

the post

Vol. 82, No. 17

Published for the Fort Dix Community since 1942

May 5, 2007

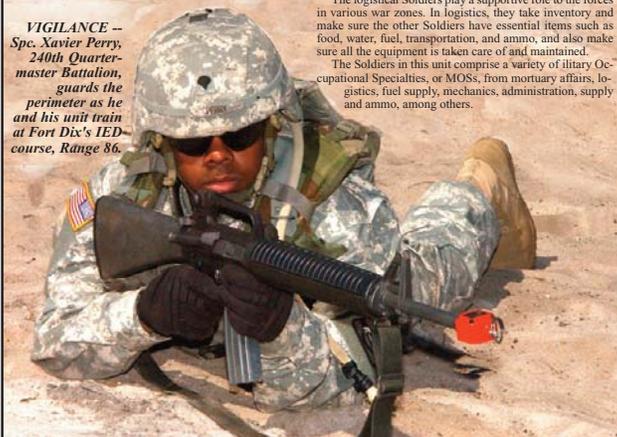
Fort Lee unit hits ranges

Ryan Morton
Public Affairs Office

Preparation is key in combating the Global War on Terrorism, and Fort Dix takes center stage in preparing Soldiers for the GWOT mission.

Dix is a reserve installation, but many active units roll through the post to take part in some of the special and unique training offered. The 240th Quartermaster Battalion is one such unit. Approximately 100 Soldiers from this unit out of Fort Lee, Va., spent a week participating in Improved Explosive Device (IED), convoy, and cultural awareness and

VIGILANCE --
Spc. Xavier Perry, 240th Quartermaster Battalion, guards the perimeter as he and his unit train at Fort Dix's IED course, Range 86.



language training, as part of their preparations for an upcoming deployment in support of GWOT.

"This is phenomenal, invaluable training. This is a great place that has great resources that has really accommodated our needs," Maj. Dennis Levesque, 240th QM Bn. logistics task force commander, said. "Any training we do here, if it can help save lives and bring them home safely, that's the primary objective," he said.

The quartermaster crew that came to Dix is comprised of three different platoons: two mortuary affairs and one logistics task force. The mortuary affairs Soldiers perform the mission of taking care of the affairs and issues concerning deceased Soldiers, and making sure the bodies and remains get back to the United States.

The logistical Soldiers play a supportive role to the forces in various war zones. In logistics, they take inventory and make sure the other Soldiers have essential items such as food, water, fuel, transportation, and ammo, and also make sure all the equipment is taken care of and maintained.

The Soldiers in this unit comprise a variety of military Occupational Specialties, or MOSs, from mortuary affairs, logistics, fuel supply, mechanics, administration, supply and ammo, among others.

Leaders to evaluate Iraq security, report results in September

Sgt. Sara Wood, USA
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, April 26, 2007 – Senior U.S. leaders on the ground in Iraq plan to evaluate the success of the new security plan and provide an assessment of the situation to Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates by early September, the commander of U.S. forces in Iraq said here today.

Army Gen. David H. Petraeus, commander of Multinational Force Iraq, told Pentagon reporters that he and Ryan Crocker, the U.S. ambassador to Iraq, will provide the assessment.

The review will measure progress in the areas of security, economics, governance and rule of law.

September will be a good time for the assessment, because the additional U.S.

forces that are being deployed to Iraq will have been on the ground for several months, more Iraqi security forces will be trained and equipped, and the Iraqi government will have had time to make more progress, Petraeus said.

"We'll have seen whether in fact our efforts in these areas have helped produce the kind of progress that they're designed, in fact, to produce and to see if there is an exploitation of the opportunity that we believe our soldiers and Iraqi soldiers and police will have provided to the Iraqi governmental leaders to come to grips, again, with some of these really tough legislative issues," he said.

In the security arena, the leaders will be looking at how successful U.S. and Iraqi forces have been at securing the Iraqi population, which is essential to enable political progress, and the progress of the Iraqi security forces, Petraeus said. In the economic arena, they will evaluate how the Iraqi government is spending its money, both nationally and provincially, and the progress of private banking in the country.

In the area of governance, Petraeus

said he and Crocker will be looking for progress on key legislation and the development of governmental and ministerial capacity.

Under rule of law, they will focus on the progress of Iraq's criminal justice and detention systems, which have posed big challenges for the government, he said.

Progress is being made in Iraq, but it is often overshadowed by sensational attacks, such as car bombs, that inflict mass casualties, Petraeus said.

U.S. and Iraqi forces are working to counter these attacks, but it is a daunting task and realistically, the attacks will continue for some time, he said.

"In an environment where to prevent those (attacks), you know, the Iraqi and coalition forces have to protect everything and (the terrorists) only have to attack one thing, some of that is going to happen," Petraeus said.

Progress in Iraq is often very difficult to demonstrate, because many times it involves the lack of violence, and it's only newsworthy if that calm lasts for a long period of time, Petraeus said.

However, he said, while the sensational attacks grab headlines, levels of sectarian violence are going down in Baghdad, businesses are reopening, and people are slowly returning to normal lives.

Petraeus described a recent evening helicopter ride over Baghdad after a day in which there was a car bomb attack. Three big amusement parks were operational, restaurants in some parts of the city were booming, lots of markets were open, people were on the street, and soccer games were going on.

"All of this is actually so foreign, I think, in the mind of most people who see the news and of course do see that day's explosion or something like that," he said.

"And actually, there is a city of 7 million in which life goes on, and again, citizens are determined to carry on with their lives."

September will be a good time for the assessment, because additional U.S. forces will have been on the ground for several months and more Iraqi security forces will be trained.

NEWSNOTES

Cooling systems to be activated only by DPW

It's spring, and warmer weather has arrived. This is the time when Fort Dix transitions from operating the heating systems to operating the cooling systems in the facilities.

In order to help save Army energy, it has been post policy not to turn on the cooling systems until we have experienced three consecutive days of 70-degree Fahrenheit or higher daytime high temperatures with no forecast of cooler temperatures to follow.

Service personnel will turn off heating systems with a call to the Service Order desk at 562-6021 and will turn on the cooling systems once directed by the Directorate of Public Works. In the meantime, it is recommended that office personnel open and close windows and doors as appropriate to maintain a comfortable work environment.

WEATHER

FRIDAY: Sunny, with a high near 69. Clear overnight with a low around 40 degrees.

SATURDAY: Sunny, with a high around 66 degrees. Clear overnight with a low of 39 degrees.

SUNDAY: Mostly sunny, with a high near 66. Mostly clear overnight with a low around 45 degrees.

MONDAY: Sunshine with a high near 70 degrees. Mostly clear overnight with a low around 52 degrees.

TUESDAY: Partly cloudy, with a high near 77 degrees. Mostly clear overnight with a low of 54 degrees.

WEDNESDAY: Mostly sunny, with a high near 78 degrees. Clear overnight with a low around 56 degrees.

Dix, McGuire to name joint gate for fallen military

Carolee Nisbet
Editor

Fort Dix and McGuire Air Force Base will honor two heroes today in a memorial ceremony at the Commercial Vehicle Gate at 10 a.m.

Friends, comrades and families of Army Staff Sgt. James McNaughton and Air Force Special Agent Daniel J. Kuhlmeier will be on hand at the gate, located off Saylor's Pond Road, to unveil plaques and portraits of the two men. Both were killed in while serving in the Global War on Terrorism in Iraq.

The Commercial Vehicle Gate and the joint staff who run it process more than 250 trucks a day loaded with materials and supplies ranging from food to ammunition.

Fort Dix and McGuire, along with all of the other organizations that make their home on our bases, faced a major dilemma after September 11. Security demanded steps to meet the possible risks posed by trucks making deliveries, but inspecting each truck slowed traffic and clogged the checkpoints. The answer was this gate, and the thorough system of inspecting commercial vehicles before they hit the streets inside the fence.

Staff Sgt. James McNaughton was born April 13, 1978 at West Point, N.Y. He graduated from Centereach High School in June 1996. He left for boot camp on the morning of July 5, 1996. He was stationed out of Fort McClellan, Ala. where he also completed Military Police School. He was assigned to Fort Irwin, Calif.

McNaughton completed his tour of active duty, and joined the U.S. Army Reserve. He volunteered for deployment, and served in Iraq for more than 9 months.

On August 2, 2005, while he was training Iraqi Police Officers in a tower, he was hit by sniper fire and killed. He was the first New York Police De-

partment Officer killed in Iraq. SSG McNaughton was awarded the Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal, and the Global War on Terror Service Medal.

Air Force Special Agent Dan Kuhlmeier was born December 16, 1975 in Elkins Park, Pa.

He graduated from Cardinal Dougherty High School, Philadelphia, in 1993 and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in December 1994.

He started as the security section leader for Marine Corps Ground Defense Security Forces at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba and later served with distinction at the American Embassies in Bonn, Germany and Yaounde, Cameroon.

He finished his Marine Corps service and entered the United States Army Reserve in November 2000.

He served as a counterintelligence agent and Farsi linguist while working on his degree from University of Maryland.

In October 2003, he joined the Air Force Office of Special Investigations and was soon assigned to Detachment 204 at Offutt AFB, Nebraska.

