

# the Post

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## NEWSNOTES

### Groundbreaking today for 99th RRSC building

The official groundbreaking ceremony for the new Army Reserve training facility on Fort Dix will be held today, March 23 at 2 p.m. on Pennsylvania Avenue.

At a cost of \$46.9 million, the new construction includes the 163,552 square foot (SF) Army Reserve Center that will house the 99th Regional Readiness Sustainment Command Headquarters; the 77th Sustainment Brigade; the 78th Training Division (Training Support); Detachments 1 and 2 of the 244th Aviation Brigade; and the 78th Division Band. A 17,268 SF Organizational Maintenance Shop (OMS) and a 3,341 SF unheated storage building on Range Road will support the center's operations.

The re-location of these units to Fort Dix will significantly enhance the Army Reserve presence at Fort Dix, which has become the premiere mobilization and training site for Army Reserve and National Guard units deploying to Afghanistan and Iraq in support of operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, respectively.

### Town Hall Meetings offer info to go

The Senior Leadership Tenant Town Hall Meeting will be held March 28 at 10 a.m. in the Command Conference Room.

The Installation Town Hall Meeting will be held the same day at 3 p.m. in Timmermann Center.

Anyone with topic suggestions or questions should call Andre Nixon at Plans, Analysis and Integration Office, 562-6669.

### Sign up now for Community Yard Sale

Reduce. Reuse. Recycle. The Fort Dix Spouses' Club Community Yard Sale is a good way to help you repurpose and recycle some of your old junk that takes up valuable space in your home.

The sale, sponsored by the Fort Dix Spouses' Club, will be held April 28 from 8 a.m. to noon. Setup begins at 7 a.m., and the parking lot will be closed during the sale.

The Fort Dix Thrift Shop will also be open for business so you can do some bargain shopping in there as well. Please note, however, that no consignments will be taken on this day.

Approximately 60 spaces will be available. If you wish to reserve a space, please REGISTER IN ADVANCE by filling out a registration form which is available at the Thrift Shop (The Thrift Shop is open every Tuesday and Thursday and the first Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.) or email Karen Cummings at KLCJOHN@HOTMAIL.COM.

The Yard Sale is open to all military ID cardholders and civilian personnel affiliated with Fort Dix, McGuire AFB, or Lakehurst.

A \$10 registration fee will be charged.

## WEATHER

**FRIDAY:** Chance of showers and continued warmer, with a high of 65 and overnight low of 41 degrees.

**SATURDAY:** High chance of showers, cloudy, high near 52 and low of 40.

**SUNDAY:** Mostly cloudy, slight chance of showers, daytime high of 58 and colder overnight with a low of 36 degrees.

**MONDAY:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 63 and overnight low of 44 degrees.

**TUESDAY:** Chance of showers, mostly cloudy with a high near 66 and low of 44.

**WEDNESDAY:** Sunny and warmer with a high of 64 and overnight low of 43 degrees.

**THURSDAY:** Cloudy giving way to warm and sunny, high of 62 degrees and overnight low of 44.

# New wheels roll in for training

## Armored Security Vehicle adds realism, relevance to unit field experience



Photos by David F. Moore

**GEAR CHECK** -- Sgt. Quamar Dew checks out systems on the ASV Guardian. The Operation Iraqi Freedom veteran first gained his Guardian experience while serving in theater. He now serves as a warrior trainer at Fort Dix. Below, ground guides position a Guardian for maintenance training at the Directorate of Logistics Motor Pool.



### Armored Security Vehicle (ASV) Guardian specifications

#### 4x4 Wheeled Armor Vehicle

One Guardian can roll on and off a C130 Hercules and up to six on a C-17  
 Crew: 3; Length: 20 feet; Width: 8 feet; Road speed: 60-plus mph  
 Weapon System: MK19 and Squad Automatic Weapon. Can be modified.  
 The M117 was named by Soldiers at Fort Hood, Texas, in FY 2000.  
 Hand-built by Textron Marine and Land Industries, New Orleans.

David Moore  
Public Affairs Staff

Theater immersion training at Fort Dix moves closer to the real battle when Soldiers targeted for security force missions in Iraq and Afghanistan get behind the wheel of the latest Armored Security Vehicle (ASV) known as Guardian.

A fielding team from the company manufacturer, Textron Marine & Land Systems, New Orleans, and Dimensions International, Inc., Fort Carson, Colo., has handed off the reins of training Soldiers for deployment on the M117 Guardian to the Warrior Trainers of the 72nd Field Artillery Brigade, 3rd Bn-315th Engineers (Training Support Battalion).

As part of the training support package, about a half-dozen of the M117s are now at Fort Dix. Fort Dix is believed to be the second military power generation platform around the United States to receive the vehicles—Camp Shelby,

Miss., being the first—for preparing the Reserve Component Soldiers for the Global War on Terrorism. Additional Guardian issues for training are ongoing around the country.

"This is a great weapons and security platform. The troops love it," Lt. Col. Stephen Danner, commander of Task Force SECFOR (Security Force), Fort Dix, said. "It adds realism and relevancy in what's going on in theater."

One of the major features Soldiers really like about the vehicle, all parties agree, is the fact that the crew, particularly the vehicle's gunner, is concealed inside the somewhat v-shaped, specially treated armor-plated hull of the vehicle.

The Guardians are used as a force protection multiplier for convoys that include up-armored M1114 Humvees now traveling over improvised explosive device roads in the two theater of operations war.

About a dozen Soldiers have been trained by the warrior trainers since the fielding team departed Fort Dix a (continued on page 3)

# Prayer on the menu at Dix

Wayne Cook  
Public Affairs Staff

More than 250 members of the Fort Dix/McGuire Air Force Base community and visitors bristled with anticipation as they packed the Club Dix Ballroom March 22 for the annual Installation Prayer Breakfast.

Representatives of many faiths and cultures gathered together to join one another in corporate prayer for the nation, the communities, and the world.

The event was hosted by the installation chapel staff, led by Chap. (Col.) Larry Biederman, installation chaplain. A traditional breakfast was provided by Club Dix.

Biederman opened the event, welcoming all present, and led in an opening prayer.

Kevin Deas, one of America's leading bass singers, accompanied by Kwang Choi, installation chapel organist, performed for those gathered in the ballroom. His rendition of "Lord God of Abraham" from Felix Mendelssohn's "Elijah" entranced the crowd, as his deep bass tones resonated throughout the room.

Deas was followed by members of the installation chapel staff who led prayers

for specific areas.

Chap. (Col.) Ira Kronenberg said a prayer for the nation; Chap. (Col.) David Forden said a prayer for the community; and Chap. (Maj.) Bill Heisterman said a prayer for world peace. Each of the chaplains included a special prayer for his military comrades in harm's way overseas.

**Prayer is much like artillery — you don't always see or hear the rounds coming, but you have confidence that it is going to help.**

Lt. Col. Roger Cotton, deputy installation commander, shared a few words with the audience before he introduced the guest speaker.

"Abraham Lincoln once said about prayer, 'I have often been drawn to my knees by the conviction that I had no other place to go,'" shared Cotton.

"General Eisenhower once declared, 'Prayer gives you the courage to make decisions you must in crises and then the confidence to leave the result to God,'" Cotton added.

As Cotton prepared to introduce the guest speaker, Chap. (Col.) Jeffrey Young, command chaplain, U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command, Fort Belvoir, Va., who was once an artillery officer, he said, "Prayer is much like artillery — you don't always see or hear the rounds coming, but you have confidence that it is going to help."

