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Prayer Breakfast unites Dixians

Community hears words of strength from USAR Chaplain

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Editor

Soldiers, civilian employees and guests ate scrambled eggs and joined in ecumenical celebration March 12 at the Installation Prayer Breakfast.

Chap. (Col.) Larry Biederman, installation chaplain, welcomed more than 250 people to the annual event, one of many across the nation, at Club Dix. "Soldiers, civilians, people of many different faiths have come together today to pray for our nation," he told the crowd. "We welcome you all and welcome your prayers."

The invocation was followed by a rendition of the praise song "Breathe" by vocalist Patricia Nubine.

Traditional prayers for the event were offered by Fort Dix chaplains.

The Prayer for the Nation was offered by Chap. (Col.) Ira Kronenberg.

"Bless and safeguard our country, and may brotherly love be found among us and throughout the land.... Shelter and protect our Armed Forces, on land, in the air and at sea as they seek liberty and freedom for all mankind."

The Prayer for the Community was offered by Chap. David Forde, assistant installation chaplain.

"We are your people, Lord. Hear our hearts...hear our prayers as we pray for our community leaders, as we pray for all the families of our community, as we pray for teachers. We pray for the environment -- may we treat your world as a gift to cherish. We pray for the local economy. That may seem self-serving, yet you have told us that nothing is beyond your concern."



Shawn Morris

WORDS OF WISDOM -- Chap. (Col.) Ronald Casteel, command chaplain, U.S. Army Reserve Command, delivered his message on facing one's giants during this year's Installation Prayer Breakfast at Club Dix March 12.

We remember the Army, Coast Guard, Air Force and Navy, and ask for their safety while they are here and while they serve in foreign lands."

Chap. (Col.) Wayne Kirk, assistant installation chaplain, offered the Prayer for World Peace.

Kirk quoted from Psalm 90: "Our God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,

Be Thou our guard while troubles last, And our eternal home."

"The world has been entrusted to us by thee, yet it is torn by war and peace escapes us...refresh our hearts, restore our land, take from us our pride and arrogance, transform our hearts and minds so indeed we may know peace in our day."

The traditional prayers were followed by Col. Ronald Thaxton,

installation commander.

Thaxton reminded the crowd that Fort Dix is a community united in purpose and reliant on each of its members.

He went on to introduce Chap. (Col.) Ronald Casteel, command chaplain, US Army Reserve Command, guest speaker for the event.

Casteel used the story of David and Goliath to discuss the giants we

face in our lives and how we find strengths to deal with them.

"We face many giants," he told the crowd, "including personal crises and decisions we must make."

But much of the issue we wrestle with, not matter what the topic, is fear, he said. "The negative scenarios we imagine rarely come to pass."

What do we do with our fears? (continued on page 3)

NEWSNOTES

Casualty assistance class scheduled March 18-19

The Fort Dix Casualty Assistance Center, in direct support of the Department of the Army Casualty Mortuary Affairs Operations Center, will conduct a formal two-day Casualty Notification Officer and Casualty Assistance Officer training for all Soldiers eligible to perform those duties. Eligible are Soldiers in the grade of Sergeant First Class (E7) and above and Captain (O4) and above. The mandatory required training will be at Timmermann Center, Building 5441, Room 103 at Fort Dix, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. March 18 and 19. Point of contact for this action is Shirley Hartmann at (609) 562-3147 or email Shirley.Hartmann@conus.army.mil.

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 sponsored Volunteer Income Tax Assistance 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; click on the link "Use Free File to Prepare Your Taxes."

Where's the beep?

In September 2007, Fort Dix implemented the Mobilisa Access Control Program on all of its checkpoints. These hand-held devices are used to authenticate identification cards and allow our Police Officers the ability to access information about the card holder seeking to enter the Installation.

The architecture information support data is exported from law enforcement and other data sources, which are imported into a centralized control center. Data includes information from more than 100 sources, including records of people debarred from Federal Installations; persons wanted by law enforcement; active warrants; driver's license; passports; military/civilian ID cards, and more. The system operates on a platform presented to the user as a red light "No go" or green light "Go" validation.

The Mobilisa system was initially evaluated at the Army's Information Management test site in Fort Huachuca, and on March 6, the Army elected to have field operation tests to determine its "net worthiness." It was decided to temporarily suspend use of the scanners, across the Army, until this determination could be met. In English, the Army Certification and Accreditation (C&A) team was tasked with determining that all information that the Mobilisa device is sending and receiving is in compliance with privacy standards and is properly protected.

During the week of March 3, the Army Certification and Accreditation (C&A) team performed a week long accreditation and evaluation of the system, equipment and facilities and reported that the Mobilisa Defense ID system was worthy of being granted a Interim Authorization to Operate (IATO). At present we are awaiting approval from headquarters to have the Mobilisa scanners returned to the checkpoints.



Pascual Flores

FIRST TARGETS -- Spc. Justin Lewis, left, of the 688th Engineering Company from Arkansas, concentrates on the sights of his M240 squad automatic weapon as his battle-buddy Spc. Richard George watches in preparation for weapons qualification at a Fort Dix range, Friday March 7. The range visit was in conjunction with the standup of the Regional Training Center-East at Fort Dix.

Regional Training Center unfurls colors at Fort Dix

David Moore
Public Affairs Staff

Army Reserve trainers unfurled new organizational colors and placed a new patch on their sleeves March 7, officially marking the beginning of the Regional Training Center-East (RTCE-E) mission at Fort Dix.

The mission of the organization is to "provide training effectively and efficiently to Army Reserve Soldiers deploying in support of the Global War on Terrorism. Time is critical for training Soldiers," Col. Claude Schmid, RTCE-E commander, said during the ceremony to more than a hundred Soldiers near the unit's Delaware Avenue headquarters building.

The RTC training concept is designed for Army

Reserve Soldiers and their respective organizations to conduct individual and some collective training before being called to active duty, thus reducing the amount of time at respective mobilization station. The reduced time at the mobilization station translates to more time for "boots on the ground" in the assigned theater of operations.

Comprised of about 200 trainer-Soldiers, RTCE-E now has command and control of the installation's Small Arms Readiness Group (SARG) trainers. The RTCE-E is the second of four such Army Reserve organizations that reports to the Reserve's Task Force Claude Schmid, RTCE-E commander, said during the ceremony to more than a hundred Soldiers near the unit's Delaware Avenue headquarters building.

"There is only one Reserve organization to do this (continued on page 3)

Women's History Month



Saluting the women of Team Dix

story & photos by
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Public Affairs Staff

"Generations of women moving history forward" is the theme of this year's National Women's History Month and Fort Dix has not been exempt from manifestations of the ideal.

Civilian contractors, Army Reserve and National Guard Soldiers, troops from the Regular Army and U.S. Navy and Coast Guard personnel combine talents to form a Team Dix cohesive enough to master the intense challenges imposed by the fort's mission.

And women have played an integral part in the operation.

Thousands of Soldiers have streamed through the post on their way overseas to deal with the ruthless enemy responsible for 9/11. Women have joined the fray; helping mobilize, deploy, demobilize and train personnel passing in and out. They've helped move history forward in the highest traditions of the U.S. Army. America salutes them.



GASTRONOMES AT WORK -- Sompit Pantklang and Tammy Pettit, cooks at dining facility 5610 on Texas Avenue, prepare for a noonday encounter with hungry Soldiers. Both civilians say they like their job. Sompit has been an contract employee with Food Services here since 1985 while Tammy was born at the Army Hospital on Fort Dix not so many years ago.



MOUTHFUL -- Spc. Shannon Bishop, DENTAC, West Point, a native of North Carolina serving in the Regular Army (as opposed to NG or Reservist call ups), cleans a customer's teeth at the Mills Troop Medical and Dental Clinic on Doughboy Loop. Shannon's been at Dix about five months now, says Jersey's okay but misses the wild times at Baumholder, Germany, her station prior to coming here.

MIRROR IMAGE -- Fitness Trainer Richelle Weiland assists Ryan Augusta from DOL's Motor Pool, in his workout with the big ball at the Aerobics Center in the Griffith Field House recently. A graduate of Oklahoma City University with a major in dance management, Richelle has graced the gym with her presence since last July. The Nebraska native is married to an Airmen at McGuire AFB and derives satisfaction from setting people up with challenging cardiovascular and strength training programs. After sampling her fare, they're fit to fight.



