

NEWSNOTES



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Public Affairs Staff

Clint Black in concert on Doughboy Field

Country singer Clint Black will bring his many hits to the stage on Doughboy Field for a free concert Oct. 29 at 6 p.m. The event is open to all ID-card holders. Check next week's Post for details on the event.

Guard mission topic at MOAA Dinner

The Military Officers Association of America will host its annual dinner at Club Dix Oct. 18 at 5:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be Brig. Gen. Maria Falca-Dodson, deputy Adjutant General of New Jersey, who will discuss the mission of the New Jersey National Guard. Tickets are \$17.50 per person. Reservations are due by noon Oct. 16, and may be made by calling John Perez at 609-758-2581.



Luncheon set to honor Hispanic heritage

The Fort Dix community is invited to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month Oct. 11 at 11:30 a.m. at Club Dix. Guest speaker for the event will be Command Sgt. Maj. Juan A. C  ez, Army Garrison, Fort Hamilton, New York. Great food and entertainment will round out the celebration. The luncheon price is \$13.50 per person. For tickets, call Army Community Service, 562-2767.

Dual Town Hall Meeting at Timmermann Oct. 10

A combined Tenant and Installation Work Force Town Hall Meeting will be held in the Timmermann Center auditorium Wednesday, Oct. 10 at 3:30 p.m.

The official place of duty for Fort Dix, commensurate with mission requirements, will be at Timmermann Center for the meeting.

The agenda for this quarter's session includes updates by the Fort Dix installation staff on several areas of interest and importance to the community.

All Fort Dix Directors will be present at the Town Hall Meeting to answer any specific questions from the audience.

Anyone who would like to submit questions or concerns they would like answered or addressed in advance may forward them in writing or by e-mail to the Plans, Analysis and Integration Office, attention: Andre Nixon.

For additional information contact Andre Nixon at (609) 562-6669 or e-mail to andre.nixon@us.army.mil.

Post-wide Right Arm Night set at Club Dix Oct. 12

Who is the invaluable person in your office or unit? Bring him or her to Right Arm Night at Club Dix Oct. 12 starting at 4 p.m. and join the post-wide celebration of teamwork and partnership.

Scanners crank up security

Department of Defense Police have tighter security for Fort Dix in their hands this week.

The department has engaged a new system that has already garnered quick results. Defense ID, built by Mobilisa, of Port Townsend, Wash., is turning into a big hit for those who stand the gates and are the front line of defense for the installation.

"This is really a pretty good system. It gives you a quick reference and background on all individuals who are checked. It may slow things down a little for traffic but it truly makes things safer for the post," said DoD Police Officer Luis Morales.

According to Christina Cox, an installation technician for Mobilisa, the way the system works is a gate guard uses the m2500 Sentry Handheld unit to scan various forms of identification - military IDs, drivers licenses, passports, and other IDs that have barcodes, magnetic strips, RFID (radio-frequency identification), and OCR (optical character recognition) codes, printed on them.

The system scans the card and instantaneously compares the information to more than 140 military and law enforcement (local, national and international) databases. Defense ID can immediately determine if the ID is fake, reported lost or stolen, if the individual has outstanding warrants and warrants, and determine if the individual is on an authorized roster of previously cleared personnel. Defense ID also has photo capture capability, incident recording and a manual search option.

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Graphic by David Moore

The Be-On-The-Look-Out asterisk reflects individuals who prompted additional research before entering the installation. All individuals were cleared of any suspicious activity.

Benefit questions? Just log on

WASHINGTON (Army News Service, Oct. 2, 2007) - The Soldiers' Benefit Services Web site is now the Army's official one-stop resource for all benefits information.

Located at <http://myarmybenefits.us.army.mil>, the Web site contains the most current benefit information for active-duty and reserve-compo-

nent Soldiers, retirees and Family members.

Active-duty Soldiers - to include Reservists and National Guard members serving on active duty - also have access to calculators that figure survivor, disability and retirement benefits. Users must have their Army Knowledge Online password to

access current Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System data.

"We've realized that Soldiers do not really understand the benefits available to them," said Frank Emery, SBS program manager, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1.

"Previously Soldiers had to go to separate Web sites to gather informa-

tion on their benefits. We've consolidated it all in one place, so now Soldiers and Families can get the best information - easier and faster."

The site features more than 150 fact sheets - in both English and Spanish - grouped by Army component, life event, index and state/terri-

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McGuire welcomes new wing commander

Airman 1st Class Rebekah Phy 305th Air Mobility Wing Public Affairs

Col. Balan Ayyar assumed command of the 305th Air Mobility Wing during a change of command ceremony at McGuire Air Force Base Oct. 2.

Brig. Gen. Rick Martin, outgoing 305 AMW commander, will become the deputy director, Operations and Logistics at the newly formed United States Africa Command, Stuttgart, Germany.

"I feel privileged to be here today," said Colonel Ayyar, who comes to McGuire from Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D., where he was the 319th Air Refueling Wing vice commander.

"As a total force, no other installation provides as much support to our president and combatant commanders as we do. I look forward, as the 305th Air Mobility Wing commander, to continuing the path General Martin set for this wing in the spirit of jointness, the spirit of service and the spirit of sacrifice. I hope you will see that continue during our time here at McGuire Air Force Base."

Colonel Ayyar is a command pilot with more than 3,500 hours in the T-37, T-38, C-141B, Kiran MK IA and KC-135.

The presiding officer of the ceremony, held in CBay, Three Bay Hangar before members of the base, was Maj. Gen. James Hawkins, 18th Air Force commander.



Ed Mingin

Pavement partnership

Fort Dix Commander Col. Ronald R. Thaxton and McGuire Air Force Base Commander Brig. Gen. Rick Martin were on hand at the Joint Base Half-Marathon this past Saturday. The two commanders participated in the 5K race, both finishing the course in 22 minutes. After the 5K, Thaxton and Martin awarded medals to runners who finished the half-marathon.

A fan's lament

Nostalgia peaks during World Series

Steve Snyder
Public Affairs Staff

I grew up in the birthplace of Little League baseball. Williamsport, Pa., seemed to have more ball fields than people, not counting hordes of baby boomers crowding parks every waking hour. Like at least half the fathers in America, my dad dreamed of raising the next Mickey Mantle. He failed but he and his two sons had a lot of fun trying.

It was around 1956 when our TV set began to pick up night games from the old Ebbets Field in Brooklyn and brother George and I became Dodger fans, preferring the Brooklyn Bums to colorless corporate entities like the New York Yankees, who seemed to dominate the game to the point of tedium.

Years passed and, sadly, so did interest in baseball.

Baseball lost its antitrust exemption by 1975 and players became free agents, free enough to become as greedy as the owners. There was nothing wrong with players chasing the dollar but they seemed to jump teams so frequently that fans found it increasingly difficult to develop any loyalty to particular clubs. You couldn't tell players without a scorecard, it seemed.

Nobody favored players becoming indentured servants again but many wondered why the owners and players could not have reached a reasonable compromise between owners owning a player for life or players jumping teams every year.

Then, in 1994, the unthinkable happened.

The 1994 World Series was cancelled due to an ongoing strike by the Major League Baseball Players Association. It was only the first time since 1904 that the Fall Classic was not played.

My father asked me how I felt about the World Series being cancelled. I told him, I was disgusted. After all, the series had kept going even during the heyday of World War II when the major leagues had to scrap talent off the bottom of minor league barrels.

I'm afraid my reply turned into a snarl.

But time heals many wounds and in recent years I've felt a rekindling of interest in the sport that so obsessed me as a youth.

I began to religiously follow the progress of the Chicago Cubs, of all people. Of all the teams in existence way before lifetime (1946-) they were the only club who had never won a pennant since 1890 when they defeated Detroit. Such persistent mediocrity over the years fascinated me and I began to root seriously for this darkest of horses.

Speaking of which, I also liked the Phillies. I predicted their lone World Series triumph in 1980 only because I suspected Pete Rose might teach his sidekicks how not to choke up, for a change, in big games. I was right.

This week's playoffs have rekindled childhood passions. The Cubs and Phillies are in the mix and no team in either league has won or lost 100 games during the regular season, suggesting unusually tight competition. Plus, there's fresh blood with all but one contender new to the playoffs this season.

The gods have decreed a Cub victory. They told me so, one night at a bar.



