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NEWSNOTES

Interview workshop hones skills for job seekers

A workshop designed to polish your interview skills will be presented by Fort Dix Army Community Service in partnership with Burlington County College, Job Placement Office Sept. 18 at 11:30 a.m. in the Army Community Service Conference Room, Bldg. 5201 Maryland Ave.

Register in advance of the workshop by calling Rod Martell, Army Community Service, at (609) 562-2186 or e-mail rod.martell@army.mil. Seating is limited to 20.

Java Cafe offers sip and surf time

The Java Cafe at Club Dix offers Starbucks Coffee, a variety of coffee specialties and fresh-baked treats Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Stop by the Computer Lounge and surf while you sip. Mondays and Tuesdays 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Wednesdays through Fridays, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays, noon to 10 p.m.

Wireless internet access is also available for visitors.

Seminar open for Spouses to Teachers program

Army Community Service is partnering with the Troops to Teachers program to offer military spouses the same benefits. A seminar outlining the program and the process is set for Oct. 17 at 11 a.m. in the ACS Conference Room, Building 5201 Maryland Avenue. To learn about the financial and educational benefits of the program, call Rod Martell at 562-2186 to register. Seating is limited to 20 people, so sign up now!

Tune in to WDX for community information

WDX, the Fort Dix Commander's Channel, runs current information on activities and events on post for all members of the community. Tune in to Channel 2 on Comcast Cable to keep up with what's happening on post -- and if you have an event you would like advertised on the station, give the Public Affairs office a call at 562-4035.

Garden Terrace 1100 Area fenced off

As of July 2, the Garden Terrace 1100 Area was fenced off to be included as part of the Garden Terrace construction area. 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.

WEATHER

FRIDAY -- Cooler with chance of showers in evening, high of 78 and overnight low of 61 degrees.

SATURDAY -- Morning showers, mostly cloudy all day with high of 76 and low of 51 degrees.

SUNDAY -- Sunny and clear, high of 70 degrees and overnight low of 47.

MONDAY -- Mostly sunny with a high near 74. Cloudy into evening, overnight low of 47.

TUESDAY -- Mostly sunny with high near 76 degrees, some evening clouds with low of 57 degrees.

WEDNESDAY -- Mostly sunny with a high near 78 degrees, overnight low in mid-50s.

THURSDAY -- Partly cloudy, slight chance of evening showers, high of 76 and overnight low of 52.



Shawn Morris

APPLYING PRESSURE -- Paul Lapadula, a senior instructor with the Fort Dix Combat Lifesaver Course and Reserve Soldier, trains mobilizing troops in combat casualty care.

Troops train to save lives

Shawn Morris
Public Affairs Staff

More than 100,000 Soldiers have mobilized and demobilized through Fort Dix since Sept. 11, 2001. In addition, these troops have completed another very important task at the nation's premier power generation platform -- they've trained to or above standard in preparation for their part in the Global War on Terrorism.

A big part of that training is first aid, a task undertaken by every mobilizing Soldier at Fort Dix. While this instruction provides a solid founda-

tion, the Fort Dix Combat Lifesaver (CLS) course has the staff and facilities to build upon that training and save even more lives in combat.

Since deploying Soldiers have the most immediate need for the knowledge and training offered by the CLS course, they are now given priority seating at the school. To emphasize this point, the 72nd Field Artillery Brigade -- which is responsible for mobilization training on Fort Dix -- now has oversight of the CLS course to ensure the latest lessons learned are incorporated into training.

"Because we are a mobilization center, our goal is to prepare mobiliz-

ing troops for deployment," explained Lt. Col. Patricia Rupert, an Observer Controller/Trainer with the 72nd Field Artillery Brigade who is also the Officer-in-Charge of the CLS course.

"Here, we focus on the people who haven't had (the CLS training) or those who need to be recertified before they go in-theater," she continued.

"The more people you have trained, the more lives are going to be saved," Rupert noted.

"The combat lifesaver is a non-medical Soldier trained to provide emergency care as a secondary mis-

sion. Each squad and crew should have at least one member trained to be a combat lifesaver," according to course literature.

The CLS course lasts four days, with three days of classroom training culminating in a one-day, field-training exercise where trainees must prove they can put into practice what they've learned while subjected to simulated attacks and screaming instructors.

"They do great things here," said Rupert, who is a registered nurse in civilian life. "It's good to see on a larger scale how well-trained our troops are."

Petraeus reports security progress, proposes cutbacks

WASHINGTON (American Forces Press Service, Sept. 11, 2007) - Gen. David H. Petraeus, commander of Multi-National Force Iraq, told the House Armed Services and Foreign Affairs committees yesterday that coalition and Iraqi forces have made significant security progress since the

plus-up began. "As a result, the United States will be in a position to reduce its forces in Iraq in the months ahead," he said.

Gen. Petraeus recommended two units that make up the plus-up force: a Marine expeditionary unit to redeploy later this month, and an Army brigade combat to redeploy in mid-December. He also recommended that four additional brigade combat teams and two plus-up Marine battalions redeploy without replacement during the first seven months of 2008.

"Five Army brigade combat teams, a Marine expeditionary unit and two Marine battalions represent a very

significant force," he said. "They are the force, in fact, that have helped us substantially in achieving some of the recent gains that our troops have fought so hard to achieve."

Gen. Petraeus said his proposed timeline for a drawdown of these plus-up forces reflects a careful consideration of conditions on the ground, successes made to date, and what's needed to maintain and build on those successes.

Gen. Petraeus said the plan represents a careful balance of important factors. Among them, he said, is the fact that political progress in Iraq will take place only if there's enough security.

Meanwhile, he said, he recognizes that force reductions as the plus-up runs its course will benefit the long-term viability of U.S. ground forces.

In developing his proposal, he said, he factored in operational requirements as well as demands on the force. He said he's "very aware"

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"Our country's men and women in uniform have done a magnificent job in the most complex and challenging environment imaginable. All Americans should be very proud of their sons and daughters serving in Iraq today."

Gen. David Petraeus
Commander,
Multi-National Force
Iraq



INFO TO GO -- Guest speaker Lt. Col. (Ret.) Ray Russell, Military Officers Association of America, Pines and Lakes Chapter, will update retirees on pending legislation affecting them at the Fort Dix Retiree Appreciation Day at Griffith Field House September 15.

Retirees welcome at Appreciation Day

The annual Fort Dix Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD) will be held on Saturday, September 15, in Griffith Field House, on 8th street at Doughboy Loop.

The doors will open to the retirees at 8 a.m.

A buffet continental breakfast will be available, compliments of AUSA. The County Fair of information booths will be available to provide retirees with handouts, information and simple medical screenings.

The formal ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. with the posting of the colors by members of the the Lenape JROTC.

Keynote speaker will be Lt. Col.

Shane Ostrom USAF (Ret), Deputy Director, Benefits, Information Department, Military Officers Association of America. LTC Raymond R. Russell USA (Ret) will also provide an update on legislation affecting retirees.

Immediately following the formal ceremony, entertainment will be provided, with songs by SFC Eric Turner and Rachelle Simpson. The Old Guard will provide a flag folding and simple medical screenings.

To support the Annual Fort Dix Retiree Appreciation Day, Griffith Field House will remain closed until 6 a.m. Sept. 18. Doughboy Gym Bldg. 5953 Newport Street, will be open during this period.

the mind field

*You're a grand old flag,
You're a high flying flag
And forever in peace may you wave.*
-excerpt from George C. Cohan's song, "You're a Grand Old Flag"



FLAG WAVING -- James Cagney as songwriter George M. Cohan, left center, gets down in the 1942 film, "Yankee Doodle Dandy." American patriotism of the time was brash and unapologetic with soul-searching left for others. We celebrate Patriot Day on Sept. 11.

Patriotism's proud patrimony



Steve Snyder
Public Affairs Staff

During a legal wrangle several decades ago, a sitting Justice on the Supreme Court admitted that he couldn't define pornography but knew it when he saw it.

Patriotism is a similarly elusive concept. It's not always easy to define but its practitioners often stick out like an oasis in a desert.

Love of country is the simplest definition of patriotism but how can such love be properly identified? Can we simply accept at face value anyone's claim to love their country? Does slapping a bumper sticker on our car proclaiming our support for American Soldiers authenticate genuine patriotism? Or is something more required?

