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Spc. Mason T. Lowery

Staff Sgt. (Ret.) John Ethen, F Company, 15th Inf., a World War Two veteran from St. Paul, Minn., and Spc. Alan Church, A Co., 2nd Bn., 69th Armor, talk about the Army in front of the Marne display in St. Louis last weekend at The Society of the 3rd Inf. Div. 84th Annual Reunion.

Marne soldiers relive old days

Spc. Mason T. Lowery
Staff Writer

An army of retired Dogface Soldiers invaded St. Louis this weekend for The Society of the 3rd Infantry Division's 84th Annual Reunion.

Almost 500 former soldiers and their family members reminisced about the good old days and met almost 100 current soldiers and learned what they are doing today.

The old and new soldiers, and their family members, had three formal dinners together, went on day trips, and got to know each

other again and for the first time. The 15th Infantry Regiment Association and The 30th Infantry Regiment Association veterans held annual dinners for their members and conducted association business.

Soldiers who served in World War Two, Korea, Vietnam, The Cold War, The Gulf War, the Balkans and Operation Iraqi Freedom were honored over the weekend. Some of the units represented were the 7th Inf. Regiment; 601st Tank Destroyer Bn. (deactivated); 10th Engineer Bn.; and 4th Bn., 64th Armor.

"It's a rendezvous of the old and the new; that's the whole idea," said Korean War Veteran Maj. (Ret.) John T. Burke, past president of the 15th Infantry Regiment Association from Columbus, Ga. "For the old guys, (the reunion) is to renew friendships, relive memories and learn what the new guys are doing. For the new soldiers, it's to carry on the 3rd Infantry tradition ... the old ones aren't going to be here forever."

President of the 3rd Infantry Division Society Jerry Manley, from Fridley, Md., said, "You men of Iraq are the last of that proud his-

tory ... and hopefully will be the last. ... They always give 3rd Division the hard jobs. I don't think anyone could have handled the war as well."

Between the dinners and trips, soldiers mingled around the Marne display reviewing photographs and telling war stories.

"I think we come to these reunions to try to relive our past ... you only remember the good," said Korean War Veteran Cpl. (Ret.) Ed MacDonald, from East Providence, R.I.

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Bush calls on U.N. to unify against terrorism

Donna Miles
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Acknowledging that some United Nations members disagreed with U.S. and coalition military action in Iraq, President Bush, Tuesday, urged the world body to put those differences aside to work together toward building a stable, secure Iraq.

Bush also called on the U.N. Security Council to adopt a new anti-proliferation resolution to help stem the spread of weapons of mass destruction and the equipment to deliver them worldwide.

In an address to the U.N. General Assembly, the president defended Operation Iraqi Freedom, telling the group that "the Security

Council was right to be alarmed" about Saddam Hussein's dictatorship, "was right to demand that Iraq destroy its illegal weapons and prove that it had done so" and "was right to vow serious consequences if Iraq refused to comply."

"And because a coalition of nations acted to defend the peace and the credibility of the United Nations," he said, "Iraq is free."

Bush said the ripple effect of that newfound freedom extends throughout the Middle East. There, he said, "people are safer because an unstable aggressor has been removed from power," and across the world, "nations are more secure because an ally of terror has fallen."

The president called on the General

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Courtesy photo

President George W. Bush addresses the United Nations Tuesday, urging unity.

Knighthawks earn OIF awards

Pfc. Emily Danial
Hunter Public Affairs

"This is a special occasion which honors the heroism, sacrifice and commitment to freedom made by this group of warriors," began Col. Curtis Potts, 4th Brigade commander, as he opened the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment's Operation Iraqi Freedom Awards Ceremony Sept. 18 at the unit's hangar on Hunter Army Airfield.

In late January, this unit, known as the Knighthawks, deployed to the Middle East as part of Operation Enduring Freedom. Its soldiers remained throughout Operation Iraqi Freedom, providing command and control, downed aircraft recovery, casualty evacuation, logistical re-supply and immediate personnel extrac-

"Everyone gave their best and that's what matters more than the awards."

Pfc. Megan Williams
Army Commendation Medal recipient

tion during the fight to Baghdad and during stabilization operations based at Baghdad International Airport. The Knighthawks redeployed to Hunter Aug. 14.

"In January of this year," said Potts, "Saddam Hussein's fate was sealed."

Families, friends and fellow soldiers filled the hangar for the ceremony to applaud the Knighthawk awardees and also to honor those from the unit who paid the ultimate sacrifice overseas. A moment of silence for fallen

comrades preceded the awarding of medals.

"Names like Boule, Pederson, Jamar, Smith, Halvorsen and Adamowski will forever represent total commitment," stated Potts solemnly after a pause of remembrance for those left behind.

He then praised the soldiers standing before him, saying "Knighthawks, you heeded the call of our nation and supported the Marne Division in every major battle

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Pfc. Emily Danial

Brig. Gen. Jose Riojas awards medals to members of 2/3 Avn Regt. in a ceremony Sept. 18 at Hunter.

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DUI:

MPs, Safety Office train soldiers on effects of alcohol

Spc. Katherine Robinson
Staff Writer

Someone is dying. Every thirty minutes, someone is killed in an alcohol-related accident, according to the National Highway and Traffic Safety Administration. Drunk driving is the nation's most frequently committed violent crime.

The Fort Stewart Provost Marshal's Office, in conjunction with the Fort Stewart Safety Office, trained A Company, 11th Engineer Battalion, on the legal and physical consequences of driving drunk Sept. 18 at Cottrell Field.

There have been 62 citations for driving under the influence on post since Jan. 1, 2003, according to Sgt. 1st Class Robert Cintron, the Fort Stewart traffic enforcement non-commissioned officer in charge. The majority of those took place after 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) units began to redeploy from Operation Iraqi Freedom in July and August, he said.

In 2002, 35 percent of the 1,523 traffic deaths in Georgia were alcohol-related, according to statistics from Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

So in an effort to minimize the number of future DUIs, the MPs and safety office tried to give soldiers some perspective on what actually happens when they're too drunk to remember it the next day.

Using road cones, they set up two obstacle courses on Cottrell Field, and asked soldiers to negotiate them with golf carts. The catch: the soldiers had to wear "drunk goggles."

"We have three different goggles, each intended to simulate a certain level of alcohol in the blood," Cintron said.

The soldiers also had to undergo several field sobriety tests. They had to throw balls into a garbage can and attempt to walk a straight line. Most failed all the tasks.

The point of the training was to demonstrate the effects alcohol has on a person's equilibrium and perspective, while the person remained sober enough to know what was going on, Cintron explained.

"This will get rid of the myth that, (people) drive better drunk," Cintron said. "When they're drunk, everyone feels like they did well."

Sgt. Harold Roxburgh, a traffic accident investigator with the 179th Military Police Detachment, has processed hundreds of accidents and several fatalities in his eight years at Stewart.

The majority of the fatalities on post have been alcohol-related, he said.

"I think this is outstanding training. It gives people the ... actual effect (alcohol has) on you while trying to operate machinery. It takes more than just a driver's license to get behind the wheel and drive."

Before the drunk goggles demonstration, the MPs and Jeff Willis, of the safety office, also educated the soldiers on

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Spc. Jared Hart, A Co., 11th Eng. Bn., attempts to walk a straight line wearing the drunk goggles during DUI training at Cottrell Field Sept. 18. The PMO and Safety Office also trained soldiers on DUI laws.

Photos by Spc. Katherine Robinson



(Above) 2nd Lt. Lucas Meyers, A Co., 11th Eng. Bn., tries unsuccessfully to negotiate an obstacle course in a golf cart, wearing goggles that simulate the effects of alcohol in the bloodstream.

(Right) Sgt. Harold Roxburgh, a traffic accident investigator with the 179th MP Det., uses Spc. Kevin Hanson, A Co., 11th Eng. Bn., to demonstrate a breathalyzer test.



Wearing "drunk goggles," Spc. Jovan Maddox misses a ball thrown to him during a field sobriety test demonstration. The test required the soldiers to throw the balls into a small trash can. Maddox missed that too.

Vietnam vets honor POW/MIAs

Spc. Jimmy D. Lane Jr.

Staff Writer

The Vietnam Veterans of America honored prisoners of war and personnel missing in action in a ceremony at the Fort Stewart Museum Friday. The ceremony was held in observance of the national POW/MIA day.

"We have worked hard to pull this together," said Paul W. Spence, president of VVA chapter 789, Hinesville. "Be it one or be it 500 sitting here in these seats, this is not about us, it's about those people who are not back yet."

Between the years 1965 and 1973, more than 2.5 million American servicemembers served within the borders of South Vietnam. Of that 2.5 million, more than 50,000 were killed in action. At the end of the war, there were more than 3,000 servicemembers missing. Today there are still 36 servicemembers missing from the state of Georgia.

"At a time when our free and democratic way of life is under attack by terrorist elements and our armed forces are again on the front line of freedom's frontier, it is truly inspiring to be here with patriots like you to honor and recommit ourselves to the return of those Americans and Georgians who still remain missing and unaccounted for," said Brig. Gen. Jose D. Riojas, assistant division commander (support).