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PRIDE OF THE PHILLIES -- Along with Hall of Famer Robin Roberts, Curt Simmons, above, anchored the starting rotation of the 1950 "Whiz Kids," Philadelphia's National League champions. Simmons went 17-8 but was called to active military duty in September with the outbreak of the Korean War, missing the last month of the regular season and the World Series. Without him, the New York Yankees swept four games from the Phils. Simmons missed the entire 1951 season serving with the military but returned triumphantly in 1952 to win 14 games and resume his career.



www.myhero.com

SUPER SNAG -- New York Giant center-fielder Willie Mays hauls in a 430-foot blast from the bat of Cleveland Indian first baseman Vic Wertz at the cavernous Polo Grounds in the first game of the 1954 World Series won by the Giants 5-2 in 10 innings. Cleveland had set an American League record that season, winning 111 out of 154 games for a startling .721 winning percentage. Heavily favored going into the series, the Indians dropped four straight to the Giants, who rose to the occasion with big plays like Mays' catch and three timely home runs by utility man Dusty Rhodes.



www.dugout-memories.com

PERFECT GAME -- New York Yankee hurler Don Larsen throws a fastball past Brooklyn Dodger pinch-hitter Dale Mitchell to clinch his perfect game in the fifth game of the 1956 World Series won by New York 2-0. Larsen pitched in the majors for 14 seasons with seven different teams but never attained a status much higher than that of a journeyman. His *creme de la creme* was even more shocking because he had been knocked out of the box by the Dodgers in game two, allowing four runs on four walks in less than two innings. But he needed only 97 pitches to shut down Brooklyn completely on Oct. 8, 1956, not allowing any Dodger to reach first base for the only perfect game in World Series history. The Yankees won the seven-game series.



www.thebaseballcube.com

A WINNER -- Despite his gambling, Pete Rose remains a baseball immortal. It's unlikely the Phillies would have avoided choking up again in the 1980 World Series without Pete's go-go hustle and gutsy grace under pressure.



www.afl.com

BLAST IN THE PAST -- Bill Mazeroski's 9th-inning homer in the seventh game gave Pittsburgh the nod over the Yankees in the 1960 World Series.



www.baseball-fever.com

HOT CORNER -- Baltimore's Brooks Robinson knocked down everything but the umpires during the 1970 World Series, leading the Birds past Cincinnati in five games. MVP Robby had four hits in four different games and his fielding was "otherworldly."



Don Weiskopf's photo from www.baseballplayamerica.com

FOLLOWING THROUGH -- Milwaukee's ace right-hander Lew Burdette hurls his way to his third victory over the New York Yankees in the 1957 World Series, leading the Braves to their only title in Milwaukee's history. Burdette was named MVP for the series, throwing shutouts in games five and seven after stopping the Bronx Bombers 4-2 in the second game. The West Virginia native racked up 203 wins in a career that spanned six teams and 17 years. He was always tough in the clutch.

fan forecast

At press time playoffs for the American and National League pennants leading to the World Series between league champions had not begun. In the American League, the Los Angeles Angels lined up against Boston and the Yankees prepared to take on Cleveland with the winners playing each other for the American League title. First round playoffs in the National League included the Cubs against Arizona and the Phillies versus Colorado. Our question this week, then, is:

"Who do you think will win both the American League and National League pennants? And who will go on to win the World Series? In how many games? And why?"

John Barry
Sports Office
Griffith Field House

"The Yankees are going to win. They're a strong team that no one else can stop. They will beat the Phillies in four games!"

Annaleigh BearRobe
Recreational Assistant
Griffith Field House

"The Red Sox! We've been in first place all season and have an all-around good team. Philly has come back (and will win the National) but it'll be Boston in four."

Pearl Smires
Sports Office
Griffith Field House

"The Yankees will beat the Cubs in five games. Izcaino (Luis, a pitcher), Jetter (Derek, a shortstop), and Abreu (Bobby, a right-fielder) are too much!"

Tabitha Warner
Sports Office
Griffith Field House

"The Yankees are my team. But the Phillies are okay, too. The Yankees should do it in four or five games."

Richelle Weiland
Fitness Trainer
Griffith Field House

"My husband's from Cleveland so we're rooting for them. He's followed them all year. They should take Philadelphia."

Floyd Winter
Sports Director

"The Yankees are playing good ball now. But the Phillies are destiny's team and they're due. I predict the Phillies will win a 14-inning struggle against New York in the seventh game!"

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Scanners up security

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The unit is a ruggedized, lightweight, handheld, portable device which is held using a pistol grip and interfaces with another unit which has a continuous connection with the host system in Washington.

During a mobilization update briefing for installation leaders, Directorate of Public Safety Chief Stephen Melly reported more than 70,000 identification cards of various types have been scanned with more than 70 violations of differing sorts reported.

"What we're seeing now is that the system is checking the validation of an identification card and we're just not looking at a piece of plastic like we did in the past," said Melly.

The past practice of looking at an identification card to ensure the photo matched the holder has been enhanced enormously now that the police have the ability to check the biographic information encoded on the card against so many different and current databases.

Drivers have varied opinions, but most see the benefit of the new system.

"It was a little slow the first couple of days," said Adam Driscoll, who comes on post to visit the Veterans Administration Clinic. "It's better now, and I think they should take every chance to keep the criminals and terrorists out."

The DoD Police are currently expanding the capabilities of the Mobilisa coverage to include access lists for visitors coming to the post from such organizations as the Youth Soccer League, the Vietnam Veterans of America, and other regular visitors to the installation who attend regularly scheduled activities on the post.

Congressman Jim Saxton, New Jersey 3rd District, has thrown his support behind the new system. In a recent news release, he said,

"These improvements can help reduce the risks of plots like the Fort Dix Six. This technology will allow a guard to conduct a real-time check of dozens of types of identification cards with a hand-held scanner, and cross checks it with local,



Wayne Cook

A CLOSER LOOK -- Department of Defense Police Officer Luis Morales uses a m2500 Sentry Handheld device to check for proper identification of authorized vehicle operators at the main checkpoint at Route 68. The m2500 Sentry handheld interfaces with the Defense ID System which is being used to provide tighter security on the post.

national and international law enforcement databases. This system is already used at a limited number of other military installations such as West Point and Andrews Air Force Base."

According to Saxton, the system is relatively inexpensive, costing about \$250,000.

One example of the system paying big dividends found on the Mobilisa website was during a demo of the system at West Point Military Academy, N.Y., the head of security conducted a live test of the system at the main gate and stopped the very first person that he

scanned. The individual's card had been expired for three years and one passenger in the vehicle was a foreign national with not a single form of identification.

Another example reported from Andrews Air Force Base, Washington D.C. said an individual trying to enter the installation was scanned and came up as a potential Interpol match. Further investigation revealed previous criminal activity. The individual was detained and denied entrance to the base.

"This system is being received well by out police offi-

cers on the gates," said Maj. John Dove, chief of police services, DoD Police.

"We are getting hits on the system scans regularly. I have actually taken personal calls telling me that some people won't come on the post because of the new system. People need to realize that we are going to do everything that we can to provide the best security for the people and resources of Fort Dix. With continued technological advances that enhance our abilities to do our job there will be more changes and upgrades to come."

Benefit info now online

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-tory. Subjects include pay, education, Family services, health care, life insurance, transitioning and retirement, Soldier services and social security.

Grouping information by state and territory helps users quickly find local information and sources, Emery said. A reserve-component Soldier in Alabama, for example, can click on that state to learn local tax information.

The retirement calculator is so "simple," Emery said, that every Soldier considering his or her retirement options should use it to plan ahead. Numbers are already figured for Soldiers eligible for retirement. Soldiers planning before becoming eligible need only to key in what date they'd like to retire and the rank they expect to hold at the time.

Emery shared the calculator with an NCO considering retirement.

"This NCO was ready to retire, and his wife was ready, even though he was on the promotion list. But when I showed him how to use this tool and he entered a future retirement date with the higher rank, there was such a significant difference that he and his wife changed their minds," he said.

The site will also help Casualty Assistance Officers provide surviving Family members a clear, accurate report of benefits, he added.

In 2004, Congress mandated that the Army evaluate the benefits process and improve benefits understanding and awareness. After studying Soldiers' and Families' overall awareness regarding benefits, the Army created the SBS Web site prototype, approved last year by the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1.

