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## Shinseki answers soldiers' questions

Spc. Jacob Boyer  
Staff Writer

The chief of staff of the Army addressed the state of the infrastructure of the camps in Kuwait and other topics during a question and answer session held with the soldiers of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team Nov. 26.

Gen. Eric K. Shinseki spoke to a group of soldiers drawn from units stationed here during lunch as part of his visit to the brigade.

A soldier asked Shinseki why there were not enough amenities for the soldiers stationed here. Shinseki said the camps were originally set up for battalion-sized elements. Because of that, there are not currently enough phone lines and recreation facilities on the camps to support the number of soldiers living here.

"Bringing a battalion in, you had a

battalion's worth of support: phone lines, computers and gyms," he said. "But in a very short period of time we've declared an emergency and we've blown this up into a division-size operation."

Although the operation here has not been set up to support a division year-round, Shinseki said the Army is working to remedy that.

"Very quickly, we've put gyms in place and we've put additional lines in place to support soldiers to the degree that we think we're going to be here in this configuration," he said. "If we thought we were going to be here for 10 years, we'd start building some permanent structures, but I don't think we're going to be here that long."

It was pointed out that soldiers here had enough showers and shelter, and

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Spc. Jacob Boyer

Gen. Eric K. Shinseki, chief of staff, U.S. Army, talks to a group of 2nd Brigade soldiers during lunch Nov. 26. He was visiting Camp New York, Kuwait, as part of his Thanksgiving visit to deployed soldiers.

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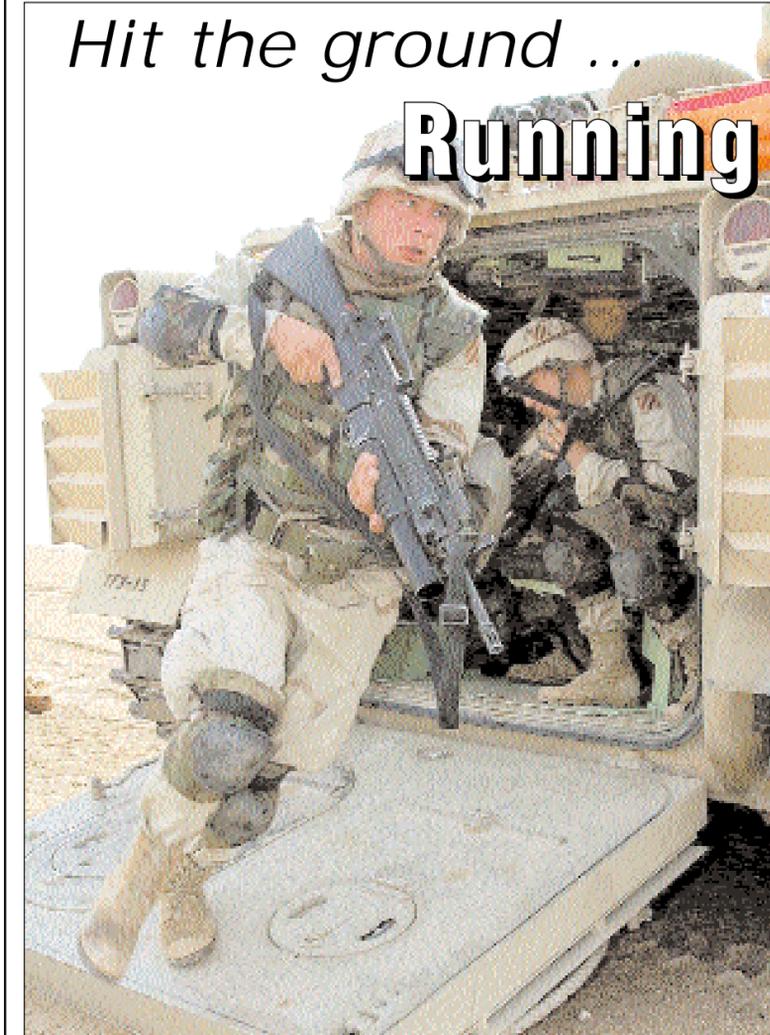


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Running

Sgt. 1st Class David K. Dismukes

Udairi Range, KUWAIT — Pvt. 2 Christopher Nauman, an M203 gunner from B Company, 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry, conducts dismount drills Dec. 9 with 1st Platoon along the Iraqi border in Northwestern Kuwait. See Page 16 for more photos.

## International community surrounds Saddam

Gerry J. Gilmore

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON - A large and growing number of nations around the globe have coalesced to disarm Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein — by peaceful, or other, means, Deputy Defense Secretary Paul D. Wolfowitz noted Dec. 4 at NATO headquarters in Brussels, Belgium.

After consulting with senior NATO officials shortly before he returned to Washington, Wolfowitz said to reporters that Saddam Hussein "should understand that we already have a very strong coalition assembled, if we have to (go to war), and I believe that that coalition is only going to grow."

"If it does become necessary to use force, we will have the world with us," he emphasized after meetings with NATO Secretary General George Robertson and other senior alliance officials.

Wolfowitz said he'd received a hearty response from North Atlantic Council members after inquiring

what NATO assets might be made available to put additional pressure to coerce the Iraqi dictator to abandon his weapons of mass destruction program peacefully or, should it be decided that war is necessary, to remove the threat of Saddam and his regime.

Such assets might include use of NATO Airborne Warning and Control System planes, missile-defense systems, and other types of assistance, the deputy said. Wolfowitz pointed out it would be up to NATO whether or not to provide such assistance.

Wolfowitz said many responses from NATO officials seemed to key in on the Latin phrase, "Civis pax para bellum," or if you want peace, you have to prepare for war."

The Iraqis have until Dec. 8 to produce an honest, comprehensive list of their chemical, biological, nuclear WMD development programs and missile delivery systems to U.N. weapons inspectors now in Iraq.

President Bush said he is skeptical

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## New warehouse to focus on efficiency

Sgt. Craig Zentkovich

Staff Writer

Out with the old — very, very old.

The 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.), Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield Directorate of Logistics held an opening ceremony Friday for the new DOL General Purpose Warehouse on Fort Stewart. Guests in attendance included Congressman Jack Kingston and Maj. Gen. Buford C. Blount III, 3rd Inf. Div., Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield commanding general.

The 178,000 square-foot warehouse will replace 24 World War II-era buildings, doubling the installation's storage capability and providing soldiers with a one-stop area to draw equipment and uniforms.

"Currently, the warehouses are spread out over a half-mile radius," said Royce Kennedy, Directorate of Logistics for the 3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.), Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield. "This facility will allow me to centralize my inventory as well as centralize my people."

The facility will benefit the soldier most of all, he said.

With the older structures, soldiers had to visit between three and five different buildings to acquire their standard and special issue items. Now, all issue items are consolidated in the new warehouse.

"We now have the capabilities to process a greater number of soldiers twice as fast," he said. "They will also be provided a waiting room prior to issue, as opposed to standing outside the old structures in 110-degree heat or 32-degree cold."

The warehouse also includes a sewing room, modern material handling equipment and 12 commercial loading docks — 10 more than the old structures.

"We designed this facility not only to meet peacetime requirements, but also deployment and mobilization requirements," he said. "We used the experience we gained through Desert Storm and Desert Thunder, and used those lessons learned when planning and designing this facility so we could be more efficient."

Most importantly, we want to leave a good impression on a soldier — old and new, Kennedy said.

The special issue items are now available for draw at the GPW, he said. The entire facility should be totally operational in 2-3 weeks.

## Night Stalkers honor their own

Staff Sgt. Brian Sipp

Hunter Public Affairs Office

From the very first days of the war on terrorism, the Night Stalkers have played a vital role in providing tactical aviation support to special operations forces on the ground, whom they term "customers." Avoiding the limelight, these "quiet professionals" fly infiltration, resupply, exfiltration and close air support missions in all environmental extremes, conducting the majority of these operations at night. By stressing the team over the individual, and living the motto "Night Stalkers Don't Quit," they exemplify professionalism and selflessness by their actions.

On Saturday, they could avoid the spotlight no longer as 96 members of the 3rd Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment were honored for combat actions in Afghanistan in a ceremony at Hunter Army Airfield's Departure/Arrival Airfield Control Group Operations Facility.

Brig. Gen. Howard Yellen,

deputy commanding general, U.S. Army Special Operations Command, made his way through the ranks and spoke to each recipient before presenting them with their award. Among the various awards conferred were the Army Commendation Medal, Air Medal, and Bronze Star.

"These men are the epitome of dedication, mission-focus, and reliability," said Yellen. "Their sacrifice, valor, and devotion is what makes the 3-160th a world-class organization; they are the point of the spear."

"I am very honored to lead these guys," said Lt. Col. Robert P. Welch, commander, 3-160th. These are the guys behind the operations you've heard so much about this last year, said Welch.

With two battalions based at Fort Campbell, Ky, and the third at Hunter Army Airfield, Afghanistan was the first time that all three had deployed together for the same operation, said Yellen.

Returning to Hunter in

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Weather Forecast

**FRI**  
High 61° Low 43°

**SAT**  
High 65° Low 34°

**SUN**  
High 60° Low 33°

**In a headline in the Dec. 5 edition of The Frontline, the 2nd Brigade Combat team was misidentified as the Raiders. The correct nickname of the 2nd BCT is the Spartans. The Frontline staff regrets the error.**

# Soldiers stay 'fit to fight' during ...



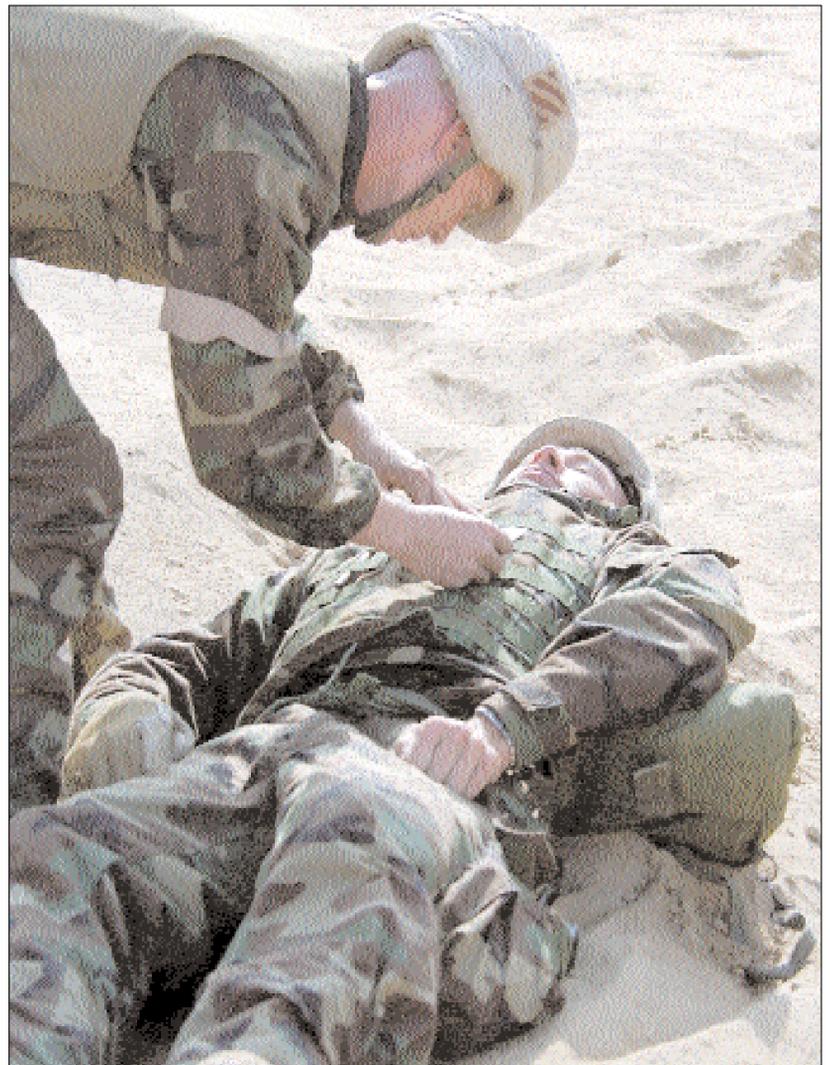
# CALFEX

*Photos by Sgt. 1st Class David K. Dismukes*

Medics from Task Force 1-64 of the 3rd Infantry Division (Mech), evacuate a simulated casualty during a combined arms live fire exercise held approximately 10 miles from the Iraqi border, Dec. 4.



Engineers from Task Force 1-64 clear a simulated mine field during the CALFEX.



A member of Task Force 1-64 of the 3rd Inf. Div., provides first responder medical treatment for a simulated casualty during the exercise.



*Sgt. 1st Class David K. Dismukes*

(Above) Infantrymen from Task Force 1-64 of the 3rd Inf. Div., assault a set of trenches during the CALFEX.  
(Left) A Bradley Infantry Fighting Vehicle with Task Force 1-64 of the 3rd Inf. Div., takes part in the exercise.

# Army undersecretary visits 3ID soldiers in Kuwait

**Spc. Jacob Boyer**

Staff Writer

The number two Department of the Army official visited the soldiers of the 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) deployed to Kuwait Nov. 30.

The stop was part of a weeklong tour by Les Brownlee, undersecretary of the United States Army. He also visited deployed soldiers in Bosnia, Kosovo and Afghanistan to show his support and tell soldiers the Army and the nation are behind them.

"During the holiday period, I like to travel around to visit the soldiers we have deployed around the world," Brownlee said. "I just wanted to come out and express the appreciation of the Secretary of the Army, Tom White, and all the rest of us back at the Pentagon, as well as on behalf of all our American people. We know you've got big plans out here and that you're all up to it."

Brownlee took the time to talk to many soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment Task Force while he was in Kuwait. He also received briefings on the M2A3 Bradley fighting vehicle, an M1A1 Abrams tank, an M113 armored personnel carrier and an up-armored Humvee. Soldiers showed him around the various vehicles and answered his questions about their systems.

Brownlee, a retired Army colonel who was awarded two Silver Stars in Vietnam, had high praise for the men and women of the 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.).

"These are extraordinary young people," he said. "The volunteers that serve in the military these days are just the finest I've ever seen. They're ready, they're dedicated and they're very professional in the way they go about their duties. They've got a good attitude because they understand the importance of why they're here."

Brownlee told the Desert Rogues that Americans today value soldiers and the jobs they do more than he could recall in recent memory.

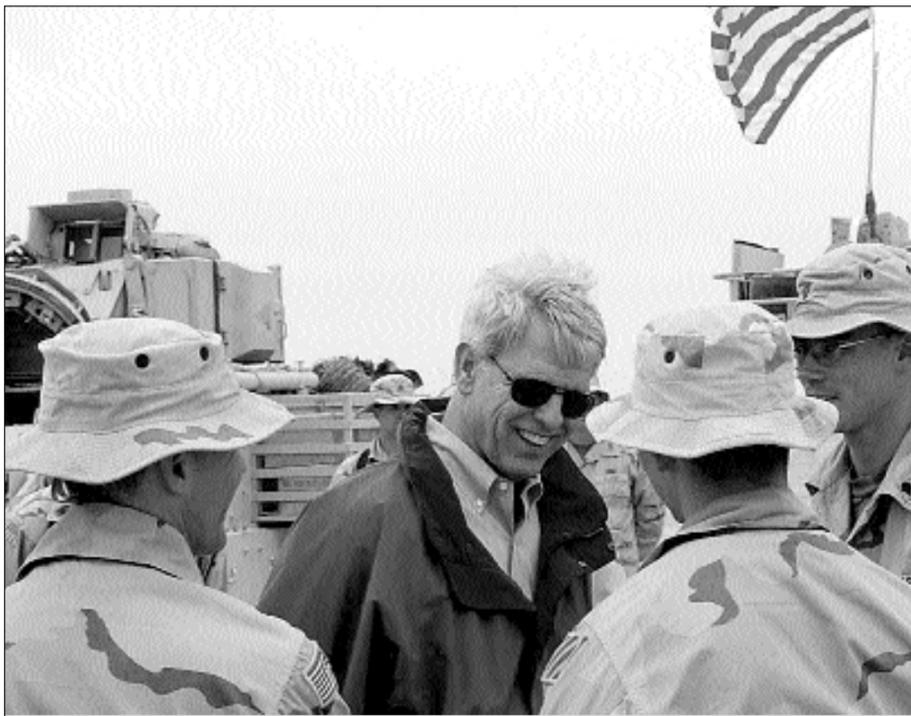
"I think Americans appreciate the military more than at any time dating all the way back to World War II," he said. "For the first time in a long time, they realize how important (soldiers) really are. We found out on Sept. 11, 2001, that it's only people like you that stand between American citizens and the danger of terrorism and all the others."

The leadership of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team also had the opportunity to talk with Brownlee, and he gave them an important task.

"I've told your commanders here I'm only going to ask one thing of each of them: that they bring you all back safely," he said.

Brownlee said he was proud of the men and women of the Army, and that he was confident they would be able to perform any task put before them.

