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NEWSNOTES



Holy Week Schedule for Main Chapel

The Holy Week Schedule for the Main Chapel at Fort Dix includes many services and events. Holy Thursday Mass will be at 6 p.m. April 5, followed by the play "The Last Supper" at 7:30 p.m. Good Friday Mass will be at 7 p.m. April 6, and Holy Saturday Mass will be at 7 p.m. Protestant Easter Sunday Sunrise Services will be at 7 a.m., with a combined Protestant and Gospel Service at 9 a.m. and Catholic Mass at 10:15 a.m.

Fort Dix Retiree Council Hosts Luncheon

A Luncheon will be sponsored by the Fort Dix Retiree Council for retirees and their guests on Saturday, May 5. The luncheon will be held at Club Dix, with the Social Time beginning at 11:30 a.m., followed by the luncheon at noon. The menu selections are Salmon Fillet with Dill Sauce, Roast Top Round of Beef, or Chicken Marsala. Each menu selection will be served with a vegetable, potatoes or rice, salad, rolls, butter, coffee, iced tea, and sherbet for dessert. The cost for the luncheon is \$24, gratuity included. Checks may be made payable to the Fort Dix Retiree Council. Retirees and their friends/guests are invited to send reservation requests and their menu selections to SGM Norman Pallotto, 15 East Central Avenue, Moorestown, New Jersey 08057 no later than April 25.

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 KLCOHN@HOTMAIL.COM.

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

A \$10 registration fee will be charged.

WEATHER

FRIDAY: Sunny with a high near 62. Breezy, partly cloudy into evening, overnight low of 35 degrees.

SATURDAY: Sunny with a high near 58 degrees, chance of evening showers with an overnight low of 37.

SUNDAY: Chance of showers and thunderstorms, high of 57 and overnight low of 42.

MONDAY: Continued rain, high of 64 and overnight low of 42 degrees.

Reserve Center underway

Carolee Nisbet
Editor

With the synchronized flip of six shovels of sand, construction officially began March 23 on the massive new Army Reserve Center on Fort Dix.

The Center will be home to the 99th Regional Readiness Sustainment Command; 77th Sustainment Brigade; Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 78th Division (Training Support); Detachments One and Two of the 244th Aviation Brigade; Detachment 1, 1st Brigade, 78th Division (TS) and the 78th Division Band, all bound for Fort Dix as the result of Army Reserve Transformation.

"It's a fine Infantry day for this ceremony," said 99th RRSC Commander Maj. Gen. William Monk as rain turned the site off Pennsylvania Avenue into a sea of mud.

"This is a significant milestone for the Army Reserve, combining three large Regional Readiness Commands into one Regional Readiness Sustainment Command," he said. While the ceremony was largely symbolic — construction on the facility won't be complete until the fall of 2008 — Monk noted that groundbreaking continues the forward momentum of the Army Reserve Transformation, and marks its value to the nation.

"The Global War on Terrorism is



Ed Mingin

NEW DIGS — Maj. Gen. William Monk, commander, 99th Regional Readiness Sustainment Command; Col. R. David McNeil, Fort Dix commander; Lt. Col. Gwen Baker, Army Corps of Engineers; Command Sgt. Maj. Leon Caffie, U.S. Army Reserve Command; Phil Haines, Clerk of Court, Burlington County, and Mark Craddock, president, C Pyramid Enterprises flip ceremonial shovels of sand to mark the groundbreaking of the Fort Dix Army Reserve Center during ceremonies March 23.

ample evidence of the value of the U.S. Army Reserve. Day by day, street by street, Soldier by Soldier, Iraqi citizen by Iraqi citizen, we fight this battle. The threats are real and must be assessed and addressed. This is why each and every one of us serve," Monk said.

"This is a long war. Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines will not be enough to wage it. We will need every citizen to stand behind the effort."

Command Sgt. Maj. Leon Caffie, speaking on behalf of Lt. Gen. Jack Stultz, commanding general, U.S. Army

Reserve Command, called the 99th RRSC "the engine of transformation. You understood, you volunteered to step forward," he said.

Caffie also lauded the Army Reserve's commitment.

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Security crackdown shows progress

Challenges continue on streets of Iraqi capitol, across country

Donna Miles
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, March 28, 2007 —

The crackdown on insurgents in Baghdad is showing progress, but a senior military official there warned that it's likely to drive the enemy to strike out dramatically before succeeding.

"Like backing a rat into a corner, increasing pressure on the extremists by limiting their available resources and

places to hide leads to desperate changes in tactics," Navy Rear Adm. Mark Fox, a spokesman for Multinational Force Iraq, told reporters. Fox cited a Feb. 23 suicide-bomb attempt in Ramadi as an example of that desperation. When Iraqi police apprehended a would-be attacker whose vehicle failed to detonate, they found the truck filled with five 1,000-gallon barrels of chlorine and almost 2 tons of explosives.

"We are seeing preliminary signs of progress," Fox said of Operation Law

and Order, an effort focused on establishing security in the Iraqi capital that's entering its second month.

"Our commitment to provide security for the people of Iraq remains unshakable," Fox said. "Together, Iraqi and coalition forces are clearing the streets of insurgent activity and taking back the neighborhoods of Baghdad, block by block."

Those relationships are paying off as Iraqis continue to step forward as valuable intelligence sources, he said. Tips they provide Iraqi security forces and coalition troops help them find more weapons caches. "Living in the neighborhoods (and) building relationships is making a difference," Fox said.

That difference was evident during clearing operations in southern Ghazaliya and Yahmariya last week that yielded 31 terror suspects and two weapons cache discoveries.

But providing security "is more than just seizing weapons from the hands of murderers and terrorists," he said. "It is providing basic services to begin building a community."

Fox pointed to a step forward in that effort over the past weekend with the first large-scale humanitarian aid project in Adamiyah since Operation Law and Order began. Iraqi security forces and coalition troops used the city schoolhouse as a temporary medical clinic, treating more than 100 local residents.

FastGate to alleviate traffic wait

Wayne Cook
Public Affairs Staff

Anyone who enters the installation by way of the Main Gate during the morning knows that traffic can get quite backed up at times. The members of the Department of Defense Police are also aware of the inconveniences experienced during the peak traffic hours. Actions have been taken that, if successful, will alleviate the pressure on the drivers and the police. FastGate may well be the answer.

Since 9/11, the military has been much more aggressive with the security of installations and the resources and people on them. Because of this, the DoD Police have worked hard to implement tighter security measures at the entry control points while, at the same time, still allowing for the efficient flow of traffic.

This is where Advanced Detection entered the picture with their FastGate system. The DoD Police were approached about being a test installation for Advanced Detection's new system, which enhances security measures at the entry control points while providing a lane where drivers can enter the gates by using an identification button.

When a vehicle approaches the Main Gate, 20 pictures are taken of it from different angles. These pictures are electronically fed into the computer system, which compares the photos against previous pictures taken of the vehicle for telltale markings to confirm the correct registration tag is affixed to the vehicle. The system also checks the plate number against a database of vehicles that are of interest to the police and will compare the driver's name against the installation barred list. These enhanced security measures will enable the entry controllers to better maintain the integrity of the installation while keeping undesir-

ables off the post.

