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**READY TO RUMBLE** — *Spec. Raymond Ford and Pvt. Robin Guard, fire the M-2 .50-caliber machine gun during training drills, 328th Military Police Company, New Jersey National at Fort Dix.*

## Half Jersey Guard gets OIF call

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As the new 328<sup>th</sup> Military Police Company Soldiers were putting rounds on target, leaders for the New Jersey Army National Guard stepped to the podium to announce the deployment of the 50<sup>th</sup> Brigade Combat Team.

About 170 military police Soldiers from the Guard's 57<sup>th</sup> Troop Command will be the first to go from the New Jersey Army Guard for rotation into Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF). Additional troops deploying from the Garden State's brigade combat team will bring the number of Soldiers from the Garden State to about 3,200. The 328<sup>th</sup> is the latest unit taking advantage of early mobilization training.

Hailing from Cherry Hill, N.J., they are at Fort Dix undergoing three weeks of Annual Training (AT). Most AT is two weeks in length but the 328<sup>th</sup> will go through an extra week to prepare for deployment in support of the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT). They are slated to deploy to Iraq sometime in the summer of 2008. The reason for this additional training is to reduce the number of days the unit must spend at a mobilization station. By adding training requirements for GWOT prior to activating a Reserve or Guard unit, training days are decreased but the training requirements are still fulfilled thereby allowing the unit to perform successfully in GWOT theater immersion training environment.

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## Gate dedicated to Korean-American hero

Cloudy skies held back the rain, but heavy hearts couldn't hold back the tears as the Fort Dix community and family of Pfc. Min Soo Choi honored the fallen hero by dedicating the Wrightstown Gate to him Oct. 19. "Everytime someone comes through that gate, they will always remember the sacrifice Min Soo Choi made," said Col. Ronald Thaxton, installation commander. "Min Soo Choi represented everything that is good about America," said Brig. Gen. Karl Horst, director of Operations, Plans, Logistics and Engineering, U.S. Joint Forces Command, who was Choi's superior in Iraq. "He died like a hero." "Here was a young man who took an oath to the constitution of a country that was not yet his own," said Horst of Choi, who was not a U.S. citizen at the time of his death. "He will forever remain alive in our thoughts, our prayers, our memories and our lives," Horst added. "Min Soo Choi died a hero." John Carbone Esq. spoke on behalf of the Choi family. "When (Min Soo Choi's father) thinks about his son, he is sad; when he thinks about this tribute, he is honored," Carbone said. "Min Soo Choi believed in America, and what America should be," Carbone concluded.

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**ARMY FAMILY** — Col. Ronald R. Thaxton, installation commander, left, comforts Jae Wha Choi, mother of Pfc. Min Soo Choi, while Brig. Gen. Karl Horst, director of Operations, Plans, Logistics and Engineering, U.S. Joint Forces Command, right, grieves with Jong Dae Choi, Min Soo's father, and Min Soo's sister Mirry Choi during the Wrightstown Gate memorialization ceremony to Min Soo, who lost his life Feb. 26, 2005, during a combat patrol in Iraq.

## NATO allies promise more support for Afghanistan

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**NOORDWIJK, Netherlands, Oct. 24, 2007** — Talks here today appear to be paying off, with several NATO members here offering more support in Afghanistan for a mission Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates called "a litmus test for the effectiveness of the alliance in the 21st century." Gates told reporters after the first of two days at the NATO informal ministerial conference here that he's pleased to hear more countries are upping their contribution in Afghanistan or considering such a measure.

"Today was a considerably more positive day than I anticipated," he said. "On the whole, I think today was a very good day." Army Gen. Dan K. McNeill, commander of the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force since February, opened today's discussions with a commander's view of the effort. Army Gen. Bantz J. Craddock, NATO's supreme allied commander for Europe and commander of U.S. European Command, presented the strategic picture.

"Their first message was that we are winning in Afghanistan," a senior U.S. official who observed the session told reporters. "But their second message was: in order to maintain the pace - and par-

ticularly to maintain the operational pace and increase our training commitment to the Afghans - we have all got to do more."

The commanders noted progress in training the Afghan National Army, which now is starting to take the lead in some operations. They pointed to the Afghan National Police as "the weak link" that needs more attention, the official said.

Gates said he's seen a growing recognition in the alliance that success in training Afghan security

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forces is central to success in Afghanistan. "To this end, there has been a steady increase in contributions of training teams, and I was pleased that today more offers were put on the table," he said.

The secretary noted, for example, that only 36 of some 72 non-U.S. operational mentoring and liaison teams needed by mid-2008 had been committed before today. "Some of the things I heard today led me to believe that we will be nearer to the requirement by next summer," he said.

Gates said he'd leave it to individual countries

to announce their additional ISAF contributions. He declined to comment on media reports that France is among them, but said that "any greater French involvement would be most welcome." The reports said France, which currently has its 1,000 ISAF troops in Kabul and Kandahar, could for the first time send dozens of military trainers into southern Afghanistan. A U.S. official said the decision would represent a major strategic shift for France.

While pleased by today's progress, Gates said gaps remain within ISAF. "The mission still requires more maneuver elements and fewer restraints in how forces can be used," he said. Also still lacking are enough helicopters and fixed-wing aircraft.

Gates said the ministers discussed these shortfalls "openly and honestly," with some of the larger contributors speaking "very strongly about the need for increased contributions so that the burden is shared more equally by all."

Among them was Netherlands, which is hosting the NATO ministerial conference just as the mandate for the Dutch forces in Afghanistan's Oruzgan province is about to expire. Although Dutch government officials expect to keep some troops in Afghanistan, they would like to "lighten their force somewhat," the official said, because they've been

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## NEWSNOTES

### Volunteers needed for annual Day of Caring

The Fort Dix Day of Caring will be held today from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Projects include putting together comfort kits for mobilizing Soldiers, designing Healing Hearts, creating Quilts for Kids, landscaping at Providence House and senior-citizen homes, organizing toys for Operation Santa Claus, and supporting local organizations.

The day kicks off with a pizza party at the Main Chapel. Call Frances Booth, Army Volunteer Corps coordinator, at 562-3930, or Army Community Service at 562-2767 for more information or to volunteer.

### Clint Black concert coming to Fort Dix

Doughboy Field will rock to the sounds of country-music superstar Clint Black Oct. 29 in a free concert starting at 6 p.m.

The concert is part of the Spirit of America Tour, and is open to all Department of Defense identification card holders and their guests.

Priority seating will be given to military personnel in uniform. No pets or coolers are allowed, but lawn chairs are permitted. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 562-5853 or visit [www.dixmwr.com](http://www.dixmwr.com).

### Classified Clean-Out Day coming soon

On Nov. 6, all Fort Dix activities are required to complete a review of their holdings of classified materials. Any document or item no longer needed for operational, legal, or historical purposes is to be destroyed using an authorized destruction method.

Call the Installation Security Office at 562-3665/2153/2417 for additional information.

### AFAP Conference rescheduled Nov. 7

The Army Family Action Plan Conference originally on tap for Oct. 25 has been rescheduled for Nov. 7 at Timmermann Center from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

All those interested in joining the conference and discussing ideas to make Fort Dix a better place to live, work and play are welcome to participate.

Please call Fran Booth at 562-3930 for more information or to sign up.

### Newcomers' Orientation held each month at ACS

Community Newcomers' Orientation is held the third Thursday of each month and is open to new service members and their families to become with Fort Dix and its surrounding communities. The orientation is held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Army Community Service building at 5201 Maryland Avenue. Free lunch and childcare are provided.

For more information, call 562-2767.

## WEATHER

**FRIDAY** -- Periods of rain after morning will likely continue into the evening. Highs in the low 60s with lows in the upper 50s.

**SATURDAY** -- Showery skies and likely showers in the morning continue into the evening with a high of 71 degrees and a low of 50.

**SUNDAY** -- Mostly sunny during the day with partly cloudy skies at night. High of 62 degrees, low of 43.

**MONDAY** -- Sunny with cloudy skies at night. Highs in the low 60s, lows in the low 40s.

**TUESDAY** -- Mostly sunny day with nighttime clouds and a high of 60 degrees, low around 42.

# Halloween horrors highlight technology, terror of warfare

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Public Affairs Staff

Images of vampires, ghosts and other horrific creatures have been scaring moviegoers since the early days of cinema. Classics such as *The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari* (1919), *Nosferatu* (1922), *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* (1923) and *The Phantom of the Opera* (1925) sent chills down many spines during the early part of the 20th century.

Even more frightening than movies for two of the century citizens were the realities of the First World War, a conflict that claimed the lives of 10-million Soldiers worldwide while wounding double that number.

Technological advancements were largely to blame for this new efficiency in killing. Artillery shells and machine guns cut down waves of Soldiers on trench-lined battlefields. Motorized vehicles such as planes, tanks and submarines brought mechanized warfare to the modern age. Electrically-powered radios and searchlights made for coordinated attacks during day or night. And mustard gas introduced the world to chemical warfare.

In the aftermath of World War I, man's relation to science seemed no longer one of student to subject, but of victim to vanquisher. The "Great War" had given the world a new definition of horror, one that would be spelled out in images on the silver screen.

*Frankenstein* (1931), directed by British World-War-I veteran James Whale, tells the tale of a scientist who gives life to a creature pieced together from cadavers. The story, adapted from Mary Shelley's 1816 novel, is given a 20th-century facelift featuring a laboratory filled with scientific apparatus that serves as the creature's birthplace.