Next to the speaker's podium were a table and an empty chair. A white tablecloth was draped over the table, and upon the table was a vase holding a red rose with a red ribbon tied around it, a glass turned upside down, a

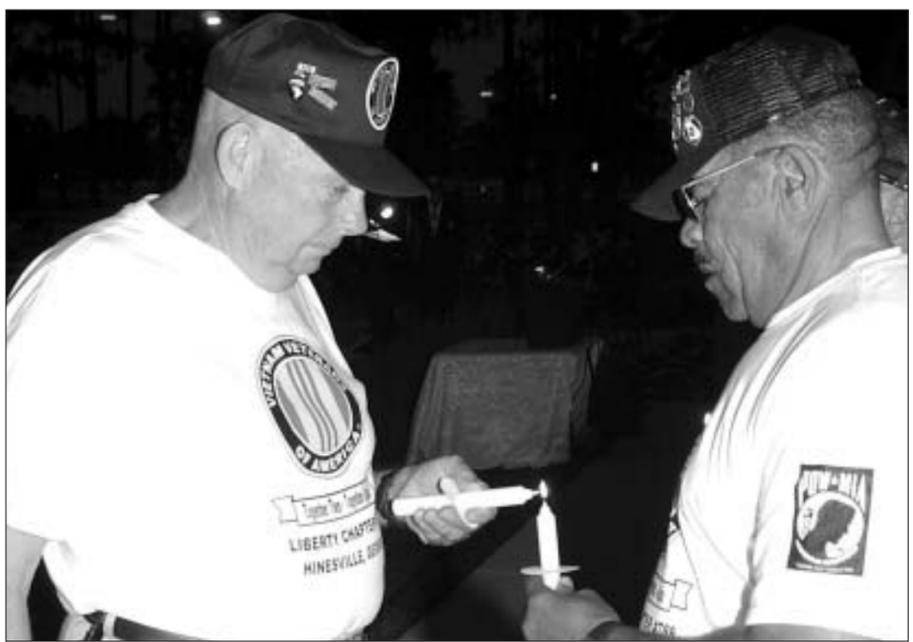
bible and a plate with a slice of lemon and some salt. Each of the objects in the display had a special meaning.

The white tablecloth is symbolic of servicemembers' intentions to respond to their country's call. The single rose represents their frailty and of the family members, loved ones and friends who await their return. The red ribbon tied around the vase is reminiscent of a similar ribbon worn by thousands who demand a proper accounting for the missing, and for the return of all live POWs and those left on foreign soil. The slice of lemon in the plate is a reminder of the missing's bitter fate, and the salt on the plate is symbolic of the tears that have been shed by those who await their return. The glass is inverted, symbolizing the missing's inability to toast with those who made it back. The chair is empty, because they are not here, Spence said.

Veterans from World War II and the Korean War were also present to show their respect. Two POWs who served in the Army Air Corps during World War II were among those who attended the ceremony.

"We like to think of this ceremony as a last hurrah for us, since we are over 80," said retired 1st Sgt. Ray Reieron, who served 26 years in the Army spanning through World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. Reieron served with the 92nd Bomb Group of the Army Air Corps from February 1943 to October 1945. Reieron was a POW for a little over a year in Germany during WWII.

"I feared the Germans while I was imprisoned. When we were shot down, we bailed out over Germany. I could see people from the



Photos by Spc. Jimmy D. Lane Jr.

Ozzie E. Benefield (left) and William E. Zeigler light a candle in remembrance of POW/MIAs from Georgia Friday at the Fort Stewart museum.

village shooting at us from below. We were all worried that one of those shots would hit us. Our pilot was killed in the crash," Reieron said.

Two marines and one air force representative from the Hinesville Air Force recruiting station were present to honor the missing.

"It's important to honor veterans in general," said Marine Staff Sgt. Russell A. Hebda. "We should all take more time to honor them. Veterans gave a lot for our country, and people should take more time to show their respect for them."

"I look at everything veterans have given and lost, and I am always ready to help when they need it," said Air Force Tech. Sgt. Charlene V. Williams.

During the ceremony, emotions ran high, and many of the veterans' voices cracked with feelings of sadness as they delivered their speeches.

Near the end of the ceremony, 18 Vietnam veterans, each holding a candle, walked to the podium and tearfully recited two names of servicemembers still missing from the state of Georgia. After reciting the names, each veteran lit his or her candle from the candle of the last person to speak. After all the names were

read, there was a moment of silence, followed by a rendition of Taps by the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) band.

All hats were removed while a benediction was delivered by veteran Ralph Dixon to close the ceremony.

Vietnam Veterans of America has a national membership of approximately 50,000, with 525 chapters throughout the United States, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and Guam.

"When any of us have gone to war or operations other than war, we have the solemn duty to do all in our power to find and bring home those who have fallen, are unaccounted for or are captured," Riojas said. "No other nation makes this commitment to its uniformed personnel. Regardless of conflict past, present or future, finding our POWs/MIAs is an obligation we owe to those who have served, are serving and will serve."

"We honor this commitment by giving this task our full effort," he added.

"The veterans with us today remind us of our sacred duty as Americans. Your veteran leadership will ensure that the spirit of faith and freedom lives on and is renewed so that we will never forget our own and will continue to search for answers."



Speakers and guests of honor present arms as during the National Anthem.

VOICES AND VIEWPOINTS



Spc. Jonathan M. Stack

Jason Leary and Joseph Tremarelli saw plywood for the grandstand that was used at the Presidential visit.

CG says 'Thanks'

Maj. Gen. Buford C. Blount III
Commanding General

Message

September 12, Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield had the distinct honor of hosting President George W. Bush. A single visit by the Commander-in-Chief to a military installation is noteworthy. However, Friday's visit represents the second time he has visited us in 31 months. What a great privilege!

For those who were not in attendance, let me share with you some of the President's remarks: "After a long deployment, the 3rd ID is now home. America is grateful for your devoted service in hard conditions. America is grateful to the men and women right here on this base who supported your mission. And we're especially grateful to our military families."

I echo the President's sentiments. I feel there is no finer unit in today's military than the 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.). The manner in which Marne Division soldiers performed during Operation Iraqi Freedom brought them great distinction. I am not sure any other division in the Army could have gone as far as we did, as fast as we did and as effectively as we did. When I took command two years ago, I knew the Marne Division had the reputation as the premier heavy division in the Army. Operation Iraqi Freedom validated that belief in the minds of the entire world.

The purpose of this column, however, is not to summarize our successes in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Instead, I want to take a few moments to thank the countless people who worked so hard to make the President's visit such a great success.

Doing the proper planning and performing a myriad of tasks in support of a President's visit is not only important to give the Commander-in-Chief his proper respect, but is also important because the President travels attract massive news



drew on their institutional knowledge to help devise and execute the plan to host the President. Working diligently alongside were key leaders and soldiers from the garrison and division. Every detail was attended to with flawless professionalism. Details such as the maintaining the roads and grounds on post; emplacing bleachers, lights, public address systems, and vehicle static displays, working with the secret service and White House staffs; to arranging for Air Force One and Marine One landing at Hunter and Fort Stewart; to sergeants and young officers getting their soldiers looking their best to take part in the ceremony at Trent Field.

Please accept my sincere thanks for all the hard work. I know the additional hours and hard work that goes into such visits often goes unnoticed.

I believe that the soldiers, leaders, soldiers' families and the civilian work force that constitute the Army of 2003 here at Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield are the finest in the world. All epitomize professionalism, competence, patriotism, and a dedication to serve their country in the most capable manner that they know how. And now the President of the United States knows it too.

All work, no play in St. Louis

Spc. Mason T. Lowery
Staff Writer

Commentary

Sometimes they "embed" us military journalists into less-than-comfortable situations (the woods, Iraq) to cover stories. And then sometimes they embed us at the Marriott Hotel.

I always make sure I whine and cry when they put me in the woods, "Why do I actually have to 'BE' where the story is taking place? Can't I just call or send an email?" But I was furtively silent about my embed at the Marriott, silently praying, "I don't know how this fell into my lap. But, how can I write a story without BEING there? I'm not going to say anything, and hopefully I'll get away with this TDY vacation."

And a vacation it turned out to be. Yes, I had to work, but I had a great time doing it. I got to go on a road trip from Fort Stewart to St. Louis. Sure, Spc. Scott Molina, Marne TV, and I had to tow the 3rd ID Display and a bunch of broadcast equipment, but I got to drive through rolling hills and good American small towns. I really appreciated those towns after the places I drove through in Iraq.

I got to hang out with almost 500 3rd ID veterans. Veterans love young soldiers. It was like hanging out with 500 grandparents, except I could drink and cuss and tell war stories with them.

My grandfather is a World War Two

Navy veteran, and we tell war stories, but we don't drink and cuss while we do it. Actually, I drink and cuss, but my grandfather doesn't. Don't worry about it Grandpa, I drank and cussed enough this weekend. I think I'm on the wagon.

I also got to visit St. Louis during this work/vacation trip. I don't know if I ever would have had the chance or reason to go to St. Louis. It's a cool city. First of all, the Arch. That thing's huge. I didn't do much with it — just stared at it for a while and then used it as a landmark for navigation as I wandered through the city. But it's amazing anyway, even if you can't figure out what it is or why they built it.

