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NEWSNOTES

Combined Federal Campaign inches toward goal at Dix

More than 180 employees have contributed \$23,225 to the 2007 Combined Federal Campaign on Fort Dix. The campaign has been extended through Dec. 13 to help the post meet this year's campaign goal of \$33,000, and the closing ceremony will be Dec. 13 at 10 a.m. at the McGuire AFB Community Club. Campaign project officers with complete information on the many charitable organizations represented by CFC have been appointed in each directorate and tenant organization. If you cannot locate your representative, call Rod Martell, ACS, 562-2186.

Flu vaccinations available for civilian employees

Flu shots will be available for Fort Dix civilian employees on a first come, first served basis at the Occupational Health Clinic, Bldg. 5429 Delaware Ave. from 8:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. as long as supplies last.

Laugh Factory in business at Club Dix Dec. 12

The Laugh Factory of NYC is bringing its new comedy show "Funny Biz" to Club Dix Wednesday, Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. Guests will be entertained by some of the best talent on the East Coast. And there's more...the show will feature an open mic session for local talent. If you think you're funny call 723-4756 to find out how you can be a part of the show. The show is free and no tickets are required.

Thrift Shop posts holiday bargains

Christmas is just around the corner and the Fort Dix Thrift Shop has lots of holiday items to help you decorate. Looking for some reading for the chilly days ahead? All P06501 (Thrift Shop property) paperbacks are now only 10 cents each. Look for them on back wall of store. One more special sale for December, all TSB and expired P06501 clothing is now \$2 for a paper grocery sack full. Bags are available at cashier when you enter.

For December, the shop is open Saturday, Dec. 1, and Dec. 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The shop will be open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. until Dec. 18, and Dec. 6 from 4 to 8 p.m. The Thrift Shop will be closed for the holidays from close of business on Tuesday, Dec. 18 and reopen Thursday, Jan. 3, 2008.

WEATHER

FRIDAY -- Mostly sunny and breezy, high near 45 degrees and overnight low of 27.

SATURDAY -- Sunny and cool, partly cloudy in afternoon and high of 42. Chance of evening snow or rain showers, overnight low of 30 degrees.

SUNDAY -- Chance of snow or rain, mostly cloudy with a high of 44 degrees and overnight low of 32.

MONDAY -- Continued cloudy, slight chance of showers, high of 43 and low of 25 degrees.

TUESDAY -- Mostly sunny, high of 39 degrees, overnight low of 26.

WEDNESDAY -- Partly cloudy and breezy, daytime high of 40 degrees and low of 33.

THURSDAY -- Mostly sunny, warmer, high of 47 and overnight low of 31.

Cherry Hill honors troops

David Moore
Public Affairs Staff

Nearly 300 Rhode Island and Illinois Soldiers were whisked away Thanksgiving Day from their theater immersion training at Fort Dix's Forward Operating Base — where they slog it out with simulated improvised explosive devices and attacks on their convoys — to a holiday meal at a Cherry Hill hotel.

Sponsored by members of Jewish War Veterans Post 126 and Eric Spevak, an attorney with the Haddonfield firm of Aldinolf and Spevak and a Fort Dix honorary commander, the holiday event for the Soldiers of the 103rd Field Artillery and 327th Military Police — who are preparing for an Iraq deployment — became a surprising and emotional bus ride.

As the six buses entered Route 70, a highway normally packed with business-day commuters heading to Philadelphia, a Cherry Hill Police officer stepped out of his car at the first blocked intersection and snapped a salute at the buses filled with Soldiers traveling to a family style meal.

As buses passed each intersection along an empty highway, more than a dozen police officers snapped salutes of support for the Soldiers. And over

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David Moore

WELCOME WAVE — Mobilizing Soldiers from the 103rd Field Artillery and the 327th Military Police receive a raucous welcome at a Thanksgiving dinner in Cherry Hill sponsored by the Jewish War Veterans Post 126 and Fort Dix Honorary Commander Eric Spevak.

DoD plans for possible furloughs

Donna Miles
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The Defense Department is developing plans to send furlough notices to some civilian workers as early as mid-December if Congress doesn't pass the \$178 billion emergency supplemental funding bill quickly, Pentagon Press Secretary Geoff Morrell told reporters today.

(Video) Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates notified Congress today that the Defense Department will need to borrow — or “reprogram” — funds from the Navy and Air Force and the working capital fund to cover ongoing operations in Iraq and

Afghanistan, Morrell said.

“Without dedicated funding for the global war on terror, we have been forced to finance the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan with money from the budgets of each of the services,” he said.

As a result, the Army's operations and maintenance budget is expected to dry up in early February, and the Marine Corps O&M money will run out in early March.

In addition, the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization, which tests new projects, ideas, ways of doing business and equipment to counter IEDs, “won't make it into the new year,” Morrell said. Retired Army Gen. Montgomery C. Meigs, the JIEDDO director, told

reporters yesterday his funds will be depleted Dec. 1.

Gates' reprogramming request will shift \$3.7 billion from the Navy and Air Force payrolls and an \$800 million excess in the working capital fund to Army, Marine Corps and JIEDDO operations. The reprogramming will sustain JIEDDO for a few more months, “but we can only keep the Army and Marines afloat for a couple of additional weeks,” Morrell said.

The reprogramming is the department's only remaining option to keep afloat the Army and Marine Corps, which have been keeping up their war efforts at the expense of their own operations and maintenance budgets, Morrell said. “This is the last such

move Congress will allow us to

make,” he said. Pentagon Spokesman Bryan Whitman told reporters earlier today the Defense Department's hands are tied with respect to legal constraints on shifting funds to cover shortfalls. “Those who think that we have some sort of flexibility here simply are misinformed,” he said. “We have very little reprogramming authority, very little. ... You can't do more than what they allow you to reprogram.”

As a result, Gates directed the Army and Marine Corps to begin planning to reduce operations at all Army bases by mid-February and all Marine installations by mid-March, Morrell said. “At that point, the bases

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Holiday party tickets on sale

Team Dixians will celebrate the season this year with an Installation Holiday Party Dec. 11 at Griffith Field House.

Tickets are now on sale — \$10 per person — and, as usual, are going fast. Representatives in each directorate have tickets for sale, and they are available in MWR facilities around post. Get your tickets now, as it is very unlikely that there will be any left for sale at the door. The event is set from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For those who sailed the seas as pirates at last year's party, 2007 will be a complete change of pace.

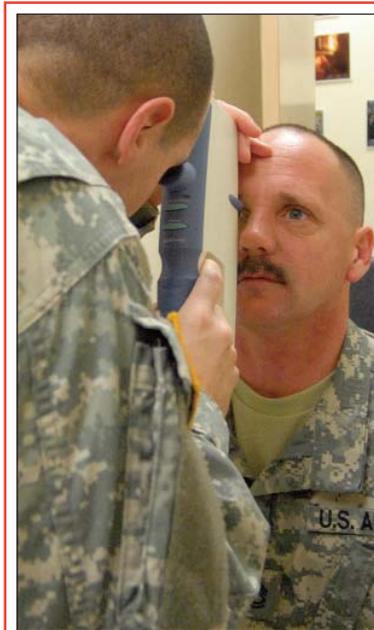
Top billing this year is an indoor skating rink that will showcase both professional skating demos and Dixians who choose to don skates and entertain the crowds.

For those who prefer snow to ice, there will be an alpine ski simulator, and for those who like neither, an assortment of other games and prizes.

Officially, the command will use the occasion to present awards to the Civilian Employee and Supervisor of the Year and the Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year.

First on the agenda from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. will be a holiday feast, featuring turkey, ham and fish, stuffing, potatoes and gravy, cranberry sauce, green beans, rolls and assorted pies. Partygoers can quench their thirst with hot chocolate, hot apple cider, egg nog, coffee and soft drinks, and there will be an open bar from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

All attendees will receive t-shirts and goody bags in addition to great food and an afternoon of entertainment.



Dix, BCT partner in pre-MOB process

Shawn Morris
Public Affairs Staff

The Army put its promise into practice Nov. 27-28 as nearly 300 troops from the New Jersey Army National Guard's 50th Infantry Brigade Combat Team underwent pre-mobilization medical processing at the Fort Dix Joint Readiness Center.

Conducting such processing during pre-mobilization preparations comes as a result of a policy issued earlier this year that limits Reserve Component mobilizations to no more than one year, inclusive of time spent at the mobilization station, in-theater, and at the demobilization station.

To meet this timeline, units are now required to accomplish certain tasks formerly completed at mobilization stations while still in a pre-mobilization, Reserve Component status.

“They've shifted a lot of the pre-mobilization training to the units,” explained Col. Steve Ferrari, 50th Infantry Brigade Combat Team (IBCT) commander. “We're reducing some of the time we'd have to spend at (the mobilization station).”

“The more training we can get done in pre-mobilization, the more time we can spend in-theater,” said Ferrari.

Pre-mobilization training can include Soldier Readiness Processing.

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EYE SEE YOU — Sgt. First Class Peter Quinlan, Company A, 50th BSB, has his eyes examined by Cpt. Dennis Curtis, Walston Medical Support Command, as part of a pre-deployment medical screening for the 50th Infantry Brigade Combat Team. The New Jersey National Guard unit is scheduled to deploy this spring in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

Echoes from past die hard

Even fatal airplane crash failed to bury World War II romance

Steve Snyder
Public Affairs Staff

Uncle George always occupied a revered niche among my family's sacred dead. An Army aviator, his plane supposedly went down near New Guinea, but not in combat, during the Second World War.

