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## NEWSNOTES

### 101st Screaming Eagle veterans sought

The 101st Airborne Division Association, with headquarters at Fort Campbell, KY, is seeking "lost" Screaming Eagle veterans who served with the Division during its ongoing history from World War II to Iraq. With 8,500 members and 32 Chapters, including Eagles recently returned from a second tour in Iraq, the Association is a vibrant, dynamic organization.

Activities include the 62nd National Reunion in Omaha, NE, August 8 - 11, and special programs to comfort our hospital wounded and assist today's Eagles and their families. For further information, contact the Association at 32 Screaming Eagle Boulevard, PO Box 929, Fort Campbell, KY 42223-0929; MAIL TO: assocmemberinfo@comcast.net; check the website at <http://www.screamingeagle.org>, or call (931) 431-0199 ext. 35.

### 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.

### Education fair coming to McGuire golf course

Education Services at McGuire AFB is sponsoring "Education on the Green", today, 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 AFROTIC.

## WEATHER

**FRIDAY:** Chance of morning showers, mostly cloudy, high of 71 degrees, overnight low of 68.

**SATURDAY:** Partly cloudy with a high near 82 and chance of showers. Overnight low of 61 degrees.

**SUNDAY:** Mostly sunny and breezy, high of 88, clear overnight with a low of 63.

**MONDAY:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 89 degrees and an overnight low around 66.

**TUESDAY:** Sunny and hot, high of 90 degrees, overnight showers and possible thunderstorms, low of 68.

**WEDNESDAY:** Chance of showers and possible thunderstorms, high near 85 and overnight low of 66 degrees.

**THURSDAY:** Hot and humid, chance of showers with a high around 92 degrees.

# Surge Soldiers hit Dix

Carolee Nisbet  
Editor

Like a gold rush boomtown, Fort Dix watches its population surge every summer as Soldiers pour in seeking some of the Army's most valuable assets: Mobilization training.

The 90-year-old installation will hit the peak of that population this week.

"We've surged from 400 just a month ago to more than 4,000 Soldiers training to deploy in support of the Global War On Terrorism," said Col. Doug Dinon, deputy commander for mobilization, "and we expect to reach a total of 6,000 through Fort Dix for mobilization in 2007."

Totals for 2006 were 110 units with 5,600 Soldiers deployed; 79

units with 3,800 demobilized; 5,000 Soldiers returning to the United States on Freedom Flights, and 1,200 individual demobilized.

Fort Dix is now the Army's Center for Mobilization Excellence for units training as security forces and public affairs units, and has mobilized and demobilized more than 97,000 Soldiers since Sept. 11, 2001.

Dinon noted that Fort Dix reset as a mobilization station this spring in anticipation of the surge, upgrading training areas and increasing facilities at the Forward Operating Base (FOB). Mobilizing Soldiers spend up to two months in the FOB and on the ranges, which is designed to give them the most realistic training possible.

Dubbed Theater Immersion Training, the system is designed to prepare

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Ryan Morton

**REALITY CHECK** -- Staff Sgt. Ronnie Best, standing, and Pfc. Desjawn DayAnderson, 275th QM Co., talk to a civilian on the Battlefield during pre-deployment theater immersion training at Fort Dix.



Shawn Morris

## Ready, aim, splash!

Private 1st Class Michael Bush, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, keeps his head -- and weapon -- above water during the Army's Water Survival Training at the Fort Dix Army uniforms and equipment.

# Iraq report cites progress, challenges

Donna Miles  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, June 13, 2007 -- It's still too early to assess the impact of the new strategy in Iraq, but more progress is expected as additional troops come on line to boost security in Baghdad, according to the latest quarterly report to Congress, released today.

The June 2007 report, "Measuring Stability and Security in Iraq," assess-

es trends in terms of the security environment, political process, economic activity and development of Iraqi security forces.

The report measures both progress and setbacks between mid-February and mid-May. It's the first report for which the entire period took place under the new strategy for Iraq that President Bush announced in January. It notes continued momentum in building Iraq's security forces, which now number 347,000, up almost 18,000 since the last quarterly report,

released in March. In addition, nine Iraqi divisions, 31 brigades, and 95 battalions are in the lead or operating independently in their areas, the report notes. That's an increase of one division headquarters and two battalions since the last report.

These troops, along with coalition forces, have increased force levels and instituted new security measures to protect the population, the report notes. Four additional U.S. brigade combat teams are in place in Baghdad, and a fifth team is expected to be

fully operational by the month's end. Meanwhile, three additional Iraqi brigades completed 90-day deployments in Baghdad, and one has been extended until mid-summer. More Iraqi brigades are on alert and are moving to support operations in the capital, according to the report.

Despite these advances, additional forces are encountering heavy resistance as they operate in areas where they hadn't previously had a large presence, the report recognizes.

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## Vertical Skills training plumb duty for troops

Sgt. George Lesley, 859th Engineer Battalion, Mississippi National Guard, assembles PVC piping during the Army's plumbers course at the Fort Dix Vertical Skills Training Center June 12. Instructors at the center also train Soldiers in the electrician and carpentry/masonry Military Occupational Specialties. For full story and more photos, see page 3.

Shawn Morris



# Soldiers defended nation against all comers

## Saluting American warriors on Army's 232nd birthday

**Steve Snyder**  
Public Affairs Staff

Yesterday, June 14, 2007, marked the 232nd birthday of the United States Army, an occasion that used to be referred to as Flag Day.

Much of the accompanying art work is virtually indistinguishable from photographs. The art belongs to a collection maintained by the United States Army Center for Military History (CMH Online). The pictures provide a treasure trove of history recording the life and times of the United States Army, offering a singularly broad and visually fascinating outline of how American Soldiers have done their duty and the difference they made in forging history.

As Lincoln said, we cannot escape history. So we had better learn from it. King of kings Ozymandias lamented that nothing he had could withstand the sands of time.

But vestiges of the spirit, like liberty or courage, are immortal and worth fighting for. Many Americans, at least, have thought so.



Elsie Golden, 1990, U.S. Army Center for Military History



SFC Elsie Golden, U.S. Army CMH

**STREET FIGHT in Iraq, 2004.**



William F. Vidlan d, 1972, U.S. Army CMH

**FOUR DEUCE in Germany occupied many a GI during the Cold War in that country. American Soldiers saw Europe in between bouts of long and hard duties.**

**RECONDO at Fort Lewis, Washington, is required training. From Molly Pitcher to the WACs in World War II, from nurses in Korea to fuel handlers today, American women haven't hesitated to bear any burden or pay any price to insure their country remains strong and free. Like the men they serve beside, they are the Army!**



Mario Acevedo, 1991, U.S. Army Center for Military History (CMH)

**NIGHT ATTACK in the Persian Gulf War, 1991.**



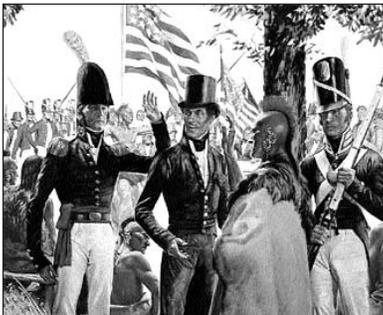
Harold Brett, U.S. Army CMH

**AMERICAN TROOPS ADVANCING in northern France during World War I.**



Olin Dows, U.S. Army CMH

**BASTOGNE in Belgium, 1944, when troops from the 101st Airborne were surrounded by the Germans' last ditch surprise attack in the Battle of the Bulge. The 101st held out until finally relieved by General Patton's Third Army.**



from the U.S. Army CMH, "The American Soldier, 1819"

**POW WOW -- Maj. Stephen H. Long, commanding an expedition ordered to explore the "country between the Mississippi and Missouri," joins Indian Agent O'Fallon and other officers in talks with the Otoes, Missouris, Iowas and Pawnees at Council Bluffs, Iowa, in October 1819.**



from the U.S. Army CMH, "The American Soldier, 1863"

**COMBAT ENGINEERS -- A first lieutenant and first sergeant from the 1st Division, Fourteenth U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, ford a river after building a pontoon bridge circa 1863.**

## Going back to nature at Earth Fair

Few experiences can match those occurring in the great outdoors as the 14th annual Earth Fair once again demonstrated for scores of environmentally-conscious Burlington County residents Sunday who took part in nature walks, canoeing, kayaking, viewing art exhibits, exploring tips on "Sustainable Living," touring the Greek Revival mansion once owned by local entrepreneur Hezekiah B. Smith, and other delights. Green is the word.



**UP THE CREEK -- Canoeists paddle along Rancocas Creek during the 14th annual Earth Fair held Sunday, June 10, at Smithville Park, Easthampton.** photos by Steve Snyder



**CHILD FRIENDLY -- A little girl makes friends with a goat at the Earth Fair, above left. On the right, intrepid kayakers plow through yellow pond lilies in a pond at Smithville Park.**



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# Soldiers take Vertical Skills to new heights

Shawn Morris  
Public Affairs Staff

As the Army continues to transform, units and Soldiers must learn to change, too. To meet the military's ever-changing mission, service members need to adapt to the most realistic and relevant training available.