As I wandered, I discovered that St. Louis is rotten with beautiful women. They were everywhere. They'd even talk to you if you were wearing a pair of dorky glasses and pretending you care why the Arch was built.

I also got to eat three fancy dinners with all my new and old Army buddies. I never get dressed up and eat fancy dinners, as was evident from my manners. I sat next to 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry



Command Sgt. Maj. Robert Gallagher at the 15th Infantry Regimental Dinner Friday night. Apparently you go to the left for your napkin and drink. I drank Gallagher's iced tea and used his napkin. He had to get up and ask for a new napkin.

I remember watching him doing that and wondering why he didn't just grab one from the right. Then I noticed there wasn't one on his right, and while I had a napkin in my lap, there was still one to my left. That's when what a caveman I am donned on me, so my eyes got big and I slowly turned my head to look at Gallagher. He saw my expression and asked me what was wrong with me. I told him nothing and nonchalantly threw the napkin on my left under the table.

The rest of my vacation/work trip was good too. I visited a wildlife center. It was full of docile wild animals sitting around being animals. The best part was riding a tram on a path through them. That's how I like to experience nature — driving through it.

The drive home wasn't great — torrential downpours and big trucks, and we got lost, but Molina and I cranked up the country music and stopped at a lot of breakfast joints. They say a bad day fishing is better than a good day at work. That might be true of road trips too. Because even if you're lost, tired and wet, at least you're on a road trip.

Marne Voice

THE FRONTLINE

Readers respond to the question:

What is a good way to prevent identity theft?

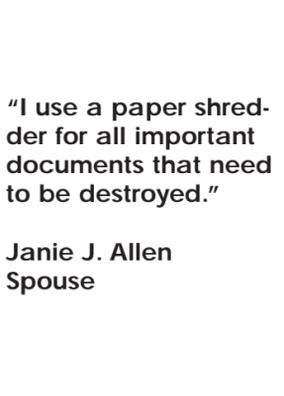
"Destroy all your credit card receipts, and don't buy anything online."

Sgt. Michael K. Chase
4/95 Trans. Bn.



"You cannot prevent identity theft, all you can do is take precautions against it."

Joseph R. Phillips
Sales Representative



"I use a paper shredder for all important documents that need to be destroyed."

Janie J. Allen
Spouse



"Keep account of all important items and keep your information private."

Christy L. Chase
Spouse



"I keep all my important financial information in a secure place and destroy what I don't need."

Pfc. Jose Diaz
703rd Maint. Co.



"I screen everyone I release any of my financial information to."

Sgt 1st Class Robert J. Broadwater
HHC 2/7 Inf.



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REUNION

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The different generations of soldiers had no problem hanging out together, and found they had many things in common. "There's no generation gap when it comes to the seven Army Values," according to 2nd Brigade commander Col. Joseph P. DiSalvo.

"These guys can hang — if you think you can dog them in the lounge — you can't. A lot of experiences need to be shared. This association establishes a legacy and challenges new soldiers to uphold it"

One difference soldiers found between their Armies is technology. It has sped up war and reduced casualties. The 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) soldiers made history for how fast and far they traveled through Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"Our hardships and sacrifices will never compare to yours, but with today's technology, we defeated the enemy, just like you did," said Sgt. Sherman Jones, Headquarters and Headquarters Command, 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor, one of three featured speakers at the Division dinner Saturday.

Technology is important, but soldiers are still the reason wars are won,

according to 3rd Bn., 15th Inf. Command Sgt. Maj. Robert Gallagher. "All the technology in the world isn't going to work without our soldiers."

Families supported soldiers in the past and still do. Many veterans had their families with them. One soldier had his family there in his place. World War Two Veteran 1st Lt. Edgar Danby, B Company, 756th Tank Battalion, was killed in 1944 along the Rhine River in Southern France. He was supporting L Co., 15th Inf. soldiers, who were chasing the German 19th Army. His grandson and his wife, Jeff and Melinda Danby of Granville, Ohio, come to the reunions every year.

"I wanted to know something about my grandfather and the men he served with. In a strange way, I feel like I'm here representing him. I'm here as his substitute," Jeff said.

The reunion ended at breakfast Sunday morning. Eyes misted as the names of society members who died in the last year, and current 3rd Inf. Div. soldiers who died in OIF were read and taps was played. Friendships were rekindled and created, a bigger picture was realized, and the soldiers went marching along.



Spc. Mason T. Lowery

A 3rd Inf. Div. soldier shows veterans the new MREs at the division dinner Saturday night at the Society of the 3rd Inf. Div.'s 84th Annual Reunion in St. Louis.

WWII made veteran a better man

Spc. Mason T. Lowery

Staff Writer

Heads turned as Pvt. 2 Dale M. Marker, L Company, 15th Infantry, walked into the room. His khaki-green Class A uniform fit perfectly, his shoes were shined, his hair was neatly trimmed, and he walked proudly, as if reporting for duty, 58 years late.

He is exactly what Tom Brokaw was writing about when he wrote "The Greatest Generation," his book that acclaims the World War Two generation.

He'd been out of the Army for 47 years when he registered for the 3rd Infantry Division's 84th Annual Reunion in St. Louis this weekend, but except for the lines on his face, it could have been only a day.

Marker was seriously wounded twice during his 22 months overseas fighting in World War Two. The second wound put him in the hospital for five months, but didn't get him sent home. He went home when the war ended to Greenville, Ohio, to the farm he grew up on and where he has lived a full life since.

Marker was drafted when he was 18 and working at an aviation parts plant. "I hated every minute of it because I was off the farm. I just didn't like factory work - I was a farm boy," he said.

He was assigned to the 15th Infantry Regiment and sent to Italy to fight. He operated a machine gun and a rocket launcher. He received a silver star on the Anzio Beachhead for knocking out a tank that had his company pinned down. He was wounded the next day and sent to the hospital for 35 days, he said.

"We were walking through a muddy field to relieve the guys on the line when a German ADA came out and got nine of us. I was the least seriously hit." It was a "million-dollar hit," he said. "That's the reason I still need a pillow when I sit down."

Marker said he wasn't surprised when he was wounded. He had seen so many men wounded and killed that he was surprised it took so long. "I'd had 150 days of frontline combat - I figured my days were numbered."

He went straight back into combat before the 15th's big push to Rome. He was hit again, this time with



Pvt. 2 Dale M. Marker

shrapnel in the leg and hip. "It went clear through my leg and hip, but didn't hit the bone," he explained.

His parents were notified by telegram that he'd been seriously wounded. "It wasn't like the media we have today. We couldn't write home and tell our folks where we were," he said.

Marker spent five months in a hospital doing physical therapy, or "retraining to get toughened up." He stood before a medical board after his retraining to determine if he was fit to go back to the front. The head of the medical board reclassified him since he had been wounded twice, had had trench foot and had been in battle for so long, he explained. He was reclassified to the 240th Quartermaster Company in Marsai, France, and finally went home once the war ended.

"I wouldn't take a million dollars for what I went through, but I wouldn't do it again," he said. "I was lucky, both times I was hit - my foxhole buddy was killed."

He visited his second foxhole buddy's parents when he got home. He told his friend's mom that a priest had been at his side when he died. He said he watched relief wash over her as he told her that.

While Marker has suffered health problems from his wounds, and has the occasional dream about the war, the experience was mostly positive for him. He laughed and said the



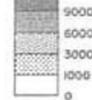
A closeup of Anzio (inset), where Marker was wounded storming the beaches.

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shrapnel in his hip sets off airport alarms and embarrasses his wife.

"It made me a better person. I appreciated things and people more. My wife says I've been a wonderful person."

His wife, Mary Lou, said he is a wonderful and patient husband. He explained that when he first got back from the war, he went to visit his high

school girlfriend, but she didn't want to marry a farmer, "So I went to town and got a girl!"

They've been married ever since; have three children, seven grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. He spends his winters in Florida with Mary Lou as his son takes over the farm. The Markers grew tobacco, grain, corn, wheat, beans and raised

cows on their farm over the years.

"I was so happy that I got through it and could come back and raise a family," he said, and offered advice to today's soldiers, "Hang in there and things will turn out all right. You're doing a good job. I watched (Operation Iraqi Freedom) on television. I saw that 3rd ID patch and felt proud."

UNITY

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Assembly to unite in the "fundamental principles and objectives of the United Nations" and to "stand with the people of Afghanistan and Iraq as they build free, stable countries."

Bush praised the role the United Nations is already playing in this effort, distributing food and medicine in Afghanistan, helping refugees return home, advising the nation on a new constitution and helping pave the way for nationwide elections. In Iraq, he pointed toward UNICEF's extensive child vaccination program conducted and the U.N. World Food Program's food distribution system.

But the president said the United Nations can and must do more. "America is working with friends and allies on a new Security Council resolution which will expand the U.N.'s role in Iraq," he told the assembly. "As in the aftermath of other conflicts, the United Nations should assist in developing a constitution and training civil servants and conducting free and fair elections."

"Iraq's new leaders are showing the openness and tolerance that democracy requires, and also the courage," Bush said. "Yet every young democracy needs the help of friends. Now the nation of Iraq needs and deserves our aid."

Similarly, Bush said the United Nations must work together to confront

the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction that "could be used by terrorists to bring sudden disaster and suffering on a scale that we can scarcely imagine."

