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## NEWSNOTES

### Tax Center posts return prep hours

With the April 15 deadline for filing taxes looming around the corner, there is no time to waste. If your tax forms are not filed yet, it might be time to consider a visit to the Fort Dix Tax Center.

The 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](http://www.irs.gov); click on the link "Use Free File to Prepare Your Taxes."

### 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@usm.army.mil](mailto:neen.raspa@usm.army.mil) by May 1.

## WEATHER

**FRIDAY -- Periods of rain. High near 61. Chance of precipitation is 80 percent. Overnight low of 52**

**SATURDAY -- Slight breeze with early showers. High near 61. Overnight temperatures around 40.**

**SUNDAY -- Sunny with a high temperature around 60 degrees. Partly cloudy overnight with a low of 40.**

**MONDAY -- Partly sunny. High of 60 degrees. Mostly cloudy overnight. Low near 40.**

**TUESDAY -- Partly sunny with continued warm temperatures around 60. Getting cloudy overnight with a low of 43.**

**WEDNESDAY -- Mostly sunny with late clouds and showers. High near 62 degrees.**

**Thursday -- Partly cloudy. High of 65 with an overnight low of 44.**

# President honors Dixan



Lisa Evans  
Public Affairs Staff

Commander in Chief George W. Bush presented the "Call to Service" President's Service Award to Andrell Reid at McGuire Air Force Base March 28.

Frances Booth, of Army Community Services (ACS), nominated Reid for the award March 25.

"Mrs. Reid has served as an outstanding volunteer for the Department of the Army 'A' Programs - Army Family Team Building (AFTB); Army Family Action Plan (AFAP); and Army Volunteer Corps (AVC) for approximately two years on Fort Dix, donating more than 300 hours of volunteer service, as well as countless more hours during previous assignments at military installations across the country," Booth said in her nomination.

Booth received a quick response from the President's Office of the USA Freedom Corps.

Cindy Wilsbach, who works with the USA Freedom Corps, contacted Reid first to interview her, and then to tell her she had been selected to receive the award.

"I felt numb, it hasn't sunk in. But I wasn't nervous. It was actually a really nice day. It was wonderful," Reid said. "I was the 601 recipient on the tarmac to receive this award."

The process wasn't that easy. Reid had taken her two children, Zurich, age 11, and Zahrial, age 5, out for the day and wasn't there to receive the confirming phone call.

Instead, she got in late, found an e-mail to call Wilsbach immediately, and decided to fix dinner instead. When the phone rang, Reid at first refused the award because she had made plans to take her children to Washington, DC the next day. Wilsbach finally convinced her that a chance to meet the President of the United States to receive an award was worth putting off her trip for.

The next thing Reid knew, she and the children were jumping around and screaming with excitement. Sworn to secrecy, she was unprepared when the news release alerted the media and her phone started ringing non-stop. Her neighbor, Sha Hardy stepped in to answer the phone and help with the flood of media that came to interview Reid and her children. The media attention only let up when Reid met the Secret Service agent charged with walking her through the award and presentation process.

"We met on the tarmac. They had a



Ed Mingin

**COMMAND CONFERENCE -- Andrell Reid received the "Call to Service" President's Service Award March 28 from President George W. Bush. The president was on his way to a roundtable meeting in Freehold and presented Reid the award after Air Force One touched down at McGuire Air Force Base.**

space set up for me with my name on it. They treated us like royalty. The kids were taken care of, since my husband is gone (attending the Utah Battlefield Staff School) and I needed someone to watch them," Reid said.

President Bush met with Reid in a special roped off area, shook hands with her and handed her a blue box. Then the President opened it to show her a beautiful pin.

"The President said 'You're wearing it on your lapel,'" Reid said.

"Then the President asked me how I was doing, how my health was. I guess someone told him I am fighting

breast cancer. Then he thanked me for my service and all that my husband does for the country," Reid said. "Then he gave me a really nice hug. He seemed really genuine."

The award is a reflection of Reid's dedication to helping others.

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Spc. Nicholas A. Oposnow

**ASSEMBLY REQUIRED -- Sgt. Luis R. Matos, signal support specialist for the 688th Rapid Port Opening Element, assembles an Automated Route Reconnaissance Kit. The active duty RPOE is scheduled to assume the Joint Task Force--Port Opening duties from the reserve component Transportation Port Opening Element by July 1, 2008.**

## JTF-POE delivers

Pascual J. Flores  
Public Affairs Staff

Imagine a circle of information that provides you with the ability to track a shipment of goods from one point to another.

Pioneering the way of new techniques and technology, Airmen and Soldiers of the Joint Task Force Port Opening Element (JTFPOE), demonstrated their ware at an expo held on McGuire Air Force Base on March 31.

Utilizing tracking systems similar to that of most delivery establishments, the members of the JTF-POE have taken their knowledge to a greater level, developing a system that allows commanders to track personnel and shipments from the gathering to the distribution stages.

In June 2006, Army Reserve Soldiers arrived at Fort Dix with the

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# Plum good victuals simmer at

## epicurean delights



Steve Snyder  
Public Affairs Staff

I don't enjoy jousting with the maniacs who seem to dominate traffic on Route 38, especially when headed towards what is intended to be a pleasant meal amid congenial surroundings. Gliding down country roads while savoring the joys of nature is more my speed. So when a new restaurant located out in the hinterland struts its stuff, it's an occasion to give thanks, if not necessarily to get incinerated.

The Plumsted Grill, located near the intersection of Routes 237 and 239, opened its doors for business around Thanksgiving in November 2007.

Proprietors Bill and Stacy Maul took over the spot which formerly housed the *Outpost* restaurant, justly famous for offering patrons about three dozen different brands of beer, many of them strong brews from foreign shores. But the *Outpost* lacked a decor that would appeal to anybody other than a biker and service at the establishment was not exactly synonymous with things superior.

According to their business card, the Mauls aimed to offer patrons "casual fine dining in a rustic atmosphere serving lunch, dinner and cocktails daily."

And their philosophy seems a winning one because by visual evidence, business appears to be booming.

Bartender and local raconteur Kelly Nalbhone credits the grill's location as partly responsible for the influx of customers. She notes the grill is just up 539 from Whiting and also lies along Route 537 leading to the *Great Adventure* amusement park.

But the Mauls' vision has to be awarded a lion's share of credit for cultivating good business times.

The Plumsted Grill has been completely renovated from prior times. The name is new and the interior is a feast for authentic Americana. The interior might best be described as "log cabin America" and gives off vibes accordingly. The Mauls have hired enough waiters and waitresses to ensure that customers receive prompt service, too.

And food and drinks, while not cheap, are generally delicious.

I tend to favor a giant Caesar Salad, lavishly covered in cheese, accompanied by a bowl of French Onion soup and washed down with a couple glasses of Smithwick beer, the latest Irish contribution to higher civilization. Another favorite is the cabin burger, a glorified cheeseburger with choice of cheese available and an excellent potato salad (a nice alternative to the fearfully overplayed French fries).

Both culinary options run around \$20, including the beer but excluding the tip. They are far from the establishment's fancier offerings but I try to take it easy. I eat out a lot and can't afford to spend wantonly on the paltry remittance lavished on me by the feds.

Main courses on the dinner agenda at Plumsted include (but aren't limited to) Surf & Turf at the market price; a 24 oz. Porterhouse steak for \$26.99; Filet Bearnaise, consisting of Filet mignon topped with jumbo lump crabmeat, asparagus and bearnaise sauce runs at \$26.99; Broiled Lamb Chops served with mint jelly and priced at \$19.99; pan-fried pork chops stuffed with prosciutto and mozzarella cheese swathed in a mushroom sauce for \$17.99 and Calves Liver served with bacon and fried onions for \$13.99.

Veal selections are interesting and include Veal Parmigiana, breaded and fried and brimming with melted mozzarella and marinara for \$16.99; Veal Marsala sauteed with mushrooms in a marsala wine sauce at \$17.99 and Veal Sorrentino, that captivating



**COUNTRY CHARM** -- The Plumsted Grill specializes in fine dining within a casual setting oozing rustic charm. The grill is located just across the border in Ocean County and can be reached from Fort Dix by driving through Wrightstown north on the Wrightstown-Sykesville Road until you reach Monmouth Road or Route 237, whereupon a right turn east is in order, continue on 237 until reaching where it intersects with Route 239. Take a right for about half a mile south on 239 from the intersection and you're there. It's just across the line in Ocean County.



**BRISK BUSINESS** -- Customers have poured in since the Plumsted Grill opened its doors for business in November 2007. The grill stands on the site of the old *Outpost* restaurant but has been completely renovated in everything from architecture to cuisine.



**CLASSY CUISINE** -- Wanda Roldan and John Giuffrida dig into a Reuben sandwich and fish meal, respectively, during a recent lunch. The grill appears to have a diversified clientele, attracting everyone from yuppies to senior citizens to its environs.

blend of prosciutto, eggplant, mozzarella and marinara. pool attractions run in the \$16 to \$18 range and include Chicken Parmigiana, Francaise, Marsala and Champagne Chicken, the latter sauteed with asparagus and mushrooms in a champagne cream sauce.

Seafood is not neglected, either, with flounder stuffed with a special lump of crabmeat at \$17.99, Shrimp scampi at \$16.99 and a single lobster tail and broiled seafood combo both selling at market price.

Tightwad gourmets can, of course, settle for a hot sandwich with potato or fries that is filling and quite scrumptious. In addition to the cabin burgers, Philly cheesesteaks are available at \$7.99, a French dip featuring hot roast beef and provolone dipped in tomato sauce for \$7.99 and a Pastrami Reuben worthy of the most intense salivations.

A variety of sandwiches grace luncheon menus and crowds at mid-day seem to have picked up as the weather turns towards Spring.