At Fort Dix, instructors at the Vertical Skills Training Center on Texas Avenue, also known as the Staff Sgt. Christopher Dill Building, are taking Soldiers from all Military Occupational Specialties (MOSs) and turning them into carpenters, electricians and plumbers.

"A lot of them are reclassifying. They're switching over to the vertical skills," explained Sgt. 1st Class James Castello, senior instructor, 1st Battalion, 3rd Brigade, 98th Division. Castello is currently teaching the three-week plumbers course at the training center. The carpentry course has already wrapped up, while the electrician course is scheduled for July.

Castello's students are a mix of National Guard and Reserve Soldiers who are taking the course during their Annual Training. They come from various types of units and hold many different MOSs.

"When we got back from Afghanistan, the Army changed us from combat engineers to vertical skills," explained Sgt. Terry Keithahn, 492nd Engineer Company, Army Reserve. "I've never done plumbing before, so it's something new."

"Our unit got switched over, and in order to keep drilling with my unit, I had to pick a different MOS," added Spc. Rex Brown, a supply specialist with the 859th Engineer Battalion, Mississippi National Guard. "If you have no knowledge, you will definitely learn."

Learning vertical skills at Fort Dix involves both classroom and hands-on training, with courses lasting from three weeks and a month. The instructors, like many of their students, teach the courses as a



**PLUMB JOB** -- Sgt. Stephen Hartwell, 210th Engineer Detachment, New Hampshire National Guard, saws through a piece of PVC pipe, above, while Sgt. Terry Keithahn, 492nd Engineer Company, Army Reserve, below left, and Spc. Simon Gaspar, 230th Engineer Company, Hawaii National Guard, below right, install piping beneath a mock building as part of plumbers training at the Fort Dix Vertical Skills Training Center.

**MAKING THE CUT** -- Sgt. Demetrice Rigshy, 859th Engineer Battalion, Mississippi National Guard, above, uses a utility knife to shave down the cut end of a PVC pipe as part of the plumbers course at the Fort Dix Vertical Skills Training Center.

fulfillment of their Annual Training requirement. "We think they're going to learn more with their hands than from a Power Point slide," explained instructor Staff Sgt. David Fredricksen, a sheet metal worker by trade. "You learn from your mistakes."

"The instructors are very knowledgeable," said Keithahn. "Some of them do this on the outside, so it's very beneficial for us. They know what they're talking about."

The skills these Soldiers learn can be beneficial both in their Army careers and their civilian lives.

"The good thing about these courses is that you can take them home," said Fredricksen. "With the Helmets to Hardhats

photos by Shawn Morris

program, this is almost a perfect setup to step into that."

Whether or not these Soldiers turn their MOS into a civilian career, the training they're receiving at Fort Dix has made a good impression.

"I think it's one of the best (courses) I went through so far," said Keithahn, a civilian welder who holds the combat engineer, bridge crewmember, and carpentry/masonry MOSs. "It's a really good course," added Brown.



Ryan Morton

**HYDRATION STATION** -- Sgt. Ryan Scott, Spc. David Shoultz and Spc. Joel Borka, 506th Military Police Detachment, Washington National Guard, from left, take a water break during a very hot day of mobilization training at the Fort Dix ranges.

## Staying well-hydrated key to avoiding heat injuries

Ryan Morton  
Public Affairs Staff

It is quickly becoming that time of year that many people love - summer. People go on vacations, to the beach, to the country, fishing or whatever other fun activities they can think of, usually outdoors.

The fact that it is summer also means something else: Intense heat. Extremely hot weather gets people into the air conditioning and the pools, but also leads to many heat-related injuries.

At a place like Fort Dix, where thousands of Soldiers train for the Global War on Terrorism, safety is of paramount concern. Training in the intense heat can lead to an assortment of injuries and health concerns that many Soldiers suffer.

In 2005, more than 1,700 heat-related injuries occurred, and every year on average, one Soldier dies from heat-related injuries during training Army-wide. Many of the injuries sustained from the heat are sunburns, heat rashes, and heat cramps which, if left untreated, can progress to heat exhaustion and, in some cases, become more serious and life-threatening heat stroke.

Heat exhaustion occurs when a person spends too much time in a warm environment without the intake of enough water to replace the fluid and electrolyte loss due to sweating. It can happen inside or outside with or without performing regular non-strenuous activities. Heat exhaustion occurs when a person spends too much time in a warm environment without the intake of enough water to replace the fluid and electrolyte loss due to sweating. It can happen inside or outside with or without performing regular non-strenuous activities. Heat exhaustion occurs when a person spends too much time in a warm environment without the intake of enough water to replace the fluid and electrolyte loss due to sweating. It can happen inside or outside with or without performing regular non-strenuous activities.

If those symptoms continue to linger, it could progress to the more severe ailment called heat stroke.

Heat stroke happens when the body becomes unable to regulate its own temperature. The body's temperature rises rapidly and loses its ability to sweat, rendering the body with an inability to cool itself. The body temperatures may rise to 106 degrees Fahrenheit or higher within 10-15 minutes. This kind of injury can cause death or permanent disability if emergency treatment is not rendered.

Symptoms of this condition include an extremely high body temperature (above 103 F), red, hot, and dry skin, a rapid pulse, throbbing headaches, dizziness, nausea, confusion, and unconsciousness. If someone shows these signs, bring him or her to a cool or shaded place and place him or her in a semi-seated position and loosen his or her clothing. Bathe the head and body with cold water and seek medical attention immediately.

The fact of the matter is that the majority of these injuries can be prevented by taking some very simple steps, the main one being drinking a proper amount of water. To keep from becoming dehydrated, the average person performing regular non-strenuous activities should drink 6-8 quarts a day, while the person performing rigorous physical activity should consume between 9-12 quarts.

Prevention is the key in combating the sun and the hot weather by taking the proper precautions. Drink water gradually throughout the day and apply sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher and UVA and UVB protection every 1-2 hours. Also, be sure to eat complete meals to keep your strength up.

The bottom line: Be cognizant and aware of your environment, take the proper precautions, and do not let the heat get you down or keep you out.

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# Ordnance disposal unit leaves Dix for Drum

Wayne Cook  
Public Affairs Staff

The 63rd Ordnance Battalion (Explosive Ordnance Disposal) is on the move...again. This time it is not heading overseas, although there are members of the unit who are currently serving in Iraq and Afghanistan in support of the Global War on Terrorism, but rather moving north to Fort Drum in New York.

As part of a huge effort in the continental United States (CONUS) to reorganize Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) units into more modular areas for more efficient use of the units, the long-time Fort Dix tenant is making its move northward. Three of the battalion's eight companies and the battalion headquarters and headquarters company will complete the move by the end of this fall.

According to Lt. Col. Daniel Chartier, commander, 63rd Ordnance Battalion, the purpose of the restructure of the EOD sector is to consolidate the units under divisions and corps component levels and provide the alignment of the EOD units with Brigade Combat Teams (BCTs) and to provide the capability for the battalion headquarters to train and deploy with specific Divisions.

During the restructuring of the EOD fighting force, 59 military bases in CONUS — on the active duty side — will realign with the BCTs and divisions, enhancing combat and support capabilities.

The command and control of the 63rd Ordnance Battalion will expand with the oversight of four additional companies this fall when a sister battalion deploys to Iraq, leaving four of its companies stateside.

The 63rd Ordnance Battalion has a long and distinguished history.



**BANG-UP JOB** — Lt. Col. Daniel Chartier, commander, 63rd Explosive Ordnance Disposal Battalion, left, addresses those in attendance at the unit's guidon casing ceremony June 6. He thanked the leadership of the post for the outstanding support and friendship that had been extended to the 63rd EOD Bn. during the unit's tenure at Fort Dix. The unit is relocating to Fort Drum, N.Y.

Wayne Cook



courtesy photos

**BOOMING BUSINESS** — Soldiers from the 63rd Ordnance Disposal Battalion, left, display their yellow banner for a deployment to Afghanistan. The unit performed Explosive Ordnance Disposal missions during multiple deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan, above.



The 63rd Ordnance Battalion (Ammunition) was constituted on Feb. 20, 1942, and activated at Fort Benning, Ga., on March 18, 1942. After many designation changes during World War II, the 63rd Ordnance Battalion was inactivated on June 1, 1949. The unit was again activated, this time in Italy on Sept. 25, 1945. On June 1, 1949, the unit was again activated, this time in Japan, and was allotted to the Regular Army on Oct. 25, 1951.

