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NEWSNOTES

Off-post access to Range Road curtailed

In order to better control traffic on the ranges, Fort Dix is closing two entrances from Route 70 to Range Road, one at the end of Grand Concourse Road and one at Mile Marker 37. Access to Route 539 through the gate known as Hole In The Wall will also be closed.

Self-Help Store relocated, hours expanded

The Fort Dix Self Help Store serves the directorates and tenant organizations on Fort Dix by providing a variety of do-it-yourself items to customers to include light bulbs, air filters, snow melt, gardening tools, and many other common items. Effective June 1, the Self Help Store will relocate across the street to building 5322 (behind DPW on Delaware Avenue) and expand the hours of operation to 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday, closed Sunday.

Defense Printing Service to hold open house

The Defense Automated Printing Service on Fort Dix will hold an open house June 13 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Building 6044 Philadelphia Street. Members of the community are invited to get a first-hand look at the services offered by DAPS and information on how to use the system.

Education fair coming to McGuire golf course

Education Services at McGuire AFB is sponsoring "Education on the Green", Friday, June 15 from 2 to 4:30 P.M. at the McGuire golf course. "Education on the Green" is an education information fair open to McGuire, Fort Dix, and surrounding communities. Representatives from McGuire AFB schools and local colleges and agencies will be available to provide information on college programs and certifications.

The following schools and agencies have agreed to attend: Burlington County College, McGuire AFB Colleges, Immaculate University, Drexel University, Seton Hall University, Lourdes Medical Center, Department of Veteran Affairs, Rutgers University, and AFROTC. More schools are agreeing to participate daily.

Post RV campground offers lodging alternative

The Willow Pond Recreational Vehicle (RV) Campground offers a home away from home. Located on the corner of Texas Avenue and 8th Street, the campground offers water and electric (20 and 30 amp) hookups and a pull-up dump station. Rates are \$20 per night, \$100 per week and \$400 per month.

Reservations are recommended and a deposit must be made in full. All reservations must be made at Outdoor Recreation, Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. or Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. All commercial vehicles must use the Main Gate on Route 68.

WEATHER

FRIDAY: Mostly sunny with a high near 89 degrees, lows around 60.

SATURDAY: Clear, sunny skies with highs in the upper 80s and a low of 61.

SUNDAY: Partly cloudy with a high of 82 degrees, low of 62.

MONDAY: Cloudy skies with highs in the upper 70s, lows in the upper 50s.

TUESDAY: Partly cloudy with a high of 78 degrees and a low of 57.

WEDNESDAY: Sunny with highs in the upper 70s.



REMEMBRANCE -- Col. Rick Martin, 305th Air Mobility Wing commander, Col. David McNeil, Fort Dix commander, and Lt. Col. Thomas Gilbert, N.J. State Police chief of staff, from left, lead a wreath-laying ceremony at McGuire May 24.

Leaders honor fallen heroes

Wayne Cook
Public Affairs Staff

Military and civilian communities joined together on McGuire Air Force Base May 24 to honor those who have served and fallen in defense of the nation at home and abroad during a wreath-laying ceremony commemorating Memorial Day.

Senior leadership from the three installations comprising the mega base, the New Jersey State Police (NJSP), and local communities gathered along with military members and civilians to pay tribute to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice to preserve the country and its citizen's way of life.

Lt. Col. Thomas Gilbert, chief of staff, New Jersey State Police, opened the ceremony by comparing the uncertainty of daily service in law enforcement or the military to the same uncertainty that Maj. Tommy McGuire, Medal of Honor recipient, faced the day he flew his final mission.

"Just like Maj. McGuire went out that fateful day in 1945, law enforcement and military members get up every morning not knowing what the day will bring," he said.

"I thank you, as we remember all those who have served and paid the ultimate price. We take time to remember them and the truck gate has been built to x-ray all trucks entering Fort Dix. Training areas undergo constant construction and increased police presence as we strengthen our borders, visibility and awareness.

Sen. Frank Lautenberg and Rep. Jim Saxton visited last week and have introduced legislative bills aimed at increasing security. Rep. Saxton's bill requires greater screening of delivery personnel. He has been very supportive of helping us get more funding for security improvements.

Some visitors are more challenging. Last Saturday, we had an investigative reporter sneak onto base, pretending to attend the soccer match. Our DoD Policeman at the gate did not comply with any of the established security protocols. The reporter used a hidden camera to film many areas of post, to prove that security is lax.

While this is very embarrassing to Fort Dix and the Army, you need to know that other individuals may try to gain access to post. As you know we do not allow anyone not cleared by the post to take pictures or film our installation for security reasons. We need everyone to be aware of what is going on around them, and to report any suspicious activities or people.

The policeman involved has been administratively relieved of his duties pending an investigation. Our Directorate of Public Safety is reemphasizing the proper security protocols and has ramped up checks of security measures.

We will continue to work with the local community to provide a place that is a venue for a sense of community through soccer matches and other events, while protecting our greatest asset here.

We take security very seriously and are taking strong measures to ensure that this will not happen again. All things work together for good, and this provides another challenge for us to meet. Thanks for your continued support in making this a great place to train, work and live.

Two young men - Chancellor Merington, a fifth grader at C.B. Lamb School, and Chase Geurin, a sixth grader at Challenger School - read essays they had written entitled Our Proud Heritage of Courage and Sacrifice. Upon completion of the readings, Martin remarked that there is definitely hope for the future in the younger generation.

The flags of the nation, each state and the military services flapped sharply in the breeze while the McGuire Honor Guard performed a 21-gun salute and Taps was played in the background.

A solemn salute to the fallen heroes was executed when a KC-10 Extender and a C-17 Globemaster III passed overhead in a flyby formation.

The children of the North Hanover Township School Choir sang stirring renditions of 'God Bless America' and 'God Bless the U.S.A.' garnering a huge ovation from those gathered at Pudgy's Circle.

The NJSP's Pipes and Drums of the Blue and Gold rounded out the ceremony with a somber rendition of 'When the Saints Come Marching In.'

The cost for freedom was definitely understood and reverently celebrated during this Memorial Day event.



photos by Ed Mingin

Vigilance, visibility keys to post security

Col. R. David McNeil
Fort Dix Commander

I want to give you an update on security improvements since the culmination of the investigation last week into the terrorist threat to Fort Dix. We were alerted by the FBI of that investigation last year and have made many improvements since then. Fences have been strengthened and extended, the main gate has had many design improvements and the truck gate has been built to x-ray all trucks entering Fort Dix. Training areas undergo constant construction and increased police presence as we strengthen our borders, visibility and awareness.