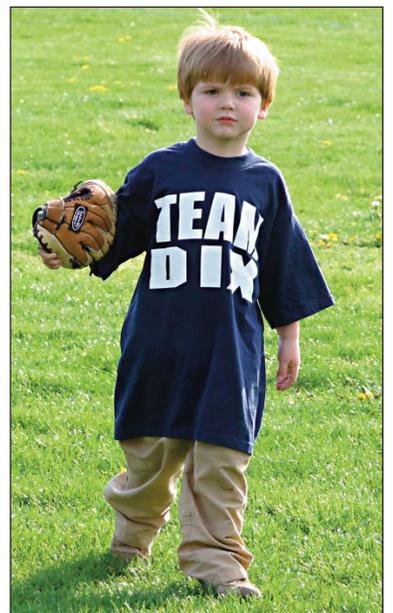
He volunteered for deployment duty and got his wish when he was assigned as a counterintelligence collections agent with the Strategic Counterintelligence Directorate in Baghdad, Iraq. He arrived for duty on February 8, 2006.

Twelve days later, on February 20, 2006, he was part of a two-vehicle convoy en route to a meeting with Iraqi and U.S. military officials. He and the Army driver of his vehicle were killed when their vehicle was hit by an Explosively Formed Penetrator, a machine manufactured shaped charge designed to take out armored vehicles.

Special Agent Kuhlmeier is buried in Arlington Cemetery. He was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Civilian Career Service Award and the Defense of Freedom Medal.

The ceremony is open and all are invited to attend.

The Commercial Vehicle Gate and the joint staff who run it process more than 250 trucks a day loaded with materials and supplies ranging from food to ammunition.



Ed Mingin

Put me in, coach!

Three-year-old Ben Malinverni, of the Fort Dix 3- to 4-year-old T-Ball team, gets in a few innings of practice before the upcoming season. See page 12 for more sports.

Command Sgt. Maj. Deora K. "John" Johnson, 1925 - 2007

Command Sgt. Maj. Deora K. "John" Johnson, 82, of Lakewood, died Friday, April 20, at Kimball Medical Center, Lakewood.

Born in Little Rock, Ark., in 1925, Johnson served 17 years as a civil servant in the Regional Directorate of Public Works at Fort Dix from 1981 to 1998, retiring from civil service at that time.

Peter Schneider from RDPW's Work Management Maintenance Branch, remembers his old friend, well.

"I became a co-worker of John in 1986 due to a promotion," Schneider recalls.

"John was affectionately known to customers and co-workers alike as 'Mr. J.' As he was in the work reception area he was well known by those who sought help and/or wanted to submit requests for service and work orders. I would characterize him as an even-keeled, positive influence. And that impression was based on the grandfatherly type of aura that was delivered through his conversation, with an added dose of wit and subtle humor," says Schneider.

"Our supervisor was Mr. Tom Lynn, who passed on an analytical observation that I couldn't help but agree with. (Lynn noted that) John was truly a Soldier and patriot. He seemed to be in uniform and coming from the respect of the rank he obtained while on active duty, even though there was nothing evident, certificates, wall hangers, etc. Somehow, you just knew. And I, as Tom observed, couldn't help but notice that the



courtesy of Aretha Johnson, wife of the deceased

Command Sgt. Maj. John Johnson

respect came from the manner in which he expressed himself," continued Schneider.

"He could be chewing you out without you even knowing it," observes Schneider. "This was especially true when handling Soldiers and, in particular, African-Americans like himself."

"Even though a request is a rather informal process (who cares if it's the toilet, commode or shi--er when it's broke?), he paid attention to how an individual expressed that. Slang and street talk had a place, but not on duty. It would annoy him if an individual seemed to lower himself in writing or speaking, yet bore the rank and uniform representing our country. It was just the casual mention (that he wouldn't pass up) that somehow was received with meaning. You knew it was genuine and was no less than what he himself would

integrative Division, considered Johnson "a pleasant man whose wisdom went a long way."

The accountable officer for DOR's Supply and Transportation Division, Barbara Worley, got to know the former sergeant major quite well because they were neighbors.

"John worked across the hall from me in RDPW and lived down the street from me in Lakewood," Barbara recalls. "On occasions when I had transportation problems, John would pick me up; rain, hail, snow or sleet. My trips back and forth were very interesting because John always shared his experiences in World War II, the Korean Conflict and his tours in Vietnam," Worley informs.

"I saw John as the epitome of a Soldier. I saw 100 percent dedication in what he stood for and what he believed in. I am honored to have known him and thankful for all I learned from him," Barbara concludes.

Another co-worker of John's from RDPW was Verna Thomas and she has a different take on the man.

"I worked with Mr. Johnson for just a short period of time in the Work Order section of RDPW in 1995. He loved life, his job, memories of time he spent in the military and his family," Thomas informs.

"Mr. Johnson and I did not get along at the beginning. Everyday, Mr. Johnson would say, 'Verna, do you know what _____ means?' He would ask me words I never heard of. One day I woke up on the wrong side of the bed and I confronted him,



courtesy of Mrs. Johnson

Command Sgt. Maj. John Johnson spent 30 years in the U.S. Army, seeing service in World War II, the Korean Conflict and in two tours of duty in Vietnam. He was a recipient of the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star for valor among other distinguished awards.

asking 'Why do you keep asking me what something means, you know I am going to say I don't know and today, I don't care!' Now Mr. Johnson was easy-going; he never got upset, so he says to me in a very calm voice, 'Verna, do you know why people get upset when it's not necessary?' By this point I was boiling! I replied: 'No! Johnson explained that people get upset because they misunderstood the way something was said. He said he wasn't trying to make me feel stupid but was attempting to enlarge my vocabulary.

He pointed out that we were having a misunderstanding because poor communication results from misunderstanding the meaning of words and how they are spoken or read."

Taylor says that after "Mr. Johnson retired, I began to understand what he meant about vocabulary and communication because it takes a special person to handle the work order desk. Mr. Johnson was a special person and will truly be missed," she concludes.

Command Sgt. Maj. Johnson retired from the U.S. Army in 1974 after completing 30 years of active duty. Notable duty assignments included service in World War II, the Korean Conflict and two tours of duty in Vietnam.

Johnson was a recipient of the Purple Heart and also received a Bronze Star for valor among other distinguished awards.

After retiring from military service Johnson served in civil service for three years at Okinawa before coming to Fort Dix.

Surviving family members include his wife of 33 years, Aretha; five sons, two daughters, and several grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

A graveside service was held Thursday afternoon at Brig. Gen. William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Armonk, N.Y.

Team Dix joins family and friends in saluting a steadfast family man, man of honor, staunch patriot and exceptional Soldier. He never let anyone down. We'll miss him.



Digital technology ushers in Golden Age for film buffs

Shawn Morris
Public Affairs Staff

Motion pictures have been around for more than a century, but there has never been a better time than now to be a film enthusiast.

This is due in large part to Digital Video Disc, better known as DVD, which celebrates its 10th anniversary this year. These small, silver platters hold the keys to happiness for millions of movie aficionados.

While DVD has redefined the home-video market, it owes much of its success to its predecessors: VHS and Laserdisc.

The Video Home System - better known as VHS - debuted in 1976 and remained the industry standard for more than two decades. This system was the first mass-market attempt to sell movies to the public for home viewing.

And it worked. VHS became the dominant force in home video, despite competition from the superior Laserdisc system. First sold in 1978, Laserdiscs offered better sound and video quality than VHS, and didn't degrade through usage and the passing of time. Laserdisc also introduced the concept of "extras" - additional audio and video material included on the disc that pertained to that particular movie.

Laserdisc was not without its drawbacks, however. The discs were bulky, easily scratched and, most importantly, expensive. It's most likely the high price of Laserdisc that sealed its fate as a niche format for technophiles.

Then, in March 1997, a new player joined the game: DVD. These discs offered the same benefits as Laserdisc minus the bulk and cost, thereby creating the same mass appeal that made VHS a success.

Today, DVD is the unchallenged king of home video, with both VHS and Laserdisc no longer in production. But the format is not resting on its laurels; DVDs continue to progress, offering new and improved features on elaborate, multi-disc sets sold at reasonable prices.

Topping the list of continued improvements is the ongoing development of digital technologies to create better picture and

sound. Digital filtering and clean-up techniques continue to improve, as do the methods of transferring movies from film to DVD. Older DVDs look only marginally better than Laserdisc versions; with newer DVDs, there's no comparison.

Movies that have undergone reconstruction of their film elements have found a wide audience on DVD. "Lawrence of Arabia" (1962), third from left in filmstrip above, "Spartacus" (1960), fourth from left above, and "Metropolis" (1927), second from left above, were saved from being lost by film preservationists and technicians, and their work is now preserved digitally for future generations to discover.



FLAWLESS FILMS -- Classic movies such as "Gone with the Wind," "Jar Jar in film strip," "The Wizard of Oz," above, "Singin' in the Rain," below, and "The Adventures of Robin Hood," right, have undergone a special restoration process designed by Warner Bros. known as Ultra-Resolution. This costly and time-consuming process is reserved for truly deserving films.



Silent films have also received new life on DVD. Companies like Image Entertainment and Kino restore and release movies from the birth of film to the early 1930s, including classics from pioneers such as Charlie Chaplin and Buster Keaton, second from right above.

These silent-feature DVDs often include special choices for musical accompaniment, both in classical and modern styles. Some, such as the aforementioned "Metropolis," include the original orchestral score newly recorded in surround sound. It's a fitting upgrade for a movie far ahead of its time.

