

NEWSNOTES

Black History Luncheon coming to Club Dix

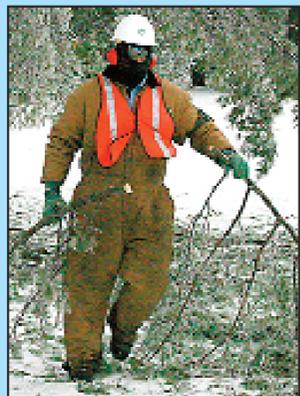
The Annual Black History Luncheon will be held at Club Dix Feb. 22 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The guest speaker will be Aubrey Fenton, deputy director of the Burlington County Board of Freeholders. Tickets cost \$15, and those interested in attending should call Fay Marshall-Dease at 562-2666, Fran Booth at 562-3930, Kelly Cezar at 562-5881 or Gaylor Simons at 754-5346.

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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 Walson 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 TMC 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.



Ed Mingin

Winter weighs in

Freezing rain coated the area Wednesday, closing schools, snarling traffic and weighing down trees. Rich Tenia, DPW, collects branches broken off by the weight of the ice.

WEATHER

Weather Hotline

Looking for information on weather delays and closings on Fort Dix? Call 562-4065, tune in to WDIX or log on to www.dix.army.mil after 6 a.m. daily

FRIDAY: Mostly sunny, highs in the upper 20s. Wind gusting up to 25 mph. Overnight low of 13.

SATURDAY: Mostly sunny, highs in the mid-30s, chance of afternoon snow with overnight low of 24 degrees.

SUNDAY: Mostly cloudy, chance of snow, high in the mid 30s and low of 20 degrees.

PRESIDENTS DAY: Mostly sunny, high in mid-30s, slight chance of overnight snow with low of 22.

TUESDAY: Mostly sunny, daytime high in upper 30s with a low of 24 degrees.

WEDNESDAY: Mostly sunny, warmer with daytime high of 43 degrees and overnight low of 30.

Training welds strong future

Guard seeks to crosswalk military skills into civilian workforce

David Moore
Public Affairs Staff

Survivability on the battlefield and in the civilian workplace is getting a boost this year courtesy of the New Jersey National Guard's Regional Training Site-Maintenance (RTS-M) equipment upgrades at one of its Fort Dix training areas.

With the purchase of more than \$500,000 worth of equipment and materials this past year, in addition to sweat equity by instructors in the post's 5900 maintenance area, RTS-M leadership personnel now want to crosswalk Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) training for Soldiers into civilian certification in at least one of the metal trades -- welding.

"All indicators lead me to believe we can get that certification," Maj. Robert Garvey, RTS-M commander, said. "This means a young Soldier getting the welding training can likely get a job in the world starting at \$25 to \$30 an hour, which is a good starting point for a career."

To make that occur, Garvey is submitting an application for graduates of the welding course to become members of the American Welders Society (AWS). The society's mission is to support welding education and technology development. One of the organization's tenets is a strong and continuing focus on military



David Moore

LIGHTING UP LEARNING -- New Jersey Army National Guard Staff Sgt. Emilio Namuco, a Regional Training Site-Maintenance instructor of the 44B Army Welding Course, prepares stock used for the course being taught to Soldiers training for the welding job specialty at Fort Dix.

training and education programs.

The RTS-M runs about 60 courses a year at the Joint Training and Training Development Center and the 5900 area. Two of the MOS courses, Metal Worker (44B) and Machinist (44E), are getting trained inside two of the five buildings that look more like a laboratory than a dimly lit workshop.

Since the Global War on Terrorism began in 2001, about 2,000 military personnel honed skills now coveted on the

battlefield when it comes to welding up-armor vehicles and making repair parts.

"To be recognized by the AWS will certainly help the Soldiers kick start a career," Bell said.

Bell said the upgrades in the welding shop -- to include a new dust-free filtration system, state-of-the-art welding equipment, and the digital machinist equipment -- will help in securing the certification.

Garvey quipped that when it came

time to refurbish the class areas, he focused on a patriotic theme of red, white, and blue.

"If you look at the new air filtration system, it's red, the welding equipment is blue, and the walls are white," he said.

The welding shop can now train up to 12 students at a time, each having his or her own work area that has welding equipment for each student, said Sgt. 1st Class Donald Altieri, senior instructor at (continued on page 3)

Petraeus takes command of Multinational Force Iraq

Sgt. Sara Wood, USA
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12, 2007 -- Acknowledging the many challenges ahead and pledging full effort, Army Gen. David H. Petraeus took the helm of the top U.S. command in Iraq on Feb. 10 in Baghdad.

Petraeus, who was promoted to general just before the change-of-command ceremony, assumed command from Army Gen. George W. Casey Jr., who has led Multinational Force Iraq since July 2004.

Petraeus previously commanded the U.S. Army Combined Arms Center and Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

Casey is set to become the next Army chief of staff.

"This morning's ceremony truly is a humbling experience for me, and the challenges ahead are substantial," Petraeus said after officially taking command.

"The rucksack of responsibility is very heavy. In truth, it is too heavy for any one person to bear, and we will all have to share the burdens and move forward together.

"If we can do that and if we can help the people of Iraq do likewise, then the prospects for success are good," Petraeus concluded.

Petraeus thanked Casey for his leadership and sacrifices, and pledged to give the servicemembers and civilians of MNFI the best leadership and direction he can provide during the coming critical months.

The coalition's major job in the coming months will primarily be to work with Iraqi forces to improve security so the Iraqi government can resolve economic issues and improve basic services, he said.

"The way ahead will be hard, and there undoubtedly will be many tough days," Petraeus said.

"As I recently told the members of the United States Senate, however, 'hard' is not 'hopeless'; indeed, together with our Iraqi partners, we can and we must prevail."

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Carolee Nisbet

Be my digital Valentine

Kyle Roeder records a Valentine message for his dad, Capt. Neil Roeder, while mom Connie and sister Meghan wait their turn during a Hearts Apart Video Valentine session sponsored by Sonic Foundry, Inc., at the Public Affairs Office Feb. 10. The recorded messages, which included shots of Valentines drawn by the families, were transmitted to a web site and the address and password provided in e-mails to the Soldiers. Capt. Roeder is serving in Iraq with the 3rd Medical Command. More photos, page 4.

New Joint Readiness Center to be named for Soldier

Wayne Cook
Public Affairs Staff

Personnel from across the installation and the surrounding communities will gather at 5631 Baltimore Avenue Feb. 23 at 10 a.m. to dedicate one of the most important facilities on post.

The newly renovated building houses the Joint Readiness Center and the Walson Medical Support Element.

The facility is being dedicated to Sgt. 1st Class Robert V. Derenda, a member of the 98th Division who was killed in Iraq August 5, 2005.

After more than a year of renovation, this world-class, state-of-the-art structure is now capable of being used to process 200 - 300 military members through medical and administrative mobilization and demobilization processes daily.

"The layout of the facility gives us the capability to greatly enhance the mobilization process. This is probably the premier mobilization facility in the entire country. It certainly is the best that I have seen," said Lt. Col. John McKee, human resources officer -- military.

"We are slated to become the Joint Mobilization Processing Center. We will be processing Soldiers and Sailors," McKee said.

According to McKee, the improved efficiency should help to increase processing numbers versus what they were able to attain at Walson.

"We will be working with Col. McNeil's staff to improve the efficiency of our processes utilizing the Lean Six Sigma program," he said.

"None of this move could have happened without the help of the contractor staff under Ed Johnson and my military staff including Staff Sgt. Veit, Sgt. 1st Class Turner, Sgt. 1st Class Pinto and Sgt. 1st Class Horstman," added McKee.

All members of the installation are invited to attend the ceremony.

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Hailing chiefs on Presidents' Day
Power, politics, patriotism propelled presidents

Steve Snyder
Public Affairs Staff

"The buck stops here."
inscription on a plaque
on President Truman's desk

In our system of government, political responsibility ends in the Oval Office. The "buck" cannot be passed any further. And although they're deferred to, United States presidents have never flaunted trappings of royalty. They've always been, simply, Mr. President.

Trials, tribulations and triumphs of our presidents have, in some instances, assumed the stature of folklore. And why not? Despite its perks, the presidency remains among the toughest jobs in the world.

America honors its ultimate leaders on Presidents' Day, the third Monday in February. So while we're sitting back, chilling out on a free day, let's raise an occasional errant thought pondering who did what and why in a country that can afford this many holidays.

Some notable presidents include:

1st President, George Washington (1789-1797) - Truly America's "indispensable man," a modern Cincinnatus who commanded our armies during the revolution and helped turn Constitutional theory into political reality during his terms in the White House. Great prez.