I was born too late to have met him but remember grandmother rushing around, making arrangements for the trip to Sunbury, Pa., every year on Flag Day. Grandma was big on flowers and they never failed to adorn the grave of her eldest son. And my father, Charles J. Snyder, continually groused about the war and the cruel fate that killed his big brother.

George's death left a sore that seemed to fester forever.

In the fall of 1997, my father died. Grandmother Snyder, Mary K., had died back in 1975, my first year in the Army. So the family tree was rapidly thinning.

Then, a woman wrote my brother George (named after his uncle) a letter. She located him after reading that he was a surviving member of the family in Dad's obituary that appeared in the *Williamsport Sun Gazette*, our hometown newspaper in Pennsylvania. She revealed that our Uncle George had been married in wartime but that the marriage had been annulled. Also, she gave full details about the crash that killed him, something the military never got around to.

A secret marriage?

George wrote her back, expressing astonishment about the detailed information the writer, Alice Luckhardt, had gathered. Luckhardt is a freelance writer from Florida who was into digging up a vast amount of genealogical research available on the Internet.

As she gathered information for a family history in the mid-1990s, Luckhardt spent hours talking to her mother's cousin who was also her godmother and the person she was named after. And Alice Louise Walters told it like it was.

Walters was apparently quite a gal. She was the one who married my uncle George.

Luckhardt describes her as "a fresh-faced beauty with the looks of a model" and the persona of an "All-American girl."

Alice met George K. Snyder, a 25-year-old graduate of Duke University, when she attended classes at the University of Miami in what must be 1940-1. The began dating, missing her father's curfews and eventually decided to elope.

They married in September of 1941 just before George was scheduled to ship out to Hawaii with the U.S. Army Air Corps. He planned to send for Alice as soon as possible but she was never to make it to Hawaii because world-shaking events intervened.

Japan intervenes

Imperial Japan attacked Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941 and Alice heard nothing from George for weeks on end. "Supposedly, her father (Capt. Richard J. Walters, a retired specialist of balloons with the Army Corps of Engineers) used his former military connections to find out that George's plane had been shot down by the Japanese and his body never recovered," writes Luckhardt.

"Alice became a distressed and distraught 18-year-old widow, retreating into her own world... She carried that grief for decades, even after finding a new love and husband, because she could not forget George," Luckhardt says.

During the course of researching family history, Luckhardt made a shocking discovery. After reading a copy of the Dec. 24, 1943 issue of a *Williamsport* paper on the internet, she discovered that George had not died at Pearl Harbor but had been killed in an area near Rockhampton in Queensland, Australia, two years later.

Further research revealed that the marriage between Alice Louise Walters and George K. Snyder had been annulled on June 11, 1942 by Alice's father while George began training on B-25 bombers at San Antonio.

George had contested the annulment but Alice was the one who won. "I think I know why."



Alice Louise Walters



1st Lt. George K. Snyder



www.flyplanes.com

BOMBS AWAY -- A pilot from the 499th Bomb Squadron, 345th Bomb Group, Lt. Francis Thompson, guides the nose of his B-25 away from a Japanese Kaitihoken-class Frigate during World War II in the Pacific. 1st Lt. George K. Snyder was a navigator on the B-25 bomber "Doodle," also belonging to the 499th and 345th, respectively.



http://home.st.net.au/~pdunn/occrashes/qld56.htm

NO SURVIVORS -- On Dec. 19, 1943, an American C-47 transport plane crashed about 30 miles northwest of Rockhampton, Australia, above, killing 1st Lt. George K. Snyder and 30 other passengers in the second worst air disaster in Australian history. Along with two fellow crewman from the B-25 bomber "Doodle," Snyder was on a week's leave to Sydney.



A Tragic Tale of Lost Love

Alice Louise Walters and George K. Snyder were a young couple who had just married in September, 1941. They were both members of the Williamsport community. Alice was a high school senior and George was a young man who had just graduated from high school. They were both members of the Williamsport community. Alice was a high school senior and George was a young man who had just graduated from high school. They were both members of the Williamsport community.

Luckhardt details all of this voluminous research as a labor of love that consumed three fascinating pages in the November 2007 issue of *Internet Genealogy* magazine. She included a copy of the article in a letter she wrote to my brother this October and says she's also completed a book about her namesake published just this last September.

My brother finally passed it on to my sister last month after we had attended still another funeral. I suspect he was weighing its virtues, pondering what kind of light it shed upon our much-discussed uncle.

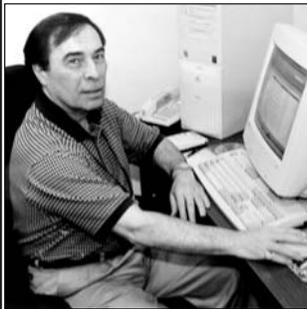
Uncle George comes out looking pretty good, I think. He shared love with a remarkable woman and their affair survives due to efforts by a savvy and dedicated writer.

My father was a frustrated engineer, fascinated with the workings of the world. But Uncle George apparently believed in following his heart - the romantic's creed. I'm glad I got to know him better, if only through another's notes.

Dad sure missed him and I think I know why.

THE WAY THEY WERE -- The love affair between Alice Louise Walters and George K. Snyder during World War II is faithfully and touchingly recounted by Alice L. Luckhardt in the November 2007 issue of *Internet Genealogy* magazine.

Adriano Sulpizio



1938-2007

Adriano Sulpizio, a longtime employee at Fort Dix who currently worked at DPTM's (Directorate of Plans, Training, Management and Security) Training Support Center, died on Sunday, Nov. 18 after a long bout with cancer.

Sulpizio had just passed his 69th birthday.

"I worked with Adriano in the late '80s in the Manpower Office of DRM," recalls James Carr from the Resource Management Office.

"We were both management analysts and worked together on some major studies - the most significant being a study to determine the best organizational relationships between the New York Area Command (NYAC) and Dix functional areas. Adriano was very well read, largely self-taught, and had the ability to apply his knowledge and common sense to some very complicated areas," continued Carr.

"I was a fairly new analyst and I learned a lot from him: He taught me to have confidence in my intellect; he taught me that there was no reason to be intimidated by anyone's grade or rank; he taught me how to be a real analyst - he would tell me that a real analyst is an action officer. And an action officer is someone who is a problem solver... who can follow the problem through from identification to resolution... and not someone who raises more problems or shoves work off on someone else," Carr concluded.

Sulpizio was buried at the St. Peter and Paul's Cemetery in Springfield, Pa., following funeral services at St. Pius X Catholic church in Chery Hill, N.J. on Friday, Nov. 23.

He is survived by his wife of 19 years, Marguerite, and two brothers.

Team Dix salutes a very dedicated worker, without whose kind we could not complete our mission.

Ways of the warrior



Americans celebrate National American Indian Heritage Month each November by paying tribute to the rich, cultural traditions bestowed upon by the first Americans. The picture above first appeared on the cover of a Marvel Comic, another indigenous American art form. It told the story of an American classic, James Fenimore Cooper's stirring novel of early America, "The Last of the Mohicans."

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New log-in notice to clarify e-mail issues of monitoring and privacy

Donna Miles
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28, 2007 — Defense Department employees soon will see a new notice on their government computer screens informing them that their e-mails are subject to monitoring and that use of the computer means they recognize and consent to that monitoring.

The revised language will appear throughout the department within the next two weeks, an official from the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Networks and Information told American Forces Press Service.

John Grimes, DoD's chief information officer, signed a policy memo earlier this month mandating the new electronic notice and consent banner on all DoD information systems. Grimes set a Dec. 12 deadline for all Defense Department entities, including the military services, to use the revised wording.

The banner notifies users that their systems may be monitored for "penetration testing, COMSEC (communications security) monitoring, network defense, quality control, and employee misconduct, law enforcement and counterintel-



ligence investigations." It also includes a paragraph clarifying that passwords, access cards, encryption and biometric access controls are used to provide security for the benefit of the government — not to provide personal privacy to employees.

The notice also will appear on government BlackBerry devices and other personal dig-

ital assistants and personal electronic devices, although the wording will be shorter than on computers.

The new verbiage is designed to clarify the DoD policy in light of a U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces decision. The court ruled that the current banner warning, which has been in place for a decade, does not

state clearly enough that employees have no right of privacy when using government computer systems.

In that case, a servicemember received notice that she was required to undergo a random urinalysis test.

She, in turn, e-mailed several other people, discussing her fear that her drug use would be detected and the steps she had taken to avoid detection, officials in Grimes' office explained.

Investigators used those e-mails as evidence in a prosecution. The servicemember was convicted and sentenced, but an appellate court set aside the findings and sentence, because the banner did not clearly state that there was no right of privacy in e-mails.

The revised banner will ensure all users of government computer systems understand that there is no right of privacy in e-mails, officials said.

Defense Department officials said monitoring is critical in ensuring government systems aren't compromised by viruses or hackers, and to identify threats as early as possible.

"In order to protect DoD information systems, DoD needs to be able to monitor all traffic flowing through and across DoD systems," an official said.

