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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, Immaculata University, Drexel University, Seton Hall University, Lourdes Medical Center, Department of Veteran Affairs, Rutgers University, and AFROTC.

### 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.

## WEATHER

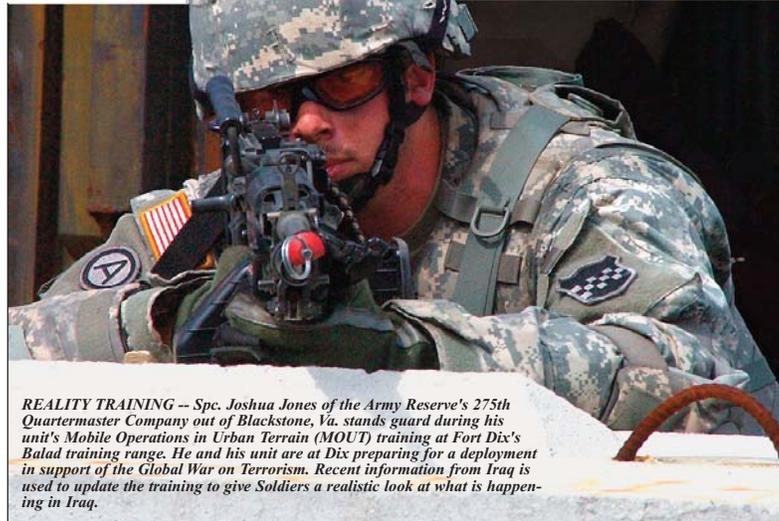
**FRIDAY:** Hot and humid, high of 88 degrees, chance of evening thunderstorms. Overnight low of 64.

**SATURDAY:** High of 86, overnight low of 63 degrees. Thirty percent chance of showers in afternoon and evening.

**SUNDAY:** Cooler, high of 81 and low of 61 degrees, chance of thunderstorms with light rain.

**MONDAY:** High of 79, continued rain and thunderstorms, low of 62.

**TUESDAY:** High of 78, continued thunderstorms, low of 59.



**REALITY TRAINING** -- Spc. Joshua Jones of the Army Reserve's 275th Quartermaster Company out of Blackstone, Va. stands guard during his unit's Mobile Operations in Urban Terrain (MOU) training at Fort Dix's Balad training range. He and his unit are at Dix preparing for a deployment in support of the Global War on Terrorism. Recent information from Iraq is used to update the training to give Soldiers a realistic look at what is happening in Iraq.

# Myths on Iraq dispelled

## As troop surge grows, real picture changes

Sgt. Sara Wood, USA  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, May 30, 2007 -- A U.S. general serving with Multinational Force Iraq recently took time out of his mid-deployment leave to let the American public know that the situation in Iraq is different from what they might think.

Army Brig. Gen. Steven Anderson, deputy chief of staff for resources and sustainment, today spoke with representatives of veterans service organizations, outlining a speech he gave earlier at James Madison University about what he believes are 10 myths about the conflict in Iraq.

There are some signs that our new strategy is working, Anderson said in a teleconference from Baghdad. It's

going to be a long, hot summer, and it won't be really until the end of it that we'll be able to evaluate it. There is plenty of opportunity, and plenty of reason to be cautiously optimistic about what's going on over there.

The 10 myths, as outlined by Anderson, are: The war in Iraq is about oil; the U.S. is fighting alone in Iraq; Iraq is engulfed in a full-scale civil war; the Iraqis were better off under Saddam Hussein than under the new government; the Iraqi government is ineffective; economic development is non-existent in Iraq; Contractors cost the U.S. government too much money; U.S. troops aren't properly equipped; morale is low among U.S. troops; and the U.S. has lost in Iraq.

None of these myths is true, Anderson said, and the situation in Iraq is

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photos by Ryan Morton

**MOB SCENE** -- Soldiers from the 58th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, part of the Maryland National Guard, break up an unruly mob during their pre-deployment training at the post.

## Mobilization surge hits, more troops head for Dix

Training, traffic and totals for mobilization at Fort Dix picked up this week as the first of a flood of units arrived over the Memorial Day weekend.

June and July will see a spike of units arriving for mobilization training, as well as the familiar annual training and Battle Drill Assemblies that boost the post's population every summer.

More than 97,000 Soldiers have mobilized and demobilized through Fort Dix since Sept. 11, making it the busiest mobilization site in the Army.

Nationally this week, the Army, Air Force and Marine Corps announced an increase, while the Navy and Coast Guard had a decrease.

The net collective result is 2,730 more reservists mobilized than last week.

At any given time, services may mobilize some units and individuals while demobilizing others, making it possible for these figures to either increase or decrease.

Total number currently on active duty in support of the partial mobilization for the Army National Guard and Army Reserve is 67,769; Navy Reserve, 5,391; Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve, 6,181; Marine Corps Reserve, 6,651; and the Coast Guard Reserve, 356.

This brings the total National Guard and Reserve personnel, who have been mobilized, to 86,348.



Ed Mingin

## Hero honored at post ceremony

Jose and Rosa Velez, parents of Sgt. Jose M. Velez, unveil a portrait of their son with the help of Col. R. David McNeil, installation commander, and Brig. Gen. Frank A. Cipolla, deputy commanding general, 77th Regional Readiness Command, during a memorialization ceremony May 24. The portrait will hang in the newly-renovated dining facility at Building 5610, which was dedicated to the memory of Sgt. Velez. Velez was killed in Iraq June 9, 2006 when an IED detonated next to his humvee.

# 'Winning dirty' could be only path to Iraq victory

Steve Snyder  
Public Affairs Staff

opinion

Ideas of any kind are not always common currency in our nation's capitol and so it's best to clutch such to one's bosom before they flee, like straight talk in politics, to greener pastures. Fox News Channel's Poo-Bah Morton Kondracke came up with a brainstorm last week, advocating a fall back position on Iraq that makes a lot of sense in a column running in the *Burlington County Times* entitled "Options clear for Iraq. Win it dirty or win it clean."

Kondracke favors the former position, believing the latter impossible to execute. He builds a strong case.

Kondracke notes "The administration is committed to building a unified, reconciled, multi-sectarian Iraq winning clean. Most Democrats say that's what they want, too. But it may not be possible."

An anonymous member of Congress suggested an alternative route to Kondracke, "a plan B, the '80 percent solution' - also known as 'winning dirty'."

"The 80 percent alternative involves accepting rule by Shites and Kurds, allowing them to violently suppress Sunni resistance and making sure that Shites friendly to the United States emerge victorious."

According to Kondracke, no one has publicly advocated this plan because it's imposition will not be bloodless and it will prove politically



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painful. "Winning will be dirty because it will allow the Shiite-dominated militias to decimate the Sunni insurgency. There likely will be ethnic cleansing, atrocities against civilians and massive refugee flows."

