

NEWSNOTES

Red Cross blood drive coming to Main Chapel

The American Red Cross Blood Drive, sponsored by Fort Dix Local #1999, will be held March 16 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Main Chapel, New Jersey Avenue & 8th Street. Call your coordinator for more information.

McGuire's Broidy Gate to stay open 24/7

The gate adjacent to the BX Commissary known as the "Broidy Gate," which separates McGuire and Fort Dix will officially be open 24 hours a day beginning Monday to all traffic transiting between the installations.

The Security Forces Entry Controller will no longer be posted there to check decals or passes, verifying whether or not the vehicle or person is DoD affiliated. Security Forces personnel will only be posted on the Broidy Gate during Random Antiterrorism Measures, increased or heightened Force Protection Condition Measures or special events.

Family Support Center to host home buying class

McGuire Family Support Center will be hosting a Home Buying Seminar March 26. There will be two sessions, one from 3 to 4:30 p.m. and another from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

The class is open to all DoD identification card holders.

Registration is required and this class fills up quickly, so register soon. This class is ideal for the first time home buyer, it will discuss the benefits and costs of home buying, mortgage options and what lenders look for in a home owner.

The McGuire FSC is located at 3011 Tuskegee Airmen Avenue on McGuire Air Force Base.

Please call 724-3154 or send e-mail to fsc@mcguire.af.mil to register. Don't forget to include which session you would like to attend.

TV show filmed on Dix set air

40 Degrees North with Ronnie Miller, filmed at Fort Dix in September of last year, will air on the Discovery Channel on March 20 at 5 p.m. The show highlights Miller's adventures walking across the 40th parallel and will feature shots of both Fort Dix and McGuire Air Force Base.

Thomas Edison State College offering classes

Thomas Edison State College will begin offering courses on Fort Dix in April. The eight-week long courses are a combination of both online and in-class sessions held at the Fort Dix Education Center. Registration is currently on-going for these courses.

CLEP exams are also available through Thomas Edison State College at the McGuire Air Force Base Library. Exams are administered Monday, Wednesday and Fridays at noon. For more information call Thomas Edison State College on McGuire Air Force Base at 723-1592.

WEATHER

FRIDAY: Mostly sunny with a high near 35 degrees. Partly cloudy overnight with a low around 26 degrees.

SATURDAY: Partly cloudy with a chance of afternoon rain, high near 50. A chance of rain overnight with a low around 38 degrees.

SUNDAY: Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain. The high will be 54 degrees. Clouds continue overnight with a low near 38 degrees.

MONDAY: Partly cloudy with a high near 50 degrees. Cloudy overnight with a low around 39 degrees.

Dix training, facilities expand

Wayne Cook
Public Affairs Staff

Early photos of Camp Dix show Soldiers digging the trenches they trained in for the battlefields of World War I.

Soldiers are still training on Dix's sandy ranges, but technology and ingenuity have replaced the trenches with mock villages, portable showers and pop-up maintenance facilities -- many being overhauled and expanded during the current lull in mobilization.

The Military Operations in Urban Terrain, or MOUT site, is a mock village set to grow by 79 new structures -- all made from shipping containers used to simulate more buildings in the "village." Purchased by the Directorate of Logistics as non-serviceable shipping containers, the conexes afford the capability to expand the complex so more diverse operations can take place during training exercises.

They will also enlarge the site enough that multiple units can train simultaneously without getting in each others' way.

Already in place, the conexes will have doors and windows cut and framed, and stairs installed in some of the stacked units. A larger site gives Soldiers the ability to search a wider area, making the exercises even more realistic.

"In the original layout of the 'village,' only two military vehicles could safely be used in training operations. Now, with

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Joe Thomas, RDPW

BUILDING FOR MAINTENANCE -- Workers lock together the framework of a Sprung Shelter being erected at Camp Victory at Fort Dix. The new and unique shelters will house maintenance operations that keep tactical vehicles running during the heavy training and mobilization seasons on post.

Gates, Pace discuss way forward

Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, March 7, 2007 -- The military will not wait to hear the results of many boards examining military and veterans medical care, but will move out to correct the situation, Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates said during a news roundtable today.

Marine Gen. Peter Pace, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said he felt sick when he heard of the conditions at an outpatient facility at Walter Reed Army Medical Center here. He vowed to look at hospitals in totality in the future.

Gates said he had visited with former Kansas Sen. Robert Dole and former Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala following a visit to the

White House earlier today and thanked them for taking on the job of evaluating the "full continuum of care" that servicemembers and veterans receive.

President Bush yesterday named Dole and Shalala to head the President's Commission on Care for America's Returning Wounded Warriors.

An independent review group focused on Walter Reed that Gates appointed has begun its work and will report back its initial findings in early April, the secretary said.

This deadline is relatively short for a reason: to make sure we identify additional flaws in the system and get on with fixing them as fast as possible," Gates said.

The secretary has ordered acting Army Secretary Pete Geren to report to him about the service's action plan to fix the outpatient situation at Walter Reed.

"I will expect progress reports on this every two weeks," he said.

He also has tasked David S. C. Chu, the defense undersecretary for personnel and readiness, and Dr. William Winkler, the assistant secretary of defense for health affairs, to conduct a comprehensive review of all medical care programs, facilities and procedures of all services to ensure the department is providing servicemembers the standard of care they deserve.

"I have told them that resources will not be an issue," he said.

Gates said that when he first heard of the conditions at Walter Reed -- a hospital considered "the jewel in the crown" of military medical facilities -- he immediately thought of what conditions were like at other facilities.

He said he knew the department needed to see what conditions were like

throughout the services and in the hand-off between DoD care and that from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

"That's why I am so supportive of ... the Dole-Shalala effort that looks at this process end to end, ... from the time a soldier is wounded on the battlefield until he or she is either returned to service or is discharged and ends up at their local VA hospital or back at home," the secretary said.

"It's important that the process works from servicemembers' standpoint and is not simply a bureaucratic process, and it's important that "the quality of attention and care through that whole spectrum is what it should be," he said. "And I'm concerned that it's not."