Army preps for budget crunch

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-tion chiefs and other leaders to be prepared to minimize operational and maintenance-funded activities that are "not required to protect the life, health and safety of occupants of Army installations, or required to maintain assets vital to the national defense."

The Army expects to exhaust all operational and maintenance funds by Feb. 23.

Per current labor agreements and to provide some predictability to the civilian work force, supervisors would have to start notifying Army civilians of any impending February furloughs by mid-December.

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to provide only the most basic safety and security measures for those who reside there," Morrell said.

In addition, the Defense Department will begin notifying about 200,000 civilian employees and contractors "we can no longer afford their services and that, absent additional funding, they will be furloughed or temporarily laid off within a matter of weeks," Morrell told reporters.

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Suspected Terrorist Activity Reporting (STAR)

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- * Elicitation: People attempting to get information. These attempts may be made by mail, fax, telephone, e-mail or in person and may seem like very innocent questions about what you do and where you work.
- * Tests of Security: Any attempt to measure reaction times and action by security forces. A test of security can be disguised as a simple mistake such as a vehicle approaching a security barrier and then turning around or an attempt to circumvent access control procedures to assess strengths and weaknesses of the security forces and equipment.
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- * Dry Run or Practice: People or vehicles appear to have been purposely placed in a particular position or area. This is especially true when planning a kidnapping, but also pertains to bombings.
- * Suspicious Persons Out of Place: People who don't seem to belong or fit in the surrounding environment, especially if involved in any of the above listed activities.

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Fort Dix Police (609) 562-6001 / 6002
Fort Dix Antiterrorism Officer (609) 562-2153/ 2417

Cherry Hill honors troops



photos by David Moore

REACHING OUT — Crowds of people from Cherry Hill and surrounding communities jammed the parking lot of the America's Best Value Inn to greet and praise Soldiers of the 103rd Field Artillery and 327th Military Police who received a family-style Thanksgiving meal in the hotel's ballroom.



(continued from page 1) passes were adorned with large American flags hanging from fire trucks manned by area firefighters.

As they approached the hotel and on to the parking lot, an estimated 2,000 residents from the surrounding areas — including about 300 who rode their motorcycles — opened a path for the Soldiers to welcome them as freedom's heroes and shake their hands.

"Everything that is happening here today is certainly appreciated. The trip was pretty emotional and unbelievable from what we saw on the bus," Spc. Jason French, 103rd Field Artillery, said.

Larry Altersitz of the Jewish War Veterans said the event is a very rewarding one. "All of the people here today want to show their support and appreciation. Despite the crowd, only 200 volunteers were used to help with the event of serving the Soldiers their meal. The Soldiers, too, looked like they were surprised, but

certainly appreciated this sign of support," the Vietnam veteran said.

The hall for the Soldiers was decorated with red, white, and blue balloons, and the Soldiers were treated to turkey, potatoes, vegetables, stuffing, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie and various desserts.

Besides the meal, there was fun for the Soldiers when Philadelphia Eagle players Jon Ruman and Reggie Brown played in a sports trivia game assisted by former Eagles Vince Papale and Garry Cobb.

"I woke up this morning thinking how great it is to live in America. I'm glad you are on the USA team. I know you won't let the American dream down," Papale said to the Soldiers before the meal.

Spevak, who was the master of ceremony for the event, maintained the emotional height of the occasion when he noted that most of the Soldiers were far from their families.

"So this is a day when we are your family," Spevak said.



RECOGNITION — Firefighters display their support for Soldiers by hanging an American flag over a Route 70 overpass, above. More than a dozen Cherry Hill Police Officers salute Soldiers as they travel to the special Thanksgiving event, left.

Fort Dix, 50th IBCT partner

(continued from page 1) ing, the Combat Lifesaver course, weapons qualification, driver training, and medical screening, among other activities.

For the 50th IBCT Soldiers to meet the pre-mobilization requirements for deployment, New Jersey National Guard leadership partnered with Fort Dix mobilization leaders to meet the objectives. Under that plan, Fort Dix mobilization resources — such as the Joint Readiness Center (JRC) — and the New Jersey National Guard's Joint Training and Development Center are being used to expedite the process.

"As the mobilization time prior to deployment has been condensed, every opportunity to train during the mobilization phase becomes precious," said Col. Judith Robinson, Watson Medical Support Element commander.

Judith Robinson, Watson Medical Support Element commander, said, "These pre-mobilization activities give back some of that precious time to training."

The 50th IBCT Soldiers were offered eye exams, immunizations, blood work, and other medical processing during their two days at the Joint Readiness Center. Additional dates for the remaining Soldiers in the brigade are scheduled for the coming months.

"As the 50th IBCT is a locally based unit, we have the proximity that makes this possible with minimum cost to the unit and the U.S. Army," Robinson explained. "Also, as a mature JRC site, we are able to handle large numbers in a short period of time, making it a very efficient means to accomplish this vital processing."

"Going through the pre-mobilization medical processing here at Fort Dix is allowing

the 50th IBCT Soldiers to be better prepared when they actually mobilize next year," said Robinson. "The time spent now getting the majority of their medical processing completed will give them more time for training when they mobilize."

"Conducting pre-mobilization medical screening also provides the commanders with more information on the condition of their Soldiers," Robinson added. "It gives them early knowledge of issues that may preclude the deployment of a Soldier, and allows them to find proper replacements or make adjustments early in the deployment planning cycle."

"And for those Soldiers who need further care before deployment," she continued, "it gives them an opportunity to start that care now, and then be able to deploy on schedule with their units."

"It's a win-win for the unit and the individual Soldier," she said.

Although the 50th IBCT is conducting pre-mobilization training at Dix, the unit is set to spend two months mobilizing through Fort Bliss, Texas.

"Fort Dix could (mobilize) us, but they have a limit on the amount of Soldiers they can bring in at one time," explained Ferrari.

Approximately 3,100 Soldiers — including a total of 2,600 from the Garden State — are set to deploy with the 50th IBCT this summer. They will be tasked with security forces and detainee operations missions in Iraq. Fifteen companies within the brigade will provide internal and external security at several prisons.

"Fort Bliss is considered the premier detainee operations training site in the Army," said Ferrari. "It's very realistic training."



THIS MAY STING — Pvt. First Class Kimberly Medina, Sea Girt Medical Command, above left, inoculates Staff Sgt. Lisandro Peralta, Alpha Company, 2nd Battalion, 113th Infantry. Dr. Purav Desai examines the teeth of Lt. Nicole Miles, 50th BDE, below left. Susan Hoch, Veterans Administration, draws blood from 1st Sgt. Jeffrey Pels, HHQ, 50th BSB. The Soldiers are part of the New Jersey National Guard's 50th Infantry Brigade Combat Team preparing to deploy as part of the Global War on Terrorism.



photos by Shawn Morris

NEIGHBORHOOD

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Tree lighting ceremony to be held at Wurman Hall

The annual Fort Dix Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held Dec. 7 at 4 p.m. outside Wurman Hall, Bldg. 5417 Delaware and Sever Avenues.

DoD taking nominations for ESGR Freedom Award

The Department of Defense opened the nomination season for the 2008 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award Nov. 1.

Nominations will be accepted at www.esgr.mil until Jan. 21, 2008. The Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award is the U.S. government's highest recognition given to outstanding employers.

For questions regarding the nomination process, please call Hank Pierre of the New Jersey ESGR Committee at 562-0156.

Teen Center to host Career Mentoring

The Fort Dix and McGuire Air Force Base Youth Centers, along with the McGuire Family Support Center, are sponsoring a Career Mentoring Program at the Fort Dix Teen Center Friday evenings from 6 to 7 p.m. beginning Nov. 30 and continuing through Jan. 18, 2008.

This free training -- which would cost approximately \$3,000 through a private vendor -- is offered to all 14-18 year olds who are ready to start preparing for college and careers, and who are able to use MWR services on Fort Dix or the McGuire Youth Center.

For more information, call the Fort Dix Youth Center at 562-5061, the McGuire Youth Center at 754-5437, or the McGuire Family Support Center at 754-3154.

Parenting Workshop coming to CDC

The Army Family Advocacy Program and the Abbott Program will host a 1-2-3 Magic Workshop: Effective Discipline for Children Ages 2-12 Dec. 5 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Fort Dix Child Development Center, Bldg. 5523 Tennessee Avenue.

If you are looking to implement an effective discipline program that really works, sign up for this seminar. Participants will receive a free copy of Dr. Phelon's book. For information and to register, call Jennifer Warren at 562-4830.

United Communities needs Resident Board members

Fort Dix and McGuire Air Force Base are seeking additional Family Housing Residents to serve on the housing privatization Resident Representative Board (RRB).

The RRB's objective is to provide resident input to improve their housing communities.

The RRB works in partnership with United Communities (UC) and the joint Fort Dix/McGuire Government Family Housing Office to identify, discuss, and resolve privatized housing issues/concerns and to support the command-level Management Review Committee.

RRB members need to be UC family housing residents and willing to obtain input from other residents. The RRB meets once a month, typically at 1 p.m. on the second Wednesday on Fort Dix or McGuire.

The next RRB meeting is scheduled for Dec. 12 at 1 p.m. in the McGuire Club, 2508 East Third Street. For more information or to join the RRB, call Judith Holliday at 754-3361 or Rich Sample at 562-5025 or send e-mail to judith.holliday@mcguire.af.mil or richard.sample@us.af.mil.