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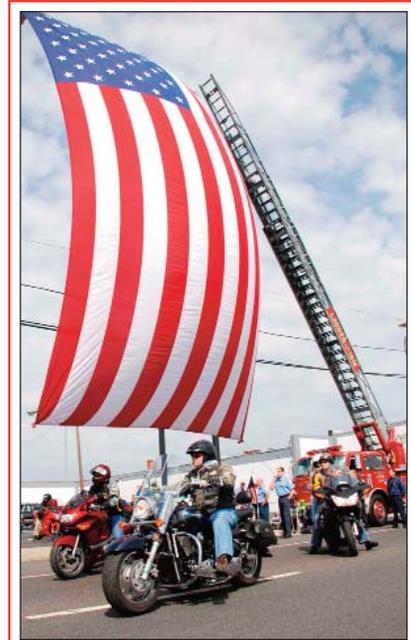
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David Moore

Riding for freedom

Motorcyclists depart Barb's Harley Davidson in West Collingswood Heights and head for Fort Dix during the first Armed Forces Freedom Ride May 20. For story and more photos, see page 9.

in memoriam



Memorial Day 2007

Steve Snyder
Public Affairs Staff

On Memorial Day the United States honors its sacred dead, those men and women who gave their lives in defense of America. And their numbers escalate as our country attempts to impose a Pax Americana on a region not known for its fidelity to Jeffersonian democracy.

Times are tough for defenders of the American creed but when haven't they been? Memorial Day is an ideal occasion to take stock and reflect on both where our country's been and where it's going.

There were about 5,000 Americans killed during our Revolutionary War when we won independence from the British crown. Historians calculate that about a third of the colonials were loyal to England during the war, another third tried to stay neutral and not be bothered while only the last third did the fighting and won the war.

The Civil War was fought mainly with volunteers but the North did institute a draft after a while and it was legal to buy your way out of military service, one future president, Grover Cleveland, taking advantage of this opportunity.

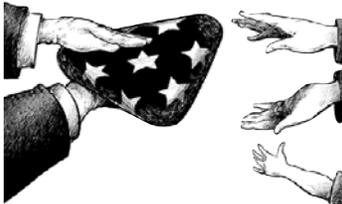
The Civil War was the most divisive in our history, even dividing brother against brother in some instances. But the Union victory insured that slavery, a great evil, could no longer stain the nation's conscience.

America lost over 620,000 favorite sons in the Civil War.

About 112,000 were killed in World War I and another 405,000 in the second world war as Americans discovered that even vast oceans could no longer isolate us from the rest of the planet.

We fought North Korean and Communist Chinese forces to a standoff in the Korean War which was followed a decade later by the debacle in Vietnam, next to the Civil War the most bitterly debated war in our history.

The Vietnam War caused many to question whether America was not spread too widely with too many commitments around the world. The American military, unfortunately, was unfairly tarnished during the conflict.



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The military, after all, didn't decide to go in to Vietnam. That was the work of politicians.

The Cold War ended with great fanfare in 1989 when the Soviet Union withdrew from Europe and then, in effect, dissolved, breaking up into Mother Russia and some older, smaller entities. The Cold War's demise coupled with the United States' lightning victory in the Gulf War brought the military back into the limelight, the public recognizing competence and professionalism when they saw it. And many seemed to feel guilty about trashing our Soldiers during the Vietnam era.

Nobody claimed America's warriors were supermen but simply that they resembled patriots of the past who did their duty no matter how harsh the conditions because they wanted their families to survive in a land they loved.

Americans were always pretty down to earth in recognizing the occasional necessity to pick up the sword to defend themselves and what they believed.



Look at the world, today. There is not much affection for America across the globe. Many wish us ill. And some will risk our wrath attempting to turn ill will into bloody reality.

Is this a cause for despair? Hell, no! My father's generation went hungry during the Depression before beating the hell out of some very nasty Germans and Japanese so they could come home and enjoy the American dream.

We have the same dream, of freedom tempered with opportunity. Faced with dire circumstances, we'll prevail. Why? It's in our blood. And bones.



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New safety campaign launched

U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center

The clock is ticking and summer is almost here. The Army's 101 Critical Days of Summer (Memorial Day through Labor Day) safety campaign is intended to remind us that we can't afford to lose focus on safety while either on- or off-duty.

Family barbecues, swimming, fishing, softball, hiking, boating, skiing, and camping are just some of the activities we like to engage in during the summer. The prolonged hours of daylight encourage us to jam as many of our favorite pastimes into our day as possible and more activities means more potential for accidents.

While we enjoy these lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer, often we fail to recognize the risks associated with our favorite off-duty activities. Many of us tend to engage in risky activities that take us to the 'edge' and what might begin as a day of fun in the sun may end up with a trip to the emergency room or worse.

Composite Risk Management (CRM) is one tool Soldiers and

civilians can use to protect themselves both on- and off-duty. There is no better time than now for commanders and supervisors at all levels to stress the use of CRM to help protect members of our Army team. This can be accomplished by focusing their planning and by individuals maintaining awareness as they enjoy the summer.

In another effort to reduce risk, the knowledge center for all accidental loss is expanding its reach with safety information and tools with the production of the U.S. Army's official safety magazine, Knowledge.

The U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center developed the new magazine in response to the continuing safety cultural transformation occurring Army-wide enabling units to become more predictive through a growing understanding and identification of accident trends thus becoming more proactive.

"The U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center is committed to supporting this cultural trans-

formation by ensuring our leaders, Soldiers and Army members are current on safety issues, trends, loss data, leadership tools and lessons learned so that each can engage in saving lives," said Brig. Gen. Bill Forrester, Director of Army Safety and Commanding Officer of the USACRC. "One way we provide you this information is through our publications."

Previously, USACRC published three different publications specifically highlighting safety information in one of three areas: aviation, ground or off-duty. Knowledge merges the three publications into one magazine.

"The three magazines that were previously developed (Impax, Flightfax and Countermeasure) will now be merged into one magazine that will provide valuable information and lessons learned to every member of our Army team," said Forrester.

Beginning this month, Knowledge will be published

monthly and be distributed online at the USACRC's homepage at <https://cra.army.mil> or through postal mail by request.

"Our goal at the U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center is for our Army's forces to become more predictive," said Forrester. "We have seen in this past fiscal year, Soldiers and leaders' engagement, combined with loss awareness and innovative programs directly contributes to saving lives. With that in mind, the USACRC remains committed to providing the most current, up-to-date Knowledge to continue making a difference."

The U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center stands ready to assist you as you "Own the Edge." We will be publishing a series of weekly articles highlighting tools that will assist you to do the right thing. Individual responsibility and accountability are the ultimate safety tools that will empower our Soldiers and civilians to Own the Edge.

For more information, visit <https://cra.army.mil/oteadit>. To subscribe to receive Knowledge, send e-mail to knowledge@cra.army.mil or call (334) 255-2062.

Summer-time should be spent having fun with friends and family, but let's do it safely.



photos by Ryan Morton

Ace employees receive rewards

Lt. Col. Charles Smith, above left, and Sarah Johnson, above right, present a plaque and check to MWR External Employee of the Year winner Dorothea Coleman, above center. Smith and Johnson also present a plaque and check to Bobby Brown, MWR Internal Employee of the Year winner, below center.



Adjusted postage rates set

New postage rates went 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 1-800-5STAMP-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 as of 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

Post funds allotted

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Jim Saxton (NJ-3rd) has announced that new construction to the tune of \$108 million for Fort Dix and McGuire Air Force Base is in the 2008 fiscal year defense budget that was approved by the House late last week and sent to the Senate.

"This is terrific news for the economy of South Jersey, and terrific news for the missions at the coming Joint Base," said Saxton. "It means quite a few construction jobs, and work to be bid on for local companies. This is the most funding we've seen in years, and a testament to the Pentagon's future plans for the Joint Base. The funds will pay for new Army, Navy and Air Force projects."

