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## 3ID welcomes new assistant division commanders

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Staff Writer

A welcome retreat ceremony was held in honor of Brig. Gen. Mark E. O'Neill, Assistant Division Commander (Support) and Col. Karl R. Horst, ADC (Maneuver) Aug. 17 at Club Stewart.

O'Neill assumes duties from Brig. Gen. Jose D. Riojas and Horst for Brig. Gen. Robert L. Caslen, who both moved on to new positions away for the 3rd Infantry Division.

As usual in the Marne Division, these two great Soldiers and leaders of both of these agencies have been hard at work for weeks after succeeding Caslen and Riojas," said Maj. Gen. William G. Webster Jr., 3rd Inf. Div. commanding general.

"Each has been to the National Training Center, the Joint Readiness Training Center, in the field at Fort Stewart, Fort Benning and Hunter Army Airfield, participated in a Division Command Post Exercise, and has visited motor pools, airfields and headquarters across the division getting to know our Soldiers."

O'Neill comes to the division with a wealth of experience with assignments from across the

Army. He was commissioned in 1978 upon graduation from the United States Military Academy. His most recent assignment was at the Pentagon as Deputy Director, Strategy, Plans and Policy in the office of the Army Deputy of Staff of operations. He has also served as the 10th Mountain Division and Fort Drum Chief of Staff and then as the Executive Officer to the Commanding general, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command.

O'Neill's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit with three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters and the Army Commendation Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster.

"We are joining the division which is right in the middle of this great mission," O'Neill said. "With the great formula of mission, Soldiers and teamwork, we can't possibly fail."

Horst enlisted in the United States Army June 1973 and then subsequently received his Bachelor's Degree and commission from the



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Brig. Gen. Mark O'Neill, ADC (S), greets Tom Ratcliffe, Mayor of Hinesville, in the reception line at a welcome retreat ceremony Aug. 17.

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## Urban training made realistic

### Soldiers prepare for Iraq in new, practical ways

Pvt. Dan Balda

Staff writer

While in the field, Soldiers of B Battery, 1st Battalion, 76th Field Artillery, recently underwent training that was somewhat new for some of them.

"We are clearing and securing buildings," said Capt. Mick Kolinski, B Btry., 1/76 FA commander. "The catch is that most of the guys out here have never done this kind of training before. Besides the field artillery guys, we also have cooks and medics running through the training."

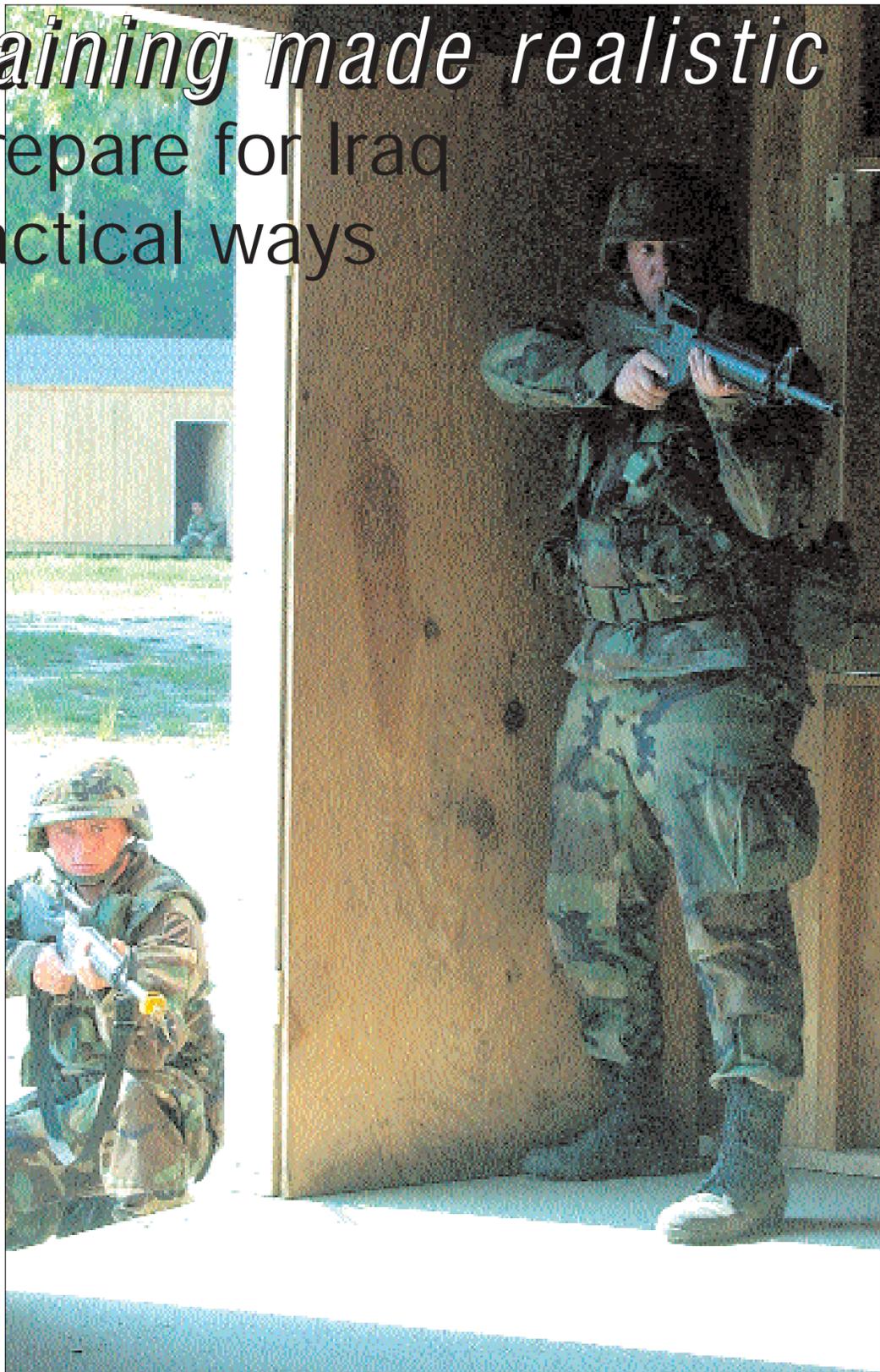
The training began with a squad leader and his two stacks, each stack containing four Soldiers standing outside the front door of the mock building with their backs covered by their comrades, Kolinski said. They proceeded to kick in the door and sweep the room for hostile forces while making sure that each Soldier had their specific area of the room covered.

Then they communicate back to the squad leader to tell him the room is safe. Once the first room is secured the second stack moves in to clear and secure the adjoining room, he added.

"We are doing this training because in the coming deployment this unit will have to patrol urban environments and cordon and search buildings in Iraq," said Maj. Bill Howard, 1/76 FA battalion executive officer.

"It's great training to learn something that might save our lives one day," said Sgt. Bruce Jacques, an intelligence specialist with the unit. "So far it's been outstanding considering two hours ago we just learned it."

The purpose of the range was also to give the Soldiers a chance to become familiar with their weapons, to have them practice keeping their weapons on safe and to keep their fields of fire clear to maintain safety, said Kolinski.



Pvt. Dan Balda

See TRAINING, Page 5A Soldiers of 1st Battalion, 76th Field Artillery enter and clear a room during training Friday.

## More found on Abu Ghraib

Joe Burlas

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Army's latest findings on the detainee abuse that occurred in Iraq's Abu Ghraib prison late last year determined that abuse can be traced to issues affecting command and control, doctrine and the level of training and experience of Soldiers operating in a dangerous environment — facing almost daily deadly hazards, according to Army senior leaders.

Gen. Paul Kern, Army Materiel Command commanding general and the officer ultimately assigned the responsibility to oversee the Army Regulation 381 Procedure 15 investigation into possible military intelligence personnel involvement in the alleged abuse at Abu Ghraib, briefed the press about results of the investigation at the Pentagon Wednesday.

The investigation is commonly known as the Fay-Jones investigation, referring to its top two investigators, Maj. Gen. George R. Fay and Lt. Gen. Anthony J. Jones. It is just one of several investigations into various aspects of the overall issue of detainee abuse. The results of an independent panel that reviewed Department of Defense detention operations, headed by former Defense Secretary James Schlesinger, was made public Aug. 24.

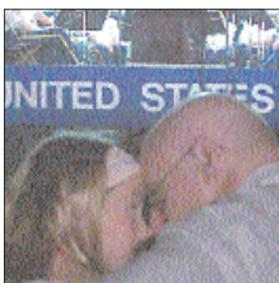
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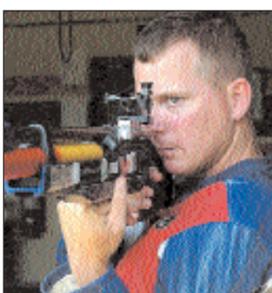
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Photos by Sgt. Lorie Jewell

Michael Weisskopf, Time Magazine senior correspondent, accepts the Fourth Estate Award from Brig. Gen. Robert Gaylord, chief of Army Public Affairs. Weisskopf was honored at an Aug. 17 reception in the Fort McNair Officer's Club at Fort McNair, Washington, and the U.S. Army Band's Overture 1812 concert on the National Mall for his coverage of Soldiers serving in Iraq. Weisskopf lost his right hand in a grenade attack on a Humvee he was riding in while on patrol with Soldiers.

# Army honors Time Magazine reporter

Sgt. Lorie Jewell

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Before the war in Iraq, Michael Weisskopf's lengthy journalism career was short on Soldier stories.

Three weeks with the 1st Armored Division's Tomb Raiders in Adhamiya, a powder keg neighborhood in Baghdad, changed that.

Weisskopf, a senior correspondent with Time Magazine, was embedded in November and December 2003 with the Survey Platoon, Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Field Artillery Regiment. Earlier reporting from Iraq, in April 2003, peaked his interest in telling the war story from the trench level, he said.