Volunteers needed for speaking engagements

The Fort Dix Public Affairs Office is currently looking for officer and senior NCO volunteers to help us in our community relations efforts by becoming part of our speaker's bureau. All that's needed for speaking engagements is enthusiasm, personality and the ability to read and engage the audience.

So if you have the availability and desire to connect with our neighbors and bring a personal touch to the Fort Dix community, please call Gerry Zanzalari, Fort Dix Public Affairs, at 562-2909.

Dixans capture Army art awards

Pascual Flores
Public Affairs Staff

Certificates and checks were handed out Nov. 21 to two Dixans for their entries in the 2007 Army Arts and Crafts Contest.

Sharon Shaw and Umeko Bennett each received a Certificate of Excellence and a check for \$200 for their award-winning artistic accomplishments in the fields of oil-base painting and ceramics.

Shaw was the first-place winner in the category of Accomplished Artist in the field of oil-base painting representing Fort Dix for a piece entitled "Early Sunset."

Shaw, retired from the Army after 28 years of service at the rank of chief warrant officer two, has studied at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, Fleisher Art Memorial and various art schools.

A professional artist since her retirement in October 2003 from the army, Shaw has completed many pieces of art in her studio and continues to pursue her life-long passion in the field of art.

Shaw served at the Fort Dix Soldier Readiness Center in 2003.

"It's a tremendous honor and I would not be here if not for my husband and my Army pension," Shaw said, referring to the award.

Second-place winner in the category of Novice in the field of Ceramics, Bennett is no amateur when it comes to the fine arts, and is a college graduate in the art field.

Winning first place this past year



Pascual Flores

ALL-ARMY ARTISTS -- Sarah Johnson, director of Moral, Welfare and Recreation, is flanked by Sharon Shaw, left, first-place winner for oil-base painting in the 2007 Army Arts and Crafts Contest, and Umeko Bennett, right, second-place winner for ceramic art.

In the field of ceramics, Bennett has also partaken of other arts fields like oil painting and sculpturing.

Working with ceramic clay for the past five years, this year's second place winning piece for Novice, Ceramic is entitled "Kihada."

"Ceramic art is the way I achieve tranquility and peace," said Bennett.

"We are really glad that the Army does have an Arts and Crafts program," concluded Sarah Johnson, director, Fort Dix Moral, Welfare and Recreation.

The Army Arts and Crafts contest is an annual, juried competition of two- and three-dimensional artwork with separate categories for novice and accomplished artist and craftspeople. It is a highly competitive competition.

RDPW prepares for tree lighting

It's almost time for the annual Fort Dix Tree Lighting Ceremony. Before the "official" lighting happens, there is much work required to ensure the event goes off without a hitch. Tony Leone and Dwayne Purnell of RDPW spent much of Wednesday afternoon putting on lights and preparing the tree. The ceremony will be held Dec. 7 at 4 p.m. outside Wurman Hall, Bldg. 5417 Delaware and Sever Avenues. Santa Clause usually shows up near the end of the ceremony and spends time with the children to get their Christmas wish list. Dress warm and help Fort Dix start the holidays.

photo by Ed Mingin



Chaplains' Corner

Diversity is divine

2nd Lt. Moshe Grussgott
chaplain candidate

Three of my main passions in life - sports, religion, and the military (not necessarily in that order) - all share one common theme: They create a strong sense of fellowship and group identity among their followers.

This bond is often expressed through common dress, language, and culture. Fans of a sports team wear the same colors, the same jerseys, and have the same names on the back. The more fanatic the fan, the more they wear it on their sleeve (or painted on their face, or their chest, as it were).

Members of the Army have an even stronger camaraderie, also expressed in common dress and common language. Aside from wearing the same uniform (all the way down to the same authorized socks and t-shirt), and having to have the same silly haircut and clean-shaven face, service members share a common language and Army culture as well.

But the strongest, and of course most meaningful, arena where this sense of fellowship plays out is in religion. Members of the same religion often wear the same exact dress (like Hasidic Jews or the Amish) or the same paraphernalia (like a cross around the neck) to identify with their camp. They share common rituals, common language, and common formula for prayers. Often someone who does not adhere to these commonalities can not take part in the fellowship of that religion.

There are those in today's increasingly globalizing and universalistic world who would find this type of exclusivist fellowship - be it in sports, religion, or nationalism - to be tribal or even bigoted. But I would argue that true diversity and tolerance can only be achieved when everyone is

truly diverse, when people come to the table with strong individual identities of their own. If people all respected each other only because they had no strongly held beliefs of their own, we wouldn't have diversity, but rather, singularity; a bland undifferentiated mass of boring sameness.

As an Eagles fan, I do have my arguments with Steelers fans (who are, for the most part, jealous of the Eagles' success) but in the end we can still respect each other for simply being fellow fans; we can relate to each other's emotions as fans, and we respect that the other person has a team, too.

In matters of religion as well, I find that as a religious Jew I have more in common with the religious Christian or Muslim than with a secular person. This may seem counterintuitive since the secular person doesn't hold a strong religious belief contrary to mine (since he holds no position on religion at all) whereas the Christian knows why he does not believe in Judaism. But still, the Christian and I can come together and talk about our respective convictions and respect that the other person has them, too. At least there's a conversation to be had.

And so rather than abandon our identities and be ashamed of them, we should all connect to our respective roots and histories: National, ethnic and (most importantly) religious. Then we can learn to respect someone else who has the same connection to his/her own identity, even while respectfully maintaining that our own beliefs are the correct ones.

And then we can fulfill the firm but tolerant vision of the prophet Mica (4:5): "Let all people walk, each one in the name of his god, and we shall walk in the name of our Lord, our God, forever and ever."



Kryn P. Westhoven, Red Cross volunteer

Give a little bit

At the recent American Red Cross blood drive held at the Main Chapel, Director of Public Works employee John Shields, right, was awarded his 15-gallon pin by Patricia Selk-Welkenback, Fort Dix-McGuire American Red Cross Station coordinator. Shields was not the only blood donor to receive a pin, as Peter Schneider and Carl Meyers were awarded 7-gallon pins at the event.

MILITARY MATTERS

Soldier selected as Male Shotgun Shooter of Year

Mary Beth Vorwerk
Army News Service

FORT BENNING, Ga., Nov. 28, 2007 - Pfc. Vincent C. Hancock, a member of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit, has been selected as Male Shotgun Shooter of the Year by USA Shooting.

Pfc. Hancock, 18, had a successful year winning the World Cup in Italy and setting a finals world record in men's skeet. He also captured the gold medal at the 2007 Pan-American Games and won the bronze medal at the 2007 World Clay Target Championships. He is currently leading the Olympic selection process in men's skeet by winning the first shotgun Olympic selection match.

Pfc. Hancock joined the Army Reserve in 2006 while still in high school in Eatonton, Ga.. After finishing high school in 2007, he began training with the USAMU. This month he completed advanced individual training as a motor vehicle operator, then was assigned to the USAMU as a regular Army Soldier.

Fellow Soldier Staff Sgt. Keith Sanderson of San Antonio, Texas, claimed the bronze medal in men's rapid fire pistol at the 2007 World Cup in Changwon, China. He had the highest number of points in men's pistol competitions and won an Olympic quota slot for the U.S.



Paula Randall

SURE SHOT - Pfc. Vincent C. Hancock, a member of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit, was named Male Shotgun Shooter of the Year by USA Shooting.

He also was the Pan-American Games silver medalist in men's rapid fire and took second place at both the 2007 USA Shooting Spring Selection Match and the 2007 National Championships. Formed in 1956 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower to raise the standards of marksmanship throughout the Army, the unit trains its Soldiers to win competitions and enhance combat readiness through train-the-trainer clinics, research and development.



Ryan Morton

BROTHERS IN ARMS - Spc. Darrick Gilbert, above left and his younger brother, Sgt. Grant Gilbert are both members of the 1103rd Military Police Detachment on orders with the 438th Military Police Company. The Kentucky Army National Guard unit as four families with multiple family members serving at the same time. Spc. Michael Laster, below left, and his father, Staff Sgt. David Laster, are both members of the 438th Military Police. The unit is training for deployment to Iraq.



Military service a family affair for Kentucky unit

Wayne Cook
Public Affairs Staff

For some members of the 438th Military Police Company of the Kentucky Army National Guard Soldering is a real family affair.

It is normal for many National Guard units to have one or two, maybe even three, families in some form assigned to them. This unit has gone one better by having four families with multiple members assigned to it.

According to Capt. Jay Todd, company commander, the unit is undergoing mobilization training in preparation for deployment to Iraq to take on a trainee operations mission. The MP unit has been training at Fort Dix since Nov. 11. It is the unit's second deployment since 9-11, the first being to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, in 2001.

"More than 50 percent of this unit has deployed at least once since 9-11. I have one Soldier, Spc. Goldsmith Hercules, who has volunteered for his fifth deployment," said Todd.

"This unit is kind of unique in that we have many families with multiple members represented," added Todd.

One of the families is the Burrow couple, a husband and wife, married just this past year. Spc. Jennifer Burrow and Spc. Ryan Burrow spent their first wedding anniversary, Nov. 18, training on post.