Naturally, everything goes awry, and the creature kills and maims several innocents — in addition to its not-so-innocent creator — before being destroyed by angry villagers. When *Bride of Frankenstein* (1935) premiered four years later, both creature and creator were back, the former endeavoring to mold a monstrous mate for the latter.

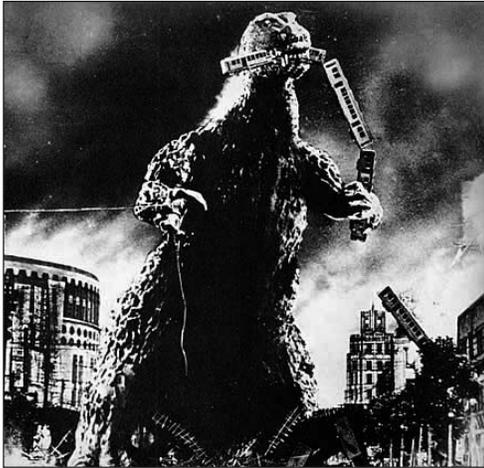
Dr. Frankenstein, perhaps the original "mad scientist," used his intellect to harness the power of life, just as real-life men of science had let loose the spectre of death upon Europe's battlefields. Despite the creators' intentions, the inevitable outcome of technological advancements was despair and destruction.

In 1939, Universal Studios released *Son of Frankenstein*, in which the doctor's son returns to his father's laboratory in Germany and becomes obsessed with reviving the creature, now revealed through a series of scientific experiments — to have super-human abilities. Released the same year Germany invaded Poland, the film seems to pre-empt Adolf Hitler's notion of the Aryan superman and his resurrection of a nation laid to rest under the Treaty of Versailles.

World War II saw many technical innovations and improvements, but none was more awe-inspiring — and horrifying — than the nuclear bomb. For the first time, hundreds of thousands of people could be wiped out in a flash, with thousands more succumbing to radioactive after-effects. Vampires, werewolves and mummies no longer seemed scary when compared to images from Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Even Frankenstein's monster paled in comparison to the power of the atom.

The public's fascination with, and fear of, this new super weapon was reflected in horror films from the late 1940s and early 1950s. *Godzilla* (1954) and *Them!* (1954) depicted a host of movies that depicted creatures altered by exposure to radiation who inevitably used their nuclear-enhanced size and abilities to punish mankind for its scientific irresponsibility.

Other cautionary tales included *The Incredible Shrinking Man* (1957), in which radioactivity leads to the main character's diminutive



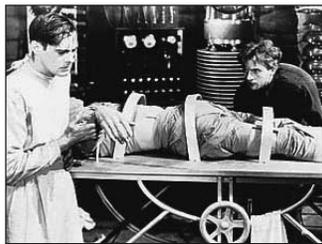
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**GODS AND MONSTERS — Godzilla, above, wreaks vengeance upon mankind for its wanton abuse of nuclear weapons in *Godzilla* (1954). Ordinary creatures that were made large and powerful from radiation were prevalent in 1950s horror/science fiction films, such as the giant ants from *Them!* (1954), left. These films, made after World War II, were quite different than those that followed the First World War, such as *Frankenstein* (1931), below, which addressed the issue of technology being taken too far — of man playing God. In the film, this sinful science leads to the creation of a destructive monster. In reality, it led to millions dead and wounded during World War I.**



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**SCIENCE VS. SATAN — Linda Blair, below left, played a little girl possessed by the Devil in *The Exorcist* (1973). In the film, her doctors put her through a battery of tests, but to no avail. Science is ineffectual in helping the possessed girl, below right, just as America's superior technology was ineffectual in the war against North Vietnam.**



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demise, and Roger Corman's *Day the World Ended* (1956), which shows survivors' struggles in a post-nuclear world. In *The Day the Earth Stood Still* (1951), alien visitors warn the earth's nations to dismantle their arms or face punishment from a civilization far more advanced than their own. Following the Second World War, the line between science fiction and horror had become blurred, as the two genres often became one in the same. A priest who has lost his faith in God — as Americans had lost theirs in country — is left to make a one-sided deal with the Devil in order to save the girl.

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and social upheaval at home. The scene was set for *Satan to take center stage on the silver screen.*

While *Rosemary's Baby* (1968) and *The Omen* (1976) offered "Old Scratch" some quality screen time, it was *The Exorcist* (1973) that really gave the Devil his due. In the film, a young girl suffering strange "symptoms" is run through test after test by leading doctors and scientists, but technology is unable to help her, just as it was unable to win the war in Vietnam. A priest who has lost his faith in God — as Americans had lost theirs in country — is left to make a one-sided deal with the Devil in order to save the girl.

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saw an upswing in high-quality and innovative thrillers such as *Scream* (1996), *The Sixth Sense* (1999) and *The Blair Witch Project* (1999).

Then, on Sept. 11, 2001, horror was again redefined. The terrorist attacks against the United States that day, and their endless coverage on television, brought nearly unwatchable images into homes around the nation. Anger and helplessness raged as America's technology — in the form of jumbo jets and sky-scrapers — was turned against its own people.

During the Vietnam War, technology had failed the American people; on 9/11, it betrayed them.

It may be too soon to see the effects of 9/11 on today's horror films, although movies like *Saw* (2004), *Hostel* (2005) and *The Hills Have Eyes* (1977) when images of bloodshed and violence from the Vietnam War dominated television newscasts, like they did in the aftermath of 9/11.

One thing is for certain: Horror films will have no shortage of material for years to come as the Global War on Terrorism promises to continue into the foreseeable future.

## George H. Plankenhorn 1941-2007

George H. Plankenhorn, a former Fort Dix civil servant and Army Reservist who served extensively with the 78th Division, died on Oct. 8 at his home in Little Egg Harbor. He was 66 years old.

Born in Camden, Plankenhorn attended Temple University where, upon graduation, he received a commission in the U.S. Army.

His active duty with the Army included tours in Europe and Vietnam along with several stateside positions.

Upon completion of active duty, Plankenhorn served for over 20 years in the Army Reserve. Most of his Reserve service was completed with the 78th Division. He served as a battalion and brigade commander with the 78th, retiring as the division chief of staff.

As a DoD civilian, Plankenhorn worked in what is now called the Directorate of Personnel, Training, Mobiliza-



tion and Security (DPTMS), formerly the Force Protection Directorate (FPD), specializing in G-3 functions such as contingency planning, emergency operations and mobilization training. Plankenhorn is survived by a niece, Dale Carpenter, who lives in Mays Landing. George was cremated and there was no funeral or service as per his request.

## Deborah Kerr 1921-2007

In an industry rife with hype, prima donnas and neurotic poses, Deborah Kerr was different. She was a lady and ranked among the great actresses of the 20th century. Although her name was never a household word, her face became a familiar image to movie fans the world over.

Kerr died Oct. 16 in Suffolk, England, from cumulative effects imposed by Parkinson's disease. She was 86 years old.

Nominated six times for Best Actress Academy Awards (in *Edward, My Son* (1949), *From Here to Eternity* (1953), *The King and I* (1956), *Heaven Knows, Mr. Allison* (1957), *Separate Tables* (1958) and 1960's *The Sundowners*), Kerr never won. But the body of work she built up over a screen career has already outlasted many of Hollywood's flashes in the pan.

Born in Scotland in 1921, Kerr (rhymes with "star") began her career entertaining troops during World War II. Her first major film role was in *Major Barbara* in 1941. Many others followed.

Among her best were a portrayal of a man overcome by the pagan power of nature in *Black Narcissus* (1940); opposite cynical ad man Clark Gable in *The Hucksters* (1947); swashbuckling with Steward Granger in *King Solomon's Mines* (1950); fighting for her virginity and religion in *Quo Vadis* (1951); supporting the queen in *Young Bess* (1953); playing a proper Roman wife in *Julius Caesar* (1953); turning into the lusty officer's wife who rolled on the beach with Burt Lancaster in *From Here to Eternity* (1953); taming Yul Brynner in *The King and I* (1956); serving *Tea and Sympathy* (1956) to a scared virgin; sharing an island with Robert Mitchum's Marine in *Heaven Knows, Mr. Allison* (1957); falling for playwright Cary Grant in the jerkier *An Affair to Remember* (1957); a youth forgiving scandal in *Separate Tables* (1958); an Aussie shepherd's wife



yearning to settle down in *The Sundowners* (1960) and as a housewife comically smitten by wily business tycoon Robert Mitchum in *The Grass Is Greener* (1960). Few could match Deborah Kerr's wit, grace and quiet charm. But thanks to the magic of movies, that charm promises to last from here to eternity. —Steve Snyder



With Robert Taylor in "Quo Vadis" (1951)



With Yul Brynner in "The King and I" (1956)



With Robert Mitchum in "Separate Tables" (1958)

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# Fort Devens honors fallen heroes

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**US ARMY GARRISON—FORT DEVENS, Mass.** — Surrounded by the colorful autumn trees of New England, and the upbeat sounds of the Massachusetts Bavarian Brass Band, members of the Army, Navy, Italian Navy, consul Generals from Germany and Italy, laid tribute to their fallen soldiers during a prisoner of war (POW) wreath-laying ceremony held at the Fort Devens Cemetery, Oct. 20.

"Today, we gather to honor 20 German and two Italian soldiers who were prisoners of war at Fort (Camp) Devens during World War II. These 22 soldiers died in a foreign land away from hearth and home," said Lt. Col. Steven Nott, commander, US Army Garrison—Fort Devens.