But what do we have now, he asks?

In Kondracke's view, U.S. troops are standing in the middle of a bloody civil war and "so far cannot stop either Shites from killing Sunnis or Sunnis from killing Shites."

**Winning dirty means taking sides in the civil war, backing Shites who make up 60 percent of the Iraqi population and whose political dominance will necessarily follow their demographic strength, at least in Kondracke's view.**

He notes that "The United States also has good relations with Iraq's Kurdish minority, 20 percent of the

population, and want to cement it by semi-permanently stationing U.S. troops in Northern Iraq to ward off the possibility of a Turkish invasion."

Sunnis comprise about 20 percent of Iraq's population and have been the country's chief irritant since the fall of Saddam Hussein. Iraq's insurgency "consists mainly of ex-Saddam supporters and Sunni nationalists, both eager to return to power, and of jihadists anxious to sow chaos, humiliate the United States and create a safe zone for al-Qaida operations throughout the Middle East," Kondracke accurately reports.

Kondracke observes that Sunni insurgencies along with an understandable Shiite reluctance to trust and therefore compromise with these die-hard insurgents have helped al-Qaida trigger a civil war that has prevented the blooming of a genuine democracy in the Middle East - the goal of the Bush administration.

"Bush's troop surge, along with Gen. David Petraeus' shift of military strategy, is designed to suppress the civil war long enough for Iraqi military forces to be able to maintain even-handed order on their own and for Sunni, Kurdish and Shiite politicians to agree to share power and resources," notes Kondracke sympathetically.

He thinks the new strategy deserves a chance "but so far civilian casualties are not down, progress on political reconciliation is glacial and U.S. casualties have increased significantly."

Kondracke thinks "Prudence calls for preparation of a Plan B" because calls for withdrawal without specifying details are a recipe for disaster. Again, he believes Shites will dominate because of their numbers and it would be wise to begin backing them and the Kurds - exclusively - now.

One finds Kondracke's plan attractive because many reports indicate the Sunnis appear to be incorrigible and memories run long to another war when victory was "always at the end of the tunnel." Except that it wasn't.



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**HOT SEAT** - Gen. David H. Petraeus commands MNF-I, all U.S. troops in Iraq and co-authored Field Manual 3-24 containing the Army's new official counterinsurgency doctrine. He will need all of that expertise in his current position in Iraq.

## Letter to the Post

### Bartender rips 'biased journalism'

(Following letter refers to the story, "Fans jam Club Dix for classic fight night," featured on page 10 of the May 11, 2007 issue of the Post. Letter was postmarked 18 May, 2007)

photo and cutline exactly as they appeared in story about classic fight night at Club Dix

To Steve Snyder  
There were 5 bartenders not hostesses as to your reference who worked equally as hard as Ms. Villarante. In the "blue room," which is Revolutions Bar, there were 2 bartenders. I feel if mentioning one all should be mentioned.

As to your reference to tips flowing let me inform you it is one third the cash flow that would come to bartenders in the civilian world.

I suggest that you choose words carefully and replace the antiquated politically incorrect HOSTESSES with BARTENDER.

The other hard-working bartender from "Revolutions Bar" also the hard-working bartender from Martini Nite.

Julie Agoes  
PS over - I am also the bartender who bought the candy at the bar you scarfed down on Martini Night. I used my tip money to buy it! This is not a sour grapes comment. What is fair is fair so a little less biased journalism PLEASE.

Mr. Snyder replies:  
As its title suggests, the story "Fans jam Club Dix for classic fight night" was never intended to be a study about bartenders at Club Dix - however virtuous or hardworking.

I have done such studies in the past, including long features on Margaret Wolfe and her successor, Angela (her last name escapes me).

This story, instead, was meant to be an in-depth account of what a "fight night" at Club Dix was all about and why some considered it a stellar attraction. The story was never meant to be a survey on bar-



Steve Snyder

**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.

tenders or anyone else except patrons trying to get into the fight scene that night.

Sorry, but I do not believe the amount of tips stashed into beer pitchers this even at Club Dix. It was strictly my own idea involving my own time and my own money (I paid the \$15 cover charge like everyone else).

And being a longtime boxing fan, I enjoyed it and conveyed that to my readers. I also reread A.J. Liebling's classic work, "The Sweet Science," in preparation. I like to think the old literary sultan of swat would have enjoyed my piece.

I salute all the hard workers at Club Dix for providing an excuse to wallow in boxing lore. Twas a knockout!  
Cordially,  
Steve Snyder, PAO

Photographers shoot what they see, especially if it's close by.

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## Sacred duty



Dod photo by Tom Mani, U.S. Army

**U.S. Army Spc. Chase Neely places flags in front of headstones at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va., May 24, for Memorial Day. Neely is a Tomb Sentinel from the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment "The Old Guard."**

## Rasslin' at Pemberton



file photo by Steve Snyder

**Pro wrestlers are getting ready for a super smackdown Saturday night, June 2, at the Pemberton Township Sports Complex on the Pemberton Browns Mills Road, Route 530, opposite the Pemberton Township Municipal Complex on the baseball field. Beginning at 8 p.m., muscles collide between members of the National Wrestling Superstars as part of an outdoor benefit for Pemberton's Baseball Association. Featured attractions include the Slayer, Kai bootsie, the Japanese giant, Russian strongman Nikolai Volkoff and wrestling hall of famer Captain Lou Albano. A similar show several years back proved entertaining. It's \$20 for ringside seats, \$15 for the bleachers. A rain date is set for Sunday, June 3, at 7 p.m. For more info call (609) 893-6273 or check www.doubleplaytix.com.**

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# Kitchen serves up choice

**Ryan Morton**  
Public Affairs Staff

Soldiers heading for Fort Dix this summer will find a tasty addition to life at the Forward Operating Base, the primary range site for mobilizing units.

In addition to more tents, trailers, showers, electrical upgrades and a USO operation, the FOB is now home to two containerized kitchens, or CKs.

A CK is a portable kitchen that is rapidly replacing the Army's Mobile Kitchen Trailer, which has been in use around the world for decades wherever American Soldiers are fed.

The light and modern facility is quickly taking the place of the mobile kitchen due in large part to its heating, air conditioning, ventilation, lighting, refrigeration, and freezing capabilities.

The new kitchens' offerings are designed to average the main hot meals served in the FOB, which are prepared daily in a dining facility and trucked to the site.

Each of the kitchens comes equipped with modern food warming units, dual ovens and propane grills to allow cooks a wide range of food preparation possibilities.

Each of the CK units is



Ed Mingin

**CK COOKS** -- Mary Glowiak, left, and Christina Hairiston prepare dinner at one of the Forward Operating Base's new containerized kitchens (ck).

made-to-order omelet and in the evenings they can indulge in a have-it-your-way hamburger or cheeseburger.

