

# the Post

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## NEWSNOTES

### Days of Remembrance coming to Main Chapel

The Fort Dix Holocaust Remembrance Committee presents a Fort Dix Observance of the Days of Remembrance: Victims of the Holocaust at the Main Chapel April 17 at 3 p.m.

The theme of this year's observance is Children in Crisis: Voices from the Holocaust. The guest speaker will be Charles Middleberg, a hidden child survivor of the Holocaust.

No tickets are necessary. For more information, call Leonard M. Burger at 871-0980 or Rod Martell at 562-2186.



Pascual Flores

### Funny face

Derek Pruitt, 7, proudly shows off his ferocious face paint during the Family Fun Fest at the Fort Dix Youth Center April 11. Fore more photos, see page 5.

### Fort Dix Retiree Council to host luncheon

A luncheon will be sponsored by the Fort Dix Retiree Council for retirees and their guests 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 Sgt. Maj. Norman Palotto, 15 East Central Avenue, Moorestown, New Jersey, 08057, no later than April 25.

## WEATHER

**FRIDAY:** Partly cloudy with a high near 54 degrees. Mostly clear overnight with a low around 36 degrees.

**SATURDAY:** Mostly sunny with a high near 54. Partly cloudy overnight with a chance of showers. Low will be near 42 degrees.

**SUNDAY:** Rain likely during the day with a high near 60. Mostly cloudy overnight with a low around 42 degrees.

**MONDAY:** Cloudy with a chance of showers, high near 57 degrees. Mostly cloudy overnight with a low around 40 degrees.

**TUESDAY:** Mostly cloudy, with a high near 57 degrees and low of 41.

**WEDNESDAY:** Partly sunny with a high near 61 degrees. Clear overnight with a low around 42 degrees.

## Airmen put 'boots on the ground'



Ryan Morton

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Public Affairs Staff

In today's military, there is no job immune from seeing combat, or being trained and ready should the need arise. In today's world, with the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT) in full swing, it seems every Soldier, Sailor, Airman, and Marine needs to be skilled and ready to cross train in all matters and endeavors pertaining to battle.

Fort Dix is long known for being an installation specializing in mobilization matters, as it has mobilized more than 97,000 Soldiers since Sept. 11, 2001.

This post trains more than just Soldiers to go into harm's way. Dix civilian and military personnel train Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen as the military needs and is calling all services to put boots on the ground in the global cause.

Nowadays, everyone wearing a military uniform needs to be multi-skilled and battle-ready to handle all types of missions and scenarios.

The United States Air Force, Detachment 1, Group A, is one such unit.

They are currently training on the installation for an upcoming deployment in support of GWOT operations.

Airmen took part in Improvised Explosive

**GROUNDNED** -- Observer Controller/Trainer Sgt. Hayward Murray, 2/309th Regiment, 72nd Field Artillery Brigade, far left, administers IED training at Range 86 to Senior Airman Alanna Jolley.

## Casey becomes 36th Army chief of staff



J.D. Leipold

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Army News Service

**FORT MYER, Va., April 10, 2007** - Gen. George W. Casey Jr. today became the 36th chief of staff of the Army, assuming the position from Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker.

Casey was the first commander of the Multi-National Force-Iraq, a coalition of more than 30 countries, until February. He had served as Schoomaker's vice chief of staff before deploying to Iraq in 2003 to assume command of the coalition.

Guest speakers at the ceremony included Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates and Acting Secretary of the Army Pete Geren, both of whom praised Schoomaker for his accomplishments and the positive changes he made to the Army after being called from retirement in 2003 to assume the top uniformed Army position.

Geren, who hosted the ceremony, called Schoomaker a great teacher and Soldier, and honored him for nearly four decades of active service characterized by sacrifice, courage and devotion to

duty.

"It's been a privilege to work alongside this extraordinary leader, this great teacher, a man who has given so much for his country and the Army he loves," Geren said. "Pete Schoomaker is a patriot, a man who has always put the country first and always answered the call to duty."

Gates also expressed his gratitude to Schoomaker, thanking him for his vision and leadership.

"Challenging times require extraordinary vision and leadership, and Pete has shown both those qualities," Gates said. "He has entirely changed the manner in which our Army is trained, deployed and organized."

In his parting words, Schoomaker reaffirmed that today's Soldiers are still the Army's greatest strength, because war will continue to be fought in the human dimension.

"While technology has changed our Army, there can be little doubt that when you look into the eyes of our warriors today, as I have in the last four years, I see the same patriotism that George Washington must have seen at Valley Forge," Schoomaker said.

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**INCOMING** -- Gen. George W. Casey Jr. became the 36th chief of staff of the Army April 10 at Fort Myer, Va. Casey took the reins from Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker.

## Dixmail update to make use of AKO accounts

Maintaining and upgrading your computer is a challenge for even the most diligent user. Now imagine having to upgrade hundreds, or thousands of computers. That's the project now faced by the Directorate of Information Management (DOIM) office, as they upgrade all Fort Dix computers to a new mail system beginning May 1.

"The Army has mandated that we migrate from Exchange 5.5. We are no longer permitted by the Army to utilize that email system. We have to upgrade from Exchange 5.5 to Exchange 2003," said Evelyn Stefula, chief of Plans and Business Operations at DOIM.

The upgrade will affect all computer users that have a mailbox with a dix.army.mil e-mail address. DOIM has been testing the process of moving the mailboxes to the new mail server in the North America East Enterprise. As DOIM makes the move to Exchange 2003, user's mailboxes will be transferred to the new server.

"With this migration, all e-mail will first be routed to the individual's Army Knowledge Online (AKO) address and then forwarded to the individual's dix.army.mil account. To ensure your e-mail is delivered to your dix.army.mil account, you will need to log onto AKO and have your AKO account forward your mail to your dix.army.mil account," said Ed McGee, DOIM network manager.

For those individuals who do not want to have their mail forwarded to their dix.army.mil account, they will need to check their AKO e-mail account.

To help with the migration process, users are encouraged to go through their e-mail and delete old e-mails.

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## Fighting future fires

Firefighter Howard McGoldrick, Station Two, Fort Dix Fire Department, touches off a controlled burn at Range 6. March and April are the scheduled months for clearing undergrowth and brush before the drought season begins. The Fire Department, in conjunction with the Fort Dix Resource Protection Office, will conduct the controlled burns in order to alleviate the chances of forest fires catching throughout the summer months.

photos by Wayne Cook



# Spring chill fails to stifle spirits in Burlington County

**photo-essay**

Steve Snyder  
Public Affairs Staff

Farewell to the lion of winter and may the nymphs of spring cavort till their hearts' content.

Like virtually everyone else in the Pinelands, I'm sick of the dull, chill, grey, monotony imposed by winter's receding solstice. And at press time Thursday, a bitter rain pounded Fort Dix without let-up. Spring, so far, has been a mess. It's been too chilly to live up to romantic accolades often ascribed as the season's virtues.