In 1942, the Army designated an area of Fort Devens as a prisoner of war camp with an original capacity of 1,000 men. The camp opened in 1944, and ultimately held 5,000 men—the majority were Germans captured in North Africa, Sicily and continental Italy.

"They fought bravely for their countries," continued Nott. "Through horrible sacrifices over countless battles, our countries advanced to a new understanding. We now know that the human spirit and desire for individual opportunities are commonalities—we can embrace."

Dr. Wolfgang Vorwerk, consul general, Germany, spoke of the memories that Fort Devens and World War II brings to his mind.

"This is the fourth time for me, here, at Fort Devens," explained Vorwerk. "But this day does not lose its special emotion. This ceremony is a calm commemoration...a moment to pause, a moment to contemplate," he continued. "Each year on our Nation's Day of Memorial, we remember the violence, the war, and the children. We remember the soldiers and the victims of senseless violence. Twenty-three wars in 300 years...the seeds were planted for a new democratic Germany," said Vorwerk.

As the Massachusetts Bavarian Brass Band, directed by William "Bill" Sharp, played the Italian Navy song, introducing the Italian consul general, Dr. Liborio Stellino, Brunhilde M. Jberl, EMCEE, chuckled.

"This is for you [as she addressed Stellino] and the Italian Navy," she said. "They are here, every year, and are wonderful. They deserved that."

"Yesterday evening, I watched a marvelous film about Italian POWs in US camps," said Stellino. "At a certain point in the film, an Italian writer and POW during WWII shouts out: 'Thank God that we were not able to win the war! What would have the world become if Nazi fascism had won,'" he stated.

"This is a place where these pioneers started to share tolerance and pluralism, to experience democracy, although in confinement," he explained.



**ALLIES** — Lt. Col. Steven Nott, commander, U.S. Army Garrison—Fort Devens, Mass., above right, hosts a German-Italian Prisoner of War (POW) wreath-laying ceremony at the Fort Devens Cemetery Oct. 20. Members from the German and Italian Consul Generals, Italian Navy, Navy and local Veteran groups participated in the memorial. German Consul General Dr. Wolfgang Vorwerk, far right, and Dr. Liborio Stellino, Italian consul general, take a moment of silence before placing wreaths at their fallen comrades' headstones at the cemetery. Members of the Italian Association of the Navy, below, listen to Dr. Liborio Stellino, Italian consul general, as he speaks of the relationship between Germany, Italy and America now, after more than 60 years.



photos by Linda A. Jeleniewski



"We are here especially to honor the ones buried here," continued Stellino. "To bring them the respectful tribute of affection by our countries, now that we cannot feel ashamed of our countries, now that our countries are free democracies, homelands for human solidarity and peace in the world."

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considered, in every corner of our planet, a gift, not to be consumed by hate and grief; where life and truth cannot be twisted and muddled by blind prophets of war," he concluded.

"Gen. Douglas MacArthur once said, '...the Soldier above all other people prays for peace, for he must suffer and bear the deepest wounds and scars of war,'" quoted Nott.

"Today, we find our coun-

tries fighting again. Not against each other, but fighting against those that would destroy our bonds and our understanding of individual rights," stated Nott.

"I ask you to not only honor these 20 German and two Italian prisoners of war who sacrificed all, but to also remember the sacrifices of all Soldiers fighting today," concluded Nott.



NASA

**ARMY STRONG** — Attired in a training version of the Extravehicular Mobility Unit spacesuit, Army Col. Douglas H. Wheelock, STS-120 mission specialist, awaits the start of a training session.

## Army astronaut takes first flight on space shuttle

**WASHINGTON, Army News Service Oct. 23, 2007**—Army Astronaut Col. Douglas H. Wheelock blasted off at 11:48 a.m. Tuesday as the Space Shuttle Discovery launched from Kennedy Space Center, Fla., with a mission of deliver-

The seven astronauts aboard the space shuttle are to spend 14 days in space during the mission and are scheduled to conduct five space walks. Objectives for the flight include delivering a new modular addition to the space station and to move a tower of solar arrays to a new position on the orbiting laboratory.

The flight will also deliver Astronaut Daniel Tani to help man the space station and bring home his predecessor, Flight Engineer Clayton Anderson.

The mission, STS-120, is the 23rd shuttle mission to the International Space Station. Retired Air Force Col. Pamela A. Melroy is commanding the mission. She is the second woman to command a space shuttle.

A series of recent shuttle missions have added to the International Space Station's exterior with new elements for its main truss. Now, Discovery will take into orbit a connecting module that will increase the orbiting laboratory's interior space.

The STS-120 mission will bring the Harmony module, christened after a school contest, that will provide attachment points for European and Japanese laboratory modules. A Known in technical circles as Node 2, it is similar to the six-sided Unity module that links

the U.S. and Russian sections of the station.

"STS-120 is such a cool mission," said Col. Melroy. "Node 2 is the expansion of the space station's capability to bring international laboratories up. It's the expansion of our capability to carry additional people."

"It has additional life support equipment that will allow us to expand out beyond a three-person crew. It's this big boost in the capability which is really exciting," she said.

Built in Italy for the United States, Harmony is a high-tech hallway and "Tinkertoy-like" hub. It is a 23-by-14-foot passageway that will connect the U.S. segment of the station to the European and Japanese modules, to be installed later this year and early next year, respectively.

Harmony will be the first new U.S. pressurized component to be added to the station since the Quest Airlock was attached to one of Unity's six berthing ports in 2001.

"It's the gateway to the international partners," Lead Station Flight Director Derek Hassman said. "As the station is configured today, there's nowhere to put all the international partner modules until we deliver and activate Node 2. That's the piece that makes the rest possible."

Marine Corps Col. George D. Zamka will serve as pilot for the space shuttle. The flight's mission specialists will be Scott E. Parazynski, Army Col. Wheelock, Stephanie D. Wilson and Paolo A. Nespoli, a European Space Agency astronaut from Italy. Wheelock is making his first spaceflight.

## Contaminants detected in post drinking water

Fort Dix Water Department

Our water system recently exceeded a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, you have a right to know that it occurred, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) notified us on Oct. 16 that samples collected in July show that our system exceeded the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for TTHMs. The standard for TTHMs 80 parts per billion. The calculated running average of TTHMs for the past four quarters (October 2006-September 2007) in our water system was 88 parts per billion.

NJDEP sets drinking water standards and requires the disinfection of drinking water. When used in the treatment of drinking water, disinfectants, such as chlorine, react with naturally-occurring organic matter present in water to form chemicals called DBPs (disinfection byproducts). These compounds are present in very small amounts in most water systems.

NJDEP has determined that some DBPs are a health concern at certain levels of exposure. Certain DBPs, including some trihalomethanes, have been shown to cause cancer in laboratory animals. Other DBPs have been shown to affect the liver and the nervous system, and cause reproductive or developmental effects in laboratory animals. Exposure to certain DBPs may produce similar effects in people.

NJDEP has set standards to limit exposure to TTHMs and Fort Dix has been given one year to bring the TTHMs back into compliance with applicable standards.

*What should I do?*

You do not need to use an alternative water supply such as bottled water. If you have specific health concerns, however, consult your doctor.

*What does this mean?*

This is not an immediate risk. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. However, there are certain potential health effects from exposure to DBPs, as set forth above.

*What happened? What is being done?*

We have reduced the chlorine residual of the water leaving the treatment facility and will assess our treatment process in order to further reduce TTHMs in our drinking water. Additional testing will be done to confirm the effects of the chlorine residual reduction.

### 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.

# Jersey Guard gets OIF call

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"Jersey Punishers" arrived at Fort Dix in mid-October and have completed a variety of training exercises including a physical fitness test, humvee rollover safety training, and weapons familiarization. Weapons familiarization includes some of the most powerful weapons in the military arsenal - the M-2 .50-caliber machine gun, MK-19 grenade launcher, and the M-203, which is a combat rifle outfitted with a grenade launcher.

"This is great hands-on training. It's important to get familiarized with these weapons so they won't feel foreign to us in combat," Capt. David Rios, 328<sup>th</sup> commander, said.

The "Jersey Punishers" is one of the units that will deploy in 2008 as announced by Gov. Jon Corzine last week while at Fort Dix.

The Soldiers are currently preparing to perform Area Support Operations (ASO) and Maneuver Mobility Support Operations (MMSO) for their OIF rotation, Rios said.

ASO operations address area security for transport by assisting with items such as food, weapons, equipment, and ammo. MMSO involves performing convoy patrols, route reconnaissance, VIP transport, and entry and control point security. Route reconnaissance refers to ensuring an area is secure and safe for transportation missions.



Ryan Morton

**CALL TO DUTY** -- More than 20 news organizations gathered at the Headquarters New Jersey National Guard building to hear Maj. Gen. Glen K. Rieth, the state adjutant general, and Gov. Jon Corzine, state commander-in-chief, far right, announce the deployment of nearly half of the state's Army Guard in the 50th Brigade Combat Team, including Soldiers like Pfc. Jahaid Postell and Spc. John Panagakos, above.

Ryan Morton

"The training here is going really well. The days have been long and demanding, but we're getting a lot out of it and the Soldiers seem to really appreciate it. They're out there working really hard and are doing an outstanding job," Rios said.

This unit has several experienced combat veterans who have served in Operation Iraqi Freedom, including their commander, and that experience has

proven invaluable in their preparations.