So far the response from the Soldiers is very positive. "The troops seem to really like the CK because they get to have a hot meal and know it's fresh because it's being cooked

right there in front of them," Keith McRae, Fort Dix Food Service Officer said.

"The omelet bar is good because it gives you a good change of pace and beats MREs (Meals Ready to Eat) all the time," Spc. John Zambrano, a Soldier from A Co., 200th Infantry Battalion said.

## Myths on Iraq dispelled

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much better than is often reported here. The war in Iraq is essentially a fight against religious extremists, Anderson said. And while oil is an important element in the situation, it is not the key element. It is essentially about freedom and peace and democracy, in my opinion," he said.

The United States is not alone in the fight, Anderson said. About 32 countries are contributing troops to the fight in Iraq, and about 40 countries are providing contractors and logistics support.

"It's truly a coalition of many nations, and all of them are committed equally to helping the Iraqis build their security forces and counter violence and empower the Iraqis to eventually take control and secure their nation," he said.

While violence levels in Iraq still are unacceptable, the situation is not a full-scale civil war, Anderson said. The fight involves religious extremists on the fringe and does not involve large-scale force-on-force combat, he pointed out.

The existence in Iraq of free speech, a free press and a democratically elected government are all signs that the Iraqi people are better off now than they were under Saddam, Anderson said. In addition, major improvements in the country's infrastructure have improved the people's quality of life, he said. Sewer, water, trash and electricity services all are improving, and the coalition has built almost 1,000 schools, renovated 97 railway stations, built 51 primary health care centers, and renovated 32 hospitals.

The Iraqi government does have room for improvement, but it is still a young democracy and it has made significant progress since its inception, Anderson said. Four of Iraq's 18 provinces are now completely under provincial-government control for security, and their ability to provide services to the people is improving.

"Do they need to get better? Absolutely," he said. "But are there signs that they are getting better? Absolutely."

The signs of economic progress in Iraq are very encouraging, Anderson said. The Iraqi economy has cut inflation in half; the gross domestic product increased 40 percent in 2006 and is projected to grow in 2007; the per capita income has doubled; and the economy is getting foreign investments. The United States is working with the government to reduce corruption in the economy, improve oil exports, and revitalize businesses, he said.

"One need only to go to a place like Irbil, up north in Kurdistan, to see (what's) possible -- an Iraqi city that is vibrant, has high employment and a flourishing economy," Anderson said.

"It's almost like walking down the streets of a typical European city, with restaurants and shops and car dealerships. It's a thriving place, and I believe that is a demonstration of what is possible hopefully in the very, very near term."

Contractors are valuable contributors to the coalition mission in Iraq and have actually increased their services while reducing costs over the years, Anderson said. In addition, contractors, many of whom are from countries besides the U.S., risk their lives every day alongside coalition troops, he said. "I believe that they are patriots in every sense of the word," he said of the contractors who serve in Iraq.

Although the enemy is adaptive and constantly changes tactics to defeat U.S. defenses, U.S. troops are extremely well outfitted and receive the latest technologies to protect them, Anderson said. Body armor is provided to every troop who deploys, and vehicle armor is constantly upgraded as technologies become available, he said.

In addition, Iraqi troops are becoming increasingly well equipped. They have armored vehicles, mortars, helicopters and aircraft, and the government is spending \$7 billion this year to improve their equipment, he said.

Retention rates among deployed troops prove that morale is high, Anderson said. The troops know that many Americans don't support the war, but they continue to see the outpouring of support for those who fight, he said.

"This new generation of kids is unbelievable, and I think they are representing Americans extremely well," he said. "They're disciplined and compassionate; they don't pull the trigger indiscriminately; and they go truly overboard to protect citizens and respect Islamic culture."

The new operational strategy for Iraq is still in the initial stages, but there are encouraging signs already, Anderson said. Coalition and Iraqi forces will, for the first time, have enough troops to secure areas of Baghdad after clearing them of insurgents. More soldiers in an area does mean more opportunities for conflict with the enemy, so leaders expect the situation will get worse before it gets better, but they believe the new strategy can work, he said.

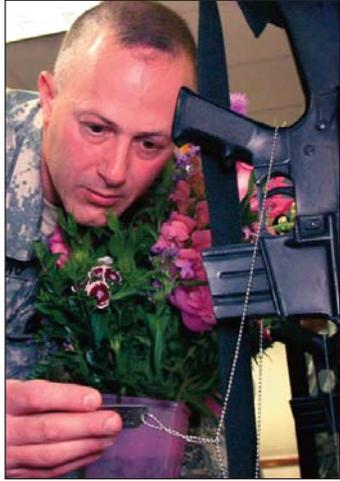
"We understand that the military cannot win the war (on its own), but we're certainly not losing it," he said. "We can only help set the conditions for a political solution; we understand that."

"We must continue to apply all of our political, military and diplomatic, economic and informational power to this fight," he continued. "We understand that this is the defining international event of our time. We absolutely understand that we must win this struggle and that we must prevail, and I'm optimistic that the opportunity still exists in order to do that."

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# Fallen heroes honored by New Jersey Guard



Master Sgt. Nick Cianfrano, left, inspects the dogtags at the memorial in Remembrance Hall, Joint Force Headquarters - New Jersey, following the Combat Action Badge Award Ceremony May 25. The memorial honors the sacrifice of Staff Sgts. Frank T. Carvill and Humberto F. Timoteo, along with Sgt. Ryan E. Dolt and Spc. Christopher M. Duffy. All four New Jersey Army National Guard Soldiers, assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 112th Field Artillery, were killed in Iraq in 2004. Master Sgt. Thomas W. Christiani, right, adjusts the shadowboxes honoring the four Soldiers. Each box contains all the awards the Soldiers received, their dogtags, and their unit and combat patches.



## National Guard Unity Day celebrates military diversity

Wayne Cook  
Public Affairs Staff

The New Jersey National Guard (NJNG) will hold its 9th Annual Unity Day at the Joint Training and Training Development Center (JT2DC) on Fort Dix June 14. This year's theme is "Many Cultures, One Flag."

The NJNG continues to host Unity Day events to enhance cross-cultural awareness and promote harmony among all members of the military. The celebration initially started out as an awareness campaign for the National Guard, but has grown to extend its influence to include the three installations that comprise the joint mega base known as McGuire-Fort Dix-Lakehurst.

The continued growth of the event has forced a move to the JT2DC, Building 3601. The unceasing support of community members, and both state and federal members from Fort Dix and McGuire Air Force Base, contributes to the different ethnic and special-emphasis groups that are represented in the National Guard.

"How fitting it is to have Unity Day, many cultures under one flag, to be held on Flag Day," said Col. Shawn Keyes, director, Equal Opportunity Office, NJNG.

