicle without tag or decal
- **Location:** Savannah

- **Subject:** Specialist, 23-year-old male, Aviation Brigade
- **Charges:** No insurance, driving while license suspended
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Specialist, 20-year-old male, Engineer Brigade
- **Charges:** Speeding 78/55, driving while license suspended
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Sergeant 1st Class (Retired), 75-year-old male
- **Charges:** Driving with suspended

- or revoked license
- **Location:** Bloomingdale
- **Subject:** Specialist, 23-year-old male, Aviation Brigade
- **Charges:** Contempt of court, failure to appear
- **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

- **Subject:** Private, 21-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Wrongful use of marijuana, wrongful possession of marijuana
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private, 19-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Wrongful use of marijuana, wrongful possession of marijuana
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private, 18-year-old male, Division Artillery
- **Charges:** Wrongful possession of marijuana
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private, 19-year-old male, Division Artillery
- **Charges:** Wrongful possession of marijuana
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private, 21-year-old male, Aviation Brigade
- **Charges:** Fleeing the scene of a traffic accident, too fast for conditions, driving under suspension
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private, 21-year-old male, Division Artillery
- **Charges:** Failure to appear
- **Location:** Hinesville

- **Subject:** Private first class, 20-year-old male, 2nd Brigade
- **Charges:** Failure to appear
- **Location:** Hinesville

- **Subject:** Specialist, 23-year-old female, Headquarters Command
- **Charges:** Failure to appear
- **Location:** Hinesville

- **Subject:** Specialist, 23-year-old male, Division Artillery
- **Charges:** Failure to appear
- **Location:** Hinesville

- **Subject:** Specialist, 24-year-old male, 2nd Brigade
- **Charges:** Failure to appear
- **Location:** Hinesville

- **Subject:** Specialist, 26-year-old male, 2nd Brigade
- **Charges:** Failure to appear
- **Location:** Hinesville

- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Private first class, 20-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Possession of fireworks
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Civilian, 16-year-old female
- **Charges:** Communicating a threat, child neglect
- **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

- **Subject:** Civilian, 23-year-old female
- **Charges:** No driver's license on person, possession of marijuana
- **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

- **Subject:** Civilian, 23-year-old female
- **Charges:** Assault, wrongful possession of marijuana
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private, 21-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Wrongful use of marijuana, wrongful possession of marijuana
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private, 21-year-old male, Aviation Brigade
- **Charges:** Fleeing the scene of a traffic accident, too fast for conditions, driving under suspension
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private, 21-year-old male, Aviation Brigade
- **Charges:** Failure to appear
- **Location:** Hinesville

- **Subject:** Private first class, 20-year-old male, 2nd Brigade
- **Charges:** Failure to appear
- **Location:** Hinesville

- **Subject:** Specialist, 23-year-old female, Headquarters Command
- **Charges:** Failure to appear
- **Location:** Hinesville

- **Subject:** Specialist, 23-year-old male, Division Artillery
- **Charges:** Failure to appear
- **Location:** Hinesville

- **Subject:** Specialist, 24-year-old male, 2nd Brigade
- **Charges:** Failure to appear
- **Location:** Hinesville

- **Subject:** Specialist, 26-year-old male, 2nd Brigade
- **Charges:** Failure to appear
- **Location:** Hinesville

- **Subject:** Private first class, 24-year-old male, Engineer Brigade
- **Charges:** Driving while license suspended

- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Civilian, 49-year-old male
- **Charges:** Failure to yield right of way
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Civilian, 29-year-old male
- **Charges:** Improper backing, damage to government property
- **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

- **Subject:** Specialist, 26-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Criminal trespass, public intoxication
- **Location:** Tybee Island

- **Subject:** Civilian, 38-year-old male
- **Charges:** Improper backing
- **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

- **Subject:** Private, 21-year-old male, Aviation Brigade
- **Charges:** Pre-trial confinement
- **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

- **Subject:** Specialist, 23-year-old male, Aviation Brigade
- **Charges:** Pre-trial confinement
- **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

- **Subject:** Private first class, 25-year-old male, 2nd Brigade
- **Charges:** Littering, disorderly conduct, carrying a concealed weapon, false official statement
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Specialist, 23-year-old male, 2nd Brigade
- **Charges:** Post-trial confinement
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

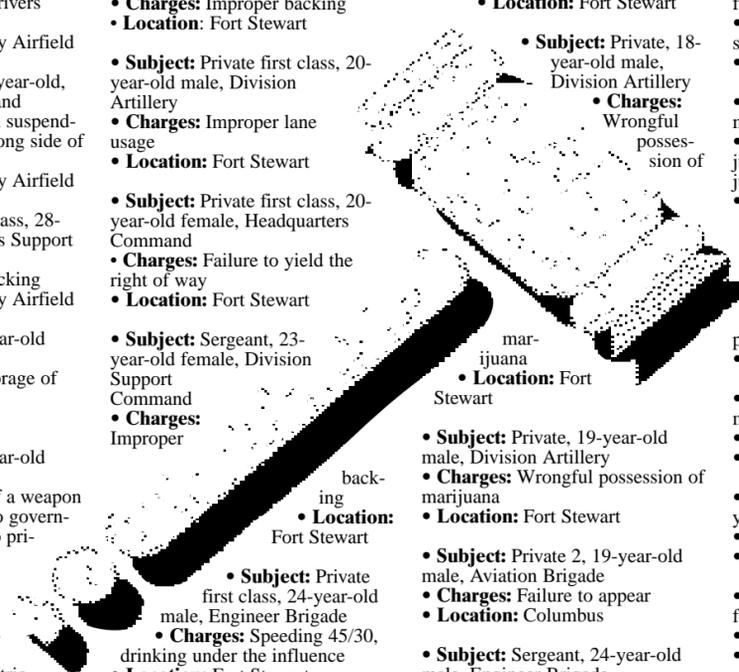
- **Subject:** Specialist, 21-year-old male, Headquarters Command
- **Charges:** Simple assault
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Specialist, 23-year-old female, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Deposit account fraud
- **Location:** Hinesville

- **Subject:** Private first class, 23-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Deposit account fraud
- **Location:** Hinesville

- **Subject:** Specialist, 22-year-old male, Engineer Brigade
- **Charges:** Failure to appear
- **Location:** Hinesville

- **Subject:** Private first class, 24-year-old male, Headquarters Command
- **Charges:** Leaving the scene of an accident, driving under the influence
- **Location:** Hinesville



Stewart

School board meeting

The first Fort Stewart School System School Board meeting for school year 2002-03 will be at 4 p.m., Tuesday, at Diamond Elementary School in the Media Center. This meeting will be a training session for all members. All school board meetings are open to the public.

Patriot's Day

The Veterans Council of Chatham County takes great pride in presenting what will be an annual celebration of Patriot's Day.

The celebration will be held at 6 p.m., Sept. 11, at Grayson Stadium, Savannah. There will be several local dignitaries present, as well as representatives of the local and county police and fire departments, all branches of the armed forces, veteran's groups, guest speakers, choir singing, color guards and bands playing patriotic songs. The ceremony is free and open to the public.

Guardfist II

The Guardfist II call for fire facility located in Building 1805 is offering night land navigation classes. Soldiers will receive hands-on training on navigating from point to point during the hours of darkness. This training is especially geared toward soldiers who will be attending PLDC. The facility also offers classes in map reading as well as call for fire.

For more information, call Randy Scales, facility manager, at 767-6467/6384.

Officer Candidate School

Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield soldiers interested in applying for Officer Candidate School must turn in their packets by Aug. 21 to the Personnel Actions Section, Room 236, B Company, 3rd Soldier Support Battalion, Building 621.

The uniform for the local board is Class A with all awards and decorations. OCS packets must be complete with all necessary documentation prior to submission to the 3rd SSB.

Incomplete packets will not be accepted. NOTE: The 3rd SSB is currently in the process of moving packets turned in prior to Saturday. The Fort Stewart local OCS board will be conducted on Sept. 4 at 8 a.m. in the Club Stewart Headlight Room.

The next Headquarters Department of the Army OCS Selection Board will be conducted at PERSCOM Oct. 7 through 11. For information, call Sgt. Clayton at

767-1452 or Sgt. 1st Class Clark at 767-5817.

Golf tournament

The Society of the Third Infantry Division presents the Marne Association Golf Tournament Four-Man Scramble at Taylors Creek Golf Course, Aug. 21. There are two shotgun starts at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Entry fees include greens fee, cart, range balls and lunch. 3ID Society members pay \$27.50 and non-members pay \$37.50. You can bring your own team. A \$20 cash fee is required for team registration by Aug. 19. There is a limited number of teams for this event. To register or for more information, contact Sgt. 1st Class Wise at 767-0019 or wisejf@stewart.army.mil, 1st Lt. Thomas at 767-2791, thomasba@stewart.army.mil.

