



## NEWSNOTES

### Dix Tax Center offers return help

The Fort Dix Tax Center, located in Building 5407, is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and closed Friday. Tax returns will be prepared by appointment only; please call 609-562-6859 for an appointment.

Fort Dix is able to provide free basic tax preparation and e-filing to military personnel and their families through the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) sponsored Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program.

Militaryonesource.com also provides free on-line income tax preparation for active duty, National Guard, and Reserve service members and their families. Free tax preparation and electronic filing are also available through the Internal Revenue Service at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov); click on the link "Use Free File to Prepare Your Taxes."

### Dix/McGuire Career Fair offers career opportunities

Looking for a career change or just looking at job availability in our area?

Join the crowd at the McGuire/Dix Mini Career Fair Feb. 19 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the McGuire Community Club.

Representatives from more than 15 Federal, State and local agencies will be on site providing information about available jobs and career opportunities and taking resumes.

To better prepare you for taking new steps in your career, ACS is hosting a resume writing seminar Feb. 15 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Call 562-2186 for details on how to polish your professional image before setting out on a job search.

### Military pre-retirement orientation set for March

Army regulations require all retiring military personnel attend a mandatory pre-retirement orientation (PRO). Soldiers are required to attend a PRO within 120 days of the retirement date or date of departure on transition leave.

The next PRO will be conducted Wednesday and Thursday, March 12 and 13, at the Timmerman Conference Center.

Registration is required, so call Faye Marshall-Dease at 562-2666 to register or for more information. You may also email her at [fay-marshalldease@us.army.mil](mailto:fay-marshalldease@us.army.mil)

## WEATHER

**FRIDAY** -- Morning sun, afternoon clouds, high of 53 degrees and overnight low of 24.

**SATURDAY** -- Clear and breezy, cooler with a daytime high of 35 and low of 19 degrees.

**SUNDAY** -- Chance of light rain, snow with daytime high of 43 and low of 35 degrees.

**MONDAY** -- Chance of showers, breezy, daytime high of 49 and low of 28 degrees.

**TUESDAY** -- Scattered flurries, breezy in afternoon, high of 41, overnight low of 21 degrees.

**WEDNESDAY** -- Partly cloudy and breezy in morning, chance of showers, high of 38 and overnight low of 29 degrees.

**THURSDAY** -- Cloudy with chance of showers, high of 47 and overnight low of 39 degrees.

## NCO Academy leadership changes hands



David F. Moore

Command Sgt. Maj. Franko J. Antolovich, left, hands the Non-change-of-command ceremony Feb. 7. Antolovich spent 34 commissioned Officer Academy guidon to Lt. Col. Roger Cot-months as the NCO Academy commandant. For story and ton, deputy installation commander, during the academy's more photos, see page 3.

## Death penalty sought for Sept. 11 detainees

Sgt. Sara Moore, USA  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11, 2008 -- The Defense Department announced today it has sworn criminal charges and is seeking the death penalty against six detainees held at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

The detainees charged include Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, the alleged mastermind behind the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, and five others charged in connection with the attacks, Air Force Brig. Gen. Thomas W. Hartmann, legal advisor to the convening authority in DoD's Office

of Military Commissions, told reporters at the Pentagon.

Besides Mohammed, those charged are: Walid Muhammad Salih Mubarek bin Attash, Ramzi Binalshibh, Ali Abdul Aziz Ali, Mustafa Ahmed Adam al-Hawsawi, and Mohamed al-Kalvani. All six detainees are being charged with conspiracy, murder in violation of the law of war, attacking civilians and civilian objects, intentionally causing serious bodily injury, destruction of property in violation of the law of war, terrorism, and providing material support for terrorism.

Mohammed, bin Attash, Binalshibh, and Aziz Ali also are charged

with the substantive offense of hijacking or hazarding a vessel, Hartmann said.

"These charges allege a long-term, highly sophisticated, organized plan by al Qaeda to attack the United States," Hartmann said.

The chief prosecutor, who submitted the charges, has recommended that the six detainees be tried jointly and that the case be referred as capital for each defendant. Now that the charges are sworn, the convening authority, Susan Crawford, will review the charges and supporting evidence to determine whether probable cause exists to refer the case for trial by military commission and

whether the case should be capital, Hartmann said.

If Crawford does refer the case to trial, it will take place at Guantanamo Bay, and the Defense Department will make the hearings as open as possible, Hartmann said. He emphasized

that the charges today represent allegations only, and the detainees are innocent until proven guilty.

The charge sheet details 169 overt acts allegedly committed by the defendants in the planning and execution of the Sept. 11 events. The charges allege that: — Khalid Sheikh Mohammed was the mastermind of the Sept. 11 attacks

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## Luncheon, speaker mark Black History celebration

The Fort Dix Black History Observance Committee is sponsoring the annual Black History Month Luncheon Feb. 21, with a soulful menu and words of wisdom from a regional speaker.

The event will be held at Club Dix from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tickets for the luncheon are \$13.50, and are on sale now.

Guest speaker for the event will be Catherine E. Pugh, president of C E Pugh and Company marketing and communications firm and a member of the Maryland State Senate serving the 40th District of Baltimore in the Maryland General Assembly.

Pugh is author of Mind Garden: Garden Where Thoughts Grow, a thoughtful and provocative collection of poems and prose. She is a faculty member at Morgan State University.

Catherine Pugh is a former member of the Maryland House of Delegates serving the 40th District of Baltimore selected by the Democratic State Central Committee to replace the late Delegate Tony Fulton and former elected member of the Baltimore City Council, where she served for five years.

She has been a banker, Vice President of a Communication's Company running nine radio stations and building television stations, and several other positions.



Veverly Wakefield

## Chapel celebrates Valentine's Day

Romance as well as great cuisine was on the menu February 13 at Club Dix for the Annual Valentine Dinner Dance sponsored by the Fort Dix Chapel. Attendees dined and danced to music provided by Rodister "Doc B." Brandon. Ervin and Barbara C. Robinson Sr. shared the romantic evening.

**Americana**



Francis Folsom Cleveland



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Dolley Madison

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Steve Snyder  
Public Affairs Staff

Books have been written about the First Ladies of the United States and deservedly so.

**Abigail Adams** was the wife of our second president (John) and the mother of our sixth (John Quincy), a feat not duplicated until **Barbara Bush** married George H. W. Bush and gave birth to George W.

And who can forget **Dolley Madison**, rescuing the huge portrait of George Washington from the White House before the British burned it in the War of 1812? Or the anguish suffered by **Mary Todd Lincoln** or **Jacqueline Kennedy** in the White House when their husbands were assassinated?

On the lighter side smiles arise at reminiscences of "lemonade **Lucy**" Hayes, a social lion who refused to serve hard liquor in the White House. Or when President Grover Cleveland married **Francis Folsom**, his young ward, in the White House in 1886. Or when **Florence Harding** shook 6,567 hands during a reception that lasted five hours.

And a former first lady is in the news today. **Hillary Rodham Clinton** is running for president and if she triumphs the country will witness the first time a First Lady has graduated to the presidency.

With the arrival of President's Day Monday, we deemed it a good idea to celebrate America's First Ladies for a change, almost all of whom contributed mightily to their husbands' success.

So here's to the first ladies of our land, properly esteemed and difficult to overrate. They remain as fascinating as the men they married.



www.gothamcityinsider.com

**WARM AND CUDDLY - First Lady Grace Coolidge** cuddles Rebecca, her pet raccoon, at the Easter Egg roll at the White House in 1927. Grace loved animals and, unlike her husband, was vivacious and full of life. In the Coolidge family, opposites did attract.



World Wide Photos

**ANCHORS AWAY** -- Caroline Kennedy christens USS John F. Kennedy (CVA-67) as John P. Kennedy Jr., President Lyndon Johnson and Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy look on. The country never had a first lady quite like **Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis** (1929-1994). She combined intellect and beauty to charm the nation, even blowing away her husband's political enemies like Charles De Gaulle and Soviet premier Nikita Khrushchev. Jackie redecorated the White House, invited high-brow intellectuals and artists to visit there, transforming the president's home into a house committed to excellence, a veritable Camelot on the Potomac. She never lost her cool during the trauma that followed her husband's assassination and, following a brief marriage to Greek shipping magnate Aristotle Onassis, settled into a celebrated tenure as a book editor in New York City. But Jackie's children proved to be her greatest legacy. John died in a plane crash after a promising start to a career in publishing but Caroline lives on, a mother who personifies the qualities bestowed on her by America's golden couple.



www.woodrowwilson.org/doc

**RUSH TO THE ALTAR** -- Edith Bolling Galt Wilson, above, married President Wilson one year after he was widowed in his first term. When he suffered a stroke in September 1919, Edith delegated authority to cabinet heads and helped him with decisions, assuming authority no other First Lady ever had.



