

NEWSNOTES

Emergency? Dial 9-1-1, not fire stations

For reporting fires and other emergencies, dial 9-1-1. Do not telephone the fire stations directly as the crews may be out of the stations on details or inspections and there will be no one available to answer your call for help.

Troop Medical Clinic relocates to McGuire

The Watson Troop Medical Clinic has relocated to the East end (by the coffee concession) of the 305th Medical Group facility on McGuire Air Force Base and will now conduct sick call on a walk-in basis for acutely ill or injured Active Component, AGR, mobilized Reserve Component, and RC soldiers during annual training. The MTC will continue its primary mission in support of deploying soldiers mobilizing through Fort Dix. Hours of Operation are: Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 7:30 to 9 a.m. For more information call 609-754-9068 or 9073.

Family member deployed? Video Valentines Feb. 10

Families of military personnel deployed overseas are invited to record personalized Valentine messages to their loved ones Feb. 10 at the Fort Dix Public Affairs Office, Building 5165 Maryland Avenue, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The free service is offered by Sonic Foundry, a software development firm, in support of the military. Children are welcome to create special messages. For more information or to sign up, please call Army Community Service, 1-800-877-2380.

Red Cross gala coming to Burlington County

The Fourth Annual American Red Cross Burlington County Gala Fundraiser will be held March 2 at the Merion, 1901 Route 130 South in Cinnaminson, from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. and will feature live and silent auctions, entertainment, cocktails, dinner, dessert, and fun.

Tickets are \$75 per person, which includes a gift bag. 50/50 raffle tickets for a \$10,000 prize are available for \$150. Ticket holders do not have to be present to win.

For more information, call 267-9595, extension 105.

Army Family Team Building courses offered

The first three of the ten part series of the Army Family Team Building Level One Training Series begins Feb. 15. Classes will be held at the Army Community Services Conference Room from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Included in this session are: "Expectations and Impact of the Mission on Family Life", "Military Acronyms and Terms," and "The Chain of Command."

The series continues March 1. For more information call Fran Booth at 562-3930.

WEATHER

FRIDAY: Mostly sunny with a high near 32 degrees. Clear overnight with a low around 17 degrees.

SATURDAY: Sunny with a high around 33. Clear overnight with a low of 18 degrees.

SUNDAY: Mostly sunny with a daytime high near 32. Clear overnight with a low of 17 degrees.

MONDAY: Sunny with a high near 35 degrees. Clear overnight with a low near 17.

TUESDAY: Partly cloudy with a chance of snow. High near 31 degrees. Cloudy overnight with a chance of snow and a low of 20.

Heartland unit visits Big Apple

Sgt. Pascual Flores
1079th GSU

For the Soldiers of the 731st Transportation Company, Kansas Army National Guard, the training at Fort Dix has required that they become proficient in numerous tasks in areas new to many of them in a limited time period.

Having completed their training 24 hours ago in the bitter cold at Fort Dix, these Soldiers prepared for yet another foray into the cold, but, instead of the field of Fort Dix, it was the streets of New York City.

On Saturday, February 3, approximately 160 Soldiers from the 731st boarded buses for the trip to Liberty State Park for the ferry that would deliver them to sites of the Statue of Liberty, Liberty Island and World Trade Center.

With the city skyline in the background, these Soldiers armed with cameras instead of weapons, body armor and Kevlar, lined up to be briefed on what was available for them during their visit to the Big Apple.

As expected when a large formation of Soldiers are assembled, crowds would gather to see what is going and

interaction would soon commence between the two and at the pier to the ferry it was no different as a group of oriental civilians posed near and with the Soldiers for photographs.

Docking at Liberty Island, the Soldiers toured the Statue of Liberty, climbing the stairs that lead to the crown of the statue before partaking in photographing the sights of Manhattan.

The real highlight of the day began as the Soldiers marched to the site of the World Trade Center. Walking from Battery Park to the site, motorist driving down the West Side Highway honked their horn in recognition and approval of our men in uniform.

These Soldiers received a special treatment from the Port Authority Police, when the gates leading to the viewing stand were opened for them, a privilege not offered to everyone.

The Soldiers making up the 731st all volunteered for this deployment. More than half have previously deployed.

"I feel sadness for my friends who could not make it home. I served in two tours, Operation Iraqi Freedom One and Three," said Cpl. Nicholas Gazzoze, who is referred to as Doc by his fellow Soldiers.



Pascual Flores

IN REMEMBRANCE — A 29-year military veteran, 1st Sgt. Darrell Keller, first sergeant of the 731st TC, places the company's unit patch at the memorial site at ground zero. See page 4 for more.

Budget requests detailed for Congress

Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5, 2007 — The defense budget requests President Bush submitted to Congress today will "make the necessary strategic investments to modernize and recapitalize key capabilities in the armed forces," Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates said at a Pentagon news conference.

Gates said the fiscal 2008 defense budget request and the 2007 emergency supplemental request for funding the global war on terror will help sustain the

all-volunteer military by reducing stress on the force and improving quality of life for U.S. troops and their families.

The \$481.4 billion budget request will improve readiness through additional training and maintenance and by resetting forces following overseas deployments, Gates said. The \$93.4 billion supplemental measure will help fund U.S. forces in Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere in the campaign against violent jihadist networks around the globe.

Gates said that since he last served in government, DoD has taken a relatively

smaller share of U.S. gross domestic product. In 1993, the Defense Department consumed 4.4 percent of GDP. Today, the percentage is 3.8 percent. This is occurring while the "world is getting more complicated and more dangerous," Gates said.

"The resources we devote to defense," he said, "should be at the level to adequately meet the challenges of the global strategic environment."

Pentagon Comptroller Tina W. Jonas told reporters that DoD has delivered more than 38,000 pages of explanation to members of Congress and their staffs

to justify the issues in the defense budget request. She said the request is aimed at fulfilling the mission to prevail in the global war on terror, increase combat capability of U.S. forces, improve force readiness and improve quality of life for U.S. troops and their families.

Jonas said DoD's "straight-line projection" for fiscal 2008 has pegged the cost of the global war on terror at \$141.7 billion. She said whether the president ascends up asking for this money depends on situations around the world.

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Club Dix to host prayer breakfast

Members of Fort Dix and the surrounding communities will gather together March 22, at 7:30 a.m. to break bread and pray.

The annual Installation Prayer Breakfast will be held in the Club Dix ballroom and the audience will be treated to the wisdom and vision of Chap. (Col.) Jeffrey Young, command chaplain, U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command, Fort Belvoir, Va.

Originally from Bloomfield, Young became an active-duty Army chaplain in 1980.

His assignments have included many stateside and overseas installations such as Fort Dix, New Ulm, Germany, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, Fort Schafter, Hawaii, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, Fort Stewart, Ga., and the Office of the Chief of Chaplains in Washington D.C.

Also entertaining the audience will be internationally acclaimed singer, Kevin Deas.

The bassist has performed with many renowned symphonies and orchestras such as the New York Philharmonic, National Symphony, Chicago Symphony, Montreal Symphony, Tokyo Symphony Orchestra, Salzburg and Vienna Orchestras.

Those interested in attending can contact the following individuals:

- DOC Sandy Horner, 4252
- DPTMS Marcia Gose, 6258
- DPW Vera Borum, 2698
- DOIM Anne Lamkin, 2064
- MPD Ed Vannozi, 4355
- DPS Leslie Pelegan, 2858
- DCFA Ellen Nutt, 3353
- PAO Veverly Wakefield, 4036
- IG Deborah Wilkinson, 4001
- DRM Neen Raspa, 5432



Ed Mirgin

Lights, camera, eat

The Food Network paid a visit to Fort Dix this past week. Command Sgt. Maj. Albert Davidson, installation command sergeant major, and Staff Sgt. Tomika Velazquez, joined Food Network host Giada DeLaurentiis in front of the cameras. The show is scheduled to air sometime in July.

culture

Dissecting a four-letter word on Valentine's Day

Love, libidos and romance prance across American dreams

Steve Snyder Public Affairs Staff

Americans are not the heartless capitalists many foreigners accuse us of being. Most of us are, in fact, romantics. Who else would swallow all the hype surrounding Valentine's Day?