"These are professionals," he said. "They know how to do their jobs. They're ready to go. If the president calls, I promise you, they'll do what's expected of them."



Spc. Jacob Boyer

Les Brownlee, undersecretary of the Army, speaks to soldiers from 1/64 Arm. at Camp Pennsylvania, Kuwait Nov. 30. Brownlee's visit to the battalion was part of a Thanksgiving visit to deployed troops in Kosovo, Bosnia, Kuwait and Afghanistan.

# Tuskers set their sights for deployment

**Spc. Adam Nuelken**

Staff Writer

As the cool breeze blew across the desert, sitting atop the wind swept dunes dozens of tankers prepared to hone their skills and sights as they began to blast rounds down range.

Tankers from 4th Battalion, 64th Armor were going through bore sighting, which allows the tankers to hone their sights and be able to accurately hit their targets — hence they are more lethal and effective.

"Before we take them to gunnery, we verify fire control assets and give confidence to crews," said Capt. Steven Barry, commander of C Company, 4/64 Arm. "Our job is to kill people and break stuff."

The bore sighting gives crews a chance to work in tanks they are fully accustomed to unlike the tanks back home.

Each tank develops its own maintenance issues and crew confidence grows with knowledge of what the tank will do, Barry said.

While many soldiers have been to Kuwait, previously,

newer soldiers don't always know what to expect. But the leaders of 4/64 Arm. are vigilant in their efforts to train them.

"Right now it's been a hassle because we've had to do (bore sighting) so many times, but I guess practice makes perfect," said 18-year-old Pvt. 2 Christopher Prioleau, a loader with A Co., 4/64 Ar.m. who has only been in the Army for about six months.

"I look forward to being trained very well by my tank commander, gunner and driver, learning a whole lot more about tanks and pretty much having fun," Prioleau, a Charleston, S.C. native added. "Just in case we do go to war, we'll be well prepared for it."

Some of the newer tankers are a little concerned about being in Kuwait with the possibilities of war happening, but proper guidance, leadership and training helps, according to 1st Sgt. Eric Wilson, first sergeant of C Co. 4/64 Arm.

"I help motivate by getting them hot chow, supplies and equipment," he said. "My bottom-line goal is to take everyone back in one piece."

"I really don't have any personal aspirations," he added. He



Spc. Adam Nuelken

Sgt. Donald Martin, C Co., 4/64 Arm., sets the bore sight on an M-1A1 Abrams in Kuwait.

just hopes his crews will get the knowledge of how to perform their jobs better, gain more confidence in their leaders and the peace of mind they will be safe.

# Letters from home

Mail provided link to 'real world' for soldiers during Korean War, brightened holidays

Retired Sgt. Maj. Gary G. Beylickjian

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

Mail call! Two magical words to every soldier on the frontline of Korea, especially during the days that marked the year-end holidays.

Despite the dreariness of the days, the cold winds that make faces brittle and crackling, despite the damp and foul-smelling bunkers, hot food that turns cold before it reaches the mess kit and despite living in trenches and holes in the ground, the very thought of getting a letter or package from home somehow made life, even for a few minutes, bearable along the slopes of Korea's endless mountains.

Letters from home!

We were America's young men fighting along hill tops and valleys of Korea, thousands of miles from home, sitting, standing, sleeping and fighting in frozen trenches with hands stiff from cold, yet a single piece of paper with words impressed by pen and ink set aside our misery, fears and hate; we were hearing from our loved ones at home. We were being remembered; we weren't alone, thanks to the mail.

Our sole link to the real world was through letters and packages, and the Army did all within its power to ensure the mail got through, especially to the soldiers on the forward edge of the battlefield. What better gift could anyone grant a soldier on Freedom's Frontier than to ensure his letter got to him?

Almost always, as section chief and later platoon sergeant, I got the mail sack. It was up to me to ensure the mail got into the right hands. "Hey, Luigi," I'd yell out, "a package from home." He'd stare at me for a few seconds, point to himself to make sure I meant him, and he'd slowly stand up, take the package, express his thanks to me for traveling all of 50 yards to give him his most valued gift from home.

Some of the men would burst out with that cowboy yell to tell everyone within hearing that he wasn't forgotten; he got a package. Others, quietly held a letter or box in their hands and pull it close to their chest, hoping the love and warmth inside would stay within him forever.

Anyone who served on the front during winters in Korea will never forget the biting cold and the hours in the trenches with the wind and snow blowing. You can never forget the frigid Korean winter. It's subzero temperature stays in your bones a lifetime.

Our faces during those awful times were tanned, not from the sun, but from the piercing frigid wind slapping our faces over and over. Men, with icicles dangling from parka hoods, scarves masking faces allowing only penetrating eye to be seen, at times, looking like mummies. We were in a different world; it was hell without the fire. We wore so much clothing, walking was often a chore.

But when the order came to man positions, no one crawled, or shuffled, everyone moved briskly to his position ready to take on the enemy. The cold was briefly forgotten!

Mail from home. A package and sharing. We all shared packages; it was understood. The only privilege allowed the addressee of the package was the chance to open it at his convenience, but share it he did. If by chance one of our bunkers received two or more packages, we shared its contents with those in bunkers with none.

We also received Red Cross packages from time to time, which contained shaving gear, some smoking material and candy. But that touch of home in every box, neatly packed, lovingly assembled was no substitute.

Sometimes mothers and fathers would send socks, gloves and even ear muffs — heaven knows we needed them in

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Retired Sgt. Maj. Gary G. Beylickjian

winter. Most of the time soldiers received food: cheese, salami, chips, pickles, canned fruit, candied fruit, cigars and of course, love. The folks back home knew we needed love to keep us alive and warm.

Most of the men would read some of their letters out loud. We didn't care; we were family. We shared our past and always hoped we would share our future. Unfortunately, for more than 38,000 soldiers killed in 37 months of warfare, the future ended in a rice paddy or hilltop.

We knew about sister Ruth, cousin Danny, uncle Anthony and grandmother, Dunn. Chances are some of the fellows in the platoon wrote to one or all of them just to keep in touch with folks back home and to thank them for cards, letters and packages when holidays approached.

We often received letters or packages from people we never knew — strangers. They'd address the packages by name to soldiers along the line. A soldier in our platoon received a huge box of cheese and sausages, sent by an elderly bedridden man — a survivor of a concentration camp in Poland. The men responded with many letters of thanks. All came back undelivered. We never learned why.

For many soldiers letters from home were life savers; unfortunately, not so for others.

After my release from the Swedish Hospital in late December, 1951, after having recovered from a wound suffered in November 1951, I rejoined the platoon on Little Gibraltar, or Hill 355 in North Korea. The area was covered with ice, and the temperature was well below zero. Our positions had no cover; the guns were exposed to the cold weather. Some men had to sleep in the trenches.

To ensure the water in our heavy machineguns would not freeze, we filled the water jackets with antifreeze. But with the wind chill factors, etc., we had to keep the guns at night in our dugouts placed alongside the men in sleeping bags. Getting the machineguns onto their tripods in the event of an attack was no problem. We practiced the maneuver several times.

Nearby were dugouts like caves, some only wide enough and long enough to hold one, possibly two men. We knew who they were, but not always by name.

One late afternoon, we heard a muffled sound what we thought was a single shot. Nearly everyone on the forward side of the hill was out in the trench, some carrying weapons, others grenades.

We concluded it was a rifle sound, but where did it come from? Within seconds, we knew. Smoke came from one of the covered dugouts. It seemed a soldier had just shot off his foot. He was emphatic the shooting was an accident; he was quickly evacuated. The scene was messy, blood all over. The weapon was an M1 rifle and the shell, a .30 caliber. It can make a big hole in a body a few hundred yards away. Imagine the sight at close range.

After the soldier was evacuated, his platoon leader and platoon sergeant checked the soldiers personal equipment and found a letter from home, a "Dear John" letter.

We learned the soldier's wife wanted a divorce and that she was moving with their two daughters back to Kentucky. She had met another man. Word reached the line the Army considered his injury a self inflicted wound, and that meant big trouble for the soldier.

By far, the mail from the "land of the big PX," our honorific title for the U.S.A., was uplifting, encouraging and loving. Even letters from strangers gave us a boost. Often, our mail clerk would send a small pack of letters addressed simply "To American Soldiers in Korea," and I would spread them among the men.

I grabbed a few, some of which had no return address. Nonetheless, I'd read them and pass them around. One in particular caught my attention. It contained a slip of paper with a beautifully handwritten note.

It said: "Thank you for all you are doing for America. When I grow up and am healthy, I also want to be a soldier like you, like my father and my grandfather. I owe you a great debt."

It was signed: "Raymond — to be born in nine months." At 1000 hours, July 27, 1953, the Korean Armistice was signed. At 2200 hours that night, the cease fire went into effect. For the first time since June 1950, a night in Korea after 2200 hours passed without a single sound of gunfire.

In the morning of July 28, I and thousands of frontline troops stood on top of the ground facing the enemy and the enemy facing us without hostile action. On that very hill, I buried the letter from Raymond I had carried with me since March 1952, along with a neatly folded paper copy of the American flag and my Army issued Combat Infantry's Badge. I put the items in an empty sandbag.

I wrote five words on the envelope: "Welcome to the world, Raymond." The sandbag rests somewhere in the demilitarized zone that still divides North and South Korea.

## Marne Voice

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Readers respond to the question:

What's the best gift you ever received for Christmas?



"My hand-made point shoes from Russia. I still have them."

Pfc. Sheryl Harris  
HHC 3rd Inf. Div. (M.)



"The fact that Jesus Christ came in the form of a man so we can aspire to be like him."

Joel Ezeora  
Fort Stewart  
Barbershop manager



"My family. I graduated AIT Dec. 7 last year and my family came to visit me. It was worth more than any present."

Pfc. Johnjames Bloom  
HHC 3rd Inf. Div. (M.)



"The birth of Jesus Christ. We couldn't have salvation without him, and salvation is the best gift."

Roderich Hooks  
Civilian employee  
and family member



"The Christmas of '96 when I saw my mother for the first time in six years. We spent the day together and are much closer now."

Spc. Jose Alves  
HHC 3rd Inf. Div. (M.)



"I got a Commodore 64. It was my very first computer. That was the best Christmas I ever had."

Staff Sgt. Cerise Brown  
HHC 3rd Inf. Div. (M.)



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Combatants receive Christmas mail during the Korean War.

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# WWII paratrooper recounts combat experiences to Hunter NCOs, officers



Staff Sgt. Brian Sipp

Staff Sgt. James T. Sapp, a paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne Division, shares relics of World War II with soldiers of 1/3 ADA.

## Staff Sgt. Brian Sipp

Hunter Public Affairs Office

*"We shall go on to the end; We shall fight in France; we shall fight on the seas and oceans; we shall fight with growing confidence and growing strength in the air; we shall defend our island, whatever the cost may be.*

*We shall fight on the beaches; we shall fight on the landing grounds; we shall fight in the fields and in the streets; we shall fight in the hills ... We shall never surrender!"*

### Winston Churchill

The spirit of Churchill's speech, given at a time when Britain was in its darkest hour, transcends both time and geography and is indicative of the courage and valor of America's own "greatest generation" of heroes; heroes who would not quit and answered their country's call with a pride and patriotism of the highest caliber.

The officers and noncommissioned officers of 1st Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment received a special honor when Staff Sgt. James T. Sapp, U.S. Army paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne Division during World War II, recounted his history and offered tips for the future during an informal professional development meet-

ing at the Hunter Club Dec. 4.

Lt. Col. Daniel E. Williams, battalion commander, 1/3 Avn., introduced Sapp, dressed in a vintage khaki uniform from 1944, to a standing ovation. "This man will not call himself a hero, but I will; they are the greatest generation," said Williams.

Enlisting in 1942, when he was 20 years old, Sapp volunteered for training as a U.S. Army paratrooper and was assigned to the 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment of the 82nd Airborne Division.

In April of 1943, he landed in Casablanca, North Africa. From there, he jumped with the 504th in support of conflicts in Africa and Europe. The 504th was attached to the 5th and 7th Armies in French Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Sicily and Salerno. His unit was then attached to the British 8th Army for the liberation of Naples. When the battle of Anzio began, bad weather forced the 504th to land by boat, instead of by parachute.

After the 504th's success in Italy, they were sent to England in April 1944. Due to the incredible number of casualties suffered in previous conflicts, the unit did not participate in the Normandy invasion. There would be no rest there; however, due in large part to the reputation the 504th had developed as a combat unit. They were instead sent to Holland, France and Belgium in support of Allied efforts. They

supported the 9th Army in the Battle of the Bulge, and continued on to Cologne. Staff Sgt. Sapp participated in the Rhine River Crossing and the liberation of a concentration camp for political prisoners in Germany. By the time he arrived at Fort Gordon, Ga., Staff Sgt. James T. Sapp had been in direct combat for 371 days of his 29 months overseas.

"The man is incredible; there is not a major battle that he hasn't participated in," said Williams.

"I had so many close calls, but I came home," said Sapp. "When you go into combat, you don't have to get hit by a shell to be wounded. There is not one single day that has gone by that I have not thought about my platoon sergeant ... that I haven't thought about all my boys who I left over there."

As Sapp appeared emotional at times while recounting stories and remembering friends who didn't come home, the audience sensed the seriousness of his words and reflected on their own possible deployments.

When asked about the current war on terrorism, he responded very matter-of-factly. "We can't let Hussein and al-Qaeda dominate us. We won't be pushed around. We're not only fighting for our freedom,

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# Stewart soldiers bring gifts, holiday cheer to vets

**Spc. Natalie Schlotman**

Staff writer

Santa Clause comes in many different forms. For veterans at the Carl Vinson VA Medical Center in Dublin, Ga., he came in the form of 80 sharply dressed Fort Stewart soldiers Dec. 4.

The soldiers, from 3rd Battalion, 69th Armor, spent the morning passing out more than 280 fruit baskets and exchanging military tales with those who have served before them.

Each year, a group of soldiers visit the center to pass out baskets donated and assembled by different veterans organizations from Liberty County.

Along with being a glimpse into the past for the younger soldiers, this year's visit brought hope and cheer to veterans, said Gregory S. Harris, commander of the Disabled American Veterans in Hinesville. "This can be a very lonely time of year. These soldiers bring in a lot of joy. We want to let these vets know they are not forgotten," he said.

The troops said they were glad to help spread the holiday spirit to veterans in need.

"It's nice to have company now and then if you don't have friends and family — especially around

the holidays," said Pfc. Camacho Roberts. "I know I would appreciate it. Just to sit down and talk — even a three minute conversation and a fruit basket means a lot to these guys," he said, adding, "I can tell they appreciate it."

The soldiers received a warm welcome, Harris said. "The vets were like fathers seeing their children for the first time. They were so happy to just exchange stories and see some of the soldiers who are doing so well today," he said.

Larry Wolf, an Army veteran, said the soldiers looked good, and they brought in some new energy to the medical center.

"We are grateful for this, more than you know," he said. "Just to talk with these young guys is great."

"They are definitely excited," said Pvt. Eric Popp, adding, "This makes us feel good too because we could be in here one day."

While chatting with the veterans, some soldiers discovered they had more in common than military service.

"I was talking to a veteran who said he grew up in Iowa. Hardly anyone in the Army is from Iowa, so that was a pleasant surprise. And, it gave us a lot to talk about," Roberts said.

Although the veterans appreciated the visit, the soldiers felt they



Spc. Natalie Schlotman

**Pfc. Camacho Roberts, 3rd Battalion, 69th Armor, helps veteran Rudolph Scalese unwrap a basket of fruit Dec. 4.**

should be the ones saying thank you, said Dental Activity Commander Col. Stephen Awe.

"This is one of those things that makes an entire career in the military worth while — the opportunity to come here and talk to some great individuals who have been in World War II, in prison camps and served in some of the great campaigns and battles that our nation has fought and won," he said. "The sacrifices they (the veterans) have made, the stories they have — this is just something that these soldiers can thoroughly enjoy and will always remember," he said.

The visit was also special because the opportunity for soldiers to learn more about the military's past from those who lived it is slipping away, Awe said.

"We're losing approximately 1,500 veterans per day," he said. "These vets have a sense of history. They've been places and have done things that are so important to our nation. It's great for our young soldiers to come out and hear the vet's stories and to talk to them about the sacrifices they've

made. It provides continuity," he said.

He added that the soldiers brought in more than joy — they brought a sense of reassurance for the veterans.

"This is a great opportunity for the veterans to see that the sacrifices they've made were not in vain. The vets can see first hand that the soldiers we have today are capable of carrying on the tradition that veterans set," he said. "The vets are saying the soldiers look sharp, and that they're well trained," he said. "The vets said they believe if the nation calls, these soldiers today can go into battle and do what's asked of them," Awe said.

Awe encouraged other service-members to make a trip to a VA home. "I hope that everybody has the opportunity at some point to visit with a veteran, and talk to them to hear their story. It's really worth hearing, and it would enrich any body's life," he said. "It sure makes veterans proud that you care enough to come by and honor them."