"In a way, serving together has its perks. We get to see each other and at times spend time sharing a meal and time together, where others who don't have their loved ones with them won't be able to," said Jennifer.

"There is also the down side, too. Our families back home worry about both of us being in harm's way and possibly getting hurt or worse," she continued.

"Those who have known us and been in the unit are accepting and supporting of us. Those who are new sometimes see us as different because they don't have their loved ones with them. It's understandable," said Ryan.

Another family represented in the unit is the Lasters. Staff Sgt. David Laster is a platoon sergeant who has nearly 24

years in the service. With 20 years in the Active Guard/Reserve program and four years in the Army National Guard, Laster is looking forward to retiring upon completion of this deployment.

His son, Spc. Michael Laster, has 10 years in the service and is deploying for the second time with his father.

"It's good knowing he is here and able to watch out for me. I didn't join just because my father was serving. I joined to serve my country and to get some experience," said Spc. Laster.

"It has its good points, serving together. This will be a little different this time, serving in a combat zone. Of course, my concerns would be the same if we weren't going together, but I know he is well trained and has good leadership in the company. I am very proud of Michael. He chose to serve. There are some comforting factors knowing he is with me. We have spent quite a few birthdays and holidays together on deployments," said Staff Sgt. Laster.

The senior Laster has a distinct opportunity to keep watch over his son as he is also his platoon sergeant.

Joining the unit on loan from the 1103rd Military Police Detachment is a pair of brothers, the Gilberts. Both former Marines, they missed the camaraderie of the military and joined the Army National Guard to regain the sense of brotherhood.

Spc. Darrick Gilbert joined the Marines in 1989 and decided to leave after his tour in 1995. After 10 years, he realized he missed the closeness of the military and joined the Army National Guard in 2005.

The younger of the two, Sgt. Grant Gilbert, did as a lot of younger brothers do, and followed his older brother into the military.

"I just followed my older brother's lead in 1998 and joined the Marines. I loved it, but decided to get out in 2005. It only took me two years to realize I missed the camaraderie and loyalty and I joined the Army National Guard in May of this year," said Sgt. Gilbert.

"It has its moments, serving together. We argue like most brothers, but we can see through all that when it comes

to it. It helps our wives, knowing we are here for each other. We've both been there before but never together. This time is different. We are in different platoons, but we want to be here for each other," he said.

Another addition to the unit from the 1103rd MP Det. is the Adams family. This trio of two brothers and a cousin tend to confuse many members of the company on a regular basis.

The brothers are twins, Sgt. Joseph Matthew Adams and Spc. Jonathan Michael Adams. Their older cousin, Spc. Jeremy Shaun Adams, is more like a brother than a cousin to the twins. They are known mostly throughout the company by their middle names.

The Adams trio have a family military heritage that extends all the way back to the Revolutionary War, so it was no surprise when, one-by-one, they decided to join the Army National Guard.

The twins were in the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps together in high school when Sgt. Adams decided to join at 17 years old.

"I watched my brother go off to Iraq and it really killed me with him being there without me. I told him he wouldn't deploy again without me and I joined. Here we are together," said Michael.

"I just followed them. There were circumstances that were slowed down my entry but here I am," said Shaun.

Matthew has six years in the unit, while his brother has 3 years and his cousin has 19 months.

"It's weird. Being in the same unit and working together we know what each other can do," said Shaun.

"Coming into a new unit I know there are at least two people I can count on," said Michael.

"Being in different platoons, we are able to use our relationships to get help from each other's platoons if we need to," said Shaun.

"Going into combat with these guys is two sided. Obviously you don't want to see your family in harm's way, but I'd rather have nobody else by my side than these two Soldiers," said Matthew.

It appears that the make-up of the 438th, though diverse, has a strong theme of keeping it all in the family.



Phil Manson

EARNED THROUGH ETHICS - Lt. Gen. Russel L. Honoré, commanding general, First Army, and a lifetime 4-H member, receives the 2007 Friend of National 4-H Award for his support of 4-H throughout his career. Presenting the award is Shawn Gayner, a 4-H member from Idaho.

Lt. Gen. Honoré receives '07 Friend of 4-H Award

Phil Manson
Army News Service

ATLANTA, Nov. 27, 2007 - Telling his young audience of more than 1,000 students to "learn the concept of discipline and lead disciplined, ethical lives," Lt. Gen. Russel L. Honoré, commanding general, First Army, was an award recipient and featured speaker at the 2007 4-H National Convention held here last night.

Lt. Gen. Honoré, himself a lifetime 4-H'er, received the 2007 Friend of National 4-H Congress Award for his unwavering support and admiration of the 4-H clubs throughout America.

Growing up in the small town of Lakeland, La., the general said joining the local 4-H club was the first outside activity he ever did.

"When I was in high school, every Friday we wore our 4-H club uniform, which at that time was all white," he recalled. "Now, in Louisiana in the 1960s, it took a lot of courage to wear an all-white outfit. When I was a senior, 4-H went to a green jacket, and you don't know how happy we were about that."

On a more serious note, Lt. Gen. Honoré talked about what 4-H has meant to him throughout the years.

"The lessons I learned in 4-H have stayed with me to this day. 4-H taught me not where to start, but where to finish. It taught me the concept of discipline and that has stayed with me because today I am an American Soldier," he said. "I am the embodiment of the American Dream; a poor farm boy from Louisiana who, through hard work and discipline, rose to one of the highest ranks in the United States Army. I would not be where I am without 4-H."

Lt. Gen. Honoré related a story from his 4-H days. "We had one cow, a mix between a Guernsey and Jersey, which weighed about 900 pounds. It took a lot of time and effort to teach that cow how to stand in a ring correctly and not get spooked by all those people," he explained. "That cow couldn't win best in state because it was a mixed-breed, but we did win other awards against farms that had 500 head of cattle. That is the discipline and perseverance 4-H taught me."

Lt. Gen. Honoré also had advice for his young audience. "America needs you to be proud to be Americans," he said. "The world needs you to be successful, to be the next generation of leaders. If you don't like the way things are now, just wait a few years and

you'll be in charge. "We live in a new normal. We could have an earthquake tomorrow, or another hurricane or a terrorist attack," Lt. Gen. Honoré continued. "I need you to help create a culture of national preparedness and to be prepared for disasters before they hit."

"This Christmas, don't buy grandma and grandpa another tie or a box of candy; buy them a weather radio that will wake them up at 3 a.m. when bad weather is approaching. That is the kind of easy, common-sense idea that helps develop the disaster-preparedness mindset."

In closing, the general charged the 4-Hers to find solutions to three great problems facing the world today.

"Somewhere in this room is a person who will grow up to be an engineer who will solve our dependence on fossil fuel," he said. "Somewhere in this room is a person who will grow up to be a research scientist who will find a cure for the infectious diseases that plague mankind," he said.

"And all of you must work to bring about religious, political and ethnic harmony in the world or the first two tasks will be for nothing. Keep up with your education, keep up with your 4-H clubs, and keep living a great, ethical life."

Top troops rewarded



Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony Young, mobilization Readiness Battalion commander, far left, presents a Letter of Appreciation from the newly promoted Master Sgt. Michael Zeeman with "velcro bloodrank," Command to Maj. David Dean. Chirico presents Certificates of Appreciation to Staff Sgt. James Dix Nov. 28. Sgt. Pitt and Master Sgt. Danielle Daly, Sgt. Ist David Perschy, from left Class Leonel Cruz and at bottom left. Spc. Sgt. Ist Class Nick D'A-William Shomer and lessandro, from left at Spc. Carlton Jefferson, top right, receive Letters from left at bottom right, of Appreciation. Lt. Col. receive Certificates of Joseph Chirico, Mobi-Appreciation.



photos by Shawn Morris



Sgt. Shawn Morris, 444th MPAD
Pfc. Dwayne Anderson demonstrates flag signals during training Nov. 18 at the New Jersey National Guard's Joint Training and Training Development Center.

Soldiers, volunteers unite to help troops abroad

Capt. Damien Squilla
Unit Public Affairs
Representative 1st Battalion,
309th Regiment

The weekend before the Thanksgiving holiday, 15 Soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 309th Regiment here at Fort Dix teamed up with several other volunteers to support the Boxes for Baghdad (B4B) mission hosted by General Motors Acceptance Corp (GMAC), Horsham, Pa. corporate center. GMAC began the B4B program over four years ago to support our service members serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. This initiative has rallied associates across the country to support and salute our troops. Associates, service members and volunteers have sent out monthly packages to Iraq since September 2003 and have no plans on halting the program until all our troops come home.

In support of Philadelphia-based service members, GMAC in Horsham has sponsored over half-dozen B4B missions, packaging and shipping nearly 2,000 boxes bound for local troops serving overseas.

At first, the B4B mission began with GMAC associates donating household and personal items they would like if they were far from home, and over time word-of-mouth brought inquiries from all over the community and donations began overflowing.

Capt. Rene Gonzales, 1/309th HHC Commander and a GMAC employee, coordinated with other Soldiers to prepare an excess 80 care packages. The packages were sent from Horsham to local service members deployed in support of the War on Terrorism.

The care packages contain all kinds of goodies such as snacks, toiletries, CDs, DVDs, games and magazines.