His stories, and the manner in which he gathered and produced them, have earned Weisskopf the respect of Soldiers and Army leaders alike. Brig. Gen. Robert Gaylord, chief of Army Public Affairs, presented Weisskopf with the Fourth Estate Award, an annual recognition of a member of the media for their coverage of the Army, at an Aug. 17 reception in the Fort McNair Officer's Club at Fort McNair, Washington. Weisskopf, accompanied by his son, Skyler, 11, and daughter, Olivia, 9, was also recognized at the U.S. Army Band's Overture 1812 concert later that evening on the National Mall.

"When we talk about an indi-

vidual who tells our Soldiers' stories, who is willing to accept the risks and hardships of our Soldiers in combat — this man epitomizes that individual," Gaylord said. "He is the type of correspondent we know we can count on for getting the story right and embodying the principles that keep our democracy the way it is."

Weisskopf co-wrote "Portrait of a Platoon," an in-depth look at the Giessen, Germany-based unit that ran in Time's 2003 end-of-year issue, which named the American Soldier as its Person of the Year. Three Tomb Raiders — Sgts. Ronald Buxton, Marquette Whiteside and Spc. Billie Grimes — were featured on the cover. Photographer James Nachtwey shot the cover photo the morning of Dec. 10. Later that evening, Nachtwey and Weisskopf were in the back of a Humvee when a grenade landed on the seat, blowing off Weisskopf's right hand as he reached to throw it back out.

Grimes, a medic attached to the platoon, dashed from another Humvee to treat Weisskopf, Nactwey and two other Soldiers who were injured by flying shrapnel. The men were transferred from a base aid station to an Army hospital in Landstuhl, Germany. With clearance from acting Secretary of the Army Les Brownlee, Weisskopf went on to Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., where he received the same

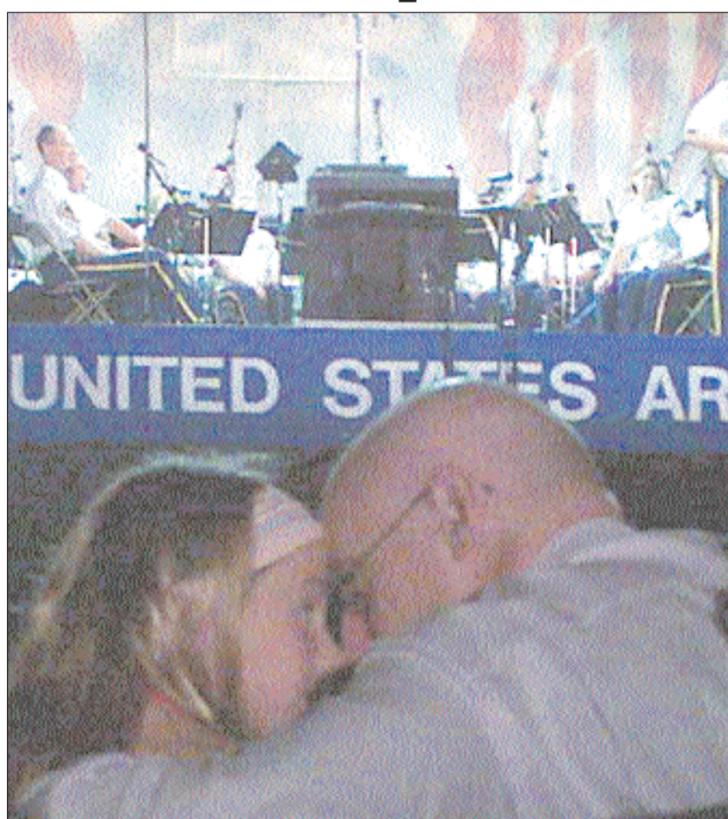
treatment Soldiers are afforded — including a prosthetic hand.

Weisskopf resumed work earlier this year, reporting on Al Qaeda and the 9-11 report, among other stories. In a career stretching through three decades, Weisskopf has earned plenty of accolades -- including being a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in 1996 for national reporting. He considers the Fourth Estate award a great honor.

"It's a great privilege to be here and act like an officer for a half hour or so," Weisskopf quipped at the reception. "But most importantly, to be recognized by an institution that defends our constitution every day and on a personal level, an institution that provided me with great subject material and a ride back to the U.S., to my home, via Landstuhl and the great Walter Reed. Thank you most of all for returning me to my beautiful children."

His experience with the Tomb Raiders did more than supply him with a powerful magazine story about Soldiers in a war zone, Weisskopf said. Living with them in such austere conditions, walking their walk, gave him an understanding he never had before of who they are, beneath their desert camouflage uniforms, flak jackets and Kevlar helmets.

"They are selfless, they practice extraordinary teamwork," Weisskopf said. "They're highly professional, highly disciplined,



Weisskopf nuzzles his daughter, Olivia, 9, during the U.S. Army Band's Overture 1812 concert on the National Mall. Weisskopf was honored at a reception prior to the concert for his coverage of Soldiers in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

extremely patriotic and people who are devoted to service."

Weisskopf is writing a book about his experiences, his recovery, and the fellow amputees he met at Walter Reed. It's expected

to be out in spring 2006, he said. Iraq remains a compelling story, Weisskopf said; one with the power to pull him back. But he'll think twice before climbing into another Humvee, he added.

*G8 success...*

## Soldiers, civilians receive awards for support

Spc. Emily J. Danial

Staff Writer

More than 200 Soldiers, civilians and contractors from Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield received awards in recognition of their participation in June's G8 Summit in a ceremony held Aug. 17 at Hunter's post theater.

Col. John M. Kidd, Fort Stewart garrison commander, and Lt. Col. Jeffrey J. Goble, Hunter garrison commander, presented the awards.

"This was a one-of-a-kind mission for Hunter, Stewart, and the city of Savannah," Kidd said. "It really puts us on the map."

Goble was informed of Hunter's selection as the arrival and departure point for the G8 about 14 months ago, he said.

"The fact that Hunter was chosen speaks very well for our installation and the people who work here," Kidd said.

However, it also meant a great deal of work — which, according to Goble, was carried out carefully and efficiently.

"I am proud of our workforce here at Hunter," Goble

said. "It brings me great satisfaction to help present these awards for so many who worked so hard in support of this historic event."

Throughout the course of the G8, Hunter orchestrated the coming and going of all the leaders of the industrial world and accredited more than 3,000 members of worldwide media who arrived to cover the event.

Multiple organizations had to coordinate with each other in order to accomplish this monstrous task.

"Planning was initiated a full year before the Summit took place," Goble said. "It involved Aviation Division planning on where to park, refuel and otherwise support the 58 aircraft that would be arriving within a 48-hour period."

He continued, "That planning involved (the Directorate of Public Works) overseeing the building out of the (Departure/Arrival Aircraft Control Group's) Troop area and converting it into a media center and delegate VIP rooms. The (Directorate of Resource Management) had to determine how to receive money from the State Department and other government agencies and also how to receive payment for fuel from the 20 nations involved."

Goble added, "It also involved the Directorate of Public Safety working closely with the Secret Service and (Federal Bureau of Investigations) on addressing a myriad of challenging force protection issues ... and (the Public Affairs Office) had to work with the State Department on credentialing, transporting and managing more than 3,000 journalists, all with differing agendas and all wanting to cover different arrivals."

Kidd and Goble both expressed their thanks to all those who had a part in helping the Summit go off without a hitch.

One award recipient was Greg Odden, assistant chief of police at the Hunter Police Department.

"I think it's a great thing to reward people who do good things," he said. "It was great to see how many people were recognized."

He added, "It was a good morale booster for the (Department of the Army) guys ... especially because this was such a high-pressure event."

"This was a very big deal, and we appreciate your participation," Kidd said to the awardees. "A small medal or a certificate is really not a just reward, but it does represent how we feel ... thanks for your efforts."

# First new generator goes on line in Iraq

Mitch Frazier

Army News Service

BAGHDAD — Iraq's first new electricity generator since 1976 came on line Aug. 18, in the southern part of the country, adding enough electricity to the national grid to service nearly 120,000 homes.

The 40-megawatt generator located near Basrah fills a void in the Maysan Governorate, which was previously isolated from the Iraqi national grid.

"This is a very important step in overcoming the power shortage across the country," said Raad Shalal, senior Iraq Ministry of Electricity official. "This will help us reach our goal of increasing power for the country."

The commissioning of the generator marks the fourth time in three weeks Iraqi and U.S. engineers have brought additional electricity to the national grid.

Construction of the generator began nearly 10 months ago when senior Iraqi and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers officials identified the site and began building a power station in what was then a sandy rock-laden field.

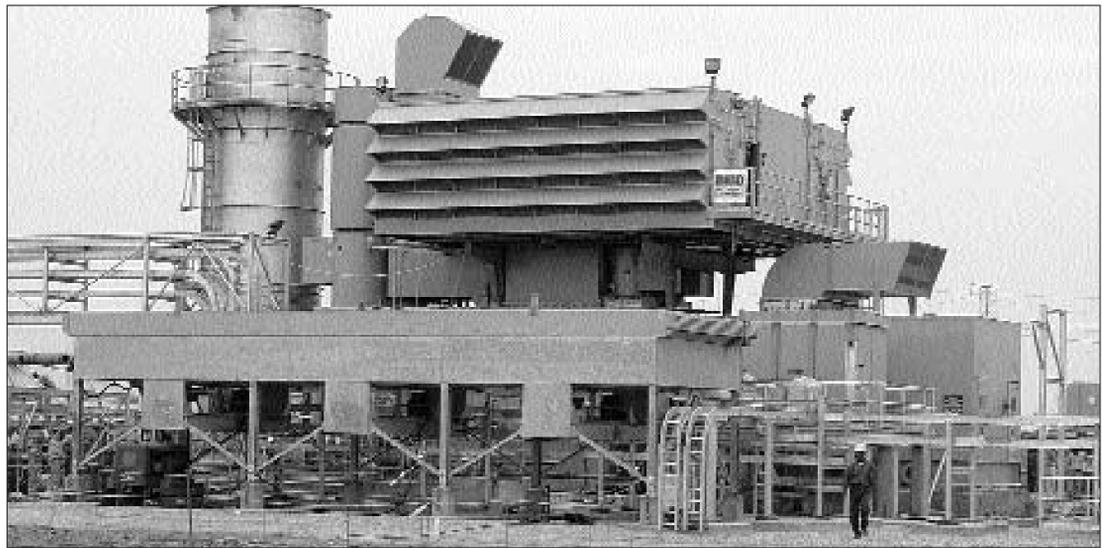
"A lot of work went into this

from the scraping of the earth, to pouring of the concrete to placing the generator; it makes you really appreciate the magnitude of work that was done by Iraqi and Corps engineers to make today possible," said Maj. Erik Stor, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Restore Iraqi Electricity Directorate operations officer. "The electricity this new produces will offer the Iraqi people a long-term aid in bettering the safety and security of this country."