Saint Valentine's Day or Valentine's Day arrives next Wednesday, Feb. 14. Valentine cards, candy and charitable donations will swamp the land on the unofficial holiday honoring two Christian martyrs named Valentine.

The day became linked with romantic love in the late Middle Ages when courtly love was in fashion. The love honored today is usually far from courtly although romance is indulged in as enthusiastically as ever.

Love and marriage

Americans claim to believe strongly that love is cultivated best within the bonds of connubial bliss. Ninety percent of Americans marry sometime in their lives. Although divorcees crack about half of all first-time marriages, statistics reveal that about half of those divorcees in turn remarry within three years!

So both love and marriage seem to be pillars of the American Dream. But the foundations are shaky, at least according to some critics.

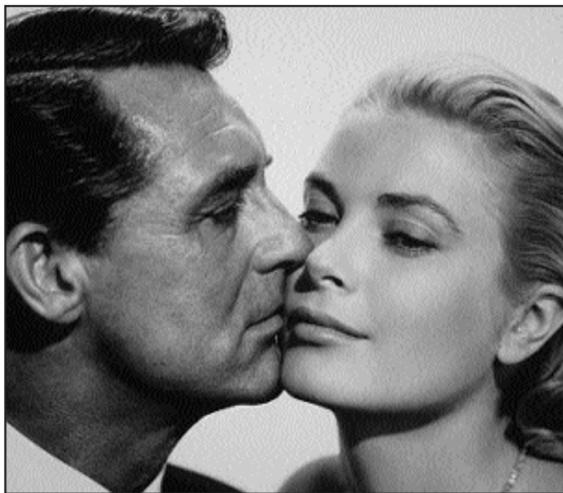
In Against Love (paperback, Pantheon Books, \$10.36), Laura Kipnis has written a polemic about love, infidelity and marriage, strongly criticizing the latter institution.

Kipnis begins by questioning why you have to "work" at attaining a happy marriage. "A 'happy' state of monogamy would be defined as a state you don't have to work at maintaining," she writes. Otherwise, if a marriage requires so much work



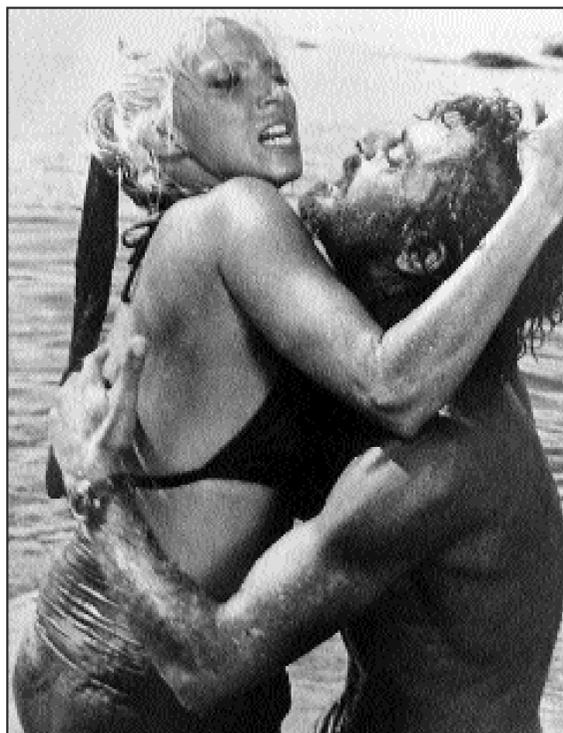
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COURTLY CAVALIER - Clark Gable's dashing Southern gentleman and Vivian Leigh's coquettish vixen helped define romantic ideals for America's World War II generation in the 1939 film "Gone With the Wind."



www.imdb.com

DISCRETE CHARM OF THE BOURGEOISIE -- Suave Cary Grant and icy blond Grace Kelly personified postwar (1950s) notions of what the middle class considered attractive in romantic relationships.



Kobal Collection

DIONYSIAN ECSTASY -- "My generation of Sixties rebels wanted to smash the bourgeois codes that had become the authoritarian totems of the Fifties. The 'nice' girl with her soft, sanitized speech and decorous manners had to go," wrote Camille Paglia of genteel ideals of romantic love preceding the baby boomers. Holding a Ph.D. in philosophy from Yale, the self-described "pagan," feminist professor, sexual historian and best-selling author apparently spoke for many when she declared that human nature has an inherently wild and dangerous aspect related to darker sides of human sexuality and that American society has too long ignored that reality in shaping ideals designed to guide relations between the sexes. Contrary to views expressed by many feminists, Paglia thinks "Women's sexual powers are enormous. All cultures have seen it. Men know it. The only people who don't know it are feminists. Desensitized, desexualized, neurotic women." One wonders how people of Paglia's ilk celebrate Valentine's Day. With human sacrifice, perhaps?

to be successful then, by definitional logic, isn't the institution itself full of defects?

Adopting a Marxist slant, Kipnis suggests that marriage has become an instrument to control the masses, to keep them busy at and away from the workplace.

Nix on maturity

Kipnis also rejects current wisdom saying that even if sexual desire is a short-term phenomenon, lovers have no certainty that "mature love" will kick in just when desire flags.

She implies all the talk about "mature love" is jive, a pipe dream.

Now by definition, a polemic doesn't tell both sides of the story, concentrating instead on making a case, however baldly the evidence is overstated. Kipnis only drops hints suggesting that serial monogamy may be the wave of the future and

that infidelity, in today's climate, might be the only way to breathe in braving suffocating relationships.

True love?

I think most Americans believe in the existence or possibility of an idealized or true love that is not subject to the travails Kipnis complains of. We probably stifle many worthy emotions on climbs up corporate and other ladders in the workaday world. Perhaps for that very reason, we tend to allow idealized visions of love and other emotions strong, if not full, reins in our private lives.

American imaginations, on occasion, work overtime. How else to explain the obsession of many addicted to the fever swamps of pornography. Our obsession with physical beauty is probably puerile or childish. But it can be controlled. I can't believe so few, especially as

they get older, have such trouble resisting the urge to grab their gonads.

Mind over matter

Wouldn't it be better to counter the waning of sexual desire by concentrating on beauty not limited to pornography or extra-marital affairs? Is it just possible that humans have an imperative to use their minds more as they mature and as the body atrophies?

And if one can't avoid infidelity why broadcast the fact? Why get caught?

In the final analysis, is sexual desire the same thing as love, in its entirety? Does physical passion inevitably subsume the spirit? Do serial marriages, trophy wives and open marriages do justice to partners or children involved? Is honor, finally, obsolete? What price love?

Appropriate questions to weigh come Valentine's Day.

Wine, chocolate meet at festivals

A wine and chocolate weekend runs from noon until 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at 18 wineries across the state, including the Valenzano Winery in Shamong, according to a big feature story running in Tuesday's Burlington County Times' Outlook section.

According to the Garden State Wine Growers association, vintners bottled more than one million gallons of wine in New Jersey last year in more than 40 different varieties.

New Jersey is the fifth-largest wine-producing state in America!

The wine and chocolate weekend is among three or four special events sponsored by the growers association throughout the year.

Valenzano Winery "will offer tastings of approximately 13 of its wines at no charge" during the weekend, according to the BCT report. Tastings in



file photo by Steve Snyder

NECTAR OF THE GODS -- Samples of delicious vintages flow at a wine tasting held at the Valenzano Winery in Shamong in October 2005. Valenzano joins 17 other wineries this weekend offering tastings of about a dozen of its wines, including the newly produced White Cranberry.