"It's great to have these experienced Soldiers, especially with something like what we're doing today with weapons familiarization. The veterans teach the younger Soldiers how to properly use the weapons and be safe in their handling," Rios said.



Much of the advice Rios gives his Soldiers comes from his experience. He divides it into three distinct areas: pre-deployment, deployment, and post-deployment. Prior to deployment he emphasizes that his Soldiers should take care of home-related issues, mainly family concerns. During the deployment he stresses staying alert and vigilant, and following deployment, he states that it is important to rest, relax, and to continue service to country. First, and foremost, he underscores the importance of accomplishing the mission and returning home safely. Nearly half of the New Jersey Army National Guard will be included in this deployment.

The 50<sup>th</sup> Brigade Combat Team was formed as part of Army transformation and is the basic deployable unit of maneuver. It was formed to develop a more responsive force package that includes combat arms, combat support, and combat service support personnel. The unit formed May 1, 2006, and cascaded its colors Oct 1, 2006.

## Gate dedicated to Korean-American



photos by Ed Mingin

**IN MEMORIAM** -- Pfc. Min Soo Choi, for whom the Wrightstown Gate was dedicated Oct. 19, is remembered by Col. Ronald R. Thaxton, installation commander, Jae Wha Choi, Min Soo's mother, Jong Dae Choi, Min Soo's father, and Miry Choi, Min Soo's sister, from right at left.



Ryan Morton

**PREPARING TO SET SAIL** -- MC-2 Patrick Dille and five other Soldiers aim for success on the Fort Dix ranges as they prepare for a broadcast journalist mission in Iraq.

## Sailors prep for mission

Ryan Morton  
Public Affairs Staff

Fort Dix is an installation that specializes in training military personnel for a plethora of missions supporting the Global War on Terrorism. Thousands of military personnel from every branch, including Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines in active, reserve, and guard components from all over the world take part in the training this place has to offer.

In fact, more than 100,000 military personnel have mobilized through Fort Dix since Sept. 11, 2001.

Currently, among the units training on the installation, 6 are Sailors preparing for a deployment to Iraq. These Sailors are broadcast journalists train-

ing for a specialized mission: running the American Forces Network in Baghdad, or AFN Baghdad.

AFN is the broadcast network that serves the military service people, their dependents, and DOD civilians, and contractors around the world.

Their training is composed of two parts: the combat, which they are doing now, and the public affairs aspect or mission-specific training, which they will start in a couple of weeks. These Sailors are active duty personnel who all volunteered for this mission and are stationed in places all over the world such as Japan, Spain, Italy, and Washington, D.C.

So far, the biggest challenge has been adapting to the Army-style training.

"We don't normally do this kind of training in the Navy, but the Army has helped us out and really taken us under their wing. They're training us well. It took a little bit to adjust to the Army mindset, but it's good now, and we feel more like Soldiers," MC 2 Elijah Leinaar said.

Leinaar works for AFN Siganelia in Italy and when he heard about this voluntary deployment, jumped right in. He feels that this deployment is very special and important because it gives him a chance to report and tell the story of what is going on in that part of the world. "Every one of my peers is a volunteer and that says a lot. It's very commendable that these sailors would volunteer to do this. It gives a new sense of pride in service," Leinaar said.

## NATO ups troop ante

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"punching well above their weight class, and they need some relief."

She noted that several allies stepped forward today and said they'd be ready to offer help in Oruzgan next year.

Gates noted today that while NATO members have lived up to their individual commitments made at the 2006 NATO summit in Riga, Latvia, they've left "five baskets of broad commitments" required for success in Afghanistan unfilled.

"We need to lift our sights, it seems, to see what is needed long-term for success, beyond the specific commitments that have already been made," he said. "And that includes efforts in economic development (and) civil institutions areas, as well as counter-narcotics."

The NATO ministers reiterated their understanding today that success in Afghanistan requires a strategy that integrates all these efforts. "I think all of these things are impor-

tant, and we need to do them all -- and more is required in each of these areas," Gates told reporters.

"My view is that it is not one or the other. It has to be a combination of all of the above," he added.

Gates said he'd like to see a central official appointed to coordinate efforts some 42 countries and about a dozen non-governmental organizations are making to support the non-military aspects of the mission. This person -- and he specified that it shouldn't be an American -- would help improve cooperation, share best practices learned and fill gaps, he said.

As important as these resources are to the mission, Gates said, effective strategic communication also is vital to success. The NATO ministers acknowledged that "in some countries, there has to be a better effort to tell the story of Afghanistan," the U.S. official said.

"It's a long way from the

hearts and minds and kitchen tables in Europe," she said, "and there needs to be a continued effort to explain why we are there (and) the strategic importance for our countries."

Gates said there's solid agreement on the importance of succeeding in Afghanistan. "No one doubts the justice or necessity of the alliance mission in Afghanistan," he said. "What we need now are actions, deeds and a sense of urgency and commitment to back up our pledges and promises."

The secretary said he has no reason to doubt the participants will follow through with commitments voiced here during NATO's force-generation session in early November. "I'm confident that NATO can rise to the occasion," he said.

The NATO Headquarters, in Brussels, Belgium, is the political headquarters of the Alliance and the permanent home of the North Atlantic Council, NATO's senior political decision-making body.

## Coast Guard rescues two NJ divers from Atlantic waters

**ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.** - The Coast Guard rescued two divers last week who were reported overdue when they failed to resurface about 35 miles east of Indian River Bay, Del.

Missing were Joseph Small and Chuck O'Donnell, 55, both of Corbin City, N.J.

The Coast Guard received the call at about Oct. 16, 12:50 p.m. from Frank Donnelly, a passenger who stayed behind on the fishing boat Suzie Q, who reported the divers missing after they failed to resur-

face at their scheduled time. The two divers went 138 feet to explore a wreckage site and resurfaced about two miles from the boat.

A rescue helicopter crew from Coast Guard Air Station Atlantic City located the divers at about 2 p.m. and deployed Petty Officer 2nd Class Patrick Roach, a rescue swimmer, to assess the divers' medical needs.

Both divers were reportedly in good condition at the time and in no need of medical care. Roach stayed with the

divers until a rescue boat crew from Coast Guard Station Indian River, Del., arrived and pulled the two divers aboard.

Both divers were taken back to their boat, and they returned to Canyon Club Marina in Cape May, N.J.

"They were both pretty tired," said Petty Officer 3rd Class Steven Stewart of Coast Guard Station Indian River. "They were experienced and equipped for diving, but they were definitely relieved when we arrived."

--USCG News Release

# NEIGHBORHOOD

## THE CORNER

### Basic Training for Business 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 post, call Rod Martel at 562-2186 48 hours before the training date.

**Disclaimer:** This opportunity is not an endorsement of the company or the company's products or services by Army Community Service, Fort Dix or the United States Army. This is an effort to provide legitimate employment opportunities for the families of "Team Dix" and our service members preparing for retirement or separation.

### Fort Dix Retiree Council to host buffet luncheon

A luncheon will be sponsored by the Fort Dix Retiree Council for retirees and their guests Nov. 3 at Club Dix, with the Social Time beginning at 11:30 a.m., followed by the luncheon at noon.

The luncheon will be a country buffet and will include Biscuits and Ribbs, Southern Fried Chicken, Catfish, Macaroni and Cheese, Potato Salad, Hush Puppies, Corn Bread and Buttermilk Biscuits; and Apple Pie for Dessert.

The cost for the luncheon is \$22, gratuity included. Checks can be made payable to the Fort Dix Retiree Council. Retirees and their friends/guests are invited to send reservation requests to Sgt. Maj. Norman Pallotto, 15 East Central Avenue, Moorestown, New Jersey, 08057, not later than Oct. 31.

### Finance Office adopts new hours of operation

The Fort Dix Finance Office is now open Monday through Wednesdays and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Thursdays from 1 to 3 p.m. The office is located in Building 5418.

### West Point Army Band to hold concert in NYC

The West Point Army Band will hold a concert Nov. 4 at the Brooklyn College Center for the Performing Arts.

The concert is open to members of the Reserve Officers Association and their guests, retired military, and active-duty, Reserve and National Guard service members. Attendees are requested to dress in uniform, if possible.

Doors open for military personnel and dependents at 1:30 p.m., with the performance starting at 3 p.m. Uniforms worn or a copy of this notice will serve as an admission ticket.

Please call Col. Lester Gross at (718) 648-6527 to reserve a seat or for more information.

### State to offer Army retiree license plates

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

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

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

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

### 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. No families are residing in the 1100 Area since this change occurred.

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

## Dix celebrates with Red Ribbons

The Red Ribbon Campaign is the oldest and largest drug prevention program in the nation reaching millions of Americans during the last week of October every year.

By wearing red ribbons and participating in community anti-drug events, young people pledge to live a drug-free life and pay tribute to DEA Special Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena.

Camarena was born on July 26, 1947 in Mexicali, Mexico. He graduated from Calexico High School in Calexico, California in 1966, and in 1968 he joined the U.S. Marine

Corps. After serving in the Marine Corps for two years, he joined the Calexico Police Department as a Criminal Investigator in 1970. In May of 1973, Kiki started working as a Narcotics Investigator with the El Centro Police Department.