RANK AND FILE -- Spc. Sonia Lucanaris, HHC, Mobilization Readiness Bn., says she's enjoyed her 13 months on active duty here since being called up as a member of the 1079th Garrison Support Unit. Sonia is glad to work in her MOS, feels good about helping Soldiers with their paperwork and isn't too far from her home in Edgewater Park.

Familiarity breeds content for mobilizing Fort Dix employee

Staff Sgt. Shawn Morris
50th IBCG Public Affairs

This is the first in a series of articles detailing the personal experiences of Staff Sgt. Shawn Morris, a civilian contractor with the Fort Dix Public Affairs Office and Soldier in the New Jersey National Guard's 50th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, who is set to deploy with the unit this summer in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.



Sgt. 1st Class Robert Stephenson, 50th IBCG

LOOKING DOWNRANGE -- Staff Sgt. Shawn Morris, 50th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, fires the M-4 rifle during training at the Fort Dix Small Arms Readiness Group March 1. Morris, a civilian contractor with the Fort Dix Public Affairs Office, is set to deploy to Iraq this summer.

Preparing for war is a funny thing. It's both exhilarating and exhausting, as dreams of high adventure in exotic lands contrast with the nightmare of being separated from loved ones for an extended period.

One of the greatest challenges a Soldier must face during his or her deployment is fear of the unknown. What will day-to-day life be like over there? How would I react in a real-world crisis situation? Will I make it home in one piece, if at all?

The mobilization process plays into this fear, too, as Soldiers are shuffled through training and processing in locations with which they may be totally unfamiliar.

For me, much of the processing and training I've gone through since joining the 50th Infantry Brigade Combat Team in February has been very familiar, thanks to the years I've spent working as a journalist at the Fort Dix Public Affairs Office (PAO).

I was mobilized to the Fort Dix PAO in January 2003 from the Army Reserve's 1079th Garrison Support Unit. After demobilizing in January 2005, I grabbed a civilian job at PAO

and have been there ever since. In that time, I've covered a lot of ground on post, shooting photographs, conducting interviews and writing stories. So when I spent a week of pre-mobilization training at Fort Dix this past month, I felt as if I were coming home to friendly faces and familiar surroundings.

Our group spent two days at Timmermann Conference Center receiving a seemingly endless string of briefings, including one on Media Awareness. In the past, I've helped deliver that briefing to mobilizing Soldiers; how strange it was to now be on the receiving end.

As I endured "death by Power Point," I remembered the many times I'd carried out that briefing to mobilizing Soldiers; the highlights of which include witnessing Clint Black and his band perform a

affairs missions -- to take photos of mobilizing Soldiers there when it was still called the Soldier Reentry Processing site and was little more than a converted gymnasium.

It was during this mission that I first met Spc. Bill Addison of the New Jersey National Guard's 444th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment. I would later join his unit in the summer of 2005.

As the summer of 2008 approaches, I'm preparing to deploy with Spc. Addison. We've come a long way since that pre-9/11 day at the SRP in August 2001.

My week of processing also included a visit to the New Jersey National Guard's Joint Training and Training Development Center (JT2DC) for dental screening, ID card issue, and paperwork filing.

Unfortunately, I needed a cavity filled. While dental work is never a pleasant experience, I called upon memories to mitigate the misery.

Thoughts of applause filling the JT2DC during filming of The Next Food Network Star drowned out the dentist's drill; recollections of rollicking Cub Scouts exploring static displays replaced the reality of a pick and mirror exploring the inner recesses of my mouth; and reminiscences of Soldiers shooting rifles on a high-tech simulator dulled the pain of a needle shooting Novocaine into my gums.

As I left Fort Dix on the final day of processing, I thought ahead to this summer when I'll bid a year-long farewell to the post.

And though I face many unknowns, one thing is certain: Someday, I'll return to the home of the Ultimate Weapon.

They're tops on top

Historical personages pictured at the top of the page include (left to right) Athena, patron of women in the military; American aviatrix Amelia Earhart; Egyptian queen Cleopatra; American author Zora Neale Hurston; English actress Flora Robson as Queen Elizabeth and American dancer Isadora Duncan.

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CELEBRATION SOUNDS -- Installation Chaplain Col. Larry Biederman welcomes the Prayer Breakfast crowd at Fort Dix March 12, left. Below, vocalist Patricia Nubine delivers a rendition of "Breathe" to open the program.



Prayer Breakfast unites Dixans

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Casteel noted the famous statement by President Franklin Roosevelt, "We have nothing to fear but fear itself." In meeting fear head-on, Casteel said, we must learn to change the terms of the battle. Rather than facing the enemy on the enemy's terms, face him on yours.
David faced Goliath by using his own weapons and his own skills to defeat him. "You will have fear," he said, "but you must take your fears to the Lord. Faith is the courage of things hoped for." Goliath has many names, he added, from Al Quada on a national scale to personal struggles.
"But peace is not the absence of conflict, it is trust in God... We can do all things through him who strengthens us."
Casteel was thanked by the command for his participation in the Fort Dix Prayer Break-

fast with the presentation of a plaque of the Ultimate Weapon and a memento from the Main Chapel, both presented by Chap. Biederman.
The musical conclusion to the event was a rendition of "Lord I Lift Your Name On High" performed with skill and emotion on the tenor saxophone by Eddy Nubine.
Benediction was offered by Chap. (Maj.) Allen Raub, assistant installation chaplain.
"May we leave this place of fellowship equipped and challenged to spread the message of hope and life that we've heard this morning," he said.
The National Prayer Breakfast is held in Washington, D.C., on the first Thursday of February each year. The event was first held in 1953. The National Prayer Breakfast is hosted by members of the United States Congress and is designed to be a forum for leaders of the world to assemble freely together.

NOTES OF PRAISE -- Eddy Nubine offers a musical benediction at the event with a rendition of "Lord I Lift Your Name On High" on the tenor saxophone.

photos by Shawn Morris

RTC East unveils colors

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mission and that is made up of drill sergeants and SARG," Maj. Gen. James Mallory, commanding general of the 108th, said. "You have become the critical enabler for the Army Reserve to put boots on the ground."
Mallory said the RTC provides the professional trainers, equipment used in respective theater of operations, and facilities to prepare for full spectrum operations in hazardous duty environment.
He added the training and mobilization model provides more predictability for Army Reserve Soldiers.
The goal of the RTC is to program Soldiers and their respective organizations to be built in a pre-mobilization environment, rather than building the unit at the mobilization station.
By setting up the advance support organization, the Army anticipates that by the time the Soldiers hit the mobilization station they will have already developed team cohesiveness, and completed some individual and collective training tasks. This will shorten the training time required at the mobilization site.
The RTC concept also places the responsibility on unit leadership to develop the training plan needed to be successful during combat support and combat service support operations, leaders said before the ceremony.
As part of the ceremony that

unfurled the unit colors, Soldiers - most veterans of Operations Iraq and Enduring Freedom - also placed their new unit patch on their sleeves. For many of the Soldiers, this meant taking off their 95th Division patch and placing the 108th patch on their uniform.
The division was first activated in 1946 following World War II. It was then called the 108th Airborne Division and headquartered in Atlanta. The organization's nickname, the Golden Griffon, originated from its first air-ground mission.
According to legend, Griffons are animals from Greek mythology—half-lion, half-eagle, and eight times the size of a lion. The animals are known for their courage and ferocity and were feared by ancient people whose leaders used them to guard treasures of Asian provinces.
The 108th Division has been responsible for piloting various different courses for the Army Reserve Soldier, besides drill sergeants, to include Military Occupational Specialty schools, noncommissioned officer and officer education programs.
RTC-E trainers began making history again on March 2 when they began training the first Army Reserve Soldiers from the 408th Adjutant General Battalion, Fort Totten, NY, the 576th Transportation Company Detachment, Panama City, Fla., and the 688th Engineer Company, Harrison, Ark.