Electricity production in the country continues to climb to more than 5,200 megawatts — a total that exceeds pre-war levels and services an estimated 15.3 million Iraqi homes, according to officials.

"We know how important electricity is to the safety and security of the Iraqi people, and we continue to work on their behalf with the Ministry to bring the country additional electricity," said Lt. Col. Jeffery Ogden, the director of the Corp's electricity efforts. "We continue to work in partnership with the Ministry of Electricity and the Iraqi people to bring the country more electricity."

Despite the addition of power



Courtesy photo

Iraq's first megawatt generator since 1976 is now operational. The 40-megawatt generator went on line Aug. 18 in near Basrah, Iraq.

to the country's national grid, the demand for electricity in Iraq continues to grow, according to a fact sheet published by the Iraq Ministry of Electricity.

"With more than half a million new jobs created, new industries and new factories coming on line and with the sale of thousands of home appliances such as wash-

ing machines and air conditioners, Iraq has experienced a rapid increase in electricity demand," the fact sheet reads. "The increase in demand is a good sign of a thriving economy emerging from three decades of isolation."

Increasing available electricity is slated to continue throughout

August, as additional generators are expected to come on line throughout the month and bring more electricity to the people of Iraq.

Since beginning its work in the country nearly a year ago, the Corps has added an additional 1,500 megawatts to the Iraqi national grid.

# Plastic surgery no luxury for most Soldiers

Michael E. Dukas

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Army is not offering free face-lifts, tummy tucks and breast enhancements to everyone in uniform, medical officials said, adding that recent articles in national publications may be misleading.

"The spectrum of plastic surgery most people see are the shows on TV, extreme makeover shows, and they think that's plastic surgery," said Lt. Col. Joseph Kolb, Walter Reed Army Medical Center's Plastic Surgery Service chief. "We are primarily a reconstructive service."

Less than 20 percent of the plastic surgery cases at Walter Reed are for elective cosmetic procedures, Kolb said.

The entire Army has only about a dozen plastic surgeons, Kolb said, adding that plastic surgery is far from a luxury service offered to military beneficiaries.

"The Army keeps us around for reconstructive procedures," Kolb said. "In addition, we operate on children with congenital defects like cleft lip, cleft palate and other defects to the head and neck."

Kolb said Walter Reed's four plastic sur-

geons are very intimately and actively involved in treating wounded from the war in Iraq. One, Lt. Col. Andrew Friedman, is currently deployed to Iraq as a general surgeon. "He ends up doing a lot of acute hand injuries over there."

"Hand function is really very dependent on the timeliness of repair," Kolb explained. "So having a hand surgeon in Iraq can make a difference in having a functional hand after an injury, and not having a functional hand. It's that important."

"We also have nasal reconstruction patients — people who have part or all of their nose blown away," he said. And we've all been involved in some very difficult head and neck traumas with Iraq going on. Those are always very difficult to do because of the complexity."

"There are some injuries where you're never going to make a person look normal again. And unfortunately, some of the injuries we've seen [from Iraq] are in that category. But we make them function, obviously saving the patient's life is important. Functional considerations are much more important than cosmetic," Kolb explained. "Luckily, we've had some good

results with the reconstruction, and I think it will return people to certain levels of duty in some cases."

"The spectrum of plastic surgery goes from the very simple, purely cosmetic things up to the very complex micro-vascular surgery," Kolb said. "Using micro-vascular techniques, surgeons can move a piece of tissue with its artery and vein to another part of a patient's body and hook into a different artery and vein. This is something Walter Reed plastic surgeons perform regularly."

Despite supporting deployments and spending long hours in the operating room to treat the war wounded, "We have maintained our support of the Breast Center and of cleft lip, cleft palate and cancer surgery in general," he said. "We've been in a little bit of a squeeze and our ability to do cosmetic surgery has been compromised a certain bit. But, we're still offering most every service we've always offered - certainly the waiting times have increased though."

Walter Reed plastic surgeons also find time for research. "We are on a [Food and Drug Administration] protocol for using silicone-gel implants for breast recon-

structive work," Kolb said. This allows doctors in the Walter Reed Comprehensive Breast Center to send their breast cancer patients to plastic surgery for a consult for breast implantation.

To help maintain the surgeons' skills in all areas of plastic surgery, Kolb said services are sometimes provided in other areas. Walter Reed gets thousands of plastic surgery consults for beneficiaries wanting some type of cosmetic surgery. "The demand is tremendous and we don't have the OR time to devote to all of them," he said. "Because of that, I personally have to go through all of the consults, that go to the service, and prioritize them." Kids and patients with cancer who need reconstructive surgery come first.

Because of Walter Reed's vast expertise in plastic surgery, medical students from the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences come to the hospital's Plastic Surgery Service to conduct research.

The service also offers a unique opportunity for the USUHS residents. "We're also restarting humanitarian trips down to Central and South America in fiscal year '05," Kolb said.

# VOICES AND VIEWPOINTS

## Keep Labor Day weekend accident-free

**Maj. Gen. William G. Webster**  
3rd Infantry Division Commander

The Labor Day holiday is dedicated to recognizing our great nation's work force and traditionally celebrates the end of summer. Many of us will take advantage of this holiday by traveling and engaging in recreational activities with family and friends.

Sadly, each year many of our Soldiers are injured or killed in traffic accidents. The names and faces change from year to year,

but the accident profile remains the same. Speed, fatigue, alcohol, and the non-use of seat belts continues to be the number one killer of our Soldiers. Our youngest Soldiers (aged 18 to 25) are at the highest risk for traffic accidents, especially when traveling late at night and during the weekends. This year alone, the division has already experienced 12 off-duty POV fatalities.

As with every holiday, the chance for accidents increases. When traveling long distances, take pre-

cautionary measures by allowing plenty of time to arrive at your destination. Drive defensively, avoid speeding and other aggressive driving behaviors. Take frequent rest stops and ensure seat belts are worn by all occupants. Most importantly, don't drink and drive.

We deserve and should enjoy this weekend of celebration. Our goal is an enjoyable, accident-free holiday where every Soldier, family member, and civilian employee returns back to duty safely.

Whether driving, swimming, boating or just grilling in the back yard, alcohol impairs our judgment and its use should be discouraged when engaged in such activities.

Soldiers need to know we care about their safety on-duty as well as off-duty. It is imperative that we recognize the inherent dangers facing them this holiday and take appropriate actions to ensure their safe return. Take advantage of the briefing guide below and ensure all Soldiers are briefed accordingly.

### Leaders must remind their Soldiers of the need for highway safety and encourage them to observe the following safety rules:

- Don't drink and drive. It takes only one drink to mess up a life. Use a designated driver, call for a ride or take a taxi if you're going to be drinking.
- Discuss the overall need for increased alertness during this high accident exposure period. Stress defensive driving techniques that can nullify other drivers' mistakes.

### Reduce travel risks.

- Leaders, log on to the U.S. Army Safety Center's Web site at <http://safety.army.mil> and click on "Tool" to access POV Risk Management Tools. Have each Soldier planning to travel log on and complete the ASMIS-1 Risk Assessment tool.
- Leaders, inspect vehicles using AFZP Form 504-E-R (POV Safety Inspection Checklist). This inspection should be conducted three to five days prior to travel in order to afford the Soldiers enough time to correct any deficiencies. Make re-inspections mandatory.
- Ensure your car is in good mechanical condition.
- Always use safety belts and make sure your passengers do likewise, even in cars equipped with air bags.
- Plan your trip in advance and allow plenty of time to reach your destination without having to speed. Take frequent rest breaks and consume the caffeine equivalent of two cups of coffee.
- Stack the odds in your favor — when the weather is bad, slow down.

### Avoid other accidents.

- Be aware of the danger of swimming in unguarded areas. Use the "Buddy System" while swimming. Swim only where lifeguards are on duty.
- Use personal flotation devices when boating.
- Prevent heat injuries; drink water even if not thirsty.
- Use caution when serving alcohol to guests at your home. Remember your liability for an intoxicated guest extends beyond your front door. Plan to keep alcoholic drinks at social events in moderation and offer non-alcoholic beverages.

### Reemphasize Safety.

- Encourage personnel to make maximum use of on-post recreational facilities, thereby reducing the risks inherent in highway travel during the Labor Day weekend.
- Our goal this Labor Day is one of maximum fun and recreation, unmarred by the accidental loss of any member of this command.

Have a safe holiday!

**BUSTER'S BATTERY**



## Marne Voice

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Readers respond to the question:

Do you believe it is important to vote, and why?

"Yes — if you don't, then you aren't participating in the political process of your country. You give up the right for which so many have fought."