Soon, he joined the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). His first assignment as a Special Agent with DEA was in a familiar place - Calexico, California. In 1977, after three years in Calexico, he was reassigned to the Fresno District Office in Northern California. Four years later, Kiki received transfer orders to Mexico,

where he remained on the trail of the country's biggest marijuana and cocaine traffickers. And in early 1985, he was extremely close to unlocking a multi-billion dollar drug pipeline. However, before he was able to expose the drug trafficking operations to the public, he was kidnapped on February 7, 1985. On that fateful day, while heading to a lunch with his wife, Mika, Kiki was surrounded by five armed men who threw him into a car and sped away. That was the last time anyone but his kidnappers would see him alive.

Shortly after Kiki's death, Con-

gressman Duncan Hunter and Kiki's high school friend Henry Lozano launched "Camarena Clubs" in Kiki's hometown of Calexico, California. Hundreds of club members pledged to lead drug-free lives to honor the sacrifice made by Kiki Camarena.

These pledges were delivered to First Lady Nancy Reagan at a national conference of parents combating youth drug use. Several state parent organizations then called on community groups to wear red ribbons during the last week of October as a symbol of their drug-free commitment.

The first Red Ribbon Week celebrations were held in La Mirada and Norwalk, California.

In 1988, the National Family Partnership (NFP) coordinated the first National Red Ribbon Week with President and Mrs. Reagan serving as honorary chairpersons.

The NFP estimates that more than 80 million people participate in Red Ribbon events each year.

The campaign is a unified way for communities to take a stand against drugs and show intolerance for illicit drug use and the consequences to all Americans. Schools, businesses, the faith community, media, families, and community coalitions join together to celebrate Red Ribbon Week in many ways, such as: sponsoring essay and poster contests; organizing drug-free races; decorating buildings in red; handing out red ribbons to customers; holding parades or community events; and by publicizing the value of a drug-free, healthy lifestyle.

DEA joins with community coalitions and prevention groups to plan and carry out Red Ribbon activities, ranging from classroom events to stadium-sized rallies.



Ed Mingin

**FAMILY FUN** -- Matthew, Emily and Megan Whisenhunt joined their mom Lisa to paint hearts for a hero at the Arts and Crafts Center as part of "Paint out Drugs" during Red Ribbon Week.

## Preparation avoids Halloween hazards

### BEFORE HALLOWEEN:

- \* Plan costumes that are bright and reflective. Make sure that shoes fit well and that costumes are short enough to prevent tripping, entanglement or contact with flame.
- \* Consider adding reflective tape or striping to costumes and trick-or-treat bags for greater visibility.
- \* Secure emergency identification (name, address, phone number) discreetly within Halloween attire or on a bracelet.

- \* Because a mask can limit or block eyesight, consider non-toxic and hypoallergenic makeup or a decorative hat as a safe alternative.
- \* When shopping for costumes, wigs and accessories, purchase only those with a label indicating they are flame resistant.
- \* Think twice before using simulated knives, guns or swords. If such props must be used, be certain they do not appear authentic and are soft and flexible to prevent injury.

- \* Obtain flashlights with fresh batteries for all children and their escorts.
- \* Plan ahead to use only battery powered lanterns or chemical lightsticks in place of candles in decorations and costumes.
- \* Teach children their home phone number and to how call 9-1-1 (or their local emergency number) if they have an emergency or become lost. Remind them that 9-1-1 can be dialed free from any phone.

- \* Plan and review with your children the route and behavior which is acceptable to you.
- \* Do not permit children to bicycle, roller-blade or skateboard.
- \* Agree on a specific time when revellers must return home.
- \* Along with flashlights for all, older children and escorts should wear a wristwatch and carry coins for non-emergency phone calls.
- \* Confine, segregate or otherwise prepare household pets for an evening of frightful sights and sounds. Be sure that all dogs and cats are wearing collars and proper identification tags. Consult your veterinarian for further advice.
- \* Remind all household drivers to remain cautious and drive slowly throughout the community.
- \* Adult partygoers should establish and reward a designated driver.



Carolee Nisbet

## CFC kick off

**The Combined Federal Campaign started Oct. 18 and will continue through Nov. 30. This years goal for the CFC program is \$83,000. For more information, call Rod Martel at 562-2186. Col. William Spacey, vice commander, 305th Air Mobility Wing, McGuire Air Force Base, and Col. Ronald R. Thaxton, Fort Dix commander, kick off this year's CFC fundraising activities.**

### Capt. Nick Mitchell Judge Advocate

Social Security reaches almost every family, and at some point will affect the lives of nearly all Americans.

If you work for an employer, your Social Security tax is 6.2 percent (.062) of your wages (your employer pays an additional amount of 6.2 percent of your wages for a total of 12.4 percent).

If you are self-employed, your Social Security tax is 12.4 percent (.124) of your earnings.

When you work, 85 cents of every Social Security tax dollar you pay goes to a trust fund that pays monthly retirement benefits and benefits to children and spouses of deceased workers.

The other 15 cents pays benefits for disabled workers and their fami-

lies. Your Social Security taxes earn you "credits." In 2007, you earn one credit for each \$1,000 in earnings (you can have a maximum of four credits per year).

Most workers need 40 credits (10 years of work) to qualify for Social Security benefits (disability and survivor benefits require fewer credits).

If you retire before reaching full retirement age, you will receive reduced benefits for the rest of your life.

The following shows you when you are eligible for your full Social Security retirement benefit:

Year Born	Full Retirement
1937 or earlier	65
1938	65 +2 months
1939	65 +4 months
1940	65 +6 months
1941	65 +8 months
1942	65 +10 months
1943-1954	66
1955	66 +2 months
1956	66 +4 months
1957	66 +6 months
1958	66 +8 months
1959	66 +10 months
1960 or later	67

If you choose to delay receiving benefits beyond your full retirement age, your benefit will be increased by a certain percentage based on the year you were born (you cannot "beef up" your Social Security retirement benefit past the age of 70).

Once you reach full retirement age, you can keep working, and your Social Security benefit will not be reduced no matter how much you earn. If you start receiving benefits before full retirement age and continue to work, \$1 in benefits will be deducted for each \$2 in earnings above the annual limit which is \$12,960 for 2007.

Then, in the year that you will

qualify for full retirement age, your benefits will be reduced \$1 for every \$3 you earn over a different annual limit (\$34,440 for 2007) until the month you reach full retirement age (the big birthday month).

For 2007, the average monthly Social Security benefits are as follows:

- Retired worker: \$1,044
- Retired couple: \$1,713
- Disabled worker: \$979
- Disabled worker with spouse and child: \$1,646
- Widow or widower: \$1,008
- Young widow or widower with two children: \$2,167

Some Social Security beneficiaries have to pay income taxes on their benefits.

Less than 1/3 of current beneficiaries pay taxes on their benefits. For more information, you can call the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) at 1-800-829-3676.

Then, in the year that you will

# MILITARY MATTERS

## Bullets

### Port Security holds new training on the move

● **VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (NNS)** -- A two-week transportable port security boat training class for visit, board, search and seizure and security personnel was held at Naval Amphibious Base (NAB) Little Creek in mid-October.

The class was conducted by the Navy Center for Security Forces (CSF) with the purpose to train qualified coxswains in the advanced skills necessary to operate high-speed security boats while providing security to vital places.

"Our goal is to help the students think in a tactical and operational context," said Capt. Mark Kohart, CSF's commanding officer. "We're giving them a sense of situational awareness, with an emphasis on leadership, teamwork and a warfare mindset."

The training was recently moved from Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C., to NAB Little Creek. "There are more scenarios we can do up here with the boats and water capabilities we have, than we were able to at Camp Lejeune," said Steven Knapton, functional team leader for waterside security. The training consisted of approximately 40 percent classroom and 60 percent underway operations in high-risk environments.

"We do day and night operations because at night it's a whole different world," said Knapton. "You use different equipment at night than you would during the day."

Because of the global war on terrorism, the Navy is playing a bigger role in tactical operations.

"With everything going on in the world, we need a strong, capable and well-trained small boat Navy," added Knapton. "ously."

--MCS Seaman Marissa Kaylor, Fleet PAC Atlantic

### Preauthorization needed in some TRICARE cases

● **FALLS CHURCH, Va.** -- When a TRICARE beneficiary needs hospital care, he or she can usually be confident that the benefit will cover everything involved with inpatient care. Doctors may order lab tests, X-rays, or medication. And afterwards, they may call for Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI). But wait, too much confidence could mean that the patient ends up paying for that MRI. Why?

Because in some cases, TRICARE beneficiaries need preauthorization to get the health care their doctors recommend. Those who are in TRICARE should ask their regional contractors about the specific medical care being considered before scheduling an appointment to be sure TRICARE coverage will apply.

"We want to give beneficiaries all the coverage they need," said Army Major General Elder Granger, Deputy Director, TRICARE Management Activity. "Failure to get preauthorization limits our ability to offer that coverage."

TRICARE beneficiaries may need preauthorization for any procedure that is not routine, and such things aren't always obvious. For example, TRICARE now covers anesthesia services and associated costs for dental treatment for beneficiaries with developmental, mental, or physical disabilities, and children age five or under. This is a valuable new benefit, but it's not routine and requires preauthorization.

Standard beneficiaries in particular may forget to seek preauthorization because they are used to self-referral. They book their own appointments with primary care providers and specialists. There is no all-inclusive list of procedures that call for preauthorization, however some common examples include adjunctive dental care, some medications, home health care and inpatient admissions for substance abuse or behavioral health. Each region has its own requirements, so services that need preauthorization in one region, may not in another.

