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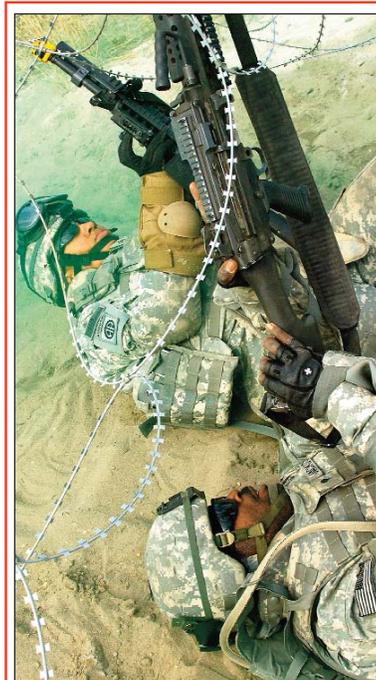
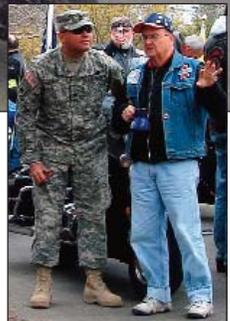


**PATRIOT GUARD  
RIDERS**  
STANDING FOR THOSE  
WHO STOOD FOR US

Ed Mingin and Capt. Yadira Carrasquillo

## Patriot Guard escorts demobing Soldiers home to Philadelphia

More than 50 Patriot Guard motorcycle riders, police from two states and a Philadelphia fire truck staged their own celebration March 17 with a ride escorting Soldiers of the 128th Chemical Company from Fort Dix home to Philadelphia. The Soldiers completed the demobilization process Monday after serving a tour in Iraq. They knew it was time to head home, but the exuberant escort came as a complete surprise. Above, Patriot Guard riders lead the way out the Main Gate on Route 68. Right, Soldiers and Guard riders — many of them veterans — exchange views as the convoy readies for departure.



Ryan Morton

## Under the wire

Specialist Kallen Jackson, bottom, and Sgt. Sonja Chapman, each of the 320th Military Police Co., out of St. Petersburg, Fla., slither and squirm under an obstacle of concertina wire at the Individual Movement Technique (IMT) section of Dix's Improvised Explosive Device (IED) range. The unit is mobilizing at Fort Dix.

## Dix honors only New Jersey native elected president

Gerry Zanzalari  
Public Affairs Staff

March 18 was the 172 anniversary of the birth of the only man to win non-consecutive terms in the oval office, and Fort Dix hosted a ceremony at his gravesite in Princeton in his honor.

President Grover Cleveland, who served as the twenty-second and twenty-fourth president of the United States was honored in a wreath-laying ceremony in Princeton Cemetery. COL Ronald Thaxton, commander of Fort Dix, Mayor Mildred Trotman of Princeton Borough and Mayor Phyllis Marchand of Princeton Township, offered tribute to a president who came to be known for his integrity, his honesty and his contribution to the nation.

Stephen Grover Cleveland, the fifth of nine children was born to a Presbyterian parson and Protestant-Irish mother in Caldwell in 1837. After his father died in 1853, the 16-year-old joined the staff of a school for the blind in New York City. The job didn't appeal and he left after two years for Buffalo where he found employment with a prominent law firm. As a barrister, he gained a reputation for being thorough and hardworking.

But there were other sides to his character, too. Big Steve, as friends called him, could belt out ballads in a baritone strong enough to break glass — and often demonstrated his talents. Cleveland first gained public office in 1863, gradually working his way up the political ladder. He campaigned on the motto that "Public office is a public trust." Abiding by that philosophy, Cleveland was elected sheriff of Erie County in 1870, mayor of Buffalo in 1881 and governor of New York in 1882 before successfully running for

the presidency in 1884.

President Cleveland's first term was marked by an expansion of the Civil Service, tariff reform and strenuous efforts to promote a sound economy. Cleveland blasted high taxes, calling them "ruthless extortion."

In the 1888 election, Cleveland lost to Republican Benjamin Harrison. He won more popular votes than Harrison but carried two less states in the Electoral College.

In 1892 Cleveland unseated Harrison and became the only person to win non-consecutive terms in the White House. Despite his victory at the polls, Cleveland's second term was troubled.

The financial panic of 1893 devastated his administration. Labor strife, farm revolts, and monetary chaos buffeted the White House. But tribulations enough to break most men didn't even bend Cleveland. His stalwart character went largely unappreciated and people blamed him for the country's financial woes. But history has been more realistic. Since he left the White House in 1896, he has become the symbol of personal integrity in service to the nation.

Cleveland set an example for the nation, demonstrating that integrity is the most important value for leaders — even in the face of adversity. His example remains relevant for leaders today, as does his philosophy: do what's right, not what will make you look good, get you a better job or make you wealthy.

President Cleveland believed that his ideals live on in every person who doesn't take the easy way out, but the best way, in every person who gives every job his best effort, in every person who believes honesty is the real bottom line, and in every person who understands that the integrity of a nation is based on the integrity of her people.



## NEWSNOTES

### Dedication today honors Hamilton Township Soldier

Fort Dix will honor a Hamilton Township Soldier killed in Iraq in 2007 by naming a newly renovated Dining Facility in his honor. Building 5986 will be dedicated to the memory of Sgt. Eric Lamar Snell in a ceremony at the facility at 10 a.m. with family and friends. The event is open and all members of the community are invited to attend.

### Soccer Tournament to crowd Pemberton Gate

Department of Defense Police are expecting long traffic delays at the Pemberton Checkpoint on Friday March 21 and Saturday March 22 from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. due to a large Soccer Tournament on post. To avoid delays, please use alternative checkpoints. During this time, if you do not have a need to be in the Doughboy Field area, please avoid the area.

### Tax Center posts return prep hours

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.

### Walson Hospital Alums to meet for brunch

The Walson Army Community Hospital Alumni will meet for Brunch at Club Dix, located on Alabama and 6th Street, on Sunday, April 13, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. If you are a former employee of the Walson Army Community Hospital (WACH), and are interested in meeting for brunch with other former WACH employees, please call Fay Marshall-Dease at (609) 562-2666, NLT April 7.

### ASMC dishes up fed benefit info

The American Society of Military Comptrollers Jersey Devil Chapter is hosting an information luncheon workshop May 7 on "Your FED Benefits & Your Future." The event is open to all, and will be held at the Garden State Diner in Wrightstown from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The presentation is informative and interactive and covers TSP, Risk Management, FERS, CSRS, FEGLI, Survivor Benefits and more. To attend, contact your ASMC POC or e-mail neen.raspa@us.army.mil by May 1.

## WEATHER

**FRIDAY** — Clear and continued warm, high of 52 and overnight low of 33 with light winds.

**SATURDAY** — Light sprinkles, high of 45 degrees and low of 28.

**SUNDAY** — Clear, light winds, high of 45 and overnight low of 28 degrees.

**MONDAY** — Chance of flurries, high of 44 degrees and low of 29.

**TUESDAY** — Sunny and clear, high of 48 and low of 36 degrees. Slight chance of evening showers.

**WEDNESDAY** — Fair and sunny, high of 53 and overnight low of 44 degrees.

**THURSDAY** — Afternoon clouds, high of 63 and overnight low of 51 degrees.

**“Welcome, wild harbinger of spring;  
To this small nook of earth;  
Feeling and fancy fondly cling...”**

**Bernard Barton**

photos by Steve Snyder, Public Affairs Staff



Panoramic view of the Pinelands at Whitesbog.



Fishermen test the waters near Whiting.