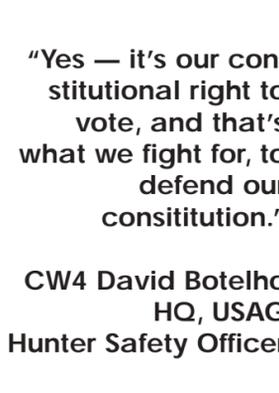


**Maj. Jan Abts**  
1st Bde.  
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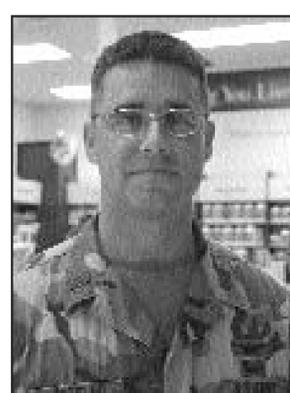
"Yes — my voice counts, and if I don't use it, I have no right to complain later if things don't go how I want."

**Kate Wilson**  
Concessionaire



"Yes — it's our constitutional right to vote, and that's what we fight for, to defend our constitution."

**CW4 David Botelho**  
HQ, USAG  
Hunter Safety Officer



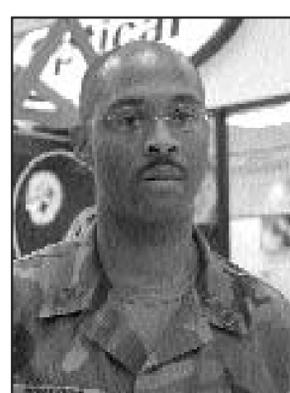
"Yes — it's our right. We need to exercise our freedom so the right person gets into office."

**William Howard**  
Retired Army



"Yes — everybody's voice needs to be heard, and voting is the way to do that."

**Master Sgt. Terence A. Connors**  
DSB/SPO



"Yes — you need to voice your opinion to make sure you get the person you want elected."

**Pfc. Jeff Erickson**  
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Pvt. Dan Balda

Soldiers assigned to the 1/76 FA prepare to enter and clear a room during training Friday.

## TRAINING

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“Each Soldier has to know his position in the four man stack as well as the other spots in the group,” said Staff Sgt. Rusty Sanders, a 1/76 FA fire direction chief as well as the primary instructor for the training. “If we learn that with no mistakes, then hopefully when we get over there (Iraq), everybody will come out of it alive.”

“Usually when we are on field exercises we set up our tents and work in front of the computers,” said Spc. Frank Woode, a 1/76 FA fire direction specialist.

“This is a lot better because you should take every opportunity to cross-train with other MOS’s skills. They can always help you some-

how,” he said.

“The best place to be in the stack is the front,” Woode said. “It’s just like a roller coaster, all the action happens up front and you have the best view.”

Howard gave credit for Soldiers’ quick understanding of the task to his non-commissioned officers.

“The Soldiers have learned everything we have asked them so far, all thanks to the high-speed trainers we’ve got out here,” he said.

Sanders echoed the major’s sentiment, “I’ve got to say that I couldn’t have trained any of these Soldiers without the help of Sgt. Charlie Drier. He’s done an amazing job.”

## COMMANDERS

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U.S.M.A in 1978.

He began his career in the Marne Division in Germany as a young lieutenant in the 15th Infantry Regiment. “My experiences in the 3rd Inf. Div. have served as the cornerstone of my professional development,” Horst said.

Before arriving to Fort Stewart and receiving the assignment as the ADC (M), he was the XVIII Airborne

Corps and Fort Bragg Chief of Staff. He has also served as the 82nd Airborne Division Chief of Staff and as a special assistant to the Supreme Allied Commander, Europe.

Horst’s awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with one Oak Leaf Cluster, the Bronze Star Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster and the Army Good Conduct Medal.

## ABU GHRAIB

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ple on how to behave,” Kern said. “There are values that we treasure in the U.S. Army and in the United States that were not upheld in the report we turned in — that in itself is extremely troubling. There were failures of leadership of people seeing these things and not correcting them. There were failures of discipline — hallmarks against what we believe are the values and creed by which we live in the military, that is very troubling.

The investigation identified 23 MI Soldiers who were assigned to the 205th MI Brigade in Iraq, four civilian contractors working with the 205th and three military police Soldiers working at the prison who may have been involved beyond the seven already identified in previous investigations. Investigators also found that other Soldiers and civilians knew about the abuse and failed to report it.

The names of the MI and MP Soldiers have been forwarded with the investigation results to each Soldier’s commander for determination whether the alleged abuser should be court-martialed under the Uniform Code of Military Justice or if other action is appropriate. The names and investigation results of the contractors have been forwarded to the U.S. Justice Department for possible criminal charges under federal laws.

“Our primary focus was to look at the 205th MI Brigade and how its Soldiers might have been involved in detainee abuse,” said Maj. Maricela Alvarado, one of the Jones-Fay investigators and executive officer to Fay. “We found there was clearly some MI involvement in intentionally violent and abusive techniques in line with what we have all seen on TV and in the newspaper, some unauthorized use of guard dogs and the use of other unauthorized

techniques, and numerous cases of failure to report abuse that Soldiers had seen or were aware of, knew was wrong, but did nothing about it.”

One major finding of the investigation was that no one in the chain of command above the 205th MI Brigade was directly involved in incidents of abuse at Abu Ghraib. Further, it acknowledged that organizations and personnel above the 205th were indirectly involved through lack of oversight, failure to react to warnings, such as the International Committee of the Red Cross report that warned of some abuse, and policy memos that failed to provide clear, consistent guidance for execution at the tactical level.

The last part of the definition, Alvarado said, is in accordance with the Geneva Convention. The convention allows different types of treatment for different categories of prisoners or detainees. For example, it forbids forcing officer prisoners of war to do manual labor, while allowing enlisted service members to do manual labor as long as that labor is not in direct support of the enemy war effort.

This investigation identified 44 alleged instances of detainee abuse committed by MP and MI Soldiers, as well as civilian contractors. In 16 of these instances, MI personnel allegedly requested, encouraged, condoned or solicited MP Soldiers to abuse the detainees. The abuse, however, was directed on an individual basis and never officially sanctioned or approved. In 11 instances, MI personnel were directly involved in the abuse.

“There was no gray area — they knew they were doing wrong,” Alvarado said.

The report found about half of the new alleged cases were Soldiers believing they were doing the right thing — either because the interrogation tech-

nique they used was allowed in other theaters at other times, or because they honestly believed the technique they used was authorized by higher up the chain of command, Alvarado said.

“We have MI operations going on in Bosnia, Kosovo, Afghanistan, GITMO (Guantanamo Bay, Cuba) and Iraq — all with different sets of rules for what is authorized and what is not in the interrogation process,” she said.

The report detailed multiple deployments of MI units with little train-up time for new missions prior to new deployments as part of the problem with Soldiers not knowing what may have been an approved technique a year ago in Kosovo not being right in Iraq today. That problem was exacerbated in the 205th MI Brigade, Alvarado said, as investigators found no evidence that the brigade or its subordinate units conducted any refresher training once they arrived in Iraq.

The investigation also looked into reports of “ghost detainees” — individuals who were detained in military facilities but not logged into the military system. Alvarado said it was difficult getting an accurate number of how many ghost detainees were detained at Abu Ghraib since they were not processed, but investigators found evidence of about seven or eight ghost detainees held at Abu Ghraib. She said they were cases of other government agencies bringing in detainees and then telling Army personnel that they were to be kept off the books.

“The Army has certain rules to abide by and one is to document every detainee that comes into custody,” Alvarado said. “It applies to every detainee brought into an Army facility. We clearly failed to follow our own policy.”

# Understanding TRICARE...

## The plans, when to expect to pay for services

Laurie Kemp

Winn Public Affairs Officer

One of the biggest misconceptions people have about TRICARE is that if they are enrolled in TRICARE, they will not be billed for services or have a co-pay, said Barbara White, chief of the Health Benefits Office at Winn Army Community Hospital.

In reality, costs for services and co-pays depend on which TRICARE plan you are enrolled in.

TRICARE offers Soldiers, family members and retirees (under 65) three plans to choose from. These are Prime, Extra and Standard. Retirees over 65 may be eligible for TRICARE for Life.

Active-duty Soldiers are the only group automatically enrolled into a plan, which is Prime. TRICARE allows families to choose the plan that best suits them.

### TRICARE Prime Highlights

**Enrollment:** Enrollment into Prime requires an enrollment form, which can be obtained from the TRICARE Service Center or Health Benefits Office. Yearly enrollment is automatic.

**Annual Enrollment and Deductible Fees:** Soldiers and their family members have no enrollment or deductible fee.

Retirees and their family members (under 65) must pay an annual enrollment fee of \$230 for individuals and \$460 for families. Retirees and their family members have no deductible.

When you can expect to get billed for services: Prime Soldiers and family members do not have a co-pay for any services performed at a Military Treatment Facility or by a civilian provider. The only exception is when an out-of-town authorization is required for emergent or urgent care.

Retirees and their family members enrolled in Prime can expect the following co-pays:

**Outpatient visit - \$12**

**Emergency Care - \$30**

**Mental Health Visit - \$25**

**Inpatient Care - \$11 per day**

**Inpatient Mental Health - \$40 per day**

**Out-of-Town Authorizations:** To avoid unnecessary billing, out-of-town authorizations are required when Soldiers or family members need to seek emergent or urgent care while away from the area. If it is an

emergency, go to the nearest hospital and call 1-800-652-9221 within 24 hours of seeking care to get authorization. For urgent care, not an emergency but requires care soon, call 1-800-652-9221 before seeking treatment to get an authorization. If you do not get authorization, you will be held responsible for the bill.

**Newborn Babies:** Babies up to 120-days old are automatically enrolled in Prime. If an enrollment form for the baby is not completed within the 120 days, the care will switch to Standard.

### TRICARE Extra

#### Highlights

**Enrollment: No enrollment is necessary.**

**Annual Enrollment and Deductible Fees:** Family members have no enrollment fee but do have an annual deductible. For specialists and below, the deductible for individuals is \$50 and \$100 for families. For sergeants and above, the deductible for individuals is \$150 and \$300 for families.

