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## NEWSVIEWS



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### Captain on track at Olympic Games

Oregon National Guard Capt. Dan Browne, 29, of Portland, Ore., will be running in the 10,000 meter event on Aug. 20 and in the marathon, the final competitive event of the Olympic Games, Aug. 29. Browne, is just one of twenty-four military competitors on Team USA in the Summer Olympic Games at Athens, Greece, today through Aug. 29. See page 13 for the story.

### Human Resource Command seeks Soldier feedback

The Army's Human Resources Command, St. Louis (HRC-STL) is requesting feedback from you - the commander and Soldier in the field - on how they are doing in providing support and services to you. Please take 3-5 minutes and complete the on-line (separate) surveys targeting Commanders (all levels) and Soldiers (all ranks). All input will be kept anonymous, with results provided to the HRC-STL Commander, and highlights posted to the HRC-STL Web Site at a future date. Survey Link: <https://www.2xcitizen.usar.army.mil/survey/> (AKO login is required).

### Team Dix Day will hit the beach on August 19

The John F. Mann, Jr. Recreational park behind the bowling center will be filled with food and fun on Thursday, August 19 from 11:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Beach party for Team, Dix Day will include entertainment, prizes and plenty of food. The go-carts, batting cages and mini-golf will be open for everyone to enjoy. For details on the annual event, see article on page 9.

## Weather

**FRIDAY -- Rain and thunderstorms, cooler with high of 78 and low of 66 degrees.**

**SATURDAY -- Showers, high of 80 and low of 63.**

**SUNDAY -- Scattered thunderstorms, daytime high of 79 degrees and low of 63.**

**MONDAY -- Partly cloudy, 82-degree high and overnight low of 63.**

# Johnson new IMA leader

Richard M. Arndt  
Fort Belvoir Eagle

FORT BELVOIR, Va. (Army News Service, Aug. 9, 2004) -- The mantle of leadership of the Army's Installation Management Agency passed from Maj. Gen. Anders B. Aadland to Maj. Gen. Ronald L. Johnson in a ceremony held on the steps of Fort Belvoir's Post Headquarters Monday.

Presiding over the ceremony, Maj. Gen. Larry J. Lust, the Army's chief of staff for installation management, took part in the transfer of the IMA colors from Aadland, who retires after 35 years of service, to Johnson.

Aadland was IMA's first director. The agency was created on Oct. 1, 2002 in order to provide effective, standardized management of Army installations worldwide to better support the Army's Soldiers, civilians, and family members.

Building an organization from the ground up has its advantages and disadvantages, Lust told the assembled crowd of more than 200.

"On the plus side, you have a blank piece of paper," Lust said, adding that when creating IMA, that meant there were fewer historical impediments to defining the agency's mission and scope.

"On the minus side, you have a blank piece of paper" Lust said, referring to the fact that Aadland and his staff had no foundation upon which to build.

Aadland and his staff had to lay that foundation themselves, leaving a solid surface upon which others, like incoming director Johnson, can build.

Lust welcomed Johnson to his new



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**IN TUNE -- Incoming IMA Director Maj. Gen. Ronald L. Johnson, Army Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management Maj. Gen. Larry J. Lust, and outgoing IMA Director Maj. Gen. Anders B. Aadland (l to r) sing the Engineer Song during the IMA change of leadership ceremony on the steps of Fort Belvoir's Post headquarters.**

post, describing him as "the right Soldier at the right time for IMA."

Aadland also congratulated Johnson on his new position, and thanked the members of the IMA team.

"The team you lead is unbeatable," Aadland told Johnson during his remarks. "They are proven leaders, Soldiers, civilians and contractors. Every person in IMA goes to work each day

knowing that their contribution is vital to the success of our war fighting units."

The ceremony also honored Aadland on his retirement after 35 years of service. Speaking to the crowd of his retirement, Aadland choked back tears.

"I've come to realize," he said, "that you can take the Soldier out of the Army, but you can't take the Army out

of the Soldier."

Johnson told the crowd that he is honored by the responsibility of leading "the only organization in the United States Army that positively affects the quality of life of Soldiers and family members, wherever in the Army they are."

Upon his retirement, Aadland was awarded the Army's Distinguished Service Medal.

Aadland's other awards include the Legion of Merit with three oak leaf clusters, the Meritorious Service Medal with seven oak leaf clusters and the Army Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters. Aadland's wife Sandra; daughters Kolleen and Kristen; son, 1st Lt. Erik Aadland; and granddaughter Sydney all attended the ceremony.

As incoming IMA director, Johnson assumes responsibility for the management and day-to-day operation of 184 Army installations.

He leads 78,000 military and civilian personnel and is charged with managing a budget exceeding \$8 billion.

As IMA director, Johnson is tasked with continuing the work begun under the Transformation of Installation Management initiative, the Army's most comprehensive reorganization in the past three decades.

Johnson will lead IMA as a key component of Army transformation, overseeing the management of Army installations worldwide.

Johnson comes to IMA from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, where he most recently served as commander of the Gulf Region Division and U.S. deputy to the Program Management Office, Coalition Provisional Authority

# Warfighter teaches staff skills

Sgt. 1st Class David Moore  
29th ID(L) FAO

Soldiers of the National Guard's 28th and 29th Infantry Divisions gained some hard learned lessons while fighting Ariana forces on computers at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, during Annual Warfighter Training.

On one side of the training field at the Battle Command Training Center (BCTC), about 1,200 Soldiers of the 28th Infantry Division conducted their Warfighter exercise along side the 42nd Infantry and the 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment, which were staffed by Soldiers from various other units for the exercise war.

The goal: Restore international borders of Atropia and stamp out Ariana military aggression using joint and

coalition force doctrine. Overall, there were 2,400 military and civilian contractor personnel in one area to make war.

On the other side of the digital playing field, 29th ID light fighters were serving as X Corps element overseeing the 28th infantry on the battlefield, Maj. Gen. Daniel E. Long, the 29th's commanding general, served as a deputy corps commander, and First Army's commanding general, Lt. Gen. Russel L. Honor, served as corps commander.

"This Warfighter gives the commanding general the opportunity to see how his staff operates between the division staff," Sgt. 1st Class Donald Williams, of the 29th ID operations section, which is the focal point for all information about movement and

action on the battlefield. Williams said while many Soldiers can operate at a battalion level for warfighter, the experience at the division and then the corps level becomes more complicated.

"Instead of operating at the division level and putting information into corps now you're responsible for three or more divisions," Williams said. "You now have a better understanding of the vastness of a battlefield and what the Soldiers are doing higher up in the chain of command."

As Soldiers would move forces across the digital battlefields through long stressful days, U.S. army commanders of all these forces continually review with their staff the latest progress on the battlefield. If a friendly division unit was destroyed digitally,

new forces were moved to the battalion, administrative, logistically, and provided with the latest information through military intelligence.

During this year's warfighter, Col. Kenneth Smith, the 29th's chief of staff, was heard more than once, say "Folks, you have to remember when we're at corps, we have to know about all of our assets on the battlefield, so just don't throw all your attention toward one division."

The BCTC supports corps, division, brigade commanders, and most recently battalion commanders to digitally exercise through simulation all of the military's battle operating systems. As a result, Army National Guard leaders and respective staffs are trained, ready and prepared to be integrated in the

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## Make sure your absentee vote counts this year

Are you voting absentee in this year's elections? Here are nine things you can do to ensure your absentee ballot is counted:

1. Contact your unit voting assistance officer or NCO for help in absentee registration and voting.
2. Ensure you have applied for your absentee ballot using the hard copy or on-line versions of the Federal Post Card Application.
3. Make sure your local election official has your current mailing address.
4. Sign and date all election material.
5. Fulfill your state's witness / notary requirements (if required).
6. Ensure your ballot or FPCA is postmarked.
7. Register to vote and request your ballot in a timely manner, not later than September 3rd.
8. Mail your ballot not later than October 15.
9. Use the federal write in absentee ballot if you are overseas and your state absentee ballot does not arrive in time to be mailed back by the state's deadline.

For more information, visit the Federal Voting Assistance Program's web site: [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov).

Assistance with voting is available at Customer Assistance in building 5418, MacDonald Hall, in room 113, the same location for vehicle registration.

# Aviators touch down for convoy live-fire training

Staff Sgt. Andrew H. Scott  
Fort Dix FAO

Sounds of gravel and sand crunched beneath the boots of troops as they jogged toward their vehicles, dark goggles attached to their helmets,

carrying weapons, wearing body armor and Load-Bearing Vests (LBV). "Load'em up, move'em out!"

Soldiers of Delta Co., 8/229th Aviation Battalion from Fort Knox, Ky., and Delta Co., 735th CS Bn., Mo., mounted their vehicles for a Convoy Live Fire exercise at Fort Dix last week. "This is

a four-day course, and today we will be ambushed and hit with mortar fire," said 1st Sgt. Stephen Lynch of the 8/229th, a Vietnam and Desert Storm veteran. "The whole exercise has been good. I'm going over to Iraq soon, and this is the type of training that could save lives," stated Lynch. "I have the best company in the United States Army! They're my Soldiers and I'm going to take care of them," he added before climbing up into his truck.

"The intent is not to run out of ammunition when you're being ambushed," expressed Master Sgt. Christopher Becker, 3551st Infantry Battalion, observer control (OC) Orlando, FL, as he gave instructions to Soldiers riding inside the humvee to fire short burst, count two seconds, alternate their shooting from the Soldier seated in the front seat, to the Soldier seated in the rear seat, and then repeat the firing rotation again.

"I'm accustomed to firing my weapon on a range that's stationary. Shooting in a moving vehicle is difficult," said humvee gunner Spc. Bradley Felps of the 735th, after engaging targets on the convoy live-fire course. "I couldn't get my rounds down range low enough. But I'll make it happen on my next run," continued Felps.

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Staff Sgt. A. H. Scott

**HIT THE ROAD -- Delta Co., 735th CS Bn., Soldiers face outboard ready to fire their weapons during convoy live fire training at Fort Dix.**

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# the mind field

## War cartoons helped beat Axis, now face deadliest foe

Sgt. Shawn Morris  
Fort Dix PAO

Animation and ammunition have little in common — but during World War II, the former became the latter as cartoons were used to educate, entertain and enliven American Soldiers on the battlefield, and American civilians on the home front.

As millions of Americans packed theaters to get the latest war information in news reels or, conversely, to take a break from the realities of war, cartoon shorts offered moviegoers something as valuable as gold in those turbulent times — a chance to laugh.

Warner Bros., already famous for its *Looney Tunes* and *Merry Melodies*, found time to produce many wartime cartoons, which often featured Bugs Bunny, Daffy Duck, Porky Pig, and other well-known characters. Although dealing with serious material, these shorts managed to conjure up the usual Warner Bros. brand of wacky and irreverent humor.