Young shared with the audience, from the Book of Matthew in the Bible, the (continued on page 5)



Shawn Morris

**CELEBRATION OF FAITH** -- Chap. (Col.) Jeffrey Young, command chaplain, U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command, Fort Belvoir, Va., brought a strong message of faith and fellowship to a sellout crowd at the Annual Prayer Breakfast at Club Dix March 22.

Lt. Col. Roger Cotton  
Deputy Installation Commander

Friends of Fort Dix, designated as Women's History month. Today, approximately one of out every seven Soldiers in the Army is female. Female Soldiers are less likely to be married than males, but are more likely to be married to another Soldier. Our Army's history is rich with accomplishments of brave women through the years and America's military women have always stood among the ranks of freedom's defenders. From saboteurs on Revolutionary War battlefields to women leading Soldiers in today's war in Iraq, women have stepped forward to serve and in some cases even die for their country.

Women have helped define the concept of what it is to be strong. They have contributed to what we call, "Army Strong." An "Army Strong" Soldier possesses mental, physical and emotional strength. These attributes are not limited by gender.

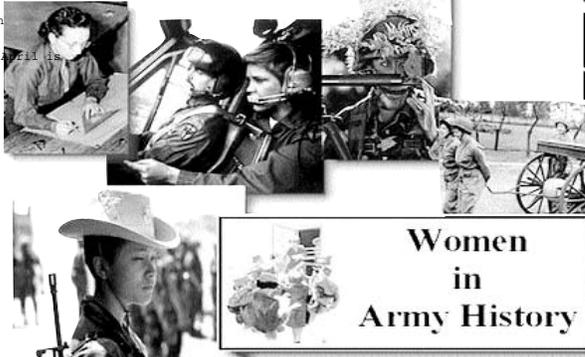
Clara Barton, Amelia Earhart, and Harriet Tubman are well known as strong women who made enormous contributions to our nation.

**Untold history**  
Women have been pioneers in all areas of American history. And yet, their significant history has not been fully told. There are countless women who are less well known, but no less worthy of inclusion in the pantheon of inspiring and strong women.

According to the National Women's History Museum, women's accomplishments are frequently documented in personal and professional letters, not in news headlines. Women have had various obstacles in gaining credit for their inventions.

The classic example is Catherine Littlefield Greene. Eli Whitney is credited with the invention of the cotton gin, but it is widely acknowledged that Cathy Greene gave the original concept to Whitney. He had taken up residence with the widow on her Georgia plantation, and it was during this time that they produced a model for the cotton gin. Women were not eligible to receive patents in the United States at that time, so Eli Whitney, not Catherine Littlefield Greene, is the name we read about in history books.

Women are sometimes better remembered for glamour than for brains. Sultry screen sirens, Hedy Lamarr, sent men's pulses



## Women in Army History

racing. But it is the radio pulse technology she developed during World War Two that still lives on today. Lamarr developed a method of radio "frequency hopping" for targeting torpedoes. That same technology is still used for military satellite communications. It is the same technology that allows cell phone companies to juggle hundreds of thousands of calls simultaneously by switching callers between different frequencies.

**Revolutionary GI Bill**  
Historians credit the G.I. Bill as the economic engine that fueled America's post-War boom. It was Congresswoman Edith Nourse Rogers who introduced this legislation. The G.I. Bill gave returning World War II veterans the opportunity to go to college, obtain job training and receive low-interest loans to buy houses. Previously, only wealthy people could attend college and own a home. By allowing veterans of all backgrounds to do both, the GI Bill changed the nation's economy from agricultural to managerial and increased the size of the middle class. Edith Nourse Rogers served eight terms in Congress. Her most far-reaching accomplishment was drafting the G.I. Bill of Rights for veterans in 1944.

The experiences of American military women were frequently in the vanguard of the social and political conventions of the generations in which they lived. Their stories are the stories of women who served the country before they were formally accepted as part of the nation's military and even before they

shared the civil liberties legally guaranteed to male citizens.

In 1782, Deborah Sampson put on male clothing and adopted the name Robert Shurtliff. She enlisted in the 4th Massachusetts Regiment for a term of three years. Deborah is the first woman known to enlist as a Soldier in the American Army. She was wounded in her left thigh during the battle of Tarrytown. To keep her secret safe, she treated herself, but later she came down with a fever and was sent to a hospital where a doctor discovered her gender. He told her no one, but requested a medical discharge for her. She later married and had a family. Then, in 1792, her neighbor, Paul Revere, endorsed her request for a pension and the Massachusetts Assembly passed a resolution granting her 34 pounds bearing interest from the date of her discharge as Private Robert Shurtliff from the Continental Army. John Hancock, president of the Assembly, approved the resolution granting her pension.

**Medal of Honor winner**  
Dr. Mary Edwards Walker was an Army surgeon during the Civil War. Dr. Walker is also the only woman ever awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. She struggled to get in the Army and worked at first as a contract surgeon. Dr. Walker was finally appointed assistant surgeon of the 52nd Ohio Infantry. She continually crossed Confederate lines to treat civilians. She is the only woman to be named a doctor. Dr. Walker was taken prisoner in 1864 by Confederate

troops and imprisoned in Richmond for four months until she was part of a prisoner exchange. After the war, President Andrew Johnson awarded her the Congressional Medal of Honor, which she wore for the rest of her life.

**Head WAAC**  
President Franklin Roosevelt swore in Oveta Culp Hobby as director of the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps as soon as he signed the legislation authorizing the WAACS in 1942. An experienced business executive and editor of the Houston Post, Hobby was married to former Texas Governor William Hobby. She was feminine, dignified and charismatic—a woman who could inspire other women to join the Army and whose demeanor would counter negative stereotypes concerning women in the military. Hobby had helped move the WAAC bill through a bitterly contentious debate in Congress. Granted the rank of colonel, she shepherded the Women's Army Corps through three years of overwhelming growth during World War Two. By 1945, WAACs had served around the world, filling 239 kinds of jobs. In 1953, Oveta Hobby became the first secretary of the newly-created Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Women have served as volunteers with the U.S. Armed Forces throughout American history on an unofficial, or as-needed basis as Soldiers and spies, as support personnel who fed and cared for the troops, and as nurses. They were historically called to serve with each

national crisis and then sent back to civilian life. Women did not receive permanent military status until 1948 when President Truman signed the Women's Armed Services Integration Act.

There have been many firsts for women since then, the first women general officers, the first women to enter the military academies, the first African American women to break racial barriers, and women who were casualties of war—even though they were not officially allowed to serve in combat.

**Combat leader**  
During the invasion of Panama in 1989, Captain Linda Bray became the first female to lead U.S. troops in battle. Captain Bray commanded the 988th Military Police Company and ordered her assault team to fire their M16 rifles from the dog kennel had crossed the line between a peacetime mission and a combat mission. Congresswoman Patricia Schroeder immediately called for legislation to open up all jobs in the Army to women, pointing out that combat exclusion policies failed to keep women out of combat and restricted women's careers. Captain Bray swirled at the epicenter of this controversy.

Women continued to break the combat barrier, serving alongside men in Desert Storm and in hot spots around the globe. Women remained an integral part of America's response, working alongside the troops of other nations, deploying to Bosnia-Herzegovina, Haiti, Rwanda, Guatemala and other countries.

In December 1991, President George Bush signed the National Defense Authorization Act which included a provision to repeal the 43-year-old legal barriers on women flying combat missions in the Air Force,

Navy, and Marines—and the Army by inference. The Act included authorization to suspend gender-based restrictions on sea and land combat roles.

By the turn of the century, women comprised almost 14 percent of the active duty military and were reaching the highest levels of command. As a result of the progress of the 1990s, women are now excluded from only nine percent of Army roles.