Pascual Flores

STANDUP -- Col. Claude Schmid, Regional Training Center-East Commander, left, accepts the new unit colors from Maj. Gen. James Mallory III, commanding general of the 108th Training Command (IET) signifying the establishing of the Regional Training Center-East, Fri. March 7, at Fort Dix.

**Fort Dix
Weather Hotline**
Checking to see if weather has caused a delay in opening at Fort Dix?
After 6 a.m.,

- Call 562-4065
- Log in to www.dix.army.mil
- Tune in to WDIX Channel 2

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Home seminar and fair coming to McGuire AFB

McGuire Air Force Base will host a homebuyer's/seller's/renter's seminar and fair **March 14** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Club, Bldg. 2508.

For more information, call 754-3662 or 754-3397.

Firefighters to battle Muscular Dystrophy

Fort Dix firefighters and firefighters from Lakehurst, Earle, Jackson, New Egypt and Howell Townships will be conducting their second annual Great Helmet Race to Benefit Children with Muscular Dystrophy **March 14** from 7 p.m. to midnight at the New Egypt Elks Club at 105 Lakewood Road in New Egypt.

Tickets at the door are \$20 for adults, children are \$10. The first 100 guests get a free t-shirt. There will be door prizes and much more.

Financial readiness seminar coming to ACS

Amy Community Service will host a financial readiness seminar **March 19** from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. in Bldg. 5201 Maryland Avenue.

Topics will include banking/credit union services, budgeting, consumer rights/obligations, credit, debt liquidation, insurance and record keeping.

Call Bobby Brown at 562-4245 for more information.

Women's History lunch to be held on McGuire

The annual luncheon and awards presentation for Women's History Month is scheduled for **March 20** at 11 a.m. in the McGuire Club. This will be a combined celebration for McGuire Air Force Base, Fort Dix, and Lakehurst NAS.

McGuire AFB point-of-contact for ticket purchase is Jen Mantz at 754-1672.

Fort Dix to host real-estate seminar

Fort Dix Army Community Service, in Partnership with Operation RE/MAX, presents a seminar for military spouses, active, retired, and veteran service personnel called "Becoming A Real Estate Agent" **March 20** from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in Bldg. 5201 Maryland Avenue.

Joseph A. Trela, broker/owner and former military crew chief, will discuss requirements, costs, time involved, referral agents, and working from home. A question-and-answer session will follow the seminar.

Call Rod Marell at 562-2186 for register. Seating is limited to 20 attendees.

Positions available for Soldiers at MRB

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

CMD PER MGT NCOIC (E7)
XO (O3, O2)
DEP IG (O4)
ASST MIL PERS OFF (W2)
DEMOB ASSISTANT ADMIN SPEC (E4)
CHAP ASST (E7, E6)

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

WEATHER

FRIDAY -- Temperatures in the low 60s give way to evening showers and lows in the upper 30s.

SATURDAY -- Cloudy skies and cooler temperatures bring a high of 56 degrees, low of 37.

SUNDAY -- Temperatures continue to drop with highs in the upper 40s and lows in the upper 20s. A few showers are also possible.

MONDAY -- Mostly sunny skies see temperatures rise with highs in the lower 50s, lows in the mid-30s.

Popular poker game comes to Club Dix

Jennifer M. McCarthy
Public Affairs Staff

You've got to know when to hold'em and you've got to know when to fold'em if you want to win the No-Limit Texas Hold'Em Game held at Club Dix on March 19. The doors open at 5 p.m. with game play set to start at 6 p.m. The game is limited to 80 participants but space is still available. Anyone interested in participating must be at least 18 years old and eligible to use Department of Moral, Welfare and Recreation (DMWR) facilities. The game is free to play but registration is required. Any one interested in playing may register by visiting www.dixmwr.com and clicking on the Texas Hold'Em logo.

The winner of the Fort Dix game will receive a \$500 AAFFES gift card and a chance to compete in the Army-wide DMWR online poker game. In addition to bragging rights, the first place winner of that match receives a home theater system with BOSE sound. This game is free to play. Any one interested in playing may register by visiting www.dixmwr.com and clicking on the Texas Hold'Em logo.

Texas Hold'Em is the most popular form of poker across the country and Europe. "It is the hottest trend in the world," said Bob Vogt, game coordinator.

The surge in Texas Hold'Em popularity is due in part to its exposure in the media with events



Jennifer M. McCarthy

CARD SHARKS - Pat Morris, left, and Chris O'Donnell learn how to deal Texas Hold'em from Sam Catalan and Joey Wilkolaski at Club Dix March 12.

such as the televised World Series of Poker and the World Poker Tournament. It is also widely played on-line. "This game is for everyone," Vogt continued.

Unlike Stud poker, Hold'em poker players are only dealt two cards, the rest of the hand is made up of five community cards. The dealer deals each player two cards face down. After an initial bet, the dealer then deals or "flops" the next three cards on the table. Before the flop is dealt though, the dealer discards the top card of the deck. This is called "burning the card" and is done to help prevent cheating. Following the "flop"

another round of betting ensues starting with the player to the left of the dealer. Unlike the first hand of betting, where players can only call, raise or fold on their turn, after the "flop", players may also check. Once everyone has had a turn, the dealer puts down another card called the "turn" or "Fourth Street." Then a third round of betting follows. The fifth card put down is called the "river" or "Fifth Street." After a final round of betting all remaining players reveal their cards. In order to win the game, a player must use a combination of all seven cards to create the best possible five-card hand. The best possible

hand in poker is a Royal Flush or an Ace, King, Queen, Jack and Ten all of the same suit.

Poker is not the only card game being played on Fort Dix. On April 25, MWR will host a Bunco game.

To register for the Texas Hold'em game or for more information call Bob Vogt at 562-6772.

Industry bestows commissary certificates

Cherie Huntington
Defense Commissary Agency

FORT LEE, Va. -- "The groceries are coming!" The groceries are coming!

With apologies to Paul Revere, those could be the fighting words of the Defense Commissary Agency as it strives to deliver the benefit to geographically separated Reserve and National Guard members and their families throughout America.

"It's open season for good ideas on how to expand the benefit to our reserve forces," said Rick Page, DeCA's acting director. "Help us get more of the benefit to you."

Thinking outside the "box" of conventional commissary locations, DeCA team members have been tak-

ing the benefit on the road to authorized shoppers, conducting on-site sales out of warehouses, aircraft hangars, amories, tents in parking lots, and even the back ends of semi-trailers. Even as the agency plans to increase the number of these events this year, industry partners made them even more inviting by donating \$95,000 in commissary gift certificates for distribution to thousands of National Guard members during the past holiday season.

The extent of industry support surprised even DeCA officials. "I was overwhelmed by the generosity of our suppliers and manufacturers," Page said. "Since your commissary delivers 30 percent savings or more, that \$95,000 in your shopping cart represents \$130,000 in a commercial grocery store."

The American Logistics Association presented industry's gift to the National Bureau of Military and Veterans Affairs in December.

The ALA's members represent industries producing products and services to military resale systems, including commissaries and military exchanges. The Defense Commissary Agency

operates a worldwide chain of commissaries providing groceries to military personnel, retirees and their families in a safe and secure shopping environment. Authorized patrons purchase items at cost plus a 5-percent surcharge, which covers the costs of building new commissaries and modernizing existing ones. Shoppers save an average of more than 30 percent on their purchases compared to commercial prices -- savings worth about \$3,000 annually for a family of four.

A core military family support element, and a valued part of military pay and benefits, commissaries contribute to family readiness, enhance the quality of life for America's military and their families, and help recruit and retain the best and brightest men and women to serve their country.

Regulations help prevent lending fraud

Lawmakers are finally biting back with new regulations that should help eliminate excessive interest rates and high fees estimated to cost servicemembers and their families at least \$80 million each year.

The new law, commonly known as the Military Lending Act, combats abusive lending practices targeted at military families and places certain requirements and limitations on loans to servicemembers and their dependents. The Department of Defense (DoD) published its final rules to implement the new consumer protections for military families, which had been included as an amendment to the 2007 National Defense Authorization Act. The regulations took effect Oct. 1, 2007.

Three Targeted Products
The regulation is narrowly focused on three key consumer credit products the DoD has identified as particularly problematic: payday loans, vehicle title loans and tax refund anticipation loans (RALs).