Those operators who have registered their vehicles with the DoD Police will be issued an electronic button about the size of a nickel that will be affixed to either their driver's license or their Computer Access Card (CAC) Identification Card. When the driver approaches the Main Gate, if the traffic indicator light in the right lane shows a green arrow, he or she can enter the right lane and use his or her button to enter the post. The driver will scan his or her button in a box on the

left shoulder - which uses a radio frequency reader to read the information loaded on the button - to gain access to the installation. When the reader has read the button and verified it against the information loaded in the system, it will emit a clicking sound and raise the gate arm in front of the vehicle.

The police are working out the last bugs in the system, and then it will be put into full service.

"Since 9/11, everyone is security conscious. We have been looking at ways to

enhance our security procedures and keep traffic moving. It's more secure than just having policemen on the gate because it adds pictures to the identification process at the gate," said Maj. John Dove, chief of police services, DoD Police Department.

Registering for a FastGate button is done at the Visitor's Center off Route 68 adjacent to the Main Gate and will eventually be available to government services employees, permanently assigned military members, and contractors.



Wayne Cook

FAST PACED — Officers John Fetzer and Peter Conway, DoD Police, monitor traffic at the Main Gate using the FastGate terminal. The FastGate system by Advanced Detection is designed to add enhanced security measures to the gates while alleviating some of the time that traffic sits backed up during peak traffic hours.

Visit Fort Dix on the web at www.dix.army.mil

**CIVILIAN
CONSERVATION
CORPS**



Steve Snyder
Public Affairs Staff

The Great Depression devastated the United States. Lives and fortunes were smashed by rampaging economic furies.

By March 13, 1933, roughly one-quarter of the nation's work force, 13,600,000 people, could not find work. Estimates calculated that more than two million youths were riding rails and roaming across the country, searching for jobs and a future.

On March 4, 1933, Franklin D. Roosevelt became president of the United States. Two days later, he called a meeting of high government officials to discuss possible solutions for the country's many economic problems, most of which seemed intractable.

On March 31, 1933, exactly 74 years ago tomorrow, Roosevelt's brain trust brought the Civilian Conservation Corps or CCC into existence.

The Corps was "not a panacea for all the unemployment, but an essential step in this emergency," the president proclaimed. But CCC soon became a gem among many programs floating out of Washington in Roosevelt's New Deal.

Originally titled Emergency Conservation Work, the Civilian Conservation Corps aimed to create a peacetime army of about 500,000 young men whose toil would help reclaim the land, waters and forests of America that had been so abused over the years. They would build parks and, in the process of laboring, reclaim pride in their ability to make a living.

Rather than establish still another new bureaucracy, FDR designed the program to be run within existing governmental departments. At first, the Department of Labor recruited youths from the relief rolls. The U.S. Army ran the camps while Departments of the Interior (specifically the U.S. Forest Service, Soil Conservation Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation and Bureau of Indian Affairs) and Agriculture assumed responsibility for work projects and provided personnel to manage them. The Budget Director supplied financial assistance and the solicitor and judge advocate handled legal advice.

Rush into CCC
Over three million young men and World War I veterans eventually worked for CCC. To qualify for the corps, men had to be unemployed, unmarried, between the ages of 18 and 25 (although age limits were often winked at in the case of war veterans), and from families on relief (another qualification often overlooked because widespread poverty didn't differentiate very much between those on relief or those simply unemployed.)

Many men as young as 16 snuck into the program.

Members of the corps worked for a dollar a day plus room and board, referred to as "three hots and a flop." They enrolled for six months at a shot and could reenlist for another six months up to a total of two years service.

Upon joining, an enrollee was transported to a training camp commanded by military officers, where he would undergo physical training and orientation. Afterwards, he would be assigned to a company modeled on those run by the military.

By law, 25 of the enrollee's \$30 per month had to be sent home to his family. The remaining \$5 could be spent at the worker's discretion. In addition to room and board, work clothes and tools were provided by Uncle Sam. Workers were expected to put in a 40-hour week and follow camp rules.

While serving in CCC camps, the young men picked up skills, could also attend

revitalized Fort Dix, America during Great Depression



National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration photo library

NURTURING THE EARTH - A Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) enrollee plants trees for a windbreak to stop erosion.

Second in a series celebrating Fort Dix's upcoming 90th birthday!

classes geared towards furthering their education. Reading maps and executing blueprints were two exacting skills of the many workers could pick up while rebuilding the nation's infrastructure.

Many workers found that their \$5 spending allowance was more than enough to get by because their camps usually were located in isolated areas where there wasn't much to buy, anyway. Many also enjoyed outdoor work and felt preserving the environment was worth the effort.

Complaints usually involved the administration of camps, favoritism becoming rife, etc., especially in more remote areas governed by inexperienced administrators.

The Civilian Conservation Corps was the only governmental organization that worked to save the country's environment on a national scale. While the corps had many imitators over the years, they were just that - pale copies of the original powerhouse that changed America for the better.

Under the aegis of CCC: 44,854 bridges were constructed, over 89,000 miles of telephone lines were strung, 972 million fish restocked, over 130,000 miles of roads and trails were built, 800 state parks were created, 85,000 American Indians were enrolled in the program, 4,622 fish-rearing ponds were built, 3,980 historic structures restored (Gettysburg Battlefield among them), 5,000 mile of water supply lines were laid, 3,462 beaches were improved, 45 million trees and shrubs were relocated for landscaping, three billion trees were planted, millions of acres and thousands of lakes were surveyed and mapped for the first time, 1,865 drinking fountains were installed, 27,191 miles of fences were built, 204 lodges and museums established, 201,739 man-days were spent fighting coal fires (CCC firefighters saved billions of tons of coal in Wyoming alone), hundreds of thousands of man-days were consumed fighting other forest fires, 3,116 lookout towers were built in parks and historic sites, 8,065 wells and pump houses were built, and thousands of man-days were spent in flood control.

Within days of the establishment of the CCC, Camp Dix was designated as a center for processing selectees throughout the country, especially to sites in the Pacific Northwest. In its first month of operation, Camp Dix processed more than 16,000 men!

To manage the increased work load on post caused by the influx of CCC recruits, about four additional companies of Regular Army troops were deployed here. These units lived in tents until CCC workers built wooden barracks to house them.

About 1,300 CCC camps were established throughout the United States by mid-June 1933. By the end of July, 300,000 young men invaded woods to perform thousands of conservation tasks, many of which had been neglected for decades.

Most members of the CCC belonged to camps devoted to Soil Conservation (SC) or Forestry (F). Work varied from cutting firebreaks and clearing out underbrush to planting new trees to avoid soil erosion. Other camps were assigned to Mosquito control (MC) or as parts of crews that built roads and trails or repaired bridges and dams.

Two CCC companies were



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HARD TIMES - New members of the Civilian Conservation Corps wait to be fitted for shoes at Camp Dix in 1935.