3rd President, Thomas Jefferson (1801-1809) - Pushed through the Louisiana Purchase doubling the size of the country, avoided entangling alliances abroad and molded the Democratic Party. Jefferson was brilliant but kept his eye on pragmatic goals during his tenure in the White House. Great.

5th President, James Monroe (1817-1825) - Near great prez who was wounded severely during Revolutionary War but went on to preside over Era of Good Feeling, had good judgement to follow the lead of his strong cabinet, his Missouri Compromise of 1819 (limiting slavery to points south in the Western states) kept the nation together until the Civil War and his Monroe Doctrine kept European imperialists at bay.

7th President, Andrew Jackson (1829-1837) - Military hero, victor over Creek Indians in vicious battle at Horseshoe Bend, beat the Brits at New Orleans, a near-to-great prez who aimed to use "Jacksonian democracy" to benefit common man in populist political struggles, founded modern political party system, abolished U.S. bank, faced down prospective Confederates in Nullification crisis, paid off national debt, and removed Cherokees from southeast in infamous "Trail of Tears" trek to Oklahoma and the west.

9th President, William Henry Harrison (1841) - Died of pneumonia 30 days after



Randy Jones

delivering a long-winded (one hour and 45 minutes, 8,445-word) inaugural address on the coldest inauguration day in U.S. history. He rode to the White House on his military laurels, having defeated the great Tecumseh at Tippecanoe and other sites in Indiana, the Midwest and Canada during an early phase of the Indian Wars.

11th President, James K. Polk (1845-1849) - A near-great if unheralded president, Polk made peace with Great Britain over dispute about Oregon territory in 1844 and made war with Mexico two years later in which the U.S. annexed Texas and California.

12th President, Zachary Taylor (1849-1850) - Another hero whose military exploits smoothed his path to the White House, died 18 months after being sworn in as president from acute gastroenteritis and heat stroke probably brought on by gorging on ice milk, cold cherries and pickled cucumbers consumed during an Independence Day celebration. Known as "Old Rough and Ready," Taylor spent 40 years in the Army, serving in the War of 1812, the Black Hawk War and the Second Seminole War before becoming a national hero for his victories at Monterrey and Buena Vista in the Mexican War. A southern slaveholder, he opposed the spread of slavery to the territories but accomplished little during his brief reign as commander-in-chief.

14th President, Franklin Pierce (1853-1857) - New Hampshire native Franklin Pierce secured a political appointment as a brigadier general during the Mexican War, severely injuring himself when he fell off a horse at Contreras under the command of Gen. Winfield Scott, but his war

record led to the White House where he didn't try to do much of anything, contributing to the political failure to avoid a Civil War. Pierce died from complications of alcoholism.

15th President, James Buchanan (1857-1861) - The only president from Pennsylvania and only lifetime bachelor to occupy the White House (it's been speculated that he was gay), Buchanan was an abysmal failure who failed to avert Civil War, failed to prevent the wreck of the Democratic Party and hid from crisis in the White House. He may have been our worst president.

16th President, Abraham Lincoln (1861-1865) - A brilliant leader during the Civil War, Lincoln also pushed forth landmark legislation like the Transcontinental Railway, the Homestead Act, and the Land Grant College system - all of which profoundly changed America for the better. But he's rightly remembered for saving the Union, ruthlessly firing competent generals and for abolishing slavery. His Reconstruction plans would have "helped bind the nation's wounds" but he was assassinated instead. The defeated South lost a lot by his death. So did the nation. Perhaps our greatest president.

18th President, Ulysses S. Grant (1869-1877) - Military hero in the Civil War, Grant, like many in the military, was no politician, faring poorly as president. Financial scandals, the depression of 1873, and debacles in the Indian Wars (Custer's Last Stand, etc.) marred his presidency. But going broke during the end of his life, Grant wrote one of the great American autobiographies.

26th President, Theodore Roosevelt (1901-1909) - "Big

stick" Teddy Roosevelt led the Rough Riders up San Juan Hill in the Spanish-American War, promised and delivered a "Square Deal" to the American body politic, busted monopolies (trusts), built the Panama Canal, built up America's "Great White Fleet," negotiated peace between the Russians and Japanese winning a Nobel Peace Prize in the process, preserved millions of acres in legislation designed to save America's wild heritage, wrote about two dozen exceptionally learned books and wound up, deservedly, on Mount Rushmore. Teddy was terrific!

32nd President, Franklin Delano Roosevelt (1933-1945) - boldly attacked the Great Depression ("We have nothing to fear but fear itself") with an army of legislative experiments, led America to victory over Japanese and German hordes in World War II, led America, in short, through times as tough as the Civil War. Stands up there with Washington and Lincoln as a savior of his country.

33rd President, Harry S. Truman (1945-1953) - Truman hastened the end of World War II by nuking two Japanese cities, began the policy of containment of aggressive communism by fighting the Reds in Korea and was perhaps the feistiest president in American history. But the U.S. knew neither peace nor prosperity during his terms in office and he was not highly regarded by the public at those times.

34th President, Dwight D. Eisenhower (1953-1961) - Ike strived very hard to be thought a kindly if doddering old grandfather type but was, in truth, brilliant, ruthless, calculating and totally dedicated to success. He ended the Korean War by quietly threatening the Chinese with nukes, presided over peace and prosperity for eight years, held off the nuclear-armed Russians during a dangerous Cold War period, built the much taken-for-granted Interstate Highway System, enforced Supreme Court-ordered desegregation and kicked 80,000 illegal immigrants out of the country by enforcing Operation Wetback in 1954, balanced the federal budget throughout his eight years in office and left the presidency as popular with the American people as when he had entered the office. Ike was a giant, most often unheralded but he was more than an effective chief executive. He was a great one.

Lack of space forbids exploring careers of our more modern presidents but rest assured, from John F. Kennedy to Ronald Reagan, they'll get their due someday, maybe even in our hallowed pages.

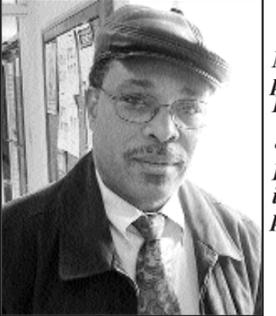
On the whole, our presidents have served their country well, often succeeding under tremendous pressure. They help make us proud to be Americans.

Dixans off the cuff

"As Presidents' Day approaches:
Who is your favorite president?
And why?"

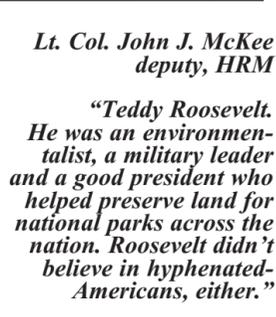
Gary Frese
window clerk
Post Office

"Ronald Reagan.
He had the best
personality and, for a
man who didn't spend all
his life in politics, he was
probably one of the most
intelligent presidents
we've had."



Neveo Thomas
passport photographer
Human Resources Military

"Abraham Lincoln.
He freed the slaves, bring-
ing freedom to many peo-
ple."



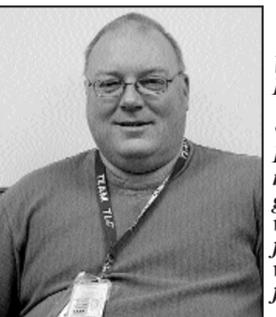
Lt. Col. John J. McKee
deputy, HRM

"Teddy Roosevelt.
He was an environmen-
talist, a military leader
and a good president who
helped preserve land for
national parks across the
nation. Roosevelt didn't
believe in hyphenated-
Americans, either."



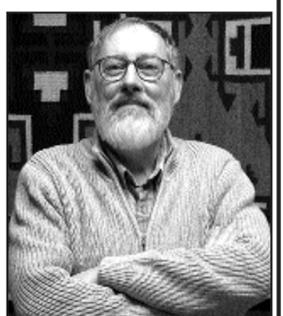
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"Abraham Lincoln.
He was a man of high
moral character with a
grand vision for the future
who overcame pressure
from his party to push for-
ward to save the Union
from the Separatists."



Dan Zimmerman, Ph.D.
museum curator

"Thomas Jefferson. He
was a strict constructionist
of the Constitution but put
aside technicalities to
purchase the Louisiana
Territory, doubling the
size of the United States."



Amy Girard
customer service
MCSS (clothing sales)

"(Bill) Clinton.
He was personable
and he seemed to
care about people."



compiled by Steve Snyder

Wine fete at Valenzano coup for taste buds

story and photos by
Steve Snyder
Public Affairs Staff

According to the Garden State Wine Growers association, vinters bottled more than one million gallons of wine in New Jersey last year in more than 40 different varieties. That made New Jersey the fifth-largest wine-producing state in the country.