Photo by Fox s/Getty Images

**WILD ABOUT HARRY** -- Vice Presidential nominee Harry S. Truman is flanked by the women in his life, his wife Bess, left, and daughter Margaret at the 1944 Democratic convention. The Trumans met when Harry was six years old and Bess five and neither ever looked at another. Both enjoyed an occasional Bourbon and loved their daughter's piano playing. Neither cared much for formality and Bess proved saucy enough to keep up with the man they came to deign, "Give'em Hell, Harry."



Yochit Okamoto

**GET ME TO THE CHURCH ON TIME** Lady Bird and Lyndon Johnson dance at daughter Lynda's wedding reception at the White House in 1967. Lady Bird was a shrewd businesswoman who also favored her husband with excellent political advice when the occasion warranted. A staunch believer in higher education for women, Lady Bird is best known for her environmental efforts at Beautification which attempted to preserve national parks as well as prevent pollution of our nation's air and water. Bird was, quite simply, beautiful.

**A DATE WITH SOME FIRST LADIES**

Don't forget to catch "Tea For Three," at Club Dix today, billed as a "thought provoking perspective on the politics of... First Ladydom," starring Emmy Award winner Elaine Bromka. Gourmet tea, coffee and desserts will be served from 5 to 6 p.m. Showtime is 6:30. Tickets cost only \$10.



www.presidentialinfo.com/Eleanor

**FIRST LADY OF THE WORLD** -- Married to the wheelchair-bound Franklin D. Roosevelt, Eleanor Roosevelt served as his legs; actively promoting the New Deal social programs, pushing civil rights for all Americans, co-founding Freedom House and founding the UN Association of the United States. A delegate to the United Nations in 1945, her committee drafted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. President Harry Truman anointed her the First Lady of the World. And nobody disagreed.



Wikipedia

**MAKING HISTORY** -- Pat and President Richard Nixon visit the Great Wall of China during the president's historic visit there in February 1972. Born in a small mining town in Nevada in 1912, **Thelma Catherine Patricia Ryan Nixon** spent her life working hard; on a family farm, as a pharmacy manager, typist, working her way through Southern California U. before marrying Richard Nixon and following him through a turbulent career in politics that ended with his resignation from the presidency in disgrace. Critics sneered at "Plastic Pat" but she had more class than they, stoically surviving a political life she found hard to endure while raising two exceptional daughters. She was her husband's hard core loyalist, he didn't have anyone else. But Pat was enough.

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# Academy welcomes new leader

Shawn Morris  
Public Affairs Staff

The winds of change blew hard and cold Feb. 7 as Soldiers braved the elements to welcome a new commandant to the Fort Dix Noncommissioned Officer Academy.

Command Sgt. Maj. Henry Jetty took command of the academy from Command Sgt. Maj. Franko J. Antolovich during a formal change-of-command ceremony.

"It's an honor and a privilege for me to take over the Fort Dix NCO Academy," said Jetty, a 30-year Army veteran.

"He will instill the warrior ethos in our Soldiers," said Lt. Col. Roger Cotton, deputy installation commander. "We welcome the Jetty family to our community."

Jetty entered the Army in 1975, having since completed Basic Training, Military Police School, French Commando Training, Basic Airborne Training, Special Forces Qualification, Ranger School, BNCO, Special Forces Intelligence and Operations Course, ANCO, Recruiting School, Equal Opportunity Course, Civil Affairs Operations Course, Civil Affairs Operations NCO Battle Staff Course, U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Instructors Course, First Sergeant Course, Resident Sergeant Major Academy and the Command Sergeant Major Course.

He has held positions as a military police officer, heavy/light weapons NCO, radio operator, operations and intel sergeant, platoon sergeant, Army recruiter, SOUTHCOM desk NCO, primary instructor for the Civil Affairs AIT course, and first sergeant.

Jetty was a key leader in the development of the new Civil Affairs Generalist (38B) Military Occupation Specialty (MOS) and all other courses taught at the Special Warfare School. His most recent assignment was as the 40th Civil Affairs Battalion command sergeant major.



**HARD-CHARGER** -- Command Sgt. Maj. Henry Jetty, Fort Dix Noncommissioned Officer Academy commandant, above right, accepts the academy guidon from Lt. Col. Roger Cotton, deputy installation commander, during a formal change-of-command ceremony at the academy Feb. 7.

photos by David Moore



His awards and decorations include two Bronze Stars, three Meritorious Service Medals, three Army Commendation Medals, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, NATO Medal, Parachutist Badge, Special Forces Tab, Ranger School, French Commando Badge, Combat Action Badge, and the Expert Pistol and Rifle Badges.

Jetty holds a bachelors degree in liberal studies and seven MOSs. He is married to Karyn, with whom he has twins, Malachi and Liberty.

In welcoming Jetty, Team Dix must say goodbye to Antolovich, who has been leading the NCO Academy since June 6, 2005 -- the 61st anniversary of D-Day.

"He hit the beach running and has not slowed down yet," said Cotton. "All of his efforts have ensured the excellence and success of this academy."

"An academy assignment is extremely difficult," said Antolovich, who has presided over many changes during his tenure as commandant including the transformation of the Primary Leadership Development Course into the Warrior Leader Course and a more battle-focused attitude among cadre and students.

"At times, it was like building an aircraft in flight," he said.

"The mission of the Fort Dix NCO Academy is to create warriors who can lead in any environment," Antolovich explained. "I complete this assignment knowing I made a difference," he added.

Antolovich entered military service in 1980. During his career, he has served in a variety of combat arms and combat service support organizations in the areas of operations,

training, unit supply, logistics, maintenance, and budgeting.

He has held positions including detachment sergeant, primary NCO of the unit, and battalion and installation command sergeant major. He is a graduate of the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy and the Command Sergeants Major course.

Antolovich's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star with oak leaf cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal with eight oak leaf clusters, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary and Service Medal, Coast Guard Special Operations Service Ribbon, Special Forces Tab, Master Parachutist Badge, Pathfinder Badge, and Australian Parachutist Badge.

Antolovich and his wife Cheryl have two daughters, Kristen and Melissa.

## Fort Dix STAR Program Suspected Terrorist Activity Reporting (STAR)

Countering terrorism requires the help of everyone in the community. Only you know who or what belongs -- or doesn't belong in your building, neighborhood, or work area. The simple act of recognizing suspicious behavior and reporting it to the authorities could prevent terrorist acts and save lives. Become a STAR -- please help Fort Dix by being alert and reporting any of the following:

**Surveillance:** Someone recording or monitoring activities using cameras, note taking, drawing diagrams, creating maps, using binoculars or other vision-enhancing devices. An element of this activity could also include mapping out routes and determining the timing of traffic lights and flow.

**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.

**Acquiring Supplies:** Purchasing or stealing police and military uniforms, emergency responder type vehicles (such as police cars and ambulances), installation access passes and other government identification or the equipment to manufacture them.

**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.

**Actual Deployment of People and Assets:** People and supplies getting into position to conduct an attack. This is the last chance to alert authorities before an attack occurs.

**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.

Report any of the above to:  
Fort Dix Police (609) 562-6001 / 6002  
Fort Dix Antiterrorism Officer (609) 562-2153 / 2417

## Death penalty, detainees

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by proposing the operational concept to Osama bin Laden as early as 1996, obtaining approval and funding from bin Laden for the attacks, overseeing the entire operation, and training the hijackers in all aspects of the operation in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Walid Muhammad Salih Mubarek bin Attash administered an al Qaeda training camp in Logar, Afghanistan, where two of the 19 Sept. 11 hijackers were trained. He is also alleged to have traveled to Malaysia in 1999 to observe airport security by U.S. air carriers to assist in formulating the hijacking plan.

Ramzi Binalshibh lived with the Hamburg, Germany, al Qaeda cell where three of the Sept. 11 hijackers resided. It is alleged that Binalshibh was originally selected by bin Laden to be one of the Sept. 11 hijackers and that he made a "martyr video" in preparation for the operation. He was unable to obtain a U.S. visa and, therefore, could not enter the United States as the other hijackers did. In light of this, it is alleged that Binalshibh assisted in finding flight schools for the hijackers in the United States and continued to assist the conspiracy by engaging in numerous financial

transactions in support of the Sept. 11 operation.

Ali Abdul Aziz Ali's role included sending about \$120,000 to hijackers for expenses and flight training and facilitating travel to the United States.

