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## NEWSNOTES

### Cooling systems to be activated only by DPW

In order to help save Army energy, it is post policy not to turn on 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.

### Professional Development scheduled for AGR Soldiers

Fort Dix will hold an Officer and NCO Professional Development session May 23 at Club Dix from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Active Guard and Reserve Soldiers from all commands are invited and encouraged to attend for latest on AGR management from Human Resources Command, Saint Louis. Other Army Reserve Soldiers are also welcome to attend.

Directors and Tenant Commanders are encouraged to allow AGRs to attend, if desired.

For more information, call is MSG Pentti Forsman, Mobilization Readiness Command, S-3, 562-4824.

### Military Job Fair set on Battleship New Jersey

A free hiring event for veterans, personnel who are transitioning from active duty, Reserves, Guard, and military spouses presented by RecruitMilitary, the President's National Hire Veterans Committee, and the American Legion will be held at the Battleship New Jersey, in Camden Thursday, May 24, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more info or to register as a job-seeker, visit [www.recruitmilitary.com](http://www.recruitmilitary.com).

### Air Show coming to McGuire AFB

America's Premier Joint Base community presents Heritage to Horizons: Air Expo Commemorating 60 Years of Air and Space Power May 12-13 on McGuire Air Force Base.

A Pre-Flight Retro Rock Party will be held May 11 from 5-7 p.m. on the flight line at McGuire. The event will feature free pizza and soft drinks and live classic entertainment from Afterburner, the Air Force's premier rock-and-roll band. The event is free of charge and open to all military, DoD cardholders and their families.

Admission and parking for the event are free. Gates open at 9 a.m. For more information, visit [www.305services.com](http://www.305services.com), call 754-1919, or send e-mail to [airshow.2007@mcguire.af.mil](mailto:airshow.2007@mcguire.af.mil).

## WEATHER

**FRIDAY:** Slight chance of showers, thundershowers in afternoon, high near 82 and overnight low of 59 degrees.

**SATURDAY:** Mostly sunny, high near 72 degrees, overnight low of 48.

**SUNDAY:** Mostly sunny, high near 70, partly cloudy after sunset with a low of 46.

**MONDAY:** Mostly sunny, high of 72 degrees, partly cloudy in afternoon with nighttime low of 56.

**TUESDAY:** Chance of showers and thunderstorms, mostly cloudy, high of 84 and low of 56.

**WEDNESDAY:** Chance of showers, mostly cloudy, high near 70 and nighttime low of 52.

# Attack plot foiled

## Fort Dix on target list of six alleged terrorists who planned to kill Soldiers

Carolee Nisbet  
Editor

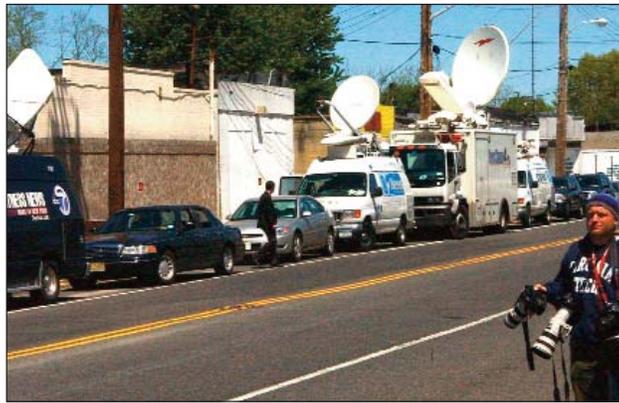
Attention focused on Fort Dix this week as a coalition of law enforcement agencies disrupted a home-grown jihadist plot to kill Soldiers on post.

FBI agents arrested six radical Islamists May 7 in Cherry Hill, charging five with allegedly plotting to "kill as many U.S. Soldiers as they could" at Fort Dix. The sixth defendant was charged with aiding and abetting members of the domestic terror group, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office in Camden. The six were arraigned Tuesday, and face a scheduled hearing today.

Training and mobilization continued unabated on Fort Dix, with the biggest change noted by most being the ranks of reporters, photographers and television trucks that lined up outside the post's checkpoints.

"While our primary focus is training our great Soldiers for combat, we have a solemn duty to protect all who train, live and work at Fort Dix," said Lt. Col. Roger Cotton, deputy installation commander. "We take this obligation seriously and are constantly challenging our systems and procedures to ensure we are

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Ryan Morton

**FOCUS ON FORT DIX** -- Reporters, photographers and television crews line up outside the Wrightstown Gate Wednesday, interviewing community members and seeking new angles on the arrests of six alleged terrorists plotting to attack Fort Dix. The men, described by the FBI as "home grown terrorists," are not believed to have any links to international terrorism organizations, but claim to espouse radical Islam.

# Iraq: Early out would aid enemy

## US withdrawal could allow terrorists to use Anbar as attack base

Sgt. Sara Wood, USA  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, May 9, 2007 -- The United States has a responsibility to leave Iraq with a sense of stability or else face a stronger enemy that threatens the region and Americans at home, Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates said in congressional testimony here today.

"If we were to withdraw, leaving Iraq in chaos, al Qaeda almost certainly

would use Anbar province ... as another base from which to plan operations not only inside Iraq, but first of all in the neighborhood and then potentially against the United States," Gates told members of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Al Qaeda is an adaptive enemy that changes its tactics as U.S. forces change theirs, and would be able to reorganize their forces if the United States left before significant political progress is made, Gates said while arguing for the fiscal 2008 Defense Department budget request. The budget request funds \$14.7

billion for operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, and the fiscal 2007 emergency supplemental request for the war on terror is for \$93.4 billion.

The Iraqi government has been meeting its commitments under the new Baghdad security plan, Gates noted, and the level of violence has gone down in some areas. However, he said, the surge is still in its initial stages, as the fourth of five additional brigades just arrived in Iraq, and commanders on the ground need time to implement the plan before its effectiveness is judged.

Amy Gen. David H. Petraeus, commander of Multinational Force Iraq, and Ryan Crocker, the U.S. ambassador to Iraq, are due to give an assessment of the security plan in September. At that time, violence will not be completely eliminated in Iraq, but the leaders will judge whether the level of violence has been reduced enough to allow political reconciliation to move forward, Gates said.

"I think we're going to be looking for

the direction of events," Gates said. "We don't have to have it all locked in place and everything already completed. I think if we see some very positive progress and it looks like things are headed in the right direction, then that's the point at which I think we can begin to consider reducing some of these forces."

Gates stressed that he, Petraeus and Marine Gen. Peter Pace, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, consider it an obligation to provide an honest assessment of the situation in Iraq to Congress and the American people.

The Iraqi government has made some progress on legislation, but it has not been as quickly as U.S. leaders would like, Gates said. He said that he and other leaders have made it clear to the Iraqi Council of Representatives that it would not be a good idea to take a two-month recess this summer, as they were planning.

"I'll be blunt; I told some of the Iraqis (continued on page 3)

# Truck gate named for lost heroes

Soldiers and Airmen gathered at Fort Dix May 4 to honor two servicemen who died while deployed to Iraq.