The 2005 BRAC recommendations, which are now law, direct that Fort Dix, McGuire Air Force Base and Lakehurst Naval Air Engineering Station be transformed into Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst.

In accordance with the BRAC 2005 law, the Department of the Navy plans to move 31 aircraft from Willow Grove Naval Reserve Center to McGuire AFB. By 2010, the Navy estimates assigning nearly 750 full-time personnel, plus another 1600 reservists to participate in monthly drilling.

Helicopter Hangars and a Marine Air Group (MAG) Headquarters, the first phase of which is a \$37 million complex. This project will construct two helicopter maintenance hangars with administrative and maintenance support space, MAG H.Q. facility with ground storage, and a helicopter parking apron. Total scope of the project is 141,502 square feet.

a. A Joint Use Reserve Training Center for \$20.6 million. This project will create a 76,832 square-foot training center to provide administrative and warehouse support for Navy and Marine Corps Reserve ops.

c. The first phase of a Navy Fleet Logistics Support Squadron Aircraft Operations and Maintenance facility which would provide around-the-clock worldwide air logistic support for active and Reserve units. Phase one would cost \$27.6 million to construct a 131,330 square foot facility.

Saxton has worked for a decade to build a joint base that would serve national security needs of the 21st century as well as help keep the three bases open because of their importance to the Ocean County and Burlington County economies. The three bases employ 17,000 people, the largest employers in the counties, and have an annual economic impact exceeding \$2 billion.

At Dix, the funds will pay for: a. a \$17 million project to be built on Fort Dix, to replace older repair facilities that service M1 Abraham tanks, HMWV (High-Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle or "Humvees") and military transport trucks. Saxton said that the state-of-the-art complex will have multiple maintenance bays to serve military vehicles. Currently this is performed at facilities that are spread out across the post.

b. \$5.9 million for phase one of a permanent Tactical Training Base, also called a Forward Operating Base. The 15,600 square-foot facility would host up to 2,500 soldiers in a realistic camp setting just prior to overseas deployment.

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Commentary:

Honor guard detail privilege, not right

Shawn Morris
Public Affairs Staff

On the morning of Sept. 11, 2001, I was sitting in my college's cafeteria waiting for classes to begin. I overheard another student's cell-phone conversation, something about the World Trade Center being attacked.

I made my way to the school library and logged onto the Internet. A librarian saw me trying to watch a choppy video of the attack on the computer screen, and whispered that there was a large television in the library basement.

I sat for hours in front of that television, right up until the school closed for the day.

Almost immediately, I thought of what the attacks meant to me as an American, and as an Army Reserve Soldier. What I didn't immediately consider was the impact the day's events would have on my civilian job as a limousine driver. When access to New York was shut down, and all air traffic was suspended, there was suddenly little demand for car service.

Needing to find some kind of employment until my layoff ended, I turned to the Army. At that time, I was part of the 1215th Garrison Support Unit, which was stationed at Willow Grove Naval Air Station in Pennsylvania. We shared a building with the 656th Area Support Group, a unit tasked with supplying Soldiers for honor guard detail at local military funerals.

After speaking with the sergeant in charge of the program, I decided to give it a try. The pay wasn't great, but it promised to be steady work. I got my Class

A uniform in order, underwent training in the form of a short video and some flag-folding practice, and prepared for my first assignment.

Although I had some experience with the workings of funerals as a limousine driver, I had never participated in one. There is a feeling of great responsibility to the family — and to the deceased — to make sure everything is done properly and runs smoothly.

This responsibility is even greater when you and the person you're helping to bury are brothers in arms.

I was quite nervous as I and another Soldier headed out for my first assignment. I graduated Advanced Individual Training only a month before, and as an Army journalist, things like drill and ceremony were never high on our list of training tasks. Sure, I had been through Basic Combat Training like everyone else, but what right did I have to be part of an honor guard?

To my surprise, what limited amount of military training I had obtained to that point served me well. I got through my first funeral without a hitch, performing all the facing movements and the flag folding without incident.

I also discovered something I hadn't anticipated — I was left with a great feeling of pride, humility and satisfaction when

the funeral had ended. I didn't realize how much our presence means to the family members, how what may seem to be just a job to a couple Soldiers can make the loss of a loved one a little more bearable for the family.

I realized then that being part of an honor guard at military funerals is a privilege, not a right, and that I should be grateful for the chance to be part of such a solemn experience.

After a few weeks working with the 656th, my limousine company called me. Restrictions were loosening up, and there was work available. I had to say goodbye to my brief active-duty Army career and return to life as a chauffeur.

While some may view funeral

detail as a chore or inconvenience, I urge every Soldier to give it a try before passing judgment. Everyone in uniform should be fortunate enough to have the opportunity to honor a fallen comrade by performing a sacred service for the family he or she has left behind.

And everyone should be as fortunate as I to remember the child who paused with his mother at a cemetery just long enough to salute the Soldiers who were about to pay tribute to his fallen hero.

(Editor's note: Soldiers interested in volunteering for funeral detail should call Master Sgt. Kevin Thompson, Mobilization Readiness Battalion, at 562-3978.)



LIVING THE ARMY VALUES — Sgt. 1st Class Walter Gist, right, receives instruction on how to properly fold a U.S. flag from Capt. Mitchell Wisniewski during a funeral detail familiarization session at Club Dix. The Mobilization Readiness Battalion is looking for volunteers to help with the ever-increasing demand for honor squads at military veterans' funerals.

Shawn Morris

Women's center offers grants to military families

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 wocmilitarygrant@ymca-bc.org.

NCO Call
at Club Dix
Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

West-coast Soldiers head east for training



photos by Ryan Morton

PROPER PREPARATION -- Sgt. Alex Aguirre, 155th Tactical Logistical Element, takes cover during mobilization training. Aguirre follows Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Padilla, right, as an observer controller/trainer from the 72nd Field Artillery Brigade makes certain the unit is trained to standard.

Ryan Morton
Public Affairs Staff

Summer is rapidly approaching, and Soldiers from all across the country continue to make the pilgrimage to Fort Dix for pre-deployment training in support of the Global War on Terrorism. During the next couple of months, the installation is expected to host more than 4,000 troops preparing for various missions.

However, there are several units currently training on post. The 155th Tactical Logistical Element, an Army Reserve unit with 40 Soldiers hailing from South El Monte, Ca., is one such group.

Here at Dix, Soldiers learn life-saving skills such as Improvised Explosive Device (IED) avoidance and detection, land navigation, and first aid. They also learn how to properly use weaponry such as the M-4 and M-16 rifles, the M-9 pistol, and the "mother of all machine guns," the armor-piercing M-2, .50-caliber machine gun.

So far, according to one of their Soldiers, Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Padilla, they appear to be



learning and adapting well to the intense levels of training they face.

"This is very good, hands-on training. It gives us a good idea of what to expect when we get in theater and shows us our strengths and weaknesses and

what we need to work on. It also teaches us the skills it takes to help us survive out there on the battlefield," he said.

This unit consists of Soldiers with an assortment of combat experience with veterans from conflicts such as Operation Iraqi

Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Desert Storm.