Jose Hall from Fort Monmouth puts at Fort Dix's Fountain Green golf course as Bob Perlow, USCG (RET.) holds the flag.

**“Every spring is  
the only spring,  
a perpetual  
astonishment.”**

**Ellis Peters**



A Canada goose going south, drops in.



A giant Easter bunny decorates Allentown, N.J.

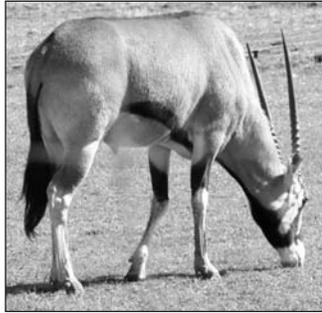


Glimmer off Mirror Lake in Browns Mills.

**Where you can gawk at the animals and feed them, too**

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Steve Snyder  
Public Affairs Staff

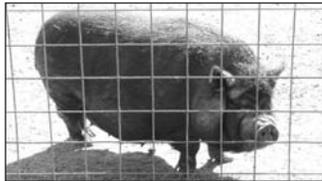
Spring is an ideal time for taking the kids to the zoo and this Saturday, March 22, the Animal Kingdom down at 1800 Jacksonville Road (just take Sailor's Pond road and keep going right) is sponsoring their annual Easter Egg Hunt from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. featuring the Easter Bunny, prizes, pet bunnies and the animals featured on this page. It's \$9 for adults and only \$7 for kids 2-12, who can feed the critters. Catch it!



**BEISA ORYX** -- Lives in Ethiopia and southeast Kenya. The Beisa Oryx are primarily grazers living anywhere from dry savannas to plains and deserts. They eat grass and strip leaves from thorny shrubs. These animals often fight among themselves and do not tolerate the presence of other animals. They can stab with their horns and have been known to kill lions. They are 5-5 feet long with tails anywhere from 18-36 inches. The Beisa Oryx stands around 4 feet tall and weighs in the 255-460 pound range.



**LLAMA** -- is related to the Alpaca (see other picture at top right) but larger in size and has a longer head, too. Llamas are Camelids used as a pack animal by the Incas and other natives of the Andes Mountains in South America. They stand anywhere near 6 feet tall and can weigh from 280-450 pounds. They are very friendly.



**POT BELLIED PIGS** -- are clean, odorless pigs that are native to southeast Asia and make excellent pets. An adult pig will weigh anywhere from 40-100 pounds. They eat one to one-and-a-half cups of pig chow per day.



**ALPACA** -- A member of the Camelid family, Alpacas are prized for their fine hair or fiber which is sheared once a year. A Cría is a baby Alpaca with a gestation period of 11 months. The Alpaca is a herd animal native to the Andes Mountains of South America. Being gentle and clean, Alpacas make wonderful pets.



**BABOON** -- There are five baboon species and only members of the genus *Papio* properly belong. Baboons are distinguished by their long, dog-like muzzles, closely set eyes, heavy and powerful jaws, thick fur, short tails and rough spots on their hindquarters. They are ground-dwelling animals found in open savannas, woodland and hills across Africa. They're tough, too, and don't hesitate to take on leopards.



**GIRAFFE** -- is an African mammal, tallest of land-living animal species. Males can grow up to 16 to 18 feet and weigh up to 3,000 pounds. The record-sized bull was 19.2 feet tall and weighed around 4,400 pounds. Females are generally shorter and lighter than the males. Although he's related to deer and cattle, the giraffe belongs to a serene family consisting only of his closest relative, the okapi. They roam from Chad to South Africa, inhabiting savannas, grasslands or open woodlands. Giraffes drink much water at a single setting and can therefore spend long periods of time in dry, arid areas. They're a major attraction at Animal Kingdom.



**DROMEDARY CAMEL** -- A resident of western Asia and north Africa, the camel has adapted well to his environment. His big feet enable him to plow through the sand at ease while long eyelashes protect his eyes from sandstorms in the desert. He stores fat in his hump enabling him to survive long periods without water. Camels are the ultimate pack animal, having the capacity to carry about 450 pounds for approximately 40 miles in one day!

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# Recycling turns brass into gold

Lisa Evans  
Public Affairs Staff

Lean Six Sigma, a management program the Army uses to work smarter and not harder, is helping the Army fund Soldier and family events.

The Army has a strong recycling ethic and regulations say installations must put money generated from recycling back into the treasury or use it to benefit Soldiers and families through the Families and Morela, Welfare and Recreation (FMWR).

At Fort Dix, recycling brass was an obvious choice.

If there's a smarter way to fund programs for the FMWR you'd be hard pressed to find it. With minimal work, minimal time, and minimal expense, recycling brass collected from the ranges brought the FMWR nearly \$434,000 last year. In the past eight years, brass recycling has netted Fort Dix events a total of \$1.2 million dollars, and with prices going up for copper, the future looks bright.

"I have used the program as an example at different conferences to generate income with a little bit of labor, especially for Soldiers and Families," Sarah Johnson, Director of FMWR said.



Lisa Evans

**TOP BRASS** -- Brent Hunt, a general engineer from the Tooele Army Depot in Tooele, Utah, shows trainees an exploded 50-caliber shell coming from the post's new brass recycling furnace.

"For the installation overall it's a good thing because we don't have to do a whole lot. It's relatively easy for us and generates a significant amount of income," Johnson said.

Recycling in the Army and at Fort Dix has been ongoing a number of years, but brass recycling started in 2001 and caught everyone by surprise.

"Recycling has been very lucrative for us, especially since 9/11 from the ramping up of training. We did well when Soldiers were here for a long period of time. They came in to train and couldn't be sent to theater immediately so continued to train.

"It was a win/win for us and for the institution. We take in \$350,000 to 450,000 a year. We put the money back into FMWR programs like entertainments, Team Dix Day, etc.," Johnson said.

Where does the Brass Comes From?

Richard Bareford, Director, Directorate of Labor, Ammunition Supply Point (DOL, ASP) said all brass used in training is recovered by troops in training and is sent to be recycled. Every round issued is verified after each training session. Troops gather the shells and carry them to a collection point where they are put into bins to be taken for weighing.

Once they are turned in, the shells are weighed and the total weight divided by the weight of an individual shell.

The operators can then calculate how many shells are returned, and the numbers entered into a spreadsheet. The spreadsheet is used to keep track of all ammo issued and shells returned.

"If it doesn't reconcile on the documents, trainers can't get anymore ammo from us," Bareford said.

On Average, 90 percent is turned in each day. A 15 per-

cent allowance is okay, so Fort Dix trainers collect more than the requirement. If the collection falls short of the allowance, a statement from the commander is required about the percentages, especially if the total does not agree with what was issued. Few commanders at Fort Dix have had to write statements.

Scrap metal dealers pick up

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Before they are crushed, the shells are picked over by hand. With any ammunition collected from the training grounds, live rounds are often turned in.

It is especially difficult to tell if blank rounds used in training have been discharged. To prevent explosions as much as possible, after Soldiers screen the rounds on the range as a first scan, the rounds are screened a second time in the ASP building.

Live rounds are removed. Once they are satisfied no live rounds are left, the shells are put into a machine and heated

to neutralize any unexploded material.

Even after heating, live rounds occasionally survive, but they explode when crushed. The old machines ASP uses can withstand a fifty-caliber shell exploding, but it is hard on the machines and breakdowns are frequent. Gear teeth in the crusher get broken off a lot and repairs are expensive.

A new machine, the "Safety Certification Unit for Small Arms Brass," that has been modified to US Army standards went into service Wednesday.

It is a propane furnace that rotates at controllable speeds and at a temperature that will burn off hazards, burning at up to 1000 degrees Fahrenheit.