"This is our first joint mega base event. The 305th Services Squadron on McGuire and other units have been very cooperative and proactive. The jointness of the installations and service branches has opened up many more resources to be able to put on Unity Day. Equal Opportunity supersedes any politics between the bases. This is just a fun day for everyone involved," he said.

The activities will start off with a 5 kilometer fun run/walk at 8 a.m. at Building 3601. The opening ceremony and other activities start at 11:30 a.m. and include a performance from the New Jersey Youth Challenge Program

Drill Team, followed by the presentation of awards and additional entertainment by the Voices of Africa, United We Sing, O'Leary Irish Dancers, Red Hawk Indian Dancers, Bag Pipers, and the Rancocas Valley Regional High School Hollywood Steppers.

There will be many multicultural displays and food samplings from 18 different ethnic groups from all over the world between noon and 3:30 p.m.

Those who attend are encouraged to enter to win a weekend package to the Poconos, courtesy of U.S. Family Health Plan.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend and have an enjoyable time discovering the diversity of cultures represented in the military today.

For more information, call Capt. Lola Washington, state equal employment manager, NJNG, at 562-0856.



Ryan Duffy, left, hugs his mother Casey's hand after receiving the Army Combat Action Badge from Brig. Gen. Maria Falca-Dodson, the deputy adjutant general, and Maj. Gen. Glenn K. Rieth, the adjutant general of New Jersey. Ryan's father, Spc. Christopher M. Duffy, was killed in Iraq in 2004. The Combat Action Badge may be awarded to any Soldier performing duties in a hostile area or involved in an engagement with enemy forces.

photos by Air Force Tech. Sgt. Mark Olsen, NJ Dept. of Military and Veterans Affairs

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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.

**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](http://www.aafes.com).

### AAFES to open new shopette in June

AAFES will be opening a new Shopette on McGuire in June. Within the facility will be a God-fathers 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.

### 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.

### Resume Workshop coming to ACS

Army Community Service and the Burlington County College Job Placement Office will host a free Resume Workshop June 4 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Bldg. 5201 Maryland Avenue. Register by calling Rod Marrell at 562-2186 sending e-mail to [rod.rodriguez-marrell@us.army.mil](mailto:rod.rodriguez-marrell@us.army.mil) Seating is limited to 20 people.

### 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.

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.

### Space available in CYS Summer Camp

Vacancies exist for first through eighth graders in Child and Youth Services Summer Camp. Call 562-4702/5231 for more information.

## Museum to undergo transformation

Jennifer M. McCarthy  
Public Affairs Staff

Change is the natural state of Fort Dix these days. But projects like joint basing and the construction of the new 99th Regional Reserve Command facility on Pennsylvania Avenue aren't the only transformations happening on post. Change is also in store for the Fort Dix Museum.

On July 20, the museum will shut its doors to visitors to prepare for its transformation from the Fort Dix Museum to the Army Reserve Mobilization Museum.

The Fort Dix Museum is the only installation museum that is changing its mission to be part of the United States Army Reserve Command (USARC) museum program.

"As a USARC asset, we need to be more closely aligned to the new USARC and Fort Dix mission; and that mission is mobilization and demobilization," said museum curator Dr. Daniel Zimmerman.

The Fort Dix Museum, located at 6501 Pennsylvania Avenue, is dedicated to telling the story of Fort Dix from its explosive transformation in 1917 from a humble farmer's field to a bustling World War I training camp.

Using images, artifacts, uniforms and weapons, the museum traces the history of the installation. Following World War I, Camp Dix was used as an Army Reserve and National Guard training area and as a summer home for the Civilian Military Training Camp.

During the Depression era in the 1930s, the installation housed members of the Civilian Conservation Corps. In 1939, having proved its importance as a military installation, Camp Dix was granted the more per-



Jennifer McCarthy

**CLOSED FOR RENOVATIONS -- Dr. Daniel Zimmerman, Fort Dix Museum curator, talks about the museum's upcoming transformation into the Army Reserve Mobilization Museum.**

manent moniker, "Fort Dix."

In the years after World War II, Fort Dix served as a basic training facility. In 1992, Fort Dix became a mobilization, deployment and demobilization center for Reserve and National Guard Soldiers.

Today, Fort Dix is the premier mobilization center for the Global War on Terrorism.

When the museum re-opens in a year, instead of focusing on just Fort Dix, it will tell the story of the history of the Army Reserve and its mobilization and demobilization missions.

"The new exhibits will trace the history of the militia from 1776. It will cover the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, the Civil War, the Mexican War as well as the Mexican Punitive Expedition of 1916. These exhibits will include uniforms, graphics, and photos where we can get them," said Zimmerman.

Fort Dix will be used as the model for exhibits relating to mobilization and demobilization in the 20th and 21st centuries.

In addition to new exhibits, the museum will get a new layout and

gain some extra space.

"We are moving the administrative area into part of (Building) 6501A, which is the adjoining end of the museum building," said Zimmerman. "We are going to open up some existing walls for traffic flow and will be closing some doorways for security purposes."

The renovation is expected to take about a year. The museum will be closed to visitors throughout the transformation. The museum will be open regular hours until July, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.



### Donors see red during blood drive

Gary J. Bush Jr., Directorate of Logistics, above, donates blood during the American Red Cross Blood Drive May 25 at the Main Chapel. Markeesha Binks, Red Cross donor collection assistant, makes sure everything flows smoothly. Lt. Col. Charles Smith, special projects officer, far right, congratulates Paul E. Zimowski Sr., Range Control, in recognition of his having donated four gallons of blood since 2000.

Zimowski received a letter of recognition from Col. David McNeil, installation commander, as well as a commander's coin and pin.



photos by Shawn Morris

## Tick bites can prove dangerous

U.S. ARMY GARRISON STUTTGART, Germany, May 1, 2007

In most climates, the summer season is synonymous with tick season. That means now – as tick season moves into full swing – is a good time to learn about tick-borne pathogens and how to protect both people and pets from these pesky parasites.

There are more than 850 species of ticks worldwide, and 100 of them are capable of transmitting diseases to humans and pets.

To avoid ticks, take the following steps:

- Wear light-colored clothing that covers legs and arms.
- Tuck pants into boots or socks; tuck shirts in at the waist.
- Apply insect repellents to exposed skin (but do not use on infants under two months old).
- Always perform "tick checks" when coming in from wooded areas. Pay special attention to warm and hairy areas.
- Don't forget to check children and pets.

Not all ticks are infected with a disease, so just because an individual is bitten by a tick doesn't mean he or she will become infected.

If you spot a tick embedded in the skin, remove it immediately:

- Grasp the tick's mouth parts as close to the skin as possible with tweezers.
- Pull back slowly and steadily, as you would with a splinter. Be patient. Do not squeeze, jerk, rip or twist the tick. If not done correctly, an embedded tick's mouthparts could be left in the skin and disease can still be transmitted.