He urged the Security Council to adopt a resolution that criminalizes the proliferation of nuclear, biological and chemical weapons and encouraged U.N. members to enact strict export controls and secure all sensitive materials within their borders.

"We are determined to keep the world's most destructive weapons away from all our shores and out of the hands of our common enemies," he said.

Bush reminded the group that "there is no neutral ground" when confronting the threat of terrorism. "All governments that support terror are complicit in a war against civilization," he said. "No government should ignore the threat of terror because to look the other way gives terrorists a chance to regroup and recoup and repair."

The events of the past two years, with terrorist attacks targeting innocent people in many parts of the world, he said, reinforce that those who practice terrorism have "contempt for life itself."

Terrorists and those who support them, he told the U.N. body, "have no place in any religious faith, have no claim on the world's sympathy and they should have no friend in this chamber."

AWARDS

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from the Kuwaiti border to the city of Baghdad ... you were out front with every command and control mission you flew."

Brig. Gen. Jose Riojas, assistant division commander (support), 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized), presented 21 Bronze Stars, five Air Medals with "V" Device, 44 Air Medals and close to 200 Army Commendation Medals.

"This is a fine, proud, professional unit," said Riojas in his address to the battalion. "In the end, you did everything the division asked — there was no obstacle too big for you."

One recipient of the Army Commendation Medal, Pfc. Megan Williams, said she was "extremely proud" of her unit.

"Everyone gave their best, and that's what matters more than any awards," she said.

Others recognized with Awards and Certificates of Appreciation were representatives from the Southern Smiles organization, Savannah Bank and Alpha United Methodist Church, as well as Family Readiness Group leaders.

After the formal acknowledgment of these groups, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Bradley McGarvey sang "A Soldier After All," accompanied on guitar by Spc. Ian McCarthy. The two wrote the song, which reflected on the sacrifices and demands that everyone in the Army is asked to make and meet, and how these are something to embrace, not simply endure, as a soldier.

The Knighthawks learned that lesson and learned it well, doing their job to their utmost ability, not looking for a reward, but proving that they are willing to go to any lengths for their nation, their Army, and each other.

DUI

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the legal repercussions of driving drunk, and little-known statistics.

About three in every ten Americans will be involved in an alcohol-related accident in their lifetime, according to NHTSA. About 80 percent of drivers stopped for drunk driving, had been drinking beer.

"If you think a couple of beers won't effect you, you're taking your life and the life of someone else and putting them in danger," Cintron said.

The legal blood-alcohol concentration limit in Georgia is .08, Willis said. But anytime a person drinks alcohol, he is impaired in some way.

"There are taxicabs," he said.

He added it is better to pay \$5 up front, then to pay legal fees. Soldiers who get DUIs could also lose their licenses for a year, and lose driving privileges on post. For a second offense or driving on a suspended license, soldiers could lose driving privileges for years, or even permanently.

"Don't ruin your careers," Willis told the soldiers. "Worse yet, don't end up in a coffin somewhere."

In signing a driver's license, a person implies consent to state laws, no matter what state the driver's license is from, explained Spc. David May,

a 179th MP Det. accident investigator. Georgia law states drivers must consent to tests of blood, breath, urine and other bodily fluids. Refusal to test could result in suspension of license, and be used against the person in court.

"If you blow over (the legal limit) you're charged with DUI," Roxburgh said. "If you refuse to blow, you're charged with DUI."

Another little-known fact, is that Article 111 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice places the legal BAC level at .10. However, an amendment to that article makes the limit subject to the state the person is in, Roxburgh explained. The consequences for being the cause of an alcohol-related fatality, include bad-conduct discharge, forfeiture of all pay and allowances and confinement.

Drivers don't just get DUIs while traveling down the road, he continued. An intoxicated person behind the wheel of a vehicle, with the keys in or near the ignition and the engine turned off, is still considered in physical control

of the vehicle and may still be charged with DUI, he said. An intoxicated person sleeping in the back of a vehicle, with the engine running, can still be charged with a DUI.

A driver pulled over for speeding, who blows under the legal limit, can be charged according to the Georgia DUI less safe law, for dangerous alcohol-related circumstances, Roxburgh said. An intoxicated person riding a bicycle can be charged with DUI.

A person caught driving drunk with a child under the age of 14 in the car can be charged with both DUI and reckless endangerment, he said.

For drivers under 21, the legal BAC is .02. But if the driver blows a .01, he will be charged with underage consumption rather than DUI.

"It doesn't matter what you're level of intoxication is, you could be barely over the legal limit, but you will not get a break from my office," Cintron warned. "If you take one thing out of this training, get this: zero tolerance, here or off-post."

"We saw some funny things out here," Roxburgh told the soldiers after the drunk goggles demonstrations. "But this is the actual effect alcohol has."

"If you see my blue lights in your mirror, I won't be smiling," he

added. "And I'm pretty sure you won't be laughing either."

"I thought it was great training," said Spc. Jason Gribshaw, from A Co., 11th Eng. Bn.

Gribshaw said he failed miserably at the ball-throwing test three times.

"It shows you how much even .08 ... can effect little things, like throwing little balls into a garbage can. It makes tasks like that almost impossible. It's enough to sway your vision, or cause you to kill someone."

Gribshaw said he knows someone who is in jail for drinking and driving. "He actually hit someone. Thank God (the victim is) still alive," he said.

The training may not prevent someone from driving drunk, but it then again it may, Gribshaw said.

He added, "It's all up to the individual. If (people) are going to drink and drive, they're going to drink and drive. But if you put this information out, it might give them a second thought."

"It doesn't matter what you're level of intoxication is, you could be barely over the legal limit, but you will not get a break from my office."

Sgt. 1st Class Robert Cintron
Fort Stewart Provost Marshal
Traffic NCOIC

Nowhere to run or hide ...

Identity theft can happen to you

Spc. Jonathan M. Stack

Associate Editor

"Identity theft is the fastest growing white collar crime in the United States," said Thurbert E. Baker, attorney general of Georgia.

Baker and other members of his group, Stop Identity Theft Network, held a workshop Sept. 18 at Club Stewart to inform soldiers, families and civilians on how to prevent identity theft and what to do if it happened to you.

Identity theft is when someone steals personal information from another person and fraudulently uses it to obtain credit, goods and services.

An example of identity theft is dumpster diving, Baker said.

Dumpster diving is when thieves rummage through residential or business trash, looking for personal information.

According to www.stupidnetitytheft.org, thieves can obtain personal information from unsecured Web sites that you may have visited or they can steal bank and credit card statements, pre-approved credit offers, telephone calling cards and tax information from your mailbox to gain personal information.

An identity thief can strike even if you have been very careful about keeping your personal information to yourself. If you suspect that your personal information has been hijacked and misappropriated to commit fraud or theft, take action immediately, and keep a record of your conversations and correspondence, according to the website.

In 2001, 2,592 identity theft victims were reported in Georgia, the seventh-highest total in the nation.

If somebody believes they have been a victim of identity

theft, he should first contact his local police or sheriff's office. Second he should contact one of the credit report bureaus and then file a complaint, said Steve Edwards, Georgia Bureau of Investigation.

"Be patient trying to work through it," said Tom Call, special agent of the office of the Inspector General.

It takes two or more years for victims to clear up all resulting problems, Baker said.

There are many ways to minimize your risk of becoming a victim of identity theft.

According to the website, one way is before you reveal any personally identifying information, find out how it will be used and whether it will be shared with others.

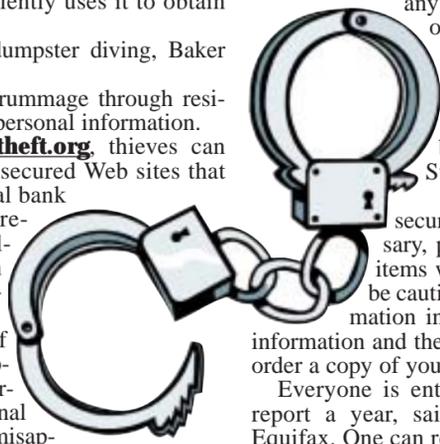
Another way is, buy a shredder and shred any papers with identification numbers such as social security numbers or account numbers, said Lt. Col Stephen Berg, a victim of identity theft.

A few more ways are, give your social security number only when absolutely necessary, pay attention to your billing cycles, keep items with personal information in a safe place, be cautious about where you leave personal information in your home, minimize the identification information and the number of cards you carry with you and order a copy of your credit report, according to the website.

Everyone is entitled to two free copies of their credit report a year, said John Ford, chief privacy officer at Equifax. One can receive them by either calling 1-800-685-1111 or going to www.equifax.com.

Capt. Jennifer Blount, jag officer, said, she sees a lot of this in regard to divorced spouses and the workshop helped her see how to fight it.

She added, "The workshop was very beneficial and the panel was very helpful."



If you are an identity theft victim take the following steps :

- Contact each of the three major credit reporting agencies and request that a fraud alert be placed in your credit file.
- Contact companies that provided credit or anything else of value to the thief who stole your identity.
- Contact your local police or sheriff's department and make a report.
- Contact the Georgia Office of consumer Affairs, the Federal Trade Commission and the Internet Fraud Complaint Center.
- At the FTC website or at the Equifax website, download the universal fraud affidavit, fill it out and submit it to applicable creditors.