Retiree representative

Jake Umholtz has been appointed as the retiree representative to the Club Stewart Council. In an effort to properly represent the retiree community, please advise the military retirees within your directorate of his appointment, and pass to them an invitation to advise him of their concerns and ideas to improve the club system which includes services and activities available.

For more information, call 370-7525 or e-mail jake.umholtz@stewart.army.mil.

NCO and Officer Calls

Club Stewart Officer Call is in the Liberty Room Lounge and NCO Call in the Rockets Lounge. Both are from 5 to 9 p.m., Fridays, except training holidays. Free snacks; hot dogs for sale. Bring your spouse.

Sgt. Audie Murphy club

There is a Sergeant Audie Murphy club meeting the 4th Wednesday of each month at 11:45 a.m. in the Audie Murphy Conference Room in Building 1. The next meeting will be Aug. 28. For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Jones at 767-9127.

Post orientation

Army Community Service Family Member Post Orientation/Tour is held the first Thursday of every month from 1 to 3:30 p.m. The meeting place is the Marne Soldiers' Center, Building 251 or the Fort Stewart Guest House no later than 1:15 p.m. Free child care is available. For more information, call ACS at 767-5058/1030.

Hunter

Human Resources degree

MBA and Masters in Human Resources Management degrees are available through Webster University.

The Hunter Army Education Center will offer courses at Hunter Monday. Start earning your degree today by calling your Army Education Counselor, 352-6130, or go to www.webster.edu.

Troops to Teachers

Troops to Teachers is a cooperative program between the U.S. Department of Education and the Department of Defense that provides referral and placement assistance to men and women who have served the nation as members of the Armed Forces and are now seeking a second career as teachers in public schools.

The Georgia Troops to Teachers program manager will be at the Fort Stewart Main Education Center, Building 130, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Wednesday.

For more information, call 767-8331.

Recruiter briefings

The Army's Recruiting Team from Headquarters, U.S. Army Recruiting Command, Fort Knox, Ky., will brief soldiers interested in becoming recruiters Aug. 22, 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. in Building 1290, Room 26.

For more information, call 767-3563.

Army concert tour

Live in concert - STYX featuring Dishwalla and Cowboy Mouth at the Savannah Civic Center, Aug. 23. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the show starts at 8 p.m.

Tickets are on sale now: \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. Hunter personnel can purchase tickets at Hunter Lanes and Savannah Civic Center outlets.

Women's Equality Day

The 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) will celebrate Women's Equality Day Aug. 26, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Club Stewart. Contact your Equal Opportunity Advisor for lunch tickets.

Automotive service exams

The Automotive Service Exam is here again. Servicemembers must register for the ASE by Sept. 5 for both Fort Stewart and Hunter sites. There is absolutely no late registration, so make sure you leave plenty of time to sign up. There is a \$28 registration fee for each soldier, but three tests are free once the registra-

tion has been paid.

For more information, call 767-8331 or 352-6130.

Chapter counseling

The Staff Judge Advocate is changing the hours for Chapter counseling.

The new hours are: Article 15 counseling — Mondays and Wednesdays at 9 a.m.; Chapter/Elimination counseling — Mondays and Wednesdays at 1 p.m.; Courts-martial (all levels) — Monday through Wednesday and Friday by appointment only; Suspect Rights advice — Monday through Wednesday and Friday, appointments or walk-ins accepted.

Hunter Outdoor Recreation

All facilities at Lot's Island Recreation Area are now open to the general public, to include campground, picnic areas and shelters, the tackle shop, boat hoist, and private berthing for boats. For more information, call 767-5722.

Hunter Recycling Center

The Hunter Recycling Center is temporarily closed. Housing residents are encouraged to place cardboard to be recycled in or next to their recycling bin.

Financial aid workshop

Need money for school? Hunter Education Center is holding a financial aid workshop Wednesday at 3 p.m. in Building 1290. Don't let lack of funds get in the way of your goals.

For more information, call 352-6130.

Fridays at the Hunter Club

Stop by the Hunter Club Friday between 4 and 8 p.m. and let the good times roll. Music, finger foods, dancing and even a live DJ are on hand every Friday night to provide entertainment for you and your friends. Everyone is welcome.

Academic testing

The Hunter and Fort Stewart Education Centers offer a variety of tests. Testing is scheduled at Fort Stewart each Monday, Tuesday and Friday at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. At Hunter, the testing times are Monday and Friday at 9 a.m. and Wednesday at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Tests for college credit and distance learning exams can be scheduled at most testing sessions.

The SAT is not available in July and August each year, so plan accordingly. Call 767-8331 (Fort Stewart) or 352-6130 (Hunter) for more information.

Winn

New health benefits policies

Starting today, the Health Benefits Branch at Winn will close each third Thursday of the month from 7:30 - 9:30 a.m. for training. Winn conducts hospital training the third Thursday of every month.

As of Sept. 3, the Health Benefits Branch will only process TDY orders on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1-4 p.m. to allow more efficient processing. The Health Benefits Branch is co-located in Building 301 with the TRICARE Service Center. This building can be found behind Winn's Emergency Dept. Their telephone number is 370-6015.

Free cholesterol screenings

Winn Army Community Hospital's community health nursing staff wants to check your cholesterol and offer nutritional consultation.

Stop by for a free cholesterol screening from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sept. 16, in the PX on Fort Stewart or from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sept. 23, in the main lobby entrance of Winn. Those with increased levels will be asked to follow-up with their primary care manager.

New hours in clinic

The Family Practice Clinic has changed its hours to reflect the times that patients keep their scheduled appointments.

Those hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Access to care at Winn is based upon the needs of our beneficiaries. It is those needs that prompted the change in hours.

"Winn delivers" video

Expectant moms and partners unable to attend a scheduled labor and delivery tour at Winn can now borrow a video tape that contains a 15-minute "video tour". This video gives families a sneak peek at what to expect during and after delivery at Winn. Copies are available in the OB-GYN Clinic on the fourth floor or at the public affairs office on the first floor at Winn.

Red Cross orientation

An orientation briefing will be held for American Red Cross volunteers from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Sept. 6 in the hospital conference room, 2nd Floor. For more information, call 370-6903 or e-mail Brigitte.Roberts@se.amedd.army.mil.

Volunteers interested in performing administrative, clerical or clinical duties are needed at Winn.

Obstetrics registration

Obstetrics registration classes are held from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, except the third Thursday of each month, at the Well Women's Center, Room 417, fourth floor. If you have had a positive pregnancy test, call 370-5620 to register for the class. Patients are scheduled to attend the class during or after their eighth week of pregnancy.

At the registration class, an appointment for your first OB visit/physical will be made. This appointment should be scheduled by the 12th week of pregnancy. For more information or to register for the class, call 370-5620.

Prenatal/child birth class

This four-session class begins the first Tuesday of every month. Classes are held from 6 to 8 p.m. for four consecutive Tuesdays in the dining facility at Winn, first floor. Expectant parents are encouraged to sign up to attend the class by the beginning of their third trimester - 28 to 32 weeks. To register for the class, call the Winn appointment line, 767-6633, and choose the obstetrics/gynecology selection. If you have questions, you can send an e-mail to mary.gambrel@se.amedd.army.mil.

Dermatologist at Tuttle

Dermatologist, Maj. Richard James, sees patients by appointment at Tuttle the last Thursday of the month between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. His next visit to Tuttle is Aug. 29.

Tobacco cessation class

A tobacco cessation class will be held from 1-3 p.m. on Wednesdays beginning Sept. 4 at Tuttle's Library. The four-week class assists people who chew, dip or smoke, kick the habit.

To register for the Tuttle Class, call the Central Appointments line, 767-6633 or 1-800-652-9221. When in the phone menu, Press 2 for Tuttle; Press 1 for the Medical Clinic; Press 1 for appointments.

TRICARE on Fort Stewart

The TRICARE Service Center is open for business in building T-301, the old Behavioral Health Building, next to the ER and adjacent to the Outpatient Clinic entrance at Winn. The TRICARE Service Center telephone number remained the same, 368-3048.

They joined the Health Benefits Branch, already in that building. If you have any questions for the Health Benefits Branch call 370-6015.

SPORTS & FITNESS

B SECTION

On Post

Football and cheerleading

Register your child for the Fall Fort Stewart Child and Youth Services football and cheerleading, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, Building 443, located on the corner of Gulick Ave. and Lindquist Rd., behind Corkan Pool. Football is open to youth ages 7 to 13. Cheerleading is open to youth ages 6 to 13. For more information, contact CYS at 767-2312.