Retirees and their families have no enrollment fee but do have an annual deductible. It is \$150 per individual or \$300 per family.

When you can expect to get billed for services: Active-duty family members can expect the following co-pays:

**Outpatient Visits** — 15 percent of cost per service. For example, you go to the doctor and have x-rays and blood work done. You will have a radiology bill and laboratory bill. Your co-pay will be 15 percent of the allowable charge.

**Inpatient Admission** — Greater of \$25 or \$13.32 per day

**Inpatient Mental Health** — \$20 per day

Retirees and their family members can expect the co-pay to be 20 percent of the allowable charge for outpatient, emergency and outpatient mental health visits.

### TRICARE Standard Highlights

**Enrollment:** No enrollment is necessary. Beneficiaries (expect Soldiers) are automatically covered under Standard.

**Annual Enrollment and Deductible Fees:** Active-duty family members and

retirees and their family members have no enrollment fee but do have an annual deductible.

For specialist and below, the deductible for individuals is \$50 and \$100 for families. For sergeants and above, the deductible for individuals is \$150 and \$300 for families.

Retirees and their families have no enrollment fee but do have an annual deductible. It is \$150 per individual or \$300 per family.

When you can expect to get billed for services: Active-duty family members can expect the following co-pays:

**Outpatient Visits** — 20 percent of cost per service. For example, you go to the doctor and have x-rays and blood work done. You will have a radiology bill and laboratory bill. Your co-pay will be 20 percent of the allowable charge.

**Inpatient Admission** — Greater of \$25 or \$13.32 per day

**Inpatient Mental Health** — \$20 per day

Retirees and their family members can expect the co-pay to be 25 percent of the allowable charge for outpatient, emergency and outpatient mental health visits.

### TRICARE for Life Highlights

Retirees and family members over the age of 65 are eligible for TRICARE for Life.

To participate in the TFL program, beneficiaries must be entitled to Medicare Part A and enrolled in Medicare Part B. A Medicare-eligible beneficiary who is a family member of an active-duty servicemember is not required to purchase Part B. However, when the servicemember retires, the Medicare-eligible beneficiary is required to purchase Medicare Part B.

**Enrollment:** Beneficiaries must be at least 65, entitled to Medicare Part A and enrolled in Medicare Part B.

**Annual Enrollment and Deductible Fees:** There is no enrollment or annual deductible fees through TRICARE. However, Medicare Part B must be paid monthly to qualify.

**When you can expect to get billed for services:** With TFL, if your only health

insurance program is Medicare (Part A and Part B), TRICARE acts as second payer to Medicare. TRICARE pays your remaining out-of-pocket expenses (Medicare deductibles and cost shares) for services paid by Medicare and covered by TRICARE. If the service received is not a covered service under TRICARE, you are responsible for paying the Medicare deductibles, cost-shares, co-payments or other fees associated with having received that service. If the service is authorized by TRICARE but not authorized by Medicare, there may be an associated TRICARE deductible, co-pay or cost-share.

### Pharmacy expenses

The TRICARE pharmacy structure is based on where prescriptions are picked up, not by enrollment plan. All TRICARE plans can expect the following for formulary drugs:

**Military Treatment Facility (Winn or Tuttle):** No cost for generic or name brand drugs.

**TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy:** \$3 for generic and \$9 for name brand drugs.

**TRICARE Retail Network:** \$3 for generic and \$9 for name brand drugs.

**Non-network Pharmacies:** \$9 or 20 percent of the total drug cost — whichever is greater.

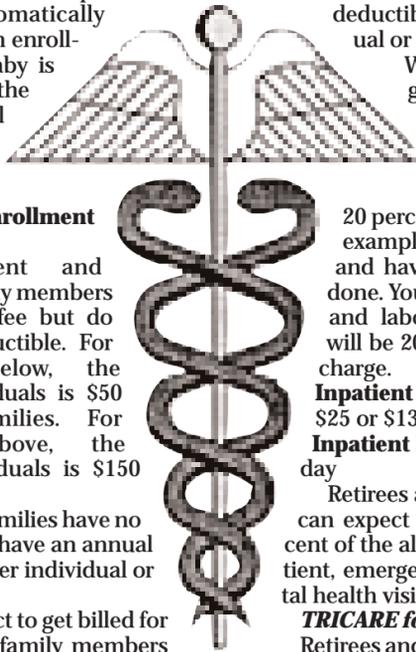
### Remember to update DEERS

Regardless of the TRICARE plan, Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System information must be kept up to date. Keeping this information up to date will ensure you can be contacted about appointments and referrals. Updated DEERS information is also required to book online appointments through TRICARE Online.

DEERS updates may be done via telephone at 1-800-538-9552, online at [www.tricare.osd.mil/deers/default.cfm](http://www.tricare.osd.mil/deers/default.cfm) or in person at building 1209.

If a beneficiary has been billed unnecessarily, the beneficiary should talk to a health benefits advisor. Health benefit advisors are available at Winn and Tuttle by calling 370-6633 or 1-800-652-9221.

For more information about TRICARE plans, co-pays and fees, visit [www.tricare.osd.mil](http://www.tricare.osd.mil) call the South Region TRICARE office at 1-800-444-5445 or call a health benefits advisor.



# Corps of Engineers assists Florida hurricane recovery

Special to The Frontline

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Hurricane Charley made landfall in the United States Aug. 13 as a category IV hurricane, blowing devastation through much of Florida. The strongest storm to hit there in more than a decade, it charged over the southwest coast with winds of up to 145 mph, demolishing mobile home parks and damaging tens of thousands of buildings.

Roughly 280 Army Corps of Engineers military and civilian employees from around the country have been working in support of Hurricane Charley recovery in conjunction with Florida National Guardsmen and other local, state and federal agencies.

The most immediate need has been for ice, water and power. USACE is currently delivering 20-40 truckloads each of ice and water per day into victimized communities. Eighteen Soldiers of the 249th Engineer Battalion (Prime Power), a USACE unit, arrived in Florida a day after the hurricane to assess and install generators for communities blacked out by Charley.

"We moved into Lakeland last Saturday, immediately after the hurricane passed through to begin the recovery work," said Lt. Col. Andrew Goetz, deputy district commander for south Florida. "What the Corps is doing now is

really a team effort with the state, the Federal Emergency Management Agency and private contractors. Situations like these require a lot of effort from everyone."

USACE is using Deployable Tactical Operations System vans, which provide a full range of emergency communications and command-and-control support, as part of the recovery effort.

The Corps water delivery operation is extensive. In the first five days of operation, the Corps provided 1.8 million 1-liter bottles to the residents of southwest Florida. Water transportation has been accomplished in part through the use of contracted, British-owned aircraft. The aircraft's cargo area is enormous and holds seven truckloads of water. These aircraft were also used by the Corps in Iraq to deliver emergency repair parts for the Iraq power grid.

In addition, to the electricity, ice and water support, FEMA has asked USACE to manage installation of temporary roofing materials. FEMA has transferred \$30 million in disaster-relief funds to USACE for the huge temporary roofing mission.

The Corps is also conducting debris-removal assessment and coordination in nine of the 18 affected Florida counties. The USACE Jacksonville District has activated its emergency operations center on a 24-hour basis, as has South Atlantic Division headquarters in Atlanta. Col. Robert Carpenter, USACE Jacksonville



Courtesy photo

Army Corps of Engineers emergency operation vans in Lakeland, Fla., oversee hurricane recovery effort.

District commander, is serving as the South Atlantic Division forward commander.

Overall, FEMA has to date provided USACE more than \$60 million for ice, water, the temporary roofing and debris oversight missions, emergency power, logistics and technical assistance, among others missions.

The response by the Corps of

Engineers was immediate, as preparations were being made before Charley blew ashore.

USACE is one of 26 federal agencies comprising the Federal Response Plan, which is administered by FEMA and Homeland Security and proscribes the federal response to hurricanes, floods, earthquakes and other natural and man-made disasters.

## 'Help Our Troops Call Home' program needs support

Special to The Frontline

AAFES

DALLAS — The Army & Air Force Exchange Service has partnered with charities like the American Red Cross to give any American another way to show support for troops serving in Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom.

AAFES' "Help Our Troops Call Home" initiative began in April 2004 allows anyone to make a direct impact on the morale of military personnel stationed overseas by donating a Military Exchange Prepaid Phone Card.

The response from troops in

contingency locations to the phone card campaign has been overwhelming. A Red Cross official in Camp Victory, Iraq, reports, "The (prepaid phone) cards are absolutely fantastic. When a Soldier calls us back to confirm his or her emergency message, we find out what options the Soldier has to call home and based on what access they have, we give them a prepaid phone card. We also give phone cards to those going home on emergency leave. The cards are very much appreciated and in some cases have relieved a tremendous amount of stress right off the bat."

While the "Help Our Troops

Call Home" program has been well received, AAFES' charitable partners throughout the region consistently report that they "could use more cards." A Red Cross official in Arifjan, Kuwait, advises, "We can't get enough of the prepaid phone cards! It's a great morale booster to be able to talk with your family and friends. If we could just get 140,000, we would be in great shape!"

As of today, the Red Cross has distributed 1,091 of the 4,494 cards donated to the "Help Our Troops Call Home" phone card campaign. These cards have gone a long way toward helping troops stay connected during wartime

and both AAFES and the American Red Cross hope Americans will continue to show their support.

"The reality is that 5,000 cards can't meet the needs of all 150,000 service members," said AAFES' Chief of Corporate Communications LTC Debra Pressley. "The 'Help Our Troops Call Home' program makes it so easy to help troops stay in touch with friends and family back home...the contribution really does make a difference."

A Red Cross official in Iraq explains, "I gave one to a Soldier who had a new baby and the baby was born with some health issues

and was going to be in the hospital for a while. He used the card to call and monitor the progress and talk with his wife and the doctors. He cried with joy when I gave the card to him!"