The two men honored were Army Staff Sgt. James D. McNaughton and Air Force Special Agent Daniel J. Kuhlmeier.

Plaques and portraits of the two were placed on the outside of the newly-constructed Commercial Vehicle Gate off Saylor's Pond Road in commemoration. Family members and friends of McNaughton and Kuhlmeier were also in attendance.

"This ceremony shows that (the military) doesn't forget about those who have given their lives for our freedom," William McNaughton, Daniel's father, said.

James McNaughton was killed in August 2005 while training Iraqi police officers. He mobilized twice at Fort Dix in support of the Global War on Terrorism. Kuhlmeier was killed by a roadside bomb in February 2006 while on convoy duty in Iraq.

Approximately 250 trucks, filled with loads ranging from fresh produce to ammunition, pass through the Commercial Vehicle Gate each day.



Ed Mingin

**SELFLESS SERVICE** -- Tanya Kuhlmeier and daughter Kaya unveil the plaque honoring Air Force Special Agent Daniel Kuhlmeier that will be displayed at the Fort Dix Commercial Vehicle Gate. The gate is dedicated to Kuhlmeier and Staff Sgt. James McNaughton, both of whom were killed in Iraq.

**Americana**

**Classic cars captivate crowds**

**Mount Holly show stirs nostalgia**

Steve Snyder  
Public Affairs Staff

Saturday's 10th annual Mount Holly Car Show was greeted with sunny, mild weather and the usual throngs of people intent on grooving upon road classics of years gone by.

But for some unfathomable reason, one didn't see as many cars entered as there appeared to be last year and in 2005. I didn't see the 1933 Hudson Templar, the 1933 Packard Coup Roadster, the 1956 DeSoto Firdome Seville or the 1940 LaSalle that caught my eye and imagination back in 2005.

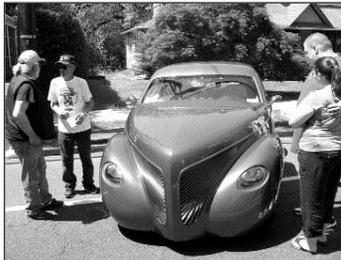
According to an article in the *Burlington County Times* earlier in the week, the show "has been refashioned as a serious car show, nine judged categories" and trophies awarded to the top three finishers in each category.

Now, that all's fine and dandy but I hope the innovations didn't discourage the aforementioned owners from displaying their classic vehicles which awed spectators in the past.

The car's the thing, baby. Trophies and other ornaments are only worth about as much as road kill to serious aficionados of automobiles in America.

Recall the cars that made us the envy of motorists everywhere - the LaSalle, Hudsons, Packards, early Fords, Studebakers and others. Car shows are a worthy vehicle that keeps their memory alive. They were part of America the beautiful.

-photos by Steve Snyder



brown 1939 Studebaker



LEADER OF THE PACK -- A yellow, 1930 Chevy, right, stands proudly in the lead in the 10th annual Mount Holly Car Show Saturday.



black 1938 Ford



CROWDED -- It's estimated that over 5,000 people attended this year's car show.



green 1941 Packard

**"I think that cars today are almost the exact equivalent of the great Gothic cathedrals. I mean the supreme creation of an era, conceived with passion by unknown artists, and consumed in image if not in usage by a whole population which appropriates them as a purely magical object."**

French writer Roland Barthes



yellow 1932 Ford Roadster



DUST OFF - An owner dusts off the hood of his pride and joy.



green 1941 Packard



1952 Wiley Jeep

**American author**

**Kurt Vonnegut, 1922-2007**

**"About 700 years ago, Thomas Aquinas had some recommendations as to what people might do with their lives, and I do not find these made ridiculous by computers and trips to the moon and television sets."**

**"True terror is to wake up one morning and discover that your high school class is running the country."**



www.notable.biographies.com  
Kurt Vonnegut, Jr.

**Burlington County College hosts annual 'Fun Fest'**

photos by Steve Snyder



**PUT ON A HAPPY FACE -- Winds were brisk and temperatures nippy when Burlington County College hosted its 19th annual Fun Fest at its main campus on Pemberton-Browns Mills Road Sunday. Children's rides, games, a crafts fair, puppet show, bands, a dance presentation and a wrestling exhibition sponsored by the United Wrestling Coalition were among attractions as the county's premier edifice of higher education celebrated its justly exalted existence among the groves of academe.**



**VENDORS' VALHALLA -- More than 50 vendors of various sorts ensured that people attending the Fun Fest were fed and amused.**



SMACKDOWN -- Rasslers get it on at the fest.



**KLAATU BARADA NIKTO -- No, it's not an invasion from outer space but merely another appearance by New Jersey's National Guard plastic robot, greeting civilians with all the savoir faire an inanimate object can muster.**

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# Attack foiled

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meeting that responsibility. We maintain a defense in depth to protect our people before there is a threat. Our coordination with law enforcement officials and the results of this operation are proof of our success."

The arrests occurred as suspects tried to buy three AK47 assault rifles and four semi-automatic M-16s from a confidential government agent, culminating a 16-month FBI investigation into the groups' alleged plot to kill Soldiers with assault rifles and rocket-propelled grenades, according to a complaint filed in the Camden federal court.

Fort Dix, local and State Police were all part of the group that monitored the six men as the plot unfolded.

"The philosophy that supports and encourages jihad around the world against Americans came to live here in New Jersey and threatened the lives of our citizens through these defendants. Fortunately, law enforcement in New Jersey was here to stop them," Christopher Christie, U.S. Attorney for the district of New Jersey, told reporters massed outside the federal courthouse Tuesday.

"We were able to do what American law enforcement is supposed to do in the post 9/11 era, and that is to be one step ahead of those who are attempting to do harm to American citizens," he said.

The special agent in charge of the FBI in Philadelphia, Jody Weiss, described the "home-grown" group as new breed of terrorism that's inspired by al-Qaeda, but not necessarily affiliated with the international organization.

Weiss called the suspects a platoon that sought to take on an Army.

"They identified their target, they did their reconnaissance, they had maps, and they were in

the process of buying weapons," he said. "Today we dodged a bullet. In fact, when you look at the type of weapons this group was trying to purchase, we may have dodged a lot of bullets."

The FBI's investigation began January 2006 when a video store representative tipped off officials after a man brought a "disturbing" video to be converted to DVD format. Weiss thanked the unnamed clerk for displaying vigilance, calling the worker an "unsung hero."

According to the court com-

plaint, the video "depicted 10 young men who appeared to be in their early twenties shooting assault weapons at a firing range in a militia-like style while calling for jihad and shouting in Arabic 'Allahu Akbar,' or God is Great.

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Deputy Fort Dix Commander

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Three of these men were suspects Dritan, Eljvir and Shain Duka, brothers born in former Yugoslavia who have been living in the United States illegally and operating a roofing company. Other suspects include legal U.S. residents Serdar Tatar, a convenience store clerk born in Turkey, and Mohamad Ibrahim Shnewar, a Jordanian-born taxi driver.

Agron Abdullaha, a shop clerk born in former Yugoslavia, is charged only with aiding and abetting the Duka brothers' illegal possession of weapons, which carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in federal prison, Justice Department officials said.