Gates said that after fighting the war itself, "fixing the problems associated with care for our wounded must be our highest priority."

Fellowship on menu at Installation Breakfast

Members of Fort Dix and the surrounding communities will gather at Club Dix March 22, at 7:30 a.m. for fellowship, music and breakfast.

The annual Installation Prayer Breakfast audience will be treated to the wisdom and vision of Chap. (Col.) Jeffrey Young, command chaplain, U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command, Fort Belvoir, Va. He will bring a message of faith and fellowship to the event.

Originally from Bloomfield, Young became an active-duty Army chaplain in 1980 and has worked serving Soldiers and their families across the Army.

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

Attendees will also be treated to the music of internationally acclaimed singer, Kevin Deas.

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

Tickets for the breakfast are available from unit and directorate representatives, or from the Fort Dix Main Chapel.



Mark Olsen, New Jersey DM4VA

Welcome home, Daddy!

Antonella Nieto celebrates a homecoming from Afghanistan with her father, Staff Sgt. Antonio Nieto of the 50th Personnel Services Battalion, New Jersey Army National Guard. Soldiers, families and friends gathered at the Guard's Headquarters Building on Fort Dix March 2 to greet the returning unit and celebrate the safe return of their Soldiers. Article, more photos, page 6.

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March of women in history commemorated this month

Steve Snyder
Public Affairs Staff

March is International Women's History Month and yesterday, March 8, was International Women's Day. Before you stifle that yawn, consider the impact of women upon Western Civilization. They've had tremendous influence. Almost all of it for the good. That's a big deal.

But why? Well, just consider societies that don't reap benefits from their female populations or even inhibit their women from being all that they could be. Universally, such societies cannot be considered success stories. And an unsurprising number of these aforementioned cultures are Arabic, located in the Middle East and adhering to strict, if not virulent, forms of the Islam religion.

Noted historian Victor Davis Hanson has praised the Arab Human Development Report, released in 2002, for articulating some hard and unpleasant truths about people in the Middle East who've apparently been out in that scaring sun too long without their burnoose.

Hey, babe, it's not racism, colonialism, multi-national corporate exploitation, Western political dominance or "all the other -isms and -ologies" (in Hanson's phrase) that have blocked the good life from flowering in the Middle East. Instead, the report cites "the subjugation of women robs Arab society of millions of brilliant minds" causing "talented scientists and intellectuals... to emigrate" to the West.

One such emigre; from Kenya, Ethiopia, Saudi Arabia and then Holland, is writer, politician, and filmmaker Ayaan Hirsi Ali, who's finally found a safe house at the American Enterprise Institute in our nation's capital.

Ali's book, *Infered* (Free Press, hardcover, 355 pages, \$26), is an inspiring tale of a brave woman's flight from barbarism to freedom.

All cultures are not equal, after all. Those promoting liberty are superior. They thrive in open societies in the West.



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BRAINSTORMER -- One of the most original female thinkers since Ayn Rand, Camille Paglia champions high art and low, believes that human nature possesses a wild, Dionysian streak which we ignore at our peril and is not shy about attacking multiculturalists and the political correct for their many intellectual failings. Paglia is a professor of humanities and media studies at the University of the Arts in Philadelphia. And she's a philosopher with the guts to tell it like it is.



www.mamtheatres.com

MOVIE MOGUL -- Sherry Lansing fits few clichés typecasting great studio heads of the past. Who would've guessed that the 35-year-old in 1980 who became the first female president of 20th Century Fox and push the studio to produce hits like "Forrest Gump," "Braveheart" and "Titanic." Eighty (80) percent of the films released by Lansing were profitable, a track record matched by no one else.



www.ikashmir.net

WILL TO POWER -- Benazir Bhutto, 54, was the first woman to lead a post-colonial Muslim state but her political career has been tumultuous. The charismatic Harvard graduate was elected prime minister of Pakistan in 1988 only to be deposed 20 months later by the military and re-elected in 1993 but dismissed again after three years on charges of corruption. Exiled in the United Arab Emirates, Bhutto has vowed to return to power.



National Archives

WACS AT WAR -- Members of Women's Army Corps board a ship bound for France - and World War II - in 1942. Over 150,000 American women served in uniform overseas during the war. General Eisenhower was not alone in judging their contributions to the war effort to be "indispensable."



file photo

CHARM OFFENSIVE -- New Jersey Governor Christine Todd Whitman socializes with constituents during July 4th festivities at Doughboy Field in 1999. The 50th governor of the Garden State served back-to-back terms (1994-2001) during which she made frequent visits to Fort Dix, apparently enjoying the company of congenial spirits here. Governor Whitman rolled back a one-cent sales tax initiated by her predecessor, pushed education reforms, removed excise taxes to revive professional wrestling in the state and accomplished breakthroughs in her stewardship of the environment; setting standards that dropped ground level ozone immensely, cleaning up beaches by intense monitoring systems and beginning a highly successful watershed management program. She didn't fare as well as head of the Bush administration's Environmental Protection Agency, being mugged by political opponents. Whitman remains one of the last of the Rockefeller Republicans in the GOP. But her charm continues to captivate - even in political exile.



www.richardstoneuk.com

STIFF UPPER LIP -- Elizabeth II has served as Queen of the United Kingdom and 16 other sovereign states since 1952, dealing with every American president since Eisenhower and even surviving turmoil provoked by the life and death of that twerp, er, Princess, Diana of Wales. Although a movie based on her life, "The Queen," did not win a best picture Oscar its star, Helen Mirren, did. The film was an interesting take on a monarch's life of duty unflappably performed. God save the Queen!

Walson Hospital's distinguished pedigree started with General whose name it took

First in series celebrating Fort Dix's upcoming 90th birthday

Steve Snyder
Public Affairs Staff

Walson Hospital is in its death throes, scheduled for demolition sometime in the near future. Somewhat of an institution at Fort Dix, Walson's passage personifies changing missions the post has tackled over the years.