According to Padilla, the Soldiers in the unit show a high level of motivation and enthusiasm to achieve a "high state of combat readiness" to prepare for the mission at hand.

"I feel very confident with the Soldiers in our unit and they know what it takes to get the mission and job done. We want to do our best to defend this country," Padilla said.

While focusing themselves, Padilla and his fellow Soldiers keep the primary goals in the forefront, supporting the units in theater, and even more importantly, bringing everyone back home safe and sound.

TALKING TACTICS -- Chief Warrant Officer 3 Terry Hart, Sgt. Alex Aguirre and Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Padilla, from left at left, plan their next move during mobilization training for their unit, the 155th Tactical Logistical Element, an Army Reserve unit from South El Monte, Ca.



Family Advocacy
562-5200

Chaplain
562-2020

American Red Cross
562-2258

Army Emergency Relief
562-2767

McGuire family program offers classes

The McGuire Air Force Base Family Advocacy Program is hosting a series of classes and seminars in May and June.

For registration and additional information, call the Family Advocacy Program at 754-9680. Classes are open to active-duty service members, dependents, retirees and civilian personnel on a space-available basis.

Play Groups -- May 30, June 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27
There are two playgroups: Monday's from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for toddlers, and Wednesday's from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for infants. Both groups meet at the Child Development Center 1 on McGuire Air Force Base. This informal group setting allows children to play while parents have an opportunity to socialize with one another.

Marriage with Babies -- June 1
For new and expectant parents, this seminar covers how a new baby impacts the marital relationship. Held from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. Drawing for a dinner gift certificate will be held.

The More the Merrier: A Playgroup Group for parents of Multiples -- Twins, Triplets, Quadruplets, etc. -- June 1
Come and discuss the rewards and challenges of raising multiples. This group allows children to play while parents socialize. The group meets the first Friday of every month in the play room at the PAX Terminal.

Anger Management -- June 1, 8, 15
Get and stay ahead of the game by developing a skill set that will enhance and strengthen your ability to handle anger. This dynamic program will help you identify anger triggers, resolve conflict appropriately, manage stress and develop skills to handle anger when and before it erupts.

Parent Support Group -- June 5, 12, 19
A discussion group that meets Tuesdays at the Chapel Annex 2 in Falcon Courts North from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Join us for conversation, support and insight into the rewarding yet challenging task of parenting.

Baby Basics -- June 6

A class that helps couples/individuals prepare for how to take care of their newborns. Mommy care is also covered. Held from 5 to 7 p.m.

Pregnancy 101 -- June 8
Covers a wide variety of topics to prepare parents for what to expect throughout pregnancy. Held from 2 to 4:30 p.m.

Childbirth Preparation -- June 16
A one-day childbirth class to help prepare couples/individuals for their upcoming labor and delivery experience. Bring pillows and a blanket. Held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Breastfeeding -- June 20
Designed to explain the basic principles of breastfeeding. Held from 5 to 7 p.m. Fathers are welcomed and encouraged to attend the class.

24-hour Hotlines

Sexual Assault
562-3849

Victim Advocacy
694-8724

Child/Spouse Abuse
562-6001

Emergencies
911

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Kryn P. Westhoven, DMVA Public Affairs

Sounds of service
A pair of four buglers, David Stichter and 11-year-old Jonathan Perosa, both from Pemberton Township, play Taps at Brig. Gen. William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Arnetown on Armed Forces Day during the national Echo Taps event.

Scam artists easily avoided

Debra Whipple
Office of the Attorney General
NJ Bureau of Securities

Seventy-five million Americans will turn 60 during the next two decades, and they will be the first to retire with large sums of money from retirement and investment plans.

Yes, that includes those 40 year olds who might feel excluded but, with the use of very little math and a touch of reality, those forty-somethings actually do fall into that 75 million.

Statistically, more men than women are victims of securities fraud. So now, here comes the how-to for not providing lavish lifestyles to someone else with your retirement money.

First, always check out the background of the person you are considering investing with by asking your securities regulator for a CRD report. You can get this report on the person or the firm.

NEVER trust someone with your retirement money that you have not thoroughly checked out with a state securities regulator, such as the New Jersey Bureau of Securities. Otherwise, you may become a victim instead of a "potential" victim of a securities fraud.

Don't forget that a scam artist has a technique for separating you from your money that is proven and can be reused on you, as it has been before on others. In a recent case, a businessman raised \$54 million from 500 seniors, promising to invest their money. He stole all of it.

Seniors – that group over the age of 60, who securities regulators see as the main targets for fraud – will often give out their personal financial information to strangers over the phone. DON'T! Sometimes, the release of that personal information comes after being approached by a financial planner or a new broker. Information that can be disclosed can also be used to steal from you.

Who knows, that person -- also known as the professional scam artist -- might bring you a gift at times or do you a personal favor to gain your trust. Little gestures may lure many victims into the web of the fraud. Tricky and high-pressure sales tactics

are just two of the many tools used to commit securities fraud.

Instead of providing a lavish lifestyle for a fraudster, protect your future. Fraudsters have bought yachts, homes, gifts for friends or a spouse, and have taken luxury vacations using investors' money.

Your retirement money does provide a great lifestyle – when it is stolen from you - for the fraudster. That retirement you saved for is then gone. Usually, at most, only pennies on the dollar are recoverable. An investor over 60 does not have the years to recover from the loss of being involved with that "trusted" individual gone wrong. Remember to check out the person with your state securities regulator before handing over your money.

Investors should seriously consider doing some homework that can result in changing the game with the scam artists.

Investors should seriously consider doing some homework that can result in changing the game with the scam artists. Fraudsters have a good chance of victimizing anyone not on guard or informed. Investors – or anyone in the public arena – can, in fact, learn a lot on their own. The New Jersey Bureau of Securities has free books on learning about investing - the basics, common scams, and information for the advanced investor.

Investors should become familiar with the benefits of calling the Bureau. Investors can obtain background information on anyone selling securities. At times, individuals who are not registered do business anyway, thus having that luxurious lifestyle you will give them.

Only one-third of investors have ever checked out the background of the financial planner or broker. The fact that two-thirds of investors don't take a just a few minutes to find out about the person who will have their personal information and, just as dangerous, who will have control of their future – their money - can put them seriously at risk, or in extreme cases, cause

them to lose their entire nest egg. Don't provide a luxurious lifestyle to a scam artist. Heed the following tips:

- * Don't be fooled into investing with someone or in something touting unrealistically high returns on your money. If it sounds too good to be true, it usually is.

- * Don't trust that "guaranteed" or "no-risk" investment. There is no such thing.

- * Don't give personal information or control of your investment to a financial advisor or stockbroker or anyone handling your money, without checking them out - first

- * Ask questions and read everything.

- * Understand investing and put a financial plan in place, know what you have, know what you can invest, what you want for your future, what you can afford - to lose.

- * Obtain free booklets (the Bureau has free educational material for the asking) and go to www.njsecurities.gov and learn from the Bureau's Web site or any other state securities regulator's Web site

- * The best step is a five-minute step – call the Bureau. CALL the Bureau! Remember that only one-third of investors ever checked out the person they plan to invest with.