To make a donation, anyone can log on to [www.aafes.com](http://www.aafes.com) and click the "Help Our Troops Call Home" link. From there, a prepaid calling card can be sent to an individual at a deployed address or to "any service member" who's deployed or hospitalized. AAFES coordinates distribution of donated cards addressed to "any service member" via the American Red Cross, Air Force Aid Society or the Fisher House Foundation.

# Iraqi phrases ... commands, warnings and instructions

For the next several weeks the Frontline will publish some Iraqi phrases which are extremely helpful and frequently used. This is the first in the series:

Stop — awgaf

Stop or I will shoot — awgaf te-ra-ar-mee

Follow our orders — et-ba' a-wam-er-na

Don't shoot — le-termee

Put your weapons down — dheb sla-Hak

Move — it-Har-rak

Come here — taal ihna

Follow me — ilHag-nee

Stay here — ibaq ihna

Wait here — in-ta-Dher ihna

Do not move — la tet-Har-rak

Stay where you are — ibqa ib-maka-nak

Come with me — taal wi-ya-yeh

Take me to ... — wad-dee-nee il ...

Be quiet — is-kut

Slow down — aala kayfak

Move slowly — It-Har-rak aala kayfak

Hands up — irfaa ei-dayk

Lower your hands — nez-zil ei-dek

Lie down — it-med-ded

Lie on your stomach — in-bataH

Get up — guom / in-haDh

Surrender — is-tes-lim

# GMH asks community to assist in maintenance

## Special to The Frontline

GMH Office

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We at GMH Military Housing, in an effort to improve the lives of Soldiers and their families, try to keep our communities as well-maintained as possible. One aspect of your neighborhoods that we know is a great concern to you is the maintenance and cleanliness of playgrounds.

There are sixty-six playgrounds on Fort Stewart and nine on Hunter Army Airfield. We recently checked for the safety and cleanliness of the playground equipment. Some of the equipment was removed due to outdated

and irreparable conditions.

The plans for renovations of the playgrounds are unfinished as of yet. Certain playgrounds seem to get little or no use and we want to concentrate the repairs and renovations on playgrounds that receive constant use. We would like to have feedback on this matter. Please contact our Outreach Coordinator, Kelly Pack, at 408-2497 with your thoughts.

GMH would also like to ask for your assistance in maintaining the playgrounds and other common areas. As members of the same community, we can combine our efforts to maintain the cleanliness of our neighbor-

hoods. If you see some trash in the parks, pick it up. If you see items in need of repair, call our Work Order Section at 408-2466. We can make Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield a great place to live if we all work together to achieve common goals.

In order to improve our service to you, please contact our Management Office at 408-2460 on Stewart or at 459-2140 on Hunter. If there is a question you would like addressed in our next article, please contact Kelly Pack at 408-2497. GMH is dedicated to quality service as we strive to improve the quality of life for Soldiers and their families.

# ASK THE JUDGE

## Separation/Divorce

**Capt. Jacob Lilly**

Special to The Frontline

**Q: I am thinking about getting a separation or a divorce from my spouse. Do I need a private lawyer or can Legal Assistance help me out? Also, am I required to provide support for my wife or children as we go through that process?**

**A:** I'm glad you asked. Separations and divorces are a complicated legal area in which the function of the legal assistance office tends to vary. There are certain areas that legal assistance can help in and other areas that you need to contact a private attorney. The most important thing to remember is that you do not have to go through legal assistance. There is no military regulation requiring soldiers to obtain a separation agreement or divorce from the military. A soldier or spouse is free to contact a local attorney and engage in divorce litigation in the Georgia State courts, provided that they are either residents of Georgia or have been in the state for six months while on active military duty.

If a soldier or spouse chooses to get a separation and divorce utilizing the military process, there are a number of steps that the soldier or spouse must process. First, the soldier or spouse should visit legal assistance and pick up a separation packet. At that time, legal assistance personnel will determine if the Soldier or spouse is eligible to continue the process. To

utilize the military's process, the Soldier or spouse must be conducting an uncontested divorce. If, at any time, the divorce becomes contested, LAO will be forced to refer the Soldier to a private attorney. Additionally, LAO will assist Soldiers or spouses in a separation if they have children, but is forbidden from providing divorce paperwork to those Soldiers or spouses that have children. Divorces involving children must be conducted with a local attorney.

Once a Soldier or spouse receives the separation packet, they have an opportunity to ask an attorney any questions they have about the process and then they must fill out the entire packet with their spouse. This does not necessarily mean that they must be in the same room together, but at the very least, they must be on the telephone discussing each answer as it is filled out. Once the packet is filled out, the Soldier or spouse then brings the packet back to LAO where a separation agreement is typed up. Once both parties sign and notarize two copies of the separation agreement, a valid contract has been formed and the legal separation has commenced. Both the Soldier and the spouse have a right to be represented by legal assistance attorneys.

If a Soldier or spouse still desires to receive a divorce, thirty days after receiving the separation agreement they can return to LAO

where an attorney will assist them in filling out the lengthy paperwork required for a divorce in Liberty County. This paperwork can then be taken down to the courthouse, signed, notarized, and filed with the court. The clerk of the court will then inform the Soldier or spouse of the remainder of the process and when they will receive their finalized divorce.

Soldiers must also remember that once they are separated from their spouses, they incur a legal obligation to support the spouses and any children they may have. Separated means physically separated, such as moving out of the house, and does not require a legal separation. As a general rule, the Soldier owes support to the tune of their BAH II with dependants each month, though this is not true in all situations.

A separate Ask the Judge Article will address support obligations more thoroughly in the coming weeks. Any Soldiers having specific questions should contact the legal assistance office and schedule an appointment with an attorney.

Remember, while legal assistance cannot endorse any specific local attorney, we do keep a list of local attorney, divided into subject areas for our clients' reference.

If you have any questions, please contact your legal assistance office at 767 8809 or stop by building 50A.

## Iraqi Cultural Tips

### • DO THIS

#### AS A GUEST:

Be gracious; do not appear anxious to leave.

ACofS, G5  
Civil Military Operations

## Iraqi Cultural Tips

### • DON'T DO THIS

Don't back away from an Iraqi during conversation. Close personal interaction is customary and distance is considered rude.

ACofS, G5  
Civil Military Operations

### 3ID IN BRIEF

#### Stewart

Women's Equality Day Observance Program will be held 11:30 p.m., today at Club Stewart. Contact your Equal Opportunity Advisor or call 767-7181 for tickets.

Society of 3rd Division  
**The original painting "Rock of the Marne...Tigris and Euphrates" will be unveiled publicly, Sunday at the reunion.**

Fall sign up  
 Officers' Spouse Club invites you to a fun filled evening Aug. 31, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., at Club Stewart. For table reservations or more information contact Kelley McCulley at 368-1653/659-0252 or Rachel Curry

at 448-2140.  
 Indebtedness claim  
 Anyone having claims against or who is indebted to the estate of Spc. Andrew L. Tuazon, 293rd MP Co, Fort Stewart, GA 31313, contact 1st Lt. Braden Stai, 293rd MP Co, Fort Stewart, GA 31314, at 767-2186.

DES SPOTR  
 The DES SPOTR Division located in Bldg. 292, including (Police Administration, Police Training, Plans, and Resource) will be relocating Sept. 1 to 7. All Police Admin Services (including clearing, taxi permits, weapons registration, and police report requests) will be suspended until 9 a.m., Sept. 7, in Bldg. 474.

#### Hunter

Spouses Club  
 Hunter Spouses Club September Luncheon and Membership Drive Sept. 14, 11a.m. to 1 p.m. at Hunter Community Club.  
 Please attend the Sept. luncheon and membership drive featuring "Hollywood Ron's Savannah Movie Tours."  
 Come meet other spouses and discover some of the exciting programs we have planned for the upcoming year. Please join our club. Spouses of active duty military-all ranks! Spouses of retired military. Spouses of DA Civilians. Cost \$12 per year.  
 The menu for lunch is chicken salad pita with fresh fruit or caesar salad, key lime

Recycle your computer  
 Recycle your computer, television and other technology hardware for free  
 Office Depot Stores will accept televisions, computers, peripherals, and other electronic equipment for recycling during regular store hours through Sept. 6 at all stores in the continental U.S. There is no charge for the program.  
 There is a limit of one computer system (pc, monitor, keyboard, mouse) or one product (such as PDA or cell phone) per customer per day.  
 For program details go to [www.officedepot.com/recycle](http://www.officedepot.com/recycle).

#### Winn /Tuttle

Patient Affairs Relocated  
 The Patient Affairs Branch has relocated to building 301, co-located with the Health Benefits Office.  
 The phone numbers have remained the same. For more information, call 370-6893.  
**New TRICARE Number**  
 For general health care information, you can call the Humana Military Audio Library at 877-217-7946.  
 If you have questions about TRICARE you can call 800-444-5445 or 370-6633.  
 ER Remodeled  
 The Emergency Department will have minor disruption of services and

space Friday through Sept. 3 for remodeling.  
 All emergencies and urgent care patients should still report to the ER. Appointments, including same day appointments, may be scheduled by calling 370-6633.  
 EDIS  
 EDIS is now located next to the main pharmacy in Winn. Military families with children up to 3 years old who may be at risk for developmental delays can call Educational and Development Intervention Services for a free screening.  
 For more information, call 370-6349.