Actions in defense of one's country or to improve one's country are considered patriotic when they exact a price from the actor; a toll collected in the nether regions of pain, suffering, sacrifice, or even death.

Consider Pat Tillman, for instance. A star safety with the Arizona Cardinals in the NFL, Tillman turned down a three-year contract worth a reported \$3.6 million to enlist in the U.S. Army. The 9/11 attack on New York City apparently prompted Tillman to sign up for service to his country. Deploying to Afghanistan with the 75th Ranger Regiment, Tillman was killed by friendly fire on April 22, 2004.

Now how many celebrities, Hollywood types or jocks flee lucrative salaries to endure hardships and risk their necks by serving their "Put your trust in God, my boys, and keep your powder dry!"

Valentine Blackler



HEAVY LOAD -- Settling America wasn't a task for marshmallows. American women had to protect their families on wild frontiers like Revolutionary War heroine Molly Pitcher (aka Mary McCauley), who fought at the Battle of Monmouth.

"Our country, right or wrong. When right, to be kept right; when wrong, to be put right."
Carl Schurz, 1899



SPEAKING OUT -- Fess Parker as Davey Crockett addresses Congress in Walt Disney's epochal three-part series on the famous frontiersman in the 1950s. Along with other American patriots, Crockett wasn't afraid to speak up to politicians or anyone else.

who slugged it out in trenches during World War I; Americans who fought on land, sea and air during World War II; social reformers like Eleanor Roosevelt who worked so hard to make America a better country for all its citizens; GIs who made bloody history at the Pusan Perimeter, Inchon and Chosin during the Korean War; civil rights leaders like Martin Luther King who challenged America to end, once and for all, remaining vestiges of racism across the land; pop stars like Elvis Presley who served his stint in the peacetime Army without complaint; Soldiers who survived the ordeal of Vietnam - and those who didn't; and today's brave young men and women who care enough to support their country in yet another savage war, this time against 21st century barbarians.

The list is far from inclusive. But a country that produces people like that is formidable - in many ways. And it's worthy of patriotic efforts bestowed upon it. That's America.

"What do we mean by patriotism in the context of our times?... A patriotism that puts country ahead of self; a patriotism which is not short, frenzied outburst of emotion, but the tranquil and steady dedication of a lifetime."
- Adlai Stevenson



FIRST FLAG -- "Don't tread on me" was the motto appearing on the first official American flag first raised by John Paul Jones on Commodore Esek Hopkins' flagship "Alfred" on December 3, 1775.

Dixan on the street

compiled by Steve Snyder

"We celebrate Patriot Day on Sept. 11. What image, idea or person comes to mind when you hear the word, 'patriotism?'"



Sgt. Pierre Felix
382nd MP Bn.
Fort Devens, Mass.

"George Washington."



Catherine Bowen
PX Salon manager

"I just think of our men and women in uniform because they're the true patriots."

Sp. Patrick Campbell
236th MP Co.
San Antonio, Texas

"My dad. He served 22 years in the Army as a heavy-wheel mechanic. He was also a drill sergeant. He told me all about it."



Edward Stackhouse
retired AAFES worker

"(My definition is) probably the same as anybody else's. Loyalty. The American eagle. When you see one flying it soars like freedom."

Tamra Beck
baker, Cinnabun

"The American flag."



SSG Albert Gesualdi
IHHD, 382nd MP Bn.
Fort Devens, Mass.

"Sacrifice. Doing what you know to be right whether you want to or not. Having the commitment and dedication to put others before yourself."



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Your opinions are requested

Self assessment set online

Andre Mixon
Fort Dix Plans Specialist

Beginning September 17, the installation workforce will be invited to participate in the Organizational Self Assessment (OSA).

The OSA is a tool that provides an opportunity for us to collect feedback about our management practices.

The Installation Management Agency is deploying the OSA Tool to meet the FY07 policy requirement by the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management (ACSIM) for 100 percent garrison participation for Organizational Self-Assessments.

The OSA is an industry-proven, diagnostic tool that provides objective, comprehensive and timely feedback. The OSA is an on-line, web-based medium that records responses from participants and then summarizes them in a Performance Indicator Feedback Report.

The OSA incorporates the seven key Army Performance Improvement Criteria (APIC) categories and helps identify premier garrisons based on the criteria. The overarching goal

for the OSA Tool is to make garrisons and garrison commanders more successful.

The tool will also help to identify our organizational strengths and deployment gaps. The OSA's on-line format additionally yields validated results without compromising OPIEMPO.

The OSA results will be used in the upcoming Strategic

participate in a survey via E-mail.

In the coming weeks, you will receive emails from the HQ OSA Administrator, douglas.borden@us.army.mil and from the OSA system. This email will contain instructions and login information for the OSA. Emails from these two addresses are not spam, so please do not just delete them.

depending on how much feedback you provide. You may exit and reenter the OSA at any time before the closing date that will be listed in your login email.

Once you complete the demographic section, you may complete the OSA sections in any order. We suggest that you start with the sections you are most familiar and comfortable with.

If you encounter questions that you don't understand or about which you have no information, you should choose NA as your response. It is important that you complete all sections of the OSA, even if some of your responses are NA, since your data will not be submitted unless you complete all sections and reach the "Congratulations" page. You may reopen your survey and edit any of your responses. The survey can be accessed any number of times throughout the established timeline. If you are on leave or TDY during the test administration period, you can still participate in the test from any computer with Internet access as long as you have the user name, password, and URL that you receive in your login email.

Participation and results will have a significant impact on the future of Fort Dix, as they will be used as key elements in the development of the organization's future and the proposed roadmap we will follow.

You will be given a log-in ID and asked to complete a series of questions. Although your email address is used for login, your individual ratings and comments will remain strictly anonymous. You will be given a two week window in order to complete the survey. The installation needs your honest feedback about what we're doing well, what needs improvement, and your suggestions for improvement. Your answers will form the collective self evaluation of the organization.

All Fort Dix employees (including contractors) will be given an on-line invitation to

The OSA will take between one and two hours to complete,

Cell phones ring up trouble

From the clunky brick-shaped models of the mid-1980s, cell phones have evolved into sleek marvels of technology that ring, connect you to the internet and television, take photos and let you connect to the world.

More than 150 million of them are in use in the United States alone, and in most urban areas, it seems every person you see has one in use.

Few of the people who take pride in their ability to connect to the world using their cell phones consider the downside: They also let the world connect to you.

Your cell phone has three major vulnerabilities that can turn your private conversations into public nightmares, let unknown people monitor what's happening around you and set you up for financial disaster.

You are vulnerable to monitoring of your conversations while on a cell phone.

All cell telephones are radio transmitters, and your voice is transmitted through the air on radio waves.

Anyone with the right kind of radio receiver can listen in on your conversations at any time. Although the law provides penalties for interception of cellular telephone calls, it is easily accomplished and almost impossible to detect.

Radio hobbyists have web sites where they exchange cell phone numbers of "interesting" targets found through random interception. Some opportunistic hobbyists even sell their best finds, usually not good news for the person who placed the call.

Some of the "easiest" out there listening are not just hobbyists — criminal syndicates in several major U.S. metropolitan areas

maintain extensive phone monitoring operations. It is easy for an eavesdropper to determine a target's cell phone number — transmissions are going back and forth to the cell site whenever the cell phone has battery power and is set up to receive calls.

One of the most highly publicized cases of cell phone monitoring



concerned former Speaker of the House of Representatives Newt Gingrich. A conference call between Gingrich and other Republican leaders was "accidentally" overheard and then taped.

The conversation concerned Republican strategy for responding to Gingrich's pending admission of ethics violations being investigated by the House Ethics Committee. The intercepted conversation appeared in the New York Times.

In 1997, officials of a small New Jersey company were arrested for monitoring messages

to city leaders, police, fire and court officials, including messages considered too sensitive to send out over normal radio channels, and selling the information to newspaper and television reporters.

While people are at least somewhat aware that their phone conversations can be monitored because of publicity

surrounding famous cases, few are aware of the real reason cell phones are prohibited in areas where classified or sensitive information is discussed.

A cell phone can be turned into a microphone and transmitter for the purpose of listening to conversations in the vicinity of the phone.

This is done by transmitting a maintenance command on the control channel of the cell phone. This command places the cell phone in diagnostic mode, and conversation in the immediate area of the phone can be monitored over the voice channel.