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NEW DEAL - When Franklin Delano Roosevelt entered the White House in early 1933, America was in trouble. The stock market crash in 1929 led to massive unemployment - about one-fourth of the nation's work force were without jobs - and manufacturing output had collapsed by about a third. Some doubted America would ever recover and took to despair. But FDR, like the majority of his fellow citizens, was as tough as the pioneer stock which had forged a great nation. In his first 100 days in office he launched an array of programs which he called the New Deal, designed to get America working again. Figuratively, Roosevelt threw the kitchen sink at economic problems, initiating dozens of programs including the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). The effect of the programs was uneven but they gave hope to a near-despairing populace and the country recovered sufficiently to fight - and win - World War II. FDR had something to go with that victory, too.

Department of Conservation and Development prepared to reforest state forests. From seedlings provided by the Green Bank State Forest Nursery of Burlington County and the Washington Crossing State Forest Nursery of Mercer County, Dix's CCC army planted trees in the Bass River State Forest in Burlington County, the Lebanon State Forest in Cape May County, the Jenny Jump State Forest in Warren County and the Stokes State Forest in Sussex County.

In the late 1930s War Department officials noticed that Camp Dix, with its location and activities including CCC functions, was becoming an important installation - perhaps even worthy of permanent status.

After all, more than 200,000 men had passed through the camp with the Civilian Conservation Corps during its heady days in the 1930s and much construction on post was underway (much of it completed by CCC), too, vastly improving facilities here.

From camp to fort
Finally, with a world war looming and basic training stations badly needed, Camp Dix became "Fort Dix" on March 8, 1939.

With the buildup of the war effort in 1942, various CCC projects were completed and the organization shut down. Many graduates of CCC enlisted in various branches of the military where they made significant contributions.

Years of hard times transformed those who endured them into what has been hailed as our nation's "Greatest Generation."

The Civilian Conservation Corps was the formative experience for many in that generation, those who had overcome the doldrums of depression only to turn and face threats to civilization posed by barbarians in still another world war beyond our shores.

Fort Dix was a showcase for CCC's battle against economic woes and became a bellwether for the basic training of American Soldiers who would be tasked to defend the nation. Nobody did it better.



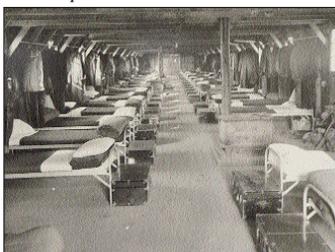
Fort Dix Museum, courtesy Dan Zimmerman, Ph.D.

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS - Many blacks and other young men, above, joined the CCC at Camp Dix, seeking economic opportunity along with job training.



Fort Dix Museum, courtesy Dan Zimmerman, Ph.D.

SICK CALL - Medical care provided at the hospital, above, was among the amenities afforded CCC workers at Camp Dix.



Fort Dix Museum, courtesy Dan Zimmerman, Ph.D.

SPARTAN EXISTENCE - Civilian Conservation Corps members lived in barracks at Camp Dix, above, that were sparse, avoided frills and contained nothing but the essentials. In other words, housing was no different than that provided Soldiers in the Regular Army. Few CCCers complained, though, in getting three hots and a flop every day. It was more than some civilians had during the Great Depression.

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Risk management topic at Annual Safety Standdown

1st Sgt. David Moore
444th MPAD



1st Sgt. David Moore

Making Safety a part of the Army's Core values was the message passed on to Garden State Soldiers by the New Jersey National Guard's Adjutant General during the 26th Annual Safety Standdown held at Fort Dix.

"Safety has to be a core value. Commanders and first sergeants need to take ownership of safety," Maj. Gen. Glenn K. Rieth, said to the Army National Guard's commanders and senior noncommissioned officers.

Rieth said that after Soldiers dying in war, privately owned vehicle accidents was the leading cause of Army, Army Reserve and National Guard Soldiers deaths and injuries.

During the program, he presented his safety philosophy and reminded attendees that safety operations occur through prevention, not through investigation.

"Risk management is a tool to identifying dangerous factors and look at all ways to mitigate those factors," he said.

A former U.S. Navy nuclear submarine commander who dealt with a tragedy at sea that resulted in the deaths of nine Japanese citizens on Feb. 9, 2001 was the guest speaker for the daylong event.

"I suggest you take what the general says and make safety a part of your core values," Cmdr. (Ret.) Scott Waddle, the commander of the USS Groenville at the time of the sinking of the Japanese fishing and high school training vessel Ehime Maru.

Waddle, who recently authored The Right Thing with Ken Abraham, provided his

SUBJECT MATTER EXPERT -- Retired Navy Cmdr. Scott Waddle speaks about safety during the New Jersey Army National Guard's 26th Annual Safety Standdown at Fort Dix. Waddle was a nuclear submarine commander during a Feb. 9, 2001, incident at sea in which nine Japanese citizens lost their lives.

background from growing up in a military family to his Navy career right up to the accident.

He spoke of his submariner service beginnings, when he was a Naval Academy cadet, interviewed by the founder of the nuclear navy, Adm. Hyman Rickover, for membership into the silent service. He discussed in great detail the day when during a distinguished visitor's cruise, he conducted a maneuver to surface the boat so quickly the bow rises up from the water.

He discussed some of the factors that led to the tragedy, including questionable navigation equipment, periscope scanning of the area, and being behind schedule.

"You know, I looked through the periscope and did the scanning of the area. Maybe the color of the ship against the horizon, or the swell of a wave, I never saw the ship," he said.

When the accident occurred, the crew immediately attempted rescue operations, which were

hampered by the submarine's surface wake. The Coast Guard was notified.

"While I was topside I heard a helicopter. When I looked up it was a news helicopter with the letters NBC," he said.

It was the lead news story around the world for weeks to follow, which also put an emotional strain on the sub commander who was immediately relieved of duty.

The former commander faced great emotional strain. To conquer, the strain he reviewed his Navy career. During follow-on meeting with Rickover, Waddle was being interviewed for a command position. The admiral went to his file cabinet and pulled Waddles' academy work schedule that required 30-hours a week to be in the nuclear navy.

Waddle said it was unbelievable the admiral still had the paperwork and was reviewing it. Some weeks the number of hours were short, while other were a few hours more for the work.

"You met the objective Rickover said. The objective was to see about my character and integrity," Waddle said.

It was all about character. I had no doubt I was to blame for the accident no matter what happened or if something or someone broke down on the team. I was responsible," he said.

"To avoid accidents you have to always look at risk," he added.

Waddle, who was never court martialled but was reprimanded, retired from the Navy and travelled to Japan to apologize to the families.

The day included a preventive medicine presentation by Col. Debra Burr and Maj. Daniel Vanarsdale focused on healthy eating and exercise.

Groundbreaking held for center —

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"The Army Reserves have not sat in the bleachers during this war," he said. "There are 25,000 deployed around the world."

Phil Haines, Clerk of Court, Burlington County, brought congratulations to the post from Rep. Jim Saxton, R-NJ, who was unable to attend because Congress is still in session. "It's great to see Fort Dix continue to grow and partner with the community," he said.