Army 10-Miler

Interested in representing Fort Stewart and Hunter at the Army 10-Miler in Washington Oct. 20? Sign up now for the preliminary race at 5:45 p.m., Aug. 26, 92nd Engineer Battalion Headquarters, Building 3002 on PT Loop here. Categories are Open Men, Open Women, Masters Men and Sergeants Major. The top six from each category will represent Fort Stewart and go TDY, Oct. 18-21. Active duty military who are interested must submit an application to the Fort Stewart or Hunter sports offices prior to the race or bring it with them. For more information, call 767-8326 or 352-6749.

Golf tournament

The Society of the Third Infantry Division presents the Marne Association Golf Tournament Four Man Scramble at Taylors Creek Golf Course, Wednesday: 2 shotgun starts at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. Entry fees including greens fee, cart, range balls and lunch are 3ID Society members, \$27.50 and non-members, \$37.50 (on the spot membership available for \$10). You can bring your own team. \$20 cash fee required for team registration by Monday; there is a limited number of teams for this event. To register or for more information, contact Sgt. 1st Class Wise at 767-0019 or wise-jf@stewart.army.mil, 1st Lt. Thomas at 767-2791 or thomas-ba@stewart.army.mil.

Golf course

Taylors Creek Golf Course offers Senior Blitz on Thursdays with a 9 a.m. tee off. They also offer a Dogfight Tournament at 7:30 a.m. and Men's Blitz at 1 p.m. on Saturdays and Men's Blitz at 1 p.m. on Sundays.

Jordan Gym renovations

Jordan Gym is closed for renovation until January.

Newman offers training

The Newman Physical Fitness Center now offers personal-training consultations. Consultations consist of health screenings (body fat assessments), exercise prescription and nutritional counseling. Consultations are on appointment basis only.

Persons desiring this service may contact the Newman Physical Fitness Center at 767-3031.

Marne tournaments

A 9-pin, no-tap tournament will be held the first Saturday of every month at Marne Lanes.

Sign up starts at 6:30 p.m. Bowling starts at 7 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person. Cash prizes will be awarded. The tournament is sponsored by the Fort Stewart Women's Bowling Association.

For more information, call 767-4866. A scotch doubles tournament is held the third Saturday of every month at Marne Lanes. Bowling starts at 7 p.m. Cost is \$20 per couple. Cash prizes will be awarded.

Massage therapy program

There is a massage therapy program at Newman Fitness Center.

Massage therapy is available from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m., Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Or call to make an appointment, cost is \$1 per minute.

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

New golf pro takes reins



Spc. Jacob Boyer

Staff Writer

If you ask most people, they will probably tell you to find a job that you enjoy doing. Why spend 40 hours of your week miserable, crossing your fingers until the whistle sounds, and it is time to go home? Some people get lucky and get to do exactly what they love. Athletes, musicians and artists quickly come to mind, but those are easy examples, and how many average people get to have that life? Tommie McArthur, the new director of golf course operations for Taylors Creek Golf Course and Hunter Golf Club, not only gets to work with something he loves, but he gets to do it at a place he loves.

"At the age of 17, I was the club champ (at Hunter)," said McArthur, who has been in charge of Hunter's course since 1998. "18 years later, I came home to the course I grew up on. Not to many golf professionals get to become the head pro at the course where they grew up."

McArthur took over golf operations for both posts Aug. 1, and he brings almost 38 years of golf experience to his new job.

"I started golfing when I was four," McArthur said. "My Dad was in the Army, and on every installation he was assigned to I had the opportunity to play golf."

When he was growing up, Army dependents didn't have the right to play golf whenever they wanted, McArthur said. They were limited to certain times of the day. But pros and managers at the posts he lived on allowed him to play during restricted hours so he could improve his game.

"My dad really got me into the game," McArthur said. "He loves the game so much. When he was stationed in Germany, the nearest course was 30 or 40 miles away. During the summer, he'd drive me out to the course at 6:30 in the morning and drive back to work. I'd play all day. When he got off, he'd come back and we'd play nine or 18 holes. If he hadn't done that, my choice of careers might have been different."

McArthur did not just limit himself to golf during his youth. If not for a minor setback, another sport might have gotten him.

"I was actually a better baseball player than I was a golfer," McArthur said. "The only problem with baseball was my speed. I was one of the fastest getting to first base, but after that, I was probably one of the slowest. It made me realize golf was what I wanted to pursue."

McArthur's father was stationed at Hunter while he was in high school, where he won the club championship. Following that, he went to Georgia Southern, where he tried to get picked up by the golf team. When that did not work out, he went home to try being a club pro.

"I came back to Savannah to finish my degree," McArthur said. "A lot of the golf pros in Savannah knew me and knew I was getting into being a golf pro. Leo Beckmann gave me the opportunity to be an assistant golf professional at Mary Calder so I could learn the ropes."

McArthur soon realized being a pro is a lot of work. He did merchandising, helped people with golf rules and worked on maintenance.

"Being a golf pro is not just playing golf," McArthur said. "There are a lot of long hours, but I try to turn that around and get satisfaction from seeing customers' attitudes and enjoyment of the sport."

Early in his career, McArthur made a run at being a competitive professional.

"I was a pretty good player, and I had an opportunity to play on the Nike Tour," he said. "After those tournaments, I realized I needed to stick with the business and not be a tour player. It was a big dream of mine to try to make it out there, but I realized those guys out there are really good."

Tommie McArthur, director of golf course operations for Taylors Creek Golf Course and Hunter Golf Club, demonstrates his short game at Taylors Creek.

Spc. Jacob Boyer

Sand Gnats, Southside Optimist Club host 18th annual "pitch, hit and run"

SAVANNAH — The Savannah Sand Gnats are joining with the Southside Optimist club to host the 18th Annual "Pitch, Hit, and Run" on Saturday. The event is for children ages 14 and under, and is free of charge. Participants will be divided into three different age groups and will be showcasing their skills in throwing, hitting and running.

Each participant will receive a ticket to the Sand Gnats game against the Hagerstown Suns that evening beginning at 7:05 p.m., a certificate of participation and will have a chance to run on the field with

Sand Gnat players for the National Anthem. During the game, prizes will be awarded to the top three participants in each age group.

The event will take place on AMBUCS Field at Daffin Park in Savannah with registration beginning at 3:30 p.m. Participants should RSVP by today by calling either Don Golden of the Southside Optimist club at 925-7777 or Lenny Mathis of the Sand Gnats at 351-9150.

Information provided by the Savannah Sand Gnats Public Affairs Office.

Army opens preseason football camp

Optimism abounds as triple sessions begin

WEST POINT, N.Y. — Year Three of the "Todd Berry era" officially got under way Monday morning as Army's football team opened preseason camp with a pair of spirited morning workouts beneath blazing sunshine and high temperatures at Michie Stadium.

With heat index readings soaring over 100 degrees, 124 players dressed out on the Blaik Field playing surface Monday morning for the first of three scheduled workouts. Included in the group were 28 seniors, 15 juniors, 41 sophomores and 40 freshmen. In all, 81 of the 124 players listed on the Black Knights' preseason roster are either freshmen or sophomores — 65 percent of the squad.

"You're always excited to get started," Berry explained, shortly after the middle practice session

completed just after noon. "I am very pleased with the retention level of the upperclassmen and continue to be impressed by the athleticism of the freshmen."

"This is a very exciting time because our older players have grown up in our system. They have a basic comfort level of our schemes so we can begin to work on the nuances of our offensive and defensive systems very quickly. I am very pleased with the growth rate our young men have displayed already. They returned to camp in excellent physical condition."

Both fast-paced morning sessions featured group and individual drills with heavy emphasis dedicated to skeleton passing drills. Sophomore Reggie Nevils, in line to inherit the starting role at

quarterback, was particularly impressive, displaying a high comfort level in the pocket while delivering the ball to a host of receivers with great authority and accuracy.

"Reggie has a chance to be a very special player for us," Berry lauded. "While the statistics did not bear it out, he had an outstanding spring. Today, he picked up right where he left off. The difference was, he had his top receivers out on the field with him. That wasn't the case this spring."

"We were never able to build a chemistry in the passing game this spring because so many of our receivers were unavailable due to injuries. Gaining that type of orchestration in the passing game will be very important during preseason. I thought Reggie threw the ball very well today."

Berry was also impressed with the Black Knights' performance at running back, where veterans Marcellus Chapman and Josh Holden head an impressive talent stable, buoyed by the presence of several talented freshmen.

"I feel very good about our running back position," Berry added. "People think of Marcellus as a newcomer because he hasn't played in any varsity games, but he has received an awful lot of practice 'reps' the past two years. He and Josh will give us a strong pairing in the backfield."