## POLICE REPORTS



- **Subject:** Private, 23-year-old female, 110 QM
- **Charge:** Wrongful use of marijuana
- **Location:** Hunter
  
- **Subject:** Civilian, 26-year-old male
- **Charge:** Wrongful possession of marijuana
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
  
- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 23-year-old male, 2/17 FA
- **Charges:** Driving on a suspended license, speeding 73/55
- **Location:** Hinesville
  
- **Subject:** Private, 19-year-old male, Div. Sup. Bde.
- **Charge:** Wrongful use of marijuana
- **Location:** Savannah
  
- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 20-year-old male, 2nd Bde.
- **Charges:** Wrongful possession of cocaine, wrongful use of cocaine
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
  
- **Subject:** Private, 22-year-old male, 1st Bde.
- **Charges:** Wrongful use of cocaine, wrongful use of methamphetamines, wrongful use of marijuana
- **Location:** Hinesville
  
- **Subject:** Specialist, 22-year-old male, 4th Bde.
- **Charges:** Wrongful use of marijuana, wrongful use of amphetamines
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
  
- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 22-year-old male, 4th Bde.
- **Charges:** Assault consummated by battery, communicating a threat
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
  
- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 20-year-old male, 2nd Bde.
- **Charges:** Wrongful possession of cocaine, wrongful use of cocaine
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
  
- **Subject:** Private, 22-year-old male, 1st Bde.
- **Charges:** Wrongful use of cocaine, wrongful use of

- methamphetamines, wrongful use of marijuana
- **Location:** Hinesville
  
- **Subject:** Specialist, 22-year-old male, 4th Bde.
- **Charges:** Wrongful use of marijuana, wrongful use of amphetamines
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
  
- **Subject:** Specialist, 20-year-old male, 4th Bde.
- **Charge:** Driving while license suspended
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
  
- **Subject:** Specialist, 23-year-old male, 4th Bde.
- **Charge:** Deposit account fraud
- **Location:** Hinesville
  
- **Subject:** Sergeant, 27-year-old male, Avn. Bde.
- **Charges:** Wrongful use of cocaine, wrongful use of marijuana
- **Location:** Hunter
  
- **Subject:** Specialist, 2-year-old male, 1st Bde.
- **Charges:** Wrongful use of marijuana, insubordinate conduct towards a warrant officer
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
  
- **Subject:** Sergeant, 23-year-old male, 2nd Bde.
- **Charges:** Driving under the influence (refusal), driving while license suspended, weaving over roadway
- **Location:** Hinesville
  
- **Subject:** Private 2, 21-year-old male, 1st Bde.

- **Charge:** Wrongful possession of cocaine
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
  
- **Subject:** Specialist, 22-year-old male, 1st Bde.
- **Charges:** Wrongful use of cocaine, wrongful use of marijuana
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
  
- **Subject:** Staff Sergeant, 24-year-old male, 1/75 Ranger BN
- **Charges:** Driving under the influence, littering on highway, possession of open container while operating a vehicle, seatbelt requirement violation
- **Location:** Savannah
  
- **Subject:** Specialist, 24-year-old male, 2nd Bde.
- **Charges:** Weapons violation, discharge firearm, wrongful destruction of government property, failure to obey general order
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
  
- **Subject:** Sergeant, 28-year-old male, 2nd Bde.
- **Charges:** Aggravated sexual battery, aggravated child molestation, child molestation, statutory rape, enticing a child for indecent purposes, false statement and writings
- **Location:** Savannah
  
- **Subject:** Sergeant, 29-year-old male, 2nd Bde.
- **Charges:** Drunken driving, driving while license suspended
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
  
- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 24-year-old male, Fires Bde.
- **Charges:** Use of fighting words, obscene and vulgar language, carry a concealed weapon, carrying a deadly weapon at a public gathering
- **Location:** Hinesville
  
- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 23-year-old male, 1st Bde.
- **Charges:** Simple assault on a commissioned officer, disrespect towards commissioned officer, disrespect to superior non-commissioned officer, failure to obey general order
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

## Marne TV

### August 2004 Schedule

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# CENTCOM News

## 1st Infantry Division Soldiers detain nine during weapons seizures

TIKRIT, Iraq — An Iraqi citizen led 1st Infantry Division Soldiers to a suspected weapons cache Aug. 18 near Balad around 4 p.m.

Soldiers detained nine individuals during searches of five houses near a Multi-National Force base.

The Soldiers discovered seven AK-47 assault rifles, 17 7.62mm magazines, two rocket-propelled grenades, two RPG launchers, one RPG sight, about 7,000 Dinar, four bayonets, one flare gun and three metal safes.

An MNF explosive ordinance disposal team destroyed the RPG rounds without incident.

The individuals were transported to a MNF base for questioning.

No Soldiers were injured in the incident.

## Still images show militia mortar position near Najaf shrine

BAGHDAD — Evidence of a complete mortar system set up by Muqtada Militia forces on the eastern sidewalk of the Imam Ali Shrine in Najaf was recorded in video footage shot by a Multi-National Force aircraft Monday.

In video stills, the mortar system, consisting of mortar tube, base plate and bi-pod legs, is surrounded by tables and chairs.

While the Muqtada Militia continues to use holy sites in Najaf as bases for their operations, MNF operations are not directing fire at the Imam Ali shrine and have not struck the shrine or any other holy sites. MNF take extreme care not to damage the shrine or any other holy sites in their responses.

## Coalition — ANA fire on vehicle running checkpoint

BAGRAM AIRFIELD, Afghanistan —

At approximately 9 p.m. Sunday, Coalition forces fired on a pick-up truck that attempted to run through a joint Afghan National Army - Coalition check point near Ghazni, killing three and wounding two. After the incident, soldiers searched the pick-up truck but did not find any weapons.

Coalition forces evacuated a critically injured man and a critically injured woman and her uninjured infant by helicopter to Bagram for medical treatment. The dead include one male and two females.

Vehicle checkpoints play an important role in maintaining security in the area, providing security forces the opportunity to find wanted people and contraband, such as weapons, bombs and drugs. Vehicle occupants approaching checkpoints should stop and follow security personnel's instructions.

The incident is under investigation.

## 1st Infantry Division Soldiers capture four following attack

1st Infantry Division Soldiers from 2nd Battalion, 108th Infantry Regiment captured four individuals after a mortar

attack against a Coalition base near Balad August 24 at about 6 a.m.

Using AH-64S attack helicopters, the Soldiers were able to stop a pick-up truck that was fleeing the location from where the attack originated. The Soldiers transported the individuals to a Coalition base near Balad for questioning and residue testing.

One Soldier was wounded in the mortar attack. He is in stable condition.

## MNF attack AIF targets near Fallujah

BAGHDAD — Multi-National Forces - Iraq conducted a precision aerial attack Tuesday on anti-Iraqi forces near Fallujah at approximately 12:10 a.m. local Baghdad time.

Based on multiple sources of intelligence, the attack targeted

and destroyed a position occupied by numerous foreign terrorists, as well as a weapons cache; casualty information is not available. There are no reports of collateral damage.

This action was taken in full coordination with representatives of the Iraqi Ministry of Defense and the office of the

Prime Minister, and was designed to continue eroding support for foreign terrorists and destroying their ability to carry out terror attacks against security forces and the people of Iraq.

## Court gives 6-month sentence for weapons possession

BAGHDAD — An 18-year-old man detained by Multi-National Forces March 26 in the vicinity of Samarra, received six months in prison Saturday at the Central Criminal Court of Iraq for possession of a special category weapon.

The defendant was captured after being observed placing an object in the trunk of his car, which had Fedayeen Saddam markings. A search of the vehicle turned up rocket propellant. During a further search of the defendant's home, Soldiers found an improvised explosive device made from a 155mm artillery round, plastic explosives, remote detonator switches, blasting caps, nine AK-47 rifles, one sniper rifle, ammunition, multiple vehicle license plates, and a briefcase full of identification documents and Iraqi dinars.

During the proceedings, the defendant claimed the house belonged to his uncle and that he possessed only two AK-47 rifles for self-defense. After deliberating the case, the three-judge panel determined that the defendant was at least partially responsible for the weapons, found him guilty, and sentenced him to confinement for six months.

## ISF, MNF thwart five roadside bomb attacks

MOSUL, Iraq — Iraqi Security Forces and Multinational Forces from the Stryker Brigade Combat Team prevented anti-Iraqi force attack by locating and reducing a roadside bomb in Mosul today.

Stryker Brigade Soldiers located a roadside bomb in the Mosul neighborhood of Al Thubut this morning and notified an Iraqi explosive ordinance disposal team. The device was reduced and no injuries were reported.



# New technology improves helicopter lifecycle

**Raini Wright**

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — New technology being installed on helicopters provides preventive maintenance information that will increase the lifespan of its components.

The 101st Airborne Division and the Utility Helicopter Project Office co-hosted a demonstration of the Integrated Mechanical Diagnostic Device Health Usage Monitoring System at the Pentagon Heliport Aug. 19.

The primary goal of the IMD HUMS is to enhance maintenance by collecting and processing data about the critical mechanical systems and life-limited components on the aircraft. Aircraft parts will no longer need to be replaced based on their predicted lifespan; instead parts will be replaced as needed.

"This is the first system that recognizes regime profiles, which allows us to extend component lives," said Col. Cory Mahanna, utility helicopters project manager.

"The system monitors in real time what the aircraft does," he said.

The information collected by the IMD HUMS is stored on a data card. That information can be downloaded onto the

battalion's intranet so that the status of all aircraft can be monitored. In remote locations without intranet access it can be downloaded onto a stand-alone computer. The system also generates e-mails regarding flight maintenance.

Maintenance officers, pilots, commanders and safety and standards officers view data collected by the IMD HUMS. The information collected shows restrictions, inefficiencies, inspections and service schedules of aircraft.

Additionally, the system directs signals and data to the Cockpit Voice/Flight Data Recorder to meet flight safety objectives.

Not only will the IMD HUMS create changes for aircraft maintenance, but the system could also affect operations. Col. Will Harrison, 159th Brigade commander, predicts that the turnaround time between combat missions will decrease.

The cost of IMD HUMS installation is \$150,000 per aircraft. Congress has allocated \$56 million through 2005 for the project. Funding was not derived from the termination of the Comanche re-modernization project.

