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Dix celebrates 90 years of service



If the statesmen who envisioned Camp Dix in 1917 could visit the post today, they might be surprised at the size, the technology and the facilities.

But the mission wouldn't surprise them at all. After 90 years, Fort Dix is still training and mobilizing America's Army for war -- this time, a critical worldwide battle against terrorism.

We're still putting the best trained, best equipped and most motivated soldiers on the ground where they are needed, when they are needed, with the skills that are needed for the job.

Our mission emphasis is firmly locked on mobilization and deployment of Soldiers for the Global War On Terrorism. More than 100,000 Soldiers have mobilized and demobilized through Fort Dix since September 11, 2001, and more are headed our way. The post has mobilized more Soldiers than any other Army installation.

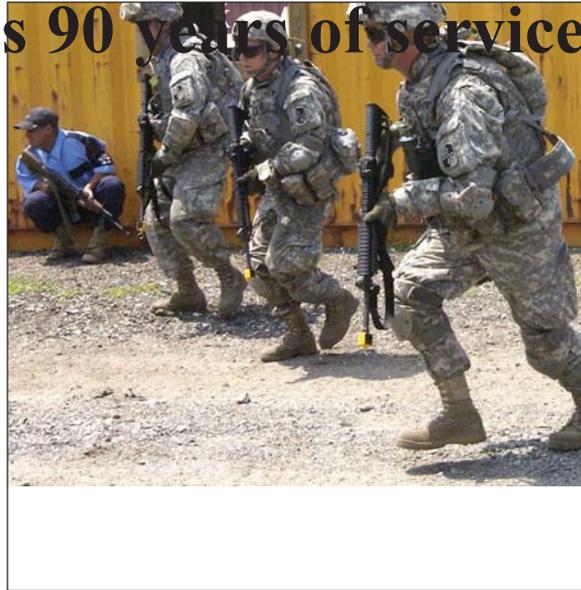
Fort Dix has been designated one of the Army's "power projection platforms." Our location is a major asset -- we're right in the center of extensive air, rail and sea networks, and right next door to McGuire Air Force Base. Soldiers and their equipment, from pistols to howitzers, HMMWVs to M-1 tanks, and cameras to printing presses can mobilize, train and deploy rapidly and efficiently.

Fort Dix puts Soldiers into theater immersion training as soon as possible after they arrive on post. Units move to the forward operating base, and train and live as they will fight in this ever-changing war.

Experience also contributes to our success in mobilization and deployment. Fort Dix has sent soldiers to every major conflict since World War I.

Fort Dix will celebrate 90 years of service to America's Soldiers Wednesday, July 18, at 9 a.m. with a ceremony on Doughboy Field complete with reenactors representing the periods of the post's history and more. The event is open to the public, and everyone -- including Fort Dix employees -- is invited to attend.

The celebration will be followed by the installation Change of Command, honoring outgoing commander Col. R. David McNeil and incoming commander Col. Ronald R. Thaxton, who will be the seventieth officer to command the post.



REALITY CHECK -- Soldiers of Troop B, 158th Cavalry Squadron, run through a training session with "local police" at the Military Operations in Urban Terrain site. The unit, a Maryland National Guard unit, is part of the 58th Brigade Combat Team and is one of dozens on post training for deployment in support of the Global War On Terrorism.

Ryan Morton

NEWSNOTES

Troop Medical Clinic posts new hours

The Watson Troop Medical Clinic, located on the East end of the 305th Medical Group facility on McGuire Air force Base, has new hours of operation. The Clinic will now be closed on the weekends and holidays.

Sick call hours, Monday through Friday, are 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. The hours of clinic operation are from 6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. After sick call, Soldiers will be seen by appointment only. Soldiers must present a DD Form 689 to be seen in the TMC. On the weekends or holidays, sick call will be seen at the FOB.

WEATHER

FRIDAY -- Showers and thunderstorms in afternoon, high of 87. Clearing after midnight, low of 64.

SATURDAY - Partly cloudy, high near 83 degrees and overnight low of 65.

SUNDAY - Continued cloudy, high of 84 and low of 66 degrees.

MONDAY - Partly cloudy, high of 87, overnight low of 67.

TUESDAY - Partly cloudy, high of 85 degrees and overnight low of 71.

WEDNESDAY -- Hot and humid, high near 95 and strong possibility of thunderstorms. Overnight low of 70 degrees.

THURSDAY -- Continued hot and humid, high close to 100, overnight low of 76 degrees.

FRIDAY -- Sunny and hot, daytime high of 98, overnight low of 72.

Iraq troop surge fully engaged

Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, July 10, 2007 -- Defense officials do not want Americans to jump to "premature conclusions" about the troop surge in Iraq, a Pentagon spokesman said today.

The last of 21,500 combat troops ordered into Baghdad and other hot spots for surge operations arrived in Iraq just three weeks ago. "It is important to give our commanders in the field the opportunity that we said

we were going to provide," Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman told reporters today.

The Bush administration will deliver an initial report to Congress by July 15 on progress of 18 benchmarks specified in legislation granting funding for the war effort.

The emergency supplemental legislation Congress passed in April called for the July 15 interim report on the surge by. Another report is due by Sept. 15.

Whitman said the department is focused on the September report.

"It's focused on the operations that have been put in place that execute the strategy that was planned and agreed upon with an expectation that we would be in a better place in September to provide some assessments with respect to the way forward," he said.

Whitman said the July report has assumed "some prominence that wasn't anticipated."

In fact, Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates postponed a trip to Central and South America to concentrate on the report. Whitman said the secretary

will speak to members of Congress from both parties and will work with others in the administration in crafting the report.

The surge is having an effect on security in Iraq, Whitman said. In the three weeks since the final troops arrived, the surge is having a positive effect.

"They are seeing a difference and it is making an impact in their areas," he said.

He added that "time will tell, and there are plenty of challenges remaining."

McNeil trades Dix for Atlanta, keeps focus on installations

Carolee Nisbet
Editor

Dubbed by Lt. Gen. James Helmly, then Chief of Army Reserve as a "Soldier's Soldier and a Soldier's leader," Col. R. David McNeil took command of Fort Dix June 24, 2004, in the midst of one of the most sustained mobilization missions in the post's history.

The mission continues at Fort Dix as McNeil prepares to relinquish command July 18 to Col. Ronald R. Thaxton.

But much of the mission will also continue for McNeil, who will assume the role of Director, Army Reserve Installation Management Operations and Transformation in Atlanta.

"I'll be overseeing for Maj. Gen. Alan D. Bell (Deputy Commander, United States Army Reserve Command) all of the operations and missions at the five reserve installations,"

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U.S. Army Photos

Devens welcomes new commander

Lt. Col. Steven W. Nott assumed command of the Devens Reserve Forces Training Area July 9 in a traditional ceremony at the Installation Conference Center. Above, outgoing commander Lt. Col. Caryn Suzanne Heard is presented with a replica of the Ultimate Weapon statue by Col. R. David McNeil, Fort Dix commander. Devens is a sub-installation of Fort Dix. For more on the event, see page 3.



Fort Dix, Army bloodied but unbowed in 20th century



Wikipedia

DOUGHBOY -- The term "Doughboy" refers to infantrymen serving in World War I. Its use declined after the Great War with American Soldiers being called "GIs" in the war that followed. There are many theories as to where the term originated but no definitive answer. What's not in doubt is that American foot Soldiers at Camp Dix and elsewhere serving in the First World War proudly adopted the sobriquet as their own, agreeing with a poem stating: The cavalry and artillery And the lousy engineers, They couldn't lick the doughboys In a hundred thousand years.



The Granger Collection, New York

KILLING FIELDS -- U.S. Soldiers fire a machine gun against German forces in Belleau Wood, France, in June 1918. Military tactics failed to keep pace with advances in technology during World War I. Barbed wire thwarted mass infantry attacks, artillery was vastly more lethal than in the 1870s and machine guns made crossing open ground difficult if not suicidal. More than nine million Soldiers and civilians died in the slaughter which changed the map of Europe but also led to the even bloodier World War II. World War I began on July 28, 1914, but the first wave of American Expeditionary Forces didn't touch down in France until July 3, 1917, not seeing combat until October 23 of that year, thus missing much of the carnage as the war ended in November 1918. Soldiers from the 78th Division, trained and quartered at Camp Dix, were among the first Americans to see action. At war's end more than 300,000 Soldiers were discharged from the U.S. Army at Camp Dix.



U.S. Army photo

BATTLE OF THE BULGE -- GIs, right, take up defensive positions in the Ardennes, preparing to face an onslaught by German Panzer tanks during the Battle of the Bulge. Over 19,000 American Soldiers were killed in the Ardennes Offensive when the last ditch German attack during World War II attempted to split British and American forces in half, capture Antwerp, Belgium, and proceed to encircle and destroy four Allied armies thus forcing the Allies to sue for peace. But Americans held fast at Bastogne and other points and finally prevailed.



National Archives

FORGOTTEN WAR -- An artillery officer directs UN troops as they drop white phosphorous on a Communist-held post in February 1951 during the Korean War. Many Soldiers from the 9th Infantry Division at Fort Dix eventually fought in Korea where both sides battled to a bloody standstill.



National Archives

ASIAN DEBACLE -- American Soldiers uncover Punji stakes in a 1966 operation in the Pleiku area during the Vietnam War (1964-1975). Vietnam was a nasty guerrilla war that spanned a decade and spawned fierce domestic dissent. The U.S. Army won many battles but couldn't win the war for an often reluctant ally. In March 1973 U.S. forces withdrew. Two years later the communists prevailed. Saigon became Ho Chi Minh City. And boat people cluttered the South China Sea.

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RED MENACE -- Russian Soldiers march in Red Square during the Cold War, a period of conflict, tension and competition between the United States and Soviet Union that lasted from the end of the Second World War in 1945 to the early 1990s. Cold War tensions sparked the Korean War (1950-1953), the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962, the Vietnam War (1964-1975) and the Soviet-Afghan War (1979-1989).

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Devens welcomes new commander

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DEVENS RFTA, Mass. — In a traditional military change of command ceremony, outgoing Commander Lt. Col. Caryn Suzanne Heard relinquished command to incoming Commander, Lt. Col. Steven W. Nott, July 9, at the Devens Reserve Forces Training Area (RFTA) conference center. Heard, the first female commander of the Army Reserve enclave departs immediately for the United States Army War College, Carlisle, Pa., with her two sons, Allan, 16, and Aaron, 11, after 25 months of service at Devens.

"I served in this unit for the past 25 months," Heard said. "It's not just a unit to me, it's a team — a team that has become cohesive and mature over the past two years."

A sub-installation of Fort Dix, the Devens RFTA has had six commanders since closure in 1996 as an active duty installation.

According to Heard, most commanders have two-year tenures.

She had just been approved for a third year when she received news that she would be attending the U.S. Army War College in Pa.

"Obviously, I'm going on to a school that's going to prepare me to do bigger and better things," she said.

"But I was approved for a third year in command and was looking forward to the progress we would make in that third year. So I'm a little disappointed that I don't get to see all the plans come to fruition but I guess that's normal for a commander."

"Col. R. David McNeil, Fort Dix commander, said the command of the 5,200-acre training area, which has an annual budget of more than \$11 million has been quite a responsi-

bility and Heard had done an amazing job.

Suzanne's accomplishments included increasing the Force Protection here," he said.

"She maintained and continued to build relationships with the community and the staff, and she did it all as a single parent. I know how difficult that can be. I'm a single parent too," McNeil explained.

"We have a great Soldier coming here to replace Suzy," McNeil said. "He is truly a war-

"I hope to live up to your example. To the Devens staff, my entire family is very excited to be here."

"In the short time I have had boots on the ground I am already extremely impressed with your knowledge and dedication. I will work hard to earn your trust, and will listen to the many hundreds of years of experience you provide," stated Nott.

Nott comes to the Devens RFTA from his previous assignment as the Brigade Exec-

Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment within the 10th Mountain Division. He next performed duties as an instructor in the Lehigh University Military Science Department, Bethlehem, Pa.

Nott entered the AGR program in 1999, assigned to the 98th Division (Institutional Training) in Rochester, N.Y. He graduated from the one year residence Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth and then served as the G7 Training Officer in the

99th Regional Readiness Command, Pittsburgh, Pa.

A Purple Heart recipient, Nott has deployed to Operations Desert Storm/Desert Shield in Iraq, Operations Restore

Hope in Somalia and Operations Restore and Uphold Democracy in Haiti.

He has a Bachelor of Arts in History from the University of Wisconsin, Platteville and a Masters of Education from Lehigh University.

Nott has numerous medals and awards and graduated from the Ranger, Airborne and Air Assault Schools.

Married with four children, Nott said he was excited to begin his command.

"I can't wait to get started working with the Devens Team," smiled Nott.

Nott comes to the Devens RFTA from his previous assignment as the Brigade Executive Officer of the 166th Aviation Brigade at Fort Riley, Kansas. The new commander received his commission as an Infantry Officer in 1986. After serving one year in the Iowa National Guard, he entered active duty in 1987.

rior and just the kind of Soldier we need in command."

"Col. McNeil, I thank you for this opportunity, said Nott.

"I do not take your trust lightly and will strive to achieve the same success this installation has enjoyed throughout a long heritage of superior mission accomplishment," he continued.

"Lt. Col. Heard, I thank you for all you have done. You continued a tradition of excellence — and established a legacy of success — that is both enviable and admirable," Nott said.

utive Officer of the 166th Aviation Brigade at Fort Riley, Kansas.

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After serving one year in the Iowa National Guard, he entered active duty in 1987.

He served three years in Germany, with the 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry Regiment.

After graduating from the Infantry Officer Advanced Course, he served on the 1st Brigade staff and assumed command of B Company, 1st

McNeil takes installation expertise to new job

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McNeil said in describing his new assignment. "I will continue to be working Joint Basing issues on behalf of the Army Reserve."