But how many wine tastings sponsored by growers amount to very much? Too many vinters are chintzy with their offerings, going glacially slow in dishing out wine samples and sometimes even failing to provide rudimentary accompaniments like cheese and crackers.

But the Valenzano Winery in Shamong has proved to be a happy exception.

Customers escaped blustery wintry winds Saturday and Sunday to attend an exquisite wine and chocolate weekend hosted by the premier Burlington County winery, putting tight-fisted wine merchants in other parts of the state to shame.

Patrons crammed into a building on the Valenzano complex that housed a bar well stocked with differing vintages,



VIN DU PAYS VOLUPE' -- Voluptuous wines of the region pretty well describes offerings at the Valenzano Winery in Shamong whose vinters were busy over the weekend hosting a wine, chocolate and cheese tasting that attracted wine lovers from across Burlington County and beyond. Bon vivants enjoyed generously portioned samples from 13 kinds of wine, including the just unveiled White Cranberry. The cheese and chocolates weren't bad, either. C'est magnifique!

sampling up to 13 different wines while devouring portions of creamy Cabot cheese and chocolate concoctions with several musicians played soothing sounds in the background.

And there was no charge for anything except bottles buyers insisted on taking home.

Valenzano's makes many wines in the \$10 range including Cabernet/Merlot, Chambourcin, Shamong Red, Chardonnay, Vidal Blanc, Pinelands Blush,

Cranberry Wine, Strawberry, Blueberry and Raspberry Wines along with their brand new White Cranberry.

Located on Old Indian Mills Road off Route 206 leading to Shamong, Valenzano's staff welcomes visitors for impromptu wine samplings on weekends throughout the year.

The phone for the winery is (609) 268-6731 and they can also be reached at www.valenzanowine.com and at wine-fest@valenzanowine.com.

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Training welds future



David Moore

THE DIGITAL MILL MACHINE— Maj. Robert Garvey, commander of the 254th's Training Regiment's Regional Training Site-Maintenance, Fort Dix, and Sgt. 1st Class Donald Altieri, a lead welding and machinist instructor, inspects new digital milling equipment that will be used for teaching the Army's 44E machinists course being held on post.

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the RTS-M who has been teaching the 44B course for 11 years. Altieri, who designed the classroom work stations, said he has the capability to double the class occupancy.

Additional workbenches can be moved into place. Since many of the components of the shop have swing-arm capabilities, work areas can be shared by additional students.

"I have been waiting to get into this school for three years. This is the job I always wanted to do and I'm learning it with some of the best equipment available, in a great work space," Sgt. John Graeff, a RTS-M welding student from the Pennsylvania Guard's HHC, 1st-111th Infantry, said.

Refurbishing new equipment has also seen growth in training in the 5900 area, where the number of students grew from 465 students in fiscal year 2006, to 669 the following fiscal year.

The refurbishing of five buildings in the 5900 area began in October 2005.

Cleaning, sandblasting, and painting inside and out was completed by 24 Soldiers of the instructor staff, including the commander. Man-hour estimates for costs associated with the sweat-equity put into the project are 9,000 hours of labor using \$44,883 in materials. The existing staff doing the work saved about \$225,000 in labor costs.

Petraeus

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In relinquishing command, Casey noted the progress Iraq has made since it achieved its sovereignty.

After the fall of Saddam Hussein, Iraqis were totally depend-

"If they weren't at the podium teaching, they were fixing bay doors, or swinging a roller and a brush," Altieri said.

As a part of the refurbishment project, new digital milling and lathe equipment is also moving into place.

As the Army continues through transformation and pushing the edge of technology, some of the recently arrived computer numerical-controlled equipment may someday be able to beam machine configuration signals from major commands such as Tank Automotive and Armaments Command to a satellite and on to the machines, a system that would save time and hours.

Altieri, who has designed protective armor plating for military vehicles and has seen Navy Seabees and Marines attend his welding courses, said he receives e-mail and letters from personnel who have attended school in the 5900 area and are serving in Iraq or got a great paying job as a civilian.

"I get e-mails all the time from Soldiers. They tell me what they learned here as welders or machinists is certainly important to save lives on the battlefields of Iraq and Afghanistan. Then, I hear from some of them when they return to the civilian world, and they tell me they have a great job, making more money than me and they're buying a home," Altieri said.

ent on the coalition for security, he said.

Now, through the unwavering support of the Iraqi people and security forces and coalition forces, Iraq is on the verge of taking responsibility for its own security by the end of this year, he said.

"The past that brought us to this point has not been easy, but it has been part of a concerted effort to build an Iraq that can secure, sustain and govern itself," Casey said. "Freedom isn't free, and it never has been. It happens through blood, sweat and determination, and you have brought all of those things to this fight."

Casey said the challenge of overcoming sectarian violence and building a representative government is one the coalition can help with, but that will ultimately rest on the shoulders of the Iraqis themselves.

He said he is optimistic about the future of Iraq because he believes in the inherent desire of all people to live in freedom.

The general added that he sees Iraqis taking charge of their future.

Casey also expressed confidence in the competence and professionalism of the men and women of the coalition.

"You are the best fighting force in the world, and you bring intellect, drive, compassion, courage and commitment to this mission," he said.

"I see it every day in the conduct of your duties, and I also have growing confidence in the men and women of the Iraqi security forces. And I have no doubt that they will emerge over the coming years as the dominant security forces in Iraq."

Army Gen. John Abizaid, commander of U.S. Central Command, noted Casey's many accomplishments while commanding in Iraq, such as facilitating national elections, combat actions, building institutions, and developing leaders.

"Thank you for your calm, professional leadership, for your toughness, for your wise counsel to those both above and below your level of command," Abizaid said to Casey.

"Most important, thank you for your patient support of a great people in their new destiny. History will smile upon your accomplishments."

Abizaid also spoke about the challenges facing Iraq. No nation in the modern age can allow murderers and terrorists to kill without remorse or intimidation, torture and extortion to rule above the law, he said.

Sectarian violence and division have no place in the future of Iraq, a nation that is great because of its ability to overcome ethnic and religious differences, he said.

"Stand together and take your rightful place in the modern world," Abizaid said to the Iraqi leaders at the ceremony.

"The United States and the international community stand ready to assist you, but the choice between violence and prosperity can only be made by you. Let all of us work together to build the new Iraq. Let Iraq claim its rightful place as a nation of strength and justice for all of its citizens."

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Residential Refuse Collection

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All of Fort Dix, including Quarters 201,
501 and 1900

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McGuire AFB, 4000s, 4400s and 4500s

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Thursday

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picked up every Monday and Tuesday

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Families ask deployed Soldiers: Won't you be my (digital) Valentine?



Courtesy of the Sonic Foundry, Inc., military families in the Fort Dix area recorded and sent digital Valentines to their Soldiers deployed in Afghanistan and Iraq Feb. 10. Left, Sandra Concepcion and children Alejandra and Josue review their message to Master Sgt. Jesus Concepcion with technician Fred Thimme. Right, Adrianna Fletcher joined her twin Julianna and family to send a message to Chief Warrant Officer 3 Marcel Fletcher. Family members are, front row, Henry Cintron and daughter Marisol Fletcher with the twins and Marielena; back row, Anastacia and Maranda.



Traditional paper Valentines were part of the project, and Amada Espinoza, Relocation Outreach Program Manager for Fort Dix Army Community Service, left, helps Josue Concepcion create a special message for his dad. Right, LTC (Ret.) Howard Snow, representing Sonic Foundry, coaches Mildred Guzman, daughter Melissa Rosado and grandson Omar through the steps in recording their special audio video message for Spc. Michael Rosado, currently serving in Bagram. Snow initiated the project based on his experiences during deployments. More than 20 family members participated in the day-long event, hosted by ACS's Hearts Apart program at the Public Affairs Office.



NEIGHBORHOOD

THE CORNER

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. Schexmayer at 754-3849.

Family Action Plan classes coming soon

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.

Black History contest coming to McGuire

The McGuire Black History Committee, in conjunction with the African American Cultural Awareness Association, is hosting a Black History Month Display Contest.

Displays are limited to a 10-foot by 10-foot exhibit area and are intended to celebrate the cultural diversity and unity through the use of sculptures, pictures and items from the homes of members of Team McGuire.

A point of contact for each display must be made available to answer any questions associated with the display and to provide an overview of the contents of the display during judging. The displays will be judged by designated members of the committee and the 305th Air Mobility Wing commander or his designee.

Displays must be posted no later than Feb. 23. Winners will be announced Feb. 28. To participate, call Titus Welcome at 754-9347 or 937-5686, or Master Sgt. Jennifer Noble-Slaton at 754-4371.

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.