I do appreciate the grill's offerings in beer. So many places today are saturated with nauseatingly watered-down brands of "light beer," the bete noire of any serious barfly, Plumsted has Smithwick and Bass Ale on tap among other fine brands and one need not worry of quenching thirst with a strong belt or two of the nectar of the gods.

While not extreme, prices are not cheap, either, at Plumsted. But the old saw about getting what you pay for rings true when you enter the grill.

It's gratifying to witness a staff who believe strongly in the ethos propounded by that great clubman, Samuel Johnson, who said, "There is nothing contrived by man by which so much happiness is produced as by a good tavern or inn. Johnsonians of the world unite!

photos by Steve Snyder

# Old pro's film legacy tough act to follow

Steve Snyder  
Public Affairs Staff

John Wayne. Robert Mitchum. Gregory Peck. Anthony Quinn. And now Richard Widmark. They were screen tough guys worthy of the name, icons to countless children of the baby boom who thrilled to their exploits over popcorn and soda at neighborhood movie theaters.

But now they're dead, Widmark succumbing to a long illness March 24 at his home in Roxbury, Conn. He was 93 years old.

But thanks to that old devil technology, Widmark's films will survive along with those of his contemporaries.

The Minnesota native's screen debut came in 1947 when he was nominated for an Academy Award playing hoodlum Tommy Udo in *Kiss Of Death*. Widmark's Udo elevated a high-pitch cackle into a sinister art form, according to *Washington Post* critic Adam Bernstein, especially when he tied an old lady to a wheelchair and shoved her down a staircase.

Other notable films followed in a career that spanned 50 years.

Favorites include Widmark's portrayal of a hard core Marine in *Halls of Montezuma* (1950), riding with Gary Cooper in *Garden of Evil* (1954), playing Jim Bowie to John Wayne's Davy Crockett in *The Alamo* (1960), starring with Jimmy Stewart in John Ford's classic Western *Two Rode Together* in 1961, playing an American prosecutor in war crime trials in *Judgement at Nuremberg* (1961), acting the rough-hewn railroad man in *How The West Was Won* (1962), swashbuckling with Sidney Poitier in *The Long Ships* (1964), as a Navy commander going manic in *The Bedford Incident* (1965), a crusty Confederate officer opposite William Holden in *Advances Kelly* (1966), on Kirk Douglas' wagon train in *The Way West* (1967), tough detective in *Madigan* (1968), a fanatic Air Force general in *Twilight's Last Gleaming* (1977), and a very smooth Secretary of State in *The Final Option* aka *Who Dares Wins* (1982).

Richard Widmark dared.



Richard Widmark was in top form as a tough cop in 1968's "Madigan."

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Mel Travel photo courtesy of MP TVnet

Widmark brought brio to his portrayal of a railroad man in the colossal Western epic, "How The West Was Won," in 1962.



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Menaced by Moors and high seas, Widmark's swashbuckling Vikings searches for a fabulous treasure in "The Long Ships," (1964). Brilliant cast, fantastic color and vibrant score bring high adventure to life in this unheralded classic.



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Captain Widmark, left, prepares to chew out a young officer (James MacArthur) aboard their submarine in 1965's "The Bedford Incident." Widmark played the CO as an obsessive type who got his jollies playing chicken with Soviet counterparts in this stirring Cold War thriller.

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Ed Mingin

**BREAKING NEWS** -- After meeting President Bush and receiving the "Call to Service" President's Service Award March 28, Andreell Reid was swarmed by news media at McGuire Air Force Base. Bush presented the award to Reid on his way to a roundtable meeting in Freehold about the Hope Now Alliance, which is a cooperative effort between the U.S. government, counselors, investors, and lenders to help homeowners who may not be able to pay their mortgages. Reid was nominated for the award by Fran Booth, of Army Community Services.

## Dixan honored

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"Volunteering is important. It is what keeps our base going. It is a great fulfillment. Everybody should take time to volunteer. It is so important. The award wasn't just about me, it was about everybody at Fort Dix. Fran got me started. Fran does everything. But I am more vocal, a natural volunteer. I like helping people, donating my time. I like people smiling and just saying 'thank you,'" Reid said.

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--Andreell Reid

Reid hears thank you a lot and the award is well deserved. Reid teaches Soldiers and their families how to survive in the military environment as well as training others how to share the information when they go back

to their home bases. Reid has been instrumental in helping to improve the quality of life for military families representing families at the General Officers Steering Committee in Arlington, Va. at the Army Family Ad-

vocacy Program (AFAP) last December. Reid was instrumental in bringing the needs of military children and spouses to national attention. As a member of the local AFAP meetings, she has recommended many new programs and services that have been implemented for the good of Soldiers and families.

"I cannot think of anyone more deserving than Mrs. Reid of the Presidential Greeter Award," Booth wrote in the nomination.

## Remains found in Iraq identified

Army News Service, March 31, 2008 —The Army has confirmed positive identification of remains found last week in Iraq as belonging to Army Staff Sgt. Keith "Matt" Maupin.

The announcement culminates almost a four-year search for the 724th Transportation Company Soldier.

"After a long wait, we want to offer our most sincere condolences to Carolyn and Keith Maupin on the loss of their son," said Army Secretary Pete Geren.

"I want to say this once again to the Families of our other captured Soldiers in Iraq," Geren said.

"We will not stop searching for your loved ones, Army Sgt. Ahmed K. Altaie (missing since Oct. 23, 2006), Sgt. Alex R. Jimenez, and Pfc. Byron W. Fouty (both missing since May 12, 2007)."

Then-Pfc. Maupin had been missing since his fuel convoy came under enemy attack in Iraq April 9, 2004.

The Batavia, Ohio, native was promoted three times while missing in action as his family awaited news about his status. Army casualty assistance officers flew to Ohio March 30 to personally notify his parents, Carolyn and Keith Maupin.

"One of the elements of the Army's Soldiers' Creed is that I will never leave a fallen comrade," said Army Chief of Staff Gen. George Casey.

"We take those words very seriously, for our Soldiers, their Families and this nation. We



Courtesy Photo

**Sgt. Keith "Matt" Maupin of the U.S. Army Reserve's 724th Transportation Company is shown in his vehicle sometime before April 9, 2004, when his convoy was ambushed en route to Baghdad International Airport. His remains were found in Baghdad last week and have now been positively identified.**

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--Army Secretary Pete Geren

will never leave a fallen comrade. I want to thank the many Soldiers who've searched and continue to search for these men. Your tireless efforts are one of most important and unrelenting responsibilities we share."

"The Maupins are people of great hearts, and they've touched the lives of thousands," Geren said. "His parents are helping others with Soldiers in harm's way, just like their son, from the Yellow Ribbon Support Center in Cincinnati.

"This center was set up to build Internet cafes in Iraq, and they secured the donation of laptops so Soldiers could use

them. They also sponsor college scholarships and facilitate a support network for Soldiers' Families. They collect and they distribute truckloads of gifts and supplies for Soldiers and Families.

"The Maupins selflessly serve as a funnel for the generosity of people across America," Geren said.

"Americans who want to help Soldiers, Americans who want to help our Families, Carolyn and Keith, our prayers are with you. Thank you for all you do for Soldiers."

The U.S. Army also notified members of Congress from Ohio earlier Monday of the news.

Further facts remain sketchy while an investigation continues to determine the circumstances and details surrounding his death, officials said.

The Maupins' Web site for their son ([www.mattmaupin.us](http://www.mattmaupin.us)) features a West African proverb, Odo Nnyew Fie Kwan Frame, meaning "Love Never Loses Its Way Home."

The Maupin family used the proverb to describe the hope that their son would one day return home.

Troops in Iraq also used the motto to describe their tireless search for Staff Sgt. Maupin.

## POLICE LOG

Police Log is a weekly synopsis of significant police activities developed from reports, complaints, incidents or information received and actions taken, for the week of March 24 through 30. The abbreviation DoD stands for Department of Defense; NAFD means Not Affiliated with Fort Dix (the subject doesn't live or work here); NCIC stands for National Crime Information Center; DWI means Driving While Intoxicated; CDS means Controlled Drug Substance; POV means Privately Owned Vehicle; MAFB stands for McGuire Air Force Base; USAF EC stands for US Air Force Expeditionary Center; AHCC stands for Ambulatory Health Care Clinic (MAFB); VMHBC stands for Virtua Memorial Hospital of Burlington County; CP# stands for Checkpoint Number.

●Police responded to a traffic accident in the Garden Terrace housing area. Investigation revealed a vehicle, operated by an Airman assigned to McGuire AFB, struck a parked and unoccupied vehicle while backing out of a driveway. There were no reported injuries and the vehicles were released to the operators at the scene.

●Police responded to a report of theft of personal property at Bldg. 5913. Investigation revealed that person(s) unknown stole items belonging to a Soldier NAFD. Investigation continues.

●Police responded to a traffic accident at the Transportation Motor Pool. Investigation revealed a government vehicle, operated by a Soldier assigned to Fort Dix, struck another vehicle while backing. There were no reported injuries and the vehicles were released to the operators at the scene.

●Police responded to a report of theft of government property at Tac #13. Investigation revealed that person(s) unknown had taken property assigned to a Soldier NAFD. Investigation continues.

●Police responded to a traffic accident near Bldg. 5995. Investigation revealed that a vehicle, operated by a Soldier NAFD, struck another vehicle while backing. There were no reported injuries and the vehicles were released to the operators at the scene.

●Police responded to an incident at the Wrightstown gate. Investigation revealed that two civilians, NAFD, were taking pictures of the demolition operations in Wrightstown. They were advised of the prohibition against taking pictures of the gate operations.

●Police responded to a traffic accident near Bldg. 4434. Investigation revealed that a vehicle, belonging to a Soldier assigned to Fort Dix, was struck by an unknown vehicle while parked and unoccupied. There were no reported injuries.