McNeil billed Joint Basing for McGuire Air Force Base, Fort Dix and Naval Air Engineering Station Lakehurst as the biggest challenge of his command. "It's an ever-changing plan with minimal guidance, and after two years, we still don't know what it will be in the end. We work together all the time, so in the end it may be easier for us to get used to it than at some of the other sites."

While he had a good feel for installation issues from a year spent at Fort Polk as deputy commander and specific training, McNeil said he didn't appreciate the intensity of the mobilization mission.

"From Soldiers to to directors to leaders, people don't realize how good a job you all do here," he said.

"One of the things that stands out most for me is how hard everyone works, especially the civilian staff. It's amazing to me — I'm worn out, and I can't imagine all the years you have all spent doing this."

McNeil regularly displays his pride in Fort Dix, but noted two areas of which he is especially proud — the memorialization program for fallen Soldiers, and the construction of the Forward Operating Base.

Nearly a dozen new and renovated facilities, including barracks, the Joint Readiness Center, the Main Gate and the Commercial Vehicle Gate on post have been named in honor of Guard, Reserve and active component Soldiers from the region who gave their lives in the Global War on Terrorism.



Shawn Morris

AT THE BEGINNING -- Col. R. David McNeil takes over command of Fort Dix in a traditional ceremony on Sharp Field June 24, 2004. He is the 69th officer to command the installation.

The FOB is the largest training facility of its type in the United States, and is critical to the Train As You Fight philosophy of preparation for mobilizing Soldiers and units doing annual and weekend training at Fort Dix.

McNeil said he believes he had the opportunity to develop as a leader because of all the different things going on at the same time during his command. "You have to learn to delegate, and then check on a host of things."

He also said he has a con-

tinued sense of pride in all the professionals and great Soldiers who continue to back to Iraq and Afghanistan and continue to serve.

"I often feel guilty that I am not over there again doing my part," he said, but ensuring that Soldiers are prepared for their missions is also critical.

"I'm just as excited to get up and go to work every day as I was three years ago," he said. "I daily draw renewed energy from being around professionals, and I am proud to have been part of the team."

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Local hero honored for vigilant service

Staff Sgt. Russell Bassett
115th MPAD

A van comes onto Fort Dix and unloads individuals carrying gym bags at several different locations around post. At a pre-determined time, the individuals don ski masks and load automatic weapons. They enter through the front door of several different post buildings, moving from room to room, firing bullets into every person they see.

Screaming and crying, some victims climb out windows and run for safety. Those not as lucky lie in pools of their own blood, gasping their last breaths.

The van continues through post, gaining speed as it nears the post command center. It slams into the side of the building and explodes on impact, sending a large ball of fire and debris 50 feet into the air. No one inside survives.

Sounds far fetched, doesn't it? That couldn't happen here, right?

The fact of the matter is that a scenario very similar to this could have happened at Fort Dix if it were not for a local "unsung hero" who saw something suspicious and made a phone call.

The January 2006 day started like any other for Cherry Hill, N.J., resident Brian Morgenstern. He drove to his job at Circuit City in Mount Laurel, N.J., where he worked in the video department.

Morgenstern didn't think much of it when two Caucasian men in their early 20s brought him an 8mm tape, requesting it be reformatted onto a DVD.

"They looked like normal people," he said. "There was nothing suspicious about them."

It wasn't until later, when Morgenstern began converting the tape, that he noticed something that made alarm bells go off in his head.

"I witnessed men in the Poconos (mountains in Pennsylvania) at a shooting range, firing what appeared to be fully automatic weapons," said the 23-year-old. "The conversions I do are typically of weddings and family events so it was pretty alarming to have someone bring that to me."

Morgenstern, who described the tape in court reports as "disturbing," wasn't

sure what he should do about what he had seen. He pondered the decision for a night, consulting with his family. The next morning he made a phone call to local police. That simple act of making a phone call helped thwart a terrorist plan to kill Soldiers on Fort Dix.

According to FBI and court reports, the video brought to Morgenstern at Circuit City showed men in military fatigues shooting assault weapons, calling for jihad and shouting in Arabic, "God is great."

Morgenstern's tip to the authorities began a 15-month interagency investigation that resulted in the arrest of six individuals in May.

The FBI called Morgenstern the "unsung hero" of the case. "If we didn't get that tip," U.S. Attorney Christopher Christie said, "I couldn't be sure what would happen."

Fort Dix's top cop, Public Safety Director Stephen Melly, was also thankful to Morgenstern for helping protect the post. "People like him make my job easier," Melly said. "It's certainly better to react to a group that is planning a situation than to react to a strike on the installation."

Morgenstern was invited onto the post for the annual 4th of July celebration, and person after person came up to him, shaking his hand and offering a word of thanks.

"That could have been me getting blown up," said Michael Engi, president of the local Vietnam Veterans of America chapter, who comes onto post every Monday evening to hang out with Soldiers who have been injured in the War on Terrorism. "I think what he did was admirable, and we are all proud of him. If more people would step up and say something and not be afraid when they see something suspicious, we would all be better off."

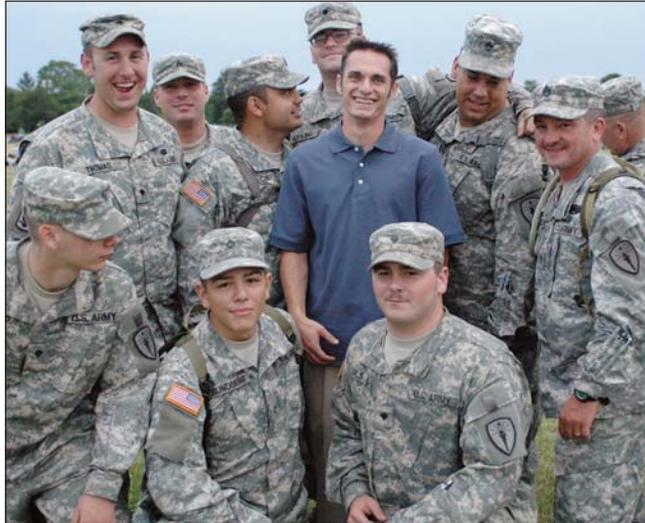
The FBI did not originally release Morgenstern's name, identifying him only as an "unsung hero" and Circuit City clerk, but the young man decided not to remain anonymous so that he could spread a simple, yet important message.

He went on CNN and other media outlets to tell America to remain vigilant in the War on Terrorism.

"Our service members work

"I witnessed men in the Poconos at a shooting range, firing what appeared to be fully automatic weapons."

Brian Morgenstern



Staff Sgt. Russell Bassett, 115th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS — Brian Morgenstern, the Circuit City employee whose phone call helped thwart a terrorist plot against Fort Dix, center, "the unsung hero" of the thwarted terrorist attack stands with Soldiers from Indiana's Fox Company, 151st Infantry, during the Fort Dix 4th of July celebration this past week. The FBI called Morgenstern "the unsung hero" of the thwarted terrorist attack planned by the "Fort Dix Six."

everyday to protect our freedom, and we have an obligation as citizens to protect our freedoms as well," Morgenstern said. "The main message I'm trying to portray is that we all need to keep our eyes open. You never know what could be out there, and in this case, one phone call made all the differ-

ence."

Fort Dix, according to Melly, has increased its protective posture as a result of the thwarted attack.

"We've learned a lot from him," Melly said. "Our safety is much tighter. You might not be able to see it, but through increased surveillance, back-

ground checks and other means, we have a better knowl-

All are currently in prison awaiting trial. If convicted, five could receive life sentences, and the other could face 10 years in prison.

Five of the alleged terrorists

Morgenstern continues to work at Circuit City where he has been promoted to assistant manager.



Cherie A. Thurlby, DoD

Worth the wait

A U.S. Army Soldier hugs his daughter at the Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport in Texas after returning from Iraq.

Dix mobilization mainstay off to Homeland Security

Steve Snyder
Public Affairs Staff

Groucho Marx once drew laughs claiming "Military intelligence is a contradiction in terms." But those days, if they ever existed, are long gone. Knowledge and it's purveyors are respected in today's armed forces because everyone from raw recruits to think tankers recognizes that what you don't know can sure hurt you.

Tom Collins has built a career studying variables involved in executing effective military management. On July 18 his career path takes a new turn when he leaves his post as chief of plans and operations for the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security (DPTMS) here to join the Homeland Security Analysis Team operating out of the Industrial Analysis Center in Philadelphia. In conjunction with his new assignment, Collins will be attending some high-powered graduate classes for the next several years at the University of Pennsylvania as a Defense Leadership and Management Program (DLAMP) fellow.

It's a step up the career ladder for the 52-year-old Collins but a blow to his many friends at Team Dix.

He will be missed. "I've known Tom about seven years," confides Jim Casalunova, quality assurance evaluator at the Training Support Center for DPTMS. "And I most admired his ability to lighten everybody's load, to decrease tension, through patience and a good sense of humor."

Irene Pichette, security specialist at the Security and Intelligence activity at DPTMS credits Collins as "one of the better bosses, a true Christian gentleman who lives his faith."

Pennsylvania bred

Thomas Patrick Collins was born in Valley Forge, Pa. in 1955. His father was a military veteran who served in World War II, Korea and Vietnam and strongly influenced Tom's values. Tom was into drama and became a star debater at Bishop Kenrick High School in Norristown, Pa. before graduating in 1975. He won a four-year ROTC scholarship to LaSalle University in 1972, graduating in 1976 with a degree in political science.

Following basic training and completion of the Infantry Officer Basic Course at Fort Benning, Ga., in September 1977, the young lieutenant spent four years in Germany, serving as platoon leader and company executive officer with the 1st Bn., 4th Infantry "Wardens" belonging to the 3rd Infantry Division at Aschaffenburg.

But military duties and the birth of his first daughter, Mary, in 1980 didn't slow down Tom and his wife Geraldine from extensively touring the continent. He says he got particular kicks in seeing County Galway in Ireland, Rome and France's place of healing, Lourdes.



LONG GOODBYE -- Fort Dix's Chief of the Plans and Operations Division for the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security (DPTMS), Tom Collins, listens to words of praise from Fort Dix's Deputy Commander Lt. Col. Roger Colton, left, at Collins' farewell luncheon at Club Dix Wednesday. Marcia Gose, middle, presents Collins with a token of his colleague's appreciation. On the right, Collins keeps on truckin' at the office, being entirely bereft of any short-timer's mentality. photos by Steve Snyder

Collins retired from active duty upon completion of his first tour, aiming to enjoy family life absent the rigors of separations.

Returning stateside, Collins began a career in civil service which included positions as a staff training specialist (GS-7) for 79th ACOM at Willow Grove Naval Air Station in Pennsylvania for one year beginning from August 1984;

the following year as a senior supervisory staff administrator for 6-68th ARMOR Bn. out of Bethlehem, Pa.; a stint as military personnel officer for the 157th Separate Infantry Brigade at Horsham, Pa. from August 1985 to November 1987;

supervisory information officer for 79th ACOM again at Willow Grove from January 1988 to June 1993; a term as supervisory operations officer for 79th ACOM from June 1993 to June 1996; supervisory staff administrator for the next nine months for the Garrison Installation Support Unit at Willow Grove; and filling a facility management specialist slot with the 99th RSC at Willow Grove from March 1997 to March 1998.

As his resume attests, concurrent with his civilian jobs at DA Collins served successfully in the Army Reserve at every level of command including brigade and company. Especially notable was his tenure as G3 for the Civil Affairs Brigade responsible for Latin and South America.

Serving in Iraq

The highlight of his Army Reserve career occurred when he served as deputy commander and then commander for a combined joint task force during Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom from March through August at Basra, Iraq, in 2003.

"Our challenge was to simultaneously support military operations in Iraq while responding to the unique requirements of the five services adn six countries in the force," he recalls.

In March 1998 Collins assumed his current position at Fort Dix, planning and supervising all facets dealing with strategic mobility of troops here.

And after 9/11, the tempo became much higher.

"We came to realize that everything we can do to improve training here acquires a much greater significance during wartime," he says. Collins and his cohorts have lived with a strong, daily sense that America was at war. Orchestrating the sequence of alerting (troops), meeting at Dix and prepping for mobilization to go to war has inspired great efforts amid the workforce here.

Although he's "very grateful for all the opportunities" afforded him at Fort Dix and has immensely enjoyed working with Dixians he firmly believes in job changes when they're called for.

"After nine years in the same job, it's time for a change," Collins says, additionally noting that after one spends three or four years thoroughly learning a job you end up just repeating yourself thereafter.

And that just wouldn't do for an Army intellectual.

Soldier trades teaching for infantry

Spc. Chris McCann
10th Mountain Division Public Affairs

College money, job experience and lack of employment opportunities are usually some of the motivators soldiers cite for joining the military.

But Cpl. James Hogan left a job he loved, teaching high-school history and economics in Superior, Wis., to be a part of American history, enlisting in November 2005.

"I was teaching history and about the wars, and I felt it was my patriotic duty to serve, like the guys who went before me," Hogan said. "I don't want to sit on my deck at 60 years old and tell people I had a chance to serve and didn't."

Hogan graduated from the University of Wisconsin - Superior, and began teaching at a Catholic middle school, then at a high school in Maple, Wis. In addition to teaching American history, he taught economics, criminal justice, social science and sociology, and coached football, girls' basketball, and track and field.

Then he gave it all up to join the Army. "The students were surprised. Some were sad, and some were probably happy," he said, laughing.

"I always wanted to teach, and I was no good at math. I don't like science, and my vocabulary is terrible. But I love politics and history, and I love this country."

Hogan works with Company A, 4th Battalion, 31st

Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), out of Fort Drum, N.Y. His unit is the military transition team that has been training 4th Battalion, 4th Brigade, 6th Iraqi Army Division.

"I've really enjoyed working with them day in and day out," he said of the soldiers in his company. "From the different personalities, meeting people from all over the United States, I've learned a lot. I really respect everyone in the Army, whatever they do, but these (infantry troops) are the ones putting in blood, sweat and tears."

A willingness to be on the ground and on the front lines earns respect. One of his heroes, he said, is Theodore Roosevelt.