Warner Bros. has pulled out all the stops for its presentation



of classic films on DVD. Warner's "Night at the Movies" is a collection of audio and visual commentaries on a DVD designed to recreate the theater-going experience of bygone days.

PERFECT PROCESS -- The Ultra-Resolution Process takes the original three-strip Technicolor negatives and brings them into near-perfect registration through the use of computers, resulting in more vibrant colors and a sharper and more detailed picture.

For instance, the DVD for Errol Flynn's "Captain Blood" (1935) includes a newsreel, musical short, comedy short and cartoon circa 1935. These can be played prior to watching the movie - just like they would have been when Flynn burst onto the big screen more than 70 years ago.

Another "extra" commonly included on DVDs are documentaries covering the overall making of a film, or specific aspects of filmmaking such as casting, editing, or scoring. The two-disc release of "King Kong" (1933), fourth from right above, is a standout in this department, including an in-depth, six-hour documentary hosted by modern-day director Peter Jackson that covers nearly every aspect of the film's production.

Also common on DVDs are audio commentaries by the film's producer, director, writer, and/or actors. One of the best is the Deluxe Edition of "Black Hawk Down" (2001). Three commentaries are included: One by the producer and director, another by the writers, and a third featuring Soldiers who participated in the battle depicted in the movie. This third commentary goes beyond entertainment -- it's a valuable historical record.

One of the most popular DVD extras is the deleted-scenes section. This is more prevalent with newer movies, since deleted footage from older movies is often lost. However, some older musicals such as "Easter Parade" (1948), "Carnegie" (1956) and "The King and I" (1956) feature deleted musical numbers that haven't been seen in years.

Some films have had deleted footage reinstated, such creating what's commonly known as a "director's cut" or "extended cut" of the movie. Francis Ford Coppola expanded his "Apocalypse Now" (1979) by nearly an hour by reintegrating deleted footage, as did Ridley Scott with "Kingdom of Heaven" (2005).

Not all these changes have been welcome, however. Some

altered versions of films have been deemed inferior to the originals, and detractors have argued that it's wrong to revise films once they are released to the public and become part of the collective consciousness.

Other filmmakers have gone a step further, digitally altering their films by adding, deleting or "enhancing" existing visuals. George Lucas has come under fire for such tampering with his beloved "Star Wars" series of films.

Audio tracks aren't safe, either. Modern technology is being used to remix soundtracks for modern home-theater systems, while the original stereo or mono tracks are discarded. Also, sound effects are sometimes "punched-up" for today's audience.

Despite these issues, DVD remains an invaluable tool for preserving and enjoying films from all genres, countries and eras.

Such preservation and enjoy-

the Post

This newspaper is an authorized publication for members of the military. Contents of The Post are not necessarily official views of, or endorsed by, the U.S. Government, Department of Defense, Department of the Army, or Fort Dix. It is published weekly by the Public Affairs Office, Fort Dix, AFRC-FA-PA-CI, Fort Dix, N.J. 08640-5075, (609) 562-5037. Circulation: 9,400.

Everything advertised in this publication shall be made available for purchase, use or patronage without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital status, physical handicap, political affiliation, or any other non-military factor of the purchaser/user or patron. If a violation or rejection of this equal opportunity policy by an advertiser is confirmed, the printer shall refuse to print advertising from that source until the violation is corrected.

All editorial content of The Post is prepared, edited, provided and approved by the Public Affairs Office of Fort Dix. The Post is printed by The Burlington County Times, Inc., a private firm in no way connected with DA, under exclusive written contract with Fort Dix. The printer is responsible for commercial advertising.

The appearance in this publication, including inserts or supplements, does not constitute endorsement by the Department of the Army, or the Burlington County Times, Inc., of the products or services advertised. Queries on news content will be answered by the Fort Dix Public Affairs Office. For advertising call (609) 871-8087.

Visit Fort Dix on the Internet at <http://www.dix.army.mil>

Post Commander	Col. R. David McNeil
Public Affairs Officer/Editor	Carolee Nisbet
PA Specialist/Webmaster	David Moore
PAO Automation/Admin	Veveyl Wakefield
PAO Media Relations	Pascual J. Flores
PAO Op/Ed/Features	Steve Snyder
PAO Staff Writer	Jennifer McCarty

Fort Dix Public Affairs Office Contract Workers
Wayne Cook, Ed Mingin, Shawn Morris, Ryan Morton

WE GUARANTEE DELIVERY of your Fort Dix Post
The delivery of your Fort Dix Post newspaper is handled by the Burlington County Times, Inc. If for some reason you are not satisfied with the service of your newspaper, please call us direct, 871-8080.

Army Criminal Investigation Command seeks Soldiers to become special agents

WASHINGTON, Army News Service, April 12, 2007 - The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command is seeking qualified Soldiers to become criminal investigators.

Army CID special agents investigate felony-level crime of Army interest, conduct protective-service operations, and work with other federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to solve crime and combat terrorism.

Agents receive the very latest in criminal investigative training at the U.S. Army Military Police School and advanced training in specialized investigative disciplines. Selected agents receive advanced training at the FBI National Academy, the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center and the Canadian Police College. Agents also have the opportunity to pursue a master's degree in Forensic Science at George Washington University.

To qualify, applicants must be a U.S. citizen, be at least 21 years old and have at least two years of military experience but not more than 10, have a physical profile 222221 or higher, normal color vision and an ST score of 110 or higher (ST 107 if tested on or after 2 January 2002). They must be able to speak and write clearly, have two years of college or at least 60 semester credit hours, maximum grade of E-5 (non-promotable), be able to complete 60 months of service obligation upon completion of the Apprentice Special Agent Course, have no record of psychological or pathological personality disorders and no record of unsatisfactory credit, have suitable character established by a Single Scope Background Investigation



BEST OF THE BEST - The Army Criminal Investigation Command is looking for qualified Soldiers to become special agents involved in things like felony investigation and protective-service ops. www.cid.army.mil

leading to a Top Secret clearance, and have no civil court or court martial convictions. Soldiers with civilian or military law enforcement experience are preferred, but not required. For more information contact your local CID office or visit www.cid.army.mil to download applications.

New Jersey State Police looking for recruits

The New Jersey State Police will be looking for new recruits during the coming weeks, state officials report.

Information can be found on the N.J. State Police Web site, www.njsp.org, by calling a recruiter at 1-877-NJSP-877, or division at 882-2000, ext. 6400.

Candidates must be at least 21 years old, and must not reach their 35th birthday prior to graduation date. They must also be U.S. citizens, and New Jersey residents at the time of graduation.

Potential recruits must also have a bachelor's degree or an associate's degree/60 college credits plus at least two years of

satisfactory employment or military experience.

Other requirements include holding a valid driver's license and being able to pass an initial online prescreening and Physical Qualification Test.

New Jersey State Troopers earn \$55,719.51 per year (including uniform allowance). Second-

year total compensation jumps to \$62,367.69 with yearly increments to follow. Forty-hour work weeks are typical.

Benefits include paid holidays, sick leave, vacation, health coverage (including dental, vision and a prescription plan) and life insurance. A retirement plan is also available.

WDIX

Channel 2

24/7 information

New postage rates set

New postage rates go into effect May 14, including a two-cent increase in the price of a First-Class Mail stamp to 41 cents. Post Offices nationwide are now selling the new 41-cent stamps and also one and two-cent stamps for customers who still have a supply of 39-cent stamps.

Customers can also order stamps online at www.usps.com or by telephone at 1-800-STAMP-24. The new stamps are also available at Automated Postal Centers and ATM's nationwide (beginning May 14).

The charts below provide examples of some new rates and fees:

Selected Rates Effective May 14

- First-Class Letter (1 oz.) -- 41¢
 - First-Class Letter (2 oz.) -- 58¢
 - Postcard -- 26¢
 - Priority Mail (1 lb.) -- \$4.60
 - Priority Mail Flat-Rate Box -- \$8.95
 - Express Mail (1/2 lb.) -- \$16.25
 - NEW Express Mail (1 lb.) -- \$19.50
 - Express Mail (2 lb.) -- \$21.40
- Fee and Services Effective May 14**
- Certified Mail -- \$2.65
 - Delivery Confirmation (Priority) -- 65¢
 - Delivery Confirmation (First Class Parcels) -- 75¢
 - Return Receipt (Original Signature) -- \$2.15
 - Return Receipt (Electronic) -- 85¢
 - Money Orders (up to \$500) -- \$1.05

Also on May 14 the Breast Cancer Research semipostal stamp goes on sale at the new 55-cent price. Since 1998, the Postal Service has raised more than \$53 million for breast cancer research through the sale of this semipostal stamp.

United Communities Housing Information
Leasing Office- 723-4290
Maintenance Office- 724-0500
Maintenance Scheduling, Progress, and Trash Concerns - 724-0550
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!

Jury makes no 'beans' about it: Jack guilty

Wayne Cook
Public Affairs Staff

Court convened at the Fort Dix Elementary School April 25. The case before the court - the State vs. Jack Robinson (Jack Nichols, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate). The charges facing Jack were breaking and entering, grand theft, and murder in the second degree.

It was alleged that Jack did, in fact, unlawfully enter the abode of Mr. and Mrs. Ogre, did, without permission, remove from the premises golden eggs, one golden-egg-laying hen, and one singing, golden harp, and did, with malice, chop down the beanstalk, thus causing Mrs. Ogre to fall to her demise.