●Police responded to a motor vehicle crash on Lewis-town Rd. Investigation revealed a vehicle, operated by a Fort Dix contract employee, was struck by a deer. The deer was killed on impact. The vehicle operator was not injured and the vehicle was released at the scene.

●Police, Fire Department, and EMS personnel responded to a CO alarm in the Garden Terrace housing area. Investigation revealed high levels of CO near the heater. The heater was turned off and a work order placed.

●Police operated a Sobriety Safety Checkpoint as directed by the Installation Commander. Seven vehicles were checked with negative results.

●During a routine credential check of a vehicle attempting to enter the installation via the Main Gate, police detected a strong odor of alcohol emitting from the operator, an Airman assigned to McGuire AFB. After failing field sobriety tests, the subject was transported to the police station for processing. The subject was released to his unit and the vehicle towed from the scene.

●Police and Fire Department personnel responded to a fuel spill at the Shoppette Gas Station. Environment responded and contained the spill.

●There were 8 expired identification cards confiscated during the period.

●There were 23 Magistrate Court Citations issued for moving violations. DWI incidents are now at four for the year.

## United Communities Housing Information

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Maintenance Office - 724-0500

Maintenance Scheduling, Progress, and Trash

Concerns - 724-0550

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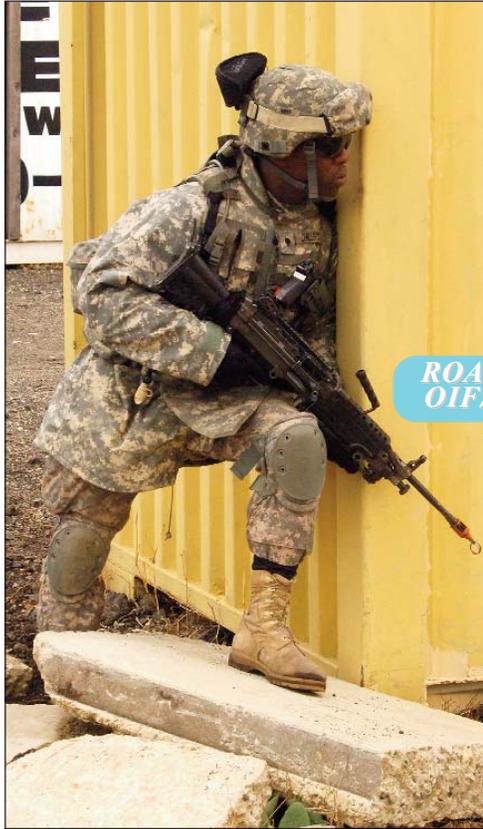
Anyone with Claims against the Estate of Sgt. First Class Joseph Vazquez, recently deceased, should send the claim and supporting information to Linford Maitland 5994 New Jersey Ave. Fort Dix, NJ 08640. This notice will expire May 3, 2008.

## Correction:

In the March 28 edition of the Post, the photo of Deborah A. Davis on page 7 was taken by Daniel Savaria.

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# 'Show-Me' state Soldiers take on training

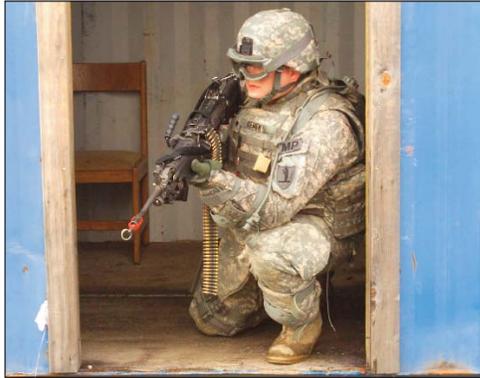


ROAD TO OIF/OEF



photos by Ryan Morton

*Spc. Antoine Chillers, 1175 Military Police Co. of the Missouri National Guard, above left, stays ever vigilant as he and his squad members perform a patrol at the Military Operations in Urban Terrain Training (MOUT) site's, Balad training range on April 1st. Soldiers of the 1175 MP Co. capture a mock insurgent during a training exercise, above. Spc. Richard Dement, below, stays on guard while on patrol during the mission. Bottom left, an interpreter helps Staff Sgt. Richard Tienter gather information from a town informant about potential insurgent activity in the area.*



## JTF-POE delivers

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Transportation Port Opening Element (TPOE) with one mission in mind, creating a system capable of delivering and tracking goods in both humanitarian and hostile environments.

With the Air Force transporting the cargo to its destination, the Soldiers of TPOE assist with the tracking and distribution of these supplies.

"The combined Army and Air Force team at JTF-POE have overcome difficulties to ensure smooth communication, so another tragedy of miscommunication like Hurricane Katrina recovery operations doesn't happen again," said Capt. Ingrid Grahl, the S-3 Transportation officer, for the JTF-POE.

One of the problems that occurred during Hurricane Katrina, was that supplies sat around on the air field with no one to pick them up.

The creation of the JTF-POE eliminates that problem

and the JTF-POE team conducts training, so that if alerted, within 12 hours the unit could roll out.

Our mission statement is "full trucks empty, empty trucks full," said Grahl. "That is the basis of In-Transit Visibility (ITV), the ability to track shipments at the click of a button, anywhere in the world and supply the needed equipment to the mission," Grahl added.

In-Transit Visibility is accomplished through a series of computer systems and equipment to track shipments and personnel through scanners and GPS so commanders don't have to rely on phone calls.

Once the shipment arrives at its next destination, the TPOE takes charge, by moving the shipment from the tarmac to a holding area for future distribution. Utilizing different computer systems, TPOE can track the cargo and convoy in a real-time environment.

The Automated Route

Reconnaissance Kit (ARRK) plans for the rapid collection, processing and distributing of the route information. Transportation Coordinators' Automated Information for Movement System II (TC AIMS II) is a critical deployment and transportation system that provided transportation agents and deploying units a joint capability to automate the processes of planning, organizing, coordinating and control worldwide, in peacetime, war and actions other than war.

Portable Deployment Kit (PDK) a device the size of a candy bar, tracks the cargo on each vehicle and allows for the scanning of an affixed transmitter that list all the items in that specific shipment.

The final two pieces of the puzzle are the Battle Command Support Sustainment System that follows the route of the convoy and the Movement Tracking System which provides two-way text messaging and position reporting between mobile and fixed assets. The hard work and effort from the JTF-POE and TPOE that developed this system will be handed over to the 688th Army Rapid Port Opening Element, Fort Eustice, Virginia this July.

Long hours of testing and trials have produced a system that will provide for a more efficient and thorough tracking of logistical supplies for the future.

# NEIGHBORHOOD

## THE CORNER

### Army Ed Center open for testing

Testing for the AFCT/ASVAB, DLPT, DLAB, and AFAST has resumed at the Fort Dix Army Education Center located at Bldg. 5403 East, First Street and Delaware Avenue, on the second floor.

For more information or to schedule a test, call Laquacia Thomas at 562-4894 or send an e-mail to aec-testing@dix.army.mil.

### Border Patrol job fair coming to Club Dix

The United States Border Patrol will be holding an open house job fair April 2 at Club Dix from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

If you are interested in joining the Patrol, come to the open house and speak to a patrol agent to learn more about the agency and mission to protect the nation's borders.

Interviews and applications will be offered during the event. For more information, call 723-3832.

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### Applications available for EFMP grants

Army Community Service (ACS) Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) is once again able to provide grants to help defray the cost of camp for children with special needs. These grants known as "Camperships" are made possible from donations this year from the United Way of Burlington County, the Combined Federal Campaign and the Fort Dix Spouses' Club.

The amount of these grants is dependent upon the number of eligible families applying for the "Camperships." These grants can help parents with the cost of summer camp or summer programs offered through Child and Youth Services (CYS). Grants may be used on and off the installation to the camp of your choice.

Applications for the grants are available at ACS, Bldg. 5201 Maryland Avenue, from April 7 to May 5. Applications are to be returned to the ACS Center. Faxed or e-mailed applications will only be accepted under special circumstances.

Children must be enrolled in the EFMP program of the sponsor's branch of service to be eligible.

For more information about the summer camp scholarships or other EFMP programs, call Evelyn Dingle at 562-2767.

### Officers Association offers college scholarships

The Reserve Officers Association (ROA) offers \$500 merit-based scholarships for both undergraduate and postgraduate study at accredited colleges and universities. Undergraduate scholarships are available for children and grandchildren of ROA members; and graduate scholarships are available to ROA members.

Sponsors must be ROA members and membership is available to any active, reserve, retired, or former officer who served in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Public Health Service, or NOAA.

Application deadline for the 2008-09 School Year is April 10. ROA membership & scholarship applications are available at [www.ROA.org](http://www.ROA.org).

E-mail questions to [grallen@comcast.net](mailto:grallen@comcast.net).

### Positions available for Soldiers at MRB

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

## Committing to preventing



Wayne Cook

**LEADING THE WAY - Leaders from the joint base community signed the 2008 Child Abuse Prevention Proclamation at a ceremony at the Fort Dix Child Development Center April 1. Signing are from left to right, Darleen White, Department of Youth and Family Services representative and director of the Child Development Center, Beth Hibbard, Child Case Manager - Providence House, Col. William Spacey, vice-commander, 305th Air Mobility Wing, McGuire Air Force Base, Lt. Col. Roger Cotton, deputy installation commander, and Cmdr. Stan Kloss, public works officer, Naval Air Engineering Station, Lakehurst.**

### Wayne Cook Public Affairs Staff

More than 50 members of the joint base communities gathered together for the signing of the 2008 Proclamation for Child Abuse Prevention at the Fort Dix Child Development Center, April 1.

Hosted by representatives of Fort Dix's Family Advocacy Program and McGuire Air Force Base's Family Advocacy Outreach Program, the focus of the event was to ensure people are aware of ways to prevent child abuse.

Kimberly Henne, Fort Dix Installation Victim Advocate opened the program by welcoming everyone and introducing the new Family Advocacy Program Manager, Leona Rader.