At this moment, women are serving valiantly in support of the Global War on Terrorism. Every day women are demonstrating what it means to be "Army Strong" by putting their lives on the line in defense of our country.

Capt. Jen Mitchell is "Army Strong." She graduated from the U.S. Military Academy in 2004. As the Forward Medical Team leader in the 54th Medical Company near Kirkuk, Iraq, she was in charge of three Black Hawks and accompanying flight crews, including five pilots, three crew chiefs and three flight medics.

**Army Strong**  
SPC Maria Flores-Sanz is "Army Strong." She earned the Army Commendation Medal after driving two Soldiers in her vehicle to safety, and then returning to the scene of a terrorist attack in Iraq to help evacuate other injured Soldiers.

Captain Janis Follwell is another sterling example that it means to be "Army Strong." As an Army physician, Captain Follwell treated the most of a large combat surgical hospital in Iraq. During her tour of duty, Follwell treated hundreds of Soldiers who had been wounded by insurgents and by suicide bombers. She even donated her own blood to save the life of a young Soldier.

The history of women in the armed forces began more than 220 years ago with women who served during the American Revolution and continues to this day. Women are now an integral part of the best trained, best led and most capable Army in our history. Women have served courageously, selflessly and with dedication in times of conflict and in times of peace—Army women are "Army Strong" and we owe them a debt of gratitude for their patriotism

## Dorothea Dix cared for mentally ill, wounded

Jennifer McCarthy  
Public Affairs Staff

Fort Dix is named after John Adams Dix, Secretary of Treasury, Civil War General and railroad magnate. But another Civil War Dix, Dorothea, no relation to John Adams Dix, is often mistaken for the honor of being the Post's namesake. During the Civil War, Dorothea Dix was the Union Superintendent of Female Nurses but it was her work as an activist for the mentally ill that she is most remembered.

In the early 19th century treatment of the insane was almost unheard of. While mental hospitals did exist, the mentally ill who were institutionalized were treated more like criminals than patients. In hospitals such as London's Bethlem Royal Hospital, better known as Bedlam, patients were chained to floors or walls like animals at the zoo. For a penny, outside visitors were allowed to go and peer into the patients cells for an afternoon of amusement. These visitors were even allowed to bring in sticks to poke the inmates in order to enrage them and get them to perform. In 1814 there were 96,000 such visits to Bedlam.

Conditions at asylums in the United States at the time were no much better. Wealthy mentally ill individuals were often cared for at home or in private facilities but for the afflicted poor, prisons, almshouses or family supervision were the only options facing them. At the time the focus was on containing and separating the sick person from the general public. Treatment, beyond popular allopur medical procedures like bloodletting or purgatives, was rarely an option. But shifting paradigms in science and society in the mid-19th century saw a change in the attitude toward

the mentally ill. One of those people responsible for this shift in attitude was Dorothea Dix.

Dix was born in 1802 in Maine but grew up in Worcester, Mass. Her parents were distant and inattentive to Dix and her siblings. When she was 12, she and her younger brothers were sent to Boston to live with their wealthy grandfather. Once in Boston, Dorothea was sent to live with her great-aunt to learn to become a "lady." At a social gathering she met Edward Bangs. He offered to help the then 14 year old Dorothea to establish a school for young girls. In her school, the teen-aged tutor stressed natural science and ethical living. These works were also reflected in the books she wrote for children. Dix continued teaching at her school until her mid-thirties when a bout with tuberculosis forced her to stop.

In 1836 she traveled to England to recover from her illness and became exposed through Quaker friends to the British Lunacy Reform Movement that sought to have the government take a direct and active role in improving the social welfare and conditions of places such as Bedlam.

While Dix was in England, she was informed that both her mother and grandmother died just days apart, leaving her with a large inheritance. But instead of retiring to a life of luxury, Dix returned to the United States and resumed teaching. While not always enthusiastic about teaching, an opportunity to teach Sunday school at the East Cambridge House of Correction proved to be the catalyst that would change Dix's life. The conditions she found at the institution appalled her. She was horrified to discover that insane and disturbed people were thrown in with the criminals. Often they were left in the

dark, without clothes, heat or sanitary facilities. Compelled to know more about the conditions the poor insane faced, Dix visited other facilities across the state, finding similar conditions throughout. This inspired her to write an impassioned pamphlet, *A Memorial*, to the Massachusetts legislature. Her efforts resulted in a bill to expand the state's mental hospital and sent Dix on a cruise across the country to document and publish accounts of the pauper lunatics.

Her efforts to make state legislatures aware of conditions facing the mentally ill were instrumental in founding a number of state mental hospitals including the New Jersey State Lunatic Asylum in Trenton in 1848.

In 1844, Dix testified in front of the New Jersey Legislature about how she found New Jersey's mentally ill housed in county jails, private homes and the basements of public buildings. Her lobbying resulted in the first state hospital, The New Jersey Lunatic Asylum, to be built on the Kirkbride Plan. The Kirkbride Plan was based on the designs of a Philadelphia psychiatrist emphasizing Moral Treatment, focusing on treating patients with kindness instead of beating or chaining them up. This was a revolutionary idea at the time. The Kirkbride Plan for building mental hospitals was meant to promote privacy and patient comfort by creating large, rambling structures with wings shaped in a staggered, connecting arrangement so that each building received fresh air and sunlight, having a curvative effect on the patient. Until the building of the Pentagon in the 1940s, New Jersey's second state hospital, Greystone Psychiatric Hospital in Parsippany, was said to be the largest continuous building foundation in the



[www.nvnm.org/Educational/DorotheaDix](http://www.nvnm.org/Educational/DorotheaDix)

United States. Dix's efforts to help improve the conditions of the mentally ill was not limited to just the United States. From 1854 to 1856 she traveled across Europe inspecting insane asylums there and effected change in how Europeans dealt with mental illness.

At the onset of the Civil War, Dix was appointed Superintendent of Army Nurses. She accepted the post without pay, but the same tenacious spirit that made her an effective lobbyist earned her the nickname, "Dragon Dix," because of her stern manner. She was said to have clashed with the military bureaucracy, often going out of her way to obtain medical supplies from private sources if the government could not provide them. She also treated both Confederate and Union troops with equity, which perhaps incited the ire of her Union bosses. Following the war she continued her crusade for the mentally ill, having a direct influence on the establishment of over 32 state asylums for the insane across the country. In 1881 Dix retired to a private apartment in the New Jersey State Lunatic Asylum in Trenton. She died there in 1887.

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# DoD honors women's achievements

**Carmen L. Gleason**  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, March 21, 2007 - The Defense Department observed Women's History Month and honored the women in its ranks in a ceremony today at Arlington National Cemetery.

In an observance at the Women in Military Service for America Memorial, women who have risen through the ranks to

become leaders in federal service encouraged others to do same.

The event also recognized military and civilian women who have made great strides in science, technology, engineering and mathematics and who were selected by their service branches for their achievements.

"This year's observance continues to acknowledge the legacies and extraordinary accomplishments of many great trailblazers who are leading the way to ensure women are granted

full participation in America and the world," Gail McGinn said as she opened the ceremony. McGinn is deputy undersecretary of defense for plans.

McGinn said showcasing the many talents of DoD women can help young people can set goals and fulfill endless possibilities.

She compared the opportunities of American women to those in countries like Afghanistan, where women had been barred from classrooms and weren't allowed to advance in society.

"Being the largest employer in the United States brings a great responsibility to the Department of Defense," McGinn said. "As global competitors, we are committed to carrying the torch for advancing the fundamental values of liberty and equal opportunity for all."

Women within the department have been given the opportunity to gain responsibility very quickly and have therefore made their mark on the United States, she said.