Mustafa Ahmed Adam al-Hawsawi assisted and prepared the hijackers with money, Western clothing, traveler's checks and credit cards.

He is also alleged to have facilitated the transfer of thousands of dollars between the accounts of alleged Sept. 11 hijackers and himself on Sept. 11, 2001.

Mohamed al-Kahtani attempted to enter the United States on Aug. 4, 2001, through Orlando (Fla.) International Airport, where he was denied entry. It is also alleged that Kahtani carried \$2,800 in cash and had an itinerary listing a phone number associated with Hawsawi.

In addition to the right to examine evidence used against them, including classified evidence, Hartmann noted that detainees in the military commissions process also have many other rights, including

the right to remain silent, the right to representation by a detailed military counsel or civilian counsel at no expense to the government, the right to obtain evidence and call witnesses on their own behalf, the right to cross-examine prosecution witnesses, and the right to be present during presentation of evidence.

In the case of a capital offense, a military commission panel composed of at least 12 members will determine a detainee's guilt, and the detainee has the right to appeal the panel's decision first to the Court of Military Com-

mission Review, then through the District of Columbia Circuit Court of Appeals to the U.S. Supreme Court.

"These rights are guaranteed to each defendant under the Military Commission Act and are specifically designed to ensure that every defendant receives a fair trial, consistent with American standards of justice," Hartmann said.

Hartmann gave no possible timeline for the trials, but said that if Crawford does refer the cases to trial, the military com-

mission will have 30 days to arraign the accused detainees, and 120 days to start the trial.

Classified evidence may need to be presented during the trial, but the decision to use any evidence, including that obtained through interrogation, will be made by the military judge in the case based on the recommendations of the prosecution and defense, Hartmann said.

"We are a nation of law and not of men, and the question of what evidence will be admitted... will be decided in the courts in front of a judge after it's fought out between the defense and the prosecution in these cases," he said. "That's the rule of law; that's the procedure the Congress has provided to us; and that's what we will use to finally answer these questions."

Hartmann noted that the sequence of events used in charging detainees at Guantanamo Bay is very similar to that used in charging U.S. servicemembers in military courts.

"It's our obligation to move the process forward, to give these people their rights," he said. "We are going to give them rights. We are going to give them rights that are virtually identical to the rights we provide to our military members, our soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines who fight in the battlefield, and I think we'll all agree are national treasures."

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# NEIGHBORHOOD

## THE CORNER

### Army Community Service to host Resume Workshop

Army Community Service, in partnership with the Burlington County College Job Placement Office, will host a free Resume Workshop Feb. 15 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Bldg. 5201 Maryland Avenue.

Register by calling Rod Martell at 562-2186 or e-mailing Rod at rmartell@us.army.mil (us.army.mil). Seating is limited to 20 people.

### Thrift Shop holding winter sale now

The Fort Dix Thrift Shop will have a \$2 bag sale for all expired TSP and POK501 clothing and a \$1 per item sale on selected children's clothing through Feb. 16.

Spring clothing consignments began Feb. 5. Any items in exceptionally good or new condition will sell quickly in the store.

Hours of operation are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Feb. 6 from 4 to 8 p.m.; Feb. 2 and 16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Consignments are accepted from 10 a.m. to noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

If you have questions, see Jeanne at the donation desk in the back of the store anytime after 4 p.m. on Wednesday.

### Art Therapy sessions help kids deal with separation

Army Community Service Hearts Apart support group is sponsoring Art Therapy sessions for children who are experiencing any type of separation due to deployment, remote assignments, divorce, etc.

Art Therapy provides children an opportunity to use art, their first language, when words are not enough. Art therapy allows children to express their concerns and feelings more genuinely and spontaneously.

Sessions will be offered once a week for six consecutive weeks every Wednesday starting Feb. 27. Children ages four to eight will attend sessions from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.; children nine to 13 will attend from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

For more information and registration, call Army Community Service at 562-2767.

### Walston Aid Station changes sick call hours

Sick call hours for Soldiers mobilizing or demobilizing at Fort Dix have changed for the Walston Aid Station located at the McGuire Air Force Base clinic. The new daily hours are 7 to 8 a.m. For more information, personnel can call 562-5481.

### Positions available for Soldiers at MRB

The Mobilization Readiness Battalion (MRB) has the following vacant positions:

- HHC XO (2LT-1LT)
- A Co XO (2LT-1LT)
- PER MGT NCOIC (E7)
- JRC/HRM-MUIC OIC (O2)
- Senior HRM NCO (E7)

Call Sgt. Maj. Ricky Orange at 562-3996 for more information.

### Medication disposal poses environmental threat

It happens to everyone for a variety of reasons; you end up with a medicine cabinet full of expired or unused medications. Proper drug disposal is an emerging environmental issue. As with any household waste, the disposal method chosen can have a direct effect on safety and the health of the environment.

Disposal via the toilet or the sink takes your drugs into the local sewage system. Modern water treatment plants are not fully designed to deal with medication disposal. The full extent of environmental damage and the long-term health risks of even a small amount of medications in our drinking water remain unknown.

Any unused or expired medications can be brought back to your pharmacy for a safer, environmentally friendly disposal.

(Article provided by the Walston Medical Support Element.)

Call 562-3309 to become a trainer with the 72nd Field Artillery Brigade



photos by Veverly Wakefield

## Sweethearts swoon at Valentine Dance

Romance as well as great cuisine and dancing were on the menu Feb. 13 as Club Dix hosted the Fort Dix Chapel's Annual Valentine Dinner Dance. Attendees enjoyed a buffet dinner provided by the club, as well as music provided by Rodister "Doc B." Brandon. Rudy Scott, left, displays the Valentine basket she won during the dinner.



## Black History celebration continues

● An African Drumming Workshop at Willingboro Public Library will feature the Black Beans drummers. Children will learn the history of the African drum and how it is made. They will also have an opportunity to learn different rhythms and play the drums. Call 877-4668 or visit [www.willingboro.org](http://www.willingboro.org) for details.

● A Guided Tour of African Art will be held Feb. 16 at 3 p.m. at the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology in Philadelphia. Art History professor Jayne Yantz will lead the tour. The bus will leave from Burlington County College's Pemberton Campus at 9:30 a.m. Call Yantz at 689-949311, ext. 1252, for more information.

● The New Jersey National Guard's Joint Forces Headquarters, Bldg. 3650 Saylor's Pond Road, will be sponsoring seminars each Wednesday during the month of February. Omega Hartman will address Financial Planning, and VFW benefits will also be outlined Feb. 20. For more information call Sgt. 1st Class Mercedes Rowe at 562-0755.

● The African Story Teller event will be held Feb. 20 at 10 a.m. in the Parker Center on Burlington County College's Pemberton Campus. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 894-9311, ext. 1396.

● A Hip Hop Lecture and Dancing Demonstration will be held Feb. 20 at 11:30 a.m. This event will be provided by Face Da Phlave Entertainment in the Parker Center on Burlington County College's Pemberton Campus. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 894-9311, ext. 1396.

● Slavery and quilting will be the topics at the Burlington County Library Feb. 21 from 7 to 9 p.m. Join the library staff and Anthropology for "The History of Slavery through Quilts," a fascinating and informative presentation and display of code quilts and how they aided slaves in their journey for freedom. Rogers and Brown are co-owners of Sharjoy Quilting, a long-arm machine quilting company in Willingboro. The event is sponsored by the AAUW, Willingboro Chapter. Light refreshments will be served. Call 267-9660 ext. 3072, or visit [www.bcls.lib.nj.us](http://www.bcls.lib.nj.us) for information.

**CULTURE IN ART -- The Fort Dix Arts and Crafts Center is showcasing prints by Wendell Brooks, right, through Feb. 29. Brooks most recent work is inspired by African masks and African Culture.**

Steve Snyder



## GSA Exhibition coming in April

The General Service Administration's free 14th International Products and Services Exhibition (GSA EXPO 2008) is scheduled for April 22-24 at the Anaheim Convention Center in Anaheim, Ca.

GSA EXPO 2008 promises to be a highly productive training conference and vendor exposition, specially designed to benefit federal, state and local government employees and military members who make or influence procurement decisions.

More than 600 GSA vendors will provide specific expertise, with more than 250 Continuous Learning Point certified classes on the latest training in Government-wide Acquisition Contracts, Assisted Acquisition Management Services, Information Technology, Professional Services, HSPD-12, Building Solutions, GSAAAdvantage!, GSA eBuy, and much more.

The emphasis is on equipping staffs with the knowledge and tools they need to work more efficiently, contain costs and keep pace with the rapid changes now underway in the world of supply and procurement.