In *Draftee Daffy* (1945), for instance, Daffy Duck tries in vain to avoid receiving his draft notice from the "little man on the Draft Board." Basic training must have really turned Daffy around, because in *Duffy the Commando* (1943), he single-handedly takes out a Nazi stronghold, and even gets to whack Adolf Hitler in the head with a mallet.

Bugs Bunny, not to be outdone by his fowl friend, takes on Nazi leader Hermann Goering in *Herr Meets Hare* (1945), and does battle with a gremlin — a creature in World War II lore said to sabotage airplanes — in *Falling Hare* (1945).

Other notable Warner Bros. efforts that didn't include any of the studio's well-known characters are *Fifth-Column Mouse* (1943), in which a group of mice learn the hard way that appeasement will only work for so long before the cat gets hungry, and *Russian Rhapsody* (1944), a musical of sorts that shows Hitler — who has decided to personally bomb Moscow — being thwarted by a group of "gremlins from the Kremlin."

Of course, Warner Bros. wasn't the only animation studio to jump on the wartime bandwagon. Although Walt Disney Studios saw one-third of its animators leave for the battlefield, its production continued, nearly all the work coming in the form of military and government contracts.

For instance, animation from *The Three Little Pigs* (1933) and *Snow White* (1937) was modified

for cartoons encouraging war-bond buying in Canada. Minnie Mouse and Pluto learned the strategic value of cooking fat in *Out of the Frying Pan and Into the Firing Line* (1942). Shorts on healthy eating, cleanliness and mosquito protection were produced for the Office of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs. Training films were also produced on everything from anti-tank procedures to various methods of flush riveting.

Disney's most ambitious effort, and probably the most ambitious effort of any animation studio during the war, was a 65-minute feature entitled *Victory Through Air Power* (1943). This film combined live action and animation to make the argument that the United States had to incorporate heavily-armed, long-range bombers into its air force in order to beat the Japanese. The feature takes its name and subject matter from the 1942 book by Russian expatriate Maj. Alexander P. de Seversky.

Not all of Disney's wartime cartoons were educational, however. Some were just plain fun, like *Donald Gets Drafted* (1942), the first in a series of shorts detailing Donald Duck's endless battles with "Sarge." Another short entitled *Der*

*AMERICAN PRESS*  
*MUSSOLINI IN SCRAP HEAVEN*  
*NOW LETS JUNK HITLER DAF*

**METAL WINNER** — Daffy Duck played his role as an air warden protecting a scrap yard to the hilt in Warner Bros. "Scrap Happy Daffy" (1943).

*Fuehrer's Face* (1942) depicted Donald as a miserable and oppressed German factory worker who wakes from his nightmare to discover that he is actually a happy, freedom-loving American.

The remainder of Disney's wartime contributions could best be described as propaganda films. *Education for Death* (1943), for example, follows a young German boy from birth to his untimely end — according to the film — inevitable death on the battlefield. The 10-minute short highlights the horrors of the Nazi regime, including a list of banned (Jewish) names for newborns, the "disappearance" of unfit or unhealthy children, the ridicule endured by youths who

did not buy into the party line, and the final mindless obedience of the adult Nazi Soldier.

This film featured realistic animation, dark imagery and foreboding music, cues often used by Disney in its animated features to introduce the evil villain or villainess. Another studio used these same techniques in its wartime animated series, but in a decidedly more heroic vein.

In 1941, Paramount-Fleischer Studios premiered its *Superman* series. The Man of Steel was only three years old at the time, having first appeared in the 1938 premier issue of *Action Comics*. Although early entries in the series show Superman fighting enemies such as mad scientists, an unearthed dinosaur and an overgrown circus gorilla, later episodes pitted the Last Son of Krypton against a far more dangerous foe: the Axis powers.

In one of these episodes, *Jungle Drums* (1943), Superman has to save Lois Lane from Nazi-controlled Africans who plan to burn her at the stake. In *The Eleventh Hour* (1942), our hero lets the Japanese know that their reign in the Pacific is nearing its end as he carries out nightly acts of sabotage on the Japanese mainland. And in the series finale, *Secret Agent* (1943), Superman thwarts Nazi spies who have infiltrated the United States, then pines for a 117-year-old, friendly dou-

ble-agent to Washington, D.C. As he flies away from the capital, he gives the Stars and Stripes a long, heart-felt salute.

While all these cartoons were thrilling audiences in American theaters, others were being used to train and entertain Soldiers in theaters of operation in Europe and the Pacific.

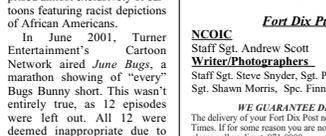
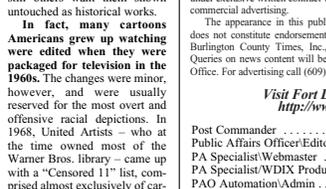
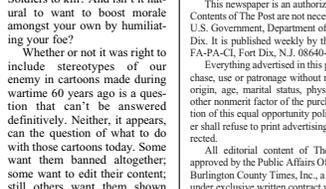
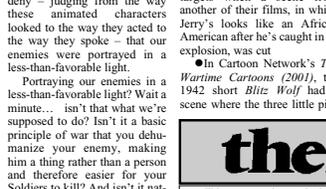
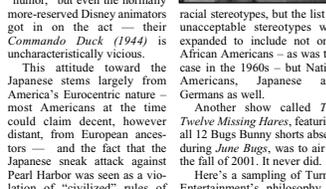
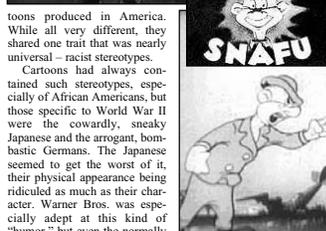
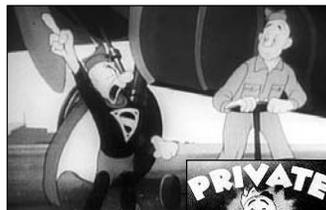
The most well-preserved example of this type of cartoon is *Private Snafu*, a series of 28 shorts produced for the Army from 1943-1945, featuring the title character in various situations designed primarily to teach Soldiers. The episodes followed an effective formula: *Snafu would usually do the wrong thing, get himself into all kinds of trouble, and finally learn the error of his ways by the end of the film. In the process, the Soldiers learned, too.*

For example, in *Spies* (1943), *Snafu's* "loose lips" literally sink ships as the private violates every OPSEC rule in the book. *Fighting Tools* (1943) illustrates the importance of weapons maintenance when *Snafu*, whose rifle shoots mud instead of bullets, is unable to fend off a determined Nazi intruder. And in *Snafuperman* (1944), *Snafu* learns that map reading and other technical skills are just as important to effective war fighting as brute strength and bravado.

*Snafu* — and the American G.I. — also learned the importance of keeping his gas mask with him at all times, how to effectively camouflage himself and his equipment, how to properly invest his pay, the deadly results of not taking precautions against malaria-carrying mosquitoes, and the need to avoid all kinds of booby traps (especially the female kind).

The production of these shorts was contracted out to an animation studio, with the majority of the work going to Warner Bros. Industry legends such as Chuck Jones, Fritze Freleng and Bob Clampett worked on these films as did *The Simpsons* creator, Matt Groening, who would one day be known as Dr. Seuss.

The preceding gives a sampling of the many wartime cartoons produced in America. While all very different, they shared one trait that was nearly universal — racist stereotypes. Cartoons had always contained such stereotypes, especially of African Americans, but those specific to World War II were the cowardly, sneaky Japanese and the arrogant, bombastic Germans. The Japanese seemed to get the worst of it, their physical appearance being ridiculed as much as their character. Warner Bros. was especially adept at this kind of "humor," but even the normally more-reserved Disney animators got in on the act — their *Commando Duck* (1944) is uncharacteristically vicious.



**SITUATION NORMAL: ALL FOULED UP** — The "Private Snafu" series was created for the Army by Warner Bros. from 1943 to 1945 for use as training aids for Soldiers. The series' 28 shorts, like "Snafuperman" (1944), left, taught Soldiers what NOT to do through the misguided actions of Private Snafu.

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This attitude toward the Japanese stems largely from America's Eurocentric nature — most Americans at the time could claim decent, however distant, from European ancestors — and the fact that the Japanese sneak attack against Pearl Harbor was seen as a violation of "civilized" rules of

European-style warfare. In other words, the enormous cultural divide between the United States and Japan made it easy and acceptable for Americans to vilify and hate these truly foreign invaders.

Motives aside, it's hard to deny — judging from the way these animated characters looked to the way they acted to the way they spoke — that our enemies were portrayed in a less-than-favorable light.

Portraying our enemies in a less-than-favorable light? Wait a minute... isn't that what we're supposed to do? Isn't it a basic principle of war that you dehumanize your enemy, making him a thing rather than a person and therefore easier for your Soldiers to kill? And isn't it natural to want to boost morale amongst your own by humiliating your foe?

Whether or not it was right to include stereotypes of our enemy in cartoons made during wartime 60 years ago is a question that can't be answered definitively. Neither, it appears, can the question of what to do with those cartoons today. Some want them banned altogether; still others want them shown untouched as historical works.

In fact, many cartoons Americans grew up watching were edited when they were packaged for television in the 1960s. The changes were minor, however, and were usually reserved for the most overt and offensive racial depictions. In 1968, United Artists — who at the time owned most of the Warner Bros. library — came up with a "Censored 11" list, comprised almost exclusively of cartoons featuring racist depictions of African Americans.

In June 2001, Turner Entertainment's Cartoon Network aired *June Bugs*, a misquoting of war that you dehumanize your enemy, making him a thing rather than a person and therefore easier for your Soldiers to kill? And isn't it natural to want to boost morale amongst your own by humiliating your foe?

Another Tom and Jerry cartoon, *Little Runaway* had a scene cut that showed Tom getting hit in the face with a trash can lid, giving him a "Chinese" appearance.

Another Tom and Jerry short had a scene cut where Tom dressed like a Native American.

Tom and Jerry were again targets when a scene from another of their films, in which Jerry looks like an African American after he's caught in an explosion, was cut.

In Cartoon Network's *The Wartime Cartoons* (2001), the 1942 short *Blitz Wolf* had a scene where the three little pigs



**RUN AFWOL** — Daffy Duck made trouble for Nazi commander Von Vulture and his sidekick Schultz in Warner Bros. "Duffy the Commando" (1943).



**TRUTH, JUSTICE, AND THE AMERICAN WAY** — *Superman* fought the Axis powers in several episodes of the Fleischer Studios' "Superman" series, which ran from 1941-1943 and set standards in artwork, animation and production rarely matched to this today.

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# Knowledge equals power in thwarting sexual predators

The recent daylight abduction and murder of a 77-year-old woman whose body was found last week in Oklahoma, and of an 11-year-old girl in Sarasota, FL, have caused heightened fear among women across the country. But fear will only make a bad situation worse; keeping your wits about you and remembering some simple strategies could make all the difference.