While Berry put the freshman squad members through several workouts over the weekend, Monday provided Army's third-year mentor his first glimpse at the squad assembled together in a practice setting. He was not disappointed.

"We feel very good about the older players in the program, so we won't be forced to count on this freshman class to step on the field and help us immediately," Berry said. "But some of these young men will force us to play them right away based on their talent level. It will be very difficult to keep some of them off the field."

Information provided by WWW.GOARMYSPO RTS.COM

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Marne Scoreboard

Softball

2002 Fort Stewart/HAAF Intramural Softball

Men's Fall Softball League
Open to military and civilians.
Entry Deadline: Sept. 26
Fee: \$175 per team
15 players per team
Limited to 20 teams

Men's Marathon Softball Tournament

Aug. 30-Sept. 1
Double Elimination
Entry Deadline: Aug. 28
Entry Fee: \$125 per team
Open to military and civilians.
Men's Class C and D, Co-ed teams are welcome
Contact Arthur Lewis at 767-6572 or 352-6749.

Football

2002 Fort Stewart/HAAF Intramural Flag Football

Preseason Tournament
Aug. 26-29
Single Elimination
Entry Deadline: Aug. 21
Fee: \$75 per team
15 players per team
20-team field
Contact Arthur Lewis at 767-6572 or 352-6749.

Regular Season

Company level, active-duty level league, battalion-level women's active-duty league, battalion-level 35 and over active-duty league, and family member

women's league begin Sept. 9
Entry Deadline: Aug. 16

Company-Level Football Tournaments

The company-level top two preseason teams from each conference will compete Feb. 18-21. The 2001 battalion-level women's active-duty league's top two teams will compete Feb. 18-21. The battalion-level 35 and over top two teams will compete Feb. 18-21. The top two family member women's league will compete Feb. 18-21.

YMCA Youth Flag Football

Registration ongoing and ends Sept. 1.
Ages 3-4 \$20 YMCA members
\$35 program members
Ages 5-6 \$40 YMCA members
\$55 program members
Ages 7-8 \$50 YMCA members
\$65 program members
Register at the YMCA, 201 Mary Lou Drive or call 368-5311 for more information.

Running

"Top of the Rock" Run

Sept. 7
Race starts 9 a.m. at Newman Physical Fitness Center.
5K Individual, 10K Individual, male and female 5K, team 10K (10 runners minimum)
Entry fee: \$10-\$12, or \$18 day of race
10 age groups
Entry deadline: Individuals can register the day of the race, teams must be registered by Sept. 4.

Golf

2002 Fort Stewart Intramural Golf Tournament

Aug. 21-22

Taylor's Creek Golf Course, 1 p.m. each day
Format: Four-man scramble
Entry Deadline: Aug. 9

The Marne Association Golf Tournament

Aug. 21
Shotgun starts at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Entry Fee: 27.50 for Society of the Third Infantry Division members, \$37.50 for nonmembers
\$20 cash fee required by Aug. 19 for team registration.
Call 767-0019 or 767-2791 for more information or to register.

Basketball

Basketball Season

Entry Deadline: Nov. 14
Company-level, active-duty level league, battalion-level women's activity-duty league and the battalion-level 35 and over league start Nov. 25. The family member women's league starts Nov. 26

Soccer

Fall Six-Man Soccer League

Begins Sept. 23
Entry Deadline: Sept. 16
15 players per team
20-team field
Contact Arthur Lewis at 767-6572 or 352-6749.

YMCA Adult Coed Soccer

Registration is ongoing and ends Sept. 1. The league is open to people 16 and older. The cost is \$220 per team or \$28 per person for YMCA members and \$38 per person for members. Register at the YMCA or call 368-5311 for more information.

Golf Pro

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McArthur is modest about his game, but he's quick to point out where he struggles.

"The weakest part is my short game," McArthur said. "Right along with that, as I get older, my concentration slips. I have a tough time maintaining it for 18 holes. It's usually good for six or seven holes, but after that, it's southward bound."

But McArthur thinks age can benefit a golfer, as well.

"I've learned that as I'm getting older, my goal is to try to enjoy the game more," McArthur said. "My game is improving because of my attitude. I'm not as competitive, and it takes some pressure off. My golf management is probably the strongest part of my game. With my experience playing competitively, I've learned what I can do. I can try to create shots."

With a father who was in the Army, McArthur got to play golf all over the world, but one course in particular has a special place in his memory.

"When I was 15, I got to play at St. Andrew's, the home of the game of golf. To most golfers, it would be like heaven. The nostalgia, the history and the learning experience were amazing."

"It wasn't just playing - it was being on the grounds where golf was invented. We spent four or five days there, and we played every day," he added.

In addition to the various tasks his job entails, McArthur also spends time instructing golfers, both individually and in groups. He's worked with all levels of golfers, from those who have never seen a driver to professional tour players.

"The good thing about teaching is you get to see people improve," McArthur said. "Most of my students realize how difficult the game of golf is. They learn a little about golf, whether its swing mechanics or golf history. That's the satisfaction I get."

McArthur thinks the first lesson most novice golfers need to learn is not to worry about distance.

"People try to hit the ball farther than they're capable of," McArthur said. "There's a fine line nowadays with technology and equipment. There are balls and clubs that are marketed as allowing people to hit the ball 10-25 feet further. Everybody buys into the marketing scheme. It's not necessarily true."

Instead of worrying about distance, McArthur tries to tailor the game to the golfer.

"I develop a golf swing that is within the individual," McArthur said. "People need to realize that they may only hit a driver 220 yards. They try to play outside their game and hit the ball farther."

McArthur wants people who come to the courses to leave with a good attitude about golf, and takes satisfaction in seeing others enjoy the sport he loves.

"We're here for the soldiers and their families," McArthur said. "That's our main objective. We want them to relax and enjoy themselves, and have an enjoyable and memorable visit. When you see that, it makes the long hours worthwhile."

McArthur encourages people to play golf because it's a game that can be enjoyed throughout their lives.

"It's a game of a lifetime," he said. "There aren't many sports you can play on a consistent level when you're at the age of 80, but you can still play golf."

Personally, McArthur relishes the changes that can happen on a course from day to day.

"Not every day's the same," McArthur said. "One day the sun could be shining and it could be windy, and the next day it's cloudy and raining. Both the golfer's attitude and the condition of the golf course can vary. It's a challenging sport, and you face it every day as something different. I like challenges."

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Have you seen my pigskin?

Spc. Jacob Boyer
Staff Writer

Summer is slowly drawing to a close. The days are hotter, but shorter. Pennant races are tighter, and every game is of the utmost importance. Fall is definitely coming, and with it, football is being played once again.

So where the heck is my pigskin? I keep hearing about games being played. In fact, the way I hear it, my Redskins are off to a good start, and the new coach is already angering people. But I can't see any of this, because they seem to have forgotten to put it on TV. Completely forgotten.

If football's going on, it should be going on my TV. I flipped through the channels all weekend hoping for a glance of gridiron mayhem and got nothing. De nada. Zip. Zilch. It's enough to make a grown man cry.

There's an old Springsteen song about there being 57 channels and nothing on, but this is ridiculous. I anxiously await a game I can actually watch AS IT HAPPENS. The Skins were on two weekends ago, but it was at 10 p.m. on a Saturday night! Then there was one round of Monday Night Football, and its like things are going back to no football.

Maybe I'm being impatient, and even a little outrageous, but I need it. It's a guy thing, I think. We're all wired for this sport for some reason none of us can explain. And when I know it's happening and can't watch

it drives me stark-raving mad.

It's probably all a marketing scheme. Some TV executive told the NFL, "If you wait and wait to go to full coverage, the slobbering masses (men) will sit there all day opening week-end, and we'll all make tons of money on the next round of advertisements!" How dare they turn my passion into business! Is nothing sacred any more? Next people are going to tell me college football isn't about money. Wait a minute.

I say we all rise up and demand our football. I want full coverage! I see professional bowling on all the time, but is anybody really watching? Put a game on! I want to see a quarterback get his head knocked off! I NEED to see the stats in the paper. And I have to see the Redskins, or any other team, actually play a game.

Football is an obsession for many, and it should be satisfied now, before it is too late. We should all rise up and demand it. Of course, the people in charge will think we're playing around, and it will probably amount to more games we don't see. But I need it. I'm waiting.

Commentary



Spc. Scott Molina

An anguished football fan eagerly awaits the start of the football season.

JAKE'S BODY SHOP Older women and exercise

Q I am a 65 year old female. Should I be exercising? I see so many people who walk and jog, but I was never very athletically inclined.