The honorable judge Stephen Melly (director of Public Safety) presided over the court. He called the court to order and, once the charges were published, invited the prosecutor (Capt. Nicholas Mitchell, OSJA) to make opening remarks. The statement was made that it would be proven that Jack acted out of greed when he perpetrated the acts for which he was charged and should be found guilty as charged.

It was the defense counsel's (Anne Hill, OSJA) turn to state the defense's view. The claim was made that it would be proven that Jack acted out of fear and poverty when the aforementioned incidents took place.

The prosecutor called his first witness to the stand in the person... erhh, large and hideousness of the Ogre (Col. Barry Woofter, installation Staff Judge Advocate). The ominous figure stepped from behind the prosecutor's table and took the stand.

The prosecutor questioned the ogre as to the events of the day in question and the ogre responded that he felt violated when Jack entered his home and took off with his most prized possessions. When he spoke of the loss of his wife due to Jack chopping down the beanstalk and her falling 5,000 feet to her death, he appeared forlorn and heartbroken. The ogre's testimony painted a bleak picture of the dire events for Jack.

But it was time for the defense to go on the attack. The defense attorney challenged the ogre's testimony, stating that Jack was acting as a liberator instead of a thief when he removed the eggs, the hen, and the harp from the ogre's home. She went on to argue that Jack was acting out of fear when he chopped down the beanstalk. To make her point, she asked the ogre if he ever made the statement "Fe, fi, fo, fum, I smell the blood of an Englishman," to which the ogre reluctantly admitted he had been known to make that very statement, but never meant any harm by it.

The defense attorney poised and then nailed the ogre with what seemed to be a crushing blow when she asked him what his favorite thing to eat was. The ogre squirmed in his seat and mumbled a reply. The defense attorney asked him to speak more clearly and he once again mumbled his reply. At this point the judge spoke up and instructed the ogre to speak clearly and answer the question that was put to him.

"I like to grind up the bones of little boys to put in my bread," he replied with a slight smirk. The members of the audience gasped in horror. Jack leapt under the defense counsel's table



photos by Wayne Cook

for refuge and shook in fear.

The ogre's testimony seemed to be supporting the defense's opening statement.

There were no further questions for the ogre and he was told he could step down.

The judge instructed the defense attorney to call her first witness. To everyone's surprise she called the singing, golden harp (Sgt. Kathryn Hadaway, OSJA) to take the stand.

When the harp was asked questions she sang her answers to the defense attorney which led to a sort of duet before the judge called things down. The harp was asked if she felt violated when Jack took her away from her master. She responded that she did but she understood why Jack felt he had to 'rescue' her.

The Law Day Play is an annual event held at the Fort Dix Elementary School where members of the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate and the DoD Police Department hold a mock trial to help students learn about the judicial system.

The next question seemed to blow the case totally apart. The harp was asked if she felt that Jack was ever in danger from the ogre.

The harp stated that she believed that Jack could have been in danger because her master could be quite ornery after he awoke from his naps.

The prosecutor tried to undo the damage while cross-examining the harp, but to no avail.

The harp was dismissed and the prosecutor then called Jack to the stand.

Things did not get off on the right foot for Jack as he immediately raised the ire of the judge when he refused to swear to tell the truth.

"I never swear," Jack told the judge.

The judge was not amused. He warned Jack that he would be charged with contempt of court if he did not follow proper court proceedings.

The defense attorney opened her questioning with Jack by asking him to describe his home life. Jack described a life of poverty and hunger where his mother could be abusive at times. She had even given him a smack on the head and sent him to bed with no supper when he traded the family cow for a handful of beans.

Jack then explained that the reason he climbed the beanstalk and took all the items that he had allegedly stolen was to give to his mother so they wouldn't be poor anymore.

A slight kink in the armor of the defense seemed to emerge when Jack slipped and said that the reason he took the harp was so that he could sell it and buy himself a Playstation III.

During his testimony, Jack showed an affinity to joke around and not to take the proceedings seriously. The judge finally fined him \$50 for contempt of court. The bailiff (Master Sgt. Ricky Benson, OSJA) even had to restrain Jack at one moment during his testimony because he kept getting up and down from his seat.

The defense rested and then the prosecutor took over. He seemed to have a new vigor about him, like someone preparing for the kill.

The question came out, Jack wasn't sure how to answer it.

"Why did you hold onto the harp, which weighed 50 to 60 pounds, when you were supposedly running for your life? Couldn't you have run faster if you weren't carrying the harp? I submit that you didn't want to drop the harp because you wanted to sell it and buy a Playstation III," challenged the prosecutor.

With that, the prosecutor rested his case and the judge ordered closing statements.

The prosecutor argued to the jury (comprised of students) that Jack wanted the Playstation so badly that he was driven by greed, not fear. He claimed that Jack ruthlessly and cold-heartedly killed Mrs. Ogre and stole with greed as his sole motive.

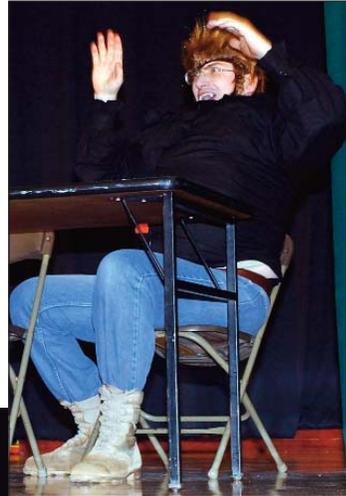
The defense attorney argued that Jack was protecting the harp from the ogre. She also argued that Jack was emotionally and physically abused by his mother who drove him to climb the beanstalk and steal the eggs, hen, and harp. She further argued that Jack, who knew the ogre ate little boys, ran in fear when he

heard the ogre cry out, "Fe fi fo fum, I smell the blood of an Englishman." He also acted out of fear when he chopped down the beanstalk and inadvertently caused Mrs. Ogre to fall to her death.

When the closing statements were completed, the jury was instructed by the judge to consider only the facts of the case in reaching their verdict and was then led away by the bailiff.

While the jury was out, the judge polled the audience, asking them who they thought was the innocent individual, Jack or the ogre. Almost unanimously, the audience sided with Jack. When the judge asked how they felt about the ogre, a riot nearly broke out, causing the ogre to break down in tears.

The jury re-entered the courtroom, accompanied by the bailiff and Officer Kevin Henkel of the DoD Police Department. When they had taken their places, the



BARRISTERS AND BEANS - Jack, played by Jack Nichols, OSJA, is led away in handcuffs by Officer Kevin Henkel, DoD Police, top left, after being found guilty of all charges in a mock trial at the Fort Dix Elementary School Law Day Play April 25. The ogre, played by Col. Barry Woofter, installation SJA, above, reacts with elation to the guilty verdict. The prosecutor, played by Capt. Nicholas Mitchell, OSJA, cross-examines the golden harp, played by Sgt. Kathryn Hadaway, OSJA, left, during the mock trial.

the judge.

"Fifteen years in jail and two years of community service," answered the jury foreman.

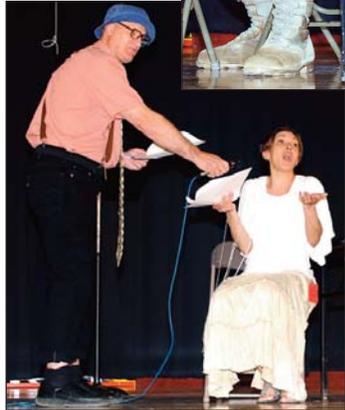
The judge ordered the bailiff to take Jack into custody, at which time Jack bolted. He led the bailiff of a chase around the courtroom, but finally with the assistance of Henkel, the handcuffs were slapped on and a despondent Jack was led away.

The above story was the enactment of the Law Day Play at the Fort Dix Elementary School, an annual event where members of the OSJA and the DoD Police Department hold a mock trial to help students learn about procedures of the judicial system.

The ogre celebrated in relief, throwing his arms up in amazement and joy.

Jack sat stunned alongside his lawyer.

"What is the sentence?" asked



NEIGHBORHOOD

THE CORNER

Special grants available for EFMP children

Army Community Service (ACS) Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) is once again able to provide grants to help defray the cost of camp for children with special needs.

These grants, known as "Camperships," are made possible from donations this year from the United Way of Burlington County, the Combined Federal Campaign and the Fort Dix Spouses' Club.

The amount of these grants is dependent upon the number of eligible families applying for the "Camperships." These grants can help parents with the cost of summer camp or summer programs offered through Child and Youth Services (CYS). Grants may be used on and off the installation to the camp of your choice. Grants will be awarded no later than this coming July.

Applications for the grants are available at ACS, Building 5201 Maryland Avenue, until **May 10**. Applications are to be returned to the ACS Center. Faxed or e-mailed applications will only be accepted under special circumstances. Children must be enrolled in the EFMP program of the sponsor's branch of service to be eligible.

For more information about the summer camp scholarships call Evelyn Dingle at 562-2767.

AAFES to open new shopette in June

AAFES will be opening a new Shopette on McGuire in June. Within the facility will be a Godfather's Pizza, which we suspect will do a booming business.

We will be hiring crew members and delivery people starting in mid May (closer to opening time for the drivers). Starting pay for crew members is \$8.69 per hour. As for the delivery people, they start at \$7.40 per hour. However AAFES provides the vehicle and drivers keep their tips.