Additional persons remain under investigation in relation to the case, they said, but there is insufficient evidence to charge

them with any crime. Transcripts of the recorded conversations between two witnesses and suspects appear in the court complaint. During one conversation, Shnewar stated that he and the first witness, called CW-1, should view a video stored on the suspect's computer, but that they had to do so in private because "it's about something that can lead to prison."

"The DVD contains video footage of various jihadist images while a narrator recruits the observer to the jihadist movement,"

the court complaint states. The court document describes another video that contained what appears to be the last will and testament of at least two of the hijackers involved in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

After undergoing weapons training in Gouldsboro, Pa., in January 2006, Shnewar and the witness conducted surveillance on several military bases, including Fort Dix; Fort Monmouth; Dover Air Force Base, Del.; and the U.S. Coast Guard Building in Philadelphia.

Shnewar explained to the witness in August 2006 that he and the other suspects had saved up money to purchase weapons and were "not afraid to die." The document describes Shnewar lamenting the missed opportunity to attack U.S. military personnel during the Army-Navy football

game that had been recently played in Philadelphia.

He recommended to CW-1 they use six or seven jihadists to attack and kill at least 100 Soldiers with rocket-propelled grenades or other weapons, the court document states.

When asked how he would obtain a map of the base, Shnewar told the witness that the suspect Serdar used to deliver pizzas nearby. Serdar's family owns SuperMario's Pizza near the post.

In a conversation recorded March 2007 between the second informant, CW-2 and two of the Duka brothers, Shain Duka "explained that (the suspect) Tatar wanted to join the U.S. Army so that he could kill U.S. Soldiers from the 'inside,'" the court document states. The complaint includes no evidence suggesting Tatar tried to enlist in U.S. Armed Forces, however.

In January 2007, three of the suspects obtained handguns, shotguns and semi-automatic assault weapons to be used for further training, according to the court complaint.

Fort Dix has scrutinized security measures across the installation in the wake of the incident, something that is done routinely, according to Lt. Col. Cotton.

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(Information for this article was provided by the American Forces Press Service and the Office of the U.S. Attorney, District of New Jersey.)

## Iraq exit

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with whom I met that we are buying them (time) for political reconciliation and that every day (we) buy them, we buy it with American blood; and that for this group to go out for two months, it would, in my opinion, be unacceptable," Gates said.

The United States will need to have a presence in Iraq for some time, even after major combat operations are concluded, Gates said. Iraq is just part of a global war on terror-

ism that will take a commitment for years to come, he said.

"That's one of the reasons why the sum of money is as large as it is, because we need to be in a position to deal with the challenges potentially posed by other large states, we need to be in a position to deal with the threat posed by proliferating medium-sized states like North Korea and Iran, and we need to be prepared to deal with this global war on terror that is going to be with us for a very long time," Gates said.

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**Fort Dix Volunteer Program**



## *Soldiers take best shots at training*



*Sgt. 1st Class James "Jimmy" Brown, 131st Mobile Public Affairs Detachment (MPAD), Montgomery, Ala., left, conducts a radio check during a simulated convoy attack at Fort Dix. The 131st was trained by First Army Public Affairs in preparation for a mission in support of U.S. Army Central Command. Pfc. David Choi and Cpl. Rico Boyd, 131st, below left, double check a blank fire adapter after a simulated convoy attack, while Sgt. Edgar "Chip" Brown points out a target to another gunner after firing simulated rounds from a vehicle-mounted weapon during the attack. Spc. John P. Higgins, 131st, below, prepares a bag of intravenous fluid to perform medical training on another Soldier following the attack. Another public affairs unit, the 302nd MPAD, Bell, Calif., also underwent training by First Army Public Affairs in preparation for a deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The 302nd's "Photojournalists' Four," at bottom, are, from left, Sgt. Carlos J. Lazo, Sgt. Michael G. Connors, Pfc. Jennifer L. Sierra and Sgt. Luis S. Delgadillo.*

*photos by Staff Sgt. Russell Lee Klika  
First Army Public Affairs*

# NEIGHBORHOOD

## THE CORNER

### Newcomers' Orientation coming to ACS

Army Community Service invites new arrivals to attend the ACS Community Newcomers' Orientation May 17 in Bldg. 5201 Maryland Avenue.

The orientation starts at 9 p.m. and ends at 2 p.m. A complimentary lunch will be offered at Club Dix, followed by a tour of the primary venues of support of the Fort Dix and McGuire communities.

Free childcare is available. Call the Child and Youth Services central registration at 562-4702, by May 14. To register for the orientation, call 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](http://www.aafes.com) <<http://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.

### MOMS Club holding local park clean-up

The MOMS Club of Browns Mills and the Department of Public Works are sponsoring a park clean-up in Pemberton May 19 at Imagination Kingdom Park on Pemberton-Browns Mills Road.

The clean-up will begin at 9 a.m. and work will continue until the job is finished. Public Works will provide supplies.

For more information, call 227-7770 or send e-mail to [hinesrb@gmail.com](mailto:hinesrb@gmail.com)

### Presentation to inform about street gangs

A street gang presentation will be held May 17 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at 132-136 E. Broad Street in Burlington. Call 747-8733 for more information.

Service members/civilians should be

## Commandant earns Toastmaster stripes

Ryan Morton  
Public Affairs Staff

Command Sgt. Maj. Franko J. Antolovich, the commandant of the Fort Dix Non-Commissioned Officer Academy, earned a very special award and promotion May 2.

No, it wasn't the Army Commendation medal or a promotion to sergeant major of the Army, or even a uniformed promotion, for that matter.

Antolovich was awarded the Competent Communicator Award, and is now a competent communicator toastmaster in Toastmasters International. It is a unique honor symbolizing a lofty sense of accomplishment.

Antolovich and two other members gave speeches on varying topics. Antolovich spoke to mock graduates (club members played the role) of an NCO Academy class. When he and others gave their speeches, they were evaluated on a number of criteria including body language and presence, speech pattern and word flow, articulation, usage of facts and logical reasoning, organization, audience interest, and overall effectiveness, among others standards.

During each meeting, members are given a "word of the day." It is a measure used to help increase vocabulary, and the members are encouraged to use this word throughout the meeting. On this day, the word was "disparity."

Antolovich was very excited to graduate to the competent communicator level, but knows this is just the beginning with new challenges awaiting.

"I'm very excited and it's great because it affords me the opportunity to start working toward the next goal of becoming an advanced toastmaster," he said.

Getting to this point took a lot of work, as



Antolovich had to prepare and give 10 speeches to his colleagues since he joined the Toastmasters in October, with each speech having different topics, ideas, and focuses.

The other speeches given during the meeting were by Shandrel Daniels on the meaning of Easter and how it is celebrated, and by Steve Henry on good will, listening, and speaking with conviction and empathy.

"It's a learning experience. In this club, you get to meet different people, learn how to converse, how to

listen, how to present yourself, and gain confidence," Doris P. Villa, advanced toastmaster and evaluator, said.