Under the rule, payday loans are defined as loans that:

- are closed-end credit transactions (generally, credit that is repaid in full, including any interest and finance charges, by a specified future date)
- have a term of 91 days or less
- do not exceed \$2,000
- the borrower provides a check or other payment instrument or debit authorization that the creditor agrees to hold

Vehicle title loans are defined as loans that:

- are closed-end credit transactions
- have a term of 181 days or less
- are secured by a motor vehicle

registered for use on roadways; the lender retains title to the vehicle until the loan is repaid

Tax refund anticipation loans are defined as loans that:

- are closed-end credit transactions
- the borrower grants the creditor the right to receive all or part of the borrower's income tax refund or agrees to repay the loan with the refund

For the three products, the Military Annual Percentage Rate (MAPR) for loans to "covered borrowers" -- members of the armed forces or dependents of such members -- cannot exceed a maximum of 36 percent, inclusive of interest, fees, credit service or renewal charges, credit insurance premiums and other fees for ancillary products sold in connection with the loan.

"The 36 percent cap will slow the predatory lenders down," according to Jean Ann Fox, director of consumer protection for the Consumer Federation of America. Additionally, the new law says the lender "can't hold onto the servicemember's personal check or have electronic access to their bank account as collateral for this type of loan. The threat of the lender depositing the borrower's check, which would often not clear the bank, has been a key way to trap borrowers in loans they end up paying back many times over in interest."

Excluded from coverage under the new rule are mortgage loans and refinancing, home equity loans and lines of credit, purchase money vehicle loans, secured personal property loans, loans secured by qualified retirement accounts, and credit that is not subject to current Truth-in-Lending disclosures. Additionally, credit cards are not covered by the new rule.

The narrow focus is intended to limit the regulation's impact to the most detrimental products in order to prevent unintended negative consequences while still affording the protections granted by the statute.

What to Expect When You're Borrowing
Military families may be confused

when confronted with new loan procedures that creditors have established to comply with the new regulation. Borrowers should be aware of a number of new requirements when shopping for a loan.

Two Differing APRs: Because the MAPR is separate and distinct from the annual percentage rate (APR) already required to be disclosed to all consumers as part of the Truth-in-Lending Act, military borrowers may be confused by seeing two different disclosures that may be inconsistent.

For example, the MAPR may appear higher than the APR, leading the military borrower to believe that he or she is obtaining a higher-cost loan than the average consumer. In reality, the MAPR may be higher simply because more fees are factored into the calculation.

Oral Disclosures: Military borrowers must be provided with loan disclosures orally before receiving any disbursements for a covered payday loan, vehicle title loan or tax refund anticipation loan. Thus, servicemembers applying for a loan by mail or online may be given a toll-free number to call to obtain these disclosures. Military borrowers will need to call their lender for the verbal disclosures before the loan funds can be obtained.

Identification as a Covered Borrower: Unlike the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, military borrowers are not required to notify creditors of their eligibility for the protections afforded under the Military Lending Act. However, lenders offering payday loans, vehicle title loans or tax refund anticipation loans may now ask loan applicants to sign a declaration statement identifying whether they are a covered borrower. This is intended to shield creditors from liability for inadvertent violations of the statute. Any borrower who knowingly makes a false statement when filling out this declaration is subject to criminal penalties.

Please call Bobby Brown, Army Community Service, at 562-4245 for more information about unscrupulous lenders. ACS is located at 5201 Maryland Avenue.



Wayne Cook

Photo finisher

Brenda Warner, Arts and Crafts Center assistant manager, explains some of the special functions of the new Sony Photo Station to Baxter Krall March 7. The Photo Station is available for use to all Arts and Crafts Center patrons for a low fee and offers fast and easy photo printing.

MILITARY MATTERS

Bullets

New tattoo policy allows for more blood donations

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28, 2008 - The Armed Services Blood Program (ASBP) has implemented a new policy regarding tattoos that may allow more donors to give blood to the military.

This new policy, which went into effect Nov. 30, 2007, allows donors with new tattoos to give blood again after just one week, instead of the previous one-year deferral period; provided the tattoo was acquired in a state-regulated tattoo parlor. This new policy allows the ASBP to accept donations from more individuals wishing to contribute to the military's blood supply for combat areas and at home.

"Recent tattoos are one of the most common reasons people get temporarily deferred from donating," said Capt. Warren Brown, officer in charge at Fort Gordon's Kendrick Memorial Blood Center, Ga. "This will increase the size of our donor pool - every donor counts."

The AABB, formerly known as the American Association of Blood Banks, establishes standards for the American blood bank industry. These standards stipulate that for potential donors with tattoos to be considered under the new policy, they must have received their tattoo in state-regulated tattoo parlors. The states are not compelled at this time to regulate or license tattoo parlors.

For those states that do, the regulations require the use of sterile needles and the one-time use of ink to ensure no risk of being exposed to blood-borne diseases like HIV or hepatitis from the needle or ink. Those potential donors who get tattooed in states not regulated according to AABB standards must wait one year before giving blood.

A total of 20 states regulate tattoo facilities and donors are encouraged to contact their nearest military blood donor center for more details. "Though many states are not on the approved list yet, the Armed Services Blood Program Office will review the policy on an annual basis to ensure currency," said Navy Cdr. Michael C. Libby, director of the Armed Services Blood Program Office.

To schedule a donation appointment or to contact your local blood donor center regarding the tattoo policy, please visit www.militaryblood.dod.mil.

Top commander in Korea urges three-year accompanied tours

WASHINGTON, March 11, 2008 - The top U.S. general in Korea told Congress today he supports three-year, family-accompanied tours in Korea in light of planned operational and quality-of-life changes set to take place.

Army Gen. Burwell B. Bell, commander of U.S. Forces Korea, told the Senate Armed Services Committee the current basing policy needs to change to fall in line with those in Europe and Japan and to reflect the Republic of Korea's vast transformation.

"In 55 years, the Republic of Korea has transformed from a war-ravaged country to one of the most modern, progressive and democratic countries in the world," he said, adding that it has become an economic powerhouse.

"Unfortunately, in a modern and vibrant Republic of Korea, the U.S. still rotates servicemembers on one-year, unaccompanied assignments as though this remained an active combat zone," he said. "It is not."

Bell cited operational changes taking place on the peninsula that make now the appropriate time for "normalized" tours there. Plans are moving forward to move 2nd Infantry Division and U.S. joint-force elements from their current location at Yongsan Garrison to south of Seoul. In addition to returning valuable land in the capital city to the Koreans, the move will provide significant quality-of-life improvements for troops there, Bell said.

Another major development in South Korea is the plan to transfer wartime operational control of the Republic of Korea military to South Korea by 2012, he said. The U.S.-led Combined Forces Command transferred peacetime control of those forces to the Republic of Korea Joint Chiefs of Staff in 1994.

Bell pointed to the situation in Europe, when during the Cold War and in the face of the Soviet and Warsaw Pact war machine, the military encouraged troops to bring their families with them for the length of their tours. "This created a stable military and sent a strong message of U.S. commitment and reliability to our European allies," he said.

The short, unaccompanied tours in place for Korea send the opposite message there, he said: "that we either expect imminent conflict or that we are not fully committed and can withdraw our forces on a moment's notice."

South Korea supports the tour extension, which Bell said could be implemented with an infrastructure-expansion plan over 10 to 15 years. Costs would be subjected to burden-sharing negotiations between the two countries, he said.

In addition to sending a clear message of U.S. commitment, Bell said extended tour lengths would offer other benefits: improved continuity, stability, readiness and the retention of regional, institutional and cultural knowledge. It would reduce permanent-change-of-station disruptions and costs, and cut the number of family separations beyond those already forced by wartime rotations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

CENTCOM commander resigns

Donna Miles
American Forces Press
Service

WASHINGTON, March 11, 2008 - Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates today reluctantly accepted Navy Adm. William J. "Fox" Fallon's letter of resignation as commander of U.S. Central Command and request for retirement. Fallon's resignation will take effect March 31, Gates said in a Pentagon news conference.

His deputy, Army Lt. Gen. Martin Dempsey, will take over as acting CENTCOM commander until a permanent replacement is nominated and confirmed.