To apply, visit www.aafes.com and click the employment link.

Case Lot Sale coming to commissary

The McGuire/Fort Dix commissary Case Lot Sale will be held **May 16-19**.

The worldwide case lot sales event is held every May and September. The sales offer shoppers the chance to buy bulk quantities of their favorite products at savings of up to 50 percent; far above the 30 percent or more they normally save by shopping at their commissary.

Case lot sales represent one of the many ways the commissary works to bring shoppers the best benefit possible.

A complete listing of Worldwide Sale dates can also be found at DeCA's Web site <http://www.commissaries.com> for customers who wish to check out sales at neighboring commissaries.

Grants available for kids of deployed military

The Women's Opportunity Center at the YMCA of Burlington County in Mt. Laurel is pleased to remind military members that grant funds are available not only for financial emergencies and crisis situations, but also to provide recreational and stress-relieving activities such as camps and classes for their children.

This grant, provided by the Department of Community Affairs is available to spouses and families of deployed military personnel in all branches of service in the State who are income eligible.

For more information and an application, call Fawn Mutschler at 543-6200, ext. 325, or send e-mail to wcomilitarygrant@ymca-bc.org.

Arts and Crafts contest looking for entries

The Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command's Arts and Crafts program is gearing up for the 2007 Army Arts and Crafts Contest and calling for entries.

The submission deadline for Installation entries is **May 25**. For more details, contact your local Arts & Crafts or Recreation facility, write to FMWR-CR, Attn: FMWR-CR (Arts & Crafts), 4700 King Street, Alexandria, VA, 22302-4418 or send an e-mail to art@fmwrc.army.mil

Military children share experiences

Lt. Col. Roger Cotton, deputy installation commander, below, tells the students at the Fort Dix Elementary School Military Child Appreciation Program that they are special and loved, and thanked them for sacrificing time with their moms and dads who get called away to serve during the war.



A poster drawn by a student for the Military Child Appreciation Program, right, hangs in the Fort Dix Elementary School cafeteria. This particular drawing addresses many issues faced by military children when one or both parents are deployed.



photos by Wayne Cook

Fourth graders Tylor Nixon, Ivy Williams, Chanika Kirkland and Allison Dukavas, above from left, shared with everyone at the Fort Dix Elementary School Military Child Appreciation program about the diversity of being a military child, adapting to change, and the many different places their families had been stationed. The event was part of the Month of the Military Child, an annual Defense Department commemoration held every April that was started by former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger in 1986.



One phone call can help avoid securities fraud

Debora Whipple
Office of the Attorney General
NJ Bureau of Securities

Voice-mails, e-mails or faxes can lead investors to financial harm because they can be made to appear to contain valuable insider information, urging you to buy.

Messages are left on voice mails, sent by fax or even come through e-mails by "mistake" claiming they contain valuable stock information with some winning tip. The message appears to be intended for someone else, not for you. But, was it really meant for you -- the next unsuspecting victim -- and just skillfully designed to appear that it was for someone else?

The message is intended to be so attractive that it entices the listener or reader to want to invest by taking advantage of this insider information.

The message might sound like this: "Hey Joe, this is Mary. You've got to check out this investment - dump everything you can into this. It is going to be a big winner for us. My friend works for XYZ Company and has access to private information about this going big. He confidentially told me but I can't help but tell you and my sister. Buy what you can!"

Despite this message seemingly being intended for someone else, many investors are enticed into investing in this "golden opportunity" that was "fortunately" but mistakenly, it seems, put in their hands.

This type of scam ran rapidly across several states and had regulators watching carefully. New versions will surely show up again. This scam is one form of a securities fraud known as a "Pump and Dump" scheme.

It works like this: Fraudsters buy shares in low-priced stocks, known as penny stocks, which are stocks that are priced under \$5 a share. Their next step is to spread false information through the mail, phone or Internet. After investors have been caught up in the hoax and bought shares, resulting in an inflated value of the stock, the scam artist sells or dumps his stock at this new higher price.

The scam artist makes a bundle; the stock then drops in price (because there is little or no real demand for the stock to support the higher price) and the

investor is left with worthless stock. One clever way the scam artist can operate is by sending the investor to a fake regulatory agency Web site that has been developed specifically to stage the fraudulent investment. They know that people as a rule believe what they read on the Internet and that by directing investors to read their fraudulent Web site, a false sense of assurance is given to the investor. Information presented that looks authentic and "official" acts to convince the unsuspecting investor that the investment is safe.

Today, anyone can cut and paste information and create sites that contain fake versions of an official seal and agency logo. A fake phone number is purportedly allowing for the confirmation of the authenticity of the investment. That fake number only directs the investor to one of the fraudsters, not the agency it names. False information is given so that the investors may invest in the scam.

Investors are advised to do a few things to avoid being hurt by a scam artist. One phone call to the real state securities regulator can save a lot of money and possibly one's future dreams.

are wise to consider:

- Deal only with advisers and broker-dealers who are reputable and properly registered
- Stay away from "no risk" or "guaranteed" investments
- Get written information and don't take everything you hear or read as being true

The first step to make is one call to the securities regulator. In New Jersey, it's the Bureau of Securities of the Office of the Attorney General. Investors can obtain information that can help in making more rational, informed decisions. Answers to questions such as if the investment is registered, and if the person is registered, and what is the disciplinary history of the person or firm; that is, whether any civil, criminal or administrative proceedings have been brought against the person

• Do not get into dialogue with anyone sending you unsolicited information by e-mail or phone or by contacting them as a result of something received in the mail about an investment. Unsolicited contacts are dangerous for a lot of reasons and what could appear to be

a good honest connection or a developing friendship can be just the beginning of becoming a victim of a scam. Don't send anyone "fees" or "taxes due" with promises of getting money sent to you. By calling the Bureau of Securities, you might learn that you are just one of many who have been targeted by a particular scam. You could have been the next potential victim, but you made the call first. Investors can reach the Bureau to ask about investment concerns at 1-866-I-INVEST and get information - true information - about the potential investment before sending that check.

The Bureau's mission is to protect

investors. The Bureau regulates anyone selling securities into or from New Jersey and can provide you, the investor, with free background information about the firms, the investments, and people nationwide who sell them. Check out the Bureau's Web site at www.njsecurities.gov. Calls can be made toll free to: 1-866-I-INVEST or 1-973-504-3600. Questions can be e-mailed to askbureau@njsecurities.com

The New Jersey Bureau of Securities does not make any recommendations for specific investments or referrals for financial advisers, individual agents or broker-dealers.



Steve Snyder

Dix says 'Ole' to Cinco fete

Maria Lourdes Tapia does a celebratory dance honoring Cinco de Mayo during a luncheon prematurely celebrating the Cinco holiday held by Amada Espinosa's International Spouses club at ACS last Friday. Tapia is a naturalized American who hails originally from Mexico. Other spouses could boast of Brazilian and Peruvian backgrounds, etc., making Amada's club authentically international in addition to enjoying gourmet lunch get-togethers.

MILITARY MATTERS

May starts Season of Remembrance

Robert Schell
Army News Service

Our Soldiers, Civilians, Veterans and Family Members, as well as other members of our armed forces have historically made great contributions to our Nation.

Each year from May through July there are many holidays and events to recognize and remember those contributions. May 1st begins this unofficial time period on the calendar - the Season of Remembrance.

This two-month season starts at the same time as Military Appreciation Month - May, and continues through the events of the Army's 233rd Birthday. Other events included in this time frame are Memorial Day, the kick-off to the Twilight Tattoo season and July 4th.

Legislation for Military Appreciation Month began in 1999 with original sponsorship by Senator John McCain. After a 2004 revision and reintroduction of the legislation, both Houses of Congress unanimously passed that May would be National Military Appreciation Month and is recognized with a Presidential proclamation each year.

In a similar vein, President Harry S. Truman led the effort to establish a single holiday for citizens to come together and thank our military members for their patriotic service in support of our country. This effort became known as Armed Forces Day and is celebrated each May 21st.

This year will mark the 232nd birthday of the United States Army. The Army Birthday is recognition of The Army's history, traditions, and service to the Nation. Since its

establishment on June 14, 1775 the United States Army has played a vital role in the growth and development of our Nation. American Soldiers have fought in 10 wars, from the American Revolution through the Cold War, the Gulf War and the current War on Terrorism.

Memorial Day has generally signified the beginning of summer to many in our society. Inclusion in the Season of Remembrance hopes to bring about the full significance of this holiday.

Historically, Memorial Day was first known as Decoration Day because it was a time set aside to honor the nation's Civil War dead by decorating their graves. It was first widely observed on May 30, 1868, and commemorated the sacrifices of Civil War Soldiers. During the first celebration of Decoration Day, General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery. After this speech, 5,000 participants helped decorate the graves of the more than 20,000 Union and Confederate Soldiers buried in the cemetery.

More recently, the White House Commission on the National Moment of Remembrance was established by Congress. It promotes acts of remembrance throughout the year and asks Americans to pay our debt of gratitude in memory of our fallen by giving something back to the Nation. The Commission is also tasked to unite the country in the National Moment of Remembrance at 3 p.m. on Memorial Day.

More information on the Season of Remembrance and the events that are within this season may be found online at www.army.mil/remembrance.

The National Season of Remembrance runs May through July.