"Sometimes just a small item or gesture of appreciation can put a smile on the face of a deployed service member," said Master Sgt. Alex Lezans, 1/309th. "I remember receiving packages when I was over there, and how much it meant to me. We really enjoyed being part of this, and I'm looking forward to doing it again."

"This is an especially trying time for our young heroes as we head into the holiday season. Gifts such as yours do make a difference. Knowing that they are not being forgotten goes a long way in making the holiday season a little easier to bear being away from family and friends," said Gonzales.

The B4B mission continues to support our heroes overseas, shipping care packages in excess of 30,000 pounds to date to "adopted" military units and individual Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Coast Guardsmen and Marines.



1st Lt. Antonia Greene, 72nd Field Artillery Brigade Public Affairs
GOOD TO GO -- Soldiers of 1/309th TSBn at Fort Dix, other service members and volunteers joined forces with General Motors Acceptance Center (GMAC) employees volunteering their time and effort to support the Boxes for Baghdad (B4B) program, Nov. 10, at the GMAC corporate center in Horsham, Pa. General Motors began the B4B program four years ago to support service members serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. The mission has provided more than 30,000 pounds of goodies such as snacks, magazine, toiletries, DVDs and CDs to members of the Armed Forces.

Aviation resource Airmen train for future success

Tech. Sgt. Scott T. Sturkol
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Center Public Affairs

Known amongst each other as "One-Charlies," Airmen in the Air Force's aviation resource management career field can get advanced training through a pair of courses in the U.S. Air Force Expeditionary Center's Mobility Operations School.

The Host Aviation Resource Management (HARM) course, and the Squadron Aviation Resource Management course, provide advanced training in not only operating the Air Force Aviation Resource Management System Database but also build experience in areas crucial to the service's flight operations.

"The HARM Course is mainly responsible for the overall operation of the ARMS database," said Tech. Sgt. Jennifer Mastan, HARM course director. "Responsibilities of Airmen working in this type of office ensure, for example, that aircrew members meet requirements for incentive pay and validate pay with the local finance office."

Overall, the course provides supplemental training to the base-level "One-Charlie" functional manager's continuation training program, Sergeant Mastan said. "One-Charlie" is short for the first

two digits in the Air Force specialty designator of 1COX2 for Aviation Resource Management. In both courses, the "One-Charlie" students are required to have a five-skill level (journeyman) for six months.

Sergeant Mastan explained the basics for the HARM course.

"This course is designed for the students to gain a better understanding of their HARM duties through lectures, guided discussions, task performance and hands-on computer training," said Sergeant Mastan, who was the Air Force's ARM Instructor of the Year for 2006.

She added the HARM course instructs in "high impact" areas such as resource management, system management, flight time, ARMS reports and training management.

Some of the tasks performed in this course include input and audit of flight time, cutting an aeronautical order and a flight record folder audit," Sergeant Mastan said. "This is work that not only tests them on their job but gives them something that they can take back and make their fellow Airmen better."

Similar in style is the SARM course, said Staff Sgt.

Khadejah Mitchell, course director.

"In this course, classes are designed to provide instruction in areas such as scheduling, resource management, system management, training management, standards and evaluations, ARMS reports, flight time and mobility and deployments," Sergeant Mitchell said. "The course really helps, I believe, each student learn and apply the proper application of Air Force instructions to enhance job knowledge. It's not an easy course by any means."

Sergeant Mitchell added that like HARM, the SARM course has a "comprehensive curriculum" that will ultimately aid the "One-Charlies" working at home station or deployed.

"These courses concentrate on areas and tasks difficult to teach in the normal work environment," Sergeant Mitchell said. Both Sergeants Mastan and Mitchell support each other in teaching the courses. Sergeant Mitchell has been teaching the SARM course since September 2005. Sergeant Mastan has taught her course for the Mobility Operations School September 2006. Both say they enjoy the opportunity and hope they are making a difference in the aviation resource management business.

"I've always enjoyed the

interaction with other 'One-Charlies' and to be able to share my knowledge and experience with them," Sergeant Mastan said. "I learn so much about our career field and what's actually going on in the field from our students. Even though we're the instructors, we also learn something new from our students in every class."

Sergeant Mitchell added, "I always want our students to have a greater understanding of the standards and be able to take that knowledge back to their home stations and use it. That simply benefits everyone involved."

Annually, approximately 108 Airmen complete the HARM and SARM courses, Sergeant Mastan said. Their training impact, however, affects thousands of Airmen.

"You're talking about support for flight operations and scheduling Air Force-wide," Sergeant Mastan said. "Those 100-plus Airmen we train impact our Air Force across the board."

The USAF EC's Mobility Operations School offers 53 in-residence and 11 Web-based training courses with more in development. The school covers topics in operations, transportation, maintenance, aircrew resource management and command and control to name a few. Besides Fort Dix, the MOS also has operating detachments at Hurlburt Field, Fla., Little Rock AFB, Ark., Scott AFB, Ill., Fort Leavenworth, Kan., and Fort Polk, La.



Tech. Sgt. Scott T. Sturkol
WISE RESOURCES-- Air Force Staff Sgt. Khadejah Mitchell, left, and tech. Sgt. Jennifer Mastan, both instructors for the U.S. Air Force Expeditionary Center's Mobility Operations School located at Fort Dix, teach a new class Sept. 11, 2007. Mitchell and Mastan instruct the Host Aviation Resource Management and Squadron Aviation Resource Management courses respectively. The courses offer advance training in operating the Air Force Aviation Resource Management System Database as well as building experience in areas crucial to the service's flight operations.



Carolee Nisbet

Handshakes for help

Col. Ronald R. Thaxton, installation commander, left, presents a Commanders Coin to Lt. Col. Joseph Chirico, Mobilization Readiness Battalion commander, as a token of appreciation for a job well done during the recent Clint Black concert at Fort Dix. Also receiving coins were Fort Dix Police members Maj John J. Dove, Lt. Rick Sanders, Sgt. Colon, Sgt. Rodriguez, Sgt. Imhof, Ptl. Nicholi, Ptl. Otero, Ptl. Buttcovicia and Ptl. Batesko, Inv. Remenicky, Inv. Morrow, Inv. Rollinson and Inv. Spadano, Special Reaction Team members Ptl. Alameda, Ptl. Smith, Ptl. Vogt, Ptl. McConnon, Ptl. Henkel and Ptl. Walaszek, Master Sgt. Pentti Forsman, 1st Sgt. George Wilson, Maj. Denise Wurzbach, 2nd Lt. Dean Hillman, Spec. Douglas Moss, Sgt. Joshua Menning, Susan Benyon, Charles Young, Robert Vogt, Jackie Holliday, Floyd Winter, Jim Armstrong, John Barry, Chris O'Donnell, Jean Pierre Waller, Jim Lyon, Walter Jackson, Larry Green, Ed Bowers, Ernie Yeager, Thomas Jamison, George Gonzalez, Mike Haywood, Steve Reese, Obinna Nwaka, Ardith Bowers, Teresa Kammermaier, Denise Sutton, Thisley Edwards, Ed Skellin, Theresa Eckstein, Mistalena Vega, Marta Godfrey, Zinetti O'demir, Teresa Harden, Steve Whitmore, Dave Stanwood, Ron Dorn, Dave Moore, Ed Mingin, Shawn Morris, and Pemberton Township Police members Sgt. James Wehmey, Ptl. Lester Hann, Ptl. Vincent Cestare, Ptl. Sean Myers and Ptl. Thomas Lucas.

Combat vet spearheads wounded warrior relief



photos by 1st Lt. Antonia Greene, 72nd FA Bde. PA

NCOs make grade

Command Sgt. Maj. Louis D. Tinsley, 72nd Field Artillery Brigade, top left, awards newly promoted Sgt. Ginger Powell the NCO Creed Nov. 19. Sgt. Ricky Crawford, near right, is promoted to the rank of staff sergeant by Maj. Gordon Moon Nov. 16 after 28 years as a sergeant.



Shawn Morris

Alex Ushomirsky, 153rd Legal Support Organization, right, receives promotion to staff sergeant at Club Dix. "Pinning" Ushomirsky's rank is Sgt. 1st Class John Adams, 153rd Legal Support Organization. Ushomirsky is currently mobilized at Fort Dix in Trial Defense Service.

Jerry Harben
U.S. Army Medical Command
Public Affairs Office



Gary Sheffick, Army News Service

One of the Army's top advocates for the care and treatment of its ill and wounded Soldiers and their families now will serve as assistant surgeon general for warrior care and transition.

The Army has assigned Brig. Gen. Michael S. Tucker, who has been deputy commander of the Army's North Atlantic Regional Medical Command as well as director of the Army Medical Action Plan (AMAP), to lead the service's warrior care and transition effort.

Tucker, a two-time combat veteran, has been known by the media as a "bureaucracy buster," and was charged with transforming wounded warrior care in March following news reports a month earlier about substandard living conditions and procedural obstacles for wounded soldiers at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

"As a leader of Soldiers, I am humbled by this responsibility and the implications it will have on the force for years to come," said Tucker, a 35-year Army career veteran. "What we do today to transform the military health care system and respond to the needs of our Soldiers and their families — at a time in their lives when they need us most — will shape the force for years to come. Anything other than a complete transformation of the system is unacceptable."