Cabot creamy cheese and chocolates will accompany wine samples. To reach Valenzano Winery, take Route 206 south past Route 70, go about four

miles south of the Red Lion Circle until turning left at the traffic light on Tuckerton Road before turning left again to 1320 Old Indian Mills Road. -Steve Snyder



DVD

BLACK IS BEAUTIFUL -- Love between blacks in Birmingham, Ala., is chronicled in 1964's "Nothing but a Man," a film starring Ivan Dixon and Abbey Lincoln which details the struggles of a young railroad worker and the schoolteacher he marries to carve out a worthwhile life for themselves in the hostile environment of the then-segregated South.



Wikipedia

LIGHTER SIDE -- W.C. Fields and Mae West poke fun at the whole Victorian, puritanical approach to romance in a 1930s comedy. Actually, citizens in Victorian England didn't fare too badly in romantic escapades, following codes of conduct that were healthy for children - if not permissive enough to license rampant adult promiscuity.

Black History Month

'Buffalo Soldiers' helped tame frontier

Gerry J. Gilmore American Forces Press Service

Washington, Feb. 1, 2007 - The African-American cavalrymen known as "Buffalo Soldiers" proved that they could ride, shoot and fight as well as anyone else during their service on the American frontier.

America expanded westward after the Civil War (1861-1865), and Soldiers were needed to protect settlers and railroads from Indian attacks. The 9th and 10th U.S. Cavalry Regiments were established in 1866. They were made up of African-American enlisted Soldiers and noncommissioned officers who were usually commanded by white commissioned officers.

The Indians greatly respected and didn't like to tangle with the African-American cavalrymen, calling them "Buffalo Soldiers" for their toughness and fighting prowess.

The 9th and 10th Cavalry Regiments gained fame for their exploits both on the plains and in the Southwest during the 1870s, 1880s and early 1890s.

During the course of the



photo by the 161st Signal Photo Co.

UP AND OVER -- Sgt. John Hill rides Jumping Dan Ware, the finest jumping horse in the Infantry stables at Fort Benning, Ga. on July 25, 1941.

Indian Wars fought from 1866 to the early 1890s, 13 enlisted men and six officers from the 9th and 10th Regiments and two African-American infantry units earned the Medal of Honor.

During the Spanish-American War of 1898, African-American Soldiers with the 9th and 10th Cavalry Regiments and the 24th and 25th Infantry Regiments fought alongside Lt. Col. Teddy Roosevelt and his

volunteer unit of "Rough Riders" and helped defeat Spanish troops at the Battles of Kettle Hill and San Juan Heights, Cuba, on July 1, 1898.

Years later, Buffalo Soldiers participated in the U.S. military operation in Mexico against Pancho Villa in 1916.

As warfare became mechanized due to the introduction of the automobile and the emergence of the tank on European



Wikipedia

VILLA RIDES! -- Buffalo Soldiers joined Gen. "Black Jack" Pershing in a punitive campaign against Pancho Villa's bandits in 1916.

battlefields in World War I, the horse cavalry became increasingly obsolete.

The 9th, 10th and other U.S. "horse cavalry" units passed into history at the eve of World War II.

But the fame of the Buffalo Soldiers lives on.

In 1992, then-Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Army Gen. Colin L. Powell, a Buffalo Soldier aficionado, helped to dedicate the Buffalo Soldier Memorial at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

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Budget requests detailed

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The 2008 "base budget" invests in four primary areas, Jonas said: readiness and support at \$146.5 billion, strategic modernization at \$176.8 billion, military pay and health care at \$137 billion and family housing and facilities at \$21.1 billion.

Jonas broke the military pay and benefits portion of the budget down further. The department's request provides a 3 percent pay raise for 2.1 million active-duty and reserve-component personnel. It provides \$15 billion for the basic allowance for housing and \$4.3 billion for the basic allowance for subsistence. It also provides \$38.7 billion for military health care. The military health program provides care to 9.2 million beneficiaries, she said.

Civilian pay — while not covered in this request — also is set for a 3-percent increase in fiscal 2008.

Troops going to the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility are fully trained to handle counterinsurgency activities, said Navy Vice Adm. Steve Stanley, the Joint Staff's director for force structure, resources and assessment. The \$146.5 billion in the readiness and support section of the budget fully funds training for troops to be able to handle all contingencies, he said.



Courtesy Architect Rendering

FUTURE LOOKS — Fort Dix has a specific piece of the proposed 2008 budget, with \$17 million requested for a Joint Maintenance Facility similar to the architect's rendering shown above. The facility would be located off Range Road near the current Equipment Concentration Site.

The number of troops being assigned to duty in Afghanistan and Iraq has increased the risks the military takes, the admiral noted.

"There are three issues that are driving the risk," Stanley said. "The first is the number of forces deployed forward. Second, equipment utilization and wear on the equipment — the operational tempo that is affecting the risk. What we're challenged with is maintaining the full-spectrum training capability that our nation requires for our forces."

In strategic modernization, the Navy's ship and aviation budget supports the 30-year shipbuilding plan by funding eight ships.

Ground capabilities are funded at \$37.9 billion, and the Missile Defense Agency will receive \$8.8 billion under the proposal.

A 3-percent pay raise for servicemembers, an increase in ground forces and continued funding of the global war on terrorism are on the table now that President Bush has delivered his fiscal 2008 defense budget request and 2007 emergency supplemental request to Congress today.

The total DoD 2008 budget request is pegged at \$481.4 billion. This represents an 11.3-percent increase over fiscal 2007.

"As commander in chief, my highest priority is the security of the nation," President Bush said in his letter delivering the budget to Congress. "My budget invests substantial resources to fight the global war on terror, and ensure our homeland is protected from those who would do us harm."

"We will transform our military," he continued, "to meet the new threats of the 21st century and provide the brave men and women on the front lines with the resources they need to be successful in this decisive ideological struggle."

The total U.S. government budget request is \$2.9 trillion.

The president's emergency supplemental request for this fiscal year is set at \$93.4 billion. This request will cover the cost of operations through the end of fiscal 2007, Sept. 30. The request also includes funds to repair or replace equipment lost in combat.

The supplemental budget provides \$39.3 billion to sustain warfighting operations, including supplies, support and maintenance, according to documents released by the Defense Department. It also includes:

- \$10.4 billion for force protection and improvised-explosive-device defeat, which includes improved armor for personnel and vehicles and \$2.4 billion for the development and fielding of counter-IED measures;
- \$3.8 billion to train and equip Iraqi security forces and \$5.9 billion to train and equip Afghan security forces;
- \$2.7 billion for military intelligence;
- \$1.1 billion for critical military construction projects in direct support of deployed troops;
- \$13.9 billion to repair or replace equipment lost or damaged in combat; and
- \$1.7 billion to support permanent end-strength increases for the Army and Marine Corps.

The supplemental budget also would fund the deployment of the five additional brigade combat teams Bush has pledged to Iraq, and an increased naval presence in the region.

All of the requests must be passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate. The House and Senate may make changes in the request.

Lecture details on-line safety

The Army Family Advocacy Program presents "Internet Safety for Parents," Feb. 13 from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Army Community Service Conference room located at 5201 Maryland Avenue.

Members of the New Jersey State Police Digital Technology Investigation Unit will be on hand to discuss myspace.com, cyberbullying and many other internet issues children and parents may face.

For more information and to register for this program call 562-4830.

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Soldiers get special invite to ground zero



Capt. Brad Burns, commander of the 731st TC, promotes Pfc. Steven Iverson to the rank of Cpl. The promotion ceremony took place when the unit visited ground zero, left photo.

"I'm proud doing the right thing for my country and family. It's an honor being here at ground zero, hoping that this will never happen again," said Iverson as he received his new rank. Iverson and the rest of the unit are heading off to participate in the Global War on Terrorism. They left Fort Dix Sunday, Feb. 4 after three months of training.