Fort Dix Soldiers run for firefighters, freedom

Shawn Morris
Public Affairs Staff

Soldiers and firefighters have much in common. Both perform dangerous jobs for the good of their fellow citizens. Both are mentally and physically disciplined, and often put their mission before themselves.

And both were greatly affected by the terrorist attacks against the United States Sept. 11, 2001.

For New York City firefighters, the effects were immediate and drastic. On that clear, September morning six years ago, 343 firefighters lost their lives, earning their title as "New York's Bravest."

Since then, several thousand Soldiers and other service members have made the ultimate sacrifice in the Global War on Terrorism.

On Sept. 30, more than 20,000 runners from around the world joined local firefighters and Soldiers in the Sixth Annual Firefighter Stephen Siller Tunnel To Towers Run in New York City.

For the fifth straight year, Fort Dix sent a team of Soldiers to participate in the five-kilometer run that retraces Siller's steps on 9/11, the last he was ever to take.

Siller was a firefighter from Squad 1 in Brooklyn. He was off-duty on 9/11, on his way to golf with his brothers when he heard about the terrorist attacks against the World Trade Center.

He turned his car around and headed toward the Brooklyn-Battery tunnel, intent on joining his fellow firefighters in Manhattan. When he found the tunnel closed to traffic, he strapped his gear on his back and began to run through the tunnel.

He was last seen on West and Liberty Streets, not far from Ground Zero.

Stephen's brother George wrote the following poem to honor his sibling's memory:

Follow the Footsteps

His wife often asked,
"Are you ever afraid?"
"Don't worry honey, I'm doing my job, earning my pay.
This is what I love, and where I belong."

*Typical Stephen, so positive, always so strong.
His life wasn't easy, an orphan at ten.*

He never gave up, he became a man among men.

On September 11, battling concerns for his five children and wife, Stephen picked up his gear, and made the run of his life.

He knew he was needed, America was under attack.

So he ran through the tunnel, gear strapped to his back. Nothing would keep him from coming to the aid

Of the thousands of people in panic and afraid.

So we honor his fight for freedom, his stand for old glory.

Stephen Siller, the orphan, has become such an inspiring story.

He ran from the tunnel to those burning twin towers.

What bravery and courage he displayed in those darkest of hours.

So Follow the Footsteps of this American hero, our friend.

Firefighter Stephen Siller, who gave his all, again and again.

Although the choice may not be easy, let's do the right thing

When our time comes, no matter how challenging.

In the many little things, and the hard things too

Let's be unselfish and brave, and do all we can do.

This is how we can honor Stephen, and honor them all.

Every red blooded American who answered that call.

Follow the Footsteps, and show no regrets.

Follow the Footsteps, and show that America never forgets.

Let's Follow the Footsteps every September to come.

Remember all the heroes who made their heroic last run.

Follow the Footsteps, again and again.

Follow the Footsteps of the orphan boy, who was everyone's friend!

He ran from the tunnel to those burning twin towers,

What bravery and courage he displayed in those darkest of hours.



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Shawn Morris



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IN MEMORIAM -- Soldiers from Fort Dix join more than 20,000 firefighters and other runners from around the world for the Sixth Annual Firefighter Stephen Siller Tunnel To Towers Run in New York City Sept. 30. Staff Sgt. Charles Gaglio, Mobilization Readiness Battalion, right, receives an award of appreciation on behalf of the Fort Dix team from Maj. Gen. William Topulek, commanding general, 77th Regional Readiness Command, U.S. Army Reserve, far right, during ceremonies following the run. Gaglio and other Soldiers from Fort Dix have participated in the Tunnel To Towers Run for the past five years. The annual event honors the memory of New York City Firefighter Stephen Siller, who lost his life in the World Trade Center attack of Sept. 11, 2001. Siller was off-duty in Brooklyn when he heard of the attacks. He grabbed his gear, ran through the Brooklyn-Battery Tunnel and into Ground Zero.

Wayne Cook



Outreach program puts human face on military service

Gerry J. Gilmore
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, Oct. 4, 2007 — Sharing military experiences with the American public injects a human element into events often conveyed through the cold glare of television's nightly news, a group of well-spoken servicemembers said here Oct. 2.

"The numbers that you hear on TV of soldiers dying, the numbers that you hear that we're going to bring 30,000 (troops) home, ... I just put a face to those numbers, and we all do," Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Jeffrey Duncan told American Forces Press Service.

Duncan, a 40-year-old senior aircraft maintenance supervisor with 21 years of service, completed a five-month deployment to the Middle East in May. He's one of a group of eight

military members who've completed a week-long nationwide speaking tour featuring 20-30 engagements as part of the DoD's "Why We Serve" public-outreach program.

Audiences at his speaking engagements love the military, Duncan observed, noting he told listeners how much he enjoys the camaraderie inherent across the armed forces. "We are one team, and that's what we do," Duncan emphasized, adding that his tour was an awesome experience.

Former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Marine Gen. Peter Pace started the Why We Serve program in the fall of 2006. Duncan's group constituted the fourth iteration of the program, which is conducted in quarterly segments. Why We Serve draft tours are about 90 days. Participants are selected by their individual services and talk to schools, veterans organizations and business groups.

Why We Serve program director Marine Maj. Chris Devine praised Duncan and his fellow speakers in the fourth group for their professionalism and energy.

"They have the high bar for others to knock off," Devine said. "I think they've done extremely well, not only in their venues, but representing their services, as well."

The previous eight-member groups were comprised of two selectees from each military service, Devine noted. However, the next, fifth group will feature 10 speakers, he said.

The Why We Serve program has matured, and Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs Dorrance Smith has decided to "take it to the next level," Devine explained.

"What this program is doing is helping us win the 'war on narratives,' especially in the mainstream media," Devine noted. The program, he added, offers a different perspective about the war on terrorism, from the viewpoints of military members who've served in Afghanistan, Iraq or the Horn of Africa.

Another Why We Serve member in the Duncan's group, Marine 1st Lt. David Bradt, served two tours in Iraq. The 26-year-old combat engineer said he enjoyed telling people about his Iraq experiences.

Bradt noted his experiences in Iraq were varied, from "full-scale infantry missions to cache sweeps to more of a support role."

The Marine said he was emotionally moved when people thanked him for his military service during his speaking tour. "Almost at every single venue a number of people would come up and thank you," Bradt recalled. "We don't need gifts; we don't need medals. Just come up and

say, 'Thank you.'" Bradt said he is impressed with the Why We Serve program. "They should fund as many of these (speaking tours) as they can possibly afford," he urged.

Meeting one-on-one with the American public helps to combat misperceptions about the U.S. effort in Iraq, he said. "It's a new fight. It's a very, very powerful information war," Bradt explained.

Another Why We Serve speaker, Air Force Master Sgt. Howard Watkins, accompanied supply convoys from Kuwait into Iraq during his overseas tour of duty from March to December 2006.

Many people he met during his speaking tour stops weren't aware of the fact that the Air Force is doing convoys for the Army and has been for the last three or four years, Watkins observed.

NEIGHBORHOOD

THE CORNER

Salute to Women Vets coming soon

The Burlington County Library and American Legion Post 79 - Burlington will co-host "A Salute to Women Veterans of all Wars," and "Rosie the Riveter," which is a tribute to women who worked in defense plants.

The event is scheduled for Oct. 13, 10 a.m. - noon at the Burlington County Library, Westhampton. For more information, call 267-9660.

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 the community. There will be representatives from Arbonne, Home & Garden Party, Mary Kay, MWoods, Pumpseed 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 federal civil service & contract employees and/or spouses.

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 p.m. 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 dix spouses-club@comcast.net or call Susan Dukavas at 723-2784 or Susan Crawford at 234-9758.

ACS to host Accent Reduction Classes

Army Community Service, in conjunction with Burlington County College, will offer Accent Reduction Classes for non-native service members and foreign-born family members who would like to improve their enunciation by reducing some of their native-speaking accent.

Classes will begin Oct. 15 and are held in the ACS conference room from 6 to 9 p.m. Call Amada Espinoza, 6 Location Readiness program manager, at 562-3271.

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.

Basic Training for Business seminar coming soon

Army Community Service will host a Basic Training for Business seminar Nov. 6 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Bldg. 5201 Maryland Avenue.