The user won't know that the telephone is in diagnostic mode and transmitting all nearby sounds until he or she tries to place a call. Before the phone can be used for calls, it must be turned off and then back on again.

The third vulnerability hits users in the pocketbook. Cell phone thieves don't steal phones in the sense of breaking into a car or snatching a purse to obtain the actual phone.

Instead, they monitor the radio frequency spectrum and steal the cell phone pair as it is being anonymously registered with a cell site as a call is made. They then proceed to clone the information, which can be programmed into another phone to make it identical to yours.

The difference to the legitimate owner, of course, is that he or she will get stuck with the bill for all calls, legitimate or not. Millions of dollars in fraudulent calls are made every year, and the legitimate owners of the numbers don't find out until their bills arrive in the mail or on the web.

Cell phone security is tough to manage, and the only truly secure system is to not use cell phones.

Since that isn't a practical answer, pay close attention to what you say on the phone, turn it off when it is not in use or when you are in areas where confidential information is discussed and use the "lock" feature to prevent a thief from making calls.

Report a stolen phone at once to police, your carrier and the Federal Communications Commission.

(Information for this article was provided by Northern Command.)

United Communities Housing Information

Leasing Office- 723-4290
Maintenance Office- 724-0500
Maintenance Scheduling, Progress, and Trash Concerns - 724-0550
Residential Refuse Collection
Mondays:
McGuire AFB, 3800s and 3900s
Tuesdays:
All of Fort Dix, including Quarters 201, 501 and 1900
Thursdays:
McGuire AFB, 4000s, 4400s and 4500s
Recyclables are picked up every Thursday
Yard and garden waste is picked up every Monday and Tuesday

PLEASE PUT TRASH OUT ONLY ON SCHEDULED DAYS. HELP KEEP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN!

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Holocaust Remembrance Day
Asian Pacific Heritage Month
Women's Equality Day
Hispanic Heritage Month
Native American Heritage Month

For more information call Denise Horton at 562-4011

Petraeus reports progress

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of strains on the force, particularly among ground troops.

Based on these considerations, Gen. Petraeus said, he and Lt. Gen. Raymond T. Odierno, commander of Multi-National Corps Iraq, worked through the "battlefield geometry" to come up with the plan. "I believe that this is the approach to take to sustain the gains that we have achieved, to build on them, to transition to Iraqi security forces as quickly as we possibly can," he said.

Gen. Petraeus said it's too soon to determine how quickly additional troop reductions can take place.

"I do not believe it is reasonable to have an adequate appreciation for the pace of further reductions and mission adjustments beyond the summer of 2008 until after mid-March of next year," he said.

He cautioned against withdrawing troops too quickly. "There are no easy answers or quick solutions. And though we both believe this effort can succeed, it will take time," he said.

Gen. Petraeus said his assessment underscores the recognition that a premature drawdown of U.S. forces would have devastating consequences.

"Lieutenant General Odierno and I share this assessment," he said. "We believe that the best way to secure our national interests and avoid an unfavorable outcome in Iraq is to continue to focus our operations on security of the Iraqi people while targeting terrorist groups and militia extremists, and, as quickly as conditions are met, transitioning security tasks to Iraqi elements."

Hope Amidst Some Setbacks

"While there have been setbacks as well as successes and tough losses along the way, overall, our tactical commanders and I see improvements in the security environment," Gen. Petraeus said. U.S. and Iraqi forces have focused on improving security, especially in Baghdad and the areas around it, wresting sanctuaries from al Qaeda control and disrupting the efforts of Iranian-supported militia extremists, he said.

New practices, including the one in which units now live among the people they are securing, are paying off, Gen. Petraeus told the congressmen. He reported "substantial" progress in expanding previous gains in Anbar province, clearing Baqubah and other key Baghdad neighborhoods and pursuing al Qaeda in the Diyala River Valley and elsewhere.

Also promising, Gen. Petraeus said, is that tribal leaders are beginning to reject al Qaeda. He called this trend, which began in Anbar province and is spreading elsewhere in

Iraq, among the most significant development in Iraq in the past eight months.

"Though the improvements have been uneven across Iraq, the overall number of security incidents in Iraq has declined in eight of the past 12 weeks, with the numbers of incidents in the last two weeks at the lowest levels seen since June 2006," he said. Despite reductions in ethno-sectarian violence, Gen. Petraeus conceded it remains at "troubling levels."

The general attributed the decline in violence to "significant blows" that coalition and Iraqi forces have dealt al Qaeda in Iraq. "Though al Qaeda and its affiliates in Iraq remain dangerous, we have taken away a number of their sanctuaries and gained the initiative in many areas," he said.

He expressed confidence in Iraqi security forces as they continue to grow and shoulder more security responsibility. Iraqi elements have been "standing and fighting and sustaining tough losses, and they have taken the lead in operations in many areas," he said.

However, he noted that progress has been slower than hoped, and that, in some cases, sectarianism has appeared within the ranks.

Despite a "complex, difficult and sometimes downright frustrating" situation in Iraq, Gen. Petraeus said he believes it's possible to achieve U.S. objectives there over time. He emphasized, however, that "doing so will be neither quick nor easy."

Competition among ethnic and sectarian communities vying for power and resources remains the fundamental source of the conflict in Iraq, he told the committee. "The question is whether the competition takes place more, or less, violently," he said.

Gen. Petraeus noted that foreign and home-grown terrorists, insurgents, militia extremists and criminals all push ethno-sectarian competition toward violence. Iranian and Syrian influence fuels that violence.

Meanwhile, the general said, lack of adequate governmental capacity, lingering sectarian mistrust and various forms of corruption add to Iraq's challenges.

The general noted that Iraq's army is experiencing a shortage of noncommissioned officers. Often described as "the backbone of the Army," a noncommissioned officer, or NCO, is an enlisted member of an armed force who has been given authority by a commissioned officer. The NCO corps includes corporals and all grades of sergeant.

To mitigate this shortage,

the Interior Ministry has offered to employ former military members. Also, Iraq now has four functional military academies.

"The Iraqi military academies — there are now four of them — do produce well over a thousand new lieutenants a year now," Gen. Petraeus said. "There is also a junior staff college, senior staff college and a war college... They have implemented a number of initiatives to improve the manning of their commissioned

and noncommissioned officer corps."

Gen. Petraeus said Iraq's army garners confidence across Iraq's sectarian ties.

"The Iraqi army is still viewed as a national instrument, certainly," the general said. "The citizens again view the army with more confidence than any other Iraqi security force institution."

Gen. Petraeus said his recommendations for the way ahead in Iraq will build on security improvements U.S. and Iraqi forces have fought hard to achieve in recent months. "It reflects recognition of the importance of security to the population and the imperative of transitioning responsibilities to Iraqi institutions and Iraqi forces as quickly as possible," he said.

However, he emphasized, it resists "rushing to failure," emphasizing an ongoing need to support Iraqi security forces' development and highlighting the importance of diplomacy to Iraq's long-term success. He expressed concern that moving too quickly could reverse progress made.

Gen. Petraeus emphasized the key role U.S. troops have played in successes made, calling them the best equipped and most professional force the country has ever seen. "Impressively, despite all that has been asked of them in recent years, they continue to raise their right hands and volunteer to stay in uniform," he said.

Gen. Petraeus told the joint committee he considers it a privilege to lead "America's next greatest generation" in Iraq. "Our country's men and women in uniform have done a magnificent job in the most complex and challenging environment imaginable," he said. "All Americans should be very proud of their sons and daughters serving in Iraq today."

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A secure, stable, democratic Iraq at peace with its neighbors

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fissures between the country's Shiite, Sunni and Kurdish populations. "The sectarian violence of 2006 and early 2007 had its seeds in Saddam's social deconstruction, and it had dire consequences for the people of Iraq, as well as its politics," Ambassador Crocker said, calling Iraq a "traumatized society."

Under this tense backdrop, Iraqis are facing "some of the most profound political, economic, and security challenges imaginable," Ambassador Crocker said.

But despite such challenges, "the seeds of reconciliation are being planted," the ambassador noted.

One example is the central government accepting more than 1,700 young men — including some former insurgents or sympathizers — from the Abu Ghraib area west of Baghdad as members of Iraq's security forces. The government also has reached out to former military members, offering them retirement pay or jobs in Iraq's burgeoning military or public sector.