Tucker and his staff have spearheaded efforts to create warrior transition units (WTU) to give better leadership and supervision to Soldiers recovering from wounds, to improve their housing and other service facilities and to establish centers to provide administrative and social-work services for soldiers' families.

According to Maj. Gen. Gale S. Pollock, Acting The Surgeon General, Soldiers who are recovering from injuries or illnesses in our hospitals, or who are leaving the Army for civilian life or to receive care from the Department of Veterans Affairs, have earned the very best service and support we can provide. They have an advocate in Mike Tucker. He impresses everyone with his energy and enthusiasm as he aggressively tackles these important issues. He will continue that focus in his new position as assistant surgeon general for warrior care and transition.

While Tucker's title has changed, his team remains focused on providing policy and program oversight of 35 WTUs with a staff in excess of 2,400 military members and civilian employees, and a

FOR THE TROOPS — Brig. Gen. Mike Tucker addresses members of the Association of the U.S. Army Oct. 8 during a panel discussion on the Army Medical Action Plan.

budget of more than \$1.2 million for Fiscal Year 2008. In the WTUs, each patient is assigned a squad leader, a case manager and a primary-care manager to make sure the wounded soldier receives appropriate treatment and adequate administrative support, and his or her family's needs are met.

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The general is quick to credit the team of Army physicians, nurses, social workers, benefits counselors, platoon sergeants, squad leaders and other support staff members who have stepped up to this new challenge and who have repeatedly shown their dedication and commitment to serving and caring for their brethren.

"Our team has worked hard to change the way we provide care to our ill and wounded," Tucker said. "I am proud of their work."

The AMAP chief of staff agrees, adding that it has taken courage and leadership to see this vision through. "We are determined from top to bottom (of the organization) to transform this process," said Col. Jimmie O. Keenan, chief of staff for AMAP. "General Tucker has empowered all of us to make a difference. Of course, it is not perfect. We will have to make

adjustments as we move through this process to make sure we are truly meeting the needs of our troops, and we will. There is so much passion and commitment at all levels of the organization from our specialists to senior Army leaders to make sure we are serving our fellow Soldiers as fiercely at home as they served the nation on the battlefield. I can see the sense of duty and responsibility in the eyes of everyone on the staff. We all know what we are doing is the right thing for our fellow Soldiers."

Keenan said the transformed military health care system focuses on the total care of ill and wounded Soldiers and their families, including the severely injured. No longer will a soldier or a Soldier's loved one have to search for the ID card section, how to get billeting or even a ride to the airport.

The WTUs will also link families to warrior medical care, rehabilitation and benefits as they have never been before with the addition of Soldier family assistance centers. The Installation Management Command-sponsored assistance centers will provide help with documents, payments, access cards, insurance and more. Ill and wounded Soldiers will also receive legal assistance concerning Medical Evaluation Board (MEB) and Physical Evaluation Board (PEB) cases.

The 35 WTUs are expected to be fully operational by early 2008, AMAP officials said.

"These warriors have risked life and limb to defend our nation's freedoms, and it is our duty to honor and serve them with compassion and dignity," Tucker said. "These Soldiers are warriors in need of healing. They need to know that what we are there to do for them, so that their focus is on recovery and not whether their rent will be paid."

Germ Farm

Scrub'em!

MWR cordially invites you to the Fort Dix

Tree Lighting Ceremony

Friday, December 7, 2007
4 p.m.
Wurman Hall
Bldg. 5417 Delaware & Sever Avenue

Announcements



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

Friday, November 30 @ 7:30 p.m.

The Comebacks - David Koechner, Carl Weathers, Brooke Nevitt, Matthew Lawrence - From the producers of Wedding Crashers. The Comebacks is a hilarious comedy that spoofs the best inspirational sports movies ever made. The film stars David Koechner, best known for his role as "Champ" in Anchorman, and Carl Weathers. The Comebacks spoofs such classic sports movies as Rocky, Remember the Titans, Friday Night Lights, Field of Dreams, Stick It, and Blue Crush, just to name a few.

MPAA Rating: PG-13 - on appeal for crude and sexual content throughout and some drug material

Run time: 84 minutes

Saturday, December 1 @ 7:30 p.m.

30 Days of Night - Josh Hartnett, Melissa George, Danny Huston, Ben Foster, Mark Boone, Jr. - In the far Northern Hemisphere, the small town of Barrow, Alaska, experiences a solid month of darkness every year. Though most of the residents head south for the winter, some townspeople remain behind. However, those that stay regret their decision when, one year, hungry vampires descend on Barrow to feed. Sheriff Eben (Josh Hartnett), his wife (Melissa George) and a dwindling band of survivors must try to last until dawn breaks over Barrow's month-long twilight.

MPAA Rating: R - strong horror violence and language

Run time: 128 minutes

Future Features...

Dan in Real Life

Friday, Dec. 7 @ 7:30 p.m.
PG-13, 98 minutes.

American Gangster

Saturday, Dec. 8 @ 7:30 p.m.
R, 157 minutes.

Army Community Service

Bldg. 5201, 562-2767

Community Newcomer's Orientation

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

Every 3rd Thursday of each month

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

at Army Community Service

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

EFMP Support Group

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

EFMP Winter Party

Club Dix will host this year's EFMP Winter Party **Thursday Dec. 6**, which begins with an Arts & Crafts session at 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Dinner and other activities will run from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. The evening will include a visit from Santa and his Elves who will deliver gifts to the children.



***Use Insect Repellent
*Clean Gutters
*Prevent Standing Water
*Clean Pools & Birdbaths**

Main Chapel

562-2020

Sunday Services

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

Camp Victory - Chaplain's tent

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

Wednesday Services

Main Chapel

Protestant 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

Holiday Events and Services

Mon., Dec. 10 - Chanuka Party, 6 p.m.
Sun., Dec. 23 - regular scheduled services
Mon., Dec. 24 - Catholic Mass, 5 p.m.; Candlelight Service, 7 p.m.
Tues., Dec. 25 - Catholic Mass, 10:15 a.m.
Sun., Dec. 30 - regular scheduled services
Mon., Dec. 31 - Catholic Mass, 6 p.m.

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

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Calendar of Events

Outdoor Rec. Christmas Trees on sale. For more information call 562-2707.

Installation to host annual holiday party Dec. 11 at the Griffith Field House. Tickets on sale now!

Join us for the Installation Tree Lighting Ceremony at Wurman Hall. Events start at 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7.

Come to the Arts and Crafts Center, Bldg. 6039, to create your holiday decorations. Special classes available for cards, wreaths, gingerbread houses and more. Call 562-5601

Have a Happy and Safe Holiday Season from everyone at the Public Affairs Office and the staff of 'the Post'

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.

Nov 30 - Dec 6

Friday

Early Dismissal

Open Rec.

2 - 7 p.m.

Power Hour Store

2:30 - 6 p.m.

Computer Lab

4 - 6 p.m.

Saturday

Open Rec.

3:30 - 7 p.m.

Midnight B-Ball

Teen/Guest Only

7 p.m. - 12 a.m.

Monday

Power Hour

2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Computer Lab

4 - 6 p.m.

Torch Club

4 - 5 p.m.

Caroling Practice

Tuesday

Power Hour

2:30 - 4:30 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. (weight training)

Computer Lab

4 - 6 p.m.

Thursday

Power Hour

2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Computer Lab

4 - 6 p.m.

Torch Club

4 - 5 p.m.

Caroling Practice

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 6 - 8 a.m.
Lunch 11:30 - 1:30 p.m.
Dinner 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Bldg. 5517 NCOA Closed

Breakfast 6:30 - 8 a.m.
Lunch 11:30 - 1 p.m.
Dinner 4:30 - 6 p.m.

Bldg. 5610 Surge Every Day

Breakfast 6 - 7:30 a.m.
Lunch 11:30 - 1 p.m.
Dinner 4:30 - 6 p.m.

Bldg. 5640 Surge Closed

Breakfast 6 - 7:30 a.m.
Lunch 11:30 - 1 p.m.
Dinner 4:30 - 6 p.m.

Bldg. 5985 Camp Victory (FOB)

Breakfast 5 - 6:30 a.m.
Dinner 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Bldg. 5986 Surge Every Day

Breakfast 6 - 7:30 a.m.
Lunch 11:30 - 1 p.m.
Dinner 4:30 - 6 p.m.