"He really solidified my desire to join the Army," Hogan said. "He quit the Navy to join the Army and then formed the Rough Riders, because it always bugged Teddy Roosevelt that his father didn't fight in the Civil War when the country needed him."

"I like his maverick spirit. He did what was in his heart, and he sure wouldn't be making decisions based on poll numbers if he were president today."

Hogan has a bit of the maverick spirit himself, which serves him well with soldiers both older and younger than him.

"I'm 33 years old," he said. "In civilian life, I would have been teaching some of these



PATERFAMILIAS -- Tom is welcomed home from deployment by a happy brood including Sean, 16, front far left; Molly, 11, directly in front of Tom; Tom Jr., 25, rear far left; wife Gerrie; Joe, 18, center; Christie, 21, hanging on Tom's left shoulder; and Mary, 27, at the extreme right. courtesy photo



Cpl. James Hogan (in baseball cap), speaks to the Northwestern High School Tigers football team, in Superior, Wis., during his last season coaching in 2004. Hogan now serves with Company A, 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), out of Fort Drum, N.Y., and coaches Iraqi soldiers on infantry skills. courtesy photo

guy, but they're teaching me the ways of the infantry here," he said. "It's tough being older, especially as an enlisted soldier. I didn't become an officer because that's not what I wanted. I've had responsibility. I just wanted to be a grunt. And it's tough to get smoked by a guy nine years younger, but that's when you just have to swallow your pride."

Hogan plans to return to teaching - and coaching - when his term of enlistment ends, but he's toying with the idea of going into the chaplaincy.

"I'm a man of faith," he said. "I want to study scripture more in-depth, and I want to serve soldiers in a more personal way. Guys have been lay-

ing it all on the line here for five years now, and the turmoil and struggle and separation from family is hard. I feel I could help, and give strength to them to hang in there."

If he doesn't choose that road, however, he said what he's learned in the Army will serve him well as a teacher.

"I think I'll get more respect as a teacher - I can bring in my photos and things from Iraq, and that would be really good. If I go into the chaplaincy, I'd like to be an Army Reserve or National Guard chaplain so I could still teach."

"It's an honor to serve my country alongside all my fellow soldiers in uniform," Hogan said, "and I'm thankful for the opportunity to do it."

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MILITARY MATTERS

Military recruiting numbers promising despite Army dip

Donna Miles
American Forces Press
Service

WASHINGTON, July 10, 2007 — The Army fell short of its active-duty recruiting goal for June, but officials noted today that the Army is still ahead of its year-to-date goal and is expected to make its year-end goal.

June marked the second month in a row that the Army missed its active-duty recruiting goal, according to statistics released today by the Defense Department. The active Army, with 7,031 accessions, came up almost 1,400 recruits below its 8,400-person goal. However, officials noted that it remains 741 recruits ahead of its year-to-date goal.

The other three services met or exceeded their active-duty recruiting goals for June. The Navy recruited 3,999 sailors, 102 percent of its goal. The Marine Corps signed on 4,113 Marines, 110 percent of its goal, and the Air Force met its goal by recruiting 2,233 airmen.

Five of the six reserve components met or exceeded their June goals.

The Army Reserve and Army National Guard both came out on the plus side for June. The Army Reserve recruited 5,255 members, almost 400 troops more than its goal, and the Guard met its goal, with 5,342 recruits.

The Navy Reserve recruited 1,013 members, exceeding its goal by 8 percent. The Marine Corps Reserve signed on 1,078 members, 109 percent of its goal. The Air Force Reserve met its 597-airman goal.

Only the Air National Guard, with 779 recruits, missed its goal, by 25 percent. Maj. Anne Edgecomb, an Army spokeswoman, expressed optimism that July, August and September will tip the scales toward the plus side for active-duty recruitment. Traditionally, these are the Army's biggest recruiting months due to the new crop of high school graduates.

But Edgecomb emphasized that the Army isn't looking at the situation through rose-colored glasses. "Overall, we are optimistic, but concerned," Edgecomb said.

She noted that the all-volunteer force is facing one of its biggest challenges in light of a protracted war that's becoming increasingly unpopular among the American public.

"One of the greatest challenges to the all-volunteer force is being able to recruit

during a period of protracted conflict," agreed Bryan Whitman, deputy assistant secretary of defense for public affairs.

"Recruiting is a tough environment, but the all-volunteer force has served the nation well for over 30 years, providing a military that is experienced, well-trained, disciplined and representative of America," he told Pentagon reporters today. "Since 9-11, we've had more than 900,000 Americans join the Army, and more than 700,000 soldiers have re-enlisted in the Army."

Maintaining that trend has sent the Army into overdrive to ensure a steady supply of high-quality new recruits.

It's added \$30 million to its advertising budget to get its "Army Strong" slogan out to young people as well as their parents, teachers, coaches and other adults who influence their decisions about military service. "We've geared our ads to prospective soldiers as well as their parents," Edgecomb said.

It's promoting its \$2,000 referral bonus program more vigorously. The program offers the bonus to soldiers, Army retirees and even Army civilian employees who refer a prospective recruit who enlists and successfully completes basic and advanced individual training. "Who can talk about the Army better than those working for the Army?" said Edgecomb.

In addition, the Army is hiring more contract recruiters to increase its outreach efforts. "We have 300,000 leads that need to be followed up on, and this will be a big help," Edgecomb said.

Edgewood praised the Army's recruiting force that's kept its eyes on the ball and continues recruiting top-quality men and women into Army ranks.

"The story that too often gets overlooked is the fact that in spite of the challenges, we've got about 70,000 soldiers who have made the commitment to serve in the Regular Army and the Army Reserve so far this year," she said. "So we are still very successful in doing that."

Also, she noted that retention remains high, 101 percent of the goal for the active Army, 119 percent for the Army Reserve and 107 percent for the Army National Guard.

"It's a testament to the quality of our young people that so many have already stepped forward to defend our nation and that so many servicemen and women have chosen to continue to serve," Edgecomb said.



LOOKING FORWARD — New Jersey National Guard Soldiers Sgt. Carlos Sierra, left, using the command laser unit, and Pvt. Wilber Regalado, right, with binoculars, scan the desert along the U.S.-Mexico border from their vantage point on an Avenger HUMVEE as part of Operation Jump Start. The National Guard plans to reduce the number of personnel performing border-security duty by half.

Capt. Jon Powers, 444th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

Guard to reduce number of Soldiers on border security

Gerry J. Gilmore
American Forces Press
Service

WASHINGTON, July 10, 2007 — The National Guard plans to adjust the number of personnel performing security duty along the U.S.-Mexico border from about 6,000 to about 3,000 members, a National Guard Bureau spokesman said today.

Last year, President Bush directed the National Guard to assist the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Agency in patrolling the 2,000-mile-long border with Mexico, National Guard Bureau spokesman Army Maj. David Kolarik told American Forces Press Service today during a phone interview

from the bureau's headquarters in Arlington, Va.

National Guard members "have performed superbly" in answering the President's call to assist on the border during "Operation Jump Start," Kolarik said. The Customs and Border Protection Agency is a component of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Almost 6,000 Guard members — mostly volunteers — have been on border security duty in the states of Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California in support of the U.S. Border Patrol since June 2006, Kolarik said,

noting the reduction was part of original planning.

"It was never meant to be a permanent solution," Kolarik said of the National Guard's participation in Operation Jump Start. "It was just an intermediate measure to provide support for border security efforts until they brought the additional resources and personnel in line that they needed."

The Guard redeployment is slated for completion around Sept. 1, he said.

About 3,000 National Guard members will continue assisting the Customs and Bor-

der Protection Agency along the U.S.-Mexico border, Kolarik said.

The National Guard's presence along the U.S.-Mexico border has helped to bolster border-protection efforts to curtail illegal immigration as well as to circumvent narcotics traffic, Kolarik said.

Guard members on border duty do not perform law enforcement missions, but they do conduct surveillance and operate detection equipment, work with border entry identification teams, analyze information, assist with communications and give administrative support to the Border Patrol.

"National Guard members 'have done just a phenomenal job down there on the border,'" Kolarik said.

About 3,000 National Guard members will continue assisting the Customs and Border Protection Agency along the U.S.-Mexico border.

Recruit realizes dream of service

Cathy Pauley
Army News Service

ALAMEDA, Calif., July 6, 2007 — Two things stood in the way of Pvt. Daniel Dunga's enlistment in the military: 166 pounds and the lack of a high school diploma.

When he first started out to join the military, Pvt. Dunga stood at 5 feet 7 inches and 391 pounds, and he didn't get a lot of encouragement. But thirteen

months later, Pvt. Dunga's goal to become a Soldier turned into reality as he enlisted June 12 and left for basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C., June 18.

"I was intimidated because of my weight, so I called recruiters instead of talking to them face to face," said Pvt. Dunga.

Pvt. Dunga met Sgt. Marcus Dozier, a recruiter with the Army Recruiting Office in Alameda in May 2006. By

then, he'd lost 18 pounds and weighed 373 pounds.

"Other branches didn't think I was serious," Pvt. Dunga said, "but Sgt. Dozier wanted to give me a chance and see if I was for real."

Sgt. Dozier and the entire recruiting station staff supported him.

"They supported me with praise, guidance and physical support," Pvt. Dunga said. "They gave me that extra push I needed to succeed."

"Daniel presented a challenge in losing the necessary weight, but his demeanor about it was simple," Sgt. Dozier said. "Daniel said, 'Tell me what I need to do, how I can go about doing it, and when to show you I've made progress and it will get done.' Dunga continuously gave 110 percent and my team wanted to match his drive with dedication to his future within the Army."

Dunga, now 26, was born in Guam. His dad was a retired Army Reserve master sergeant. When his dad passed away in 1998, his mom moved Pvt. Dunga and his five siblings to the Bay Area.

While Pvt. Dunga was a business-college graduate who had held various jobs in real estate, he lacked a high school diploma.

The Alameda recruiters set him up with the Army's March2Success — a program that assists enrollees in study skills and preparing for English and math testing —

and he passed the G.E.D.

"Daniel had good basic math and English skills, but had been out of school for a long time," Sgt. Dozier said.

"He needed refresher training and the Army's March2Success program was able to afford him time and opportunity to practice and hone up skills to successfully pass his G.E.D."

Pvt. Dunga's wife, Junida, said she is excited about becoming a military wife and has supported her husband's goal to become a Soldier.

"A long journey has finally come through. I have a Family and I want to take care of that Family," said Pvt. Dunga, dad to Jade Lin, 4, and Dana Rose, 2 months. "I wanted a career and I knew the Army could give that to me."

"The slogan 'Army Strong' directs attention to inner strength, character and belief in the ability to endure with a team to accomplish a mission," Sgt. Dozier said. "Daniel Dunga already had inner strength and character through his past and his upbringing."

"He has earned the right to wear the Army uniform. My team is proud and honored to have been a part of the process," Sgt. Dozier said.

"Daniel showed dedication and I promised results. He showed team effort and his goal was reached. As you can see, he stayed the course and now he is Army Strong," he concluded.

Somalia vet set to lead AFRICOM

Donna Miles
American Forces Press
Service

WASHINGTON, July 10, 2007 — President Bush named Army Gen. William E. "Kip" Ward today to help stand up U.S. Africa Command as its first commander.

Ward has served as deputy commander of U.S. European Command in Stuttgart, Germany, since May 2006. In that role, he has been responsible for the day-to-day activities for U.S. forces operating across 92 countries in Europe, Africa, Russia, parts of Asia and the Middle East, the Mediterranean and most of the Atlantic Ocean.

If confirmed to his new post, Ward will help bring AFRICOM to initial operational capability as a command subordinate to EUCOM by October. AFRICOM is slated to become a separate unified command by Sept. 30, 2008.

Ward would bring 36 years of military service and sweeping experience to the AFRICOM position. Since his commissioning in 1971, he has served in Korea, Egypt, Somalia, Bosnia, Israel, Germany and at posts throughout the United States, including Alas-

ka and Hawaii. Before taking the No. 2 job at EUCOM, Ward was deputy commander and chief of staff for U.S. Army Europe and commander of U.S. European Command in Stuttgart, Germany, since May 2006.

Ward also served as commander of the Stabilization Force during Operation Joint Force in Sarajevo, Bosnia; as commander of the 25th Infantry Division and U.S. Army Hawaii; and as assistant division commander for the 82nd Airborne Division.

Before that, he was commander of the 10th Mountain Division's 2nd Brigade and Operation Restore Hope in Mogadishu, Somalia, and as commander of the 6th Infantry Division's 5th Battalion, 9th Infantry, 2nd Brigade and the division's logistics staff.

He has served in a long string of staff positions as well,

including land U.S. Pacific Command service as deputy director for operations at the U.S. Embassy in Egypt, and deputy director of operations for the National Military Command Center.

Ward holds bachelor's and master's degrees in political science from Morgan State University, Md., and Pennsylvania State University.

If confirmed to lead AFRICOM, Ward will be responsible for consolidating U.S. government efforts and promote partnership arrangements in Africa.

In doing so, he will assume responsibilities on the African continent currently shared by three combatant commanders. U.S. Central Command has responsibility for Egypt, Sudan, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Djibouti, Somalia and Kenya. U.S. European Command has responsibility for the rest of the nations in the African main-



Gen. William E. Ward

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Vehicle mods offer new view on training

Pascual Flores
Public Affairs Staff

Common scenes around Fort Dix since the Global War on Terrorism began have included Soldiers training and gearing up for deployment overseas featuring new uniforms and equipment and vehicles modified to meet the new threats caused in a war against an unseen adversary.

Utilizing simulated M1114 High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles (HMMWV), Soldiers mobilizing for Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom prepare for their missions with the philosophy, "You train as you fight."

Adding a realistic approach to the equipment used in Iraq and Afghanistan, civilians from the Directorate of Logistics (DOL) - Maintenance and Soldiers from the 1/322nd Logistical Support Battalion (LSB) are modifying the existing HMMWVs at Fort Dix to meet with the training needs and for an easier transition to the equipment they will operate overseas.