# Army vet recalls Christmas 1944

**Spc. Natalie Schlotman**

Staff writer

Eighty soldiers from 3rd Battalion, 69th Armor visited the Carl Vinson VA Medical Center in Dublin, Ga. Dec. 4 to pass out fruit baskets and spend the day talking with veterans.

J.D. Lankford, a retired Army First Sergeant who served for, "20 years and five days," was one of the many veterans who spoke with the soldiers during the holiday visit.

Lankford shared his personal, unforgettable account of Christmas in 1944.

"This time of year is always hard for me," he said. "You see, I was captured during the Battle of the Bulge during the Second World War. It was the 16th day of December in 1944 when the Germans hit us with everything they had," he said.

Lankford was an enlisted rifleman who fought with the 423rd Regiment, 106th Infantry Division — which played a major role in the success of the allied forces during the battle.

"We were almost completely anni-

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Dec. 27, 1944, Pfc. Donald R. Ornitz

**Infantrymen, attached to the 4th Armored Division, fire at German troops in the American advance to relieve the pressure on surrounded airborne troops in Bastogne, Belgium eight days after Lankford was taken prisoner.**



**Soldiers and veterans chat inside the auditorium at the Carl Vinson VA Medical Center in Dublin, Ga.**

# Sending grease down the drain can lead to a mess

**DPW, Environmental Branch staff**  
Special to The Frontline

Grease, oil and fat clog pipes and sewer lines just as they block our arteries. As with arteries, blocked sewer lines can cause serious problems. Such blockage will eventually cause sewer overflows that can result in health hazards, damage to home interiors and possibly adverse impacts to our environment.

"Grease-clogged pipes have become an increasingly common cause of sewer spills on Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield. Lower flows and cooler weather has made the problem worse," said Tressa Rutland, DPW Environmental Branch.

Flushing grease down the drain can be disastrous!

Clogged lines can cause raw sewage to overflow into your home or your neighbor's home, parks, yards, streets, ditches, streams, and other waterways. Additionally, they increase operation and maintenance costs for local sewer departments and spill response teams.

The grease found in plumbing systems typically originates as a cooking by-product that has been washed down the kitchen sink. Meat fats, lard, cooking oil, shortening, butter/margarine, food scraps, baking goods, sauces, and dairy products all contain grease and add to the problem when they are washed down the drain.

The grease sticks to the inside of the sewer pipes and will build up and block the lines over time.

Use of home garbage disposal units, which only shreds the solid material into smaller pieces, does not prevent grease from going down the drain and thus, does not keep grease out of the plumbing system.

According to Rutland, "A common mistake is to flush grease down the sink

with hot water, but this will only push the grease farther down the lines where it will later re-solidify and clog lines. Commercial additives and chemicals, including soaps and detergents, that claim to dissolve grease may actually just push grease farther down the pipes where it can cause problems both on your property and in the streets."

The recent sewage spills were preventable if grease, fats and oils were kept out of the sewer system in the first place.

You can do the following to help prevent future problems:

- \* Never pour grease down sink drains or into toilets, and do not put grease down garbage disposals. Remember, disposals are not the solution.

- \* Scrape grease and food scraps from trays, plates, pots, pans, utensils, and grills and cooking surfaces into the trash or a container for disposal.

- \* Absorb excess grease from cooked meat, blotting directly with paper towels or straining into a separate disposable container.

- \* Inform your friends and neighbors about the problem of grease in the sewer system and how you can work together to minimize potential health risks and environmental impacts.

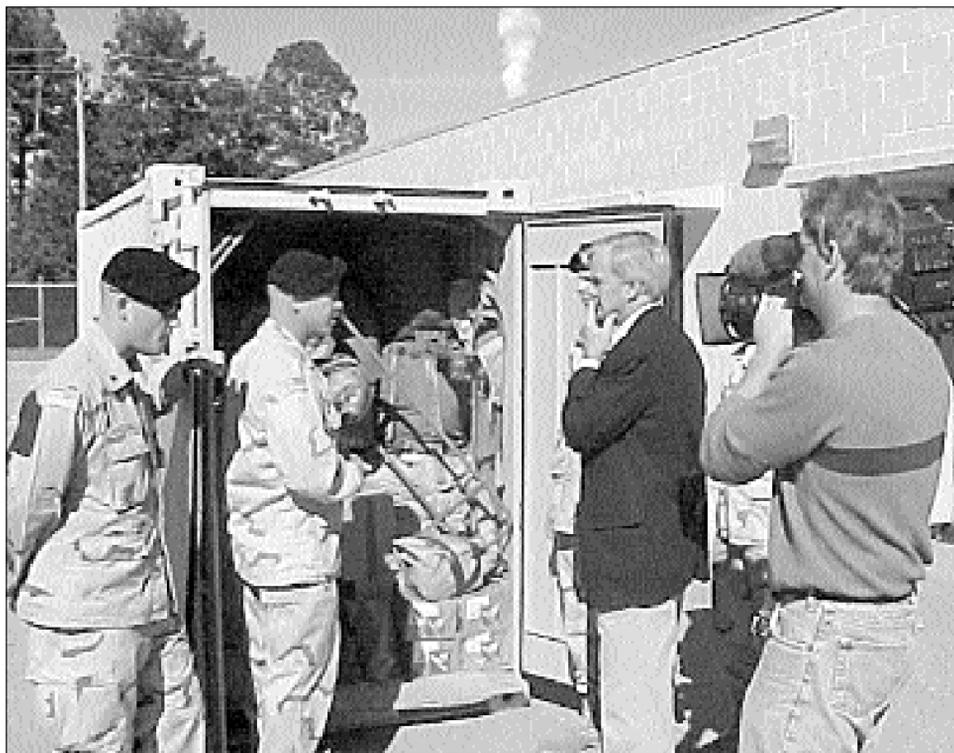
(Source: "Fat-Free Sewers: How to Prevent Fats, Oils, and Greases from Damaging Your Home and the Environment." Water Environment Federation, 1999.)

The Directorate of Public Works solicits your help.

It is important that everyone at Fort Stewart and Hunter helps to prevent future occurrences of sewage spills, which will protect you, your property and our environment.

If you have any questions, please contact the Directorate of Public Works Environmental Branch at (912) 767-2010.

# The road to Baghdad ...



Staff photo

Tom Brokaw, NBC Nightly News anchor, speaks with Staff Sgt. Charles Weaver, Mortar Platoon Sergeant, HHC, 4th Bn., 64th Arm., while visiting Fort Stewart, Nov. 19. Brokaw was at Fort Stewart for a special to air on NBC's "Dateline" program this month entitled, "The Road to Baghdad." With the 3rd Inf. Div. 2nd BCT deploying to Kuwait for Operation Desert Spring at a time of increased tension in the Middle East, the Marne Division is receiving much media coverage from national, regional and local news media agencies.



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
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The Prevention Intervention Program (PIP) is a secondary prevention program for at risk soldiers who are vulnerable to the stresses that can lead to domestic violence and abuse.

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Information and education on an ongoing basis to soldiers will enhance a person's ability to cope appropriately with anger and stress. This program will help command assist their soldiers by identifying problems with anger and abuse BEFORE this becomes an issue in their jobs, in the field, and with their families. PIP is located at the Outpatient Psychiatric Department and referrals are channeled through command, Social Work Services, and health care professionals. PLEASE CALL FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

# Carbon Monoxide: *Odorless, colorless gas claims 200 lives annually*

Laurie Kemp

Winn Public Affairs Officer

It is the time of year when people start thinking about sweaters and the upcoming holidays. The weather has finally cooled off, and it is time to give the old heater a spin. You crank it up and go to bed, not once thinking about the silent killer that could be lurking in your home — carbon monoxide.

The colorless, odorless gas claims the lives of more than 200 people each year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Carbon monoxide is produced by incompletely burned fuels, like those found in natural gas leaking from a faulty heater or the exhaust fumes from a car in an enclosed area or the dying embers of a wood fire.

Just because carbon monoxide poisoning takes shape as an odorless and colorless gas doesn't mean it is undetectable. As a matter of fact, detection is as easy as plugging in a carbon monoxide detector. And according to David L. Clark, lead housing inspector at the Fort Stewart Housing Office, carbon monoxide detectors are just as important to home safety as smoke detectors are.

"Every home should have at least one carbon monoxide detector," Clark said. It should be placed at least 15 to 20 feet away from the gas furnace or range, preferably near the bedroom, and should never be placed in a closet or other enclosed area.

According to the CDC, more people accidentally die from carbon monoxide each year in the United States than from any other poison.

"Like a smoke detector, you must periodically test (it) because it could fail to operate at any time," Clark said. He recommends testing the detector weekly following the manufacturer's instructions.

The most common symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning are headache, dizziness, weakness, nausea, vomiting, confusion and chest pain. Exposure to a low concentration over several hours can be just as dangerous as exposure to high carbon monoxide levels for a few minutes, according to the Consumer Product Safety Commission. Carbon monoxide poisoning can be difficult to diagnose because the symptoms mimic other illnesses.

While carbon monoxide detectors are an important part to preventing injury or death, other precautions should be taken as well.

According to the CDC, ensure all fuel-burning appliances are properly installed and maintained. Have furnaces, gas dryers and water heaters inspected annually by a qualified service technician. Periodically clean fireplace chimneys and flues and never use fuel-burning space heaters in an enclosed area, unless the doors or windows are open to provide ventilation and someone is awake to monitor.

## Checklist for preventing carbon monoxide poisoning

### The Home, Cabin, and Camper How often should I have my fireplace draft and the drafts of other fuel-burning appliances checked?

Every year. Have all fuel-burning venting systems in your home checked by an expert every year.

### How often should my gas appliances be checked?

Every year. Have all gas appliances checked every year. Your gas company may be willing to do this for you.

### Do all gas appliances need to be vented?

Yes. All gas appliances must be vented so that CO will not build up in your home, cabin or camper.

### Is it okay to patch a vent pipe with tape, gum, or something else?

No. This kind of patch can make CO build up in your home, cabin or camper.

### Should I use my gas range or oven for heating?

No. Using a gas range or oven for heating can cause a build up of CO inside your home, cabin or camper.

### Should I use burning charcoal indoors?

No. Burning charcoal—red, gray, black, or white—gives off CO.

Information provided by [www.CDC.gov](http://www.CDC.gov).

## Holiday at the gates

The following gate hours are effective for the dates and times indicated for the holiday period beginning Dec. 19 through Jan. 1. Normal gate operations will resume 5 a.m. on Jan. 2.

Gate #1 (Main Gate): Open 24 hours

Gate #2 (Troop Gate): Closes at 9 p.m. Dec. 18. Reopens 5 a.m. Jan. 2.

Gate #3 (Harmon Avenue/GA 47): Closes at 5 p.m. for inbound traffic and at 7 p.m. for outbound traffic Dec. 19.

Gate #4 (Bryan Village): Closes at 9 p.m. Dec. 18. Reopens 5 a.m. Jan. 2.

Gate #5 (Gulick Avenue): Open 24 hours

Gate #7 (15th Street): Closes at 9 p.m. Dec. 18. Reopens 5 a.m. Jan. 2.

Gate #8 (Frank Cochran): Closes at 5 p.m. for inbound traffic and at 7 p.m. for outbound traffic Dec. 19.

Checkpoint #11 (Wright Army Airfield): Open 24 hours.

Checkpoint D (Hwy 144W): Closed. Range control will be open as needed.

## Creating a Clean and Healthy Environment

### How to make your own glass cleaner

1. Mix three tablespoons ammonia, one tablespoon white vinegar and three-fourths cup water. OR
2. Mix two tablespoons vinegar in one quart water. OR
3. Mix one quart water with half cup of vinegar and one to two table spoons of lemon juice or rubbing alcohol.

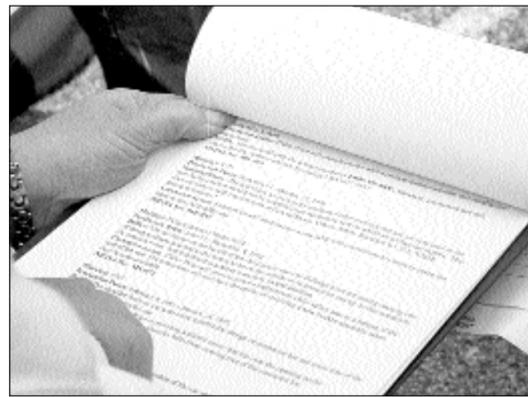
Simply pour any of these mixtures into a spray bottle, spray, wipe and watch your glass sparkle.

# Volunteers check child safety seats



Photos by Spc. Mason T. Lowery

Nan Thompson, WACH, checks a safety seat as 2-year-old Naomi Beecher looks on.



A volunteer goes through the safety seat checks Friday in the PX parking lot.

## Spc. Mason T. Lowery

Associate Editor

**I**ncorrectly installed child safety seats negate the whole reason for using them in the first place — keeping your children safe if an automobile accident occurs.

That's why on Friday, Fort Stewart soldiers, firefighters and Winn Army Community Hospital employees checked child safety seats for free in the Post Exchange parking lot.

The safety check was the final exam for the National Child Passenger Safety Certification Workshop sponsored by the United Services Automobile Association Educational Foundation.

The workshop was held from Dec. 6

through Dec. 7 and was open to everyone in the Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield community. The candidates in the workshop trained for 32 hours before doing the actual safety checks on Friday.

The candidates checked the safety seat, car, seat belts and child's weight, according to Master Sgt. Frank Zayas, WACH. They made sure the safety seat was in good condition and was not recalled, the seat fit the vehicle, the seat belt latched properly and was not frayed, and that the child was not too small or large for the seat.

If a problem was found with the child's safety seat, it was replaced with a new seat donated by USAA, provided the defective seat was left with the candidates for disposal so it would never be used again, according to Zayas.

Soldiers and their family members poured into the PX parking lot to take advantage of the 10-minute check.

"I think it's great. We just bought the car seat this year and have moved it a couple of times. When I saw the flier (for the safety checks) I thought it was a great chance for me to get out here and get some pointers on what I should do to keep her safe while she's riding with me," said Sarah Harvey, who took advantage of the safety inspections with her granddaughter, 2-year-old Naomi Beecher.

If you missed the safety checks on Friday but still want to get your child safety seat checked, the fire department will do it for you, or you can to the National Highway Traffic Safety Agency Web site — [www.Nhtsa.dot.gov](http://www.Nhtsa.dot.gov), for more information.

## Proper Child Safety Seat Use Chart

Buckle Everyone. Children Age 12 and Under in Back!

	INFANTS	TODDLERS	YOUNG CHILDREN
<b>WEIGHT</b>	Birth to 1 year At least 20 pounds	More than 1 year 20 to 40 pounds	Ages 4 through 8, unless 4'9" More than 40 pounds
<b>TYPE of SEAT</b>	Infant only or Rear-facing convertible	Convertible or Forward-facing	Belt-positioning booster seat
<b>SEAT POSITION</b>	Rear-facing only	Forward-facing	Forward-facing
<b>ALWAYS MAKE SURE</b>	Children up to one year and 20 pounds are in rear-facing seats  Harness straps are at or below shoulder level	Harness straps are at or below shoulder level  Most seats require top slot for forward facing seats	Belt-positioning booster seats must be used with both lap and shoulder belt  Make sure the lap belt fits low and tight across the lap/upper thigh area, and the shoulder belt fits snug crossing the chest and shoulder to avoid abdominal injuries
<b>WARNING</b>	All children age 12 and under should ride in the back seat	All children age 12 and under should ride in the back seat	All children age 12 and under should ride in the back seat  <small>www.Nhtsa.dot.gov</small>

# 6th BANA begins training

Staff Sgt. Rhonda M. Lawson

28th Public Affairs Detachment

KABUL, Afghanistan — A record-setting day wound up being just the jumpstart the 6th Battalion of the Afghan National Army needed to finally begin training.

After months of waiting, the battalion inprocessed more than 270 recruits who showed up at the Kabul Military Training Center on the morning of Nov. 25.

The group was the largest ever to sign up for the ANA at one time, according to Sgt. Maj. Dan, Operations sergeant major, who is identified by rank and last name only for security reasons.

Mostly consisting of Pashtun and Tajik ethnicity, the recruits ranged in age from their late teens to early 40s.

Inprocessing took most of the day. The recruits were broken into groups and taken into the center where they were interviewed, fingerprinted and given medical evaluations. During this process, Dan said they tried to emphasize to the group the reality of being a member of the ANA.

"They're told that they're joining the Afghan National Army as a soldier, not as an officer or NCO," he said. "In their local command, they might have been one of those items, but the (Ministry of Defense) actually picks the officer staff for each BANA. If they don't like that, they're given a chance to leave."

Dan added that he's not sure why so many people showed up in one day, but he credits much of it to the Afghan government.

"The Karzai government is definitely putting pressure on the Ministry of Defense to get a standing army," he said. "The Afghans see the standing army as one of the vital keys to stability toward the Afghan transitional government of President Karzai."