● **Tip from Tae Kwon Do:** The elbow is the strongest point on your body. If you are close enough to use it, do so!

● **If a robber asks for your wallet and/or purse, DO NOT HAND IT TO HIM.** Toss it away from you, since chances are that he is more interested in your wallet or purse than you. Then, when he goes to retrieve it, **RUN LIKE MAD IN THE OTHER DIRECTION!**

● **If you are ever thrown into the trunk of a car, kick out the back tail lights, stick your arm out the hole and start waving like crazy.** The driver won't see you, but everybody else will. This has saved lives.

● **Women have a tendency to get into their cars after shopping, eating, working, etc., and just sit (doing their checkbook, making a list, etc.) DON'T DO THIS!** The predator will be watching you, and this is the perfect opportunity for him to get in on the passenger side, put a gun to your head, and tell you where to go. **AS SOON AS YOU GET INTO YOUR CAR, LOCK THE**

## DOORS AND LEAVE.

● **A few notes about getting into your car in a parking lot or parking garage:**

- Be aware: Look around you, look into your car, at the passenger side floor, and in the back seat.

- If you are parked next to a big van, enter your car from the passenger door. Most serial killers attack their victims by pulling them into their vans while the women are attempting to get into their cars.

● **Look at the car parked on the driver's side of your vehicle, and the passenger side.** If a male is sitting alone in the seat nearest your car, you may want to walk back into the mall, or work, and get a guard or policeman to walk you back out. **IT IS ALWAYS BETTER TO BE SAFE THAN SORRY.**

● **ALWAYS take the elevator instead of the stairs.** (Stairwells are horrible places to be alone in and the perfect crime spot.) This is especially true at NIGHT!

● **If the predator has a gun and you are not under his control, ALWAYS RUN!** The predator will only hit you (a running target) four out of 100 times, and even then, it most likely WILL NOT be a vital organ. RUN, preferably in a zig-zag pattern!

● **As women, we are always trying to be sympathetic: STOP.** It may get you raped or killed. Serial killer Ted Bundy was a good-looking, well-educated man, who ALWAYS played on the sympathies of

unsuspecting women. He walked with a cane, or a limp, and often asked "for help" into his vehicle or with his vehicle, which is when he abducted his next victim.

● **A woman heard a crying baby on her porch the night before last, and she called the police because it was late and she thought it was weird.** The police told her, "Whatever you do, DO NOT open the door."

The lady then said that it sounded like the baby had crawled near a window, and she was worried that it would crawl to the street and get run over. The policeman said, "We already have a unit on the way, whatever you do, DO NOT open the door." He told her that they think a serial killer has a baby's cry recorded and uses it to coax women out of their homes thinking that someone dropped off a baby. He said they have not verified it, but have had several calls by women saying that they hear baby's cries outside their doors when they're home alone at night.

The moral of this story is: **DO NOT open the door for a crying baby.** The crying baby theory was mentioned on America's Most Wanted when they profiled the serial killer in Louisiana.

● **Possibly the most important tip of all: Use common sense and never be afraid to look "stupid" by being cautious.** It may save your life.

# Convoy live-fire training

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"My job is not to evaluate the units, but help them conduct a safe exercise. The units first do a dry run. Then go out again and shoot blanks. And their final run is the real deal with live ammo," explained Maj. Arthur Stone of the 3351st, an active-duty resident trainer, convoy live-fire committee chief and OC from Orlando, FL.

"When each team completes their convoy live-fire exercise, they conduct an After Action Report (AAR) in the classroom with their OC," continued Stone.

"The 8/229th Avn. Bn. did well on their convoy live-fire exercise. They were motivated throughout the whole process," echoed Capt. Angel Mesa of the 3351st, an OC veteran of one year out of Miami, FL. "We help train units to fire their weapons

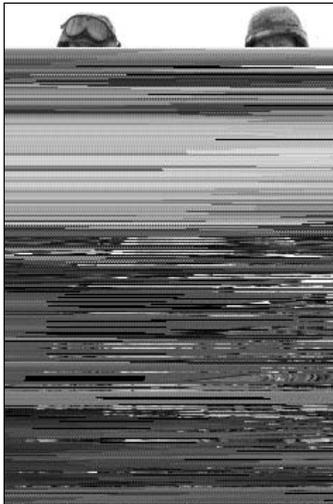
at the twelve o'clock position, facing outboard, seat belts strapped across their laps, while bouncing in a moving vehicle with empty magazines hitting the floor of the vehicle," said Mesa.

As the sun slowly declined over the horizon, and a cool gentle breeze blew across the sand, the Soldiers of the 735th and 8/229th completed their convoy live fire exercise for the day.

Their next stop is Iraq.

"My family is very supportive, and they will miss me when I go to Iraq, but I'm with an excellent group of Soldiers," said Spc. Jason Hayes from the 8/229th.

"This is good training. I'm a little nervous, but I'm ready," concluded Sgt. John Brown, a four-year Army veteran of the 8/229th.



Staff Sgt. A.H. Scott  
**LIVE LESSON** — Soldiers of Delta Co., 8/229th Aviation Bn. from Fort Knox, Ky., above, and Delta Co., 735th CS Bn., Mo., left, participated in a "Convoy Live Fire" exercise at Fort Dix last week. First Sgt. Stephen Lynch, a Vietnam and Desert Storm vet, above, leads his Soldiers during the exercise. "They're my Soldiers and I'm going to take care of them," said Lynch.

# Police Log

Police Log is a weekly synopsis of significant police activities developed from reports, complaints, incidents or information received and actions taken, for the week of 2 - 8 Aug 04.

The abbreviation DoD stands for Department of Defense; NAFD means Not Affiliated with Fort Dix (the subject doesn't live or work here); NCIC stands for National Crime Information Center; DWI means Driving While Intoxicated; CDS means Controlled Drug Substance; POV means Privately Owned Vehicle; AHCC stands for Ambulatory Health Care Clinic (McGuire AFB); VMHBC stands for Virtua Memorial Hospital of Burlington County; CP# stands for Checkpoint Number.

● Police were notified by Washington Township Police of an Army SPC assigned to Fort Dix arrested and charged with aggravated assault, simple assault, and domestic violence following an incident that occurred in their Township. Investigation continues.

● An Army NCO assigned to Fort Dix reported that person(s) unknown damaged his vehicle while it was parked and unattended in the parking lot adjacent building # 5401. Damage consisted of a cracked left taillight. Investigation continues.

● A civilian, NAFD, reported that he damaged his vehicle and a parked and unattended POV while attempting to park next to it. Damage to the parked vehicle consisted of the left front side bumper dented and scraped. The subject's vehicle sustained a dented right fender and hood, and broken right headlight assembly and cracked grill.

● An Airman assigned to McGuire AFB was charged with disorderly conduct after refusing to obey instruction given by Security Force personnel at CP#1. The subject was taken into custody after Police arrived on scene and he still refused to comply.

● A Fort Dix employee was charged with failure to yield following a motor vehicle accident that occurred at the intersection of 4th Street and New Jersey Avenue. The operator of the struck vehicle was transported to VMHBC for treatment of a neck injury. Both vehicles were towed from the scene.

● An Army SPC assigned to Fort Dix was charged with unregistered motor vehicle and uninsured motor vehicle following a vehicle check at CP#7. The subject's vehicle was towed to the impound lot.

● An Air Force NCO assigned to McGuire AFB was charged with driving while registration suspended/revoked following a vehicle check at CP#5. The subject's vehicle was impounded.

● Police responded when notified of an explosive device detonated in the field area behind the Motor Pool in the 4400 area. Investigation revealed the device was an Artillery simulator and no damage to property or personnel was reported. The NCO responsible for the detonation was released to his chain of command.

● A civilian, NAFD, was charged with possession of CDS (marijuana), driving while license suspended/revoked and unregistered motor vehicle following a vehicle check on Pointville Road. The subject's vehicle was impounded. Investigation continues.

● A civilian, NAFD, was charged with driving while license suspended, and outstanding warrant (failure to appear) following a vehicle check at CP#3. The subject was transported to the Police Station, cited, then transported and released to Moorestown Police.

● A civilian, NAFD, was charged with unregistered motor vehicle and uninsured motor vehicle after a traffic stop was initiated on Pointville Road. The subject's vehicle was impounded.

● A Fort Dix employee reported that person(s) unknown removed a 27" color television from a wall mount in the dayroom in building #5501 on Alabama Avenue. Investigation continues.

● An Army PFC, NAFD, surrendered to Police as being Absent Without Leave (AWOL) from his unit. The subject's status was verified and arrangements made for his return to duty.

● A civilian, NAFD, was charged with unregistered motor vehicle, and uninsured motor vehicle following a vehicle check at CP#7. The subject's vehicle was impounded.

● A civilian, NAFD, was charged with giving false information to law enforcement officer and driving while license suspended/revoked following a vehicle check at CP#1.

● An Army PFC reported that person(s) unknown removed his ATM card and military ID from his unsecured locker at the Doughboy Indoor Pool.

● A civilian, NAFD, was charged with unregistered motor vehicle and uninsured motor vehicle following a vehicle check conducted at CP#3. The subject's vehicle was impounded.

● A civilian, NAFD, was charged with unregistered vehicle and uninsured motor vehicle after being observed operating his vehicle displaying an expired sticker. The subject's vehicle was impounded.

● A civilian, NAFD, was charged with DWI, refusal to submit to Breathalyzer Test, reckless driving, illumination of interior light, failure to signal turn, and underage driver with BAC 0.01% to 0.09%; following a traffic stop initiated on Cookstown Road. The subject's vehicle was impounded.

● A civilian employee at Fort Dix reported that person(s) unknown removed the right turn signal from his vehicle while it was parked and secured in the lot adjacent building #5610.

● Police and Fire/Emergency personnel responded when notified of a white powder substance observed on the roof of the New Lisbon Station. Investigation revealed the substance was lime. No further action was required.

● Police responded when notified of a commercial bus that had gotten stuck in sand on Range Road adjacent Tactical Training area #11A. A towing service was contacted and the bus was removed without further incident.

● An Army NCO, NAFD, reported that person(s) unknown removed a vacuum pump from a sealed box in building #6736. Investigation continues.

● Police responded when notified of a civilian, NAFD, acting in a suspicious nature on a NJ Transit bus. The subject was questioned and his identification and other documents verified. The subject was released and the bus allowed to proceed with no further incident.

● A civilian, NAFD, was charged with speeding (70/45 MPH) following a traffic stop initiated on Cookstown Road.

● There were 44 expired identification cards and 3 DoD Decals confiscated during the period.

● There were 29 Magistrate Court Citations issued for moving violations. DWI incidents total 16 for the year.