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

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Dixans dig in for Public Lands Day



Carolee Nisbet
Editor

More than 150 volunteers charged down Range Road Sept. 29, armed with shovels, rakes and enthusiasm for a clean-up and conservation project at Lake Of The Woods.

Often overlooked as a recreation site because of its small size and out-of-the-way location, Lake Of The Woods was picked as the National Public Lands Day project this year precisely because it normally doesn't draw much attention.

Ken Smith, environmental division chief, said the area around the lake needed a little work - just the sort of project completed successfully during past NPL Day events.

Shrub planting, installation of an erosion-preventing biogel, replacement of a warped and split foot bridge and general cleanup of the area were on the agenda created by the Natural Resource Management Office.

Payback was on the agenda for many of those who came to pit tools and determination against erosion and trash.

"It's part of scouting to give back to the community," said Boy Scout Sr. Patrol Leader Hayden Morris. "We all do community service projects, and this is a great place to help out."

More than a dozen Girl and Boy Scout troops showed up for the event, tackling demolition projects and installing wood duck nesting boxes.

Jeanine Blakewell and her son Michael helped even out a section of the lake shore for installation of a rope-wrapped biogel designed to hold the line against further erosion. "We come here all the time," she said, and it's such a nice place. This is really a chance for us to give back to the environment a little bit."

Jennifer Tronco-Armento, Fort Dix natural resources management ecologist, said the group of volunteers took away from the environment, too - a huge mass of debris including 60 tires, two dumpsters full of trash and the biggest surprise of the day, the wreck of a 25-foot boat that was dragged from the water.



FLEX TIME -- Ben Knighten from Boy Scout Troop 112 flexes some muscle during National Public Lands Day.

LOOKING TOWARD THE FUTURE -- Volunteers turned out in droves to fight shore erosion, above, and install bird boxes, such as the Girl Scout Troop 652 members below, at Lake Of The Woods Sept. 29 as part of the annual Fort Dix National Public Lands Day celebration.



photos by Carolee Nisbet

Leaders unite to fight domestic violence

Fort Dix, McGuire Air Force Base, and Naval Air Engineering Station Lakehurst kicked off Domestic Violence Awareness Month with the signing of a Domestic Violence Awareness Proclamation at the 305th Medical Group Clinic Oct. 1. Lending the full support of each of the tri-base commands are, from left, Col. William Spacey, vice-commander, 305th Air Mobility Wing, McGuire AFB; Lt. Col. Roger Colton, deputy installation commander, Capt. Phillip Beachy, commander, NAES Lakehurst, and partnering with the military communities, Jean Metz, service area director, Providence House, Domestic Violence Services, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Trenton. Activities scheduled for next week include: Family Yoga Oct. 10 at 6 p.m. in



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the DoD Police Training Facility, McGuire AFB; and a Self-Defense Class Oct. 17 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in Bldg. 5228. Classes are free of charge. To register, call 562-6739.

Fire Prevention Week heats up next week

Gerry Zanzaroli
Public Affairs Staff

Fire. It's something you usually don't think about until it happens. And when it does, it can be catastrophic and deadly. For the most part, it's easily avoided. But how many of us don't have smoke alarms, haven't changed the batteries in ages or have disconnected them because they're annoying when you burn the burgers.

Smoke alarms have contributed to a fifty percent decrease in fire-related deaths since the 1970s. In 2004, there were an estimated 395,500 residential structure fires and 3,190 fire-related deaths in the U.S. Sixty-five percent of reported home fire deaths have occurred in homes with no smoke alarm or no working smoke alarms. In one of every five homes with at least one smoke alarm installed, not one was working.

October 7 - 13 is Fire Prevention Week. But fire prevention is more than just a working smoke alarm. This year's focus, as defined by the National Fire Protection Association, is on escape planning.

Surviving a fire comes down to two primary factors - advance warning and action. The warning comes from your smoke alarm and the action is centered on what you do when it happens. Just twenty-three percent of American households have actually developed and practiced a home fire escape plan. And one-third of Americans who were asked thought they would have at least six minutes before a fire in their home became life



Gerry Zanzaroli

WHERE THERE'S SMOKE... -- Fort Dix firefighters Bill Chyzik, Frank Malanga, Howard McGoldrick and Capt. Brad Ponto, standing from left, and Inspector Tom Wilson, kneeling, pose with honorary firefighter Aiden Davon Litchko as part of Fire Prevention Week kickoff activities.

threatening. The reality can be far less.

Fire prevention includes talking to your family about what to do in case of a fire and developing a basic fire escape plan. Install a smoke alarm in every sleeping room on every level and make sure escape routes are well defined and clear of any obstacles.

icapped, make arrangements as needed. Don't forget your pets.

Select a meeting place somewhere away from your home and ensure that everyone knows where it is. If you do have to evacuate, once you're out, stay out. Under no circumstances should you re-enter a burning building. If someone is not at your meeting point, inform fire department personnel. Professional firefighters are trained, have the necessary skills and equipment, and are the only ones who should attempt to enter a burning building.

And, as they say, practice makes perfect. Practice your escape plan at least twice a year. Once during daylight hours and again at night. Everything is different at night. Include your entire family in your practice sessions.

In some cases, a fire may prevent you from exiting the building. Teach your family to separate themselves from the fire and seal in for safety. Close all doors between you and the fire. Keep as close to the floor as possible. Smoke and heat rise. Use wet towels to seal spaces around doors and cover air vents to keep smoke from coming in the room. If possible, open windows at the top and bottom to allow fresh air in. Wave a flashlight or light colored cloth at the window to let fire department personnel know where you are. Above all, don't panic. If you develop and practice your escape plan, avoiding injury from a fire should come easily.

For more information on fire prevention and escape planning go to the National Fire Protection Association website at www.nfpa.org.

MILITARY MATTERS

Bullets

New Military Health System Web site 'connects the docs'

● **FALLS CHURCH, Va., Oct. 1, 2007** - Have you ever wanted to contact military medical leaders and tell them about a successful program implemented in your clinic or hospital or share important research? The new Military Health System (MHS) Web site at <http://mhs.osd.mil> is just the place for you.

The MHS has entered the progressive world of "Web 2.0" with a comprehensive Web site where military and civilian health care professionals can submit questions, share ideas and recognize peers - interactively.

Maybe you work outside of the Department of Defense and you have best practices to share, or maybe you are a member of the public who just wants to keep up with what's happening in the Military Health System? You're welcome too.

"We developed the Web site to go beyond being 'joint,' to being connected," said Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs Dr. S. Ward Casscells. "We've had meetings with a number of our partners, and we're excited about improving our own organization, just as we are excited about improving military healthcare worldwide."

The new Web site includes a "blog" located off of the main page where Casscells engages in an open discussion about military medicine. Readers can leave comments at the end of each daily entry.

"Pulse Check" asks questions about the Military Health System. The answers will be used to make improvements and inform others about decision-making processes. There are also areas for feedback to recognize people for making that "extra effort," or for visitors to let leadership know if they aren't getting the entire story.

Something to look forward to down the road: visitors will be asked for feedback in creating a Military Health System motto, logo and a theme song.

"We want to thank you for your medical professionalism on and off the battlefield," said Casscells in an e-mail blast to the MHS and other health industry professionals, both in and out of government. "Because of you, we are medically ready - and ready medically. With the MHS Web site we are committed to breaking down barriers and supporting creativity and innovation."

Program grants extra leave to Soldiers serving frequent tours

● **WASHINGTON** - A new Department of Defense (DoD) program called Post Deployment Mobilization Respite Absence (PDMRA) is intended to compensate Soldiers with days of administrative absence (non-chargeable leave) when they have been required to mobilize or deploy with a frequency beyond the established DoD Rotation policy of 1:5 for Reserve Component (for every one year deployed, the Soldier is stabilized for five years) and 1:2 for Active Component.

It applies to creditable deployments and mobilizations underway on, or commencing after, Jan. 19, 2007. For the Reserve Component Soldiers, creditable mobilizations are defined as mobilizations under Title 10, United States Code, sections 12301a, 12302, or 12304. If your mobilization/deployment is voluntary, such as Co-ADOS, EAD, MRP, COTTAD, no administrative leave accrues.