The group, coupled with a smaller group that inprocessed three weeks prior, put the 6th BANA over the top as the largest battalion in the ANA with more than 700 soldiers. Before, the BANA was sitting at less than 300 soldiers, forcing them to put off training until the numbers increased.

With the added troops, soldiers from the French army, which trains all even-numbered BANAs, began training almost immediately after they were outfitted. The team, part of the 16th Battalion de Chasseurs, of the French 2nd Armored Brigade, had been waiting nearly two weeks to get to work.

The 6th BANA just completed its first week of training, which included general information, marching and weapons familiarization.

"The training is divided into two parts," explained Maj. Patrick Leurs, the training team's executive officer.

"The first will last five weeks (and includes) general individual training, and the second phase is certainly the most important because it



Staff Sgt. Rhonda M. Lawson

**Staff Sgt. Dean, of the 5th Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group aid station at the Kabul Military Training Center, collects a blood sample from a 6th Battalion of the Afghan National Army enlistee.**

will train the platoons and companies in their specialties."

Leurs added that an important aspect of their training is incorporating sports because it helps the soldiers to work better as a team.

"It is a tradition for the French to incorporate sports in all the training," he said.

The fact that the team is now training the ANA's largest battalion hasn't hampered any efforts for the French. Leurs explained that they assessed the level of training by the soldiers' experience, many of whom had prior military training.

"The soldiers want to learn, they want to be trained, they are very motivated to receive information," Leurs said. "They tell us that they have recognition for the French help we provide to their future Army."

However, he said the challenge for the instructors is to slow down the training rhythm to break through the language barrier. All classes are taught with the help of interpreters, who translate the lessons into Dari and Pashtun.

"We are careful of differences between the soldiers who speak Pashtun because we do not want to isolate them," Leurs said. "In all platoons, we have some soldiers who are able to translate from Dari to Pashtun."

He added that they also teach with a hands-on technique to help the soldiers catch on faster.

"We minimize theory and increase practice," Leurs said. "Practice is more efficient above all with the soldiers who do not know how to write."

The center is now preparing to begin inprocessing for the 7th BANA.

"They don't start their training for almost a month or more, but the government is afraid that if we're not inprocessing these soldiers," Dan said, "that they're going to disappear and they're not going to come back."

# Girls' school opens in Masar-e-Sharif

Sgt. Robb Huhn

300th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

KABUL, Afghanistan — American assistance in Afghanistan has taken on many forms throughout history; ranging from the donation of weapons during the Russian occupation of the 1980s, to the current rebuilding of war-ravaged schools, roads, and medical facilities by the American government since last year's ousting of the Taliban. Recently, the United States government demonstrated its commitment to continue Afghanistan's rejuvenation by re-opening the Sultan Razia Girls' School in Mazar-E-Sharif.

The Sultan Razia Girls' School is one of the largest girls schools in Northern Afghanistan. The school was closed during the Taliban regime, and used as a refuge for Taliban forces. As a result, the coalition forces bombed the building last fall. Much of the structure was completely destroyed during the attack.

The school grounds were refurbished in two phases, the first phase, completed by the Coalition Joint Civil-Military Operations Task Force, involved debris removal and establishing temporary classrooms for the 12,000 school-age girls in and around Mazar-E-Sharif.

"Part of our and the Transitional government's primary focus is the education of Afghan children, especially females," said Col. George P. Maughan, CJCMOTF commander. "Providing children with the opportunity to learn is one of the best things we can do for Afghanistan. ... Education is the foundation that forms a stable nation."

CJCMOTF is a military force that has facilitated and funded the completion of hundreds of high impact, humanitarian assistance projects throughout Afghanistan during its first year of inception, many of them schools. The task force completes all of its projects through the use of Afghan contractors and laborers and completes them in accordance with the best interest of the Afghan Transitional Authority.

"The Task Force provides humanitarian assistance during a conflict and for a short time after the conflict has resolved," said



Attendees of the girls school.



Photos by Sgt. Robb Huhn

**USAID Afghanistan Mission Director Craig Buck cuts the ribbon dedicating Sultan Razia Girls' School in Mazar-e-Sharif.**

Lt. Col. David Bessho, CJCMOTF project coordinator. "Once an area is stabilized, CJCMOTF continues its mission by working with the international and non-governmental organizations to complete projects, like with Sultan Razia."

After CJCMOTF completed phase one, the United States Agency for International Development, in cooperation with the Ministry of Education in Mazar-E-Sharif, and the International Organization for Migration — Afghanistan Transition Initiative, stepped in for phase two. This phase involved the complete physical rehabilitation of the school.

"It's gratifying to know that thousands of girls will be returning to school as a direct result of work that the US and Afghan governments teamed up to complete," said Craig Buck, mission director, USAID Afghanistan. "What's even more gratifying is knowing that these students will be able to learn, and in turn, contribute to the economic progress of this nation."

USAID is an independent federal government agency that receives overall foreign policy guidance from the Secretary of State. The agency works to support long-term and equitable economic growth and advancing U.S. foreign policy objectives by supporting agriculture and trade, global health, and Democracy, along with conflict prevention and humanitarian assistance.

The Sultan Razia Girls' School cost over \$200,000 dollars to complete. Attending the ribbon cutting ceremony were representatives from the provincial Ministry of Education in Mazar-E-Sharif, the students and faculty of Sultan Razia Girls' School, along with Buck and Maughan. USAID and U.S. Civil Affairs have worked as a team to complete other projects throughout the war torn countryside, however no project to date will affect more lives than Sultan Razia. The total rehabilitation of the school entailed removal of debris, the rebuilding and refurbishing of 32 classrooms, childcare centers, two modern bathrooms, and kitchen utilities.

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# Tragedy strikes Cottonbalers ...

## Friends gather to remember 2nd victim of Nov. 24 incident

**Spc. Mason T. Lowery**  
Associate Editor

A memorial service was held at Victory Chapel Dec. 4 for a Fort Stewart soldier who died Nov. 24.

Pfc. Thomas M. Delauder, age 20, a squad automatic weapon machine gunner in A Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry, died as a result of a shooting incident that occurred the morning of Nov. 24.

"He was a good soldier who deserves to be remembered fondly. ... His boots will be hard to fill and I will personally miss him greatly," said Delauder's platoon leader, 1st Lt. James Horn, A Co.,

2nd Bn., 7th Inf. Delauder, a native of Bakersfield, Calif., entered the Army March 30, 2001, as an infantryman. He completed Basic and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Benning, Georgia. Fort Stewart was Delauder's first duty station. He served as a rifleman and later as a squad automatic weapon machine gunner at the National Training Center in Fort Irwin, Calif.

He earned personal recognition from the NTC Observer and Controller Group for his efforts in establishing a company support-by-fire position.

The 2nd Bn., 7th Inf., battalion commander and command sergeant major recognized him as well for his personal

efforts during the fall 2002 dismantled live-fire training and Bradley gunnery.

Delauder is survived by his parents, Rosie and Edward Delauder, and his sister Alice.

Delauder's roommate, Pfc. Eric Sturgeon, A Co., 2nd Bn., 7th Inf., said, "I'll always remember Tom for being an outstanding soldier and an even better friend."

*Editor's note: Delauder's memorial service was 2/7th's second in as many weeks; they held one for Pfc. Patrick G. Gagnon Nov. 27. Delauder and Gagnon's deaths were the result of the same shooting incident, which is currently under investigation.*



Photo illustration courtesy of TASC  
**Pfc. Thomas M. Delauder**



Photos by Spc. Mason T. Lowery

(Above) Following roll call, Delauder receives a 21-gun salute.

(right) The weapon, kevlar, boots and dog tags of Pfc. Thomas M. Delauder are displayed before the altar during his memorial service at Victory Chapel Dec. 4. Delauder, who died Nov. 24, was a squad automatic weapon machine gunner for A Co., 2nd Bn., 7th Inf.



# Ranges now and then: From Anti-Aircraft Artillery to Armor

Spc. Natalie Schlotman

Staff Writer

With the opening of Red Cloud Alpha Multipurpose Training Range in November, today's soldiers are firing at targets with evasive movement capabilities, thermal nighttime systems and built-in cover for impact protection.

But, Fort Stewart ranges have not always been equipped with computer-controlled targets that can hide, jump, glow and protect themselves.

In fact, the post was originally built to accommodate anti-aircraft artillery units. That is why, according to Thomas Houston, coordinator for Land Rehabilitation and Maintenance, Fort Stewart is laid out in a fan shape — with the garrison area at the Southern, narrow end and the firing ranges sprawled west to east across the wide, Northern end.

Originally, the land between the current Fort Stewart CS Chamber and Clifford Range along Highway 144 was a large anti-aircraft artillery range. The range was equipped with two simple-but-effective targetry systems, said Houston, a former resident engineer who helped design many of Fort Stewart's small arms training fire ranges.

The first system involved B-26 planes, cloth and metal wire, he said. "The planes would fly across the range towing 40-to-50-foot-long orange and white cloth banners behind them," he said.

The banners were lined with metal screen wire to give the tank radar systems a signal to pick up on. "As soldiers fired at a cloth banner, observer controllers stationed at each end of the range used spotting scopes to watch where the rounds were bursting," he said. The controllers tallied the firing soldiers' direct hits and recorded a score.

The second target system was a radio controlled aerial target, or RCAT. "The target looked like a small privately owned plane, and it was controlled by a ground operator — usually a second or first lieutenant," he said.

There was a special method used to get the RCATS off the ground, Houston said. "The RCAT was tied to a post in the center of a quarter mile track. The plane would drive in circles on the track until it got up enough speed to launch over the range," he said.

The RCAT would fly over the range until it

was shot down, or until it ran out of fuel. "If a plane ran out of gas before it was shot down, a parachute would pop out and let it sail down to the ground. Then the soldiers would run over and police up the parts," Houston said.

## From anti-aircraft to armor

From 1952 to 1956, Fort Stewart closed, Houston said. "The war was over and there was no need for it. There was no war to fight."



Staff Sgt. Sipp

An airborne shot of the new Red Cloud Alpha Multi-purpose training range.

When Fort Stewart reopened in 1956, it was no longer home of anti-aircraft artillery. "In 1956 Fort Bliss took on the anti-aircraft artillery units, and Fort Stewart became the home of the armored division," Houston said, adding, "The Army needed a place in the Eastern United States to fire armored vehicles and Stewart was it."

With more than 279,000 acres of land and 400 miles of tank trails, Fort Stewart is known today as the most effective and efficient armored training base east of the Mississippi.

Red Cloud Alpha Multipurpose Training Range incorporates the Intermediate New Generation Army Target System — the latest in target technology. But, soldiers in the 50s, 60s and 70s fired upon armored targets that required more of a manual, hand crafted approach, Houston said.

Moving targets at the armored ranges were large plywood tank replicas mounted on the backs of jeeps. The jeeps were equipped with railroad wheels and rolled on a three-mile, figure eight train track. Each moving target and

track was built behind a large sand berm. The berms protected the jeeps and the railroad tracks, and they ensured only the target was exposed.

The jeeps rolled around the tracks at about 10 miles per hour, Houston said. Like the aerial targets, the jeeps would run on the tracks until they were on empty.

"They would drive until they ran out of gas



Staff Sgt. Sipp

An airborne shot of the new Red Cloud Alpha Multi-purpose training range.

or jumped the track," he said.

As rounds hit the targets, they would shatter into pieces. That is how soldiers knew they scored a hit.

Stationary targets for the armored vehicles were built atop mounds of dirt. "We took junk tanks and jeeps and piled the parts on top of the mounds," Houston said. "Soldiers would shoot them and blow them into pieces. Then, the engineers would go and pile on more scrapped parts," he said.

There were no thermal targets, Houston said. But, soldiers still had methods for night firing.

Searchlights were used to illuminate nocturnal targets. Soldiers would scan the range with a light mounted on a tank. They would spot their target, fire and immediately shut off the light. "If a crew left their light on too long, they were penalized," Houston said.

All the armored ranges were relocated in the 70s when Houston and other engineers discovered more accommodating terrain. "We discovered that the ranges were right in the

middle of the best maneuvering lands," he said. Engineers redesigned the ranges so the impact areas are in the marshlands and the maneuvering areas are on more solid ground. That is why the ranges are centralized at Red Cloud.

Moving the ranges was beneficial to training because it opened the door for more opportunities, Houston said. "That released the western area for maneuvers," he said. "A lot of new scenarios came into play. Soldiers can load up ammunition and maneuver in the western areas, then head to the ranges and fire, then move back to the maneuver area. There is all kinds of neat stuff we're able to do nowadays."

When rebuilding the ranges, engineers had to consider where the older ranges and impact areas were located to avoid duds or unexploded rounds.

"Some areas are too risky. Many rounds that landed in ponds and swamps fifty years ago didn't explode," he said.

More emphasis was placed on preserving the surrounding environment when building the ranges as well, Houston said.

"There are things we look at today we wouldn't give a second glance then," he said.

Sections in the Federal Clean Water Act, according to Houston, declare Fort Stewart's swamps, ponds and wetlands valuable to the ecosystem. "The wetlands help filter impurities in the environment by collecting run-off, and they are home to countless numbers of bird, plant and fish species," he said. "We have to look at them carefully when building."

"We just can't go in and clear with a bulldozer anymore. We have to work around them, as well as protect them," he added.

For example, when building a berm, engineers must not only work around wetlands, they must prevent sand from draining into the wetlands as well.

"There were no such laws in the 50s. There were virtually no environmental considerations when building ranges," he said.

Continually modernizing ranges and targetry systems has created training that tests soldiers and has kept the 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) the force that it is today, Houston said.

"The technology and the quality of people we have now make us even more capable of fighting war," he said. "We (Fort Stewart) are a mechanized division with awesome destructive power."

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# POLICE REPORTS

• **Subject:** Family member, 58-year-old female  
 • **Charges:** Theft by taking  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 22-year-old female, separate battalion  
 • **Charges:** Driving while license suspended, speeding 62/45  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 32-year-old male, Aviation Brigade  
 • **Charges:** Driving while license suspended, speeding 42/30, driving on post suspension  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private, 19-year-old male, 1st Brigade  
 • **Charges:** Theft by shoplifting  
 • **Location:** Kroger

• **Subject:** Sergeant, 22-year-old male, Headquarters Command  
 • **Charges:** Simple assault consummated by battery  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 23-year-old female, Division Support Command  
 • **Charges:** Simple assault consummated by battery  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Civilian, 23-year-old male  
 • **Charges:** Driving while license suspended  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 22-year-old male, 24th Corps Support Group  
 • **Charges:** Simple battery, cruelty to children  
 • **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Civilian, 26-year-old male  
 • **Charges:** Driving while license suspended, speeding, 70/55  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Sergeant, 23-year-old male, Aviation Brigade

• **Charges:** Simple battery  
 • **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Specialist, 23-year-old male, separate battalion  
 • **Charges:** Failure to stop at posted stop sign, driving on a suspended license  
 • **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 20-year-old male, separate battalion  
 • **Charges:** Obstruction by fleeing, drinking underage  
 • **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 24-year-old male, 2nd Brigade  
 • **Charges:** Fighting in a public place  
 • **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 21-year-old male, Division Support Command  
 • **Charges:** Fighting in a public place  
 • **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 23-year-old male, Division Support Command  
 • **Charges:** Fighting in a public place  
 • **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Specialist, 25-year-old female, Aviation Brigade  
 • **Charges:** Simple battery  
 • **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Sergeant, 24-year-old male, 1st Brigade  
 • **Charges:** Improper lane change  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private 2, 19-year-old male, Division Support Command  
 • **Charges:** Disorderly Conduct  
 • **Location:** Ludowici

• **Subject:** Family member, 24-year-old female  
 • **Charges:** Speeding 77/55, indecent language in the presence of minors  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private 2, 20-year-old male, Division Artillery  
 • **Charges:** Disorderly conduct  
 • **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Private 2, 20-year-old male, Aviation Brigade  
 • **Charges:** No child safety seat, driving on a suspended license  
 • **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Sergeant, 28-year-old male, Aviation Brigade  
 • **Charges:** Driving under the influence  
 • **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Specialist, 26-year-old male, separate battalion  
 • **Charges:** Failure to maintain lane, driving under the influence  
 • **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Family member, 26-year-old female  
 • **Charges:** Driving while license suspended, child not in proper restraints  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 24-year-old male, Headquarters Command  
 • **Charges:** Failure to exercise due care  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Civilian, 34-year-old female  
 • **Charges:** Larceny of NAF property  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Civilian, 18-year-old female  
 • **Charges:** Larceny of NAF property  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 23-year-old male, Division Artillery

• **Charges:** Following too closely, driving while license suspended  
 • **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Staff Sergeant, 24-year-old male, separate battalion  
 • **Charges:** Failure to maintain lane  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Family member, 25-year-old female  
 • **Charges:** Failure to exercise due care  
 • **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

• **Subject:** Specialist, 28-year-old male, Aviation Brigade  
 • **Charges:** Failure to stop at a posted stop sign, driving on a suspended license  
 • **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

• **Subject:** Specialist, 27-year-old male, 24th Corps Support Group  
 • **Charges:** Unlawful entry, simple assault consummated with battery, communicating a threat, fleeing the scene of a crime  
 • **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

• **Subject:** Specialist, 26-year-old male, 1st Brigade  
 • **Charges:** Driving under the influence, speeding 84/55, open container  
 • **Location:** Pembroke

• **Subject:** Private 2, 18-year-old female, 24th Corps Support Group  
 • **Charges:** Improper U-turn  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 20-year-old male, 2nd Brigade  
 • **Charges:** Wrongful use of marijuana, wrongful possession of marijuana  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Sergeant, 23-year-old male, Aviation Brigade  
 • **Charges:** Wrongful use of cocaine  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Staff Sergeant, 30-year-old male  
 • **Charges:** Following too closely

• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 29-year-old female, Division Support Command  
 • **Charges:** Driving while license suspended  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private 2, 26-year-old male, 1st Brigade  
 • **Charges:** Failure to wear a seat belt, failure to obey a lawful order or regulation, driving on post suspension  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 21-year-old male, Division Support Command  
 • **Charges:** Speeding 65/45, no drivers license  
 • **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Family member, 20-year-old female  
 • **Charges:** Improper turn  
 • **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

• **Subject:** Family member, 36-year-old female  
 • **Charges:** Improper overtaking and passing  
 • **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

• **Subject:** Specialist, 21-year-old male, separate battalion  
 • **Charges:** Wrongful disposition of an official pass  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Family member, 31-year-old female  
 • **Charges:** 92/55  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 23-year-old male, Aviation Brigade  
 • **Charges:** Operating vehicle without a valid tag, unlawful transfer of tag  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 21-year-old female, Division Support Command  
 • **Charges:** Wrongful use of ecstasy  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

## 3ID IN BRIEF

## Stewart

## Claim for or against estate

The 15th Air Support Operations Squadron has been saddened by the loss of Airman 1st Class Jack O'Brien. If anyone in the area has a claim either for or against the estate of Airman O'Brien, contact the Summary Courts Officer: Cpt. Charles Glasscock at 767-8091 during duty hours. He may also be reached by e-mail at [charles.glasscock@stewart.army.mil](mailto:charles.glasscock@stewart.army.mil).