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.clarksr1@us.army.mil or James.a.clark@amedd.army.mil

Black History Committee looking for entertainers

The Black History Observance Committee is looking for vocalists, musicians and models to audition for the March 10 Scholarship Fundraiser Entertainment/Dance. Those interested in trying out need to come to the next Open Calls on Feb. 19 or 21 in Bldg. 5165 Maryland Avenue, or Feb. 23 at Club Dix. Tryout time is 5 to 6 p.m.

Call Master Sgt. Jennifer Noble-Slaton at 754 4371 for information.



photos by Pascual Flores

Amada Espinoza, above left, and Bobby Brown from Army Community Service distribute gifts to Soldiers during the Charlie Company Valentine's Day celebration Feb. 12. The celebration was held in conjunction with the weekly dinner held for Charlie Company by the Vietnam Veterans of America, West Central District, New Jersey Chapter NJ 899. Ashley Frank and Sutton Dalrymple, Brownies from McGuire Air Force Base's Troop 3819, right, hold up Valentine's Day cards and cookies for presentation to Soldiers at Charlie Company during the celebration. The celebration was made possible by ACS, Vietnam Veterans Chapter 899, Brownie Troop 3819 and the WMCA.

Soldiers enjoy heartfelt holiday



Education key for Army's future leaders

Wayne Cook
Public Affairs Staff

An ever-changing Army transformation is inevitable. This transformation begins with educating Army leadership — both military and civilian. The Civilian Education System (CES) is a new, progressive and sequential leader-development program that provides enhanced leader-development and education opportunities for Army civilians throughout their careers.

Leaders of the 21st Century will personify the Warrior Ethos in all aspects, from war-fighting support to statesmanship to business management.

"The only thing constant in our Army is change. As the Army continues to transform to successfully accomplish its missions of tomorrow, our leaders, both military and civilian, must be adequately prepared to support the Army in any venue," said Col. Garland Williams, commandant, Army Management Staff College.

The CES leadership-development program consists of four courses that replace the previous inventory of legacy courses offered for Army civilians — Foundation, Basic, Intermediate, and Advanced.

The Foundation Course is for civilians entering the Army with various levels of previous experience. It is entirely distributed learning. At this level, students will learn the fundamental Army Values and customs and learn to understand and appreciate them.

This is the first level of the leadership training and the students will learn competencies for leadership development, how to develop effective communication skills, and be ready to assume a first leadership role.

The second level of the leadership training is the Basic Course, which is for leaders who exercise direct leadership to effectively lead a team. This course is a combination of distributed learning and a two-week resident class at AMSC's Fort Leavenworth, Ks., campus.

While attending this level, students will learn to apply basic leadership skills and principles to effectively lead and care for a small team, apply effective communication skills, and develop and mentor subordinates.

Level three is the Intermediate Course for leaders who exercise direct and indirect supervision, and consists of both distributed learning and a three-week resident phase at either the Fort Leavenworth or Fort Belvoir, Va., campus.

While attending this course, students will learn skills to manage human and financial resources; direct program management and systems integration; and display flexibility, resilience, and focus on the mission.

The final level of the CES is the Advanced Course. This level is for leaders who work at the higher levels of management who exercise predominantly indirect supervision, and is a combination of distributed learning and a four-week resident phase at Fort Belvoir.

Students will become skilled in leading complex organizations; managing human and financial resources; leading change; inspiring vision and creativity; directing program management and systems integration; and displaying flexi-

bility, resilience, and focus on mission.

"Our mission at AMSC is to educate and prepare Army civilian and military leaders to assume leadership and management responsibilities throughout the generating force in order to support the Soldier on the ground. Whether that Soldier is deployed in harm's way and requires over-the-horizon support, or if he is working on one of our many garrisons around the world, AMSC must provide leaders who can properly sustain, equip, maintain, and provide a high quality of life for that Soldier and his family," said Williams.

According to Williams, the role of preparing future leaders — those who can perform in the changing environment — to handle the rigors of transformation into the new century and beyond, begins at the AMSC.

For class dates, locations, eligibility, and the application and selection process, visit the AMSC Web site at <http://www.amsc.belvoir.army.mil>, and the Civilian Leader Development Transformation Community on AKO.

The point-of-contact for the Basic Course at Fort Leavenworth is Carrie Criqui, registrar, who can be reached by calling (913) 758-3506 (DSN 585-3506) or sending e-mail to cesbe@leavenworth.army.mil



Weathering the storm



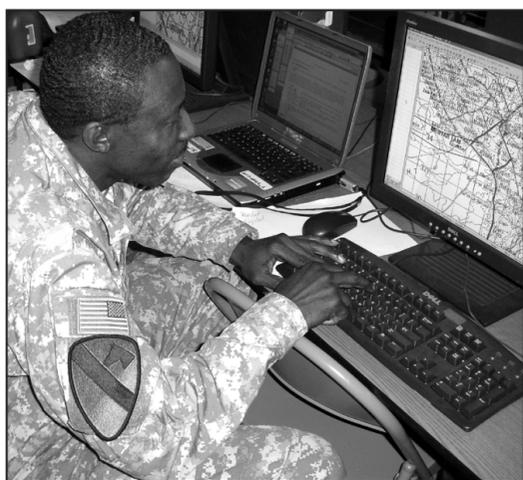
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Matthew Niver and Rich Tenia, DPW Roads and Grounds laborers, above, remove a fallen tree Feb. 14, while icicles cling to various Fort Dix signs, left, and the Ultimate Weapon statue in Infantry Park, right.



MILITARY MATTERS



courtesy photo

EXPERT TRAINING -- Sgt. 1st Class Edwin Pounal operates the Battalion/Brigade Simulation System during an exercise for the 1-158th Infantry Battalion administered by Task Force Edison, 1st Brigade, 78th Division, at Fort Bragg's Tactical Training Base Patriot the first week in February.

Lightning strikes Bragg

Col. Adam Reich
1st Sim Ex Group CO

Soldiers from Task Force Edison, 1st Brigade, 78th Division, deployed to Fort Bragg, N.C., from Jan. 5 to Feb. 8 to provide battle command doctrinal training for 12 Provisional Reconstruction Teams (PRTs), the 1-158th Infantry Battalion (AZANG) and two civil affairs battalions.

The PRTs and the 1-158th will deploy to Afghanistan in the near future. The PRTs will be responsible for conducting reconstruction operations in 12 provinces throughout Afghanistan. The 1-158th will be the battle space owner of a province with responsibility of conducting stability operations and support operations in their AOR.

The civil affairs battalions will deploy to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. It is critical that these commands receive the best training to manage their complex duties in a hostile environment, which was recognized as having been provided by Task Force Edison, 1st Brigade, 78th Division (TS).

Task Force Edison conducted all training for the PRTs and the 1-158th IN BN in Tactical Training Base Patriot. The training program for the PRTs was doctrinal battle staff training capped by

a 12-hour STAFFEX focused on developing staff battle drills and procedures.

As the PRTs were formed by combined Army, Air Force and Navy personnel, the doctrinal training facilitated establishing a common operating system for the unit staffs.

The training program for the 1-158th was battle staff training with a 12-hour STAFFEX as preparation for a 72-hour BBS CPX.

The 72 hour CPX for the 1-158th was the first time the 1/78th Brigade conducted a BBS exercise totally within a Tactical Training Base. The challenges of operating the digital equipment, which included a Web portal and MCS in tents under snow, sleet, rain, and limited power conditions, were overcome with the result of providing the 1-158th an effective tool for development of a newly formed staff.

The Battalion TOC and ALOC personnel stayed engaged through 270 injects that stressed current and future operations through the full spectrum of incidents the unit could encounter during its Operation Enduring Freedom deployment.

Task Force Edison will return to Fort Bragg during March to continue its Battle Staff support during the ARTEPs being executed for the PRTs and the 1-158th.



NO COMPROMISE -- Soldiers from Bravo Company, Guard, deal with Civilians on the Battlefield at Fort 1-129th Field Artillery Battalion, Missouri National Dix during mobilization training. Pascual Flores

Missouri troops prep for deployment

Ryan Morton
Public Affairs Staff

Right now, it is the dead of winter. It gets dark early, it is cold, but it doesn't stop the training. Hundreds of units have mobilized through Fort Dix since Sept. 11, 2001. Bravo Battery, 1-129th Field Artillery Battalion, is one such unit.

The 1-129th is part of the Missouri National Guard and has been at the installation since mid-November performing theater-immersion and security forces training in preparation for a deployment in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

Recently, they reached the climax of their domestic instruction with the Army Training Evaluation Program, or ARTEP. This is the final bit of training Soldiers perform before mobilization. The 152 Soldiers in this all-male unit endured more than they bargained for as temperatures

dipped down to some of the lowest levels so far in this year's winter season.