The ambassador said signs of political progress occurring at a national level are "neither measured in benchmarks nor visible to those far from Baghdad."

Ambassador Crocker cited budding political debates about federalism by Iraqi leaders, including Sunnis. Civic spirit is showing signs of life outside Baghdad, as residents of the Anbar and Salah a-Din provinces are learning to use their political voices to empower their communities, he added.

Ambassador Crocker said there is "palpable frustration in Baghdad" over a resource-sharing system that is complicated by sectarian interests, but that "practical action" to share oil resources and revenues is occurring despite legislation governing such disbursement.

Similarly, because they are imbued with complex sectarian ties, "we should not be surprised or dismayed" that Iraqis have yet to solve issues dealing with de-Baathification reform and provincial powers, Ambassador Crocker said.

"With de-Baathification, Iraqis are struggling to come to terms with a vicious past," he said. "They are trying to balance fear that the Baath party would one day return to power with the recognition that many

former members of the party are guilty of no crime and joined the organization not to repress others but for personal survival.

"With provincial powers, Iraqis are grappling with very serious questions about what the right balance between the center and the periphery is for Iraq," Ambassador Crocker continued. "Some see the devolution of power to regions and provinces as being the best insurance against the rise of a future tyrannical figure in Baghdad. Others see Iraq, with its complex demographics, as in need of a strong central authority."

The ambassador said he was encouraged in late August when Iraq's five most prominent national leaders issued a communiqué expressing their commitment to working through key issues including de-Baathification and balancing provincial power. Additionally, the leaders publicly stated their desire to develop a long-term relationship with the United States.

Ambassador Crocker cited dramatic security improvements in Iraq, especially in the country's northern and western regions. Six months ago in Anbar province, for instance, violence was rampant with daily attacks against coalition forces.

"But al Qaeda overplayed its hand in Anbar, and Anbar has begun to reject its successes — he they beheading schoolchildren or cutting off people's fingers as punishment for smoking," Ambassador Crocker said.

"Recognizing that the coalition would help eject al Qaeda, the tribes began to fight with us, not against us, and the landscape in Anbar is dramatically different as a result."

The ambassador noted that civilians are rejecting extremist ideology and practices, including Shiite extremism, elsewhere in Iraq, in favor of security and diplomatic reforms. "Realizing this vision will take more time and patience on the part of the United States, I cannot guarantee success in Iraq," Ambassador Crocker said.

"I do believe, as I have described, that it is obtainable," he said.

"I am certain that abandoning or just drastically curtailing our efforts will bring failure, and the consequences of such a failure ... is an Iraq that falls into chaos or civil war that will mean massive human suffering well beyond what has already occurred within Iraq's borders."



Photo courtesy DefenseLink
PRESS CLUB - U.S. Army Gen. David Petraeus, the top U.S. military commander in Iraq, and U.S. Ambassador to Iraq Ryan Crocker answer questions at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., Sept. 12.

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Spouses' Club to hold Super Signup at Club Dix

The Fort Dix Spouses' Club is holding its annual Super Signup event Oct. 5 starting with social time at 5 p.m. and the main program from 6 to 8 p.m. at Club Dix.

Come and greet past club members, meet new faces and learn about how our service enhances your community! There will be representatives from Arbonne, Home & Garden Party, Mary Kay, MWR, Pampered Chef, Party Lite, Stampin' Up and more!

The Fort Dix Spouses' Club is an all-ranks club, which includes all spouses of active duty or retired military (Army, Air Force, Coast Guard, Navy, Marines) or reserve components, regardless of rank (E1-O7), federal civil service & contract employees and/or their spouses, as well as active duty military members or reserve components, regardless of rank (E1-O7).

Members of the spouses' club pride themselves on service to their community while at the same time enjoying some fun participating in book club, hobby/craft time, monthly luncheons, volunteer time on post and other events.

They also run the Fort Dix Thrift Shop located on Pennsylvania Avenue. Hours are Tuesday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the first Wednesday of the month from 4 to 8 p.m., and the first and third Saturdays of the month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information regarding the event, e-mail fort dixspousesclub@comcast.net or call Susan DuKavas at 723-2784 or Susan Crawford at 234-9758.

Classes starting soon at Main Chapel

Sunday School will begin Sept. 9 from 10 to 11:15 a.m. It is our mission and we need help for the coming school year. We need teachers and substitutes.

If anyone hears the call to this mission and is interested in helping, please sign up outside room 21 at the Main Chapel or call Chaplains Biederman or Logan at 562-2020 or Thuan Donski at 893-7627.

Registration forms for children are available in room 21 on Sundays and at the reception desk during the week.

CCD begins Sept. 23 from 9:15 to 10 a.m. Anyone interested in teaching please call Hilde Dreyer at 562-4853. Registration forms for children are available in room 18 on Sundays and at the reception desk during the week.

The Christian Women of the Chapel (CWOC) have begun their fall series. Regular meetings will begin Sept. 11 from 9:30 a.m. to noon. All women are invited to attend.

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings held weekly

Part of the mission of the Army Substance Abuse Program is to support 12 Step Programs in the community. There are two Alcoholics Anonymous meetings on Fort Dix.

Each Tuesday night at Bldg. 9013 is a closed meeting for members from 7:30-8:30 p.m. On Thursday nights, there is a meeting at the Main Chapel from 7-8 p.m. (use the 8th Street parking lot entrance; the meeting is in the lounge near Fellowship Hall).

There is no cost except the desire to stop drinking behaviors that are harmful to self and others. If you or someone you care about needs help, these meetings are ANONYMOUS. For more information, call 562-2020 or 4011, or stop by Bldg. 5203.

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.

To apply for the New Jersey Retired Army plates, a minimum of 150 applications are required. There is a fee of \$15 for each set of license plates per car.

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

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



photos by Tim Higgs, FMWRC Public Affairs

NAILED IT -- Sgt. Ericka Escalante and Sgt. Anthony Gentilo, above, perform Prince's "Seven" during the Soldier Show. Sgt. Stacey Chapman, Staff Sgt. Laura Snyder, Staff Sgt. Patricia Isaac, Sgt. Ericka Escalante and saxophonist Staff Sgt. Walter Washington, from left at top right, perform "Move" from the Broadway musical "Dreamgirls."



Soldier Show coming soon

The curtain will rise for the 90-minute Soldier Show, a theatrical concert production created "For the Soldier, by the Soldier," Sept. 23 at Fort Dix for two performances at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. in Timmermann Center.

The high-energy, live musical review showcases the talents of active duty Soldiers who are selected by audition from throughout the Army. They are amateur artists who have a passion for music, dance and performing.

They come from infantry, transportation, military police, medical,

intelligence, aviation, signal and other tactical units.

The show is assembled in six weeks, and then tours for six-and-a-half months.

"Hopefully the edges of the seats in the theatres are comfortable," Soldier Show artistic director Victor Hurtado said. "Because that's where you're going to spend most of your time."

Hurtado is particularly excited about this year's show because live musicians replace much of the pre-recorded sounds of past performances to make the song-and-dance

extravaganza feel more like a concert. "We're going to make a lot of people proud and we're going to make a lot of Families feel right at home."

For the seventh consecutive year, the Army National Guard is the primary sponsor and partner of the U.S. Army Soldier Show, one of more than 50 programs provided to Soldiers and their Families by the Army Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command. AT&T returns as a corporate sponsor for the fourth straight year.

Fort Dix welcomes new family educator



Wayne Cook

Jennifer Warren, Fort Dix Family Advocacy Program educator

Army Community Service to host several programs

Army Community Service, in partnership with Burlington County College's Job Placement Office, will host a Job Interview Skills Workshop Sept. 18 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Bldg. 5201 Maryland Avenue.

Register by calling Rod Martell, Army Community Service, at 562-2186 or send e-mail to rod.rodriguez-martell@us.army.mil. Seating is limited to 20 people.

ACS will also host a Basic Training for Business seminar Sept. 18 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Bldg. 5201. This seminar will explore some of the pitfalls of starting a business, the responsibilities of the owner and the resources available to help make an informed decision.

To register, call (856) 225-6221. For directions and access to Fort Dix, call Rod Martell at 562-2186 48 hours before training date.

The Army Community Service (ACS) Newcomers' Orientation will be held Sept. 20 at the ACS building 5201, corner of Maryland Avenue and 8th Street.