## Holiday tree lighting

Come share in the holiday season with the 3rd Infantry Division (Mech). A tree lighting ceremony will be held 5 p.m. Tuesday at Building 1.

## School Board meetings

The following is the school board meeting schedule for Diamond and Brittin Elementary schools for the duration of the school year. All meetings are held at 4:30 p.m.

Jan. 23 at Brittin  
Feb. 20 at Diamond  
Mar. 22 at Brittin  
April 17 at Diamond  
May 15 at Brittin

## Christmas Parade

The housing mayors for Fort Stewart are inviting everyone to witness Fort Stewart's Holiday parade.

The parade starts at Walker Field 4 p.m., Dec. 17 and arrives at the Stewart tree lighting ceremony in front of Post Headquarters. All volunteer organizations are invited to enter a float in the parade. There is no cost to participate.

Interested groups may email Christie Mullenix at [dmulleniz@comcast.net](mailto:dmulleniz@comcast.net).

## American Red Cross

The American Red Cross is currently seeking individuals who are interested in volunteering at the hospital, youth center, bowling alley, gym, library and Red Cross Office. We are also seeking to fill volunteer leadership positions.

For more information, call 767-2197.

## Life Skills class

As part of the installation's Operational Stress Control Program, Division Mental Health is offering life skills training for soldiers, non-commissioned officers and junior officers.

The objectives are to help people develop skills relating to dealing with difficult people, achieving goals, listening skills, differences between self-talk and reality, and passive, aggressive and assertive communica-

tion. For more information, call 767-2545.

## American Red Cross

The Fort Stewart station of the American Red Cross is located in Building 623 off Wilson Avenue. Hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For more information, call 767-2197/4750. After-hours emergency message service available at (877) 272-7337.

## Join Special Forces

The Special Forces recruiting office is seeking professional enlisted and officer volunteers to join the ranks of one of America's most premier fighting forces.

Available class dates for Special Forces assessment and selection are Jan. 12, Feb. 16 and March 23.

Both combat and non combat MOSs may apply. To learn more about Special Forces, attend the weekly briefing at Hunter, noon and 4 p.m., Tuesdays at the Education Center or Fort Stewart, 10 a.m., 2 or 5:30 p.m., Wednesdays, at the Recruiting Office, Building 132 (Coastal Communications.)

For more information, call 767-1857.

## Recycle cardboard

All military units and activities should deliver their bulk cardboard to the new Processing Station, located off of Kilpatrick Rd. (Gate #6) next to the landfill scale house. All other customers should take their cardboard to the Recycling Center, located on the corner of McFarland Ave. and Sigma St.

Processing Station hours are 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Recycling Yard hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, call 767-8880/6327.

## SAMC Toys for Tots raffle

The SAMC "Rock of the Marne Chapter" is conducting a raffle to raise money for the upcoming holiday season.

The prizes are:  
1st place - DVD player  
2nd place - \$50  
3rd place - \$20 gift certificate.

The tickets are \$1 each and all proceeds will be contributed to our "Toys for Tots" campaign for soldiers of Fort Stewart and Hunter. The drawing will be held 1 p.m., Dec. 20 and you don't have to be present to win.

For tickets, call Sgt. 1st Class Donna Baugh or Staff Sgt. Lori Hoover at 767-8044/1586 or go to Building 620, Suite 318/331 (located behind Jordan Gym).

## Hunter

## Hunter traffic delays

Montgomery Gate construction began Nov. 18; Wilson Gate construction began Tuesday. Each gate is down to one inbound and one outbound lane. You will not be able to exit through Middleground Rd. This will create delays. Plan accordingly and allow extra time to gain post access.

The following will help expedite traffic:

\* Ensure your vehicle is registered

\* Get extended passes if authorized

\* Avoid leaving and having to reenter

\* The worst times will be during lunch hours 12 to 1:30 p.m.; try to utilize on post facilities: dining facility, bowling alley, Hunter Club, Burger King.

## Rio Gate now open

The Rio Gate is now open to vehicles with Department of Defense decals only. The gate will be open at the following times: 5:30 to 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Wednesday and Friday; 5:30 to 9:30 a.m. and 3 to 5 p.m. Thursday; 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

The gate will be closed on federal holidays.

## Road Resurfacing

Duncan Road (400 feet from the Montgomery Gate) southwest to Douglas Road, is scheduled for resurfacing and paving. Construction began Tuesday and will continue through Dec. 27. Flagmen will be utilized and cross traffic will continue.

Motorists are asked to exercise caution in and around the construction area and to drive with care at all times on the installation.

## Hunter Lanes

Two-fer-Tuesday - Two people bowl for the price of one, 6 p.m. until closing, every Tuesday.

Casino Bingo - Friday and Saturday night, 9 p.m. until midnight. Win free bowling passes, prizes and cash; open to bowlers age 18 and over.

Dollar Day - All games \$1 opening to closing every Sunday. There is a one-lane limit for parties of less than eight bowlers.

Super Bowling - Games only \$1 on Mondays and Wednesdays, noon to 6 p.m. Pay only \$2 a game on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Marvin's Corner Cafe - Serving the best food at Hunter Army

Airfield. Call ahead for pick-up - 352-6279.

## Toys for Kids

This Christmas, many of our military families will be separated. Many children will be missing a mom or dad due to deployments. It will be financially difficult for many of these families. We can help and show our patriotism by purchasing a toy.

No money is accepted; only new toys. The goal for this year is to collect 3,000 toys.

The drop locations will be at Midtown Deli at Chatham Plaza and all offices of Coldwell Banker Greater Savannah Realty. Also, many businesses will be collecting among their employees. For toy pick-up, call 658-8851.

## Correspondence Courses

Do you need promotion points? Visit the Hunter Education Center to sign up for Army Correspondence Courses. Call 352-6130 for more information.

## FCC Certification

If you would like to be Federal Communications Commission certified, the Hunter Education Center is the place to go. Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University is offering coursework that leads to certification.

Tuition Assistance is now 100 percent, up to \$250 per semester hour, so come on in and sign up with your education counselor today. Call 352-6130 for information.

## Airframe and Powerplant

Do you want to be A&P certified? The Hunter Education Center is the place to go. Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University is offering coursework that leads to certification.

Tuition Assistance is now 100 percent; so come on in and sign up with your education counselor today. Call 352-6130 for more information.

## Travel Office Relocation

Carlson-Wagonlit Travel will be closing their Hunter office and relocating to Fort Stewart on Friday. They will begin operating out of Building 920, 725 Sigma St., Suite 200 at Fort Stewart on Monday.

For travel reservations call 877-6801 or 1-800-495-6258, or fax at 877-6859 after Monday. Reservations will continue to be accepted at the Hunter office until Friday.

## Winn Army Community Hospital

## Holiday hours

Winn will observe Dec. 24 and 31 as division training holidays. All hospital services will follow the regular business schedule during the holidays. Sick call will be held Dec. 24 at Soldier Family Health Clinic #3 and Dec. 31 at SFHC #1.

## 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.

## Pregnancy Nurse Line

A nurse line is available for patients at least 20-weeks into their pregnancy who may have questions that can't wait to be answered until their regularly scheduled appointment.

To speak with a nurse, call 370-6550.

## Flu Shots

Flu shots are now available on a walk-in basis at the Immunization Clinic. Children 3 and under must have a prescription for the shot. Walk-in hours are 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to

3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 370-6878.

## Labor and Delivery tour

The next Labor and Delivery tour will be 7:30 p.m. Dec. 19. Expectant mothers in their 32nd week and their partners are encouraged to take the tour. To register for the tour, call 767-6633.

## 'Take Care of Yourself' class

The next 'Take Care of Yourself' class will be held 10 to 11 a.m. Dec. 18 in the Tuttle library. Upon completion of the class, you receive a card that allows you to get over-the-counter medications from the outpatient pharmacy. Register by Wednesday for the Dec. 18 class by calling 368-3048.

## Expectant sibling class

The next expectant siblings class will be 5 to 6:30 p.m., Dec. 12. The class is for expectant siblings, ages 4 to 12 whose mother is approximately 34 weeks pregnant. A parent must attend class with the child/children. To register, call 767-6633.

## ASAP sees families

The Army Substance Abuse Program will now see dependent family members at least 18-years-

old, retirees, contract employees and Department of the Army civilians on a walk-in basis. ASAP is located in Building 620 on 6th Street. For more information, call 767-5265/5267.

## Winn and Tuttle Champions

The Winn and Tuttle Champions program matches representatives with Family Readiness Groups to answer questions about what health-care services are available to you - from transferring your TRICARE enrollment to refilling prescriptions to schedule appointments.

For more information, call Winn's representatives, Linda King or Darla Vaught, at 370-6225/6143 or Tuttle's representative, Marilyn O'Mallon, at 352-6015.

## 'Winn Delivers' videos

Expectant moms and partners unable to attend a scheduled labor and delivery tour at Winn can now borrow a video tape that contains a 15-minute "video tour" of Labor and deliver.

Copies are available in the OB-GYN Clinic on the fourth floor or at the public affairs office on the first floor.

## Prenatal/child birth class

This four-session class begins the first Tuesday of every month. Classes are held from 6-8 p.m. for four consecutive Tuesdays in the Winn dining facility.

Expectant parents are encouraged to sign up to attend the class by the beginning of their third trimester.

To register for the class, call the Winn appointment line at 767-6633.

If you have questions, send an e-mail to [mary.gambrel@se.amedd.army.mil](mailto:mary.gambrel@se.amedd.army.mil).

## Medication refills

The Behavioral Health Clinic at Winn provides medication refills on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 to 4 p.m. only. Call 370-6100 in advance as patients are seen on a first-come, first-served basis.

Patients should keep their regularly scheduled appointments and obtain medication refills at that time.

## Lupus support Group

The Lupus Support Group meets every third Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Winn Army Community Hospital in the second floor conference room. Childcare is not provided, but patients are encouraged to bring their family members. For more information, call 368-5637.

## Spartans

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limited resources.

“Your chain of command’s moving in the right direction and taking care of things,” he said. “You’ll just have to be patient.”

Shinseki also spoke to the soldiers about pay raises. Last year’s pay raise was the first real pay raise the Army has had in 18 years, he said.

“In January 2003, there will be another pay raise,” he said. “It will be 4.1 percent across the board, but in addition to that, there will be a focused pay raise for non-commissioned officers. We’ve already begun to discuss another pay raise for 2004.”

Shinseki said that even with the recent and upcoming pay raises, soldiers still are not paid enough.

“At times I get asked by members of Congress, ‘If we give you this, will you be back next year?’” he said. “My answer is always that I will be back next year. You can never do enough for a soldier, so I will continue to work for better pay, better housing and better benefits for soldiers.”

But money should not be a soldier’s only motivation, Shinseki said.

“This isn’t just about money,” he said. “If it is, you better find something else to do, because those of us who have been in this profession for 34 or 37 years never figured this was about being rich. It’s tough work. It’s work that not many others can do, and it isn’t just about money. The reason is some day there’s going to be a job where money isn’t enough, and on that day our relationship can’t be about that, because there isn’t anybody else to do the things our country asks of us.”

When one soldier asked Shinseki about the prospect of a war with Iraq, he said the decision has not yet been made.

Shinseki said he felt the soldiers of the Spartan Brigade and the 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) were ready if a war were to begin.

“Inside this division, all the preparations for warfighting readiness is going on,” Shinseki said. “If the Army is a spear, then this division is the tip of the spear. In our profession, when it comes to warfighting, we win on the offensive. We have to be able to defend well, but we win on the offense.”

## Iraq

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that Saddam will voluntarily dump his weapons and ballistic missiles. Eleven years ago, the dictator had promised the U.N. to do just that to end the Gulf War.

The ball is now in Saddam’s court, Wolfowitz noted, emphasizing that any U.S. decision to go to war with Iraq is up to the President, who’d be “in close consultation with the international community and particularly with our allies.”

The issue “is not inspections, the issue is (Iraq’s) disarmament,” the deputy pointed out.

“It is Saddam Hussein’s job to come forward with a full and complete disclosure of all the programs that he has. Then, what inspectors can do is to help verify that we have had a full disclosure of all the programs that he has,” Wolfowitz explained.

“But,” the deputy added, “he knows what he has: he has to disclose it and he has to get rid of it.”

Wolfowitz’s stop at NATO had wrapped up a Dec. 1-4 trip that had also taken him to Ankara, Turkey.

Wolfowitz noted that he’d

spoken with Turkish officials about that country’s continued integration with Europe - specifically, its desire to join the European Union - and the situation with Iraq.

Regarding the threat presented by Iraq, Wolfowitz noted that U.S. and Turkish officials agreed in Ankara “on the next concrete steps and military planning and preparations and we have chartered a course for the way forward, working together.”

U.N. Security Council Resolution 1441 “does call for another meeting - a meeting, not another resolution,” Wolfowitz noted, inferring that if Saddam refuses to disarm, that there doesn’t have to be another U.N. resolution to use force to cause Saddam to disarm.

“Now it should be clearer, I think, than ever that the international community surrounds Saddam Hussein,” Wolfowitz declared. “That is vitally important, because the most likely route to achieving a peaceful resolution is through the prompt and total disarmament of Iraq’s most horrible weapons of terror.”

## SOAR

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October after a nine-month deployment, the 3rd Battalion is now enjoying some well-deserved rest and recreation.

“It’s great to be home for the holidays,” said Sgt. 1st Class Lazaro Farray, a flight engineer who earned three Air Medals for flights in Afghanistan. While acknowledging his awards as a “surprise,” Farray displayed the modesty that has become a trademark Night Stalker trait. “Every soldier played their part and deserves to be here.”

Staff Sgt. Christopher Marshall, a combat medic who earned the Combat Medic Badge as well as an Air Medal with “V” device for valor, expressed his thoughts on being able to help treat the wounded aboard a helicopter. “To be put in that situation...to fly... was a great honor. I’ve always wanted to be in the fight...helping out.”

“I’ve gained so much experience,” said Farray. “When you’re in a situation like this, all of your fellow soldiers become your brothers.”

When asked what the key to success is, “training at night” was the top response.

“Training is all about the night,” said Farray. “We do all of our flying at night; it’s the way we bring soldiers back.”

While 96 soldiers were honored on this day, there are many more whose stories and actions will never be heard. Embracing the life of the “quiet professional” means many times sacrificing the recognition that success brings. To the soldiers who opt for the challenge, garnering the respect of their peers is reward enough.

## Paratrooper

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but for the freedom of the world. The World Trade Center attack has brought our country together; freedom is not free, it has been paid for with a very high cost.”

Sapp then challenged the assembled NCO’s and officers to take care of their soldiers. “Never ask your men to do anything that you’re not willing to do yourself,” he said. “I’m 80 years old and I still love my country. I’ve tried to be the best person I can for the best country in the world; you do the same.”

His message was not lost on the troops as Staff Sgt. Robert Brady, medical NCO, 1-3 Aviation, reflected on what he had heard. “He was there with his troops; he led from the front. He is able to tie two generations, separated by a long period of peace, together.”