Gates said Fallon advised him of his decision this morning, citing what the admiral called "the current embarrassing situation of public perception of differences between my views and administration policy and the distraction this causes from the mission."

"Recent press reports suggesting a disconnect between my views and the president's policy objectives have become a distraction at a critical time and hamper efforts in the CENTCOM region," Fallon said in a statement released by CENTCOM. "And although I don't believe there have ever been any differences about the objectives of our policy in the Central Command area of responsibility, the simple perception that there is makes it difficult for me to effectively serve America's interests there."

Fallon said this disconnect led him to conclude "that it would be best to step aside and allow the secretary and our military leaders to move beyond this distraction ... and focus on the achievement of our strategic objectives in the region."

Gates said Fallon reached this difficult decision entirely on his own and that he had approved it "with reluctance and regret."

The secretary said he informed President Bush of Fallon's decision and his plan to accept it earlier today. "The president has made clear all along that these matters are to be handled strictly within the Department of Defense," he said.

"I believe it was the right thing to do, even though I do not believe there are, in fact, significant differences between his views and administration policy," he said.

Some of the misperceptions involved perceived differences over U.S. policies regarding Iran. Gates said Fallon fully supported the administration's policy of trying to deal with the Iranian challenge through diplomatic and economic pressures and sanctions.

"So I don't think that there really were differences at all," Gates said. "But I think there is this misperception out there that there were."

Months of trying to "put this misperception behind us," it hasn't succeeded, he said.

Gates said he agreed with Fallon's assessment that



Navy Admiral William J. Fox

whether true or not, he agrees that any misperceptions about the policy proved to be distractions from the mission. "That's why I believe he's made the right decision," he said.

Navy Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said he supports Gates' decision to accept Fallon's resignation and request for retirement. "I also respect the reasons for which Admiral Fallon submitted it and applaud his ability to recognize the responsibility before him," the chairman said.

"By his leadership and through the example he continues to set with this decision today, he has demonstrated to future generations of soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen the highest sense of personal honor and dignity," Mullen continued.

Gates said Fallon will be difficult to replace. "He is enormously talented, very experienced, and he does have a strategic vision that is rare," the secretary said. "So it does leave a hole."

He expressed confidence, however, that a skilled and qualified replacement will be found among the many talented senior military officers.

The secretary praised Fallon's distinguished 40-year military career that included

country's call time and time again in positions of ever greater responsibility," he said. "He had an enormous impact, not only on the way we operate and fight in this new century, but also on the way in which we stay engaged globally."

Bush noted in a statement released by the White House that Fallon made history as the first naval officer to command Central Command.

"From the Horn of Africa, to the streets of Baghdad, to the mountains of Afghanistan, the soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen of Central Command are vital to the global war on terror," the president said. "During his tenure at CENTCOM, Admiral Fallon's job has been to help ensure that America's military forces are ready to meet the threats of an often-turbulent region of the world, and he deserves considerable credit for progress that has been made there, especially in Iraq and Afghanistan."

Bush expressed thanks to Fallon for serving the United States "with honor, determination and commitment," and to the family that has supported his military service. "I wish them all the best as they begin the next chapter in their lives," he said.

Commenting on his nearly-42-year career, Fallon said today he is "grateful for having had this opportunity to serve with the outstanding service personnel and civilians of Central Command. "It has been my high honor to have served my nation and the Navy for four decades, and I thank all of you who continue to serve," he said.

"On behalf of the men and women of the armed forces, I extend to him and his family my heartfelt gratitude for the extraordinary service they have rendered this nation for more than four decades - afloat and ashore, in peace and in war," Mullen said.

"Bill Fallon is an extraordinary leader, a visionary and a good friend who answered our



Shawn Morris

Job well done

Pfc. Martha Voll, right, receives a Certificate of Appreciation from Lt. Col. Joseph Chirico, Mobilization Readiness Battalion commander, left, during an awards ceremony at Club Dix March 12.

Military Police tackle training exercise challenges

TRAINING TO STANDARD - The 191st Military Police Company, part of the North Dakota National Guard, hailing from Fargo, N.D., performs a patrol during their Military Operations in Urban Terrain (MOUT) Training exercise, on March 10th, at Fort Dix's Balad Training range. They are currently at the installation preparing for an upcoming deployment in support of the Global War on Terrorism. At right Pfc. Andrew Swiontek, takes aim, Sgt. Justina Bilby and Spc. Corey Arnold, check to make sure everything is clear. Below left, members of the 191st Military Police Company, take cover behind a burnt out car, and patrol the streets during the training exercise. The Soldiers are evaluated on how well they react to the elements thrown their way in responding to their mission tasks.

photos by Ryan Morton



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Water-system flushing set for April

In accordance with PWS Paragraph C.5.8.3.2.1.1, IAP Worldwide Services will be flushing the Fort Dix Water Distribution System.

The flushing plan starts at the fire hydrant nearest to the water treatment plant effluent and moves sequentially to the hydrants furthest from the source of water. System loops shall progress in a similar manner starting with the loop closest to the source of water. Loops can only be flushed after the water main that transports water to the loop is properly flushed.

Once flushing has started on a loop, work shall continue until the flushing of the loop is complete as with all water mains. Flushing the loops in the water distribution system can only be properly completed as previously mentioned.

Flushing shall be performed by opening the hydrant valve and allowing the water to flow until clarity is reached (minimum ten minutes). Water shall be considered clear when the turbidity of the water

tests at a level that does not exceed 0.2 NTU. A visual inspection is required and will be made to determine when proper clarity of the water is achieved. The Water Treatment Plant personnel shall run random test to verify water quality and to confirm standards are being met.

The Flushing locations and times (schedule) shall be published in the Fort Dix Post Paper as stated below:

● Saturday, April 19 at 10 p.m., to Sunday, April 20 at 6 a.m., in Areas 5900, 5800, (with the exception of both prison grounds) 5700, 5300, 5200, 5100 and 6000. (Size of Water Mains: 6", 8", 12" and 16")

● Sunday, April 20 at 10 p.m., to Monday, April 21 6 a.m., in Areas 8400, 8300, 8100, 5000, 5300, 5400, and 3100. (Size of Water Mains: 6", 8", 10" and 16")

● Monday, April 21 at 10 p.m., to Tuesday, April 22 at 6 a.m., in Areas 3200, 1500, 1600, 1400, 1200, 1100 and 900.

(Size of Water Mains: 6", 8", and 12")

● Tuesday, April 22 at 10 p.m., to Wednesday, April 23 at 6 a.m., in Areas 4000, 6600, 6500, 6400 5400, 5300, and 4100. (Size of Water Mains: 6", 8", and 12")

● Wednesday, April 23 at 10 p.m., to Thursday, April 24 at 6 a.m., in Areas 5500, 6700, 6900. "Trouble Areas if necessary" (Size of Water Mains: 6", 8", and 10")

● Thursday, April 25 at 10 p.m., to Friday, April 26 at 6 a.m., "Trouble Areas if necessary" (Size of Water Mains: 6" and 8")

Should you require any additional information, call the Water Plant at 562-5040. Please refer to Technical Manual 5-813 - 1 through 9, and American Water Works Association C606, for additional guidelines that will be utilized as necessary.

(Article provide by Fort Dix Water Treatment Plant personnel.)



Pfc. Corneae Falconer



Wayne Cook

Rabbinical recruiters

Chap. (Col.) Ira Kronenberg, deputy installation and mobilization chaplain, left, explains Soldiers' training regimen to members of the Jewish Chaplains endorsing organization during a visit to the Forward Operating Base March 11. The rabbis visited Fort Dix to shoot footage for a recruiting film for Jewish chaplains.

Boys & Girls Club to participate in national photography contest

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Fort Dix is joining a nationwide search to identify talented young artists.

The competition is part of the ImageMakers National Photography Contest. Sponsored by the Circuit City Foundation, the contest is part of a comprehensive initiative encouraging artistic skills, cultural enrichment and creativity in the medium of photography.

As a participant in the ImageMakers National Photography Contest, the Boys & Girls Club of Fort Dix can submit members' photography in four age divisions and five categories, including color process, black-and-white process, alternative process, digital and photo essay.