Antolovich is part of Toastmasters International, McGuire Achievers Club #3111. Toastmasters International is a non-profit organization dedicated to building leadership skills through speech and communication. It is geared to assist people in becoming better speakers, evaluators, and leaders.

It is a worldwide network with more than 195,000 members across the globe from countries such as Haiti, Japan, Australia, and Canada, just to name a few, and they meet anywhere and everywhere from military bases, colleges and universities, churches, and even prisons. They encourage diversity with members from a smorgasbord of races, ethnicities, and backgrounds.

The members have to put in a lot of time and effort because they have to research, prepare, and write their own speeches. But that's just the beginning. When they go to the meetings, they have to perform what many medical and psychological professionals consider one of mankind's biggest fears; speaking to an audience or public speaking.

If you are interested in joining or would like more information on Toastmasters International, check out their Web site at [www.toastmasters.org](http://www.toastmasters.org), call 754 2446 or send e-mail to [dhorswell@comcast.net](mailto:dhorswell@comcast.net)

## Liability limited when shipping plasma TVs

Patricia W. Johnson  
Joint Personal Property  
Shipping Office - NJ

Service members and civilian employees of all branches of service, upon Permanent Change of Station, retirement or separation orders, are beginning to purchase very expensive and sensitive plasma televisions.

Discussions with the Military Services' Claims Offices concerning plasma TVs have provided the following information: There is a maximum \$2,500 liability limit on TVs as stated in the allowance list depreciation guide, which is the reference guide used by the Military Services' Claims Offices for determining loss and damage claims amounts.

This information will be given priority during counseling, advising all members that special consideration must be given when packing, shipping and storing plasma TVs. All members must state specifically whether they own a plasma TV. If the service member owns and plans to ship/store a plasma TV, they should be aware of certain factors regarding shipping and storing that we have no control over, which may lead to damages.

Service members/civilians should be

informed that some carriers will only ship plasma TVs in air-ride motor vans. Some carriers recommend at origin only third-party media specialist be used for dismounting and propping plasma TVs for shipping. Some carriers recommend professional installation at destination using only media specialist for installing the TVs. Also, some carriers may choose not to handle shipping plasma TVs, because of the constraints concerning shipping of a plasma TV.

Specific issues have been researched concerning packing, shipping and storing plasma TVs. We've received input from various plasma TV manufacturers such as Panasonic, Sony, et al.

Plasma TVs should be shipped in their original manufacturer's container/box. If the member does not have the plasma TV manufacturer's original container, plasma TVs should be packed and shipped in a container that meets the manufacturer's or carrier's specifications. Plasma TVs can be packed and shipped in a third-party manufactured shipping container, which meets the manufacturer's or carrier's specified shipping requirements. Plasma TVs must always be shipped and stored in an upright position.

Member's wishing to store their plasma TV for long periods of time

should be advised that the government does not have climate-controlled warehouses, and there is no authority to pay for such services at government expense. Members of DoD are advised that it would be prudent for service

members and civilians to purchase full replacement value insurance or high-value insurance for their plasma TV. Thus the plasma TV would be covered for loss and damage claims during a household good's move.

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Wayne Cook

### Spring flowers

Christian Women of the Chapel members Elly Biederman and Hilda Lear, from left, spent time May 8 planting flowers outside the Main Chapel as part of a beautification project.

## Juliustown Road construction zone to be fenced off

**Plan Key**

**G = Gates under security forces control**

**G = Gates under United Communities control**

**1 = Detour sign**

**2 = Road Closed sign**

**3 = End Detour sign**

**4 = No Outlet sign**

**5 = To addresses 1118 - 1198 & Fort Dix Elementary School**

**6 = To addresses 1200 - 1698 & Youth Center**

**Access to severed areas**

Beginning May 16 at 6:30 a.m., the portion of Juliustown Road between Montpelier Street and West 10th Street (at the Garden Terrace housing area) will be closed to traffic for an extended period of time. Access to the Fort Dix Youth Center and the 1200, 1500, and 1600 housing areas (in Garden Terrace) will be via West 10th Street off New Jersey Avenue. Access to the Fort Dix Elementary School, the Juliustown Road checkpoint, and the 1100 housing area (in Garden Terrace) will be via Montpelier Street off New Jersey Avenue. Detour signs will be posted to direct traffic. The Juliustown Road checkpoint will be unaffected by the road closure.

The purpose of the road closure and the housing area construction fencing is to provide a construction area that is independently fenced off from the remainder of the Fort Dix cantonment area. This will alleviate the need for hundreds of construction personnel to access any on-post housing area. The fencing will prevent heavy construction traffic from entering adjoining residential neighborhoods, thus protecting neighborhood children from traffic as well as from other ongoing construction activities. The fencing will also allow for a smoother construction flow which should shorten the amount of time for project completion by one year thus lessening the inconvenience to neighboring residents.

The fenced-in construction area consists of the land between Fir and Locust Streets, North to Juliustown Road (in Garden Terrace), then crossing Juliustown Road, the area between Montpelier and Z Streets (in Laurel Hill). A construction vehicle access area will be provided along Hemlock Street to connect the fenced-in construction area to Pointville Road. Juliustown Road will be closed from West 10th Street to Montpelier Street as part of the fencing plan.

The housing construction project affecting this area will last approximately one-and-a-half years. As construction progress permits, Juliustown Road will be opened at nights and on weekends. It may also be possible to open Juliustown Road for special events at the Youth Center or the Elementary School. As construction areas are completed, they will be removed from the fenced-in construction area as soon as possible. Throughout the project United Communities will continue to try and meld convenience to neighboring residents with the safety and performance of the construction activities.

# E-mail migration starting

Evelyn Stefula  
DOIM

The Technical Network Operations Support Center (TNOOSC) at Fort Huachuca, Ariz., has given Fort Dix approval to begin its Exchange 2003 Migration (E2K3).

If you are a user of Fort Dix e-mail, you will be part of the migration. Fort Dix's migration will begin on May 14 and end May 24.

The migration will commence at 5 p.m. each day and end at approximately 6 a.m. Users are requested to curtail their use of e-mail during their migration.

The E2K3 schedule, as well as other valuable information for the user, is posted on Teamdix and the portal. Each user will have the following responsibilities in the migration:

1. All mailboxes need to be cleaned up and e-mail that does not have importance should be removed from the mailbox prior to migration.

2. The night before your directorate migrates, turn off forwarding at the AKO site. Then in the morning, change the forwarding address from user.name@dix.army.mil to user.name@conus.army.mil. After the e-mail is forwarded, reboot your BlackBerry if you have one.

3. Signed and encrypted e-mail will not migrate. Create a personal folder (.pst) and move the signed and encrypted e-mail into the folder.

4. Archive into a personal folder (create a .pst) any impor-

tant e-mails, Contacts, etc. before the migration occurs.  
5. Once you are migrated, take the time to validate your Contacts.

6. Be careful replying to certain recipients. Your address has changed; older addresses in your Contacts may not be valid anymore.