Inviting the soldiers to come up to the stage and view his assorted collection of World War II items, Sapp offered his own answer to the war on terrorism in true paratrooper fashion.

“I’m still ready, up until a year-ago, I think I could’ve gone,” he said to raucous applause.

## 1944

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hilated during the German’s break though. That’s when I was captured,” he said.

Lankford became a prisoner of war on December 19. “I remember it was just prior to Christmas Day,” he said.

He and the other POWs were piled into railroad boxcars. “It was about 70 men to each little car. Half of us could sit down, and the other half had to stand up,” he said.

Lankford spent his Christmas night inside the boxcar, thinking that each moment was going to be his last. “On Christmas, our train was bombed,” he said. “I saw grown men go as frozen as a dead bug. We all sat there and just knew that every bomb that came down was going to hit us.”

Although the train Lankford was on was hit twice, Lankford’s car was spared.

“When the one car in the very front was hit, it went all to pieces and caused the car I was in to rock back and forth on the rail,” he said.

Lankford remained on that train until

**“We all sat there and just knew that every bomb that came down was going to hit us.”**

Army Veteran J.D. Lankford  
POW Dec. 1944 - July 1945

after Christmas. “Then one day in late December the Germans just came up and opened the door and transported us right onto another car,” he said.

That would be the last boxcar Lankford and the prisoners would pile into before being placed in a German POW camp, where they would remain until July 1945.

The thought of seeing home again, and his survival training were what kept Lankford alive during his half-year impris-

onment.

“A fellow soldier asked me one time ‘Did I ever think about not being able to go home?’ No! I would tell them ‘Don’t ever take a negative attitude on nothing. Never. Keep a positive attitude and stick to what your trained and taught to do and you will survive,’” he said.

In the camp, Lankford was fed a single slice of bread each day.

“They would take a small loaf of Pumpernickel bread and slice it into exactly 14 slices to feed 14 men,” he said.

In order to stay alive, Lankford said he ate whatever he could get.

“I have eaten bark off of trees, I’ve eaten grass, I’ve eaten roots and I’ve eaten weeds to live. I weighed 93 pounds when I was liberated, but I’m not ashamed of it,” said Lankford, who joined the Army at over 180 pounds.

“I’m just thankful to be alive. Everyday the good Lord lets me live is a good day for me,” he said with a smile.

## Marne mission goes ...

# 'Real World'

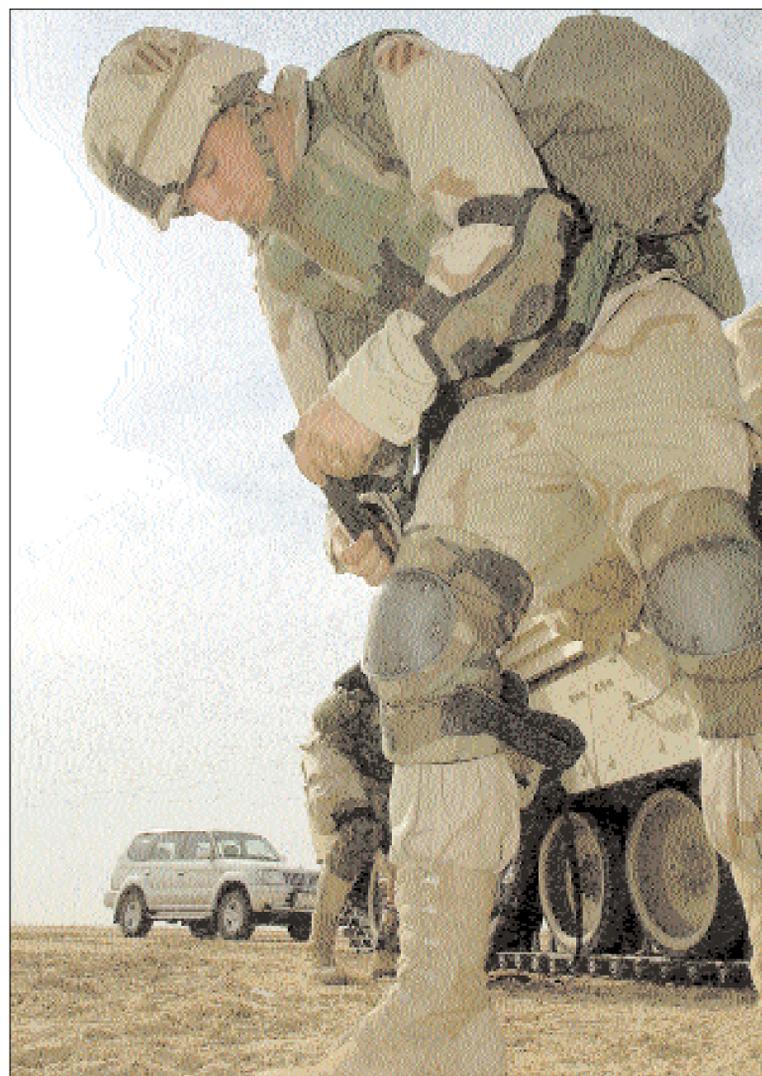
3/15 Inf., 1/9 FA join for desert training, keep fighting skills sharp while deployed



(Above) Soldiers from B Co., 3/15 Inf., conduct dismount drills.  
(Left) Pfc Gilberto Paredes, a squad automatic rifleman with B Co., cleans his M16A2 rifle on Udairi Range.



An M109A6 Paladin Howitzer from 1st Battalion, 9th Field Artillery, maneuvers during an exercise.



Photos by Sgt. 1st Class David K. Dismukes/CFLCC Public Affairs  
Pv2 Christopher Nauman, a M203 gunner from 1st Platoon, B Co., 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry prepares to conduct dismount drills along the Iraqi border Dec. 9 at Udairi Range in Kuwait. The unit is conducting training missions in support of Operation Desert Spring.



(Left) Two soldiers from B Co. wait for the ramp from their squad's Bradley Infantry Fighting Vehicle to raise as they prepare to conduct dismount drills with 1st Platoon along the Iraqi border.

# SPORTS & FITNESS

B SECTION

## On Post

### Youth football/cheerleading

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

### Tae Kwon Do lessons

Tae Kwon Do is available for children and adults. Classes are held from 5 to 6 p.m. for children and 6 to 7 p.m. for teens and adults. Tuesday and Thursday at the Fort Stewart Youth Services Center, Building 7338, Austin Rd., Bryan Village next to the shoppette. The cost is \$30 per month. For more information, call Child and Youth Services at 767-2312.

### Hunter Recreation special

Rent one item for two days, and get the third day free at the Hunter Outdoor Recreation December Special. Call 352-5722 for more information.

### Sports USA

Don't miss Monday Night Football at 8 p.m. at Sports USA. Come and watch the game on one of six big screen TVs. Call 767-8715 for more information.

### Basketball Tournament

The Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield Martin Luther King Jr. Basketball Tournament will be held Jan. 17-19. Entry fee is \$75. Entry deadline is Jan. 15. Active duty servicemembers only are eligible. A maximum of 12 people, including coaches per roster is allowed.

Team trophies and individual trophies will be awarded. National Federation Basketball rules will govern play.

For more information, call 352-6749/6572.

### GC's golf cup

The Garrison Commander's Cup Tournament will be held Dec. 18 at Taylors Creek Golf Course, with an 11:30 a.m. shotgun start.

4-person scramble: bring your own team.

60+ years of age: White tees.  
59 - years of age: Blue tees.  
Ladies: Red tees.

Additional events include Closest to the Pin and Longest Drives on designated holes.

Entry fee is \$29 and includes green fee, golf cart, prize fund and social hour at the completion of the afternoon round. Prizes will be distributed during social hour.

For more information, or to register, call 767-2370.

### Holiday Raquetball

The Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield Christmas Holiday Raquetball Single Elimination Tournament will be held Dec. 14, at Newman Physical Fitness Center. Entry deadline is Dec. 12 with a \$5 entry fee.

For more information, call the Fort Stewart Sports Office at 767-6572 or Hunter Army Airfield at 352-6749.

## Off Post

### Aerobics classes

The West Broad Street YMCA presents aerobics. The classes are held from 11 a.m. to noon, noon to 1 p.m., 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and 5:45 to 6:45 p.m., every Monday, Wednesday and Friday; and from 9 to 10 a.m. Saturdays. There is no fee for YMCA members and \$30 for non-members per month. For more information, call 233-1951.

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

# Desert Rogues rule Fight Night II

Spc. Jacob Boyer

Staff Writer

CAMP NEW YORK, Kuwait — The Desert Rogues of 1st Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment won six of their nine fights to take home the most titles during Fight Night II November 29 at Camp New York.

The event featured 23 boxing matches between soldiers from many of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team units deployed to Camps New York, Pennsylvania and Virginia.

"This is something the commander and I came up with," said Command Sgt. Maj. Otis Smith, 2nd Brigade command sergeant major. "We already had one, and we weren't going to do it again until February. But as soon as the last one was over, people started asking when we'd have the next one. Since it was Thanksgiving, we thought we'd finish off the events with another Fight Night."

The Rogues went home with more titles than any other unit. In the 156-165 pound weight class, Arte Brown won his match for the first Rogue title. 1/64 got another early victory in the 178-200 pound class when Spc. Schipper easily won his fight.

Most of the Rogues' wins came in the open division. William Height, Eugene Stewart, Justin Mayes and Ryan Hancock all won their respective bouts.

The 26th Forward Support Battalion and 1st Battalion, 9th Field Artillery Regiment each won four fights to tie for second place.

Larry Black got things started early for the 26th, winning the first fight of the night when his 132-139 pound tilt was called in the first round. Travis Bartlett took home the 26th's second title in the 165-178 pound class. Naomi Martinez won the only women's fight of the night. Pfc. Jenkins won the battalion's last fight in the open division.



Spc. Jacob Boyer

Robert Browner, 10th Eng. Bn., squares up against his opponent before unleashing his next punch.

The Battle Kings, big winners at the first Fight Night, did not take their first title until halfway through the card. Benjamin Rivers won his 178-200 pound fight. Anthony Beckman, at 255 pounds, won the heaviest fight of the night for another title. Johnell Tolbert and LaMarcus Dunbar each took titles for 1/9 in the open division.

Robert Browner, 10th Engineer Battalion, won the other 132-139 pound bout. Roy Dixon, 123rd Signal Battalion, and Michael Sims and Chung Choi, 10th Engineers, rounded out the winners in the 156-165 pound class.

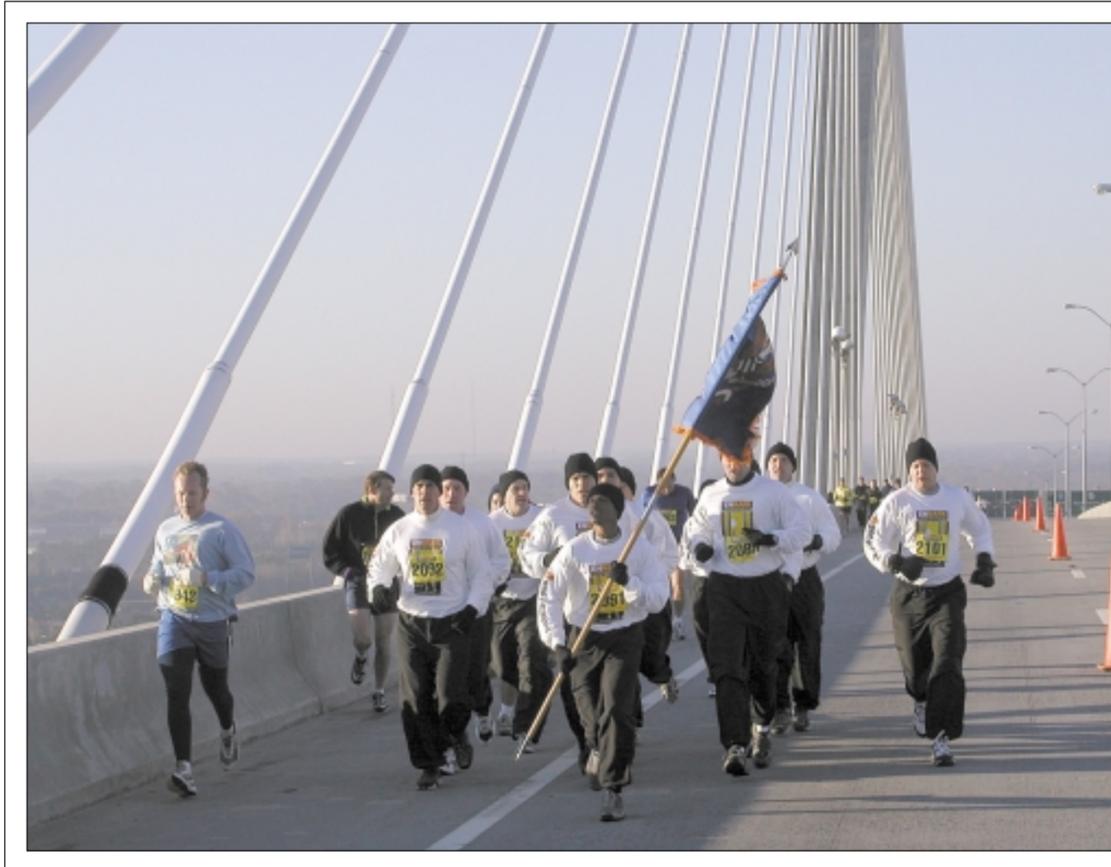
Andre Singletery, 123rd Signal Bn., and

Rosalish Fields, 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, took titles in the 165-178 pound class. Quincy Johnson, 3/15 Inf., won his 178-200 pound fight. In the 201 pound-and-up class, James Jenkins, 123rd Signal Bn., and Steven Washington, 3/15 Inf., won their tilts.

Fight Night and other events like it are a good opportunity for soldiers to get their minds off day-to-day training, Smith said.

"It helps the soldiers get away from the everyday monotony of training," he said. "It's just a relaxation period for all the spectators."

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# Movin' right along

Staff Sgt. Brian Sipp

Staff Sgt. Robert Brady helps motivate the 1st Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment runners by calling cadence during Saturday's Savannah River Bridge Run across the Talmadge Bridge.

## Army drops emotional season finale to Navy, 58-12 Saturday

Andrea Szulsteyn

Special to the Frontline

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Craig Candeto's record-setting day at Giant's Stadium gave Navy something to savor at the end of an otherwise forgettable season.

The quarterback accounted for seven touchdowns, including a school-record six rushing TDs, as Navy defeated Army 58-12 Saturday in one of the most lopsided games in the 103 meetings between the service academies.

The Midshipmen (2-10) had lost 10 straight but gained a season-best 421 yards on the ground. Candeto had only 103 of those yards, but his six rushing touchdowns were the most in the history of the series.

Navy's 58 points also were the most by either team in the annual game, behind the Midshipmen's 51-0 win in 1973. That also was the biggest margin in the series, with Saturday's margin the second-largest.

Army now leads the series 49-47-7.

While the game matched two 1-10 teams, Candeto helped Navy

dominate from the start. The junior only needed the first half to tie the touchdown record with a pair of 1-yard runs, a 42-yard run and a 7-yarder just before halftime.

He set the record with a 3-yard run on the first possession of the third quarter, but he wasn't done scoring. Candeto connected on a 23-yard touchdown pass to Tony Lane less than three minutes later to continue the rout.

Candeto added a 1-yard run for his seventh score of the day, which also tied the school record for touchdowns in a game. Candeto scored 36 points before being pulled with three minutes left in the third quarter.

His point total was the second-highest by a Navy player, behind Bill Ingram's 38 points against Villanova in 1917.

Navy, which entered the game ranked fifth in the nation in rushing offense, rolled up 241 yards on the ground in the first half and took a 28-6 halftime lead. The Midshipmen scored on their first eight possessions.

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## Turkey Trot keeps runners up to speed in Kuwait

Spc. Jacob Boyer

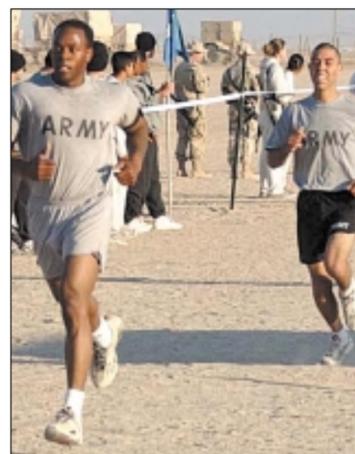
Staff Writer

CAMP NEW YORK, Kuwait — A 103rd Military Intelligence Battalion soldier bested a field of more than 400 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) soldiers in the Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot, a 5K race held at Camp New York.

Spc. Micah Bradford had the top finish with a time of 19:50. 1st Lt. Nancy Goyings, 123rd Signal Battalion, was the first female to finish, coming in at 23:36. The 1st Battalion, 9th Field Artillery Regiment team came in first in the team competition.