The photos submitted will be on display at the Arts & Crafts Center, Bldg. 6039, from March 25-29. Selected photos compete at the regional level; regional winners are judged nationally. Forty-four national winners are named and their photography displayed in the ImageMakers

National Photography Contest traveling exhibition and at special BGCA events throughout the year.

Winning photographers receive an award and letter of congratulations from BGCA President Roxanne Spillett. Regional finalists receive a certificate of participation.

"By introducing members to photography, we are giving them the priceless opportunity to express themselves in creative and unusual ways," said Jessica Miksitt, Boys & Girls Clubs of Fort Dix. "Circuit City Foundation's support enables members to maximize their artistic talents and develop creative thinking to last a lifetime."

Located at 1279 Locust Street, the Boys & Girls Club has served the youth of Fort Dix for nine years. The club provides programs for more than 489 boys and girls in the areas of character and leadership development, educational enhancement, career preparation, health and life skills, the arts and sports, and fitness and recreation.

The write stuff

Lt. Col Timothy Houchele, 126th Press Camp Headquarters, above and below left, places new rank on newly promoted Spc. Alan Collins, above right, and Pfc. Chelsie Theriault, below right, during a promotion ceremony at Fort Dix March 3.



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AIR FORCE NEWS



Air Advisor Course teaches Airmen to train

Tech. Sgt. Scott T. Sturkol
Air Force Expeditionary Center
Public Affairs

Air Force Expeditionary Center's Expeditionary Operations School officials here developed an Air Advisor Course for Airmen who will be training Afghan and Iraqi military forces and graduated the first 59 students March 7 here.

In less than six months, school officials created the "train the trainer" course for Airmen going to those countries to instruct foreign military members.

"The Air Advisor Course is a fast-paced, team-oriented course designed specifically for Airmen deploying to support Air Force combat air advisor operations in Iraq and Afghanistan," said Senior Master Sgt. James Schmidt, the course director. "In this course, we provide training in two phases — combat skills and cultural awareness."

In the combat skills phase, Sergeant Schmidt said students are trained in offensive and defensive driving skills, introductory convoy procedures, combat first aid and advanced combat firearms training using the M-4 and AK-47 rifles and the M-9 pistol.

"The cultural awareness training hones in on host nation-specific understanding of where these Airmen will be deploying in either Iraq or Afghanistan," Sergeant Schmidt said. "For example, they receive mission overview training, an understanding of the host nation air force organization and its capabilities, and conversational language training in Arabic or Dari."

Capt. Wes Venters, a behavioral scientist from U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado and a student in the course deploying to Iraq, said language training was one area he found especially helpful.

"The language training essentially helps us to communicate with the people of Iraq and Afghanistan," Captain Venters said. "As air advisors, we'll be working a lot with the Iraqi population and more specifically the soldiers."

"We'll also go over there

and work in a joint environment," Captain Venters said. "Knowing we'll be working directly with the Army, I could see a lot of the training paralleled with what the Army teaches. That's good because when we go over there and get into the joint environment and are asked to be on a fire team or something related to that, we'll know what to do. We're certainly better prepared as Air Force air advisors."

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Air Advisor Course director

Tech. Sgt. Darnell Gordon, an air surveillance technician from the 552nd Operations Support Squadron at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., said although he has deployed and trained for deployments in his 15-year career, the Air Advisor Course shined some new light on things he hasn't done before, such as extensive weapons training.

"It helps for those of us in the Air Force who aren't trained continuously in combat-related activities," Sergeant Gordon said. "The weapons training we received gave us a better familiarity with our weapons systems. We're not going to be experts, of course, but if something happens we can always fall back on our training from having that familiarity."

Sergeant Schmidt said the course wasn't easy for the students.

"Students must be mentally and physically prepared to perform various types of rigorous combat scenario-based physical tasks in this course," he said. "With any class you may have minor issues that come up but you deal with them and continue on. All students were able to critique each class they attended. Any items that we felt could be adjusted based on student input — we did."

Master Sgt. Bonnie Trajanowski, a student from the 2nd Bomb Wing Plans Office from Barksdale AFB, La., who will be deploying to Iraq, said she was happy to be able to contribute to future versions of the course.

"It's a learning curve," Sergeant Trajanowski said. "It's exciting to be a part of this first class because we get to have our inputs used to make the course better for future students. The training put us into the mindset of what we're going to be doing. It prepared us. When I first learned about being an air advisor, I was unsure. Now, when I know I'll be working with the Army and doing this special mission, I know can be more of an asset. This training is an asset for us to help them as opposed to going there and being a possible liability."

Sergeant Schmidt said the continuing mission of the course will be to make sure Airmen are ready for the air advisor mission.

"We'll continue to provide deploying air advisors the skill sets they need to adapt to an ever-changing deployed environment," Sergeant Schmidt said.



Tech. Sgt. Scott T. Sturkol

HELPING HANDS - Students go through the combat first-aid obstacle course Feb. 29 on a range on Fort Dix. Taught by Expeditionary Operations School officials, Air Force Expeditionary Center's Air Advisor Course 08-1 prepares Airmen deploying to Afghanistan and Iraq who will in turn be training military forces in those countries.



Ryan Morton

Going over the top

Air Force Staff Sgt. Sarah Shutes, 602nd Training Squadron, goes over a berm on the Individual Movement Technique (IMT) lane, which is part of the Improvised Explosive Device (IED) range on Fort Dix. Commonly known as Range 86, Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines migrate to this spot to learn about IED awareness and avoidance. The 602nd Airmen, comprised of personnel stationed throughout the globe, recently took their turn on the course in preparation for a mission in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

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Announcements

Cinema Schedule

754-5139
McGuire Air Force Base

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

The Eye - Jessica Alba, Alessandro Nivola, Parker Posey, Rade Serbedzija - Blind for most of her life, concert violinist Sydney Wells (Jessica Alba) is the recipient of a double corneal transplant that restores her sight at long last. With the help of her doctor (Alessandro Nivola) and sister (Parker Posey), she learns to see again. Soon, however, frightening visions convince her that a terrifying alternate world exists, and only she can see it.

MPAA Rating: PG-13 - violence/terror and disturbing content
Run time: 97 minutes

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

Over Her Dead Body - Eva Longoria Parker, Paul Rudd, Lake Bell - Devastated when his fiancée Kate (Eva Longoria) is killed on their wedding day, Henry (Paul Rudd) reluctantly agrees to consult a psychic named Ashley (Lake Bell) at the urging of his sister Chloe (Lindsay Sloane). Despite his skepticism over her psychic abilities, Henry finds himself falling hard for Ashley, and vice versa. But there is a big snag. Ashley is being haunted by Kate's ghost, who considers it her heavenly duty to break up Henry and Ashley's fledgling romance, if it is the last thing she does on this earthly plane.

MPAA Rating: PG-13 - sexual content and language
Run time: 97 minutes

Future Features...

Juno

Friday, March 21 @ 7:30 p.m.
PG-13, 91 minutes.

Welcome Home Roscoe Jenkins

Saturday, March 22 @ 7:30 p.m.
PG-13, 114 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

Alpha Course
Beginning March 26, 6 - 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--

Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, March 15, 11 a.m.
Palm Sunday Gospel Service
Sunday, March 16, 11:45 a.m.

Holy Thursday Catholic Service - Washing of the Feet
Thursday, March 20, 6 p.m.

Protestant Service - "Jesus - From Crib to Cross" - everybody welcome
Thursday, March 20, 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday Catholic Service - Veneration of the Cross
Friday, March 21, 6 p.m.

Good Friday Protestant Service
Friday, March 21, 7 p.m.

Holy Saturday Catholic Service - Easter Vigil
Saturday, March 22, 7:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service - followed by breakfast
Sunday, March 23, 7 a.m.

Easter Sunday, Regular Services
Protestant Easter Service - 9 a.m.
Catholic Easter Service - 10:15 a.m.
Gospel Easter Service - 11:30 a.m.
Sunday, March 23

Gospel Joy Night
Saturday, March 29, 8:30 p.m.