The structure comprised of plywood, metal framing, plexiglass, chicken wire and camouflage netting will provide the gunner with better protection against sniper fire.

"This modification offers more protection to the Soldier, breaking up his contrast for a better survivability against sniper fire," said Master Sgt. Daniel McCracken, driver instructor for armored vehicles, 72nd Field Artillery.

"In addition, it also offers a



photos by Pascual Flores



RIDING IN STYLE -- Sgt. Gary Johnson, 3/315th Engineers out of Fort Meade, Md., above, applies paint to a piece of plywood that will be used for the turrets that are being mounted onto High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles (HMMWVs) for training at Fort Dix. The finished product of plywood, plexiglass, metal fittings, chicken wire and camouflage netting rolls out for training with the Soldiers of the 65th PAOC, left.

better field of vision for the gunner," McCracken added.

"We have already built over 200 units and will probably complete all the vehicles here at Fort Dix by late September or October," said George Turnbaugh, work leader at DOL - Maintenance.

"We have approximately 35 civilians, contractors and Soldiers working to fulfill this request from First Army to provide these units for training for the mobilizing Soldiers," Turnbaugh added.

"It takes about four hours from start to finish per each unit that is constructed," said Sgt. Norman Madsen, assistant non-commissioned office in-charge, 1/322nd LSB.

"All in all, for at a ball park figure of \$150 to \$200 per unit," Madsen concluded.



New Jersey Guard sets sights on convoy ops



photos by Staff Sgt. Joe Donnelly, 444th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

Soldiers from the New Jersey Army National Guard's 50th Finance Battalion participate in convoy operations training on the Fort Dix ranges July 7. Teams of six Soldiers mounted four vehicles that were ambushed by "insurgents" during the convoy's route. Spc. Dorianni Buzzetta, 50th Finance Battalion, left, Spc. Abraham Pendon, 444th MPAD, above left, and Spc. Pablo Vizcaino, 444th MPAD, take a shot at warding off their convoy's attackers.

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Announcements



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

Friday, July 13 @ 7:30 p.m.

Waitress - Keri Russell, Jeremy Sisto - When Jenna, a waitress in a cheery southern diner, discovers that she's pregnant, she doesn't exactly jump for joy. Motherhood was never in her plans, and she's already saddled with her needy, jealous and infantile husband Earl. At first, things seem hopeless and her dreams for a better life are in ruins, until a good-looking doctor arrives in town and mixes things up.

MPAA Rating: PG-13 Run time: 108 minutes

Saturday, July 14 @ 7:30 p.m.

Surf's Up - Jeff Bridges, Shia LaBeouf - Cody Maverick may be a relative amateur when it comes to hanging ten, but he's sure he has what it takes to surf his way to superstardom. With a little help from his cantankerous King Penguin mentor, ex-surfing legend Big Z, and a little encouragement from star Pen Gu Island life-guard Lani, there may be hope for this tuxedo-clad wave twister after all.

MPAA Rating: PG Run time: 97 minutes

Future Features...

Ocean's Thirteen
Friday, July 20 @ 7:30 p.m.
PG-13, 113 minutes.

Knocked Up
Saturday, July 21 @ 7:30 p.m.
R, 129 minutes.

Main Chapel

562-2020

Sunday Services

Protestant at 9 to 10 a.m.
Catholic Mass at 10:15 to 11:15 a.m.
Gospel at 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Catholic CCD is held at 9:15 a.m.

Camp Victory
in Chaplain's Tent
General Christian at 7 to 8 p.m.

Catholic Mass will be celebrated in the Main Chapel at 12:30 p.m. every Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday through Aug. 9, 2007

Protestant-Gospel Sunday School
at 10 a.m.

Wednesday Services

Main Chapel

Protestant Bible Study noon
Chapel Library

Chapel 5 (Bldg. 5950)

Protestant at 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall
Catholic at 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Sanctuary

Camp Victory
in Chaplain's Tent

General Christian at 7:30 to 8:30 p.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 to 11 a.m.

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

Jewish Services
Contact the Chapel for dates and time

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Fort Dix Special Observances Committees

Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday
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For more information call
Denise Horton at 562-4011

Army Community Service
Bldg. 5201, 562-2767

EFMP Support Group
3rd Thursday each month
10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Army Community Service

EFMP Kidz Plus Program
Free swim for members and families
2nd and 4th Thursdays
5:30 to 6:45 p.m.
Indoor Pool

McGuire AFB
Family Advocacy Program
754-9680

July Schedule

Play Groups
Mondays
Toddlers

Wednesdays
Infants

Child Development Center #1
11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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

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

July 13
Pregnancy 101
2 to 4 p.m.
305th Medical Group, 2nd Floor,
Resource Room
Must sign up prior to event to attend

July 14
Child Birth Preparation
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Virtual Memorial Hospital
Mount Holly

For information and
registration call 754-9680

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.

July 17-21

Tuesday
Open Recreation
1 - 7 p.m.

Wednesday
Self-Directed Activities
1 - 7 p.m.
Scouter Tag
3 - 5 p.m.

Thursday
Self-Directed Activities
1 - 7 p.m.

Friday
Self-Directed Activities
1 - 7 p.m.
TEEN CENTER
"Madae" Movie Marathon

Saturday
TEEN CENTER
Ice Cream Social
3 - 5 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.

Family Advocacy
562-5200

Chaplain
562-2020

American Red Cross
562-2258

Army Emergency Relief
562-2767

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Post Shuttle Bus
562-5888
Monday to Sunday -- 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.
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Dix Shoppette/Class Six/ Gas Station
723-0044
Bldg. 5359, Texas Avenue
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. 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 Avenue
Monday to Saturday 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Sunday - Closed.

Firestone
723-0464
Bldg. 4201 on Texas Avenue
Monday to 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

McGuire Shoppette
723-4705
East Arnold Avenue by the 24-hour gate
Monday to Thursday -- 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Friday -- 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Saturday -- 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Sunday -- 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Burger King
723-8937
Bldg. 5399, Texas Avenue
Monday to Saturday 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Sunday 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Java Cafe & Computer Lab @ Club Dix
723-3272
Monday - Friday - 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday - Closed.

McGuire Gas Station
723-4705
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 Wednesday of the month - 4 to 8 p.m.
First and 3rd Saturday of each month - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Dining Facilities
Bldgs. 5640 and 5986
Breakfast Mon - Sun 6 to 7:30 a.m.
Lunch Mon-Sun 11:30am to 1 p.m.
Dinner Mon-Sun 4:30 to 6p.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.

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
Karaoke every Thursday at 8 p.m.

Fort Dix Post Office
723-1541
6038 West 9th Street
Monday to Friday -- 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Saturday -- 9:00 a.m. to noon

Broadcast unit receives welcome at Dix



Staff Sgt. Russell Bassett, 115th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

WELCOMED WARRIORS — Soldiers of the 356th Broadcast Operations Detachment say a prayer of thanks for their safe return from Iraq during a welcome home ceremony for the unit July 8. Three-year-old Braxton Friese, left, claps on the shoulders of his grandfather for his father Sgt. 1st Class Braxton Friese, 356th Broadcast Operations Detachment, who was welcomed home from Iraq. Friese and his unit will spend a week at Fort Dix demobilizing before returning to their homes.



After a year of radio and television productions from the Green Zone in Baghdad, the 356th Broadcast Operations Detachment, Reserve Component, held a long-awaited welcome home ceremony at Fort Dix Sunday.

The 356th, a unit based out of Ft. Meade, Md., but consisting of 27 Soldiers from across the U.S., produced more than 3,000 hours of live radio during its deployment, staffing American Forces Network in Baghdad and producing Freedom Journal-Iraq, a television news program that appeared five days a week.

Three of the returning Soldiers qualified for the Combat Action Badge.

The programs, produced by the unit and broadcast on AFN and the Pentagon Channel, reached an estimated 12-million homes.

The job performed by these Soldiers "created a better flow of information throughout Iraq and boosted morale for American troops," said Lt. Col. Reed McMillan, 55th Sustainment Brigade Acting Commander, who spoke at the ceremony.

In addition to their public broadcasts, the Soldiers also conducted press conferences

Sgt. Patrick Lair and Spc. Eric Rutherford
115th MPAD

and teleconferences for senior leaders, and satellite interviews with such well-known people as Vice President Dick Cheney, Secretary of Defense Robert Gates, Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, Multi-National Force-Iraq Commander Gen. David Petraeus and country music star Toby Keith.

The unit's electronic news gatherers went out with their cameras and an M-16 rifles, embedding with U.S. units to cover stories about the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Iraqi forces.

Sunday, friends and family members filed into the Bravo Company Demobilization Center for the "Welcome Home Warrior-Citizens Recognition Party," a program aimed

at honoring Reservist Soldiers who answer the call of duty.

The 356th Soldiers were awarded an encased American flag, a specially designed coin, a lapel-pin set for Soldier and spouse, as well as a "Welcome Home Warrior-Citizen" flag. The award is part of a program for all Army Reserve Soldiers who serve in the Global War on Terrorism.

"The Welcome Home Warrior-Citizen Award Program provides an appropriate, timely and enduring memento to Soldiers and their families," said Col. Mark Earley, Army Reserve G-1.

Staff Sgt. David Baez, of Beaumont, Texas, said one of the best parts of his job was embedding with Soldiers and telling their individual stories.

"We told it how it was. Not just bombs and bullets, but also buildings going up, town meetings and humanitarian missions," said Baez, who was a broadcaster for the Freedom Iraq Journal nightly newscasts

on the Pentagon Channel. "We were embedded with the troops on the ground. We were basically implementing stories from the Soldiers themselves."

Maj. Melanie Roadruck, the unit's executive officer, said the hardest part of her deployment was separation from her three children in Texas. She said she also missed the greenery of home, roads without speed bumps and being able to drink water from the tap.

"We didn't always get to see the results of our work," Roadruck said. "We couldn't see people watching our stories on TV, or listening to the radio, but once in a while we would get an e-mail from a Soldier from around the country thanking us. We made a list of all the Forward Operating Bases around the country, and a Soldier from a small FOB sent an e-mail thanking us, because until then, no one had mentioned that FOB. It was very rewarding."

Marian Moses of Pittsburgh said the deployment also wasn't easy for those who stayed at home.

Cell phones enabled her to stay in contact with her fiancé, Maj. Gary Sheffek, the unit commander, but she couldn't help worrying about her loved one every time she heard of something happening in Baghdad.

"You see that something happened on TV and immediately you want to know where that person is," she said. "I'm just thrilled that he is home safe and in one piece, and that the whole unit made it back."

Maj. Gen. William Monk, commander of the 99th Regional Readiness Support Command, thanked the families for all their patience and support during the unit's deployment.

"There's no way we could possibly do our jobs as Soldiers without your support," he said during the ceremony. "It is time to make that transition from warrior to citizen."

Members of the 356th will spend around a week at Fort Dix, wrapping up their year-long tour before returning to their homes around the country.

"We told it how it was. Not just bombs and bullets, but also buildings going up, town meetings and humanitarian missions."

Staff Sgt. David Baez
356th Broadcast Ops Det



Honoring the Colors

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

Everyone has the right to feel safe in his or her relationships. Are you or do you know anyone in an abusive relationship?

<p>Look for these signs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● threats or intimidation ● isolation from family and friends ● denying access to money ● sexual abuse ● involving or using children in adult conflicts ● destroying personal possessions ● feeling fearful ● painful put-downs ● use of weapons 	<p>Important phone numbers:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Providence House hotline 871-7551 NJ Domestic Violence hotline 800-572-SAFE Fort Dix Victim Advocate 562-2767 McGuire Victim Advocate 754-9672</p>
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ACS to host Exceptional Family Member games

The Army Community Service Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) is sponsoring an EFMP Summer Games for EFMP members from Fort Dix, McGuire Air Force Base, Fort Monmouth and Naval Air Engineering Station Lakehurst military communities Aug. 25 at John Mann Park from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Games include basketball, baseball, horseshoes, swimming, bowling, relay races and other competitions for EFMP and Family members. Prizes and trophies will be awarded.

Registration is mandatory and will be held June 25 through Aug. 3 Call Evelyn Dingle, EFMP manager, at 562-2767 for more information or to register.

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 670-3386, or the RSC 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.

Garden Terrace 1100 Area fenced off

As of July 2, the Garden Terrace 1100 Area was fenced off to become part of the Garden Terrace construction area. No families are residing in the 1100 Area since this change occurs.

The additional fencing will not affect access to any other portion of Fort Dix. Access to the Fort Dix Youth Center and the Garden Terrace 1200, 1500, and 1600 housing areas will continue to be via West 10th Street off of New Jersey Avenue. Access to the Fort Dix Elementary School and the Juliestown Road checkpoint will continue to be via Montpelier Street off of New Jersey Avenue. The portion of Juliestown Road between Montpelier Street and West 10th Street will continue to be temporarily closed. The detours signs will remain in place to direct traffic. The Juliestown Road checkpoint will be unaffected by this change. The purpose of the fencing is to provide a construction area that is independently fenced off from the remainder of the Fort Dix cantonment area.

This will alleviate the need for hundreds of construction personnel to access any on-post housing area. It will also prevent the need to route construction vehicles through the installation to the housing area from the Commercial Vehicle Gate.

The fencing will prevent heavy construction traffic from entering adjoining residential neighborhoods, thus protecting neighborhood children from traffic as well as from other ongoing construction activities. The fencing will also allow for a smoother construction flow which should shorten the amount of time for project completion by one year thus lessening the inconvenience to neighboring residents.

Construction in the 1100 Area will last about 1.5 years. As construction areas are completed, they will be removed from the fenced-in construction area as soon as possible. Throughout the project United Communities will try to meld convenience to neighboring residents with the safety and performance of construction activities.

Fines to increase for N.J. traffic violations

Starting Aug. 15, the price of a ticket for violation of New Jersey Law 39-3-29 (Failure to show your driver's license, registration or insurance card at the time you are stopped is increasing from \$44 to \$173 per violation, or \$519 for all three.