Races were held for individual soldiers as well as unit teams, said Maj. Terrance Sanders, 2nd Brigade S-1. Trophies were given to the top male and female finishers, as well as the top two teams.

The course began behind the Morale, Welfare and Recreation tent and wrapped around the inner perimeter of the camp before finishing back at the tent. The individual runners started the course at 7 a.m. The teams, running behind their unit



Spc. Jacob Boyer

Two runners race to the finish line in the Turkey Trot, a 5K race for the 2nd Bde. soldiers, held Thanksgiving Day at Camp New York, Kuwait.

flugs and shouting cadences as they double-timed, started 15 minutes after that.

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# Fight

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The fights each consisted of two one-minute rounds and were officiated by referees from Camp Doha, Smith said. Three scorers kept track of the fights on the 10-point system, giving points for hits and knockdowns and deducting them for penalties.

The first fight night, called Brawl in the Kabal, set off many rivalries between camps and units for the second event, Smith said.

"We like to pit the camps against each other, and units against units," he said. "When we hand the trophies to the winners, it gives them bragging rights."

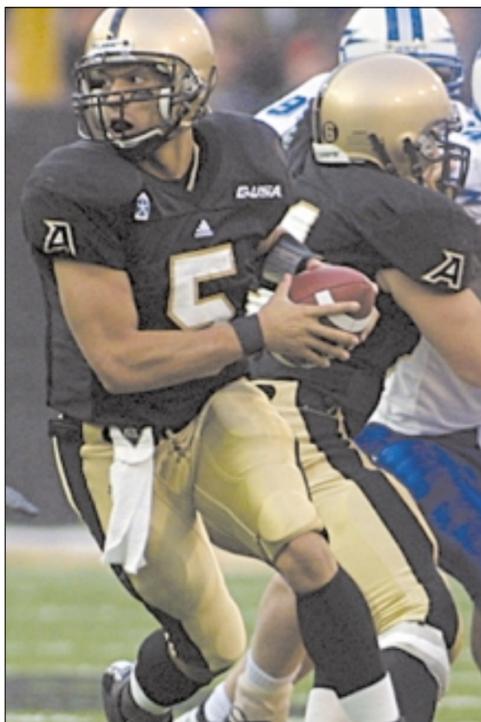
Any soldier who wanted to fight was allowed to as long as he passed a physical beforehand, Smith said.

"We pair them up by weight class," he said. "We want to give everybody we can the opportunity to do this."

The safety of participating soldiers was important, Smith said. Two physicians stayed by the ring in case of injuries during the fights, and they checked each fighter out after his two rounds. Only one fight was stopped early due to an injury.

Fried catfish and assorted snacks were also provided at the fight, along with sodas and non-alcoholic beer, Smith said. The crowd watched from seats of all types, ranging from the desert ground to the top of a Paladin howitzer.

"It was just a great time for the soldiers," Smith said.



U.S. Army Photo

Army quarterback Reggie Nevels rolls out of the pocket.

# Navy

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Navy improved to 3-1 since the Army-Navy has been played at Giants Stadium. New Jersey officials are trying to bring more games in the series to the stadium; the contract to host the game expires after next year's contest, to be played in Philadelphia.

Things started poorly for Army (1-11) and continued to get worse throughout the game.

The Black Knights lost 5 yards on their opening possession, and they couldn't stop Candeto or the Midshipmen.

On its next two possessions, Army reached the red zone but came away with just two field goals.

The win helped ease some of the heartbreak Navy has felt this season. In its last game, Navy lost 30-27 to Wake Forest when the Demon Deacons scored with 53 seconds remaining. Against Notre Dame, the Fighting Irish rallied for 15 points in the final 4:28 to win 30-23.

The game was played on the

61st anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. Before the game started, a videotaped message of President George W. Bush was shown, in which he thanked the Army and Navy players for their service.

"I'm proud of every Cadet and Midshipman," Bush said. "You are devoted to serving your country and your fellow citizens. You will join the finest military in the world, and throughout your careers, you will keep the peace and defend freedom."

The tradition of having Navy and Army personnel parachute onto the field was canceled because of high winds.

During the prisoner exchange ritual, which is the transfer of semester exchange students, Navy representatives taking part in the ceremony spelled out "Let's Roll" — in tribute of the now-famous phrase Todd Beamer said from a plane aboard hijacked United Airlines Flight 93 on Sept. 11, 2001.

# Trot

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"The purpose of this event is to bring the units together on Thanksgiving to show our appreciation for what they do," Sanders said. "Although morale has been good, we're out here to help it improve."

The individual competitors were divided into four age categories: 18-25, 26-32, 33-40 and 40 and over. The winners of each age category received unit coins from Col. David Perkins, 2nd Brigade commander.

"It's basically an opportunity to get the entire brigade together," Sanders said. "It's something we do around (Thanksgiving). It's definitely a spirited competition. When it's over, one person knows he has beaten everyone in the brigade."

# Marne Scoreboard



## Basketball

### 2002 Fort Stewart/HAAF Intramural Basketball Scores

#### Pacific Conference

##### Dec. 2

3rd SSB v. C Co., 2/7 Inf., forfeit  
A Co., 2/7 Inf. v. MEDDAC, 32-48  
A Co., 2/7 Inf. v. B Co., 703rd MSB, 63-56

##### Dec. 4

MEDDAC v. A Co., HQ CMD, 50-33  
B Co., 703rd MI v. 92nd Chem. Co., 44-31  
A Co., 2/7 Inf., v. 3rd SSB, 56-32

632nd Maint. Co. v. C Co., 2/7 Inf., 41-23  
A Co., HQ CMD v. B Co., 703rd MSB, 29-53

##### Dec. 4

C Co., 3/7 Inf. v. 92nd Chem. Co., 34-41  
HSC 92nd Eng. Bn. v. MEDDAC, 48-43  
HHS 1/39 FA v. A Co., HQ CMD, 41-27  
A Co., 2/7 Inf. v. MEDDAC, 32-33  
HHS 1/39 FA v. 92nd Chem. Co., 42-45

#### Western Conference

##### Dec. 3

C Co., 123rd Sig. Bn. v. A Btry., 1/41 FA, 49-52  
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##### Dec. 5

C Btry., 1/41 FA v. 369th Trans. Co., 22-27  
HHT 3/7 Cav. v. C Co., 123rd Sig. Bn., 46-39  
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HHB DIVARTY v. A Btry., 1/41 FA, 41-51  
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#### Standings

Through Friday

#### Pacific Conference

Team	W	L	Pct.
632nd Maint. Co.	2	0	1.000
HSC, 92nd Eng. Bn.	1	0	1.000
MEDDAC	3	1	.7500
B Co., 703rd MSB	2	1	.600
92nd Chem. Co.	2	1	.600
A Co., 2/7 Inf.	2	2	.500

3rd SSB	1	1	.500
HHS 1/39 FA	1	1	.500
C Co., 2/7 Inf.	0	2	.000
C Co., 3/7 Inf.	0	2	.000
A Co., HQ CMD	0	3	.000

#### Western Conference

Team	W	L	Pct.
369th Trans. Co.	3	0	1.000
Svc. Btry. 1/41 FA	2	0	1.000
HHB, 1/41 FA	2	0	1.000
D Co., 123rd Sig. Bn.	1	0	1.000
A Btry., 1/41 FA	2	1	.600
C Co., 11th Eng. Bn.	1	1	.500
94th Maint. Co.	0	1	.000
C Co., 123rd Sig. Bn.	0	2	.000
C Btry., 1/41 FA	0	2	.000
HHT, 3/7 Cav.	0	2	.000
HHB DIVARTY	0	3	.000

#### Got Scores?

Contact the *Frontline* staff at

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## LIFE &amp; TIMES

C SECTION

## On Post

## Cemetary Council

Everyone is invited to the next semi-annual Fort Stewart Cemetary Council meeting at 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Dec. 12.

A bus tour is planned to visit Parker-Sapp, Todd, Wise and Clyde Cemeteries. There will also be an archaeological excavation of a historical home site.

Lunch is \$4.50 per person. Prior notification is required to make reservations for lunch.

The bus pick-up point for those attending from Liberty and Long counties is the Georgia Army National Guard Armory in Hinesville on Highway 84 at 9:30 a.m.

The pick-up point for those attending from Bryan, Tattnall and Chatham counties is the Pass and Permit Office, Building 8091 on Highway 144 on Fort Stewart.

Registration begins 9:45 upon arrival of both bus groups at the Fort Stewart Pass and Permit Office. To confirm attendance, call 912-767-5687 or 912-767-7111.

## Youth Services programs

The Fort Stewart Youth Services offer a wide variety of sports, activities and programs for children to participate in.

The Youth Center, located behind the shoppette in Bryan Village, is open 2:30-8 p.m. Monday through Friday and noon to 8 p.m. Saturday.

For information about the programs available to youth, call 767-4491 or visit the center.

## Attention waiting spouses

Waiting Spouses is a support service to families on post or in the surrounding community who are living separately from their military and civilian sponsor due to mission requirements.

The Waiting Spouse briefing is held 9 to 10 a.m. every Wednesday at Army Community Service, Building 470, and is mandatory for those who reside on post and require additional information on installation services.

The Waiting Spouse Support Group is held 10 to 11 a.m. following the briefing each Wednesday at ACS. Come and

## Off Post

## Museum

Journey through an adventure of sights and sounds with exhibits, aircraft and artifacts at the Mighty Eighth Air Force Heritage Museum.

The museum is open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

For more information, call 748-8888.

## Midway Museum open house

The Midway Museum on Highway 17, next door to the Historical Midway Church and Colonial Cemetary is having an open house 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 14. Homemade cookies, coffee and Christmas tea will be served all day. The museum will be decorated in the Colonial Period by local garden clubs.

Friends of Fort Morris will be a part of the celebration too. admission will be free on this day only. For more information, call 912-884-5837.

## Musical worship

The Live Oak Church of God in Hinesville invites everyone to "An Evening in December" at 7 p.m. Dec. 15. The Live oak musical family will present a musical and multimedia worship service. The church is located a 296 Live Oak Church Road in Hinesville. For more information, call the church office at 876-8769.

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

## Theatre Bravo drops in, puts on show

## Soldiers visit Stewart on 6-month tour to entertain servicemembers, families

Nancy Gould

DCAS

Five actors from the Army's Theatre Bravo performed "Lift up your hearts America," before a full house, Dec. 2, opening night at Club Stewart's Rockets Lounge. The audience dined in the room's quaint atmosphere before the show; some continued their meal as the performance began. Others came after dinner, just to see the show.

They sat at tables and on tall stools and chairs scattered around the room enjoying an up close personal view of performers as they recited poems, sang songs, and danced on the small stage positioned in front of a large colorful back-

drop, a United States map.

During the 70-minute performance, the actors reenacted American scenes such as floating across a lazy river, watching the sunset from a rooftop and dancing the salsa. They performed "The Roadside America" which highlighted the unique and sometimes bizarre attractions along American highways, such as the world's largest ball of twine and the Spam Museum. They also showed how day-to-day life is lived across America.

"My monologue, that's me, that's from my life," said Sgt. Hali Joi Picciano of Walter Reed Army Medical Center's dental clinic. "The part about living in a campground for seven months: I really did that."

Selected from a live audition in October, sergeants David Yoder, Maylan Thomas, and Hali Joi Picciano, along with specialists Vanessa Bradchulis and Armando Correa bring their vocal, dance, theatrical, leadership and soldiering skills to this production. After four weeks of

rehearsals and 11 performances under their belts, the group has a new appreciation for the hard work required to stage a show.

The cast members — two signal systems specialists, a tank gunner, a combat medic, and a mental health counselor — have set aside their military duties for six months to bring smiles and laughter to soldiers, families, and deployed troops. By the time they return to Fort Belvoir in March 2003, they will have performed more than 80 shows at 41 locations in 17 states in the US, Germany, Italy, the Balkans, and the Middle East.

Spc. Armando Correa said he plans to pursue a professional career in acting after he finishes his time in the Army in 2004. He is grateful for the Theatre Bravo experience and the opportunity to portray America as the melting pot of different nationalities and cultures that it is. Proud of his own Puerto Rican heritage, Correa

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## Toys for Tots: Local vets join fight for needy kids

Spc. Katherine Robinson

Staff Writer

It's Hooah, Semper Fi, and Ho, Ho, Ho!" shouts Luis Carreras as he stands in the front entrance to the post exchange, or Wal-Mart for six hours a day on weekends, and tries to remind busy shoppers of the most important part of the Christmas season — giving.

Carreras is a Vietnam veteran. He is a member of all of the groups of the Liberty County Veteran's Council, including; Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, the American Legion, the Retired Officer's Association, and the Association of the U.S. Army. For the first time, all these organizations are participating in the Marine Corps Reserve's Toys for Tots program.

"We (veterans organizations) have been doing it individually," Carreras said, "but this is the first year we've all joined together. If all goes well, we hope to do it every year."

Originally started in the Liberty County area by realtor George Holtzman, and directed by Angela Powell, Toys for Tots is a volunteer program that collects money and toys for children who might otherwise have no presents to open Christmas morning.

"I felt it was an ideal program for the veterans to get involved in," Carreras said.

Other volunteers include soldiers, Marines and Junior Reserve Officer Training Cadets from local high schools. Carreras includes all these in his entreaties to passersby.

"It's the U.S. Army, 3rd Infantry Division, Marine Corps Reserve, Junior ROTC and Veteran's groups, all working together," he exclaims.

The turnout so far, has been great, Carreras said. Many people donate money and toys. One lady even donated five bags of toys.

"I know what it's like not to get toys on Christmas," said one man, dropping money into the bucket held by a Bradwell Institute cadet at the PX.

"It's amazing," Carreras said. "Some people who donate really



Spc. Katherine Robinson

Local veterans associations have joined together to collect donations for the Marine Corps Reserve's Toys for tots program. The program collects money for children who might otherwise have no presents to open Christmas morning.

don't look like they can afford it."

"We're here for the children," Carreras has been heard repeating, time and time again. "Christmas is all about the children."

"Let's make sure every child has a Christmas to remember, not one they want to forget," he implored customers as they passed.

Richard Parks, a retired sergeant first class, and member of Disabled American Veterans, echoed this sentiment.

"If I can give a child who is unfortunate a very merry Christmas,

I feel good in my heart," he said.

Carreras said the program is very important to children. "That can make a big difference, when they're 20 years old, to remember that somebody cared."

This is Parks' first year participating in the program, but said he plans to do it again.

"Every year while I'm alive," he said.

On Dec. 17, all the toys collected will be put together for parents to pick up at the National Guard Armory. The toy bags are put

together according to a list, divided by age and gender. Carreras added that volunteers are welcome to help put the toy bags together.

People wishing to volunteer should call 877-3531. The parents will go to the Armory and a volunteer will find their child's bag.

"Many people are embarrassed," Carreras said.

"They're embarrassed they can't provide Christmas present for their children," he said. "That's not what counts. It's the children that count."

## Fort Stewart units active in Adopt-A-School program

## Press Release

School Liaison Office

"It's time to give back to the community and high school where I graduated from."

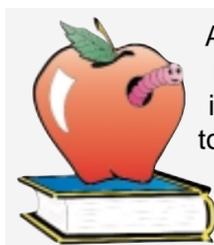
This is how Lt. Col. Duane Clayton, a 1977 graduate of Bradwell Institute, describes his commitment to helping students at his alma mater.

Clayton is the commander of 2nd Battalion, 306th Field Artillery Regiment from the 4th Brigade, 87th Division (TS) — the Adopt-a-School partner for Bradwell Institute.

The Adopt-A-School Program, under the direction of David Smith, School Liaison Officer at Fort Stewart, has units supporting every school in Liberty County and both of the elementary schools on Fort Stewart.

Last year, the Adopt-a-School Program expanded to assist schools in Chatham County, supported by soldiers from Hunter Army Airfield, and more recently to Walker Middle School in Long County.

Adopt-a-School units support schools in various ways, including mentoring and tutoring. Clayton takes the extra measure in not only helping students at Bradwell, but teachers as



Any unit or soldier interested in more information on how to become a mentor or tutor can contact the School Liaison Office at 767-6071 or 767-6533.

well.

He has frequently taught Financial Planning in. Connie Bragg's Economics and Finance classes and has assisted other teachers whenever he can.

Clayton said he believes it takes a collective effort from teachers, school administration, and parents to create an effective educational environment for students to reach their full potential.

He added that he thinks parental involvement is the key, but unfortunately, "I see too many situations where parents are not involved like they should be with their children."

Since August 2001, Clayton and soldiers from

his brigade have been involved in many activities, to include a 5K race school fund raiser as well as support for the school's JROTC program, which brought home 17 trophies from the state competition.

Clayton is especially proud of how he and other soldiers had such a positive influence on ten freshmen students.

Five of the students improved their grades under the tutoring guidance of the soldiers.

Clayton is looking forward to another successful association with the school this year, as the mentoring program starts up again in December.

He said, "Making a difference is what it's all about. I am fortunate to have the support of my Brigade Commander, Col. Larry Burch, and the Bradwell Institute Principal, Dr. Darryl Dean."