## New wheels for training

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month ago. Several of the Soldiers came from Europe and are slated for an Iraq deployment.

"I believe we now have the most experienced, best warrior trainers on these vehicles for preparing the Soldiers for the Global War on Terrorism," Danner said.

He first came in contact with the Guardian while serving in Mosul, Iraq, in 2005, and chances of a crew surviving contact with an enemy or a device appeared successful.

The history of ASV development is a bit unclear, however Vietnam War veteran Al "Red" Childress, who was a member of the Dix fielding team at the National Guard's Regional Training Site-Maintenance, said he had heard there was something like the ASV when he was serving in Vietnam.

But after retiring from the Army in 1989, he got a job with Textron 13 years ago. In 1997, he was part of the team that built the first one on at the Louisiana assembly plant.

"When you build one of these, it's all built by hand. It's not like a car assembly line where robots are shooting the welds and making the vehicles. Each part of it is put together by hand," Childress

said. "When we started building the vehicle, we all talked about having the goal that this vehicle was about saving Soldiers' lives," he said.

That goal at the plant remains today, Childress added.

Since the vehicle has been deployed to Iraq, he has made five trips to field the Guardian to units.

The vehicle was first fielded to military police units about seven years ago, and has since caught on in nearly all mission planning for protecting all Soldiers traveling on the battlefield for any reason.

The M1117 has nearly a dozen variants. Overall, there are an estimated 700 of these vehicles involved in the Global War on Terrorism.

Jon Polk, of Dimensions International, Inc., who was on the Dix fielding team and was also on the first fielding team to Iraq, said that during the train-the-trainer program, more than 75 Soldiers were trained as operators and maintainers for the ASV.

"Instead of being exposed to threats, they are contained inside the vehicle. Soldiers can do their job and focus on their mission. The bottom line is Soldiers love it because it's saving their lives," he said.

At Fort Dix, ASV operators are receiving 70 hours of training on the vehicle. Maintainers are receiving 80 hours.

Most of the 315<sup>th</sup> instructors

have first-hand knowledge in the ASV during their tours of duty in Iraq.

Sgt. Quamar Dew of the 315<sup>th</sup> said it was an excellent trade going from the M114 to the ASV. He has served in two Operation Iraqi Freedom deployments.

"During one of my convoys, the first time I was hit by an IED, it was like a car hitting a pot hole and I thought nothing about it, until radio reports coming in from

others saw an explosion and said I just went over an IED," he said.

"I got back to camp and there was a couple of scratches," Dew said.

"Driving this vehicle is one of the best driving vehicles in the Army. It's pretty fast, too, for getting in and out of trouble," he said.

But all the trainers agree that on the battlefield, vigilance on the and teamwork combined with equipment leads to success.



David F. Moore

**NEW FACE OF TRAINING -- The Armored Security Vehicle, new to Soldiers training at Fort Dix, offers a tighter turning radius, better portability and protection against improvised explosive devices and speed on the battlefield. It was first issued to Military Police units, and has since become a vehicle of choice for deployed units around the world.**

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Tuesdays:  
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501 and 1900  
Thursdays:  
McGuire AFB, 4000s, 4400s and 4500s  
Recyclables are picked up every  
Thursday  
Yard and garden waste is  
picked up every Monday and Tuesday  
PLEASE PUT TRASH OUT  
ONLY ON SCHEDULED DAYS.  
HELP KEEP YOUR  
NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN!

# MILITARY MATTERS

## Bullets

### Hotline for wounded Soldiers, family members now activated

• The "Wounded Soldier and Family Hotline" can be reached from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, at 1(800) 984-8523. The call center is under the initial operational command of the US Army's Human Resources Command.

As additional people are trained to receive calls and refer them to the proper organization or agency for resolution, the hotline hours of operation will expand to 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The purpose of the call center is twofold: To offer wounded and injured Soldiers and family members a way to seek help to resolve medical issues and to provide an information channel of Soldier medical related issues directly to senior Army leadership so they can improve the way the Army serves the medical needs of our Soldiers and their families.

Many wounded and injured Soldiers who have supported the Global War on Terror, as well as their families, are enduring hardships in navigating through our medical care system. The Army is committed to providing outstanding medical care for the men and women who have volunteered to serve this great nation. In certain cases the Soldiers' chain of command could have done a better job in helping to resolve medically related issues.

Leaders in our Soldiers' chain of command need to be aware that this call center exists, and that it has not been created to circumvent the chain of command. In this particularly challenging time, as the senior Army leadership looks to ways to improve its service to wounded and injured Soldiers and their families, this is another step in the direction of improvement.

The Army's intent is to ensure wounded and injured Soldiers and their families that they receive the best medical care possible. It is not to punish Soldiers who make a statement against their chain of command. The Army chain of command will ensure every Soldier is assisted in navigating the Military Health Care System.

### Army recruiting-referral bonus now offered to Army civilians

• WASHINGTON, Army News Service, March 16, 2007 - The Army has expanded its S2K Referral Bonus program to include civilian employees, making it possible for them to earn \$2,000 while helping the Army boost enlistments.

Until yesterday, the recruiting incentive - known as the "S2K Referral Bonus" program for the regular Army and Army Reserve, and "Every Soldier is a Recruiter" in the National Guard - applied only to Soldiers and Army retirees who referred applicants who enlist, complete basic training and graduate from advanced individual training.

The bonus for referring a prospective applicant who has never served in the armed forces originated in January 2006 with a \$1,000 bonus. It was doubled in November 2006.

Under the newly expanded program, a Department of the Army civilian who refers a prospective recruit before the applicant meets with a recruiter is eligible for the award. Restrictions preclude the referral of an immediate family member (including an adopted or step-child). Additionally, the referral must be made via the following Web sites, respectively, for active-duty Army prospective recruits and Army National Guard prospective recruits:

<https://www.usarec.army.mil/smart/> or [www.1800goguard.com/esar](http://www.1800goguard.com/esar)

Referrals for the regular Army and Army Reserve may also be made by calling U.S. Army Recruiting Command's toll-free number: (800) 223-3735. Referrals to the National Guard may be made by calling the Guard's toll-free number: (866) 566-2472.

For more information about the referral program, visit <https://www.usarec.army.mil/smart/> or call (800) 223-3735, extension 6-0473.

## Lightning Division shows off new battle command system

One motto used by many in the Army is, "Train to fight." The 1st Brigade, 78th Division, which has been training deploying Soldiers at Fort Dix and Fort Bragg to do just that, took time out of their schedule to demonstrate the Tact-Pak battle command server system at the Seventh Army Joint Multinational Command Training Center, Grafenwoehr, Germany.

Developed by SecureTek Group, the Tact-Pak is just another tool in the arsenal of the sleeker, faster Army. The system's initial testing was done at America's Hammer, Fort Hood, Texas, with additional field testing by members of the 78th Division at Fort Dix a year ago.

Similar older systems were typically linked together by desktop and laptop computers that were not only constrained by the processing speed and memory of each computer, but also much less secure.

By contrast, the Tact-Pak uses a portable, secure bundle of servers that users can then link to with "dummy" terminals.

One of the aims of the conference was to showcase the versatility and speed with which the system can be set. Visitors were wowed when Maj. Doug Hopler, one of the instructors, set-up and configured 40 workstations in four hours, which is much faster than conventional systems that can take up to two days to accomplish the same task.

Another portion of the training consisted of showing how instructors out in the field could configure classrooms in a fraction of the time it takes using current hardware and the ease with which instructors could reset their classrooms in preparation for their next class.