Brent Hunt of the Ammunition Equipment Division, Tooele Army Depot, out of Tooele, Utah, demonstrated shells that had been put through the Safety Certification Unit at six hundred degrees during training ASP employees went through Wednesday morning.

"Do you see how this shell exploded and the primer went off? You heard that. And you can hear all those five by sixes going off now. And this shell, this exploded and this primer didn't go off, so it will go back through," said Hunt.

Holding up two 50 caliber shells, Hunt explained that the new Safety Certification Unit isn't designed to take the hit of 50 caliber explosions, though it did withstand several during the demonstration.

But 50 caliber shells are easy to see, unlike the blank rounds, so they will be removed as much as possible before heating and let the new unit take care of the rest.

And the money will continue to flow into the FMWR as long as there is warrior training at Fort Dix.

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## **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](http://www.dix.army.mil)
- Tune in to WDIX Channel 2

# NEIGHBORHOOD

## THE CORNER

### Operation Military Kids supports Soldiers' families

Operation Military Kids (OMK) is a national initiative designed to support military youth when their Soldier parent is deployed.

OMK creates community support in places where the kids live. It delivers recreational, social, and educational programs as well as supporting the military kids in coping with the stress of knowing their deployed parents may be in harm's way.

OMK collaborates with schools to ensure that staff are attuned to the unique needs of the military students and educate the public on the impact of the deployment cycle on Soldiers, families, kids and the community.

New Jersey OMK helps facilitate support services for military families where they are located. For more information, visit [www.operationmilitarykids.org](http://www.operationmilitarykids.org) or call Rachel Lyons, county 4H agent, at Rutgers Cooperative Extension 265-5052 or 973-285-8300 X3.

### Positions available for Soldiers at MRB

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

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

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

### Applicants needed for retiree license plates

In accordance with a Department of the Army initiative, Fort Dix has been in the process of establishing a retired Army license plate for New Jersey retirees.

The original application for the license plate was submitted to the New Jersey Department of Motor Vehicles Services (MVS) in October 2007. The application to establish the plates is currently being reviewed by MVS for approval.

Once MVS approves the license plates, they will mail the license plates out to each of the Army retiree applicants. There are currently 235 Army retiree applicants who have submitted applications.

Call the Retirement Services officer, Fay Marshall-Dease, at 562-2666 or e-mail [fay.marshalldease@us.army.mil](mailto:fay.marshalldease@us.army.mil)

### Mulligan's now open for the season

Located at the Golf Course, Mulligan's is now open for business. Hours are Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and weekends and holidays from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

They offer an expanded menu of meals, wings and hot and cold sandwiches, sides and salads they are ready to serve Fort Dix.

Special this season is a card to punch so when you buy six hot dogs you will get the seventh free. They have a new combo promotion, Burrito Grills, with chicken or steak.

They have their own sit-down restaurant and now, take out and call-in orders.

### National Family Day coming to Club Dix

In honor of National Family Day, Club Dix will have a Spaghetti Night **March 24** at 5 p.m. that will feature spaghetti and meatballs, garlic bread, green salad, dessert and a beverage.

Cost for adults and children over 12 is \$7.95; for children 8-12, \$5.95; children 5-8, \$3.95; children under 5 - FREE.

Call the club for reservations and more information at 723-3272/3273

### Walson Aid Station changes sick call hours

Sick call hours for Soldiers mobilizing or demobilizing at Fort Dix have changed for the Walson 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.

## Exhibit showcases artistic talents of staff

Lisa Evans  
Public Affairs Staff

If you didn't make it to the Arts & Crafts art show this Thursday, take time to go by and see the art works on show this month. In honor of Women's History Month, the Arts & Crafts Center is showcasing the arts and crafts of their own talented employees and has something to appeal to everyone.

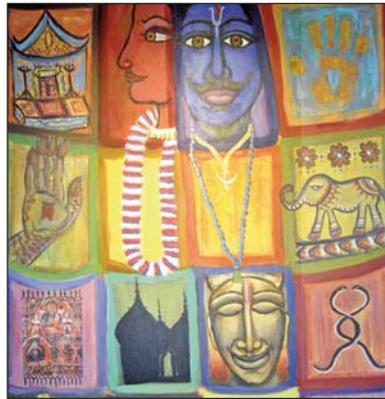
Taryn Paglione, who teaches drawing and painting to children and adults, had several mixed media canvases on display. Paglione took non-western art history courses in college and immersed herself in the culture of South East Asia. Saying she found the culture very intricate, colorful and exciting, she puts that perception into her artwork producing pieces that pull viewers in.

"All of my work refers to spirituality and all pieces tell a story, whether in Hinduism or Buddhism. I love the jewelry, the textiles of the culture. They're simply beautiful," Paglione said.

CarolAnne Capewell submitted a stained glass piece called "Wine and Cheese," a simple seeming piece that made viewers pause.

A native of Burlington County, Capewell began working with stained glass in 1970 and now teaches the art of stained glass at the Arts & Crafts Center.

Capewell took a break from stained glass some years ago because she didn't have time to dedicate to the



Lisa Evans

**THE COLOR OF CULTURES - Details from the painting "Cosmic" by Arts and Crafts Center employee, Taryn Paglione. Works of Art by the staff of the Arts and Crafts Center are on display at the center as part of a Women's History Month exhibit.**

art and took up fly fishing instead, building her own rods and tying flies for relaxation.

"I consider myself a crafts person

and not an artist. No matter what I do, when building rods or tying flies, I find it therapeutic," Capewell said.

Below her stained glass piece,

## Tips help avoid ID theft

Capt. Nick Mitchell  
Judge Advocate

Identity thieves are getting more sophisticated every day. They can steal your mail, get your personal information by email or telephone, capture information on data storage devices, steal your purse, go through your trash, get your credit report through unauthorized access—the list just keeps growing. Once the thieves have your information, they use your name, Social security number, credit card number, or other personal information to commit fraud and theft. The thieves can:

- Run up charges on your credit card accounts
- Open new credit accounts/cellular telephone service using your name
- Open bank accounts in your name and write bad checks
- Create counterfeit checks or credit/debit cards or authorize electronic transfers in your name to drain your bank account(s)
- Buy a motor vehicle by taking out a loan in your name
- Get a driver's license issued with the thief's picture in your name
- Change the billing address on your credit card account. Charges are then run up on your account (you are not receiving the bills in the mail) and it may be quite some time until you realize that you have a problem
- Wreak your credit report and score (unpaid bills reported)

You can reduce the chance that an identity thief will go on a spending spree with your money by taking the following precautions:

Check your credit report at least once a year. Check it more frequently if you think someone has access to your financial account information. Promptly compare receipts with account statements. Watch for unauthorized transactions.

Pay attention to your billing cycles. A missing bill could mean a thief has taken over your account.

Keep a record of your cards and accounts. List numbers, expiration dates and contact information if there is a problem.

Make life difficult for computer hackers. Install firewalls and virus-detection software on your home computer(s). If you have a high-speed internet connection, unplug the cable/phone line when not in use.

Protect your mail. Have your local post office put your mail on hold when you are traveling.

Destroy documents with account information. Stop thieves from finding information in the trash by tearing/shredding credit offers, account statements, expired credit cards, receipts, etc.

Keep your receipts. Ask for carbon (copies) and incorrect charge slips as well.

Beware of blank spaces. Draw a line through blank spaces on credit slips. Never sign a blank slip. Watch out "spies." Use your free hand to shield, from view, the keypad when using ATMs and pay telephones.

Do not give credit card information to strangers. Confirm if a person represents a company by calling the telephone number on your account statement/telephone book.

Store personal information in a safe place at home and work.