Next Thursday, March 15, marks the 47th birthday of Walson Army Hospital's dedication here in 1960. The hospital's history has been a proud one, not least in honoring the man whose name it took.

Charles Moore Walson was born at Laurel, Del. on August 24, 1883. He completed his medical studies at the Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia in 1906, going on to practice medicine as a civilian with the St. Joseph Infirmary in Fort Worth, Texas, from 1906-1907; St. John's Hospital in St. Louis during the next year; becoming the assistant clinical professor for surgery at St. Louis University from 1908-1911 and an assistant to the city health officer in St. Louis from 1909-1911.

1st Lt. Walson entered active duty on Sept. 23, 1911, embarking upon a distinguished career in military medicine that would send him around the world and within two world wars.

Graduating from the Army Medical School in Washington, D.C., in 1912, the young officer was assigned to Fort Douglas, Utah, in June 1912 before becoming a surgeon with troops at Texas City, Texas, from 1912 to 1914.



painting by Mrs. C.M. Walson

Brig. Gen. Charles M. Walson

In 1914 Walson served with Gen. Pershing's Expeditionary Forces at Vera Cruz in Mexico after which he sailed the South Seas to undertake duties at Schofield Barracks and at a general hospital in Honolulu, territory of Hawaii, for three years.

Following assignments at Camp (now Fort) Lewis in Washington state and Camp Logan in Houston, Walson served in World War I as an assistant surgeon in the Office of the Surgeon General in Tours, France. Now a major, Walson got a chance to see the continent when stationed with the Army of Occupation at Koblenz, Germany until 1922.

Between the wars, Walson was hospital inspector and then executive officer at Walter Reed General Hospital in D.C. from 1922 to 1926. From 1926 to 1931, he became the assistant to the VII Corps area surgeon at Omaha where he also lectured on vital statistics at Creighton University.

Walson was a surgeon at the



Daniel Amburge, multi-media specialist, K-Mar Industries

EAGLE'S EYE -- An airborne view of the now-abandoned Walson Hospital, today.

station hospital at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind., from 1931 to 1935 where he also lectured on tropical medicine at the Indiana University Medical School.

In 1935 Walson returned to the nation's capital, serving until 1939 as chief of hospital construction in the Surgeon General's Office.

The high point in Walson's career came during the Second World War when he filled the position of Surgeon, Second Corps Area and Service Command Surgeon. In that capacity, General Walson supervised the reception and evacuation of over 145,000 Americans and 7,000 Prisoner-of-War (POW) patients.

Walson tirelessly planned for mass procurement of physicians and nurses while simultaneously securing the use of important, adjacent military facilities to handle these massive loads.

For his unstinting efforts, General Walson was awarded the Legion of Merit.

On June 11, 1946, Walson was assigned as Surgeon of the First Army with headquarters at

Governors Island in New York. He served there until retiring a year later.

Walson stayed active during retirement, administering the Red Cross Blood Program for the greater New York area from 1947 to 1951.

He died on May 14, 1959. Secretary of the Army William M. Brucker dedicated the spanking new nine-story, pale-gold brick, \$10.5 million Walson Hospital on March 15, 1960. A 19-gun salute highlighted the early afternoon event which was attended by the Surgeon General of the Army, the First Army Commander, and the Army Chief of Staff.

The 500-bed hospital was state of the art for the time, containing a closed-circuit radio station with bedside speakers for television sound and a central food service section handling the most complex of dietary necessities.

When Walson Army Hospital opened in 1960 it was the tallest building in Burlington County. It still stands tall in memories of those it served.

SCREEN QUEEN -- Vanessa Williams played the goddess Calypso opposite Armand Assante in the stirring 1997 TV movie version of "The Odyssey," and what better muse than the former Miss America, golden-voiced songstress and hauntingly beautiful star of stage and screen. But unlike many Hollywood divas, Williams seems to have her feet on the ground, trampling hard down a gruelling career path that would deter the less dedicated. Bravo!



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Pascual Flores

Graduates go out with a bang

Graduates of the Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Environmental Defense School Class 004 pose for a photo March 6. Front row kneeling (l to r) are Sgt. Curtins West, Staff Sgt. Gregory Meese, Pvt. first class Lannie Hickson, Sgt. Anthony Reichelderfer, Pvt. Abran Moreno; second row standing (l to r) Sgt. William Cowger, Spc. Robert Carmical, Maj. Russell Freeman, Sgt. Casey McMillan and Tech. Sgt. Mark Livergood, USAF. Not available for the photograph were Spc. Missy Stevens and Spc. Joel Carl

Dix training, facilities expand

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the expansion, up to five vehicles can travel the roads of the site and set up security checkpoints and perimeter control safely," said Maj. Todd Kickbusch, officer-in-charge of the MOUT site.

At Camp Victory, there are many projects underway. One project is the new sprung shelter maintenance facilities. The two large tents are environmentally controlled, better insulated and

provide much more efficient ventilation than the old maintenance facility. They are also larger and provide increased working space for the technicians and mechanics. The new buildings cost nearly \$400,000 to purchase and install.

Another expansion at the camp is the number of tents being erected for sleeping quarters. The installation purchased an additional 79 modular tents for less than \$300,000 that will be installed over wooden frames and can be environmentally controlled for better comfort of the Soldiers. These tents are larger than the old general-purpose medium tents and can sleep an additional two to four Soldiers per unit. Another added feature will be the replacement of cots with bunkbeds. These changes

are being made to improve quality of living for the Soldiers in the field. With the extra tents, the sleeping capacity of the camp will increase from 1,800 to about 2,400.

According to Joe Thomas, project manager, Directorate of Public Works, Camp Victory will also be seeing added trailers for support use. There is a double-wide trailer for the medical clinic and a trailer for the language lab. There is also a trailer shared by the United Service Organizations (USO) and an Internet lab, so Soldiers can have access to their e-mail. Additional trailers are set up for administrative support.

Another new facility at the camp is the Engagement Skills Trainer — two conex trailers that contain a laser-tag type of system

so Soldiers can practice their skills with their weapons.