For updated information and to register, visit the exhibition Web site at [expo.gsa.gov](http://expo.gsa.gov).



Shawn Morris

## Food, glorious food!

Bruce Hill, deputy mayor of Bordentown Township, left, thanks Soldiers at the Fort Dix Warrior Transition Unit (WTU) for their service to the country. Hill and members of the Veterans Advisory Committee brought sandwiches, snacks, and homemade goodies to the unit's wounded warriors Feb. 12.

# Leathernecks lock and load for training

Ryan Morton  
Public Affairs Staff

Taking advantage of the lush training area the installation has to offer, parts of a Marine Corps reserve unit, venturing down I-95 South Feb. 9 to partake in some weapons training on Fort Dix.

The 225th Battalion out of Garden City, N.Y., set up shop and laid out its weapons, including the MK-19 grenade launcher, M-249 Squad Automatic Weapon (SAW), M-240 Golf and Bravo machine guns, and M-16 rifles. Their task: Gain familiarization and qualification with the weaponry in preparation for battle.

This training was conducted during their drill weekend for the month of February as part of pre-mobilization training. They will mobilize in May to the Marine Corps Air Guard

Combat Center, located around the Mojave Desert-area town of 29 Palms, Ca. They will train for approximately four months in preparation for their upcoming deployment to the Middle East in the fall.

**"It's extremely important to have these vets, especially with how much the missions change. The experience they bring to the younger Marines is immeasurable."**

Maj. John Fitzsimmons  
253th Battalion

This battalion consists of Marines from up and down the eastern seaboard in states ranging from Virginia and Washington, to New York, Connecticut, and Rhode Island. This will be the 225th's second

deployment to the Middle East since 2003 as the unit deployed to Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom I for six months. This is key because many of the Marines in this battalion were there and several have volunteered with other units who have served since.

"It's extremely important to have these vets, especially with how much the missions change. The experience they bring to the younger Marines is immeasurable. They can relate experiences to help them with not only the tactical mission, but also the personal, which involves making sure the families back home and personal matters are taken care of before deployment," said Golf Company commander, Maj. John Fitzsimmons.

In addition to training with the weapons, they performed radio communication and first-aid classes.



Ryan Morton

**SLINGING LEAD** -- Marine Corps reservists Cpl. Stanley Principe, Pfc. Robert Santagata and Pfc. Adam Dempsey; from left, fire the MK-19 rifle at Fort Dix's Range 59C. The unit was at Dix performing weapons familiarization and qualification training as part of their drill weekend.



Ryan Morton

## CBRN School's a blast!

The Fort Dix Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Defense School graduates from Class 04-08 are Spc. David Koston Jr., Spc. Nelson McLay, Sgt. Russell Syphert, Capt. Fernando Perez, Sgt. Elizabeth Adams, Spc. Benjamin Sandoval, Spc. Shawn Callagher and Spc. Charles Compton.

## Chaplains' Corner

Chap. (Col) Ira Kronenberg  
Deputy Installation Chaplain and  
Mobilization Chaplain

In April, I will be retiring from the Army. I first went on active duty in 1972, as we were beginning to disengage from Vietnam. After three years of active duty, I joined the Army Reserve and served many units for 28 years.

In 2003, with our country once again at war, I was mobilized to Fort Dix. For 36 years, I have observed chaplains from multiple denominations serve all Soldiers without regard to their religious affiliation. Chaplains have many responsibilities, however, as the following story illustrates. This is why most of us became chaplains.

The Talmud tells of two rabbis who were walking in the streets of Jerusalem, when they met a man carrying a hoe. The man said to them, "Rabbis I am suffering from many illnesses" They said to him, "do the following

and you will be cured."

He then asked the rabbis, "who was responsible for me getting sick?" The rabbis answered him, "everything is decided by G-D." He then asked, "if it was G-Ds will that I get sick, then it should be G-Ds will that I be cured, and what right do you have to mix into G-Ds business and give me advice?"

The rabbis asked him, "What do you do for a living?" He answered, "I am a farmer and this is my tool that I use to till the ground" They then asked, "and who created the vineyard?" He answered, "G-D created it." They asked him, "If G-D created it what right do you have to cut the fruit, till the soil and cut the weeds?" He answered, "If I do not care for the them, the trees will die." They then said "is man no different? G-D created man; however, man has a responsibility to care for G-Ds creation."

The primary job of the chaplain is to take care of Soldiers. When we do it well we are surly doing G-Ds work.

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24/7 information

# Changes lead to personnel consolidation

2nd Lt. Katrina Graham  
305th Mission Support Squadron Career Development

MC GUIRE AIR FORCE BASE, Feb. 7, 2008 — As part of ongoing changes in the personnel community, the 305th Mission Support Squadron Military Personnel Flight and 305th Air Mobility Wing group-level commanders' support staffs have consolidated into the Military Personnel Element located in Bldg. 2916.

Personnel authorizations in the Air Force have been on a continuous decline. After reductions in the personnel career field reached 60 percent, the Air Force conducted a study, which showed that group-level support would not be possible with the additional reductions. The Air Force-wide solution: consolidate at the wing level.

This consolidation, which brings all the CSSs into one personnel center within the MPE, is called the Base-Level Service Delivery Model. As of Feb. 4, the Operations, Maintenance and Mission Support Group CSSs dissolved and their functions transferred to a reorganized Military Personnel Element.

How will this affect you? If you are in 305th MSG, OG or MXG, you will no longer have a CSS. Some of the CSS' non-core personnel functions have gone to the squadron, while other core personnel tasks are being brought to the MPE.

What are the new sections in the MPE? First, we have Career Development. This section is a combination of the previous Career Enhancements and Relocations and Separations. Career Development will continue to handle all promotions, separations, reenlistments, etc., but will take on other functions such as retirements.

Second, there is Force Management, which will handle many prior CSS functions, including but not limited to duty status, G-series orders and leave management. Third, Customer Service will continue to handle ID cards and base in-processing, and will take on some new functions, including citizenship and BASS/SIK, PRI and Records/Decorations will remain with their current responsibilities.

In order to facilitate additional customers while accommodating the steep learning curve for both prior CSS and MPE personnel, the MPE has removed the "by appointment only" hours from 10 a.m. to noon and has established eight hours of walk-in opportunity, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tracking customers' visits and needs are critical for improved support. As a result, the MPE has implemented a computerized sign-in system.

When you walk in, you must sign in at customer service, no matter which section you are visiting. If you have a quick, general question, it will be answered on the spot — we don't want you to have to wait in line if you have a question that can quickly be answered.

For most customers, whether you're visiting promotions or having an ID card made, you'll sign in and a technician will come out to greet and escort you to the appropriate section. Each of the three sections has its own "wait," so if you're visiting Force Management, you won't wait behind someone getting an ID card.

The central MPE phone number is 754-3544. Although it is an automated system, you won't have to remember which section handles what task; the options will be listed by the service needed. Once you press the number for the function you need, you will be immediately connected with one of our offices.

With limited resources, Air Force personnel has moved away from individual program specialists. The new MPE will focus on being a learning organization, where each technician in a specific element knows all the duties of that element (i.e. Force Management). As a result, customer service will be enhanced and the redirection to specific program OPRs should be minimized.

Our goal is to give you the best customer service possible. We will do our very best to minimize wait times and resolve your issue as soon as we can. We care about your experience and want to make this transition as smooth as possible. You will have ample opportunities to give us your feedback via customer surveys available in all offices and electronically at the following link: <https://afkm.wpafb.af.mil/Questionnaire/DisplayQuestionnaire.aspx?Filter=00-DP-AM-81&QID=1196>.

As the personnel community continuously changes, you will see more functions migrate to the virtual MPE and the Air Force Personnel Center call center. If you have problems with the virtual processes, the MPE and APFC call center are always there to help you.

For more information about the BLSDM, go to <http://ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil/docs/psd/training%20Docs/BLS DM-TrainingTools/TrainingToolsMainpage-BLSDM.doc>



Staff Sgt. Patrick Dixon, U.S. Air Force

## Air Force leaders visit Airmen in Asia

Secretary of the Air Force (SECAF) Michael Wynne, (left), Lt. Gen. Gary North, (center), U.S. Central Command Air Forces commander, share a laugh with Tech. Sgt. Douglas Schmidt, a convoy commander for the 586th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron, 424th Medium Truck Detachment, Feb. 11, during the SECAF's visit to an air base in the Persian Gulf Region Feb. 1, 2008. The SECAF was briefed about Improvised Explosive Device attacks on convoys driven by Airmen in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The SECAF spoke with more than 400 Airmen during his visit and gained greater insight on the 6,800 plus Airmen deployed throughout Southwest Asia in non-traditional Air Force functions. Sergeant Schmidt is deployed from McGuire Air Force Base.