Avoid obvious passwords such as easy-to-find names, birthdates, telephone number, etc.

Keep your PIN numbers secret. Never write a PIN on a credit/debit slip or a piece of paper kept with your card.

Carry only the credit cards that you need. Extra cards increase your risk and your hassle if your wallet/purse is stolen.

Sign new credit/debit cards as soon as you receive them (makes it hard for thieves to forge your signature on them).

Give out your Social Security number only when absolutely necessary. Ask to use other types of identifiers when possible.

## Credit report available for free from credit agencies

As a result of a recent amendment to the federal Fair Credit Practices Act, consumers nationwide are now able to obtain free copies of their credit histories from the three national credit bureaus (Equifax, Experian and TransUnion), once every 12 months, by making a single request.

The address for obtaining your annual credit report by making a single request is:

Annual Credit Report Request Service  
P.O. Box 105281  
Atlanta, GA 30348-5281  
[www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com)  
<http://www.annualcreditreport.com>  
877-322-8228

You may also contact the credit bureaus individually:

Equifax Credit Information Services  
P.O. Box 740241

Atlanta, GA 30374  
[www.equifax.com](http://www.equifax.com)  
1-800-685-1111

Experian  
P.O. Box 19719  
Irvine, CA 92623  
[www.experian.com](http://www.experian.com)

TransUnion  
P.O. Box 2000  
Chester, PA 19022  
[www.transunion.com](http://www.transunion.com)

1-800-680-8800  
To protect your rights, you should report any inaccuracies in writing to the credit bureau so that they may be investigated.

Please call Bobby Brown at Army Community Service at 562-4245 for more information.



courtesy photo

## Egg-ceptional kids

Sam XXX, right and Cameron Grant, visit with the Easter Bunny during the Exceptional Family Members Program's Easter extravaganza held March 15.

## Easter Chapel Schedule



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**

# Next Gen program addresses causes of Army accidents

Sam Reynolds  
U.S. Army Combat  
Readiness/Safety Center

**FORT RUCKER, Ala., March 18, 2008** – In an effort to provide Army Readiness Assessment Program users increased navigation capability and functionality, the Army announces an updated version of ARAP, called ARAP Next Generation or Next Gen.

For more than two years, the U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center compiled feedback and suggestions from ARAP users - battalion commanders, Soldiers, Department of the Army Civilians and contractors - on possible ways to improve the ARAP. Next Gen encompasses many of those recommendations.

The USACRC developed ARAP in October 2005 to communicate the Army's conviction that Composite Risk Management is the best way to defend against accidental losses experienced in the Army. In February 2006, the Chief of Staff, Army, directed ARAP as a mandatory program for all battalion commanders, completed in conjunction with the Command Inspection Program.

Designed as a battalion commander's tool addressing root causes of accidental loss by focusing on organizational safety climate and culture, ARAP is comprised of a 65-question online assessment, filled out by Soldiers anonymously, that captures unit posture on command and control,

standards of performance, accountability and risk management.

"The assessment highlighted the fact that our leaders were not providing command guidance down to the lowest levels," said an Armor battalion commander. "Many Soldiers indicated they were not provided intelligence updates and were not being briefed on current operations. That made us dig deeper to determine what else was not making it all the way down the chain and we implemented checks to ensure this was corrected."

Once a battalion's assessment is complete, commanders receive one-on-one feedback in the key issues of command climate, safety culture, resource availability, workload, estimated success of certain safety intervention programs, and factors relating to the overall readiness of their unit.

"Some of the improvements to ARAP are the incorporation of improved navigation and functionality, including multiple dropdown windows added to ARAP's registration process," said ARAP Team Chief Sam Reynolds.

"Additionally, Next Gen provides quicker access to a battalion's summary and detailed roll-up reports, printable analysis charts and tables, and issues completion certificates," added Reynolds.

Brigade commanders and higher-level commanders are afforded the opportunity, with Next Gen, to receive a debriefing focusing on the aggregate data collected from all enrolled

units in that command.

An additional feature of Next Gen is automated e-mails generated to commanders informing them of their ARAP status.

"An e-mail will be sent when the unit is registered and 90 and 120-day notifications sent as well, if the unit has not accomplished its survey requirements," said Reynolds. "Three weeks following a completed assessment, the commander receives an e-mail query asking them to share benefits, issues or concerns associated with the assessment."

"Overall, ARAP feedback from the last 28 months is extremely positive," said Reynolds. "Commanders value a tool that assists in putting their finger on the safety climate and culture's pulse in the organization."

Soldiers and employees appreciate ARAP because it affords them the freedom to share with their commander those issues and concerns that they believe are of utmost importance when dealing with safety issues and at the same time provide anonymity. Additionally, higher-level commanders agree that ARAP affords the opportunity to provide direction and resources to the battalion commanders as needed, to effectively reduce accidental losses and positively affect the unit's safety climate and culture."

For more information on ARAP Next Gen or to enroll, visit <https://unitready.army.mil>.



photos by Ryan Morton

## New kings at court

Charlie Knight, Carrie Aldrich, and Yanitza Cartes, above, prepare orders at Charley's Steaks and Subs. The restaurant, along with Manchu Wok, celebrated their grand opening March 19 at the McGuire Air Force Base/Fort Dix BX/PX Food Court. Peter Thieme, AAFES general manager for Fort Dix/McGuire Air Force Base, Col. Mike Hutchinsan, 305th Mission Support commander, Artago Robinson, Manchu Wok manager, Wanda Stevenson, Dix/McGuire Food Court manager, and Col. Balan Ayyar, McGuire installation commander, from left below, cut the ribbon during the grand opening ceremonies.



Wayne Cook

## Vein drain not in vain

Tammi Pohero, American Red Cross donor collections assistant, right, checks on the progress of Master Sgt. Anthony Pamplin, chapel staff NCOIC, as he donates a pint of blood during a Blood Drive held at the Main Chapel March 14.

# Brigade jobs available

Second Brigade, Army ROTC Command, is an active-duty brigade located on Fort Dix, responsible for 41 programs at universities located throughout the North East. Army ROTC creates new Army officers who go on to rewarding careers in the military. The leadership and administration of all North East programs is controlled by the Fort Dix HQ, Army ROTC is hiring NSPS employees, contractors and seeking active-duty Army Soldiers and officers during the upcoming 12 months.

Current positions available are:

- Four brigade staff specialist positions -- one each specializing in Logistics, Recruiting Operations, Training, Project Management

- Possess a minimum of a Bachelor's degree or higher.
- Possess computer skills; operate Microsoft word processing, spreadsheet, and graphics programs.

- Documented history of providing analysis and recommendations of courses of action, technical guidance and assistance to staff sections and subordinate units.
- Prepare Military correspondence, oral and written presentations.

- Prior knowledge of the federal government's organizational structure, mission objec-

tives, functions, procedures, agency regulations and policies desired.

- Pass periodic, unannounced, Government administered drug screening tests.

- Have a favorable National Agency Check /Local Agency Check (NAC/LC), prior to nomination and hiring

- Be able to travel and stay overnight(s).

- Maintain a neat, well-groomed appearance.

For these four positions, call Vic Diaz, Eastern Region COMTEK ROTC recruiter, at 866-461-2768, or send e-mail to [vdiaz@comtechnologies.com](mailto:vdiaz@comtechnologies.com). For more information, visit [www.goarmyrotc.com](http://www.goarmyrotc.com)

- One communications specialist (S-6)

The responsibilities of the communications specialist are subdivided into seven sections. These are the responsibility for

Brigade Information Technology Systems Architect, Technology Project Management, Network Technician, Desktop Technician (responsible to provide a single point of contact/service for 40 end users), Technology Application Support, Voice Communications Support and Webmaster.