7. Let your IMO know if you are having any Outlook issues. E2K3 will have differences from the current Exchange 5.5 mail system. To acquaint yourself with the differences, Fort Dix has developed, from previous E2K3 migrations throughout CONUS, a list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ). Hopefully these questions and answers will help answer some questions you may have concerning the migration.

**Q. What happened to my Offline Folders, Rules, and Out of Office tools?**

A. They all need to be manually re-created.

**Q. I can't find the Organization mailboxes on the GAL?**

A. Organization mailboxes have been renamed to better distinguish them on the GAL. Most Organization mailboxes are now preceded by the word DIX. We are still working on getting all them renamed.

**Q. I turned off my AKO forwarding. Why can't I send an email to my AKO address?**

A. Because your local mailbox is configured with your AKO address "tied" to it, e-mail sent from within the Fort Dix e-mail system will not go to your AKO account. It will be delivered to your local mailbox.

**Q. My mailbox migrated but my Contacts did not. Can I get those back?**

A. This is a known issue with the migration tool. If your Contacts did not migrate you should contact your IMO who will open a ticket with the DOIM Help Desk to have them restored.

**Q. I had recurring events in my Calendar that are no longer there.**

A. Close Outlook and go to Start and then Run. Type in Outlook /resetfolders

**Q. My Outlook Calendar reminders are not working ("popping up"), what should I do?**

A. Exit Outlook, click Start, point to Run, type outlook /clearreminders, and then click OK. Again, exit Outlook, click Start, point to Run, type outlook /resetfolders, and click OK.

**Q. Why can't I find the Distribution Lists?**

A. Distribution Lists can only be found by viewing the entire GAL. Look them up by typing in "DIX DL." We do not have a way to list them under the Fort Dix address book at this time. A solution is forthcoming.

As Fort Dix progresses through the E2K3 migrations, we will post on Teamdix and the portal additional FAQ that we determine to be recurring.

Take a few moments to check out the portal site at <https://dixwsdoim0006/sites/migration/default.aspx>

Should you experience a problem from the migration, please contact your IMO, who will submit a Remedy ticket with the help desk.



courtesy photo

**LEADERS UNITED** -- Eloise Deas, president of the Christian Women of the Chapel, right, had the opportunity to meet former United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan during a recent trip to Ghana to help celebrate the nation's 50th Anniversary of Independence.

## Fort Dix community leader meets former U.N. secretary

Wayne Cook  
Public Affairs Staff

The headline could read, "President meets former United Nations Secretary General."

No, not George W. Bush; the president being referred to is Eloise Deas, president of the Fort Dix Christian Women of the Chapel. Deas' son, the internationally acclaimed bass-baritone Kevin Deas, was extended a per-

sonal casual invitation by Kofi Annan to travel to Ghana to help celebrate the nation's 50th Anniversary of Independence.

The gesture was a favor to a personal friend of Annan's, Daniel Bareboim, the new conductor of the Teatro alla Scala Orchestra and Chorus of Milan, Italy. The orchestra was to perform as part of the celebration and Bareboim wanted Deas to represent the United States as a soloist in the chorus.

Bareboim and Deas had worked together in the past with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

When Deas got the invitation to the event in Ghana, he shared

the news with his mother, who resides in Browns Mills. She was excited for him and soon found herself invited to travel along with him. The elder Deas was elated at the opportunity to travel to Africa and experience a little bit of her family roots. She was also thrilled at the chance to meet the former U.N. secretary general.

The pageantry and pomp and circumstance that surrounded the celebration were more than mother Deas had ever experienced in her 83 years of life.

"The colors were so vivid, and I thought the whole continent was desert. I had not anticipated all the greenery, the palm trees and everything," she said.

"There was such a beauty about the whole place and yet if you looked around the corner, the sights of poverty could be seen," she added.

"The difference that I noticed between those living in poverty in Ghana and those in the United States is that the people were always clean; even their clothes were clean," Deas said.

"What I came to understand was that although the people may have been poor in Ghana, they were content with what God had provided them, where here in this country we are spoiled and complain no matter what our social standing is," she said.

"While we were in Ghana, the Italian Embassy held a reception in honor of the orchestra. The people were so gracious and very quick to serve us. If we reached for a door or wanted to go up or down in an elevator, one of the pretty young ladies would run to the door to open it for us or push the buttons to our floor. It was so nice," she added.

Another place the elder Deas got to visit while she was overseas was a facility where slaves were sold and then shipped out to America and the Caribbean. She said that there were still nails and spikes in the walls that once held slaves in place during the auction to slave merchants. She related that the place had the feeling of being very soiled and full of death. Being there stirred up different emotions in her, the least of which was a deep sadness.

Overall, the trip was something that the elder Deas felt she never would have had the opportunity to go on but was sincerely grateful to God that a way was made for her to join her son.

**"What I came to understand was that although the people may have been poor in Ghana, they were content with what God had provided them."**  
Eloise Deas

## Returning citizen-Soldiers honored

Sgt. Steve Reeves  
131st MPAD

Sacrifice and selfless duty to country were honored when 20 Soldiers were recognized during a "Welcome Home Warrior-Citizen Award" ceremony at Timmermann Center May 3.

The Soldiers, all members or former members of the U.S. Army Reserve's 78<sup>th</sup> Division, served in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

During the ceremony, each Soldier received a U.S. flag in a case engraved with his or her name, a 4-by-6-foot flag with "Welcome Home Warrior-Citizen" emblazoned on it, as well as commemorative Army coins and lapel pins.

"It's just a small token of appreciation from a grateful nation and the United States Army," said Col. John J. Skoll, the division chief of staff for the 78<sup>th</sup> Division. "Each of these Soldiers, along with their families, answered the call to duty."

Many of the Soldiers brought their families to the ceremony. Capt. Aaron T. Jones, commander of the 78<sup>th</sup>'s Headquarters and Headquarters Company, told those family members assembled that their sacrifices on the home front make it possible for their

loved ones in the military to do their jobs.

"Without you, we wouldn't be able to do this," Jones said.

The Soldiers recognized served in various duties in support of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom. Their jobs ranged from training Iraqi and Afghan nationals to assume security responsibilities to working with Coalition Forces and civilian contractors to help rebuild war-torn regions.

"We all served when our nation called and we all served with dignity and honor," guest speaker and retired Col. John McLean told the Soldiers during his remarks at the ceremony.

"Once again today we are here to recognize our citizen-Soldiers."

McLean, whose military career of more than 30 years included recent tours in Iraq and Afghanistan, compared modern-day Reserve Soldiers to the Minutemen of the Revolutionary War and said the burden of defending freedom has always fallen "on the shoulders of a handful. Throughout history, brave men have answered the call to duty."

The "Welcome Home Warrior-Citizen Award" is given to all Army Reserve Soldiers who have served in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.



Sgt. Steve Reeves

**DIE-HARD SOLDIER** -- Retired Col. John McLean and wife Mary Ellen cut the ceremonial cake during the "Welcome Home Warrior-Citizen" honor ceremony at Timmermann Center May 3 for the deployed Soldiers of the Army Reserve's 78th Division.