Along with all the facility upgrades, of course, the electrical grid has to be enhanced to meet the existing and future needs of the site. This is an ongoing project, according to Thomas.

Driving the expansions at the training sites is the fact that projected numbers of Soldiers on the ground at any one time this summer and in the future can be up to 4,000.

"The folks at the 72nd Field Artillery Brigade plan and oversee most of the training-facilities expansion in the MOUT site and at Camp Victory. The installation provides some support through monies, supplies, and manpower," explained Doug Hase-mann, Range Control officer.

As long as there is a mission to train Soldiers for war, Fort Dix will continue to meet the challenges of the ever-changing training needs. Expansion and change will be a constant across the installation and on the ranges.

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at Club Dix**
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at 6 p.m.**

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Or, visit the Fort Dix Department of Defense
Police Department in Bldg. 6049
on 8th Street.

Family Advocacy
562-5200

Chaplain
562-2020

American Red Cross
562-2258

**Army Emergency
Relief**
562-2767

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Black History Committee to host dinner dance

The McGuire Black History Observation Committee will host the Scholarship Fundraiser "Smash/Dance/Food" **March 10** from 6 p.m. to midnight at Club Dix. The event will feature dancing to Top 40 music and a taste of African-centric cuisine. Tickets cost \$10 per person. Those interested should call Master Sgt. Jennifer Noble-Slaton at 754-4371 or 351-0423 or Veverly Wakefield at 562-4046.

Post-deployment stress group to meet at McGuire

The post deployment stress group will host a meeting **March 13** at 6 p.m. in the funplex located at 3320 Route 38 in Mount Laurel for service members returning from deployment who have experienced any of the following: Frustration, sleep disturbance, intolerance of "stupid behavior," vivid recall, excitability, poor concentration, and/or anxiety.

Dress will be civilian clothes, and only first names will be used. If you like, bring a battle buddy. An optional price of \$16.95 for unlimited bumper car use, one go kart ride, one laser tag game and 30 arcade tokens is available, and for \$3.75 you receive two slices of pizza or two hot dogs and a drink.

For more information call an OWT medic at 754-0425.



Time to spring ahead

Clocks must be set ahead one hour at 2 a.m. this Sunday, **March 11**, for Daylight Saving Time.

On Aug. 8, 2005, Pres. George W. Bush signed the Energy Policy Act of 2005. This act changed the time change dates for Daylight Saving Time in the United States. Beginning this year, Daylight Saving Time will begin on the second Sunday in March and end the first Sunday in November.

Newcomers Orientation coming soon to ACS

New community members are invited to attend the next Army Community Service (ACS) Community Newcomers Orientation **March 15** in Bldg. 5201 at the corner of Maryland Avenue and 8th Street.

The orientation starts at 9 a.m. and ends at 2 p.m. Newcomers will have the opportunity to learn what services and programs are available at Fort Dix, McGuire Air Force Base and Lakehurst Naval Air Engineering Station and surrounding communities.

The orientation includes a free lunch at Club Dix and a tour of Dix and McGuire to allow newcomers to see where the primary venues for support are located. Free child care is provided, but registration in advance is required.

For child care assistance, call the Child and Youth Services Central Registration office at 562-4702. For more information about the orientation and, call ACS at 562-2767.

Fort Dix Spouses' Club offers scholarships, grants

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.

Seuss celebrated across America

Jennifer M. McCarthy
Public Affairs Staff

A party is great, a party is a ball. A party for reading is fun for all. But at this party, there were no foxes in boxes or Hortons or Whos, but cats in hats and Things One and Things Two. Educators rapped and Pooh was read, and later on that day there were stories for bed. And to think it was seen, not on streets Mulberry or McCool, but at the Fort Dix Elementary School.

Read Across America, also known as Dr. Seuss Day, was celebrated March 2 at the Fort Dix Elementary School with a lively assembly, special visiting readers and a day devoted to fostering a life-long love of reading in the kids.

"I hope it has an impact," said school librarian Sherrie Rosnick. "Reading to children creates better readers."

Members of the Fort Dix community volunteered to visit the classrooms and read stories to the children.

"The best part of reading to young people is to get them interested and enthusiastic about reading. I really love reading to children," said volunteer reader Leslie Pelegan, who when not reading to first graders works at the Department of Defense Police Station.

"They seemed to really love the books by pointing to the pages, and although they were only first graders, they were able to answer my questions about what do you think the book will be about?"

Pelegan has been reading to the kids for more than 12 years.

This was the first year as a reader for Amada Espinoza, program manager, Army Community Services, who read the Dr. Seuss classic Cat in the Hat to a group of pre-kindergartners.

"I think reading to the kids was a positive experience to show the children that reading can be fun. At the same time, I was rewarded by the smiling faces," she said.

"I think the kids felt I was one of them," she continued.

Before the kids were treated to special readers in the classroom the students were treated to a lively assembly. Rosnick led the kids in taking a pledge to be lifelong readers and then read to the school from the A.A. Milne classic Winnie the Pooh.

"A lot of people don't know it (Winnie the Pooh) is a book. They think it is just a Disney show," she explained.

Students Brendan Cromwell and Dominique Hiatt assisted her in the reading and then led the kids in a Green Eggs and Ham sing-along. The kids were also treated to the musical styling of the Educators.

This band of rapping readers, composed of members of the Fort Dix Elementary School Staff, had the children out of their seats and moving to the beat.

The day's event continued into the evening with a bedtime story night. Children and parents were invited to return to school in their pajamas and enjoy more tales.

Rosnick indicated that the program had an impact on the students because many children came into the library the



Jennifer M. McCarthy

CAPTIVE AUDIENCE -- Devon Gabourel, Emily Whisenhunt, Joshua Cooper, Anthony Ruiz Jr., and Isabella Blood celebrate "The Cat in the Hat" during Read Across America Day. During the festivities, the children all took an oath to become lifelong readers.

next day inquiring about Misty of Chincoteague, one of the books read that evening.