Dean is more than pleased with what Clayton has done for Bradwell Institute. He said, "They have gone ... above the call of duty, helping with the PTO, the JROTC and the Athletic Booster Club; simply put, he has been a tremendous asset for our school"

For more information on how to become a mentor or tutor, contact the School Liaison Office at 767-6071 or 767-6533.

# It is the season



Spc. Natalie Schlotman

3-year-old Wesley DeLoach cracks a grin as he spills his Christmas wish list to Santa Clause at the Liberty County Chamber of Commerce 2002 Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony Dec. 4. Despite this busy time of year, Clause made time for a special appearance at the tree lighting.

## Liberty County, soldiers shine with holiday spirit at annual tree lighting

Spc. Natalie Schlotman  
Staff Writer

*On the first day of Christmas in Liberty County children were caroling, dancers were dazzling, cocoa was steaming ... and lights trimmmmmmed the tree.*

That was the scene in Bradwell Park as residents gathered for the Liberty County Chamber of Commerce 2002 Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony Dec. 4.

Each year, a tree lighting is held to kick off Liberty County's holiday season, said Jason Floyd, chairman of the county's Chamber of Commerce.

"We ask the commanding officer of Fort Stewart along with our mayor to come out for the ceremonial lighting of the tree. It signifies that Christmas has arrived in our county," he said.

Spreading hope and cheer during the unstable global climate was what this year's tree lighting was all about, Floyd said.

"Especially right now, with things the way they are around the world, and with so many of our troops deployed, anything that can bring hope and joy to our kids and soldiers here is a blessing."

The celebrating began as choirs and dance clubs from the county's schools sang Christmas carols and preformed holiday dance routines.

"A lot of this ceremony is put on by the children. It gives them a chance to perform.

"But, honestly, I think the parents enjoy seeing their kids perform just as much," he said.

There was also a prize raffle and free hot chocolate to help patrons keep warm in the chilly night air.

After the charoling and dancing came the tree lighting. Garrison Commander Col. Gerald J. Poltork, Mayor Ratcliffe and a host of

Hinesville beauty queens gathered around and lit the golden lights on the county's tree.

Following the lighting was the event's highlight: a special guest who traveled all the way from the North Pole, Floyd said.

"We always have Santa Clause come out at the end of the ceremony. The kids' reactions are great.

"If seeing the children's faces as they see Santa pull up doesn't warm your heart, there's something wrong," he said.

The town takes pride in its down-home style holiday celebration and views the ceremony as a time for the Liberty County and the military community to come together, Floyd said. "This is an event that we are proud of, and it's something we've done for a number of years.

"During the Christmas season we really enjoy inviting everyone out to hear the children sing, to see the tree light up and to just get into the spirit," he said.



The Liberty County High School Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps Color Guard presents the colors at the kick off the event.



Beauty queens from Hinesville and Liberty County passed out candy canes to children as they waited to visit with the man himself — Santa Clause.



The Liberty County Christmas tree shines as it stands in Bradwell Park.



(Above) Bryanne Guzman, an 8th grader in the Lewis Frasier Middle School Band, plays "We Wish You A Merry Christmas."

# 2nd BCT invites families, soldiers kick-up heels at line dance event

Casey Craig

Special to The Frontline

When the 2nd Brigade Combat Team invites the Fort Stewart community to Club Stewart for a night of free line dance lessons, your ears can count on a combination of music blaring, foot stomping, boot sliding, and a lot of laughter coming from the Ballroom.

According to Ginger Perkins, spouse of 2nd BCT Commander, Col. David Perkins, such 'Morale Boosters' for Perkins said, "(Line dancing) is fun, and it's exercise. Line Dancing is something you can do by yourself when your soldier is deployed. You don't need a partner. I also wanted an event for adults and teenagers that was in a safe, relaxed atmosphere."

The event was a night of morale boosting, whether you were in 2nd Brigade or not! The group of 50 dancers were committed to learning the steps of the "Electric Slide," "Come on Ride the Train," "Cotton-Eyed Joe."

Dance Instructor Linda McKnight also threw in a Cha-Cha and the Chicken Dance.

One couple, Spc. Paris Pennington from B Company, 3rd Battalion, 69th Armor and his wife Corinne, dressed especially for the occasion, looked like Fred and Ginger out on the dance floor.

Sgt. 1st Class Paul Smith, B Co., 11th Engineer Bn., spent his first Friday night home from the National Training Center by taking his wife, Birgit to the dancing lessons.

The youngest dancers were four-year-old Daven and her friend, five-year-old Taylor. These little girls spent most of their time running around, and sometimes on the dance floor. However, Daven said she not only did not know how to dance, but she did not want to learn.

The night was fun, and it also served an important purpose as well. While family separations are a part of military life, the Army has learned family morale is a key element in maintaining a unit's combat readiness. That realization has been a major factor in developing programs for families during deployments.

Forget the notion "If the Army wanted you to have a wife, you would have been issued one."

Today's Army recognizes that family members are a significant part of the Army team. The less negative distractions coming from home means soldiers are able to focus on the mission.

As the 2nd BCT continues its rotation in Kuwait, morale boosters for families coping with the separation will continue to be a high priority of the FRG's that make up the Brigade's Combat Team.

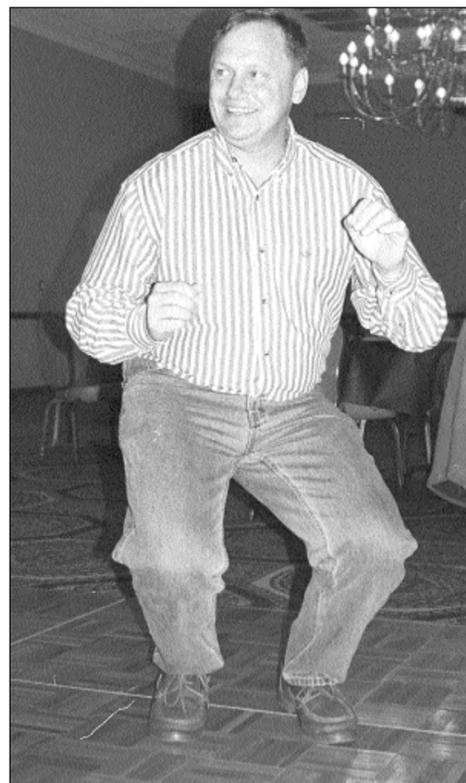
The efforts of these units to help their own has had impact on the quality of life for the brigade.

Future projects, such as the free children's movie to be shown Dec. 15 at 2 p.m. at Woodruff Theater, are open to all of us on Post.



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(Above and Right) Participants move around the dance floor as they give line dancing a try at Club Stewart. The event was held to lift the morale of soldiers and families on post who are scheduled to deploy, or are awaiting the return of a loved one.



## Stewart represented in holiday parades

Jennifer Wingfield

Fort Stewart Public Affairs Office

"Walking in a Winter Onion Land" was the theme for the annual Christmas Parade in Vidalia Saturday.

As chairman of the parade for the first time, Paula-Dees Toole, stated she was glad to have participation from Fort Stewart again this year. Members of Charlie Battery, 1st Battalion, 41st Field Artillery represented the post in the front of the lineup with a color guard.

Other entries included the traditional beauty queens, floats, and marching bands. This parade has been a December staple for Toombs county for more than 30 years, (Left) The C Battery, 1/41 FA color guard carries the colors as "They Walk in a Winter Onion Land" Saturday at the Vidalia Christmas Parade.

according to Toole. "The weather is great and we are just looking to have a grand time."

Later in the crisp, clear evening, the Baxley-Appling County Christmas Parade was also held.

Karen Glenn, executive director for the Chamber of Commerce, said that this year's "Celebration of Lights" consisted of approximately 72 entries which also included church and business entries, middle and high school bands, and beauty queens.

Most of the entries were lit with generators from their vehicles. This parade has been held in evening for about 12 years.

The color guard from Headquarters and Headquarters Service Battery, 1-39th FA was also a part of the light celebration. Dr. Pete Lafuente and his staff along with their children from Appling Pediatrics had one of the many well lit entries.

## Bravo

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particularly enjoys a Latin dance routine in the show. "Performing the arts in a military environment can be challenging," he said. "Those crowds can be tough. That's why I try to give my all to every performance. I want to draw the crowd in and make emotional contact with them, whatever we're doing."

The acting itself can be difficult, according to Bradchulis. "Our show goes through a variety of emotions," said Bradchulis, Vilseck, Germany. "It's a rainbow of colors, so I think the biggest challenge is being able to change [characters] quickly."

"The performing arts is a perfect vehicle to carry the message of hopes, dreams and love," said Tim Higdon, Theatre BRAVO producer for the Army Entertainment program. "We feel that, as a country, we are in a period in which we need to focus on our sense of pride and patriotism and what we cherish about America."

Before leaving for Fort Gordon, Ga., Dec. 4, Theatre Bravo performed to another full house, Dec. 3, at Hunter Army Airfield.



Jennifer Wingfield

# CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

## 'Soldiering ... a matter of the heart'

Chaplain (Maj.) Mark B. Nordstrom  
1st Brigade Combat Team Chaplain

The Veterans mustered again for service Saturday morning, sixty-one years after the infamous dawn attack on Pearl Harbor that thrust the United States into World War II. I spent the morning among them and their families at VFW Post 6602 in Hinesville, Georgia. Veterans from World War II, Korea, Vietnam and Desert Storm reassembled to remember - while I was reminded of the tremendous debt we owe those who have gone before us in the profession of arms.

One of those veterans is Graydon H. Martin, who was an engineer in the 82d Airborne Division. Martin is in a wheelchair now, but that didn't stop him from regaling me with stories of the deer he shot this season. He was proud to invite me to his property near Lake George and talked about the venison to be eaten. I had never met him before but he treated me like a friend. He even told me a story about a chaplain he once knew.

I told him about how proud he would have been of the engineers from the 1st Brigade Combat Team who distinguished themselves during training this October at the National Training Center. They attacked across open ground and tore into obstacles and a trench system — knocking down the walls of the trench with bare hands and rifle butts.

Martin slowed and began to struggle to put something into words. He said though he is older now, he wishes he had enough strength to fight just one more time.

Where do we get guys like this for whom soldiering is first a matter of the heart? He and the others at the VFW have paid their dues in spades. They've secured the freedom of this great country and now deserve their rest but their hearts ache to get back into the fray.

I am reminded of the poem by John Milton, "On His Blindness." Milton reflects on the loss of his eyesight and expresses his deeply felt regret that he would not be able to put his talents to service because of his loss. He then realizes that God would not expect something from him that he could not give and writes, "who best bear His mild yoke serve him best." And in a flash of insight Milton finishes, "They also serve who only stand and wait."

My wife's uncle, Jimmy Patrizio, won a bronze star in a minefield in France while serving with the Third Infantry Division. Though he may want to, he'll never enter another battlefield, and neither will Martin. They and others like them now must bear this burden: to have the heart of a soldier but no longer the strength to serve as one.

God bless you Martin and all the rest of you at the VFW this December 7th. Our prayers are with you. Thank you for your service and thank you for remembering.

## Pet of the Week

**S**nowball, an eight-week-old kitten, is a flourishing fountain of fluffy female feline fun.

If interested in adopting Snowball or any other cat or dog, call 767-4194 or stop by the clinic located at 461 W. Bultman Ave., Building 1180, Fort Stewart, Ga., 31314.



## GOT PET?

Check out the Fort Stewart Vet Clinic. All stray pets found on post are taken to the facility. For more information, call 767-4194.

Find your loved one.



# Worship Opportunities

## Fort Stewart

<u>Catholic</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
Sunday Mass	Victory	9 a.m.
Sunday Mass	Victory	7 p.m.
Weekday Mass	Victory	11:45 a.m.
<b><u>Protestant</u></b>		
Sunday "Protestant Worship"	Marne	11 a.m.
Sunday Gospel Service	Victory	11 a.m.
Sunday Family Friendly	Vale	11 a.m.
Tuesday Healing Service	WACH	11:30 a.m.
<b><u>American Samoan</u></b>		
Sunday Worship	Victory	1 p.m.
<b><u>Muslim</u></b>		
Friday Jum'ah	Bldg. 9182	1:15 p.m.
Masjid (Daily)	Bldg. 9182	5:30 a.m.
<b><u>Seventh Day Adventist</u></b>		
Saturday Sabbath School	Vale	9:15 a.m.
Saturday Divine Worship	Vale	11 a.m.
<b><u>Lutheran</u></b>		
Sunday Worship	Marne	11 a.m.
<b><u>Contemporary Service</u></b>		
Sunday Worship	Marne	6 p.m.

## Hunter Army Airfield

<b><u>Protestant</u></b>		
Sunday Service	Post Chapel	11 a.m.

# Volunteer Spotlight



## June K. Breazeale

June K. Breazeale, a native of Ludowici, is a Red Cross volunteer at Winn Army Community Hospital. She volunteers at the hospitality desk because she "loves to meet and help people."

"Volunteering gives me the opportunity to be useful," Breazeale said.

Breazeale said she spends her free time helping the people who need it.

If you would like more information about becoming an American Red Cross volunteer at Winn, call Brigitte Roberts at 370-6903 or send an email to [Brigitte.Roberts@se.amedd.army.mil](mailto:Brigitte.Roberts@se.amedd.army.mil).



# WOODRUFF THEATER



Dec. 12 - Dec. 18

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

### Red Dragon (R)

Starring: Anthony Hopkins, Edward Norton  
Thursday at 7 p.m.

Former FBI agent Graham is recruited by the agency to help track down a killer who has slaughtered entire families. To do this, he has to work with the imprisoned Lechter. The killer develops an odd relationship with a blind coworker which may help tame his violent ways or stoke the fires even more.

Run time: 125 minutes.

### Ghost Ship (R)

Starring: Gabriel Byrne, Alex Dimitriades  
Friday and Saturday 7 p.m.

In a remote region in the Bering Sea, a boat salvage crew discovers the eerie remains of a grand passenger liner thought lost for more than 40 years. Once aboard, the crew must confront the ship's horrific past and face the ultimate fight for their lives.

Run time: 94 minutes

### The Grinch (PG) Free admission

Sunday at 2 p.m.

A holiday classic to help bring in the cheer.

### Formula 51 (R)

Starring: Samuel L. Jackson, Robert Carlyle  
Sunday and Monday at 7 p.m.

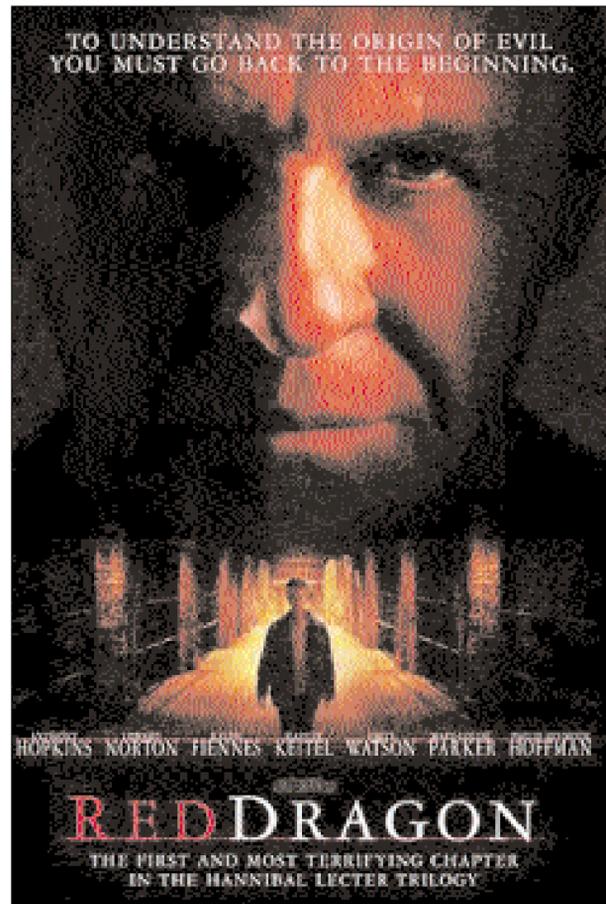
Elmo and his blue magic formula has sparked a gold rush. Everyone wants a piece

Run time: 125 minutes.

### Tuck Everlasting (PG)

Starring: Alexis Bledel, Ben Kingsley  
Tuesday and Wednesday at 7 p.m.

When Winnie is lost in the woods near her home, she



happens upon Jesse, a boy unlike any she's met before. His family holds a powerful secret. Winnie must decide weather

Run time: 90 minutes

## Birth announcements

24 November 2002

**Isaiah Jovan Garza**, a boy, 8 pounds, 13 ounces, born to Pvt. Irvin Javier Garza and Davina Amber Garza.

**Kaitlyn Michelle Anthony**, a girl, 6 pounds, 10 ounces, born to Spc. Jeremy T. Anthony and Shannon N. Anthony.

25 November 2002

**Taylor Shayne Smith**, a boy, 5 pounds, 8 ounces, born to Spc. Bennie M. Smith and Ulanda K. Smith.

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