The orientation starts at 9 a.m. followed by lunch at Club Dix, courtesy of ACS, and a mini tour of Fort Dix and McGuire facilities. Free child care is provided but advance registration is required.

For child care reservations, call the Child and Youth Services Central Registration office at 562-4702. If you plan to attend the orientation, please call ACS at 562-2767 to register.

The Army Community Service (ACS) International Spouses Group will meet Sept. 28 at the ACS building 5201 at the corner of Maryland Avenue and 8th Street, from 11:45

Wayne Cook Public Affairs Staff

The Army Community Service team added a new member to their staff in July. Jennifer Warren, the new Family Advocacy Program educator, joined the Fort Dix staff after serving the McGuire Air Force Base community as the base's victim advocate.

The opportunity to serve the community in a greater capacity - working with family members, especially teenagers - prompted Warren's move across the fence line. "I enjoy helping people and I like making life a little easier for them. Helping just one person makes my job worthwhile," said the former military spouse.

Warren and her husband, a former Soldier, have two young children. Together, the family has moved around a bit, experiencing different lifestyles and cultures.

She married her Soldier beau at Fort Campbell, Ky., where they were stationed until he was reassigned to Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Maryland. Following their stint outside the capitol of the United States, the Warrens moved to Baumholder, Germany, where she served the military community as the sexual

assault response coordinator.

Warren's goals are to work with families to educate parents about child abuse, school aids, parenting skills, and other related subjects. She has a heart for teenagers and really looks forward to assisting with programs to mentor and educate teens.

"I really like working with teenagers and I want to be able to help them and the rest of the community," she said.

One of her first projects is to lead a series of classes entitled "Parenting the Early Years." The curriculum will offer information on child development, discipline/discipline techniques, different parenting techniques, stress, expectations of behavior, and more. The age range the series is geared toward is birth to five year olds. Free child care will be provided, but registration to attend is required. For more information on the series, call Warren at 562-4830 or e-mail her at jenny.warren@us.army.mil.

Warren wants to meet the needs of the community, so she is willing to listen to any suggestions that will improve or add value to families on the post.

Warren has a bachelors' degree in sociology with a minor in criminology.



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Sergeant's strings

Retired Sgt. 1st Class Pete Jester entertains during the 1/309th's family day festivities at John Mann Park Sept. 8.

For more information, call Amada M. Espinoza at 562-2767.

Yellow banners honor deploying troops



Sgt. 1st Class Bryan Brookshire and 1st Lt. Henry Williamson, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1-131st Artillery Battalion, Alabama National Guard, left, display their unit's yellow banner during a ceremony at Infantry Park Sept. 7.

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Capt. Mark Karanach, commander, and 1st Sgt. Joseph Haro of the 236th Military Police Company, Texas National Guard, right, display their unit's yellow banner during a ceremony held on Doughboy Field Sept. 6.

Wayne Cook



Capt. Eric Harrell, commander, and 1st Sgt. John Schwabline of Alpha Troop, 1-158th Armored Cavalry, Maryland National Guard, left, display their unit's yellow banner during a ceremony held on Doughboy Field Sept. 6.

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Capt. Brian Perez, commander, and 1st Sgt. Donnie Meadows of Bravo Troop, 1-158th Armored Cavalry, Maryland National Guard, right, display their unit's yellow banner during a ceremony held on Doughboy Field Sept. 6.

Wayne Cook



Capt. Tuan Le, commander, and 1st Sgt. Darryl Webb of Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 158th Armored Cavalry, Maryland National Guard, left, hold their unit's Yellow Banner during a ceremony held at Doughboy Field Sept. 6.

Wayne Cook

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?

Look for these signs:

- 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

Important phone numbers:

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

For emergency assistance call 911



Army Community Service (ACS)

562-2767

Bldg. 5201, on the corner of 8th Street and Maryland Avenue

Hours of Operation:

Monday through Friday, 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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

Capt. Joseph Hopkins, commander, and 1st Sgt. Kenneth Vinacco, 169th Military Police Company, Rhode Island National Guard, right, attach their unit's yellow banner to a wire at Infantry Park Sept. 10. The wire will be raised high above the park where the 169th banner and others will be flown until their respective units return from deployment in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

Shawn Morris



Sgt. 1st Class Scott Haymaker and Capt. Brad Pierson, commander of the 28th Military Police Company, Pennsylvania National Guard, left, receive the yellow banner for their unit during a ceremony held at Griffith Field House Sept. 11. Staff Sgt. Richard Dille, commander, and Staff Sgt. John Kohrs, Detachment 3, 79th Military Police Company, an Army Reserve unit based in Minnesota, below, receive the yellow banner for their unit during a ceremony held at Griffith Field House Sept. 11.

photos by Ed Mingin

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Call Army Community Service at 562-2767 to find out more

NCO Call at Club Dix
Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m.



Announcements



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

Friday, September 14 @ 7:30 p.m.

The Simpsons Movie - Dan Castelloneta, Julie Kavner, Nancy Cartwright, Yearley Smith, Hank Azaria - Homer Simpson must save the world from a catastrophe he himself created. It all begins with Homer, his new pet pig, and a leaky silo full of droppings—a combination that triggers a disaster the likes of which Springfield has never experienced. A vengeful mob descends on the Simpson household. The family makes a narrow escape, but is soon divided by both location and conflict. The Springfield citizenry has every reason to be out for Simpson blood. The calamity triggered by Homer has drawn the attention of U.S. President Arnold Schwarzenegger and Environmental Protection Agency head Russ Cargill. As the fates of Springfield and the world hang in the balance, Homer embarks on a personal odyssey of redemption—seeking forgiveness from Marge, the reunion of his splintered family, and the salvation of his hometown.

MPAA Rating: PG-13 - irreverent humor throughout
Run time: 87 minutes

Saturday, September 15 @ 7:30 p.m.

Daddy Day Camp - Cuba Gooding, Jr., Lochlyn Munro, Richard Gant, Tamala Jones, Paul Rae - Chaos reigns when two clueless fathers Charlie and Phil (Cuba Gooding Jr., Paul Rae) take charge of a dilapidated summer camp and its ill-behaved attendees.

MPAA Rating: PG - mild bodily humor and language
Run time: 99 minutes

Future Features...

Rush Hour 3
Friday, Sep. 21 @ 7:30 p.m.
PG-13, 90 minutes.

Stardust
Saturday, Sep. 22 @ 7:30 p.m.
PG-13, 128 minutes.

Third Annual Highway to Healthcare Charity Road Ride

to benefit DEBORAH Hospital Foundation
Sunday, September 30
Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.
Riders depart Deborah at 10:00a.m.
For further information call 609-893-1200 ext. 4532 or 4778 or visit
www.highwaytohealthcare.org

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 begins Sep. 23 at 9:15 a.m. - Interested teachers call Hilde Dreyer, 562-4853

Protestant-Gospel Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Teachers and substitutes needed. Sign up outside Room 21 or call Chap. Biederman or Chap. Logan at 562-2020 or Thuan Domski at 893-7627.

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

FOB 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 - Bible Study - Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. to noon

Christian Men of the Chapel - 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 High Holiday Schedule

Chapel #1 McGuire AFB
Rosh Hashanna
Evening Service Wed. 12 Sep. 1800
Morning Service Thurs. 13 Sep. 1000
Morning Service Fri. 14 Sep. 1000

Fort Dix Main Chapel

Yom Kippur
Kol Nidre Fri. 21 Sep. 1830
Morning Service/Yizcor Sat. 22 Sep. 1000
Nilah and break the Fast Sat. 22 Sep. 1730

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.

Sep 14 - Sep 20

Friday

Power Hour
2:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Computer Lab
4 - 6 p.m.

Saturday

BCCA Day for Kids
Activities Scheduled for ALL Day

Monday

Power Hour
2:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Arts & Crafts Club
3:45 - 4:45 p.m.
Computer Lab
4 - 6 p.m.

Tuesday

Power Hour
2:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Goals for Growth
3:45 - 4:45 p.m.
Computer Lab
4 - 6 p.m.

Wednesday

Power Hour
2:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Sports & Fitness
3:45 - 4:45 p.m.
Computer Lab
4 - 6 p.m.

Thursday

Power Hour
2:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Tech/Video Club
3:45 - 4:45 p.m.
Computer Lab
5 - 6 p.m.