But despair not. Accompanying photos illustrate what better weather holds in store. Burlington County is still God's country, pilgrim. Apollonian rays are on their way.



file photo by Steve Snyder

**VIVA VINO** — Attendants pour wine at a festival at Valenzano's Winery which lies off Route 206 near Shamong, south of Fort Dix. In addition to festivals, wine tastings are a common occurrence at Valenzano's, which offers consumers some vintage blends at reasonable prices. Bands invariably accompany festivals there, giving an aura of bacchanalian license to otherwise innocent imbibitions. Our cups runneth over.



**PRISTINE WATERS** — Pines shroud the edges of Mirror Lake in Browns Mills, conjuring up images of upcoming fun in summer waters.



**BIKERS TUNE UP** — What looks like a bicycling club takes some turns in a brisk breeze near Route 70 at Medford recently.



**COUNTRY CHARM** — A habitué of the hip, the Chesterfield Inn can trace its lineage back to 1710. Although it's been modernized several times since then the venerable tavern retains a rustic charm which, combined with fine food and heady brews, packs in perspicacious patrons. Mike Lipman's establishment is located straight north of Wrightstown on the Sykesville Road until you reach Route 528 where a left turn and another mile lead to the entrance.



Steve Snyder

**COUNTRY ROADS** — Nature's bounty has smiled upon Burlington County, home of Fort Dix and at 827 square miles the largest county in the state. Plentiful Pine forests, mostly located in the famous Pinelands National Reserve, along with numerous streams, lakes and trails satisfy even the most ravenous appetites for fishing, swimming, hiking or simply sight-seeing.



**FREEDOM FIGHTER** — A statue of Tom Paine, America's propagandist for freedom, graces a park in Bordentown near where Paine lived prior to the American Revolution. Red Cross founder Clara Barton and writer James Fenimore Cooper also lived in Burlington County for a time while Gen. George Washington's troops fought across county terrain during the Revolutionary War.



file photo by Steve Snyder

**INDIAN LORE** — Aztec dancers take part in a semi-annual American Indian festival held at the Rankokus Indian Reservation in Westhampton near Mount Holly. Aside from festivals, local descendants of the Powhatan Renape Nation maintain reservation grounds which include a modest but authentic art gallery in a museum dedicated to preserving a precious heritage handed down by the original Americans. Interested parties can call (609) 261-4747 to check visiting hours or tap into their website at <http://www.powhatan.org/museum.html>



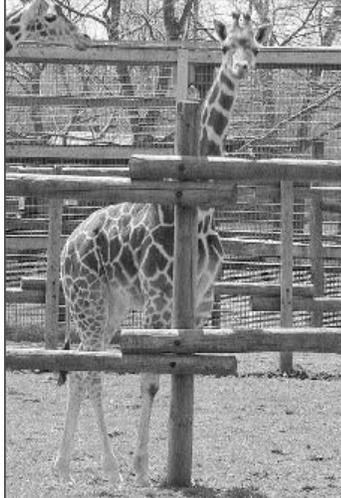
file photo by Steve Snyder

**DOWN BY THE OLD MILL STREAM** — Kirby's Mill or gristmill in Medford was opened in 1778 and operated, with modifications, until 1961. This slice of Americana was declared a state historical site 10 years later.



file photo by Steve Snyder

**THAR SHE BLOWS!** — Avast, me hearties. Whaling lore, pirate tales, shipbuilding skills, and life by and at the sea are themes explored in fascinating detail at the Tuckerton (see map) Seaport Museum, a recreated maritime village on a 40-acre site containing exhibits and displays designed to dazzle anyone interested in traditions as salty as boatbuilding, decoy carving, clamming, oystering, gunning, shipwrecks, lighthouses and their ilk. It's easy to get there, just go out past Browns Mills to Route 70, proceeding east until you hit Route 539 and shoot straight south until running smack dab into Tuckerton, staying on 539 until you touch the front of the museum lighthouse.



**LONG NECK** — A giraffe is only one of several interesting animals residing at the Animal Kingdom, a combination pet store/zoo located on Jacksonville Road just east of Route 206. Zebras also roam the premises. The zoo is closed Mondays.



**COLONIAL IRON** — Historic Batsto Village contains remnants from our nation's beginnings, including a sawmill, above. During the American Revolution, John Cox supplied the Continental Army with cannons, cannonballs and other weapons of war made in Batsto, one of the foundries of our country's freedom. Today, about 40 buildings commemorate the colonial era at the official state historic site.



**MAKING TRACKS** — Newcomers to the area could do worse than to take a trip on New Jersey's RiverLINE which runs from Trenton to Camden for a minimal fee of \$1.25 per passenger. The Light Rail system doesn't cover the most scenic route but can't be beat for price and convenience. Florence and Bordentown are the closest stops to Fort Dix.

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**HORSE SENSE** — Horses are plentiful in Burlington County as any drive through the country will attest.

# Airmen training

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Device, or IED, training at Range 86. On this course, military personnel learn how to find, detect and avoid setting off IEDs. It is a different type of situation for these Airmen because they normally do not perform these kinds of missions.

They are a unit made up of about 50 Airmen from 34 different Air Bases throughout the world including Ramstein AB in Germany, Lackland AFB in Texas, and Peterson AFB in Colorado. They are training for an Army support mission and will leave in late April. For most of these Airmen, training with the Army is very new territory.

"Some have worked in a joint environment before, but for some this is very new. Having to learn the Army's crawl, walk, and run is quite a shock, really just getting used to the Army's mentality, the way they do things, and terminologies," Senior Master Sgt. Kurt Koenig, USAF Det. 1, Group A's first sergeant, said.

"We tell our people to maintain patience. They're extremely motivated and really want to learn," Koenig said.

It is a crew comprised of many different job specialties such as satellite operators, communications systems specialists, and transportation management officials, among others.

According to Koenig, these Airmen have had their initial growing pains, but have really come together and meshed quite well.

"Right now we're running on



Ryan Morton

**BEAT OF A DIFFERENT DRUMMER -- Fifty Airmen from Detachment 1, Group A, undergo Improvised Explosive Device training at Range 86.**

seven-and-a-half cylinders, and are about to reach eight. I feel extremely confident with how things are going. They're really doing an outstanding job. We're getting there. We're doing very well," Koenig said.

The other thing that has been a challenge for these Airmen is the intensity of Army training.

"It's been quite a transition to make with the long and physically intense training days. That's been a huge challenge, but this crew has responded extremely well." Maj. Jose Aleman, USAF Det. 1, Group A's troop commander, said.

This is going to be a six-month deployment rotation with many of these Airmen serving as volunteers for the assignment.