Per PPG chapter 8-5e, Reserve Component Soldiers may use accrued PDMRA during any authorized R&R leave period, in combination with or in lieu of using chargeable annual leave. However, PDMRA cannot be used "in conjunction with" R&R leave to extend the overall authorized R&R leave period of 15 or 18-days.

Soldiers may also use PDMRA during the current mobilization order/authorized extension of current mobilization order. Soldiers unable to use accrued PDMRA during the mobilization/deployment period may be retained on active duty through voluntary extension of current mobilization orders. However, extensions of mobilization orders may not exceed designated limits in law applicable to the authority under which the Soldier was mobilized.

Soldiers unable to utilize accrued PDMRA days during their current mobilization order may be voluntarily retained on active duty under the provisions of Title 10 USC 12301(d), contingency operations active duty for operational support orders (CO-ADO), to utilize accrued PDMRA days.

Soldiers will request use of PDMRA on the DA Form 31, Request and Authority for Leave. Commanders are the approval authority for use of PDMRA. PDMRA does "not" have a cash value, other than described below for Reserve Component members who are also federal, state or local government civilian employees, and "precluded by law" from being paid by federal, state or local governments, while simultaneously serving in a Reserve Component status and in their civilian jobs. If this situation applies to you, contact your local finance office for more details.

This is a unit program, however, it is strongly encouraged that all Soldiers maintain copies of the DA 31s reflecting all leaves to include the Respite absence and submit them to finance upon demobilization.



Sgt. Mary Flynn

CHOPPER ATTACK -- Paul Teutul Sr. of Orange County Choppers fame rides the National Guard's "Patriot Chopper" in front of the Army National Guard Readiness Center in Arlington, Va., during a Sept. 27 unveiling ceremony.

Guard unveils Patriot Chopper

Sgt. Mary Flynn
National Guard Bureau

ARLINGTON, Va., Oct. 2, 2007 - Hundreds of Soldiers gathered here in front of the Army National Guard Readiness Center on Sept. 27 to witness the unveiling of the "Patriot Chopper," the first of three bikes to be built by Orange County Choppers for the National Guard.

Metalworker Paul Teutul Sr. and son, Paul Teutul Jr., who is referred to as "Paule" by fans, founded OCC in New York after introducing their first bike, "True Blue," at the Daytona Biketoberfest in 1999.

The Teutuls quickly became a household name for chopper enthusiasts, and the family, including the youngest son, Mikey, shot to fame when their own show, "American Chopper," debuted on the Discovery Channel in 2002.

The Teutuls have a history of building patriotic bikes, and they have produced multiple theme bikes for several branches of the military.

The "Patriot Chopper" was the result of

a collaborative effort between the OCC and four National Guard Soldiers.

Earlier this year, the Army Guard invited Soldiers around the country to submit their ideas for the custom design of the Guard-sponsored bike. Four winners were chosen: Chief Warrant Officer David Vasquez of Colorado; Sgt. 1st Class Matthew Billet of Georgia; Sgt. 1st Class Richard Crawford of Illinois and Pfc. Joseph Scheibe of Ohio.

Paul Sr. made a grand entrance on the bike, coasting in coolly and revving the engine to enthusiastic cheers of the crowd. The winning Soldiers were in awe. "To be a part of something like this is pretty cool stuff," said Pfc. Scheibe. "We went to the OCC shop in New York last month, and we saw pieces and parts of the bike. But to see it finished was just really cool."

The finished bike showcases a minute-man air cleaner. The blade spokes of the wheels feature 3-D inlaid spearheads, representing the seven Army values and an ammunition belt lines the handlebars. Chromed M-4 magazines serve as the struts, and an M-4 carbine is mounted on the side of the rear wheel.

The color of the bike is red, white and blue with an Army Combat Uniform pattern used throughout. A list on top of the bike includes every war and conflict the National Guard has been involved in since its founding in 1636.

"We took the Soldiers' ideas and put them to work," Paule explained. "I think for them, it really is their bike. It was a bike they designed and that we fabricated. I think it made it that much more special." The "Patriot Chopper" is the first of three bikes commissioned by the Army National Guard. The purpose is twofold. First, the bikes are intended to be a recruiting tool. Army Guard recruiters will display them at rallies across the country to entice potential Soldiers to talk with them.

Second, the bikes can also convey important messages about safety. "They're very willing to help us out in terms of safety awareness and wearing the proper gear for our Soldiers," said Maj. Gen. James Nuttall, deputy director, Army National Guard. "The bike is one part of it - the build. But the safety is really what we're trying to get after."

Pennsylvania, Pakistan build strategic bonds

Sgt. 1st Class Bryan Rotherham
National Guard Bureau

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1, 2007 - The chief of the National Guard Bureau and Pakistani military officials visited the 56th Stryker Brigade Combat Team at the Fort Indiantown Gap National Guard Training in central Pennsylvania Sept. 14 to see first-hand how the National Guard is transforming.

Lt. Gen. H Steven Blum and Pakistani officials arrived in the morning by helicopter at the Pennsylvania Army National Guard Aviation Support Facility and were greeted by Maj. Gen. Jessica L. Wright, the adjutant general for the Pennsylvania National Guard.

Wright led a tour through the aviation facility where numerous helicopters were being maintained by Pennsylvania Guard Soldiers and then into a briefing conducted by Lt. Col. Marc Ferraro, brigade commander for the 56th SBCT.

Ferraro provided insight into how Pennsylvania is progressing in its transformation into a brigade that will include 300 Stryker vehicles and 85 new construction projects. Ferraro stressed the brigade is a system and a concept that allows the Army to rapidly deploy, fight, survive and sustain troops in a range of environments from war to humanitarian assistance. The 56th is one of six Stryker brigades in the Army and the only one in the National Guard.

The delegation was lead outside for a briefing on the Stryker vehicle, and was then given an orientation ride on the tank trails through Fort Indiantown Gap.

Pakistani officials were able to see how sophisticated and well equipped our force structure is becoming as the National Guard transforms from a strategic reserve and into an operational force, said Maj. Eric Christopher, an international affairs officer with National Guard Bureau.

Christopher, who has helped build a solid relation-

ship with the Pakistan Embassy and NGB said that the Pakistan delegation was impressed with the professionalism of the Pennsylvania Guard members and the facilities on Fort Indiantown Gap. This visit served as an opportunity to build a strategic partnership between Pakistan and the NGB, he said.

Just as the National Guard predates the formation of United States, Pakistan, which declared its independence from the United Kingdom in 1947, has a rich military heritage that dates back hundreds of years prior to the forming of their nation, according to Christopher. He said that Pakistan is also transforming its military to be better able to conduct counter insurgency operations and has suffered the loss of many soldiers in the war on terrorism. "This visit showcased the combat, aviation, and maintenance capabilities that the National Guard has."

Christopher said that a partnership with Pakistan could be the most strategic relationship in the NGB State Partnership Program. "It is the only program that can bring continuity because unlike the active component it uses the same Soldiers and relationships year-after-year," he said.

"I also believe the Pennsylvania National Guard has the best capabilities and resources to match with a country as large and complex as Pakistan," Christopher said.

"Pakistan is probably our best ally in the war on terror. What we must not forget is that the Pakistan people are also experiencing a tremendous loss in this war: their political system is fractured and many of their own soldiers have been killed," he added.

He told of a recent al Qaeda ambush in the northwest region of Pakistan bordering Afghanistan that killed 15 soldiers.

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Senior leader completes four years service to Dix



Tech. Sgt. Scott T. Sturkol, USAF Expeditionary Center Public Affairs

STAR STRUCK — Tech. Sgt. Ryan Holmes, U.S. Air Force Expeditionary Center Mobility Operations School, right, unfurls the new two-star personal flag in honor of Maj. Gen. Kip Self, USAF EC commander, left, during a pin-on ceremony Oct. 1 at the center.

Air Force Expeditionary Center commander pins on second star

Maj. Gen. Kip L. Self, U.S. Air Force Expeditionary Center Commander, pinned on his second star during a ceremony Oct. 1.

In putting on his second star, Self recited the oath of office and viewed the unfurling of the two-star flag that will be used at all official ceremonies where he is in attendance. In his comments at the end, Self said, "Isn't it cool they would put a two star in charge of the U.S. Air Force Expeditionary Center, and I think it's great that I get to be that two star."