The state securities regulator, the NJ Bureau of Securities of the Office of the Attorney General can be reached for the background information by calling toll free: 1-866-1-Invest or by calling direct: 1-973-504-3600. The Bureau's Web site is www.njsecurities.gov. Use it. Read it. Learn from it. Then read it again.

Review the section entitled "Enforcement Cases" and learn about scams, the victims who believed in the investments and the fraudsters, by reading actual Bureau cases in the legal documents posted on the site.

The Web site also has information on the top 13 scams, press releases, checklists, downloadable investor education books plus an interactive scam game that some investors find to be a challenge, as well as a learning experience. The public can e-mail questions or inquiries to askbureauofsecurities@lps.state.nj.us



Pascual Flores

Soldiers have the 'write' stuff

Soldiers of the 131st Mobile Public Affairs Detachment, Alabama National Guard, display their yellow banner during a ceremony held outside their barracks May 18. The banner will fly above Infantry Park until the 131st returns from its deployment, at which time it will be returned to the unit.

Honoring the Colors

	Reveille 6 a.m. (0600 hours)	Retreat 5 p.m. (1700 hours)
Military personnel in uniform	Stand at attention, face the flag and salute at first note.	Stand at attention, face the flag for Retreat , then salute at first note of To the Colors .
Military personnel not in uniform, civilians	Stand at attention, face the flag and place right hand over heart at first note.	Stand at attention, face the flag for Retreat , then place right hand over heart at first note of To the Colors .
Military personnel in formation or in a group	Senior Soldier calls group to "Attention," then "Present, Arms" at first note. Calls "Order, Arms" at conclusion.	Senior Soldier calls group to "Attention," then "Parade, Rest" at first note of Retreat . Calls group to "Attention" and "Present, Arms" at first note of To the Colors , then "Order, Arms" at conclusion.
Individual military personnel, civilians in a vehicle	Stop vehicle and exit. Follow steps above.	Stop vehicle and exit. Follow steps above.
Group of military personnel in a vehicle	Stop vehicle. Individual in charge exits and follows steps above.	Stop vehicle. Individual in charge exits and follows steps above.
Other bugle calls heard on post are:		
Tattoo.....9 p.m. (2100 hours)		
Call to Quarters.....9:30 p.m. (2130 hours)		
Taps.....10 p.m. (2200 hours)		



Ryan Morton

Best offense is a good defense

The graduates of the Fort Dix Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Defense School class 07-07 are 2nd Lt. Jason Cheek, 2nd Lt. Nathaniel Manbeck, Sgt. Antonio Dipsquale, Sgt. Shannon Tison, Sgt. David Kobi, Sgt. Ryan Osner, Spc. Charles Guyton, Spc. John Kearchner, Spc. Jimmy Keen, Spc. Adam Sanders, Pfc. Jacob Develis, Pfc. Joseph Shively and Pfc. Antonio Sylverter.

Signs of abuse to look for include:

- threats or intimidation
- isolation from family and friends
- denying access to money
- involving or using children in adult conflicts
- destroying personal possessions
- feeling fearful
- painful put-downs
- use of weapons

Important phone numbers:

- Providence House hotline
871-7551
- NJ Domestic Violence hotline
800 572-SAFE
- Fort Dix Victim Advocate
562-2767
- McGuire Victim Advocate
754-9672

Soldiers, community unite for food drive

Shawn Morris
Public Affairs Staff

Mail call is one of the most anticipated portions of a Soldier's day. The letters and packages he or she receives from caring relatives and friends go a long way toward boosting morale and bolstering spirits.

For 31 Soldiers in the 2/309th Training Support Battalion, mail call took on new meaning as they participated in the 15th Annual National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) Food Drive in Lakehurst and Toms River May 12.

The Soldiers were led by Maj. Dale Robison, a Lakehurst letter carrier in civilian life who is currently mobilized with the 2/309th.

"Everybody jumped up to volunteer," said Robison of the Soldiers in his unit, which is part of the 72nd Field Artillery Brigade and is stationed at the Kelley Reserve Center.

"We had a lot of family members of Soldiers help this year. I put my family to work, too," he added.

The Soldiers who volunteered and U.S. Postal Service fielded several tasks, including picking up non-perishable food items at resident's mailboxes, delivering the food to the Lakehurst and Toms River post offices, sorting the food, and finally helping to load the food onto trucks for delivery to local food banks.

"It was great being able to help," said Maj. Christopher

Hingley, 2/309th executive officer. "It's giving back to the community, which we as Soldiers do a lot. It's part of our vision of community service."

"The whole day was about service," added 1st Lt. Brendan Shimizu, 2/309th S-4. "The Soldiers helped letter carriers collect food items from retirement communities in Toms River, and by all accounts, the donations were bountiful."

"They brought out bags of food," said Hingley. "It's a real American thing to be able to give to other people."

"It was really good to see the community giving back," added Shimizu.

The NALC Food Drive has been giving back since its inception in October 1991. Since then, the drive has collected 765-million pounds of food and operates in more than 10,000 communities nationwide.

During each of the past three years, food drive participants have collected and distributed more than 70-million pounds of food nationwide. In Lakehurst and Toms River, this year's volunteers collected 82 tons of food.

"Throughout my life, I've seen people who have been on both sides; people who are in need, and those willing to help," explained Sgt. 1st Class Jerome Capel, 2/309th computer administrator. "We let people know there's another side to the military."

"It makes you feel good helping other people who can't help themselves," added Sgt. 1st



Class Mike Riccietelli, 2/309th supply sergeant.

According to the NALC Web site, www.nalc.org, there are plenty of Americans in need of help, with an estimated 30-million people facing hunger every day, including more than 12-million children.

NALC President William H. Young noted that the upcoming summer months "are a particularly critical time for millions of children whose school lunch programs are suspended until fall and their families must find alternate sources of nutrition."

"Letter carriers see these families every day as they deliver the mail," Young said. "This food drive is one way we can help alleviate their plight and we encourage our postal patrons to participate by leaving donations by their mailbox."

Co-sponsors of the drive are the U.S. Postal Service, Campbell Soup Company, Cox Target Media-Valpak, local United Ways, the AFL-CIO, and America's Second Harvest food bank network.

The NALC has won two Presidential Certificates of Achievement, a special 2003 appreciation award from America's Second Harvest, the 2003 Annual Humanitarian of the Year Award from Bon Appetit/Food Network, and the 2004 World Hunger Year/Chapin Award.

SELFLESS SERVICE -- First Lt. Brendan Shimizu, 2/309th Training Support Battalion S-4, left, unloads food items collected during the 15th Annual National Association of Letter Carriers Food Drive May 12. Shimizu and 30 other Soldiers from the 2/309th helped letter carriers in Lakehurst and Toms River collect more than 82 tons of food. Maj. Dale Robison, below, gives final instructions to wife Sherry and sons Evan and Brendan before they depart the Toms River Post Office for their food pick-up mission. Robison is a Lakehurst letter carrier in civilian life.

courtesy photos



Chaplain's Corner

Chap. (Lt. Col.) Lee C. Hardgrove
Assistant Installation Chaplain

One of the books of the New Testament of the Bible is called the Book of Acts or, more officially, the Book of the Acts of the Apostles. This book's title is also used as an acronym for a form of prayer. I believe this acronym could be used as a formula for prayer in all the major faiths. The acronym (how usual to speak of acronyms in the military!!!) stands for:

- A - Adoration
- C - Confession
- T - Thankfulness
- S - Supplication

These four words make up the four elements of an ancient formula for prayer. I would like to look at each briefly.