"Thin-client and virtualization technology are on many people's radar right now as the next big thing," said Hopler. "However, few people have a fully functioning environment that combines both technologies in such a compact and powerful way. These experiences give people a chance to see what is possible in their environment."

Event organizers also wanted to stress a Soldier-teaching-Soldier environment to highlight the capabilities of the system, hoping that their comrades experiences with this system in the field would prove much more valuable.



courtesy photo

**TACT-PAK FACTS** -- Soldiers from 1st Brigade, 78th Division, took time from training deploying Soldiers at Fort Dix and Fort Bragg to demonstrate the Tact-Pak battle command server system at the Seventh Army Joint Multinational Command Training Center in Grafenwoehr, Germany.

"Given our experiences, that gave people a chance to see what is possible in their environment," explained Hopler.

The event sparked considerable interest, especially on the part of commanders who will be deploying in the next several months. The demonstration showed the exceptional value of the Tact-Pak both as a training device and an operational system.



A variety of different units and individuals from around the Army took place in the training, including the 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment, the 18th Corps Support Battalion and the 41st Transportation Battalion.

In a digital age, where technology is ever-changing, the

Tact-Pak not only helps the Army modernize itself to acclimate to a fast passed environment, but also gives commanders and troops on the ground a sleeker approach to help win on the battlefield.

(Editor's note: Information for this article was taken from another provided by 1st Brigade, 78th Division.)

## Honors

Col. Doug Dinon, deputy commander for mobilization, far left, congratulates Spc. Eddie Santiago, Charlie Company, for his promotion from private first class during a ceremony held at Bravo Company March 20. Receiving the Combat Infantryman Badge during the ceremony was Staff Sgt. Ricky Boone, Charlie Company.

Wayne Cook

# Prayer on menu at Club Dix

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story of the Pharisees who approached Jesus and asked Him which is the greatest commandment. Jesus responded that first you must love God with all that you are and, secondly, you must love your neighbor as you love yourself. This was the theme of Young's speech, "God's Love." Young told those assembled that God's love will never quit; God's love will never fail you; and God's love goes on forever and ever.

He shared from a letter from a young Soldier who went off to war in Iraq. The letter shared how this young man rebelled against God when he was a teenager. It went on to say that when the Soldier was on the airplane going to Iraq, how he was scared. A sergeant noticed his fear and gave him a pocket-version copy of the Bible and suggested he read from the Book of John, Chapters 13 - 15. The young man did as was suggested and he was filled with peace and knew that God loved him.

Young told another story from the Book of Luke, Chapter 10, verses 25 - 37, about a man who had been way-laid and left half-dead. A priest passed by without taking a moment to check on the poor fellow's health status, also a Levite (one who worked to maintain the temple) who, likewise, passed by without rendering aid. Finally, a Samaritan, an outsider, came by, but this man stopped. He bandaged up the beaten man's wounds and placed him on his donkey and took him to an inn. There he paid the innkeeper to take care of the wounded man and told him if there were further charges then he would pay them when he passed back through that area again. The question was asked, "Which of these three did



photos by Shawn Morris

the right thing?" It wasn't the two who were trained to minister to others but the stranger, the one who showed kindness and mercy, and so the challenge was made to everyone to be like the Samaritan and take care of his or her neighbor, whether he or she is a friend or stranger.

Young closed by telling the audience that love is not love until it is given away.

**Chap. (Col.) Jeffrey Young closed by saying that love is not love until it is given away.**

Upon the completion of Young's speech, Cotton and Biederman made presentations of plaques to Young on behalf of the installation and the chapel staff.

Deas, once again, blew everyone away with an acappella rendition of "I Couldn't Hear Nobody Pray."

Chap. (Maj.) Jason Logan closed the breakfast by leading a prayer of benediction and once again specifically calling for love between all present and protection for those serving overseas. "It was spiritually good. I really enjoyed the sermon that Chaplain Young delivered. I think it helped to bring unity to the installation, which we really need at such a time as this," said Veverly Wakefield.



**SONG OF SONGS -- Singer Kevin Deas provided heavenly harmonies during the event.**



**KEEPING THE FAITH -- Chap. (Col.) Jeffrey Young, command chaplain, U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command, Fort Belvoir, Va., far upper left, receives a plaque from Lt. Col. Roger Cotton, deputy installation commander, for serving as the guest speaker during this year's Installation Prayer Breakfast at Club Dix. March 22. Plenty of faith and food were on the menu at this year's event, above.**

## Chaplains' Corner

**Chap. (Col.) Ira Kronenberg**  
deputy installation chaplain

The first of the Ten Commandments is, "I am the Lord your G-D who has taken you out of the land of Egypt from the house of slavery." The upcoming Holiday of Passover celebrates this event.

The Bible in Exodus tells the story of the slavery of the Israelites in Egypt. G-D brought 10 plagues on the Egyptians, culminating with the death of the first born in every family. G-D commanded Moses to tell the Children of Israel to slaughter a sheep for each family. The blood was then put on the doorposts of each home so that when the

Angel of Death passed through Egypt, he would PASSOVER each home where there was blood on the doorpost. From here the Holiday gets its name.

The Rabbis comment on the interesting choice of words that Moses used when he told the Children of Israel G-D's Commands: "Moses said, so says G-D, at about midnight, I shall go out in the midst of Egypt. Every first born in the land shall die from the first born of Pharaoh to the first born of the maidservant."

The Rabbis asked, "Why does it state 'about midnight'? Does not G-D know exactly when midnight is?" The Rabbis answered, "G-D knows the exact moment of midnight, however, man can not be so accurate. If

Pharaoh's Officers thought it was midnight and nobody had died, they would say G-D did not do what he said he would."

Passover today is important not only to the Jewish people, but to Christians as well. In Christian theology, the Last Supper was the Passover Seder. In a world where there are still places where slavery exists - in a world where there are countries in which people kill each other simply because they are "different" - let us remember that there is an all-knowing G-D who answers the prayers of those who believe in Him.

Let us pray, each of us in our own way, according to our traditions, to make our world a place where all can enjoy the freedoms we often take for granted.

# NEIGHBORHOOD

## THE CORNER

### Stress group to meet at local bowling alley

The next OWT Stress Group meeting will take place **March 27** at the Laurel Lanes Bowling Alley, 2825 Route 73, South Maple Shade.

The meeting is aimed at service members returning from deployment who are experiencing any of the following: Frustration, sleep disturbance, intolerance of "stupid behavior," vivid recall, excitability, poor concentration or anxiety.

Dress is civilian attire, and only first names will be used. You may bring a battle buddy. For more information, call the OWT medics at 754-9425. For information about the bowling alley, call (856) 778-7467.

### MWR to host Warehouse Sale

MWR will host a Warehouse Sale **March 29** from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Bldg. 6043 Doughboy Loop. A large selection of items will include library furniture, computer equipment, woodshop tools, assorted new dinner plates, glasses, cups, saucers, and a 1989 Chevrolet Cavalier. For more information, call 562-5569.

### Federal jobs available for international spouses

The U.S. Office of Personnel Management will be at the International Spouses Group's next meeting to offer jobs as "Federal Observers" to military foreign-born spouses.

The International Spouses Group meets the last Friday of every month from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. to share a pot-luck lunch, experiences and to get prepared to meet the challenges of the military life style.

This month's meeting will be held **March 30** at Army Community Service, Bldg. 5201 (corner of Maryland Avenue and 8th Street). For more information and registration, call 562-2767.