## Who said that?

Last week's quote was:

**"It is useless for the sheep to pass resolutions in favor of vegetarianism while the wolf remains of a different opinion."**

by **William Ralph Inge (1860 - 1954)**  
English clergyman and writer

This week's quote is:

**"When you want to fool the world, tell the truth."**

Who said that? Find the answer in next week's Post.

# Announcements



**Movie Schedule**  
at the McGuire AFB Theatre  
Movie Hotline 754-5139

**Friday, Aug. 13 @ 7:30 p.m.**

**Spider-Man 2 - Tobey Maguire, Kirsten Dunst, Peter Parker, aka Spider-Man**, finds he has a new adversary in mad scientist Doctor Octopus (Alfred Molina) whose mechanical arms are a weapon to be reckoned with. Meanwhile, Mary Jane looks for romance with the son of Peter's boss. **MFAA Rating: PG-13**, 128 min.

**Saturday, Aug. 14 @ 7:30 p.m.**

**Sleepover - Alexa Vega, Mike Boorem** - In the summer before their freshman year of high school, four friends have a slumber party at Julie's (Alexa Vega) house - which turns into quite an adventure. To prove they can be cool, the friends undertake an all-night scavenger hunt against the "popular girls," which leads to sneaking into clubs, hijacking dad's car, and even experiencing first kisses. But can they keep Julie's mom from finding out? **MFAA Rating: PG**, 90 min.

## Main Chapel

562-5791/562-2020  
**Sunday services**

Protestant at 9 a.m.

Catholic Mass at 10:15 a.m. Gospel at 11:30 a.m.

Catholic CCD is held at 9:15 a.m.

**NOTICE:** CCD will begin on Sunday, Sept. 26 and run from 9:15 to 10 a.m. Please register your children as soon as possible with Hilde Dreyer, room 18.  
**ALSO:** Sunday School will begin on Sunday, Sept. 19 and run from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. Please register your children as soon as possible with David Deas, room 21.

Protestant-Gospel Sunday School at 10:15 a.m.

## Religious Services

**Islamic Prayer Services**  
held at noon on Monday through Thursday-Room 24

**Adult Bible Study**  
Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

**Catholic Adult Bible Study** - Sundays at 11:30 a.m.  
**Christian Women of the Chapel**  
hold a Bible Study - Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. to noon

**Jewish Services**  
Shabbat held every first and third Friday evening at 6 p.m. followed by KIDDUSH Fellowship

**Chapel 5** (Bldg. 5950)  
562-4847

Memorial Prayer Service for Our Soldiers  
5:45 p.m. each Sunday

Computer Room: Mon. - Fri.  
9 a.m. - noon / 2-4 and 5-8 p.m.

Infant Baptism and Lutheran Confirmation  
Instruction by appointment

Marriage Enrichment Seminars (PREP)  
Bible Study & Prayer, Professional Development,  
Briefing and Meeting Rooms available

**Wiccan group meets at McGuire**  
The Wiccan study group will meet the 1st

Thursday of each month at McGuire Library conference room from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Call Master Sgt. William Oram at oramw@yahoo.com.

## Organizations

### Officers' and NCO Call night moved

The Officers' and NCO Call has been moved from Wednesdays to Thursdays at 6 p.m. All officers and NCO's on post are invited to attend at Club Dix ballroom.

### New AAFES center now open

The new facility, located in bldg. 5512 on Texas Avenue, features a barber shop, laundry/dry cleaners and a shoe repair drop-off/pick-up service. Hours for the facilities are Monday through Friday, 3 to 9 p.m., and Saturday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### Toastmasters International

The McGuire Achievers Club 3111 of Toastmasters International meets the first and third Wednesday of each month at 11 a.m. in the McGuire AFB Enlisted Club. Attendees will learn how to become better speakers, listeners, evaluators, organizers and leaders. Call 754-6965 for more details.

### Civil Air Patrol membership

The Major Thomas B. McGuire Jr. Composite Squadron is looking for members. The Civil Air Patrol (CAP) is the all-volunteer official auxiliary of the Air Force, chartered by congress with units around the world.

The McGuire Composite Squadron offers Aerospace Education, Cadet Programs and Emergency Services. Membership is open to youth ages 13 through 18 (cadets) and adults ages 18 and above. If interested in membership, call 754-7297 or Michael.Fultz@mcguire.af.mil.

### Fort Dix Boy and Cub Scouts

Are you interested in rock climbing, canoeing, white water rafting, camping or just making new friends, come join us Pack or Troop 34 to learn Scout skills and have fun. Contact Mark or Chris Visconti at 723-2086.

**Saturday, Aug. 14**

**YARD SALES**

**123 W. 8th St.**

Any resident in housing must register for a Yard Sale permit at the Youth Center at 1279 Locust Street. The permit cost \$5.00 and are free to members of Club Dix or the Fountain Green Golf Course. The permit must be posted outside your quarters, but no other signs may be placed in housing area. Call 562-5061 for more information. **Next Yard Sale is August 28, deadline to register is Aug. 20**

# MOBILIZATION

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### Post Shuttle Bus 562-5888

Is available from 7 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. seven days a week. During the day Start Tour busses are used, evening the military Bluebird busses are run. Just call 562-5888 to be picked-up and taken to any facility on post. Availability can be limited due to other transportation missions.

### Outdoor Recreation 562-6667

Equipment for rent includes skis, canoes, flat bottom boats, canopies of various sizes, tents, tables, chairs and more.

Monday to Friday 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Saturday & Sunday 9 a.m. - 12-noon  
Bldg. 6045 Doughboy Loop

### Dix Shoppette/Class Six/ Gas Station

723-0914  
Bldg. 5359, Texas Ave.  
Monday to Friday - 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.  
Weekends - 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

### Dix/McGuire BX/PX & Mall

723-6100  
Monday to Saturday - 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
Sunday - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

### Burger King 723-8937

Bldg. 5399, Texas Ave.  
Monday to Saturday 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
Sunday 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

### Tri-Service Military Clothing Store / Alteration Shop

723-2307  
Bldg. 5650, Texas Ave.  
Monday to Saturday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
Sunday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### Fort Dix Bowling Center

562-6895  
A newly renovated facility with 24 lanes, complete with Snack Bar located on Doughboy Loop.

For additional recreation opportunities see Sports Shorts

### Club Dix & Revolutions Lounge

723-3272  
Monday to Thursday & Sunday 4:30 - 10:30 p.m.  
Friday & Saturday 4:30 p.m. - 1 a.m.  
Karaoke every Thursday at 7 p.m.

### OCSA Thrift Shop 723-2683

Tuesdays and Thursdays - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
First Wednesday of each month - 4 to 8 p.m.  
First Saturday of each month - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### Recreation Center 562-4956

Bldg. 5905 on Doughboy Loop.  
Monday through Friday - 4 to 10 p.m.  
Saturday and Sunday - noon to 11 p.m.

### Dining Facilities

Bldgs. 5610-5640-5585-5501

Breakfast	Mon - Fri	6 - 7:30 a.m.
	Sat/Sun	6 - 8 a.m.
Lunch	Mon - Sun	11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
	Mon - Fri	4:30 - 6 p.m.
	Saturday	4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
	Sunday	4:30 - 6 p.m.

### Command Dining Facility

Bldg. 5434

Breakfast	Mon - Fri	6:30 - 8 a.m.
	Sat/Sun	6 - 8 a.m.
Lunch	Mon - Fri	11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
	Saturday	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
	Sunday	11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Dinner	Mon - Fri	4:30 - 6 p.m.
	Saturday	4 - 6 p.m.
	Sunday	4 - 5:30 p.m.

### NCOA Dining Facility

Bldg. 5517

Breakfast	Mon - Fri	6:30 - 8 a.m.
	Sat/Sun	6 - 8 a.m.
Lunch	Mon - Fri	11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
	Sat/Sun	11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Dinner	Mon - Fri	4:30 - 6 p.m.
	Saturday	4 - 6 p.m.
	Sunday	4 - 5:30 p.m.

### Commissary 754-4154

10 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
Monday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

### Post Library 562-5228

Delaware Ave. & First St.  
Mon./Tues./Wed./Thurs. - 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
Friday - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Saturday - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Sunday - CLOSED  
Books and magazines, audio and video cassettes, CD's, typewriter and coin-op copier, internet Computer room closes a half-hour prior to library closing.

### Firestone 723-0464

Bldg. 4201 on Texas Ave.  
Monday through Friday - 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
Saturday - 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### Smalley's Donuts 723-7234

Delaware Ave.  
Monday to Saturday - 5:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Sunday - CLOSED

# Still serving at 68: Ophthalmologist forgoes retirement for Iraq duty

**Master Sgt. Jack Gordon**  
USARC Public Affairs Team

BAGHDAD, Iraq — He retired from the Army in 1977 after serving 20 years of honorable active duty, but when the Army Reserve Personnel Center in St. Louis called him a few months ago and asked if he'd like to volunteer for active duty in Iraq, Lt. Col. (not RETired anymore) John Ritchey was honored to be packing his bags again.

"They asked if I'd be willing to come back in since they needed this MOS," said Ritchey, "and I felt obligated, so that's what started the ball rolling." Ritchey is now assigned to the 31st Combat Support hospital here.

Ritchey is an ophthalmologist, a doctor who studies and treats medical and surgical conditions of the eye. With America's response to the Global War on Terrorism, high-end medical professionals have been in sharp demand.

Much, much earlier in his military career, Ritchey served as a second lieutenant in the artillery branch with units at Fort Bliss, Texas. In an abrupt change, he continued medical studies and deepened his commitment to the Army, which paid full tuition and salary in his senior year. He completed his internship in Hawaii and residency in Washington DC at Walter Reed Army Hospital. Then, like now, he was off to war.

"When I was in Vietnam I was in an administrative position as the brigade surgeon," Ritchey said, "so this is my first time serving in a combat support hospital."

here now is payback," said Ritchey. "I feel that the United States has done a lot for me, so if I can do some payback, I'm grateful for the opportunity."

Ritchey said that after 27

iber of troops I see in the Reserve," Ritchey said. "They're now comparable to what I used to see in the Airborne units - I think the troops today are a lot more

Ritchey said another problem with the battlefield eye injuries he's seeing is related to ferrous material infections from metal rounds or shards of shrapnel.

"The courage of these (wounded) soldiers is very impressive," Ritchey said.

During the past 17 years of his retirement from military service, Ritchey hasn't stopped helping others. Once a year, he has traveled — accompanied by his wife who, after she retired from teaching, studied to become an ophthalmology assistant - to: Africa; Mongolia; China; India; Bulgaria; El Salvador; Guyana; and Tobago as part of a volunteer medical team sponsored by SEE International, a philanthropic organization in Santa Barbara, Ca.