The unit's First Sergeant, 1st Sgt. Durrell Keller affectionately refers to the unit as the "57 Heinz," because the unit is made up of so many military occupational skills. At right, reflections of Soldiers at the monument of the World Trade Center Path Station. The Path Station connected New Jersey with New York. It was destroyed when the Twin Towers collapsed during the 9/11 attacks.

For many Soldiers in the 731st, this was their first visit to New York and ground zero. The unit hails from Kansas.

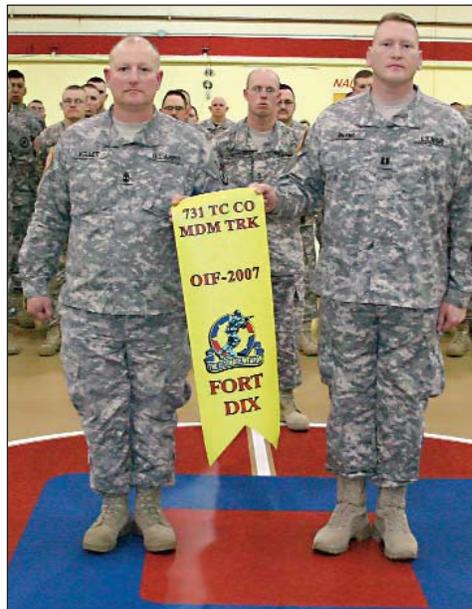
"It was like walking on hallowed grounds," said Spc. Drew Edwards, from Dodge City, about the unit's visit. Edwards was advanced from Pfc. to Spc. during the visit.



The 3rd Platoon of the 731st TC poses for a shot on Liberty Island. In the background may be the most famous skyline in the world, New York City. When they gathered for the photo, a group of spectators bigger than the platoon gathered to watch as the Soldiers grouped together for photographs. The 731st visited Liberty Island and ground zero on their trip to New York. They were going to visit Ellis Island, but were stopped due to time constraints. Spc. Adam Murphy, below, stands in front of Lady Liberty during the visit.



photos by Pascual Flores



Ed Mingin

Before the 731st TC visited New York, the unit participated in the Post's yellow Banner Ceremony. The banners hang at Infantry Park, reminding everyone at Fort Dix that some of our people are in harms way.

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ESGR nominations now open

The National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), in conjunction with the Secretary of Defense, announced nominations will be accepted at the ESGR Web site for the 2007 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Awards.

The nomination process opened Jan. 8 and will conclude on Feb. 28. To nominate their employers, National Guardsmen, Reservists, or their family members should visit the ESGR Web site at www.esgr.mil and complete the 2007 Freedom Award nomination form.

More information is available by calling the National Committee Office at (800) 336-4590.

Hiring Heroes job fair coming to Club Dix

Club Dix will host the Hiring Heroes Career Fair for injured Soldiers who served in the Global War on Terrorism and their spouses Feb. 27 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Feb. 28 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The event, sponsored by the DoD Defense Application Assistance Office, will offer resume counseling, interview and attire tips, and social security disability and veterans benefits information on day one.

Day two will play host to more than 30 employers from the DoD, CIA, defense contractors, federal agencies, NASA, and private companies such as IBM and Jackson-Hewitt.

Those interested should call Sgt. Maj. James Clark at 610-7830 or (301) 674-9428, or send e-mail to James.clark1@us.army.mil or James.a.clark@amedd.army.mil

Family Action Plan classes coming soon

Healthy Relationship Building - Feb. 9 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the ACS Conference Room
Are you tired of becoming involved in relationships that do not meet your needs? Are you always the one walking away feeling used or taken advantage of? Answer yes? This class is for you! Come out and receive the tools needed to build a relationship that is rewarding.

Internet Safety for Parents - Feb. 13 from 7 to 8 p.m. in the ACS Conference Room

M y s p a c e ... C y b e r b u l l y i n g - what are they? The NJ State Police will be here to answer your questions about the Internet. Come out and learn how to protect your children in the world of technology.

Know Your Benefits Workshop - Feb. 22 from 6 to 7 p.m. in the ACS Conference Room

Designed with the veteran and family in mind. Come out and discuss the benefits that you can take advantage of. You have served us well; we want to give back to you. This is your opportunity to ask questions and get real answers.

African-Americans to be highlighted in film

The 108th Special Emphasis Program and the Black Employment Manager present African Americans in film and documentaries as producers, directors and actors.

Films will be shown every Tuesday and Thursday this month from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Wing Conference Room, Bldg. 33-27 Charles Boulevard, McGuire Air Force Base. You must bring your own lunch, except for the bonus luncheon Feb. 27.

For more information and movie titles, call Master Sgt. Holder or Staff Sgt. Schexnayder at 754-3849.

Middle school in need of clothing for play

A Lower Bucks County middle school is putting on a play called "Don't Say No to the USOs." They are in need of military style clothing to be used as costumes for the presentation. If you are able to help call Sharon at (215) 949-1931.

Job Interview Workshop coming next week

Army Community Service will host a Job Interview Skills Workshop Feb. 13 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Public Affairs Office, Bldg. 5165 Maryland Avenue. Register by calling Rod Martell at 562-2186 or e-mailing to portirio-rodriquez-martell@dix.army.mil

Students send Valentines to troops

Wayne Cook
Public Affairs Staff

The cafeteria at Kings Academy in Wrightstown was bustling with activity the morning of Feb. 5.

The pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, and first grade classes had all come together to take on a project of monumental importance. The little tots were making sure that a very significant group of individuals knew that they were appreciated and loved during the Valentine's Day holiday period.

The young scholars were making Valentine's Day cards to be distributed to Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, and Marines serving over in Kuwait and Iraq in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

A large portion of Kings Academy's student body are military dependents so being separated from loved ones for extended periods of time is not a new situation for most of them. Several of the aspiring artists' moms or dads are serving in Kuwait and Iraq at this time. Making the Valentine's Day cards provided a way for the youngsters to connect with their loved ones. A lot of care and love went into the creations of paper, stickers and markers. The children worked diligently with high spirits as they prepared their labors of love.

Working with the teachers at the school to get the cards to the military personnel in the arena overseas is Chap. (Capt.) Dan Thompson, McGuire Air



Force Base staff chaplain, who is currently serving in Kuwait. He will work with others in Kuwait and Iraq to ensure the widest dissemination of the gifts of love.

Assisting the children with their project were Donna Sanchez, pre-kindergarten teacher, Jeanne Santana, kindergarten teacher, class aide, Noemi Perez, and Kim Kardelis, first grade teacher.

photos by Wayne Cook

YA GOTTA HAVE HEART - Linda Munoz, a pre-kindergarten student at Kings Academy in Wrightstown, right, puts the finishing touches on a Valentine's Day card for service members in Kuwait and Iraq.



Catalog welcomes spring with Home Décor catalog

DALLAS - With the end of a long, cold winter on the horizon, there is no better time to prepare the home and garden for spring than with the Exchange Catalog's new Home Décor supplement. The 2007 edition, hitting mailboxes and exchanges now, features more than 200 new items ranging from exemplary home furnishings to unique accessories that make a house a home.

"We've included everything a military family needs to transform any home into the ultimate retreat for relaxing and entertaining," said Army & Air Force Exchange Service Chief Marketing Officer Richard Sheff. "Our team has scoured the globe to find products that not only reflect excellent

tastes, but, more importantly, a common sense approach to decorating."

The new 84-page Exchange Catalog boasts a wide array of furniture options including dining room sets and bedroom groups as well as office furniture and home theater solutions. Authorized exchange shoppers can also browse affordably priced window treatments, colorful area rugs and premium lighting.

Finally, the catalog features handy outdoor essentials, including lawn and

garden equipment, along with all of the necessary tools to take care of all your outdoor needs.

The 2007 Home Décor Spring Exchange Catalog is available at all main stores and online at aafes.com, usmccs.org, navy-nex.com or cg-exchange.com.