### NMFA offers spouses career in counseling

The National Military Family Association (NMFA), along with the Association for Financial Counseling and Planning Education and the NASD Investor Education Foundation, is pleased to announce applications are being accepted for the Military Spouse Fellowship for the Accredited Financial Counselor (AFC) Program. This program will provide 200 military spouses with the education necessary to enter the financial counseling career field. Apply by midnight, **March 31**, by visiting <http://www.nmfa.org/site/R?mi=0A0e53d5Ae26d62InRQ>.

### Black River Railroad hosts Easter Bunny rides

On select dates this March and April, the Black River Railroad Historical Trust (BRRHT) will operate the Easter Bunny Express in partnership with the Black River & Western Railroad (BRW).

The Easter Bunny Express will run on **March 31**, April 1, April 6, and April 7.

Trains depart from Flemington Station, located next to Liberty Village. Round-trips depart at 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m., and 2:30 p.m. Tickets are sold on a first-come, first-serve basis at the station each day of the event. Ticket prices are \$6 per child (ages 3-12) and \$12 per adult. Seniors are \$10 and children under the age of 3 ride for free with a paying adult.

### 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.

The deadline to request a grant or scholarship is **April 1**. Completed applications must be received on or before this date (postmarks not accepted).

For more information, call Susan DuKavas at 723-2784 or email at [FDSCScholarships@verizon.net](mailto:FDSCScholarships@verizon.net)

### Earth Day

April 20, 3 to 8 p.m.  
April 21, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
at Laurel Pond

## Cleveland honored in Princeton



photos by Shawn Morris

Dozens of service members and civilians gathered at Princeton Cemetery March 19 to honor former Pres. Grover Cleveland. A wreath was placed in front of Cleveland's headstone by, from left, Sgt. 1st Class Warren Head, Mobilization Readiness Battalion (MRB), Princeton Township Committee member Lance Liverman, Air Force Brig. Gen. Maria Falco-Dodson, New Jersey National Guard assistant adjutant general, Col. David McNeil, Fort Dix commander, and Staff Sgt. Anthony Ruiz, MRB.

## Chaplains prep for proper Passover Seder

Wayne Cook  
Public Affairs

Members of the Fort Dix and McGuire Air Force Base Jewish communities invited visitors from the surrounding areas to partake in a model of the Passover Seder dinner. The event drew more than 60 members from both the Jewish and non-Jewish populations to the Main Chapel on Fort Dix March 15.

The model Seder was the brainchild of Col. Rick Martin, commander, 305th Air Mobility Wing (AMW), McGuire AFB, and was organized by Col. Lewis Wetstein, state air surgeon, New Jersey Air National Guard (NJANG), and his committee comprised of Col. Ed Ramras, state judge advocate general, NJANG, Maj. Steven Rothstein, deputy chief of staff, NJANG, and Chap. (Capt.) Yakov Bindel, 108th Air Refueling Wing, NJANG, McGuire AFB.

The event was hosted by Chap. (Col.) Ira Kronenberg, deputy installation chaplain, and Chap. (Capt.) Menashe Miller, staff chaplain, 305th AMW, while the funding was provided by the Jewish War Veterans (JWV), Post 125, from Ashbury Park/Ocean Township, and Post 972, Marlboro/Manalapan.

"Anything we can do that can help veterans is good; help the service members today, even better. As I was growing up I really appreciated anything people would do to help us," said Henry Epstein of JWV Post 125, who is also a former JWV state commander and national executive committee member.

The Hebrew term seder means "order." It is a set sequence of actions performed, and passages recited, in a religious ceremony. Over the years, it has become customary to refer to the overall ceremony as a Seder.

The Seder dinner is held to memorialize the Exodus of the tribes of Israel from slavery in Egypt. It is held on the first two nights of the Passover holiday, which lasts for eight days. During this traditional dinner, the whole family gathers together with friends



Wayne Cook

**BREAKING BREAD -- Chap. (Col.) Ira Kronenberg, deputy installation chaplain, explains the Passover Seder.**

and goes through many customary rituals.

Kronenberg shared how the father, or male head of the house, gathers the family around the table for the dinner. The father usually wears a white linen robe known as a kittle to signify kingly robes of purity, holiness, and beginnings. The kittle is normally only worn during the holidays of Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, and Passover. Miller modeled a kittle for those in attendance.

Specific procedures must be followed in preparation for the Seder, to include the removal from the home of any foods containing yeast or leaven, called hametz. Special dishes and utensils used specifically for the Passover dinner are taken out of storage and cleaned for use. Only kosher foods may be served

during the Seder. To see what foods are kosher, one must refer to the Torah book of Vayiqra (And He called...), or the Bible book of Leviticus. A rabbi can also be consulted to ascertain if food is kosher or has been prepared in the proper kosher manner.

Kronenberg took the time to explain to everyone in attendance the significance of each item on the Seder plate. He also explained in great detail the reading of the Passover Haggadah. The Hebrew term haggadah means "the telling." It is a script that contains words to be spoken and that describes the actions to be taken at a Passover Seder. Each person who attended the Seder dinner received a copy of a haggadah. There is not one particular haggadah that is specifically for the seder, but an estimated two thousand haggadot (plural for haggadah). As long as a particular script contains the necessary information, it is an acceptable haggadah.

Kronenberg and Miller led the gathering in the reading and reciting of the stories and prayers, and the singing of some of the songs in the haggadah.

To finish off the events of the Seder, everyone shared in a dinner of kosher foods and fellowship.

"I was honored to be able to attend this event," said Lt. Col. Roger Cotton, deputy installation commander, who attended with his family.

"I really appreciate all that the Jewish War Veterans continue to do for the Soldiers at Fort Dix. It has been great to experience this rich and diverse event which, as a Christian, comes from my spiritual roots," Cotton said.

"For those who missed this year's event, we look forward next year as the model seder is going to become a regular annual event," said Wetstein.

Anyone wanting to know more about the Passover Seder can research information on the Internet by entering the term Passover Seder or Seder in a search engine such as Google or Yahoo. Questions can also be directed to Kronenberg at the Main Chapel at 562-2020. This year's Seder will be observed April 1 - 2.

## Endangered birds gain safe haven

Shawn Morris  
Public Affairs Staff

A dozen kids from School Age Services helped their feathered friends March 20 as they mounted six Eastern Bluebird boxes at Willow Pond.

The students and Natural Resources staff hand-made the boxes, which will offer the bluebirds a place to lay their eggs.

"They're going to be collecting scientific data," said Jen Tronco, Natural Resources ecologist, of the children. "Every week, we're going to come and we're going to monitor our boxes."

The project has not only served to educate the children, but also to aid the bluebirds.

"The Eastern Bluebirds, because of urban sprawl, have lost their natural habitat," explained Tronco. "In most states, they're on the endangered species list."

This is not true in New Jersey, thanks in part to efforts such as this one, according to Tronco.

Tronco and her co-workers will check the boxes every Tuesday, while the kids will check them on Fridays.