"This is something I really wanted to do. I volunteered because I wanted the experience and so far it's been good. I really like the training here at Dix. It's a lot more than I thought I was going to get. It's been very intense and it's been great having things like the language training and hand-to-hand combatives training, which was a lot of fun," Senior Airman Alanna Jolley

said. Jolley is stationed at Ramstein AB in Germany and has trained at Dix before, but this is far more intense and different than the instruction she received previously.

"The intensity is nice because everyone gets to be an active participant. This is really the best military training I've ever received and the trainers here have really gone above and beyond setting up realistic scenarios. When the time comes for us to use our training, we'll be ready," she said.

## New Army chief of staff

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"I have looked into the eyes of today's warriors and I am proud to report they continue to exceed every expectation for courage, dedication and selfless service - they are the heart of all we do, they are our future, and they demonstrate strength, compassion and warrior ethos," he continued.

Casey spoke last and thanked both secretaries, the president, Congress and Schoomaker for their faith in his abilities to lead the Army.

"I'm proud to be taking charge of an Army that's regarded as the best in the world at what it does," he said. "I have watched the men and women of our Army in action in the most

demanding combat environment. I take great pride in the courage, the confidence and the commitment of our Soldiers and civilians to both the ideals that have made this country great and to making a difference in our world. They epitomize what is best about America."

"They and their families carry heavy burdens in today's

war with a hard road ahead, yet their willingness to sacrifice to build a better future for others and to preserve our way of life is a great strength for our nation," he said. "We are Army Strong and I could not be more proud today to be a Soldier and to stand shoulder-to-shoulder during this time of danger and uncertainty."

## Dixmail upgrade, AKO

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"Everyone is supposed to have a 100-megabyte limit for their mailbox. On April 13, we are going to lock down the mailboxes to 100 megabytes," said Stefula. "It's twofold - the less mail in your mailbox, the less time it takes to migrate. It's key that everyone removes junk in their mailbox."

Even if your mailbox is below the 100-megabyte limit, some things like signed and encrypted e-mail will not transfer.

"You will have to manually save all e-mails that are digitally signed or encrypted, or they'll be lost," explained Reade Edmondson, DOIM Enterprise Operations Division chief. It is recommended that signed and encrypted e-mails be placed in a .pst file on your hard drive for the migration.

After the migration the signed and encrypted e-mails can be moved back into the user's mailbox.

"With the migration to Exchange 2003, there are some things the user will lose during the migration. When you pull down the global address book, all that will change," said Stefula. "You will lose your rules and your filters - like spam filters."

Also, group calendars will not be available on Exchange 2003.

"The group calendar is going away; DOIM will provide a group calendar through Fort Dix's Sharepoint Portal. For those individuals needing training on Sharepoint Portal, the user should contact their respective information management officer (IMO) to place a Remedy ticket for training. Arlene Clayton, the Sharepoint Portal

Administrator, will provide the needed training," said Stefula.

In a perfect world, the migration would go off without a hitch, but nothing is perfect in the world of computers and users are advised to backup their mail folder. An e-mail was sent to Fort Dix users April 3 by Ed McGee explaining how to backup your e-mail files. Information was included about how to forward e-mail from your AKO account to your Dix e-mail address.

"Once Fort Dix's migration is completed, the dix.army.mil address will not be broadcasted to the world. All mail sent directly to that dix.army.mil account will never be delivered. Also, your e-mail address will change from dix.army.mil to us.army.mil," said McGee.

### Volunteers are needed

for

### Fort Dix Special Observances Committees

Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday  
Black History Month  
Women's History Month  
Holocaust Remembrance Day  
Asian Pacific Heritage Month  
Women's Equality Day  
Hispanic Heritage Month  
Native American Heritage Month

For more information call  
Denise Horton at 562-4011

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Residential Refuse Collection  
Mondays:  
McGuire AFB, 3800s and 3900s  
Tuesdays:  
All of Fort Dix, including Quarters 201, 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!

# Liberty Bells honor ex-Prisoners of War

Jennifer M. McCarthy  
Public Affairs Staff

With the patriotic sounds of *God Bless America* played by a brass quartet and a stiff breeze to unfurl the colors, members of the Liberty Bell Chapter of ex-Prisoners of War dedicated a memorial to the living and deceased members of their chapter April 10 at the Prisoner of War Memorial Grove located across from the Department of Defense Police Station on 8th Street.

"It is a shame so many members have gone on before they had a chance to see this," said chapter commander Cay Burns.

The keynote speaker for the event was Lt. Col. Andrew Burns, commander, 1079th Garrison Support Unit.

"Americans who become prisoners of war rarely have received their just rewards from the American public. We are a society built on adulation for the winner, scorn for the loser. We often draw the line hastily. Winners are the ones who fought to the end of the war. When peace was declared, they still had a weapon in their hands. But what about those who waged a different kind of war? Those who died for months or years, starving off hunger and hopelessness? Their combat experiences were different but every bit as trying," said Burns in his speech.

Burns noted that the ceremony took place 65 years and one day following the Americans' surrender to the Japanese at Bataan in the Philippines. He reminded those in attendance



**HONORING SACRIFICES** - Lt. Col. Andrew Burns, commander, 1079th Garrison Support Unit, far left, Mary Clarke, chapter chaplain, center, and Cay Burns, commander, Liberty Bell Chapter of the Ex-Prisoners of War, unveil the plaque dedicated to the memory of chapter members living and deceased at a ceremony held April 10 at the POW/MIA Grove on 8th Street.

photos by Pascual Flores



that what followed was one of the most infamously brutal acts of the war, the Bataan Death March. During the march, more than 75,000 American and Filipino prisoners of war were forced to march more than 60 miles under inhumane conditions.

"It is imperative we remember our POWs and missing in war," Burns continued.

Also making brief speeches were Frank Koehler, national

director, and Candace Mueller, public policy director for Rep. Chris Smith, who read a letter from the congressman in which he vowed that, "Our Veterans cannot nor will not be forgotten."

James Cauley, Bucks County commissioner, who grew up with "Uncle Bill" Booth, for whom one of the trees in the grove is planted, recalled that the former POW, "never really talked about it."

Yvonne Walsh, POW coordi-

nator for Philadelphia, noted the "honor, hard work, sweat and tears needed to achieve this dedication."

Fred Johnson, POW advisory director for Philadelphia, also offered congratulations on the dedication of the memorial.

Dan Frawley, Bucks County director of Veterans Affairs, noted that he observed that "Prisoners of War say the Pledge of Allegiance louder."

Patrick Flynn, aide to Rep.

Patrick Murphy, read a letter from the congressman and presented Burns with a flag flown over the capital. Liberty Bell Chaplain Mary Clarke gave the invocation and benediction.