**WDIX Channel 2**  
24/7 information

## Chaplains' Corner

Chap. (Maj.) Jason Logan  
Chapel Staff

*"Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercession, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."*

1 Timothy 2:1-4

Greetings, Fort Dix Family. It's hard to believe that I've been assigned to Fort Dix for almost a year. It's been a great year, but oh, how time has flown.

I'm probably the most invisible chaplain in the community because I'm the resource manager and pastoral coordinator. You won't see me unless you come to the chapel (or perhaps go to the gym). I've never been that kind of chaplain (invisible), but God calls us to different things at different times.

By the way, speaking of time, have you noticed that the National Day of Prayer has come and gone without much fanfare? It was May 3 and we as an installation were ahead of the game because we gathered as a community for prayer March 22 when Chap. (Col.) Steve Young spoke at our Installation Prayer Breakfast. I'm a little biased, but it was a great event and arguably contributed beneficially to our community.

I don't know about you, but I believe that prayer works! I believe in a big God who is not limited by us (for example, to carry out his divine will), but wants people to pray. In fact, he invites us to seek him while he may find and to try him out.

He says in the Psalms, "taste and see that the LORD is good." He says in the book of James that prayer of a righteous man (or woman) avails much! Translation - prayer really works!

In my last article, I spoke (in part) of America's godly heritage. We as a nation have a religious (Judeo-Christian) heritage and most especially a heritage of tolerance for various religions. Some might disagree and point out where we have failed, but if you make a comparison, we are much more tolerant than most places.

We enjoy many great freedoms, and one of them is freedom of religion! Chiefly, we

have freedom to pray or not to pray without fear of redress. Again, I don't know about you, but I plan to pray. I especially plan to pray for our Soldiers. They are heavy on my heart! I seldom forget to pray for them and especially those who lead them.

Listen, I pray because I love our country and most especially I love those who defend it. For me, this includes everyone of you regardless of race, color or creed. Guess what? I don't believe this heretical or unholy, either. I've been criticized by church folk for being an Army chaplain, but that is alright with me. After all, I believe that Soldiers are never beyond the hands or grace of God. I believe they deserve God's richest blessings. They especially deserve his blessings in times like these. After all, they have a great task and are carrying so many burdens.

Today, I hope to convince you (if you're not already) to be a praying community. You see, the Bible says that we should pray for everybody and that includes Soldiers. We are also told that as we pray in particular ways, God hears our prayers and the heavens are moved.

Finally, I would close with one final exhortation to pray. I would offer the words of someone who was much more eloquent than me. I want to leave you with a quote from General Robert E. Lee, who became famous during our nation's Civil War, and though he commanded for the Confederacy, was respected as a good and godly man.

He issued a "Call to Prayer" to the Soldiers of Northern Virginia in 1863. He said, "Soldiers! We have sinned against Almighty God. We have forgotten His signal mercies, and have cultivated a revengeful, haughty, and boastful spirit. We have not remembered that the defenders of a just cause should be pure in His eyes; that 'our times are in His hands,' and we have relied too much on our own arms for the achievement of our independence. God is our refuge and our strength. Let us humble ourselves before Him. Let us confess our many sins, and beseech Him to give us a higher courage, a purer patriotism, and a more determined will; that He will convert the hearts of our enemies; that He will hasten the time when war, with its sorrows and sufferings, shall cease, and that He will give us a name and a place among the nations of the earth."

Amen.

# West Point grad takes command of 404th Civil Affairs Battalion

Sgt. Steve Reeves  
131st MPAD

A highly-decorated airborne infantry officer and United States Military Academy graduate took command of the 404th Civil Affairs Battalion during a ceremony May 5 at the Kelley Reserve Center.

Lt. Col. John C. Hope replaced Maj. James J. Roth, who served as interim commander of the 404th Civil Affairs Bn. for four months.

"This has been a very enlightening and invaluable experience for me and it certainly will prepare me for command in the future," Roth said after a change-of-command ceremony at the Staff Sgt. Jonah E. Kelley U.S. Army Reserve Center at Fort Dix. Roth resumes his former duties as executive officer of the 404th Civil Affairs Battalion.

Before taking command of the 404th, Hope previously served as a detachment commander and operations officer with the 432nd Civil Affairs Battalion and the executive officer of Task Force Dragon, Multi-National Corps in Iraq and the deputy commander of the 1st Training Brigade, Task Force Freedom, U.S. Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command.

Hope said his entire military career has

been preparing him for his new assignment. "This is truly a dream come true for me," he said. "This is my time to command."

The 404th is an airborne unit which has a high deployment tempo, already having sent elements to Afghanistan, Iraq and the Horn of Africa.

"The 404th is preparing to send companies to Iraq and Afghanistan in the next several months to take part in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. "My first order of business is to oversee those companies and their training and make sure they are mission-capable," Hope said.

"I will be honing their skills and ensuring that they are ready to deploy and do all of the basic things - shoot, move and communicate - that they will need to be able to do," he said.

Among Hope's decorations are the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal Expeditionary Medal, Combat Action Badge and the Expert Infantryman Badge.

His military schools include Airborne School, Ranger School, Air Assault Course, U.S. Marine Corps Command and General Staff College and General Staff College.



Sgt. Steve Reeves

**AMERICA'S BEST - Lt. Col. John C. Hope replaces Maj. James J. Roth as commander of the 404th Civil Affairs Battalion during a ceremony held May 5**



Ed Mingin  
**Command Sgt. Major Kolleen Dickinson and Col. Bill Callahan, 151 Regional Support Group, Massachusetts National Guard, above, hold their yellow banner at a ceremony held May 4 at Griffith Field House. Cheryl Brown, an employee of LAP World Services, Inc., and vehicle dispatcher, left, is awarded the Golden Castle Award, presented by the Directorate of Public Works "in recognition of excellence."**



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## Team Dix earns rewards, honors



Carolee Nisbet

**Steve Whitmore, operations manager, Directorate of Public Works, above left, receives his promotion from Col. David McNeil, installation commander. Spc. Peter Wilson, Spc. Daniel Seaborough and Staff Sgt. T. Bradley Vogt, 1079th Garrison Support Unit, below from left, receive Army Achievement Medals.**



# Announcements



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

**Friday, May 11 @ 7:30 p.m.**  
**Shooter** - Mark Wahlberg, Danny Glover - Marksman Bob Lee Swagger leaves the military after a mission goes horribly awry. Pressed back into service, he is betrayed, again. Now, wounded and the subject of a massive manhunt, Swagger plots revenge against some of the most powerful individuals in the nation. **MPAA Rating: R** **Run Time: 124 minutes.**

**Saturday, May 12 @ 7:30 p.m.**  
**Meet the Robinsons** - Danell Hansen, Jordan Fry - Lewis is an orphan who dreams of finding a family. His journey takes an unexpected turn when a mysterious stranger named Wilbur Robinson whisks him away to a world where anything is possible: the future. There, he meets an incredible assortment of characters and a family beyond his wildest imagination. The Robinsons, who help lead him on an amazing and hilarious adventure with heartfelt results. Based upon the book A Day with Wilbur Robinson by William Joyce. **MPAA Rating: G** **Run Time: 92 minutes.**

**Future Features...**

**Are We Done Yet?**  
Friday, May 18 @ 7:30 p.m.  
PG, 90 min.

**Firehouse Dog**  
Saturday, May 19 @ 7:30 p.m.  
PG, 111 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 Healthcare Center who received a prescription must first visit the pharmacy to "check-in and activate" the prescription. An ID card is required. The pharmacy will process the prescription only after check-in.