Language skills, cultural awareness critical elements in today's warfare

Gerry J. Gilmore
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, April 27, 2007 - The Defense Department needs more servicemembers who understand other languages and cultures to meet current and envisioned 21st-century challenges, a senior official said at a Capitol Hill hearing.

"Foreign language and regional expertise, which includes cultural awareness, are emerging as key competencies for our 21st-century Total Force," Gail H. McGinn, deputy undersecretary of defense for plans and the department's senior language authority, said in her prepared statement submitted to members of the Senate Armed Services Committee's emerging threats and capabilities subcommittee April 25.

Military operations conducted in Afghanistan and Iraq following the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks on the United States highlighted "the reality that the Defense Department needs an improved capability in languages and dialects of strategic interest," McGinn said.

To address this need, the department in 2005 began assembling a cadre of high-proficiency-level language specialists who could be employed in multinational military operations, as well as peacekeeping and civil-military affairs missions, McGinn said.

For example, the department's foreign area officer program develops a corps of commissioned officers who are trained to understand and recognize the nuances of foreign cultures and are skilled in one or more languages spoken in their regional area of expertise, McGinn said. Today, about 1,600 FAOs have been designated, qualified or are in training, she said.

The Army's 09L interpreter/translator program is



Staff Sgt. Bronco Suzuki

WORDS AND DEEDS -- Foreign-language skills and increased cultural awareness will be essential tools for U.S. warfighters in the 21st century.

another success story, McGinn said. The Army launched a pilot program in 2003 to recruit people living in communities in America who understand Arabic, Dari and Pashto to join the Individual Ready Reserve and support operations in Afghanistan and Iraq, she said.

"The program was so successful that in 2006, the Army formally established the 09L Translator Aide as a permanent military occupational specialty with a career path from recruit through sergeant major," McGinn said. To date, the program has trained and deployed more than 317 such linguists, she said, with another 175 people in various stages of training.

Senior leaders also recognized that the department "had to assume a more proactive role in promoting and encouraging language education in the American population," McGinn said. To that end, President Bush announced the National Security Language Initiative in January 2006.

This initiative is designed "to

dramatically increase the number of Americans learning critical-need foreign languages such as Arabic, Chinese, Russian, Hindi and Farsi," McGinn explained, noting the Defense Department's contribution to the president's initiative is made through the National Security Education Program.

The NSEP "provides scholarships and fellowships to enable U.S. students to study critical languages and cultures in return for federal national security service," McGinn explained.

Other NSLI initiatives such as the Flagship program reach out to kindergarten- to college-age young people who are interested in learning a foreign language that's deemed critical to national security, McGinn noted. One such Chinese-language partnership enlists the University of Oregon and Portland (Oregon) Public Schools.

"While focusing on early language learning, this effort has already succeeded in enrolling 10 students, as freshmen, from the Portland high schools in an

experimental advanced four-year Chinese program at the University of Oregon," McGinn reported. Similar partnerships, she added, have been established with Ohio State University and the Dearborn, Mich., public school district.

The Language Corps is another Defense Department initiative that contributes to the president's language-skills outreach program, McGinn said.

"This effort will identify Americans with skills in critical languages and develop the capacity to mobilize them during times of national need or emergency," she explained. "We just awarded a contract to assist us as we begin a three-year pilot program to meet our goal of 1,000 Language Corps members."

McGinn said the Defense Department also is coordinating a series of regional meetings with state and local governments, educational institutions, school boards, parents and businesses to communication the need for more foreign-language specialists.

Dix stalwart retires after nearly four decades

Wayne Cook
Public Affairs Staff

Charlotte Gentner closed out a career that spanned more than three decades of service to the country and Fort Dix May 1. Friends and compatriots gathered together to reminisce about the years past and to honor Gentner's service during a retirement luncheon and ceremony at Club Dix April 26.

Most people who have been around the installation for any period of time have, at one time or another, had the opportunity to get to know Gentner, who finished her career working out of the Protocol Office as an administrative assistant. Her cheery disposition and willingness to help anybody with whatever need they had made Gentner an easy standout in the crowd and a pleasure for everyone to work with.

Whenever there was a high-level event or visiting dignitary or general officer on post, you could be assured that Gentner and her co-workers were working high-speed behind the scenes to make everything operate smoothly. She utilized her skills in planning, coordinating, and executing high-level, high-pressure events to aid the Protocol Office to reach the high level of success and competency that had become its reputation.

Gentner's government service career started in 1969 when she began working as a civil servant in Philadelphia, Pa. She moved over to Fort Dix to work at the Walsen Army Hospital in 1971, thus beginning her long relationship with the post.

In 1973, an opening came available to participate in the Civilian Overseas Program, so Gentner, always one to try a new experience, decided to serve a one-year tour-of-duty in the Republic of South Korea. This assignment turned out to be one of the highlights of her career. "I really enjoyed going to Korea. It was a great experience working in another country. I will always remember my trip to the resort island of Cheju do," said Gentner.

Upon returning to Fort Dix in 1974, Gentner was assigned to the Readiness Group Dix where she again put her administrative skills to work.

Five years later in 1979, she decided to take some time off to give birth to her daughter, Jackie, and to stay home and raise her.

The tug of the job and Fort Dix became strong in 1981, and once again Gentner returned to the fort and was assigned to Army Readiness and Mobilization Region 2 - Headquarters Readiness Group Dix. As she continued to exhibit greater skills and leadership abilities, she was once again moved, this time to the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) Management Engineer Activity where she shared her strengths and abilities until 1989.

Nineteen eighty-nine rolled around and it was time for another move, and Gentner shifted over to the Directorate for Resource Management (DRM). While she was assigned to DRM in Bldg. 5418, her professionalism and leadership abilities caught the attention of the installation manager, Robert Lichtneger.

"There were many times when I would have to go over to 5418 and I would have some task or other that required the building manager's attention, but I knew he already had a full plate so I would go down to Charlotte's office and I knew that she could and would make sure that the task was taken care of. She always stepped up to the tasks as things got tougher and tougher and everything got taken care of. When the position to run the military post office opened up, I knew that she could handle the job and she was the right person for it," said Lichtneger.

And handle it she did. In 1998, Gentner moved over to the military post office. After the Global War on Terrorism kicked off and mobilization ramped up, the post office was deluged with care packages. Floor to ceiling and around the walls the boxes were stacked. There was such an overwhelming outpouring of support that the word got out and the local media caught wind of it, and representatives of media outlets from Philadelphia, New York, and New Jersey descended upon the building. Gentner utilized her professionalism and finesse to turn chaos into order, and every media outlet was able to get its story.

"Thirty-five years of service to Soldiers and country is an incredible thing. Charlotte has performed nearly every job on post, it seems, except post commander, and that is pretty impressive. She has been very valuable and we will miss her."

*Col. David McNeil
installation commander*

Her ability to work under pressure did not go unnoticed, and she was selected to fill the position of administrative assistant at the Protocol Office in the post headquarters in 2004. This turned out to be her last posting, where she performed in an exemplary manner.

"Thirty-five years of service to Soldiers and country is an incredible thing. Charlotte has performed nearly every job on post, it seems, except post commander, and that is pretty impressive. She has been very valuable and we will miss her," said Col. David McNeil, installation commander, at Gentner's retirement luncheon.

"Working in the Protocol Office was my first time working with a command group. It was pretty neat working with the commander. I have a lot of



photos by Wayne Cook

respect for Col. McNeil. He really cares about his people and the command," said Gentner.

Gentner said that her father was her inspiration to join the civil service.

"Dad was active Army and Air Guard for nine years. He then joined the reserves. He retired as a major and then went to work for the federal government with the Social Security Administration. He was a really big influence on my decision to serve the country as a government employee," she said.

Although Gentner gives credit to her father for helping to make the decision to join the civil service, her sister, Lynda Graf, says that she was actually the trailblazer and strength of the family.

Some of the individuals that Gentner attributes to having a huge impact on her professional life are Jay Schopp, Denise Warlow, Lorraine Allen, Irene Pichette, and Hannah McCarthy. "I've met a lot of nice people over my career," she said.

Some of the highlights during her career were working with the Kosovo refugees, meeting Secretary of the Army Francis J. Harvey and Miss U.S.A. Tara Connor, getting to be on every local television station when she worked at the post office, seeing Giada De Laurentis and Paula Dean from the Food Network when they were filming on post, and getting to see Vice-President Dan Quayle and his wife Marilyn at a graduation for Kosovo soldiers at Griffith Field House.

Gentner's immediate plans are not grand or extravagant. She is looking forward to spending time with her daughter and grandchildren Tena'Le, 9, and Lailen, one-and-a-half. In time she is planning to sell her home and move to North Carolina for the milder climate, lots of beaches, and a less expensive lifestyle.

Gentner doesn't have any big plans for the future yet. She figures she will just see what the winds bring.

DEDICATION -- Robert Lichtneger, installation manager, far left, bids Charlotte Gentner a fond farewell at her retirement luncheon April 26. Through the years, Lichtneger has had the opportunity to oversee Gentner in her different duty positions and has never doubted her capacity and ability to handle difficult tasks, and has often called upon her to handle situations that others might not be as adept or skilled to handle. Gentner's last duty on post was with the Protocol Office, as evidenced by the shirt she shows off, below, that was presented to her by Lorraine Allen, protocol officer, below right, during Gentner's retirement luncheon.



Chaplains' Corner

'The only permanent thing is change!'