The battalion was inactivated on March 28, 1954, in Japan and reactivated at Fort Lewis, Wash., on March 24, 1960. On

July 20, 1966, the Battalion was reorganized and redesignated as Headquarters and Main Support Company, 63rd Maintenance Battalion. After serving in Vietnam, the unit was inactivated on April 2, 1972. On June 16, 1997, it was reactivated at Fort Dix as the 63rd Ordnance Battalion (Explosive Ordnance Disposal).

The Battalion has received campaign participation credit in World War II for service in Sicily, Rome-Arno, and the North Apennines, and also for 16 Vietnam campaigns.

More recently, in support of the Global War on Terrorism, the Battalion has served on deployments to Afghanistan from August 2002 until January 2003; Iraq from January 2004 until December 2004; and Afghanistan, once again, from March 2006 until March 2007.

On Sept. 30, 2001, the battalion deployed more than 20 Soldiers from the 744th Ordnance Company (EOD) from Fort Meade, Md., as the first representatives of the unit to assist in Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom. Their mission was to clear unexploded ordnance (UXO) from the area surrounding Bagram Airfield.

On Dec. 18, 2001, Staff Sgt. Matthew Hess became the first member of the battalion to be injured during a combat-related incident when he stepped on a land mine while clearing UXOs around the airfield, resulting in the loss of the lower part of his left leg and injuries to his left hand.

In 2004, the battalion deployed to Iraq to train an Iraqi Armed Forces Bomb Disposal Company, but while they were in-country, they assumed duties as an operational EOD unit. During its tour in Iraq, the battalion and subordinate companies completed a total of 11,208 missions to include 2,617 Improvised Explosive Device (IED) render-safe missions, and 6,629 unexploded ordnance/cache missions, destroying more than 892,616 pieces of ordnance.

In January 2006, the Battalion once again deployed to

hundreds of Soldiers behind the colors of the 63rd Ordnance Battalion — from New York to Florida and all across the country. They are some of the finest Soldiers...men and women, in the country," said Chartier.

The unit's decorations include the Meritorious Unit Commendation with Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1968-1969, the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm, and the Valorous Unit Award for the Operation Iraqi Freedom deployment in 2004. The unit has also been submitted for Meritorious Unit Citation, which is pending approval and award.

The 63rd Ordnance Battalion has been located at Fort Dix for the past year, and with its departure there is the feeling of a family member moving out of the nest.

"We are an active-duty unit, but Fort Dix rally has been a good home to us. We leave with mixed feelings. It has been a good tour. The leadership and members of Fort Dix have really taken care of us. I say this because it is really true," said Chartier.

EOD is a joint military mission between the Army, Air Force, and Navy. The school is at Eglin Air Force Base in Florida, while the program is administered by the Department of the Navy.

The EOD force size is going through a growth period, during which the military force capability will double in size. During the past three years, EOD has added three new battalions and one new group.

"Make no mistake; there are



Carolee Nisbet

## Stringing up support

Ron and Marcelle Shriver, whose son Todd is serving in Iraq, deliver cases of "Silly String" to Fort Dix to be distributed to deploying units. The plastic goo is used to spot trip-wired explosives because it is so light it hangs on the wires without detonating the device. Ms. Shriver has collected thousands of cans and is working on getting them into the hands of Soldiers.

**WDIX Channel 2**

# Intelligence officer bids Dix farewell

**Wayne Cook**  
Public Affairs Staff

Two years have come and gone, and it is now time for one of the installation's tenant units to bid farewell to its leader. Lt. Col. Carolyn Kleiner, commander, Northeast Army Reserve Intelligence Support Center (NE ARISC), is winding down her tenure as the senior military intelligence Soldier on post.

Having served the military intelligence community for more than 20 years, Kleiner was happy to accept the challenge of leading the NE ARISC. Her previous experiences at the Western Army Intelligence Support Center in Livermore, Ca., helped to prepare Kleiner as she assumed the responsibilities of her new command.

"Coming in and assuming the role as commander was not hard here. I have been very fortunate with the caliber of professional Soldiers that I have in the unit. They are all experts at their jobs. I really had only some administrative problems to work on," she said.

During Kleiner's stint as commander at the NE ARISC, the unit has experienced a few success stories that are more than noteworthy: The NE ARISC was selected as the best

Joint Reserve Intelligence Center in the military intelligence community; Sgt. 1st Class Andre Wilson was selected as the Military Readiness Command Non-commissioned Officer of the Year; and the NE ARISC team conducted mission rehearsal exercises for at least seven military intelligence battalions, among others.

One of the biggest highlights during her command was having the NE ARISC train the 415th Military Intelligence Battalion from the Louisiana National Guard and the 221st Military Intelligence Battalion from the Georgia National Guard before they deployed overseas in support of the Global War on Terrorism, and then one year later having them return through Fort Dix and thank her for the training that was provided because they were able to use what they were taught.

"Some of the things that go on but are not recognized normally, but are really critical, are Security, operations, information technology, supply and logistics. All of the support functions that make things happen. Training gets all the flash, but support makes things happen," she said.

Kleiner remarked that she support the NE ARISC provided to its customers only



Wayne Cook

**GUIDON TO GO --** Lt. Col. Carolyn Kleiner, commander, Northeast Army Reserve Intelligence Support Center, is presented her unit guidon, along with the unit pin, coin and patch, by CW3 William Culver, left, and CW4 John Pavlich, far right, during her farewell luncheon at Mulligans June 12.

reached the success level that it did because of the partnership the unit has with the installation. Providing Secret Internet Protocol Router Network access for the leadership of deploying units was made possible through cooperation with installation organizations.

"One of the most rewarding

aspects about serving at Fort Dix was working with Col. [R. David] McNeil and his command staff. They were not only very professional Soldiers and leaders, but also very good friends," Kleiner said about her time on post.

"I am just proud that we provided excellent training and

That is very uplifting and satisfying," she added.

"Personally, I could not have done this without my husband, Martin. He is my best mentor and supporter," Kleiner shared.

The members of the NE ARISC think a lot of their commander, too.

"She has been a good commander. She makes things happen. She is definitely on the ball as a commander. She is a great leader. She knows how to motivate people and get things done," said Sgt. 1st Class Stephen Wilkes, information technology specialist, NE ARISC.

"Lt. Col. Kleiner has the ability to interact with everybody in the unit. She pretty much knows everybody's strengths and talents and knows how to utilize them. She really knows how to motivate a team. She is why we are such a close unit and team," said WO1 Eric Lacher, all-source officer, NE ARISC.

Kleiner's next stop in her military career is at the Army War College in Carlisle Barracks, Pa., where she will attend a one-year course preparing her for more challenging assignments and commands.

The Fort Dix community will miss a truly good friend and commander.

## MPs bring Law and Order to Fort Dix ranges



photos by Ryan Morton

Training for the 506th MP Det., a Law and Order National Guard unit from Tacoma, Wash., above right, continued even with temperatures at the ranges in the 90s. Beating the heat was a major concern for the unit as they received IED training.

Spc. Noah St. Hilaire sips some water during the training to stay hydrated and beat heat fatigue, left. Sgt. Ryan Scott and Spc. Jake Lancaster, above, signal for possible insurgents to the rest of their unit during the training exercise. The 506th has been training at Fort Dix for the past three weeks, preparing for a deployment in support of Global War on Terrorism.



Shawn Morris

## Summer grads

The Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Defense School, (CBRN) graduated class 8-07 this week. Members of the class include Pfc. Scott Blagrove, Sgt. Eugene Blais, Sgt. 1st Class Michael Colbert, Pvt. Erwin Davis, Capt. Charles Hauck, Sgt. Tiffany Jones, Sgt. James Lettley, Sgt. Troy McCauley, Spc. Randall McCoy, Spc. James McNeil, Sgt. Joelye Mondelus, Spc. Kirk Mullins, Spc. Consolas Pierre-Louis, Spc. Earl Rhodes, Spc. Donna Shrivastava, 1st Lt. Timothy Sorrentino, Spc. Shamir Taylor, Spc. Jeremiah Thude, Sgt. Justin Vandevender, Sgt. Alan White, Spc. Aaron Wilt, Sgt. Henok Berhane, and Spc. William Jones.

# Surge Soldiers hit Dix

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Soldiers for what they will face in Iraq and Afghanistan – from working with interpreters to the latest techniques to defeat improvised explosive devices to dealing with Iraqi civilians.

A combination of personnel from the 72nd Field Artillery Brigade, under the command of Col. Michael Miklos, the 174th Infantry Brigade under Col. Joseph Dichairo, plus 341 Operation Warrior Trainers – Soldiers recently returned from Iraq and Afghanistan who have volunteered to stay an extra year to lend their expertise to the training – validate the wide variety of individual and unit training required.

“We’ve had significant upgrades in the FOB that increased our capacity there from 1,700 to 2,500,” Dinon said. “Each company Tactical Operations Center (TOC) now has Internet capability, and the sleeping tents have reinforced floors, bunks instead of cots and wall lockers.”

Electrical and connectivity upgrades have been increased to handle the load, Dinon said.