A Definitely, yes! Even older women should exercise to improve heart and blood vessel fitness, bone strength and to control weight.

Only 30 minutes of exercise twice each week is enough to give you significant muscle strength. Three 30 minute exercise periods are an important benefit to your cardiovascular system.

But if you wish to burn more fat, perhaps daily exercise may be required. In fact, you can lose more fat by exercising than by dieting.

Benefits of exercising

So many symptoms once thought to be due to aging are now known to be reversible when older ladies abandon a sedentary lifestyle.

As you exercise, both your strength and energy will increase, not decrease. Your health care costs will lessen. Aches, pains, tensions and depression will be reduced.

Your risk of osteoporosis, with its tendency to broken bones, will lessen for those bones involved in your exercise, such as leg bones if you walk.

Finally, your chances for living longer, remaining useful and living independently will be increased.

The exercise that's right for you

What type of exercise program should you do? That depends on several things. What is available where you live? What health problems do you now have? What benefit do you hope to get from the exercises?

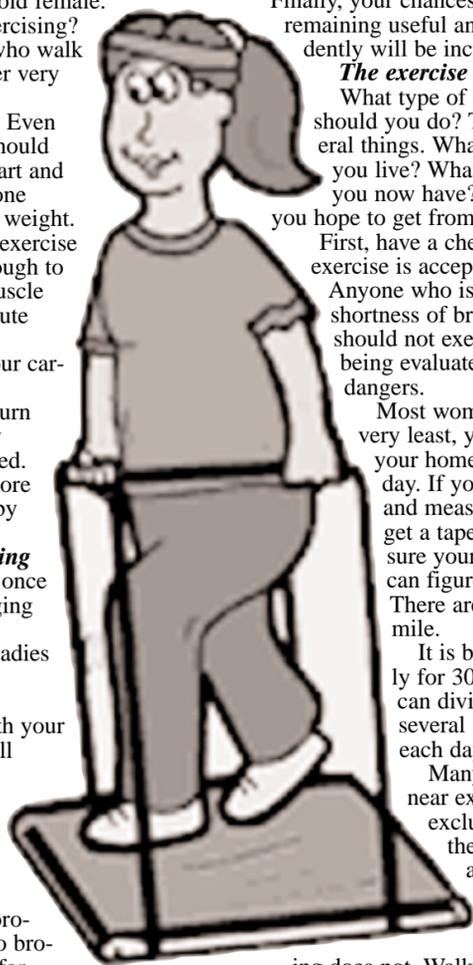
First, have a check-up to be sure exercise is acceptable for you. Anyone who is having chest pain, shortness of breath or dizziness should not exercise except after being evaluated by a physician for dangers.

Most women can walk. At the very least, you can walk through your home many times each day. If you count your steps and measure a typical step, or get a tape measure and measure your walking path you can figure how far you walk. There are 5,280 feet in a mile.

It is best to walk vigorously for 30 minutes, but you can divide your walk up into several 10 minute walks each day.

Many older women live near exercise facilities exclusively for women. There, swimming is also a fine activity that will increase fitness.

It gives exercise for the arms that walking does not. Walking or using a stationary bicycle are both excellent and afford strength and endurance.





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LIFE & TIMES

C SECTION

On Post

Stewart school delayed

Due to the ongoing renovation project at Brittin Elementary School, the start date for the 2002-03 school year has been postponed.

Tentative return dates for students is Monday.

Officers' Spouses' Club

The Fort Stewart Officers' Spouses Club cordially invites you to the Fall Sign Up from 7 to 9 p.m., today, at Club Stewart.

There will be information from vendors, food and fellowship.

Information tables are available for private military and non-military vendors. Tables are for information only, no sales are allowed. The fee is \$10 for profit organizations and free for non-profit organizations.

For more information, call Kimberly Mullen, 727-9909 or Heather Knapp, 877-0193.

Styx concert 2 for 1 tickets

Tickets are now on sale for the Aug. 23 Styx concert. Prices are \$25 in advance and \$30 the day of the concert for the public. Two people can attend the concert for the price of one. Simply buy one concert ticket at regular price, bring an empty Pepsi can or bottle to the concert, and get a friend in for free. Tickets are on sale at Marne Lanes, Stewart Lanes, Sports USA, Leisure Activities Center and Hunter Lanes. For more information, go to www.fortstewartmwr.com.

Volunteering

Do you have a few hours each day, each week or each month to work with new people, learn new skills and contribute to our community? The Installation Volunteer Coordinator Program need military spouses and others who are interested in helping others. Childcare may be provided. For more information, call IVC at 767-5058, or stop by 76 Lindquist Avenue.

Off Post

Wormsloe Historic Site

"Tools and Skills That Built a Colony" will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Aug. 31, at Wormsloe Historic site, 7601 Skidaway Road, Savannah. There will be craft demonstrations of the Colonial Period such as woodworking, blacksmithing, cooking, candlemaking, dyeing and spinning. Admission is \$2.50 for adults, \$1.50 children ages 6-12, 5 and under free. For more information, call (912) 353-3023.

Photography seminar

The Telfair Museum of Art will hold a photography seminar for adults from Sept. 27 through 28, in conjunction with the museum's exhibition Visualizing the Blues: 140 Years of the American South in Photographs. The program will be led by well-known Savannah master photographer Jack Leigh.

There will be a free slide lecture, open to Telfair members only, at 7 p.m., Sept. 27. On Saturday, Sept. 28, there will be an in-depth, day-long seminar entitled The Art of Photography: Appreciation of the Medium. Each participant may bring one photograph to the session for critique by Leigh. Admission for the Saturday event is \$75 for Telfair members and \$110 for non-members. Non-member admission includes individual membership in the Telfair Museum of Art. To register or for more information, call Diane Felcyn at (912) 232-1177, ext. 18.

To publish a brief in The Frontline, call 767-3440 or fax us at 767-5979. Deadline for briefs is Monday at noon.



Spc. Jacob Boyer

Chief Warrant Officer 2 James Bowen, 632nd Maint. Co., starts a Toastmasters meeting.

Ladies, gentlemen ...

Public speaking need not be cause for fright

Spc. Jacob Boyer

Staff Writer

Public speaking can be a lot of people's worst nightmare.

Some people easily adapt to the task, but others need a little bit more work. Even those with the skills need to make sure they exercise them every now and then.

On Fort Stewart, there is at least one way for someone to work on his speaking skills. The post Toastmasters club meets twice monthly to allow people to work on this valuable skill, said Chief

Warrant Officer 2 James Bowen, the chapter president.

"A lot of blue chip corporations use this," Bowen said. "It's a valuable skill to have on your resume."

The club meets noon the first and third Wednesday of every month at Club Stewart, said Bowen, who has been with the club for 1 1/2 years. At the meetings, which are formally structured, participants get a chance to work on running meetings, giving impromptu speeches, giving prepared speeches and leadership skills.

The meetings begin with a short

business session to handle the club's affairs. Following that, three members give speeches they have prepared for critique. Three club members evaluate one of the speeches.

After the prepared speeches, "table topics" are introduced. They can be on anything, and random members are chosen to give short speeches on whatever subject is presented. The meeting then moves into critiques and awards. The evaluators stand up and give their opinions on the speeches, going

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Pfc. Katherine Robinson

Sgt. Matthew Fesl (left), and Spc. Christopher Wilson, both of 179th MP Det., test a child seat for 9-month-old Austin Miller Friday in the post exchange parking lot. The safety checks were part of the Installation 100 Days of Summer Safety Campaign.

Post helps parents ensure child safety

Pfc. Katherine Robinson

Staff Writer

Parents on post got the opportunity to verify their child's safety in the car Friday, during a child safety seat check in the post exchange parking lot.

The USAA Educational Foundation, in conjunction with the 3rd Military Police Battalion, Army Air Force Exchange Service and the Installation Safety Office, set up an area in the parking lot from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., where parents could get their child safety seats checked by trained technicians.

Four technicians, including a military policeman, a Hinesville Fire Department employee, and two contractors with the USAA Educational Foundation checked car

"I feel a lot safer now. I know the baby will be okay."

Dawn Bass
Family Member

seats for defects and improper installation. They also checked to make sure the seats hadn't been recalled, and they fit the child's age and weight.

If the seats weren't installed correctly, the technicians corrected the problem, showing the parents how to fix it as well. If the seats were defective, recalled or the wrong size, the

seats were replaced at no charge to the parents. The foundation also handed out booklets on proper seat installation.

The USAA Educational Foundation, a non-profit organization bearing the name of the financial institution that helped establish it, donated 25 car seats to use as replacements.

"We do this because it gives back to the military," said Ross Vale, Safety Education Program administrator with the foundation. "We travel to any military installation that will sponsor us, we do inspections for the car seats, and replace any that need to be replaced." The foundation spends roughly \$3,000 for each visit.