Maj. Terri Davis, Family Advocacy Officer, McGuire A.F.B., read the 2008 Proclamation for Child Abuse Prevention and then leaders from the joint base community stepped forward to sign the proclamation, extending full support on behalf of their respective organizations. The signatories were Col. William Spacey, vice-wing commander, 305th Air Mobility Wing, McGuire A.F.B., Cmdr. Stan Kloss, public works officer, Naval Air Engineering Station, Lakehurst, Lt. Col. Roger Cotton, deputy installation commander, Beth Hibbard, child case manager, Providence House, and Darleen White, Department of Family and Youth Services representative and director of the Fort Dix Child Development Center.

Spacey addressed those in attendance.

"In my mind, it's a little sad to have to have a month like this, but I'm very thankful for the support of the Family Advocacy programs on all three bases," Spacey said.

Kloss represented the naval commander and shared that even though the naval base doesn't have the high deployment rate as the rest of the joint base partners, he is still very thankful for the support that the Navy, Air Force and Army communities lend to each and every military member and their families.

Cotton spoke in a very direct and personal way with those who were gathered together at the Child Development Center.

"Thank you, thank you, thank you, for all of the ministering you do for our children," Cotton told them.

"America has a lot of issues - broken homes, broken children - and these issues lead at times to other issues like teen pregnancy, AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases, addictions and teen suicide. The fix for all of these issues lies within each of us. Those of you who take so much of your time to sacrifice for our children to help provide safety and security for them, who really care about them...I am so grateful for all you do. Thank you all for trying to help our families and our children," he said.

The leaders then added their inked handprints to a tapestry covered with other handprints of those who promise to support the prevention of child abuse.

"Everyone else in attendance was then invited to add their handprints if they wished.



photos by Ed Mingin

## Color captivates at photo exhibit

The Fort Dix Youth Center's annual Imagemakers Photography Exhibit was held March 25 to 29 at the Fort Dix Arts and Crafts Center. Taking first honors in the competition in the Ages 13- through 15-year-old category was "A Tunnel of Color", above left, by Joy Craig, 15. Second place went to "Winter Bloom" also by Joy Craig. In third place was Shawn McKeen's "Gears and Gadgets". The top spot in the Ages 16-through 18 year-old category went to "Riveting Red", above right, by Sean Adams, 16. Miterrez Brown, 16, earned second place for "Precauzione" as well as taking the third place ribbon for "Desert Tracks."

## Chapel brings faith, food to the table

### Wayne Cook Public Affairs Staff

Each Wednesday evening for the next nine weeks at the Main Chapel, people will gather together to share food and thought.

The Alpha Course, hosted by Chap. (Maj.) Allen Raub and the Main Chapel staff, offers an opportunity to gather with other members of the community to enjoy a free meal and the chance to share thoughts on personal faith.

The course, a completely free no expectations event, is designed to

allow for lessons and open discussions in a small group format.

The evenings begin with a tasty dinner provided by the Main Chapel, with an ice-breaker or two intertwined. Those in attendance then view a video presentation covering thought provoking discussions of faith, and after a short break and dessert, the small groups, led by the group leaders, get together for some truly open discussions on thoughts and perceptions of particular subjects.

The groups are informal and composed of long-time believers, oth-

ers who are new believers and others who are not sure or just have never

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before made a faith decision. The environment is totally neutral and safe, allowing each member of the group to share his or her thoughts without fear of rejection or judgment.

Laughter resounds and members actually have a great time.

There are many openings available for interested individuals who would like to participate in an evening of food, fun, and learning.

Registration forms are available in the installation newspaper, the Post, or at the Main Chapel. Registration is required to plan for food and materials. Any questions can be directed to Raub at the chapel by calling 562-2349 or 562-2020.

# Priests decide to join Chaplains Corp

Wayne Cook  
Public Affairs Staff

A visit to Fort Dix brought three priests one step closer in their journeys to becoming Army chaplains, March 28.

For the three padres their road to the military mission field wound through the post, specifically, the Main Chapel, where they were each interviewed by Chap. (Col.) Larry Biederman, installation chaplain, as part of the military entrance and acceptance program.

"One of the things we do have is a cooperative relationship with Recruiting Command and Sgt. 1st Class Cantu, who has identified these three gentlemen, who we interviewed for service into the chaplaincy," said Biederman.

"We are short-manned in the chaplaincy and it is a pleasure to have the opportunity to meet three such gentlemen who want to serve Soldiers as part of their ministry," he said.

The gentlemen Biederman referred to are Catholic priests Cesar Pajarillo, Jr., Samuel

Aniekwe, and Romeo Jose Axalan.

Identified by Cantu as possible candidates for the chaplaincy, all three priests hail from outside of the United States.

Pajarillo, originally from the Philippines, came to the U.S. in 2000. He attended school first in the Philippines and finished at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary University in Emmetsburg, Md. where he was ordained in 2002. He studied and lived for a period of time in Rome, Italy.

A member of the Diocese of Rockford, Ill., he worked at Fort Detrick, Md. where he saw the need for Catholic priests. Pajarillo decided the spiritual welfare of the Soldiers and their families would be better served with more priests in the Army.

"Youth ministry is my forte. When I look around and see all the young men and women in the Army I think there must be some way that I can assist them. I should be able to relate to them rather easily. No matter what, I want to serve everybody, young and older. I see

the ministry of a chaplain being a call within a calling. My first call is to the priesthood, my second calling is to the men and women of the Army," said Pajarillo.

The next gentleman of the trio is Aniekwe, a priest with 12 years of experience. He came to the U.S. in 2003 from Nigeria, where he served as the senior priest in his parish and had the responsibilities of overseeing a hospital, all Catholic churches and ministries within his area of responsibility, while also serving as youth leader, men's and women's ministry leader, and pastor.

Aniekwe went to school at the Seat of Wisdom Seminary in Nigeria and was ordained in 1996.

"I am willing and ready to serve everybody. I see being a chaplain as a second call. The decision to become a military chaplain stems from a letter I received, a letter of invitation to serve the military, from recruiting," said Aniekwe.

"I saw that I could help the men and women in uniform and their families. I'm glad to

join the chaplains who are already in the field. They are doing a noble job. I am excited and happy to serve those who are willing to sacrifice so much for others and freedom," he said.

Currently Aniekwe is serving his flock as the resident pastor of Saint Maurice Parish, Pittsburgh, Pa.

The last of the humble servants is a Philippine priest, Romeo Jose Axalan. Born in the Philippines he moved to the U.S. in 2002. In 2006 he returned to the Philippines to attend to diocese business for a year and then in October 2007 returned again to the U.S., where he now resides in the Bronx.

Axalan attended Saint Francis Xavier College and Regional Seminary in the Philippines, where he was ordained in 1997. He is now attached to the Our Lady of Assumption Parish in the Bronx.

With training in organizational leadership, Axalan is on the leading edge of a ministry that trains church leaders in administrative and leadership skills.

Axalan's initial exposure to the U.S. Army chaplaincy was through a magazine he saw while he was attending seminary in the 90s.

"The picture was of a chaplain performing a service in the woods. I never forgot that picture," he said.

"My short term goals are to do anything I can to fulfill the needs of Soldiers and their families. After that I want to



Wayne Cook

**SPREADING THE WORD -- Cooperation is the name of the game when seeking help for the Chaplains Corp. Working hand-in-hand with Recruiting Command, Chap. (Col.) Larry Biederman, installation chaplain, second from right, is the interviewer for new chaplain candidates to the Army Reserve. Standing with the chaplain, left to right, are Sgt. 1st Class Daniel Cantu, Army chaplain recruiter, and prospective chaplains, Romeo Jose Axalan, Samuel Aniekwe, and Cesar Pajarillo, Jr.**

work to enhance their lives and ministries that serve them, help improve their lives if I can. I want to encourage their faith in God and help them to have a bolder relationship with God. I was struck by how young the men and women serving this country are. I thought, 'Why not go and serve them as I am supposed to be serving God?' They put themselves in danger

for others. It is a real sacrifice and honorable way to serve the way they do," said Axalan.

According to Cantu, the Army is short 268 Catholic priests. Currently there are 92 priests on active duty.

"When a priest joins the Army, he hits the ground running," Cantu said.

Very soon these three priests will join the race.

## Chaplains' Corner

Chap. (Maj.) Allen Raub  
Installation Chaplain Staff

Three days after the terrorist attacks of September 11, a national day of prayer and remembrance was held at Washington's National Cathedral.

Dr. Billy Graham said at the service, "one of the things we desperately need is a spiritual renewal in this country. We need a spiritual revival in America." While there was an increase in prayer and attention to spiritual matters, a belief in moral relativism threatens to seriously undermine the moral fabric of America.

I've observed that coupled along with this yearning for spiritual experience is also a confusion and ignorance of biblical truths. In the popular Star Wars movies of recent days, the idea of the "force" taps into this hunger for spiritual experience. The two sides of the force -- the good side of the force and the bad side of the force -- vie for control over the hero's life and actions. But the Bible tells us that God chose not to reveal himself as an inanimate force or a cosmic energy source. Instead, he chose to reveal himself as a person.

The gospels record the occasion when the disciples of Jesus asked their master to teach them to pray. In the invocation or address of whom to pray to, Jesus revealed the true character and heart of God. In the Lord's Prayer, Jesus taught his disciples to address God as the Heavenly Father. He began the prayer, "Our Father in Heaven."

He taught his disciples to speak to God like a young child would speak to his daddy. The title "Father" represents a new relationship of intimacy and closeness Jesus imparted to his followers.

He wanted his disciples to think of God not as a distant, out of touch cosmic force or some sort of energy source, but as a father in heaven who deeply cares about them!

There actually may be occasions when our earthly human fathers help us to picture what

God is like.