Additional improvements include:

- \* Additional portable show-ers;

- \* A computer language lab to give Soldiers basic skills in Arabic;

- \* A USO lounge and MWR Internet Café;

- \* Laundry service, barber shop and shoppette courtesy of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service;

- \* A mail distribution center;

- \* A clinic for minor illnesses and injuries;

- \* A chapel facility.

A large dining tent and two Mobile Kitchen Trailers feed all the Soldiers, with the FOB estimated to reach capacity July 4.

Outside the FOB, training facilities on the ranges have also been expanded and revised, Dinon said. A mock Iraqi village named Balad offers everything from calls to prayer and chickens running wild to sniper havens and “families” as a backdrop to vital training in urban operations.

Before Soldiers hit the ranges for training, they go through several days of administrative, finance, legal and medical processing at the newly-renovated Joint Readiness Center. The JRC and the Military Unit Inprocessing Center (MUIIC) are continuously refining the process, Dinon said, to ensure Soldiers spend as little time as possible on it and as much time as possible training.

“The JRC set a record over Memorial Day,” he said. “When the 175th Infantry came in, we processed 230



1st Lt. Antonia Greene, 72nd Field Artillery Brigade Public Affairs

**MOBILIZATION MAGNETS** – Mobilization and deployment are complex, and both take experience, knowledge and flexibility to succeed. Providing those qualities at Fort Dix are Col. Joseph Dichairo, commander, 174th Infantry Brigade; Col. Larry Boyd, incoming Fort Dix deputy commander for mobilization; Lt. Gen. Russel Honoré, First Army commander; Col. David McNeil, Fort Dix commander; Col. Douglas Dinon, current Fort Dix deputy commander for mobilization, and Col. Michael Miklos, commander of the 72nd Field Artillery Brigade.

Soldiers in one day.”

The Mobilization Readiness Battalion, which is the military side of processing for Fort Dix, has also undergone extensive changes this spring. Lt. Col. Joseph Chirico is now the battalion commander, with A Company, the mobilization company, under the command of Maj. Denise Wurzbach; B Company, which handles demobilization, is commanded by Capt. Benjamin King; and C Company, the holdover company, by Maj. David Dean.

“More than 90 percent of the units mobilizing through Fort Dix at this time are National Guard,” Dinon said, “and we have a mix of US Army Reserve, Navy and Air Force filling out the numbers. They all get 100 percent of what Fort Dix has to offer – the best preparation possible to serve, win and survive in the Global War on Terrorism.”

## 24-hour Hotlines

Sexual Assault.....	562-3849
Victim Advocacy.....	694-8724
Child/Spouse Abuse.....	562-6001
Emergencies.....	911

# NEIGHBORHOOD

## THE CORNER

### AAFES to open new shoppette in June

AAFES will be opening a new Shoppette on McGuire in June. Within the facility will be a Good-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) and click the employment link.

### Fort Monmouth to host free job fair

Are you considering owning your own virtual business? Are you looking for a venue that would be compatible with the military family life style; a career that would go where you go? Do any of these scenarios fit your idea of a "dream job?"

- \*unlimited income potential
- \*commuting from the bedroom to your virtual office
- \*working for yourself at times when you are most productive
- \*using technology to work virtually from anywhere in the world
- \*being your own boss

\*portability and flexibility  
Victoria Parham, Virtual Business Owners Training Program Director and a retired military spouse, is coming to Fort Monmouth June 20 to present a workshop to help you decide if being a virtual business owner might be for you.

Two two-hour sessions will be offered at Army Community Service, building 812 Murphy Drive, at 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Military spouses will have priority until June 8 to sign up for this program offered under the sponsorship of the ACS Employment Readiness Program. Spouses from McGuire AFB, Fort Dix, Earle Naval Weapons Station and Lakehurst Naval Air Station have also been invited to attend this event.

To register, e-mail [jill.mcdonald@us.army.mil](mailto:jill.mcdonald@us.army.mil) or call (732) 532-2077. The workshop is FREE. To learn more about Virtual Business Opportunities, visit <http://www.vssyberoffice.com/vbo>

### Resume workshop coming to ACF

Army Community Service, in partnership with the Burlington County College Job Placement Office, is offering a free resume workshop June 28 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Bldg. 5201 Maryland Avenue.

Register by calling Rod Martell at 562-2186 or sending e-mail to [rod.rodriguez-martell@us.army.mil](mailto:rod.rodriguez-martell@us.army.mil). Seating is limited to 20 people.

### 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.

### State to offer Army retiree license plates

The Fort Dix Retiree Council would like to solicit your help in supporting the New Jersey Retired Army Retiree License Plate Initiative.

In order to apply for the New Jersey Retired Army plates, 150 applicants are required. There is a fee of \$15 for each set of license plates per car.

To apply, call retired Command Sgt. Maj. Walker at 351-5020, retired 1st Sgt. Tamayo at 670-3586, or the RSO at 562-2666. Information needed is name, rank, address, and current license plate number.

Checks and money orders should be made payable to the Fort Dix Retiree Council. Only N.J. residents can apply.



photos by Ryan Morton

Soldiers and civilians from the Joint Readiness Center's medical section take a break from their busy schedules to enjoy the first Walson Army Medical Support Element Organization Day June 8 at John Mann Park. Master Sgt. Tim Pettigrew gets things started on the grill, above, while Sgt. Bernel Dagohou works on the watermelon, left.

## Medical troops take break for food, fun



The Joint Readiness Center employees who attended the Walson Army Medical Support Element Organization Day June 8 at John Mann Park were treated not only to good food, right, but also to camaraderie with their fellow Soldiers and civilians during a pleasantly sunny day. The purpose of the event was to promote unity and familiarity among JRC workmates.

## Life as a priest, Soldier doubly rewarding

Chap. (Lt. Col.) Jim Betz  
Staff Chaplain

Why would a Catholic priest serve in the military?

This is a challenging task. Few people understand the life of any priest. Only those with experience can begin to understand the military. Who could possibly understand why a priest would want to serve in the military?

I can speak only for myself. After several years serving as a priest in churches, I became a hospital chaplain. There I met a wider spectrum of society and I felt that I was making a difference.

One day, an Army chaplain visit-

ing my hospital told me that the Army needed Catholic priests to serve as chaplains. He got my interest.

"Perhaps the Army might be as interesting and rewarding," I thought. I convinced my bishop to let me serve as a "weekend warrior." Twenty-two years later, I am still serving, dividing my time now between Fort Dix and my church nearby.

My happiest memory with the Army was not my time at Lourdes in France or Fatima in Portugal or even Rome. It was in the desert of Saudi Arabia near the border with Iraq dur-

ing Desert Storm in 1991.

The 101st Airborne was massed awaiting orders to enter. Every day I traveled to different camps offering Catholic Mass, hearing confessions and giving instructions in the faith.

The audience was made up mostly of young, nervous infantrymen.

The Army has taken me to Panama, Germany and Kuwait. I often draw from these experiences in my sermons and in my counseling. I wish I had the freedom to attend all the educational opportunities offered me as an Army Reserve chaplain.

In addition, I have consistently enjoyed the friendship and different perspective of other chaplains around me.

I mentioned that the average person might understand neither the Roman Catholic priesthood nor the military. The average Soldier might not do much better.

Let me give an example. I came to the chapel in Kuwait a little early one Sunday. After my assistant and I set up for the Mass, I put on my priestly robes. A Soldier blurted out to me, "You don't wear dog tags too, do you?"

I opened my color and pulled out my ID tags to prove to his amazement that I was just like him - a Soldier.

## Chaplains' Corner

## Beef pulled for disease

A California firm, United Food Group LLC, has recalled some of its ground beef products for possible E. coli contamination. Products subject to recall include:

- 10-pound casings of "MORAN'S All Natural, 73/27 fine ground beef."
- 10-pound casings of "MORAN'S All Natural, 90/10 fine ground sirloin."
- 2-pound chubs of "INTER-AMERICAN PRODUCTS 93/7 ground beef."
- 1-pound chubs of "INTER-AMERICAN PRODUCTS 80/20 ground beef."
- 1-pound chubs of "MORAN'S All Natural 73/27 ground beef."
- 5-pound chubs of "MORAN'S All Natural 73/27 ground beef."
- 3-pound chubs of "MORAN'S All Natural 73/27 ground beef."
- 1-pound chubs of "MORAN'S All Natural, 90/10 fine ground sirloin."
- 2-pound chubs of "MORAN'S All Natural 93/7 ground beef."
- 2-pound chubs of "MORAN'S All Natural 96/4 ground beef."
- 3-pound chubs of "STATER BROS. MARKETS 73/27 ground beef."



Ryan Morton

## Happy birthday, Army!

Soldiers and students from the Fort Dix NCO Academy celebrate the Army's 232nd Birthday by cutting the ceremonial cakes. Instructors Sgt. Jackie Taylor and Sgt. Maj. Stephen Reed, left, and students Spc. Daniel DePetrocellis and Sgt. Miguel Prestan, right - representing the youngest and oldest instructors and students - took part in the traditional event.