The memorial has been in the making since 1986. Burns chose to locate the grove at Fort Dix since it was her late husband's last post before deploying overseas, and "so I can check on it each time I come to the clinic."

"This special occasion will be long remembered," said Burns who offered thanks to everyone who made the memorial possible. "Remember that ex-POWs are a special group. Keep them in your heart," she concluded.

## Training, equipment key for Reserve force

Donna Miles  
American Forces Press Service

**WASHINGTON, April 11, 2007** - Today's citizen-Soldiers, -Sailors, -Airmen and -Marines are committed to serving the country, but they need the manpower, training and equipment required to carry out their missions, their chiefs told Congress today.

The top officers in the Army Reserve, Naval Reserve, Air Force Reserve and Marine Forces Reserve urged the Senate Appropriations Defense Subcommittee to support the reserve budget requests to maintain viable reserve forces.

Lt. Gen. Jack Stultz, the Army Reserve chief, noted his force's 22,000 Soldiers are deployed in Iraq, Afghanistan and 18 other countries worldwide. That's in addition to about 7,500 Army Reserve Soldiers mobilized stateside in support of the Global War on Terrorism, he said.

Despite equipment shortages within the force, no troops go to war without the proper equipment and training they need, Stultz assured the senators.

What suffers, he said, is stateside training. Too many troops

are forced to train with old equipment unlike what they'll use during their deployments.

In terms of manpower, the Army Reserve is experiencing a reversal of past trends, Stultz told the senators. In the past, the active Army provided a pipeline for Army Reserve units. Now, Army Reserve Soldiers are increasingly joining the active Army. That's a positive phenomenon for the Army, he said, but backfires for the Reserve in terms of readiness. Army recruits, he said.

Lt. Gen. John Bradley, chief of the Air Force Reserve, said the reserve is a vital part of the Air Force that's fully integrated into its operations. Air Force leaders "want us to be involved in every part of every mission the Air Force conducts," he said.

Bradley urged the senators to provide adequate funding for the Air Force Reserve to continue its modernization program so it can continue to build its combat capability.

That funding supports Airmen involved in combat operations, but also has a direct impact on deployed ground forces, he said. "Every dollar helps Soldiers and Marines on the ground in Iraq and Afghanistan every day."



Ryan Morton

## Reaching new heights

The KC-10s and C-17s line up on the runway at McGuire Air Force Base during the "elephant walk" April 6. The exercise is performed as a training measure for the pilots, and to demonstrate to the public the great teamwork the Air Force exhibits.

## Firefighters hone rescue skills, put equipment to test

Wayne Cook  
Public Affairs Staff

Firefighters from the Fort Dix Fire Department moved around an overturned Buick, assessing the situation for safety. The object was to get the victim out safely and quickly. This was not a live event, but a training exercise that tested the skills of the firefighters and introduced them to new tools and equipment that can be used to extricate victims from vehicle accident scenes.

The exercise, conducted by Fire Capt. Lenny Dotson, took place behind Fire Station One on Delaware Avenue April 2.

The firefighters used what are known as Paratech Struts to stabilize the car, which was on its side. The struts are a new addition to the fire/rescue tool inventory and, when utilized properly, secure the vehicle in place in such a manner as to allow the fire and rescue personnel the ability to operate in and around the vehicle without endangering any victims or themselves.

Once the vehicle was secured, the firefighters broke out the Sawzall—an electric straight saw that can be used to cut through metal. Firefighters Roy Rish and Karl Ramm, along with the other firefighters, tackled the automobile's roof with the Sawzalls and proceeded to cut it away from the rest of the vehicle with Dotson pinpointing out the proper cutting points.



Once the roof was removed, the firefighters were able to remove the "victim" from the vehicle.

"Though it takes longer than using the Hurst Jaws of Life, a hydraulic cutting and spreading tool, our firefighters need to know they have other options, like the Sawzall tools, in rescuing techniques and how to utilize them," said Dotson.

"I really appreciate working and training with Capt. Dotson. He has much more experience than most of us here and I have learned so much from him," Ramm said.

"Each set of the Paratech Struts cost \$2,500, but they are worth every penny because they give us the ability to perform rescue operations in a safer environment for the victims and firefighters," said Deputy Fire Chief Tom Tremblula.

**READY FOR ACTION** - Firefighter Carl Ramm, Fort Dix Fire Department, left, uses a sawzall to cut away the roof of an automobile during vehicle extrication training April 2. Also part of the training was to remove the roof of an automobile at a simulated accident scene. The members of the Fire Department respond to vehicle accidents on post, and throughout the surrounding communities when local departments request their assistance.

photos by Wayne Cook



# NEIGHBORHOOD

## THE CORNER

### Earth Day 2007 coming to Laurel Pond Rec Area

Natural Resources will host Earth Day 2007 at the Laurel Pond Rec Area **April 20** from 3 to 8 p.m., and **April 21** from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Highlights include Woodford Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge's live raptor show and the NJ Department of Endangered Non-Game Species Program's presentation "Bald Eagles: Past, Present and Future." Visit [www.fortdixenvironmental.blogspot.com](http://www.fortdixenvironmental.blogspot.com) for more info.

### 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.*

### Installation Chapel to host Bike Blessing

The installation chapel will host its Third Annual Bike Blessing **April 18** at noon. Motorcyclists should meet in the Main Chapel parking lot at 11 a.m. for a tour of Fort Dix and McGuire AFB and lunch at the McGuire NCO Club.

### State Police to host job fair

The New Jersey State Police will host a job fair at Club Dix **April 18** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Be sure to bring your resume and dress appropriately.

### Credit seminar coming to McGuire Family Support

The McGuire AFB Family Support Center will be hosting a Credit Seminar **April 19** from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at the Family Support Center. Registration is required; call 754-3154 or e-mail the class name and date to [fsc@mcguire.af.mil](mailto:fsc@mcguire.af.mil). The FSC is located on 3011 Tuskegee Airmen Avenue and is open to all DoD ID card holders.

### Chapel to host marriage retreat

The installation chapel presents the Strong Bonds Marriage Retreat **April 20-22** at the Doubletree Hotel in Philadelphia. Join them for an all-expenses-paid weekend of relationship building.

Attendance is limited to 23 military couples. Registration forms are available through your unit or at the Main Chapel. Register by calling Sgt. Vikas Urtekar at 562-4275 or sending e-mail to [Vikas.Urtekar@dix.army.mil](mailto:Vikas.Urtekar@dix.army.mil)

### 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.

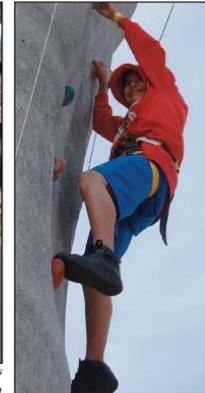
The Fort Dix Thrift Shop will also be open for business so you can do some bargain shopping in there as well. Please note, however, that no consignments will be taken on this day.