Ritchey said he has read about the Army calling soldiers from the IRR (Individual Ready Reserve) to meet troop requirements in future operations here and elsewhere, and given his recent recall to duty, urges others among the retired ranks to

After two weeks in-country, Ritchey is adjusting to his schedule and duties with the 31st, and settling into the routine he will live day by day for the next year. "I don't think I'm that unique," said Ritchey. "I just did what anybody else would do if they were in my shoes. I'll be right here - if they need me ... I'll be here."



Master Sgt. Jack Gordon

**THE EYES HAVE IT** — Lt. Col. John Ritchey, 31st Combat Support Hospital, prepares a prescription for KBR employee Mirjan Nikoloski. Ritchey voluntarily returned to duty for OIF. He is 68 years old and a Vietnam veteran.

Ritchey served with the 101st Airborne Division in Vietnam. When he was eligible to retire in 1977, he did, and settled in Fayetteville, N.C. near his last duty station - Fort Bragg.

"I've been camping there ever since," said Ritchey, who, in spite of having already completed 20 years, still feels compelled to serve.

"My basic motivation to be

years, things have changed somewhat, especially in terms.

"The first time somebody told me to go to the D-FAC (Dining Facility) I asked them if it was anywhere near the mess hall, so there were little things to make it confusing at first." Another change he noticed was in the professionalism of the Army's soldiers.

"I think the biggest change is in the volunteer Army is the cal-

motivated than before."

Ritchey said he's happy to be able to use his skills to help injured soldiers. "We don't see this kind of massive trauma in the United States," he said, "except maybe on a Saturday night occasionally, but it's pretty steady here. The protective eyewear helps but it does not preclude a serious eye injury, the most damaging being a penetration of the globe."

## USAR concerned about recruiting

**Jim Garamone**  
AFPS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9, 2004 — Army Reserve officials are concerned by a downward trend in recruiting, and said they are studying the reasons so they can put remedies in place.

The Army Reserve will still make its strength goals for fiscal 2004, but recruiting prior-service personnel for the component is down.

In fiscal 2002, the Army Reserve exceeded both its recruiting mission for prior-service individuals and those with no prior service. The final numbers were 109 percent for those with no prior service and 105.8 percent for those with prior service. In fiscal 2003, the no-prior-service quota remained strong, but prior-service recruiting came up a little short, at 97.8 percent.

"Currently, we're still on line to make our nonprior-service mission," said Maj. Gen. Charles E. Wilson, deputy chief of the Army Reserve Command at Fort McPherson, Ga.

"But for prior-service recruiting the numbers are down," he added.

Overall, the Army Reserve prior-service recruiting mission is down 9 percent from last year's numbers.

# MILITARY MATTERS

## Newlywed Soldiers enjoy honeymoon free of charge

Sgt. Ann Venturato  
13th COSCOM PAO

*LSA ANACONDA, Balad, Iraq* - Two medics, best friends as well as newlyweds shared a mutual desire to help those in need of their expertise and wound up here.

Specialists Randy Nosal and Jessica Nosal are medical specialists assigned with the Headquarters Support Company, 118th Medical Battalion and members of the Connecticut National Guard.

Both were originally assigned to the 141st Medical Company (Ground Ambulance).

And as part of the ground ambulance crew they interacted closely with Soldiers and civilians who entered the Troop Medical Clinic in need of assistance.

"We still get to work together," Randy said. "We have two different schedules but sometimes we end up working the same shift."

Randy is now in the TMC with immunizations and does medical missions at the emergency response center on post. He sees patients as they are triaged for treatment and effectively maneuvers through the process professionally yet with compassion.

"Randy is good at his job and likes helping people, especially here," Jessica said.

Typically Jessica tends to patients in transit to the camp hospital. She monitors their status and provides assurance to those in distress. She also helps provide medical support by assisting with sick call and medical treatment, as well as doing medical missions at the emergency response center on post.

Though assigned to different platoons the couple stay close to each other. The two make time after work to go to the gym, play sports, play video games or watch movies together. They appreciate being in the same place when the mortar alarm goes off.

"It is different talking to your spouse versus talking to a friend or someone in your company," said Jessica.

They take pleasure in the little things, like the time they get to spend together just talking.

Although, Jessica matter-of-factly said they maintain a professional relationship while deployed.

The couple was married by a justice of the peace Nov. 28, 2003, just before they were mobilized for deployment.

The Nosals passed through Fort Dix on their way overseas for mobilization processing.

Being here as a married couple was something they said they felt deeply about.

They got deployment notification on Thanksgiving Day, arrived in Kuwait in the beginning of February and were in Iraq a few weeks later.

Jessica wryly smiled and said, "We are honeymooning in Iraq."

"[And] we have saved on our phone bill since we're both deployed here," she laughed. "I love to be able to see him every day or at least every other day."

The couple is planning a bigger wedding after they return home. They also plan on taking a vacation and catching up with their family and friends. Though doubly fortunate to have each other here, their families add to their support system by sending an ample amount of care packages.

Prior to the deployment, Randy was a construction worker and student, while Jessica was a counselor at a middle school.

She was involuntarily activated and Randy volunteered for the mission so he could be by her side in Iraq.

"We just do our jobs every day and count down the days," said Randy.

Jessica has been in the Connecticut National Guard for five years and Randy has been in the Guard for three and one-half years.

**MARRIED MEDICS --**  
Specs. Jessica and Randy Nosal, 118th Medical Bn., work together to save lives on LSA Anaconda in Balad, Iraq.



Sgt. Ann Venturato



### Bite club

Staff Sgt. David K. Gerlott, kennel master at LSA Anaconda's K9 unit in Balad, Iraq, practices a vehicle search with Rex, left, along with a suspect apprehension exercise, above. Rex is a highly trained, explosive-sniffing German shepherd. Construction of new kennels is expected to take until late September.

photos by Capt. Cathy Wilkinson  
commander, 28th PAID



# Robots do dirty work in Iraq

Sgt. Christina Rockhill  
Army News Service

BAGHDAD, Iraq, Aug. 9, 2004 — Soldiers from the 1st Cavalry Division are using robots from the Rapid Equipping Force to help them on their patrols.

Soldiers of Company A, 91st Engineer Battalion have been using the multi-functional advanced remote control or MARC Bot on their daily patrols to sweep the streets of Baghdad for improvised explosive devices.

The MARC Bot, which resembles a large remote controlled car, has all-terrain wheels and a retractable arm with a wireless camera attached to it. The operator of the robot uses the remote control to navigate the MARC Bot closer to a possible IED. Then by watching a monitor on the controller, he can determine whether or not it is an IED.

Sgt. 1st Class Chad Carpenter, of Rapid Equipping Force, said the increased distance between the Soldier and the IED is an obvious advantage when dealing with explosives.

"It allows stand-off from IEDs, for Soldiers to go ahead and detect them, which does two things," he said. "Number one it helps save their lives in case the thing goes off, and number two, if it's not an IED it will allow them to go ahead, get it off the road and continue the mission rather than blocking [the road] off and waiting for [an explosive ordnance disposal team]." Spc.



Sgt. Christina Rockhill

**I, ROBOT — The multi-functional advanced remote control, or MARC Bot, above, is used in Baghdad to look for improvised explosive devices. Fort Dix's 760th EOD has a radio-controlled robot of its own, the Andros Remote, right, that features a camera, hand-like gripper and weapons mount.**



Sgt. Shawn Morris

Randall Archie is the MARC Bot operator for Company A, 91st ENG, and said that the MARC Bot not only saves lives, it also saves time and embarrassment.

"It's kind of embarrassing whenever you call EOD and sit around blocking off a main road for an hour or two hours waiting for them to get out there, and then they show up and it's just a bag of trash," he said. Archie said even though his crew hasn't found any IEDs with the robot, he said it's more effective than the usual tools they use.

"It allows us to get eyes on," he said. "You can see a lot with [binoculars] and everything else,

but with this you're right on it. It makes it a lot nicer."

Sweeping the streets for explosives with a robot can be a daunting task.

"It's kind of weird at first but once they get used to it they love it," Carpenter said.

Maj. Carlos Munson, the 1st Cav. Div. Rapid Equipping Force Liaison, said the \$3,000 MARC Bot is operator friendly and easy to use.

"Initially [the Soldiers] are a little nervous because the robots are expensive, but once they got

the tactics, techniques and procedures down for utilizing a robot, the patrols tend to be more confident and able to identify a suspect IED," he said.

Munson said they have only lost a couple of robots from explosions, but said it's better than losing a couple of Soldiers.

"In the past, a lot of Soldiers have gotten injured by walking up on suspect IEDs to check them out," he said. "This way if the IED blows up, the only thing that's hurt is the robot and we can easily replace a robot."

# Soldiers receive lessons from digital war

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active duty role and win on a battlefield, Col. Jerry Wood, BCTC commander, said.

"You can't afford to bring thousands of Soldiers together in one area and exercise them and the staff. First it's too expensive and second, there are very few places in the United States that offers the geography to maneuver," Wood said. "So the most feasible way is to exercise the staff through simulations and give the staff the confidence."

During the height of the battle, Wood said he observed both the 28th and 29th Infantry Division "leaning forward in the foxhole."

"They all want to get the most out of this experience so they can succeed on any future operation. Some of these Soldiers if they're in a division today may find themselves operating at the corps level," he said. "Because of that motivation all of our jobs at BCTC are easier."

In the G3 operations cell where all the information is processed and movement on the battlefield flows, twice daily an overall assessment of the battlefield is made by corps leaders during briefings by the staff sections.

Known as the battle update briefing, the information at Corps has to balance with information from the field. Attention to every detail is a vital element in this war game.

While battles and related obstacles such as mines, refugees, and chemical attacks are in play sorting through the tons of information processed daily shows activities happening all at once can create the fog of battle.

During one scenario, a Patriot missile battery is taken over and destroyed by refugees. The decision is to send a new one to replace it. Only this time with the battery, an infantry company is put in charge of security.

During the battle update briefing, Honoré, acting as the corps commander, asks the

captain "Do you know the name of that sergeant down there in charge of security?"

"No sir, but I'll find out,"

their captain said. "You better," Honoré said. "I want you to stress to him the importance of his job. Because we only have a limited amount of that valuable system and we may not be able to get him another."

During one portion of the role play, the lieutenant general points to a number that there have been 691 casualties in the exercise. "To everyone in this room, I want you to remember this number. These casualties are what we have to live with and explain to the United States. It's numbers like this that we have to explain even today because of the casualties we are suffering in the Global War on Terrorism," he said.

Long said the Soldiers who brought to warfighter all did excellent work. "The experience they have from last year's warfighters and those who have come back from their deployments has brought plenty of talent to this fight," Long said.

Maj. Gen. Wesley E. Craig, the 28th division commanding general, said the exercise resulted in forging strong working relationships between the 29th and 28th.

"The warfighter exercise has been a good training for all the brigades, and battalion commanders. The BCTC staff does a tremendous job of replicating the stress you would be put under in actual combat situations," Craig said.