Wayne Cook

### Students pay tribute to military parents

Students at Kings Academy in Wrightstown celebrate their second annual Military Appreciation/Memorial Day program May 24. The event was held to pay tribute to military parents, as well as all other military members.

# Sports, rec fixture retires after 28 years here

## Bob Beske dreaming of hills in Carolina

Steve Snyder  
Public Affairs Staff

"In my 35 years involved with Army sports as a Soldier and civilian, there are only a few individuals I know who've had a very profound impact on thousands of Soldiers. Bob is one of them. For more than 30 years, he's helped provide a high standard of living and support for Soldiers and their families."

So says Fort Dix Sports Director Floyd Winter about the retiring Chief of MWR's Community Recreation Division, Bob Beske.

Beske retired this week, ending 34 years of federal service if you count his three years in the active Army. His departure leaves a gap at Fort Dix that won't be easy to fill. Fort Dix's Director of Morale, Welfare and Recreation is among those happy to have leaned on Beske's expertise and work ethic. Sarah Johnson recalls the experience.

"Bob has been my 'go-to guy' for the past 10 years that I've been the MWR director," Sarah says. "All I ever had to say was 'Bob, I need and he would make it happen! He worked independently and produced amazing results. I consider him one of the best in Army recreation. He has creativity, ingenuity, and positive attitude - no matter what the task! Nothing was too much or too difficult for Bob to accomplish, whether it was creating a pirate's ship in Griffith Field House for last year's holiday party or organizing a Super Bowl party at the FOB for a 1,000 Soldiers. Most importantly, he always did it unselfishly and with a terrific sense of humor."

"I am going to miss Bob," Johnson admits. "He's a great employee, division chief, and truly, I am proud to call him a 'good friend,'" concludes MWR's dynamic director.

**Arts and Crafts Director Janice Corbo** stood in awe of Bob's approach to his job. He wasn't arty but got the job done.

"I was one of the lucky activity managers (in MWR) because I didn't have any fields or outdoor recreation areas to check, so I never had to ride in the famous 'blue bomber.' Bob's staff car that looked like it had been through the war," Janice confides. "Riding with him was as scary as any amusement park ride since he was always putting the 'pedal to the metal,' treating that compact car like it was an all terrain vehicle."

"Bob loved his big toys, from seven gang mowers to graders," Corbo informs. "He was in his glory grooming the fields or running the snow plow, and you'd rarely find him behind his desk. These qualities came in handy for Arts and Crafts when we lost our building to fire and moved into the old AAFES cafeteria in 1989. Bob took a sledgehammer to the industrial kitchen equipment like a fish takes to water. He was definitely focused, and somehow he got everything removed so we could begin our rebuilding process."

Janice notices that "Bob not only does well at directing personnel but rolls up his sleeves and gets right in there with them. I've never seen Bob in a suit, it's just not his style," she says. "I knew when Bob wore jeans to work, it wasn't for 'dress down Friday' but for working on another big project involving heavy equipment," she concludes.

Fort Dix's Director of Outdoor Reaction, Ernie

Yeager, looked up to his older friend, considering him somewhat of a role model.

"Bob was my mentor early in my career," Ernie recalls. "He believed in visiting people he needed assistance from (particularly the engineers) rather than using the phone. He has been my fearless leader since 1997. Twenty-seven years of working with Bob has been fun and challenging," Ernie says. "I will miss him and the support he has given to me."

David Linder is no longer with Team Dix, working instead for the Plans, Analysis and Integration Office (PAIO) up at Fort Hamilton in Brooklyn. He hasn't forgotten time spent here though or the people who made it memorable.

One of them was Bob Beske.

"Robert 'Bob' Beske and I go way back to 1990 when I first joined what was then DPCA. Mr. Beske was and still is an enthusiastic and passionate man about his work. A lot of us could learn a thing or two from him."

Linder recalls "coming from Germany in the 90s" and working with Beske. "We took an immediate liking to each other," he says. "I was a Washington Redskins fan and he just couldn't understand that," Linder says, but that didn't slow down their friendship.

Mr. Beske and I would often talk about the many processes at work and how I could make them work for me," remembers Linder. "He was a shoulder to cry on, a sounding board for concerns, the confidant that everybody wished they had and, most of all, a true friend."

Linder notes that "Beske will be missed because of the many roles that he played... and the many lives he touched" at Fort Dix. One of those lives, of course, belonged to Linder.

"Friends don't say 'good-bye,' friends say 'I will see you around. Take care of yourself!'"

**Jim Lyon, MWR's supply chief** is another die-hard friend who hesitates to say good-bye. Jim says Bob will be "right there next to me in spirit" when "I'm out setting up for 'Team Dix Day,' the fourth of July, and other MWR events. For Lyon, "it's been honor and a privilege working with Bob, 'getting it done.'" He wishes Bob and Shirley the best in retirement.

Robert K. Beske was born on Feb. 21, 1947 at Norwalk, Conn. but grew up in Albuquerque, N.M. He was quite the athlete in high school, starting in football and baseball, events which perhaps guided him to his later career.

Beske was drafted in 1966, completed basic training at Fort Bliss, Texas, before undergoing AIT as a infantryman at Fort Lewis, Wash. But instead of shipping out to Vietnam as the great majority of his AIT company did, Bob lucked out. He was sent to the Berlin Brigade in Germany where "even the tanks were polished" and got into sports in a big way, playing on championship football and baseball teams. Leaving the service at the end of 1968, Bob knocked off a BS degree in physical education at Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colo. in 1973 and a masters in parks and recreation at the University of New Mexico in 1975. Carpentry jobs and two and a half years at Bayonne as a civil servant followed before he came to Fort Dix.

"It's been nothing but fun" here, Bob insists, but it's time



Steve Snyder

**CLEARING OUT -- Bob Beske begins to clear his desk prior to leaving the office this week. Bob has served as the Director for MWR's Community Recreation Division for over a quarter of a century now (since June 1982), arriving here in 1979 to take over as Sports Director on Fort Dix.**



Ed Mingin

**KUDOS GALORE -- Dix officials surprised Bob Beske just outside his office last week, paying tribute to a veteran who spent most of his career here, helping insure Fort Dix's sports and recreation programs were second to none. Sports Director Floyd Winter joins Sarah Johnson, director of MWR, (l-r) and Command Sgt. Maj. Albert Davidson in saying goodbye, above.**



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**IN THIS CORNER... -- Back when Bob Beske was sports director for Fort Dix in the late 1970s and early '80s, boxing was popular in Army circles. Bob and Jim Armstrong, now the Griffith Field House Manager, used to attend many boxing seminars while promoting bouts on Fort Dix.**