Prices in this all-services catalog are valid through April 23, 2007, for any authorized exchange customer. Active duty military members of the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines and Coast Guard, as well as military retirees, reservists, National Guardsmen, Department of Defense civilians stationed overseas, exchange employees and their family members are all authorized exchange privileges.

Orders can be placed by mail, fax or phone. Toll free orders can be placed from the United States, Puerto Rico or Guam at 800-527-2245. The Exchange Catalog center is open around-the-clock, seven days a week.

Authorized customers can also shop the 2007 Home Décor Spring Exchange Catalog online at aafes.com, usmccs.org, navy-nex.com or cg-exchange.com.



Ed Mingin

Service with a smile

Lisa Gonzalez-Berthau, a CAC operator, is awarded the SERCO Corporation Employee of the Quarter award for the fourth quarter of 2006 during a ceremony held at the Human Resources - Military office in Bldg. 5418 Feb. 2. Working in the ID Section, Gonzalez-Berthau serviced more than 1,000 customers during this past quarter. For her efforts, she was presented with a letter, plaque and monetary award from SERCO. Presenting the award were Luis Millan, SERCO Human Resource manager, and Henry Melon-Lopez, HRM director.



NCO Academy college fair gives potential students venue

Sgt. 1st Class Karon Pouncey, test controller, NCO Academy, talks with Jim Landerkin, federal program manager, Capella University, about her educational future during the College Fair that was hosted by the NCO Academy Feb. 1. Representatives from local, regional and national colleges were in attendance to provide information to Soldiers, dependents and civilians on their programs, admission procedures and other topics.

Wayne Cook

MILITARY MATTERS

Kansas troops prep for deployment

Ryan Morton
Public Affairs Staff

On a chilly late January day, Soldiers from the 731st Medium Truck Company completed their block of instruction for a deployment in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

The unit has been here since late November performing theater-immersion, convoy, and security forces training, and tested the skills they learned with the Army Training Evaluation Program, or ARTEP. The ARTEP is the final training Soldiers perform before mobilization into theater.

The 731st MTC Soldiers, or "Big Dogs," are some of the more than 93,000 troops who have mobilized and demobilized through the installation since Sept. 11, 2001.

The Big Dogs are comprised of about 180 Soldiers and are part of the Kansas National Guard hailing from Larned, KS. The 731st MTC has detachments throughout the state, and has Soldiers from a variety of Military Occupation Specialties, or MOSS, including truck drivers, light-wheel mechanics, cooks, medics, and administration clerks. In civilian life these Soldiers have many different backgrounds as well, such as business owners, farmers, and students, among several other occupational business fields or schooling programs.

Many of these Soldiers have even deployed before, including several who have served in Operation Iraqi Freedom. The knowledge, wisdom, and experience these Soldiers bring to the table really helps many of the younger



Ryan Morton

NOT IN KANSAS ANYMORE -- A Soldier from the 731st Transportation Company administers first aid to a civilian during the unit's Army Training Evaluation Program (ARTEP) training mission. The 731st, part of the Kansas National Guard, is training for an upcoming deployment in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

or more novice Soldiers. That experience, combined with the intense, high-tempo level of the training they have participated in at Dix, has helped prepare them for what is to come.

"It helps to have that knowledge and motivation, and they can also relate that back to the younger Soldiers which makes everyone, including the chain of command, feel more comfortable. The older Soldiers have done a really great job in mentoring the younger Soldiers and taking them under their wing," Capt. Brad Burns, 731st MTC

commander, said.

The transition from being a National Guard Soldier to a Regular Army Soldier is quite a challenge.

"These Soldiers have to put their personal lives on hold for an indeterminate number of days because it's not set in stone just how long they'll actually have to be away. The sacrifice is great because they'll miss many life experiences such as birthdays, births, and anniversaries, among other types of events," Burns said.

In spite of these challenges,

Burns feels very confident with where his Soldiers are at in their training and preparation for the mission ahead.

"The motivation is high; these Soldiers do a great job, they're adapting quite well, and they react very quickly to all types of scenarios that come up," Burns said.

"The number one goal, aside from the success and completion of the mission, is bringing everyone back home safely, and that comes from this unit being proficiently trained and prepared," he said.



Sgt. Mike Pryor

Aiming for success

Spc. Joshua Herron, a paratrooper from the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, clears a room during a training exercise at Camp Taji, north of Baghdad, Jan. 26.

Launch nears for Military Channel's 'Operation V-Day'

Carmen L. Gleason
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7, 2007 – Friends and family back home will have a chance to see their servicemembers in action and hear their personal messages via video thanks to the efforts of a cable network dedicated to the military.

Beginning at 6 a.m. on Feb. 14, Discovery Communications' Military Channel plans to launch "Operation V-Day," a 24-hour commercial-free airing of messages from troops around the world to their loved ones in the states.

The channel also plans to begin airing troop-recorded videos for a new feature showing the personal stories of the men and women stationed overseas.

"The Military Channel is dedicated to all military subjects – and most certainly that means men and women in uniform themselves," said Jill Bondurant,

organization publicist.

The media outlet is the first to partner with the Defense Department's America Supports You program in an effort to broaden national awareness of the ways viewers can support U.S. troops.

Bondurant said that the network is reinforcing its commitment to the military by being a voice for troops and opening up the airwaves so they can send messages back home.

In mid-January, the Pentagon Channel asked American Forces Network stations worldwide to begin collecting video clips for airing on Valentine's Day. Their goal was to submit 1,900 messages to the cable network.

The nature of the Pentagon Channel is to push out news and information to the men and women of the military and their families, said Brian Natwick, the station's general manager. "For this reason, making the push to get people to give Valentine's Day messages out to family members is a great project for us

to be involved in."

In addition to airing the messages from troops in 177 different countries, the Military Channel will also air public service announcements on how to get involved with the America Supports You program.

The Military Channel will continue to focus on user-generated videos when they begin airing "Voices from the Front" the following day. At the top of each

hour, the network will broadcast "unfiltered, real-life" moments filmed by servicemembers.

"The Military Channel is continuing to increase the amount of airtime related to the war in Iraq, which has doubled since last year, and is planning more direct-from-the-troops programming," said Bondurant.

She said that this is a chance for troops to tell their personal stories to viewers and allow them

to see what a day in the life is really like for servicemen and women.

Troops are encouraged to submit raw footage and content from their day-to-day activities for airing on the channel and its

Web site.

Video can be sent to www.mywardiary.com or can be mailed to Military Videos, c/o Discovery Productions, 8045 Kennett Street, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

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Announcements



Movie Schedule
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Movie Hotline 754-5139

Friday, Feb. 9 @ 7:30 p.m.
Code Name: The Cleaner - Cedric the Entertainer, Lucy Liu - Jake is a seemingly regular guy who has no idea who he is after being hit over the head by mysterious assailants. When he finds himself unexpectedly entangled in a high-level government conspiracy, Jake and his pursuers begin to believe that he is an undercover agent who subconsciously holds a key piece of information that could expose an arms deal involving the CIA and FBI. **MPAA Rating: PG-13** for sexual content, crude humor and some violence. 84 minutes.

Saturday, Feb. 10 @ 7:30 p.m.
Night at the Museum - Ben Stiller, Carla Gugino - A night watchman at a museum of natural history makes a startling discovery. Thanks to the unleashing of an ancient Egyptian curse, the museum's animals, birds, bugs and other exhibits spring to life after the building closes. Former President Teddy Roosevelt is among those the hapless guard encounters. Based on the book by Milan Trenc. **MPAA Rating: PG** for mild action, language and brief rude humor. *Run Time: 109 minutes.*

Matinee...
Saturday, February 10
Charlotte's Web
@ 3:00 p.m.
G, 96 min.

Future Features...
Alpha Dog
Friday, February 16 @ 7:30 p.m.
R, 119 min.
Happily N'Ever After
Saturday, February 17 @ 7:30 p.m.
PG, 87 min.