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 e-mail Karen Cummings at [KLCJOHN@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto: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.

## Families flock to Dix for Funfest



photos by Pascual Flores

Chum the Shark, the Adventure Aquarium mascot, jumps on the train with families attending the 15th Annual Family Funfest held **April 11** at the post's Youth Center. Leonardo Reyes, 14, upper right, challenges the Rock Climbing Wall during the daylong affair. Mayra Morales, bottom left, introduces her daughter, Ariam, 2, to Geoffrey the Giraffe from Toys R Us. The art of face painting is revealed by Ivy Williams, Allison Dukavas and Lyndsie Cox, below from left. Human Gyro Steven Pineiro, 12, right, puts his stomach to the test on this ride.



## Inhalant drug abuse begins with first hit

Lt. Col. Roger Cotton  
Deputy Installation Commander

As families move around, some kids fall in with the "wrong crowd." A growing danger, especially among our six-to-12 year olds, is the substance abuse of inhalants. Some studies show that 1-in-4 children in the sixth grade have used inhalants and it is considered an introduction to illegal drugs.

Inhalant abuse involves deliberately inhaling common products found in homes, offices, and schools to get high. Kids usually use bags or rags with chemical products and breathe in the contents for a short, intense high. These products include glues, nail polish remover, paint products, correction fluid, hair spray, gasoline, deodorizers, mark-

ers, coolants, lighter fluids, aerosol sprays, whipped cream toppings, and more. Inhalants are the fourth most abused substance after alcohol, tobacco, and marijuana among high school students.

Inhalant abusers are often having trouble in school because of poor grades, many absences, and a general listlessness. Youths who reported an average grade of "D" or below were more than 30 times as likely to have used inhalants during the past year as youths with an average of "A." Other signs may include: paint or stains on body, clothing, rags or bags; red or runny eyes or nose; spots or sores around the mouth; unusual breath odor or chemical odor on clothing; slurred or disoriented speech; drunk, dazed or dizzy appearance; nausea, loss of appetite; anxiety, excitability, irritability, or restlessness; or missing household items. Medical researchers say the highs are so intense and the after effects so low, that these products can result in an addiction as strong as cocaine. What the kids don't realize is that one hit can cause permanent nerve or brain damage, sometimes irreversible damage to the liver, kidneys or bone marrow, or death.

Be awake!  
Talk with your kids early in life about the consequences of their choices. Teach your children about drugs, sex, and morals. Put them in environments, like church, that will provide positive peers with similar values. Get to know your children's friends, in your home. Help them with peer pressure. Keep them accountable for their time and activities. Kids will enjoy their friends,

but they need you.  
Stay involved and keep a dialogue going. Be interested in their lives and give them alternatives to poor choices. A good start is to give them your time, energy, interest and unconditional love! Stay involved and don't give up. Parents have more influence than their friends. Be an engaged parent! Should you find your child unconscious or under the influence of an inhalant, it is an emergency! Call 911.

For questions or concerns, check out [www.inhalant.org](http://www.inhalant.org) or call your poison control center at (800) 222-1222. You can also call the Fort Dix Army Substance Abuse Program at (609) 562-4011. These are good resources, along with programs like D.A.R.E., but none are as good for prevention as good parenting! Kids will enjoy their friends,

## Post Fishing Derby: Hooked on a feeling



photos by Shawn Morris

More than a hundred military families with fishing poles in hand gathered at the Laurel Pond Recreation Area for the installation's annual fishing derby in an attempt to weather the winter-like weather **April 7**. Air Force Master Sgt. George Blackwell, far left, of the Combat Training Squadron, and Michael, 6, relax to tell his first fish story. Tech Sgt. Loraine Cuff, 88th APS, above, teaches her daughter, Nicole, the art of catching the big one with son, Marc Anthony, 10. Morgan Payne, 10, left, shows off her early morning collection pulled from the depths of the pond.

# Garden of Dreams honors military families

**Wayne Cook**  
Public Affairs Staff

Families from Fort Dix and McGuire Air Force Base piled onto three tour buses in excited anticipation as they made their way to the 'Big Apple' April 9. Not quite sure what to expect, the children eagerly stared out the windows of the buses as the city skyline got closer and closer. The families were on their way to a free party at Madison Square Garden (MSG), which was hosted by the non-profit organization Garden of Dreams Foundation. The foundation is a charitable arm of the MSG organization that works closely with all areas of the Garden including the Knicks, Liberty, Rangers, and MSG Entertainment (Radio City) and the MSG Network. The mission of the foundation is to make dreams come true for children in crisis.

The party was organized to honor the service and sacrifices made by military members and their families as the member serves far from home in Iraq or Afghanistan. The service member could be serving overseas now or recently returned from a tour in either of the aforementioned nations. The Garden of Dreams hosted the children and families to let them know that someone cares and appreciates what they have to go through while mom or dad is gone. When the buses arrived at the Garden, the New Jersey families were joined by families from Fort Hamilton, N.Y. Together, all the families processed in and received their complimentary free tickets to the evening basketball game between the Knicks and the Detroit Pistons before they were ushered up the escalators to the party area. Once they reached the party area, they were greeted by mem-

bers of the Knicks' Dance Team who posed for pictures and handed out goodie bags, which contained all kinds of MSG souvenirs. The families found themselves a table to sit at and then went to explore all that was made available for their entertainment. There were interactive video games, table-top hockey games, basketball shoot-out games, and clowns, along with plenty of food and drinks. There were also former members of the National Hockey League's Rangers and other famous personalities who volunteered to give their time to the families. During the party, Hank Ratner, chairman of the Garden of Dreams Foundation, and vice chairman of Cablevision Systems Corporation and Madison Square Garden, spoke to the families. "The purpose for this celebration is simple - it is our way to



photos by Wayne Cook

say thank you to all of you who have sacrificed so much for all of America," Ratner said.

Congressman Anthony Weiner, 9th District of New York, stopped by the party to thank the families also, and to share the deep understanding and appreciation that the people of New York have for military members and their families, especially since 9-11.

To round out the party the children and parents were treated to some pretty amazing feats of prestidigitation (magic) by the one-and-only Hip Hop Magician, 'Uncle Majic.'

When the magic show concluded, it was time for the families to move into the arena to watch the basketball game. The families really got into the game, cheering loudly each time the home team scored.

"It's a wonderful experience. I'm very proud to be part of the whole Garden of Dreams celebration. It's great to be able to give back to those who have given so much. It was great to see all the smiles on the children's faces," said Joe Ali, vice president and corporate controller, Madison Square Garden.

"It was great. It helps you to put things in perspective when stars and celebrities take time out of their busy schedules for Soldiers and their families - you know the war isn't in vain. I would definitely recommend the trip to any Soldier and their family if they repeat this event again next year. It makes it all worth while," said Staff Sgt. Anthony Ruiz, Alpha Company, Mobilization Readiness Battalion.