Gospel 33rd Anniversary Service/Dinner
Sunday, March 30, 11:30 a.m. service followed by dinner

For additional services or Religious Support please call 562-2020

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

The Main Chapel staff is in need of piano and organ players during the Protestant and/or Catholic services on Sundays to fill in as needed. Please call the chapel at 562-2020.

MWR presents

Joint Forces Racquetball Tournament
The two day, single elimination tournament is scheduled for March 15 & 16. Trophies for 1st and 2nd place finishers.
Call or come by Griffith Field House for more information 562-4888.

Texas Hold'em Tournament
Mar. 19 at Club Dix

ACS Meetings

Monday, March 17
Playgroup
18 mo. - 3 yrs.
11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
McGuire CDC #2

Wednesday, March 12
Playgroup
Birth to 18 mo.
11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
McGuire CDC #2

Volunteer/AFTB/AFAF Advisory Council
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Understanding Your Credit Report
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
ACS, Bldg. 5201

Thursday, March 20
Newcomer's Orientation
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

EFMP Support/Focus Group
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Becoming a Real Estate Agent
5:30 - 7 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, March 14
Power Hour Store
2:30 - 4 p.m.

Power Hour Activity
begins 3:15 p.m.
Photo Club
3:45 - 4:45 p.m.
Computer Lab
4 - 6 p.m.

Saturday, March 15
Youth Center Closes
5:30 p.m.

Teen Center Closed

Teen Trip
76ers vs. Spurs
Depart 5:30 p.m.
Return 10:30 p.m.

Monday, March 17
St. Patrick's Day
Power Hour
2:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Computer Lab
4 - 6 p.m.

Tuesday, March 18
Power Hour
2:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Computer Lab
4 - 6 p.m.

Wednesday, March 19
Power Hour
2:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Sports & Fitness
3:45 - 4:45 p.m.
Computer Lab
4 - 6 p.m.

Thursday, March 20
SPRING BEGINS!
Power Hour
2:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Computer Lab
4 - 6 p.m.

Dining Facilities

Bldg. 5610 Open Every Day
Breakfast 6-7:30 a.m.
Lunch 11:30-1 p.m.
Dinner 4:30-6 p.m.

Bldg. 5986 Open Every Day
Breakfast 6-7:30 a.m.
Lunch 11:30-1 p.m.
Dinner 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
562-6001
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 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
March 6 - 27; April 3 & 10
Intro to Drawing & Painting Course - \$30

April 24
Scrapbooks for your Graduate

Kids Craft Classes
Saturdays, 2:30 - 4 p.m.
March 22 & 29 Intro to Drawing Class
\$20 plus materials

\$5 pre-registration fee
for other classes call Arts & Crafts - 562-5691

"Eggstravaganza!"

It's national Craft Month and we have a special treat for the entire family! Sign up for a day of fun, food and crafts. Easter is right around the corner, and we'll have a variety of holiday crafts for the kids to choose from, such as fabric egg decorating, paper-mache bunnies to decorate, and various seasonal ceramics to paint. It's free to attend, supplies at an additional cost.

Event times are from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Spring Art Kamp
March 25, 27, & 28, 12:30 - 2 p.m.
\$25 includes materials

Crafty Birthdays

Arts & Crafts offers Craft 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

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

Off Post

Combat Stress Support Group

Informal gathering for dinner and discussion with Chap. (Lt. Col.) Dave Hunter every Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Brother's Diner 1 in Browns Mills

127 Trenton Road (Texas Avenue)
They offer a 10 percent military discount.
*Joining the group soon will be members of the Vietnam Veterans of America who will offer their support and experience to today's Soldiers.

VFW Post 6590, Cookstown

Will be having a 2 for 1 steak night at their post right outside McGuire AFB. Representatives from the state will be on hand and available for questions. Event is scheduled for March 15 at 6 p.m. Cost is \$24.95 Any questions call 758-7466

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YOU

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Veterinary Clinic

The Fort Dix/McGuire Veterinary Treatment Facility has March appointments available. Your animal must be registered prior to being scheduled for an appointment.

Clinic hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. Call Dawn at 562-6636 with any questions.

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.mcguidredix.com

Fort Dix/McGuire Residential Refuse 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

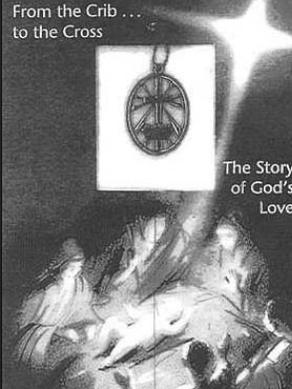
*** IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU ONLY PUT TRASH OUT ON YOUR SCHEDULED DAY. THIS HELPS KEEP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN***

RECYCLING IS PICKED UP EVERY THURSDAY

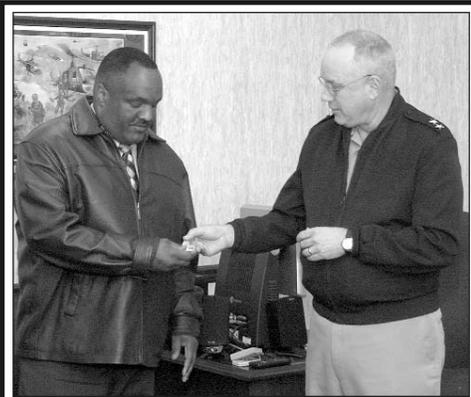
IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT ONLY RECYCLABLES ARE PUT IN YELLOW/BLUE RECYCLING BINS

GREEN WASTE IS PICKED UP EVERY MONDAY AND TUESDAY.

From the Crib . . .
to the Cross



The story of God's love through Jesus' life
Thursday, March 20, 2008
7:30 p.m.
Fort Dix Installation Chapel
Reception to follow
For more information call (609) 562-2020



Wayne Cook

Excellence rewarded

Nathaniel Shropshire, Base Installation Logistics Planner, Directorate of Logistics, receives a commander's coin from Rear Admiral Henry Tomlin, III, commander, Defense Supply Center Philadelphia, Defense Logistics Agency (DSCP, DLA), March 10 at Wurman Hall for outstanding support given to the men and women of DSCP, DLA. Shropshire accepted the coin on behalf of his director, Bob Cole, and the rest of the men and women of DOL because he declared his successes are a result of the total team effort of the directorate.

THE ALPHA COURSE

REGISTRATION FORM

Please fill in this form to let us know you are planning on coming. Drop off at the Main Chapel prior to March 26.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE(DAY) _____

(EVENING) _____

EMAIL _____

DO YOU NEED CHILD CARE (IF YES, AGES OF CHDREN) _____

FORT DIX WANTS YOU



MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Fort Dix is looking for interested residents who would like to volunteer

"Fort Dix volunteers improve the quality of life for all residents"

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

Honoring the Colors

Reveille
6 a.m. (0600 hours)

Retreat
5 p.m. (1700 hours)

Military personnel in uniform Stand at attention, face the flag and salute at first note.

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

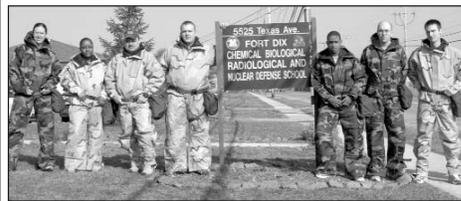
Individual military personnel, civilians in a vehicle Stop vehicle and exit. Follow steps above.

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 in charge exits and follows steps above.

Other bugle calls heard on post are:
Tattoo.....9 p.m. (2100 hours)
Call to Quarters.....9:30 p.m. (2130 hours)
Taps.....10 p.m. (2200 hours)



Shawn Morris

Graduation a blast

The most recent graduates of the Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Defense School stand in front of the sign March 11. From left to right, the graduates are Staff Sgt. Tammy A. Shiffer, Staff Sgt. Adele Whittington, Spc. Ardill Keeler, Sgt. Nicholas Leimbach, Pfc. Eric Evans, Sgt. 1st Class Carl Bigaman, 1st Lt. Gibbs and Spc. James Celina

**WEATHER
HOTLINE**
562-4065

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The Post!*

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

Nuggets feel Heat, win championship

Robert Williams
Fort Dix Nuggets' coach

Trey Calloway, a 5 foot 11 inch center on the Golden Nuggets 11- thru 12-year-old basketball team, led his teammates to the championship by defeating the McGuire Heat 36-23.