Comprised of Soldiers from all Military Occupation Specialties including field artillerymen, truck drivers, mechanics, medics, and administrative clerks, the unit persevered through the elements and performed admirably.

"These are very motivated Soldiers. Many have never worked together, but they have become a very cohesive unit," said 1st Sgt. Charles Gardner, Bravo Battery first sergeant.

"I'm very impressed with just how well they have come together and been able work with one another," he said.

This unit also has many Soldiers who have deployed overseas before in Operation Iraqi Freedom and the experience, knowledge, and wisdom these

Soldiers bring really helps many of the younger Soldiers.

"They bring great levels of confidence, just to know that they've been in harms' way and have experience in how to handle it," Gardner said.

Fort Dix provided a very good training regimen for these Soldiers to prepare for their mission, according to Gardner, and the leaders were really able to step up and guide their

Soldiers. "From day one, they've trained for this as if it is a real-world mission and I believe with the training they've done, it's prepared them very well for what's ahead," Gardner said.

These Soldiers have not gone through this challenge alone. They have received tremendous hometown support from the Family Readiness Groups, or FRGs, many loved ones, and several others throughout the

community. Among those stepping up to help the Soldiers were the Kansas City Veterans of Foreign Wars. They chartered a bus and paid a large percentage of the money to bring many of the Soldiers home during the holiday recess. The mail clerks have been extremely busy as well, as care packages, cards, and letters have been flowing non-stop from loved ones since the unit arrived.

These Soldiers have an abundant amount of confidence and feel the training they have received will help prepare them for what is to come.

"We've grown as a unit and I feel that we're much more prepared to go overseas as of now," 1st Lt. Jeff Blackenship said.

While these Soldiers continue to prepare for this upcoming deployment, they always keep the major goals in the forefront of their minds.

"We want to accomplish the mission to the best of our abilities and bring everybody home safely," Gardner said.

Many of these Soldiers have never worked together and did not know each other beforehand.

Local school donates clothing for children in Afghanistan

Shawn Morris
Public Affairs Staff

In the Broadway musical, "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," Lucy threatens Linus with a fist, saying, "These five fingers... individually, they're nothing. But when I curl them together like this into a single unit, they form a weapon that is terrible to behold!"

The students, faculty, staff and parents from Ann Mullen Middle School in Sicklerville must be familiar with this popular Peanuts play, as they came together as to form not a fist, but a helping hand.

Representatives from the school brought a truck filled with donated clothing to the 63rd Ordnance Battalion (Explosive Ordnance Disposal) Feb. 2. The items will be sent from Fort Dix to 63rd EOD Soldiers serving in Afghanistan for distribution to Afghans at the Korean Hospital on Bagram Air Base.

"I heard about the drive from 1st Lt. Sarah Trivlanoi," said Michelle Rodriguez, a 7th grade counselor at the middle school whose fiancé, Sgt. Ricardo Ortiz, is serving with the 63rd EOD in Afghanistan. "She e-mails out a monthly newsletter to loved ones of the 63rd who are in Afghanistan."

"I realized quickly that alone, I didn't have much to offer," Rodriguez continued. "Then, I also realized that I work in a great school, let's see what they can come up with."

What the students, teachers, staff and parents came up with far exceeded Rodriguez's expectations.

"In less than two weeks, my personal office was swallowed up by a sea of plastic bags," she explained, noting that the donated items filled at least 60 bags. "It spilled into the rest of the counseling office, one other teacher's classroom, and even a storage closet in the cafeteria!"



Shawn Morris

MERCY MISSION -- Capt. Chris Haas, 63rd Ordnance Battalion (EOD) adjutant, unloads bags of clothing donated to the unit by students, faculty, staff and parents from the Ann Mullen Middle School in Sicklerville. Haas is being assisted by April Ebling, school secretary, left, and Michelle Rodriguez, 7th grade counselor. The clothing will be donated by 63rd EOD Soldiers to Afghans in need.

Items collected ranged from winter clothing to shoes and socks for both children and adults. According to Rodriguez, many of the sick babies and toddlers treated at the Korean Hospital lack hats, gloves and proper winter clothing. There are also reports of children walking barefoot on snow-covered ground.

The hospital staff and 63rd EOD Soldiers have been distributing needed items when possible, but supplies were running low. That's when the 63rd put out the e-mail request for donations.

That's when Rodriguez and her school sprung into action.

"The holiday season is over, but that does not mean you can't help out people in need all year long," she explained.

When it came time to bring the dozens of bags to the 63rd at Fort Dix, another helping hand was extended to Rodriguez.

"Lowe's Home Improvement store, without any hesitation, donated a truck to us to drive everything up to Fort Dix," she said, noting that fuel, tarps and bungee cords were also supplied by Lowe's free-of-charge.

While these items will undoubtedly benefit the Afghani people who will receive them,

Rodriguez hopes the show of support will mean something to the Soldiers, too.

"I hope that they will see how much their community and the United States supports them and all they do, that we will help them any way we are able to," Rodriguez said. "I hope that they will feel the same sense of pride in us that we feel for them."

"I hope it will boost their morale before they come home from all they sacrificed there," she added. "Some old clothes are the least we can sacrifice."

"I hope they, and Fort Dix, will be proud," she concluded.

Taxpayers may be eligible for one-time refund

SPRINGFIELD — The Internal Revenue Service wants to remind taxpayers that they may be eligible for a one-time tax refund. This one-time refund of previously collected federal telephone excise taxes may be requested on the 2006 federal income tax return.

"More than one-third of early filers did not request the telephone tax refund," said IRS spokesperson Gregg Semanick. "Taxpayers failed to request the telephone tax refund on their regular federal income-tax return in situations where it appears they qualify."

Taxpayers can request a refund of the actual federal excise tax paid based upon their telephone bills for this period. Or they can request the standard refund amount ranging from \$30-\$60 based upon the number of exemptions reflected on their individual income tax return. Using the standard amount to figure the refund is easy, with only one line to complete on the tax return.

Choosing the standard amount is optional. Using this option is the easiest way to get your refund and avoid gathering 41 months (from March 2003 through July 2006) of old phone records. The standard amount is based on actual telephone usage data and does not reflect the long-distance phone tax paid either by similarly sized families or households.

Choosing to request the actual amount paid may be more beneficial for some taxpayers. To request a refund based upon the actual amount paid, taxpayers must determine the amounts paid based on their phone bills. Figure the refund on Form 8913, Credit for Federal Telephone Excise Tax Paid, and attach this form to the 2006 income tax return.

If a taxpayer is not normally required to file a tax return, there is a new form (Form 1040EZ-T) that can be used to request this refund. Form 1040EZ-T can be mailed to the IRS or it can be prepared and filed electronically at no

cost by using Free File at IRS.gov.

"The IRS encourages taxpayers to e-file their tax returns in lieu of paper filing. IRS e-file is the most efficient way to prepare your taxes, particularly taking into consideration the latest tax changes including the telephone tax refund," said Semanick. "E-filing will ensure you do not miss out on any tax breaks. Also, taxpayers who earn \$52,000 or less can file for free and online at the IRS.gov Web site using the Free File Program."

Businesses and tax-exempt organizations are also eligible for the telephone excise tax refund. These organizations must use Form 8913. Businesses and tax-exempt organizations may report the actual

amount of refundable phone taxes they paid for the 41-month billing period from March 2003 through July 2006. Or they may use a formula established to estimate the refund. Businesses should attach Form 8913 to their regular 2006 income tax returns. Tax-exempt organizations must attach it to Form 990-T.

The government stopped collecting the long-distance excise tax last August after several federal court decisions held that the tax does not apply to long-distance service as it is billed today. Federal officials also authorized a one-time refund of the federal excise tax collected on service billed during the previous 41 months, stretching from the beginning of March 2003 to the end of July 2006. The tax continues to apply to local-only phone service.

If a taxpayer is entitled to receive the telephone excise tax refund and did not request it on the original filed 2006 tax return should submit an amended return, Form 1040X, and complete line 15.

For more information as well as answers to the most commonly asked questions, go to the IRS Web site at IRS.gov and select the link for the Telephone Excise Tax Refund.

Anyone who paid long-distance excise taxes on landline, cell phone, Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP), or bundled service that was billed for the period after Feb. 28, 2003, and before Aug. 1, 2006, is eligible for this refund.

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Announcements



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

Friday, Feb. 16 @ 7:30 p.m.
Alpha Dog - Justin Timberlake, Bruce Willis
Teenage drug dealer Johnny Truelove and his friends kidnap the impressionable younger brother of a junkie who refuses to pay his debt to Truelove. Events take an unexpected turn when Frankie, one of Johnny's pals, befriends the youth. Based on a true story. **MPAA Rating: R** for pervasive drug use and language, strong violence.. 119 minutes.