He added to the USAF EC Airmen and staff, "I want to thank you for your support during my four months here so far. When we go forward now for the next (couple of years), things are going to get exciting around here and I'm glad I'll be here as that happens."

Self became commander of the U.S. Air Force Expeditionary Center on May 23. Most recently, he served as commander for Air Mobility

Rodeo 2007 at McChord Air Force Base, Wash.

Self is a 1978 graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy, earning a bachelor of science degree in psychology and management. He has held a variety of flying assignments as a helicopter and fixed wing instructor pilot. The general's staff assignments include political-military planner on the Joint Staff and Country Director in the Office of the Secretary of Defense. He has also served as Deputy Director of Operations at Headquarters Air Mobility Command. He has commanded at various levels, including the squadron, group and wing levels. Prior to his current assignment, the general was commander of the 314th Airlift Wing and commander for Little Rock AFB, Ark.

Self deployed as special operations mission commander in support of Operation Joint Endeavor, and he deployed as Director of Mobility Forces in support of Operation Enduring

Freedom. During Operation Iraqi Freedom, he was Commander of a Global Mobility Task Force in Southwest Asia. Self is a command pilot with more than 4,000 hours in UH-1, T-38, C-141B, C-17 and C-130 aircraft.

Self is the son of LeeAnn Self of Grass Valley, Calif., and is married to the former Sue Battle, a native of Walnut Creek, Calif.

The U.S. Air Force Expeditionary Center is the USAF's Center of Excellence responsible for expeditionary innovation, education, training and exercises. It delivers innovative expeditionary combat support concepts and capabilities and prepares leaders and forces to effectively accomplish air mobility, Air Force, joint and coalition missions. The center's schools, directorates and detachments work together to achieve one major goal — keeping USAF forces ready, at a moment's notice, to deploy anywhere in the world.

Wayne Cook
Public Affairs Staff

After more than four years of service to the Fort Dix community, Sgt. Maj. John Amaral, Military Assistance for Training Operations (MATOPS) sergeant major, has taken leave of the post as he joins the 174th Infantry Brigade at Fort Drum, N.Y., enroute to Ft. Bragg, N.C., and ultimately the Sergeants Major Academy at Fort Bliss, Texas as an instructor.

Amaral, who joined the Army Reserve in 1982, came to Dix from Fort Drum where he had been the MATOPS non-commissioned officer-in-charge.

The sergeant major was instrumental in standing up the Forward Operating Base training facilities, including creating plans of instruction for initial Theater Immersion Training.

With a desire to see Soldiers reach their highest potential, Amaral has always focused on ensuring his troops had the opportunities to excel, thus providing the best service to Soldiers and units training to meet the needs of modern-day warfare.

Amaral's favorite quote is, "Mission first, Soldiers always."



Wayne Cook

SOLDIERS' SOLDIER — Sgt. Maj. John Amaral, chief of Military Assistance for Training Operations, lead a critical component of the training and validation process of units before deploying them to participate in the Global War on Terrorism.

Besides striving to do all he can through his career to train up the best Soldiers at any level, he also spends a lot of time and energy serving the community around him. Amaral is establishing two non-profit organizations — one medical, the other financial — to help five- to ten-year-old children. Being an immigrant himself

(born in Sao Miguel Azores, Portugal), the sergeant major understands the value of giving back to a community and country that have given so much to him and his family.

Being a man and a Soldier of such a large capacity to give, both civically and professionally, it is easy to say that Fort Dix's loss is Fort Drum's gain.

Exhibits maker builds model IEDs to save Soldiers' lives



Chelsea Iliff

FOR THE TROOPS — Ruben Zunega, exhibits maker at Fort Huachuca, Ariz., examines the model IED he built for the 304th Military Intelligence Battalion.

Chelsea Iliff
Army News Service

FORT HUACHUCA, Ariz., Oct. 2, 2007 — Ruben Zunega has spent the last 32 years making everything from full-scale plastic tanks to 3-D topographical maps. But his latest project might just be his most important.

An exhibits builder for the Range Control Office here, Zunega is now constructing model improvised explosive devices and improvised rocket launchers that will be used to train Soldiers heading into combat zones.

Working conceptually with Capt. Travis James of the 304th Military Intelligence Battalion, Zunega is giving Soldiers a stronger defense against IEDs by providing a tangible product they can see and touch.

"This will save lives," said James, who provided Zunega sketches from memory because he couldn't offer the real thing. "Not only will it save lives, but it will also help get Soldiers home intact."

After seeing his friends get hurt in Ramadi, Iraq, James started taking pictures of the devices in sector. He and his team then hung the pictures on a wall, along with actual devices for Soldiers to pick up and handle.

"We saw casualty rates drop. It was a fantastic success," said James.

Zunega spent two weeks creating the model IEDs and IRLs. The devices will be distributed to sites where junior Soldiers are training prior to deployment, and incorporated into the insurgency class for the military intelligence captain's career course.

Capt. Scott Smith, Company A, 304th MI Bn., is preparing to deploy to Iraq with a military transition team.

"I saw the model IEDs and think they're a great way to prepare all Soldiers for what we may see in Iraq," he said.

Zunega is now working on model electronic form projectiles that James said are one of the biggest killers in Baghdad.

"If these models save one life, it will all be worth it," Zunega said.

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Announcements



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

Friday, October 5 @ 7:30 p.m.
Superbad - Jonah Hill, Michael Cera, Christopher Mintz-Plasse, Bill Hader, Seth Rogen - High-school seniors Seth (Jonah Hill) and Evan (Michael Cera) have high hopes for a graduation party: The co-dependent teens plan to score booze and babes so they can finally be part of the in-crowd, but their separation anxiety and two bored police officers (Bill Hader, Seth Rogen) complicate the pair's self-proclaimed mission.

MPAA Rating: R - crude and sexual content, language, drinking, drug use and a fantasy/comic violent image

Run time: 114 minutes

Saturday, October 6 @ 7:30 p.m.
Death Sentence - Kevin Bacon, Garrett Hedlund, Kelly Preston, Aisha Tyler, John Goodman - A father (Kevin Bacon) goes out for revenge after his family is attacked in a senseless and heinous gang-initiation crime. The father enacts a death sentence on each perpetrator involved with the crime.

MPAA Rating: R - strong bloody brutal violence and pervasive language

Run time: 110 minutes

Future Features...

Balls of Fury

Friday, Oct. 12 @ 7:30 p.m.
PG-13, 90 minutes.

Mr. Bean's Holiday

Saturday, Oct. 13 @ 7:30 p.m.
G, 88 minutes.

If you or someone you know has a child with special needs or a disability we can help. The **Fort Dix Exceptional Family Member Program** is hosting the "Advocating for your Child with Disabilities Under the New Special Education Code Workshop" on **October 16, 6 - 8 p.m.**

The free workshop includes a complimentary dinner and childcare. **Advanced registration is required.** Call **562-2767** for more information.

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Computer Classes

for 3 - 5 year olds

Tuesdays (starting October 2)

4:15 - 5:15 p.m.

Fort Dix Child Development Center

BASIC COMPUTER SKILLS

KEYBOARD FAMILIARIZATION

PRACTICE DESKTOP SKILLS with PULL DOWN MENUS

Register TODAY through September 18!
\$45 (A month paid in advance is due on the 1st)

Main Chapel

562-2020

Sunday Services

Protestant 9 - 10 a.m.
Catholic Mass 10:15 - 11:15 a.m.
Gospel 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Camp Victory - Chaplain's tent

Protestant 8 a.m. - 9 a.m.
Catholic 8 a.m. - 9 a.m.
Mormon 8 a.m. - 9 a.m.
Jewish 8 a.m. - 9 a.m.

Wednesday Services

Main Chapel

Protestant Bible Study noon
Chapel Library

Protestant 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

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 services available by request

For additional services or Religious Sup-
port please call 562-2020

Religious materials are available at the
JRC, the Main Chapel, and Camp Victory

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.

Oct 5 - Oct 11

Friday

Power Hour

2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Computer Lab

4 - 6 p.m.

Keystone Club

6 - 7 p.m.

Saturday

Midnight Basketball

Open Recreation

3:30 - 7 p.m.

Basketball/Guest Teens ONLY

7 p.m. - 12 a.m.

Monday

Columbus Day

Schools and Youth Center Closed

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

4 - 5 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

Community Newcomer's Orientation

Information - Tour - Free Lunch - Free Child Care - and Much More!