## Federal Voting Assistance Program provides absentee ballot information

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

The future is in your hands ... literally! And, though it may sound cliché, every voice (and vote) really does count.

It's election time, and for servicemembers and their families, the Federal Voting Assistance Program is here to provide assistance.

The Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act covers the voting rights of active-duty members of the Uniformed Services, members of the Merchant Marine, their eligible family members and citizens residing outside of the U.S.

The FVAP carries out the

responsibilities of the Act by informing and educating U.S. citizens worldwide of their right to vote, fostering voting

their families, if needed, in the voting process," said Maj. Daniel Castiglia, installation voting assistance officer.

Being proactive is the best thing a voter can do, Major Castiglia said. "Seek out your unit voting assistance officer, obtain absentee voting materials and, most importantly, vote!" he said.

A main objective of the FVAP appears to be educating servicemembers worldwide about the importance of voting.

The importance of voting is echoed in a letter from the chief of staff and secretary of the Air Force, they said. "The outcome of these elections will influence the 'weave' of our nation's future fabric."

For more information about voting or the FVAP, visit [www.afcrossroads.com/votefind/vote/default.htm](http://www.afcrossroads.com/votefind/vote/default.htm) and [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov).



FEDERAL VOTING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

participation, and protecting and enhancing the electoral process at the federal, state and local levels.

"Voting assistance officers, through the FVAP, are here to assist all servicemembers and

According to the FVAP Web site, VAOs are responsible for providing accurate, non-partisan voting information and assistance to citizens attempting to exercise their Constitutional right to vote.

# Announcements

## Cinema Schedule

754-5139  
**McGuire Air Force Base**

**Friday, Feb. 15 @ 7:30 p.m.**

**The Great Debaters - Denzel Washington, Forest Whitaker, Nate Parker, Jarnee Smollett, Denzel Whitaker** - Professor Melvin Tolson, a brilliant but volatile debate team coach, uses the power of words to shape a group of underdog students from a small African American college in the deep south into a historically elite debate team. A controversial figure, Professor Tolson challenged the social mores of the time and was under constant fire for his unconventional and ferocious teaching methods as well as his radical political views. In their pursuit for excellence, Tolson's debate team receives a groundbreaking invitation to debate Harvard University's championship team.  
**MPAA Rating: PG-13 - depiction of strong thematic material including violence and disturbing images, and for language and brief sexuality**  
Run time: 124 minutes

**Saturday, Feb. 16 @ 7:30 p.m.**

**The Pirates Who Don't Do Anything: A VeggieTales Movie - Phil Vischer, Phil Vischer, Phil Vischer, Phil Vischer - Elliott, Sedgewick and George** are vegetable friends who work as busboys at Pirate Times Dinner Theater. They would like to be stars of the show, but their character flaws keep them from being in the limelight. The pals get their chance to find the roots of true heroism when they are tossed back to the 17th century to aid in the fight against a tyrant.  
**MPAA Rating: G**  
Run time: 85 minutes

**Future Features...**

**First Sunday**  
Friday, Feb. 22 @ 7:30 p.m.  
PG-13, 98 minutes.

**Sweezy Todd The Demon Barber of Fleet Street**  
Saturday, Feb. 23 @ 7:30 p.m.  
R, 117 minutes.

## Chapel Services

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**  
**Hour of Power**  
Protestant.....8-9 a.m.  
Catholic.....8-9 a.m.  
Mormon.....8-9 a.m.  
Jewish.....8-9 a.m.

### Wednesday Services

**Main Chapel**  
Protestant 7:30-8:30 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

### \*\*Special Events\*\*

Stations of the Cross  
Every Friday, February 8 - March 14, 6 p.m.  
--Coming in March--  
**Installation Prayer Breakfast**  
Wednesday, March 12, 7:30 a.m.  
at Club Dix

For additional services or Religious Support please call 562-2020

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

**Read The Post!**

## MWR presents

### Tea for Three

A one woman show that reveals intimate portraits about three remarkable First Ladies: Lady Bird Johnson, Pat Nixon, and Betty Ford. We will discover what each of them thought about "the hardest unpaid job in the world." Performed by Emmy Award-winning, New York actress for 30 years in film, television, Broadway and Off Broadway - Elaine Bronka.

\$10 admission includes your choice of teas, coffees and desserts. Don't miss this thought-provoking perspective on the politics of love, devotion, and duty.

**Feb. 15 at Club Dix**  
Tickets on sale Feb. 1

**Black History Luncheon**  
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Club Dix  
P.O.C. - Fay Marshall-Deas 562-2666

Little League Baseball registration begins Feb. 18, for 3 to 15 year olds. Call 562-2819 for details.

**Texas Hold'em Tournament**  
Mar. 19 at Club Dix

## ACS Meetings

**Friday, Feb. 22**  
**Newcomers Orientation**  
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
**ACS Bldg, 5201**

## Youth Center

562-5061  
Bldg. 1279 Locust Street

### Hours of Operation:

Monday - Friday from 2-7 p.m.  
Saturday from 1-7 p.m.  
Sunday CLOSED

### Administrative Hours:

Tuesday - Friday from noon-6 p.m.

### Weekly Schedule

#### Friday, Feb. 15

**Photo Club**

3:45 - 4:45 p.m.

**Power Hour Store**

2:30 - 4 p.m.

**Computer Lab**

4 - 6 p.m.

**Keystone Club**

6 - 8 p.m.

#### Saturday, Feb. 16

**Middle School/Teen Trip to the Movies**

1:30 - 6 p.m.

**Youth Center Closed**

#### Monday, Feb. 18

**CLOSED**

**President's Day**

#### Tuesday, Feb. 19

**Power Hour**

2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

**Computer Lab**

4 - 6 p.m.

#### Wednesday, Feb. 20

**Power Hour**

2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

**Sports & Fitness**

3:45 - 4:45 p.m.

**Computer Lab**

4 - 6 p.m.

#### Thursday, Feb. 21

**Power Hour**

2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

**Computer Lab**

4 - 6 p.m.

**Technology Club**

3:45 - 4:45 p.m.

## Dining Facilities

**Bldg. 5610**  
Breakfast  
**Open Every Day**  
6-7:30 a.m.

Lunch  
Dinner  
**Bldg. 5986**  
Breakfast  
Lunch  
Dinner

11:30-1 p.m.  
4:30-6 p.m.  
**Open Every Day**  
6-7:30 a.m.  
11:30-1 p.m.  
4:30-6 p.m.

**Meal Rates:** Breakfast - \$2.10  
Lunch - \$3.85 Dinner - \$3.85

PT uniforms are not to be worn when eating at Fort Dix dining facilities

## Helpful Hotlines

### Family Advocacy

562-5200

**Chaplain**

562-2020

### American Red Cross

562-2258

### Army Emergency Relief

562-2767

### Sexual Assault

562-3849

### Victim Advocacy

694-8724

### Child/Spouse Abuse

562-6001

### Emergencies

911

### Providence House hotline

871-7551

### NJ Domestic Violence hotline

800 572-SAFE

### Fort Dix Victim Advocate

562-2767

### McGuire Victim Advocate

754-9672

## Arts and Crafts

562-5691

**Bldg. 6039 Philadelphia Street**

### Hours of Operation:

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

### Programs

**Adult Craft Classes**

Thursdays, 6-8:30 p.m.

Feb. 14 & 21.....Hand-Painted Keepsake Boxes (2 session class) - \$10

**Kids Craft Classes**

Saturdays, 2:30 - 4 p.m.

Feb. 23.....African Printmaking Class (2 session class) - \$10

**\$5 pre-registration fee**

for other classes call **Arts & Crafts 562-5691**

### Krafty Birthdays

Arts & Crafts offers Krafty Birthday Parties! Parties include up to 2 hours of party room use, one craft project with instruction and all materials, with many exciting projects to choose from. When making party reservations, please make sure to stop by in order to select the craft and make payment.

### Create A Critter

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

### Hearts For Heroes

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

### Framing Qualification Classes

Feb. 20,  
Mar. 1, 5 and 19

Get qualified to use this great facility and equipment! You will complete one piece (cost of which is not covered by registration fee) about 8"x10" which you must supply as you learn to operate the equipment. All materials are available for purchase at the frame shop. \$10 fee plus materials

### Frame Shop

Stop by to learn about all kinds of framing tech-

niques. In no time you'll be framing your own photographs, paintings and posters.