Williams said warfighter was a chance to see what young Soldiers were made of during the exercise. We brought together one part of the staff with experience so they could teach and shine up the skills of the young Soldiers," he said.

— Sgt. Richard Blandy, 28th Division PAO, contributed to this story.



# Team Dix Day "A Beach Party" at John Mann Park on Thursday, August 19

**CLUB DIX PRESENTS**



**SUMMER COMEDY FEST!**

Saturday, August 14, 2004, 8pm  
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# FORT DIX POST OUTLOOK

## NEIGHBORHOOD

### Family Child Care looking for providers

Family Child Care (FCC) has the perfect career for you as an Army FCC Provider if you are a loving, caring and nurturing person, and would like to work at home and care about children.

Where else can you get free training, support, and materials to open your own business, plus get free referrals and be eligible for special subsidy money once you are open?

A new initiative recently started is the Homes Off Post (HOP) program. This FCC program is now working in partnership with the Burlington County Community Action Program and Unified Child Care Services to certify registered off-post providers into our Army FCC program. The Fort Dix FCC program will monitor the developmental program in these homes, provide additional training, provide access to our lending closet and make available monetary subsidies for those providers caring for eligible children.

For more information and application information, call the Fort Dix Child and Youth Services FCC office at 562-5231 or stop by our office in Bldg. 5203.

### Summer Fun Program celebrates our future

School Age Services is sponsoring the Fort Dix Summer Fun Program Aug. 19 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Youth Center. This year's theme is, "We are the Future."

Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP at the Youth Center, located in the housing area on Locust Street, by Aug. 13.

### Burlington County College fall registration

Burlington County College Fall 1 registration ends Aug. 23. Fall 1 term dates are Aug. 30 to Oct. 20, 2004. Luncheon courses will be offered again.

A new class, CRJ 101, Introduction to Criminal Justice, is being offered. Two Power Packs courses are also being offered.

To register, please visit Bldg. 1911, room 209 at McGuire AFB. For more information, please call 754-2577.

### Babysitter training course offered

CYS Outreach Services program will be offering The American Red Cross Babysitter's Training Course for 3 afternoons on Aug. 24-26 from 1-4pm at the CYS Administration training room in building 5203. The course provides necessary skills for youth to provide safe and responsible care for children in the absence of parents or guardians. The training will help youth to develop skills in five critical areas including leadership, safety and safe play, basic care, first aid, and professionalism.

Sign up today at the Central Enrollment Registry office in Bldg. 5203. CYS registration is required. Fee for the course is \$15 plus an additional \$15 for those youth not already registered with CYS.

Once eligible youth have successfully completed the course they are eligible to sign up on our resource and referral babysitter list available to eligible families in the community.

### Army Community Service holds Teen Orientation

ACS will be hosting its annual Teen Orientation Aug. 25. The day will begin at the Youth Center, then travel to the Helen Ford Middle School and the Pemberton Township High School, and finish with a pizza party at John F. Mann Jr. Park.

The orientation is open to pre-teens and teens who arrived during the summer months and are attending the middle or high school, and those residing on Fort Dix who will be new attendees at the middle or high school.

For more information, please call 562-2767.

## Dix destined for silver screen

Spc. Finbar McCallion  
Fort Dix PAO

Lights, camera action — it's all here, but not like you may think; the lights belong to our police, the cameras to the mainstream media covering the installation and the action goes exclusively to the Soldiers.

But on Monday the three came together in a way unlike before when the independent film from Babylon Brick Productions, with a working title called *Summertime* was shot here.

"A Soldier returning from deployment is summoned to a mysterious 'emergency' family meeting by a mother he hasn't seen or spoken to in 10 years," said director and writer Rachel Brune, graduate of New York University's Tisch School of the Art, about her debut film.

The Army has provided information and service to moviemakers before; some may recall movies like *Clear and Present Danger*, *Saving Private Ryan* and *Black Hawk Down*. But the last time a cinematic crew has shot at Dix was probably some time ago.

Although, the last time one of the crewmembers was here wasn't as long ago as one might think. Rachel Brune, the writer/director, was mobilized through Dix on a deployment to the Middle East shortly after September 11th. So when she isn't pursuing her passion for movie making, she's fighting the war on terrorism through public affairs as a sergeant in the Army Reserve's 361st Press Camp Headquarters out of Fort Totten, Queens New York.

But the deployment provided more than a sense of service for Brune; it was in Iraq that Brune met some of her cast. Staff Sergeant Ray Smith and Sergeant Jack Vogel. "I was sitting in a palace in Camp Victory and I was playing my guitar when the lead, Staff Sergeant



Spc. Finbar McCallion

**FILMED ON LOCATION** — Babylon Brick Productions, founded by NYU-graduate and Soldier Rachel Brune, was on post Aug. 9 to film "Summertime," the story of a Soldier who has just returned from deployment overseas. Filming across the street from Charlie Co. on Doughboy Loop are (l-r) Heather Strout, wardrobe/props, Brian Williams, gaffer, and actors Ray Smith and Jack Vogel.

Ray Smith, approached me. He told me he was planning on pursuing acting, and I wanted to make films, so the whole thing worked out well," said Brune, who started shooting on Aug. 9 and should probably rap up Aug. 14.

Not all the crew is from the military, but that doesn't change how strongly the director feels about them. "This crew is great. There is a lot of experi-

ence from different places. I wouldn't be scared to work with this crew ever, even if we were in the jungles of Zimbabwe."

And the feeling between the director and crew is mutual.

"Working with Rachel is a blast," said, Johnny Bergmann, videographer on set, whose production company, Studio 4, is affiliated with Babylon

Brick Productions. "My goal here is to capture the best images possible on this project to create a quality piece."

"To do this project has been my goal now for 10 years," said Brune. "I have to say, I couldn't do it financially, physically or mentally if it hadn't been for my experience in the Army Reserve."

For further information, please visit [www.babylonbrick.com](http://www.babylonbrick.com).

## New program helps special-needs kids

Spc. Finbar McCallion  
Fort Dix PAO

It's tough being a kid, and being a parent isn't easy either. Things get even tougher when special needs are added to the difficult equation. That's why when the school season is right around the corner it's important to get ready.

And getting ready is what the Parent Support Group is all about. The two-year-old program is a joint support group sponsored by the Exceptional Family Member Program and the Family Advocacy Program and will hold two different groups on Aug. 18 from 6 to 8 p.m. and Aug. 20, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Arts and Crafts Center.

"Special needs" translates to a variety of things from Attention Deficit Disorder, Dyslexia, Down Syndrome, Autism, to any physical disabilities. The Army Community Service (ACS) program is available to all families in the Fort Dix/McGuire Air Force Base community who needs help.

"This is for parents who have more challenges than the typical child, and who have more difficulty making the transition back to school," said Karen Fox, parenting education family advocacy programmer at ACS.

Making the transition into school a little easier is the target issue the program will discuss. Individual Education Plan, learning about 504s, Positive Behavior Plans, transition strategies, developing new relationships and avoiding homework hassles.

"For some of the children homework can be the bane of their existence," said Fox, whose program teaches parents how to live with important issues.

"You learn to cope with a disability. You don't get over it," said Bonnie Reed, exceptional family member program manager at ACS. "It's like people who wear glasses. They're always going to need glasses to see. And they're always going to wear them."

And during the program, parents are asked to bring their children to the Arts and Crafts center where they'll be working on a project. There is a free picture and art project. Children over 5 years of age can decorate and glaze picture frames during the meeting.

"The kids like to get busy in the Arts and Crafts Center and the people there are great with the kids," said Reed.

"It's nice that they're going to come here. The kids really like it," said Karen Boughy, assistant manager. "It's nice that the Army Community Service chose Arts and Crafts for their back to school meeting."

"No one teaches you how to be a parent," said Reed. "You learn math, you can be taught English and science, but you learn how to be a parent from experience."

Being a parent is tough. Come down

and get the experience that will make your child's life a little less tough. Pre-registration is mandatory. Several childcare options are available. For further information call Karen Fox at 562-4375.

## Team Dix invited to best Beach Party west of Jersey shore

Don't put away your sunglasses and suntan lotion just yet. Summer isn't over and, as usual, Fort Dix has saved the best for last.

The Team Dix Day "Beach Party" will be held Aug. 19 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at John F. Mann Jr. Park.

"Team Dix Day is a celebration of the people who work and serve at Fort Dix," explained Gus Borden, commercial activities manager.

The day will kick off with a competition including a mountain bike race, a soccer ball goal-kicking contest, and a safety-cone relay race. So far there are 24 teams pre-registered. The itinerary for the competition is as follows:

- 8-8:30 a.m. -- Teams will confirm participants and receive their team score sheet at the John F. Mann Jr. Park Pavilion
- 8:30-8:45 a.m. -- Final instructions will be given and questions will be answered at the pavilion
- 9-9:45 a.m. -- The mountain bike race will take place
- 10-10:30 a.m. -- The soccer ball goal-kicking contest will take place
- 10:30-11 a.m. -- The safety-cone relay race will take place
- 11:15-11:30 a.m. -- Units will turn in team score sheets at the pavilion
- Noon -- Trophies will be presented to the overall winners.

The Beach Party will begin at 11:45 a.m. and offer delicacies such as chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs, corn on the cob and salad. There will also be go carts, batting cages, miniature golf and arcade games available for all to enjoy. A simulated boardwalk and music provided by DJ Bobby Love will round out the day's entertainment.

For more information on the competition, please call 562-5493. For more information on the Beach Party, please call 562-5853.

**FUN AND SUN** — Staff Sgt. William Prince, 104th Maint. Co., stacks cones as part of the relay race during last year's Team Dix Day. This year's event, set for Aug. 19, features a Beach Party theme and more of the same fun and competition.

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**Army Community Service (ACS)\***

562-2767

Bldg. 5201, on the corner of 8th Street and Maryland Avenue

Hours of Operation:

Monday through Friday, 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**CONTACT**

The CONTACT Help Line gives Fort Dix and Burlington County residents more options for information and referral to services off the installation and can be reached by calling 267-8500 or "2-1-1," which is answered 24 hours a day, weekends included.

Please note: The "2-1-1" phone number does not work from Fort Dix phones that have a "562" prefix.

**Military One Source**

This service, which provides information and assistance to military families, is brought to you at no cost by calling 1-800-464-8107, 24 hours a day.

Army One Source helps Soldiers and families to manage the challenges and stresses of everyday life, especially during these times of deployment. Access to up to six counselling sessions are available and your privacy is assured.

Army One Source can also be reached online at [www.armyonesource.com](http://www.armyonesource.com). Enter user ID: Army, and password: onesource. This service is available to all branches of service.

**Army Emergency Relief**

AER helps active duty and retired Soldiers with emergency financial assistance. Help is provided through an interest-free loan. This office also assists with credit reports, budgeting and financial planning. For more information, call 562-4245.