We are all formed by an amazing and powerful and all-knowing God who deserves our praise and worship. Most faith traditions bow down before their gods and give praise. In my Christian tradition, we start prayers by giving God the glory and the honor and the praise due his glorious name. I think we all share this trait in our addressing God.

One of my professors in seminary said it is never a bad thing to "butter up" our Creator. In my tradition we also call God, father and we all know that buttering up Dad before asking for something was never a bad idea. I do not intend to make light of this, but giving credit to God for all we have and literally "adoring" our God is a wonderful and beautiful thing to do.

After we had God's attention in a very positive

light, it is a good thing to confess our faults and sins. It is a good time to be honest with a God who knows all we have done before we do it. All religions have forms of confession before God and this helps cleanse us and renew us and keep us having a right relationship with our God whom we have just said we worship and adore.

Most of us have been blessed by God with many wonderful things in our lives. I do not speak here of material things (which we sometimes ask God for and perhaps that are not what God wants to hear) but of gifts of love and trust and families and good place to live. We need to have an "attitude of gratitude" in our relation to our God. All things that truly should matter in our life do come from God. What are you truly grateful for in your life? Thank God for those things over and over again and do not take them for granted.

Finally we are told in scripture that we can ask God for things. We are not to ask, as previously mentioned, for material things (unless they are truly life's necessities), but for those things that matter. I know I need to ask for patience, tolerance, trust, courage, strength, and wisdom (and probably much more than I can think of at the moment). When we ask in a truly prayerful manner, our prayers will be answered. Remember, however, that prayers are answered in God's time and in God's way.

Prayer is the most powerful tool the believer has to communicate with God. There are many ways to pray and one must pray in the manner that he or she is comfortable with and in a way that conforms to one's tradition. I just offer one more way in which one ACTS with their God.

Volunteers are needed
for
Fort Dix Special Observances Committees

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

For more information call Denise Horton at 562-4011

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Fort Dix is looking for interested residents who would like to volunteer

"Fort Dix volunteers improve the quality of life for all residents"

For those residents who want to make sure the Fort Dix community is the best it can be please

Call Army Community Service at 562-2767

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THE CORNER

AAFES recalls toy due to toxic hazard

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the Army & Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES), today announced a voluntary recall of the Soldier Bear brand Invincible Transport Converters, Style #88931 activity play toy. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately.

Name of product: "Soldier Bear" Brand- Invincibles Transport Converters.

Units: Approximately 2948 of which only 758 were sold.

Importer/Retailer: AAFES, Dallas, TX.

Manufacturer: Toy Century Industrial Co. Ltd. Kowloon, Hong Kong.

Hazard: Surface paints on toy action figures contain high levels of lead. Lead is toxic if ingested by young children and can cause adverse health effects.

Incidents/Injuries: None reported.

Description: This recall involves Soldier Bear Brand Invincibles Transport Converters. The model included in this recall is: 88931, UPC # 6 98567 88931 4 CRC #: 1419301

Retail package has a Soldier Bear logo on the front and back. The back of the action figures are marked with letters "TC-ST."

Sold at: AAFES stores worldwide from August 2006 through April 2007 for about \$19.95.

Manufactured in: China.
Remedy: Consumers should immediately take the toys away from children and return the product to the nearest AAFES store for full refund.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, call AAFES at (800) 866-3605 or visit www.aafes.com.

McGuire Family Support to host financial seminar

The McGuire Family Support Center located at 3011 Tuskegee Airmen Avenue is hosting a financial seminar on Mutual funds May 31 from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

The class will explain what mutual funds are, their advantages and disadvantages, various funds, and more.

Advance registration is required. Call 754-3154 or e-mail the class name to fsc@mcguire.af.mil. The class is open to all DoD ID card holders.

AAFES to open new shoppette in June

AAFES will be opening a new Shoppette on McGuire in June. Within the facility will be a Godfathers 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.

Trenton Thunder offers discount to military

The Trenton Vet Center and Trenton Thunder baseball team are offering baseball tickets at a reduced rate for active-duty, Reserve and National Guard service members, and retirees. Regular \$10 tickets will be offered at \$7 for veterans and their families. Be sure to bring a picture ID, plus either a military ID, Federal Department of Veterans Affairs medical ID, or DD Form 214.

Job fair seeks vets, military

A job fair for veterans, Reserve duty military personnel and family members will be held June 14 from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Ambler Senior Adult Activities Center, 45 Forest Avenue in Ambler, Pa.

Employers from the greater Ambler area to include Fort Washington, Oreland, Upper Dublin and Flourtown will be offering employment and educational opportunities.

For more information, call Glen Miller, veteran and job fair coordinator, at (215) 527-6203. For directions, call Mary Jane Wahl at (215) 619-8863.



Freedom Ride '07

Ed Mingin

Riders pay tribute to U.S. military

David Moore
Public Affairs Staff

More than 700 riders steered their motorcycles to Fort Dix May 20 to support the U.S. military and its efforts in the Global War on Terrorism.

At 10 a.m., motorcyclists and passengers mounted their machines and, to the tune of Steppenwolf's "Born to be Wild," launched from Barb's Harley Davidson in West Collingswood Heights for the first Armed Forces Freedom Ride.

"It's a lot of work putting an event like this together, but it's such a great honor work-

ing this for such a great cause," said Sue Manuel of Barb's, who tracked the registration of riders for the event. "It's unbelievable the number of people riding."

The event was also sponsored by Burlington County Military Affairs Committee and the Marine Corps Law League.

The organizations that support the military and Marine Corps family members who lost a loved in war expected to raise about \$30,000 as a result of the rumble to Dix affair.

At the motorcycle dealership area, fire companies using their ladder trucks dis-

(continued on page 12)



David Moore photos

VISIONS OF SUPPORT --More than 700 riders begin to ride into Fort Dix's Driver Training Area 2 after departing McGuire Air Force Base. Sgt. Major John Amaral of Fort Dix moves past a member of the Last Patrol Motorcycle Club to position for the start of the Freedom Ride. Not only did riders reflect their support for military personnel, many of the motorcycles displayed symbols of patriotism like on the bike's finish and even an air filter, above left.



David Moore photos

A KNIGHT AND SALUTE --Barbara Borowiec, the owner of Barb's Harley Davidson and one of the sponsors of the Armed Forces Freedom Ride, receives the McGuire AFB Green Knights Motorcycle Club's colors and thanks for her support of the event. Medal of Honor recipient retired Sgt. Maj. Jon. R. Cavaiani, right, salutes the crowd for their participation in the program. Hundreds of riders, below, get the word to begin the Freedom Ride from the motorcycle dealership.



Announcements



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

Friday, May 25 @ 7:30 p.m.
Blades of Glory - Will Ferrell, Jon Heder, Amy Poehler, Will Arnett, Craig T. Nelson - In 2002, two rival Olympic ice skaters were stripped of their gold medals and permanently banned from men's single competition. Presently, however, they've found and exploit a loophole that allows them to qualify as a pairs team.