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

Family Advocacy

562-5200

Chaplain

562-2020

American Red Cross

562-2258

Army Emergency Relief

562-2767

Volunteers are needed

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

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the Post

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

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

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
APO/FPO AE ZIPs 960-052	Dec 18	Dec 11	Dec 11	Dec 4	Dec 4	Nov 27	Nov 13
APO/FPO AE ZIP 093	N/A	Dec 4	Dec 4	Dec 1	Dec 1	Nov 27	Nov 13
APO/FPO AE ZIPs 094-095	Dec 18	Dec 11	Dec 11	Dec 4	Dec 4	Nov 27	Nov 13
APO/FPO AA ZIPs 340	Dec 18	Dec 11	Dec 11	Dec 4	Dec 4	Nov 27	Nov 13
APO/FPO AP ZIPs 962-966	Dec 18	Dec 11	Dec 11	Dec 4	Dec 4	Nov 27	Nov 13

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

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

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

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Africa	Dec 19	Dec 12	Dec 11	Dec 4	Dec 4	Dec 11	Dec 11
Asia/Pacific Rim	Dec 19	Dec 12	Dec 11	Dec 4	Dec 4	Dec 11	Dec 11
Australia/New Zealand	Dec 19	Dec 12	Dec 11	Dec 4	Dec 4	Dec 11	Dec 11
Canada	Dec 20	Dec 18	Dec 11				
Caribbean	Dec 19	Dec 12	Dec 11				
Central & South America	Dec 19	Dec 12	Dec 11	Dec 4	Dec 4	Dec 11	Dec 11
Mexico	Dec 19	Dec 12	Dec 11				
Europe	Dec 19	Dec 12	Dec 11				
Middle East	Dec 19	Dec 12	Dec 11				

4/ GXG is available to over 190 countries via an alliance with Federal Express. See a retail associate at participating locations for a complete list of countries and money-back guarantee details, or go to pe.usps.com and click "International Rates and Fees," then "Country Listing." You can also use the Internet CDSI issue of MailPro. Some restrictions apply. Free shipping supplies are available. Purchase postage online and receive 10% discount.

5/ EMS is available to over 190 countries with delivery in 3 to 5 average business days. Guaranteed, money-back service is available to Australia, China, Hong Kong, Japan and Korea (Republic of South). Flat rate shipping options and free packaging are available. Purchase postage online and receive an 8% discount.

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

*Average number of days may vary based on origin and destination

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

Paint Your Own Ornaments Day

Dec. 1

Come in and paint ceramic ornaments all day long. We'll have various ornaments in different shapes and sizes to choose from, along with samples of different painting techniques to help you with your design.

Adult Craft Classes
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Dec. 6, 13.....Holiday Mosaics
\$5 pre-registration fee

Kids Craft Classes

2:30 - 4 p.m., ages 6 and up
Dec. 1.....Mini Holiday Tree
Dec. 8.....Family Ginger
bread House
\$5 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.

Hearts For Heroes

Show your appreciation for our active duty and retired military. Come in anytime

and paint a small heart which will be given to a military member. All hearts will be donated so there is no cost to participate!

Frame Shop and Mosaic Studio

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.

Retreat
5 p.m. (1700 hours)

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

**Military personnel
not in uniform,
civilians**

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

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

**Military personnel
in formation or
in a group**

Senior Soldier calls
group to "Attention,"
then "Present, Arms"
at first note. Calls
"Order, Arms" at
conclusion.

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

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

Stop vehicle and exit.
Follow steps above.

Stop vehicle and exit.
Follow steps above.

**Group of military
personnel in
a vehicle**

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

Stop vehicle. Individual
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)

Hearts for Heroes

Paint a clay heart
for a hero!

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

**Absolutely FREE
to participate!**

Arts & Crafts Center

6039 Philadelphia Street • Fort Dix, New Jersey
609-562-5691 or 609-562-5771

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



Fight Germs and Stay Healthy

If you have a cold or flu:

Avoid close contact when possible
► Germs are transmitted by sneezing, coughing and even while speaking

Cover your cough or sneeze

► Use a tissue or your sleeve to cover your mouth and nose while coughing or sneezing
► Throw used tissue in the trash

Wash your hands often

► Always wash your hands before eating and after using the latrine
► Wash hands for at least 15-20 seconds with warm, soapy water or alcohol-based gel

Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth

► Germs are often spread when people touch something contaminated with germs (for example, other people's hands or smooth surfaces) and then touch their own eyes, nose or mouth



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For those residents who want to make sure the Fort Dix community is the best it can be please

Call Army Community Service at 562-2767

Cops close, kids rally to grab victory

Ryan Morton
Public Affairs Staff

As the final buzzer sounded at Doughboy Gym on November 20, the Fort Dix Department of Defense Police and kids from around the Dix-McGuire community

embraced at center court for a show of unity, support, and gamesmanship. They played in the annual Cops vs. Kids basketball game and left it all out on the court, as both sides played in a hotly contested and action-packed affair. The kids pulled out a squeaker by one point, winning 40-39.

But the score doesn't begin to tell the whole story. The night was about bridging the relationship and connection between the law enforcement community and the kids.

"This kind of event helps to get the kids to realize that we're really not that much different than their parents and we're here to help them out," Chief Stephen Melly, Fort Dix Director of Public Safety and Chief of the Department of Defense Police, said.

This event was started approximately 10 years ago as a way to initiate community policing, and to get the police officers more in touch with the kids and communities where they work.

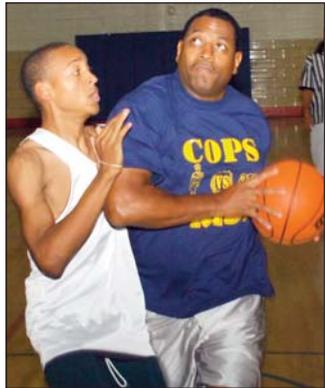
"It gives the kids a good chance to meet the guys who patrol their neighborhoods and help keep them safe. We want these kids to realize that they can openly and freely talk to the cops too," Melly said.

The game went back and forth the whole night. Late in the contest, the police countered and brought in their secret weapon, Richard Jenkins, Jr., who served as the honorary captain for the police team. Just one thing, he is not a cop. He is a 13-year-old boy who has aspirations of being a police officer, but suffers from spina bifida. It's a birth defect that has slowly deteriorated his leg muscles. He needs braces and quad canes to get around



Ryan Morton

COMMUNITY -- Cops squared off against kids last week for the Cops vs. Kids basketball game. Now in its tenth year, the game promotes good will between the kids in the Fort Dix community and the police.



Ryan Morton

DRIVE -- Earl Craig guards Police Officer Ira Winston in the Cops vs. Kids basketball game.

most of the time, and in some cases such as the game, a wheelchair. Back in August, Jenkins had the opportunity to tour Fort Dix's DOD Police Headquarters and learn about different aspects of the job. It was a very special day for him as he had the opportunity to witness aspects of the profession he has such a fondness for.

He made quite an impression on the officers as well that day, as they brought him out to

represent their team as honorary captain. Jenkins had no idea they came to his house to get him just minutes before tip-off. "It was a great surprise. I had a blast and I'm glad the chief invited me out here," Jenkins said. Jenkins came into the game in the last couple of minutes and was fouled shortly after checking in. He then went to the free throw line where he hit a free throw to temporarily tie the score up. The police were able to take advantage of Jenkins's expertise and guidance throughout the game as he served as an assistant coach, which is nothing new to him. He serves in the same capacity on his middle school intramural team over at Helen A. Fort Middle School in Pemberton. "I really like coaching and like basketball a lot. It's great to be involved in the activity," Jenkins said.

Championship ends with heartbreak for Dix

Ed Mingin
Public Affairs Staff



photos by Ed Mingin

The Fort Dix Mitey-Mites lost 26-0 to Cinnaminson last weekend in the Pop Warner Burlington County Championship.

"Even though the Chargers came up short in the end, they had a very successful season. Their record was 8-1-2, and they came in first in their division," said Steve Uzleber, coach of the Fort Dix Mitey-Mites.

The two teams met earlier this season, with Fort Dix winning that game 6-0.

"It was Cinnaminson's first loss in two years," said Uzleber.

Cinnaminson rebounded from that early season loss against the Chargers, and pulled out a victory when it counted most to take the county title.

"Cinnaminson is a well coached and tough football team. They deserved the victory," Uzleber said after the game.

Though the Chargers lost, they have plenty of reasons to be proud and hold their heads high.

"The Fort Dix Chargers always played hard and demonstrated sportsmanship. Their community can be proud of how they represented them," said the coach.

Three years ago the Chargers won the Pop Warner Burlington County Championship. The next year, Uzleber moved up to coach the Peewee



GRID IRON GLORY -- The Fort Dix Mitey Mites were undefeated during the regular season. They made it all the way to the county championship, losing 26-0 to Cinnaminson. The season had many memorable moments for the team. Brandon Blocker, left, and Andrew Jackson, bottom left, chased down a runner during a game this season. Joshua Dixon, below, Robert Lowder, Lasanna Brew, and Sean Hogs, above photo, gave the Chargers a stingy defense this season. Quarterback Myles Bolden, bottom photo, leads the offensive attack.

team, but the Mitey-Mites continued to be successful. The team made it back to the championship game, but lost.

The Mitey-Mites had a tough season last year, failing to make the playoffs. Uzleber returned to the Mitey-Mites this season, and the team was undefeated during the regular season.

"It's fun to watch this team play the game, they do it the right way," he said.

With the season now over, the coach is already looking ahead and is optimistic about next year. "Even though some Mitey-Mites will have to move up next year, there is a talented group that can return next season," he said.



Sports Shorts

Griffith Field House

Saturday & Sunday
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Monday - Friday
6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Griffith Class Schedule

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

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

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

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

Thursday
Step & Sculpt
noon - 12:45 p.m.
Pilates Fusion
5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.

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

Pool Hours

Monday - Friday

Military Lap Swim
6 - 8 a.m.

Retirees/Dep. Lap Swim
10 - 11:30 a.m.

Active Duty/DOD Lap Swim
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Recreation Swim
1 - 5 p.m.

Saturday

Lap Swim
10:30 a.m. - noon

Recreation Swim
noon - 6 p.m.

Hydro Aerobic Class
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Monday - Wednesday

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