Goals for Growth Program starts Sep. 18, and runs through Nov. 20. The program is a 10 week program that will be held on Tuesday afternoons from 3:45 - 4:45. The program is open to 11 and 12 year olds and will be led by Ms. Erica Bryant. Contact the Youth Center with any questions and to register.

Note: The Teen Center is open Fridays and Saturdays from 7 to 11 p.m. except during the Youth Center's Midnight Basketball nights.

Army Community Service

Bldg. 5201, 562-2767

Interview Skills Seminar
Sept. 18
contact Rod for details
562-2186

Hearts Apart

Sept. 11 and 25
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Army Community Service

Lunch and Learn Series: Avoiding Homework Hassles

September 21
11:30 - 12:30
Army Community Service

Newcomer's Orientation

Sept. 20
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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

Computer Classes

for 3 - 5 year olds

Tuesdays (starting October 2)

4:15 - 5:15 p.m.

Fort Dix Child Development Center

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Timmermann Center, Bldg 5441, Fort Dix NJ
September 23
Two Show times: 1:00pm & 6:00pm
For more information: (609) 562-6709

IRS warns of Web scam

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service today issued a consumer alert regarding a new, two-step e-mail scam that falsely promises recipients they will receive \$80 for participating in an online customer satisfaction survey.

In the scam, an unsuspecting taxpayer receives an unsolicited e-mail that appears to come from the IRS. The e-mail contains a URL linking to an online "Member Satisfaction Survey."

"We have seen many e-mail scams using the IRS name," IRS Deputy Commissioner for Operations Support Linda Stiff said. "The IRS does not initiate contact with taxpayers through e-mail. Taxpayers should always use caution when they receive unsolicited e-mails."

In this case, the e-mail notifies the recipient that he or she has been randomly selected to participate in a survey. In return, the IRS will credit \$80 to the taxpayer's account. There are references to the IRS in the "from" line and the "subject" line of the e-mail. The link to the survey and a copyright statement at the bottom of the e-mail also reference the

IRS. The survey form features the IRS logo.

In addition to standard customer satisfaction survey questions, the survey requests the name and phone number of the participant and also asks for credit card information. Once the fraudsters have a name and phone number, they will presumably call the participant and attempt to retrieve other financial information.

Recipients of questionable e-mail that appears to come from the IRS should not open any attachments or click on any links contained in the e-mail.

The apparent objectives of this scam are to use the participant's name and financial data to withdraw funds from the taxpayer's bank account, run up charges on a credit card or take out loans in the taxpayer's name.

Tricking victims into revealing private personal and financial information over the Internet, telephone or other means is a practice known as "phishing."

Taxpayers should be aware that the IRS does not send unsolicited e-mail. Additionally, the IRS never asks taxpayers for PIN numbers, passwords or similar secret access information for credit card, bank or other financial accounts.

Recipients of questionable e-mail that appears to come from the IRS should not open any attachments or click on any links contained in the e-mail. Instead, the e-mail should be forwarded to phishing@irs.gov.

The IRS and the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration work with the U.S. Computer Emergency Readiness Team (US-CERT) and various Internet service providers and international CERT teams to have the phishing sites taken offline as soon as they are reported.

Since the establishment of the mail box last year, the IRS has received more than 30,000 e-mails from taxpayers reporting almost 400 separate phishing incidents. To date, investigations by TIGTA have identified host sites in at least 55 different countries.



Kryn P. Westhoven, NJ-ESGR

TOP EMPLOYERS — At the annual New Jersey State Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) Pro Patria awards, the Township Of Medford, Division of Fire was honored as the Public Sector employer of the year. ESGR State Chairman retired Air Guard Brig. Gen. Robert Dutko Sr., left, stands with Chief Warrant Officer Kevin Ellicott, Headquarters Battery, 3rd Battalion, 14th Marines, as the award is presented to his employer, Thomas Thorn, Deputy Fire Chief and Stephen Addezio, Director of Public Safety.

Top employers honored during annual ceremony

Kryn P. Westhoven
NJ-ESGR

It was a mixture of military dress uniforms and business suits as more than 120 guests from state, county, and municipal governments, the military community, corporate and private business sectors attended the New Jersey State Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) Pro Patria awards held on Sept. 5 at Drumthwacket, the official residence of the governor in Princeton.

The Pro Patria award, the highest honor a state ESGR Committee can bestow, was presented to Verizon Communications, Archway Programs and the Township of Medford, recognizing these three employers as best in New Jersey.

Dozens of nominations were received from the more than 17,000 Army and Air National Guard members; Army, Marine, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard reservists serving in various units within the Garden State.

In the Public Sector category it was the extra effort along with community support for fireman and Marine Reserve Chief Warrant Officer Kevin Ellicott that made the Township Of Medford, Division of Fire tops.

"They had the police officers drive by house to check in on my family for seven months," said Ellicott, who drills in Philadelphia with Headquarters Battery, 3rd Battalion, 14th Marines.

"They had a homecoming for me that was fitting for a Medal of Honor winner, they touched by heart," added Ellicott, who returned from a second tour in Iraq in 2005. "It is incredible place to work."

The Pro Patria award, the highest honor a state ESGR Committee can bestow, was presented to Verizon Communications, Archway Programs and the Township of Medford.

Deputy Fire Chief Thomas Thorn has always been impressed will the skills and devotion that Ellicott has brought to the department.

"Just to have him with his background in the military to provide, medical, dental, support our functions in the fire division is just unbelievable, what an asset."

Ellicott's deployment was a stress on the six-person paid fire department.

"It was a big lost, that's why we had to pull together and fill the gaps," said Thorn. "What an honor to have him as part of our team."

Being a leader is something Ellicott has learned in his 17-years in the Marine Corps Reserve and that experience is what Medford Fire Division appreciates.

"They have given me more responsibility and opportunity for ties because of my service," added Ellicott.

For Master Sgt. Thomas Phillips of the 514th Air Mobility Wing at McGuire AFB, his employer, Archway Programs of Marlton was a strong supporter of him as an Air Force Reserve member. Phillips noted that Archway Programs continued his health benefits for his family during deployment, one the reasons the company earned the Pro Patria award for the Small Corporation category.

Verizon Communications was selected for the Large Corporation award based on the company's policies to provide pay differential for up to 36-months for deployed employees. Verizon also continues to provide, medical, dental, vision and group life insurance coverage during deployments.

At the end the Pro Patria awards Verizon Communications signed a Five-Star Statement of Support adding to the list of more than 200 employers in New Jersey that have pledged the highest level of support to their Guard and Reserve member employees.

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

Other bugle calls heard on post are:

Tattoo.....9 p.m. (2100 hours)
Call to Quarters.....9:30 p.m. (2130 hours)
Taps.....10 p.m. (2200 hours)

Chaplains' Corner

2nd Lt. Christopher Laughlin
Chaplain Candidate

You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Deuteronomy 6:5
Quoted by Jesus in Mat 22:37, Mark 12:30, Luke 10:27

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.
Deuteronomy 5:6-7

"To be loyal is to be unswerving in allegiance to the Constitution and completely faithful to the lawful government."
TRADOC PAM 600-4, "Smart Book"

Loyalty is an extremely important virtue; it holds families, units, and whole nations together in good times and bad. The question arises: To whom or what are we loyal, and in what way does that loyalty direct our lives?

Our highest loyalty belongs to God. Conversely, our loyalties make our gods;

for example, if we are most loyal to our jobs, our jobs become our gods. If our highest and strongest loyalties lie with our buddies, then our buddies become our gods. The problem with these examples is that they're not true gods, they're false gods — idols.

This would seem to give us a problem: our highest loyalties are supposed to belong to the true God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The above Smart Book quotation says that our highest loyalty, our "unswerving allegiance," belongs to the Constitution and the government. How do Soldiers of faith, then, serve both God and country loyally?

Actually, I think the answer lies with Jesus' own words as he continues his speech, and goes on to quote Lev 19:18b, "you shall love your neighbor as yourself!"

This is where all other loyalties lie; we are loyal to God first, above ourselves, and we are as loyal to our families, units, fellow soldiers, and country as we are to ourselves.