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**DAYS OF THE GIANTS -- Griffith Field House Manager Jim Armstrong has worked with Bob since the latter arrived here in 1979. Jim says Bob worked on a wide range of programs in addition to his regular duties including bringing Wide World of Sports boxing and WWF Wrestling to Fort Dix, hosting the Harlem Magicians (successors to the Harlem Globetrotters), fielding many dog shows, sponsoring command balls during holiday seasons, and converting the field house into a post hospital in case it was needed in Desert Storm plus other projects too numerous to remember. "Bob was probably a workholic," Jim remembers, "and he required the same thing from other people that he expected of himself."**



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**LOVE THAT WATERMELON -- Beske, second from right, digs into a watermelon during still another contest on organizational day on Sept. 12, 1994. Along with his capacity to work, Bob's appetite appeared to be almost boundless.**

to escape the tax bite and settle in the idyllic Blue Ridge Mountain region of North Carolina. He was introduced to the area when accompanying his son around when the



courtesy photo

**MR. WIZARD -- A stunningly youthful-looking Beske tests a microphone for Terry Beveridge, center, and Sarah Johnson way back in December 1991.**



courtesy photo

**NICE HAT -- Bob does his impersonation of an illegal immigrant during still another organizational day.**



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**GAME FOR ANYTHING -- Ed Bowen joins Beske in a pie-eating contest during a Dix organizational day sometime in the 1990s.**

Many thanks to Jim Armstrong and Ellen Nut for providing the courtesy photos. Memories are forever.

# Dixan reforms Afghan National Police

**MAZAR-E-SHARIF, Afghanistan, May 17, 2007** - The Police Regional Training Center in Mazar-E-Sharif graduated the first Afghan National Civil Order Police (ANCOP) unit in Afghanistan today. About 345 new recruits will hit the streets of Kabul to keep order and combat terrorism. During the graduation, Col. Jack Stankiewicz, deputy director of operations, Police Reform Directorate, handed out certificates to honor graduates and was named "the father of the Civil Order Police" by the new commander of the ANCOP.



**LAWMEN** - The first graduating class of the Afghan National Civil Order Police, left, pass in review May 17. Col. Jack Stankiewicz, deputy director of operations, Police Reform Directorate, below center, and Zair Ahmad Muqbel, Afghan minister of the interior, below right, congratulate the graduates. Stankiewicz works on Fort Dix with 1st Brigade, 78th Division.

Lt. Clinton Larson

Stankiewicz started a concept in July 2006 that would set up a new elite police unit to provide civil order maintenance in six-to-eight larger cities in Afghanistan. This concept was embraced by the international community and the Afghan minister of the interior, thus leading to the creation of ANCOF.

"I was very impressed with the graduates. They are very disciplined and well trained," said Stankiewicz, who works as a civilian on Fort Dix with 1st Brigade, 78th Division. "This force will give the nation of Afghanistan a capability it really needs. ANCOF will fill the gap between the district police and the Afghan National Army."

Half of the Afghan National Civil Order Police graduating class was already police officers in the Afghan National Police, while the other half were brand new to the force.

Each graduate bore the Afghan Police badge as he graduated from the grueling course that is set to expand to other cities throughout Afghanistan. The Afghan National Police is also trying to increase recruiting to ANCOF.

"The course is sixteen weeks long and the last six weeks focus on civil disturbance operations. The German instructors in this portion of the training ensured the new officers could combat riots and

other large disturbances," said Col. Stan Shope, senior regional police advisor.

When a young ANCOF graduate was asked what this graduation meant to him, he said, "It is important because we are the first ANCOF class and we have been selected to help the citizens of Afghanistan."

"I am proud to serve my country in ANCOF because we have had great training and this is our job," added another graduate.

The next class starts May 26 in Mazar-E-Sharif and those recruits will be sent to Kandahar to assist the present police force in that part of Afghanistan.

Stankiewicz and his team established the ANCOF National Training Center in Adraskan, which will open this September.

Stankiewicz has spent two out of the past three years deployed to Afghanistan, helping to rebuild the Afghan National Army on his first tour and currently working to reform the Afghan National Police. He is set to demobilize this summer and return to his civilian job on Fort Dix with 1st Brigade, 78th Division.

*(Editor's note: Portions of this story were taken from press release by Lieutenant Clinton Larson, Combined Security Transition Command, Afghanistan.)*



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## Missouri troops tackle training

**Ryan Morton**  
Public Affairs Staff

Fort Dix is getting busier by the second. The installation is currently training hundreds of Soldiers and soon stands to house more than 4,000 Soldiers as the summer months draw near, training Soldiers from the regular Army, Reserve, and National Guard for missions supporting the Global War on Terrorism.

The 735th Combat Support Company is currently on the ground training for one of the many GWOT support missions. The unit is part of the Missouri National Guard, consisting of approximately 177 Soldiers. Hailing from DeSoto, Mo., they hit the ground running in early May, preparing for a security forces mission.

The training they have received is, for many, unlike any they have ever performed before.

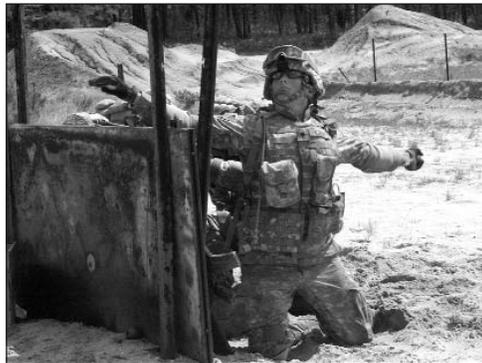
"It's very fast-paced and realistic training," said Sgt. 1st Class Ron Dickens, 735th CSC first sergeant. "They don't get a lot of practice doing this kind of training, so it's been very helpful and beneficial," he said.

In their time at Dix, they have participated in a variety of training measures used to prepare them for battle. Some of the skills they learned are how to detect, find, and avoid Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs), perform convoy operations, and Military Operations in Urban Terrain (MOUT) training. This refers to how they handle and react to various obstacles while they patrol or search a mock town or village.

They also gain qualifications in the use of some of the Army's most lethal weapons technologies such as the M-16 rifle, the M-9 pistol, and the armor-piercing M-2 .50-caliber machine gun.

Dickens is very happy with how far his Soldiers have come in such a short time, but realizes there is still much work to do.

"They're picking up the concepts very quickly. They're very motivated, and I'm very pleased with how they're doing. They've reacted very well to all the challenges. Right now, we're all trying to get everything in place and trying to learn. We're working really hard. We've still got some growing pains and things



photos by Ryan Morton

to work on, but we've come together really well," Dickens said.

What also helps in the maturation of the Soldiers in this unit is the experience level. Many of the Soldiers volunteered for this deployment and are veterans of previous conflicts such as OIF, OEF, and Desert Storm, with ages ranging all the way from 18 to 55 years old.

"Having the experienced Soldiers really helps. They give great advice to the younger Soldiers on what to expect, drawing from their past experiences," Dickens said.