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

I cannot take credit for the title of this article. It was the title of a sermon my pastor gave when I was a teenager, and for some reason it has stuck with me.

While that pastor has gone on to heaven, I still want to give him credit: His name was Rev. Dr. James Boyd. Boyd said that day that everything in life on earth changes, and therefore change was the only permanent thing.

Now we could get into semantics over that statement, but I think you get the point. For people of faith we also have God as a permanent thing that does not change. This sacred permanent entity helps most of us cope with the other permanent entity of change.

Some changes are easy and quite natural. We know that depending on our age, we physically change. We get bigger and, if we live long enough, we start to get smaller. We grow teeth and sometimes lose teeth. We grow hair and some of us lose hair (some of us much more than others). We change in our level of knowledge and wisdom and intellectual capability (this two can go up and down as we age).

Most of these changes we expect if we live long enough, and we can usually accept most of them, although sometimes getting older is a change we need help with.

Then there are the changes that we truly do not handle well and must call on our God for strength and support. Sometimes these changes are called rights of passage - birth, marriage, death, educational achievements, etc., and many of them are not easy.

We lose jobs and face financial hardships. I can relate to this one as I am retiring from the Army in a few weeks and so far have no job. I have been in need of prayer and shared with fellow believers to cope with this situation.

There are the more painful events of broken marriages, rebellious children, empty nest syndrome, aging of parents, severe illness, and the death of loved ones (especially tragic or young loss of life). Yet, most of us survive all this because of faith.

In my faith, Jesus Christ assures me as he ascends into heaven when he says: "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the age." (Matthew 28:20). In each of our faiths there is a reassurance that we are not alone and that all change can be borne with hope and patience because we have a faith to live by.

What is challenging you in your life at this time because of change? Is there separation from loved ones because of deployment? Are you facing empty nest syndrome or becoming part of the sandwich generation? Is there financial hardship or the shift to retirement? Are you mourning the loss of a loved one or the breakup of an important relationship?

Whatever the change may be, remember that your God and your fellow believers in the faith are there for you. We are never alone and we can face any change while we have the love of a God whose is permanent and unchanging.

Announcements



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

Friday, May 4 @ 7:30 p.m.
The Last Mimzy - *Rhianon Leigh Wryn, Rainn Wilson* - The parents and teacher of a pair of siblings notice the children are developing amazing abilities—terrifying and wonderful—following their discovery of a box of strange toys, sent from the future. **MPAA Rating: PG** *Run Time: 98 minutes.*

Saturday, May 5 @ 7:30 p.m.
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles - *Patrick Stewart, Sarah Michelle Gellar* - After the defeat of their old arch nemesis, The Shredder, the Turtles have grown apart as a family. Struggling to keep them together, their rat sensei, Master Splinter, becomes worried when strange things begin to brew in New York City. Tech-industrialist Max Winters is amassing an army of ancient monsters to apparently take over the world. And only one super-ninja fighting team can stop them—those heroes in a half shell—Leonardo, Michelangelo, Donatello and Raphael! With the help of old allies April O'Neil and Casey Jones, the Turtles are in for the fight of their lives as they once again must face the mysterious Foot Clan, who have put their own ninja skills behind Winters' endeavors.

Future Features...

Shooter
Friday, May 11 @ 7:30 p.m.
R, 124 min.

Meet the Robinsons
Saturday, May 12 @ 7:30 p.m.
G, 92 min.

Main Chapel

562-2020
Sunday Services

Protestant at 9 a.m.
Catholic Mass at 10:15 a.m. Gospel at 11:30 a.m.
Catholic CCD is held at 9:15 a.m.
Protestant-Gospel Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.

Religious Services

Islamic Prayer room
open 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday - Room 24

Adult Bible Study
Wednesdays at noon and 7 p.m.
Catholic Adult Bible Study - Sundays, 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

YMCA offers activities grants for kids
The Women's Opportunity Center at the YMCA of Burlington County at Mount Laurel is offering grants for recreational and stress reducing summer activities such as camps and classes for children of deployed military. The grant, provided by the Department of Community Affairs is available to spouses and families of deployed military personnel in all branches of service in the state who are income eligible.

For more information and an application call Fawn Mutschler at 543-6200, ext. 325.

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 breastfeed and do not use any infant formula may also receive carrots and tuna.

The Burlington County WIC Program has clinic sites throughout the county. Evening appointments are available. To learn more about the program call WIC at 267-4303

Family Advocacy
562-5200
Chaplain
562-2020

American Red Cross
562-2258
Army Emergency Relief
562-2767

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.

May 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.

Army Community Service

Bldg. 5201

562-2767

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

May Schedule

Hearts Apart
May 8

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

New Beginnings: Life After Divorce

May 8
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Fort Dix Child Development Center

EFMP Support/ Focus Group

May 10
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

ACS

EFMP Kidz-Plus Swimming

May 10
5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

Indoor Pool

AFTB Level 1

May 14
11:30 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Red Cross

For more information call
Deraurah Wilson at 562-4830

McGuire AFB Family Advocacy Program

754-9680

May 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.

For information and registration call 754-9680

MOBILIZATION

WDIX
Commander's
Channel 2

NEWS YOU CAN USE

WDIX
Commander's
Channel 2

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

Read the Post!



Wayne Cook

TOP OF HIS FIELD -- First Sgt. Edward Dion, 3/112th Field Artillery, center, is presented a Letter of Appreciation for 30 years of military service during a surprise retirement ceremony at Club Dix April 26. Presenting the letter is Lt. Col. Henry Schepens, battalion commander, 112th Field Artillery, left, and Dion's wife Eileen.

Thirty year vet retires

Wayne Cook
Public Affairs Staff

First Sgt. Edward Dion, Bravo Battery, 3/112th Field Artillery, New Jersey Army National Guard, completed a distinguished career which encompassed a span of more than 30 years of service to the country and the state of New Jersey during a retirement ceremony at Club Dix April 26. The surprise event was attended by more than 50 of Dion's troops, friends, and family members.

The first sergeant had only planned on a small, informal farewell as he transitioned into the civilian world full-time, but his friends, co-workers and family had a different idea. Because of the great respect that Dion has earned from the Soldiers in his unit and others he has worked with during his career, there was no way they were going to let him walk away without showering him with their appreciation.

As the attendees gathered at the club and waited for his arrival, Capt. Kenneth Whipkey, battery commander, Bravo and Charlie Batteries, 3/112th Field Artillery, picked up Dion from his house under some ruse and delivered him to the ceremony.

Dion served an accumulated 30 years in the Army - 24 of those years on active duty. In his more recent years, he served at Fort Dix when Delta Battery, 112th FA, was called to active duty to support the Department of Defense Police with providing security for the installation. At that time, he was the operations NCO for the unit and the liaison to the DoD Police and was tasked with ensuring the shifts were manned properly and the Soldiers' needs were met. During this period of time, Dion left a legacy as a man of strength, determination, integrity, mission, and compassion. He established many relationships across the post, which flourish to this day.

One of those relationships was built from a deep respect of Dion by Lt. Col. Charles Smith, installation special projects office, and the acting provost marshal at that time.

"First Sgt. Dion is a man that I came to trust and admire during our time working together here at Fort Dix. He is a true professional and made sure his Soldiers knew their jobs and they were taken care of. I am proud to have him as a friend," said Smith.

Other such relationships were forged with Maj. Jack Warlow, chief of police operations, DoD

Police, and the members of the police department.

Warlow presented Dion with hats and uniform items from the DoD Police and jokingly told him there is always a place at the main gate for him.

Whipkey presented the tearful first sergeant with an Army Non-commissioned Officer Sword, a gift which is reserved for only the most respected and appreciated NCOs by their Soldiers and units.

"We are not here to celebrate 1st Sgt. Dion's retirement, but to honor a truly remarkable man for his outstanding career and service to both country and state," said Whipkey.

Dion's most precious gift of the evening met him at the door when he entered the dining room, and seldom left his side or arms for most of the evening. It was his granddaughter, Alexandra, who is the apple of grandpa's eyes and the holder of his heart. Dion couldn't keep from beaming a smile, ear-to-ear, as he held her in his arms.

When asked what he planned to do with his time now that he is retired, he graciously answered, "I hope to do a little bit of fishing and spend more time with my granddaughter, other than that time will tell."

JAG Corner

Capt. Nick Mitchell
Judge Advocate

The New Jersey seat belt law requires all front-seat occupants/drivers of passenger vehicles, operated in New Jersey (and Fort Dix, McGuire AFB, etc.) to wear a seat belt. The driver is responsible for enforcing seat belt usage for passengers under 18 years old.

Additionally, passengers under 8 years old who weigh more than 80 pounds and all passengers who are at least 8 years old but less than 18 years old must wear seat belts wherever they sit in a motor vehicle. Passengers under 8 years old who weigh less than 80 pounds must be secured in a child passenger restraint system or booster seat in the rear seat of the vehicle.

There are no set rules for driving into, around, and out of a traffic circle in New Jersey. Hmmm!! This sounds interesting! Usually, the circle's historically established traffic pattern dictates which driver has the right of way (What if you are bad at history or this is the first time you have ever seen this traffic circle?)

If a major highway flows into and through the circle, traffic from that highway usually commands the right of way. Traffic control signs at the entrance to a circle also govern which driver has the right of way. Never enter a circle without first checking all signs and determining the intentions of motorists already in the traffic circle (I find that using my turn signal to exit a circle is much better than the odds of all the other drivers, in or near the circle, being mind readers).