The program was a part of Fort Stewart's

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Soldiers can earn degrees from home

Special to The Frontline

FORT EUSTIS, Va. – Soldiers, family members and civilian employees can earn associates degrees by mail through a fully accredited college program in existence for more than 90 years.

"This program is designed for mobility and can follow soldiers throughout their careers, deployments and transfers," said Paula Dalton, Management Training Team B leader with the Army Training Support Center's Army Institute for Professional Development.

Columbia Union College, Silver Springs, Md., began offering college-level home study in 1909. Now, through the Army Corresponding Education and Training System at the institute, soldiers can earn college credits.

Columbia Union College is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and the Maryland State Board of Higher Education. So credit earned in the associate degree program may be transferred to other schools.

"As in all college programs, the accepting colleges reserve the right to accept or reject credit hours earned at other institutions,"

Earn degrees online

<p>Central Texas College <i>New</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A.G.S. General Studies • A.A.S. Applied Management <p>Columbia College <i>New</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B.A./B.S. Business Administration • B.A. General Studies • A.A. General Studies (Hunter Army Airfield only) <p>Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Hunter Army Airfield only)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A.S./B.S. Professional Aeronautics • A.S./B.S. Aviation Business Administration • B.S. Management of Technical Operations • B.S. Aviation Maintenance Management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M.S. Aeronautical Science <p>Savannah Technical College <i>New</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A.S. Computer Information Systems <p>The Liberty Center</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A.A. Associate of Arts (AASU) • A.A.S. Criminal Justice (Corrections, Law Enforcement & POST) (AASU) • B.S. Early Childhood Education (AASU) • B.S. Middle Grades Education (AASU) • Master of Education (GSU) • Master of Business Administration (GSU) • Master of Public Administration (GSU) • Master of Criminal Justice (GSU) <p>Webster University <i>New</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of Business Administration • Master of Human Resources Management
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Dalton said.

The goal is to earn an associate of science credit for colleges with emphasis on management. Students may apply to receive credit for Army training courses and experiences. However, at least 15 credit hours must be taken through ACETS, Dalton said.

Soldiers at Fort Stewart who are interested should go to the main Army Education Center or their unit education centers and speak to an education counselor. Other college programs are also available through the eight education

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In the beginning: A look at what existed before Camp Stewart

Spc. Laurie Kemp
Staff Writer

While the 280,000 acres that make up Fort Stewart have been inhabited for more than 12,000 years, it is the past 200 to 300 years that draw people here to reconnect with their family roots.

Fort Stewart was once home to approximately 60 communities. But between 1939 and 1943, the communities were displaced when the government announced the opening of Camp Stewart, which would encompass territory from five counties – Long, Liberty, Bryan, Evans and Tattnall.

The communities were moved but family legacies were left behind – in the form of cemeteries.

According to Jennifer Grover, Cultural Resources Management specialist, approximately 60 communities did exist, but not all at the same time.

For example, Fort Argyle was the first settlement in the area established in 1733. Over time, however, the settlers began moving westward and soon the people from Fort Argyle moved on and Fort Argyle ceased to exist.

Most of the communities were “conglomerates of communities,” Grover said, meaning there were several little communities spread out around one larger community. The larger community was treated as the main one, with the main store, blacksmith shop, school and post office. In modern day terms, Grover said, it was set up like the suburbs.

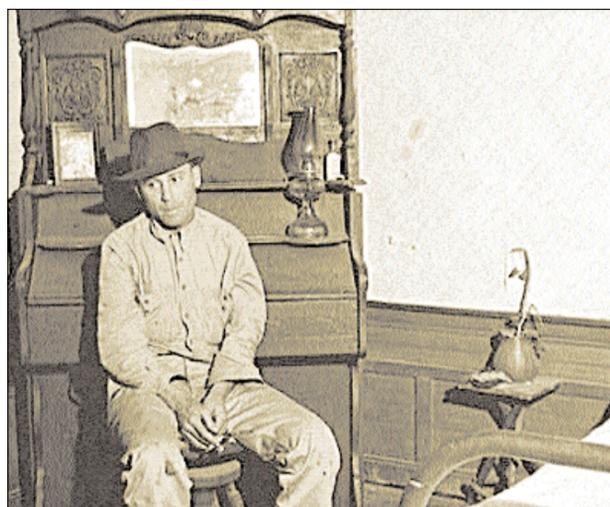
Most communities coexisted during the 20th Century, primarily due to population growth. The three largest communities of the 20th Century were Clyde, Taylors Creek and Willie. The communities farmed, grew timber or had turpentine factories, especially during the 20th Century. They thrived at the turn of the century and then slowly declined, as did many other rural areas, through the depression and after.

The inability to overcome provided the government with a location they had been searching for. In late 1939, the government announced that it would establish a major Army training installation on the eastern seaboard of the United States.

“There weren’t a lot of people living out here and the land wasn’t prosperous, so it was easier for the Army to convince people to move off and the land was relatively cheap,” Grover said.

Each landholder was paid per acre. The rate varied as each piece of land was different but all they were paid for was the land, not their homes. As this was the case, the Army encouraged the families to move all of their possessions, including their homes and churches, because if they did not, the Army would destroy them to prevent squatters from moving in.

One commonly heard story, whether truth or folklore, is the tale of Poplar Head Baptist Church and cemetery. The congregation simply refused to let the government destroy their church. So, the members got together and physically

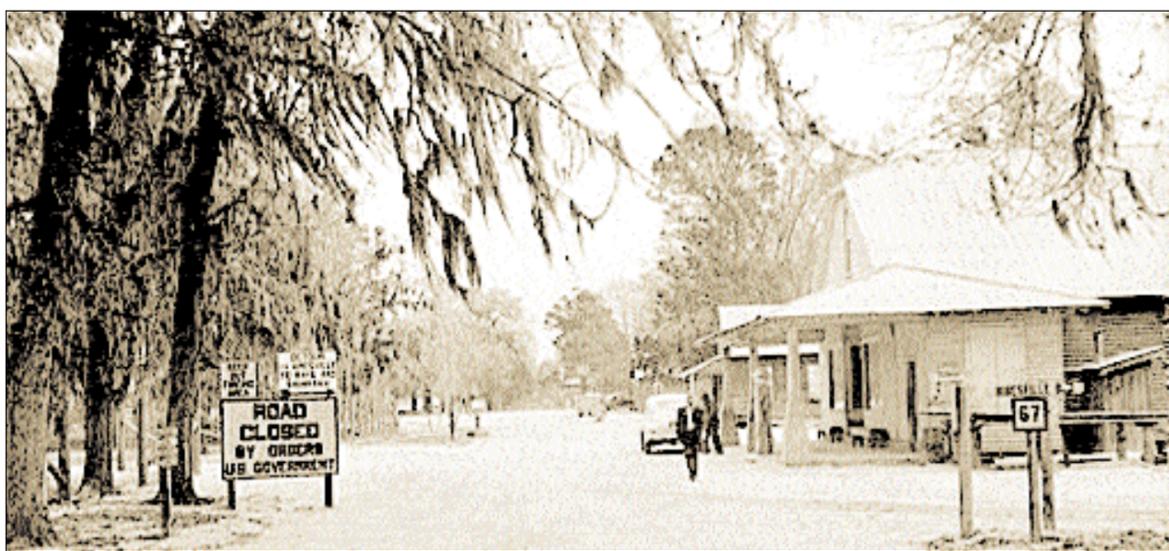


Robert Hathaway, a farmer who lived in the Camp Stewart area, made plans to move to Hazlehurst Farms Inc., in Hazlehurst, Ga.



A turpentine worker cuts a V-shaped section near the base of a pine tree to clear a place for a clay or tin box, used to collect the crude gum from the tree, to be placed in a barrel to be distilled. Many of the communities that were displaced by Camp Stewart produced turpentine.

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Main Street in Taylors Creek, near Hinesville, Ga. The village was located in the Camp Stewart area and at the time of this photo was being evacuated. Between 1939 and 1943, several communities were displaced when the government announced the opening of Camp Stewart.

Summer Safety

Seats

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100 Days of Summer Safety Campaign, according to Mike Olin, a safety specialist with the Installation Safety Office. Child safety seats are absolutely important, he said. “It has proven to be vital in saving the lives of children in automobile accidents, and doing it without further injuring the child.”

The technicians were all trained in a 32-hour program on child seats. The same course will come to Fort Stewart in early December, Olin said, so that local soldiers and civilians may receive the training. The class will culminate with another exercise like the one that took place Friday.

“Parents are always looking out for the welfare of their children,” Olin said. “This benefits them, and they know that.”