Main Chapel

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.
Protestant-Gospel Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.

Religious Services

Islamic Prayer room
open 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday - Room 24
Adult Bible Study
Wednesdays at noon and 7 p.m.
Catholic Adult Bible Study - Sundays at 11:30 a.m.
Christian Women of the Chapel
hold a **Bible Study** - Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. to noon
Christian Men of the Chapel
hold a **Prayer Breakfast** - Fourth Saturday of each month, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Youth of the Chapel
Every second and fourth Tuesday - 7:00 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Jewish Services
Contact the Chapel for dates and time.

Lenten Activities

Ash Wednesday - 21 Feb.

6 p.m.- Catholic Mass (Sanctuary)

6 p.m. - Protestant Service/Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

Stations of the Cross - 23 Feb., 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 March - 6p.m.

Organizations

Wiccan Services offered

Wiccan Services are offered at Chapel #2, Falcon Court, McGuire Air Force Base the first, third and fourth Sunday of each month from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. For more information call Shirley Szalay, 758-4681.

Red Cross seeks volunteers

The American Red Cross is looking for volunteers to help at the warehouse. Interested individuals must be able to lift boxes and have experience in inventory control. Contact Patrizia Selk-Welkenbach at 562-2258.

WIC Program available

Women, Infants and Children (WIC) is a federally funded supplemental nutrition program for pregnant and breastfeeding women, infants and children under the age of 5. Eligibility for the program is based on an income and nutritional or medical risk. WIC can provide infants with iron-fortified infant formula, cereal and juice. Children and women receive milk, cheese, eggs, cereal, juice, peanut butter or beans. Women who breastfeed and do not use any infant formula may

also receive carrots and tuna.

The Burlington County WIC Program has clinic sites throughout the county. Evening appointments are available. To learn more about the program call WIC at 267-4303

Youth Center

Bldg. 1279 Locust Street
562-5061

Hours of Operation:
Tuesday - Friday 2 to 7 p.m.
Saturday 1 to 7 p.m.
Sunday & Monday CLOSED

Administrative Hours:
Tuesday - Friday noon to 6 p.m.

February Schedule

Keystone Valentine's Day Ball
10 Feb.
7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Mondays - Fridays

Power Hour
2 - 4:30 p.m.

Computer Lab
4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Tuesdays
SMART Start
3:45 - 4:45 p.m.

Wednesdays
Sports and Fitness
3:35 - 4:45 p.m.

Thursdays
Tech Club
3:45 - 4:45 p.m.

Fridays
Arts and Crafts
3:45 - 4:45 p.m.

Note: The Teen Center is open Fridays and Saturdays from 7 to 11 p.m. except during the Youth Center's Midnight Basketball nights.

Army Community Service

Bldg. 5201
562-2767

Hours of Operation:
7:45 - 4:30 p.m.

February Schedule

Playgroup 18 months-3 yrs.
12 Feb.
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
McGuire CDC #1

A Night of Discussion: Single Parenting Issues
12 Feb.
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
TBA

Internet Safety for Parents
13 Feb.
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
ACS

Jon Interview Skills
13 Feb.
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Bldg. 5165

For more information call
Deraurah Wilson at 562-4830

McGuire AFB Family Advocacy Program

754-9680

February Schedule

Pregnancy 101
12 Feb.
9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Breastfeeding Class
21 Feb.
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Parents Anonymous
every Tuesday
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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Dix Shoppette/Class Six/ Gas Station

723-0044
Bldg. 5359, Texas Ave.
Monday to Friday - 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Weekends - 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

BX/PX & Mall

723-6100
Monday to Thursday - 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Friday and Saturday - 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Sunday - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Commissary

754-4154
Monday to Friday - 7 a.m. (early bird) to 8 p.m.
Saturday - 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Sunday - 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Military Clothing/Sales Store-Alterations

723-2307
Bldg. 5601, Texas Ave.
Monday to Saturday 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Sunday - Closed.

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.

Recreation Center

562-4956
Bldg. 5905 on Doughboy Loop.
Monday through Friday - 1 to 10 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday - noon to 11 p.m.
AT&T Cyber Zone offers computer access for a fee

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.

McGuire Gas Station

723-4705
East Arnold Avenue by th 24-hour gate
Monday to Friday -- 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Saturday -- 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Sunday -- 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Spouses' Club Thrift Shop

723-2683
Tuesday and Thursdays - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
First Wednesday of each month - 4 to 8 p.m.
First and 3rd Saturday of each month - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

NEW HOURS Dining Facilities

Bldgs. 5640 and 5986
Breakfast Mon - Sun 6:00 to 7:30 a.m.
Lunch Mon - Sun 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Dinner Mon - Sun 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.
Bldg. 5517
Breakfast Mon - Sun 6:30 to 8:00 a.m.
Lunch Mon - Sun 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Dinner Mon - Sun 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

Outdoor Recreation

562-6667
Bldg. 6045 Doughboy Loop
Equipment for rent includes skis, snowboards, canoes, flat bottom boats, canopies of various sizes, tents, tables, chairs and more.
Monday to Friday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday 4 p.m.

NEW HOURS Java Cafe and Computer Lab @Club Dix

723-3272
Monday - Friday - 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday - Closed.

McGuire Shoppette

723-4705
East Arnold Avenue by the 24-hour gate
Monday to Thursday -- 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Friday -- 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Saturday -- 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Sunday -- 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Fort Dix Post Office

723-1541
6038 West 9th St.
Monday to Friday -- 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Saturday -- 9:00 a.m. to noon
Lobby hours
Monday to Friday 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Club Dix

723-3272
Dix Cafe
Tuesday to Friday 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Airborne troops drop into Dix for training

Ryan Morton
Public Affairs Staff

Soldiers from the 82nd Airborne Division recently came from Fort Bragg, N.C., to perform detainee operations and convoy training.

A regular day for these paratroopers consists of jumping out of airplanes, but these Soldiers from the 1st Special Troops Battalion, 1st Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division, took advantage of some specialized training offered by the personnel at Fort Dix. During their week-long stay at the installation, these Soldiers participated in training exercises such as unarmed self-defense, prisoner extraction, riot control, and baton usage, among others.

They came to Dix because the installation is one of the few military bases in the country that offers this specialized training and has an area set up to look like a prison compound to train in. These Soldiers were able to take advantage of this unique instruction in preparation for a couple of upcoming deployments.

The first is in March to train for a month at the Joint Readiness Center, or JRC, at Fort Polk, La., and the second is in June where they will be deployed overseas in support of the Global War on Terrorism. The intention is for these Soldiers to learn the proper techniques, standards, and rules of engagement in accordance with the Geneva Conventions in the handling of detainees.

The area where they trained is a place set up to look like Camp Remembrance II in Iraq, which is conveniently called Camp Remembrance at Dix. It was a very constructive week of training and, according to their commander, Lt. Col. Fred Drummond, should benefit the Soldiers greatly when they are called upon to perform these measures in theater.

"This is excellent training. The Soldiers have responded very well to the challenges the trainers here at Dix have thrown at them, and it's very beneficial because it gives us a chance to do these detainee and convoy operations, which is something we don't normally get to do back at



photos by Ryan Morton

NO HOLDS BARRED -- Sgt. Varon Webb, above left, and Sgt. Daniel Cooper of the 1st Special Troops Battalion, 1st Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division, grapple with one another during self-defense training at Fort Dix. The paratroopers were here for a week participating in training exercises such as self-defense, riot control, baton usage, and prisoner extraction, below.



Bragg. The Soldiers here, the 72nd TSB Soldier trainers, have done a wonderful job working with our guys and we're very grateful to be able to take advantage of their knowledge, wisdom, and expertise in these matters," he said.

The 82nd Airborne has a wide array of Soldiers including infantry, field artillery, cooks, mechanics, truck drivers, medics, and petroleum supply specialists, among others. They all seemed to learn quite a great deal and had some fun while learning these valuable and important skills.