MPAA Rating: PG-13 crude and sexual humor, language, a comic violent image and some drug references

Run Time: 93 minutes.

Saturday, May 26 @ 7:30 p.m.
Perfect Stranger - Halle Berry, Bruce Willis, Giovanni Ribisi, Richard Portnow, Gary Dourdan-Rowena Price (Halle Berry), a reporter, uses her investigative skills to solve the murder of a friend. Her search leads her to Harrison Hill (Bruce Willis), a high-powered advertising executive. She assumes new identities in the real world and online, utilizing cyberspace in a bid to bring her quarry to justice.

MPAA Rating: R sexual content, nudity, some disturbing violent images and language

Run Time: 109 minutes.

Main Chapel

562-2020

Sunday Services

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

Religious Services

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

Adult Bible Study
Wednesdays at noon and 7 p.m.

Catholic Adult Bible Study - Sundays, 11:30 a.m.

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

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

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

Jewish Services
Contact the Chapel for dates and time

Vacation Bible School
June 25 - 29, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Ages 4 to 12
Registration forms available at the chapel
or call 562-2020

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.

Upcoming ACS Events
Franchise Enterprise
May 31 from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
For more information call 562-2767

Read the Post!

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 22
10:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

ACS

New Beginnings: Life After Divorce

May 22
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Fort Dix Child Development Center

Real Estate Seminar

May 24
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

ACS

EFMP Kidz Plus Swimming

May 24
5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

Indoor Pool

International Spouses Group

May 25
11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

ACS

AFTB - Level 1

May 25
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Red Cross

For more information call Deraurah Wilson at 562-4830

MOBILIZATION NEWS YOU CAN USE

WDIX
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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

Mobilization Assistance Team chief steps down

Lt. Col. Bill Bryant upheld family military tradition

Steve Snyder
Public Affairs Staff

"Every officer is a teacher. The greater his proficiency as a teacher, the greater his efficiency as an officer. This has been true in all armies and for all time. Training is the paramount duty of officers at all times except when engaged in combat."

L.A. Pennington,
"The Psychology of Military Leadership" (1943)

Fort Dix's Mobilization Assistance Team (MAT) Chief takes leave from active duty on June 4 and will retire on August 4 at age 60 with nearly 40 years completed in the military.

And for Lt. Col. William "Bill" Bryant military duty, especially at Fort Dix, has been a labor of love.

Since being mobilized on July 23, 2005 as MAT Chief, Bryant has been responsible for overseeing training validation for all units deploying from Fort Dix to global contingency operations. More than 200 units comprising nearly 10,000 Soldiers, Airmen and Sailors have left Fort Dix toughened and enriched by Theater Immersion Training imaginatively supervised by Bryant. Working in conjunction with Fort Dix's savvy installation and expertise arising from the 72nd Field Artillery, Bryant's efforts helped ensure that all reserve component units deploying in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom received mobilization training vital for survival and success in their respective missions.

Training veteran

"I have been involved in training readiness of Soldiers for 18 years now," Bryant informs. "We are now putting the resultant knowledge and skill sets into action. The most important mission for our military right now is winning liberty and freedom for the people of Iraq and Afghanistan," continues Bryant. "The second most important mission is ensuring Soldiers are prepared for battle before they go into harm's way. I have been fortunate to have had the opportunity to touch so many before they depart for theater," he says.

Unabashedly "proud to wear this uniform and represent the United States Army," Bryant further insists that serving as MAT chief "has been the most rewarding and fulfilling position I've held in my entire life." He credits "the team I had at Fort Dix in the MAT as well as superb support from the installation staff" for making his position so gratifying.

Bryant also signals out Sgt. Maj. John Amaral for praise, describing him as a "battle buddy" who displays "a wealth



Lt. Col. William W. Bryant

Steve Snyder

of knowledge and experience as the MAT sergeant major.

In Bryant's view, "cooperation, partnership, communication, competence, and the conviction to do what's right for Soldiers, Airmen and Sailors going into harm's way... make Fort Dix the premier mobilization training center in the United States Army."

And Bryant's association with Fort Dix has been a long one.

Born in Mine Hill near Dover, N.J. on August 4, 1947, Bryant enlisted in the Army at the height of the Vietnam War in 1968. He completed eight weeks of basic training at Fort Dix followed by another eight her mastering the rigors of his Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) in Personnel Administration.

His first duty assignment was with the 94th Engineer Battalion in West Germany where he labored for 18 months as an administration specialist. But he was tired of being a desk jockey.

"After 18 months in Germany, I decided I wanted to volunteer for Vietnam and be part of the war effort," he recalls.

Screaming eagle

The Army graciously honored his request, assigning the young sergeant to HHC, Second Bn., 502nd Infantry, 101st Airborne Division at Camp Eagle in Phu-Bai, Vietnam. The next year saw him perform admin duties there when he wasn't toting a weapon and providing perimeter security at many of the fire bases indigenous to the area.

Then, after 31 months of active duty, Bryant left the Army. But his transition to civilian life wasn't an entirely happy affair.

"Returning from Vietnam as a staff sergeant, I, like most, could not wait to get out of the service. The late 60s were a difficult time to be a young Soldier and much of the populace of the United States didn't make Vietnam veterans feel welcome upon their return."

But the disciplined young man didn't brood about politics



MOUT-ING UP -- The MAT chief checks progress at the MOUT (Military Operations Urban Terrain) site.



WELL DONE -- Col. Douglas Dinon, deputy commander for mobilization, left, congratulates Lt. Col. Bryant at the Forward Operating Base (FOB).

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PIECE OF CAKE -- Flanked by his daughter Dawn, Lt. Col. Bill Bryant helps wife Gerri cut the cake at a dinner celebrating his impending 60th birthday and retirement held at American Legion Post 294 in Pemberton Tuesday night.

1st Lt. Tracey Frink



DINING IN -- Lt. Col. Bryant welcomes Lt. Gen. James Helmy, right, then commander of the U.S. Army Reserve, to Fort Dix for a dining-in.

photo courtesy of Lt. Col. Bill Bryant

for long, successfully pursuing a Bachelor's degree in engineering technology from the New Jersey Institute of Technology before returning to the military fold in 1977 when he joined the 102nd Armor, 50th Armor Division of the New Jersey Army National Guard (NJANG). Advancing up the ranks to tank commander and platoon sergeant for the unit, Bryant eventually gained the coveted position of platoon leader in charge of five M-60 tanks. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in 1979.

Brass in the family

"I am the first commissioned officer (in his family) to serve since my grandfather was in the military in 1917," he observes.

Bryant continued to serve in NJANG until May 1983 when, after a brief stint in the Inactive Ready Reserve, he transferred to the Army Reserve in 1989. Assigned to the Second Brigade, 78th Division (Training), Capt. Bryant served as company commander for several units involved in conducting basic training cycles at Fort Dix from May 1989 to November 1991.

"I was commander of a two-week cycle for three years where the trainees would rotate



SECURING PERIMETER -- Staff Sgt. Bill Bryant patrols Camp Eagle in Phu-Bai, Vietnam in 1970. He volunteered to serve in Vietnam after spending 18 months in Germany to "be where the action is."

photo courtesy of Lt. Col. Bill Bryant

through the Army Reserve," he says. "Seeing improvements each day brought a lot of satisfaction."