Mark Craddock, president of C Pyramid Enterprises, the company contracted to build the new center, noted that his family has a long affiliation with construction on Fort Dix, and supports both the post and the Soldiers who will populate the new facility.

"We are serious about getting

you up and running as soon as that can happen," he said.

The two-story red brick structure will be 163,552 square feet, and will occupy the land off Pennsylvania Avenue behind Walston. The center will be augmented by a 17,268 square-foot maintenance building and 3,341 square-foot storage facility.

The 99th RRSC is the first of four Regional Readiness Sustainment Commands in the Army Reserve. Currently, the Army Reserve is structured as 10 RRCs, which will consolidate and transform into four organizations nationwide.

The 99th, 94th, and 77th RRCs will be disestablished as organizations, and a single organization, the 99th RRSC, will be activated.

Army opens training for human intel collectors

WASHINGTON (Army News Service, March 28, 2007) - The Army announced today the implementation of the Human Intelligence Noncommissioned Officer Special Recruiting Program to bring at least 100 experienced NCOs into the 97-Echo career field.

The 97-Echo military occupational skill is the U.S. Army's MOS for HUMINT collectors. HUMINT Soldiers collect intelligence information from human sources, analyze HUMINT information, and conduct debriefings and interrogations.

The career field currently offers a Selective Reenlistment Bonus of up to \$30 thousand or a critical skills retention bonus of up to \$50 thousand.

Training is 24 weeks and four days or 27 weeks and four days, depending on the follow-on assignment.

Classes begin on May 14, June 25 and Aug. 13.

Application deadline is March 30 for the first class and April 30 for the final two classes.

Soldiers interested should be U.S. citizens, fully deployable and have a minimum General Technical score of 100.

For more information call Sgt. Maj. Ronald Wheelock at (520) 533-1174

Volunteers are needed

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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 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?i=mlORAeS3dfcAezsd6Z1nRQ..>

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 FDSCScholarship@verizon.net

Family Fun Fest coming soon

The 2007 Family Fun Fest will be held **April 11** from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Fort Dix Youth Center, Bldg. 1279 Locust Street. The event will feature a petting zoo, wall climbing, crafts, massages, door prizes and information booths.

The event is free and open to all. For more information, call 562-2767.

Outdoor Rec to host Kiddie Fishing Contest

The Fort Dix Outdoor Recreation Rod and Gun Club will host the 22nd Annual Kiddie Trout Fishing Contest **April 7** from 8 to 10 a.m. for kids 13 years of age and younger. Sign-in is from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.

Awards will be given for the shortest and longest fish in each of the three age categories, and all children will be eligible for a door prize. Awards will be presented at 10:30 a.m.

Register for the event at Outdoor Recreation, Bldg. 6045, by **April 6**.

Small business seminar coming to ACS

Army Community Service will host Basic Training for Small Business **April 17** from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Bldg. 5201 Maryland Avenue. In this seminar we will explore some of the pitfalls of starting a business; the responsibilities of the owner and the resources available to help make an informed decision.

To register, call (856) 225-6221. For directions and access to Fort Dix, call Rod Martell at 562-2186.

Disclaimer: This opportunity is not an endorsement of the company or the company's products or services by Army Community Service, Fort Dix or the United States Army. This is an effort to provide legitimate employment opportunities for the families of "Team Dix" and our service members preparing for retirement or separation.

Earth Day

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



Rehearsing religiously

Chap. (Maj.) Jason Logan portrays Jesus Christ surrounded by his disciples during the dress rehearsal **March 20** of the dramatic play "The Last Supper." The production will be open to the entire community and will show **April 5** at 7:30 p.m. in the Main Chapel. Questions can be directed to the Main Chapel staff at 562-2020.

Wayne Cook

Family Fun Fest offers something for everyone

Mark your calendars -- the 2007 Family Fun Fest will be at the Fort Dix Youth Center **April 11** from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Come to the fest to find out what services and programs are available for you and your family. Strong families are ready and prepared. Come to the fest be ready and prepared to meet the challenges of the military life-style.

On- and off-post organizations will have information tables, and a subject-matter expert will be there ready to answer your questions. You will also have the opportunity to suggest the implementation of an activity/program/class that you might have some interest in.

As every year, the information is provided in conjunction with an array of fun activities for all members of the family. For instance, a petting zoo and trackless train will be there for the little ones, the exciting climbing wall for teens and massages for the adults.

This year, one of the attractions offered by the petting zoo is "Khan" the camel. If your spouse saw camels while deployed, here is your chance to see a real one, too. Do not forget to bring your

cameras to have your pictures taken with "Khan."

The one and only "Geoffrey" the Toy-R-Us giraffe, and "Pluggie" the robotic fire hydrant from the Fort Monmouth Fire Department, will be at the fest, too.

Free hair cuts for children six years and younger will be provided by Adorn Beauty Center & Spa. Adorn specializes in "special needs" kids. Therapy dogs sit with kids while they get their hair cut.

Home Depot woodshop will be at the fest for the enjoyment of parents and children. Home Depot helps to create special bonding between parents and children while they work together building a wood piece.

The new mascot for the Camden Adventure Aquarium will be debuting at the fest. The shark has not been named yet. His name will appear in the post newspaper next week. Do not forget to read the paper next week to find more info about the fest and find the name of the Adventure Aquarium new mascot.

For more information about the Family Fun Fest, call Army Community Service at 562-2767.



Kryn P. Westhoven

RED CROSS MONTH — Volunteers from the Fort Dix/McGuire AFB American Red Cross Station were in the BXPX Mall this past weekend talking about opportunities with the organization as part of Red Cross Month. Rose Marie Lehman of Feasterville, Pa., left, and Karl Campbell from the 816th Contingency Response Group were at the outreach table talking to potential volunteers.

Red Cross looking for volunteers, donations

Kryn P. Westhoven
N.J. Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

off in case of an Armed Forces Emergency Service notification or the coordination of blood drives held at the chapel and on McGuire.

The station solicits and schedules the dozens of volunteers from Red Cross chapters from across the state that work at the Red Cross warehouse and the Joint Readiness Center (JRC) to assist service members serving in the Global War on Terrorism.

Managing all the volunteers is not an easy task, considering a few are not around the corner, like Feasterville, Pa., resident Rose Marie Lehman.

The retired nurse started her volunteer work at Army Community Service, where she still helps out, the calling to Fort Dix came after her grandson was deployed to Iraq in 2002.

For others, their support comes in the form of donations of goods or money. The spirit to help comes in all forms, from \$70 raised at the Troop Medical Clinic holiday luncheon to a 6 year old in South Jersey who asked all his friends who came to his sixth birthday party to make a donation to the Red Cross's efforts at the JRC, raising \$1,250.

If you would like to donate or volunteer, call the American Red Cross Fort Dix / McGuire AFB Station at 562-2258.



Wayne Cook

In the swing of spring

Jeff Gremk of Browns Mills drives through the ball as he tees off on the 6th hole of the Fountain Green Golf Course. For information about course fees and hours, call 562-5443.