# MILITARY MATTERS

## Bullets

### History free-of-charge July 4 at Philly's Franklin Institute

●PHILADELPHIA - The Franklin Institute in Philadelphia is offering free admission to all active and retired military personnel and their families July 4. This includes all Franklin Institute permanent exhibits, Fels Planetarium and Sky Bike.

Other discounted events will also be offered that day for active and retired military personnel and their families.

Those interested should present their valid military ID card at the box office. The institute is located at the corner of 20th Street and the Ben Franklin Parkway, and is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call (215) 448-1200 or visit [www.fi.edu](http://www.fi.edu).

### Officials optimistic about Army recruiting despite May shortfall

●WASHINGTON, Army News Service, June 11, 2007 - Defense officials said today they're not overly concerned that the Army fell slightly short of its recruiting goal for May, noting that the service is still 2,000 recruits ahead of its year-to-date goals.

Bill Carr, acting deputy undersecretary of defense for military personnel policy, declared May "a successful month" for recruiting, noting that three of the four services met or exceeded their active-duty goals.

"The Army missed, but is still ahead of the game, year to date," Mr. Carr said during a conference call with veterans' service organization members. "And we're optimistic that the year will close OK."

The Army recruited 5,101 active-duty Soldiers in May, 399 short of its 5,500-Soldier goal, the Defense Department announced today. The Navy and Air Force both met their May goals, with 2,709 and 2,451 recruits, respectively. The Marine Corps exceeded its May goal by 34 percent, signing on 2,225 new Marines.

Four of the six reserve components met or exceeded their May goals. The Army Reserve, with 3,929 accessions, topped its goal by 6 percent. The Marine Corps Reserve brought in 1,043 new members, 111 percent of its goal. The Navy Reserve recruited 913 sailors, 105 percent of its goal; and the Air Force Reserve signed on 675 airmen, 104 percent of its goal.

The Army National Guard recruited 5,612 Soldiers, 12 percent short of its goal; and the Air National Guard signed on 736 airmen, 77 percent of its goal.

Mr. Carr said retention remains solid across the board, with all services meeting or exceeding their May goals. Deployed troops reported during surveys that they are "a few percentage points" less inclined to reenlist, but Mr. Carr said the "flat" overall retention picture suggests that current retention trends will continue, at least for the near term.

That flat projection is expected to apply to recruiting, too, with no major shifts expected in the propensity of young people to join the military, he said.

This outlook isn't as positive among influencers and parents, those adults who help young people make decisions about joining the military. Support among this group "continues to dwindle as the war progresses," Mr. Carr said.

## Dix troops light up Joint Thunder

Mary Garrigan  
Rapid City Journal

RAPID CITY, South Dakota, June 11, 2007 - The only real danger at the Military Operations Urban Terrain training exercise on Monday may have been the 94-degree thermometer reading at West Camp Rapid.

But in addition to the possibility of dehydration and heat exhaustion, there were plenty of "enemy role players" like Staff Sgt. Chad Lunsford - an ERP in the lingo of military acronyms - whose job it was to make the very real dangers of urban warfare in Iraq come alive for Capt. Bryant Venable and his troops with MOUT training.

Venable brought 76 Army Reserve soldiers from the 357th Chemical Unit out of Fort Dix, N.J., to the Black Hills to participate in Joint Thunder.

The annual military training exercise hosted by the South Dakota National Guard will bring about 4,300 reservists and guard members from 34 states to the area for two weeks through June 23.

Insurgents in Iraq are forcing units like the 357th to cross-train in ways never before seen in war, according to Capt. Tim Cerny of the SDNG.

In Iraq, engineering and transportation units - even military cooks - can routinely find themselves in dangerous warfare situations, Spc. Eldon Goglin said.

Goglin, an Army reservist from Sioux Falls who has served in Iraq and Afghanistan, said cross-training is essential to success there. There simply are not enough military policemen, specialized security forces or infantrymen like himself to handle the urban warfare mission.

The new Army soldiers are trained to do chemical decontamination and reconnaissance work, but are finding that, when they deploy to Iraq and Afghanistan, they also need to know how to clear a room, sweep a house and distinguish,



Seth A. McConnell, Journal staff

**THUNDERSTRUCK** - A medic from the 357th Chemical Unit from Fort Dix tends to a fallen Soldier during a Joint Thunder training exercise June 11 at West Camp in Rapid City, S.D.

in a split second, between enemy insurgents and noncombatants. On today's asymmetrical battlefields, the enemy can be anywhere and look like anyone.

"Are they the bad guys, or are they noncombatants?" Cerny asks. "You've got to make that decision and make it fast."

Cerny, who is a South Dakota state trooper in Watertown in civilian life, said Iraq is changing the tactics of warfare and rewriting the language of war. A few years ago, Lunsford, posing as an enemy combatant, would have been called an OPFOR, which stands for opposing forces. Now, he's called an ERP.

"Because there is no longer any clearly drawn line where everybody on the other side of it is an opposing force," Cerny said.

Whatever he's called, Lunsford, a guardsman from Roswell, N.M., clearly was enjoying his MOUT training role Monday.

"You have to think like the enemy and challenge our guys to get better," he said. Lunsford spent the day hiding in wooden

structures and shooting a paintball gun at soldiers coming through the door, or what Cerny calls "the fatal funnel."

In addition to MOUT, exercises in land navigation, leadership reaction and first aid were being run at West Camp.

At several other sites in the Black Hills, troops will go through water purification exercises in which potable water is transported to mock forward-operating bases at Dumont, Eagle Cliff and other isolated spots in the Hills.

The Sturgis airport is crowded with flight operations that will put aviation support units through their paces, and Black Hawk helicopters will transport equipment and personnel to the Missouri River to build temporary bridges.

The Guard and Army Reserve troops will be a major presence in the Hills in coming days. Maj. Orson Ward, SDNG public affairs officer, said, "We're asking the public to be aware and cautious," he said, noting the increases in military vehicles on roads which many of the drivers are not familiar.

Today, Venable's chemical unit will move on to other

training exercises, including a much larger integrated mass casualty drill involving thousands of other guardsmen. That exercise will test their METL (Mission Essential Task List), which for the 357th is to respond to the casualties of a chemical attack or exposure.

But Venable said it will be the urban warfare training his troops got in a forested area of western South Dakota that may serve them best when and if they deploy to Iraq.

It might save their life, he said.

For more information, call Mary Garrigan of the Rapid City Journal at (605) 394-8410, or e-mail at [mary.garrigan@rapidcityjournal.com](mailto:mary.garrigan@rapidcityjournal.com)



Shawn Morris

Lt. Col. Joseph Chirico, Mobilization Readiness Battalion commander, hands the Alpha Company guidon to incoming commander Maj. Denise Warzbach during a change-of-command ceremony at Club Dix June 6. Warzbach takes over for Capt. Mitchell Wisniewski, right, and will work with 1st Sgt. Gary Morris, Alpha Company first sergeant.



Wayne Cook

Command Sgt. Maj. Jason Silsby, left, accepts the guidon of the 174th Infantry Brigade from the unit's commander, Col. Joseph Dichairo, right, during a change-of-responsibility ceremony on Sharp Field June 12. The brigade, which is home-stationed at Fort Drum, N.Y., is temporarily assigned to Fort Dix to support the training mission.

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Staff Sgt. Adam T. Navarro, 72nd Field Artillery Public Affairs

Col. Michael Miklos, 72nd Field Artillery (Training Support) commander, right, hands the 231st Field Artillery Training Support Battalion guidon to incoming 231st commander Lt. Col. Gerald Damron while outgoing commander Lt. Col. Steven Heidecker looks on during a change-of-command ceremony on Sharp Field June 13.



**Banner days are here again**  
Soldiers of the 58th Brigade Combat Team (Infantry), Maryland National Guard, display their yellow banner during a ceremony held at Griffith Field House June 12.

Carolee Nisbet

## Sailors, Scouts team for cookie collection

Lt. Lesley Lykins  
Navy Office of Information,  
East

NEW YORK, June 9, 2007 — Sailors from Fort Dix's Navy Cargo Handling Battalion Eight joined hundreds of Girl Scouts and parents June 9 in Valhalla, N.Y., to load more than 33,000 boxes of Girl Scout cookies that were donated by residents from Westchester and Putnam counties as part of "Operation Cookie Drop."

The cookies, which filled both a 40-foot and 20-foot truck, will be shipped to Sailors deployed to the 5th Fleet. Additional cookies will be provided to the local Veterans' Hospital and to the crew of USS The Sullivans when they arrive in New York for a scheduled port visit.

"It means a great deal to be able to tell the Sailors that we support them," said Alison Bergman, coordinator of "Operation Cookie Drop."