"I hope they learn some teamwork, and a little appreciation for wildlife," said Tronco. "We're hoping to give them some ownership in Fort Dix."



photos by Shawn Morris

**FOR THE BIRDS -- Jen Tronco, Natural Resources ecologist, above, explains to School Age Services children at Willow Pond March 21 how to hang the Eastern Bluebird boxes they built. After digging in the post, Diamond Ayres and Aislinn Bondse, right, get a hand mounting their box from Mike Dunphy, Natural Resources specialist.**



# Announcements



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

**Friday, March 23 @ 7:30 p.m.**  
**Breach - Chris Cooper, Ryan Phillippe** - A key member of the FBI's elite Soviet Analytical Unit would, for 15 years beginning in 1985, sell thousands of pages of classified documents to the Soviets. After making roughly 600,000 dollars on his clandestine endeavor, Hansen was eventually transferred to a newly created position at the FBI's Washington headquarters and assigned the task of guarding his country's most sensitive secrets. It was while working in this capacity that a young agent was assigned the task of keeping tabs on Hansen.  
MPAA Rating: PG-13 *Run Time: 110 minutes.*

**Saturday, March 24 @ 7:30 p.m.**  
**Letters From Iwo Jima - Ken Watanabe, Kazumari Ninomiya** - In 1945, World War II was in its last stages, and U.S. forces were planning to take on the Japanese on a small island known as Iwo Jima. Lt. General Tadamichi Kuribayashi was put in charge of the Japanese forces on Iwo Jima. As Kuribayashi and his men dig in for a battle they are not certain they can win -- and most have been told they will not survive -- their story is told both by watching their actions and through the letters they write home to their loved ones. Filmed in Japanese with a primarily Japanese cast, Letters From Iwo Jima was shot in tandem with Flags of Our Fathers. **MPAA Rating: R** *Run Time: 141 minutes.*

**Future Features...**

**Norbit**  
Friday, March 30 @ 7:30 p.m.  
PG-13, 102 min.  
**Bridge to Terabithia**  
Saturday, March 31 @ 7:30 p.m.  
PG, 95 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

**Passover and Lenten Activities**

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

**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, 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

## Organizations

**305 MDG Pharmacy information**  
Patients using the 305 MDG Ambulatory Healthcare 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.

**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

**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 Patricia Selk-Welkenbach at 562-2258.

## Upcoming ACS Classes

**New Beginnings: Life After Divorce**  
March 27 from 6 - 8 p.m.

For more information and to register call 562-4830 or 754-3814

**Thrift Shop offers shopping bargains**  
Visit the Fort Dix Thrift Shop for all your clothing and household needs. Consignments and donations are graciously accepted. Our regular business hours are: Tuesday and Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., the first Wednesday of the month from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and the first and third Saturday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For more information call 723-2683.

**Civil Air Patrol membership**  
Civil Air Patrol is a vital organization that prepares our youth morally, physically and mentally as leaders of tomorrow. By providing leadership training, technical education, powered and non-powered flight orientation, scholarships and career education for young people (12 - 18 yrs). We are looking for adult and cadet members who want to make a difference in their personal lives while contributing to a strong America. Call Maj. Michael Sperry at 609-239-4616 or email at msperry1@comcast.net.

**Council seeks issues**  
The Fort Dix Retiree Council consists of retired service members and serves to provide the installation commander with insight into vital issues and concerns facing the retired Army community. The council meets quarterly to address any issues submitted to or by its members. Issues may be submitted in writing throughout the year to Faye Marshall-Dease, Retirement Services Officer, ATTN:INME-DIX-HRM, 5418 South Scott Plaza, Fort Dix, NJ 08640-5089.

**Red Cross looking for volunteers**  
The Fort Dix-McGuire American Red Cross Station will explain volunteer opportunities at the BX/PX Mail March 24-24 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information on the Red Cross, call 562-2258.

**Martinis & Manicures**

March 16 from  
5 - 10 p.m. at **Club Dix**

**\$20 per person**

**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**

**Mondays - Fridays**  
Power Hour  
2 - 4:30 p.m.

Computer Lab  
4:30 - 6 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.

**McGuire AFB Family Advocacy Program**  
754-9680

**March Schedule**

**Parents Anonymous Support Group**  
Tuesdays  
Falcon Courts Chapel  
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**The More the Merrier: Playgroup for Multiples**  
first Friday of the month  
PAX terminal

**Anger Management**  
first three Fridays of the month  
Health and Wellness Center  
1 - 3 p.m.

**1-2-3 Magic: Effective Discipline for Your 2- to 12-year-old**  
March 29  
6 - 8 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.*

**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.

**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.

**McGuire Gas Station**  
723-4705  
East Arnold Avenue by th 24-hour gate  
Monday to Friday -- 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
Saturday -- 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
Sunday -- 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**Spouses' Club Thrift Shop**  
723-2683  
Tuesday and Thursdays - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
First Wednesday of each month - 4 to 8 p.m.  
First and 3rd Saturday of each month - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**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.

**Club Dix**  
723-3272  
Dix Cafe  
Tuesday to Friday 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
**Revolutions Lounge**  
Opens 4:30 p.m. Tuesday to Sunday

**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*

**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.

# Legal issues addressed at JRC

Spec. Shanita Karen Simmons  
Public Affairs Staff

Giving mobilized Soldiers peace of mind as they focus on their battle mission is one goal of the staff working at the Joint Reserve Center's (JRC) Legal Assistance station.

Since 2001, Reserve military attorneys and paralegals have provided legal assistance to active duty, Reserve, National Guard and Individual Ready Reserve service members being mobilized in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

Lt. Col. Jeffrey G. Klavens, Staff Judge Advocate deputy chief of mobilization, supervises the attorneys and legal assistants who assist Soldiers by giving briefings, answering legal questions and drafting legal documents.

"The goal of the Staff Judge Advocate is to teach Soldiers what they need to know while in the theatre. We also address legal issues that may arise when a mobilized service member is separated from his or her family, business and civilian job," said Klavens. "We want to help ensure that Soldiers are not preoccupied with their legal issues when they are thinking about pulling the trigger."

Klavens, an Army Reserve Soldier who has been mobilized for the past three years, said reserve military attorneys from the 1079th Garrison Support Unit have been activated to man the legal assistance section. Although there are currently two attorneys working within the section, Klavens said more are requested when a large number of Soldiers are projected to come through the JRC.

Legal Assistance is one of the stations located within the JRC

that all Soldiers must go through to complete the mobilization process. Klavens said the JRC legal office is a functional area that the post's Staff Judge Advocate office oversees.

Services offered by legal assistance include drafting wills, powers of attorney and living wills. Klavens added that at least two attorneys are available to give briefings on various legal issues such as escalation of force, rules of engagement, force protection, code of conduct, fraternization and the laws of war. On a busy day, Klavens said staff could assist more than 250 Soldiers mobilizing from I r a q . Afghanistan, and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. He added that about half of the Soldiers may need a d o c u m e n t drafted, while many more stop in to seek legal advice and to request information on benefits available to them.

Legal assistance operates under the premise that many mobilized Soldiers will receive less money on active duty than they would in their civilian employment, said Klavens. He added that many Soldiers are not informed that they can request reduced interest rates from their creditors, and get out of some contracts they entered before mobilization. In some cases, child support payments may also be modified while a Soldier is on orders. Thus, Klavens said his staff works daily to ensure that mobilizing service members are aware of all benefits offered to

help prevent them from incurring legal issues that may result in financial loss.

"We assist Soldiers by answering questions regarding the court system, and we advise Soldiers of their rights under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act," said Klavens. "Some of the legal issues may be resolved by picking up the telephone or by writing a letter to a landlord or a creditor informing them of the legal protections available to a mobilized Soldier."

Cpl. Kevin D. Workman, an instructor attached to the 78th Division Training Unit under O p e r a t i o n Warrior Training, said the advice given by the staff at legal assistance has saved him a lot of money during his three mobilizations from Fort Dix.

He added that many Soldiers receive mobilization orders on short notice. Therefore, it can be difficult to take care of all legal issues before the Soldier leaves his or her home station.

"When you get in theatre, it's pretty tough trying to get to a JAG or some type of legal source," said Workman. "Here [at the JRC] there is a centralized area that you can go to and get everything squared away before your mobilization."

During the demobilization process, Klavens said attorneys advise service members that they have a right to certain military benefits for up to two years after deployment. These benefits include access to tax assistance, health care and legal services

from the military. In addition, Klavens added that attorneys will brief Soldiers on how to revoke a will and power of attorney, and they will remind Soldiers to perform tasks such as checking their credit to ensure no one has opened accounts using their identities.