Ruiz's 12-year-old daughter, Destiney, agreed with her father. "It was very fun. The basketball game was the most fun. I

**ALL-STARS** - NBA Hall of Famer 'Earl the Pearl' Monroe and former Knicks player and color commentator Cal Ramsey, left, join actor Matthew Modine, former WNBA Liberty star Kym Hampton, and former Knicks player Jerome 'Junkyard Dog' Williams, right, as they pose with Marissa Murray during the Garden of Dreams party at Madison Square Garden April 9.



**FOR THE TROOPS** - Staff Sgt. Anthony Ruiz, Alpha Company, Mobilization Readiness Battalion, and sons Kristan and Anthony Jr. visit with Kristan Jantzie and Hannah Sides of the world-famous Rockettes.

liked the magic show, also. If they did this again, I would like to go," she said.

Staff Sgt. Lyle Dore, 305th Logistics Readiness Squadron, McGuire Air Force Base, attended the event with his wife, Katrina, and daughter, Chloe.

"It was fun and interesting. It is the first time my family has been to New York City. Chloe had a whole lot of fun. It was a really great program they put on here. We probably never would have made it to the city except for their invitation," said Dore.

## Dix teen named Youth of Year

**Wayne Cook**  
Public Affairs Staff

Local teen Devan Holliday of Browns Mills has been selected as Fort Dix Youth Services Boys and Girls Club of America's Youth of the Year for 2007.

Holliday is the daughter of Jackie Holliday, marketing manager, Morale, Welfare, and Recreation, and is a sophomore at Pemberton Township High School where she is involved in Choraliers, cheerleading, sewing, Tech Design Club, and the Lacrosse team.

She joins hundreds of other Youths of the Year across the nation who join Boys and Girls Club of America in celebrating A Legacy of Hope and Opportunity during the 60th Anniversary of the Youth of the Year program.

Achieving the title 'Youth of the Year' is the highest honor a member of the Boys and Girls Club of America can receive. The title recognizes the outstanding contributions made to a member's family, school, community, and the Boys and Girls Club. The program was founded 60 years ago by the Reader's Digest Foundation.

"For 60 years, we have had the great honor of saluting amazing teens, like Devan Holliday, for their dedication to their families, Club and community, and helping them achieve their academic and career goals," said Susan Frayse Russ, executive director, Reader's Digest Foundation.



courtesy photo

**TOP TEEN** - Devan Holliday, 16, of Browns Mills has been selected Youth of the Year for Fort Dix Youth Services Boys and Girls Clubs of America. She will go on to represent Fort Dix at the state-level competition.

"It's an honor and I'm very excited that they nominated me and I get to represent Fort Dix in the state competition. I would like to thank God, mom, Cheryl Shervington, Mr. Jacob, Lucia Robinson and the rest of the Youth Center Staff, Elder James, my Bible studies teacher, the competition judges, and everyone else that has supported me," said Holliday.

Holliday now moves on to the state-level competition where she will compete against other members of the Boys and Girls Club for the title of New Jersey

Youth of the Year and a \$1,000 scholarship. The winner of the state competition will compete for the title of North East Regional Youth of the Year and a \$10,000 scholarship.

The five regional winners have the honor of traveling to Washington D.C. in September to compete for the title of Boys and Girls Club of America's National Youth of the Year. The national winner will receive a \$15,000 scholarship and be installed by the president of the United States during a ceremony in the Oval Office.

# Announcements



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

**Friday, April 13 @ 7:30 p.m.**  
**Wild Hogs** - *John Travolta, Tim Allen* - Tired of their humdrum lives, some middle-aged friends decide to temporarily ditch their responsibilities and take a motorcycle trip. The freedom of the open road holds many surprises for the group, including an encounter with the Del Fuergos, a hardcore gang, who take a dim view of the novice bikers. **MPAA Rating: PG-13** *Run Time: 100 minutes.*

**Saturday, April 14 @ 7:30 p.m.**  
**Ghost Rider** - *Nicholas Cage, Eva Mendes* - Years earlier, motorcycle stuntman Johnny Blaze sells his soul to save the life of a loved one. Now, Johnny transforms into a fiery, avenging agent of justice, at night when evil roams. As the only one who can walk in both worlds, Johnny is charged by Mephistopheles himself to destroy Blackheart, a demon that wants to overthrow Mephistopheles and create a worse hell than the one that exists. **MPAA Rating: PG** *Run Time: 110 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

## Organizations

### 305 MDG Pharmacy information

Patients using the 305 MDG Ambulatory Health-care Center who received a prescription must first visit the pharmacy to "check-in and activate" the prescription. An ID card is required. The pharmacy will process the prescription only after check-in.

Current prescriptions may be refilled 24 hours-a-day, seven days a week, by calling 754-9470. Refills can be requested seven to ten days before the

prescription runs out. Refills are ready for pick-up two duty days after being phoned in.

### 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

### Upcoming ACS Events

#### Fort Dix/ McGuire Job Fair

April 18 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
For more information call 562-4830

## Youth Center

Bldg. 1279 Locust Street  
562-5061

#### Hours of Operation:

Tuesday - Friday 2 to 7 p.m.

Saturday 1 to 7 p.m.

Sunday & Monday CLOSED

#### Administrative Hours:

Tuesday - Friday noon to 6 p.m.

### April 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

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# MOBILIZATION NEWS YOU CAN USE

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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 - 9 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

### Channel 2

24/7 information





## *The write to bear arms*



*Pfc. Jennifer Sierra of the 302nd Mobile Public Affairs Detachment, above, zeroes her M-16 during weapons qualification, while Capt. Kevin McNamara, left, checks out his shot composition and grouping. Both are undergoing mobilization training, along with other Soldiers from the 302nd, for an upcoming deployment in support of the Global War on Terrorism.*

*photos by Ryan Morton*



### **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.

**24-hour  
Hotlines**

**Sexual Assault**  
562-3849  
**Victim Advocacy**  
694-8724

**Child/Spouse Abuse**  
562-6001  
**Emergencies**  
911

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

## VA seeks Doughboys

WASHINGTON — With the number of known living American veterans of World War I now standing at four, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is seeking public assistance in determining whether others are still alive.

"These veterans have earned the gratitude and respect of the nation," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Jim Nicholson. "We are coming to the end of a generation that helped bring the United States to the center of the international arena."

Nicholson noted that VA usually knows about the identity and location of veterans only after they come to the Department for benefits. None of the four known surviving World War I veterans has been on the VA benefits rolls.

The Secretary asks members of the general public who know of a surviving World War I veteran to contact VA. To qualify as a World War I veteran, someone must have been on active duty

between April 6, 1917 and Nov. 11, 1918. VA is also looking for surviving Americans who served in the armed forces of allied nations.