Welcome home celebrations Hinesville

There will be a welcome home celebration for all the troops and families Oct. 4. There will be a parade that will go through the city and begin at 9 a.m. There will be a picnic at Donovan Field with free food starting at 1 p.m. There is also a fair that runs from 1 p.m. through 5 p.m. and the rides will be free for all military identification card holders. At 7 p.m. a concert will begin featuring R&B group Red, Hot and Cool, country singer JoDee Messina and celebrity comedian and entertainer Sinbad.

Savannah

Savannah is hosting the USO Welcome Home Festival Oct. 9 on Savannah's historic Waterfront. Festivities will include a brief ceremony recognizing the heroes of Operation Iraqi Freedom, a tribute to the late David Bloom of NBC, who was embedded with the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized), a musical extravaganza featuring the USO performance troupe New Vision and Country Music award winners Diamond Rio, followed by a fireworks display. A cookout for military units and their families will begin at 3:30 p.m. at Rosackis Plaza.

When control, intimidation become physical abuse

Spc. Jimmy D. Lane Jr.

Staff Writer

Growing up in a household where abuse is prevalent may carry on into married life. Never learning how to deal with conflicts without resorting to violence or intimidation is all too common in the Army. Although counseling is available and many groups such as the Army Community Service work hard to prevent abuse and educate soldiers and family members on how to resolve conflicts in a healthy manner, abuse still happens.

Presently the general public is more informed about the seriousness of domestic violence than in the past. Despite the education people have received concerning abuse, researchers are still unable to give any conclusive answers about why domestic violence happens. Reasons why abuse occurs differ from family to family, according to the army spouse abuse manual website at <http://child.cornell.edu/army/domestic/contents.html>.

"Domestic violence is not an isolated incident," said Chaplain (Maj.) Tim Sowers, the Fort Stewart family and life chaplain. "A typical pattern of domestic violence goes hand in hand with ongoing psychological abuse. Resorting to violence is actually an abuser's failure to control a partner with other psychological means."

Domestic violence is about control. There are several tactics an abusive partner uses to control a spouse. These tactics include economic control, coercion and threats, use of male privilege, intimidation, isolation, emotional abuse or minimizing, denial and blaming. Many abusers also use children against their spouse as a means of control and psychological abuse, Sowers said.

Economic control is withholding family funds, making all the financial decisions, monitoring spending or not allowing a spouse to work. If the spouse is foreign born, an abuser may hold their spouse's green card or refuse to allow their spouse to file permanent residency documentation with the Immigration and Naturalization Service, according to the Domestic Abuse Intervention Project of Duluth, Minn. Without a green card or at least a work permit, a non-U.S. citizen spouse cannot legally work in the U.S.

Coercion and threats include making and carrying out threats, such as threatening to leave, kill or harm the spouse if he or she

leaves or threatens suicide.

In cases where physical abuse has already taken place, the abuser will sometimes force a spouse to drop any legal charges incurred.

Over time spouses who fall victim to threats lose self-confidence and faith in their own judgment. Eventually they will begin to believe threats that are, in actuality, unrealistic for an abuser to accomplish. However, threats to harm a spouse or family member are often very real and should be taken seriously.

Use of male privilege is usually viewed as treating a spouse like a servant in her own home, refusing to let her take part in decision making and defining men and women's roles, according to the DAIP. Many men deny the reality of male privilege, but society has been reinforcing inequality between the sexes for centuries, ranging from unequal pay and job opportunities to more subtle forms of sexism, such as the media using women in advertisements for cleaning products.

Intimidation can best be explained as making a spouse fearful. The abuser tries to accomplish this by using looks or gestures, smashing things, punching walls, destroying a spouse's property, abusing pets or displaying weapons. Intimidation works because it is a reminder of what an abuser has done in the past. The message behind damaging property is that the wall, vase or the pet could easily be the spouse next time. Military men involved in cases of abuse have often cleaned their weapon in their victim's presence, according to the DAIP.

Isolation is a technique used to keep a spouse from becoming more independent financially or in the way victims

think about themselves, as well as keeping the victim ignorant of the resources available to them should they decide to leave their abusive partner. An isolated victim tends to think that his or her situation is a reality they must accept, making the isolation technique all the more effective, since there is no one available to give the victim a reality check, according to the DAIP. An abuser accomplishes isolation by controlling where a victim goes, whom they see and talk to and what they do from day to day. The abuser will also keep a victim away from family and friends, use jealousy to justify actions, hide car keys and forbid or remove access to transportation.

"Emotional abuse is very prevalent in cases of domestic violence," said Sowers. "A perpetrator will put the victim down, make them feel bad about themselves, call the victim names, make them think they are crazy, humiliate them in public or make them feel guilty about who they are. Some common put downs include calling the victim fat, ugly and stupid. The abuser will also tell victims they will never amount to anything, tell them they are bad parents or spouses and make them feel like they could never find another partner even if they did leave."

According to the DAIP, use of children in cases of domestic violence is described as hostage taking of children, forcing children to engage in physical or psychological abuse, threatening to take the children, or using the children to monitor the adult victim and relay messages.

"In almost all cases of domestic abuse, the abuser will minimize, deny, or blame the actions of abuse," said Sowers. "The abuser will make light of the abuse and not take concerns about the abuse seriously. Examples of this behavior would be the abuser saying the abuse simply didn't happen or shifting responsibility for the behavior, such as saying she

caused it."

All of the above are examples of psychological attacks, which are acts against a partner with purpose to control, intimidate and humiliate. Essentially, a psychological attack is one of the most powerful weapons an offender uses to control a partner. These attacks are systematic attempts to control another person's thinking and behavior. The aim of psychological attacks are to damage the victim's sense of self worth, to increase the victim's self blame, or to make the victim feel powerless. The victim is expected to give up his or her own values and point of view, in order to keep the offender from being out of control.

"Psychological attacks are the predecessors of physical abuse," said Sowers. "Physical attacks include a wide range of behaviors, only some of which are illegal. Examples of physical attacks include blocking escape, spitting, shaking, restraining, grabbing, pushing, hitting, burning, strangling, kicking, throwing things, or the threatening or actual use of weapons."

Physical abuse is the use of any physical force against your partner intended to make them afraid of you, according to the DAIP. Actual physical abuse is often the end result of months or years of intimidation and control.

Women in long-term abusive relationships begin to believe they are responsible for the abuse and spend their time trying to become better wives or trying not to do anything to "set him off," according to the DAIP. Since the abuser is often a "great guy" and a stellar performer on the job, no one would believe the abuser is capable of what he may be accused of, which can help convince victims that they must be the crazy ones if no one else can see what is happening in the relationship.

"We at ACS work with not only military police but the police and sheriff's department in Hinesville and surrounding communities to try to spot signs of abuse and stop it before it happens," said Johnny Cusimano, the Family Advocacy Program manager at ACS. "Men involved in cases of abuse get into a lot of trouble these days."

"There is a new law mandated by the state of Georgia that not only presses charges of assault, but also requires an abuser to attend a 24-week program to educate perpetrators on abuse and anger management," Cusimano said. "The bottom line is physical abuse is illegal. There is no excuse for people to put their hands on one another."



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Guard battles Isabel's destruction

Master Sgt. Bob Haskell

Special to The Frontline

ARLINGTON, Va. — More than 2,500 Army and Air National Guard troops in five states and the District of Columbia turned out with chainsaws, trucks and water trailers to help people along the East Coast deal with the devastation of Hurricane Isabel.

They evacuated people from flooded island homes to shelters on higher ground. They helped local police departments prevent looting. They provided clean water and ice to communities with contaminated water systems. And they helped state transportation workers clean up the storm's considerable debris.

"I am always impressed by their dedication, commitment and willingness to respond in a moment's notice — at times putting their own well being at risk," said Army Guard Col. Peter Aylward, who directed the National Guard Bureau's Crisis Action Team in Arlington, Va.

"We will do whatever it takes to help save lives, prevent suffering and mitigate property damage," Aylward added.

Guard soldiers drove Humvees into 30-inch deep floodwaters to rescue people stranded on islands along Maryland's Eastern Shore of the battered Chesapeake Bay.

Nine of them spent the weekend providing local police with enough of a presence to prevent looting, said Maj. Todd Stewart, who commanded a 200-soldier task force responsible for 250 miles of shoreline.

They only have a couple of police officers, and they had problems with looters the night before. We gave them a deterrent to prevent further problems, Stewart explained.

Most of the Guard's labors were focused in North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia where millions of people were coping without electricity and drinking water. The storm was blamed for about 30 deaths, including 17 in Virginia.

More than 1,300 troops were on duty in North Carolina, and more than 600 in Virginia. Nearly 700 were on duty in Maryland during the weekend's peak of activity, and 170 were served in the nation's capital.

Troops evacuated more than 1,000 people from Maryland coastal communities with five-ton trucks and Humvees and also provided security details for Hooper and Taylor islands, said Maj. Charles Kohler, the state's Guard spokesman.

North Carolina Guard members airlifted water, ice and military meals to the Outer Banks, transported 2,500 gallons of fuel by ferry boat, deployed 40 generator teams to provide auxiliary power and dispatched security teams to North Hampton and Hyde counties, Guard officials reported.