Every 3rd Thursday of each month
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

at Army Community Service

*New service and family members are invited to attend this orientation to discover more of the little known wonders of Fort Dix and the surrounding area.

Hearts Apart

Oct. 9 and 23
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Army Community Service

McGuire/Fort Dix Job Fair

October 10

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

McGuire AFB

Community Service Club

POC - Carol Spenser 754-3154

Hispanic Heritage Luncheon

October 11

11:30 a.m.

Club Dix

Lunch and Learn Series: Peer Pressure: What to Do?

October 19

11:30 - 12:30

Army Community Service

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

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October 5

Single Sailor Enrichment Workshop
noon - 1 p.m.

FFSC Bldg. 488-2, Lakehurst

The More the Merrier Parent Support
Group

noon - 1 p.m.

McGuire PAX Terminal

Anger Management

1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

McGuire Fitness Center, HAWC

October 7

Reflections on Domestic Violence

9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

McGuire AFB Chapel 1

8:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

McGuire AFB Chapel 2

October 8

Playgroup

11 a.m. - 12:30 a.m.

McGuire CDC #1

October 9

Talk Time Parents Resource

10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Phone Consultation (723) 323-1963

October 10

Information Booth

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

AAFES Food Court, BX/PX

Family Yoga Class

6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

McGuire Fitness Center

24-hour Hotlines

Sexual Assault.....562-3849

Victim Advocacy.....694-8724

Child/Spouse Abuse..562-6001

Emergencies.....911

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



Wayne Cook

Soldiers have yellow banner day

First Sgt. Alex Puopolo and Capt. Bryan Pillai, commander, 972nd Military Police Company, Massachusetts Army National Guard, prepare to hoist the unit's yellow banner over Infantry Park Oct. 3.

Deer especially dangerous during October, November

More than half of all deer/vehicle collisions occur in October and November. The rut (mating season) and peak days for hunting may account for this. Deer will cross roads at any time of day or night, creating a hazard for the vehicles, passengers, and deer.

Here are driving tips to help prevent collisions:

- Deer are most active at dawn and dusk. Be especially watchful during these times.
- One deer crossing the road may be a sign that more deer are about to cross. Watch for other deer—they will move fast to catch up with leaders, mothers, or mates and may not pay attention to traffic.

- When you see brake lights, it could be because the driver ahead of you has spotted a deer. Stay alert as you drive by the spot, as more deer could try to cross.
- Wonder why the person ahead is driving so slowly? The driver may know where to slow down and be extra alert for deer. Don't be too quick to pass, and watch out.

- Take note of deer-crossing signs and drive accordingly. They were put there for a reason.
- Try to drive more slowly at night, giving yourself time to see a deer with your headlights. Lowering the brightness of your dashboard lights slightly will make it easier to see deer.

- Be especially watchful when traveling near steep roadside banks. Deer will pop onto the roadway with little or no warning.
- Be aware that headlights confuse deer and may cause them to move erratically or stop. Young animals in particular do not recognize that vehicles are a threat.

- Deer hooves slip on pavement and a deer may fall in front of your vehicle just when you think it is jumping away.
- Deer whistles, small devices that can be mounted on your vehicle, emit a shrill sound that supposedly alerts deer nearby. (Humans cannot hear the sound.) How well the



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OH, DEER -- Deer in the road present a driving hazard year round, but are especially dangerous during their October-November mating season.

devices work is not scientifically known. If a collision with a deer seems imminent, take your foot off the accelerator and brake lightly. But—and this is critical—keep a firm hold on the steering wheel while keeping the vehicle straight. Do not swerve in an attempt to miss the deer. Insurance adjusters claim that more car damage and personal injury is caused when drivers attempt to avoid collision with a deer and

instead collide with guardrails or roll down grades.

If you accidentally hit a deer, try to move the animal off the road—providing you can do so in complete safety. Otherwise, report the location of the deer's body to the city, county, or state highway department with jurisdiction for the road. If no action is taken, contact the non-emergency number of the local police department, and the agency will arrange for the body to be removed. This will prevent scavengers from being attracted onto the road, and eliminate a potential traffic hazard.

If the deer is wounded, call the non-emergency number of the local police department and describe the animal's location. Emphasize that the injured deer is a traffic hazard to help ensure that someone will come quickly.

2007 International and Military Mail Christmas Mailing Dates

To ensure delivery of holiday cards and packages by December 25 to military APO/FPO addresses overseas and to international addresses, we suggest that mail be entered by the recommended mailing dates listed below. Beat the last-minute rush and take your mail to your Post Office by these suggested dates. And don't forget you can print postage, labels, and Customs Forms online 24/7 using Click-N-SHIP at usps.com/clickship.

Remember, all mail addressed to military post offices overseas is subject to certain conditions or restrictions regarding content, preparation, and handling. APO/FPO addresses generally require Customs Forms. To see a table of active APO and FPO addresses and mailing restrictions by individual APO/FPO ZIP Codes, go to pe.usps.com and click "Postal Bulletins." Go to the current issue and see the heading "Overseas Military Mail."

Military Mail Addressed To	Express Mail® Military Service (EMMS) ^{1/}	First-Class Mail® Letters/Cards	Priority Mail®	Parcel Air Mail (PAL)® ^{2/}	Space Available Mail (SAM)® ^{3/}	Parcel Post®
APO/FPO AE ZIPs 090-002	Dec 18	Dec 11	Dec 11	Dec 4	Nov 27	Nov 13
APO/FPO AE ZIPs 098	N/A	Dec 4	Dec 4	Dec 1	Nov 27	Nov 13
APO/FPO AE ZIPs 094-008	Dec 18	Dec 11	Dec 11	Dec 4	Nov 27	Nov 13
APO/FPO AA ZIPs 340	Dec 18	Dec 11	Dec 11	Dec 4	Nov 27	Nov 13
APO/FPO AF ZIPs 962-965	Dec 18	Dec 11	Dec 11	Dec 4	Nov 27	Nov 13

^{1/} EMMS: Express Mail Military Service is available to selected military post offices. Check with your local Post Office to determine if this service is available to your APO/FPO address.

^{2/} PAL: PAL is a service that provides air transportation for parcels on a space-available basis. It is available for Parcel Post items not exceeding 30 pounds in weight or 60 inches in length and girth combined. The applicable PAL fee must be paid in addition to the regular surface rate of postage for each addressed piece sent by PAL service.

^{3/} SAM: SAM parcels are paid at Parcel Post postage rate of postage with maximum weight and size limits of 15 pounds and 60 inches in length and girth combined. SAM parcels are first transported domestically by surface and then to overseas destinations by air on a space-available basis.

International Mail Addressed To	Global Express Guaranteed® (GEG)® ^{4/}	Express Mail® International (EMI)® ^{5/}	Priority Mail® International® ^{6/}	First-Class Mail® International®
Africa	Dec 19	Dec 12	Dec 4	Dec 4
Asia/Pacific Item	Dec 19	Dec 12	Dec 11	Dec 11
Australia / New Zealand	Dec 19	Dec 12	Dec 11	Dec 11
Canada	Dec 20	Dec 18	Dec 11	Dec 11
Caribbean	Dec 19	Dec 12	Dec 11	Dec 11
Central & South America	Dec 19	Dec 12	Dec 4	Dec 4
Mexico	Dec 19	Dec 12	Dec 11	Dec 11
Europe	Dec 19	Dec 12	Dec 11	Dec 11
Middle East	Dec 19	Dec 12	Dec 11	Dec 11

^{4/} GEG is available to over 190 countries via an alliance with Federal Express. See a retail associate at participating locations for a complete list of countries and money-back guarantee details, or go to pe.usps.com and click "International Rates and Fees." Read "Country Listing." You can also see the March/April 2007 issue of *Mail*®. Some restrictions apply. Free shipping supplies are available. Purchase postage online and receive 10% discount.

^{5/} EMI is available to over 190 countries with delivery in 3 to 5 average business days. Guaranteed, money-back service is available to Australia, China, Hong Kong, Japan and Korea (Republic of South). Flat rate shipping options and free packaging are available. Purchase postage online and receive a 5% discount.

^{6/} Priority Mail International is available to over 190 countries with delivery in 6-10 average business days. Flat rate shipping options and free packaging are available. Purchase postage online and receive a 5% discount.