"The kids don't miss a beat," she said.

This year marked the tenth anniversary of the nation's largest reading party sponsored by the National Education Association.

The date also coincides with the birthday of one of the most beloved children book authors of all time, Dr. Seuss.

Dr. Seuss, whose real name was Theodor Geisel, was born in 1904 in Springfield, Mass. He began his career in advertising and as an illustrator. His first children's book, *To Think That I Saw It on Mulberry Street* was published in 1937. During World War II Geisel drew political cartoons and created propaganda films for the War Department.

Following the war, he resumed writing children's books and creating films. In 1950, his non-military short film *Gerald McBoing-Boing* won an Academy Award. Seven years later he was commissioned to write a textbook using 250 new-reader vocabulary words.

And while the resulting book, *The Cat in the Hat*, was not embraced as a reading primer, it has gone on to become one of the most popular books of all times with more than 7.2 million copies sold.

Seuss wrote and illustrated more than 40 children's books. His witty wording made him a fan of children and adults alike.

Following several years of illness, he died in 1991.



Jennifer M. McCarthy

Helping hand

Lt. Col. Roger Cotton, Deputy Installation Commander, accepts the first check on behalf of the Army Emergency Relief Fund, on March 7 from Ex-Prisoner of War Commander, Joseph O'Donnell, left, and Vice Commander Robert Lattin. The AER drive runs until May 15. The goal for this year is \$44,000.

Hiring focus benefits military spouses

Cherie Huntington
DeCA

FORT LEE, Va. -- With nearly 18,000 employees worldwide, the Defense Commissary Agency offers "a match made in heaven" for military spouses and family members seeking employment.

"Since its inception, DeCA has served as a proud advocate in hiring military families throughout all levels of the agency," said Patrick Nixon, DeCA director and chief executive officer.

"In fact, military spouses now represent nearly 30 percent of our workforce."

DeCA maintains these employment levels by using various recruiting strategies to attract and retain military spouses, Nixon explained. Since the agency recruits on a continuous basis worldwide through the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, military spouses remain a critical source of high-quality employees.

"We worked with the Department of Defense Priority Placement Program, or PPP, to establish the DeCA Family Member Placement Program," said Nixon.

"Called 'Program M,' this facilitates the continued employment of current employees at commissaries as their spouses transfer to new duty stations."

A similar "Program S" for military spouse preference, along with Executive Order 12721, Eligibility of Overseas Employees for Noncompetitive Appointments, provide quick, easy methods to fill nonmanagement positions within the continental United States. Since many candidates have

prior commissary experience, these programs enable DeCA to reduce recruitment time and training costs, retain valuable employees, and help ease transition anxieties for the whole family.

"This is a win-win-win situation for DeCA, the military spouse and the taxpayer," Nixon said. "Military spouses generally don't elect additional health and life insurance, and there's no moving cost involved beyond the service member's permanent change of station, so the taxpayer gets more bang for the buck invested in the commissary benefit."

Nixon said spouses are hired under local merit promotion announcements as well, and they are afforded promotion, training and career-enhancing opportunities throughout the agency.

"An alliance with the Army and corporate partners in the Army Spouse Employment Partnership, which DeCA joined in 2004, pledges enriched employment opportunities specifically for Army spouses.

"The purpose of this partnership is to assist military spouses in seeking employment, promotion and retention with DeCA or any corporate partner," Nixon said. "Each partner dedicates resources to work with spouses in these endeavors."

While the Army program naturally concentrates on jobs for Army spouses, DeCA supports all military spouses and family members, according to Nixon.

"We remain such an integral part of military family life that we can't help but feel invested in whatever eases the mind of military members as they serve the nation," he said. "Hiring spouses and family members is just another way for us to serve the needs of our customers."



Steve Snyder

Fashion sense

From left to right, Shanta Wright, Spc. Diamond Johnson from the 328th Military Police Co., Staff Sgt. Lakisha Menfee of the 108th Air Refueling Wing and Kristoff Bannies compare threads at Sassizee Urban Wear store at the McGuire/Dix Exchange recently for fashionable attire they plan to wear at the McGuire AFB/Fort Dix S.M.A.S.H. Scholarship Fundraiser fashion show scheduled to unveil hidden musical and modeling talent March 10, 6 p.m. to midnight, at Club Dix. Admission is \$10 and includes samples of African-centric foods, the fashion show and D.J.'s last dance. Sassizee is owned by Zenatta Jackson, ably assisted by her husband Allen, and was among the generous sponsors contributing clothes for the annual gala.

MILITARY MATTERS

Citizen-Soldiers return from Afghanistan tour

Ryan Morton
Public Affairs Staff

There is no place like home. You can travel almost anywhere and usually come to the same realization. No matter how good or bad it is to be or get away, it usually always feels that much better to get back home. This is a feeling and recognition that rings very true in military circles as well. With the Global War on Terrorism going on for nearly six years, thousands of Soldiers have had the opportunity to experience the warm thrill and satisfaction of returning home.

At Fort Dix, that has become a very common occurrence as more than 93,000 Soldiers have mobilized and demobilized through the installation since September 11, 2001. The 50th Personnel Services Battalion, a part of the N.J. National Guard from Fort Dix, is one such group. These 70 Soldiers just returned from a year-long deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

The plane landed March 2, and the Soldiers were greeted by dozens of supporters and well-wishers upon their return. Among those on hand to show their appreciation were the Vietnam Veterans of America, the United States Organization, and other fellow Soldiers.

Warm hugs and handshakes reverberated throughout as these Soldiers filed out of the bus to hear one of their closing briefings before officially demobilizing. This is the final stop for these Soldiers after an extensive 14-month rotation. They spent the first two months performing pre-mobilization training at Camp Atterburg, Ind. in preparation for the deployment to Afghanistan.

Before their briefing, they enjoyed a free buffet of hot dogs and meal-ball sandwiches catered by the USO. They were able to unwind and relax a little bit after the long plane ride back.