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**WINDUP** - Spc. Taylor Almond, 735th Combat Support Company, Missouri National Guard, throws a dummy grenade during mobilization training at Fort Dix. The 735th took part in various types of training, including Improvised Explosive Device detection and avoidance, convoy operations, and Military Operations in Urban Terrain techniques.

**ROAD TO OIF/OEF**

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# Announcements



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

**Friday, June 1 @ 7:30 p.m.**

**Fracture** - Anthony Hopkins, Ryan Gosling - When Ted Crawford discovers that his beautiful younger wife, Jennifer, is having an affair, he plans her murder. Among the cops arriving at the crime scene is hostage negotiator Detective Rob Nunnally, the only officer permitted entry to the house. Surprisingly, Crawford readily admits to shooting his wife, but Nunnally is too stunned to pay close attention when he recognizes his lover, whose true identity he never knew, lying on the floor in a pool of blood. Although Jennifer was shot at point blank range, Nunnally realizes she isn't dead. Crawford is immediately arrested and arraigned after confessing—a seemingly slam-dunk case for hot shot assistant district attorney Willy Beachum. But nothing is as simple as it seems, including this case. In a tense duel of intellect and strategy, Crawford and Willy both learn that a "fracture" can be found in every ostensibly perfect façade.

**MPAA Rating: R** language and some violent content

Run time: 112 minutes

**Saturday, June 2 @ 7:30 p.m.**

**In the Land of Women** - Adam Brody, Kristen Stewart, Meg Ryan, Olympia Dukakis - Carter Webb (Adam Brody) has just been dumped by his true love Sophia (Elena Anaya). Heartbroken, he moves to Michigan to take care of his ailing grandmother. Once there, he gets mixed up in the lives of the women who live across the street: Sarah Hardwicke (Meg Ryan), the mother of two daughters, Paige, and older sister Lucy. Through his relationships with these women, as well as with his grandmother, Carter discovers that vacancy, which once felt like an end, was only just the beginning of something else.

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

Run time: 100 minutes

**Future Features...**

**Disturbia**

Friday, June 8 @ 7:30 p.m.  
PG-13, 104 minutes.

**The Invisible**

Saturday, June 9 @ 7:30 p.m.  
PG-13, 97 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 noon  
Ages 4 to 12

Registration forms available at the chapel or by calling 562-2020

## Army Community Service

Bldg. 5201, 562-2767

**June 5**

New Beginnings, Life After Divorce  
6 to 10 p.m.  
Fort Dix Child Development Center

**June 6**

Single Parent Support Group  
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
McGuire Family Support Center

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# Army kicks off safety campaign

**FORT RUCKER, Ala., May 18, 2007** - Every year, the Army loses Soldiers not only to combat-related injuries, but also to both on- and off-duty vehicle accidents.

In effort to reduce these losses, Army installations across the globe are joining state and local law enforcement and highway safety officials in the nationwide Click It or Ticket campaign.

The goal of the campaign is to raise awareness of the importance of wearing seat belts. The campaign begins this month and concludes on June 3, but vehicle safety is a year-round responsibility.

This year's initiative involves an aggressive seat belt enforcement mobilization that will crack down on low seat belt use and in an attempt to reduce highway fatalities with a new emphasis on convincing more motorists to buckle up - day and night.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, regular seat belt use is the single most effective way to protect drivers and passengers and reduce fatalities in motor vehicle crashes.

In 2005, 77 percent of passenger vehicle occupants who were buckled up in a serious crash survived it. When worn correctly, seat belts have proven to reduce the risk of fatal injury to front-seat passenger car occupants by 45 percent (by 60 percent in pickup trucks, sport utility vehicles and minivans).

However, some Soldiers don't perceive seat belts as a convenience. A Soldier wearing full "battle-rattle" might not fit comfortably into a HMMWV seat, especially on a patrol mission. But seat belts have been proven to save lives even in combat situations. Recently in Afghanistan,

while driving a 5-Ton wrecker with two other Soldiers, the driver hit a bump in the road with the vehicle causing it to flip. All three Soldiers were ejected from the vehicle. None of the occupants were wearing seat belts, and two of the Soldiers died as a result of their injuries.

A separate situation involved a Soldier driving at 3:00 a.m. in Texas. After losing control of his privately owned vehicle, it flipped three times. Because he wasn't wearing his seat belt, he too was thrown from the vehicle and died from injuries sustained in the accident.

According to the Office of the Provost Marshal General, traffic fatalities during the summer months involve three distinctive factors; excessive speed, lack of seat belt use, and alcohol/drug use. Since these contributing factors are well known, most installation provost marshal offices and Directorate of Emergency Services Traffic Accident Investigation sections focus on conducting selective enforcement techniques.

A few examples include use of unmarked patrol vehicles, random safety/DUI/DWI checkpoint at various locations, and increasing TAI patrols during high-peak traffic times such as weekends, rush hour and holidays.

For more driving and POV information, visit the USACRC Web site at [https://erc.army.mil/ Driving-POV](https://erc.army.mil/Driving-POV). For more information on the National Click It or Ticket campaign visit <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov>



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## Service members honored

*Citizens of all ages came out to Brig. Gen. William C. Doyle Memorial Cemetery in Arneytown, North Hanover Township, to honor veterans during Memorial Day weekend by placing U.S. Flags by each gravestone. The facility, which opened May 30, 1986, was funded jointly by the state and federal governments and is managed by the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. It is open to eligible New Jersey Veterans; residents who are members of the Armed Forces or reserve units on active duty at the time of death; and certain dependents, certain merchant marines and civilians who have been awarded veteran's status. The 225-acre facility is designed to accommodate 154,000 persons. As a state shrine, Doyle Cemetery honors the men and women who have served in the Armed Forces. Approximately 15 burials occur each day. The cemetery is visited by thousands of visitors each year.*

**WDIX Channel 2**  
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# Team Dix stars receive reward



Col. Doug Dinon, deputy commander for mobilization, near right, presents Certificates of Achievement to Staff Sgt. Kelvin Stephens, Master Sgt. Michael Merrill, 1st Sgt. John Humphreys and 1st Sgt. George Wilson, from left at right, and Staff Sgt. Anthony Mammiotti, left, in recognition of superior results noted by the First Army inspection team from April 2-6. Also receiving Certificates of Achievement are The Logistics Company (TLC) employees Lisa Cleveland, Sharon Hayes and Geneva DiTaranto, from left below.



photos by Ryan Morton



## Chaplains' Corner

Chap. (Maj.) Bill Heisterman  
Chapel Staff

*"Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you; leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift. Settle matters quickly with your adversary..."*  
(Matthew 5:23-25, NIV)

Our relationships with other people reveal our true relationship with God. Even though our American culture exalts the philosophies of individualism, we cannot escape the fact that humans are communal—we have been created to exist in relationship, with God and with other people.