- Possess a minimum of a Bachelor's degree and associated Technical certifications.

- Perspective hire will be trained post hiring (off site) on mil

required software/hardware applications to service our systems.

- Documented history of providing analysis and recommendations of courses of action, technical guidance and assistance to staff sections and subordinate units.
- Prepare Military correspondence, oral and written presentations.

- Prior knowledge of the federal government's organizational structure, mission objectives, functions, procedures, agency regulations and policies desired.

- Pass periodic, unannounced, Government administered drug screening tests.

- Have a favorable National Agency Check /Local Agency Check (NAC/LC), prior to nomination and hiring, position requires the ability to maintain a SECRET security clearance.

- Be able to travel and stay overnight(s). This position requires limited travel in support of mission and troubleshooting within the Brigade mission area.

- Maintain a neat, well-groomed appearance.

Call Steve Friederich, deputy director, Information Support Activity, U.S. Army Accessions Command, at 757-788-5452 or e-mail [steven.friederich@usac.army.mil](mailto:steven.friederich@usac.army.mil)



Ryan Morton

### Regimental retirement

Col. Todd Arnold and Maj. Jose Escobar, 2nd Battalion, 391st Regiment, 7th Brigade, 98th Division, from left, prepare to cuse their unit's colors during a discontinuance ceremony March 15. The 391st Regiment has been in existence since 1918.

### A-one effort

Lt. Col. Eric Guerra, commander of the 744th Military Police Battalion, far right, presents a plaque to Maj. Thomas Shabazz, the Officer In Charge of the Detainee Operations training committee, in recognition of the committee's efforts in training the 744th to perform their mission in Iraq. The 744th provides command and control of MP units working in theater internment facilities.

courtesy photo



Wayne Cook

G.I.'s JOE -- Patricia Selk-Welkenbach, volunteer manager of the Fort Dix American Red Cross Station, left, accepts a donation of more than 250 pounds of Starbucks coffee from the patrons and employees of Starbucks in Quakertown, Pa., and Starbucks' district 807. Delivering the bounty is, from left, Melissa Neill, shift supervisor and project coordinator, Dan Kurtz, store manager, and Aivars Straume, assistant store manager.

## Starbucks employees donate 'Reveille rouser' to Soldiers

Wayne Cook  
Public Affairs Staff

Representatives of the Starbucks Coffee Company store in Quakertown, Pa., delivered more than 250 pounds of donated Starbucks coffee to the American Red Cross Fort Dix/McGuire Service Center March 13.

Making the delivery was Melissa Neill, a shift supervisor and coordinator of the project, Aivars Straume, the store assistant manager, and Dan Kurtz, the store manager.

The project was the brainchild of Neill, who has a friend serving overseas in support of the Global War on Terrorism. One day as she thought of her friend and all the military people serving the nation, she began to wonder what, if any-

thing, she might be able to do to lend support and show appreciation to the troops.

It came to her that not many things bring you closer to home than a nice, hot cup of home-brewed coffee. Because she obviously couldn't make the trip to Iraq and Afghanistan and brew up some hot java for the troops, she decided the next best thing would be to send them some of their favorite flavors.

Neill presented the idea to her store manager, Kurtz, and an assistant manager, and Dan Kurtz, the store manager.

Neill's husband was ecstatic with the idea and he took it to his place of business. The Neills challenged others to match their personal donation of \$100 toward the project. Before long, there was a matching donation.

Members of Starbucks Coffee Company District 807 got in on the act and contributed to the project.

Neill said the store customers and employees were so given over to the idea of supporting the troops that they began writing and attaching notes of encouragement and appreciation to the one-pound

bags of coffee.

"Some of the customers would scribble short notes to let the Soldiers know that someone was thinking of them, and others would take quite a bit of time to really think out what they were going to say and then wrote page-long notes. One gentleman came in and only had twenty minutes before he was due at his work. He sat for more than thirty minutes in the corner thinking about what he wanted to say and putting it on paper. It has been very emotional for some of the people," said Neill.

"We even have people coming up to the drive-thru and giving donations. It is wonderful how much support we have had with this project. We only want to express in our own little ways how much we appreciate what the troops are doing for us. They are very special people to do what they do and not expect anything in return for it. They sacrifice so much for us. Our customers and partners only want to show our appreciation in what little way we can," she said.

Patricia Selk-Welkenbach, the volunteer manager of the Red Cross station, was only more than happy to receive the donations on behalf of the troops and said that they will keep a portion of the coffee at Fort Dix for the troops processing through the Joint Readiness Center. The rest will be sent to units located in war zones.

The three representatives from Starbucks were visibly moved by the sacrifices of those who serve in the uniforms of the nation's military.

"We are going to continue this project and try to expand it, and as long as they are over there serving we will continue to accept donations from our community to support them. We will be making more deliveries in the future. The people of Quakertown believe in our troops," said Neill.

To the men and women of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard -- this cup is for you.

**FORT DIX  
WANTS YOU**



**TO BE A  
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to find out more

# MILITARY MATTERS

## Home on the range



Pfc. Nicole J. Tennis, 126th Press Camp Headquarters

Spc. Brittany L. Sims, 38th Military Police from Dansville, Ind., above, fires her M-4 rifle during reflexive fire training at Fort Dix. Sims, along with her fellow MPs, will spend weeks at the mobilization site training and qualifying with their weapons before they deploy to Iraq in late April. Capt. Wille H. Rayford with the 894th Petroleum Company from Jackson, Miss., right and below right, loads his magazines for firing at a Fort Dix pistol range. Soldiers are given 50 rounds to qualify for small-arms marksmanship and must complete various tasks such as reloading while engaging the enemy and firing while wearing a protective mask. Spc. Jonathan D. Robinson from the 38th MPs, below, fires his M9 pistol at the qualification range during mobilization training. All these units are preparing for deployments in support of the Global War on Terrorism.



Sgt. Arlea Swager, 126th Press Camp Headquarters



Sgt. Arlea Swager, 126th Press Camp Headquarters

Spc. Alan M. Collins, 126th Press Camp Headquarters

## Freedom Ride II ready to rumble on Dix, McGuire

If motorcyclists missed it this past year, the thunder of the Armed Forces Freedom Ride II is back by popular demand for riders to cruise through McGuire Air Force Base and Fort Dix.

This year's event is set for May 18. The start of the ride, sponsored by the Burlington County Military Affairs Committee, Philadelphia's Marine Corps Law Enforcement Foundation and Barb's Harley-Davidson, will form up at the 926 Blackhorse Pike Harley Davidson motorcycle dealership starting at 8:30 a.m.

At 10 a.m., led by police escort and Army humvees, riders will head out for Route 295 North and travel through historic downtown Mount Holly, with the final push to McGuire AFB and a final destination of Fort Dix.

At the post, riders will get a complimentary lunch and live entertainment. They will also be able to visit some of the motorcycle vendors expected to attend the event.

The ride is a fundraising effort for service personnel leaving for and returning from service overseas. Funds are

also used to provide scholarships to the children of Soldiers, police officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty.

Last year's Freedom Ride had more than 750 motorcycle riders involved for its first time. Since the event has been scheduled earlier this year, organizers expect more than 1,000 riders.

Interested participants must pre-register by May 16 in order to take part in the ride. Active military personnel ride free and must present valid identification.

The first 200 riders will receive a free t-shirt and all riders will receive an event pin. Registration is open to anyone wishing to show their support. The cost is \$30 per person and must be paid at the time of registration.