"Thank God that we live in this safe little community, and each box of cookies is a way to say thank you to the service members," she explained.

By 9 a.m., cases of cookies filled the Valhalla Armory parking lot and were stacked more than five feet tall. The girls formed a line and passed boxes to the five Sailors from Navy Cargo Handling Battalion Eight.

"We pulled into the parking lot and the first thing I thought was, 'Oh no, we're going to need another truck,'" said Storekeeper 2nd Class John Tinney. Tinney helped these Troops last year when they were able to collect 17,000



Lt. Lesley Lykins

**SEA IS FOR COOKIE -- Sailors from Fort Dix's Navy Cargo Handling Battalion Eight help hundreds of Girl Scouts from Westchester and Putnam counties in New York load more than 33,000 boxes of cookies June 9 as part of "Operation Cookie Drop." The cookies will be shipped to Sailors deployed in the 5th Fleet Area of Operations.**

don't get tired as fast."

This is the sixth year the Westchester and Putnam counties Girl Scouts have conducted "Operation Cookie Drop." This year, they almost doubled the amount of cookies donated last year.

The girls set up stands at the commuter train stations and local grocery stores and put up signs. When people responded that they were watching their figures, the girls asked if they would want to send a box to the troops instead.

## Alcohol not only cause of impaired-driver accidents

Lori Yerdon  
U.S. Army Combat  
Readiness Center

FORT RUCKER, Ala., June 12, 2007 — In February, two Soldiers died in a rollover accident in Iraq when the M114 HMMWV they were operating rolled into a canal. Though the Soldiers drowned, preliminary reports suggest they were driving under the influence ... but not of alcohol.

Driving under the influence doesn't always involve drinking alcohol. Drugs and other items can impair drivers and render them incapable of safely operating vehicles, as is the case in this report.

Initial findings from the accident suggest the Soldiers

"huffed" before driving the government vehicle. Huffing is a term people use to describe the action of intentionally inhaling aerosols or chemical vapors to attain a "high" or gain some euphoric effect.

According to NIDA, drugs, aerosols, chemical vapors and other items used to obtain this feeling act on the brain and alter perception, balance, coordination and other motor skills required for safe driving.

The symptoms of drugged driving may have gone undetected in the past, said Sergeant Danny Lamm of the Impaired Driving Unit at the California Highway Patrol academy; however, enforcement measures are now in place to detect such hazardous practices.

Unfortunately, a trend is now emerging as a result of the improved detection methods — incidents of drugged driving are on the rise.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that 16,000 people are killed annually because of drunk and drugged driving. NHTSA also estimates that drugs are used by about 10 to 22 percent of drivers involved in accidents, often in combination with alcohol.

Prescription, over-the-counter, illicit and unrecognitionized drugs all have potential reactions with alcohol. The National Institute on Drug Abuse reports that drugged driving is a public health concern because it puts not only the driver at risk, but also passengers and others who share the road with them.

In some situations, intoxicated passengers can cause fatal accidents, as is the case in a March privately owned vehicle accident that killed one Soldier in Tennessee. A Soldier was traveling with two other Soldiers when he reportedly lost control of his privately owned vehicle and crashed into a tree. However, reports indicate that a backseat passenger

reached forward and grabbed the steering wheel.

Impaired judgment, uncoordinated body movements, blurred vision and slurred speech are just a few of the effects alcohol and drugs have on people. Just one drink is known to impair mental and physical abilities.

Lamm said he has witnessed numerous cognitively levelheaded people choose to have a few drinks, decide to drive and become remorseful when they are arrested for driving under the influence. The sad reality, however, is that Lamm and other law enforcement professionals aren't always able to remove impaired drivers from the streets before someone dies.

For example, in FY 06, an Army captain died in Iowa after losing control of his motorcycle, slamming into a chain-link fence and tumbling end-over-end more than a dozen times.

The investigation revealed that he was driving under the influence. His blood alcohol concentration was 289, and he chose to leave the bar and not wear a helmet.

"Soldiers must take care of each other and battle to stay in the fight," Lt. Col. Randall K. Cheesborough, chief ground task force for the U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center said. "Develop a plan of attack before heading out for a night on the town, and make sound decisions before drinking."

"The use of battle buddies, designated drivers and taxis are cheaper than the cost of a DUI or fatality," Cheesborough added. "Though Soldiers can face punishment by their chain of command, the ultimate loss could be that of a life. What influence would you rather drive under?"

For more information on drunk or drugged driving awareness and prevention, visit [www.madd.org](http://www.madd.org) or [www.nida.nih.gov](http://www.nida.nih.gov).

Family Advocacy  
562-5200

Chaplain  
562-2020

American Red Cross  
562-2258

Army Emergency  
Relief  
562-2767

# Announcements



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

**Friday, June 15 @ 7:30 p.m.**

**Georgia Rules** - Jane Fonda, Lindsay Lohan, Felicity Huffman, Dermot Mulroney, Cary Elwes, Garrett Hedlund - Teenage Rachel (Lindsay Lohan) is a real thorn in the side of Lily, her mother (Felicity Huffman). More than just a rebellious youth, Rachel is downright uncontrollable. After Rachel crashes a car, Lily decides to haul the girl off to a place to which she vowed never to return: Her own mother's (Jane Fonda) Idaho farm. Georgia, the family matriarch, lives by a strict code and expects all under her roof to do the same. But given structure and purpose, Rachel's anger at the world begins to soften.

**MPAA Rating:** R - sexual content and some language

Run time: 113 minutes

**Saturday, June 16 @ 7:30 p.m.**

**Spider-Man 3** - Tobey Maguire, Kirsten Dunst, James Franco - A strange black entity from another world bonds with Peter Parker and causes inner turmoil as he contends with new villains, temptations, and revenge. Director Sam Raimi and stars Tobey Maguire, Kirsten Dunst and James Franco are joined in the third installment of Spider-Man by Topher Grace as Venom, and Thomas Haden Church as the Sandman.

**MPAA Rating:** PG-13 sequences of intense action violence

Run time: 140 minutes

**Future Features...**

**28 Weeks Later**

Friday, June 22 @ 7:30 p.m.  
R, 91 minutes.

**The Condemned**

Saturday, June 23 @ 7:30 p.m.  
R, 113 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.

Effective 7 June Catholic Mass will be celebrated in the Main Chapel at 1230 every Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday through Thursday, 9 Aug. 2007

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

**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

**Army Community Service**  
Bldg. 5201, 562-2767

**June 20**  
**Volunteer Advisory Council**  
9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.  
Army Community Services

**June 22**  
**AFTB Level 1**  
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
American Red Cross

**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.

### June 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.

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### May Schedule

**Parents Anonymous Support Group**  
Tuesdays  
Falcon Courts Chapel  
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**The More the Merrier: Playgroup for Multiples**  
first Friday of the month  
PAX terminal

**Anger Management**  
first three Fridays of the month  
Health and Wellness Center  
1 - 3 p.m.

**For information and registration call 754-9680**

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#### 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.

#### Firesone

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

#### 723-4795

East Arnold Avenue by th 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 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

723-4795  
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

### 24-hour Hotlines

Sexual Assault.....562-3849  
Victim Advocacy.....694-8724  
Child/Spouse Abuse.....562-6001  
Emergencies.....911

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

### Family Advocacy

562-5200

### Chaplain

562-2020

### American Red Cross

562-2258

### Army Emergency Relief

562-2767

# Young scholars prove adept at wordsmithing

**Steve Snyder**  
Public Affairs Staff

*"In youth men are apt to write more wisely than they really know or feel..."*  
**Nathaniel Hawthorne**  
*"The Snow Image"*

The Public Affairs Office received a barrage of letters recently, written by members of Mrs. Adrian's fourth grade class at the Fort Dix Elementary School. The letters critiqued the April 13, 2007, issue of the Post. And most were overwhelmingly positive.

One prays that Mr. Hawthorne's maxim about youthful writings is accurate. Anyway, some samples.

**Hannah writes,** "You are doing great at editing the paper. I love how you put events like the Family Fun Fest in your paper. My best friend was in that picture. I also like how you put the Horse Sense. That was interesting. I think you are doing an excellent job! I also like the Freedom Fighters. What caught my interest was the Colonial Iron.

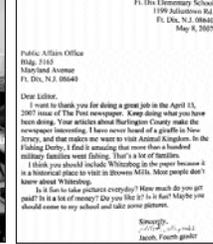
I think you should put some things about Whitesbog. I think that if you put even more things in the newspaper maybe people will have a couple of things they would want to go to. Once again, great job!

**Dominique reveals that** "My class really loves your newspaper and we thank you for them. We would like you to keep writing. I really love the sports section and the Family Fun Fest page because my friends were in it. I even liked the Indian places and the long neck giraffe story. I might like to go to the place where you can see them. I bet families that just moved here will love to visit the places you put in the paper. Also you made a lot of people come from different neighborhoods to the Family Fun Fest. You have been taking good pictures and some of my friends are in it.