While our personal relationship with God touches the very core of the personal, it is also holistic, touching every part of our connection to the larger whole. Make no mistake, even as individuals, we carry a responsibility to the entire community. In God's economy, the rights and needs of the individual do not preclude the rights and needs of the community as a whole.

Our responsibility extends even to those who may have hurt us or with whom we experience personal conflict. In fact, Jesus shares with us in Matthew 5:43-45, "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven."

There are four personal tools needed to love an enemy. First, we must develop and maintain the capacity to forgive. Forgiveness does not mean that we ignore the wrong com-

mitted against us. It means that we will no longer allow the wrong to be a barrier to relationship. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said that forgiveness "is a catalyst creating the atmosphere necessary for a fresh start and a new beginning." When we forgive, we learn from the experience and move forward in restored relationship with those we have forgiven.

Next, we must learn to see the whole person. By recognizing that the wrong we have suffered does not entirely represent the other person; we can acknowledge that the other person, like each and every one of us, possesses both good qualities, and some qualities that he or she is probably trying to overcome. We must choose to find, and focus on, the good qualities. In fact, what we choose to center our focus on exposes our character, revealing more about us than about the qualities of the other person.

If we are to love those who have hurt us, we must also have a servant's heart, one that puts the other person's needs before our own. When the other person has made a mistake, we must not seek to defeat or humiliate the other person. Instead, we must seek understanding. Such an attitude flows from the works of God's unconditional, agape, love flowing through us.

Finally, we must recognize the real enemy. Satan is real and desires to destroy our relationship with God. Part of his plan is to do so by destroying our relationships with others. Because our relationship with other people reveals our true relationship with God, we cannot separate the two. That is why, "if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift. Settle matters quickly with your adversary..."

## DoD rewards deployed troops

WASHINGTON, Army News Service, April 19, 2007 - The Defense Department yesterday unveiled a program that will reward administrative leave to servicemembers whose service in combat does not meet the department's goal for the time at home-station between deployments.

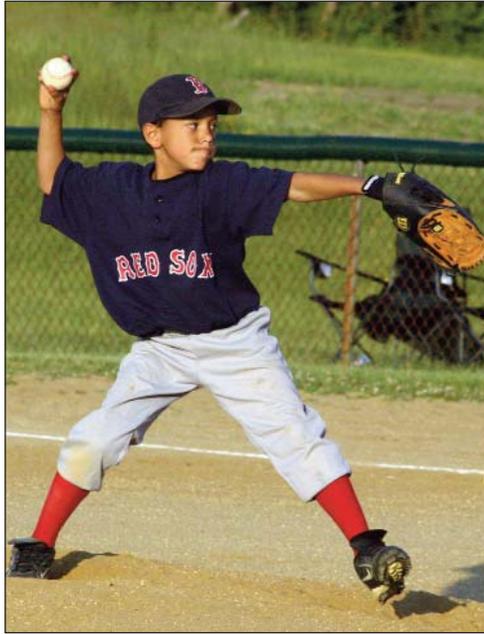
Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates directed the development of this program Jan. 19, when he implemented a force-management policy stating that DoD's goal was to give active-duty troops two years at home-station for every year deployed, and reserve-component troops five years at home-station for every year deployed. At the time, Defense Secretary Gates recognized that national se-

curity concerns would require servicemembers to be deployed more frequently than this goal, so he announced a compensation plan to make up for frequent deployments.

Members of the reserve components will earn one day of administrative absence a month for every month beyond 12 they are mobilized in a 72-month period. Members of the reserve components will also earn two days a month if they are mobilized past 18 months in a 72-month period, and four days a month if they are mobilized past 24 months in the same period.

Administrative absences are days off authorized by the commander, and are separate from normal leave accrued by a Soldier.

# Busy week as Sox near season's end



photos by Ed Mingin

**OVER THE PLATE** -- After beating the Giants 10-1 last week, then losing 9-0 to the Cubs, the Red Sox are now 6-6 and are wrapping up the regular season. Antoine Wilson, above, put in a few innings on the mound for the Sox. Joseph Oswald, at right, played behind the plate against the Cubs. The Sox are scheduled for a busy week. They will be in action June 1, 4, 6 and 9, finishing off the season before the June 11 playoffs.

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The Fort Dix Red Sox are currently 6-6 as they wind down the regular season.

"It not bad considering we lost our first three games," said Steve Uzleber, Red Sox coach. "And we started the season two weeks behind the Pemberton teams."

The Sox were 6-5 after beating the Giants last week with a strong outing by the whole team.

"The Red Sox defeated the Giants 10-1 behind the complete game pitching of Kyle Kerr. Brandon Cromwell and

Dustin Rice had key hits that led to the victory," said Uzleber. "Defensively, the Red Sox committed no errors."

Next up for the Red Sox was a game against the Cubs. This time, things weren't so easy for the Sox, who lost 9-0. "We couldn't even walk off the field without an error," said Uzleber after the game. "The last game things just went right."

Such is life in the world of sports. Sometimes, a team can do nothing wrong. Everything falls into place and it seems easy. Other times, there's nothing a team can do.

The season is far from over for the Sox, who have a busy

schedule ahead of them this coming week. They are scheduled to play a make-up game tonight against the Astros. Monday will be another game against the Astros. Wednesday they face the Braves, and then they finish the regular season next Friday, June 9, when they get another shot at the Cubs. Playoffs start June 11.

Uzleber remains upbeat about his team, and is looking forward to the rest of the season, and next year.

"We have a very young team with two 10-year-olds and only four 12-year-olds. I am looking forward to next season, when most of these players return," said the coach.



Wayne Cook

## Strong to the finish

In a show of jointness, Soldiers and Airmen gathered for the Joint Base Formation Warrior Run this past Wednesday. Col. Rick Martin, commander, 305th Air Mobility Wing, McGuire Air Force Base, Col. R. David McNeil, Fort Dix commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. Albert K. Davidson, Fort Dix command sergeant major, led by example by participating in the run on the McGuire flight line.

## Sports Shorts

### Griffith Field House

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

cheerleading registration  
May 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.

### 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.

### 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](http://www.newegypt-speedway.net).

### Canoe & Kayak Trips

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

June 9  
Canoe/Kayak  
Cost: \$25

### June 10

Canoe/Kayak  
Cost: \$25  
July 14-15  
Canoe/Kayak & camp trip.  
Cost: \$45  
Sept. 15  
Canoe/Kayak  
Cost: \$25

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

### 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 weekends noon - 7 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

## Fire Cracker 5K Fun Run

DATE: THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 2007

TIME: 1200

FEE: \$7.00

\*RAIN OR SHINE!  
NO BICYCLES!

Benefit of all proceeds from this run will be donated to the New Jersey National Guard 9th Annual Unity Day. For more information, contact 1LT Blachowski at (609) 562-0144. Website: [www.firecracker5k.com](http://www.firecracker5k.com)