Current prescriptions may be refilled 24 hours-a-day, seven days a week, by calling 754-9470. Refills can be requested seven to ten days before the prescription runs out. Refills are ready for pick-up two duty days after being phoned in.

**WIC Program available**  
Women, Infants and Children (WIC) is a federally funded supplemental nutrition program for pregnant and breastfeeding women, infants and children under the age of 5. Eligibility for the program is based on an income and nutritional or medical risk. WIC can provide infants with iron-fortified infant formula, cereal and juice. Children and women receive milk, cheese, eggs, cereal, juice, peanut butter or beans. Women who breastfeed and do not use any infant formula may also receive carrots and tuna.

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

**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

**AFTB Level 1**

May 14

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

Red Cross

**New Beginnings: Life After Divorce**

May 15

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

Fort Dix Child Development Center

**Budgeting for Success**

May 16

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

ACS

**Volunteer Advisory Council**

May 16

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.

ACS

**Newcomers Orientation**

May 17

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

ACS

**How to praise so your children will behave**

May 17

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Fort Dix Child Development Center

**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**

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# MOBILIZATION NEWS YOU CAN USE

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### Post Shuttle Bus

562-5888

Monday to Sunday -- 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.  
During the day Starr Tour buses are used, in evening the military Bluebird buses are run.

### Dix Shoppette/Class Six/ Gas Station

723-0044

Bldg. 5359, Texas Ave.  
Monday to Friday - 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.  
Weekends - 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

### BX/PX & Mall

723-6100

Monday to Thursday - 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
Friday and Saturday - 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
Sunday - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

### Commissary

754-4154

Monday to Friday - 7 a.m. (early bird) to 8 p.m.  
Saturday - 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
Sunday - 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

### Military Clothing/Sales Store-Alterations

723-2307

Bldg. 5601, Texas Ave.  
Monday to Saturday 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday - Closed.

### Firestone

723-0464

Bldg. 4201 on Texas Ave.  
Monday through Friday - 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
Saturday - 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### Recreation Center

562-4956

Bldg. 5905 on Doughboy Loop.  
Monday through Friday - 1 to 10 p.m.  
Saturday and Sunday - noon to 11 p.m.

AT&T Cyber Zone offers computer access for a fee

### Fort Dix Post Office

723-1541

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

Lobby hours

Monday to Friday 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

### Burger King

723-8937

Bldg. 5399, Texas Ave.  
Monday to Saturday 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
Sunday 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

# Boys of Summer back in action with start of season



Fort Dix began its baseball season this past weekend, and nothing marks the start of summer quite like the start of baseball season. For the past few weeks, the teams have been spending the afternoon with players refining their skills after a long winter. In the 3- through 4-year-old division, players were less concerned with refining their skills and more focussed with gaining the initial techniques they would use this season. Axel Rodriguez, at left, spends some time working on base running. Coach Jason Smith, at right, helps Dwayne Hattiger with his swing. Players went through several drills so they could get the basics. Look in next week's edition of the Post for game results and schedules.

photos by Ed Mingin



## Sports Shorts

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

Cost: \$45  
June 9  
Canoe/Kayak  
Cost: \$25  
June 10  
Canoe/Kayak  
Cost: \$25  
July 14-15

Modifieds, Sportsman and Super Stocks.  
For more info call (609) 758-1900 or visit the track's website at [www.newegyptspeedway.net](http://www.newegyptspeedway.net).

### Swim Team Tryout

The Army is holding tryouts for its swimming team in the upcoming World Games.

### 2008 US Olympic Trials

#### Qualifying Standards

Women	Event	Men
26.39	50 Freestyle	23.49
57.19	100 Freestyle	51.59
2:03.39	200 Freestyle	1:52.89
4:19.39	400 Freestyle	3:59.99
8:50.49	800 Freestyle	-----
-----	1500 Freestyle	15:53.59
1:04.59	100 Backstroke	57.99
2:17.99	200 Backstroke	2:04.99
1:12.59	100 Breaststroke	1:04.69
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2:20.49	200 IM	2:07.39
4:55.89	400 IM	4:30.49

Active Duty Army swimmers interested in trying out for the team, or wanting more information about the event can call Floyd Winter at 562-4888.

### Golf Classic Scramble

The American Society of Military Comptrollers is presenting the Jersey Devil Chapter Annual Scholarship Fund Golf Classic Scramble.

The event will be Monday, July 9 at the McGuire Golf Course.

Cost for the event is \$60 and includes green fees, cart, prizes, lunch and drinks. Money is due by July 3.

Call 732-427-3835 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.

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Cost: \$45  
Sept. 15  
Canoe/Kayak  
Cost: \$25

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

### 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.

Tonight will see a busy schedule at the speedway. On the bill will be Super Late Models, Outlaw Stocks, SS Sprints, Crate 1 Sportsman, and Legends Cars. Saturday will be a regular schedule with

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**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](http://BarbsHD.com) or [armedforcesfreedomride.org](http://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!**

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# Slick Mayweather ekes out split decision

## Fans jam Club Dix for classic fight night



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Hype for the Oscar De La Hoya - Floyd Mayweather Jr. junior middleweight (or, at the 154-pound limit, super welterweight) showdown was thicker than a bowl of borscht sitting on a Budapest windowsill. So thick, in fact, that you couldn't believe the hoopla was for real.

But the fighters proved to be champions worthy of the name by slugging it out in a bout reportedly witnessed by 2.15 million households who paid HBO \$54.95 apiece for the privilege, generating record-saving revenue of \$120 million!

Mayweather won the fight by a split decision, two of three judges deeming him the winner by very narrow margins, and walked off with an estimated \$20 million. De La Hoya probably didn't hesitate to cry in his beer because with his take, \$45 million, he can afford an awful lot of any brew he feels like swilling.

### Big bucks

De La Hoya's \$45 million is supposedly the highest purse ever paid for a fighter, topping the \$35 million apiece Mike Tyson and Evander Holyfield reputedly were paid for their renowned "Bite Fight."

Club Dix took advantage of the pre-fight publicity, offering Soldiers and civilians here the chance to view the fistc extravaganza on one of the Club's many TV sets and screens for a paltry \$15 with a buffet thrown in.

Over 600 people showed up, according to Club Dix manager Ed Scully. Personally I thought the premises seemed to bulge nearer the Club's 800-person capacity. But in any event the night has to be considered a rousing success.