Dix art director exhibits pottery

Shawn Morris
Public Affairs Staff

The ancient Greek philosopher Socrates claimed that, "The unexamined life is not worth living," and Jim Jansma, Fort Dix Arts and Crafts Center art director, would agree -- at least when it comes to art.

"For me, it's really important to have something you're passionate about," said Jansma, whose passion is currently on display at the Ruth Morpeth Gallery in Hopewell.

Nearly three-dozen, Asian-influenced clay vessels fill the gallery, representing the latest work from an accomplished artist.

"Because that's my area of interest and expertise, a lot of what I do focuses on ceramics," Jansma explained.

The idea for such an exhibit came to Jansma after he was awarded a New Jersey Council on the Arts Individual Artist Fellowship, one of only four given in the state for crafts.

"This is the third time I've gotten one," Jansma said. "New Jersey does a really nice job of supporting the arts that way."

Over the years, Jansma has done a really nice job at the Fort Dix Arts and Crafts Center, where he puts his Bachelors of Fine Arts degree from the Kansas City Art Institute and Masters of Fine Arts degree from the New York State College of Ceramics to good use.

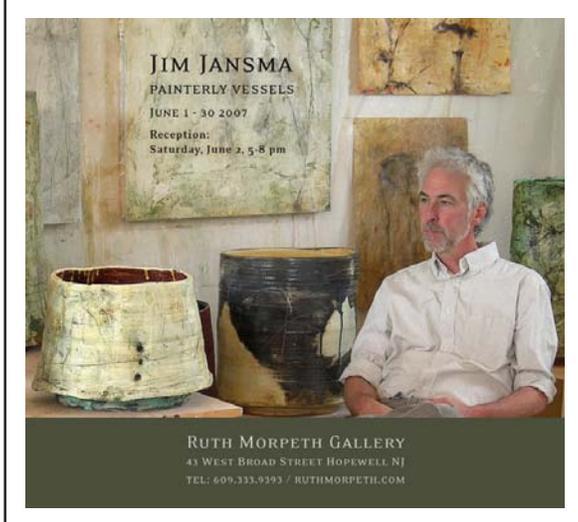
"We do pottery classes throughout the year for both children and adults," he said. "In the summertime, we do a lot with the kids."

Upcoming pottery classes at the Arts and Crafts Center include the Introductory Pottery Course for Adults, which runs from Aug. 8 to Sept. 12 on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-9 p.m.

Participants in this and other classes at the center get the opportunity to work one-on-one with Jansma and other qualified staff members. Perhaps most importantly, they have the chance to explore something new while having a good time.

"I think people are always looking for something to be passionate about," Jansma said. "You're always learning and asking questions and developing as a person."

Jansma has been developing his talent for some time. He was the artist in residence/program director at Peters Valley Craft Center from 1988-



ARTIST'S VISION -- Jim Jansma, art director for the Fort Dix Arts and Crafts Center, is displaying nearly three-dozen clay vessels at the Ruth Morpeth Gallery in Hopewell throughout the summer. Jansma's official statement regarding the exhibit is as follows: Prompted by a desire to express myself in a more painterly, mark making way, the work in this exhibition revisits the vessel after years of making ceramic sculpture. The generous forms provide the canvas, but unlike the flat picture plane of traditional painting, the dynamics of the surface change as you move around or rotate the piece. These vessels still honor the notion of containment: the exteriors are active while the interiors provide a calm and intimate space. It is an orchestration of clay, glaze, surface and form a culmination of my interests in painting, drawing sculpture and pottery."

1999; he was on the faculty at Princeton University where he taught the ceramics program from 1992-2003; he was an invited international artist at the Ansong Ceramic Art Festival in South Korea in 2003, returning in December 2006 as a visiting artist in conjunction with an exhibition in Seoul of American, Korean and work," he explained. "I go to the studio every night. I'm still curious. I'm

still learning."

And still living a life very much examined. (For more information on Jansma's exhibit, call the Ruth Morpeth Gallery at 333-9393 or visit www.ruthmorpeth.com. The exhibit is free of charge and is scheduled to be on display until the end of the summer.)

Army helps lift bald eagle off endangered list

Robert DiMichele
Army News Service

ABERDEEN, Md., June 28, 2007 - The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced today the removal of the bald eagle from the list of threatened and endangered species.

The action, called a delisting, comes about because the nation's symbol has recovered to the point that it no longer needs protection afforded by the Endangered Species Act. It will become effective July 28, 30 days after publication of the final rule in the Federal Register.

Army environmental stewardship efforts played an important role in bringing the bald eagle back from the brink of extinction, according to Michael Dette, chief of natural resources at the U.S. Army Environmental Command.

Fifty-eight Army installations report bald eagles living on or near its properties. In fact, the bald eagle has been the most common threatened or endangered species reported on Army installations.

The species rebounded in the last 40 years, largely due to the government's banning of DDT in 1972 and the protections provided by listing the bald eagles the Endangered Species Act. Based on the most recent population figures, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service estimates there are at least 9,789 nesting pairs of bald eagles in the contiguous United States.

"Removing the bald eagle, the symbol of our country, from the list of threatened and endangered species is a great environmental triumph. It provides a tangible example of how far our nation and its military have progressed as environmental stewards," said Col. Michael P. O'Keefe, commander of the U.S. Army Environmental Command.

Army installations apply a number of different natural resource-management practices to protect the bald eagle and its habitat, according to Mr. Dette. Typically, garrison staffs work to maintain and improve forested habitat for both breeding and non-



file photo

MENDE WINGS -- Roger Smith, Fort Dix Natural Resources, left, talks about efforts on Fort Dix to help resident bald eagles. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service recently announced that bald eagles have been removed from the list of threatened and endangered species, thanks in part to the efforts of departments such as Fort Dix Natural Resources.

breeding eagles, minimize human disturbance in nesting and wintering areas, maintain and improve the availability and quality of food supplies, and minimize direct hazards to bald eagles. Installations identify special management areas around eagle nests, and evaluate proposed activities within these areas for impacts on the bald eagle population.

For example, on some installations, forest management, harvest and thinning activities are limited to mid-July through mid-December to prevent disruptions to nesting eagles. Army forest-management practices, such as timber rotation and the retention of snags, also improve eagle-nesting habitat.

In addition, Army wildlife specialists pay special attention to the potential for electrocution or collisions with power or communication lines, installing deflectors, avoidance

Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. On June 5, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service opened a 90-day public comment period on a proposal to create a permit program to authorize limited "take" or accidental killing or injury, of bald and golden eagles where the take is associated with, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities.

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The Army successfully protects more than 170 threatened and endangered species on its installations, to include the red cockaded woodpecker and the gray wolf. The Army and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service celebrated the recovery of the red cockaded woodpecker population on Fort Bragg last summer, five years ahead of schedule.

While the bald eagle has been removed from the list of threatened and endangered species, it will continue to be managed under both the

and Golden Eagle Protection Act and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. On June 5, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service opened a 90-day public comment period on a proposal to create a permit program to authorize limited "take" or accidental killing or injury, of bald and golden eagles where the take is associated with, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities.

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Soldiers dismantle largest man-made reef

Lindy Dinklage
Army News Service

FORT EUSTIS, Va. — Soldiers from the 97th Transportation Company recently returned from a more unconventional mission — recovering thousands of tires from off the Florida coast in an effort to dismantle the world's largest man-made reef.

The 15 Soldiers spent two and a half months off the Florida coast, conducting training operations for dive teams. They then traveled down coast to Fort Lauderdale, where they began a historic effort in environmental preservation.

"In 1972 a number of organizations with good intentions dropped about two million tires in the Atlantic Ocean in an effort to build the world's largest man-made reef," said Chief Warrant Officer Shane Sherrad, vessel master for the LCU-2017, El Caney. "In reality, nothing grew, and the tires began to drift, damaging the existing reefs on either side of the man made reef. Our job was to figure out how to recover the tires in order to protect the other reefs."

The hundreds of thousands of tires lining the ocean bottom have begun to wash up on local

shores and into existing marine life, making them a hazardous presence on the ocean floor. The mission is an unconventional one, and the LCU crew faced the task with no existing template of how to complete the project.

Upon arriving in Florida, the Soldiers were given several plans for completing the mission.

"We reviewed those plans, told them what would work and what wouldn't. In the end, we tried three different plans and chose the best from there," Sherrad said.

The crew settled on a plan that had them take position between the two live reefs running parallel with the coast, where divers would bundle approximately 50 to 60 tires together with a steel cable. The tires were then brought to the surface with lift bags and towed into the LCU, lifted with a crane and dropped into the containers.

The operation was an exercise in environmental responsibility. After the tires were collected, they were transported to a Georgia facility where they will be burned to create energy to power a recycling plant.

"The whole mission was about recycle, recycle, recycle," Sherrad said.

The Eustis LCU crew manned the boat for the entire mission, with Army, Navy and Coast Guard divers participating together to recover the tires.

"It was a great experience, being with the three branches and working there together," said Staff Sgt. Don Morales, who worked on the deck, bringing on containers and tires and doing other maintenance to ensure the boat was in peak performance.

The crew got no small share of media attention, with individuals from CNN, Discovery and a number of area newspapers and television stations reporting the mission.

"It's such a significant environmental issue," Sherrad said. "There were individuals from Germany and England there. There was a big interest in how we were doing it, because others would like to be able to take on projects like this themselves. We're taking down the world's largest artificial reef. It had never been done before, and we had to find a way to do it."

The mission was an opportunity for the Army to showcase its skills in environmental protection.

"The Army goes well above and beyond the civilian environmental laws," Sherrad said. "There isn't a civilian company out there who sticks to the same environmental standards the Army does."

Sgt. 1st Class Jose Lopez acted as the second in command. "On a daily basis, everything we do is about environmental protection," he said.

In addition to helping the environment, the mission also helped save the state of Florida millions of dollars. The project would have taken \$20 million to complete using civilian funds, but will cost just \$2 million with the military taking the helm.

The Soldiers moved thousands of tires during the mission, and it is slated to continue into 2010. Summer crews of Army vessels and divers will continue to visit the coasts of Florida each summer and remove the tires.



courtesy photo

TIRELESS EFFORT — Soldiers of the 97th Transportation Company from Fort Eustis, Va., recently returned from an unconventional mission — recovering thousands of tires off the Florida coast to dismantle the world's largest man-made reef. The mission is a historic effort in environmental preservation.

Guard Soldiers share more than just rank



Kryn P. Westhoven, Dept. of Military and Veterans Affairs
DYNAMIC DUO — Harold and Lisa Homan celebrate their promotions to sergeant major at the New Jersey Army National Guard's Joint Forces Headquarters on Fort Dix.

Kryn P. Westhoven
DMAVA, PAO

Ever since they married fourteen years ago the military careers of Lisa and Harold Homan have mirrored each other in rank and responsibility.

And now these two New Jersey Army National Guard Soldiers share the rank of Sergeant Major as they were promoted together recently at the Guard's Joint Forces Headquarters on Fort Dix.

For this husband and wife having the promotion ceremony at Dix just added another chapter to their lives that seem to revolved around the installation.

Harold met Lisa while she was attending the NBC (Nuclear, Biological and Chemical) course, only one slight problem: Lisa lived and belong to the Guard in Michigan.

"We dated for a week, she went home for a week and came back for BNCO (Basic

Non-Commissioned Officer Course) and we were married four months later," explained Harold.

"The Guard gave me my husband, I don't have the hand receipt, but I am sure I will get one," quipped Lisa after having her new rank pinned on by the Brig. Gen. Maria Falca-Dodson, Deputy Adjutant General of New Jersey.

One might think with both being in uniform and First Sergeant's at the same time, Lisa handled the 21st Civil Support Team (CST) at Fort Dix and Harold was Top at 2-113th Infantry, would be tough on a marriage.

For this pair it was a chance to succeed both personally and professionally.

"I believe it is that we are both in, we know what to

expect and we both know the challenges and we each help each other deal with those challenges," said Harold.

Quickly Lisa adds with a laugh "We have NCOPT Sergeant Major for the 50th Infantry Brigade Combat Team (BCT).

Harold's new job has a deployment in the future, but the couple have dealt with separations over the course of their marriage. But a deployment to Iraq is more than a couple weeks, but that does not lessen the desire to serve for the Homan's.

"I am looking forward to deployment and in fact she wants to deploy too," added Harold.

"We'll see how that goes but we want to go together," he said

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Sgt. Maj. Lisa Homan

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PROGRAMS

Summer Art Kamp for Kids and Teens
July 24-27, July 30-Aug. 3
Aug. 21-24
12:30 - 2 p.m. for kids
2:30 - 4 p.m. for teens

Our popular annual Art Kamp has expanded sessions. Children ages 6-12 and teens can explore a variety of mediums to include pottery, ceramics, sewing and a variety of crafts. A \$50 fee for each session includes materials, and there are

family and multiple-session discounts available.

Quilts For Kids
July 14, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Adult Craft Classes
Tuesdays, 6 - 8:30 p.m.
July 19.....Beach Design
Flare Ware
\$5 fee plus materials

Krafty Birthdays
Arts and Crafts offers fun and affordable Krafty Birthday parties, which include up to two hours of party room use, one kraft project with instruction and all materials, plus a digitally mastered photo t-shirt for the birthday child! Your choice of crafts includes ceramic painting, create-a-critter stuffed animals, jewelry, and a variety of other fun and popular crafts.

Contemporary Ceramic Studio

Looking for a place to walk in, relax, and get creative? This is the place for you and your family to paint functional or decorative items to give as gifts or keep for yourself. We have many bisque ware items to choose from: plates and mugs to piggy banks, lots of

project ideas, and a helpful staff to get you started. You do the painting and we'll complete your masterpiece with a food-safe glaze and firing. Come and have fun!

Christmas in July
Get an early start on those Christmas gifts and decorations this year. For the whole month of July, receive 20-percent off all Christmas items.