Dawn Bass, who is expecting her first child any day, had her car seat checked out and found that it was in fact installed improperly.

“I feel a lot safer now,” Bass said. “I know the baby will be okay.”

Altogether 61 inspections were performed and 23 car seats were replaced, Olin said.



Andrea Barnett (left), watches as Sgt. Matthew Fesl looks at the installation of her 4-year-old son Javon’s car seat. Proper installation, defects, recalls, and wrong size were some things inspectors checked for.



Pfc. Katherine Robinson

(Left) Spc. Christopher Wilson finds out what to look for when inspecting a child safety seat. (Above) A large portion of the PX parking lot was blocked off with cones so that parents could have their child safety seats inspected and either fixed or replaced.

(Right) Mike Olin, a safety specialist with the Hunter Army Airfield Installation Safety Office, checks out 16-month-old Hannah Williams’ seat.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Chaplain lived Army values

Special to The Frontline

"Faces at Dau Tieng, Vietnam headquarters of the First Division, were grim on Nov. 8, 1966. The Big Red One's 1st Battalion was under fierce attack by Vietcong in War Zone C, northwest of Saigon, and casualties had been heavy.

Helicopters were standing by to airlift medics and troop reinforcements. Into one of the choppers stepped boyish Chap. Michael J. Quealy, who had grown up on Manhattan's streets dreaming of becoming a foreign missionary.

He was not assigned to the 1st Battalion, but he insisted on going out with the first airlift to do what he could for the wounded and dying.

Several senior officers told him it was dangerous, but Quealy waved them aside and half an hour later was on the battlefield, giving last rites of his church to dying soldiers. As he bent over to console a wounded man, a VC

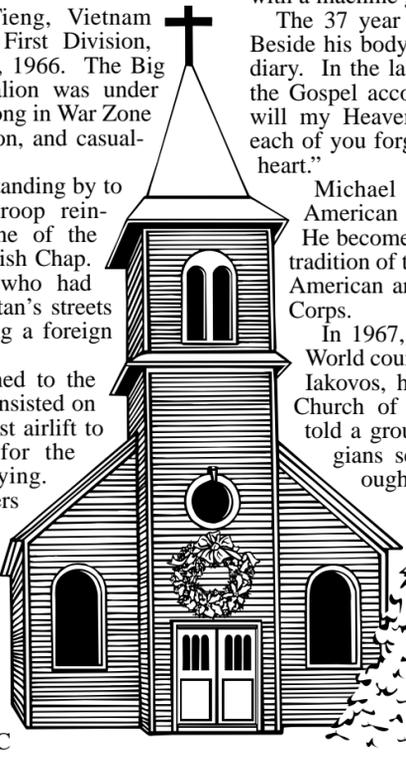
leaped from the underbrush and cut loose with a machine gun.

The 37 year old chaplain died instantly. Beside his body, grief-stricken GI's found a diary. In the last entry was a passage from the Gospel according to St. Matthew: "So will my Heavenly Father treat you unless each of you forgives his brother with all his heart."

Michael Quealy was the fifth American chaplain to die in Vietnam. He becomes, in death, part of the proud tradition of the least-known branch of the American armed forces — the Chaplain Corps.

In 1967, of the six presidents of the World Council of Churches, Archbishop Iakovos, head of the Greek Orthodox Church of North and South America, told a group of Catholics that "theologians searching for Christian unity ought to study Army Chaplains."

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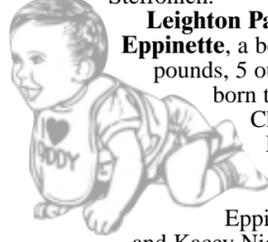


Birth announcements

July 30
George Jacob Boyette, a boy, 6 pounds, 4 ounces, born to Warrant Officer 1 Keith Eric Boyette and Linley Alicia Storm-Boyette.
Jayace Rosborough, a boy, 8 pounds, 5 ounces, born to Pfc. Joshua Rosborough and Z. Shanay Rosborough.

Williams and Brenda L. Williams.

August 2
Abigail Steffonich, a girl, 8 pounds, 5 ounces, born to Sgt. Nicholas Steffonich and Jennifer Steffonich.



Leighton Parker Eppinette, a boy, 7 pounds, 5 ounces, born to Pfc. Chad Evan

Eppinette and Kacey Nicole

Eppinette.
Ayden Demetri Eldolphus Holmes, a boy, 3 pounds, 14 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Eldolphus Holmes, Jr., and Lisa Holmes.

August 3
Tyshauna Alaya Barnell, a girl, 6 pounds, 10 ounces, born to Ms. Uolanda Barnwell (dependant daughter of Staff Sgt. Frank Barnwell).

August 4
Paris Le Pennington, a girl, 6 pounds, 14 ounces, born to Spc. Paris Lee Pennington and Corinne Leah-Ann Pennington.

August 5
Jared Emmanuel Reeves, a boy, 7 pounds, 10 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Clifton Reeves and Kimberly Reeves.

Melodie Angel Ortiz, a girl, 6 pounds, 15 ounces, born to Spc. Robert F. Ortiz, Jr. and Melissa R. Ortiz.

Worship Opportunities

Fort Stewart

Catholic	Location	Time
Daily Mass	Victory	11:45 a.m.
Saturday Mass (2nd, 4th, 5th)	Victory	5 p.m.
Spanish Mass (1st & 3rd)	Victory	5 p.m.
Sunday Mass	Victory	9 a.m.
Sunday Mass	Victory	7 p.m.
Wednesday Mass	WACH	11:45 a.m.
Protestant		
Sunday Service	Heritage	9:30 a.m.
Sunday Service	Marne	11 a.m.
Sunday Gospel Service	Victory	11 a.m.
Sunday Liturgical	Heritage	11 a.m.
Sunday Family Matters	Vale	11 a.m.
Sunday Contemporary	Marne	6 p.m.
American Samoan		
Sunday Service	Heritage	1 p.m.
Muslim		
Friday Jum'ah	Bldg. 9182	1:15 p.m.
Masjid (Daily)	Bldg. 9182	5:30 a.m.
Seventh Day Adventist		
Saturday Sabbath School	Vale	9:15 a.m.
Saturday Divine Worship	Vale	11 a.m.
Healing Service		
Tuesday Service	WACH	11:30 a.m.
Lutheran		
Sunday Worship	Heritage	11 a.m.
Contemporary Service		
Sunday	Marne	6 p.m.

Hunter Army Airfield

Catholic		
Sunday Mass	Post Chapel	9:30 a.m.
Protestant		
Sunday Service	Post Chapel	11 a.m.



Styx tickets now buy one get one free

Special to The Frontline

Fort Stewart Morale, Welfare and Recreation and the Pepsi Bottling Group of Savannah want to pack the house Aug. 23, for the Styx, Cowboy Mouth and Dishwalla concert.

Two people can attend the concert for the price of one.

Simply buy one concert ticket at regular price, bring an empty Pepsi can or bottle to the concert, and get a friend in for free.

"There are plenty of tickets left," said Larry Cutchens, chief Directorate of Community Activities and Services.

Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door. Tickets are available at Stewart and Marne Lanes, Sports USA, Leisure Activities Center, and Hunter Lanes.

Tickets are also available at the Savannah Civic

Center Box Office, 651-6556, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., or by phone at 1-800-351-7469.

Other Savannah outlets include Oglethorpe Mall customer service, Papa John's Pizza on Wilmington Island and Lester's Florist.

Seating is general admission on a first come basis. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m.

Transportation from Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield to the Civic Center and back is available on a first come first serve basis.

Buses will leave Club Stewart at 5 p.m. and the Hunter Club at 6 p.m., and will return directly following the concert.

This promotion is open to all concert ticket holders. The offer does not apply to complimentary tickets and is limited to one free admission with one paid ticket.

Toastmasters

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over everything from the speaker's subject to the number of times he said "uh."

The meeting ends with awards for the best prepared speaker, impromptu speaker and evaluator. The awards are voted on by the entire membership.

"Toastmasters gets people to stand up in front of people they know and don't know," Bowen said. "Everybody is supposed to talk during a meeting."

There are different levels of accomplishment for club members, Bowen said.

Once a speaker has given ten prepared speeches, he is considered a competent speaker. The first ten

speeches are outlined in a book given to new members. After that, a speaker can give more speeches, and when he has reached his 15th, he is known as an advanced speaker.

Because of the demands of trying to give everyone a chance to speak, clubs typically range between 20 and 30 members, Bowen said. Even at that number, it can take awhile to finish the required speeches.

"I've given five speeches in 1 1/2 years," Bowen said. "It takes a while, because everyone is trying to get their speeches in. But if anybody's game, I'll throw them in."