"This is by far the best training I've had since I've been in

the Army," Pvt. Anthony Landers said.

"For those of us who have never been deployed, we're learning some great things here," Pvt. Nathan Lawrence said.

"This is the kind of training we can take back to the unit to train other Soldiers," Staff Sgt. Onterio Perry said.

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Chaplains' Corner

Chap. (Col.) Larry Biederman
installation chaplain

Psalm 23

23:1 LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
23:2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.
23:3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
23:4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
23:5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
23:6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

A few years ago, I had the privilege of going to a prayer breakfast where a command sergeant major was the guest speaker. The command sergeant major had three aspects that set him apart: He was an excellent command sergeant major, he had spent many years at the Hanoi Hilton as a prisoner of war during the Viet Nam Conflict, and he was one of the most positively faithful and caring people I have ever met.

His prayer breakfast topic was how his faith had sustained him during his years of captivity. He

started off by telling us that at first his faith did not sustain him because he had not been a faithful person. Instead, he had been young and wild and careless of his faith in every possible way.

He indicated that his faith journey had really begun on what he referred to as his darkest day when he knew that he was not strong enough or tough enough to survive the deprivation and torture that he was going through, and that he just wanted to end it all but he had no way to make that happen.

At that dark moment, he desperately began to repeat everything that he had ever been required to memorize in school or Sunday School as he grew up – The Gettysburg Address, The Lord's Prayer, and Psalm 23.

As he said, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me," he discovered that he had faith, and in that faith he knew God would give him the strength, the courage and the hope to get through it all. He then emphasized and he did and is still doing it!

He concluded with two points that I personally find helpful.

Point 1: On your darkest day, use whatever tools that God, your parents and your faith group have given you as a child.

Point 2: If you allow it, God will help you bear the darkest days or the toughest burden.

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Soldiers shine during awards ceremony



Col. Ira Kronenberg, deputy installation chaplain, near left, receives the Afghanistan Campaign Medal and the Iraq Campaign Medal from Lt. Col. Joseph Chirico, Mobilization Readiness Battalion commander. Kronenberg was deployed to Afghanistan from April 17 to May 16, 2005, and from Sept. 25 to Oct. 30, 2005. He was in Iraq from Sept. 17 to Oct. 17, 2006.



Sgt. 1st Class Jeffrey Frazier, far right, receives the Army Commendation Medal for meritorious service as the operations and training sergeant for Bravo Company, and a Range Control NCO.



Staff Sgt. Charles Gaglio, near left, receives a Certificate of Appreciation. Also receiving the COA were Sgts. 1st Class Vincent Fanning and Luz Harbin. Capt. Eric Wagner, above left, receives the Certificate of Appreciation for support of the Fort Dix Army Family Action Plan conference. Sgt. Kathryn Hadaway, above, receives the Army Achievement Medal. Also receiving the AAM were Staff Sgts. Glenn Johnston, Nathan Quinn, Lakeeya Rodriguez and Tasha Viet, and Sgt. 1st Class Eric Turner. Master Sgt. Pennti Forsman, right, was recognized by the state of New Jersey as a state trooper who, in January 2005, was involved in a high-risk traffic stop on the Garden State Parkway that resulted in the arrest of three kidnapping suspects and the rescue of an injured victim.

photos by Shawn Morris



Super party offers training break

Ryan Morton
Public Affairs Staff

The Super Bowl has really become an American holiday over the years, and the Fort Dix community, like much of the rest of the nation, held a party of its own for "Super Sunday."

On Feb. 4, military personnel from the Army and Air Force gathered at Camp Victory to watch Super Bowl XLII, taking time out from their busy training schedules to watch the clash between the winners of the AFC, the Indianapolis Colts, and the NFC-winning Chicago Bears.

This is the third straight year Camp Victory, which is commonly known as the Forward Operating Base or FOB, has hosted the Super Bowl party. The United States Organization (USO), Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) and Braun

Research got behind the effort to provide everything from the food, drinks, and raffle memorabilia, among other things. Dozens of people volunteered their personal time to help bring the party out to the Soldiers and Airmen.

"This is great because it gives the service members out here an opportunity to take a break from training and just enjoy themselves and relax and watch the game," Sarah Johnson, Fort Dix MWR director, said.

The dinner featured various types of hoagies, drinks, and candies that the service members could stuff into goodie bags given out at the event. There was also a raffle conducted throughout the broadcast with prizes given out, ranging from player replica jerseys to key chains and footballs, among other things. Super Bowl T-shirts were given out at the door upon entry to the activity tent where the event was held.

This kind of event helps serve as a great morale booster for all involved.

"It gives you a break from the everyday training we do. You get to relax and take your mind off of the elements. It also gives you a chance to get to know people outside of a training confine and see each other in a different light," Air Force Tech. Sgt. Wavelon Jackson said.

The volunteers also get a lot out of this experience as they get to say thanks.

"This is what it's all about, being able to serve those who serve. Those are all the great rewards for us. It's also nice to be part of a great team where everybody works together and contributes to Soldiers and the Fort Dix workforce," Bob Beske, MWR chief of community recreation, said.



Ryan Morton

DOOR PRIZE -- The MWR staff was on hand to hand out gifts at the FOB Super Bowl party. Air Force Tech Sgt. Wavelon Jackson gets a t-shirt from Sarah Johnson.

Kicking it up at the mansion



Sgt. Shawn Morris, 444th MPAD

GO TEAM -- Maj. Gen. Glenn K. Rieth, the adjutant general of New Jersey, presented Governor John Corzine with a Colts jersey just before the big game started. Corzine hosted a Super Bowl party at the governor's mansion with National Guardsmen as his guests.

"They do a lot for us, and we want to recognize them," said New Jersey Governor John Corzine.

To give some recognition, Corzine hosted a Super Bowl party at the Governor's mansion this past Sunday. Invited were members of the New Jersey Guard who had been deployed to fight in the Global War on Terrorism.

"You truly are what makes America great," said Corzine to the Guardsmen. "You're part of an all-volunteer force. It's tough being a Guardsman in today's National Guard. You've all stepped up to the plate; you've all done a fabulous job."

A large tent was set up on the grounds of the mansion, and two large-screen TVs were brought in to view the game. Food was plentiful, and prizes were given out during the game.

"I love these people. They've sacrificed for us," said Corzine about his reason for having the gathering with the Guardsmen. "This is not complicated; this is about human being to human being. They do a lot for us, and we want to recognize them."

The governor seemed pleased with the party, and the result of the game. He may even invite his guests back next year.

"You can come have a party here anytime," he said to his guests.



Ed Mingin

Too close to call

Marshal Bigelow manages to keep his foot inbounds as he grabs the ball during a recent FCI game. TLC still sits atop the standings with a record of 5-0. MRB has been playing well, and have the most victories, but with one loss, the team sits in second place at 7-1. NCOA and the Renegades are tied in third place at 4-1. The always strong Wildcats follow at 3-1, with 2/31st FA trailing with a 4-3 record. FCI has played several close games but are struggling at 2-3. Dynasty follows next with a 3-4 record. Close behind is HHC 5th Bde. who are trying to improve on their 2-5 record. 3rd SEG trails all with a record of 1-4.

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9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Monday - Friday
6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Feb. 17-19
Downhill skiing/snowboarding
weekend at Bear Creek.

Friday
Spin-It!
noon - 12:45 p.m.

Youth Basketball Schedule

Feb. 9
Juniors - Fort Dix vs. Pemberton #3 at Pemberton High School - 8 p.m.
Sr. Bantam - Fort Dix #2 vs. Pemberton #2 at Pemberton High School - 6 p.m.
Jr. Bantam - Fort Dix vs. Pemberton #4 at Doughboy Gym - 6 p.m.

Feb. 24
Downhill skiing/snowboarding
at Blue Mountain.

Ski packages include transportation, equipment, lift ticket, and lesson.