If beneficiaries have other health insurance they need to follow the rules of the other plan. Generally, they won't need preauthorization for TRICARE-covered services that would otherwise require it.

Exceptions include adjunctive dental care, the Extended Care Health Option, hospice, stem cell and organ transplants, and some behavioral health care services. To verify if preauthorization is necessary, beneficiaries may contact their regional contractors: North Region: 1-877-TRICARE (1-877-874-2273); South Region: 1-800-444-5445; West Region: 1-888-874-9378.

## Army evaluates Medical Action Plan progression

Elizabeth M. Lorge  
Army News Service

**WASHINGTON, Oct. 22, 2007** -- The Army is on phase four of the Army Medical Action plan and has staffed 65 percent of Warrior Transition Units across the globe to improve care for wounded Soldiers, Brig. Gen. Mike Tucker, the plan's director, told reporters at the Pentagon Oct. 19.

He added that the AMAP answers findings from both the Department of Defense's independent review group and the Dole-Shalala Commission, and regularly inspects each WTU to ensure they have the right number of cadre and skill sets to help Soldiers heal and either return to duty or transition to civilian life.

The Army is building 35 WTUs with 58 companies, each holding around 200 Soldiers. Each WTU has a squad leader for every 12 Soldiers and a platoon leader for every 36. Nurse case managers handle 18 patients, and primary care managers, who are doctors, coordinate specialists and medications for about 200 patients each, better than the industry standard of 1,200-2,000 patients.

Brig. Gen. Tucker said Soldiers volunteer to become WTU cadre all the time. He said it is a special calling and the cadre, who are being considered for special promotion consideration and special-duty pay, are carefully screened to ensure they have the necessary skills and compassion to help wounded Soldiers and interact

with worried Families who may not understand or follow military protocol. Combat experience helps, he said, but these Soldiers really need a parent figure who understands that if they're late for formation, they can't do 50 push-ups.

"The Soldier's job is to heal," Brig. Gen. Tucker said. "That means they're going to their appointments, taking their therapies, doing their treatments as prescribed, taking their medications as prescribed. It's their job. The cadre's job is to ensure they set the conditions for the Soldier to do their job and we hold them accountable."

We want to "allow these Soldiers to be everything they want to be in life and not just focus on the bad leg, so to speak. We've got to keep their sights up, keep their aspirations high. One thing we want to prevent is a generation of terrific war veterans in wheelchairs on street corners somewhere in America," he said.

Brig. Gen. Tucker and his chief of staff, Col. Jimmie Keenan, said they fully support the Dole-Shalala Commission's findings and ability to reduce bureaucracy and increase cooperation with the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Col. Keenan pointed out that Soldiers will only need one physical rating now, and Brig. Gen. Tucker said Soldiers will be able to remain on active duty for up to 90 days while their paperwork is processed by the VA. They won't get lost in the shuffle or wait months for benefits and disability



Elizabeth M. Lorge

**THE PLANNER** -- Brig. Gen. Mike Tucker heads the Army Medical Action Plan team, charged with improving care for wounded Soldiers and their Families.

In fact, the VA plans to place benefit counselors in the largest Soldier Family Assistance Centers, which are sized in conjunction with WTUs, according to Bianca Warner, human resources director at the Installation Management Command.

Another important aspect of the AMAP, SFACs are designed to provide all the social services Family members and Soldiers might need, she said.

Spouses and parents may drop everything to be with their Soldier and need financial and childcare assistance, or help caring for their wounded warrior. SFACs can even help a Soldier's fiancée or best friend find a place to stay on post.

According to Col. Keenan, the Army plans to spend \$238 million renovating and building and family quarters of the unprecedented numbers of wounded warriors returning from war.

She said that there are more than 70 amputees serving on active duty, nine of them in Iraq, and Brig. Gen. Tucker said that since World War II, the battlefield survival rate has increased by more than 70 percent.

According to Brig. Gen. Tucker, 40-50 agencies will come together next week in Landsdowne, Va., to evaluate AMAP's progress and next steps. He said the AMAP should be in phase five by Jan. 1.

### Mobilized reserve, active duty forces show increase

This week, the Army, Marine Corps and Coast Guard announced an increase, while the Air Force announced a decrease. The Navy number remained unchanged.

The net collective result is 1,672 more reservists mobilized than last week.

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

The total number currently on active duty in support of the partial mobilization of the Army National Guard and Army Reserve is 72,296; Navy Reserve, 5,805; Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve, 7,270; Marine Corps Reserve, 7,306; and the Coast Guard Reserve, 294.

This brings the total National Guard and Reserve personnel who have been mobilized to 92,971, including both units and individual augments.



David Moore

**The last DEMOB breakfast**  
Staff Sgt. Steve Edwards, 30, of 141st Military Intelligence Bn., Utah Army National Guard, wraps up his breakfast after packing a truck with fellow Soldiers before departing for McGuire AFB and home.

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# New 'Active First' program offers up to \$60K in bonuses

Beth Reece  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON (Army News Service, Oct. 25, 2007) — A new Army program dubbed "Active First" promises up to

which started Oct. 1, receive \$20,000 for 30 months of active-duty service, \$30,000 for 36 months and \$40,000 for 48 months - all paid after completion of basic and job training. After active service, Soldiers may opt to re-enlist in the active Army or take an addi-

tional Ready Reserve, through which they are not paid but may be recalled to active service.

As of Oct. 23, 43 applicants had signed up for the program, according to National Guard Bureau spokesperson Lt. Col. Ellen Krenke.

"The huge benefit we're get-

said Sgt. Timothy Bilbrey, who trains Virginia National Guard enlistees awaiting shipment to basic training.

Some of those Soldiers will be able to fill squad-leader and even platoon-sergeant slots, depending on how quickly they move up the ranks, Sgt. Bilbrey added.

"It's also great for the enlistee because he or she gets all the benefits of going active duty, along with up to a \$40,000 sign-in bonus, then another \$20,000 upon coming back to the Guard," he said.

Pvt. Jessica Maxwell of Norfolk, Va., joined Active First Oct. 6 after recruiters presented her a variety of enlistment options, including the College First program.

"I thought it was great. I need a full-time job, for one. Second, it's a bigger sign-on bonus and third, it's physical labor and I don't like to be bored," said Pvt. Maxwell, 21.

She enlisted as a small-vehicle mechanic because she likes working on cars, and will serve 48 months on active duty. She heads to basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C., Oct. 29.

Pvt. John Weaver of Phillipsburg, Mo., walked into a recruiting station early this month with plans to join the regular Army, but liked what recruiters told him about Active First.

"This way, when I get to my Guard unit after serving a few years in the regular Army, I'll have had more day-to-day military experience," said Pvt. Weaver, who also chose the 48-month active-service option.

The program helps active-duty recruiting efforts because both active-duty and National Guard recruiters can offer the program, said Sgt. Bilbrey.

"It serves the National Guard and the regular Army," he said.

Many active-duty Soldiers traditionally move to the Guard after their enlistments. About 3,700 active-duty Soldiers transferred to the Guard after completing active-service obligations in fiscal 2007, according to Lt. Col. Krenke, who added that numbers are usually higher but have dropped with the increase in deployments for Guard units.

For more information about "Active First" go to [www.1-800-GO-GUARD.com](http://www.1-800-GO-GUARD.com).

## Guard attacks wildfires

Staff Sgt. Jim Greenhill  
AFPS

SAN DIEGO, Oct. 24, 2007 — Army National Guard helicopters were attacking southern California's ferocious wildfires, and Guard soldiers on the ground were manning traffic control points and preparing to provide people who had lost their homes with some of the necessities of life here yesterday.

The newspaper headline "Help From Above" summed up how aircraft, including National Guard helicopters carrying big Bambi buckets, which scoop up water to dump on fires, were trying to bring under control the firestorm that has forced some 500,000 residents to flee the devastated, seven-county region since last weekend.

"This is true and pure homeland defense. This is my home. I live here. This is what I joined to do," said California Army Guard 1st Lt. Robi Yucas, who was coordinating the Guard's aviation assets here even as his wife, daughter and dog were preparing to evacuate their fire-threatened home in Oceanside.

Yucas, from 1st Battalion, 140th Aviation, was part of a crew that was diverted from the Operation Jump Start mission along the California-Mexican border to support civilian authorities here.

Four UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters were dispatched from border duty to the firefighting mission in support of the California Department of Forestry, and two more Black Hawks and two larger CH-47 Chinooks were expected to fly in.

A California Guard S-70 Firehawk, specially designed for firefighting missions, also was expected to join the battle against the inferno of a dozen fires that, by yesterday, had scorched 600 square miles and destroyed a reported 1,800 homes. It prompted the largest evacuation in California history, from north of Los Angeles south to San Diego, according to media reports. Meanwhile, 1,500 soldiers from the California Guard's 40th Infantry Brigade Combat Team conducted presence patrols to prevent looting, manned traffic control points and prepared to assist people at QualComm Stadium and the Del Mar Fairgrounds in San Diego, where thousands of people are waiting out the fires. The Guard soldiers were supporting the San Diego County sheriff's department.

"(This has) been probably the most proactive response to a domestic event that I have seen in my 40 years in uniform," said Lt. Gen. H. Steven Blum, chief of the National Guard Bureau.