Pfc. Dan Welch

START IN ART -- Sha'Quetta Brown, right, won first place in 10-12 year old age bracket for color process in the 4th Annual Image Makers Photography exhibit and contest at the Arts and Crafts Center **March 20**. Taking second was Marvin Beckett, center, and Kayan Storey, left, captured third.

Kids display photos, talent

Pfc. Daniel Welch
241st MPAD

It has been said that, "You don't take a photograph. You ask, quietly, to borrow it." Nothing could be closer to the truth than for the participants of this year's 4th Annual Image Makers Photography exhibit and contest that was held from **March 20** through **March 24** at the Arts and Crafts Center.

The young artists who took part in the exhibit are part of the Fort Dix Youth Services Photography club, with this being the culminating event of the eight-week class that began in February. Jessica Miksit, program assistant, Child and Youth Services, taught the class, whose participants ranged from 10-18 year olds.

"We started with the basics of 35mm film photography," explained Miksit, "and let the kids go out to practice their techniques around Fort Dix."

For many of the students, this was their first introduction into the world of photography, but even so, their hard work spoke for itself.

"I'm very impressed with the work of everyone; they worked very hard and should all be proud of themselves," said Miksit.

The photos used in the competition were judged by age, as well as both

black-and-white process and color process.

Capturing first place in the 10-12 year old age bracket for color process was Sha'Quetta Brown, while Marvin Beckett took second place and Kayan Storey got third place. Alysa McLaurin won in the color process category for 16-18 year olds.

In the black-and-white category, Octavia Cowell took 1st and 3rd place, while Marvin Beckett took 2nd place. Alysa McLaurin also won for the 16-18 age group.

Many of the students are looking forward to continuing to pursue their new found hobby.

"I had a lot of fun learning this," explained Brown, "I'm looking forward to continuing to learn how to take good photos."

As well as receiving ribbons, each first-place winners' photo will also be judged at a regional competition for the boys and girls club, if they are successful there they could also move onto a national competition.

Even though for many of these youngsters this was their first time using a camera, their hard work and dedication was evident in their finished product. For more information on the photography program or other programs offered by the Fort Dix Child and Youth Services, contact them at 562-4702.



Spc. Shanita K. Simmons

Building the Army team

Frances Booth, Army Community Service volunteer coordinator, left, stands with Army Family Team Building Instructor Training graduates, from left, Meredith Ayers, Carla Smith, Joyce Kuwae, Andrea Ayers, Andreili Reid, 1st Sgt. Mohammed Elthag (MEFS), and Lt. Col. Elizabeth Bobb.

First Army helps Soldiers become Equal Opportunity Representatives

Spc. Shanita Karen Simmons
Public Affairs Staff

A teacher. A counselor. A mentor. A confidant. Active and Reserve unit commanders throughout the Army tapped some of their finest Soldiers to attend the Equal Opportunity Representative Course (EORC) held March 13-19.

First Army Equal Opportunity Advisors (EOAs) taught Soldiers from the ranks of sergeant to first lieutenant how to help commanders maintain a positive work environment within their units.

"First Army's Equal Opportunity Office goal is to ensure that all mobilized units that fall under our command have trained, certified Equal Opportunity Representatives (EORs) prior to deployment," said Master Sgt. Fernando Sampson, a First Army equal opportunity advisor.

Sampson said that some units have an equal opportunity advisor available to train the EOR. When an EOA is not available to facilitate training, Sampson said First Army would coordinate training and provide instructors. Lt. Col. Carl A. Pelzer, the equal opportunity officer for the 78th Division (Training Support), said it is his responsibility to ensure that all units falling under the 78th Division have one to two EORs. Pelzer said he sends Soldiers to permanent party stations to participate in the EORC. Rather than sending Soldiers to various installations, Pelzer said he decided to call upon First Army to teach the course in a more centralized location.

"Our brigade had designated EORs, but they needed training. In November, we (the 78th Division) requested the training and in December we were given the facility to conduct the training," said Pelzer. "USAR (United States Army Reserve) sent the word out that we requested training to other units, and unit commanders from around the country responded and wanted to send Soldiers for training."

Pelzer said 23 Soldiers representing the active duty, National Guard, Reserve, and the Department of the Army attended the training. He added that civilians working for the Department of

the Army also attended the course. During the course, Soldiers and civilians discussed various issues related to cultural awareness, discrimination, equal opportunity skills, and individual and group behavior. Sampson added the Soldiers are also educated on specific policies and the complaint process. Upon graduation, Sampson said that Soldiers should return to their home stations and apply the lessons learned.

Sampson said an EOR who completes the 40-hour course is expected to play many roles within his or her unit. Primarily, the EOR will drive the commander's mission of maintaining a healthy training environment. By becoming a liaison between the commander and his Soldiers, the EOR is tasked with addressing any incidents of discrimination and sexual harassment. When an EOR is unable to assist a Soldier, he or she will educate the individual on the complaint process established by the Army's Equal Opportunity program.

In addition, Sampson said EORs should educate Soldiers on how certain language and behaviors may be offensive to others working within the same environment. By planning events that recognize ethnic observances such as National Hispanic Heritage Month and Women's Equality Day, Sampson said the goal is to help Soldiers learn to understand and respect their cultural differences.

"When a new EOR returns to their unit, they should introduce themselves to the unit, and let Soldier know that they are available to address their issues or concerns," said Sampson. Sampson said the course is taught pursuant to Army Regulation (AR) 600-20 Chapter 6. According to Army regulation, unit commanders must maintain an environment free of unlawful discrimination and offensive behavior that maximizes human potential. Thus, unit commanders rely on their EOR to keep them informed on issues that affect the unit's "social climate."

"Our job is to train Soldiers to work for the Department of

Soldiers are sent out on a lot of missions that can cause a lot of stress," said Sampson. "An EOR is a combat multiplier, since they work to ensure that there is a healthy command climate within the unit."

First Army works with Army Reserve and National Guard Equal Opportunity offices by monitoring every unit that comes to the mobilization sites to determine whether they have an EOR, according to Sampson.

When a brigade deploys, Sampson said at least three EOAs and a program manager are sent out to the theatre. Sampson said that an EOR has the authority to investigate complaints, determine their merit and brief their commanders. A Soldier not satisfied with the EORs findings may file a formal complaint, which requires the commander's signature. Since all formal complaints are handled by an EOA, she added that it is important for EORs to maintain effective lines of communication with their EOAs. All complaints are formally investigated, documented and maintained in a database. Sampson said the complaint process was not created to deter Soldiers from reporting incidents, but as a tool to measure how well the Army is addressing issues that may affect the training environment.

An EOA is an active duty or Reserve Soldier who supports the commander's equal opportunity program on a full-time basis. Sampson added that an EOA's position requires more training since he or she has the additional responsibility of addressing formal complaints made by Soldiers. In contrast, an EOR's position is an assignment that Soldiers perform in addition to their regular jobs. Master Sgt. Vera Bland, senior staff judge advocate noncommissioned officer of the 78th Division, said she learned a lot about her own personal biases and how to control them when she is working with her Soldiers. She added that she is looking forward to providing her Soldiers with educational training and a forum to address their complaints and concerns.