Sewing Classes
Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
July 25.....Surprise in a Kit
July 21.....Fabric Trip to Philly Fabric Row

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JROTC cadets hit new heights



Shawn Morris

The stakes were high as hundreds of Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) cadets from two-dozen high schools developed their team-building skills at the Fort Dix Leadership Reaction Course July 9.



Shawn Morris

Spec. Melissa Bleimeyer, 53rd Infantry Brigade, Florida National Guard, above, coaches Cadet Jimmy Colon, Pleasantville High School, down the rappel tower on Fort Dix.



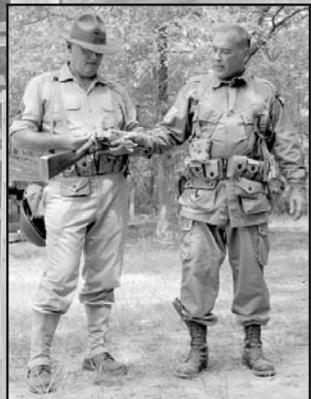
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Cadet Nick Sherman, Washingtonville High School, Washingtonville, N.Y., and Cadet Josh Rosa, Malcolm X Shabazz High School, Newark, above, tackle one of the challenging obstacles on the Fort Dix Leadership Reaction Course. Cadet teams rotated through the course's many stations.



Spec. Pablo Vizcaino, 444th MPAD

Cadet Brian Gallagher, Washingtonville High School, Washingtonville, N.Y., above, prepares to let go of the rope and splash down, while his fellow JROTC cadets practice boat maneuvers during training at Amphibious Lake July 8.



Shawn Morris

Maj. Robert Snyder, head of the JROTC Living History program and senior JROTC instructor at Lakewood High School, above left, and Sgt. Maj. John Wilson, JROTC instructor at Lakewood High School, above right, demonstrate weapons and tactics from American history.



Shawn Morris

Cadet Katie Sosa, Washingtonville High School, Washingtonville, N.Y., takes a break from training to enjoy a Meal, Ready-to-Eat.



Spec. Pablo Vizcaino, 444th MPAD

Cadet Thomas McCoy, Lenape High School, Mt. Laurel, above, swims for the shore at Amphibious Lake during water-survival training July 8.



Shawn Morris

Cadets display proper military bearing as they stand at attention in formation.



Pascual Flores

JROTC cadets make a splash as they defend themselves against a water-balloon attack using Roman "shields" and tactics during the Living History presentation.



Pascual Flores

Cadets Nicole Sepulveda, Port Richmond High School, Staten Island, N.Y., Thomas McCoy, Lenape High School, Mt. Laurel, and Alyssa Sokel, Neptune High School, from left above, gear up for their turn on the rappel tower.

Sled hockey scores with wounded warriors

Elaine Wilson
Army News Service

SAN ANTONIO - Spc. Hollis Richardson glides across the rink balancing his body on just a slab of metal and two thin blades. He digs two sticks into the ice, kicking up a light mist as he rushes to propel himself to the puck. Veering to the right, he evades an opponent and knocks the puck to a teammate just as he collides with another player, metal slashing metal.

He quickly rights himself, gains balance and glides back into the game.

Like his time on the ice, life has been a balancing act for Richardson since he was injured just over a year ago. He was patrolling in Iraq when a rocket-propelled grenade struck his right leg and shrapnel riddled his left. The medics were racing to get him on a stretcher and out of danger when he was shot in the back. He sustained massive nerve damage to his right leg and partial to his left. He also fractured his pelvic bone.

Richardson has spent the last year recovering at Brooke Army Medical Center, learning how to walk again and tinkering with car engines in his free time. He heard about a sled hockey team from his buddies at the hospital and decided to try it out, although he was a self-proclaimed non-athlete.

"I never played sports before, except for some soccer as a kid," the 23-year-old said, a little out of breath after a two-hour practice at the Ice Center at Northwoods here. "It's been fun. I plan to keep it up. I have my own sled now and my name on my gear."

Richardson and his teammates, a mix of wounded warriors and local players, comprise the San Antonio Rampage Sled Hockey Team. The sport is a modified version of

ice hockey, altered to accommodate physical disabilities. Players propel themselves across the ice with sticks a third of the regulation size while riding on metal-frame sleds balanced on two skate blades. Aside from the equipment, the rules are about the same, as are the wrenching collisions and puck battles on the ice.

The team's coach, Lonnie Hannah, is well known in the sled hockey scene - he was part of the U.S. sled hockey team that won the gold medal at the 2002 Paralympic Games and bronze in 2006.

"The sport is great therapy, not just physically but mentally," said Hannah, also a former national champion speed skater. "It gets the guys out of the hospital and into society."

Hannah speaks from experience. He was injured in a work-related accident more than 20 years ago. But rather than being bound to a wheelchair, Hannah switched from speed skating to adaptive sports. He played wheelchair tennis and basketball before he discovered a passion for sled hockey.

"In the hospital, people are there to help, to do for you," said Hannah. "But at the rink, you're carrying and putting on your equipment, doing everything for yourself. It builds resilience."

Like the coach, the referees also are volunteers. They officiate games and help facilitate weekly practices.

One of the referees stepped onto the rink near the end of a Monday afternoon practice and sped across the ice with the ease of a lifelong skater. He moved the puck from the edges of the rink to keep the game going, as he joked with players to keep the mood light. The referee is a familiar face on and off the rink for the players, since he's also the commander of Fort Sam Houston.

"There's a great sense of camaraderie," said Maj. Gen. Russell Czerw, who tries to squeeze as much ice time as he can into his busy schedule. "Everyone is out here working together; the sport brings a sense of team and unity."

"It's also an exhausting sport. Not so much for these guys, but for the ones who play them and aren't used to the game," he added with a smile.

Since sled hockey is not a common sport in San Antonio, teammates play each other or "stand-up" hockey players take a seat for a game. But the game is tough for players who are accustomed to a different version of the sport.

"They had no problem beating us," said Air Force Staff Sgt. Jason Hess, member of the San Antonio Men of War, a local ice hockey team that played the Rampage June 16; Hess' team lost 3-1. "It's a lot more challenging than it looks. It takes a lot of strength and balance to play on a sled."

The team's coordinator, Janis Roznowski, is working to beef up the opposition for the team. The creator of the non-profit group Operation Comfort, Roznowski was the driving force behind the sled hockey team. She decided to start a local team after taking a group of wounded warriors on a ski trip to Sun Valley, Idaho, in 2004, where they got their first glimpse of the sport.

"The guys' eyes lit up," said Roznowski. "I thought it would be great to start a team here."

What started out as a few players knocking around the puck has grown into an organized team with national aspirations. "The San Antonio Rampage (local professional ice hockey team) adopted us, donating equipment, and San Antonio Parks and Recreation has been a great help," said Roznowski, who continues to help the players from BAMC with transportation and fund-



Don Nelson

COLD AS ICE -- Mike Marsh, player for the San Antonio Rampage Sled Hockey Team, reaches for the puck during a June 16 game vs. the San Antonio Men of War, which is normally a "stand-up" team. The Rampage team, comprising wounded warriors and civilians, won the game 3-1.

ing for rink time. "Our next hockey team welcomes new and retired Sgt. Chris Levstep is to build the team up and players, and has an added perk, an amputee who was injured in Iraq. "I love the games so we can be competitive on a national level."

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Summer Games

The Army Community Service Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) is sponsoring an EFMP Summer Games for EFMP members from Fort Dix, McGuire, Fort Monmouth and NAES Lakehurst military communities, 25 August 2007 at John Mann Park, Fort Dix from 1100-1500. Games include basketball, baseball, horse shoes, swimming, bowling, relay races and other competitions for EFMP and Family members. Prizes and trophies will be awarded.

Registration is mandatory. Registration: Monday, 25 June - Friday 3 August 2007. Call ACS at 609-562-2767, POC: Evelyn Dingle, EFMP Manager.

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 562-4702 or 562-5231 for more information.

Soccer Registration

Soccer registrations are open to dependents or family members of active duty, retired military, DoD Civilians, and contractors who have registered with Child and Youth Services.

Children 3-8 are eligible to register during open registration. Children 9-10 will be put on a waiting list.

All children must have a current physical before playing.

For more information, call 562-2819.

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.

FCI locked in at first

FCI continues to dominate the competition. Since winning the pre-season championship, FCI has beaten the Warriors, the Wildcats and the Renegades, for a 3-0 regular season record. Lou Reyes, right, and the rest of the team have been a powerful force for the past several years. Steel Angel and MRB are both undefeated, both sitting with a record of 2-0. Steel Angel finished in second place for the pre-season championship, narrowly losing to FCI. Also undefeated is NRDP, with a record of 1-0. Showtime, Free Agents and the Wildcats all stand at 1-1. BOHICA is currently 0-1. The Renegades are 0-2, and the Admirals are also looking for their first victory with a record of 0-3.



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ARMY
TEN-MILER TEAM

28 July at 09:00

Griffith Field House will host Army Ten-Miler

*Time Trial Qualifications.

Play Soccer!!!
Fort Dix Youth Sports League

Registrations Run from June 18th to July 27th
(Practices Start the First Week of August.)

- Soccer Registrations are open to Dependents of Family Members of Active Duty, Retired Military, DOD Civilians, or Contractors that have their Child Registered with CYS.
- Children ages 3 - 8 are eligible to register during Open Registration. Children ages 9 - 10 will be put on a Waiting List.

★ Before Play, all Children must have a current Physical.

For More Information, Please Contact Chris or Steve at the Youth Sports Office (609) 562-2819/5519



Cav squadron squared away



photos by Ryan Morton

Soldiers from the Maryland National Guard's Troop Bravo, 158th Cavalry Squadron, 58th Brigade Combat Team, undergo mobilization training at the Fort Dix Military Operations on Urban Terrain (MOUT) site, commonly known as Batad. Soldiers deal with various tasks such as responding to enemy fire, top, evacuating a casualty, above, convoy ops, left, and dealing with Civilians On the Battlefield, far left.

MARCHING THROUGH TIME

Fort Dix 1917-2007

Post 90th Anniversary Edition

July 13, 2007

From Camp to Fort, Dix serves Soldiers for 90 years

In late summer 1916, farmers near the quiet rural village of Wrightstown harvested their last corn crop.

One hectic year later, the rolling farmland was transformed into a training center that would produce a new crop: Soldiers to fight in the trenches of World War I.

The new military post was named Camp Dix, in honor of Major General John Adams Dix, a soldier who served in both the War of 1812 and the Civil War, a United States Senator, Governor of New York., Minister to France, and Secretary of the Treasury.

It was early morning June 1, 1917, that Capt. George W. Mulhern and a small band of 19 officers and enlisted men from Company C of the 26th New Jersey Engineers arrived at Wright-

stown. Thirteen days later, the contract was signed for construction of a cantonment site which would, in time, become the largest military installation in the eastern United States.

The newly selected site—a series of fields and pastures—was soon transformed by the frenetic activity of saws, hammers, and the voices of the 5,000 men who poured into the city called Camp Dix.

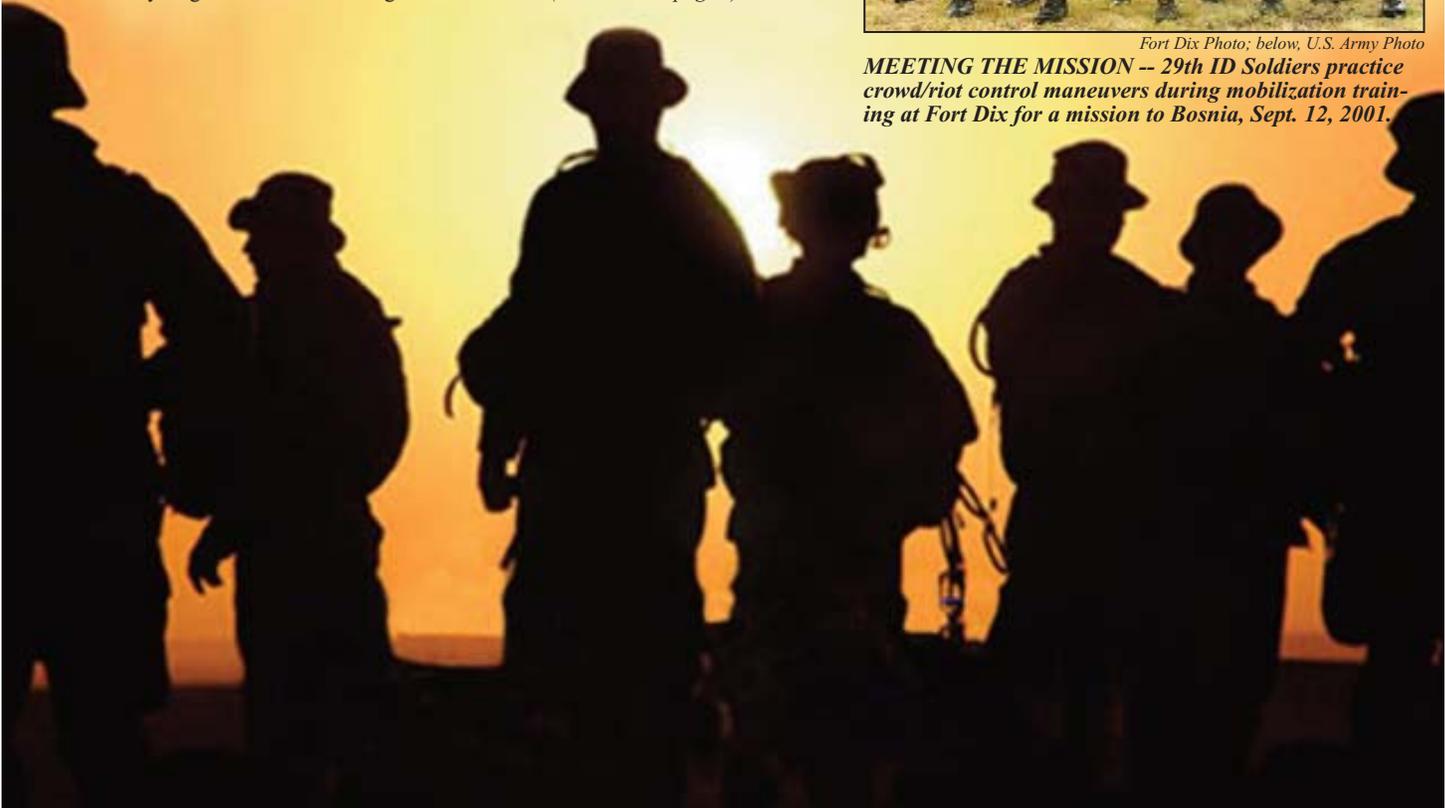
By 1918, some 41 million board feet of raw lumber; 1 million board feet of milled lumber; 75,000 wooden sashes; 9,000 wooden doors; 13,000 kegs of nails; 4,000 cast iron heaters; 13,500 telephone poles; and 7,200 feet troughs had been used in construction of this “city”.