Saturday, Feb. 17 @ 7:30 p.m.
Happily N'Ever After - Sigourney Weaver, Sarah Michelle Gellar - Fairy Tale Land becomes a realm of happy endings gone wrong when Cinderella's wicked stepmother, Frieda, joins forces with legendary villains to tip the balance between good and evil. With events spinning wildly out of control, Cinderella, or Ella for short, must lead a resistance movement to defeat Frieda and restore order to the kingdom. **MPAA Rating: PG** for some mild action and rude humor. *Run Time: 87 minutes.*

Special Free Pre-Screening...

Saturday, February 17 @ 7:30 p.m.
PG, 105 min.

Future Features...

Stomp the Yard

Friday, February 23 @ 7:30 p.m.
PG-13, 87 min.

Freedom Writers

Saturday, February 24 @ 7:30 p.m.
PG-13, 118 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)

7 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

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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

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

Hearts Apart

20 Feb.
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
ACS

Playgroup birth -18 months

21 Feb.
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
McGuire CDC #1

Volunteer Advisory Council

21 Feb.
9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
ACS

Relationship Safety

22 Feb.
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
ACS

International Spouses Club

23 Feb.
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
ACS

AFTB Overview: Military 101

23 Feb.
11:00 a.m. - noon.
ACS

For more information call
Deraurah Wilson at 562-4830

McGuire AFB Family Advocacy Program

754-9680

February Schedule

Breastfeeding Class

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

Parents Anonymous

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

For information and registration
call 754-9680

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Post Shuttle Bus

562-5888

Monday to Sunday -- 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.
During the day Starr Tour buses are used,
in evening the military Bluebird buses are run.

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 the 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.

Knowledge key to avoiding tax-return fraud

WASHINGTON — Return preparer fraud generally involves the preparation and filing of false income tax returns by preparers who claim inflated personal or business expenses, false deductions, unallowable credits or excessive exemptions on returns prepared for their clients. This includes inflated requests for the special one-time refund of the long-distance telephone tax.

Preparers may also manipulate income figures to obtain tax credits, such as the Earned Income Tax Credit, fraudulently.

In some situations, the client (taxpayer) may not have knowledge of the false expenses, deductions, exemptions and/or credits shown on their tax returns. However, when the IRS detects the false return, the taxpayer — not the return preparer — must pay the additional taxes and interest and may be subject to penalties.

The IRS Return Preparer Program focuses on enhancing compliance in the return-preparer community by investigating and referring criminal activity by return preparers to the Department of Justice for prosecution and/or asserting appropriate civil penalties against unscrupulous return preparers.

While most preparers provide excellent service to their clients, the IRS urges taxpayers to be very careful when choosing a tax preparer. Taxpayers should be as careful as they would be in choosing a doctor or a lawyer. It is important to know that even if someone else prepares a tax return, the taxpayer is ultimately responsible for all the information on the tax return.

Helpful Hints When Choosing a Return Preparer

* Be careful with tax preparers who claim they can obtain larger refunds than other preparers.

* Avoid preparers who base their fee on a percentage of the amount of the refund.

* Stay away from preparers who claim that many, if not most, phone customers can get hundreds of dollars or more back under the telephone tax refund program.

* Use a reputable tax professional who signs your tax return and provides you with a copy for your records.

* Consider whether the individual or firm will be around to answer questions about the preparation of your tax return months, or even years, after the return has been filed.

* Review your return before you sign it and ask questions on entries you don't understand.

* No matter who prepares your tax return, you (the taxpayer) are ultimately responsible for all of the information on your tax return. Therefore, never sign a blank tax form.

* Find out the person's credentials. Only attorneys, CPAs and enrolled agents can represent taxpayers before the IRS in all

The taxpayer may not have knowledge of the false expenses, deductions, exemptions and/or credits shown on their tax returns. However, when the IRS detects the false return, the taxpayer — not the return preparer — must pay the additional taxes and interest and may be subject to penalties.

matters including audits, collection and appeals. Other return preparers may only represent taxpayers for audits of returns they actually prepared.

* Find out if the preparer is affiliated with a professional organization that provides its members with continuing education and resources and holds them to a code of ethics.

* Ask questions. Do you know anyone who has used the tax professional? Were they satisfied with the service they received?

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Further, tax evasion is a risky crime, a felony, punishable by five years imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine.

Criminal and Civil Legal Actions

Some return preparers have been convicted of, or have pleaded guilty to, felony charges.

Additionally, the courts have issued 175 permanent injunctions against abusive tax scheme promoters and abusive return preparers since 2003. The following case summaries are excerpts from public record documents on file in the court records in the judicial district in which the legal actions were filed.

California Tax Preparers Sentenced to Prison Terms for Operating Tax Fraud Schemes

On Oct. 6, 2006, in San Diego, Calif., Susan E. O'Brien, a professional tax preparer who operated "The O'Brien Group," was sentenced to ten years and five months in prison and ordered to pay \$113,179 in restitution. She was convicted on May 2, 2006, for tax evasion, defrauding the United States and aiding and assisting in the filing of fraudulent tax returns.

Co-defendants Robert Richard Evans and William Dean Cook were also sentenced to prison terms of 78 and 24 months, respectively. In July 2003, O'Brien, Evans, Cook and five others were charged in a 78 count indictment with various tax crimes related to tax years 1996-2002.

According to the indictment and trial evidence, O'Brien prepared numerous income tax returns that claimed false business deductions and Evans promoted, sold and managed domestic trusts used by clients to hide their income and assets from the IRS. O'Brien also was convicted of evading the payment of tax on her own income.

The tax evasion scheme resulted in a tax loss to the United States of more than \$1 million.

Two Sentenced for Preparing False Tax Returns

On Sept. 20, 2006, in Monroe, La., Eddie Ferrand and William Kennedy were sentenced for aiding and assisting in the preparation of false income tax returns and conspiracy.

Ferrand was sentenced to 60 months in prison to be followed by three years supervised release. Ferrand was also ordered to pay \$255,890 in restitution to the IRS and a \$900 assessment.

Kennedy was sentenced to 27 months in prison to be followed by three years supervised release. Kennedy was also ordered to pay \$39,020 in restitution to the IRS and an \$800 assessment.

According to the indictment, Ferrand, as the owner and operator of Mr. Ed's Tax Service, hired, trained and supervised tax preparers employed at Mr. Ed's, including co-defendant Kennedy. Ferrand, Kennedy and other co-defendants prepared income tax returns and amended prior year returns by inflating Schedule A deductions and creating false Schedule C businesses in order to increase taxpayer's refund.

The defendants prepared more than three thousand returns expanding over 26 states and generating refunds in excess of \$6 million.

Minnesota Tax Preparer Sentenced for Filing False Tax Returns

On March 23, 2006, in Minneapolis, Minn., Richard Reiss was sentenced to 41 months in prison for aiding and assisting in the preparation of 84 false tax returns. Reiss was also ordered to pay a \$7,500 criminal fine and \$198,958 in back taxes.

Reiss prepared tax returns for more than 30 clients and claimed fraudulent and false deductions such as unreimbursed employee business expenses, mileage expenses, meals and entertainment, charitable contributions, medical expenses and tax preparation fees, and business losses resulting from business expenses that were fabricated or inflated.

In total, he overstated expenses and deductions for numerous clients by more than \$1 million, which resulted in tax losses of about \$198,000.

Tax Preparer Who Used Bogus Business Losses to Wipe Out Clients' Income Taxes Sentenced to 11 Years in Prison

On Feb. 21, 2006, in Los Angeles, Calif., James Earl Wynn was sentenced to 11 years in federal prison following his April 22, 2005 conviction of 24 counts of aiding and advising in the preparation of false income tax returns.

Evidence presented in court showed that Wynn solicited his clients by telling them that he operated a number of businesses in which they could invest. Wynn told his clients that if the businesses turned a loss, the clients could claim the loss on their tax return. As part of this arrangement, Wynn offered to prepare the clients' tax returns charging his clients a percentage of their tax refunds in addition to a return preparation fee.

Wynn did not tell his clients that many of the businesses listed on their tax returns did not exist at all. None of the businesses listed on their tax returns as part of the tax fraud scheme ever existed as a partnership, ever filed a partnership tax return or ever sustained the losses claimed on the taxpayers' returns.

Wynn caused more than 2,000 tax returns to be filed with the IRS claiming more than \$75 million in false partnership losses. The tax loss to the government exceeded \$10 million.

On July 18, 2005, Linda M. Hall, who once worked for Wynn, was sentenced to 70 months imprisonment and was ordered to pay restitution of \$6,339,023.