In Virginia, about 120 members of the 276th Engineer Battalion helped Department of Transportation crews clear some 400 miles of primary and secondary roads in Surry



Maj. Cotton Puryear

Virginia Army National Guard Spc. Brent Hart, Staff Sgt. Ronald Cruz, and Sgt. 1st Class Jerry Bristow clear debris from Route 618 in Surry County after Hurricane Isabel blew through in mid-September. They are members of C Co., 276th Eng. Bn.

and Isle of Wight counties, between Virginia Beach and Richmond.

Other Virginia Guard Soldiers, from the 2nd Bn., 111th Field Artillery, were ordered to state active duty to help provide traffic control in Hampton and to distribute water to Hampton and Virginia Beach.

About 300 citizen-soldiers began operating eight regional water and ice distribution sites on Sept. 21, said Lt. Col. Chester Carter III, Virginia's National Guard spokesman.

More than 1,400 troops in seven states were waiting when the Category 2 storm hit the North Carolina coast with 100 mph winds and torrential rains at midday on Sept. 18 and then cut a swath toward the north as it diminished to a tropical storm.

The combination of high winds and floodwaters from the storm, said to cover an area the size of Montana, led to federal disaster declarations for North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, the District of Columbia and Delaware. West Virginia, New Jersey and Pennsylvania government leaders declared state emergencies.

Guard troops were ready to help state officials assess the damage and help citizens in those states as well. Fifteen

two-man crews in West Virginia, for example, were prepared to rescue and evacuate citizens from areas of that waterlogged mountainous state where flooding from Isabel's heavy rains was a major concern.

Air National Guard commanders ordered 59 planes — including jet fighters and huge transport planes — flown from their home bases in six states along the storm's projected path, between Virginia and New York, to safer havens in other parts of the country.

The Virginia Army Guard also sent half a dozen helicopters to Frankfort, Ky.

This war against the weather is an old National Guard mission under new management.

"We're here to provide the policies, the coordination, and the money for the people out there, who are doing the work," Christopher Gardner, the Guard Bureau's acting vice chief, told the members of the newly formed Crisis Action Team at the National Guard's headquarters.

Guard officials were quick to point out that plenty of troops were available for state active duty even though tens of thousands of citizen-soldiers and airmen have been deployed because of the global war against terrorism.

SUPPORT YOUR TROOPS

VA seeks former POWs for benefits

VA Press Release

Special to The Frontline

WASHINGTON — The Department of Veterans Affairs is asking former prisoners of war not currently using VA benefits to contact VA to find out if they may be eligible for disability compensation and other services.

More than 23,000 former prisoners of war already receive compensation from VA.

This year, the department mailed information about benefits to another 4,700 known ex-POWs not on its rolls.

However, VA estimates there could be as many as 11,000 more POWs for whom it does not have an address.

Today, on National POW-MIA Recognition Day, VA is asking former POWs not receiving benefits who did not receive a VA letter recently to call the department at 1-800-827-1000.

Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony J.

Principi said VA has expanded policies to cover increasing numbers of former POWs as new illnesses have been found related to captivity.

The administration currently is pressing to get even more compensation and medical care benefits for former POWs.

“These veterans sacrificed for their country in time of war, and it’s the nation’s turn to serve them, to help them determine if they are entitled to compensation, health care or other services,” Principi said.



Nine out of ten former POWs are veterans of World War II, and their service predates the use of Social Security numbers as a military “service number.”

That, coupled with the decades that have elapsed since their service, makes it difficult for VA to track down those who have not opened a file with VA in recent years.

“On this POW-MIA Recognition Day, VA is asking veterans and all Americans who know of a former POW to help spread the word that benefits and services may be just a

phone call away,” Principi said.

The most recent expansion of VA benefits for former POWs was a July regulation that added cirrhosis of the liver to the list of diseases to which entitlement to disability compensation is presumed in former POWs.

Similar policies making it easier for former POWs to obtain compensation have been enacted for POWs detained for 30 days or more who develop specific illnesses.

Former POWs have a special eligibility for enrollment in VA medical care and are exempt from making copayments for inpatient and outpatient medical care.

They have the same copay rules as other veterans for medications and for extended care.

Free dental treatment for any dental condition is available to former POWs held for more than 90 days.

More information about VA services for former POWs is available at www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/Benefits/POW.

Suspected link between Gulf War service, ALS confirmed

VA Press Release

Special to The Frontline

WASHINGTON — A recent scientific study supports a 22-month policy by the Department of Veterans Affairs to recognize amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) among veterans of the Gulf War as a service-connected illness.

“Based upon preliminary research available in December 2001, I felt it was appropriate for us to act swiftly,” said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony J. Principi. “I’m gratified that the final study supports that decision.”

The study found that veterans who were deployed to the combat theater during the Gulf War were nearly twice as likely to develop the disease as veterans not deployed to the Gulf, accounting for 40 of the 107 cases identified among military personnel.

The incidence of ALS was especially high among deployed Air Force personnel, who were 2.7 times more likely to develop ALS than non-deployed Air Force personnel.

“Earlier research did not provide a definitive answer to this

issue,” said lead author Ronnie D. Horner, Ph.D. Horner was with VA’s Epidemiologic Research and Information Center in Durham, N.C., when the research was conducted, and is now with the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke. “We now have compelling evidence that service in the Gulf is associated with the occurrence of ALS among veterans of the ’90-’91 Gulf War.”

Another recent study by Dr. Robert W. Haley of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas also supports VA’s decision to officially recognize ALS as a service-connected illness for VA benefits.

The new ALS study, published in the Sept. 23 issue of the scientific journal *Neurology* and funded by VA and the Department of Defense, does not identify a cause for the disease or the increased occurrence in this group of veterans.

ALS, or Lou Gehrig’s disease, kills cells in the brain and spinal cord that control muscle movement, resulting in gradual wasting of the muscles. Fatal in most cases, the disease usually strikes people between ages 40 and 70. The cause of the disease is unknown.

Earlier this year, VA established a national ALS registry to identify veterans with the disease — regardless of when they served — and track their health status. Veterans with ALS who enroll will complete an initial telephone interview covering their health and military service and will be interviewed twice yearly thereafter.

For more information about VA’s ALS Registry, based at the Durham VA Medical Center, call 1-877-DIAL-ALS (1-877-342-5257) or e-mail ALS@med.va.gov.

The ALS Association and researchers from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention advised the study leaders. Numerous medical, academic, veteran and voluntary health organizations provided assistance in conducting the study.

Since 1994, the departments of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and Health and Human Services have spent \$213 million on 224 research projects relating to the health effects of military deployment. VA plans to spend up to an additional \$20 million by the end of fiscal 2004.

Wear-out date for old PTs nears

Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Beginning Oct 1, the Army's old, gray physical fitness uniform will no longer be authorized, and all soldiers must own the improved PT uniform, which hit the shelves three years ago.

The decision to put soldiers in a uniform that was lighter, washes better and sharper looking was made in 1999 by retired Gen. Dennis J. Reimer, former chief of staff of the Army.

Soldiers were given a grace period of more than three years to purchase the new Improved Physical Fitness Uniform, but some are still scurrying to the Military Clothing Sales Store to purchase the five-piece ensemble.

"I have members of my squad who still have to purchase the new PTs, said Pfc. Brian Knolen from Fort McPherson, Ga. However, Knolen doesn't have to worry about meeting the deadline. He is among the soldiers who entered the Army after May 2000, and was issued the uniform after graduating from Initial Entry Training.

The improved uniforms hit Military Clothing Sales Stores October 2000, and most store managers said sales have been continuous with no peak, even though the deadline approaches.

"I always keep a back order in the stock room, but I haven't seen an increase in sales," said Estella Gholston, the store manager at Fort McPherson, Ga.

A local store manager at Fort Belvoir, Va., said she didn't expect to see more purchases and didn't order extra uniforms to meet an increased demand.

"Since 2001, my store has already been meeting a high demand for the new PTs, and we've been helping to get the word out," said Savannah Hudson, the assistant manager at the Fort Belvoir store.

To make sure that every soldier is in the right uniform by Oct. 1, the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, G1, printed the wear-out date for the old PTs in the revised Army Regulation 670-1. But some junior soldiers, who look for guidance from their supervisors, said they aren't sure what the cut-off date is.

"I know that the cut-off is approaching, but I haven't heard when," said a specialist from Fort Riley, Kan. "I don't have anything to worry about though because I've been wearing the new uniform for over a year."

The IPFU includes a t-shirt, long sleeve shirt, jacket, pants and shorts. The suit costs almost twice as much as the old uniform that was first issued to soldiers in 1986.

Getting things ready ...

Spc. Jacob Boyer

Sandra McNeill, sales and merchandising manager, Fort Stewart Post Exchange, stocks items at the the new PX.

The store, which has twice as much floor space as the old PX, will open Oct. 3.

Country singer Amy Jayne McCabe will sign autographs and perform outside the PX from 7 to 9 p.m. that night.



Marne TV

Marne TV can be found on Comcast Cable Channel 16 every day of the week. Tune in to the Marne Report seven times a day for the latest from Fort Stewart and Hunter AAF.