Do you like your job? Do you like sitting or standing and taking pictures almost every week? Why don't you put Whitesbog in the paper? It is an old place in Browns Mills. do you get a break? If you do, how long? I hope you like the letter. Keep writing!"

**Emily writes that she is** "proud of your April 13 issue of the Post. Please continue doing what you did on page 2. It is a good thing to do because it makes people want to come to different places in Burlington County. I like that a reporter would write something to make people want to go to different places in Burlington County."

I think you should write a story about the horses because a lot of people like horses... Maybe you could even write about something like the Battle of the Books at Fort Dix Elementary and about the county battle at Mansfield. My team won the battle because



**LEARNING EXPERIENCE -- Public Affairs staffer Steve Snyder, left above, talks to members of Mrs. Adrian's fourth grade class at the Fort Dix Elementary School Monday. Snyder visited the class in response to a flood of letters, sample center above, addressed to the Public Affairs Office from students who wrote to PAO, commenting about the April 13, 2007 issue of the Fort Dix Post as part of a class project supervised by Mrs. Adrian, right above with the writers. Snyder donated a metal plate of the page to the fourth graders who critiqued it. (photos by Shawn Morris)**

we got 65 points out of 75 points. We had a pizza party afterwards. Anyway I think that you should write about fire fighters because a lot of people like fire fighters. Maybe you could write about our school and say that we wrote you letters, but you do not have to if you do not want to."

**Nichelle** "wants to say nice things about Whitesbog. I think that if you put even more things in the newspaper maybe people will have a couple of things they would want to go to. Once again, great job!"

**Lyndsie says she's been in** the paper a couple of times and has some good ideas for articles. Her report: "I want to thank you for the issue of the Post on April 13, 2007. I think you should keep going. I love getting up in the morning and reading your newspaper. Your paper is so interesting to me. I have also been in the paper a couple of times, so I would like to thank you for that. My parents read it while they drink their coffee. They say it relaxes them. I can not thank you enough. I wish I could work with you to see what it is like. Do you have fun doing your job?"

Okay, now it is time to get back to business. I was wondering if I could ask you some questions. If you put something about Battle of the Books I would like to say that my school Fort Dix Elementary won. Can you put that in? If you cannot that is ok. I would also like to do a story on Whitesbog. It is a cranberry bog. I think you should also interview kids that have to move because their mother or father is in the military. I also would like to suggest that you should put an article about my school. My school is awesome. We are having a USO show that is like a talent show. It is really cool. I hop my letter has some good suggestions. Thank you for reading it."

**Zurich is another perceptive reader.** He writes: "Thank you for reporting what happens in our county. That way more people can visit our county. I like the Family Fun Fest page. You take cool pictures. I also like the page about Laurel Point. I suggest you put upcoming events in the paper. Thank you for talking about the youth center. The sports page is cool, too."

**Another Jacob** (not the writer whose letter is printed between the pictures above) informs that he liked the April 13 issue. He says: "I never read newspapers before, but the issue made in April 13 was awesome. I think you guys did a wonderful job. I think your newspaper should be #1. I am a fourth grader who goes to Fort Dix Elementary School. I thank you for reporting what happens in our County."

I suggest that you put some more pictures so people can not only read the words but the people can see the pictures."

**Kaleb sounds downright professional** in his estimation of our newspaper. He notes: "The Post newspaper issue for April 13, 2007, was great! For example, Horse Sense had enough information to let people know about horse farms in Burlington County. I liked the story, Long Neck, because my family took me there. It's a good idea to let other people know how fun Animal Kingdom is."

I'd like to see more information about the area in your newspaper. A good idea might be to have a weekly spotlight on a place. Keep up the good work!"

**Jamesha provides a pretty detailed list about what she likes about the paper and**

why. "I would like to congratulate your newspaper. I think your articles are great. I like the part about the Horse Sense, Long Neck and Indian Lore. I like it because I learned a lot that I think was interesting. I like the part about Horse Sense, but the one I like the most is Long Neck. Is that what Indians really do? I want you to continue your articles."

I never read the newspaper but I like this column. Do you put fun places in the newspaper or just information about learning? Have you ever been to Whitesbog? It is a fun place to learn things about cranberries. You also can write about schools, like our school, Fort Dix Elementary. This is why I like your articles."

So let it be written, so let it be done.

## Managing own investments best bet for financial future

**Deborah Whipple**  
Office of the Attorney General  
NJ Bureau of Securities

It's time to take the initiative and learn about investing for yourself, and then to use what you have learned to invest and protect your investment dollars.

As much as we, the working masses, would like to put "blame" on employers for putting us in charge of our own investments, it's really not such a bad thing.

It might amaze some at just how savvy others have become in learning about investments and about succeeding. The person with the moderate income is learning what only big time investors knew. They are reading all that can be learned to ask questions and ask for documentation. That is a right of any investor!

Smart investors don't chance losing their money before they actually invest. What they do first is call the state securities regulator to ask if the investment and the agent are registered. Investors need to become familiar with securities terms, the types of investments and with the concept of diversification. Diversification involves investing your money in different places to reduce the level of risk from having too many of "your eggs in one basket." Also, learn how to avoid being scammed into an investment that appears to be safe, but is not!

Some basic investment plans, such as the 401(k) and 403(b) plans, are offered through employers. These plans are good for retirement savings and you don't have to seek out an agent on your own or make what are sometimes difficult decisions, as you might have to if you did this on your own. The catch to an investing plan is sticking to it - these plans involve deductions from your paycheck.

If you are in the military, the government has been clever enough to come up with plans such as the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP). The TSP can provide a solid, guaranteed return on the investment, since it is essentially a 401(k) for federal employees and its payroll deducted. Those in the military might want to strongly consider this plan as a first option. For federal civilian employees, it does have matching funds. For those on active duty, there are currently there are not matching funds.

One of the best benefits is that it is tax-deferred - this means that what you contribute to this plan lowers your taxable income. So, if you make \$40,000 and contribute \$5,000, then you only report \$35,000 to the IRS. The TSP is a built-in retirement plan that travels with you if you choose to leave the military. You have the options to leave your money in the TSP where it will continue to earn interest. The TSP can also be taken out and transferred into another plan with your new employer.

For more detailed information contact your family support center and they can provide literature and applications on the TSP for your consideration.

Some points to remember, even if you are not new to the investing world, are:

- \* Know that a good securities broker, broker-dealer or financial adviser will answer your questions and won't intimidate you by making your question seem "dumb" or inconsequential. If they do, you might want to find another agent;

- \* Keep notes and dates of any questions and answers that are discussed, you might find these to be of great assistance if you have a problem or dispute at a later time;

- \* Consider if the investments discussed,

match your goals, your timeline, and your needs. If you expect to pay for college with an investment, then consider the time involved for the investment to accrue enough to be of benefit and any costs, fees or penalties accompanied with taking the money out early.

- \* Get the facts about fees - fees to purchase, fees to sell - and ask how easy it will be if you want to sell the investment - (that is referred to as how "liquid" the investment is.) Ask if there are fees simply to maintain your accounts and ask when taxes are paid;

- \* Simply get documentation about the investment - or the company, such as how long has it been around. Is it making money, what is the risk? If you are told an investment is "risk-free" or "guaranteed," watch out. Securities regulators will tell you there is no such thing as a risk free or guaranteed investment and that these are trigger words for a potential fraud;

- \* Get a prospectus and learn how to read it. If you have trouble understanding it, you can go to your state regulator for information. Remember ask, ask, ask and get answers. Then take your time in making a decision. Do not let anyone pressure you into a sale or purchase;

- \* When investing, don't write a check out to an individual. The check should be made out to a brokerage, a mutual fund, or a bank or similar financial institution; and
- \* Finally - for now, don't respond to unsolicited phone calls, emails or faxes from someone you don't know. If you do, that could be the first step you take toward becoming a securities fraud victim.

Any and all state securities regulators will warn investors about securities fraud and will tell you to FIRST make sure the investment product, the agent and the firm are registered with the state securities regulator, if they are required. Ask for a CRD report that provides background history that you will want to know about the person to be registered selling the investments. This is vitally important.

Securities fraud cases have involved frauds where investors have been asked to liquidate holdings and safe investment plans in order to invest in something being offered - touted - as having a higher return on investment. The scam artist could also be asking you, the investor, to invest in something that does not exist, but looks or sounds really good. It's easy to do and it does not exist. Check it out! Call the state securities regulator to see if the investment is registered and get a CRD report on the firm or agent selling the investment.

Also, according to the Ledger-Enquirer.com from Columbus, Ga., two companies are under investigation by federal and state authorities for possibly targeting soldiers and others in the Southeast region with an investment scheme. Allegedly, Capital Consortium Group Inc. and 3 Hebrew Boys L.L.C. had been operating on post or in the local community and had enticed Fort Benning Soldiers to invest in the company. They conducted seminars and promised that, upon investing or paying a fee, investors would be "guaranteed" 10 percent monthly interest or have other debts paid by the companies. According to South Carolina officials, the promoters allegedly have never invested in foreign exchange markets and rarely make more than a few of the promised payments to investors.