Rockford Tax Preparer Sentenced to 56 Months in Federal Prison for Preparing False Tax Returns

On Feb. 13, 2006 in Rockford, Ill., John H. Bell was sentenced to 56 months in prison, followed by one year supervised release, for preparing false federal income tax returns for others and for filing a false federal income tax return for himself.

According to the indictment, Bell, the owner of Bell's Income Tax Service and of Real Estate Investors (REI) #2462, Inc., prepared false income tax returns for others. In order to support the returns, Bell attached W-2s to the returns that falsely stated the amounts of income the taxpayers received from REI and falsely stated the REI had withheld federal income tax from the taxpayers when, in fact, no such taxes had been withheld by Bell or his corporation.

The indictment also charged that Bell filed an income tax return for himself that falsely stated that \$8,360 in federal

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income tax had been withheld from him, when no federal income tax had been withheld by REI.

As a result of his own false return, Bell wrongfully attempted to obtain a refund of \$8,701.

Former City of Houston Employee Sentenced to Prison

On Jan. 27, 2006, in Houston, Tex., Jerome Harris was sentenced to 57 months in prison followed by one year supervised release. The judge further ordered that, effective immediately, Harris be prohibited from preparing tax returns or assisting tax payers in audits.

Harris was convicted of 21 counts of willfully preparing fraudulent income tax returns for his clients in September 2005. Harris, a full time employee for the City of Houston, also owned and operated Jay's Bookkeeping and Tax Service, located at his residence.

It was found that Harris had prepared hundreds of false tax returns for the 1995 through 2000 tax years, resulting in claims for fraudulent tax refunds by his clients totaling almost \$1.3 million.

Michigan Man Sentenced For Preparing Tax Returns in Violation of Court Order

On Feb. 16, 2006, in Grand Rapids, Mich., Robert L. Mosher, of Cedar Springs, Mich., was sentenced to 105 days in prison

for contempt of court after violating injunctions that barred him from preparing tax returns for customers. Two injunctions were obtained after the Justice Department sued Mosher in 2003 for promoting a tax scheme involving sham trusts and preparing fraudulent returns understating customers' tax liabilities. Mosher continued to prepare income tax returns after these orders were entered.

Federal Court Permanently Shuts Down Louisiana Tax Preparer

On April 18, 2006, Eddie Ferrand of Monroe, La., and two of his employees, Glenda Faye Elliott of Monroe, La., and William Nathaniel Kennedy of Rayville, La., were permanently barred from preparing tax returns. The court found that Ferrand, Elliott and Kennedy regularly understated customers' tax liabilities, by claiming false dependents, reporting fictitious business expenses and deductions and inflating other deductions.

Federal Judge Stops Tax Refund Fraud by Two Florida Tax Return Preparers

On Aug. 8, 2006, a federal court permanently barred Jean-Marie Boucicaut and Marie Thelemarque of Orlando, Fla., and Boucicaut's company, Tax Review Corporation, from preparing federal tax returns for others. The court found that the defendants filed amended income tax returns for persons without their authorization and directed the IRS to send the requested refund checks to them.

Federal Court Bars Louisiana Tax Preparers from Claiming Inflated Deductions on Income Tax Returns

On Oct. 5, 2006, in New Orleans, La., Rodney G. Bourg and Cynthia M. Bourg of Houma, La., were permanently barred from preparing federal income tax returns claiming inflated deductions or asserting unrealistic positions. The court found the Bourgs prepared federal income tax returns with improper per diem expense deductions for customers who worked as mariners, fishermen, merchant seamen and ferry workers.

Where Do You Report Suspected Tax Fraud Activity?

If you suspect tax fraud or know of an abusive return preparer, report this activity using IRS Form 3949-A, Information Referral. You can download Form 3949-A from the IRS Web site at IRS.gov or call 1-800-829-3676 to order by mail. Send the completed form, or a letter detailing the alleged fraudulent activity, to Internal Revenue Service, Fresno, CA 93888.

Please include specific information about who you are reporting, the activity you are reporting and how you became aware of it, when the alleged violation took place, the amount of money involved and any other information that might be helpful to an investigation.

Although you are not required to identify yourself, it is helpful to do so. Your identity can be kept confidential. You may also be entitled to a reward in certain situations.

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Scholarships, grants help students, community reach educational goals

●The Fort Dix Spouses' Club is once again accepting requests for their annual Community Grants and Scholarships Programs.

The grants are made possible by the revenue from the Fort Dix Thrift Shop.

Any military community organization may apply for this assistance. All that is needed is a written request which includes: A point of contact, a return address, the dollar amount, the reason for the request and description of how the grant will be used, and the date that the grant will be needed.

All letters should be sent to the Fort Dix Spouses' Club, PO Box 74, Fort Dix, New Jersey, 08640.

Qualified applicants for the scholarship program must be

- high school seniors going to college or university
- military spouses or dependents living on or stationed at Fort Dix

- civilian spouse, dependent or employee of Fort Dix
- child of a Fort Dix Spouses' Club member (Helen G Reddy)

The deadline to request a grant or scholarship is April 1.

Completed applications must be received on or before this date (postmarks not accepted).

Applications are available at the Ft. Dix Thrift Shop, Ft. Dix Education Center, Army Community Service and area High School Guidance Offices.

Scholarships will be awarded at a luncheon in May.

For more information, call Susan DuKavas at 723-2784 or email at FDSCScholarship@verizon.net

The Scholarships for Military Children program offers scholarships to unmarried children under the age of 21 (23 if enrolled in school) of military active-duty, Reserve, Guard and retired personnel. Eligibility will be determined using the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System database. Applicants should ensure that they, as well as their sponsor, are enrolled in the

DEERS database and have a current ID card.

An applicant must be planning to attend an accredited college or university full-time in the fall term of 2007, or be enrolled in a program of studies designed to transfer directly into a four-year program.

Scholarship applications are available at the commissary, or can be downloaded through links at <http://www.commissaries.com>, <http://www.militaryscholar.org> or <http://www.dodea.edu>.

Along with their application, applicants must include an essay on "how and why" they would change an historical event. At least one \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded at every commissary location with qualified applicants. Applications must be turned in at a commissary by close of business Feb. 21.

●The Sister Thea Bowman Foundation has four scholarships for African-American single mothers and their child to attend the College of St. Mary in Omaha, Nebraska.

The Foundation will grant \$30,000.00 over a period of four years to the College of St. Mary on behalf of each student. In return the College of St. Mary will match that grant with an additional \$24,000. The student must be an African-American single mother who has completed high school. She must be from low income housing. She must be able to gain admission to College of St. Mary. She need not be Catholic.

Each student will have an African-American mentor during her course of study at the College of St. Mary. Each student will also have an African-American host family from Omaha who will

also serve as mentor.

Each mother may take up to two children with her to the College of St. Mary.

The cut off age for the child is nine. Each mother will live in a dorm with other single mothers and their children. This dorm has been especially renovated to accommodate mothers and their children.

If interested, please contact Mary Lou Jennings, Executive Director of the Sister Thea Bowman Foundation at: marylouj11@aol.com

●The Jersey Devil Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers will be recognizing outstanding high-school seniors for academic achievement

by providing financial assistance to aid seniors in order that they may accomplish their future financial management baccalaureate educational goals.

To be considered for nomination, the following must hold true:

- The applicant must be an outstanding graduating high-school senior in the final half of his or her school year, or a high-school graduate within the past six months of the application deadline.

- The applicant must be entering a field of study directly related to financial/resource management, i.e. business administration, economics, public administration, computer science or operations research related to financial management, accounting or finance.

- The applicant must have two letters of recommendation from his or her high-school principal or academic dean, or a high-school teacher.

- The applicant's scholastic achievements, leadership ability,

extracurricular activities, career and academic goals and financial need will be considered and must be documented in letters of recommendation and summarized on ASMC National Scholarship forms.

This past year, the Jersey Devil Chapter was able to award five scholarships. This year, the first-place winner of the local awards will be submitted for ASMC national competition to compete for 11 scholarships: One \$3,000 scholarship, five \$2,000 scholarships and five \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded.

Application forms can be found online at <http://www.asmc-online.org/files/nspform.doc>. Please submit forms and letters of recommendation no later than March 2 to:

Resource Management Office
ATTN: IMNE-DIX-RMM
Neen Raspa
Bldg. 5418
Fort Dix, NJ 08640-5251

●The Team McGuire African-American Cultural Awareness Association invites high school seniors to participate in its annual scholarship program.

The theme for 2007 is "The Africans in America." Students must write a 500 to 1000 word essay on how black fraternal, social and civic institutions have provided opportunities for African-Americans.

Students who participate must have at least a "B" grade point average and must have applied to college. The essay and application must be completed by Feb. 28.

The awards will be presented in June. Recipients must be present to receive the award.