These Soldiers were responsible for performing human resources, personnel, and postal missions for the entire Afghan theater of operations. They serviced more than 30,000 U.S. and coalition Soldiers during their stay, and according to their battalion commander, Lt. Col. Walter Alvarado, they did an exceptional job.



Mark Olsen, Department of Military and Veterans Affairs PAO

NO PLACE LIKE HOME -- Sgt. 1st Class Keron Johnson, 250th Personnel Services Detachment, above, greets daughters Sapphira, 12, and Mikayla, 13, during a welcome-home celebration for her unit and the 50th Personnel Services Battalion March 2. The Soldiers returned from a year-long deployment in Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Terrie Bobinis, top right, holds up a sign for her husband, Capt. Mike Bobinis, as families greet the Soldiers outside the Fort Dix Recreation Center. The Soldiers arrived on post earlier that day for outprocessing, right.

"I'm so proud of them. They did such an outstanding job. In fact, we were told that we did a better job than most of the active units," he said.

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While over there, the troops were spread out across Bagram and 17 other locations and 58 Forward Operating Bases throughout Afghanistan processing ID cards, updating records, conducting promotion boards, and delivering mail throughout the country, among other things. The primary unit they supported was the 10th Mountain Division out of Fort Drum, N.Y.

The issue of paramount importance other than the great work they did was everyone coming back alive and in one piece.

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24/7 information



Army Community Service (ACS)

562-2767

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

Hours of Operation:

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

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



Staff Sgt. Joe Donnelly, 444th MPAD



Ryan Morton

West Point grad takes over training regiment

Shawn Morris
Public Affairs Staff

Col. James T. Corrigan became leader of the New Jersey Army National Guard's 254th Regiment (Combat Arms) during a traditional change-of-command ceremony March 3 at the Sea Girt armory.

Corrigan takes over for Col. Frank W. Dulfer, who spent approximately two-and-a-half years at the 254th's helm.

"There's not much more important than training Soldiers while the nation is at war," Corrigan told the crowd of Soldiers, civilians and distinguished guests. "We're all warriors, and we all need to create warriors." "I'd like to thank all of you Soldiers," Corrigan added. "Please continue down the path of professionalism."

Corrigan steps into a command held for the past 32 months by Dulfer.

"I will never forget your loyalty and dedication," said Dulfer to the Soldiers of the 254th.

"I know that you will enjoy your tour here with the regiment," Dulfer said to Corrigan. "I know that every Soldier here will support you."

"As I move on to my next assignment, I look forward to continuing to serve the great state of New Jersey and the United States Army," he added.

Corrigan was commissioned as a field artillery officer in 1979 after graduation from the United States Military Academy. He then served on active duty at Fort Sill, Okla., where his assignments included artillery battery executive officer, and instructor at the Field Artillery School where he taught both basic and advanced courses.

In 1985, Corrigan joined the New Jersey National Guard as a member of the 3rd Battalion, 112th Field Artillery. He held various command and staff positions while assigned to the unit, including brigade fire-support officer and battalion executive officer, culminating with assignment as the battalion commander.

He was then assigned to the Battle Lab, where he was responsible for the development and execution of military and civilian training exercises.

His last assignment was serving at Joint Forces Headquarters as the J-3 for Training.

In addition to Field Artillery Officer Basic and Advanced Courses and Command and General Staff College, Corrigan graduated from the United States Army War College (Class of 2006) receiving a master's degree in Strategic Studies.

Corrigan is a vice-president with the Mack-Cali Realty Corporation and lives in Randolph. He and his wife Elisabeth have four children.

Dulfer began his military career in 1971 as an enlisted Soldier on active duty. He joined the New Jersey Army National Guard in 1978 after completing his undergraduate and graduate programs at William Patterson University and Montclair State University. He was commissioned through the OCS program of the New Jersey Military Academy in 1980 (Class 23).

In addition to many professional development courses, Dulfer is a graduate of the Armor Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, New Jersey Army National Guard Company Commander Course, and is a graduate of the United States Army War College (Class of 2005).



photos by Sgt. Shawn Morris, 444th MPAD

FLYING HIGH — Col. James T. Corrigan, above, accepts the 254th Regiment (Combat Arms) guidon from Brig. Gen. Charles A. Harvey Jr. during a traditional change-of-command ceremony March 3 at Sea Girt Armory. Corrigan takes over for Col. Frank W. Dulfer, who served as 254th command for the past 32 months. Dulfer received a Meritorious Service Medal from Maj. Gen. Glenn K. Reith, the adjutant general of New Jersey, below.



Dulfer's leadership experience includes serving as an armor platoon leader, armor company commander, Headquarters and Headquarters Company commander, and armor battalion commander. He has also served in various staff positions at Joint Forces Headquarters, including a tour as inspector general, and at the battalion level, including an assignment in the Armor Training Battalion, 254th Regiment, as battalion XO/S-3.

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Final salute

Soldiers from Fort Dix, above, perform funeral detail in Virginia for Staff Sgt. Michael Richard Back, who died of a heart attack Feb. 21 at the age of 40. A memorial service was held for Back March 7 at the Main Chapel, right. Back served in Alpha Company, Mobilization Readiness Battalion, since November 2005.

Sgt. Michael Richard Back

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Sgt. Michael Richard Back



courtesy photo

Honoring yesterday's heroes

Henry Melon-Lopez, director, Human Resources Military, right, presents a Certificate of Commendation to retired 1st Sgt. Joseph Tomayo for his contributions to the Black History Luncheon. Retired Col. George Waters of the Retiree Council was also on hand to honor Tomayo.