Wayne Cook

Soldiers have blast at CBRN School

The following Soldiers are graduates of the Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) Defense Course, Class 11-07, which ended Aug. 28. Back row, from left, are Spc. Donald Haubrick, Sgt. Ronald Creasy, Sgt. Moses Scarberry, Sgt. Marvin Pyatt, Spc. Wilson Alvarado, Pfc. John Thomas Witt, and Sgt. Andrew Wolf. Front row, from left, are Capt. Andrea Middleton, Sgt. Angelcary Chaparro, Sgt. Brian Lambros, Maj. Stephen Behrens, Mr. Joseph Leonard, and Sgt. Jodi Almeida.

Hire a Hero program links veterans with jobs

Sgt. 1st Class Erik Studenica
National Guard Bureau

ARLINGTON, Va., Sept. 11, 2007 - Although much of the stress associated with a National Guard deployment concludes upon returning home, a new concern can surface for Soldiers and Airmen who return with no job waiting.

For those Soldiers and Airmen seeking work, there's a new Internet tool, Hire a Hero to link military jobseekers with military-friendly employers.

"It's a site best described as where 'My Space' meets 'Monster.com' for the military community," said Dan Caulfield, the executive director of the non-profit organization Hire a Hero that operates the site. "It's a social network enabling veterans to connect with jobs."

Hire a Hero was designed to match employers searching for employees with military qualities and skills with job seekers looking for careers. More than 600 businesses have participated on the job board, and more than 180,000 individuals have registered at the site. The site also allows those in the military community to expand their networking abilities, especially in the Soldiers' and Airmen's home communities.

"When someone comes back from a military deployment, they want to go back to work in their home area usually," said Mr. Caulfield, a former Marine Corps infantry officer. "The networking features of Hire a Hero allow the Soldier or Airmen to talk to more people in their area."

Caulfield stressed that networking is an important aspect of a job search, with success rates for jobseekers increasing

dramatically with increased networking. He said a recent internal Hire a Hero survey found jobseekers who networked with more than six site users had a success rate of more than 30 percent.

"We know that the more people you talk to as you look for a job, the better your chances of finding a good job," Caulfield said. "We want to get you connected with people local to where you want to work."

Caulfield believes the Hire a Hero site will be especially effective for National Guard members and said much of the potential for the site will stem from its use by National Guard Soldiers and Airmen. With that goal in mind, Hire a Hero signed a memorandum of understanding with the California National Guard to work

with that state's public affairs, Employer Support of the Guard, and family services in an effort to assist in employment acquisition as well as recruiting and retention.

The initial statistics for the use of the site by California Guard members during the first three months have been impressive. According to California Army Guard Col. Charlotte Miller, 694 California employers have posted more than 20,000 potential job opportunities on the site, and 706 connections between employers and California Guard members have occurred.

"It is important to us that our Soldiers are provided with quality civilian employment opportunities," said Maj. Gen. William Wade II, the California National Guard's adjutant general.



Wayne Cook

American Legion displays art of caring

Members of the New Jersey State American Legion Auxiliary 2006-2007 present a donation of art supplies and a check to the Army Community Service's Art Therapy program in support of children who have a parent serving overseas in support of the Global War on Terrorism. The presentation took place at the ACS building Aug. 17. Pictured are, from left, Amada Espinoza, Relocation Program manager, receiving the donations, and presenting the donations are Lynda Staudler, chairman of children and youth, American Legion Auxiliary, Shirley Fabian, former department president, and Maryann Lathrop, member Unit 39.

Local club offers mothers support

Patricia Keffer
Membership VP

It is that time of year again. Kids are heading back to school and moms are wondering what to do with the little ones who are still at home.

I bet many of those moms would love to find a great group of ladies offering support, play dates, coffee chats, park days, and much more.

MOMS Club is a fantastic support group for at-home moms. Our local chapter,

MOMS Club of the Browns Mills Area, covers Browns Mills, Pemberton, Fort Dix, McGuire Air Force Base, Southampton, Eastampton, Westampton, Tabernacle, and Vincentown.

Monthly meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 10:30 a.m. in the Pemberton Library. Refreshments and snacks are served and, as always, children are welcome.

For more information on the Browns Mills Area MOMS Club, send e-mail to BrownsMillsMOMS@aol.com

Hearts for Heroes

Paint a clay heart for a hero!

Hearts for Heroes is an exciting program designed as a way for individuals and families to reach out and offer caring, compassionate support to others. Hearts for Heroes participants will paint clay hearts for distribution to active duty and retired military and their families. Ask how you can take part in this great program today!

Absolutely FREE to participate!

Arts & Crafts Center
6039 Philadelphia Street • Fort Dix, New Jersey
609-562-5691 or 609-562-5771

Hours: Tuesday (9am-5pm), Wednesday & Thursday (12pm-5pm, 6pm-9pm), Friday (11am-5pm), Saturday (9am-5pm)

Parenting During the Early Years

A FREE series of classes for parents and families. Childcare is provided.

Thursdays

6:30-8:30 p.m.

6 Sept.-25 Oct.

Ft. Dix Child Development Center
Bldg. 5523 Tennessee Ave.

Pre-registration is required by 29 August for classes and childcare. To register call Jennifer Warren at (609) 561-4830.

REGISTRATION FORM - JOINT BASE RACE 2007

This is an interactive form. Click & type. Please print and mail to:
2905 Tuskegee Armmen Avenue, McGuire AFB, NJ 08841 with Attn to Lt Terry DeLille
Please check one of the following:

- 1/2 Marathon (DoD Card Holder) \$35 5K Run (DoD Card Holder) \$10
 1/2 Marathon (Non-DoD Card Holder) \$45 5K Run (Non-DoD Card Holder) \$15

First Name: _____
Last Name: _____
Gender: Male Female
Birthdate: ____/____/____
Age: _____ Weight: _____ lbs.
REQUIRED FOR CLYDESDALE AND ATHENA DIVISION.
Email: _____
Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____
Driver's License State: _____
Driver's License Number: _____

I certify that I am a U.S. citizen.
THIS BOX MUST BE CHECKED TO COMPLETE REGISTRATION.

Enter names of non-DoD cardholder guests and their drivers license state and number:

| First Name | Last Name | Driver's License State & Number |
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Guests under age 18 need to provide name only.

Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement

1. In consideration for receiving permission to participate in Joint Base Race activities, which includes but is not limited to the Joint Base Half Marathon, 5K Run/Walk, 10K Run and related activities, I hereby release, waive, discharge and covenant not to sue the Joint Base Race, their sponsors, officers, agents, servants, employees, or sponsoring organizations which includes but is not limited to the Fort Dix Army Installation, Lakehurst Naval Air Engineering Station, and McGuire Air Force Base, any tenant units on these respective installations and any related Department of Defense units (hereinafter referred to as releases) from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions and causes of action whatsoever arising out of or related to any loss, damage, or injury, including death, that may be sustained by me, or any of the property belonging to me, whether caused by the negligence of the releases or otherwise, while participating in such activity or while in, on or upon the premises where the activity is being conducted.

2. I am fully aware of the risks involved and hazards connected with the Joint Base Race activities and I hereby elect to voluntarily participate in said activities with full knowledge that said activities may be hazardous to me and my property. I voluntarily assume full responsibility for any risks or loss, medical costs of any type, property damage or personal injury, including death, that may be sustained by me, or any loss or damage to property owned by me, as a result of being engaged in such an activity, whether caused by the negligence of releases or otherwise.

3. I further hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless the releases from any loss, liability, damage or costs, including court costs and attorney fees, that they may incur due to my participation in said activity, whether caused by negligence of releases or otherwise.

4. I understand that if any provision of this Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement shall be deemed severable from this Waiver and shall not affect the validity and enforceability of any remaining provisions.

5. I understand that the Joint Base Race and its related organizations do not maintain any insurance policy covering any circumstance arising from my participation in this event or any activity associated with or facilitating that participation. As such, I am aware that I should review my personal insurance portfolio to ensure that any resultant medical problems or medical costs are covered by insurance. To the extent such costs are not covered by any personal insurance, I agree to assume full responsibility and payment for any medical or other costs whatsoever, regardless of cause, that result from my participation in the Joint Base Race.

6. It is my express intent that this Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement shall bind the members of my family and spouse, if I am alive, and my heirs, assigns and personal representative, if I am deceased, and shall be deemed as a release, waiver, discharge and covenant not to sue the above named releases. I hereby further agree that this Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey.

7. In signing this release, I acknowledge and represent that I have read the foregoing Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement, understand it and sign it voluntarily as my own free act and deed, no oral representations, statements, or inducements, apart from the foregoing written agreement, have been made; I am at least eighteen (18) years of age and fully competent and I execute this release for full, adequate and complete consideration fully intending to be bound by same.