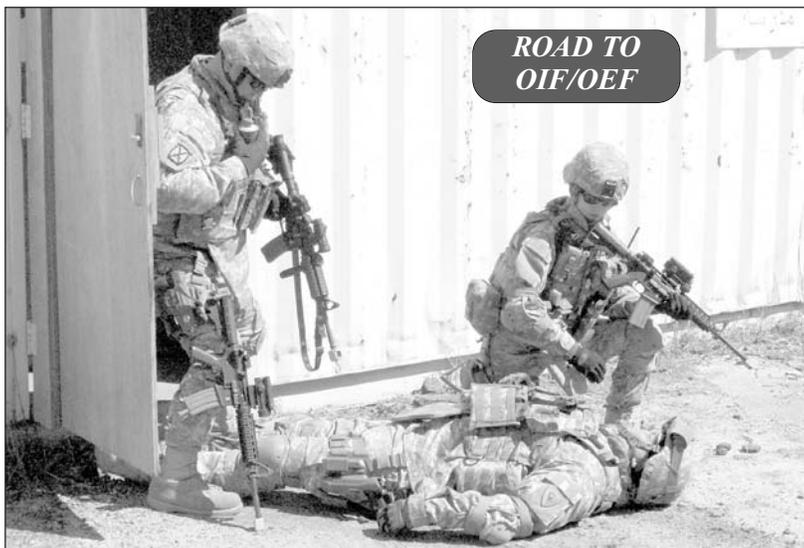
Proceeds benefit the Marine Corps Law Enforcement Foundation and Burlington County Military Affairs Committee. Participants can register in-person at Barb's Harley-Davidson or print a registration form located at <http://www.armedforcesfreedomride.org/> and submit it by mail.

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## Training to a higher standard

Spc. Chelsea Coppock, of the 38th Military Police Company, Indiana National Guard, above, takes a mock insurgent prisoner during a training exercise held March 17 at Dix's Balad training range. Spc. Kallen Jackson, 320th Military Police Company out of St. Petersburg, Fla., top right, runs through the Individual Movement Technique (IMT) lane at Dix's Improvised Explosive Device (IED) course March 14. At right, Pfc. Scott Dunn, 320th MPs, throws a hook to check for possible explosives on that same IED range, while Sgt. Nick Scheve, also of the 320th, navigates his way to the next stage of the course by getting under a concertina wire obstruction.



## ROAD TO OIF/OEF

Above, Pfc. Thomas Vega, of the 126th Press Camp Headquarters, part of the Michigan National Guard, from Augusta, Mi., shoots an M-9 pistol during the gas mask portion of their M-9 weapons qualification training held March 11th, at Range 6. To the right, 38th MP Co. Soldiers administer aid to one of their comrades who is pretending to be a casualty during their Military Operations in Urban Terrain (MOU) training exercise at Balad on March 17. In this exercise they had to find insurgents and recover weapons caches. They and the other two units mentioned above, the 320th Military Police Co., and the 126th Press Camp Headquarters, are all currently training on Fort Dix as part of their preparations for upcoming deployments in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

photos by Ryan Morton

# Announcements

## Cinema Schedule

754-5139  
McGuire Air Force Base

Friday, March 21 @ 7:30 p.m.

**Juno** - Ellen Page, Michael Cera, Jason Bateman, Jennifer Garner, Allison Janney, J.K. Simmons - Juno MacGuff (Ellen Page) is a whip-smart teen confronting an unplanned pregnancy by her classmate Bleeker (Michael Cera). With the help of her best friend Leah (Olivia Thirlby), Juno finds her unborn child a perfect set of parents: an affluent suburban couple, Mark and Vanessa (Jason Bateman and Jennifer Garner), longing to adopt. Luckily, Juno has the total support of her parents (J.K. Simmons and Allison Janney) as she faces some tough decisions, flirts with adulthood and ultimately figures out where she belongs.

MPAA Rating: PG-13 - mature thematic material, sexual content and language  
Run time: 91 minutes

Saturday, March 22 @ 7:30 p.m.

**Welcome Home Roscoe Jenkins** - Martin Lawrence, Margaret Avery, Joy Bryant, Louis C.K., Michael Clarke Duncan - As a child, RJ Stevens (Martin Lawrence) was the awkward brunt of numerous jokes. Now, RJ is a successful talk-show host who dispenses advice and encouragement to millions. When his parents ask him to come back home for their anniversary, RJ vows to show everyone how much he has changed. Unfortunately, RJ's plans are no match for his Southern relatives.

MPAA Rating: PG-13 - crude and sexual content, language and some drug references  
Run time: 114 minutes

Feature Features...

**Step Up 2: The Streets**  
Friday, March 28 @ 7:30 p.m.  
PG-13, 97 minutes.

**Fools Gold**  
Saturday, March 29 @ 7:30 p.m.  
PG-13, 109 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\*\*

-Coming in March-

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

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

featuring Eddy and Patricia Nubine

Saturday, March 29, 5:30 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.

## ACS Meetings

Monday, March 24

Playgroup

18 mo. - 3 yrs.

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

McGuire CDC #2

Baby Get Real  
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
ACS, Bldg. 5201

Tuesday, March 25  
Baby Get Real  
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Hearts Apart  
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
ACS, Bldg. 5201

Wednesday, March 26  
Playgroup  
Birth to 18 mo.  
11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
McGuire CDC #2

Baby Get Real  
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Sponsorship Training  
3 - 4 p.m.  
ACS, Bldg. 5201

Thursday, March 27  
Baby Get Real  
10 a.m. - 12 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 21  
NO SCHOOL  
Open Recreation  
1 - 7 p.m.  
Self Directed Activities  
MS Full Day Program

### Keystone Club Trip to Trenton

BGCA  
Departs - 5:30 p.m.  
Returns - 10:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 22  
Coloring Easter Eggs  
3 - 5 p.m.

Monday, March 24  
NO SCHOOL  
Open Recreation  
1 - 7 p.m.

Self Directed Activities  
MS Full Day Program

Tuesday, March 25  
NO SCHOOL

Youth Center Closed

MS Full Day Program.

Photo Exhibit at Arts & Crafts

Bldg. 6039

Wednesday, March 26  
NO SCHOOL

Youth Center Closed

MS Full Day Program

Photo Exhibit at Arts & Crafts

Bldg. 6039

Thursday, March 27  
NO SCHOOL

Open Recreation

1 - 7 p.m.

Self Directed Activities

MS Full Day Program

Photo Exhibit at Arts & Crafts

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## 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

694-8724

Child/Spouse Abuse

562-6001

Emergencies

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

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 23, 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!

**Burlington County WIC Program**  
WIC (Women, Infants and Children) Program of Burlington County is a federally funded program to help provide proper nutrition to pregnant and breastfeeding women, infants and children under the age of 5. Eligibility is based on income and nutritional and/or medical risk. WIC can provide infants with iron-fortified infant formula, cereal, and juice. Children and women receive milk, cheese, eggs, cereal, juice, peanut butter or beans. Women who breastfeed and do not use any infant formula may also receive carrots and tuna. The Burlington County WIC Program has a clinic site located on post at the Recreation Center, Bldg. 5905. To find out if you may qualify, or to make an appointment call WIC at 609-267-4304.

## 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.

## 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

### 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.

## The ALPHA COURSE

Fort Dix Main Chapel

March 26 through June 4, 2008

Wednesdays, 6 - 8:30 p.m.

What is the meaning of life?

What happens when we die?

What relevance does Jesus have for our lives?

How do we deal with guilt?

Nursery care is provided.

Dinner is included.

No attendance fees.