A typical barracks was started and completed
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Fort Dix Photo; below, U.S. Army Photo

MEETING THE MISSION -- 29th ID Soldiers practice crowd/riot control maneuvers during mobilization training at Fort Dix for a mission to Bosnia, Sept. 12, 2001.



War years brought population boom to area

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during a 10-hour work day. This included laying out the building line, excavating; carrying, setting and cutting off foundation post, setting sills and girders, setting first and second-floor joints; floor post; siding; and roofing.

War Department records indicated that June 30, 1919, \$13 million had been spent on construction at Camp Dix.

Camp Dix rapidly grew into one of the nation's largest military training camps as the 78th, 87th, and the 34th Divisions reported for training. The 78th Division was one of the newly formed infantry divisions of the National Army, and it was assigned to Camp Dix from August 1917 to May 1918, when it was sent overseas.

In addition to the 78th Division, other major organizations were activated at Camp Dix and carried on training simultaneously with the divisions. The largest of these was the 167th Field Artillery Brigade (Black), which was activated in November 1917 and a part of the 92nd Infantry Division (Buffalo Soldiers).

Following the armistice, Camp Dix became a demobilization center.

During the period between wars, the Camp was a training ground for active Army, Army Reserve, National Guard Units. The Citizens Military Training Corps (CMTC) conducted summer training under the 1st and 78th Infantry Divisions CMTC was one of the citizen military preparedness program begun after World War I, with the goal of having a citizen army that could be mobilized quickly in the event of war.

From 1933 to 1941, the Camp was also a reception, training and discharge center for those in the Civilian

Conservation Corps (CCC). The CCC men performed many conservation task: planted trees, constructed reservoirs and fish ponds, built dams, dug diversion ditches, built bridges, and erected fire towers.

The first Army Air Field was a dirt runway with a windsock.

Construction of a permanent airfield began in 1937. The Fort Dix Army Air Field was funded by the Works Progress Administration, and constructed by the CCC

The effect of post expansion and construction on neighboring townships in 1941 was reminiscent of World War I days and the first construction year at Camp Dix. Early announcement that more than 30, 000 soldiers would be trained at Fort Dix created a real estate boom in the surrounding towns of Pemberton, Wrightstown, Browns Mills, New Egypt, Jobstown, and Cookstown, and workers as well as Soldiers poured into the area continuously for the next five years.

men at Camp Dix. In 1940 the airfield was expanded and approximately 17,000 acres of adjacent land were purchased to build additional runways and enlarge others. The airfield was first used by the 199th and 126th Observation Squadrons, National Guard units inducted into federal service in 1941. The Army Air Force units were operations, medium range bombing, and receiving war casualties.

On March 8, 1939 Camp Dix became a permanent Army installation and its name was changed to Fort Dix. It served as a reception and training center for men inducted under the first peace-time draft of 1939.

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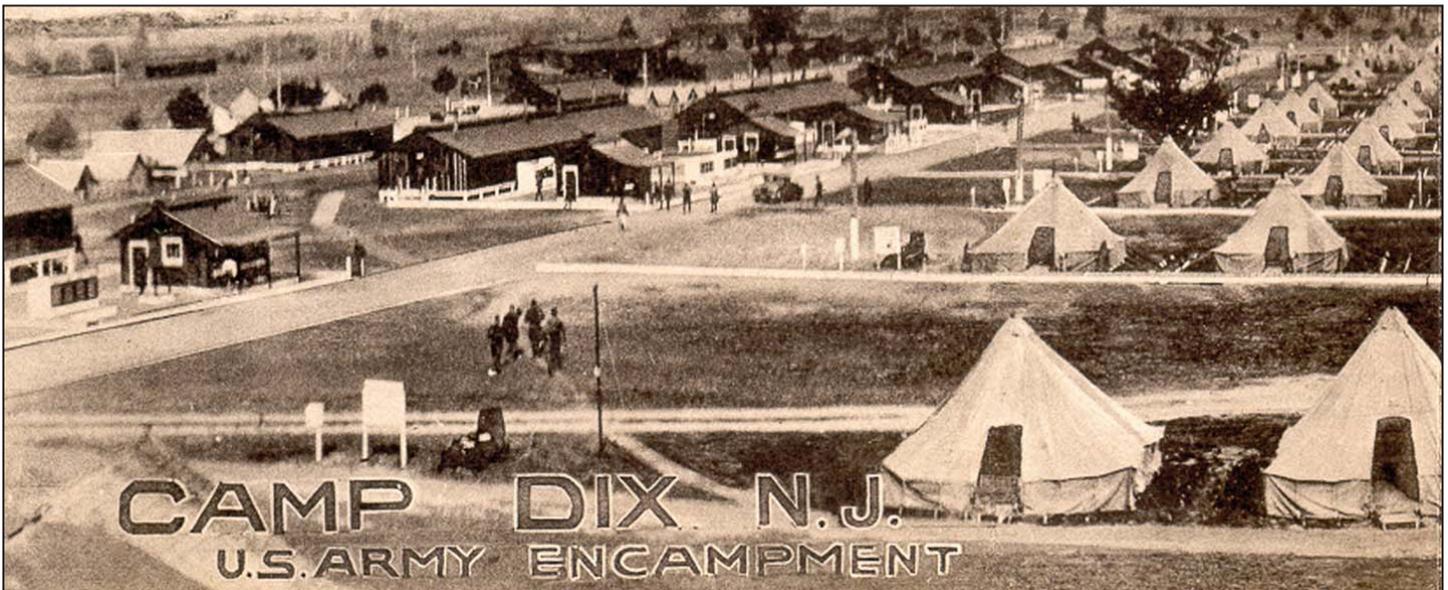
Expansion also meant the disappearance of the town of Pointville, which was annexed by the War Department. Leona Schmidt, a former employee at Fort Dix, recalled her childhood years in Pointville. She attended the two-room schoolhouse near the edge of town. The school held all eight grades, one grade per row. Her teacher, Mami Fort, provided hot chocolate with the usual classroom instruction. During the week of August, 1942, the town of Pointville passed out of existence, its only remains the peaceful cemetery located on Texas Avenue across from the Fort Dix Reception Station.

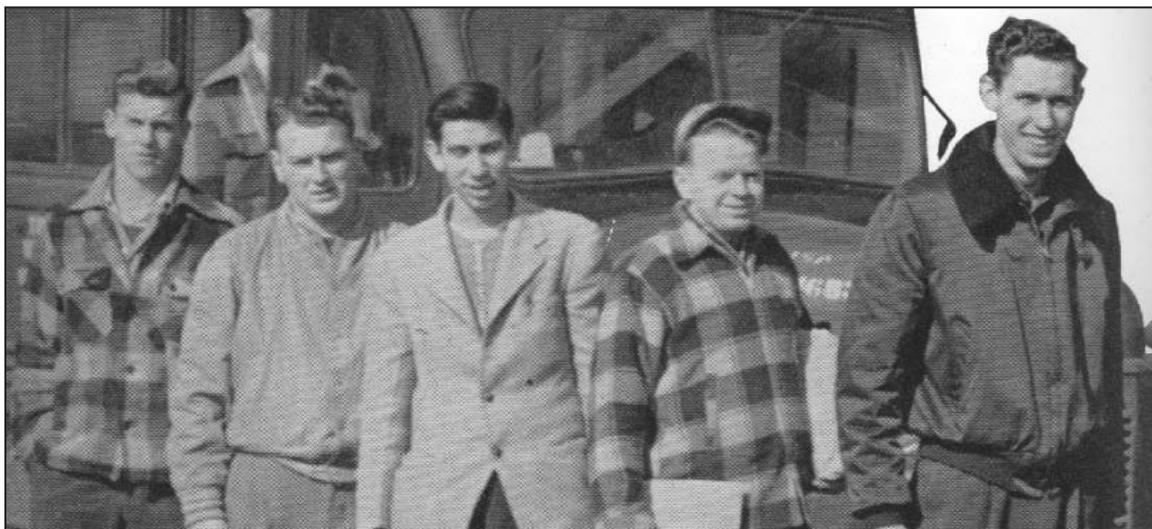
The first World War II era division to arrive at Fort Dix was the 44th Infantry Division; it was activated on Sept 16, 1940. It was at Fort Dix until January 1942 when it was sent to the Carolinians for extensive combat training. The 34th Red Bull Division arrived in early 1942.

It was followed by eight other divisions, 4th Infantry Division, 85th Infantry Division, 90th Infantry Division, 80th Infantry Division and the 102nd Infantry Division – and numerous brigades, regiments, and battalions that either trained or staged here prior to the battlefields of World War II.

At the end of World War II, the reception center became the separation center, returning some 1, 200,000 Soldiers to civilian life.

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INCOMING -- Draftees arrive at Fort Dix in 1952, when the post was busy training Soldiers for the bitter conflict in Korea. The era saw the standardization of basic training and a boom in construction on post, including most of the major family housing areas. Below, Soldiers from the Fort Dix Non-Commissioned Officers Academy take to the ranges, part of a military education expansion at the installation that soon included military occupational specialty training and professional development training for all ranks. (Fort Dix Photos)

Basic Training mission filled Fort Dix ranges

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In 1947 Fort Dix was designated a basic training center.

Standardized basic training was in the evolutionary process in 1950 when the Army was once again called to the battlefields, this time in the little-known country of Korea. Soldiers found a different type of training when they came through the fort, more designed for the war they would fight. Little attention was paid to the post during the conflict, however, as the nation was still enmeshed in the post-war boom that followed World War II.

In 1955, the Army adopted a standard program for initial entry Soldiers, and Fort Dix was one of the first places to field the program. During the following ten years, basic and advanced individual training saw more than half a million Soldiers enter the Army through Fort Dix.

In 1967, Fort Dix was renamed the U.S. Army Training Center, Fort Dix.

Fort Dix expanded rapidly during the Vietnam War, as the American soldier was called upon to fight in a land thousands of miles from home.

A mock Vietnam village was constructed and additional training was given to officers and enlisted soldiers prior to their going overseas.

The Modern Volunteer Army Program (VOLAR) was initiated in November of 1972. The results at Fort Dix were readily apparent in the form of increase services for the soldier and more new construction projects.

Among these were the Doughboy Inn, Post Laundry Facility, and the indoor Swimming Pool.

During the 70's, Fort Dix experienced significant improvement and reorganization in its installation and training mission as involvement in

Vietnam first levelled off and then declined.

The 5th Combat Support Training Brigade was renamed the 5th Advance Individual Training Brigade (CS) and began integrating women into its six MOS course.

New innovations in training came with the advent of Self Paced One Unit Training (SPO-TRAIN) in the 5th AIT Brigade, which was reorganized as the 5th Training Brigade in July of 1977.

In 1978, the 3rd BCT Brigade was reorganized as the 3rd Basic Training Brigade.

In October 1978, Fort Dix implemented a significant change in training by integrating women into its Basic Training Program along side male counterparts.

During 1984 and 1985, platoons of the 511th MP company participated in Operation Island Breeze in the island country of Grenada. The MP Company assisted in maintaining order and providing assistance as needed during the mission.

In 1988, the first class in Air Base Ground Defense course graduated at Fort Dix, a precursor of dozens of joint training programs among the services that would take place at Fort Dix during the last two decades of the century.

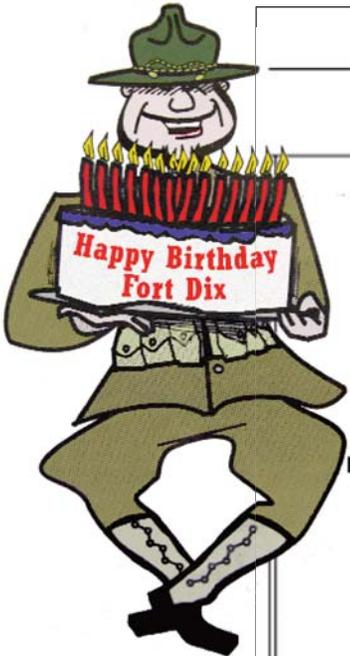
This program trained Air Force enlisted soldiers and officers in infantry tactics to better defend Air Force installations around the world.

But the year had another surprise in store for the venerable installation.

On December 29, 1988, the Commission on Base Realignment and Closure recommended that all Basic and Advance Individual Training at Fort Dix should be moved and consolidated at other posts, stripping Dix of its major mission.