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Announcements



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

Friday, March 9 @ 7:30 p.m.
Epic Movie - Kal Pen, Adam Campbello - Four adult orphans have an incredible adventure in a spoof of blockbuster and fantasy films. The quartet visit a bizarre candymaker's chocolate factory and enter a mythic realm in which they must help a wise but lusty lion rid the land of a witchy woman. MPAA Rating: PG-13 for crude and sexual humor, language and some comic violence, *Run Time: 86 minutes.*

Saturday, March 10 @ 7:30 p.m.
Blood & Chocolate - Agnes Bruckner, Hugh Dancy - The story takes place in modern day Bucharest and tells the tale of 19-year-old Vivian Gandillon who has spent her life on the run from the truth...that she is a werewolf. When her affections for a visiting American artist threaten to expose her family's secret society, she must choose between her love for an outsider and betraying the secret vows of her family. MPAA Rating: PG-13 for violence/terror, some sexuality and substance. *Run Time: 98 minutes.*

Matinee...

Charlotte Web

Saturday, March 10 @ 3:00 p.m.
G, 96 min.

Future Features...

The Messengers

Friday, March 16 @ 7:30 p.m.
PG-13, 85 min.

Because I Said So

Saturday, March 17 @ 7:30 p.m.
PG-13, 101 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

Passover and Lenten Activities

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

Model Passover Seder:
An Educational Experience on how a Seder is Conducted
15 March - 7 p.m.
to register call 562-2020

Organizations

305 MDG Pharmacy information
Patients using the 305 MDG Ambulatory Health-care Center who received a prescription must first visit the pharmacy to "check-in and activate" the prescription. An ID card is required. The pharmacy will process the prescription only after check-in. Current prescriptions may be refilled 24 hours-a-day, seven days a week, by calling 754-9470. Refills can be requested seven to ten days before the prescription runs out. Refills are ready for pick-up two duty days after being phoned in.

Martinis & Manicures
Friday
16 March
5 pm
\$20
Club Dix

Read the Post!

Army Community Service

Bldg. 5201
562-2767

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

March Schedule

Effective Boundary Setting

9 March
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
ACS

Art Therapy

9 March
3:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.
4:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.
ACS

Teen Resume Writing

10 March
9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
ACS

Playgroup 18 months - 3 yrs

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

AFTB Level 1

12 March
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Red Cross

Yoga and Stress Management

12 March
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
ACS

Hearts Apart

13 March
10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
ACS

Playgroup Birth - 18 months

14 March
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
McGuire CDC #1

Developing Your Financial Plan

14 March
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
ACS

Newcomers Orientation

15 March
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
ACS

For more information call
Deraurah Wilson at 562-4830

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.

March Schedule

Rescheduled Snow Tubing Trip

March 10
1:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

Youth of the Year Interview and

Speech
March 10
10:00 a.m. - noon

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.

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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.

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.

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.

Java Cafe and Computer Lab @ Club Dix

723-3272
Monday - Friday - 7 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday - Closed.

McGuire Shoppette

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

Fort Dix Post Office

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

Club Dix

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

Banner day

1st Sgt. Shaun Roach and Capt. Ryan Thompson hold the yellow banner for Alpha Company, 116th Brigade Special Troops Battalion, before they take off for their deployment in support of the Global War on Terrorism. The unit is part of the Virginia National Guard hailing from Fredericksburg, Va. The yellow banner will fly over Infantry Park until the Soldiers return, at which time the banner will be returned to them.

Ryan Morton



Classes aim to improve life, family issues

Tina Harris
Family Advocacy
Program Manager

As a new or expecting parent, you may be wondering if you are doing all the "right" things for your child. Are you eating healthy enough? How much should you exercise? What shots are required in the first year?

And you may be searching online or through numerous books, videos and organizations to answer these tough questions.

For expecting parents and those with children less than three years of age, the Family Advocacy nurse at McGuire Air Force Base provides services via the New Parent Support Program.

This program is designed to offer an individualized plan based on the family's needs. Services include family screenings, clinic and hospital visits, support groups, home visits and information and referrals to community resources, including child care services and respite care.

Specific classes offered by this program include: Pregnancy 101, Baby Basics, Breastfeeding, Childbirth Preparation and Marriage with Babies, Baby Sign Language, Home Safety and Childproofing the Home.

Parent-Child Playgroups are held twice a week to allow for bonding between the parents and their children, socialization with other families and discussions on topics beneficial to parents. These groups meet on Mondays and Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the McGuire Child Development Center I.

The Family Advocacy educator at Fort Dix offers weekly parenting and wellness classes, including stages of development, parenting issues during

the early years, challenging toddlers, child safety, effective discipline, managing anger within the family and so much more.

We understand that military families are constantly relocating to new and sometimes foreign locations. This can be a major stressor on the family. Add to this the deployment of one or both parents, and the effects on the family, especially the children, can be quite painful.

Our education program offers a series of discussion workshops on building resiliency in military families, maintaining connections during a deployment and the impact deployment on children.

We have also partnered with the Fort Dix Deployment/Mobilization Readiness Program to provide information to children with deployed parents in our local schools.

If you are interested in any of the services mentioned, please do not hesitate to call the McGuire FAP nurse, Amy Thomas, at 754-9680 or the Fort Dix FAP educator, Deraunah Wilson, at 562-4830. We look forward to serving you.

The Family Advocacy Program offers the following classes:

● I'm Sick and Tired Of...!... March 9 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the ACS Conference Room. This class is designed to help anyone recognize areas in their lives that need boundaries.

● Dealing with Loss and Change in the Military, March 16 from 11:30 to 12:30 in the ACS Conference Room. Life in the military can be unpredictable. Come and learn effective ways of dealing with the changes.

● New Beginnings: Life After Divorce, Tuesdays from 20 March to 24 April from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Fort Dix Child Development Center. Get information about healing from your divorce.

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Fort Dix provides a natural habitat for the wildlife that lives on the base. The water habitat provides a natural habitat for the wildlife. Therefore, the Environmental and Natural Resources Branch manages the Fort Dix water habitat. The Environmental and Natural Resources Branch manages the Fort Dix water habitat. The Environmental and Natural Resources Branch manages the Fort Dix water habitat.

NCO Call
at Club Dix
Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

Chaplains' Corner

Chap. (Col.) David Forden
chapel staff

It was 3:30 p.m., and Sandy was standing in line at the swimsuit section of the store, waiting for the sales clerk to finish assisting the two people in front of her. A woman about her same age timidly approached her and asked if her name was Sandy. She replied, "Yes, it is."