Calloway scored 15 points, pulled down 10 rebounds, five blocks and was voted the game MVP.

This match up had the making of a championship game since the two teams met earlier this season. McGuire beat Dix 21 -19 at McGuire Fitness Center. This loss broke the Nuggets winning streak of four straight, but the Nuggets got revenge when they went to McGuire home court again and beat the Heat 29-25.

The regular-season games

between these two teams alluded to a potential rematch in the championship game, and fans got exactly that when these two 7-1 teams met in the final game.

McGuire and Dix both had to win in the semi-finals to reach the finals. I told my players, "You are at the big dance now so what are you going to do?"

They stepped up to the challenge.

Michael Sifford a center/forward responded by getting six blocks, seven rebounds and playing hard-nosed basketball on defense. Carlton Wright and Jalen Hooks responded by playing tough defense and controlling the ball, getting it to the right players.

Hashim Russell and Dustin Rice started their move in the third quarter, when they both

scored five points. This was a truly a team effort, with Matthew Horton pulling down five rebounds and scoring five points along with Hashim Russell scoring five points off of broken plays and grabbing five boards. Kyle Kerr, the captain of the team had six points, four of them in the fourth quarter.

Isiah Wilson, a shooting guard, scored one point and played some good defense. Anthony Elliott missed practice the day before the game but scored one point and gave his all on defense.

This was a great win for a team that only played two games at home while playing eight on the road, which is a difficult task for any team to accomplish.

On behalf of the golden Nuggets we thank you all the support this season.



Stephen Wilkes

BEATIN' THE HEAT -- The Fort Dix Golden Nuggets defeated the McGuire Heat 36-23 last weekend to win the championship.

Defense, teamwork key to Panthers' victory

Ed Mingin
Public Affairs Staff

The Fort Dix Panthers finished a perfect season this past weekend with a 38-28 victory in the championship game over

McGuire #1.

"We really won the game on defense. The whole team played great defensively," said Panthers' coach Jacob Carver. "Defense is what wins championships," he said. "I told the team that before the game

and they responded. You can go bucket for bucket with another team, but whoever stops the other team is gonna win."

Big players rise to the top of their game in pressure situations and though the Panthers' victory was a team effort, Myles Bolden rose to the challenge and took home MVP honors.

"He works hard in practice and transfers it to the game. He's not really a vocal kid, but he's a leader on the team," said Carver. "He really broke out in the championship game. He was scoring, played good defense and had some assists."

Bolden's effort got the Panthers back into the game, after falling behind early.

"In the beginning, they broke out and had a lead on us. We got into some foul trouble, but we hung in there. Toward the end of the first half, it started to shift back to us," explained Carver.

"That's about when Myles came in and our game picked up. That's when the game started coming to us."

Bolden had a strong supporting cast, and the coach was quick to credit everyone on the team.

"It was a total team effort," he said. "Everyone did their part. Brandon Blocker worked hard all season and saw some good improvement. Luc Lacher really picked it up near mid season. He worked hard and got really strong on defense."

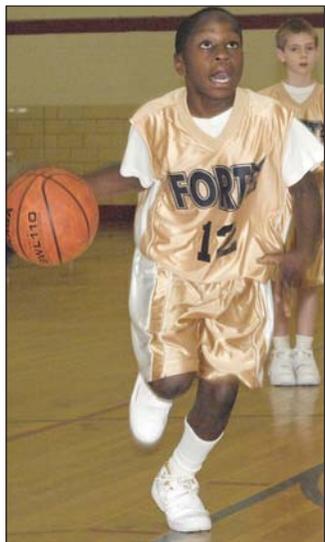
Hard work and teamwork were key in the Panthers' success this season. Everyone from players to parents to coaches contributed to the success this championship season.

"This was my first year coaching the older kids. I had coached the younger kids before, but this was new to me. Coach Terrel made it possible for this to happen. He was really a big help," said Carver.



Helen Lacher

ON TOP -- The Fort Dix Panthers ended a perfect season with a championship victory. Pictured above, Luc Lacher, Zac Lacher, Brandon Blocker, Andrew Jackson, Jacob Carver, Shane Zendrosky, Lasanna Brew, Myles Bolden, Zurich Reid, Sean Hoggs and Coach Jacob Carver.



Ed Mingin

TEAM EFFORT -- The Fort Dix Panthers won the championship with a 38-28 victory over McGuire #1. Game MVP Myles Bolden relied on his teammates, Lasanna Brew shown above, to win the championship and finish the season with a perfect record.

Sports Shorts

Griffith Field House

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

Joint Forces Racquetball

The Joint Forces Invitational Dig and Dive Racquetball Tournament will begin March 15.

All entries must be received by 5 p.m. March 12. Entry into the competition is free.

The event will be held at the McGuire Fitness Center, Griffith Field House and the Doughboy Gym. Call Chris O'Donnell 609-562-6495 or e-mail christopher.odonnell1@us.army.mil for entry form and more information.

Little League

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. Cost to register is \$50 for children 3-15.

For more information, or to register, call CYS at 562-4702 or 562-5231, Chris and Steve at Youth Sports, 562-2819 can also provide addi-

tional information.

Shawnee Skiing

In an effort to honor the brave men and women defending our freedom and our great Nation, Shawnee Mountain is pleased to announce Military Appreciation Week-End Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 14, 15 and 16.

As a special "Thank You" all active military and their immediate family (spouse and children) will receive free lift tickets and ski or snowboard rentals for any / all of the three days.

Valid military picture ID is required.

All branches of our armed forces are eligible, including Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard and National Guard active duty members.

For all retired military and reservists and their immediate family a discount of 50 percent off lift tickets will be offered during the Military Appreciation Weekend. Again valid picture ID will be required.

As a special bonus, those attending Military Appreciation Weekend are welcome to enjoy the Costume Carnival Day and Parade taking place at Shawnee Mountain on Sunday, March 16 at 1 p.m.

Shawnee Mountain is located in the Pocono Moun-

tains of Pennsylvania just off Exit 309 of Interstate 80. General information call 570-421-7231.

For lodging information, call 888-845-5248 (townhomes and chalets), 800-SHAWNEE (Shawnee Inn), or 800-POCONOS (vacation bureau). Or visit Shawnee Mountain on-line at www.shawneemt.com where on-line booking links are available.

Golf Tournament

The T3BL Soldiers' Association Annual Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, May 9 at Fountain Green Golf Course, Fort Dix. As in previous events there could even be a Celebrity Four-some on the links with you.

The tourney starts at 8:30 a.m. with a shotgun start and prizes will be awarded to first, second, third and fourth place teams for low gross; closest to the pin; longest drive for men and women; and straightest drive.

A 2008 Lexus courtesy of Lexus of Cherry Hill with be Hole in One prize.

Entrance fee is \$90 per person includes greens fees, cart, refreshments, door prizes and buffet lunch.

Register your four-some by April 22 by calling Master Sgt. Bud Scully at 609-562-0565.

UNDOOT Recreation Adventure Trips

SALMON HILLS OUTDOOR ADVENTURE WEEKEND

Date: Friday, March 28- Monday, March 31

Cost: \$220.00 pp-Must be double occupancy
(if you don't have a second person we will try to pair you up.)
\$160.00 for additional person in same room

Where: Redfield, NY

Trip Includes:
Continental breakfast, Lunch on Friday and Monday and Dinner on Friday.
Three nights lodging-Transportation and Equipment (if needed).

Your Responsibilities:
Breakfast, lunch & dinner on Saturday & Sunday (There is a snack bar/kitchen at Salmon Hills).
*We will be going to a local restaurant for dinner on Saturday and Sunday.

For more information or to make reservations contact:
Outdoor Recreation at 609-562-2727/6667

Earth Day Fun Run April 22nd 1200

\$7 pre-registration fee
\$9 same day registration fee

Register today at Griffith Field House, Bldg 6053
*All runners will receive an Earth Day Fun Run T-shirt
*All participants MUST BE registered in the rec.trac system

Make checks payable to POWRE Ft. Dix
For more information contact Griffith Field House at 609-562-4800