**Exceptional Family Member Program**

If your a parent of a special needs child there is a parent support group, the Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP), to help.

A workshop for parents of children with special needs for

challenging behaviors.

"Getting You and Your Child Ready For the New School Year," will be held Aug. 5 from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., which will include a free lunch.

Workshop topics include information about the Individual Education Plan (IEP), the 504 plan, and positive behavior plans and transition strategies, plus avoiding home hassles. Free childcare can be arranged by calling 562-2878. For workshop registration, call 562-2767.

The program also sponsors Tin Lessons held Thursdays from 6 to 7 p.m. in bldg. 5901. Call 562-2767 for more info.

**Hearts Apart**

The Hearts Apart support group is for family members separated from the military member because of duty requirements such as deployments, extensive TDY orders, remote assignments, or an unaccompanied tour. It provides participants with an opportunity for sharing, support, and socializing with those facing similar challenges.

The group meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. An evening group meets the fourth Tuesday of the month from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

**Video Teleconference**

The Hearts Apart Group also offers video teleconferencing (VTC) phone calls. Calls allow service members the opportunity to see their family members on a television set and talk to each other. Most military installation have been equipped with a VTC system in an effort to provide support to family geographically separated from the service member, and to enhance the military quality of life. For more information and appoint-

ments call 562-3271.

**Army Family Team Building**

This program provides training and knowledge to military personnel, spouses, family members, and civilians in support of the military lifestyle. Training includes understanding military terms, acronyms, customs and courtesies, and military chain of command.

Orientation is held on the third Thursday of every month. For additional information, call Frances Booth at 562-3930.

**Army Family Action Plan**

AFAP is one of the Army's principal programs that allows all branches of military service, family members, retirees and civilians to influence their own standards of living. AFAP is a year-long process in which quality-of-life issues requiring action are prioritized, given measurable objectives for acceptable change, and assigned to installation agencies for action.

Submit issues along with recommendations to [frances.booth@dix.army.mil](mailto:frances.booth@dix.army.mil), or drop off or mail to Army Community Service, Bldg. 5201, Maryland Avenue and 8th Street, Fort Dix, NJ, 08640.

**Fort Dix Mayors Program**

This program is a rewarding opportunity for housing residents to take an active role in improving the quality of life in the Fort Dix community. Fort Dix Mayors serve as community leaders, and represent housing residents at the Community Action Council chaired by the installation command sergeant major and provide input to the planning and programming of community events and activities.

**ARTS & CRAFTS**

Bldg. 6039 Philadelphia Street

562-5691

**Hours of operation**

Wednesday & Thursday noon to 5 p.m.  
Friday 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Saturday 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Sales Store Hours**

Tuesday - Thursday noon to 5 p.m.  
and 6 to 8:30 p.m.  
Friday 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Saturday 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Ceramics, Mosaics and Pottery Studio**

Wednesday & Thursday noon to 5 p.m.  
and 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Friday 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Saturday 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Aug. 17  
Aug. 24

Fall Themes  
Holiday Card  
Swap Ends

**Frame Shop**

Tuesday/Thursday, noon to 5 p.m.  
and 6 to 8:30 p.m.  
Friday 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Wood Shop**

Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Monday - Wednesday 6 to 9:30 p.m.  
Thursday - Saturday, CLOSED

**Class Schedule**

**Adult Craft Classes**  
Wednesdays 6 to 8:30 p.m.  
\$5 registration fee plus materials  
Aug. 17 Wall Basket Arrangement

**Rubber Stamping Classes**  
Tuesdays 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.  
Saturdays 2 to 4 p.m.  
(registration required)  
Aug. 14 Stamp Camp

**5-Week Introductory Pottery Course**

Wednesdays 6:30 to 9 p.m.  
\$50 reg. fee plus materials  
July 21 to August 18

**Kid's Craft Classes**

for ages 6-12  
Saturdays 12:30 to 2 p.m.  
\$5 registration fee plus materials  
Aug. 28 Bookmarks and Journals

**Creative Memories Photo Album Workshops**

Saturdays 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
August 21  
Supplies available from instructor

**Lunch Classes**

Adult classes  
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
No registration fee. Pay only for materials  
Aug. 17 Floral Mirror

# Kids get ready for action on and off the Dix football field

Staff Sgt. Andrew H. Scott  
Fort Dix PAO

Coaches were shouting commands as they paced up and down the field looking for mistakes; the players were hot, tired and thirsty with sweat pouring down from underneath their helmets. No, it's not the NFL training camp; this is Fort Dix Chargers' pre-season football training.

The Chargers are in training for several weeks at Doughboy Field as the squads get ready for the Burlington County Pop Warner League Football season that will begin September 12 with a home game against Hamilton East.

The Pop Warner program is broken down into three divisions by age and weight. Players age 7 to 9, weighing 45 to 85 pounds play for the Mitey Mites, the Pee-wees squad has children ages 9 to 11, weighing 70 to 110 lbs and the Middets; has kids from 11 to 13, with weights between 95 to 145 lbs.

"There are three things I want you to do. Hit with your shoulders. Wrap with your arms. Lift with your legs," shouted Steve Uzleber, Mitey Mites' head coach and native of Tampa, FL. Uzleber has been coaching nine-years. "I love coaching. There's nothing better," said Uzleber. "I have a girl on my team. Oh man she's excellent; one of my best hitters," continued Uzleber.

"I tried being a cheerleader, but I like playing football better," stated Tawana Rankin. "It feels good to tackle," added Tawana. "Cheerleading is a sport," said Carrie Wright, commissioner for the Pop Warner Little Scholars.

Some folks might want to see contact with another athlete in order to be a sport. Wright immediately rounded-up her girls and formed a pyramid like structure with precision; the girls held their position close to a minute, then the cheerleader at the top dropped into the arms of fellow cheerleaders. "Was that enough contact for you," stated Wright.

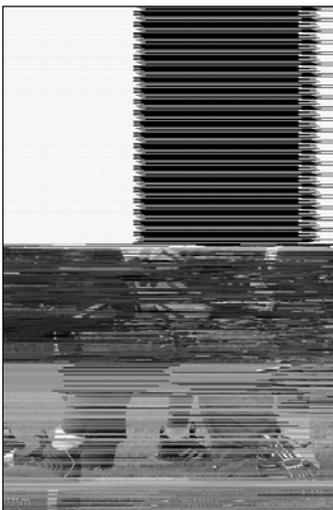
"Carrie coached and supervised the cheerleaders for nine-years, she's not going anywhere. Not until she finishes coaching my daughter for the next five-years," said the Pee-wees' Head Coach Shirlee Linke, jokingly as she smiled at Wright.

"She's going to be with the Pop Warner Little Scholars forever," chimed Susie McKenzie, the Middets' asst. coach, as she laughed and playfully nudged Wright in her hip. "It's about raising funds for college, sportsmanship and physical fitness. But on the field, our main objective is to cheer the team onto victory," concluded Wright.



Staff Sgt. A. H. Scott

**WATCHFUL EYE** -- Head Coach Steve Uzleber, above, instructs Brandon Crumwell, number 11, and Anthony Shoffner, number 72, on the fundamentals of tackling. Tawana Rankin, right, hits, wraps, and lifts Anthony Shaffner during football practice. Assistant Coach John Cotton, below, shows (l-r) Dawud White and Nathan Coil blocking techniques.



Staff Sgt. A. H. Scott

**CHEERING** -- Cierra Wright, 11, above, is up on top of the world with some help from her fellow cheerleaders to perform one of their routines. Middets lead Pee-wees, below, in a special cheer for an upcoming home game Sept. 12.



**Fort Dix Chargers schedule** (All games on Sundays)

Sept. 12 Hamilton East	Oct. 17 Florence
Sept. 26 at Rancocas Valley	Oct. 24 New Egypt
Oct. 3 Cinnaminson	Oct. 31 at Riverside
Oct. 10 at Palmyra	Nov. 17 at Hamilton North

## Sports Shorts

### Griffith Field House

**Sunday**  
9 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
**Monday - Friday**  
5 a.m. to 10 p.m.  
**Saturday**  
**NEW HOURS**  
5 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
**Doughboy Gym**  
**Monday - Friday**  
5 to 9 p.m.  
**Closed weekends**

a.m. Cost is \$3 per session or 12 session for \$30.

The Memorial (outdoor) Pool is now open with adult lap swim Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

There is no fee for weekday lap swim and it is open to active duty, retiree's and working DoD employees.

The outdoor pool offers a Recreation Swim on weekends from noon to 6 p.m.

Call 562-2808 for details.

### Hunting season keeps Range 14 busy

Range 14 will be open **Wednesdays and Fridays** from 2 to 8:30 p.m. and 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on weekends during hunting season.

On Sunday, August 1 there will be a free Hunter Education class.

Range 14 will host a **Pistol Competition on August 14** sponsored by the Basic Military Education Foundation. Call (914) 755-1170 for details.

There is no hunting on Sundays, but that day can be used to scout as long as hunters leave before 4 p.m. and check in and out at Range 14 office of the Rod and Gun Club.

### Free hour of mountain biking

Outdoor Recreation is offering a free way to get into shape with the use of a mountain bike for one hour. Only adult bikes are available 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. from Monday to Saturday at no charge. Call 562-6667 and ask for Liz or stop by Outdoor Rec.

### John Mann Park now open weekends

Bating cages, mini golf and go carts are ready for fun. The park is open Tuesday to Friday 1 to 8 p.m. and noon to 9 p.m. on weekends.

### Make a cool splash in two Dix pools

The summer hours for the indoor pool include recreational swimming every day from 12-7 p.m. for ID holders and 1 to 7 p.m. for the general public.

Lap swim is held 6 to 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. to noon weekdays and 10:30 a.m. to noon on Saturdays at the indoor pool.

The indoor pool is open for swim/physical therapy, 11 a.m. to noon, Monday, Wednesday and Friday 6 to 8 a.m. and Saturday 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Hydro-Aerobics Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. and on Saturday from 10:30 to 11:30

### Fall leagues forming at bowling center

The Fort Dix Bowling Center on Doughboy Loop has three leagues open for teams or individual bowlers to join.

Tuesday night **Mixed League** rolls at 6:30 p.m. starting on Sept. 14. Five person teams with at least one member of the opposite sex.

The **Ladies League** features 3-person teams on Wednesday nights at 9:30 a.m. The league starts on Sept. 15.

A **Mixed League** of 2-men and 2-women is on Friday nights at 7:30 p.m. starting on Sept. 10. Call 562-6895 for more information.

**Fort Dix Junior Bowling League**

Registration Dates  
August 21 & 28, 2004  
1-3pm  
10:30am-12:00pm

Registration Fee  
\$12.00 for Adults  
\$5.00 for Students

**Start Date**  
Saturday, September 11 2004  
@ 1100 hrs  
Cost per week:  
\$7.00 for Juniors (3 games & shoes)  
\$3.00 for Beginner Kids (1 game & shoes)

Juniors have 4 bowlers per team.