"I solicited this position because I knew I would be an asset," said Bland. "I believe in the program since I have seen the Soldiers who have used the process, and the results were positive."

Twenty-three Soldiers representing the active duty, National Guard, Reserve, and the Department of the Army attended the training.

Chaplains' Corner

Chap. (Lt. Col.) Lee Hardgrove
Chapel Staff

For more than 45 years, I have attended a church camp called "Camp Quinipet." This camp is a 27-acre piece of waterfront property located on Shelter Island, N.Y. The island lies between the two peninsulas (or forks) that make up the eastern end of Long Island. Most of the island is made up of summer (now called weekend) homes and a few stores, restaurants and hotels.

These 27 acres were purchased by the Methodist Church in 1947 for \$85,000. Last year, the property was estimated to be worth more than \$25,000,000 on the real estate market. Fortunately, the United Methodist Church has no intention of selling the property. The name "Quinipet" is Latin for five rocks. There are five huge boulders on the property that have the following words carved on them: "Love, Faith, Courage, Humility, and Honesty."

While this is a Christian camp in history, many groups from all faiths have used the facilities for retreats and conferences. I think the words on the five rocks are truly words we could all use to live by, regardless of our faith background.

Do we all not want to be honest when we deal with others and vice-versa? Have not each of us admired persons who may best be described as humble and caring and forgiving? Does not the word "courage" bring forth images of persons of heroic proportions or those willing to take a strong stand, regardless of the consequences? Are not the great leaders of our particular religious affiliation regarded as "persons of faith?" Finally and most importantly, do we all not seek to love and be loved, especially by our God?

The values that are carved on these five rocks of this very special place, to many people, are words that all of us should live by. They represent the essence of the faith journey we are all on, and the heart and soul of human relations and essential societal achievements. I pray we may all see these words as goals to be worked on and values to be lived out. May God bless you in your own particular spiritual journey.



courtesy photo

Taking wing

Lt. Col. (P) Raymond W. Palma, brigade S-6, 1/78th Division (TS), is promoted to colonel March 15. His wife, Lori Palma, helps pin on his new rank, while son Chris and daughter Alex look on.

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Recognition, retirements and rewards



David Moore

First Sgt. Jesus Concepcion of HHD, 63rd Ordnance Battalion (EOD), displays the Yellow Banner his unit received upon its return to Fort Dix from a tour in Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The unit also received a plaque from Col. David McNeil, installation commander.



courtesy photo

First Sgt. Lisa Youngsang, Alpha Company first sergeant, tries out the new exercise equipment purchased with part of a \$15,000 donation to the Mobilization Readiness Battalion from the Jewish War Veterans. Soldiers in HHC, as well as Alpha, Bravo and Charlie Companies, will be able to purchase much-needed items to improve the quality of life for the Soldiers. A committee, headed by Command Sgt. Maj. Roger Chin along with first sergeants from each company, will decide on how the funds will be disbursed. The first sergeants from each company will present to the committee on what they would like a portion of the funds applied to.



courtesy photo

Col. Tom Kane, executive officer, 1st Brigade, 78th Division(TS), is congratulated by Col. (P) Chris Leins, commander, 1st Brigade, 78th Division(TS), upon his retirement from the United States Army Reserve. Kane retires with more than 29 years of service.



Steve Pelicano, IAP World Services, Inc.

IAP World Services was tasked by Steve Whitmore, Operations Manager for DPW, to fabricate the sign for the new Joint Readiness Center (JRC) at Fort Dix. The sign was designed with individual bronze letters to be mounted on a painted metal background. The letters arrived coated with a dark bronze finish, so the IAP carpentry team sandblasted off the dark finish to make the letters brighter. Through great teamwork and long hours, the sign installation was completed in time for the dedication of the renovated JRC building. Pictured are, from left, Bob Siery, Rick Davis, Stan Chapin, Steve Whitmore, Mark Bowman, Rich Woolf, Roger Molnar, Joe Nicholl, Keith Margerum, Patrick Boyle, Vince Corvino, Tom Gussler, and Chris Mercer.

Announcements



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

Friday, March 30 @ 7:30 p.m.
Norbit - Eddie Murphy, Thandie Newton - Mild-mannered Norbit has always had it rough, since the day he was left abandoned at a combination Chinese restaurant and orphanage. Recently forced to marry the shrewish glutton Rasputia, he is at wit's end. Then his childhood sweetheart, Kate, moves back to town, and he tries to figure out a way back to his true love. **MPAA Rating: PG-13** Run Time: 102 minutes.

Saturday, March 31 @ 7:30 p.m.
Bridge to Terabithia - Josh Hutcherson, Anna-Sophia Robb - The life of adolescent Jesse changes when he befriends Leslie, the class outsider. The children create an imaginary world called Terabithia, which is inhabited by all manner of magical creatures. Though difficulties fill their ordinary lives, Jess and Leslie rule as king and queen in Terabithia. Soon one of the friends must draw on the strength of their imaginary kingdom to cope with a terrible tragedy. Based on the Newbery Medal-winning novel by Katherine Paterson. **MPAA Rating: PG** Run Time: 95 minutes.

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, 11:30 a.m.

Christian Women of the Chapel hold a **Bible Study** - Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. to noon

Christian Men of the Chapel hold a **Prayer Breakfast** - Fourth Saturday of each month, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Youth of the Chapel
Every second and fourth Tuesday - 7:00 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Jewish Services
Contact the Chapel for dates and time

Lenten and Holy Week Activities

Stations of the Cross - March 30 - 6 p.m.
Holy Thursday - April 5 - Washing of the Feet - 6 p.m.
Good Friday - April 6 - Catholic Mass - 6 p.m.

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.

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 breast-feed 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

APRIL PREVENTION MONTH ACTIVITIES

*Child Abuse Prevention
Month of the Military Child
Sexual Assault Awareness Month
"Stand-up Against Sexual Assault"
Alcohol Awareness Month*

April 2:

* Signing of Proclamation (10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.) - Fort Dix Child Development Center - Building #5523

* Tree House Club for Boys- Understanding Emotions (2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.) - 305th Services Library, McGuire

April 4:

* Sexual Assault Awareness Information Booth (11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.) - PX

April 7:

* EFMP Easter Egg Hunt (11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.) - Army Community Service, Bldg. #5201

April 9:

* Helping Kids with War & Trauma (5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.), 305th Services Library, McGuire

April 10:

* Prevent Child Abuse Unity Walk/Run (noon to 1 p.m.) - Griffith Field House

April 11:

* Family Fun Fest (10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.) - Fort Dix Youth Center-Building #1279

April 12:

* Emotions-Anger, Parents Going Away (10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.) - Story time at 305th Services Library, McGuire

April 13:

* Peace a Learned Solution (PALS)- 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Army Community Service, Bldg. #5201

* Month of the Military Child & Child Abuse Prevention Information Booths (11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.) - PX

**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 2-12 year old
March 29

McGuire Library
6 - 8 p.m.
registration required

For information and registration call 754-9680

Family Advocacy
562-5200
Chaplain
562-2020

American Red Cross
562-2258

Army Emergency Relief
562-2767

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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

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.