Call the New Jersey Bureau of Securities on the toll-free number at 1-866-1-Invest for a CRD report. E-mail questions to askbureauof-securities@lps.state.nj.us and visit the Web site www.njsecurities.gov for more information. Investment booklets are downloadable from the site.

# Personal security vital

Attitude toward security is most important. You can decrease your chances of becoming a terrorist target, as well as those of your family members, by taking the precautions listed below. It is highly recommended you share this information with every member of your family. It is also suggested that you and your family review these precautions on a regular basis.

**Air Travel Security:**

- Use military aircraft whenever possible.
- Avoid travel through high-risk areas; use foreign flag airlines and/or indirect routes to avoid such areas.

- Do not use rank or military addresses on tickets, travel documents, hotel reservations, or luggage.

- Select a window seat on aircraft because they offer more protection and are less accessible to hijackers than are aisle seats.

- Select a seat in the mid-section of the aircraft because it is not one of the two usual areas of terrorist activity.

- Do not discuss your US Government affiliation with any other passengers.

- Consider using a tourist passport when traveling in high-risk areas; if you use a tourist passport, store your official passport, identification card, travel orders, and other official documents in your carry-on bags. Also, if you normally wear a military ring; e.g., Service or academy, consider leaving it at home or pack it in your checked baggage.

- Do not carry classified material unless it is mission-essential.

- Use plain civilian luggage; avoid using B-4 bags, duffel bags, and other military-looking bags. Remove all indications of your rank and any military patches, logos, and decals from your luggage and briefcase.

- Do not carry official papers in your briefcase.

- Travel in conservative civilian clothing. Do not wear military-oriented organizational shirts or caps or military-issue shoes or glasses. Also, avoid obvious American clothing such as cowboy boots and hats as well as American-logo T-shirts. Cover visible US-affiliated tattoos with a long-sleeved shirt.

- Check your baggage with the airport's curb service.

- Adjust your arrival at the airport to minimize waiting time, be alert for any suspicious activity in the waiting area, and proceed immediately to the departure gate.

**Hostage Defense Measures:**

- Survive with honor—this is the mission of any American hostage.

- If your duties may expose you to being taken hostage, make sure your family's affairs are in order to ensure their financial security. Make an up-to-date will and give appropriate powers of attorney to your spouse or to a trusted friend.

- Concern for the family is a major source of stress for persons in kidnap or hostage situations.

- If you are taken hostage and decide not to resist, assure your captors of your intention to cooperate, especially during the abduction phase.

- Regain your composure as quickly as possible after capture, face your fears, and try to master your emotions.

- Take mental note of the direction, time in transit, noise, and other environmental factors that may help you identify your location.

- Note the numbers, names, physical characteristics, accents, personal habits, and rank structure of your captors.

- Anticipate isolation and terrorist efforts to confuse you.

- Try to mentally prepare yourself for the situation ahead as much as possible. Stay mentally active.

- Do not aggravate your abductors; instead, attempt to

establish a positive relationship with them. Do not be fooled by a friendly approach—it may be used to get information from you.

- Avoid political or ideological discussions with your captors; comply with instructions, but maintain your dignity.

- Do not discuss or divulge any classified information that you may possess.

- Exercise daily.

- Read anything you can find to keep your mind active.

- Eat whatever food is offered to you to maintain your strength.

- Establish a slow, methodical routine for every task.

- When being interrogated, take a simple, tenable position and stick to it. Be polite and maintain your temper. Give short answers, talk freely about nonessential matters, but be guarded when the conversation turns to substantial matters.

- If forced to present terrorist demands to authorities, in writing or on tape, do only what you are told to do. Avoid making a plea on your own behalf.

- Be proud of your heritage, government, and military affiliation, but be careful that your behavior does not antagonize your captors. Affirm your faith in basic democratic principles.

- In the event of a rescue attempt:

- Drop to the floor.
- Be quiet and do not attract your captors' attention.
- Wait for instructions.

- Rescue forces will initially treat you as one of the terrorists until you are positively identified as friend or foe. This is for your security. Cooperate, even if you are initially handcuffed.

- Once released, avoid making comments to the news media until you have been debriefed by the proper US authorities.

*(Editor's note: Part one of this article appeared in the June 8 edition of The Post.)*

## Honoring the Colors

<b>Reveille</b> 6 a.m. (0600 hours)	<b>Retreat</b> 5 p.m. (1700 hours)
<b>Military personnel in uniform</b>	<i>Stand at attention, face the flag and salute at first note.</i>
<b>Military personnel not in uniform, civilians</b>	<i>Stand at attention, face the flag for Retreat, then place right hand over heart at first note.</i>
<b>Military personnel in formation or in a group</b>	<i>Senior Soldier calls group to "Attention," then "Present, Arms" at first note. Calls "Order, Arms" at conclusion.</i>
<b>Individual military personnel, civilians in a vehicle</b>	<i>Stop vehicle and exit. Follow steps above.</i>
<b>Group of military personnel in a vehicle</b>	<i>Stop vehicle. Individual in charge exits and follows steps above.</i>

**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)



**Army Community Service (ACS)**  
562-2767  
Bldg. 5201, on the corner of 8th Street and Maryland Avenue

**Hours of Operation:**  
**Monday through Friday, 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

\*A Department of the Army Accredited Soldier and Family Service Organization

# Red Sox peak in time for playoffs



Ed Mingin  
Public Affairs Staff

It's playoff time and the Fort Dix Red Sox are peaking at the right time. They finished the regular season with a 7-1 victory over the Astros and beating the Cubs 20-1.

"Most of the players have improved greatly since the beginning of the season," said coach Steve Uzleber. "Some players never played before and some joined the team late."

The Red Sox finished the season in second place with a record of 9-7, and things seemed to be clicking for them during the last couple of games.

"Felipe Hernandez hit a three-run home run and Brandon Cromwell had a grand slam," explained the coach.

Behind the solid pitching of Kyle Kerr and Felipe Hernandez, the Sox started the playoffs this past Monday with a 3-1 victory over the Giants.

"Antione Wilson had the game winning RBI and Michael McCoy scored the go-ahead run," said Uzleber.

Next up for the Sox was the winner of the Braves/Cubs game. The game was scheduled to be played this past Wednesday night at 8 p.m. Look in next week's Post for game results.

As baseball season draws to its conclusion, the coach is already evaluating the team for next year.

"I will lose three 12-year-olds next season, but the majority of the team will return," he said.

For the coach, watching some of his players move up to the next level is bittersweet. "I will miss Felipe Hernandez and Michael Sifford. This will be the last time I will coach them in any sport," he said.

**ACE** -- The Fort Dix Red Sox are peaking just in time for the playoffs. With Kyle Kerr, above left, and Felipe Hernandez, on the mound, the Sox won their first playoff game this past Monday. Connor Wallace, left, anticipates the pitch as he looks to run home from third base. Micah Cotton, right, grabs a ground ball and throws out a runner.

photos by Ed Mingin



photos by Helen Lacher

**BAND OF BROTHERS** -- Luc Lacher was on the mound while brother Zac plays third base during the recent All-Star game, above. The two play during the regular season with the Fort Dix Mets. Youngest brother Alec, right, makes his way around the bases for the Yankees T-ball team.



## Rolled to perfection



Retired Sgt. 1st Class Reggie Davis, left, scored a perfect 300 recently during the Tuesday Nite Keglers league. It was the second perfect game he has bowled in the past three years. Patricia "Patti" Fox, right, was on her way to a perfect game and ended with a 299, which is close enough to perfect. The Keglers finished their winter season last month with Fox's team, Who Cares, taking top honors. The Keglers are back in action now with their summer league.



## Sports Shorts

### Griffith Field House

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

The Griffith Field House will be open 6 a.m. - 1 p.m. June 26 because of Team Dix Day.

### 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 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 662-4702 or 662-5231 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 person-

nel 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).

### Outdoor Recreation

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

July 7

Dolphin watching

Cost: Adult \$45

Children \$30

July 14-15

Canoe/Kayak & camp

Cost: \$45

July 18

Rock Climbing

Cost: Adult \$35

Children \$25

For more information call Outdoor Recreation at 562-2727.

# Fire Cracker 5K Fun Run

DATE: THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 2007

TIME: 1200

FEE: \$7.00

"RAIN OR SHINE!  
NO BICYCLES!"

Register at [www.firecracker5k.com](http://www.firecracker5k.com)  
 This 5K Fun Run is a 5K (3.1 miles) race. The race starts at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 28, 2007. Registration is \$7.00. The race is open to all ages. The race is open to all ages. The race is open to all ages.