Contact Thuan Domski (609)

893-7627 or Chaplain Raub

(609) 562-2349/2020

For more information about Alpha visit www.alphausa.org

## 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 CHILDREN)

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Ryan Morton

## Flying high

Sgt. 1st Class Kevin Johnson, 444th Adjutant General (AG) Company (Postal), Pittsburgh, Pa., prepares to raise his unit's yellow banner during a ceremony at Fort Dix's Infantry Park March 14. The yellow banner is raised by all units that mobilize at the installation as a show of support from the Dix community while the units are deployed supporting the Global War on Terrorism.

## Contracting Command activated

J.D. Leibold  
Army News Service

FORT BELVOIR, Va., March 14, 2008 - The U.S. Army Materiel Command Thursday activated the Army Contracting Command (Provisional) which will oversee more than \$85 billion in contracts annually and focus on maintaining and improving the Army's ability to respond globally in support of warfighters' needs.

AMC Commander Gen. Benjamin S. Griffin introduced Jeffrey Parsons as the new executive director of ACC, telling the audience the 5,800-strong command would allow AMC to better support the Army in sustaining, preparing, resetting and transforming.

"Our goal is to focus on customers," Griffin said. "Structured to better serve the warfighter and to look for ways to improve our support, we will provide a single face to the customer for contracting support, working hand in hand with our Army field support brigades. We recognize that still much more must be done

to reach where we want to be." Griffin said the stand-up was a historic event, not because it was a new command but because the Army was demonstrating to OSD leadership, Congress, and the American taxpayer that Army leadership was serious in taking steps to regain confidence in Army contracting and ensuring that it becomes one of the Army's core competencies.

"At the same time we must balance those needs with being good stewards of our taxpayer dollars," Parsons said. "Even one instance of procurement fraud, waste or abuse is unacceptable no matter how small the infraction may be. The American taxpayer puts their trust in us and we should not and will not tolerate any violations of this trust."

Parsons also said it was imperative the Army train and develop contracting personnel to execute its contracts responsibly and that the Army "must be more pure than Ivory soap as even a 1-percent error equates to \$850 million."

Additionally, the Army will grow its contracting officer and non-commissioned officer

corps by more than 900 Soldiers in the active, Guard and National Guard and will establish a warrant officer contracting branch that will add an additional 120 military personnel to the deployable force. Parsons said the warrant officers will maintain the contracting technical expertise to support expeditionary operations, and they will play a key role in training officers and NCOs as they begin their contracting careers.

ACC will provide oversight to Installation Contracting Command under Bryon J. Young, who will oversee contracting support to Army and federal agencies at continental U.S. installations and provide contracting support for all common IT hardware, software and services on behalf of Army and Defense Department organizations.

Additionally, ACC will oversee the Expeditionary Contracting Command headed by Col. Camille M. Nichols, who will support Army service component commanders and the joint warfighter to Army and other federal agencies at overseas installations.

# Wireless technology boon to warfighting

Rebecca O'Donnell  
DOIM Services

There's a lot to say about today's technology, especially wireless technology. Remember the day when you had to pull over on the side of the road, find some loose change amongst some pocket lint, pick up a filthy hand receiver, decipher unique instruction on how to use a payphone, just to call the office to get your day started?

For most of us, wireless equipment has been offered long enough that we forget those days and for many others, find the thought of it unrealistic or unimaginable. We take for granted how time efficient these luxuries really are and lack the understanding of how these instruments of technology are a useful tool for community services and in the War against Global Terrorism.

The Department of Information Management (DOIM), Fort Dix, is one of many information departments throughout our military organizations that happen to be the responsible party for the justification, issuing, and management of the wireless equipment used for this post.

Beyond the scope of everyday management of its working wireless equipment, the DOIM has managed to make use of some of its outdated wireless equipment with recycling efforts in mind. They have donated cell phones to community programs, such as the Pemberton Township Domestic Violence Response Team, the Burlington County Sheriff's Department Elderly 9-1-1 program and even to the Fort Dix Directorate of Public Safety.

The Pemberton Domestic Violence Response Team (DVRT) and other community domestic response type groups take donated cell phone and give them to a liaison with the Providence Shelter, a shelter for abused victims within Burlington County. The liai-

son sees to it that the victims of domestic violence that do not have protective means receive a cell phone.

"The phones are strictly programmed to be for 9-1-1 calls only," said team member Linda, Pemberton, DVRT.

The Burlington County Sheriff's Department 9-1-1 program works very similarly as the older cell phones are reprogrammed to assist in 9-1-1 calls for the county's elderly.

The DOIM donated some even older model cell phones to Fort Dix's contribution to the war on terrorism.

"We used them in training for post blast investigation, a standardized Department of Justice Federal Bureau of Investigation's course for civil-



Ryan Morton

**TIMELY TECHNOLOGY -- Old cell phones donated by the Directorate of Information Technology (DOIM) have many uses, including helping to fight the Global War on Terrorism.**

ian and EOD (Explosive Ordnance Disposal) military bomb technicians. It helps the technicians in theater track down bomber terrorist which is essential in the war on global terrorism," said Donald Breese, CBRNE (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and High Yield Explosives) Bomb Technician, Department of Defense police officer.

The use of wireless equipment in the war against global terrorism is by far one of the proudest tasks the DOIM provides. Some mobilization units training here on Fort Dix are issued a variety of equipment such as cells phones, push to talks (similar to a 2-way radio, but has an ability to be a cell phone as well), blackberries (cell phone and e-mail ability), and air cards (wireless modems).

"During this time of armed conflict and our nation's com-

mitment to victory in the Global War on Terrorism it is imperative that the American warrior be equipped with the most up to date training and equipment that we as a nation can provide to insure their superiority and victory on today's battlefield. With the ever rising cost to meet this goal, every cost savings that can be returned to the fight and to the American Warrior must be considered a team effort in support of this global conflict," said retired Col. John McLean, an Iraqi and Afghan War veteran, currently the DOIM business manager, Plans, Resources, and Mobilization Division.

McLean added, "With this in mind, the Fort Dix DOIM has been managing a wireless program review and upgrade over the past one and a half years that is aimed at streamlining and upgrading all cellular telephones, Black-Berry's, pagers and Air cards utilized by personnel on Fort Dix, while reducing or eliminating lost or abandoned lines, telephone numbers, excessive or redundant systems and obsolete equipment still under contract.

Through the efforts of both contract and DOD personnel the DOIM has either up-graded or eliminated, recovered, turned in or transferred over 40 pagers, 30 Air Cards, 5 International Cellular telephones, 60 push to talk telephones and approximately 880 obsolete or broken cellular telephones while providing Fort Dix Personnel with up to date wireless voice and data communications. The wireless contracts have been re-written with the assistance of the Fort Dix Contracting Office, and the entire billing process and tracking system has been re-worked and streamlined with the assistance of the Federal Verizon representative gaining a cost savings of approximately \$80,000.00 that has been reinvested in support of the American warrior."

The ability to keep wireless communication a viable tool and financially sound endeavor has endless possibilities.

# Fight night a KO for boxing fans at Club Dix



posterized photo of Manny Pacquiao, right, AP

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In one of the better fights seen since the Normandy invasion, Manny Pacquiao won a razor-thin split decision over Juan Manuel Marquez to capture the World Boxing Council's super featherweight (130 pound limit) title in a slugfest Saturday night, March 15, in Las Vegas.

The fight was broadcast by HBO Pay-Per-View and seen by thousands across the nation, including enthusiastic fans jamming into Club Dix to witness the fisticuffs on wide screens.

The Pacquiao-Marquez brawl was the latest in a series of bouts shown at the club since the very successful televising of the Winky Wright-Felix Trinidad fight in May 2005.

Club Dix patrons paid \$10 to enjoy Saturday's star-studded boxing card which included a buffet to whet the appetites of aficionados caught up in the enticing aroma of blood and beer.