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.

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

MILITARY MATTERS

Air Force chaplains go green during Improvised Explosive Device training

Wayne Cook
Public Affairs Staff

Range 86, the Improvised Explosives Device (IED) training lane, was heavy with activity March 23. Forecasted rain could not keep 25 members of the Air Force chaplaincy corps from their objective – to become familiar with IEDs and the procedures to identify and react to them properly.

Chap. (Col.) Joseph Conn, brigade chaplain, 72nd Field Artillery Brigade, coordinated with Chap. (Col.) Brian Van Sickle, command chaplain, Air Mobility Command/Transportation Command, Scott A.F.B., Ill., and Chap. (Lt. Col.) John Ditter, Air Mobility Warfare Center, to bring 19 chaplains and six chaplain assistants to Fort Dix to utilize some of the unique training facilities available on the installation.

Service for a chaplain, while in the field, is no longer dictated by his or her own service branches, but by the mission in his or her area of responsibility. Naval chaplains are no longer limited to service onboard ships, but may find themselves serving at an air base; an Air Force chaplain might find him or herself serving at an Army camp, and an Army chaplain could find him or herself serving at a sea port. The barriers have been removed and spiritual service is seen as standard throughout the military.

Air Force chaplains find



Ryan Morton

ABCs OF IEDs – Air Force chaplains and chaplain assistants take part in an Improvised Explosive Device exercise at Range 86 March 23 under the guidance of Soldiers from 2/309th Training Support Battalion, 72nd Field Artillery Brigade.

themselves in a position to be much closer to the combat arena than ever before. Because of this, the chaplains and their chaplain assistants need to be brought up to par, as a whole, with their Army counterparts, most of who have seen combat or served in the combat arena, at least once during the Global War on Terrorism. This was the driving force behind Conn's invitation to the Air Force.

The Airmen spent two days being trained and familiarized by members of the 2/309th Training Support Battalion, 72nd Field Artillery Brigade, on IEDs out at the range.

The first day was classroom

familiarization, while the second day was spent involved in practical exercises. Soldiers from the 2/309th demonstrated proper patrol techniques and taught the chaplain assistants how to guard over and protect their chaplains. They also taught hand signals and attack response postures to the Airmen.

Throughout the exercise, the Airmen were kept on their guard by the frequent and unannounced explosions of pyrotechnic training devices. By the time the exercise had ended, the Airmen had gained a new understanding of what their counterparts have been enduring overseas.

"The training was great. It

gives us an orientation to be able to move and maneuver our way out of a bad situation if we end up in one. It also helps us see what our sister service members are going through in the AOR. I was in Baghdad in 2005. I have great admiration for our Soldiers, Marines, Airmen and Sailors who are on patrol," explained Chap. (Lt. Col.) Ron Harvell, wing chaplain, 436th Air Wing, Dover Air Force Base, Del.

"The training was very helpful and informative. It will help me on my mission when I go to Bagram, Afghanistan. It will help my chaplain when I serve him," said Staff Sgt. Katrina LaBlanc, chaplain assistant, 62nd Air Wing, McChord Air Force Base, Wash.

"I'm glad the training was received as well as it was. Our intention was to provide familiarization to the Air Force personnel on proper procedures and identification of IEDs and the response to them. We also want the chaplain assistants to realize what it is going to take to protect their chaplain and to keep him or her alive," said Conn.

Bullets

Military Intelligence Association to offer undergrad scholarships

● **FORT HUACHUCA, Ariz.** – *Any News Service, March 26, 2007* – The Military Intelligence Corps Association is accepting applications through May 15 for undergraduate scholarships for family members of active-duty, reserve-component and retired Soldiers who are MICA members.

Scholarships may be used for attendance at regionally accredited colleges, universities or state-approved vocational schools. Applicants must be pursuing their first undergraduate degree or a technical certificate. Applicants must also be accepted by an institution of higher education.

Previous MICA Scholarship recipients may compete for subsequent scholarships.

Eligible applicants must be a military intelligence Soldier or the family member of an MI Soldier who is serving in the active or reserve component, or who is a retired MI Soldier. Family members are considered spouse, children, or immediate relative living with or supported by the qualifying Soldier.

For instructions and application forms go to www.micacorp.org, or contact the MICA scholarship committee at: Office of the Chief, Military Intelligence (OCMI) Attn: MICA Scholarship Committee, 110 Rhea Street, Fort Huachuca, AZ 85613-7080.

Grantham University offers scholarships for wounded service members, families

● **Grantham University** is proud to offer a 2007 Military Severely Injured Scholarship Program that will provide four-year scholarships to:

• Any U.S. service member in any branch of the United States military who has received a "Rating Decision" memo of 20-percent disability or higher from the Veterans Administration and has been retired or medically discharged from active military duty as a result of being wounded in Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom. The 2007 Military Severely Injured Scholarship includes tuition and fees. Required textbooks and software are at an additional cost.

Grantham University recognizes the sacrifices of the families of these individuals and is offering 2007 Military Severely Injured Family Scholarships to:

• Spouses and adult children of severely injured service members, as described above.

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Army Community Service (ACS)

562-2767

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

Hours of Operation:

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

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



Ryan Morton

Accessibility of care

Charlie Company employees check out an ambulance assigned to them from the Troop Motor Pool. This ambulance is unique because it has wheelchair accessibility to help transport disabled veterans from the installation's medical-holdover unit to medical appointments at Walter Reed Medical Center, West Point Hospital, and other VA hospitals and facilities. This is important because this is currently the only ambulance on Fort Dix with these capabilities.

Availability of a Draft Environmental Assessment and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact for the Proposed Construction of a Combined Vehicle Maintenance Facility at Fort Dix Installation, Fort Dix, Burlington and Ocean Counties, New Jersey

Pursuant to the regulations for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (Public Law 91-190), the U.S. Army has conducted an Environmental Assessment (EA) of the potential environmental, human health, and socioeconomic effects associated with the Proposed Action of constructing a regional joint use, combined vehicle maintenance facility with a mobilization and training equipment site within the 8400 Area of the Fort Dix installation. The Fort Dix installation is located in Burlington and Ocean Counties, New Jersey, and is approximately 17 miles southeast of Trenton, New Jersey. The Draft EA and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) documents that there has been a conscious identification and evaluation of the alternatives to the Proposed Action and that the Proposed Action will have no significant environmental impact.

The U.S. Army invites the public to review and comment on the Draft EA and the Draft FONSI for the Proposed Action. The Draft EA and Draft FONSI are available for review and comment for 30 days, from March 30 through April 28 at the locations listed below:

- * Burlington County Headquarters Library, 5 Pioneer Blvd, Westhampton, NJ 08060 -- 267-9660
- * Pemberton Community Library, 16 Broadway, Brown Mills, NJ 08015 -- 893-8262
- * Ocean County Headquarters Library, 101 Washington Street, Toms River, NJ 08753 (732) 349-6200

Written comments should be submitted to arrive no later than April 29 to the following address: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, P.O. Box 59, ATTN: CELRL-ED-EC (Clifford Opdyke), Louisville, KY 40201-0059, electronic mail: clifford.a.opdyke@lr102.usace.army.mil

Fight to the finish in championship game

Ed Mingin
Public Affairs Staff

"You can never tell who will win," said Intramural Sports Director Chris O'Donnell. "With these two teams it usually comes down to who has the ball last."