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Child and Youth Services

The Central Registration office located in Bldg. 443 has changed operational hours. The new hours will be Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The office will not be closed from 1 to 2 p.m. as previously scheduled.

Welcome Home Soldiers

There will be a welcome home celebration Saturday, Oct. 4. There will be three different events.

A free picnic will be held at Donovan Field, 1 to 5 p.m. sponsored by the Hinesville Military Affairs Committee and MWR.

Free fair rides for military ID cardholders at Walker Field, 1 to 5 p.m. Trolley cars will provide free transportation between Donovan and Walker Field.

Free MWR Concert at Donovan Field at 7 p.m. Performers will be announced in The Frontline in September.

School absences conditional Fort Stewart Schools

(Diamond and Brittin) will support recently deployed soldiers, within reason and within available resources, when requesting a student absence.

Students will be considered excused during block leave. Parents are encouraged to coordinate with the student's teacher on missed homework/class assignments. Time away from school should be kept at a minimum.

Liberty County Schools will grant up to five days of unexcused absence during block leave for children of deployed soldiers.

Soldiers are required to provide a written request to the school principal which states the reason for the absence and projected dates that the student will be out of school.

Students will be allowed to make up missed homework/assignments. Teachers will work with students to ensure that they do not fall behind in the classroom. Since Liberty County schools are required to follow the

No-Child-Left-Behind mandate and are graded by attendance, students will be required to be re-enrolled in school if an absence exceeds five days.

Main Gate

Gate 1 has only one accessible inbound lane and one accessible outbound lane.

All inbound traffic entering through Main Gate is routed to a new four-way stop located where General Stewart Way intersects with Memorial Drive and proceeds to General Screven Way.

Construction will be on-going during this period. To alleviate the traffic flow 4th Street Gate (Gate 2/Troupe Gate) is open.

Family Assistance Center

Army Community Service at Fort Stewart scaled back its Family Assistance Center hours of operation. New hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday. Weekends will be handled with an on call roster and phones forwarded to EOC.

Main Education Center

The Main Education Center, Building 130, is discontinuing its Saturday hours as of Oct. 4. Computer usage is available at the Marne Multimedia Center Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

There are also other learning centers in buildings 1237, 729, 506 and 208 where computers may be accessed as well.

If you have any questions or need more information please call 767-8331.

Community Fair

This event will be held Oct. 1 through 5 at Walker Field. Free admission and rides priced individually.

Hours of operation are Wednesday through Friday, 5 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, noon to midnight, and Sunday 1 p.m. to midnight.

Tickets will sold at the Fair Gates.

Hunter

USO Welcome Home

The USO in conjunction with the City of Savannah, Chatham County, Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce and other corporate donors will honor local troops on Thursday, Oct. 9 on Savannah's Historic Waterfront.

There will be a cook-out starting at 3:30 p.m. on Rosackis Plaza, a recognition ceremony at 5:30 p.m. and a concert at 6 p.m.

For more information please call 303-9119.

Middle School and teens

Registration is now underway for free after school program for 6th through 8th graders. Hours will be 2:30 to 6 p.m.

Morning road closure

North Perimeter Road from the 117th Tactical Control Squadron to the Stephen Douglas Street intersection will be closed to vehicular traffic from 6-7:30 a.m., Monday through Friday to support unit physical fitness programs.

Ask your unit first sergeant or contact the Hunter Safety Office for Hunter's physical training policies, by calling 352-5814.

American Red Cross

The Savannah Chapter of the American Red Cross has FREE toiletry items, such as soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste, for soldiers and family members.

For more information call 651-5300.

Skeet Range

The skeet range is open 4 to 9 p.m. Thursdays and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays.

Fort Stewart and Hunter Hunting and Fishing Permits, Georgia State Hunting and Fishing licenses are also sold in Bldg. 8250.

An education course is required for an on-post hunting permit.

For more information, call 352-5916.

Bible study

A weekly Bible study will be held in the building adjacent to the post chapel Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m.

Youth Services

School Age Services (SAS) opens 6 to 9 a.m. and 3 to 6 p.m. during school. Also, before and after school programs for 1st through 5th graders. Enjoy fun and leisure activities, educational, tutoring, computer lab, sports, fitness and more.

Join 4-H community club, photography and technology groups. Check with your school for transportation.

For more information call 352-5708 or 352-6705.

Boaters Safety Course

Free course held at 10 a.m., Saturdays. Call 352-5722.

Keystone Club

Meetings are held the fourth Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. This club offers Character Counts activities as well as other activities that meet physical, emotional and social needs and interests of girls and boys through diversified program activities in six areas:

- Personal and Educational Development
- Cultural Enrichment
- Social Recreation
- Citizenship and Leadership Development
- Outdoor and Environmental Education.

Auto Craft

Enroll your teen in a Beginner's Maintenance Class to build their confidence and skill. Enroll with them and learn to change you car's oil, belts, and tires together. Classes available for groups of at least three participants.

For more information call 352-6244.

Hunter Club

Renovation is on-going until early October, however Hunter Club is open Fridays for NCO and O Call 5 to 9 p.m. except training holidays

No cover charge, free snacks, great music, play karaoke, X-Box, foosball and more.

Winn Army Community Hospital

TRICARE Classes

The next Explanation of Benefits TRICARE class will be held 10 to 11 a.m. Oct. 2 at Tuttle. This class helps beneficiaries understand their statements. To register, call 692-8724.

TRICARE Authorization

Soldiers or family members who receive emergency or urgent medical care outside the area must have TRICARE authorization within 24 hours of receiving care.

Winn

Active-duty soldiers should call daytime at 767-7035 and evening at 370-6965. Family members can call 1-800-333-4040 24 hours a day, seven days a week or 370-6965.

Tuttle

Active-duty soldiers should call daytime 1-800-652-9221 and evening at 370-6965. Family members can call 1-800-333-4040 24 hours a day, seven days a week or 1-800-652-9221 and evenings at 370-6965.

Exceptional Program

The next Exceptional Family Member Program enrollment orientation will be 1:30 to 3 p.m. Oct. 23 at Winn. Meet other families and learn about other community support services. For more information, call 370-6505.

Winn Seeks Volunteers

Winn is looking for adult volunteers to help out in a wide range of areas from administrative specialists to chaperones to certified or licensed nurses. For more information, call 370-6903.

Intervention Services

Families with children up to 3 years old who may be at risk for developmental delays can call Educational and Developmental Intervention Services for a free screening

Services include home visits, occupational therapy, special instruction, physical therapy, speech and language therapy, vision and hearing screenings, family training, developmental screen-

ings and assessments.

For more information, call 370-6349.

Tobacco Cessation classes

The next Tobacco Cessation class at Tuttle will begin Oct. 1. The classes are held one day a week for four consecutive weeks. To register at Winn, call 370-5071. To register at Tuttle, call 1-800-652-9221.

Family Reunion Support

Family reunion support is available for families having difficulty adjusting after a deployment. Support is available by appointment or on a walk-in basis. For more information, call 370-6100 or 370-6111.

Expectant Parenting Class

The next Expectant Parenting Class will begin 6 p.m. Oct. 7. The four-week class helps parents to understand labor, delivery and newborn care. To register, call 767-6633.

Tuttle TRICARE enrollment

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

Family Health Clinics reopen

Soldier Family Health Clinic #2 will be open for sick call beginning Sept. 15. SFHC #1 and #3 are currently open for sick call.

Additional Parking

An additional parking lot on Harmon Ave., adjacent to Winn and next to the sports complex, is open for patient parking.

Pharmacy Hours of Operation

The pharmacy is open 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Wednesday and Friday and 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday. Hours on training holidays are 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The refill pharmacy is open 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday and Friday and 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Thursday.

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POLICE REPORTS

• **Subject:** Private, 22-year-old male, separate battalion
 • **Charges:** Deposit account fraud
 • **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 24-year-old female, separate battalion
 • **Charges:** Deposit account fraud
 • **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Sergeant, 30-year-old male, Headquarters Command
 • **Charges:** Failure to appear
 • **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Specialist, 25-year-old female, Headquarters Command
 • **Charges:** Improper backing
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Family member, 43-year-old female
 • **Charges:** Shoplifting
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Family member, 38-year-old female
 • **Charges:** Aggravated assault
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 27-year-old male, separate battalion
 • **Charges:** Driving under the influence, speeding 85/55
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Staff Sergeant, 31-year-old male, 2nd Brigade
 • **Charges:** Simple assault consummated with battery
 • **Location:** Midway

• **Subject:** Sergeant, 21-year-old male, Division Artillery
 • **Charges:** Carrying a concealed weapon, loud music from vehicle
 • **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Specialist, 19-year-old female, separate battalion
 • **Charges:** Simple assault
 • **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 23-year-old male, separate battalion
 • **Charges:** DUI, following too closely
 • **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 20-year-old male, separate battalion
 • **Charges:** DUI, drinking under age, speeding

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 • **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 23-year-old male, separate battalion
 • **Charges:** DUI, obstructing intersection, improper stopping
 • **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Staff Sergeant, 36-year-old male, separate battalion
 • **Charges:** Simple battery, cruelty to children
 • **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Staff Sergeant, 36-year-old male, 2nd Brigade
 • **Charges:** Driving under the influence, refusal
 • **Location:** Walthourville