## Presidents Day Holiday Hours

Feb 18, 2008

Griffith Field House - 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Club Dix - Sat & Sun Computer Lab Only  
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
**Bar-CLOSED**

Mon - Computer Lab Only  
8 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
**NO LUNCH**

Bowling Center - Sat- 10:30 a.m. - 12 a.m.  
Sun- 2 - 9 p.m.  
Mon - 5 - 9 p.m.

Aquatics - Sat. Lap Swim 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Recreational Swim 12 - 6p.m.

**CLOSED** Sunday

Mon. Holiday Hours

All lap swim 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Recreational Swim 1 - 5 p.m.

Fountain Green Golf Course - 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

(Weather Permitting)

Outdoor Recreation - Sat. & Sun.

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**CLOSED** on Monday

Arts & Crafts Center - Sat Sun & Mon -

**CLOSED**

Child & Youth Services - **CLOSED**

BX/PX - 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Burger King - 10:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Shoppette - 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Commissary - 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

## United Communities Housing Information

Leasing Office - 723-4290  
Maintenance Office - 724-0500  
Maintenance Scheduling, Progress, and Trash Concerns - 724-0550

United Communities is now offering Self-Help Delivery!

Please check the **United Communities Web site** for details:  
[www.mcguiredixuc.com](http://www.mcguiredixuc.com)

## Fort Dix/McGuire Residential Re-use Collection Schedule

**MONDAY**  
McGuire AFB  
3800's & 3900's

**TUESDAY**  
ALL OF FORT DIX INCLUDING  
QUARTERS: 201, 502, 1900

**THURSDAY**  
McGuire AFB  
4000's EXCEPT 4013-4027  
4200's EXCEPT 4252-4260

**FRIDAY**  
McGuire AFB  
4013-4027  
4252-4260  
4300's, 4400's and 4500's

\*\*\* IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU ONLY PUT TRASH OUT ON YOUR SCHEDULED DAY. THIS HELPS KEEP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN\*\*\*

**RECYCLING IS PICKED UP EVERY THURSDAY**

\*IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT ONLY RECYCLABLES ARE PUT IN YELLOW/BLUE RECYCLING BINS\*

GREEN WASTE IS PICKED UP EVERY MONDAY AND TUESDAY.

# MILITARY MATTERS

## Bullets

### Enlisted Sailors offered opportunity to be pilots

●MILLINGTON, Tenn. (NNS) -- The Navy announced requirements for the Active Duty Flying Chief Warrant Officer (CWO) Pilot Program in NAVADMIN 020/08, released Jan. 25.

"This program harnesses the strengths of today's Sailors and shapes the Navy of tomorrow by developing chief warrant officers whose careers will be focused solely on flying duties both at sea and ashore," said Vice Adm. John C. Harvey, Jr., chief of naval personnel.

Sailors E-5 through E-7, who want a career in aviation and meet the criteria in the NAVADMIN, should submit an application. Completed applications are due no later than June 13. The board convenes in July when five pilots and three Naval Flight Officers (NFO) will be selected.

"The Navy is looking for hard-charging motivated Sailors interested in flying a Navy aircraft. This is a fantastic opportunity for someone who didn't get a chance to attend flight school before enlisting," said Lt. Cmdr Michael Black, director of the Navy's flying chief warrant officer program.

"Warrant officers will be trained to be pilots on P-3 Orion, EP-3 Ariet, E-6 Mercury, and SH-60B/MH-60S helicopters. Warrant officers selected for NFO will fly in the P-3 Orion, EP-3 Ariet and E-6 Mercury aircrafts," said Black.

The program requires Sailors to be commissioned by their 27th birthday, have an associate degree or higher, be physically qualified for aviation duty, and meet eligibility requirements for a secret security clearance.

Sailors older than 27 can apply for an age waiver. Age waiver information is on the PERS-43 section of the NPC website under flying CWO age-waiver link. Sailors below the rank of E-5 and above E-7 cannot obtain a waiver to apply. Sailors from sea, air, land combat command, special warfare combatant crew member, explosive ordnance disposal, diver, nuclear and master-at-arms communities are not eligible for the program.

For more information and frequently asked questions, visit [www.npc.navy.mil/officer/aviation/flying+cwo+program.htm](http://www.npc.navy.mil/officer/aviation/flying+cwo+program.htm)

-- MCS Seaman Ken Ingra/Navy News Service

### Nurse commissioning seeks enlisted applicants

●RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) -- Officials at the Air Force Personnel Center here will conduct the annual Nurse Enlisted Commissioning Program board May 13-14 to select candidates for fall 2008 and spring 2009 start dates.

The program offers active duty enlisted personnel the opportunity to earn a bachelor's degree in a high-need academic major. NECP students will complete their degree at a college or university with an Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps detachment or a college or university with a "cross-town agreement."

To be considered by the board Airmen must:

- Contact AFPC by Feb. 22 and state their intent to apply;
- send transcripts for an academic evaluation by March 31; and
- submit their application by May 2.

Completed application packages should be sent to:

HQ AFPC/DPAMN  
550 C. Street West Ste 25  
Randolph AFB, TX 78150-4727

Students will commission after passing the National Council Licensure Examination and then attend commissioned officer training and the nurse transition program. Students will be required to attend school year-round for up to 24 consecutive calendar months, to include summer sessions.

At this time, Reserve and Air National Guard personnel are not eligible to apply.

Eligibility requirements are available for review at local base education offices or by calling DSN 665-2715 or commercial, (210) 565-2715.

## Dog eats military records in new twist on old story

Andrea Wales  
ARNEWS

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 11, 2008 -- Teachers have heard it innumerable times from children who decided to play outside instead of knuckling down, but now it was a grown man lamenting the actions of his "best friend."

"The dog ate my homework!" is something we heard and said as kids," said Col. Wanda Good, commander, Human Resources Command-St. Louis. "But this is truly, 'The dog ate my retirement papers!'"

To Master Sgt. Robert R. Chaney's golden retriever, manila envelopes must be like a bone from the butcher shop. When Chaney arrived home one day, he found Darcy devouring a government envelope -- not an accidental nibble while delivering the mail to her master, but a deliberate chow-down.

Chaney was dismayed when he discovered the large envelope contained all the paperwork related to his retirement from the Army Reserve.

"I will just have to get this replaced," he said to himself. And instead of a scolding, Darcy got a hug and a pat on the head from her forgiving master.

But it just wasn't going to be that easy, Chaney thought. The documents were in such bad shape that the only clue to their point of origin was the phrase, "Transition and Separations Branch."

Chaney decided to investigate further by using the Internet. He typed in his only clue,



U.S. Army photo

**CAREER PIECES-- Col. Wanda Good, commander, Human Resources Command-St. Louis, left, recognizes Sharon Prost, actions and services directorate, for professionalism and efficiency during a small ceremony Jan. 17. Prost earned recognition for helping Master Sgt. Robert R. Chaney replace retirement documents that were destroyed by Chaney's golden retriever, "Darcy."**

and a seemingly endless list of Army jargon and acronyms appeared. Chaney selected a link to Army Echoes, a magazine for Army retirees. Army Echoes had information about HRC-St. Louis, which handles reserve component retirements.

The next morning, Chaney dialed the toll-free number for HRC-St. Louis.

Before long, Chaney was talking to the person who had approved his retirement packet: Sharon Prost of the personnel actions and services directorate.

Chaney decided to investigate further by using the Internet. He typed in his only clue,

the documents, but Chaney wanted a retirement certificate that was suitable for framing, so he asked her to mail a new packet.

"I will put it all in the mail today," she said.

In a word, Chaney was "shocked." That kind of professionalism can be hard to come by in this day and age, but it's the status quo for HRC-St. Louis.

In two days, Chaney received a new retirement packet, this one untouched by Darcy the golden retriever.

Chaney wrote a letter of thanks to Prost's supervisor,

Shela Dorsey.

The letter made its way to the desk of the HRC-St. Louis commander, who recognized Prost for her professionalism and efficiency in a small ceremony Jan. 17.

"I thought I'd heard it all, but this was a new one on me," the colonel said.

It goes without saying that Darcy is no longer allowed to get the mail.

## Army, VA assist service members

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13, 2008 -- Secretary of the Army Pete Geren and Secretary of Veterans Affairs Dr. James B. Peake signed a mutual support agreement, Feb. 12, outlining continued assistance to service members and their families transitioning through the military Disability Evaluation System.

The document formalized an understanding that has already been providing care to wounded, ill and injured service members in the Disability Evaluation System.

"By providing VA support to Soldiers, this agreement formalizes a resource that will help them get the health care and benefits they earned with their service," Secretary Geren said. "We must look at our policies through the eyes of our Soldiers and their Families, as we have done in developing this agreement."