O'Donnell's observation was accurate in the final basketball game for the post championship last Thursday, March 22. As O'Donnell predicted, the game went down to the final seconds, with the Wildcats grabbing a 64-61 victory to become champions. "I thought it would be close. Every time I saw them play during the season it went down to the last minute. You couldn't tell who was going to win," he said.

The two teams had met several times this season. During regular season action, TLC was unbeatable. They plowed over everyone they played, including the Wildcats.

In the Postseason Tournament, TLC went all the way to the final bracket without a loss.

The Wildcats suffered only one loss during the tournament - against TLC.

Destiny would play a hand bringing the two teams together again, as the Wildcats fought their way through the loser bracket to reach the championship game.

TLC held a slight advantage in the double-loss competition. The Wildcats already had one loss. If TLC grabbed the victory when the two teams met March 21, they would take home the championship.

The Wildcats came out fired up in that first game. Whether it was desperation or determination, they jumped to an early lead, leading at one point by 20 points. TLC fought back and closed to within eight points, but couldn't overcome the difference.

Though TLC lost that game 50-42, they would have another shot at the championship the very next night.

Everyone knew the final game was going to be exciting. Fort Dix's two powerhouse

teams were going to face off in a winner-takes-all competition. It was simple math; win and you are champ, lose and there is no second chance.

Right from the start it was clear that these two teams were serious about victory. Battling back and forth, a victor wouldn't be clear until the final buzzer. With seconds left on the game clock, TLC trailed by three points. But as O'Donnell stated earlier, games between these two teams usually come down to who has the ball last.

"TLC had the last shot. They got the ball with 15 seconds left to play. With about 3 seconds left, they went for a 3-point shot, which would have tied the game," explained O'Donnell. "The ball hit the rim, hit the rim again, then bounced out, giving the Wildcats the win."

The Wildcats represented Fort Dix March 29, when they challenged the champions from the McGuire league.

Look in next week's paper to see who won the Army vs. Air Force competition.



Ed Mingin

UP FOR GRABS -- The season championship came down to the final seconds between TLC and the Wildcats. From the tip off between Troy Turner, left, and Berto Hooker, the two teams battled nonstop until the final shot.

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.

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.

Fishing Fun

Outdoor Recreation will be holding their Kiddie Trout Fishing Contest April 7.

The event kicks off at 8 a.m. and runs until 10 a.m.
The contest is open to kids 13 and under. For more information call 562-6667.

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.

Horseback Riding

Starting April 21, horseback riding will be available through Outdoor Rec. Cost is \$35 dollars. Riding dates are April 21, May 12, June 2, July 21, Sept. 8 and Sept. 22.
Call Outdoor Rec. at 562-2727 for more information.

Canoe & Kayak Trips

Get outside and enjoy the spring weather with a canoe trip with Outdoor Rec.

May 26-27

Canoe/Kayak & camp trip.
Cost: \$45

June 9

Canoe/Kayak
Cost: \$25

June 10

Canoe/Kayak
Cost: \$25

July 14-15

Canoe/Kayak & camp trip.
Cost: \$45

Sept. 15

Canoe/Kayak
Cost: \$25

For more information about Canoe & Kayak trips, call Outdoor Recreation at 562-2727.

Skydiving Escapade

Let your adventurous side take over with a skydiving trip with Outdoor Rec.

There are three trips planned: May 19, Aug. 25, and Sept. 29.

Call Outdoor Recreation at 562-2727 or 562-6667 for more information.

Players visit Hall of Fame

Fort Dix 11- to 12-year-old Bobcats basketball team recently visited the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame this past Saturday, March 24, at Springfield Mass.

Sixteen players and parents departed Saturday morning for the four-hour drive to get a chance to see the state-of-the-art museum that features exhibits, memorabilia, interactive video monitors, a movie theater and galleries.

"The Players Gallery was one of the most exciting moments of my life," said Bobcats' center Tizzy Hoggs. "I got the opportunity to play virtual hoops against some of the best NBA and WNBA players."

The kids also had a chance to shop at the Hall of Fame gift

shop and the Adidas Sport Shop that displays all NBA jerseys and select sneakers.

Coach's Corner

Robert Williams

"I was amazed to see some of the players and coaches on the Honor Rings of Interactive Timeline of Enshrines from Dr. James Nesmith to the present," said

Tenisha Robinson, a Bobcat guard.

The players took a long-deserved lunch break at McDonald's after three hours of visiting the Hall. Still, they had time to go to center court and participate

in basketball games such as "knock out," where you shoot the ball until you are eliminated by your opponents.

As coach of the Bobcats, I really enjoyed the Coaches and Teams Gallery, which is a locker room setting that allows visitors a look through the coach's play-book.

As we were departing for home, Carlin Simpson, a Bobcat forward said, "Coach, maybe one day my name will be in there."

I told him if his mind can conceive it, he can achieve it. All the players told me it was a great trip. Some said they plan to go back because it was so much to do and they did not have enough time to do everything they wanted to do.

PREVENT CHILD ABUSE



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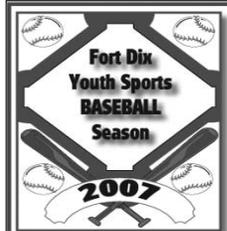
APRIL 10, 2007
1200-1300

Walk/Run begins at Griffith Field House
Runners report at 11:45 am



*T-shirts given to the first 25 finishers of both 3.1 miles (5K) and 1.5 miles (5K).
*Strollers are welcome! No Bikes.

For more information contact:
ACS, 562-2767



ATTENTION: Players, Parents and Coaches IT'S BASEBALL SEASON!!!

Enrollment Dates: 1 March 2007-13 April 2007

WHO: Family members of Active Duty, Retired Military, Government Contractors, and DoD Civilian Employees.

WHERE: Child & Youth Services (CYS) Central Enrollment Registry Office Building 5203 Maryland Ave. Fort Dix, NJ

REGISTRATION INFORMATION
Sports Fee: \$50.00 for age groups A-E.
No refunds of sports fees after registration.
CYS Annual Registration required, which is good for one full year.
Individual child \$18.00 per year.
Family more than 2 children \$40.00 per year.
PHYSICALS
Must show proof of sports physical for current year.
Physicals MUST list the sports your child can play.

AGE GROUPS
A: Ages 3-4 for TINY TOT'S TEEBALL
B: Ages 5-6 for TEEBALL
C: Ages 7-8 for ROOKIES
D: Ages 9-10 for MINOR LEAGUE
E: Ages 11-12 for MAJOR LEAGUE
F: Ages 13-15 will be placed on a waiting list until a team can be formed or you can register with the Pemberton Babe Ruth League (ages are based on a 1 May 2007 cut-off)
*Age documentation required.

Practice begins 2 April 2007.