Call Outdoor Rec. at 562-6667 for prices and additional information.

Classes are subject to change. There must be at least three participants to conduct a class. Call the Griffith Field House staff at 562-4888 for more information.

Griffith Field House Aerobics Schedule

Monday
Step & Sculpt
noon - 1 p.m.
Total Toning
5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.
Tuesday
Mind & Body Pilates
8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Spin-It!
noon - 12:45 p.m.

Senior Bantams lose close game

Fort Dix #2 lost a close 25-21 game to Pemberton #1 this past Friday night.

Pemberton led Fort Dix 10-2 at the end of the first quarter. Dix managed to climb back into the game by the half with the score 16-11.

The third quarter was a game of turnovers between the two teams. Pemberton held on to a 22-16 lead going into the final quarter.

Fort Dix put on a full-court press, holding Pemberton to 3 while scoring 5 points. Anthony Elliott scored 12 points and Felipe Hernandez added 5 more, but it was not enough to pull out a win.

Carlton Simpson played a great defensive game by blocking six Pemberton shots. Simpson, Hernandez, and Tizzy Hogg led the defense, pulling down rebound after rebound.

Fort Dix #2 will be back in action this Friday night against Pemberton #2. The game will be played at Pemberton High School, with a 6 p.m. start time. The basketball season has just passed the half-way point. It will continue on until the beginning of March.

Outdoor Recreation Skiing

The ski and snowboarding season will see Outdoor Rec. travelling to Bear Creek and Blue Mountain for some winter fun. The following are trips offered by Outdoor Rec. for the month of February.

Feb. 10
Downhill skiing/snowboarding
at Bear Creek.

Wizard offers alternative

Wayne Cook
Public Affairs Staff

The students of the Fort Dix Elementary School gathered in the gymnasium for a special visit Feb. 2.

As part of a promotion by the Pemberton High School Project Graduation committee a very tall guest spent a few minutes entertaining the children with feats of spherical wizardry.

"Big" Mike "M+M" Matthews, a 6-foot-10-inch tall member of the Harlem Wizards, assisted the committee in telling all the students and faculty members about an up-coming fundraiser being held later this month.

While sharing about the event, Matthews entertained the audience with some of his basketball prowess and a little bit of the buffoonery that sets the Wizards apart from most professional basketball teams.

He even got Luc Lacher, a fourth grader, to participate in some basketball routines with him.

The fundraiser is going to be a basketball game played between the Harlem Wizards and the 'Pemberton All-stars' - a team comprised of high school students and faculty members - to raise money to assist with the senior class graduation lock-in, in lieu of a senior graduation trip. Instead of the usual senior trip to some destination where trouble inevitably awaits teens with life's many temptations, the class will shut themselves in the school and partake of activities and food in a fashion that is more becoming of the responsible citizens into which they are morphing.



Wayne Cook

BALL CONTROL -- Fourth-grader Luc Lacher displays some ball handling skills for Big Mike "M+M" Matthews of the Harlem Wizards. Matthews was on hand at the Fort Dix Elementary School to promote Pemberton Township High School's Project Graduation Feb. 2. A fundraising game between the Wizards and the Pemberton All-Stars will be held Feb. 23.

The game is scheduled to be played Feb. 23, at 7 p.m. in the Pemberton High School gymnasium.

Those seeking more information or tickets to the event can contact any Pemberton School District school office.

ARTS & CRAFTS

Bldg. 6039
Philadelphia Street
562-5691

Registration & sales store hours:

Tuesday-Thursday
noon-5 p.m. & 6-8:45 p.m.
Friday
11 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.
Saturday
9 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

CLOSED Feb. 17

PROGRAMS

Quilts For Kids

Feb. 10, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Join us every second Saturday of the month, and become part of this national organization that donates quilts to children's hospitals, shelters, and more. We have exciting new ideas and donated fabrics; all you need to bring is your desire to help others while you learn to sew and learn to machine quilt! All experience levels welcome, and there is no fee to join.

Adult Craft Classes

Tuesdays, 6 - 8:30 p.m.
Feb. 20.....Ceramic Cake Plate
\$5 fee plus materials

Kids Craft Classes

Saturdays, 2:30 - 4 p.m.
Feb. 10.....Heart Magnet

Feb. 24.....Shamrock Clip
\$5 fee plus materials

Kids Pottery Class

ages 6-9, 10:30 a.m. - noon
Feb. 24, March 10, 17 & 24
\$20 fee plus \$10 materials

Tween Pottery Class

ages 10-13, 1 - 2:30 p.m.
Feb. 24, March 10, 17 & 24
\$20 fee plus \$10 materials

Black History Month Celebration

Feb. 10

Create an African mask in clay, forming it over a plaster mold and painting with underglaze to make an exceptional wall sculpture. With four different designs to choose from, this makes a great family project!

Custom Designer Handbags

6:30 - 9 p.m.
Feb. 13, 20 & 27

Why go to one of those new home parties for handbags when you can create your own right here? This class explores the many options of fabrics, pockets for everything including your cell phone, with or without zippers, linings, handles and your personal design. All levels of sewing - beginner to advanced welcome.
\$45.00 fee

Krafty Birthdays

Arts & Crafts offers Krafty Birthday Parties! Parties include up to 2 hours of party room use, one craft project with instruction and all materials, with many exciting projects to

choose from. When making party reservations, please make sure to stop by in order to select the craft and make payment.

Framing Qualification Classes

Get qualified to use this great facility and equipment! You'll complete one piece (cost of which is not covered by registration fee) about 8 x 10" which you must supply as you learn to operate the equipment. All materials are available for purchase at the frame shop.
\$10 registration fee

Contemporary Ceramic & Mosaic Studio

Looking for a place to walk in, relax and get creative? This is the place for you and your family to paint functional or decorative items to give as gifts or keep for yourself. We have many bisque ware items to choose, from plates and mugs to piggy banks, lots of project ideas, and a helpful staff to get you started. You do the painting and we'll complete your masterpiece with a food-safe glaze and expert firing. And now we have new lower prices in the mosaic studio. This ancient craft is simple and relaxing, and you can create one of a kind home décor or gift items. Open during normal sales store hours.

Quilo

Feb. 22, 6-8:30 p.m.
Learn how to make this cozy Blanket and Pillow all in one. This will make your chilly nights real comfy during a long, cold winter season.

Honoring the Colors

Reveille 6 a.m. (0600 hours)

Military personnel in uniform

Stand at attention, face the flag and salute at first note.

Military personnel not in uniform, civilians

Stand at attention, face the flag and place right hand over heart at first note.

Military personnel in formation or in a group

Senior Soldier calls group to "Attention," then "Present, Arms" at first note. Calls "Order, Arms" at conclusion.

Individual military personnel, civilians in a vehicle

Stop vehicle and exit. Follow steps above.

Group of military personnel in a vehicle

Stop vehicle. Individual in charge exits and follows steps above.

Retreat 5 p.m. (1700 hours)

Stand at attention, face the flag for Retreat, then salute at first note of To the Colors.

Stand at attention, face the flag for Retreat, then place right hand over heart at first note of To the Colors.

Senior Soldier calls group to "Attention," then "Parade, Rest" at first note of Retreat. Calls group to "Attention" and "Present, Arms" at first note of To the Colors, then "Order, Arms" at conclusion.

Stop vehicle and exit. Follow steps above.

Stop vehicle. Individual in charge exits and follows steps above.



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.

Looking for information and assistance? ACS is here to serve you. ACS serves all military branches of service, DoD civilian personnel and retirees. The ACS Center is accessible to individuals with disabilities

FORT DIX WANTS YOU



TO BE A VOLUNTEER

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Fort Dix is looking for interested residents who would like to volunteer

"Fort Dix volunteers improve the quality of life for all residents"

For those residents who want to make sure the Fort Dix community is the best it can be please

Call Army Community Service at 562-2767