SHOW ME THE MONEY -- The top portion of the National Guard "Active First" Web site is shown here. Photo by National Guard

\$60,000 in bonuses to recruits who opt for 30 to 48 months of active duty then transfer to the National Guard. Recruits who sign on under the program,

receive \$20,000 to serve their remaining obligation in the National Guard. Active-duty Soldiers already have a service obligation through the Individ-

idual Ready Reserve, through which they are not paid but may be recalled to active service.

## Holiday deadlines approaching for troop support

DALLAS (Army News Service, Oct. 17, 2007) — While the holidays may still seem far away, Americans hoping to show their support to deployed troops must be aware of some rapidly approaching deadlines set by the Military Postal Service Agency: mail going parcel post must be sent by Nov. 14 while first-class mail must be sent by Dec. 10 to arrive by Dec. 25.

In addition to deadlines, several other factors must be considered when sending mail downrange. For example, each country has customs regula-

tions that apply to all incoming mail, pertaining to everything from food items to reading materials. Furthermore, military units may also have additional restrictions concerning incoming mail imposed by unit commanders relative to size and weight to ensure logistics support can handle the heavy mail load. Finally, all packages and mail must now be addressed to individual servicemembers as required by U.S. Department of Defense regulations.

In order to help facilitate the mailing process and avoid many of the obstacles that come

ing out of it is we know we're going to have Soldiers come back to us three or four years down the road, highly skilled and with a lot of experience," said Pvt. Maxwell, 21.

"A package from home is certainly nice, but cookies get stale and fragile electronics can break," said AAFES' Chief of Communications Lt. Col. Dean Thurmond. "A 'Gift from the Homefront' gift certificate can

alleviate a great deal of burden

for the post office and sender while ensuring Soldiers, Airmen, Marines and Sailors are able to get exactly what they desire or need."

"A 'Gifts from the Homefront' can be sent to deployed troops by logging on to [www.aafes.org](http://www.aafes.org) or calling 877-770-4438.

From there, the gift certificates are sent to individual servicemembers (designated by the purchaser) or distributed to "any service member" through the Air Force Aid Society, American Red Cross, Coalition to Salute America's Heroes,

Fisher House, Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, Operation Homefront, Operation Interdependence® or USO. "Gifts From the Homefront" gift certificates can be redeemed at exchange facilities worldwide.

Recent reports indicate troops shopping their contingency exchanges are reaching for beauty items, soft drinks, snacks, Military Exchange Global prepaid calling cards, magazines, movies and more.

As of Sept. 30, approximately 92,900 "Gifts from the Homefront" gift certificates have been sent.

## Alcoholics Anonymous meetings held weekly at chapel

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.

# Soldiers receive reward, recognition



Command Sgt. Maj. Albert Davidson, outgoing installation command sergeant major, above left, presents the Army Achievement Medal and an Ultimate Weapon statue to Staff Sgt. Tomika Velazquez during NCO Call at Club Dix Oct. 17. Velazquez' husband Jose and three-year-old daughter Briana joined her at the club, where she also received promotion to staff sergeant.



photos by Shawn Morris

Master Sgt. Robin Brobst, above left, receives the Army Good Conduct Medal from Col. Larry Boyd, deputy commander for mobilization, while Sgt. 1st Class Sandra Mariano, above right, receives a Certificate of Appreciation.



Wayne Cook

Lt. Col. Joseph Chirico, commander, Mobilization Readiness Battalion, left, presents the Army Achievement Medal to Staff Sgt. Anthony Ricci, Alpha Company, during a ceremony at Bravo Company Oct. 11. Ricci was awarded the medal for meritorious achievement and selfless duty as an Army Medic when, on Feb. 21, he administered cardiopulmonary resuscitation to a fallen comrade who had collapsed.



Master Sgt. Scott Smilnich of the 222nd Military Police Company, New York Army National Guard, far left, receives a plaque and the yellow ribbon that has flown at Infantry Park since the unit's departure for Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2006. First Sgt. Paul Zedalis, 240th Military Police Company, near left, receives his unit's yellow ribbon from Lt. Col. Joseph Chirico, Mobilization Readiness Battalion commander. Many of the units Soldiers are from the Puerto Rico Army National Guard.

photos by David Moore

## Chaplains' Corner

1st Lt. Tim Behnke  
chaplain candidate

*"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than you thoughts."*

-Isaiah 55:8-9

If I were to take a survey of what most people would want to change about life, the number-one response would be to not experience suffering or pain. Yet none of us are immune and face difficulties in one form or another. Many times, the purpose and meaning behind it does not make sense to us and even if it did, it would not matter because the pain is still there.

Going through crisis and experiencing hardship can be very disorienting and yet at the same time can be an opportunity to gain a new perspective on one's life. To think of it another way, many of us would never choose hardship, pain, or discomfort. Yet upon reflection, these are the very things that have the most potential to spur us on to make changes and to change us. The following prayer has been helpful to me to look at life with a different perspective.

*I asked God to spare me pain.  
God said, "No."*

*Suffering draws you apart from worldly cares  
and brings you closer to Me.  
And I will never leave you."*

*I asked God to grant me patience.  
God said, "No."  
Patience is a by product of tribulations;  
It is not granted, it is learned."*

*I asked God to give me happiness.  
God said, "No."  
I give you blessings;  
Happiness is up to you."*

*I asked God to give me all things that I might  
enjoy life.  
God said, "No."  
I give you life,  
so that you may enjoy all things."*

*I asked God to help me to LOVE others,  
as much as He loves me.  
God said... "Ahhh, finally you have the idea."*

We may not be able to control our circumstances or avoid pain, but we can decide how we will respond. One of the healthiest responses to our own pain can be that we choose to become more empathetic to those around us that may be hurting as well. So what will you do?



Shawn Morris

Sgt. John Crankshaw, 444th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment, New Jersey Army National Guard, receives the Army Commendation Medal for outstanding performance during a three-week Annual Training mission at Osan Air Base, Korea, and for graduating with honors from the Basic Non-Commissioned Officer Course (BNCOC).

**WDIX**

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information

**FORT DIX  
WANTS YOU**



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

**NCO Call  
at Club Dix**

Wednesday evenings  
at 6 p.m.

**Read  
The Post!**

# Announcements

Volunteers are needed  
for  
**Fort Dix Special  
Observances Committees**

*Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday*

*Black History Month*

*Women's History Month*

*Holocaust Remembrance Day*

*Asian Pacific Heritage Month*

*Women's Equality Day*

*Hispanic Heritage Month*

*Native American Heritage Month*

For more information call  
Denise Horton at 562-4011

Family Advocacy  
562-5200

Chaplain  
562-2020

American Red Cross  
562-2258

Army Emergency Relief  
562-2767

## Read

*the Post*  
to get your command  
and community information  
and news

## 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 26 - Nov 1**

**\*Friday\***

Power Hour

2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Computer Lab

4 - 6 p.m.

**\*Saturday\***

Teen Center CLOSED

Six Flags Halloween

Fright Fest 5-10 p.m.

Cost: \$5.00

Open Rec 1 - 4:30 p.m.

**\*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 and Fitness

3:45 - 4:45 p.m.

Computer Lab

4 - 6 p.m.

**\*Thursday\***

Power Hour

2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Torch Club

3:45 - 4:45 p.m.

Tech/Video Club

4 - 5 p.m.

Computer Lab

4 - 6 p.m.

**Goals for Growth Program** starts Sep. 18, and runs through Nov. 20. Contact the Youth Center with any questions.

## 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.  
Marmon 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 Support please call 562-2020

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

## Domestic Violence Awareness Month

### October 28

Reflections on Domestic Violence  
9 & 11 a.m.  
McGuire AFB, Chapel 1

### 8:30 & 11 a.m.

McGuire AFB, Chapel 2

### October 29

Playgroup  
11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
McGuire AFB, CDC 1

### October 31

Domestic Violence & Minority  
Communities: Blacks, Hispanics and  
Asian Americans  
1:30 - 3 p.m.  
FSSC Bldg. 488-2, Lakehurst

## Pool Notes

### Indoor Pool Announcements for October and November

#### October 31

Hydro Aerobics Class Cancelled  
Will resume November 5,  
Monday nights at 7:30 - 8:30 and  
Wednesday morning 9 - 10 a.m. and  
Saturday morning 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

There is no Wednesday class during the  
winter months

Pool closed November 3, also November  
22 for Thanksgiving

Holiday hours November 12, Veterans  
Day, and November 23.

## 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)



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

### Friday, October 26 @ 7:30 p.m.

**Resident Evil** - Milla Jovovich, Oded Fehr,  
Ali Larter, Iain Glen, Ashanti, Mike Epps  
- Alice (Milla Jovovich), now in hiding in the  
Nevada desert, once again joins forces with  
Carlos Olivera and L.J., along with new sur-  
vivors Claire, K-Mart and Nurse Betty to try to  
eliminate the deadly virus that threatens to  
make every human being undead...and to seek  
justice. Since being captured by the Umbrella  
Corporation, Alice has been subjected to bio-  
genetic experimentation and becomes genetically  
altered, with super-human strengths, senses and  
dexterity. These skills, and more, will be need-  
ed if anyone is to remain alive.