Klavens said that their services are limited to assisting Soldiers with issues that arise before their mobilization. Thus, legal assistance can assist Soldiers who enter contracts ratified before their mobilization. However when a mobilized Soldier incurs a legal issue, Klavens said his or her case is usually referred to the trial defense services at the post Staff Judge Advocate office. Since military attorneys do not represent service members in family law matters and tort cases, legal assistance can only advise and then refer the service member to a civilian attorney.

"We are able to resolve issues, but not always to the satisfaction of the Soldier being mobilized," said Klavens. "Most issues affecting Soldiers being mobilized are resolved before the deployment from their home units. Most of our more complicated issues involve active duty Soldiers who are mobilized, those on medical hold and mobilized Soldiers in training."

Klavens added that a service member may not be able to mobilize if there is a warrant for his or her arrest, or a conviction under the Lautenberg Amendment. Under this amendment to the Gun Control Act of 1968, any individual convicted of a domestic violence misdemeanor is prohibited from possessing a firearm including a military issued weapon. In such cases, legal assistance will work with the unit commander to determine whether a service member should attend a court appearance, request a stay or be released from mobilization.

Klavens reiterated that his staff understands the importance of assisting Soldiers in a timely manner so that they can continue to train for combat with the assurance that their legal issues have been addressed.



Jennifer M. McCarthy

**THE TAXMAN COMETH** -- Anne Hill, Joint Tax Center coordinator, left, enters the tax information of Air Force Master Sgt. David Harper and his wife Danette. The Joint Tax Center is located in Building 5407 Pennsylvania Avenue, and appointments are available Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

## Taxpayers entitled to special refund

SPRINGFIELD, March 20, 2007 - The IRS estimates that more than 346,000 returns filed in New Jersey through early March failed to request the telephone tax refund.

This amounts to an estimated \$10.4 million or more that New Jerseyans have not requested. This represents 29 percent of New Jersey filers not requesting the refund.

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

"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," said Semanick.

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 2006 to the end of July 2006. The tax continues to apply to local-only phone service.

To make the refund easier to figure, the government established a standard refund amount, based on personal exemptions, ranging from \$30 to \$60. If taxpayers have phone bills and other records, they can request the actual amount of excise tax paid.

Though using the standard amount is optional, it is easy to figure and approximates the eligible amount for most individual taxpayers. Taxpayers only have to fill out one line on their return, and they don't need to present proof to the IRS.

If a taxpayer is not 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 and other tax forms are available at the IRS.gov Web site or requested by calling the IRS at 1-800-TAX-FORM. 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.

For more information on the Telephone Excise Tax Refund, go to the IRS Web site at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) or visit the Fort Dix Joint Tax Center in Bldg. 5407 Pennsylvania Avenue.

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# TLC battles Wildcats for championship



Ed Mingin

**CHAMPIONS** -- The regular season was owned by TLC, who finished with a perfect 11-0 record to grab the regular season championship. TLC was dominant in postseason play, entering the championship game unbeaten. They faced off against the preseason champion Wildcats Wednesday night, losing 50-42. The two teams were scheduled to meet again March 22 to determine the postseason champions.

It would come down to one game. Well, maybe two games.

If TLC beat the Wildcats March 21, TLC would be unbeaten during both the regular and postseason. If the Wildcats pulled off the win in the double-loss tournament, they would force a second game March 22 to determine the championship.

When the final buzzer sounded Wednesday night, the Wildcats had grabbed a 50-42 victory.

TLC was on a hot streak. They were undefeated during the regular season, and had already beaten the Wildcats both during the regular season and during the postseason tournament.

Anyone who thought the Wildcats should be counted out after losing to TLC during the tournament would be proven wrong. The Wildcats fought their way back in the loser bracket, reaching the championship game, and another chance to face TLC.

The Wildcats started the game like they had something to prove. They quickly jumped into the lead. At one point in the first half, the Wildcats were ahead by 20 points.

At the half, the Wildcats were leading 31-14. Victory was far from guaranteed though, and TLC remained

poised and showed why they were unbeaten during regular season play.

The second half saw TLC start to rally and gain a little ground. With 1:30 left in the game, TLC trailed by a score of 46-39.

The Wildcats held TLC at bay, winning the game 50-42 and forcing a second game to determine who would be champion.

The winner of Thursday's game will challenge the champions of the McGuire league to a game March 29 at the Griffith Field House. Look in next week's post to see who is post champion.

## Players, coaches needed

Ed Mingin  
Public Affairs Staff

March 21 marked the first day of spring this year. For many sports fan spring means one thing; the start of baseball season.

Not to be left out, Fort Dix Youth Sports will be starting the baseball season in just a few days.

"Practice begins the first week in April," said Stephen Wilkes, assistant director of Youth Sports. "The season runs until the middle of June."

Enrollment for the season started March 1 and will run until April 13.

"We need players all around, for all ages. I'd like to get a lot of players," said Wilkes.

Kids from 3 to 15 can register to play for Fort Dix. Ages are based on a May 1, 2007 cut-off date.

"The kids 13-15 will be

placed on a waiting list until we can get them on a team," said Wilkes. "Or they can register with Pemberton."

Anyone wanting to register their child for baseball can go to the Child and Youth Services Central Enrollment Registry Office at 5203 Maryland Ave.

Players aren't the only thing needed to entertain the masses on a warm, lazy afternoon. Coaches are also an important part of the game, and are also needed by the Youth Sports Office.

"We need coaches for all age groups," said Wilkes. "The rewards of being a coach are spending time with the children during America's favorite pastime, and you get a discount when you register your children to play."

Coaches not only get a discount on the registration fee, they also receive free training and certification.

"All coaches are certified

through the National Alliance for Youth Sports," explained Wilkes. "Youth Sports pays the certification fee. There is a certification class March 31 at Youth Sports."

The certification teaches coaches a little more than the rules of baseball.

"It teaches not only about baseball, but how to coach the kids and work with them," said Wilkes.

For more information about being a baseball coach, call the Youth Sports Office at 562-2819.

Though the baseball season is just getting ready to start, Wilkes already has his eyes on the upcoming fall football season. This time it's not about players or football coaches, but another coach associated with the grid iron.

"We need some cheerleading coaches for the football season," he said. "We want to get someone in there that is enthusiastic about the sport, and likes working with the kids."

## Sports Shorts

**Griffith Field House**  
Saturday & Sunday  
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Monday - Friday  
6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

### Fountain Green Golf Course

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-6 / Equivalent  
\$786 E-7 - above/Equivalent  
\$1089 Contractors  
\$200 Junior Membership

For applications or additional information, call 562-5443.

### Baseball

Enrollment for baseball runs March 1 - April 13.  
Call 562-4034 for more info.

### 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.  
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.

### 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.

### Youth Sports

Starting March 22, Youth Sports will be offering Open Rec Thursdays. The program will run through May 10.

Held at the Doughboy Gym the program will have a variety of activities - basketball, racquetball, dodgeball, free exercise (no weight room). There will even be an area set up for homework.

The program starts at 7 p.m. and ends at 9 p.m.

Children under 15 must be accompanied by an adult.

Call the Youth Sports Office at 562-2819 for more information.

### 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.

### 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.

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Walk/Run begins at Griffith Field House  
Runners report at 11:45 am  
10 shirts given to the first 25 finishers of both 3.1 miles (5K) and 1.5 miles (3K).  
Strollers are welcome! No Bikes.  
For more information contact:  
ACS, 562-2767