Information about survivors can be e-mailed to [ww1@va.gov](mailto:ww1@va.gov); faxed to 202-273-6702, or mailed to the Office of Public Affairs, Department of Veterans Affairs (80), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420.

About 4.7 million men and women served in the U.S. armed forces during World War I. About 53,000 died in combat, with another 204,000 wounded.

The four known surviving World War I veterans are John Babcock, 102, from Puget Sound, Wash.; Frank Buckles, 106, Charles Town, W.Va.; Russell Coffey, 108, North Baltimore, Ohio; and Harry Landis, 107, Sun City Center, Fla.

Babcock is an American who served in the Canadian Army. The other three survivors were in the U.S. Army.

## ARTS & CRAFTS

Bldg. 6039  
Philadelphia Street  
562-5691

Registration & sales store hours:

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

## PROGRAMS

### Framing Qualification Classes

April 18, 6 to 8:30 p.m.  
April 21, 9 to 11:30 a.m.  
Get qualified to use this great facility and equipment! You'll complete one piece (cost of which is not covered by registration fee) about 8 x 10" which you must supply as you learn to operate the equipment. All ma-

terials are available for purchase at the frame shop.

\$10 registration fee

### Krafty Birthdays

Arts & Crafts offers Krafty Birthday Parties! Parties include up to two hours of party room use, one craft project with instruction and all materials, with many exciting projects to choose from. When making party reservations, please make sure to stop by in order to select the craft and make payment.

**Kids Craft Classes**  
Saturdays, 2:30 - 4 p.m.  
April 21.....Fun with Water Colors

May 5.....Create Your Own Yearbook  
\$5 fee plus materials

**Adult Craft Classes**  
Tuesdays, 6 - 8:30 p.m.

April 17.....Family Hand Prints  
Tiles and Plates  
April 24.....Wire Dragonfly Pins  
\$5 fee plus materials

**Kids Pottery Class**  
May 5 - 19, ages 6-9  
Classes cover both hand-build-

ing and wheel-throwing techniques. Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to noon  
\$22.50 materials fee

**Tween Pottery Class**  
May 5 - 19, ages 10-13

Classes cover both hand-building and wheel-throwing techniques. Saturdays from 1 to 2:30 p.m.  
\$22.50 materials fee

### Frame Shop

The frame shop offers both do-it-yourself framing and custom framing. The shop is well stocked with a vast array of molding and mat board, plus state of the art equipment and a technical expert with over 20 years of experience in the field to ensure the results are exceptional. Posters and fine art prints are also available.

### Pottery Studio

The Pottery Studio offers classes covering both hand building and wheel throwing techniques. Once you've completed the initial class come in anytime during studio hours to use the facility.

# DoD investigates hacking of troops' personal computers

Carmen L. Gleason  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Defense Department officials have launched an investigation into recent computer hackings of servicemembers' home computers that compromised personal information and led to the redirection of funds from their military pay accounts.

Over the past eight months, nearly two dozen Defense Finance and Accounting Service "myPay" participants have had their accounts accessed by unauthorized personnel, officials said. The myPay program allows DFAS users to manage pay information, leave and earnings statements and W-2s online.

The compromise likely came from personal information being stolen from home computers via spyware and keystroke-logging viruses, DFAS officials said.

A hacker redirected one servicemember's pay to a credit

card vendor by changing account information the day before pay day, said Tom LaRock, DFAS spokesman. However, he added, DFAS quickly worked with his bank to have funds returned to his account within two days.

When suspicious activity is detected under the current system used by DFAS, LaRock explained, financial institutions are immediately notified so reversals can be made to servicemembers' accounts. DFAS plans to launch a new program soon that will increase the ability to detect unauthorized changes prior to processing by pay systems. This will make the system for myPay's 3.7 million users more responsive, LaRock said.

"This won't completely stop compromises," he said, "but it will help alert us more quickly so appropriate actions can be taken."

Key-logging software often is installed on systems when an individual simply views e-mails or clicks links that look and seem

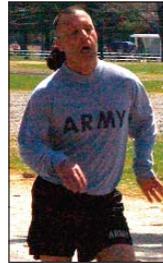
like reputable sites. Hackers then are able to detect passwords and other personal information, DFAS officials said.

The organization is reminding customers that they have a responsibility to take measures to protect their personal information from scams and identity theft.

DFAS warns that a variety of methods can be used to attack home computers, including phishing, malicious software and outside takeovers via bad software configurations. Users are encouraged to install and continually update anti-virus and firewall software.

DFAS offers tips for security and protection to its users on its Web site, <https://mypay.dfas.mil/PersonalData.htm>.

The Defense Department also offers free downloads of antivirus and firewall software programs to servicemembers and civilians under terms of the DOD enterprise antivirus license with supporting companies.



## Runners lead fleet-footed fight against child abuse

Dozens of runners showed up April 10 for the Family Advocacy Program's Unity Walk/Run outside Griffin Field House. The top three winners in both the male and female categories for the 5-K run are, from left above: Capt. Greg Santillo, commander, HHD, 1st Brigade, 78th Division, with a first-place time of 19:27; Melissa Novak with a first-place time of 26:35; Air Force Tech. Sgt. Curtis Grant, 817th CSG, with a second-place time of 19:51; Lt. Col. Cindy Palinski, MUIC, with a second-place time of 26:36; Lt. Col. Jeffrey G. Klavens, Fort Dix SJA, with a third-place time of 21:07; and Deborah Hareg with a third-place time of 27:34.

photos by Ryan Morton



## Army wins sixth consecutive wrestling title

Tim Hips  
Army News Service

FORT CARSON, Colo., April 5, 2007 - Capt. Eric Albarracin won all six of his U.S. Military World Games and freestyle matches to lead the All-Army wrestling team to its sixth consecutive Armed Forces Wrestling Championship March 23-24.

Albarracin opened each session of the two-day tournament with victories in the 121-pound weight class that sparked the Army squad to triumph over the Navy, Air Force and Marines. "I wanted to be the sparkplug, but the whole team stepped up," said Albarracin, an Individual Readiness Training instructor who won gold medals in both disciplines. "The team got me ready, and I wanted to do it for the team and the Army. Wrestling is wrestling, and you've just got to be a warrior."

Four wrestlers in the Army World Class Athlete Program also won gold medals in Greco-Roman competition: Staff Sgt. Marcel Cooper, the reigning U.S. National champion at 145.5 pounds; Staff Sgt. Keith Siemacki, the 2006 U.S. National silver medalist at 163 pounds; Capt. Phillip Johnston at 211.5 pounds; and Staff Sgt. Dremiel Byers, a six-time national champion and 2002 world champ at 264.5 pounds.