While no human father is ever perfect, I think my own dad helped me to understand certain aspects of God's character. My dad helped me to picture God as a person of strength.

I remember as a child seeing my dad as a man with great physical strength. He seemed to have a huge barrel chest and powerful arms that looked like oak trees.

In high school my dad was the starting quarterback of the varsity football team and he lead his team to victory in the conference championship. He was a gifted athlete who also started as a pitcher for the varsity baseball team.

After high school he became a military policeman in the Marine Corps. I can still remember bragging about my dad's strength and athletic achievements to the neighborhood kids.

However, even the strongest human father pales in comparison to the divine strength of God, the Heavenly Father. The Bible declares that God is all-powerful, a trait theologians call omnipotence. Since God is all-powerful, he is able to do whatever he wills.

The Scripture records that God can do all things, with him all things are possible and nothing is too difficult for him. God has power over nature and he has control over human history through the ages. His will is never frustrated and God accomplishes whatever he chooses to do because he has the power to do it. Psalm 115:3 declares, "our God is in the heavens; he does whatever he pleases."

As an all powerful God, he uses his power on behalf of his people, for their good, their care and their protection. This spiritual yearning in each person can be fulfilled in a relationship with God the Heavenly Father through his son Jesus. As a father, God is a strong provider who cares and watches over his people. God's heart is the heart of a strong Heavenly Father.

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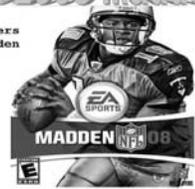


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# Hi-tech solution employed for security

Lisa Evans  
Public Affairs Staff

The Vehicle and Cargo Inspection System (VACIS) gamma ray truck used by DoD Police at the commercial gate at Fort Dix is a success according to agencies other than DoD Police.

At the commercial vehicle gate, DoD Police scan 200-280 vehicles per day. According to Officer Jim Driscoll, some days it is non-stop with trucks coming through the gate. And with so many vehicles entering the installation, the major concern is to see things that don't belong, and can't be seen when searching a vehicle visually. That is why the VACIS gamma ray truck came to be used.

"Since we started four years ago, if you can't figure out what it is, that's when we put a set of eyes on it," Driscoll said.

Using the gamma ray system, setting eyes on things hidden has become a lot easier. The VACIS system produces a photo of the front and sides of the vehicle, then scans the

vehicle externally and internally, and prints the findings on plain paper. The operator can manipulate the scanner to show anomalies inside the body of the vehicle. A ten-degree oblique detection source angle is used to detect hidden compartments that would otherwise escape detection. This capability has made the VACIS truck an asset to other agencies when they suspect hidden cargo.

The truck has been borrowed by the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), the New Jersey State Police, and the Burlington County Prosecutor's Office.

DEA has scanned 28 vehicles, and on one occasion, the truck found drugs in a gas tank. The DoD Police scanner operator removed layers of density from the gas tank of a vehicle and part of the gas tank didn't go away, clearly showing something that shouldn't be there.

For Fort Monmouth's ninetieth-birthday celebration, the truck was used to search vehicles going to the celebra-

tion by ferry. The DoD crew was there four days and two nights, searching 210 vehicles that went into the celebration area, which was on the installation. All vehicles were scanned and no dangers found.

Capt. Steve Scalicei, a Burlington County prosecutor, said the vehicle had been used by the prosecutor's office on four occasions. The machine found cash and drugs in a BMW worth approximately \$7000.

"We have actually used the gamma ray machine four times, and two of those times were very successful," Scalicei said.

"First, we identified a compartment in a vehicle that contained approximately \$5000 in cash. That was part of a narcotics electronic surveillance investigation. All of the defendants have been sentenced and are currently serving terms in jail.

Second, we believed a vehicle had a compartment but we couldn't find it. So we borrowed the machine and compared there was no compart-

ment. We consider this a success because it saved the person from charges," Scalicei said.

"Working with DoD has been very good for us. The machine is readily available, they are very accommodating, and it has been very successful

for us," Scalicei added.

Showing pride in having a technology that is safer and more effective than x-rays, Driscoll said that he waits for other agencies to call and borrow the truck. Driscoll was part of the crew that worked a truck

stop enforcement area with New Jersey State Police two years ago, where trucks were screened in a routine checkpoint.

"We're waiting for them to call back because that was a bit of fun," Driscoll said.



Lisa Evans

**GAMMA VISION** -- To better search vehicles entering Fort Dix through the commercial entrance, DoD police are using a truck equipped with x-ray technology to scan in-coming traffic.

# Simulator puts Soldiers under HEAT

Spc. Cortnee Falconer  
126 Press Camp  
Headquarters

An engine rumbles away as the occupants focus on the various tasks appointed to them when the unexpected happens. Speed, terrain or water might be the culprit, but the vehicle still starts to go out of control. The driver tries to compensate, but the vehicle is already out of control and flips at least five times.

How could this have happened? Did an IED go off, was there an insurgency attack?

No, this was only familiarization training. Unfortunately, those who didn't know is once an M1114 Up-armed HMMWV exceeds a 25-degree angle, a rollover is highly probable. This scenario really happened however, Fort Dix is working to prevent acci-

dents from occurring.

Twenty-five members of the Michigan National Guard, the 126 Press Camp Headquarters, experienced the stomach-turning event in a controlled and safe environment. The purpose of the HMMWV Egress Assistance Trainer, (HEAT) is to have Soldiers experience a rollover and react in the appropriate manner before an actual rollover occurs.

"I've seen rollovers and this is good learning," said Sgt. Jonathan K. Meadows, an instructor for 1st Army. The Quakerhill Waterford, Conn. native, along with other returning Soldiers, is helping to train Soldiers mobilizing to Iraq from his own experiences while overseas.

Meadows is an instructor for the HMMWV simulator class. During HEAT training Soldiers experience the reality of an HMMWV rollover in a

controlled environment. The rollover simulator is a machine shaped like the body of an HMMWV passenger compartment. The machine, which is built on a pivot, has the ability to turn 360 degrees as well as stopping at various angles. This allows Soldiers to experience evacuating from a vehicle when it has tipped at multiple angles.

The instructors at Fort Dix take this training very seriously after experiencing rollovers first hand.

"Train like you operate," said Sgt. Ted Vega, the HEAT trainer for the course. During his first tour in Iraq, Vega's unit incurred injuries from rollovers.

The Escondido Calif., native switched things up for each group. Starting with showing the degree angles which can result in a rollover from each side, then flipping

the vehicle once and sometimes twice around.

HEAT training uses simulations, PowerPoint and video to educate Soldiers on the risk of accidents in up-armored vehicles. During training Vega displayed a video, showing two HMMWVs going down a road, trying out the terrain. Suddenly one flips over a crest. The second HMMWV pulls up to assist. Vega said that the vehicle's occupants suffered from broken bones and severe neck and back injuries that could have been prevented with the proper training.

The training also covers the scenario of a water entry. The combat-locked doors are unlocked and speed is reduced. If the rollover happens the same procedures are followed as dry land.

Staff Sgt. Tyrone A. Scurry is stationed at Fort Dix for Operational Warrior Training. Scurry, along with Meadows and Vega are taking the instructor course at Fort Dix. Scurry came back from Iraq and trains

troops in his Military Occupational Specialty. He takes particular care with the simulation. While not as dangerous as a real rollover, injuries can occur.

"Seven people from one unit were hurt and each injury reflects on the instructors," said Scurry.

Battalion, Brigade and Post safety at Fort Dix, were at the training site, researching every angle to make sure future injuries were prevented. After the incidents, 1st Army and the instructors implemented more safety procedures for the course.

Scurry said one safety measure practiced now is stretching before entering the simulator.

"This course stresses safety. A lot of emphasis is placed on stretching and bracing after a unit had some accidents," said Scurry.

Other safety measures taken were checking the fit of a Soldier's battle gear and a video demonstrating the correct way

to brace oneself upside-down before taking off the seatbelt. Wearing full battle gear at all times is another safety measure.

The 126 PCH and other units that attended the course are better prepared to handle the possibility of an accident.

With the Army switching to the M1114s, the HEAT training for mobilizing Soldiers becomes critical. Knowing the vehicle's cautionary angles and vehicle leanings help Soldiers plan and use safety measures to accomplish their mission. Simulating a rollover helps Soldiers get a mental idea of what they could face overseas and how to calmly egress and secure fellow Soldiers, sensitive items and the perimeter.

Having instructors who have witnessed rollovers, or been in rollovers themselves, lends the course added urgency and commitment.

It is important that Soldiers obtain realistic training during their mobilization. It is imperative that the training be safe.



Pfc. Nicole J. Tennis

**UPSIDE-DOWN** -- Maj. John C. Hall with the 126th Press Camp Headquarters of Augusta, Mich., takes his turn in the HMMWV simulator, above. The simulator teaches Soldiers how to safely exit an overturned vehicle, below.



# Air Force EOD sticks CLS training



**Sgt. Daniel T. West**  
354th MPAD

Previous distinctions between military occupations grow blurry on today's battlefield. The training Air Force Explosive Ordnance Disposal specialists undergo at Fort Dix this month drives that lesson home with a vengeance.

Air Force EOD specialists conduct training with Army units on many of the same tasks, since once deployed, their mission is primarily to work with Army units. The most important part of that training is Combat Lifesaver (CLS) training, said Sen-

ior Master Sgt. Al Schneider of the 354th EOD from Eileson Air Force Base, Alaska.

"We've had a few combat injuries and credit combat lifesavers with saving their lives," he said. "No one complains about going through CLS."

The Airmen undergoing CLS training had various levels of experience, but all went through the same course. The course lasts three days and covers such tasks as evaluating a casualty, applying field dressings and tourniquets, treating shock, and administering intravenous fluids. As a condition for successful completion of the course, every student must successfully admin-

ister one IV.

CLS is great for deployment, getting people prepared whether it is their first deployment or a return trip, said Maj. Andrew Lauer of Headquarters, Pacific Air Force, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii.