For more information call Titus Welcome at 754-9347 or email titus.welcome@mcguire.af.mil

Chaplains' Corner

Chap. (Lt. Col.) Lee Hardgrove
staff chaplain

What does the Lord require of you?

This is a question that the Bible asks in the sixth chapter of the book of Micah. The answer which follows is often quoted but it is good to look at its message again. The answer is "to act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." We are called upon by God, regardless of our faith background, to seek justice. Our world today is filled with injustices and they are almost too many for us to handle. We still see injustice in war, in racism, ageism, sexism, and in classism. Many persons are getting very rich these days, but the gap between those who live below the poverty level and the rich increases. Those of us who serve in the armed forces at times see injustices within the system as there is in all institutions.

Where do we start? The answer to my way of thinking is when we are exposed to something that really bothers us (I mean the down in the gut bothers us) and then we pray, we shall be given direction at to what cause we need to be involved in. As an example I feel that after I leave the army in June that the Lord might be calling me to work with the homeless. I do not know if this message is one that means I will be doing this as a new career or just as a volunteer, but the message is definitely there.

When we seek out justice, the loving mercy part of this answer usually comes with the seeking. We cannot really work for justice unless our hearts are filled with mercy for those who are in need.

To work against injustice requires us to love mercy as mercy is showing compassion and forgiveness. It just follows that if we are seeking and working for justice for those who are being denied justice that we are acting this way out of a sense of compassion and love and forgiveness.

The last part of the answer is the most important that we can do in response to the question what does God require of us as believers. Those I have known who have worked hard for justice and loved mercy have been very humble human beings. We can all think of humble persons who have worked for the rights of others and many are now famous in our history. Many of those paid a very harsh price for the humility they showed and the work they tried to do.

To truly act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God takes courage and faith. As we try to achieve these goals in our lives we need to be in prayer and in touch with other believers. Injustices can be made right when we work together across denominational lines and across religious faith group lines as well.

Let us recommit ourselves to try and make this a better country and a better world by "acting justly, loving mercy, and walking humbly with our God."

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PROGRAMS

Easter Bonanza Workshop

March 24, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Come join the fun with a Paper Mache Bunny Rabbit decorating contest, t-shirt decorating and card making. Bring the whole family for an afternoon of fun and festivities.
\$5 fee plus \$10 materials

Adult Craft Classes

Tuesdays, 6 - 8:30 p.m.
Feb. 20.....Ceramic Cake Plate
March 6.....Mosaic Madness
March 13.....Super Scrapbooking
March 20.....Fabric Photo Frame
\$5 fee plus materials

Introductory Pottery Class

Wednesdays, 6:30 - 9 p.m.
March 7 - April 11
\$55 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

Kids Craft Classes
Saturdays, 2:30 - 4 p.m.
Feb. 24.....Shamrock Clip
March 10.....Beaded Keychain
March 31.....Bird Feeder and Pinwheel
\$5 fee plus materials

Custom Designer Handbags
6:30 - 9 p.m.
Feb. 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

March 3, 9 to 11:30 a.m.
March 7 & 21, 6 to 8:30 p.m.

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

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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.

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6 a.m. (0600 hours)

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

Retreat
5 p.m. (1700 hours)

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

Military personnel in uniform

Military personnel not in uniform, civilians

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

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

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.

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.

Individual military personnel, civilians in a vehicle

Stop vehicle and exit. Follow steps above.

Stop vehicle and exit. Follow steps above.

Group of military personnel in a vehicle

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

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

Other bugle calls heard on post are:

Tattoo.....9 p.m. (2100 hours)
Call to Quarters.....9:30 p.m. (2130 hours)
Taps.....10 p.m. (2200 hours)



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Joint Forces host season's first home game



Ed Mingin
Public Affairs Staff

At first glance, a record of 2-3 doesn't sound promising. Look a little deeper, however, and there is more to the picture.

"We had to forfeit the first two games," explained Staff Sgt. Troy Fedison, head coach of the Joint Forces basketball team.

The team, which is comprised of personnel from Fort Dix, McGuire and Lakehurst, nearly didn't get to play at all this season. Lakehurst was unable to fully support the team, so Dix and McGuire stepped in to offer assistance.

The delay caused the team to miss its first two games. Even with the late start, Joint Forces is off to a good start, winning two of the first three games of actual competition.

Even with an overall record of 2-3, Fedison is confident in his team.

"The team is comprised of some of the best Army, Air Force, and Navy personnel assigned to the base. My guys are very talented and mature when it comes to the game. Remember we are the defending regional champions!" he said.

Joint Forces hosted its first home games this past weekend. The first game was played at McGuire, where the team lost 88-77 against Fort Belvoir.

The team kept its composure when the next game was played at the Griffith Field House, beating Bolling Air Force Base 64-53.

Joint Forces rolled out of the

gate quickly on Sunday's game, putting up four points before Bolling put up any points. Bolling tied the game halfway through the first period, with both teams having 12 points. From there, it was all Joint Forces, who fought back to the lead and held it until the end.

"The team has truly pulled together to make this program work. The commitment is 110 percent among the players and coaching staff. The players understand that the represent not only themselves, but the bases, their perspective commanders, and the WAMAC (Washington Area Military Athletic Conference) league," said Fedison.

"By doing this they show how attitude and respect comes with the game. Also the community has gotten involved by showing support at games," he added.

Next on the horizon for the team is a trip to Fort Detrick on Feb. 25. Joint Forces will have its next home games March 3 and 4.

With the season looking like it would be a bust for the team, Fedison is grateful for the opportunity the team has to play this season.

"I would like to thank all three post commanders for their assistance in making this program happen. It gives the Soldiers something to focus on and excel at," he said.

The team is still in need of help this season, needing uniforms and other equipment. Fedison is looking for sponsors to help the team. Interested parties can call 609-723-1364, or send him an email at troyfed@yahoo.com.



photos by Ed Mingin
COMING HOME -- Joint Forces played two home games this past weekend. After losing the first game, the team rebounded for a victory the next day. Sgt. Paul Blackman, top right photo drives around a defender for two. Senior Airman Nehemiah Nwankpah goes vertical to grab a couple of points, above.

TEAM SUPPORT -- Staff Sgt. Troy Fedison, left, discusses strategy with his team before the game. Above, Staff Sgt. Chad Jackson offers some motivation.

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Youth Basketball Schedule
Feb. 16
Juniors - Fort Dix vs. Pemberton #2 at Pemberton High School - 8 p.m.
Sr. Bantam - Fort Dix #1 vs. Pemberton #3 at Pemberton High School - 6 p.m.
Jr. Bantam - Fort Dix vs. the Rockets at Doughboy Gym - 6 p.m.
Feb. 17
Sr. Bantam - Fort Dix #2 vs. the Suns at McGuire - 8 p.m.
Minors - Fort Dix #2 vs. the Bulls at Doughboy Gym - noon. Fort Dix #1 vs. Pemberton #1 at Doughboy Gym - 1 p.m.
Pee Wee - Fort Dix vs. the Raptors at Doughboy Gym - 10 a.m.

Outdoor Recreation Skiing
The ski and snowboarding season will see Outdoor Rec. traveling to Bear Creek and Blue Mountain for some winter fun. The following are trips offered by Outdoor Rec. for the month of February.
Feb. 17-19
Downhill skiing/snowboarding weekend at Bear Creek.
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.

Fountain Green Golf Course
Freezing weather may be keeping the golf course empty, but it likely has golfers daydreaming about warmer temperatures and sunny skies.
For those thinking about their next golf outing, it is time to head over to the golf course and settle the 2007 Annual Membership Fees.
The fees for the 2007 season are as follows:
\$500 E-1-E4 / Equivalent
\$695 E-5-E5 / Equivalent
\$786 E-7- above/Equivalent
\$1089 Contractors
\$200 Junior Membership
For applications or additional information, call 562-5443.

Mind & Body Pilates
noon - 12:45 p.m.
Mixed Fitness
5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.
Friday Spin-It!
noon - 12:45 p.m.

Volleyball
March 28 will mark the start of volleyball season. The first coaches meeting will be held March 14.
For more details, call Chris O'Donnell at 562-4888.

Aquatics
Winter hours are now in place for the indoor pool.

Lap Swim
Monday - Friday
Retirees/adult dependents/working DOD
6 a.m. - 8 a.m.
10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Active duty/ working DOD
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Saturday
Retirees/adult dependents/working DOD
10:30 a.m. - noon

Rec. Swim
Mon. - Fri.
1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday
Noon - 6 p.m.
Fees for Rec. Swim: Military-\$2 Non-military-\$4.
The pool will be closed Feb. 24, 25, and 26.

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.
Wednesday
Hi-Lo Fusion
noon - 1 p.m.
Circuit Training
5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.
Thursday
Step & Sculpt
8:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.