All bowlers who complete the season will receive a trophy and an "end of the season" PIZZA PARTY!

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For further information, please call Barb - Ed at 562-6895

**HEY KIDS**

**IT'S TIME FOR THE FORT DIX 2004 ANNUAL TURKEY TROT T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST!**

For Children Ages 5-13  
Put your Turkey Trot T-shirt Design on an 8 1/2 x 11 piece of paper, using these 5 colors only:

- Brown
- Yellow
- Orange
- Pink
- Black

Attach it to the registration form below and send it to Griffith Field House Building 6053 5th St. #36th Fl. Fort Dix, New Jersey 08540

The contest winner will receive a T-shirt with their personal design on it their picture will be in the Post paper & other prizes

For further information, contact the Griffith Field House at 605-562-4555

Games accepted from August 15th - October 31st, 2004

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

**Griffith Field House**

Now opens  
**4-hours earlier**  
**Saturday mornings at 5 a.m.**  
to 9 p.m.

**Aerobics Schedule**

Griffith Field House  
Building 6053, Fort Dix  
562-4888

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6:00-6:45am			Combat Circuit w/ Yvona		
9:00-9:30am	Easy Does It! Seniorise w/ Cora Lei			Easy Does It! Seniorise w/ Cora Lei	
12:00-12:45pm	Super Sculpt w/ Pam	Turbo Step w/ Gina	Mixed Fitness w/ Cora Lei		Cardio Plus+ w/ Gina
5:15-6:00pm	Step & Sculpt w/ Gina	Mind & Body w/ Cora Lei	Cardio Plus+ w/ Robin	Power Pump w/ Gina	
6:30-7:15pm		Basic Step w/ Renee			

# Reserve Soldier's shooting improves with age on her third try for Olympic medal

**Tim Hips**  
American Forces Press Service

At age 52, Army Reserve Staff Sgt. Elizabeth "Libby" Callahan will be the oldest member of Team USA competing in the Olympic Games at Athens, Greece.

Callahan, however, said her pistol shooting has flourished since she retired last August from a 28-year career with the Washington, D.C., Metropolitan Police Department.

A three-time Olympian and member of the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program, Callahan said she has never felt better about her chances in the world's largest sporting event. She will compete Aug. 15 in women's 10-meter air pistol and Aug. 18 in women's 25-meter sport pistol shooting.

"I feel so good about my chances and my ability to compete in this Olympics," said Callahan, who lives in Upper Marlboro, Md.

"I feel so much more confident. I feel that I'm more ready than I have ever been to compete and I have as good a chance as anyone else."

In the 1992 Barcelona Games, Callahan finished 37th in air pistol. In the 1996 Atlanta Games, she placed 23rd in sport pistol. In Athens, she hopes to shoot more memorable marks to honor those shooting more meaningful rounds.

"It's extremely important to me at this stage in my life and at this time in history to be a member of the United States Army," Callahan said. "I think about our troops all around the world, especially in the war zones of Afghanistan and Iraq. To me, they're more important than anything that I'm doing. To be a part of the military and to be represented by them is an important aspect of my career."

Getting away from police work has allowed Callahan to train longer hours with more peace of mind.

"I've been around shooting

for a long time, and I think it's seasoned me," she said. Callahan said it usually took several days, sometimes even a week, for her to unwind from the constant stress of police work to relax enough for competitions.

"I certainly feel better physically and mentally going into these Games as opposed to the other two. In the past, when I was working with the police department, I didn't go so much for quantity of practice as I did for quality."

Callahan scoffs at skeptics who don't consider shooters athletes.

"I have to keep strong and make sure that I'm cardiovascularly fit. It takes a lot for me to stand on a range four or five hours to shoot and lift a two-and-a-half-pound gun over and over again — hundreds of times, sometimes a thousand times in a day. And to hold your muscle skills, it takes strength to do that," said Callahan.

"It takes a tremendous amount of strength and the men-

tal aspect of it, too."

Although she now trains on her own Callahan said she probably wouldn't be going to Athens without military backing.

"The Army has supported me over the years in so many ways in my pursuit of shooting, not only financially, but morally, with equipment, and with coaching," Callahan said of her 19-year service to the Army Reserve. "To win a medal would mean that all my hard work has paid off and that I have accomplished a goal that I set for myself. I'd probably stick it in a box and put it in my closet."

"I don't dwell on past accomplishments, because I feel that you're only as good as your last shot," said Callahan, named 2001 Pistol Athlete of the Year by USA Shooting.

Callahan said that winning her first international medal, which she gave to her mother, was the highlight of her shooting career. She can top that shining moment with an appearance on the medal stand in Athens.



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**BETTER WITH AGE--Army Reserve Staff Sgt. Libby Callahan, 52, will be the oldest member of Team USA competing in the Olympic Games at Athens, Greece. She competes Aug. 15 in women's 10-meter air pistol and Aug. 18 in women's 25-meter sport pistol shooting.**

## Military bolsters Team USA for Athens Olympic Games

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Twenty-four military competitors will represent Team USA in the Summer Olympic Games at Athens, Greece, today through 29.

The Army is providing eight shooters, two modern pentathletes, a race walker, a rower, a wrestler, a marathoner who may double in the 10,000 meters, a head coach for boxing, a Greco-Roman wrestling coach, a rifle coach and a gunsmith for the world's largest sporting event. The Air Force will be represented by a hammer thrower, a race walker and a fencer. The Navy will provide a rower.

First Lt. Chad Senior, a member of the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program (WCAP), will compete Aug. 26 in modern pentathlon, a five-sport event that includes pistol shooting, fencing, swimming, equestrian riding and cross-country running.

Senior 29, of North Fort Myers, Fla., finished sixth in the event in the 2000 Olympics at Sydney, Australia. He was leading after three events before a

skittish horse refused two jumps in the equestrian event, ruining his golden moment.

"I don't think the same thing can happen now; I'm a much stronger rider than I was in 2000," said Senior.

One day after Senior's grueling event, Army Capt. Anita Allen, 26, of Star City, Ind., will compete in the women's modern pentathlon.

Sgt. Oscar Wood, 29, an Army WCAP 66-kilogram/145.5-pound Greco-Roman division wrestler from Gresham, Ore., will wrestle Aug. 24 and 25. Wood will have another soldier in his corner, as Staff Sgt. Shon Lewis, 37, of Oakland, Calif., is one of three Greco-Roman coaches.

Army Staff Sgt. Basheer Abdullah, 41, of St. Louis, is the head coach for Team USA's boxers. He served as technical coach in the 2000 Sydney Games and will be assisted in Athens by Anthony Bradley, a retired Army master sergeant from Newport News, Va.

Capt. Matt Smith, 26, an Army WCAP rower from Woodbridge, Va., will team with civilians Steve Warner,

two-time Olympian Paul Teti of Upper Darby, Pa., and Pat Todd on Team USA's lightweight four that begins rowing Aug. 15.

"I hope to succeed on the water, but also to represent the Army, MWR and WCAP in a positive light and show the world that the U.S. is one of the better countries out there in rowing and in general — to show what freedom will do for you," Smith said.

Team USA also will feature Navy Ensign Henry Nuzum, 27, a two-time Olympian from Chapel Hill, N.C., who will team with Aquil Abdullah in men's double sculls on Aug. 16.

Oregon National Guard Capt. Dan Browne, 29, of Portland, Ore., qualified for the Olympics by finishing third in the U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials with a time of 2 hours, 12 minutes and 2 seconds. He will run the marathon, the final competitive event of the Games, Aug. 29.

Browne, a West Point graduate and former member of Army's WCAP, secured a second Olympic berth by finishing third in the 10,000 meters with a time of 28:07.47 in the U.S. Olympic Track and Field Team

Trials at Sacramento, Calif. Should he decide to double in Greece, Browne will run the 10K Aug. 20.

Army Sgt. John Nunn, 26, of Evansville, Ind., earned an Olympic berth with a second-place finish in the 20-kilometer race walk with a time of 1:26:23 in the U.S. Track and Field Team Trials. Air Force Capt. Kevin Eastler, 26, a missile combat crew commander stationed at F.E. Warren Air Force Base in Cheyenne, Wyo., also made the team by finishing third in 1:28:49. They will compete Aug. 20.

Also in track and field, Air Force 1st Lt. James Parker, 28, a native of Great Falls, Mont., stationed at Malmstrom Air Force Base in his home state, will throw the hammer in qualifying rounds Aug. 20 with the final Aug. 22. Parker won the event in the U.S. Track and Field Team Trials with a throw of 77.58 meters — 254 feet, 6 inches — and will be the only American in the field.

Air Force 2nd Lt. Weston "Seth" Kelsey, 22, of Santa Monica, Calif., will fence in men's individual epee Aug. 17

and team epee Aug. 22. Kelsey, a 2003 graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy, is a two-time national champion.

Army Reserve Maj. David Johnson, 40, a native of Mount Holly, who lives in Colorado Springs, Colo., is a WCAP shooting coach and will serve as Team USA's rifle coach.

Four-time Olympian Sgt. 1st Class James "Todd" Graves, 41, of Laurel, Miss., became the first U.S. men's skeet shooter since 1984 to win an Olympic medal with a bronze in the 2000 Sydney Games. He will compete Aug. 22.

"I'm doing this for my family in green and I've decided that if I get a medal this time that I'm going to dedicate it to the troops," Graves said.

Sgt. 1st Class Shawn Duloher, 39, a world champion from Lee's Summit, Mo., downed 25 consecutive targets in the final round to edge Graves in the U.S. Olympic Shotgun Team Trials at Fort Benning, Ga., home of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit. "Hopefully in Athens, we'll both bring something of color home,"

Duloher said. "Just going through it together is going to be a big plus."

Two-time Olympian Sgt. 1st Class Bret Erickson, 43, of Bennington, Neb., will compete in men's trap and double trap shotgun shooting Aug. 14 and 17, respectively.

Sgt. 1st Class Jason Parker, 30, a world record-holder from Omaha, Neb., finished fifth in air rifle at the Sydney Games, missing a bronze medal by seven-tenths of a point. He seeks redemption Aug. 16.

Maj. Michael Anti, a USAMU member attached to WCAP who recently won a national championship, will compete in 50-meter prone and 50-meter three-position rifle shooting on Aug. 20 and 22.

Spc. Hattie Johnson, 22, of Athol, Idaho, will compete Aug. 14 in women's 10-meter air rifle, the first event of the Games. Sgt. 1st Class Daryl Szarenski will compete later that day in men's 10-meter air pistol shooting.

Army Sgt. 1st Class Charles Gartland, 39, of Bardonia, Ky., will serve as Team USA's gunsmith.