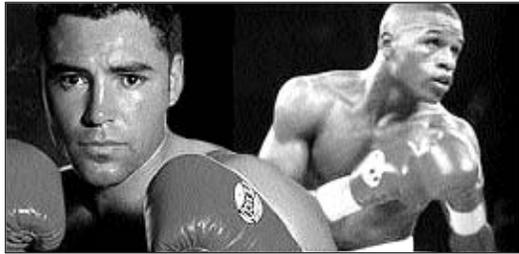
The fight night was reminiscent of evenings in the 1950s at some of the small, smoky, midtowns located in boxing havens like Syracuse, N.Y., or at emporiums like Brooklyn's famed St. Nicholas Arena where so many top made their bones in lethal competition. And where you didn't complain too much if your neighbor, in a fit of enthusiasm, spilled his beer on your lap.

I was looking forward more to a fight night out on the town, so to speak, than exhibiting anything hinting of slavish devotion to either of the pugilists.

### Pound for pound

A devotee of the big fellas, I had seen the mighty Muhammad Ali in his prime at his training camp in Deer Lake, Pa., coming away shell-shocked at the legend's mastery of the ring against some pretty tough sparring partners (including the then-unheralded Larry Holmes).

I never followed the lower weight classes too assiduously but still fondly recall TV battles featuring the likes of Sugar Ray Robinson, Carmen Basilio, Gene Fullmer, Florentino Fernandez (whose left hook could demolish a building), mid-



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**SQUARING OFF** -- Oscar De La Hoya, left, squared off against Floyd Mayweather Jr. for the WBC junior middleweight championship (154 pound weight limit) Saturday night. Over 600 fans, a near capacity crowd, showed up at Club Dix to watch the televised bloodletting won by Mayweather in a razor-thin split decision.

dleweights (160 pound limit) all who had hearts like lions.

I had heard a lot about De La Hoya but hadn't followed his career too closely. I knew he was a telegenic, attractive guy who had a huge following in the Hispanic community and had been involved in some highly publicized battles with the likes of Pernell Whitaker in 1997 (whom he defeated to take the welterweight, 147 pound crown), successfully defended that title against Hector "Macho" Camacho in 1997, lost the welterweight crown by a decision to Felix Trinidad in 1999, lost to Shane Mosley in 2003 and was knocked out in nine rounds by Bernard Hopkins in 2004, negating his go for the middleweight crown.

### Bastard titles

It wasn't his fault but De La Hoya held all kinds of what I call the "bastard crowns," titles in weight divisions that didn't exist in boxing's classical era, shams like "junior middleweight" or "super welterweight." Such title inflations were meant to hype the box office but sullied boxing instead by cheapening the meanings of "champions" in those questionable new weight divisions, defining a "champion" somewhat like they did in professional wrestling.

De La Hoya did win the lightweight (135 pound limit) title in 1994 with a three-round KO of Jorge Paez and took the welterweight crown from Whitaker but failed in his middleweight title forays.

De La Hoya's fight against Mayweather was, technically, for the super welterweight or junior middleweight crown, a bastard creation no matter what you call it. But Oscar and Floyd were vying for something much more prestigious in the world of the ropes.

They were fighting to gain unofficial recognition as the finest pound-for-pound prizefighter in the world. Once, middleweight king Sugar Ray Robinson wore that mythical laurel. In another era, he was succeeded by heavyweight titan Muhammad Ali.

Even before the fight, the consensus seemed to be that Floyd Mayweather Jr. stood in a class by himself as far as pugilists were concerned. His victory over De La Hoya, however slim, only adds depth to that perception.

Although he stands about

three inches shorter than De La Hoya at 5'8 3/4," Mayweather equalled his rival in having a 72" reach. That fit his style nicely as the thin-as-a-reed "Pretty Boy" prefers to dance, move away and jab foes silly with a rapier-like left hand.

A three-time Golden Gloves winner from 1993-95, Mayweather got robbed by a strange decision in the 1996 Olympics, coming home only with a bronze medal. Trained by his father Floyd Sr., once a pro of some renown, Floyd Jr. plowed through the professional ranks, winning the WBC super featherweight crown (among other titles) before downing Jose Luis Castillo for the lightweight title in 2002 and capturing welterweight laurels from Carlos Baldomin in 2006.

So I was eager to see these paragon in action when I sat down on a stool in front of a TV in Club Dix's Blue Room. Mayweather was a slight favorite but I couldn't help hoping for at least a reasonably good match which might shake professional boxing out of its doldrums.

Curious about the tenor of the crowd, I asked a couple of Soldiers what they expected to see in this latest battle of the ages.

### Soldiers sound off

Alberto Santesteban, from the 4220th United States Army Hospital unit informed me "De La Hoya is finally facing a real fighter" and was destined for defeat. The 508th MP Co.'s Wilfredo Rodriguez disagreed, though, citing De La Hoya's "speed and experience."

It was apparent that fans intended to follow a time-honored boxing tradition by supporting fighters who shared their ethnic backgrounds. But to give credit where it's due, boxing fans tend to unabashedly praise artistry and guts wherever they see them.

Sitting with two old friends from the 1079th Garrison Support Unit, Marvin Lundy who works at the unaccompanied housing office and Sgt. Christopher Beerman, the reenlistment NCO for the 1079th, I sat back to enjoy the fight.

The first thing that struck me was how much bigger De La Hoya seemed than Mayweather. The Golden Boy's weight was listed as 154 but he seemed to dwarf Mayweather at 150.

From the opening bell, De La Hoya swarmed all over Mayweather, trying to shove him into corners where he raked him over with left and right hooks.



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**CHECKING IN** -- Soldiers and civilians were checked at the door for identification and required to fork over a \$15 cover charge at Fort Dix's fight night Saturday.



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**GETTING THE PICTURE** -- Wherever one looked Saturday night a TV popped into the line of vision and pictures came out clear enough to photograph.



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**BUSY BEHIND THE BAR** -- Thirsty customers kept Blue Room bartender Jackie Villarante, right above, in perpetual motion but dollar bills crammed into otherwise empty beer pitchers eased bartender pain somewhat as tips for hardworking hostesses seemed to flow as smoothly as liquid refreshments.

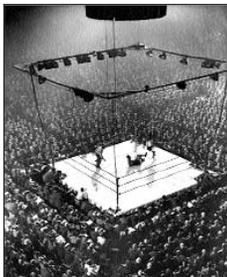


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**KINDRED SPIRITS** -- Perennial puritanical preachments aside, boxing and beer are made for each other and discerning Soldiers enjoy both.



**RIGHT IN THE KISSER** -- Floyd Mayweather Jr. connects with a picture-perfect left hook on his way to winning a split decision over Oscar De La Hoya for the junior middleweight crown. Mayweather remains undefeated at 38-0 and is rated by many experts as the best fighter - pound for pound - in the world today.



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**ROMANCE OF THE RING** -- If one shut one's eyes Saturday night at Club Dix, one could imagine being back at Madison Square Garden in the 1950s, above, with beer-sodden fans yelling, fighters throwing leather, head bashing, noses busting and blood flowing.



**POWER PUNCHER** -- Oscar De La Hoya, right, trapped Floyd Mayweather against the ropes several times in the early rounds, pounding away with both hands in gut-busting combinations to the body. But De La Hoya neglected his left jab, and had trouble catching the elusive Mayweather as the fight wore on. The bigger De La Hoya also appeared to run out of gas in the latter rounds.