"Today's agreement reaffirms VA's commitment with the Army to provide the care and benefits our veterans deserve," said Secretary Peake. "We share a duty to do what's right for our soldiers and their families."

Under the agreement, the Army will continue providing nurse case managers, legal as-

sistance, physical evaluation board liaison officers, chain of command, primary care managers and other service-specific support. Soldiers also may call the Wounded Soldier and Family Hotline at 1-800-984-8523 (overseas DSN 312-328-0002) or

e-mail: [wsfSupport@comus.army.mil](mailto:wsfSupport@comus.army.mil).

VA service representatives will continue providing information and advice regarding how medical evidence is used in the evaluation of disabilities under the Department of Veterans Affairs Schedule for Rating Disabilities.

VA service representatives will assist and advise service members as they prepare documentation for VA benefit claims. VA benefit claims include the VA portion of joint claims processed through the Disability Evaluation System Pilot Program.

At military installations where the VA does not have permanent staff available, service members may contact VA service representatives via phone or e-mail. A listing of veterans' service organizations recognized by VA to help with VA benefits claims can be found at [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov). VSOs also may provide assistance with this process.

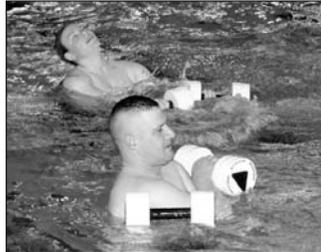
# Aquatic therapy helps injured Soldiers recover

Ryan Morton  
Public Affairs Staff

It's 6 A.M. and the Soldiers of the Fort Dix Warrior Transition Unit (WTU) are starting their Physical Training (PT). At this early hour, they are getting stretched out and ready to perform their exercises.

The WTU PT regimen is different than the primary Army regimen, which consists mostly of running, push-ups, and sit-ups. Their PT is in the pool, doing a form of training called "Aquatic Therapy."

It's a form of rehab and therapy gaining steam not just throughout the Army, but in society. The major premise of this therapeutic aquatic training is its low-impact nature. It takes pressure off the joints and aids in the rehab of injuries, while at the same time giving the individual a quality workout. "It's helped me get in better shape. It helps keep me active because I can't do any impact movements," said Pfc. Erica Minckler, who is part of the WTU and recovering from foot and ankle injuries. "The biggest misconception people have is they think it's going to be swimming laps and that's just not the case. Once



Ryan Morton

**WATER WEIGHT- Warrior Transition Unit Aqua Therapy Instructors, Staff Sgt. Jessie White and Sgt. Kim Worster stretch out before a class, Feb. 8. Aqua therapy offers a low-impact form of aerobics for injured Soldiers.**

they realize what we do, they really take well to it and enjoy operation eight months later, after his unit returned from combat. He chose this route because he did not want to leave his fellow Soldiers. He underwent two surgeries to repair a broken ankle and full ligament reconstruction. Usually this kind of injury, as White said, leads to an automatic medical board, which is an honorable discharge from

service. White, though, had other plans. After the surgeries, he wore a cast for 16 weeks and, when the cast came off, he started his physical therapy. For him, it meant the pool, which he started this past July. He found this "aqua therapy" much more effective than the usual physical therapy he was doing and was getting such good results in his rehab that he wanted to help others. He became one of the instructors of the course and was partnered up with fellow WTU instructor Sgt. Kim Worster in August.

Together, they teach and motivate other wounded warriors, showing the benefits of the pool. They recently attended an Aquatic Therapy and Rehab Institute class in Chicago and will go to Fairfax, Va., next week to attend the next part. Eventually, they want to gain complete professional certification in the aquatic therapy field.

"This program is something we would like to expand to the entire installation, not just the WTU Soldiers," Worster said. Aqua therapy has proven to be conducive for Soldiers getting in shape and recovering from a multitude of injuries. "It helps limber me up for



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**MAKING A SPLASH - From left, Spc. Thomas Stanley, Sgt. 1st Class Jose Santiago, and Sgt. Scott Boyd all of the Warrior Transition Unit, get a work out during "Aquatic Therapy" at the Fort Dix Pool Feb. 8.**

the day. It's also good because it breaks the monotony of the regular PT and it gets you moving," said combat veteran and WTU Soldier Sgt. John Mastrangelo, who is recovering from multiple ruptured discs in his back. "The pool cut my rehab time in half to six months when it normally would take 12," said WTU Soldier 1st Lt. Mitr

Baroudi, who is continuing his rehab in the pool after anterior cruciate and meniscus knee reconstructions. Baroudi is getting ready to employ with his unit to Iraq this summer.

"Our eventual goal is for the Army to expand the aquatic physical therapy program as a mandatory part of rehab for Soldiers throughout," White said.

# Postal unit keeps mail, morale moving along

Lisa Evans  
Public Affairs Staff

A shouted order rang over the barricades: "Lady on approach, halt and stand or you will be shot!" came unexpectedly from the netting-covered guard shack. Shouted replies countermanded that order, the commander calling out, "Guard, stand down! She has permission to approach!"

With cold air whipping winter-brown leaves across the path, the boom of mortar near and the rattle of machine guns in the distance, no one was letting anyone slip by. Through the trees, Soldiers crouched behind barricades and razor wire, a Humvee rumbled as it approached, and Soldiers hustled as they prepared to set up another checkpoint.

In the woods at Fort Dix, the training may seem like playing to the uninitiated, but to the Soldiers, it is life or death. It is the difference between coming home again to see loved ones, or coming home again to a grave.

To Sgt. Joshua Hornbeck, guarding the camp meant just that. There was no smile, no hint of embarrassment; he is a Soldier doing his job. But this job is not a typical warrior job-Hornbeck is a member of the 444th AG Postal Platoon. Since World War II, mail



Lisa Evans

**NEITHER SNOW, NOR RAIN, NOR WAR SHALL KEEP THEM FROM THEIR ROUNDS - Sgt. Joshua Hornbeck guards the entrance to Wolfgang Camp, Feb. 6. Hornbeck, a Hopewood, Penn. native, is a member of the 444 AG Postal Platoon. He and his unit are training to mobilize as part of the Global War Against Terrorism.**

service has been a part of military operations worldwide, a service dedicated to keeping military members equally free to use mail services. It hasn't been an easy path, with troops in Vietnam sometimes going weeks before mail caught up with them. But in the late seventies, the Army became the Executive Agent/Single Man-

ager for military mail and oversees operations of jointly staffed MMT's (Military Mail Terminals), and the Joint Military Postal Activity-Pacific and Atlantic, consisting of Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and civilian personnel. The postal unit is designed to go anywhere and set up all postal operations wherever military

units are assigned an Army Post Office (APO) address at least 24 hours before shipping out. Using those addresses, troop mail is treated like any US mail and shipped to terminals in the US before being routed to the postal units in theatre. The postal units then receive incoming mail and dis-

tribute outgoing mail.

They offer all postal services, but are special in certain things. All mail coming in and going out is properly inspected to check for contraband such as war trophies, drugs, alcohol, or anything not allowed in theater. Precautions have to be taken to ensure the safety of the Soldiers while also ensuring that the history and artifacts of the country don't become souvenirs.

Sgt. 1st Class Kevin Johnson of Redding, Pa., has great things to say about the Soldiers in the 444th. "This is a tight-knit unit with morale always high. Everybody in the unit takes a lot of pride to do the postal mission. They take it serious. A lot of my Soldiers in this unit, this isn't their first time and they're proud to be going back," Johnson said.

More than half of the platoon have already been on mission in Iraq, Afghanistan, or Africa and have volunteered to go back again to ensure Soldiers in theater receive their mail.

As a major part of military operations, postal services are the lifeline between Soldiers and their families. This dedicated group of Soldiers will do their best to ensure loved ones receive the packages and letters sent from home, and

postal services to Soldiers. We will do this every couple of weeks, and the unit is in as much danger then as anyone else on a firebase," Johnson said.

By taking the mail to the remote sites, the US Army ensures all Soldiers receive their packages and letters as soon as possible, but travel as any troop in a war situation. Johnson was not aware of any targeting of postal units in the history of the units, but said you can't count it out since they are Soldiers on the battlefield.

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# Teamwork nets Guard/Earnhardt victory

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AMP News Service

**DAYTONA BEACH, Fla.** — Dale Earnhardt Jr. saluted National Guardsmen and women worldwide after winning the

Budweiser Shootout Feb. 9 at Daytona International Speedway.

Mark Martin, in the No. 8 U.S. Army Chevrolet car, finished eighth in the race. But the glory went to Earnhardt, who said he was proud to represent

the work done by Guard men and women.