"You may not remember me, but I remember you" the woman said. "We were in high school together." Then, with a somewhat embarrassed look, she said, "I have something I need you to do for me.... I need you to forgive me."

"Forgive you? I don't understand," Sandy responded. The woman then told Sandy of an incident that had happened almost two decades before.

"When we were in high school, I found a wallet that belonged to you. When I looked through it, I saw that it had four dollars in it. So, I took the four dollars and threw the wallet away.

"Over the years," the woman continued, "that incident has always stayed with me. Then a few years ago, I became a Christian. It really has affected my life. One of the things that's important to me is that I want to clear up my old debts."

And with that, she held out four one-dollar bills, handing them to Sandy.

Now Sandy was embarrassed. She remem-

bered the loss of her wallet, and now the mystery was solved. So Sandy, not wanting to make a big deal out of the incident, murmured that it was only four dollars and she had forgotten about it years ago.

But the woman standing before her would not allow Sandy to refuse the offered money. She looked at Sandy with piercing eyes, thrusting the four pieces of green paper at Sandy, and said, "I really need you to forgive me. I feared that I'd never get to see you again to ask for your forgiveness."

At that moment, Sandy saw the immense importance that this encounter had for this woman's life. She responded by taking the woman's hand and receiving the four dollars as though it were a gift that was a rare artifact.

Sandy said, "I am a Christian, too, and I accept your money, I forgive you."

It is said that our past remains bound up inside us and that it lives in our present and will follow us into our future. All of us have had the experience of falling to some kind of temptation of the moment. Most people become satisfied with ignoring the past and moving on. Often it seems too painfully embarrassing to delve into our past with others.

For deep healing to take place, it is important that some kind of reconciliation between the past and the present be made. What sets this woman apart is that she not only faced her past, but she had the courage to do something about it.

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Sgt. Shawn Morris, 444th MPAD

Reward and recognition
Col. Frank Duffer pins the Meritorious Service Medal on Lt. Col. Joseph O'Connor during a New Jersey National Guard ceremony March 3 at Sea Girt armory. Also receiving the MSM is 1st Sgt. Ronald Fisher, in background.

Joint Forces takes two

Ed Mingin
Public Affairs Staff

Cool heads always prevail in the sporting world. Sometimes it seems like a contradiction. Sports are emotional by nature. Getting "psyched" for the game is a big part of it for some players. Take a look at guys like Brett Favre. He's built a whole career by playing emotionally charged

football. Regardless of the sport, it's a fine line players must walk - play with high intensity, but stay in control of your emotions. Guys like Joe Montana, John Elway and Tom Brady are masters at it. When all is on the line and you're down by a score or two, who else would you want to be leading your team downfield in the final seconds of a big game? Keeping emotions in check during the game was a lesson to

be learned this past weekend, when the Joint Forces team hosted games against Fort Detrick and Dover Air Force Base. Joint Forces won Saturday's game against Fort Detrick, when Detrick had to forfeit. Sunday's competition against Dover ended when the Dover team let their emotions take control. "The Dover team got tossed out of the game with eight minutes in the first half, for being unprofessional to the referees," explained Staff Sgt. Troy Fedison, coach of the Joint Forces team. Fedison and his team know all about maintaining their composure. The team, originally sponsored by Lakehurst Naval Air Engineering Station, had to forfeit their first two games this season because Lakehurst could not fully support the team. Fort Dix and McGuire stepped in to help the team, allowing them to continue. Starting out 0-2 and not even playing a game, Joint Forces needed to stay calm. The only way to dig out of the hole would be to get fired up to play some high intensity basketball, but at the same time, stay cool and methodically take care of business.



Ed Mingin
COMPOSURE -- After having to forfeit the first two games of the season, Staff Sgt. Chad Jackson (above) and Joint Forces have rebounded and are now 5-3.

"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!" said Fedison. So far, the team has managed to rebound from the 0-2 start. Since reforming as Joint Forces, the team has won all but one game. The only loss was against Fort Belvoir, during the first home game, when Joint Forces fell short 88-77. Now standing at 5-3, Joint Forces is in the thick of the competition and are hoping to repeat as regional champions in the Washington Area Military Athletic Conference.

There will be one more home game for Joint Forces, a March 18 competition against Anacostia. Game time is 1 p.m.

Sports Shorts

Griffith Field House

Saturday & Sunday
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Monday - Friday
6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

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.

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

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 - E-4 / Equivalent
\$695 E-5 - E-5 / Equivalent
\$786 E-7 - above/Equivalent
\$1089 Contractors
\$200 Junior Membership

For applications or additional information, call 562-5443.

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.

Volleyball

The end of this month will see volleyball take over the focus of attention in the Fort Dix sports world. 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.

Unlimited bowling

Every Wednesday, get your fill of bowling at the Fort Dix Bowling Center. Rent one lane for two hours of unlimited bowling for only \$20 per lane, up to six people per lane. Shoe rental extra.

Call the bowling center at 562-6895 for more information.

Mulligan's Open

Forget what the calendar says. The surest sign of spring is seeing Mulligan's Restaurant @ Fountain Green Golf Course serving customers.

Anyone who has travelled past Mulligan's during the last week may have noticed that the restaurant is open, and serving customers.

March 1 marked the opening for this season. Hours of operation are 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Monday - Friday. Weekend hours are 7 a.m. - 2 p.m.

So if you've got the winter blues, stop in at Mulligan's and grab some lunch. It's sure to launch a case of spring fever.

Griffith Field House Basketball

TLC grabbed the regular season basketball championship at the Griffith Field House, finishing with a record of 11-0.

Post season action is already underway at the Field House. The winner of the championship will take on the champs from McGuire later this month.

Regular season standings

TLC	11-0
FCI	8-3
MRB	8-3
Renegades	7-4
NCOA	6-5
2/315th FA	5-6
Dynasty	4-7
HHC 5th BDE	3-8
3rd SEG	2-9