Lauer said that his training at Fort Dix was by far the best pre-deployment training he has experienced. This sentiment was echoed by Schneider and Staff Sergeants Steven Stone and Chris Ferrell, both of the 437th EOD from Charleston Air Force Base, South Carolina.

All are veterans of multiple deployments and said their experience at Fort Dix was,

without a doubt, the most streamlined and valuable training they received.

Looking forward to their time in Iraq, Stone said they had always been operationally attached to the Army.

There has always been a good relationship with the Army, said Ferrell.

"No matter what service we're from or who's attached to our security, we're one big team," said Schneider.

Lauer looks forward to cooperating with other servicemen.

"Anyone who has spent time over there knows that EOD is important, and we have to be integrated," he said.

## Training teaches skills, confidence

**Spc. David Turner**  
354th MPAD

Soldiers of the 812th Military Police Company, based in Orangeburg, N.Y., completed their final day of Modern Army Combatives training at Fort Dix's Forward Operating Base Victory April 1.

This training is intended to better prepare them for their mobilization to Iraq.

"We have 600 reports of combatives actually saving Soldiers' lives," said Sgt. Ron Del Rosario, a Staten Island, N.Y. native and level-one MAC

instructor with 1st Army East. "A Soldier will always have their weapon, but God forbid they run out of ammo or don't

have time to take out their weapon," he said.

MAC is a martial art that is unique to the U.S. Army. Developed as an alternative to hand-to-hand combat, it draws

most of its techniques from Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu. Most of all, it emphasizes how to achieve dominant positions and how to escape from them. MAC teaches

submission techniques, such as chokeholds, to disable an enemy instead of punching.

The Soldiers learned a set of

drills that enable them to subdue an enemy without weapons, as well as defend themselves.

"If you get up-close and personal with the enemy, these techniques are really effective," said Pfc. Michael Guertin, of Middletown, N.Y.

"I doubt you're going to be on your feet throwing punches. I've heard that most fights end up on the ground, so things they show us really help," he said.

Del Rosario, who deployed to Iraq last year as an MP, also sees the value of combatives training in a combat zone.

"The Soldiers are really

Upon returning home he volunteered to learn and to teach MAC to Soldiers through Operation Warrior Trainer.

"I wish I had known this then, because we were always hands-on with the Iraqis," he said. "If I do go back there, I would definitely go there feeling much more prepared and much more confident."

Del Rosario said that MAC teaches the Soldier not only how to fight, but also instills much-needed confidence.

"The Soldiers are really nervous about going to Iraq. When you teach them how to better prepare themselves, they feel so much better," he said.

Capt. Joseph Orecchio, Executive Officer of the 812th said, "If nothing else, it's a good way for them to get some aggression out. It's a good chance for them to unwind a bit."

Del Rosario said he enjoys the enthusiasm the Soldiers bring to the training.

"We actually have to slow them down a little bit," he said.

"They're controlled all day long, now they're being told to wrestle, so they're like, 'cool!'"

*Ryan Morton*  
**CROSS TRAINING -- Air Force Staff Sgt. Joseph Deslauriers, 1st Special Operations Civil Engineer Squadron, prep an IV bag during a portion of Combat Lifesaver training. He and other Airmen trained with Soldiers at Fort Dix.**

## Military Police set sights to excel

**Sgt. Daniel T. West**  
354th MPAD

Soldiers of the 1175th Military Police Co., from St. Clair, Mo., attended training at Fort Dix to hone their marksmanship skills in preparation for their upcoming deployment to Iraq.

As the conflict in Iraq wears on, the Army searches for new tools to make Soldiers more effective in the execution of their mission and defending themselves and their buddies.

The most basic skill for Soldiers is marksmanship, and it is essential for every Soldier, whether cooks or infantrymen, said Sgt. Robert Tabers, a St. Louis native assigned to the 1175th MP Co.

One of the tools adopted by the Army to help that skill is the Close Combat Optic, a reflexive sight designed to allow Soldiers to quickly acquire targets while keeping both eyes open and maintaining the maximum possible field of view.

The sight generates a holographic red dot that, to the Soldier looking through it, appears at the weapon's point of aim.

Tabers said that CCOs are essential for the successful completion of Soldiers' missions in Iraq, particularly those involving close quarters combat.

CCOs are amazing because Soldiers need to shoot with both eyes open in order to maintain situational awareness, he said.

Still, not every Soldier is fond of the CCO.

Spe. Rebecca Brietske, a St. Louis native also assigned to the 1175th MP Co., said that she prefers shooting with traditional iron sights.

Spe. Johnna Bowman, also a native of St. Louis and



*Sgt. Daniel T. West*

**SHARP SHOOTER -- Pfc. Johnna Bowman, 1175th Military Police Co. of St. Clair, Mo., sights in through her Close Combat Optic while laser boresighting her weapon. The CCO allows Soldiers to keep both eyes open while aiming their weapon so they can maintain the maximum possible field of view.**

assigned to the 1175th MP Co., what's shooting at you," he agreed.

"It's strictly preference," she said.

"Each Soldier uses the best method for them."

Tabers also warned that traditional marksmanship training should not fall by the wayside. "Optics are a tool," he said. "Tools get lost, broken. This is an enhancement tool, not a crutch."

Pfc. Jesse Ditto, a St. Louis native also of the 1175th MP Co., said that the CCO had definitely helped him and was a valuable tool for his marksmanship training.

He summed up his feelings in a few words.

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**Fort Dix  
Mayors Program**

# Honor Guard receives commendation



courtesy photo

**COMMENDATION** – Spc. Darwin Fifield stands in front of his command team, Lt. Col. William Renaldo and Command Sgt. Maj. Richard Kelly. Sr. Fifield received commendation for serving as an Honor Guard during a dedication ceremony for a fallen Soldier.

**Capt. Theresa Bunn**  
PAO RTC East

Few of us have had the privilege of serving as an Honor Guard for a Soldier who has made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

Spc. Darwin Fifield, Battalion S4 Section, received a Letter of Commendation at this month's battalion awards ceremony for serving as an Honor Guard with a "professional attitude and enthusiasm resulting in the smooth and efficient operation" during a dedication ceremony held July 4, 2005 in Leland, North Carolina.

Leland, a town of four square miles with a population of 1,938, epitomizes small town America. The chief of police, a retired Vietnam vet, discovered that Leland had a son

who paid the ultimate sacrifice in Vietnam and, with the town council's approval, established a monument outside Town Hall for Pfc. John Edwin Jacobs.

Johne Jacobs, as he was known, was a 21-year-old combat infantryman who served valiantly in Vietnam in 1968. He had been in-country for only a week and was the point man on a unit patrol in the province of Quang Tri near the DMZ when his unit was ambushed.

He was awarded the Purple Heart posthumously and his unit was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation and Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palms. He was assigned to Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry, Red Devil Brigade, 5th Infantry Division (Red Diamond) and their motto was

Semper Fidelis - Always Faithful. Jacobs was laid to rest at his family's cemetery in 1968 without ceremony or honors.

Fifield, an infantryman, stated that during the ceremony he participated as an Honor Guard, a flag was raised and lowered to honor of Jacobs in the presence of his parents, and a wreath was placed at the base of the newly unveiled monument.

Jacobs' nephew, Command Sgt. Maj. Charles Holiday, Sr., spoke at the ceremony and described how the death of his Uncle John was the catalyst for him becoming a career Soldier. Jacobs finally received his long-overdue military honors, 37 years after his death, and his family was presented with an American flag on behalf of a grateful nation.

## MPs honor DoD Police



Pascual J. Flores

Brig. Gen. Jack Lee, left, commander of the 73rd Troop Command, stands beside Department of Defense Police Sgt. Paul Inhof and DoD patrolmen Kevin Henkel and John Fetzler. Also in attendance was Maj. Gen. Gregory Wayt, Adjutant General of the Ohio National Guard, right, at a Yellow Banner ceremony held at the Griffith Field House. The members of the DoD Police were honored for their support in training the Soldiers of the 583rd Military Police Company, Law and Order, during their mobilization at Fort Dix. Inhof was awarded the Army Commendation Medal by Lee.



Staff Sgt. Barry Tolbert

## New stripes

Regional Training Center East congratulates its newest Staff Sergeants, from left to right - Henry Calderon, Julie Aymar, Sang Troung, Brad Giddings and Jesse Stanley.



photos by Spc. Nicholas A. Oposnow

## Yellow banners fly high at Infantry Park

Every time a unit deploys from Fort Dix, a yellow banner representing that unit is placed at Infantry Park. Three more yellow banners were added this week, as units continue to train at Fort Dix in preparation for the War on Terrorism. Sgt. 1st Class Edwin Cortes and Capt. Erik Luca, commander of 583rd Military Police Law and Order Detachment accept their unit's yellow banner during a ceremony held in Griffith Field House March 31, left photo. The 583rd is a National Guard unit out of Youngstown, Ohio scheduled to conduct law enforcement operations in Iraq. The 744th MP Bn. from Bethlehem, Penn. also received a yellow banner March 31, Sgt. Larry E. Lawrence and 1st Lt. Brendan P. Joliet, commander of 744th Military Police Battalion, shown left-center photo. Sgt. Maj. Michael W. Shaner, right-center photo, of the 744th Military Police Battalion accepts a retirement award from the entire 744th MP Bn. during their yellow banner ceremony. Shaner served 26 years and four months and is scheduled to retire later this month. The award is a glass etching of the NCO creed. The 191st MPs from the North Dakota National Guard also received their yellow banner this week, Capt. Ben Cleghorn, company commander, and 1st Sgt. Kevin J. Keefe, right photo.

# Announcements

## Cinema Schedule

754-5139  
McGuire Air Force Base

Friday, April 4 @ 7:30 p.m.

**Vantage Point** - Dennis Quaid, Matthew Fox, Forest Whitaker, Sigourney Weaver, William Hurt - Thomas Barnes and Kent Taylor are two Secret Service agents assigned to protect President Ashton at a landmark summit on the global war on terror. When President Ashton is shot moments after his arrival in Spain, chaos ensues and disparate lives collide. In the crowd is Howard Lewis, an American tourist videotaping the historic event to show his kids when he returns home. Also there is Rex, an American TV news producer who is reporting on the conference. It's only as we follow each person's perspective of the same 15 minutes to and immediately after the shooting that the terrifying truth behind the assassination attempt is revealed.

MPAA Rating: PG-13 - sequences of intense violence and action, some disturbing images and brief strong language  
Run time: 84 minutes

Saturday, April 5 @ 7:30 p.m.

**Focus Gold** - Freddie Highmore, Mary-Louise Parker, Nick Nolte, Sarah Bolger, Andrew McCarthy - Of the three Grace children, Jared (Freddie Highmore) has always been thought of as the troublemaker. So when strange things happen after his family's move to a relative's dilapidated estate, sister Mallory (Sarah Bolger), twin brother Simon and their mother assume that Jared is behind it all. However, magical creatures roam the grounds, and they all want a special book that Jared has found: a field guide to fantastic creatures, penned by Arthur Spiderwick.

MPAA Rating: PG - scary creature action and violence, peril and some thematic elements  
Run time: 97 minutes

## Future Features...

### College Road Trip

Friday, April 11 @ 7:30 p.m.  
G, 83 minutes.

### Jumper

Saturday, April 12 @ 7:30 p.m.  
PG-13, 88 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.

Sunday School.....10 - 11:15 a.m.  
CCD.....9:15 - 10 a.m.

Chapel 5 - Bldg. 5950 Church Street  
General Protestant Service.....6:30 p.m.

NCO Academy Protestant Field Service -  
Bldg. 5417, Texas Avenue

April 6, 13/May 4, 11/June 8, 15/July 13, 20/  
August 10, 17/September 7, 14

### 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. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through

Friday - Room 24

Christian Women of the Chapel -

Bible Study - Tuesdays, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Christian Men of the Chapel -

Prayer Breakfast - Fourth Saturday of each

month, 9 - 11 a.m.

Jewish services available by request

\*\*Special Events\*\*

---Coming in April---

April 13

Protestant/Gospel Choir Appreciation Day

April 26

Sight and Sound Trip to Lancaster, Pa.

"Daniel"

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, April 4

Playgroup

18 mo. - 3 yrs.

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

McGuire CDC #2

Tuesday, April 8

Hearts Apart

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

ACS, Bldg. 5201

## Sexual Assault Awareness Info Booth

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

BXPX

Wednesday, April 9

Playgroup Birth - 18 mo.

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

McGuire CDC #2

PA State Police Recruiting

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

ACS, Bldg. 5201

Thursday, April 17

Stress Management

6 - 8 p.m.

Fort Dix CDC

## 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, April 4

April Birthday Celebration

Power Hour Store

2:30 - 4 p.m.

Power Hour Activity

3:15 p.m.

Keystone Meeting

6 - 8 p.m.

Saturday, April 5

Open Recreation

3:30 - 7 p.m.

Midnight Basketball

4 - 6 p.m.

Monday, April 7

Power Hour

2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Computer Lab

4 - 6 p.m.

Strength and Conditioning

4 - 5 p.m.

Tuesday, April 8

Power Hour

2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Career Explorers

3:45 - 4:45 p.m.

Computer Lab

4 - 6 p.m.

Wednesday, April 9

MS Full Day Care

4 - 6 p.m.

Thursday, April 10

Power Hour

2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Computer Lab

4 - 6 p.m.

Torch Club

3:45 - 4:45 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

694-8724

Child/Spouse Abuse

562-6001

Emergencies

911

Providence House hotline

871-7551

NJ Domestic Violence hotline

800 572-SAFE

Fort Dix Victim Advocate

562-2767

McGuire Victim Advocate

754-9672

## Arts and Crafts

562-5691

Bldg. 6039 Philadelphia Street

Hours of Operation:

Tuesday from 9 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Wednesday to Thursday from noon -

5 p.m. and 6 - 8:45 p.m.

Friday from 11 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Saturday from 9 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

## Programs

Adult Craft Classes

Pottery

April 2 - May 7 (6 week class)

Classes cover both hand building and wheel

throwing techniques. Pre-registration required.

Held Wednesdays 6:30 - 9 p.m.

\$60 registration fee plus materials.

Pillow Magic

April 9

Change the look of your sofa or bed by creat-

ing designer pillow covers. Bring your ugliest

pillow up to 18 inches square. \$30 fee.

Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

April 10

Intro to Drawing & Painting Course - \$30 fee

Green Bag

April 16

In honor of Earth Day, sew your own "green

bag" totes with pockets for your coupons and

water bottle. \$20 fee

April 24

Scrapbooks for your Graduate

Kids Craft Classes

Kid's Introductory Painting Course

April 5, 12, 26 & May 3

Children will explore various paint media and

techniques. (4 - week class)

\$20 fee plus materials

Saturdays, 2:30 - 4 p.m.

Tween Pottery Class

April 5 - 26 (4 - week class)

Classes cover both hand building and wheel

throwing techniques. Pre-registration required.

\$30 fee

Saturdays, 1 - 2:30 p.m.

Kids Pottery Class

April 5 - 26 (4 - week class)

Class covers both hand building and wheel

throwing techniques. Pre-registration required.

\$30 fee

Saturdays, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

\$5 pre-registration fee

for other classes call Arts & Crafts - 562-5691

April 12

Quilts for Kids Marathon

11 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Crafty Garden Party

11 a.m. - 9 p.m.

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 mate-

rials, 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!

## 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)  
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\*Joining the group soon will be members of the Vietnam Veterans of America who will offer their support and experience to today's Soldiers.

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www.mcguiredixuc.com

Fort Dix/McGuire Residential Re-

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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

## Honoring the Colors

	<b>Reveille</b> 6 a.m. (0600 hours)	<b>Retreat</b> 5 p.m. (1700 hours)
<b>Military personnel in uniform</b>	<i>Stand at attention, face the flag and salute at first note.</i>	<i>Stand at attention, face the flag for Retreat, then salute at first note of To the Colors.</i>
<b>Military personnel not in uniform, civilians</b>	<i>Stand at attention, face the flag and place right hand over heart at first note.</i>	<i>Stand at attention, face the flag, for Retreat, then place right hand over heart at first note of To the Colors.</i>
<b>Military personnel in formation or in a group</b>	<i>Senior Soldier calls group to "Attention," then "Present, Arms" at first note. Calls "Order, Arms" at conclusion.</i>	<i>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.</i>
<b>Individual military personnel, civilians in a vehicle</b>	<i>Stop vehicle and exit. Follow steps above.</i>	<i>Stop vehicle and exit. Follow steps above.</i>
<b>Group of military personnel in a vehicle</b>	<i>Stop vehicle. Individual in charge exits and follows steps above.</i>	<i>Stop vehicle. Individual in charge exits and follows steps above.</i>

**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)

# Legal information abates court room conundrums

**Capt. Nick Mitchell**  
Judge Advocate

The steps involved in a lawsuit may differ from one court system to another. Therefore, when you receive a summons and complaint (paperwork from a court) it is important to read them carefully. Usually, when a case is filed, and you are served with a summons, a clock starts running. You have a limited time to respond to the lawsuit by filing a document known as an appearance and, in most cases, filing an answer to the complaint. If you fail to take these steps, you may lose your right to dispute the lawsuit and defend yourself.

After you have filed your appearance and answer, a date may be set for either a trial or a report to the court on the status of the case. In the meantime, the parties have the right to conduct discovery. Discovery is a process allowing both sides to find out more about the issues in dispute. People may be required to answer questions under oath in a deposition or through interrogatories. A deposition is an oral examination, while interrogatories are written answers to questions. In most courts, the judge will try to settle the case after discovery is completed and before the trial. The great majority of cases do settle without going to trial.

When a civil case goes to trial, it may be heard and decided by a judge or jury, depending on the kind of claim being made. There may be an additional filing fee to demand a jury trial.

If the case is decided against the person being sued (the defendant), the judge or jury will decide how much the damages are (how much money to pay to the person (plaintiff) that started the case against the defendant).

After a settlement or trial, a court order is written and signed by the judge. The order sets out the obligations resulting from the lawsuit. If there is an order for damages and money is owed, the order can be enforced by various collection methods including wage assignment/garnishment (money is taken out of your paycheck), or the sale of assets such as an automobile or house.

If you lose a lawsuit, you may be able to bring an appeal to a higher court. However, appeals can be brought for only a limited number of reasons, and are costly and time consuming.



Jodi Harris

## Good news gang

Delaware Valley Soldiers, part of the 744 Military Police Battalion mobilizing at Fort Dix, spent the morning at the Fox 29 news studio, Friday March 28. The Soldiers were invited to the Morning Show to do live shout-outs to their families in the viewing area and take a tour of the studio and meet the newscasters. The 744 MP Bn are scheduled to deploy in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and are expected to return this time next year.

### FORT DIX WANTS YOU

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

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# Soldiers triumph at Winter Triathlon



John Elliott

**GOLD STANDARD** -- Staff Sgt. Lori Nix competes on her way to a gold medal in the cross-country skiing portion of the Winter Triathlon in Germany.

**John Elliott**  
Army News Service

**KNEBIS, Germany** -- Sounds of the rocket's red glare were heard as Staff Sgt. Lori Nix scrambled through the snow into the finishing chute Feb. 24 to become the first American to win a Winter Triathlon World Championship in the Black Forest of Germany.

The race director had linked the electronic timing chips worn by each triathlete into the computerized sound system so national anthems would be played as winners of the five age groups came across the finish line.

The Star Spangled Banner played as U.S. Army Europe's Band and Chorus led the way for Team USA in the age-group race. Staff Sgt. Benjamin Martinelli, a clarinet player, was the first Soldier across the line. He was followed by his Soldier-Germanian teammates Staff Sgt. Todd Stubbs, a trombone musician, and Staff Sgt. Kevin Pick, tuba,

and Nix, bassoon.

Winter triathlons typically consist of run, mountain bike, and cross country ski segments with transitions between each segment. Age groupers compete over shorter race course distances than the elite triathletes. All segments are on snow when available.

Snow had melted on the run and bike courses the week of Feb. 24, so race organizers emptied out the Black Forest to haul two hundred truckloads to Knebis by a battalion of volunteers to prep the cross-country ski course in the village because of the unseasonably warm weather.

Staff Sgt. Ben Martinelli orchestrated the USAREUR ski course in the village because of the unseasonably warm weather.

It was the first winter triathlon for the four soldier-musicians. They put together an ensemble of Olympic and

sprint distance triathlons, endurance running, road and mountain bike races to train. And much like their musical performances at the 60th Anniversary of Russian VE Day in Moscow and counterpart events in Normandy, they were not even breathing hard when they finished.

They had limited time to get the skate ski technique down, so they emphasized taking it out hard on the run and bike, then hanging in there on the ski segment. Their plan worked.

Here's a race recap:  
- Martinelli came out fast on the run with a shocking 7th overall and stayed competitive on the bike in twentieth place before finishing up with a gutsy ski to be inside the top 50 as first Army soldier.

- Stubbs pushed the run hard to finish 61st and lost little time on the bike and finished in the top 100 after a tough ski.

- Pick stayed in the fight with solid times in each three segments to finish at 123.

- Nix stayed in mode and never wavered to ski to a first-

place gold in her age group. Stupendous performances were served up by elite teams competing from 25 nations.

Sigrid Mutscheller of Germany won her sixth world championship and became the only athlete in International Triathlon Union history to win six elite world championships.

Arne Post of Norway was a repeat world champion for the men's elite.

Knebis also produced best-ever results for the American triathletes. Rebecca Dassault, a former Olympian, finished 6th overall for the U.S. elite women. Elite triathlete relay teams have three members each competing in the same three events on a shortened course.

Mike Kloser, former World Mountain Bike Champion, and fastest skier on the U.S. team, closed out the team relay with 6th overall -- also the best-ever finish at world's for an American men's elite triathlete team.

Plans are being made now for a training camp in Germany for American athletes to prepare for next year's Winter Triathlon.

# Volunteers, sponsors drive sports clinic

**Donna Miles**  
American Forces Press Service

**SNOWMASS VILLAGE, Colo.** -- As nearly 400 disabled veterans enjoy the National Disabled Veterans Winter Sports Clinic here, officials credit a legion of volunteers and sponsors as the driving force behind the clinic's success.

The six-day event, which opened March 30 and continues through April 4, gives severely disabled veterans the opportunity to ski, rock climb, scuba dive, trapshoot, snowmobile, and try their hand at sled hockey and wheelchair fencing, among other activities -- all with the help of more than 600 volunteers.

In addition, 76 sponsors have joined forces with the Department of Veterans Affairs and Disabled American Veterans to fund the \$1 million program, according to Edward Hartman, DAV's national director for voluntary services.

"None of this is possible without the power of all the people who make it happen," said Sandy Trombetta, who came up with the concept of the winter sports clinic and has served as VA's national director for the program throughout its 22-year history.

Trombetta praised the sponsors who finance the activities and volunteers who return year after year, giving up vacation time and paying their own way to get here to work with the veterans.

"They all want to be part of something bigger than themselves," he said. "What you see here is people really giving back to others. It still leaves me

awestruck."

Theresa Parks, event coordinator for the past five years, said it would be impossible to run the clinic without the volunteers' support. "What they do is huge," she said. "They all make such a commitment. There just isn't a better group of people to work with than our volunteers."

Parks called their efforts a labor of love that translates into a supportive environment where veterans with severe disabilities can push their limits, and, ultimately, form lasting friendships.

"They treat the veterans like family, and embrace them like a brother or son or father," he said. "There's a real sense of connection that takes place here."

Among the volunteers are more than 200 certified adaptive ski instructors, including current and former members of the U.S. Disabled Ski Team, coaches and support staff.

Kevin Ridley, an adaptive ski instructor from Boston, is a first-time volunteer at the winter sports clinic after working with disabled veterans in New England for the past 12 years.

Like other volunteers at the clinic, Ridley said he gets more out of his volunteerism than the participants, particularly when he sees them react after a run down in the mountainside.

"Just to see the smiles on their faces and to see their confidence built up, with their recognition of what they can do, is the reward," he said. "While ski instructors make up a big percentage of the volunteer force, many volunteers at the winter sports clinic work in other capacities, running a full range of activities.

A Denver resident who has been volunteering at the clinic since 1995, most of those years teaching scuba diving.

"It's a great thing for them because of the sense of freedom they get," he said. "They get in the pool and they don't want to come out."

A volunteer at the VA hospital in Denver for more than 20 years and a disabled veteran himself, Ognie said he gets a special sense of gratification helping his fellow veterans.

Elizabeth Lowery, an employee at the VA medical center in Grand Junction, Colo., is volunteering at the clinic for the third year to schedule veterans for a variety of activities off the ski slopes, load them on buses and accompany them to the events.

"It's awe-inspiring just being here," she said. "Once you come one time, you always come back. There's just nowhere else you want to be."

Some, like eight volunteers from Luke Air Force Base, Ariz., pick up veterans at the airport and transport them between venues during the event. Air Force Master Sgt. Bryan Malkowski of the 63rd Aircraft Maintenance Unit is back for his second year at the clinic helping any way he can.

"It's really rewarding to see their faces when they're doing something that they thought they would never get to do," he said. "Seeing them enjoy themselves is the best reward ever."

Gretchen Annan, also from the Grand Junction VA medical center, is here for her second clinic, helping veterans move their trays through the food lines in the dining room and get settled at their tables to eat three meals served each day.

Annan said she feels hon-



Donna Miles

**GUIDING LIGHT** -- Gretchen Annan, a volunteer from the VA Medical Center in Grand Junction, Colo., helps Jarod Behee, an Army veteran blinded during operations in Iraq, through the food line at the 22nd National Disabled Veterans Winter Sports Clinic in Snowmass Village, Colo.

ored to get to work with such exceptional people who refuse to let a disability get in the way of living life to its fullest.

"I'm so thankful to be here, and nothing can make my day happier than seeing someone confronted with so many challenges still making it through the day," she said. "It's really inspiring."

Other volunteers, like John Corbett, known for his roles in "Sex and the City" and "My Big Fat Greek Wedding" will take center stage later this week with his band to entertain the veterans. In addition, actress Bo Derek, honorary chair of VA's national rehabilitation special events, will attend activities throughout the week.

The Snowmass community has opened its arms to the participants, too, with local restaurants and hotels treating veterans. In addition, that Parks said she finds herself having to turn down offers from others who would like to contribute.

"Our biggest problem -- and it's hard to call this a problem -- is that we have to turn away

hundreds of people every year who want to volunteer," she said. "Our volunteers come, and they stay."

The volunteers' dedication isn't lost on participants here.

"These volunteers are great people," said Jarod Behee, an Army veteran blinded during operations in Iraq who's attending the winter sports clinic for the first time this year. "I'm really thankful that they're here. They really make it special for us."

Hope Cooper, an Air Force veteran medically retired in 1989, said she's overwhelmed by the outpouring of volunteers who travel here "on their own dime to help us with everything and anything."

"They're giving of their lives to us this week, and what they do is heartfelt," she said. "And do you want to know the true reason they do it? It's because they love us. Knowing that is powerful, and it's healing."

**April is Child Abuse Prevention Month**

**Child Abuse Prevention Unity Walk & Run**  
April 17th 2008 1200-1300  
5k (3.1 miles) & 3K (1.5 miles)

All runners and walkers report to the Griffith Field House @ 1145  
Baby Strollers are welcome! No bicycles please.

Water bottles will be given to the first 250 participants  
For more information contact ACS @ 609-562-2767

The ACS Center is accessible to persons with disabilities.  
Customers using Text Telephone (TTY) may contact us through the Telecommunications Relay Service at 711 or 1-800-852-2897.

**Fort Dix Outdoor Recreation Rod & Gun Club**

**23rd Annual Kiddie Fishing Contest**  
5 April 2008 from 8:00-10:00am

**Contests:**  
1. Smallest Trout by Length caught in EACH age group.  
2. Longest Trout by Length caught in EACH age group.

**Rules:**  
1. Children MUST BE accompanied by an adult. All participants must check in at registration table. Registration will be from 07:30-08:30. Everyone allowed to register beforehand.  
2. Fishing will start promptly at 08:00 hrs and will continue to 10:00 hrs. There will be no fishing before 08:00 hrs. All fish must be presented to the judging area before 10:00 hrs. Children can fish past 10:00 hrs but fish caught after this time will not be eligible. Trout are the only eligible fish to enter in the contests.  
3. What the kids will need: Rod, reel, tackle, bait. There will be a limited number of Rod and reels available, at no charge, for check out. Bait will be available at no charge.  
4. Children must set the hook, reel in fish and get it on shore. Adults may assist in casting, removing the fish from the hook, unstringing lines and rigging bait.  
5. Awards ceremony will be presented at 10:30 hrs. The raffle will follow the awards ceremony and the child must be present to receive a door prize.  
6. Sign up by 4 April at Outdoor Recreation Bldg. 6945, by phone 609-562-2727 or 609-562-6667 or by email: dave.bestagno@us.army.mil or katrina.kern@us.army.mil

\*All Children WILL BE eligible for a door prize!!  
\*\*Limited Refreshments will be provided.