MPAA Rating: R - strong horror violence  
throughout and some nudity

Run time: 95 minutes

### Saturday, October 27 @ 7:30 p.m.

**Halloween** - Malcolm McDowell, Sheri Moon  
Zombie, Tyler Mane, Scout Taylor-Compton,  
Brad Dourif - From acclaimed musician and  
filmmaker Rob Zombie (The Devil's Rejects,  
House of 1000 Corpses) comes an entirely new  
take on the highly successful film and terrifying  
Halloween legacy that began in 1978. While  
revealing a new chapter in the established  
Michael Myers saga, the film will surprise both  
classic and modern horror fans with a departure  
from prior films in the Halloween franchise.  
Audiences should brace themselves for  
unprecedented fear as Zombie turns back time  
to uncover the making of a pathologically dis-  
turbed, even cursed child named Michael  
Myers.

MPAA Rating: R - strong brutal bloody violence  
and terror throughout, sexual content, graphic  
nudity and language

Run time: 109 minutes

### Future Features...

#### The Kingdom

Friday, Nov. 2 @ 7:30 p.m.  
R, 110 minutes.

#### 3:10 To Yuma

Saturday, Nov. 3 @ 7:30 p.m.  
R, 117 minutes.

### 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.

### Dining Facility Schedule

#### Bldg. 5501 OES Closed

Breakfast 0600 - 0800

Lunch 1130 - 1330

Dinner 1630 - 1830

#### Bldg. 5517 NCOA Every Day

Breakfast 0630 - 0800

Lunch 1130 - 1300

Dinner 1630 - 1800

#### Bldg. 5610 Surge Every Day

Breakfast 0600 - 0730

Lunch 1130 - 1300

Dinner 1630 - 1800

#### Bldg. 5640 Surge Closed

Breakfast 0600 - 0730

Lunch 1130 - 1300

Dinner 1630 - 1800

#### Bldg. 5985 Camp Victory (FOB) Closed

Breakfast 0500 - 0630

Dinner 1800 - 1930

#### Bldg. 5986 Surge Every Day

Breakfast 0600 - 0730

Lunch 1130 - 1300

Dinner 1630 - 1800

Meal Rates B - \$2.00 L - \$3.65 D - \$3.65

# Chargers strong as season nears end



photos by Ed Mingin

**GREAT ESCAPE** -- Mitey-Mite quarterback Myles Bolden, above, eludes defenders during a game against Rancocas Valley. At right, Robert Lowder II speeds around the line to pick up some yards. The Mitey-Mites remain unbeaten this season with a record of 4-0-2.

## Former U.S. wrestlers honored



**LEGENDS** -- Floyd Winter and Vince Zuaro stand with Steve Frazer. Frazer was the first American gold medal winner Greco-Roman wrestling.

Ed Mingin  
Public Affairs Staff

The U.S. Olympic Committee and USA Wrestling honored members of the 1972 and 1984 U.S. wrestling team last week with the "Night of Champions" dinner at the Short Hills, N.J. Hilton.

"The '72 and '84 teams were the most productive wrestling teams," said Floyd Winter, Fort Dix director of sports, fitness and aquatics.

"The '72 team won six medals. We equaled that in '84, winning six medals again."

Winter was a wrestling coach for the 1984 and 1988

U.S. Olympics, and one of the members honored during the night of Champions dinner.

Also honored during the dinner was Bill Farrell, who coached the 1972 U.S. Wrestling Team. Farrell was honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award.

The dinner was more than just a chance to reminisce about past glories.

"We auctioned away some stuff from the wrestling team. They had warmup suits, wrestling shoes, pictures, and different medals. It was good to see old friends, raise some money for a local school, and honor and old coach," said Winter.

Ed Mingin  
Public Affairs Staff

After six games, the Fort Dix Mitey-Mites remain unbeaten with a record of 4-0-2. This past weekend, the Mitey-Mites tied Delran in a 0-0 game.

"With the field soaked and muddy, both teams found it hard to move the ball. The Chargers came closest to scoring on an end-around run by Jacob Carver, getting the ball down to the Delran 15-yard line, but the Chargers were unable to move the ball any further," said coach Steve Uzleber. "Lassana Brew had a long run that was negated by a holding penalty."

"Everyone on defense played great. In six games, the Mitey-Mites have only given up six points," added the coach.

With only two games remaining, the Mitey-Mites are hoping to capture their division.

"We need to win both games to win the division. We will use these two games to

fine-tune our team to get ready for the playoffs," said Uzleber. The Fort Dix Peewees lost 14-0 against Delran.

"It was a lot closer than the score shows," said coach Rob Oswald. "we were in it all the way until the last minute. We were beat by a very experienced team."

After losing their last two games, the Peewees are still optimistic about their upcoming games.

"We will be working very hard to win so that we can go into the playoffs as the number three team," said Oswald.

In the Midget division, Fort Dix lost a tough 13-6 game against Delran.

"The midgets played a very good game," said coach Carlton Wright. "We had quarterback sacks from Victor Davis II and Marlon Corebell. Levante Marquiz had a 70-yard kickoff return for a touchdown. Robert Williams knocked down a pass that would have been sure touchdown for Delran."

This weekend will be the Homecoming game for the Chargers.



## Red Ribbon runners race for recognition



photos by Ryan Morton

### Fall Walking Club

Griffith Field House Bldg. 6053  
Sept 24-Nov. 29  
Every Tuesday & Thursday  
1200-1300

At the end of this program, all participants will receive a FREE sweat belt. To meet attendance, you must sign in at the front desk of the Field House prior to each walk.

The whole family can participate in this activity. Bring your friends and bring your kids. Baby strollers are permitted, and you may walk at your own pace.

Sign up today at the front desk of the Field House and start walking your way to a healthier life!

The Walking Club follows the Griffith Field House 1/4, 1/2, 1 mile or 1.6, 3.2, 4.8 mile loop (see back). 18 holes approx. 1 hour to finish at a leisurely walking pace. 18 holes approx. 1-2 hours.

For more information, please call the Fitness Coordinator at 406.343.3100.

www.griffith.edu

Runners gathered at the Griffith Field House Oct. 24 for the Red Ribbon 5K. Maj. Jesse Arnstein, below right, was the top finisher with a time of 18:38. Following Arnstein with a time of 20:45 was Master Sgt. Gary Davidson. Master Sgt. Pentti Forsman was next, finishing in 22:22. Laura Rutzler was the top female finisher at 25:53. She was followed by Sandra Armstrong at 27:29, and Vanessa Aldecoa at 28:01.



## 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.

## PROGRAMS

### All-Army Digital Photography Contest

Enter your favorite digital images to compete in this contest which is open to all authorized MWR patrons. You can access the web application guide and enter now through Nov. 30. For information and online entry, go to <https://artscrafts.fmwrc.army.mil>. For assistance, call 562-5771 or 562-5691.

### Military Family Month

Arts & Crafts will offer 20-percent off on framing of family portraits and military photos, critters and outfits; paint your own pottery and mosaics with your military family. Families will receive a ticket when they participate in these events/activities for a grand prize drawing.

### Teddy Bear Week

Nov. 13-17

In celebration of National American Teddy Bear Day,

Nov. 14, come in this week to stuff a Teddy Bear and receive 20-percent off your bear and a cute outfit.

### Kids Craft Classes

2:30 - 4 p.m.

Oct. 27.....Fall Foliage Plate  
\$5 pre-registration fee

### Sewing Classes

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Nov. 7.....Holiday Boxes and Bags  
Nov. 14.....Surprise in a Box  
Nov. 28.....Holiday Table Decor

### Kids Pottery Class

Nov. 3, 17, and 24

from 10:30 a.m. - noon  
Classes cover both hand-building and wheel-throwing techniques. For kids ages 6-9.  
\$25 pre-registration fee

### Tween Pottery Class

Nov. 3, 17, and 24

from 1 - 2:30 p.m.  
Classes cover both hand-building and wheel-throwing techniques. For kids ages 10-13.  
\$25 pre-registration fee

### 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.

### Quilts For Kids

Nov. 17, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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. This will also be one of the projects for "Day of Caring" on Oct. 26 from 1-5 p.m.

### 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.

### Contemporary Ceramics and Mosaic Studio

Looking for a place to walk in, relax and get creative? This is the place for you and your family to paint functional or decorative items to give as gifts or keep for yourself.

We have many bisque ware items to choose, from plates and mugs to piggy banks, lots of project ideas, and a helpful staff to get you started. You do the painting and we'll complete your masterpiece with a food-safe glaze and expert firing.

And now we have new lower prices in the mosaic studio. This ancient craft is simple and relaxing, and you can create one of a kind home décor or gift items. The studio is open during normal sales store hours.

## Honoring the Colors

**Reveille**  
6 a.m. (0600 hours)

**Military personnel  
in uniform**

*Stand at attention,  
face the flag and  
salute at first note.*

**Military personnel  
not in uniform,  
civilians**

*Stand at attention,  
face the flag and  
place right hand over  
heart at first note.*

**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.*

**Individual military  
personnel, civilians  
in a vehicle**

*Stop vehicle and exit.  
Follow steps above.*

**Group of military  
personnel in  
a vehicle**

*Stop vehicle. Individual  
in charge exits and  
follows steps above.*

**Retreat**  
5 p.m. (1700 hours)

*Stand at attention,  
face the flag for  
Retreat, then  
salute at first note  
of To the Colors.*

*Stand at attention,  
face the flag for  
Retreat, then place  
right hand over heart  
at first note of  
To the Colors.*

*Senior Soldier calls  
group to "Attention,"  
then "Parade, Rest"  
at first note of  
Retreat. Calls  
group to "Attention"  
and "Present, Arms"  
at first note of To the  
Colors, then "Order,  
Arms" at conclusion.*

*Stop vehicle and exit.  
Follow 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)