Four years ago, Marquez survived three knockdowns in the first round to beat his way to a draw with Pacquiao.

But Saturday was different. In the third round Pacquiao landed a left hook which probably could have knocked down the ring post. Marquez crashed



**AVID FANS** -- Soldiers get into the Pacquiao-Marquez super featherweight title fight in the Blue Room at Club Dix. Despite short notice a good crowd filed in to see the close, hard-fought contest won by Pacquiao by one point in a split decision.

down. For the next few rounds both men traded punches without yielding any ground. Then, in the seventh round, their heads collided. Pacquiao came away with a deep cut on his right eyelid. Marquez didn't hesitate to press his advantage, peppering Pac man with combinations and rights to the head.

By the 10th, both fighters were beat up and bleeding.

At fight's end, one judge scored it 115-112 for Pacquiao, another 115-112 for Marquez and the deciding vote came in 114-113 for the new champion, Pacquiao.

Several good fights preceded the championship brawl on what is known as the undercard. Bantamweight champion Abner Mares knocked out Diosado Gabi in the second round for the night's most spectacular win.

But boxing fans at Club Dix were the true victors because the fight's the thing.



**SURE TOUCH** -- Bartender Celia Morgan keeps tradeoffs between bills and bottles flowing smoothly.



**FIGHT FANS' DELIGHT** -- Fans watch the fight on a giant screen TV in the Blue Room at Club Dix. Seats and television sets were plentiful on Saturday night, forming the ideal atmosphere in which to sit back and relax and take in a prizefight worthy of the name.



**SLUGFEST** -- Defending World Boxing Council super featherweight (weight limit 130 pounds) champion Juan Manuel Marquez, left in the black, lands a blockbuster round-house right on the nose of Manny Pacquiao, right, during their title clash Saturday. Pacquiao won the split decision, though, to be crowned champion. An Army reservist in his native Philippines, Pacquiao was saluted by his country's military leaders for his ring triumph.



**MAINTAINING A TRADITION** -- In addition to the Blue Room, officials at Club Dix utilized the ballroom for another big screen view of Saturday's fight. The only things missing were cigar smoke and the sonorous tones of Howard Cosell.

## A fight fan's lament

### Where have all the great heavyweights gone?



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Where have all the great heavyweight champions gone?

I couldn't help asking that question even - or especially - during Saturday's super featherweight tussle at Club Dix.

Now the fight was a great one but face it. Featherweights don't pack the punch that heavyweights deliver - either in a gloved fist or at the box office.

I remember when heavyweight champions held higher stature than Super Bowl quarterbacks. But today I can't even name the champion. *Ring* magazine recognizes Wladimir Klitschko. Also ranked among their top 10 contenders are names as foreign as Ruslan Chagaev, Nicolay Valuev, Alexander Povetkin, Suletan Ibragimov, and Oleg Maskaev.

Who ceded the heavyweight division to Eastern Europe?

Maybe the proliferation of ruling bodies in professional boxing has had something to do with an apparent American lack of interest in the sport. After all, if the International Boxing Federation (IBF), World Boxing Association (WBA) and World Boxing Council (WBC) can't agree on who's a champion in what division then why should anybody else bother to care?

Since our politicians insist on mucking up everything else why not insist that the USA recognize only one boxing organization as definitive within the bounds of this country?

And such a supreme organization could remove another pet peeve of mine. Stop adding BS weight divisions, like a super featherweight one, just to have another recognized champion. Such championships are



**THE GREATEST** -- Muhammad Ali, left, knocks out "The Big Cat" Cleveland Williams in the third round of their 1966 tussle in Houston to successfully defend his heavyweight crown. And Ali flattened Williams while backpedalling! Generally considered the best heavyweight of all time; Ali defeated the likes of Sonny Liston, Joe Frazier (2 out of 3), George Foreman, Earnie Shavers and Ken Norton (2 out of 3) to dominate the heavyweight division more completely than anyone had since the power punching days of Joe Louis. He took on all comers in their own backyards and by fights' end usually had fans cheering him instead of the home boy. He was the greatest.

worth nothing more than the paper they were created on. The creation of a cruiserweight division, from 161 pounds to 175, is the only worthwhile change needed in division realignments. Light-heavyweights could then range from 176 to 190, after which the heavyweights reign.

When are American promoters going to introduce European talent into this country and when will American fighters leave their cocoons to challenge others on their own turf?

I remember Muhammad Ali in the second year of his title reign in 1966, defeating Canadian George Chuvalo in his hometown of Toronto in March, TKOing Henry Cooper and Brian London in London in May and August respective-

ly, knocking out Karl Mildenberger in Frankfurt, Germany, in September before rounding out the year by clobbering Cleveland Williams in three rounds in his native Texas, at Houston in November.

How's that for a fighting champion?

I remember Rocky Marciano was pummeled for 12 rounds by Jersey Joe Walcott before knocking Joe cold in the 13th to win the title. Ezzard Charles split the Rock's nose down the middle in their second fight but Marciano's roundhouse rights left him quivering on the canvas the very next round.

I remember Ingemar Johansson pawing Floyd Patterson with a pathetic left jab for two-and-a-half-rounds before unleashing his "rounder and

lightning" straight right hand between the gloves of Floyd's peckaboo defense to pound Patterson to the canvas seven times and shock the world that June night at Yankee Stadium in 1959.

Patterson came back to best Ingo in two memorable brawls that followed. Each had power, Floyd's left hook probably holding as much lethality as Ingo's right hand. Both men seemed to have glass jaws, too, which made for a great series of brawls.

Sonny Liston demolished Patterson twice in the first round to gain the title after mauling hombres as tough as Cleveland Williams and Mike DeJohn. But Cassius Clay, aka Muhammad Ali, split his face open like a watermelon and boxing entered the era of the



Manny Millan, SI

**IRON MIKE** -- Mike Tyson lands a right cross against the head of Jamie "Quick" Tillis in their May 1986 fight in Glen Falls, N.Y. Tyson went on to win the decision, boosting his record (then) to 24-0. At his best, Tyson resembled a large Marciano, absorbing foes' best shots with his 20" neck, relentlessly swarming in, bobbing and weaving, throwing left hooks and right hands that occasionally broke bones and always sapped the spirit of those trying to stop him. The youngest heavyweight champ in history at 20, Tyson devastated the best in the division for several years before being knocked out by Buster Douglas. Evander Holyfield then took him out twice, preventing Tyson from regaining the crown. Holyfield had something Tyson lacked - heart. But Tyson was a killer who thrilled crowds. And few, if any, punched harder.

Louisville Lip who was, as he claimed, the greatest.

Joe Frazier was a formidable puncher with a heart as huge as the Grand Canyon but Joe didn't have the chin to handle Ali or George Foreman.

Foreman scared people the way Liston did or Mike Tyson was going to. But Ali zapped him in the rumble in the jungle at Zaire and he retired for years, making an astonishing comeback in his 40s when he knocked out Michael Moorer for the crown.

Larry Holmes had an educated left hand that could do

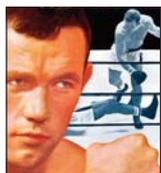
everything but whistle Dixie. A supreme boxer, Holmes lacked Ali's charisma in the ring and out and became probably our most underrated heavyweight champion.

And then, of course, came the deluge. Tyson, Holyfield, Bowe, and all the others, most having enough talent to be rated near-great but none ever quite making the plunge.

I hope, someday, to pay good money at Club Dix to see some classy heavyweights, at least one of them American, fight well enough to make boxing what it once was.



Rocky Marciano



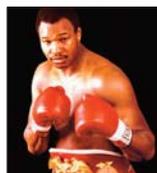
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