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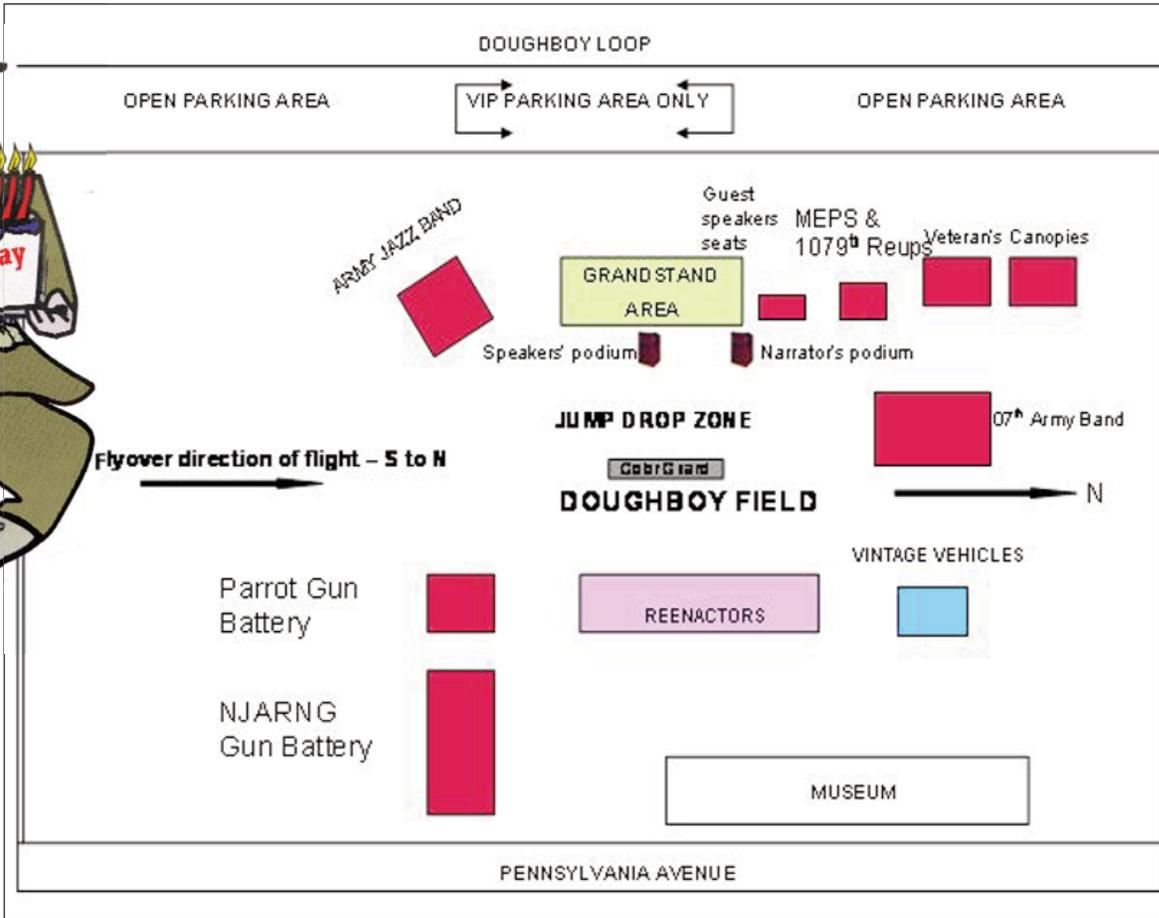




To learn more about Fort Dix's mission, or to find information about the installation such as:

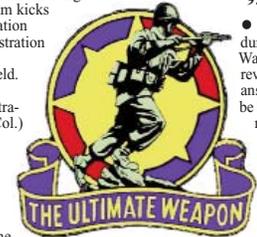
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www.dix.army.mil



Fort Dix 90th Birthday and change-of-command schedule of events

- 8:30 a.m.**
- The Army Blues Jazz Band plays pre-ceremony music as guests file in for the Fort Dix 90th Birthday Celebration. Both ten-minute and two-minute warnings will be given prior to the event's 9 a.m. start time.
- 8:40 a.m.**
- War Two will be reviewed, and veterans of that war will be honored by a cannon salute.
- 9 a.m.**
- The Army's Silver Wings Parachute Team kicks off the celebration with a demonstration jump over Doughboy Field. Following the jump demonstration, Chap. (Col.) Larry Biederman, installation chaplain, will give the Invocation, followed by the Army Blues Jazz Band's rendition of the National Anthem.
- 9:10 a.m.**
- Fort Dix history during the Korean War will be reviewed, and veterans of that war will be honored by a cannon salute.
- 9:15 a.m.**
- Col. David McNeil, installation commander, gives his opening remarks, followed by an aircraft flyover.
- 9:25 a.m.**
- Fort Dix history during World War One will be reviewed, and veterans of that war will be honored by a cannon salute.
- 9:30 a.m.**
- Fort Dix history during World War Two will be reviewed, and veterans of that war will be honored by a cannon salute.
- 9:40 a.m.**
- Fort Dix history during the Vietnam War will be reviewed, and veterans of that war will be honored by a cannon salute.
- 9:50 a.m.**
- Fort Dix history during the Vietnam War will be reviewed, and veterans of that war will be honored by a cannon salute.
- 10:05 a.m.**
- Fort Dix history during the Gulf War and the Global War on Terrorism will be reviewed, and veterans of those wars will be honored by a cannon salute.
- 10:10 a.m.**
- A select number of America's sons and daughters will take their oath to enlist or re-enlist in service to their country.
- 10:40 a.m.**
- Col. David McNeil offers his final remarks, followed by a traditional change-of-command ceremony during which Col. McNeil will relinquish command of Fort Dix to incoming commander Col. Ronald R. Thaxton.



Ultimate Weapon remains undying image of infantry



Like thunder, he lunges into battle. He carries 185 pounds of combat equipment, for he is ready to fight and protect his country. He has been a symbol of the infantryman – the Ultimate Weapon – for more than 30 years.

In 1957, the mission was assigned to build a statue. Now-retired Command Sgt. Maj. Billy L. Wright, a Willingboro resident, was chosen to oversee the creation of the symbol of the infantry.

“It started out as a small project. We had no idea it would turn out so big and last so long,” Wright said, reminiscing about the time spent creating the statue.

The project began, according to Wright, with Spec. 4 Steven Goodman, a clerk who worked under him.

“He had a natural talent to create things with his hands,” Wright said.

At the time, the post was an infantry post – a place for foot Soldiers to receive basic and advanced training. Post Commander Bruce C. Clarke told Wright he wanted a statue for Fort Dix that would be a symbol of the infantryman.

“They said they were looking for something that was exciting. They told us that the infantryman was the ultimate weapon. They said the Army can create all kinds of bombs and weapons, but it takes the infantryman to go in and hold the ground,” Goodman said.

Because the Army did not have a budget for artwork, supplies were scarce.

“I built the original statue with an old railroad track and odds and ends,” Goodman said. He was assisted in the construction by Pvt. Stuart Scherr, who had studied industrial arts with him in New York City.

After working 10 to 12 hours a day for 18 months, the job was finished, and so too was Goodman’s enlistment. He returned to the civilian world, and eventually founded his own importing company.

For years, he almost forgot about the statue.

Then in 1989, Goodman’s son wanted to stop on the way to Philadelphia to see the statue his father had built.

“We went there and I pointed out the area where it had been, but it was gone. I said they probably knocked it down and threw it into the garbage and that was that,” Goodman said.

But his wife suggested they stop at post

headquarters and see what happened to it. Goodman stopped a passing Soldier. “Hey fella, what ever happened to the Ultimate Weapon?” he asked. Goodman said the Soldier was startled.

“It was Maj. Gen. James W. Wurman, the post commander. I guess he wasn’t used to people around there calling him fella,” Goodman said.

“The general asked me why I wanted to know. I told him I had built it, and I wanted to show it to my kid,” he continued.

“He said, ‘Where have you been? We’ve been looking all over for you. The Ultimate Weapon has become the symbol of the American fighting man,’” Goodman recalled.

The general asked for Goodman’s help in restoring the statue.

The Ultimate Weapon statue stands in Infantry Park at the corner of 8th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue.

Goodman traveled about once a month to Fort Dix from his home in Cresskill in Bergen County to meet with the restoration committee, formed under the sponsorship of the Fort Dix Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army.

Summer heat and winter cold had taken their toll on the original statue, and although some repairs were made, it was decided that the symbol of the infantry needed recasting.

The original was taken to a foundry near Princeton where molds were made for recasting the statue in bronze. The statue was then taken to its new home on Fort Dix.

Goodman said he put a lot of his own time and money into the project, but that was not what was important to him.

“I take great pride in what I had done. I wanted to make sure it came out right,” he said.

But Goodman is only one of many who contributed to the estimated \$86,833 project cost. Fort Dix worked on a major fund-raising campaign and raised more than \$80,000 for recasting of the statue.

News of the restoration also reached the private sector, and donors contributed more than \$25,000 to the fund.

According to Wright, the statue has been a success because it doesn’t show a single race, creed or religion.

“It’s a symbol to be recognized,” he said.

Located in Infantry Park, the new statue, which stands 14-feet tall and weighs more than 300 pounds, was unveiled in August of 1989 and continues to be a symbol of excellence at Fort Dix.

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A mission that long for the many U.S. Army in the region -- took expand training focused implemented.

In August, 1990, Fort Dix began around for Desert Storm

As soldiers were deployed from Fort Dix, legal, clothing issues, additional training in weapons and chemical warfare

In January of 1991, civilians in basic military colleges and universities, communication specialists at Fort Dix learning to support U.S. military organizations hours after graduation in Saudi Arabia to take

Fort Dix returned after the Gulf War, and the Doughboy Field in A

But there was little decade, as the reserve deployed Soldiers to post around the world.

The post became an asset, then an installation, new identity evolved

In the spring of 1991, ent mission -- housing fleeing overcrowded country flared.

Through the summer a village for the refugees, communities nation-wide

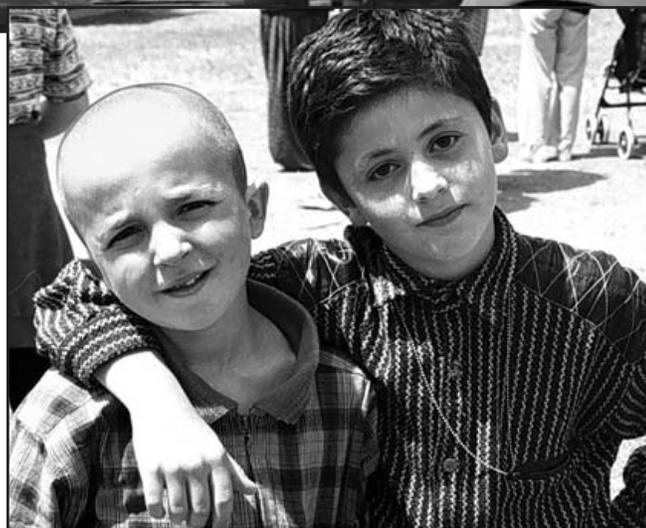
September 11, 2001 at Fort Dix.

The 29th Infantry training for a peacekeeping quickly followed as the

More than 100,000 mobilized through Fort Dix more on the ground and of the best theater in the You Fight philosophy

As the Global War continue at the installation challenge by the Baseline -- to join with McGuffey Station Lake the nation.

The post will welcome the anniversary of the anniversary of the U.S.



FACING CHANGE -- Fort Dix served as a staging area for a variety of personnel -- including National Guard Soldiers, above -- involved in the cleanup after the September 11, 2001 attack on the World Trade Center. Left, brothers check out their temporary home at Fort Dix during the 1999 Kosovo Refugee mission on post. More than 4,000 refugees from overcrowded camps were housed in the 5900 area on post while community sponsors were found for them until they could

Chapel's 'Windows of memory' honor 78th Division's sacrifices

"How still, but oh, how eloquent with voiceless murmurings of the past. Each window stands a monument by sacrificial service cast."

The quote of an unknown author depicts the beautiful images of glass in the post's Main Chapel.

The 78th Division, activated in August of 1917 shortly after the opening of Camp Dix, was the first complete division to be trained and sent directly overseas from Camp Dix where it served in World War I until it returned to Camp Dix.

The surviving members of the division received their discharges approximately one year from the month they first entered the service.

Before returning to the United States, members of the division established the "Association of the 78th Division." The Association is made up of men who served in either

the first or second world wars and present members of the 78th Division.

As a tribute to the heroic fallen on the field of battle and those who served in the World War, there were ten large stained-glass windows designed to reveal scenes of the wartime activities of the units of the 78th Division who served in the first World War.

The units depicted are: The 309th, 310th, 311th and 312th Infantry Regiments; the 303rd Engineers; the 307th, 308th and 309th Field Artillery Regiments; combined machine gun battalions; 303rd Ammunition Train; and the 303rd Sanitation Train.

The early history of these windows has been lost during the past four decades. The earliest recollection of people who reside in the Area of Fort Dix, or who are employed at Fort Dix, is the early 1960s.

The 10 memorial windows were then in the Post Chapel Number One, which was located at the intersection of Texas Avenue and Airfield Road, where they remained for the viewing pleasure of those who visited the chapel.

In a more modest proportion, there was a second series of windows erected to memorialize the members of the Second World War who had fallen while serving their country. These units of the 78th include the 303rd Field Signal Battalion, the combined Headquarters Unit, the 155th and 156th Infantry Brigades, the 153rd Field Artillery brigade, and the combined units of the 303rd Military Police, 303rd Train Headquarters Troops, and the 303rd Supply Train.

The windows of the Second World War commemorating the dead of the 78th Division were installed in the chapel as a project of the 78th Division Veterans Association and were dedicated with the installation of a bronze memorial plaque at a ceremony on Aug. 14, 1960.

These symbolic contributions to the memory of their comrades were made primarily by the veterans of the division through individual and unit donations.

Reason for the selection of the geographic site was because of the activities of the 78th Division's early years, which coincide with the history of Fort Dix.

For more than two decades, the windows of memory remained in the small chapel, unofficially known as the 78th Division Chapel, until the decision was made to remove them due to the deteriorating condition of the old wood structure. Stored for almost two years for the safe keeping of these valuable artifacts, they were then placed in their present location in the Main Chapel. The second dedication of the windows took place March 28, 1982, in the Main Chapel on New Jersey Avenue.

"Windows seem cold outside. It's only when one comes inside that they can see the splendor and beauty. Only when one comes into a life of faith can he see life."



SELFLESS SERVICE -- At left is one of 10 large, stained-glass windows on display in the Main Chapel that honor the sacrifice made by Soldiers of the 78th Division during World War I. Above is part of a second series of windows commemorating "Lightning Division" Soldiers lost during the Second World War.