A lot of people try to avoid speaking

if they can, but Bowen said coming to the meetings can change that quickly.

"When I first got here (to Fort Stewart), it took them six months to drag me to a meeting," Bowen said. "I did not want to attend these things. I did not want to get up and give speeches. But I was doing a project on Toastmasters for my master's degree, and I realized how many corporations use it as a leadership and communication program for executives."

Anyone interested in the program can contact Bowen at 767-0383 or bowenja@stewart.army.mil.

"You should come watch the meeting," Bowen said. "You'll enjoy it."

Degrees

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centers on post.

Students will have to pay a \$50 fee to register for a degree-granting program. The courses cost \$80 per credit hour and there is a \$60 charge each time a student applies for one or more courses.

Soldiers will be reimbursed for 75 percent of the tuition by the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support when a course is completed.

Most of the courses require two tests. They can be taken at the installation education office under the supervision of a test control officer, or by special arrangements with the Army Correspondence Course Program office in AIPD.

Students have up to a year to complete a course, but extensions may be granted on a case-by-case basis, Dalton said. But there is no time limit set for earning the associate degree. If a student cancels or allows enrollment to lapse, he or she will be charged another application fee.

Although ATSC education specialists developed the program primarily for soldiers, their families and Army civilians, military members and civilian employees and families in the Air Force, Navy and Marines can participate the same way Army people do.

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Communities

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The Edwards family in their pre-fabricated home at Hazlehurst Farms Inc. They once owned a farm in the Willie community.

moved the wooden church off Fort Stewart's property to the new location on highway 196 where it stands today.

While at least one structure from the olden days remains standing, it is not on Fort Stewart. Only one structure was not destroyed and that structure lies at Glisson Pond, on what is now Camp Oliver.

The impact the move had is not known. None of the communities had large populations but this was the land they had known and their parents and grandparents had lived on. A lot of the families were able to take the government money and start fresh somewhere else, perhaps Hinesville or Pembroke, but this was not to be for everyone. The government understood the situation and provided row houses to those who could not afford a new

life right away at Hazlehurst Farms Inc., Hazlehurst, Ga.

"Some people moved just outside the perimeter and some people moved far a field," Grover said.

The families had to leave, anything left behind was destroyed - all but the communities' cemeteries.

Fort Stewart has 60 known cemeteries, Grover said. Out of the 280,000 acres, only roughly 160,000 acres have been surveyed. Grover said she wouldn't be surprised to find more as surveying continues.

While there is no real correlation between the 60 cemeteries and 60 communities, Grover said. "These cemeteries are an important link to our past."

A lot of the communities had cemeteries, Taylors Creek for example, had two cemeteries, but a

lot of the discovered cemeteries are just family burial sites behind what was once the house, Grover said.

Some people wonder why the cemeteries are still standing when everything else was torn down. Grover said, "They are an actual visual reminder to our past and I think it is easier to bulldoze someone's house than to disturb someone's grave - they are sacred sites."

The Cultural Resources department's purpose "is to record and preserve the history of Fort Stewart," Grover said. Specifically, to document everything nonmilitary and more than 50 years old.

Contrary to popular belief, soldiers and cemeteries do exist in harmony, Grover said.

"Our cemeteries stay in very good shape. The units avoid them, they know there is a 200 foot

buffer around them and that is maintained and respected," Grover said.

Anyone is welcome to visit the Fort Stewart cemeteries. All that is required is a call to the Public Affairs Office to ensure there will be no training going on while a group is at the site, said Gail Aldridge, Public Affairs Branch.

Aldridge said she strives to answer questions and help people locate their ancestral ties.

If you are interested in visiting a Fort Stewart cemetery or have any questions, call Gail Aldridge at 767-5687, fax her at 767-1542 or email her at gail.aldrige@stewart.army.mil.

"Cemeteries are too human - there is too much emotion tied too a cemetery to neglect them," Grover said.

Volunteer Spotlight



Christiane Morales



Christiane Morales is Winn Army Community Hospital's new American Red Cross hospital co-chairman volunteer.

She volunteers because it is a great learning experience and she likes to get out of the house to meet new people. "I really like helping whenever needed," said Morales.

Morales is a certified translator for English and

Spanish. Originally from Freudenstadt, Germany, Morales's husband Robert is assigned to MEDDAC.

If you'd like more information about becoming an American Red Cross volunteer at Winn Army Community Hospital, call Brigitte Roberts at 370-6903 or e-mail Brigitte.Roberts@se.amedd.army.mil.

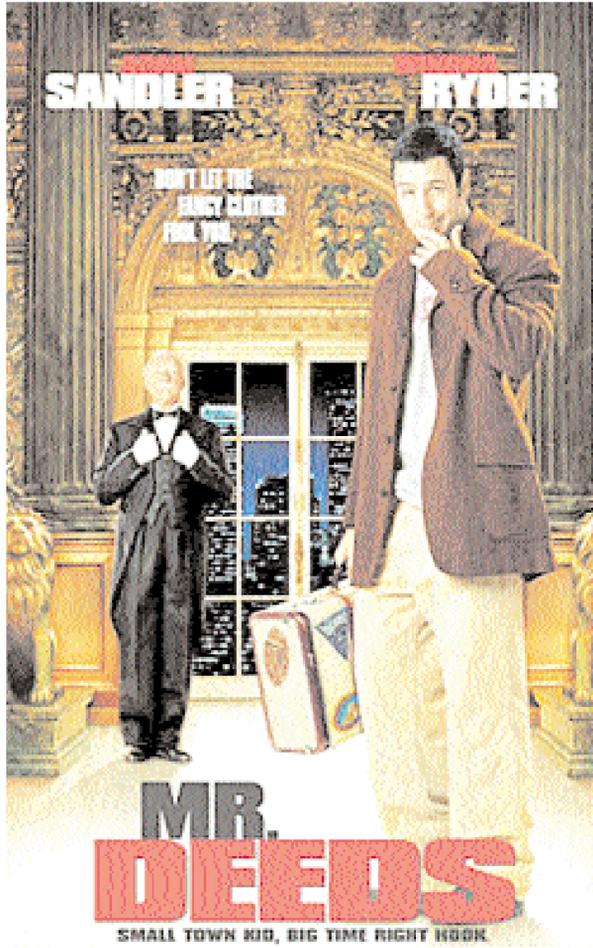
Pet of the Week

Katie is a 2-year-old brown and white tabby. She is very friendly and likes to snuggle.



All adoption fees at the Fort Stewart Vet Clinic cover the first series of shots.

If interested in adopting these Katie or any other cat or dog, call 767-4194 or stop by the clinic at 461 W. Bultman Ave., Building 1180.



Stop Overpopulation, Spay or Neuter Your Pet Today!!

Lost your pet?

Check out the Fort Stewart Vet Clinic. All stray pets found on post are taken to the facility.

Reunite with your loved one.

WOODRUFF THEATER

August 15-August 21

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

Powerpuff Girls (PG)

Animated
Tonight at 7 p.m.
 When Professor Utonium first cooked up the girls in his laboratory, he wasn't trying to give them superpowers — he just wanted to create the perfect little girls. But when the professor's mischievous monkey lab assistant Jojo knocked a dose of chemical X into the mix, the Powerpuff Girls — Blossom, Bubbles and Buttercup were born!
 Run time: 80 minutes

Minority Report (PG-13)

Starring: Tom Cruise, Colin Farrell
Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m.
 In Washington, D.C. in 2054, police utilize psychic technology to arrest and convict murderers before they commit their crime. The decisions are made by panels of three, where the feelings of two judges out-weigh the third. So, if the correct verdict comes from that one judge, it's a "minority report." The head of this precrime unit is himself accused of a future murder of a man he hasn't even met.
 Run time: 140 minutes

Like Mike (PG)

Starring: Lil' Bow Wow, Morris Chestnut
Saturday at 2 p.m. and Monday at 7 p.m.
 Calvin buys a "magical" pair of sneakers that were once worn by professional basketball player Michael Jordan, transforming him into a basketball wiz able to compete on a professional level despite his size. He soon gets his chance to join an actual NBA team.
 Run time: 101 minutes

Mr. Deeds (PG-13)

Starring: Adam Sandler, Winona Ryder
Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 7 p.m.
 Longfellow Deeds is a sweet, lovable guy leading a simple but happy life in the tiny hamlet of Mandrake Falls, N. H. The popular owner of Deeds' Pizza, the town's only pizzeria, Deeds has become a kind of home-grown celebrity as he entertains his patrons by reciting his off-beat but hilarious greeting card poetry.
 Run time: 91 minutes

For more information, call The Woodruff Theater at 767-3069.