I agree with and understand the above statements.
THIS BOX MUST BE CHECKED TO COMPLETE REGISTRATION.

Participant Signature _____
Date _____

NATIONAL PUBLICLANDS DAY

Helping Hands for America's Lands

Fort Dix

SATURDAY

September 29

2007

Join volunteers of all ages in building trails, planting trees, repairing facilities, and more.



Local events:

Lake of the Woods

9am-3pm

- T-shirts to the first 100 volunteers
- Refreshments will be served
- Event is rain or shine
- Dress for yard work, you will get dirty

For more information & directions:
e-mail: fortdixee.rhd@yaho.com
visit: <http://fortdixenvironmental.blogspot.com>

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National Public Lands Day
www.publiclandsday.org

Do us a favor. Don't feed us!



Fort Dix provides a natural habitat for a diverse population of wildlife. The natural habitat provides a rich and varied environment for the wildlife. The Environmental and Natural Resources Branch discourages Fort Dix employees, residents and visitors from feeding the wildlife. Feeding wildlife, especially in large quantities, can have detrimental effects on the wildlife. Feeding wildlife can cause wildlife populations to increase beyond the carrying capacity of the natural habitat. An increase in population can lead to increased competition for food and shelter, increased disease, and increased mortality. Feeding wildlife can also lead to an increase in parasites in the wildlife as well as disease such as Lyme and rabies. Feeding wildlife can also lead to increased human-wildlife conflicts, such as increased property damage and human-wildlife conflicts. Feeding wildlife can also lead to increased human-wildlife conflicts, such as increased property damage and human-wildlife conflicts. Feeding wildlife can also lead to increased human-wildlife conflicts, such as increased property damage and human-wildlife conflicts.

For more information that while feeding the wildlife at Fort Dix may appear harmless, it can result in negative effects on the wildlife and the quality of the environment. Fort Dix residents may contact Roger Bayne, Fort Dix Environmental Management Specialist, at 609-245-1234 to learn about alternative ways to enjoy the wildlife at Fort Dix.

Chargers perfect in season opener

Ed Mingin
Public Affairs Staff

The Fort Dix Chargers started off the football season in positive fashion. Both the Mitey-Mites and the Peewees were victorious over Palmyra.

After moving up to the Pee-wees for a couple of years, longtime coach Steve Uzleber is back at the helm of the Mitey Mites. Uzleber led the Mitey Mites to the Burlington County Pop Warner Championship in

2004, and took the Peewees to the second round of playoff competition last year.

His Mitey Mites are back in winning form, beating Palmyra 21-7 to start the season.

"They scored on their opening possession, with a nice run by Sean Hoggis on a reverse play," said Uzleber about his team. "The defense was spectacular, and for most of the game held Palmyra to negative yardage."

Heading to the half with a 7-point lead, the Mitey Mites

picked it up in the second half. Lassana Brew picked up where he left off last season as a dominant force for the Mitey Mites running attack, scoring a Chargers touchdown.

"Lassana was not to be denied. He broke four tackles on his way to the end zone," said Coach U.

Now leading 13-0, the Chargers were poised to take their first victory of the season. Palmyra managed to reach the end zone in the final quarter, but the Fort Dix Mitey Mites returned the favor.

"The Chargers answered right back on their next possession with some great cut back running by Sean Hoggis. Myles Bolden connected with Jacob Carver for the two point conversion," explained Uzleber.

The coach was quick to credit his team's success to a variety of his players.

"Sameer Williams picked up big yards on a double reverse. Defensive standouts were Andrew Jackson, Joshua Dixon, Joshua Leavitt, Rahdazion Powel, and Cameron Tucker. The offensive line played well, led by Anibal Rodriguez, Christopher Thieleman, Brandon Tucker, and Dylan Jacobsen. Myles Bolden showed leadership and poise at QB," he said.

After heading to the second round of playoff competition last year, the Fort Dix Peewees start this season with the same success they experienced last year.



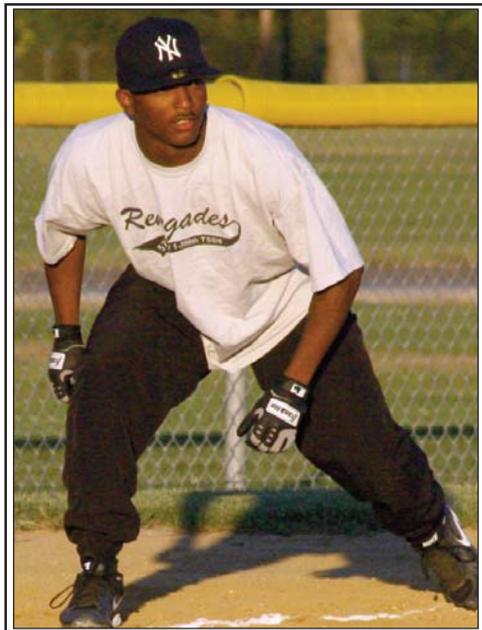
STRETCH -- Mitey Mite Sergejs Frisons warms up before taking the practice field this week in preparation for a game against Florence.



photos by Ed Mingin



TEAM EFFORT -- The Fort Dix Chargers put forth a strong effort last week. Playing against Palmyra, the Mitey Mites were victorious 21-7, while the Pee-wees won 13-6. Even after grabbing the season opener, the Chargers were all back on the practice field, preparing for their upcoming game against Florence. Mitey Mite Taj Trotter, top photo, gets in some pushups as practice begins. Justin Taylor, right photo, warms up with jumping jacks before the Mitey Mites get into football drills. Above photo, the team gets a chance to take a breather during conditioning exercises. While the Mitey Mites and the Pee-wees were both victorious, the Midgets were unable to field a team this past weekend because they didn't have enough players. All three Fort Dix teams are scheduled to be in action this weekend, traveling to Florence.



Ed Mingin

Jump start

Mike Illidge, of the Renegades, takes off for home plate to get his team on the scoreboard. The Renegades faced NRDP Sept. 12. The winner would advance to the next round of the double-loss postseason tournament. Regular season champions Steel Angel and preseason champs FCI were to meet Sept. 13. FCI and Steel Angel met in both championship games, and could likely end up meeting again to determine the postseason champions.

Sports Shorts

Griffith Field House

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

Joint Base Half Marathon

Fort Dix Army Installation, Lakehurst Naval Air Engineering Station, and McGuire Air Force Base will hold its Inaugural Joint Base Half Marathon, Saturday, September 29, 2007 at 8:30am.

The 13.1 mile route will be on paved surfaces within McGuire Air Force Base and Fort Dix's Cantonment Area. There is a 3-hour time limit to finish the marathon. The entry fee includes a T-shirt, a participation medal, pasta dinner, information packet, post run snacks, along with tons of fun and entertainment!

Participants will pick up their Packet the day prior, Friday, September 28, 2007, 4-6pm, with the Pre-Race Carb Dinner following at 6pm at the Community Center. Guest speaker will be Col Tom Kastner, USA, coach of the US Army

Marathon Team.

Cost for dinner is included in your registration fee.

There will also be a 5K Fun Run/Walk and a Kids Run. Arrival time for all races is 5:00-7:30am. Security will direct participants where to park and to main event area.

For further details, please contact Lt Terry DeMille at 609-754-4750.

Griffith Class Schedule

Monday
Cardio Kick Express
4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Total Toning
5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.

Tuesday
Sculpting Express
9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Spin-It
noon - 12:45 p.m.
Intro to Fitness
5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.

Wednesday
Circuit Training
5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.

Thursday
Step & Sculpt
noon - 12:45 p.m.

Pilates Fusion
5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.

Friday
Spin-It
noon - 12:45 p.m.

For more information about activities at the Griffith Field house, or to verify class times, call 562-4888.

Pool Hours
Winter hours are now in place at the indoor pool.

Monday - Friday
Military Lap Swim
6 a.m. - 8 a.m.

Retirees/Dep. Lap Swim
10:00 am-11:30 am
Active Duty/DOD Lap Swim
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Recreation Swim
1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday
Lap Swim
10:30 a.m. - noon
Recreation Swim
noon - 6 p.m.
Hydro Aerobic Class
10:30 am-11:30 am

Monday - Wednesday
Hydro Aerobic Class
7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.