Five other WCAP Soldiers struck gold in freestyle: Sgt. Josh Haback at 132 pounds; Sgt. Glenn Garrison at 145.5; 2nd Lt. Phillip Simpson at 163; Sgt. Brad Ahearn at 211.5; and Spc.

Timothy Taylor at 264.5. All of the Army WCAP wrestlers are stationed at Fort Carson.

The gold medalists in this tournament qualified to represent the U.S. Armed Forces in the 4th CISM Military World Games, scheduled for Oct. 14 through 21 in Hyderabad, India. If any of the champions can't make the trip, silver or bronze medalists will fill their roster spots. All-Navy coach Rob Hermann will lead the U.S. contingent. Marine Corps Maj. Dan Hicks will serve as assistant coach.

*"It's an amazing tournament with a lot of pride on the line."*  
2nd Lt. Phillip Simpson

Armed Forces gold medalists Marine Corps Sgt. Jeremy McLean of Okinawa, Japan, at 132 pounds; and Marine Corps Sgt. Jacob Clark of Cherry Point, N.C., at 185 pounds, completed the Greco-Roman roster for the Military World Games.

Clark also won the 185-pound freestyle division. Rather than wrestle both disciplines in the World Military Games, Clark deferred his freestyle spot to Army Pfc. Willie Parks. Albarracin, the other Armed Forces double-winner, will wrestle freestyle in the CISM Games, following Capt. Anthony Brooker of Ft. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo., to compete in the 121-pound freestyle division.

The Marine Corps finished second in the Armed Forces team standings in both wrestling styles, followed by Air Force and Navy, respectively. But the

weekend belonged to the host All-Army team.

"The Armed Forces Championships is probably one of the toughest little tournaments in the nation just because we're rivals," Albarracin said. "Whether he's 0-10 or 10-0, the guy you're going against is coming after you. It's just like the Army-Navy football game."

Albarracin posted two victories in as many days over rival Brooker, and later deferred a World Military Games roster spot to the Air Force captain, who will be Albarracin's teammate in October. Two-time Armed Forces champion Army 2nd Lt. Philip Simpson pinned Senior Airman Peter Hicks in 54 seconds and pinned Marine Corps Capt. Juan Ramos in 22 seconds in the 163-pound freestyle division. Simpson won his other match by technical fall against Navy Lt. Peter Butville, 6-0, 8-2.

"My game plan was pretty much the same in every match," said Simpson, 24, a three-time NCAA Division I All-American at the United States Military Academy in West Point, N.Y. "I wanted to go out there and start the attack and look to go ahead and control the tempo."

"This tournament is very different from what we do throughout the year. It's a lot like college and high school, where you have dual team matches. It brings us back to that team atmosphere and it's so much fun because we build and feed off each other's energy. And when somebody loses, it feels like the whole team lost."

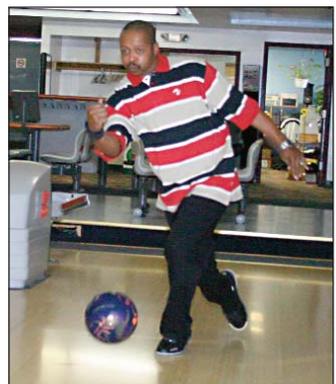


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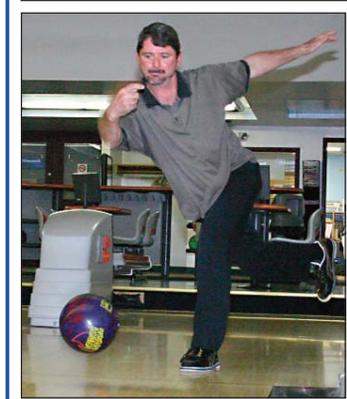
**USING HIS HEAD** - Capt. Eric Albarracin goes heels over head during a 6-0, 6-0 victory against Marine Corps Cpl. Andrew Hogan in a 121-pound freestyle match at the 2007 Armed Forces Wrestling Championships at Fort Carson, Colo. Albarracin won gold medals in both freestyle and Greco-Roman competition. Hogan won the silver medal in freestyle.

Leroy "Mac" McDougal, a retired Air Force member who works as an electrician at Lakehurst Naval Air Engineering Station, right, practices the form and delivery method that netted him his ninth "300 game" this past December. McDougal has been a bowler for the past 39 years and is in his tenth year bowling at Fort Dix. Some highlights of his bowling career include achieving an 800 series, which included one of his 300 games, and being the New Jersey State All Events Champion during the 2001/2002 season.

photos by Ed Mingin



## Air Force all-stars



James "JC" Coleman, a retired Air Force member who works as a boom operator instructor for Flight Safety at McGuire Air Force Base, left, bowled his first sanctioned 300 game during his first outing of 2007. Highlights of Coleman's 30-year bowling career include this game, and when he and his son Kyle bowled the highest scoring squad in the history of the annual Delaware Valley Doubles Classic in 2003, the thirteenth year of the competition's existence. Coleman's wife Dee and their son Kyle are both avid bowlers and employees at the Fort Dix Bowling Center.

## Sports Shorts

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

### Enlisted Association golfing for scholarships

The Enlisted Association-National Golf of New Jersey will host a golf outing to support annual scholarships on Monday, April 23 at the Gambler's Ridge Golf Club in Cream Ridge. The \$90 donation includes a continental breakfast that begins at 7:30 a.m. followed by a modified shotgun start at 8:45 a.m. with a two person best ball format. The donation includes green fees, cart and luncheon. Prizes will be awarded to first and second place teams for low gross, closest to the pin on all Par 3's and longest drive.

For more information call Leon Cisek at 562-0223.

### 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

### 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.

### 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.

### 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 for more information.

### Law Day Golf Tourney coming to Dix course

The Fort Dix/McGuire/Lakehurst SJA Law Day Golf Tournament will be held May 8 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the Fort Dix golf course. Cost to participate is \$43 with military/DoD identification, \$55 without. This includes carts and greens fees.

Sign-in and cart assignments begin at 11:45 a.m. First tee-off in teams of four begins at noon, with additional tee-offs every eight minutes thereafter. Final scoring will take place at 4:30 p.m., and prizes and certificates will be given out at 5 p.m. A social will follow.

Those interested should respond to Maj. Ted Collins at 562-3290 or theodore.j.collins@dix.army.mil, or Capt. Wayne Chan at 562-2601 or wayne.chan@dix.army.mil, no later than April 20. Payment is due no later than April 27. Make checks payable to Ted Collins.

### Final day to sign up for youth baseball

Today is the final day for registration for the Fort Dix Youth Sports Baseball Season. Children of active duty and retired military, government contractors, and DoD civilian employees are eligible. For more information, call 562-2819/5519. To register, visit the Child and Youth Services Central Enrollment Registry Office at 5203 Maryland Avenue.