Promoted to major in 1995, Bryant served in various positions with the 78th Division Battle Projection Group, picking up invaluable experience as a trainer of Soldiers. He soldiered with the 1st SFG (Simulations Exercise Group), 78th Division, in Edison from January 1998 to July 2005 as an Observer Controller/Training (OCT).

Like countless other Soldiers fighting back tears at retirement ceremonies, Bryant credits his wife, Gerri, for being "the most important person in my military career" for "35 wonderful (married) years." After a vacation with Gerri in Hawaii, Bryant intends to settle back into his old civilian job as Director of Customer Support, Information Technology, for Patient Care in West Orange.

Carry on, Soldier.



GRANDPAPPY GETS DOWN -- Lt. Col. Bill Bryant's grandfather Charles revs it up at Camp Dix way back in 1917 before he deployed with Company A, 309th Infantry Battalion, 78th Division, overseas in World War I. He was one of the original Doughboys.

photo courtesy of Lt. Col. Bill Bryant

Four Bryant Brothers In Armed Forces



Charles Robert David William

FAMILY TRADITION -- A newspaper clipping gives the scoop on the Bryant clan during World War I: Lt. Col. Bryant's three uncles; Charles, Robert and David, above, served in the armed forces along with his father, William, at right. Pfc. Charles, 21, was a paratrooper who saw service in New Guinea, Leyte Gulf and the Philippines. Robert, 23, was stationed for 27 months in Hawaii with the 5045th Ordnance Co. Uncle David, 20, entered the Navy, spending 10 months in the Aleutian Islands before being transferred to the Admiralty Islands. And his father, William the elder, 18, had just completed basic training at Fort McClellan, Ala. when his photo was snapped and was about to report to Fort Meade, Md., following a furlough.

newspaper clipping courtesy of Lt. Col. Bill Bryant



Wayne Cook

Well-deserved donation

Military siblings Jacob, Christian, Emily and Nathan Chartier, from left above, stand with their new bikes at John Mann Park May 20. BAE Systems of Wayne donated 98 bicycles to children from Fort Dix, McGuire Air Force Base, and Naval Air Engineering Station Lakehurst who have a parent serving, or who has served, overseas in support of the Global War on Terrorism. The quartet's father, Dan, just returned with the 63rd EOD, which had been serving in Afghanistan. Senior officers from Dix and McGuire presented a plaque to BAE Systems representatives in recognition of their company's generosity.

Riders pay tribute

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played a large American flag for all the riders to pass under and begin their trip on Route 168 to Route 295. Bikers, many who had flags tied to their sissy bars, lined the road to the major highway as far as the human eye could see.

Army Soldiers kicked off the ride with Army recruiting and hummers.

Six area police departments and the New Jersey State Police supported the event that dropped off the highway to travel through historic Mount Holly and on to McGuire Air Force Base, where riders cruised the runway before making their final stop at Driver's Training Area 2, Fort Dix, and arriving at the scene to the Lynard Skinner Band tune "Call me the Breeze" as performed by the Mark Stinger Band.

Several celebrities to include those from the sporting community were also on hand. One music legend, Darryl McDaniels, 'D' from RunDMC, also rode in the event and stayed for autographs.

The master of ceremonies for the event was

Medal of Honor recipient retired Sgt. Maj. Jon. R. Cavaiani, who spoke to the crowd.

"Even after receiving this award, I stayed in the Army to teach young Soldiers how to survive. The young Soldiers are American treasures," he said. On one occasion, he said, he spoke to a few ser-

geants first class who appeared to be hanging out and asked them what they did to make the Soldiers better. "If you can't say what did you today, then you retire," he said.

"But I can see there are a lot of riders here today making the person serving in the military's life better, and I salute you," he said.

Installation Command Sgt. Maj. Albert Davidson said to the riders it was great so many motorcyclists who believe in the term "Ride Free" had come to the place where military personnel are training to defend freedom. He thanked the riders for their participation, but asked that during the Memorial Day Weekend, "When you're out somewhere next weekend just pause, stop for a minute and in your own way pay tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice."

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photos by Ed Mingin

Championship to Who Cares

The Tuesday Nite Keglers ended their season this past week with a dramatic finish. Who Cares (pictured above are Ted Barnes, Pat Fox, Joe Scully and Fred Zimmer) took the championship by one point. Bomb Squad (pictured below are Ed Vivierios, Leroy McDougal, Heather Harvey, Lynn Kukoda and Al Miller) had a chance on the final night of the league, but finished a close second. The Keglers will be starting their summer league June 5. For info about joining, call Willie Williams at 609-893-8430.



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Sox prep for playoffs

The Fort Dix Red Sox went 1-1 this past week. They beat the Giants 10-1 early in the week with Kyle Kerr pitching a full game. Wednesday evening, they lost 9-0 against the Cubs. Dustin Rice, above, and the rest of the Red Sox have just a couple regular season games left, then start the playoffs.



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Commander's Cup

Bob Beske is finishing his career at Fort Dix on a high note, winning the Commander's Cup last Wednesday, May 16. John Hudá, Dave Dugan, Beske and Kevin Kaufman (pictured above) teamed up to grab the title. Beske is retiring after nearly 30 years at Fort Dix. The next Commander's Cup is scheduled for June 13.

Sports Shorts

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

1 - July 27.
An annual registration fee of \$18 is required, along with a fee of \$80 for football or \$50 for cheerleading.
Participants must be registered with Child Youth Services.
Call 562-4702 or 562-5231 for more information.

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.

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.

Youth Sports registration

It's time to get ready for some football! Youth Sports will be holding football and cheerleading registration May

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

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

John Mann Park

Get out and enjoy the weather with some fun activities at John Mann Park.

Pitch some horseshoes, play a few rounds of volleyball or basketball.

There are also party pavilions, mini golf, a go-cart track, batting cages, and a children's playground.

The park is now open week-ends noon - 7 p.m. and will be open Memorial Day noon - 6 p.m.

Starting June 26, the park will be open Tuesday - Friday 1 p.m. - 7 p.m. and weekends noon - 10 p.m.
For more information, call 562-4791 or 562-6667.

NEW JERSEY NATIONAL GUARD 9TH ANNUAL UNITY DAY



Come out and celebrate your culture, diversity and your Running Shoes!!!

TIME: 0800 PLACE: Building 3601, JT2DC DATE: June 14th, 2007

For more information, Contact 1LT Blachowski at (609) 562-0144

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OPEN TO ALL TEAM DIX PERSONNEL
* Must be at least 18 years old!

For More Information, Contact:
Chris O' Donnell at 562-2769/3961
www.dixmwr.com

Fire Cracker 5K Fun Run

DATE: THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 2007

TIME: 1200

FEE: \$7.00

*RAIN OR SHINE!
NO BICYCLES!

Register at GRIFFITH FIELD HOUSE
844 GOLF COURSE DRIVE CAMPERS CALL 562-5230
All participants MUST BE registered in MEX 1000.
Registration ends 10:00 on the day of the race. TIME & starts
given at the track line for registered participants ONLY.