• **Subject:** Sergeant, 25-year-old male, Division Artillery
 • **Charges:** Driving under the influence, weaving over roadway
 • **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Specialist, 22-year-old male, Division Artillery
 • **Charges:** Driving under the influence, attempting to elude
 • **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Specialist, 21-year-old male, 2nd Brigade
 • **Charges:** Driving under the influence, speeding 62/45
 • **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 20-year-old male, separate battalion
 • **Charges:** Drunken driving, failure to wear seatbelt, underage drinking
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 25-year-old male, separate battalion
 • **Charges:** Wrongful use of marijuana, wrongful possession of marijuana, wrongful use of cocaine, wrongful possession of cocaine
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 21-year-old male, separate battalion
 • **Charges:** Wrongful use of marijuana, wrongful distribution of marijuana, failure to obey a general order, wrongful possession of marijuana
 • **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Specialist, 27-year-old male, 3rd Brigade
 • **Charges:** Speeding, driving under the influence
 • **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Petty Officer 2nd Class, 26-year-old male, separate battalion
 • **Charges:** Obstruction of justice
 • **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Private 2, 22-year-old male, Division Support Command
 • **Charges:** Failure to yield right of way, driving on a suspended license
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 22-year-old male, Division Support Command
 • **Charges:** Wrongful use of marijuana, wrongful possession of marijuana
 • **Location:** Grand Rapids, Mich.

• **Subject:** Specialist, 27-year-old male, 24th Support Group
 • **Charges:** Assault consummate by battery on child under 16
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Petty Officer 3rd Class, 18-year-old male, separate battalion
 • **Charges:** Driving under the influence, possession of alcohol by a minor
 • **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Staff Sergeant, 37-year-old male, separate battalion
 • **Charges:** Intent to distribute marijuana
 • **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Civilian, 40-year-old female
 • **Charges:** Possession of marijuana, criminal trespassing, wrongful distribution of marijuana
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 20-year-old male, separate battalion
 • **Charges:** Driving while license revoked
 • **Location:** Hunter

• **Subject:** Specialist, 22-year-old male, separate battalion
 • **Charges:** False official statement, conspiracy
 • **Location:** Hunter

• **Subject:** Staff Sergeant, 37-year-old male, Aviation Brigade
 • **Charges:** Carnal knowledge
 • **Location:** Hunter

Ask the judge

Q: I just bought a car, and it is having a lot of problems. Are there any laws that protect me?

A: Like most legal questions, the answer depends on the circumstances. In 1990, The Georgia legislature passed Georgia Code Section 10-1-780, otherwise known as "The Lemon Law." This law covers new motor vehicles that are either bought (or leased) in Georgia or registered in Georgia by the original buyer. While the law does cover the chassis of motor homes, it does not cover motorcycles, trucks with a G.V.W. rating of 10,000 pounds or more, or used vehicles.

Under the law, the dealer/manufactures warrants your new vehicle will be free from any defects, serious safety defects, or conditions that substantially impair the use, value, or safety of the motor vehicle. But, the law will not protect you if these defects or conditions arise due to your neglect, abuse or unauthorized modification of the vehicle. In other words, you are protected if the problem was either present before you bought or leased the car or if it materialized on its own after you took possession.

This protection does not last forever. You have 12 months or 12,000 miles, whichever comes first, to discover the defect or condition and to report it to the dealer or manufacturer. Upon notification, the dealer or manufacturer must repair the condition. Georgia allows the dealer or manufacturer a reasonable number of attempts to repair the condition. What is a reasonable number of attempts? It will depend on the nature of the defect, but it can range from one to three times. After 24 months or 24,000 miles, if the condition still exists, the dealer or manufacturer gets one last chance to repair the vehicle. If they cannot, you may demand replacement or repurchase of the vehicle. You may also be entitled to incidental and collateral costs which you incurred, i.e. title charges, sales tax, cost of rental cars during repair attempts, etc.

When disputes arise over the repurchase or replacement of the vehicle, you may contact the Office of Consumer Affairs for arbitration. If you are not satisfied with the result of the arbitration hearing, you may appeal the decision to a state arbitration panel and then to the Superior Court.

If you find yourself in this situation, call Legal Assistance for an appointment. You may also further educate yourself or file an official complaint on the web by visiting the following websites:
<http://www.lemonlaw.bbb.org/> and
<http://www2.state.ga.us/GaOCA/llcomplaint.htm>.

101st Escorts Iraqi Leaders

Sgt. Robert Woodward

101st Airborne Division (Air Assault)

MOSUL, Iraq, — The Army's 101st Airborne Division escorted the civilian leadership of the northern Nineveh province Sept. 22 on a survey of the region's industrial and power facilities, helping to broaden the Mosul-based interim government's influence here.

The tour began when Maj. Gen. David H. Petraeus, the division's commander, flew with Gov. Ghanim Al Basso and other members of the Mosul City Council aboard Black Hawk helicopters to the town of Sinjar for the reopening of the largest cement factory in Iraq.

According to Jamil Fadil, control room supervisor, the plant is operating at 50 percent capacity and still turns out 50,000 tons of cement a day. Plans are in place to refurbish the second of two production lines.

"The Nineveh province is already leading the way in Iraq," Petraeus told the Iraqi engineers and laborers who were on hand. "You did this on your own."

More and more, U.S. troops in the north are becoming strictly a security force, as Iraqis begin to take on engineering, medical, and entrepreneurial roles. Even the security of coalition sites and key infrastructure is being gradually assumed by local forces, such as the U.S.-trained Iraqi Civil Defense Corps.

The delegation next flew to the Ayn Zalah oil pump station to resolve a security problem that resulted in an attack on the facility the night of Sept. 21. Although minimal damage occurred, the coordination of local guards, including those provided by the oil company and the local govern-

ment, needed improvement to ensure round-the-clock protection at all sites.

Five previous attacks on northern oil facilities had been repulsed by guards, but no guards were present during the recent attack.

According to Saad Salid, the guards had left their post, apparently disgruntled over pay. The solution agreed on involved having the oil company augment pay for government guards who receive the maximum amount authorized by the coalition, \$50, which is \$70 less than oil company guards make.

While there, the delegation also learned that although the current level of oil production will help the province meet its oil-for-electricity agreement with Syria, two more pumps can be installed to increase revenue and provide more crude to local refineries.

The oil refinery in Qayyarah, for example, at one time considered too damaged to repair, is slowly being restored to operation and will soon need a steady supply of crude.

More than 9,000 tons of old asphalt is being reheated at the refinery for pressing road work, and work is under way to restore asphalt production by Oct. 7.

When fully operational, the plant will be the one of the largest asphalt producers in the Middle East, according to Salih Hamid, the asphalt component manager. More work is planned at the refinery to allow production of benzene, diesel and kerosene.

"Success for Iraqis is success for us," Petraeus said. "You couldn't have this kind of initiative under the old regime. Here you can see the beginnings of a bright future for Iraq."

CENTCOM News

82nd Airborne works with ICDC recruits

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Volunteers for the new Iraqi Civil Defense Corps received a medical screening and their first payment of \$50 Sept. 18 and are ready to train.

Paratroopers of the 82nd Airborne Division stood up the first company of 120 ICDC soldiers. The ICDC is organized into two 47-man platoons and a 26-man support platoon.

Over the course of three days, a team of five Iraqi physicians gave recruits a basic medical screening to ensure they were ready for training. The doctors reviewed each man's medical history, checked his motor skills, hearing, eyesight and recorded height, weight and vital signs.

Once the recruits' physicals were completed, the future soldiers formed into ranks to be paid.

The first two weeks of training will focus on physical fitness, drill and ceremony, basic rifle marksmanship and basic individual soldier skills. The second half of training will focus on basic squad tactics, applying to cordon and search operations and traffic control points.

Once the ICDC training is complete, each battalion of the 2nd brigade will be assigned a platoon to help the battalions in their daily operations.

Another "Iraqi Top 55" in coalition custody

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Sultan Hashim Ahmad Al-Jabbari Al-Tai, number 27 on the coalition's list of most wanted government officials, is now under custody of coalition forces.

The former Iraqi Minister of Defense turned himself in to the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) on Sep. 19.

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

Coalition engineers work on Baghdad's sewer system

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Soldiers from the 1st Armored Division took to the streets Sept. 18 to fix the city sewage system in the Baghdad neighborhood of Berea.

Although the engineers are playing a major role in the reconstruction of Berea's sewage system, the Coalition's effort is focused on support. The Coalition's role is one of oversight, to help the Iraqis help themselves.

The engineers say the task motivates them because they realize the people of Baghdad are depending on them for their health and well-being.

The engineers have joined forces with local officials, compiling information and digging up sewer lines in preparation for overhauls that will follow in the coming months. The overhauls are needed because of the sewage water standing in the streets and alleys of Berea, which is a low-lying area with a high water table.

A large portion of the existing sewage system needs to be replaced, a project the engineers will work on alongside the citizens of the community.

Part of the problem is that the pipes are undersized. The Berea neighborhood has grown more quickly than its sewage infrastructure can handle. Immediate plans for reconstruction include building a pump station that will help maintain sewage flow in the area.