"I'm proud of the commitment and devotion that it takes to be in the military and in the Guard and to devote yourself to do and go anywhere, anytime, at any moment's notice to do

any job," Earnhardt said after making his debut in the National Guard/Mountain Dew AMP car. "That takes an unbelievable amount of sacrifice from your family and friends and just to be out of the norm individually -- just to be in a situation and know what to do next."

The victory was Earnhardt's second in the preseason NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race. With the win, he became the seventh driver with multiple Budweiser Shootout trips to Victory Lane. In eight starts in the event, he has five top-five and seven top-10 finishes.

Earnhardt coincidentally left the former No. 8 Budweiser Chevrolet, owned by Dale Earnhardt Inc., during the off-season to drive the No. 88 Chevrolet owned by Rick Hendrick, who was relieved to see Earnhardt win his first race in the car.

Many of Earnhardt's fans vehemently questioned the move to a rival team. "He has answered the question to me with a bold statement," Hendrick said. "He is as hungry and committed as anybody that has ever sat down in

one of my race cars. That question has been answered."

In a dazzling race that featured eight leaders, Earnhardt led seven times for a Budweiser Shootout record 47 of 70 laps around the 2.5-mile trial. Nobody else made it to the front of the record 23-car field more than twice. But Earnhardt needed drafting help from Hendrick Motorsports teammates Jimmie Johnson and Jeff Gordon to win the race.

"The teammates that helped us out so much there towards the end of the race were a big help," said crew chief Tony Eury Jr., Earnhardt's cousin.

"We knew we weren't going to be able to beat them alone. Our car was good all night and Junior just drove his butt off."

Earnhardt was quick to defer credit. "We had a lot of help at the end from Jimmie," he said. "That really was half the credit to the win. The other half was the car being capable of being up there in the first place. I had a great handling package. It was really fast. I had great runs up off the corner and had a great motor. The car was just really good."

On the high banks of Daytona, however, the fastest car rarely wins without a little help from drafting partners.

"That was great, looking up in the mirror and seeing teammates and seeing them pushing you and helping you," Earnhardt said. "Jeff got a couple of runs and went around us but that's what I would have done. Those guys work just as hard as they do at DEI. I learned this. And they go out to win just as hard as you do. You can only expect so much dedication when it comes to being a teammate and you've got to work together and we did. I got a lot of help tonight."

Earnhardt talked at length about what it means to represent the National Guard.

"I'm proud to be doing what I'm doing here and I'm glad that they chose me to carry their name on our race car and I'm glad that they are happy that we've paired together," he said. "I hope that I can bring them more success. I've worked with the military before and I've heard nothing but great things about the Guard prior to working with them and how they do the motorsports program."



Tim Hips

**WINNERS** — National Guard/Mountain Dew AMP driver Dale Earnhardt Jr. (left) and crew chief Tony Eury Jr. have plenty of reasons to smile after winning the Budweiser Shootout on Feb. 9 at Daytona International Speedway.

## Nuggets win, Panthers unbeaten

**Robert Williams**  
Fort Dix Nuggets' coach

Michael Sifford pulled down 11 rebounds and scored seven points to help the Fort Dix Golden Nuggets to a 41-29 win over Pemberton #1 basketball team Feb. 8. Trey Calloway, the Nuggets leading scorer had 11 points, seven rebounds and six blocks. Hashim Russell added eight points and Kyle Kerr had seven.

Kerr, Russell and Calloway did most of their scoring in the second half of the game. Anthony Elliott hit three of four points from the free-throw line in the fourth quarter to help seal the deal.

Carlton Wright and Kerr did an outstanding job controlling the ball without major turnovers. Dustin Rice, Isaiah Wilson, Jalen Hooks and Matthew Horton did an outstanding job on defense, causing Pemberton to turn the ball over numerous times.

The Nuggets shot less than 40 percent for the game, which is about average for



Christopher Fieldler

**WINNING STREAK** — The Fort Dix Panthers, above, are undefeated so far this season. The team beat Pemberton #3 28-9 this past weekend.

game will be Feb. 15 at the McGuire Fitness Center. Game time is 6 p.m.

In the 9-10 division, the Fort Dix Panthers beat Pemberton #3 28-9. Fort Dix #2 beat McGuire 11-3.

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## 'Wiz' visits students

**Wayne Cook**  
Public Affairs Staff

Claude 'Tojo' Henderson of the Harlem Wizards dropped by the Fort Dix Elementary School Feb. 12 to give the students a tip or two and extend to them a personal invitation.

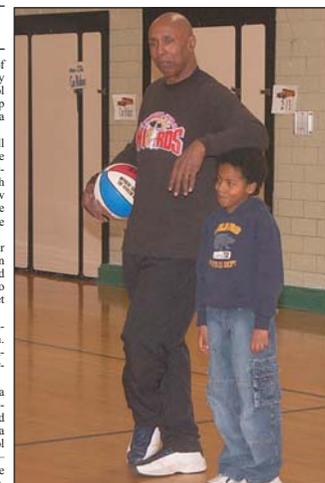
The six-foot, seven-inch-tall veteran power forward of the electrifying basketball entertainment team took time with the children to show them a few tricks and to give a few of the students a chance to learn some basketball magic.

A veteran of the team for more than 40 years, Henderson is also a veteran of Vietnam and a Purple Heart recipient who revels in the opportunity to get out amongst children.

"This is my chance to communicate with America's youth. The past 40 years have been incredible for me," said Henderson.

The kids were invited to a basketball game played between the Harlem Wizards and the 'Pemberton All-stars' — a team comprised of high school students and faculty members — to raise money to assist with the senior class' graduation lock-in, in lieu of a senior graduation trip. The game is scheduled to be played Feb. 22, at 7 p.m. in the Pemberton Township High School gymnasium.

Those seeking more information or tickets to the event can call any Pemberton School District school office.



Wayne Cook

**TRICKS OF THE TRADE** — Claude 'Tojo' Henderson of the Harlem Wizards leans on Wendell Kirkland, at the Fort Dix Elementary School, for support as he explains the ins and outs of 'Trick Hoopz' and 'Alley Oops,' the entertainment brand of basketball that his team has been playing for more than 45 years to thrill crowds all over the world.

## Sports Shorts

<p><b>Griffith Field House</b> Saturday &amp; Sunday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.</p> <p>Monday - Friday 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.</p> <p><b>Joint Forces Invitational</b></p> <p>The Joint Forces Invitational Dig and Dive Racquetball Tournament will begin March 15.</p> <p>Entries must be received by 5 p.m. March 12. Entry into the competition is free.</p> <p>The event will be held at the McGuire Fitness Center, Griffith Field House and the Doughboy Gym.</p> <p>Call Chris O'Donnell 609-562-6495 or e-mail christopher.odonnell1@us.army.mil for entry form and more information.</p> <p><b>Little League</b></p> <p>The Fort Dix Little League Baseball Program will be holding registration Feb. 18 - March 28. The program is open to all family members of active duty, retired military, civilian or contract employees.</p> <p>Cost to register is \$50 for children 3-15.</p> <p>For more information, or to register, call CYS at 562-4702 or 562-5231. Chris and Steve at Youth Sports, 562-</p>	<p>2819 can also provide additional information.</p> <p><b>Bowling</b></p> <p>The Fort Dix Bowling Center will remain open while new lanes are being installed.</p> <p>Monday - Thursday 5 p.m. - 10 p.m.</p> <p>Friday 5 p.m. - midnight</p> <p>Saturday 10:30 a.m. - midnight</p> <p>Sunday 2 p.m. - 9 p.m.</p> <p><b>Ultimate Bowling</b> Saturday 8 p.m. - midnight Sunday 5 p.m. - 9 p.m.</p> <p>League nights are Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Limited open lanes Tuesdays and Fridays. No open lanes Thursdays from 5 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.</p> <p>For more information call 562-6895.</p> <p><b>Pool Hours</b> 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.</p> <p>Saturday</p>	<p>Lap Swim 10:30 a.m. - noon Recreation Swim noon - 6 p.m. Hydro Aerobic Class 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>Monday - Wednesday Hydro Aerobic Class 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Griffith Class Schedule</b></p> <p>For more information about activities at the Griffith Field house, or to verify class times, call 562-4888.</p> <p>Monday Cardio Kick Express 4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Total Toning 5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Wednesday Circuit Training 5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.</p> <p>Thursday Step &amp; Sculpt noon - 12:45 p.m. Pilates Fusion 5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.</p> <p>Friday Spin-It noon - 12:45 p.m.</p>
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