IMD HUMS were first installed on 20 UH-60L Black Hawk helicopters between September 2003 and January 2004 in Mosul, Iraq. The program started before Sept. 11 but was delayed. When the 101st



Courtesy photo

A Department of Defense employee checks out an Army Black Hawk helicopter equipped with new technology, which will improve the lifecycle of critical components Aug. 19 at the building's heliport.

Airborne Division re-deployed from Iraq, IMD HUMS were installed on the last 10 helicopters.

Harrison added, "We realized we needed as quickly as possible the benefits

from the IMD HUMS – great reduction in manpower costs while in theater and the opportunity to take real measurements in combat not measurements based on projected data."

## August Soldier retirees total 300 years collective service

**By Jennifer Wingfield**

Managing Editor

The monthly retirement ceremony held yesterday at Club Stewart included Soldiers retiring with 300 years of active duty service in the Army.

Col. William A. Hudson, Jr., staff judge advocate for 3rd Infantry Division and Fort Stewart, was the keynote speaker. He addressed the retirees by telling them they were men and women of principles and values and that they exude the same

performance, loyalty, and dedication as Soldiers of past eras and conflicts.

"Continue to mentor and teach the values you have exhibited and imparted to those still on active duty and those yet to serve," Hudson said.

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

### Retirees participating in the ceremony included:

<b>Cmd. Sgt. Maj. Albert D. Newton</b> , retiring in Clinton, North Carolina, 30 years	<b>Sgt. 1st Class Timothy C. Cattell</b> , retiring in Dayton, Ohio, 20 years
<b>Master Sgt. Michael V. Adkins</b> , retiring in Richmond Hill, Ga., 26 years	<b>Sgt. 1st Class Richard Pukinskas</b> , retiring in Hinesville, Ga., 20 years
<b>Sgt. 1st Class Lawrence Washington</b> , retiring in Seabrook, South Carolina, 22 years	<b>Staff Sgt. Bobby Hawk</b> , retiring in Hinesville, Ga., 20 years
<b>Sgt. 1st Class Mark A. Mankowski</b> , retiring in Hinesville, Ga., 21 years	<b>Staff Sgt. Robert Faulkner</b> , retiring in Wellford, South Carolina, 20 years
<b>Sgt. 1st Class Tyrone Major</b> , retiring in Orlando, Fla., 21 years	<b>Staff Sgt. Peggy L. Singleton</b> , retiring in Hinesville, Ga., 20 years
<b>Sgt. 1st Class Clyde Layton</b> , retiring in Hinesville, Ga., 20 years	<b>Staff Sgt. Edward O. Ratliff</b> , retiring in Savannah, Ga., 20 years
<b>Sgt. 1st Class Joyce Rapozo</b> , retiring in Hinesville, Ga., 20 years	<b>Staff Sgt. John Clark</b> , retiring in Hinesville, Ga., 20 years

# Protocol chief takes pride in showcase of division Soldiers and training

Jennifer Wingfield

Managing Editor

She looks at the division and the garrison as one team because 'one would not exist without the other'.

Such is the philosophy of Cindy Brownlee, chief of protocol, for the 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield.

When the commanding general hosts distinguished visitors in the stature of brigadier general and above, and from Presidential to congressional to senatorial, Brownlee steps in to make sure everything is handled with acute distinction.

"When he is the host, we are responsible for invitations on his 2-star stationery, the RSVPs, programs, itineraries, and seating arrangements," Brownlee said.

Anytime senior leadership comes, we get to showcase the division, the Soldiers, and the excellent training, said Brownlee.

"They leave with a good impression of Stewart and the Soldiers and we get feedback about the southern hospitality that we are known for here in coastal Georgia," she added.

The protocol office also executes any chief of staff of the Army or joint chief of staff of the Army and their foreign counterpart visits, Brownlee said. The visitor gets to select the place they want to visit, such as Fort Stewart if they are interested in an infantry division. It's all based on the desires of the visitor and what they really want to see.

"The most exciting visits for me have been the two visits from President George W. Bush in 2001 and 2003. I got a chance to meet him personally on the latter visit," Brownlee said.

Along with the visits came the long hours, which Brownlee didn't mind.

"Protocol was involved in certain pieces of his visits, from his landing to his depar-

ture. Only a certain amount of protocol personnel were authorized to be close to him or his area due to security precautions taken by his secret service staff. There were a limited number of persons in the back at his receiving line," Brownlee said.

Few people realize what goes on behind the scenes for a distinguished visitor visit. Protocol even had to get approval as to who could sit on the grandstand when the President visited, Brownlee said.

The preparations so far that have touched Brownlee the most have been the Warriors Walk memorial services. "Our involvement included etiquette briefings to the ushers and ensuring the markers were ready, in addition to working with the chaplains on the programs," said Brownlee. Protocol also met with families in a chapel prior to the memorial.

Brownlee credits all protocol functions as a team effort with other working parts in the division and garrison.

The club system is another component Brownlee gives credit.

"Julie Cortina and the staff there are just wonderful. They are flexible and are willing to work around last minute changes," Brownlee said.

In addition to Brownlee, the protocol staff currently consists of the Deputy Protocol Officer Carol Longo; 1st Lt. Erik Balunis and 2nd Lt. Tiffany Harris; liaison officers, Staff Sgt. Crecencia Jeter, noncommissioned officer in charge, Sgt. Nefertiti Williams, administrative/ceremonies NCOIC, and Staff Sgts. Clarence Round and Aaron Bennett, flag/distinguished visitor quarters stewards.

When the Soldiers deploy, the protocol section dwindles down to a staff of two. During the last deployment, Brownlee had a captain helping and the mobilization of the 3220th Garrison Support Unit provided much needed manpower. With a future deployment in the works, Brownlee is hoping again for Soldier support from the rear

detachments.

"The visits don't stop," Brownlee said. "They may just be cut back a bit."

When not involved in a commanding general hosted event, protocol offers help and guidance to other events. "A lot of times we get calls on seating charts and unit events in Marne Garden," said Brownlee.

The only thing that makes Brownlee pull her hair in frustration may be the weather.

"If the weather does not cooperate, you have to adjust at the last minute. Imagine flying around a 4-star and you end up having to flip-flop the training area and you know how that is going to impact the soldiers on the ground. It is an inconvenience but you have to make the call and use the inclement weather plan. But it all comes together because we work as a team," Brownlee said.

Brownlee expresses a profound love for her job. Having been a former Soldier, Brownlee enjoys still being involved with the Army. She served in the US Army from 1982 through 1991 as stenographer, which was later changed to executive administrative assistant. Once she got out, Brownlee became the secretary here to the assistant division commander-support. Working as a seasoned professional, Brownlee is a relative newcomer to the position of chief of protocol having been in her current civilian assignment for only four years.

When not eating, sleeping, dreaming protocol, Brownlee fills her weekends and after-duty time as a Longaberger consultant. Longaberger, a company of Dresden, Ohio produces such items as American-made hand-woven baskets and pottery. "This allows me to get out and meet people that I wouldn't normally meet in my day-to-day activities," Brownlee said.

Brownlee is also an avid traveler. Her favorite places to journey are the countryside of Nashville and Gatlinburg, Tenn.

Three hours southwest of Hinesville is



Pfc. Jacqueline Watson

Chief of Protocol Cindy Brownlee, provides answer to etiquette issue for a scheduled event.

Moultrie, Ga. and the place where Brownlee calls home. Her mother, Laverne Sutton, a retired elementary school food service manager, is packing up for a move to Mesa, Arizona. Even though Mrs. Sutton is fulfilling a dream to move there, Brownlee is a bit apprehensive having her mother move so far away.

"Now that I have gotten older, I want to have Mommie closer," Brownlee said.

Also in her family are twin brothers Chris and Mitch who live in Valdosta, Ga; Sallie who lives in Las Vegas; and Dianna who still resides in Moultrie.

Not to be left out of the family equation by any means is Brownlee's husband, Jay, who is also employed at Stewart as a Multiple Integrated Laser Engagement Systems equipment coordinator at the MILES warehouse, and also a former Soldier.

"Jay is very, very support of what I do, through the long hours and everything," Brownlee said. "He is my soul mate."

## Construction on new housing takes off

Pfc. Ricardo Branch

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New changes have been taking place all over Fort Stewart in the form of new homes being constructed for the families of the 3rd Infantry Division.

The first phase of the construction project, building approximately 1,000 new houses, is about to begin yielding the fruit of its labors.

"In November the first 28 houses will be finished and ready to live in followed by 28 houses each month thereafter," said Tony Tetterton, Centex construction company project superintendent

Centex and GMH began work

for new residential communities last fall in an effort to provide better housing for the Soldiers and their families living on Stewart and are moving along on schedule with no obstacles thus far.

"The first area we began working on was here at Liberty Woods in early March of this year," Tetterton said. "We've been building duplexes and four family homes here and are already up to phase three, building the side walk of a few of the homes."

He said that the Liberty Woods area is a pretty big task (building 678 homes), but nothing that his company cannot handle.

With Centex constructing around 30 homes a month,



Pfc. Ricardo Branch

Construction workers prepare roof after framing a house.

Liberty can be finished in about two and a half years.

We have about 175 workers, with many beginning work already around 5 a.m., said Tetterton.

"Everything is going great and we're meeting all of our dead-

lines, so soon Soldiers and their families will be able to have more living space inside," Tetterton said.

While Centex constructs the homes GMH has thus been managing, and maintaining the housing units, grounds, roads, infra-

structure, as well as construction in the Stewart area, which is a large task for any company to undertake here.

Angela Flook, community manager for GMH said that It's a challenge because there has been such a large influx of Soldiers arriving to Stewart with the reorganization that housing has become a big issue.

There's not enough housing on Stewart but GMH is in the processes of changing that, but all things require time, said Flook.

"Daily we are kept busy because of all the work needed for the houses here on Stewart, but we are overcoming it and day by day beginning to see progress," she said.