*Number of days may vary based upon origin and destination

Honoring the Colors

	Reveille 6 a.m. (0600 hours)	Retreat 5 p.m. (1700 hours)
Military personnel in uniform	Stand at attention, face the flag and salute at first note.	Stand at attention, face the flag for Retreat, then salute at first note of <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" 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)		

WDIX Channel 2
24/7 information

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

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.
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photos by Shawn Morris



Sgt. 1st Class Dana Tyler, above, shares his thoughts on being promoted to E-7 during a ceremony at the NCO Academy.



Academy achievers

Sgt. Maj. Franko Antolovich, Fort Dix Noncommissioned Officer Academy, above right, and Sgt. 1st Class Eduardo Velez, Warrior Leader Course platoon sergeant, above left, pin E-7 rank on newly promoted Sgt. 1st Class James Bellamy at the NCO Academy graduation hall Oct. 2. Also promoted to E-7 were Sgt. 1st Class Daniel Lui, who is joined by wife Shannon, above right, and Sgt. 1st Class Pamela Peggins-Gray, who shares a laugh with husband Sgt. 1st Class Nathaniel Gray, below right.



Job well done

Lt. Gen. Russel L. Honoré, commanding general, First U.S. Army, presents the Army Commendation Medal to 1st Lt. Antonia Greene, 72nd FA BDE, for her outstanding performance.

courtesy photo

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

24-hour Hotlines

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

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

ARTS & CRAFTS

Bldg. 6039
Philadelphia Street

562-5691

Registration & sales store hours:

Tuesday
9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.
Wednesday-Thursday
noon to 5 p.m., 6 - 8:45 p.m.
Friday
11 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.
Saturday
9 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

CLOSED OCT. 6

PROGRAMS

Adult Craft Classes
6-8:30 p.m.
Oct. 11.....Ceramic Cookie Plate

\$5 pre-registration fee

Kids Craft Classes
2:30 - 4 p.m.

Oct. 13.....Ceramic Jack-O-Lantern

Oct. 27.....Fall Foliage Plate

\$5 pre-registration fee

Quilts For Kids Marathon

Oct. 13, 11 a.m. - 9:45 p.m.

Join us or a whole day and night of quilting craziness.

Become part of this National Organization that donates quilts to Children's hospitals.

shelters, and more. We have exciting new ideas and donated fabrics; all you need to bring is your desire to help others while you learn to sew and learn to machine quilt! All experience levels welcome, and there is no fee to join. Please sign up beforehand to reserve your space, or call 562-5691.

Kids Three-Week Pottery Class

Oct. 13, 20 & 27

10:30 a.m. - noon

For kids ages six to nine. Classes cover both hand-building and wheel-throwing techniques. Pre-registration is required. Cost is \$25.

Tween Three-Week Pottery Class

Oct. 13, 20 & 27

1 - 2:30 p.m.

For kids ages six to nine. Classes cover both hand-building and wheel-throwing techniques. Pre-registration is required. Cost is \$25.

Paint Your Own Pottery Day

Oct. 20

Come in and paint any of our ceramic items and get 20-percent off on this day only! We'll have light refreshments, including Otis Spunkmeyer cookie tasting. Bring your friends!

Krafty Birthdays

Arts & Crafts offers Krafty Birthday Parties! Parties include up to 2 hours of party room use, one craft project with instruction and all materials, with many

exciting projects to choose from. When making party reservations, please make sure to stop by in order to select the craft and make payment.

Create A Critter

Discover a menagerie of adorable animals to stuff, dress, and cuddle. From the basic teddy bear to giraffes and lions, we've got them all! Great fun for the whole family and you'll love our low prices. It makes a great last-minute gift idea, too.

Hearts For Heroes

Show your appreciation for our active duty and retired military. Come in anytime and paint a small heart which will be given to a military member. All hearts will be donated so there is no cost to participate!

Framing Qualification Classes

Oct. 17, 6 - 8:30 p.m.

Oct. 13, 9 - 11:30 a.m.

Get qualified to use this great facility and equipment! You will complete one piece (cost of which is not covered by registration fee) about 8"x10" which you must supply as you learn to operate the equipment. All materials are available for purchase at the frame shop.

\$10 fee plus materials

Frame Shop

Stop by to learn about all kinds of framing techniques. In no time you'll be framing your own photographs, paintings and posters.

FORT DIX WANTS YOU



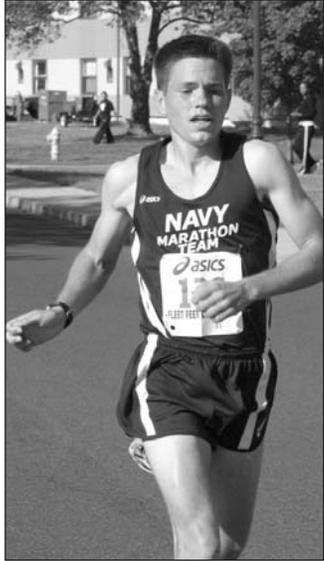
TO BE A VOLUNTEER

Call Army Community Service

at 562-2767

Fort Dix Volunteer Program

Navy grabs top spot in joint race



photos by Ed Mingin

This past weekend saw nearly 200 runners gather for the Joint Base Half Marathon. Midshipman 2nd Class Seth Deaton, at left, set the pace, crossing the line in first place with a time of 1:17:34. Deaton was followed by Air Force Cadet 2nd Class Brad Chronister, who finished at 1:19:24. Finishing in third was Midshipman Lt. Jason Beaudwin at 1:20:50. In the female division, Tara Lynn finished first with a time of 1:28:06. She was followed by Maggie Freeman, 1:34:22, and Lindsey Slyman, 1:36:22. The Navy Midshipmen (and women) had a strong showing in the half-marathon and took top honors in the team competition. In addition to the half-marathon, there was also a 5K. Fort Dix Commander Col. Ronald R. Thaxton, right, displays his certificate for finishing at the top of his bracket. Thaxton is an avid runner, and cruised to the finish with a time of 22 minutes. Lt. Col. Roger Cotton, Fort Dix deputy commander, below left, crossed the finish line with his son, 12-year-old Micah.



The Navy team, below, took top honors in both the male and female division. The Army had a strong showing as well, with the West Point Team taking seven of the top 20 positions in the Joint Base Half Marathon.



courtesy photo

Punt, Pass and Kick

Fort Dix Youth Sports held its Punt, Pass, and Kick competition last weekend. Al-Quadir Mosely, above, won in the 14- thru 15-year-old boys' division. Dylan Jacobsen won the 8- thru 9 division, Calvin Bannister won in the 10- thru 11-year-old competition, and Branden Jacobsen with the 12- thru 13-year- old division. Mariha Harkless won in the 10- thru 11-year-old girls' division. The winners will move on to compete in the sectional competition at Harmon Geist Stadium, Hazleton, Pa., Oct. 13.

Back on winning track

The Fort Dix Peewees beat Hamilton West 24-18 last Saturday. After suffering their first loss the previous week, the Peewees are now 3-1.

"There's no doubt it was a nail-biter, but our team persevered and a super job was done by the coaches," said Rob Oswald, coach of the Peewees.

The Chargers led 18-12 after scores by Brandon Cromwell, Nelson Randolph, and John Cotton.

Hamilton West tied the game with four minutes left on the clock.

"That's when the Charger defense dug in and wouldn't budge an inch, and with 20 seconds left on the clock, the quick striking Charger offense was not to be denied," said Oswald.

The Chargers final score came when quarterback Joseph Oswald pitched the ball to Brandon Cromwell. Instead of running, Cromwell completed a 17-yard pass to Nelson Randolph, who scored his second touchdown.

"Our offense was clicking on all cylinders," said Oswald. "Kudos go out to the whole line, led by Jalen Hooks, Isaiah 'Charlie' Wilson, Derrick Hudson, Trey Smith, Devaughn Epps, TJ Moore, Logan Banks, Julian Hodge and Chris Santiago. On the other side of the ball, honorable mentions go out to Casiano Weir, Cal Bannister, Zurich Reid, Blake Dunbar and Devin Terry."



Ed Mingin

STILL ON TOP-- Sean Hoggs, above, and the Mitey-Mites had a bye this week and remain at the top of their division with a record of 3-0.