Now - here it comes. What about those stop signs?! Most days of the week, I drive around Fort Dix and encounter stop signs here, there, and everywhere (Do I hear a Beatles' song?). The majority of Fort Dix drivers that I have personally observed do not "stop" at stop signs.

I do not think any of you good readers will argue with me that the correct, legal, and safest way to stop a vehicle at a stop sign is to actually stop - to completely bring the vehicle to a halt with no forward movement. I have seen vehicles completely "blow through" stop signs on Fort Dix ("Hey Bubba, was that one of them that red signs we just passed?"). I have seen vehicles slow up, ever so slightly, at a stop sign and then "blow through" it ("I simply cannot wear out my brakes."). I have seen vehicles traveling very fast (it is easy to tell they are driving over the speed limit when the fastest speed limit is 35m.p.h.) and suddenly stop fully at a stop sign (to avoid crashing into my vehicle).

The usual "stop" that I observe is that the driver really, really slows down and rolls through the stop sign. Such driving would be of excellent quality if Fort Dix had "Roll Slow" signs at its intersections. The point I am leading to is that if you are "fudging" on making a proper stop at a stop sign, it is only a matter of time before a Fort Dix law enforcement official hands you a small yellow slip of paper that will make you exclaim "Oh! Fudge!!!"

Just the other day, just north of Bordertown, I saw a driver clearly make an illegal turn - he or she made a left-hand turn at a red signal light while I was approaching the green light. Go figure!

Did you know that in New Jersey, if you are operating your windshield wipers that you are required to have your headlights on? It's true. I obtained most of the information for this article from the New Jersey Department of Motor Vehicles.

If, upon searching your inner self, you discover that your driving habits have become sloppy, then, my child, only you have the power to be one with the universe and improve your driving. Hey, be safe and smart out there (what's the big hurry?).

The usual "stop" that I observe is that the driver really, really slows down and rolls through the stop sign. Such driving would be of excellent quality if Fort Dix had "Roll Slow" signs at its intersections.



Wayne Cook

Turning the page

Lt. Col. David Mull, Logistics Operations Center, Directorate of Logistics, left, presents Master Sgt. Richard Sudhoff with a Bald Eagle Statuette as a token of appreciation for three years of service in DOL-transportation during a farewell luncheon at Club Dix April 26. Sudhoff is changing duty stations and will report to Fort Knox, Ky., for the next chapter in his military career.

Guard kids try training center, help Red Cross

Kryn Peter Westhoven
Public Affairs Staff Officer
New Jersey DMAVA

Children of New Jersey National Guard members got an opportunity April 28 to learn how the military trains their parents when the youths visited the Joint Training and Training Development Center (JT2DC) on Fort Dix.

The morning event included learning about flags from across the world, exploring a tank and participating in a simulated convoy, ending with lunch provided by the Salvation Army.

A special guest at the National Guard youth outing was Louis "Min" Bruno, who used his 6th birthday party as a fund raiser for the Fort Dix-McGuire Air Force Base American Red Cross operations at the Joint Readiness Center.

Min's birthday party was an Army themed event complete with PT and an obstacle course that raised \$1,250 for the Red Cross.

NCO Call
at Club Dix

Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

Sports program off to 'Smart Start'



Ed Mingin
Public Affairs Staff

It's not just about competition and winning, there are many lessons kids can learn from sports. There are life-lessons about the importance of teamwork, the health benefits of staying active, and the realization that achieving satisfactory results comes from hard work and dedication. Sports teaches discipline and helps develop coordination.

The Army knows the benefits of sports, and is encouraging children to participate through its "Start Smart" program.
"The Army has adopted the 'Start Smart' program," explained Stephen Wilkes, assistant director of Youth Sports. "It's a set program that has a

weekly itinerary. It's intended to work on children's motor skills through sports."

The program is designed to help kids develop coordination and confidence by participating in a variety of sports. They learn basic skills common to most sports in an organized environment that promotes learning and fun.

"There are four stations that the kids go through to work on different skills. There's kicking, catching, hitting and throwing," said Wilkes. "Each week there is an activity at each station. As the class goes on, the activities get more challenging."

Since the class is aimed at benefiting the kids, the staff gets feedback from the kids to determine what skills need to be addressed.

"At the end of each class, we ask the kids what station they feel they need more work at. Then we focus a bit more on that station the following week," he said.

Activities of each class are designed to be challenging, but not out of the reach of the participants. The idea is to get them to learn an exercise in class, then develop the skills further on their own.

After developing and improving basic athletic skills, many of the kids will increase the amount of activity they get because they will have more confidence to get out and play games with friends.

"Kids develop at different rates. This program focuses on the needs of kids who might not be comfortable playing sports with their friends. Maybe they haven't been playing too much. This class will help them get caught up," said Wilkes.

While the focus of the class is on basic skills and building confidence, the activities presented offer challenges to even more experienced athletes who have been playing organized sports.

"It's for all kids really," said Wilkes. "They all have a lot of fun, but the focus is on developing the basic skills and coordination."

Though still in the early stages, the program is a big hit with its participants.

"We started a couple weeks ago. This is the first SAS class that is going through it. We meet every week. It's incorporated into the sports and fitness class we do with the SAS kids. They really like it and look forward to it every week," said Wilkes.

Being active is important to a healthy lifestyle, and the Army promotes fitness for both its Soldiers and family members.

"The Army wanted to help give the kids something to do that's active. Instead of watching TV or sitting in front of the computer, they get to do something fun and get some exercise," explained Wilkes.

For information about Youth Sports and its programs, call Stephen Wilkes at 562-2819.



photos by Ed Mingin

BUILDING SUCCESS -- Youth Sports has adopted the Army's Start Smart program, which uses sports to help kids improve basic motor skills. Michael Nieves works on a soccer drill with Stephen Wilkes from Youth Sports, top left photo. Diamond Ayers, above, performs a throwing exercise to improve hand-eye coordination.

Sports Shorts

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

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.

Local speedway offers discount

Once again New Egypt Speedway is offering a discount off the price of an adult admission ticket to all active duty military personnel and their spouses, with proper ID.

The 1/2 mile clay track offers some of the best competition on the East Coast. Defending modified champion Jimmy Horton grabbed his first victory of the year last week, after struggling earlier this season.

Along with the usual bill of Modifieds, Sportsman and Latemodels, the URC Sprints were in town last week, with Kevin Welsh taking the victory in that division.

For more info call (609) 758-1900 or visit the track's website at www.newegypspeedway.net.

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 May 12, June 2, July 21, Sept. 8 and Sept. 22.

Fort Dix Youth Sports Football & Cheerleading 2007

Register your child today!

REGISTRATION DATES
1 May - 27 July
Mon.-Fri. 0900-1700

FEES

Annual Registration Fee \$18.00
Football \$80.00
Cheerleading \$50.00

*NO refunds of sports fees after 27 July.
(\$15.00 Late Fee after 27 July).

Participants **MUST be registered with
Child Youth Services Bldg.
5205 Maryland Ave.
Phone: 562-4702 or 562-8231

The Fort Dix Youth Sports Program will include the following divisions for Football & Cheerleading. **Checklist MUST** fill within the age requirement for each division. Football players **MUST** meet both age and weight requirements for each division. The players age as of 31 July **MUST** be the players age for the coming season! ALL family members of Active Duty, Retired Military, Youth, Civilian or Contract employees are eligible for participation.

Division Name	Age	Certification Weight Range	End of Season Maximum
Miley Miles	7-8-9	50-95 lbs	99 lbs.
Peewee (Football/Linebacker)	9, 10, 11 & 12	75-120 lbs 75-100 lbs	124 lbs 104 lbs.
Midger (Football/Linebacker)	11-12-13 14-15	105-160 lbs 105-140 lbs	164 lbs 144 lbs.

**SHOW YOUR SUPPORT
FOR THE BRAVE MEN & WOMEN
OF THE U.S. MILITARY WHO
DEFEND OUR FREEDOM**

Join The First Annual Armed Forces Freedom Ride
Sunday, May 20th
"Because Freedom Isn't Free!"



WHO: ALL motorcycle riders and passengers are welcome to join the AFFR. Registration is \$30/riders, (passengers are additional). Active military personnel ride free & must present valid ID. **MUST** pre-register by **May 18**. Led by U.S. Military officials and celebrities.

WHERE/WHEN: Meet at Barb's Harley-Davidson, 926 Black Horse Pk./W. Collingswood, NJ/856-456-4141, 8:30 am, Sunday, May 20. Ride leaves 10 am. Procession led by police escort & Army Hummers and will travel thru historic downtown Mt. Holly and proceed to Ft. Dix Military Base in Burlington County.

HOW: Register in-person at Barb's Harley-Davidson or visit BarbsHD.com or armedforcesfreedomride.org, print a registration form and mail it along with payment to Barb's Harley-Davidson. First 200 riders/passengers to register receive a FREE t-shirt. ALL participants receive an event pin.

WHY: No one knows the price of freedom better than the left-behind sons and daughters of America's fallen heroes. Because YOU want to show your gratitude to the men & women who defend our freedom, everyday and help the families of those who have given the ultimate sacrifice! Because **FREEDOM ISN'T FREE!**

ARMEDFORCESFREEDOMRIDE.ORG BARBSHD.COM

Presented by:

