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NEWSNOTES

Browns Mills Gate named today for New Jersey Hero

The Browns Mills Gate on Texas Avenue will be dedicated today in honor of Cpl. Michael Edward Curtin, a New Jersey native who was killed in the War On Terrorism in Iraq March 19, 2003. The ceremony will be held at the gate at 10 a.m., and members of the community are invited to attend.

CAC pin resets now available at MPD

Effective today, anyone in need of a CAC Pin Reset can obtain it at the Customer Service desk on the First Floor, Bldg. 5418, center wing, Military Personnel Division (MPD) Room 113. The hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For additional information or questions, please contact Luis Lopez at (609) 562-3306 or HRM Customer Service desk at (609) 562-3088/3167.

Spring flowers available at Self-Help Store

Spring flowers are available at all post units at the Self Help Store, Bldg. 5322 Delaware Avenue. Store hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Supplies will be issued on a first come first served basis. Call 562-3968 for more information.

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 aeo-testing@dix.army.mil.

Walston Aid Station changes sick call hours

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

305th Med Group makes cancellations easy

Soldiers who cannot get to scheduled medical appointments on time at the 305th Medical Group, McGuire Air Force Base, may cancel their appointments by calling 754-9287. The phone will be staffed until 2 p.m., when it will switch to a message system that will be checked hourly.

WEATHER

FRIDAY -- Rain throughout the day, heavy at times. High of 60 degrees and overnight low of 45.

SATURDAY -- Slight chance of showers and thunderstorms in afternoon. High of 68 and low of 45 degrees.

SUNDAY -- Slight chance of showers in morning, mostly cloudy rest of day with high of 69 and overnight low of 52.

MONDAY -- Showers likely, high near 61 degrees and overnight low of 44.

TUESDAY -- Partly sunny with daytime high of near 65 and low of about 45 degrees.

WEDNESDAY -- Partly sunny, high near 65 degrees, cloudy into evening with chance of rain. Overnight low of 44 degrees.

Dixan heads for Myanmar

Contractor set to help family with support of co-workers

Staff Sgt. Brock Jones
128th Mobile Public Affairs
Detachment

The world sat engrossed in horror as news of the Myanmar cyclone disaster started to trickle in earlier this week. The death toll seemed to rise with each passing hour and hope began to fade.

For many watching from afar, the images of destruction seemed surreal. For Mo, a native of Myanmar and a contractor on Fort Dix who asked that his last name be withheld, each picture on the screen and every name added to the death toll was a potentially devastating statistic. Mo's wife, also a native of Myanmar, lives and works in Yangon. He had not heard from her in days. He feared the worst having found out about the disaster in the coldest of ways: via the internet.

"He called me on Saturday and asked me to go online and look," said Peter Mckenney, a contractor here who works with Mo in the same



ILL WINDS -- A cyclone left devastation in its wake as it tore through the Asian nation of Myanmar earlier this week. The effects were felt all the way to Fort Dix.

equipment maintenance shop. "He told me he was visiting a relative and they actually were surfing the internet when he found out about the cyclone. He was very shook up. He told me he was going to try to get to Myanmar."

"When he walked out of here yesterday, he had the feeling that his wife was gone," said Christine Correa, Mo's supervisor at work.

At work on Monday morning, Mo and his co-workers discussed Mo's plan to get to Myanmar and hopefully to find his wife. Word quickly spread

throughout the shop's employees that one of their own needed help. And help they did.

"In the span of about an eight-hour workday many people came through with a sizeable monetary collection, (continued on page 4)

Contracting Center repeats top award

Shawn Morris
Public Affairs Staff

The more things change, the more they stay the same.

Just ask the employees at the Army Reserve Contracting Center (ARCC) on Fort Dix. Maintaining the same high level of customer service has netted the ARCC its tenth Secretary of the Army contracting award in the past 11 years. But this accomplishment is all the more special due to ongoing changes within the ARCC and the center's recent shift from being an Army Contracting Agency asset to belonging to the Army Materiel Command.

"We're trying to create minimum disruption to the employees, and at

the same time serve the customer," explained Marv Kastberg, director, ARCC. "We're always focused on the customer."

That focus was crystal clear when the ARCC's Center Management

Maintaining the same high level of customer service has netted the Army Reserve Contracting Center (ARCC) on Fort Dix its tenth Secretary of the Army contracting award in the past 11 years.

Office (CMO) received the Secretary of the Army Excellence in Contracting Award for Outstanding Unit Team Award for Installation Level Contracting Center for Fiscal Year (FY) 2007 during an April 21 ceremony in Atlanta, Ga.

"The individuals who won this

award are the individuals who are key in making Mr. Kastberg's vision a reality on a day-to-day basis," said Pam Lutz, deputy director, ARCC, and chief, CMO.

"This group of people, in spite of

the turmoil, has not missed a beat," she continued. "It takes a lot of employee ownership," Kastberg added. "It speaks in great volumes about the employees."

Lutz was well-prepared to detail the many accomplishments of the CMO employees. She explained that

the CMO manages one of the two largest Government Purchase Card programs in the federal government, and that CMO employees helped create a credit-card program specifically for deployed Reserve Soldiers.

The Enterprise Contracting Branch awarded \$100 million in contracts for FY 2007, according to Lutz, which represents a significant portion of the ARCC's \$700 million in total contracts for that time period.

"I anticipate seeing that grow substantially in FY 08," said Lutz. "They are led by an excellent contracting officer, Annemarie Walsh," she added. "They have a lot to be proud of."

As do the Systems and Policy Branch employees, for whom Lutz (continued on page 4)

BOSSLIFT offers look at Army for employers

Gerry Zanzalari
Public Affairs Staff

Mobilizing National Guard and Army Reserve Soldiers have a different perspective on life.

On the one hand, they live a normal life -- going to work, coming home, paying bills, supporting the kid's sports events, going to church and working around the house on the weekend.

But, on the other hand, they have insight into a world not widely known outside of their ranks: preparation for war.

Employers of these Soldiers usually have no idea of what's involved in a Soldier's life other than what goes on at the workplace. Once again, Fort Dix is prepared to offer these employers a peek into the life of a mobilizing Soldier.

BOSSLIFT 2008, scheduled for May 16, includes a day-long, hands-on look at training and mobilization for civilian employers. Almost 100 guests are slated to participate in the event. Helmet fittings, a trip to Range 59 in a UH-60 helicopter and a row of military vehicles should draw lots of attention as employers get an up-close-and-personal look at HUMVEES and other weapons. A trip to the Mobile Military Operations in Urban Terrain (MOUT) site and the Forward Operating Base (FOB) are scheduled along with a live-fire exercise will help whet their appetite for the real treat. Chow time will introduce all the employers to the culinary cuisine of today's field Soldier; Meals-Ready-to-Eat (MREs).



HOME SWEET HOME -- Fort Dix continually renovates its barracks in an effort to offer improved quality of life for Soldiers stationed on post.

Barracks renovations priority for Soldier Quality of Life

Wayne Cook
Public Affairs Staff

In the past the Army has often placed the highest fiscal priority on weapon systems and equipment for Soldiers. This policy often meant that quality of life issues received whatever funds were left over.

This is no longer the case, as leadership throughout the Army recognizes that we must first take care of the needs of the Soldiers and their families, because people are the foundation of the military.

At Fort Dix as at many other installations, there has been a shift in emphasis in recent years and

much has been and is being done to continually improve living conditions for Soldiers and their families.

Although the total rebuild of the housing areas is quite visible, what is not as visible is what is going on in the barracks for the single Soldiers.

Most of the barracks on the post date back to the 1960s, when Fort Dix was a premier training base. Barracks of that time period were of the "open bay" design and privacy was not afforded to Soldiers in training. Soldiers shared one large sleeping area and also one or more large latrine.

Standard barracks design itself has undergone several changes in standards and modifications since the 1960s.

On the installation, four permanent party (Soldiers assigned to Fort Dix) barracks have been completely renovated to current Army housing standards. Additionally, five barracks have been funded for complete renovation and are currently under construction. Three more barracks have had complete renovation packages developed and are currently awaiting funding.

Funding has been approved for the installation of central heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems and new windows in six of the mobilization/demobilization/training barracks, three of which are already under construction. (continued on page 4)

Classic cars evoke nostalgic beauty

story & photos by
Steve Snyder
Public Affairs Staff

The 11th annual Mount Holy Car Show May 3 hosted a dazzling display of splendidly-aging vehicles, especially attractive to those savvy enough to appreciate vintage Americana.

I was bewitched, if not bothered and bewildered, by the wide variety of vehicles displayed, although they seemed not as numerous as in years past. I especially like the efforts of owners to spruce up their models with bright, wild colors.

One couldn't avoid feeling nostalgic for the once-proud classic automobiles gracing America's highways - like the Hudson and Studebakers. And who knows? With gas prices shooting up and hybrids on the motoring horizon maybe we've seen the last of those classy road hogs that careened down highways when Detroit ruled the showrooms. Maybe we'll all wind up driving small cars coming off an assembly line in Bhutan.

O, America!

"Whither goes thou, America, in thy shiny car..." Jack Kerouac



jawboneradio.blogspot.com



1939 Hudson, brownish-orange



1974 Oldsmobile convertible, azure blue



1933 Plymouth, black & orange

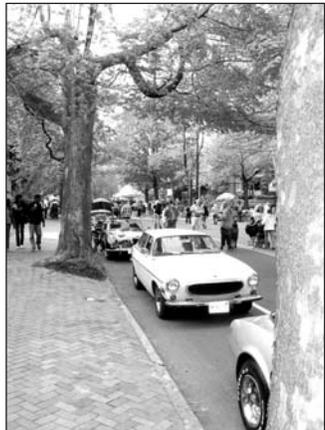


1930 Ford, maroon sides with light brown body



1953 Plymouth, dark orange with white top
"... Counting the cars on the New Jersey Turnpike. They've all come to look for America."

Paul Simon's song, *America*, 1967



1959 DeSoto, cream-colored

Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month 'Go for broke' regiment second to none

Made up entirely of Japanese-Americans, the 442nd Central Postal Directory Company fought in eight major campaigns in Italy, France and Germany during World War II, including the battles of Monte Cassino, Anzio and Bifrontone.

They earned more than 18,000 individual decorations, including one Medal of Honor, 53 Distinguished Service Crosses, 588 awards of the Silver Star, 5,200 Bronze Star Medals, 9,486 Purple Hearts and seven Presidential Unit Citations (the nation's top award for combat units).

According to Rudi Williams of the *American Forces Press Service*, "For its size and time in combat, less than two years, the 442nd is the most decorated unit in U.S. military history."

All of this from men many of whose families and relatives were locked behind barbed wire in isolated detention camps across the United States.

After the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941, more than 110,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry were uprooted



"Go for Broke" is a painting in the collection of the Army Center of Military History at Fort McNair, Washington. **GO FOR BROKE** - Painting depicts the all-Japanese American 442nd Central Postal Directory Company assaulting German siege forces in the rescue of "The Lost Battalion" in the Vosges Mountains from Oct. 27-30, 1944. The "Go for broke" regiment suffered more than 800 combat casualties, relieving the Texas National Guard's "Lost Battalion," the 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment. The rescue was one of the great ground battles of World War II. and other loyal Asian-Pacific American patriots come in every hue and color but share more than paranoiac fantasies by serving their country bravely and well.

Mother's Day salute

compiled by Steve Snyder

"Describe your experience as a mother. What does motherhood mean to you?"

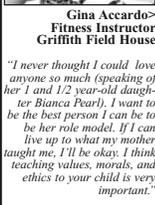
Maj. Lorraine Januzelli-
Commander
128th Mobile Public
Affairs Detachment

"Being a mother is a life-long condition. It's more exciting and compelling and important than anything else in life. So what am I doing in the Army? My son (Roll) is 20!"



<Tammy Harper
Manager
Fort Dix Flower Shop

"Motherhood is the best thing that ever happened to me. I have a son, Jason, who's 29 and two grandchildren. And my son still spends a lot of time with us - helping his father with their motorcycles and such. It's nice."



Gina Accardo-
Fitness Instructor
Griffith Field House

"I never thought I could love anyone so much (speaking of her 1 and 1/2 year-old daughter Bianca Pearl). I want to be the best person I can be to be her role model. If I can live up to what my mother taught me, I'll be okay. I think teaching values, morals, and ethics to your child is very important."



Fort Dix CSM
<Bonita Davis

"I have a son, Mark, 27, in the Army serving at Fort Benning, Ga., and a nephew, Jay, 22, at Fort Lewis, Wash. Being a mother is nurturing, something that comes naturally. I think you pretty much follow your parents' example. My mother was my biggest mentor."



Pat Pinto-
Manager
MCSS (Clothing Sales)

"I have a son, Shane, 34, and a daughter, Aja, 29. It's a mixed bag being a military wife with small children. No day resembles any other. I guess I'm now falling into the empty nest syndrome except that I live near my grandchildren. Our family has always been close."



<Chrissi Keefer
Floral Designer
Fort Dix Flower Shop

"I have a daughter Sara, 9, and a son, Jaxor, 5. Motherhood is a very rewarding experience. Our family is the most important thing to me. My family completes my life."

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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 April 28 through May 4.

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 motor vehicle crash on Brody Rd. Investigation revealed a government vehicle, operated by an Airman assigned to Ft 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 larceny of government property at Tac #13. Investigation revealed person(s) unknown took unsecured property assigned to a Soldier NAFD. Investigation continues.

●While writing a parking ticket of an illegally parked vehicle on Orlando St, police discovered the vehicle, owned by a Soldier NAFD, had expired registration. Attempts to locate the owner met with negative results. The owner was cited and the vehicle was towed from the scene.

●Police operated a sobriety safety checkpoint as directed by the installation commander. Five vehicles were checked with negative results.

●Police responded to a report of a disorderly person at building 5435. Investigation revealed a Ft Dix civilian employee had used obscene language in a threatening manner toward another Ft Dix civilian employee. Investigation continues.

●Police responded to a report of incident at building 5326. Investigation revealed a Ft Dix contract employee became agitated and used obscene language in a threatening manner another contract employee. Investigation continues.

●During a routine credential check of a vehicle attempting to enter the installation via the Browns Mills gate, police discovered a passenger in the vehicle, a civilian NAFD, had outstanding warrants from Burlington County and Hamilton Township. The subject was taken into custody and transferred to the Burlington County Jail.

●Police responded to a report of larceny of private property in the Garden Terrace housing area. Investigation revealed that person(s) unknown took unsecured property from the front porch of a residence. Investigation continues.

●Police responded to a report of wrongful destruction of private property near building 5613. Investigation revealed that a vehicle, belonging to a Soldier assigned to Ft Dix, was vandalized by person(s) unknown. Investigation continues.

●During a routine traffic stop on Rt 68, police discovered the vehicle operator, a Soldier assigned to Ft Dix, had a suspended driver's license and an outstanding warrant from South Bound Brook, NJ. The subject was transported to the police station, cited, and released to the West Long Branch Police Department. The vehicle was released to a licensed driver.

●While approaching the Wrightstown Gate, a vehicle, operated by a Ft Dix civilian employee, struck the curb. Police noted the subject had slurred speech and also detected a strong odor of alcohol. Further investigation revealed the subject possessed CDS paraphernalia. The subject was transported to the police station for processing. Investigation continues.

●Police and Fire Department personnel responded to a fire alarm at bldg 5990. Investigation revealed no cause for the alarm.

●There were 18 expired identification cards confiscated during the period.

●There were 38 Magistrate Court Citations issued for moving violations. DWI incidents are now at six for the year.

Dixan heads for Myanmar

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water purification tablets, even MREs," said Correa. She went on to explain why they had reacted so quickly.

"It's easy to see horrible things happening across the globe on television and not fully understand them," she said. "But when you actually have somebody who is caught-up in the middle of the disaster, it brings it a little closer to home and you think about it often. You want to do what you can to help."

Mo took the next day off work to make preparations for his trip. As he travelled to the embassy in New York City on May 6 to acquire an emergency visa, Mo received the first hint of good news: The embassy would be able to issue him an emergency visa that same day.

"They really helped me out at the embassy. They got me out right away. I am trying to fly out as soon as possible and everything is working out good so far," he said. "According to the embassy, the airport in Yangon is open again so I can fly right into the city, which will cut my trip about a day shorter than expected."

On the way home from the embassy, Mo received the greatest news: a relative of Mo's living near the Chinese border had been able to contact other relatives in Yangon via cell phone. Mo's wife was alive. He was overjoyed.

"I just got news that my wife is doing okay so I'm happy. It relieved my worry," he said, obvious joy in his voice. "The last couple of days I didn't get a connection with her and I didn't know what was happening... it had me worried."

Unable to hide his emotions, Mo expressed his gratitude for those who stepped in and helped him out.

"I am grateful to everybody who helped me at Fort Dix. Everybody tried to help me out with whatever they could," he said. Now that his hope has been restored, Mo hopes that the world will come together to help the people of Myanmar with the same urgency that drove his friends at Fort Dix to help him and prove that all is not hopeless in this often dreary world.



courtesy photo

TOP TEAM -- The Army Reserve Contracting Center's Center Management Office (CMO) was awarded the Secretary of the Army Excellence in Contracting Award for Outstanding Unit/Team Award for Installation Level Contracting Center for 2007 during an April 21 ceremony in Atlanta. The CMO team members are: From left in back -- Ryan Parker, Torrence Trappier, Claudia Adams, Trudy Fredrick, Pete Marci and Mary Kastberg; From left in front -- Thomas Smith, Sandy Horner, Karin Kooos, Pam Lutz, Annemarie Walsh, Chris Lehtinen and Ray Blauvelt. Not pictured are Beth Mendell, Melody Ciulo and Rob Simpson.

Contract office earns gold

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also had nothing but praise.

"These are three individuals who manage all of our systems across the country that knit us all together," she explained.

"Their template of database consolidation is the blueprint for Army database consolidation."

"They have led the way," she added.

Leading the way has been standard operating procedure for the ARCC since Kastberg began marketing his expert

services to the Army Reserve on a nationwide scale 12 years ago.

Since that time, the ARCC has become the contracting agency for all 10 of the Army Reserve's Regional Support Commands (RSCs) across the country.

The ARCC also oversees four Directorates of Contracting -- including one on Fort Dix -- and provides direct contracting support for Fort Buchanan in Puerto Rico, the Army Reserve Medical Command in

Florida, the Human Resource Command in Missouri, and U.S. Army Reserve Command Headquarters in Georgia.

"We anticipate that we will probably hit or come close to the \$1 billion mark in obligations this fiscal year," Kastberg said.

If Kastberg's prediction comes true, it will be amid major structural changes within the ARCC as the Army Reserve transforms its 10 RSCs into four Regional Readiness Sustainment Commands (RRSCs): The 88th RRSC at Fort McCoy, Wis.; the 63rd RRSC at the Presidio of Monterey, Calif.; the 81st RRSC at Fort Jackson, S.C.; and the 99th RRSC at Fort Dix.

Despite these closures, Kastberg and Lutz maintain the positive, can-do attitude that helped make the ARCC a nationwide contracting powerhouse.

"You have to stay on your toes and rework and re-engineer things," Kastberg explained. "We were just a little off of twenty-something when we started."

"Over the years, we've come a long way," he continued. "Every day, we get a little closer to where we need to be."

Lutz summed it up best when she recited the ARCC's guiding mantra.

"If we do not take care of our customers, someone else will," she concluded.

Barracks upgrades ongoing at Dix

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tion. Project packages have been developed to have HVAC systems and windows installed in an additional seven barracks but are currently waiting funding.

Eleven barracks have had the latrines repaired in kind.

During the past eight years, all of the barracks have had new roofs installed.

Our maintenance team remains continuously engaged in repairs in the barracks as issues are reported.

As of April 29, the maintenance section has rectified 515 service orders which include items such as - broken toilet seats, mold eradication, peeling paint, inoperable door locks, missing or inoperable drinking fountains, exposed and/or rusting pipes, and clogged toilets and urinals -- in the barracks since the beginning of March.

The maintenance teams rely on the resident Soldiers to report most of the mentioned situations. Currently they have an additional 116 open work orders.

"The noncommissioned officer, or sergeant, forms the foundation of our repair and maintenance program through persistent inspections of our barracks," said Col. Ronald Thaxton, installation commander.

"Deficiencies noted during the inspections are normally corrected within 72 hours depending on the gravity of the problem. Additionally, Fort Dix has a cleaning contract, conducted weekly, cleaning all common areas in the barracks such as latrines (bathrooms), hallways, and kitchens; with an emphasis on areas which are susceptible to mold. Over the past four years Fort Dix has expended \$60.8 million on major barracks repair and renovations," he said.

"The leaders on Fort Dix have a responsibility to maintain oversight of the barracks our Soldiers occupy, regardless of the length of stay. We continually review the status of

our barracks renovation plan to ensure that conditions in the barracks are maintained at the appropriate level for habitation," said Thaxton.

Since the days of open bay barracks to today's modern living quarters there have been numerous improvements made so that Soldiers are provided the best quality of life conditions available. The leaders of the Army demand nothing less and Soldiers today deserve only the best.

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Fort Dix Spouses Club to host tea

The Fort Dix Spouses' Club is hosting a High Tea on **June 7** at the home of Chaplain and Mrs. Biederman, Quarters 1, Julius-town Road. Come and enjoy the beautiful setting at one of Fort Dix's great farmhouses and join us for tea, delicate sandwiches, and gourmet desserts served with fancy china tea cups and tea pots. Have a favorite tea cup and saucer or maybe a hat and gloves with a great story? Bring it along and share with everyone. Door prize awarded for the best story!

Members from Fort Dix and neighboring installations, as well as non-military members from outside communities are invited to attend.

Cost for the event is \$20 per person with all net proceeds returned back into the community to benefit our Soldiers! There will be 3 seating options: 11 a.m., 1p.m., or 3p.m. Tickets can be purchased from any Spouses' Club Member, or at the Fort Dix Thrift Shop. For more information call the Thrift Shop at 723-2683, call Bonnie Reed at 499-3969 or email fort dixspousesclub@comcast.net.

Six Flags Great Adventure seeks summer employees

Six Flags Great Adventure will be at Fort Dix Army Community Service, 5201 Maryland Ave., **May 16** and **June 16** from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. They are looking for people to work in security, entertainment, sales, ride management and other fields. There are limited opportunities for 15 years olds.. Come early to fill out your application.

For more information call "Rod" Martell at 609 562-2186.

First and 5th Cavalry reunions coming soon

●The 5th Cavalry reunion will be held **May 18-22** in Branson, Mo. Correspondence should be sent to the 5th Cavalry Association, 2351 Robertson Mill Way, Nixa, MO, 65714-6113. Call (417) 724-8257 or e-mail jimrecamper@hughes.net

●The 1st Cavalry Division reunion will be held **June 18-22** in Jacksonville, Fla. Correspondence should be sent to the 1st Cavalry Division Association, 302 N. Main Street, Copperas Cove, TX, 76522-1703. Call (254) 547-6537 or e-mail firstcav@icda.org.

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings held weekly

Part of the mission of the Army Substance Abuse Program is to support 12 Step Programs in the community. There are two Alcoholics Anonymous meetings on Fort Dix.

A closed, members-only meeting is held every Tuesday night at Bldg. 9013 from 7:30-8:30 p.m. On Thursday nights, there is a meeting at the Main Chapel from 7-8 p.m. (use the 8th Street parking lot entrance; the meeting is in the lounge near Fellowship Hall).

There is no cost except the desire to stop drinking behaviors that are harmful to self and others. If you or someone you care about needs help, these meetings are ANONYMOUS. For more information, call 562-2020 or 4011, or stop by Bldg. 5203.

Thrift Shop to host yard sale

It's time to clean out those closets and sheds and join us at the annual yard sale! **May 17** is yard sale day in the Fort Dix Thrift Shop parking lot! Set-up will begin at 9 a.m. and the sale will run from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Bring your own tables. Cost to rent a space is \$10. Advance registration is appreciated but not necessary! For more information call the Fort Dix Thrift Shop at 723-2683 or email fort dixspousesclub@comcast.net.

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Big top brings big science fun



Spc. Douglas L. York, 128th MPAD

CLOWING AROUND - Brenn Swanson, originally from Jackson and an "Advance Clown" in the Ringling Brothers, Barnum and Bailey Circus, demonstrates how science interplays in her act while she manipulates a "Chinese Yo-Yo" at the Fort Dix Elementary School - May 5.

Spc. Douglas L. York, 128th MPAD, Utah Army National Guard

Smiles and laughter filled the multipurpose room at Fort Dix Elementary School when two performers from Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus visited May 5, bringing with them a nationwide program which makes learning difficult subjects like science a lot more fun.

"We have a great time," said Brenn Swanson, a circus clown originally from nearby Jackson. "We get to see the kids and get out into the community."

Swanson and her partner for the day, Watson Kawecki, are considered "advance clowns" by the circus. They team up to show kids how science interplays with what the performers do, with the hope that the kids might find both the circus and science more interesting.

"Circus performers will not break the laws of nature, but they will bend them to their will," Kawecki said. "We like to show kids that anything is possible and that you can use your brain as much as your body to do it."

Ensuring that their performance was not merely for visual stimulus, Swanson and Kawecki involved the children in hands-on exercises which included juggling, plate spinning and balancing acts.

"I learned a lot about balance," said Gena Poole, a fourth-grade student from Ms. Adrian's class.

"Before today, I thought science was boring," she added, bringing light to what the performers hope to achieve.

"If we can get them (the kids) up and they are having fun, even if only a couple here they laugh, then our day is done," said Swanson.

Both performers made special note of where they were performing and what it meant to them to bring the circus to military children.

"I love working for people in uniform," Kawecki said. "They deserve every kind of support we can give them."

Swanson shared Kawecki's remarks saying: "We're glad that we had the opportunity to come to this school in particular. We really appreciate everything that the military is doing for us and if we can give back, or at least help the kids smile today, then we've done our job."

"Circus is something that Ringling Brothers has been doing for probably close to 15 years," said Alan Miller of Alan Miller Public Relations located on Staten Island, N.Y. "We were getting a lot of response from teachers who like what we are able to bring to the schools, the entertainment value we bring, as well as the educational aspect."

Miller's firm coordinates with the circus in bringing clowns and other performers to local elementary schools throughout the country, offering a different way of teaching the basics of science to children.

"It's been going very well," said Miller about the program's success. "We've visited thousands of schools, as well as many children's museums throughout the country."

Miller also made mention of another connection the circus has with our servicemembers.

"Ringling Brothers has a close relationship with the military," he said. "We are a proud sponsor of 'America Supports You,' which is the Department of Defense initiative to support the families, back here at home. We are very proud to be a part of that."

Chapel volunteers honored at dinner

Wayne Cook
Public Affairs Staff

For a chapel or any church to function at its peak and serve the community in an effective manner, it takes a lot more than the paid staff to get

things done. This is where volunteers come in. Utilizing a volunteer force is the only way to efficiently and successfully complete the mission of any chapel or community church.

The installation chapel staff honored all the volunteers - up front and behind-the-scenes - of the Protestant,

Catholic and Gospel congregations during the Volunteer Dinner at Club Dix, May 2.

While all the volunteers received certificates of appreciation, select members of each congregation were singled out for their roles as going above and beyond to the next level and were recognized as volunteers of the year.

Receiving the Volunteer of the Year Award for the Protestant congregation was Bonnie Barry, who was presented her award by George Waters, lay leader of the congregation, and Chap. (Col.) Larry Biederman, installation chaplain.

Next up was the winner of the Catholic congregation's Volunteer of the Year Award, the Kuck family - Rumpa, Ed, and Michael. Presenting their award was Rev. Tim Horgan and Biederman.

Finally, the Volunteer of the Year Award for the Gospel congregation was announced and the recipient of the award was Mary Hartsfield. Presenting her award was Roosevelt Scott, Gospel congregation lay leader, assisted by Chap. (Maj.) Allen Raub, assistant installation chaplain and Gospel congregation chaplain.

Biederman then called Horgan forward and presented him a plaque for outstanding support to the Catholic congregation and the Soldiers in the field.

He followed suit with a presentation to Waters and his wife, Mamie, for their dedicated leadership not only to the Protestant congregation, but the

chapel as a whole.

The installation commander, Col. Ronald Thaxton, shared a few comments with those in attendance.

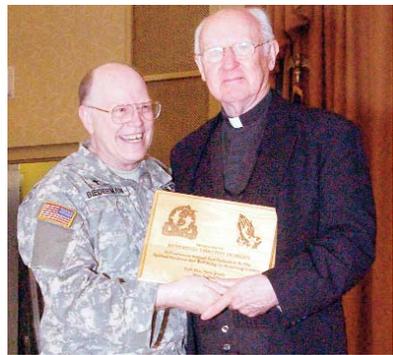
"I want to thank you for all you do for the installation chapel. What you do is very important," Thaxton said.

"You've always got to give back. You owe your children and community to give back. Search yourself and see what your talent is and then use it to give back. It's really important to give of your talents for your children. Teach your children to give back. The verse that comes to mind is Luke 6:38 which reads, 'Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.' Continue to look out for your fellow man. Continue to volunteer. Continue to help your fellow man, every day, one little act at a time," he said.

As everyone shared a delectable dinner served by the Club Dix staff, they were treated to the equally wonderful voices of Christina Long, Sonia Hill as they sang His Eye is on the Sparrow.

To finish off the evening it was announced that under one chair at each table was a green sticker. Whoever found the sticker was able to take home the beautifully arranged floral centerpiece.

As they moved from the dining room many of the attendees were already thinking of the next volunteer task on their lists of things to do.



Wayne Cook

HOLY HELPERS - Chap. (Col.) Larry Biederman presents Rev. Tim Horgan a plaque for outstanding support to the Catholic congregation and Soldiers in the field during the Chapel Volunteer Dinner at Club Dix, May 2.

Freedom riders ready to rumble onto Dix

David Moore
Public Affairs Staff

The motorcycle riders list for this year's Freedom Ride May 18, is growing to include some legendary Philadelphia sports stars wheeling to support the troops.

They are Jon Runyan of the Philadelphia Eagles, Bob Kelly and Brian Propp, both formerly of the Philadelphia Flyers and Frank Bialowas of the Philadelphia Phantoms.

With seven days to go before registration closes for the event, organizers are hoping to have 1,000 motorcycle riders thunder down the road from Barb's Harley Davidson, Collingswood, to take part in a cruise through McGuire Air Force Base with a final arrival at Fort Dix.

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

At 10 a.m., led by a police escort and Army humvees, riders will head out for Route 295th North and travel through historic downtown Mount Holly, before traveling to the New Jersey installations.

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

The ride is a fundraising effort for service personnel leaving for, and returning from, service overseas. Funds are also used to provide scholarships to the children of soldiers, police officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty.

Last year's Freedom Ride had more than 750 motorcycle riders involved for its first time and \$25,000 was raised. Since the event was scheduled earlier this year, compared to the previous event, organizers are expected more than 1,000 riders.

"We think there will be a big push to sign up for the ride this weekend during our Spring Fling '08 and Custom Bike Show at Barb's," Susan Manuel, event organizer, said.

Manuel said the final week for registering is getting busier each day as the event gets closer to the scheduled ride.

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

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

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



David Moore

GET YOUR MOTOR RUNNING - Hundreds of Riders depart Barb's Harley Davidson's on Route 168 in Collingswood to head to McGuire Air Force Base and Fort Dix last year for the first Freedom Ride. This year organizers are expecting nearly 1,000 riders.

MILITARY MATTERS

Army not lowering recruiting standards

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WASHINGTON, May 6, 2008 -- Despite a rise in conduct waivers offered to recruits last year, Army officials emphasized the service is not lowering its standards -- explaining that circumstances surrounding each case and the recent behavior of those recruits earned them a second look.

"First off, every Soldier that comes into the Army is fully qualified for the job they take," said Lt. Col. Val Siegfried, the Army branch chief for enlisted accessions. "Second, we're not letting murderers in and we're not letting in sexual predators."

In fact, Siegfried says, the Soldiers let into the ranks with conduct waivers are of the same caliber as Soldiers without those waivers, and by some measure, Soldiers with conduct waivers perform even better than their counterparts.

The Army's G-1 recently conducted a study of enlistees accessed from FY03-FY06. The study compared 258,270 Soldiers who did not need conduct waivers and 17,961 who did. Waivers are required for recruits with felonies, traffic violations, or non-traffic-related violations.

The study did find differences between the two groups. For instance, the conduct waiver population re-enlisted at a higher rate. The conduct waiver Soldiers also earned a higher ratio of valorous awards and combat badges -- 13.87 percent compared to 12.73 percent. Additionally, the conduct waiver population included more high school graduates, higher scores on the ASVAB, and fewer Soldiers scoring in the "Cat 4" range on that test.

However, the Army also found that Soldiers who required conduct waivers had higher losses in six of nine "adverse loss categories." That included a 27 percent loss rate for alcohol rehabilitation failure versus the non-waiver population's loss rate of .12 percent; a misconduct rate of 5.95 percent versus the non-waiver population of 3.55 percent; and a desertion rate of 4.26 percent compared to 3.59 percent. However, the attrition due to personality disorders, entry-level performance or unsatisfactory performance for Soldiers with waivers was less than their non-waiver counterparts.

In all, the study shows that the differences between Soldiers that came in with conduct waivers and those that did not are negligible -- the Army lost about 2.3 more Soldiers per 100 due to "adverse losses" than it did among the non-waiver population.

"Statistically, it is kind of



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MAKING THE GRADE -- Pvt. Jose Hernandez, 25, plunges his M16A2 rifle with fixed bayonet into a tire target on the practice range during Army basic combat training at Fort Jackson, S.C. Army officials insist current recruiting standards for Soldiers remain unchanged.

insignificant," Siegfried said. The process for granting conduct waivers is tightly controlled, Siegfried said. For starters, individuals who have committed murder or sexually violent crimes, or those who have been convicted for dealing drugs or who are themselves dependent on drugs or alcohol, are automatically excluded from consideration for service.

The Army also excludes those individuals who have charges pending against them or who are on probation or parole. Today's All-Volunteer Army no longer takes those who have been ordered to join the military by the court in lieu of prosecution -- that means no more Soldiers who signed up to avoid going to jail.

Siegfried said the Army enlists only those individuals deemed capable of serving honorably -- including those who may have committed some wrongdoing in the past, but who have repaid their debt to society and have since made something of themselves.

"We're letting in people who made mistakes in their youth, who paid their penance for those mistakes and who have been able to prove to the Army that they merit a second chance and we can use them," Siegfried said. "We look at the full, whole person concept. We realize these individuals have made mistakes, but we evaluate what have they done after the mistake was made."

For a recruit with a felony on his record, his enlistment

waiver must run a gauntlet of 10 individuals, including a general officer, before it can be approved, Siegfried said. For those with misdemeanors on their record, their waivers must be approved by up to six individuals. Those charged with, but not convicted of a felony, must have their waivers processed as though they were convicted.

"If that person gets in a fight in high school, and a shoe was their 'deadly weapon' -- in today's environment the cops come and haul them down to the police station and charge them with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Then they go to court and they do 10 hours of community service," Siegfried said. "We still treat

that as aggravated assault."

Last year, the Army let in some 511 recruits that required a conduct waiver for felony crimes. Some of those felony crimes include:

-- A 12-year-old, "trying to mimic a bee keeper using smoke to calm down bees in a hive," lit a bee hive on fire, which caught the tree on fire, which then burned the siding of a house. Because of the classification of arson as a felony, he must get a waiver.

-- A 13-year-old male was arrested after school officials discovered a letter that contained anti-Semitic comments, purportedly written by the subject. It was later determined that the subject's twin brother had written the letter, but only

after the adjudication of the offense.

-- A 14-year-old male was charged for having consensual intercourse with his 14-year-old girlfriend.

-- A 14-year-old male was driving his parent's automobile without their knowledge. A friend, riding on top of the car, was thrown from the roof of the vehicle. He later died from his injuries. The driver was convicted of vehicular manslaughter.

Times are tough for recruiters today, Siegfried said. In recent years, the number of recruits that are "fully qualified" to enter any branch of military service has dwindled. The Army looks at a population of young Americans between the ages of 17 and 24 as its "ideal candidate" for recruitment. In the United States, that includes about 31.5 million potential Soldiers.

But that population of 31.5 million dwindles quickly -- to about 8.4 million -- when the Army takes in to account the many factors that affect Soldier quality: obesity, medical issues, drug dependency, criminal history, and substandard aptitude based on the Armed Forces Vocational Aptitude Battery.

"We are looking at about 31.5 million people out there in America, but only 3 out of 10 of those are fully qualified to come in the Army," Siegfried said.

Within that group of potential Soldiers, there is also the issue of propensity to enlist -- do they even want to come in to the military.

"We are fighting two wars now, and the propensity to enlist is at an all-time low," Siegfried said. "Only about 9 percent of the people want to come in."

The influencers of those potential recruits -- the parents, teachers, coaches, counselors or pastors -- are also less likely to encourage military service.

"They have a yellow ribbon

on their car, and they are proud of the other people's kids who serve," Siegfried said. "But they are less likely to tell their own kids they need to contribute to their Nation through military service."

When young men and women are lined up at the recruiter's door, it's easy to take the ones with no criminal background, impeccable grades in high school, good health, good physical fitness and good credit scores -- the basic screening criteria, Siegfried said.

But a difficult recruiting environment does not mean the Army lowers its standards to meet its recruiting goals. Instead, the Army works hard to find out the actual circumstances behind the past of a recruit in order to show he or she is going to be good for the recruitment. In the United States, that includes about 31.5 million potential Soldiers.

For the Army, it's worth it to put in the extra effort to uncover the details behind a potential Soldier's background. It means the Army gets to enlist more good Soldiers, and for young American's who have made a mistake in the past, it provides them an opportunity that most of society is unwilling to offer -- a chance to redeem themselves.

"There are some guys out there that have made mistakes in their lives and fixed their mistakes," Siegfried said. "Now they are doing great things. You look at this, overall, they are re-enlisting more, getting promoted quicker and answering the Nation's Call to Duty with exemplary service in combat. These individuals serve as a sterling reminder to us all that America is the place of second chances."

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Real American heroes

First Sgt. James Henry, left, and 1st Lt. Olyminia Malone of the 485th Chemical Battalion, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, U.S. Army Reserve, display the American Heroes plaque presented to them May 6. The unit mobilized from Camp Atterbury, Ind., for a Global War on Terrorism mission.

Interpreters speak language of learning

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Spec. Shana Henline
128th MPAD

Training at Fort Dix has always been top-notch, but the War on Terrorism has brought new demands to training. With wars having been fought in jungles, on beaches and in forests, camouflage and vehicles were painted in greens and blacks, and Soldiers, Airmen, Seamen and Marines were seldom taught Romance or Asian languages because war was with infantry—high-intensity army against army. Soldiers learned European and Asian customs by trial and error.

Then the Global War on Terrorism opened the door to deserts and customs more complicated than anyone first suspected. War became counter-insurgency based, person on person and civilian on Soldier. Military members were making insensitive mistakes, sometimes deadly, because the mindset of Islam and Middle Eastern culture is very different from American culture.

Problems could have been avoided with cultural training, now mandated by the Army.

Training at Fort Dix had to change and experts had to be found to fill a need that was rapidly becoming critical. Goldbelt Falcon answered with a cadre of native Arabic speaking persons from the Middle East with regionally specific dialects. Foreign Language Speakers (FLS) as well as Americans, called Civilians On the Battlefield (COBs), who have a desire to help train Soldiers for success in the Middle East took on the task.

Goldbelt Falcon, an Alaska Native Corporation, works with the Army by providing these locally hired COBs and FLSs to work in mock villages placed throughout Fort Dix. The FLSs are responsible for providing cultural and language-based expertise to both the local COBs and Soldiers. These FLSs help make the scenarios more realistic for the Soldiers as they prepare for their various missions in the Middle East.



TONGUE TIED — Anna Oshana, an Iraqi American, far left, acts as an interpreter for the Fort Dix Foreign Language Speakers program. She is interpreting for Michael Miawad, Egyptian American, as he confers with members of the 128th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment during training May 4. Kamel Badro, an Iraqi American playing the role of an Iraqi police chief, below right, speaks with Staff Sgt. Brock Jones of the 128th MPAD during mobilization training at the Fort Dix Military Operations on Urban Terrain (MOUT) training site.

photos by Lisa Evans

All role players are tasked to act as locals would act in Iraq. They portray townspeople, shop owners, policemen, mayors, sheiks, Soldiers and even insurgents. As the military conducts training maneuvers, they must interact with the role players so that Soldiers learn proper ways to interact with local nationals in difficult situations.

"Our only reason we're here is for the Soldiers," said Charles Baroudi, the man who schedules the FLSs and COBs to meet the training needs of Fort Dix. Baroudi is a former Soldier and understands the importance of what his teams are doing and the training they perform.

"They have left their homes, careers and their families behind just to come here and help out. They understand that the training of one Soldier will have a huge impact on the outcome on what is to happen in Iraq and the future," he said.

"Every single one of my employees is a patriot. This is not just any job, this is a huge

separation over the typical job," Baroudi added.

To meet the needs of Army training, the role players must be ready at a moment's notice.

"They must respond within minutes. The Army tends to change requirements every day, changing priorities. The FLSs must be on point to ensure training is there for specific orders for this and this and this: A sheik, Iraqi police, etc. The military changes the scenarios on the ground. Girls will turn into soldiers/snipers if needed. Over in Iraq, women are sent out as suicide bombers as well, forced to participate in things they don't..." There Baroudi stopped to think before continuing.

"My FLSs teach everybody general Arabic phrases and words so the people can react to Soldiers better. 'Stop and go, come, drop your weapon, go away.' If a Soldier says go away, back, or starts cursing, we do not understand and don't do what they say. When they see a Soldier being overly nice, friendly, giving out MREs,

they are swarmed. The Soldiers get the attitudes and style, get a feel for it. FLS sets the tone for the rest of the COBs. When FLS starts chanting in a protest, as the sergeant ordered, then an FLS starts shouting and my employees follow suit with realistic protest and chanting. The Soldiers feel it and see it and react like they would in country. I do miss the uniform, miss the Soldiering, but I still get to train Soldiers. I get the satisfaction of training Soldiers to at least understand one word of the people they are helping. We succeed," Baroudi added quietly.

Basil Balou, one of the FLS personnel who works with Goldbelt Falcon and lives on Fort Dix, does this because he believes very strongly in supporting America and the troops in Iraq.

"I'm doing this because I feel for the Soldiers and I feel for my country, too. Most, I feel for my Catholic people, as the people who are getting hurt most are Christians there. And I love Soldiers and I have nieces and nephews born in America and we're doing this for the Soldier to come back to his family. Every Soldier, generals and captains, and sergeants and specialists and privates, everybody has got to come back home. It doesn't matter if it's National Guard, Army, Navy, or Air Force, it doesn't matter 'cause they're all equal to us. God bless America," Balou said.

Kamel Badro, a naturalized Iraqi, had tears in his eyes when he said, "I do this because this is real. I try to help my people. Iraqi people love the Soldiers. They know they're there to help. They love the Soldiers."

Stopping to look across the mock village at the Soldiers leaving the area, he continued quietly, "I will do anything to help this country and my country both. This country, when I came, took me in with open two arms. And no other country took me. This country offered me freedom and Christianity, a lot of opportunity. We never had it back home."

Dan Staples, who teaches math at a local high school, is a COB who spends his weekends and summers with Goldbelt Falcon. Staples said that he had thought to work in police work after leaving the Marines but that for every job opening in the area as many as 1,500 people applied. After not being hired after a couple of interviews, Staples used his GI Bill to return to school and become a teacher. Smiling when he spoke of his job as a COB, Staples said there wasn't another job out there that worked as well for him.

"This job is great. It pays well. I left my school papers in



the car, but usually I bring them and in the down time I grade papers and do other school work. But this gives me a chance to support the military," Staples said.

Nearly 50 FLS and COB role players were on the field recently training members of the 128th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment. While Soldiers spoke with tribal chiefs and Iraqi police, townsmen, people begged the Soldiers for water, money, help, and anything else they needed, in broken English and assorted other languages. Most of the FLS

perse so they could enter the village. Then, Soldiers were tasked to protect the vehicles and the Soldiers meeting with town leaders. Several villagers begged for water and food, another tried to steal items from the humvees and from the Soldiers. Amid the chaos, Soldiers learn to keep peace without starting a riot, listen to the concerns and worries of villagers above what they were tasked to take care of, separate fact from fiction when villagers claim to know of insurgents or bombs in the area, and in general show that Soldiers are there to help, not to attack the country or the people.

Many of the FLS role players live in barracks on Fort Dix to ensure they are available at all times for training. All have become citizens of the United States and plan to vote in the upcoming elections. No matter where they come from - Iraq, Kurdistan, Egypt, Lebanon, and other countries - all feel as though they are doing what they can to help those left behind. By turning down jobs that pay much better and working with the Soldiers mobilizing through Fort Dix, these people are making a difference in how Soldiers act and react on the ground. This invaluable training can mean the difference between success and failure for the Soldiers and for the people of Iraq.

Baroudi stated that many Soldiers coming back through Fort Dix during demobilization have spoken to him regarding the training they received with the FLSs and how it helped them accomplish their mission while they were over in Iraq.

"The training was real. It helped us feel the pressure and the difficulty of working with Arabic speaking people. It was very realistic. It was frustrating at times. It was good training working with an interpreter."

Staff Sgt. Brock Jones
128th MPAD

role players speak three or four languages and spend time teaching the COBs words and phrases that Soldiers commonly hear in Iraq.

As part of a recent training, Anna Oshana, Iraqi interpreter, rode with Staff Sgt. Brock Jones, training with the Soldiers of the 128th MPAD, traveled to two villages to discuss water treatment facilities.

"The training was so realistic. I genuinely forgot it was an exercise," said Sgt. 1st Class Jeffrey F. Hilton, a Public Affairs broadcaster for the 128th MPAD, after an especially stressful scenario.

Working with the interpreters was only part of the experience. As the humvees entered the village, anxious villagers surrounded the vehicles making it impossible to continue. Soldiers had to carefully convince the village leader to make the crowd dis-

perse so they could enter the village. Then, Soldiers were tasked to protect the vehicles and the Soldiers meeting with town leaders. Several villagers begged for water and food, another tried to steal items from the humvees and from the Soldiers. Amid the chaos, Soldiers learn to keep peace without starting a riot, listen to the concerns and worries of villagers above what they were tasked to take care of, separate fact from fiction when villagers claim to know of insurgents or bombs in the area, and in general show that Soldiers are there to help, not to attack the country or the people.

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The FLS are here to make sure the American Soldiers accomplish their mission. With every mock mission they are involved in and each time they come in contact with Soldiers training on Fort Dix, they feel that the ultimate goal - peace in the Middle East - is one step closer to reality.



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BRIDGING THE GAP — Mike Ducchino, a Civilian On the Battlefield, right, helps train Soldiers from the 1-129th Field Artillery Battalion.

Long-time AAFES manager retires

Ryan Morton
Public Affairs Staff

"It's been a wonderful ride. It's been a great opportunity to see the world and make some great friends. I enjoyed it for sure," said Peter Thieme, former Fort Dix/McGuire Army and Air Force Exchange Services (AAFES) general manager and fresh retiree.

It's a career that spans nearly 30 years across the globe. Born in Mannheim, Germany, Thieme came to the United States in the late 1970s and obtained his U.S. citizenship. He started working for AAFES in 1980 at Fort Hood, Texas, as a Mobile Unit operator, which involved supplying cafeterias and snack bars called Central Kitchens with doughnuts and snacks.

After four years, he was promoted to a management position as Food Activity Manager on the installation, and in 1985, was instrumental in opening a Burger King on post. It was around this time that the Burger King Corp. signed a franchise agreement with AAFES and Burger Kings started to appear on military installations.

Prior to the opening of the Fort Hood Burger King, AAFES sent Thieme to learn the ropes of how Burger King's management operates and sent him to Burger King's management school, called Burger King University, in Miami, Fla., for six weeks.

In 1986, Thieme transferred to Wildflecken, Germany, where he continued to serve as Food Activity manager. After a year there, he moved on to Nuernberg, Germany, and was promoted to Exchange Food business manager, where he opened another Burger King and two Department of Defense (DoD) school cafeterias.

While he was there, the Burger King did on average \$275,000 in business per month.

In 1991, Thieme was on the move again — this time, to Alaska, where his managerial scope enlarged as he was promoted to Regional Food Service manager. He covered the whole state managing AAFES locations in places such as Anchorage, Fort Wainwright, Fort Greley, and Shamsheya Air Base in the Aleutian Islands. His responsibilities included managing businesses such as Burger King, Anthony's Pizza, and various installation snack bars and movie theaters, and he was instrumental in bringing them up to quality operational standards of excellence.

In 1992, his career path took him to Dallas, Texas, where he became the Regional Food Service manager for the Pacific Northwest Region. Thieme logged plenty of frequent flier miles during this time as he flew on average 44 weeks of the year managing AAFES businesses in places such as Alaska, Montana, Idaho, Washington State, and Hawaii, covering an area of 4,300 miles and 219 different food businesses and movie theaters.

In 1995, Thieme had a long-time dream become a reality. While he served in Germany, he always wanted to move into the retail side of business and repeatedly put in requests to AAFES to do so. He said AAFES was always very hesitant to move people into different fields and specialties, but in late 1995, they finally granted his request. He transferred to Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland and became a retail manager/trainer.

"This was a very difficult time because I had to get my feet wet during the holiday season, the busiest time of the year," Thieme said.

"It was very busy, but great because I enjoy the hustle and bustle of the retail atmosphere, the daily ins and outs, serving the customers, and learning about the different types of merchandise at the same time," he said.

He said he really enjoyed his time at Andrews because he was able to rub elbows with high dignitaries and officials who traveled through the base en route to Washington D.C.

In February 1996, he went to a nine-week retail management course at the Main Store Academy in Fort Sam Houston, Texas. During this time, he learned about retail aspects such as accounting, customer service, financial, marketing, mass merchandising, and media relations.

Upon returning to Andrews, he used his newfound knowledge to help open a Home Traditions Furniture Store specializing in furniture, linens, sporting goods, and appliances.

In November 1996, Thieme was promoted to Main Store manager of the Fort Bragg/Pope Air Force Base Exchange in North Carolina. This particular location covers one of the highest retail sales volumes in the AAFES network.

Almost two years later, Thieme was on the move again. In July 1998, he became the AAFES general manager of the Post Exchange at Fort Lee, Va., the home of the Quartermaster Corp. This area of operations also covers exchange activities at Fort Pickett, Va., the Judge Advocate General (JAG) school on the University of Virginia campus in Charlottesville, and the Bellwood Defense Supply Center in Richmond, Va.

While at Fort Lee, he opened an Outdoor Living

Area, a 22,000-square-foot section inside the exchange specializing in outdoor living, toys, and sporting goods. Thieme also aided in the renovations of several site stores in the surrounding areas mentioned above.

After three years at Fort Lee, Va., Thieme picked up and moved once again — this time, to Fort Dix in 2001 as the Fort Dix/McGuire Air Force Base AAFES general manager. In this position, he managed AAFES businesses at Dix/McGuire, Fort Monmouth, Camp Kilmer, Pamona-Egg Harbor Air Force Reserve Base, and Thule Air Base in Greenland. He traveled to these locations to manage the businesses, including Greenland — where Thule Air Base stands approximately 750 miles from the North Pole — about four times a year.

In April 2003, Thieme answered the call and became the team leader of a massive project involving the set-up of PXs in Iraq. He went over there with a team of AAFES employees and set up PXs in locations throughout the country in places such as Mosul, Tikrit, Al-Asad, and Balad. They transported the merchandise in convoys called rodeos to the different locations and literally started from scratch.

"We performed the set-up in the most primitive conditions, bringing the merchandise right off the pallets to the Soldiers. We didn't have the electronics set up or anything and we had to do the old-fashioned scratching of the credit card numbers because we had no machines," he said.

They worked, on average, 18-hour days and averaged about \$107,000 in sales per day. In many ways, they lived just like the Soldiers because they had to do, as Thieme said,



Ryan Morton

CHANGES — After nearly 30 years of service with AAFES, Peter Thieme is retiring.

many of the same jobs. Thieme was in Iraq until November 2003 and was coincidentally over there the same time one of his sons, Philip, was deployed with the 1st Armor Division. Unfortunately, Peter did not get to see his son while he was over there, but he returned home safely later.

During his time at Dix, he has overseen the Dix/McGuire BX/PX and surrounding area break ground on projects such as a shopette on McGuire and two new food stands, Charley's Steaks and Manchu Wok, at the BX/PX.

After serving more than seven years at Dix/McGuire, Thieme is now ready to wrap things up, but not move into complete retirement. He plans to focus more of his efforts on his passion in wine and start his own winery. He and his

wife, Rebecca, will soon move from their home in Shamong Township to a farm they recently purchased in Winnsboro, Texas. They plan to raise some horses as Rebecca and Peter's daughter, Shannon, are accomplished equestrian riders and will grow some crops while forming the vineyard.

"I can't stand still. I have to keep active and doing activities," said Thieme. Peter and Rebecca will also spend time visiting their three grown children: Jonathan, who lives in Norfolk, Va.; Philip, who lives in Arizona; and Shannon, who will shortly begin her freshman year of college at Rutgers University studying veterinary medicine. Peter also plans on visiting different wineries throughout the country to educate himself on the next phase of his life and potential second career.

Police Transition Team on target

Pfc. Lyndsey R. Dransfield
128th MPAD, Utah Army National Guard

Soldiers from California National Guard's 40th Military Police Company began weapons qualification Tuesday at Fort Dix's M249 range.

The 40th MP Company is scheduled for deployment to Iraq as a military police transition team. PTTs live with and train the Iraqi Police to understand and perform the necessary police skills required to operate independently.

Due to the risks pertaining to their job, it is important that these Soldiers are familiar with their weapons and proficient in their marksmanship skills.

"Because these soldiers are in the National Guard, they don't get as much time as some soldiers to become familiar with their weapons. Out here we try to give them as much time with these weapons as possible," stated James L. McFadden, a prior service member with 30 years of weapons experience, who works at the M249 range.

The M249, also known as a Squad Automatic Weapon (SAW), is a lightweight, gas operated machine gun capable of delivering 750 rounds per minute.

"It is good to have as many people as possible qualified on this weapon system because you never know when you are going to need them," said Staff Sgt. Mark Petrowski, Operation Warrior Trainer at the M249 range.



Pfc. Lyndsey R. Dransfield, 128th MPAD, Utah Army National Guard

SHARP SHOOTER — Pfc. David Vasquez, California National Guard's 40th Military Police Company, zeros his M249 squad automatic weapon during a training exercise May 6. The 40th MP Co. will be deploying to Iraq as a military police transition team.

The 40th MP Company consists of 170 troops, broken down into three squads with four teams in each squad.

Each team has at least one Soldier that is qualified with the M249.

"It is hard to tell that this company has only been here for two weeks," said Spc. Gabriel Flores, one of the company's gunners.

"We have developed a strong team unity and we're

eager to learn." By the end of the training, the 40th MP Company will be more than qualified as marksmen and Soldiers, ensuring a successful mission in Iraq.

Dix/McGuire case lot sale set for May 14-18

FORT LEE, Va. — If last year's numbers are any indication, the worldwide case lot sale in May will yield fantastic savings for commissary customers. In May 2007, commissaries around the globe posted numbers that totaled more than \$12.5 million in sales and 1.8 million cases of product sold, proof of increasingly savvy shopping by commissary customers.

Though overall savings are holding steady at 30 percent or more, case lot sales can increase those savings even more — which explains their popularity.

DeCA holds worldwide case lot sales twice a year — in May and September. The September sale started in 2001 and proved so popular another was added in May.

The biannual event offers shoppers an opportunity to buy bulk quantities of their favorite products at increased savings, such as canned goods, beverages, paper products, pet supplies, cleaning or laundry products, and in some cases, fresh chicken, pork, beef and produce.

Nearly all commissaries participate — though on different weekends throughout the month. To find out when your commissary is hosting a

sale, check out the special case lot sale Web page at http://www.commissaries.com/case_lot_sale.cfm. Some sales will take place the weekend in May, spilling over to June 1.

The Fort Dix/McGuire commissary will hold its case lot sale May 14-18. Customers who live in regions with multiple commissaries, such as Norfolk, Va., or San Antonio, can make maximum use of the DeCA Web site to hit more than one sale.

And while you're on the Web site, be sure to check out all the features it has to offer:

Ask the DeCA Dietitian; Kay's Kitchen; links to special manufacturer's coupons, sweepstakes and promotions; and the latest commissary news. If you're interested in having the news delivered to you by e-mail, it's as simple as registering for a free subscription to Commissary Connection.

So if you're a savvy shopper who likes to stock the pantry and save lots of money, too, do your homework and prepare for the worldwide case lot sale. When you're making out your shopping list, you might find "shop till you drop" is item No. 1.

Fort Monmouth interns discover virtues of VICE

Sharon Rushen
CERDEC Public Affairs
and Outreach

The Virtual Interactive Combat Environment (VICE) Program at Fort Dix helped 35 Fort Monmouth interns acquire a first-hand experience of a day in the life of the Warfighter's shoes.

The training simulation, conducted in April, marked day two of the five-day Greening Course at the New Jersey National Guard's Joint Training and Training Development Center (JT2DC).

Each intern was placed in a small group and rotated through four stations, each of which featured an activity focused on combat training. The VICE program, a virtual simulation battle ground, was one of the four activities that the interns participated in on April 1.

Sgt. 1st Class Darrin Turner has been running the program since its launch at Fort Dix in May 2007. Turner estimated that two or three thousand people have participated in the VICE program. He was impressed with the positive feedback by the interns in the exit surveys.

"Most of the responses are very positive," Turner said. "It benefits the Soldier to where they can practice something that they were just taught and be able to do it, look and see what they did, go back and start over again."

After each group was split into teams of four and five, each team member was given a weapon and put in a small, enclosed area next to one another. Each team had a team leader, three team members and a squad leader.

The teams worked in Iraq and Afghanistan, maneuvering their way through a battlefield of armed enemies and improvised explosive devices

(IEDs). The sounds of explosions and gunshots were mixed with the commands of Turner and the team members. After each group finished their mission, Turner showed them what they had done as a team and how to fix their mistakes.

"Make sure you know where your Soldiers are," Turner said. He went on to explain "situational awareness," or knowing what's happening in one's environment.

As each group became more acquainted with each other, the level of enthusiasm grew. Teams huddled before redoing their mission and different members took turns playing the squad leader - a position that led and directed his or her Soldiers through the battlefield. When teams survived exploding IED's or defeated enemies, smiles and "good jobs" were traded amongst each other.

Robin Robinson, an Acquisition Contract Specialist, has been working at Fort Monmouth for five years and enjoyed the learning experience.

"I think everybody needs to see it; regular, government people, everybody needs to see it," Robinson said. "It will help everybody, so they know that their focus is about the Warfighter; I know when I have to award something, I am going to try to do my best to do it fast so we can get the Soldier what they need to survive out there."

Richard Alvarez, Greening Course Program Coordinator for the Communications-Electronic Research, Development and Engineering Center (CERDEC) at Fort Monmouth, is in charge of the Greening Course. The five-day course runs four times per calendar year. Greening includes informational lectures, training at Fort Dix, a Rappel course and concludes with a brief helicopter ride.



Ryan Morton

Vets, Soldiers go hand-in-hand

Members of the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 899, greet Soldiers from the 535th Military Police Company May 2 upon their return from an Operation Iraqi Freedom deployment. This unit, which hails from Garner, N.C., was deployed to Iraq since August 2007.



photos by Ryan Morton

James Hall, above left, and Bruce Totten, above right, both of the New Jersey Elks Army of Hope, were awarded plaques for their support and donations to the Fort Dix Warrior Transition Unit by Col. Judith Robinson, above center, during the Watson Medical Support Element Ball at Club Dix April 26. The keynote speaker at the event was Command Sgt. Maj. James Diggs, the command sergeant major from the North American Regional Medical Command in Washington D.C.



Pascual Flores

Job well done

Lt. Col. (P) Andrew Burns, commander, 1079th Garrison Support Unit, left, affixes the Meritorious Service Medal to Maj. Jonathan Moyer May 3 for his outstanding service as commander, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, and Directorate of Information Management, 1079th GSU. Moyer recently transferred into the 77th Sustainment Brigade at Fort Dix.

Walson Medical Element says thanks



Samuel Bellamy, above left, accepts the Army Commendation Medal for his deceased son, Staff Sgt. Jacob Bellamy, from Command Sgt. Maj. James Diggs. Jacob was mobilized and worked at Fort Dix's Joint Readiness Center and died recently after succumbing to cancer. Retired Col. Yelleshpur Jayaram, near right, accepts a plaque of appreciation from Col. Judith Robinson for his work as a doctor at the Joint Readiness Center.

Ryan Morton



Announcements

Cinema Schedule

754-5139
McGuire Air Force Base

Friday, May 9 @ 7:30 p.m.

Leatherheads- George Clooney, Renée Zellweger, John Krasinski, Jonathan Pryce, Peter Gerey, Jack Thompson, Stephen Root - In 1925, Dodge Connolly is a charming, brash football hero who is determined to guide his team from bar brawls to packed stadiums. But after the players lose their sponsor and the entire league faces certain collapse, Dodge convinces a college football star to join his ragtag ranks. The captain hopes his latest move will help the struggling sport finally capture the country's attention. Welcome to the team Carter Rutherford, America's favorite son. A golden-boy war hero who single-handedly forced multiple German soldiers to surrender in WWI, Carter has dashing good looks and unparalleled speed on the field. This new champ is almost too good to be true, and Lexie Littleton aims to prove that's the case. A cub journalist playing in the big leagues, Lexie is a spitfire newswoman who suspects there are holes in Carter's war story. But while she digs, the two teammates start to become serious off-field rivals for her fickle affections.

MPAA Rating: PG-13 brief strong language
Run time: 114 minutes

Sat. Matinee, May 10 @ 3 p.m.

Superhero- Drake Bell, Sara Paxton, Christopher McDonald, Pamela Anderson, Tracy Morgan, Regina Hall - After spoofing disaster films in Airplane!, police shows in The Naked Gun, and Hollywood horrors in Scary Movie 3 and 4, producer David Zucker sets his satirical sights on the superhero genre with this anarchic comedy lampooning everything from Spider-Man to X-Men and Superman Returns. Shortly after being bitten by a genetically altered dragonfly, high-school outcast Rick Riker (Drake Bell) begins to experience a startling transformation. Now Rick's skin is as strong as steel, and he possesses the strength of ten men. Determined to use his newfound powers to fight crime, Rick creates a special costume and assumes the identity of The Dragonfly -- a fearless crime fighter dedicated to keeping the streets safe for law-abiding citizens. But every superhero needs a nemesis, and after Lou Landers (Christopher McDonald) is caught in the middle of an experiment gone horribly awry, he develops the power to leech the life force out of anyone he meets and becomes the villainous Hourglass. Intent on achieving immortality, the Hourglass attempts to gather as much life force as possible as the noble Dragonfly sets out to take down his archenemy and realize his destiny as a true hero.

MPAA Rating: PG-13 crude and sexual content, comic violence, drug references and language
Run time: 85 minutes

Saturday, May 10 @ 7:30 p.m.

Run Fatboy Run - Simon Pegg, Thandie Newton - Dennis is a clueless and slightly overweight guy, who left his pregnant fiancée five years earlier. Every day, Dennis tries to persuade the woman he loves to accept him back into her life, but everyday he fails. When he discovers that Libby has found a partner in the form of American Whit, frustration grows, and Dennis vows, that for once in his life, he will finish something. This something ends up being a Nike River-run in London. With his friends Gordon and Mr. Ghoshdashtidar by his side, Dennis begins training for the marathon he must finish.

MPAA Rating: PG-13 some rude and sexual humor, nudity, language and smoking
Run time: 100 minutes

Future Features...

Nim's Island
Friday, May 16 @ 7:30 p.m.
PG, 95 minutes

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Saturday, May 17 @ 7:30 p.m.
PG-13, 118 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
8:30 a.m.

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.

Special Notices

Thursday, May 15 - Chapel staff and volunteers will be having an ice cream social for Soldiers at the FOB. Estimated time of departure from chapel is 5 or 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 18 - No Protestant Service at 9 a.m. Instead there will be a combined Protestant/Gospel Service at 11:30 a.m. to honor the Sunday School students and faculty. Following the service will be a Family and Friends picnic behind the chapel. All are invited to attend.

Religious Services

Islamic Prayer room
open 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday - Room 24
Christian Women of the Chapel - Bible Study - Tuesdays, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Christian Men of the Chapel - Prayer Breakfast - Fourth Saturday of each month, 9 to 11 a.m.

Jewish services available by request
For additional services or Religious Support please call 562-2020

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

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. For information please call the chapel at 562-2020.

MWR presents

CLUB DIX - 723-3272

Club Dix New Hours of Operation Effective May 12

Java Café - M-F	0700-1330
Computer Lab - Mon & Tues	0700-1330
Wed - Fri	0700-2200
Saturday	1200-2200
Sunday	1000-1800
Lunch Served Tues-Fri	1100-1330
Sat - Mon	Closed
Bar Hours	Wed 1700-2200
Thurs - Sat	1800-2300
Sun - Tues	Closed

May 16 - Ladies' Luncheon at Club Dix. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

May 22 - Thursday Night Bingo starts up again at 6:30 p.m.

June 20 - Texas Hold'em is back by popular demand at Club Dix. Watch for details!

John Mann Park is available for private parties, unit functions and more. Call 562-6667

OUTDOOR RECREATION

50 percent off for all military families participating in the following trips:

May 17 - Horseback riding at D&D Stables

May 24 - mountain biking/hike at Sandy Hook Beach

May 31 - Canoe/Kayak on Ranocans Creek

For more information call 562-6667

ARTS & CRAFTS

Discount of 20 percent on custom framing of personal military related photos, portraits, or certificates

(non presentation items). Discount also applies to coin holders, shadow boxes, and flag cases throughout the month of May. Try out our new Sony Picture Station and get special pricing on a photo package.

Hearts for Heroes - Come in anytime and paint a small clay heart which will be given to a military member. During the month of May, all military that visit the Arts & Crafts Center will receive a Hearts for Heroes Package.

Quilts for Kids - Every second Saturday of each month from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. we stitch for children in long term healthcare facilities, safe houses, and wounded warriors and their families. This month we will be focusing on "Red, White & Blue" quilts which will be donated to ACS to give to the children of deployed service members. All experience levels are welcome, even men and mid-teens!

For more information call 562-5691

ACS

562-2767

Bldg. 5201 Maryland Avenue

Monday, May 12

Playgroup 18 mo. to 3 yrs.

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

McGuire CDC #2

Tuesday, May 13

Hearts Apart

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Bldg. 5201, ACS

Wednesday, May 14

Playgroup Birth - 18 mos.

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

McGuire CDC #2

Be a Wise Buyer:

New & Used Vehicles

1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Bldg. 5201, ACS

Thursday, May 15

EFMP Support Focus Group

10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Bldg. 5201, ACS

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, May 9

Power Hour Store

2:30 - 4 p.m.

May Birthday Celebration

4 p.m.

Computer Lab

4 - 6 p.m.

Saturday, May 10
4-H Middle School Conference
Volleyball Tournament
4 - 6 p.m.

Monday, May 12

Power Hour

2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Computer Lab

4 - 6 p.m.

Tuesday, May 13

Power Hour

2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Career Explorers

3:45 - 4:45 p.m.

Computer Lab

4 - 6 p.m.

Wednesday, May 14

Power Hour

2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Sports & Fitness

3:45 - 4:45 p.m.

Computer Lab

4 - 6 p.m.

Thursday, May 15

Power Hour

2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Computer Lab

4 - 6 p.m.

Organizational announcements listed as space is available. Please fax or email announcements to Public Affairs Office at 562-3337 or wayne.a.cook@us.army.mil

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Center

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United Communities Housing Information

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

United Communities is now offering Self-Help Delivery!
Please check the United Communities Web site for details:
www.mcguiredixuc.com

Fort Dix/McGuire Residential Re-use Collection Schedule

MONDAY
McGuire AFB
3800's & 3900's

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

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

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

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

RECYCLING IS PICKED UP EVERY THURSDAY

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

GREEN WASTE IS PICKED UP EVERY MONDAY AND TUESDAY.

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MODE OF TRANSPORTATION YOUR SPOUSE WILL BE
USING TO TRAVEL _____

ABOVE INFORMATION IS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE TRAVEL ORDERS

Easy ways to locate lawyers

Capt. Nick Mitchell
Judge Advocate

Most people find an attorney through a personal referral from family members, friends or co-workers.

Most attorneys focus their practice on a few areas of the law. This is important to remember – just because an attorney did a good job for your friend, who bought a house, does not mean that attorney will be competent to handle something entirely different for you. Keep in mind that your primary goal is to find a capable lawyer to help you address your particular legal issue(s).

Some more ways to locate an attorney include:

The American Bar Association (ABA) – The ABA website, www.abanet.org, has a lawyer referral service, but does not make recommendations.

State and County Bar Associations – State and county bar associations often offer an attorney referral service.

Find them in your local telephone directory and/or search for them on the internet.

The attorneys on these referral lists are often new lawyers starting to build a practice. Although less experienced, they can also be less expensive and more willing to spend time on your case.

Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory – This is a commonly used directory of lawyers and can be found at most public libraries and at www.martindale.com.

Individual attorney listings and law firms are organized geographically. While the listed law firms predominantly serve corporate clients, firms providing personal legal services can also be found.

Legal Plans – Check to see if your employer offers a legal plan as a benefit. These plans typically charge a monthly premium and provide basic advice and consultation, usually over the telephone.

The legal plan should have a list of particular law firms that have been prescreened. Some plans offer more extensive services, such as short law office consultations, the preparation of simple wills, and the review of basic legal documents.

Once you have identified some candidates, telephone each attorney, describe your legal issue(s), and find out if the attorney handles your type of legal situation.

Ask if the attorney will charge you for an initial consultation.

Also ask how much the attorney usually charges to handle your case.

The initial consultation is an opportunity for you and the attorney to get to know each other.

After listening to the particulars of your case, the lawyer should be able to outline your rights and liabilities, as well as alternate courses of action. The attorney will tell you what he or she can do for you, and the cost.

Do not hesitate to ask about the attorney's experience relating to your problem or need, his or her fees, and the likely results.

If you want to hire the attorney, request a written fee agreement before proceeding.

Honoring the Colors

Reveille
6 a.m. (0600 hours)

Military personnel in uniform

Stand at attention, face the flag and salute at first note.

Retreat
5 p.m. (1700 hours)

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

Military personnel not in uniform, civilians

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

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

Military personnel in formation or in a group

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

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

Individual military personnel, civilians in a vehicle

Stop vehicle and exit. Follow steps above.

Stop vehicle and exit. Follow steps above.

Group of military personnel in a vehicle

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

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

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

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SPORTS

Pro visits Fort Dix Bowling Center



Ed Mingin

ALLEY CATS -- Pro bowler Parker Bohn III was at the Fort Dix Bowling Center May 3. Bohn performed trick shots and signed autographs for much of the day. Fort Dix's own Willie Parker, shown above with Bohn, gets an autograph and maybe a few bowling tips. An avid supporter of youth bowling, he started Parker Bohn III Youth Scholarship Tournament, and has awarded more than \$30,000 in college scholarships to junior bowlers.

Ed Mingin
Public Affairs Staff

Professional bowler Parker Bohn III visited the Fort Dix Bowling Center May 3 to promote youth bowling and spend time with bowlers of all ages. Bohn, from nearby Jackson, didn't come out to sign a few autographs and sell some shirts. Instead, he spent several hours with the kids. He gave bowling tips, signed autographs, talked with everyone, and just hung out in general. Even when he took a break to grab a bite to eat, he continued to sign autographs and listen to anyone who wanted to talk with him.

To help get the kids excited about bowling, Bohn performed some trick shots, which are amazing and sometimes comical.

Far from a one-trick pony, Bohn has impressive credentials. He was inducted into the United States Bowling Congress Hall of Fame this past December. He's been a Pro Bowler's Association Hall of Fame member since 2000, and is a 30-time PBA champion.

Additionally, Bohn holds the record for the number of perfect games bowled in PBA competition, having rolled 76 perfect games on tour.

"He's a real big supporter of youth bowling," said Tod Scalf, manager of the Fort Dix Bowling Center. "I'd met him before and thought it would be great if we could get him to come here for the kids. It took a little bit of effort because of scheduling issues. He's a great guy and did some schedule tweaking so this could happen."

In 1999, Bohn established the annual Parker Bohn III Youth Scholarship Tournament, which has awarded over \$30,000 in college scholarships to junior bowlers.

Bohn, now 44, got involved with bowling when he was a kid.

"My mom took me," he said. "The bowling alley was behind my grandfather's garage. We'd go over there a lot, and one day she took me bowling. I'd pull on her pantleg every week and beg her to take me back."

A member of the Pro Bowler's Association since 1984, Bohn uses his celebrity

to encourage kids to take an interest in bowling. While Bohn got involved in bowling during his youth, it wasn't an obvious choice.

His grandfather, Parker Bohn, is a local stock-car racing legend. His uncle, Eddie Bohn, is also a successful racer. So for Bohn, entering into the realm of bowling wasn't the first choice.

"The whole family is into racing. I went the way of the round ball instead," he said smiling.

To catch Parker Bohn in action, tune into any PBA event on television, and you'll likely see him. He also has an instructional DVD called Beyond the Bowling Basics. There are also several YouTube videos, where Bohn performs some of his popular trick shots.

For a brief glimpse of Bohn, watch the movie King Pin, where he is briefly in a scene with Woody Harrelson.

More bowling tips from Bohn can be learned in his book, Bowling: How to Master the Game.

To learn more about Parker Bohn, visit his website at www.parkerbohn.com.

Sports Shorts

Griffith Field House

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

Boxing at Griffith

Former Heavyweight Boxing Champion "Smokin' Joe Frazier will be at the Griffith Field House July 18, when the Marine Corps Boxing Team fights against the Muhammad Ali Boxing Club.

The event begins at 6 p.m. For more information, call 562-4888.

The Griffith Field House is also seeking Military boxers with little or no experience to participate.

Any military boxers wishing to compete can call Sgt. 1st Class Eric Turner at (609) 562-4271 or (609) 562-3801. Interested parties can also contact Floyd Winter at (609) 562-3330.

Army Ten Miler

Runners will have a chance to represent Fort Dix in the Army Ten Miler. The event, scheduled for Oct. 5 in Washington D.C. is America's largest 10-mile race, and one of the biggest in the world.

More than 26,000 runners are expected to compete in this year's race.

A qualifying run will be held June 7 to pick Team Dix. Race start is scheduled for 10 a.m. at the Griffith Field House. Runners should arrive early and be ready at the start line.

The six-mile course will challenge this year's hopefuls as it winds through Fort Dix. The qualifier is open to all Active Duty, Reserve, and Guard Soldiers, with the top runners representing Fort Dix in D.C.

Civilians, contractors, spouses, dependents, etc. will not be able to compete for a spot on Team Dix, but have been encouraged to run in the qualifier in past years. For more information, call Chris O'Donnell at 562-4888.

Golf Tournament

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

The tourney starts at 8:30 a.m. with a shotgun start and prizes will be awarded to first, second, third and fourth place

teams for low gross; closest to the pin; longest drive for men and women; and straightest drive.

A 2008 Lexus courtesy of Lexus of Cherry Hill will be Hole in One prize. Entrance fee is \$90 per person and includes greens fees, cart, refreshments, door prizes and buffet lunch.

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

Military Long Drive Championship

Fort Dix is scheduled to host a first-round competition in the Military Long Drive Championship Aug. 16, starting at 4 p.m.

Local winners will advance to four second-round qualifying venues where they will compete for spots in the Military Long Drive Championship at Mesquite.

The competition is open to all active-duty service members, Reservists, National Guardsmen, retirees and family members 18 and older from all branches of the military.

For more information, call Fountain Green Golf Course at (609)562-2166.



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Carver, Garlic win Madden Bowl

The 2008 Madden Bowl took place May 3, at the Fort Dix Rec Center. Fred Garlic, above left, won the top prize, an X-Box 360. Jacob Carver, above right, also scored big, winning a Play Station 2.

Players dig joint tournament



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The McGuire Fitness Center was the site of the Joint Forces Dig and Dive Racquetball Tournament April 26. More than 20 players participated in the tournament. Roy Elm, above left, and Bob O'Guia were the winners of the event. Elm won Division A, while O'Guia took top honors for Division B.

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