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NEWSNOTES

Military Pre-Retirement Orientation set for June

The second quarter Military Pre-Retirement Orientation and Separations session will be conducted Tuesday through Friday, June 17 through 20, in the Timmermann Conference Center on Pennsylvania Avenue. The seminar will begin each day at 8 a.m. and end at 4:30 p.m. Retirement eligible Soldiers are required to attend a PRO within 120 days of retirement. Separating Soldiers are encouraged to attend. Registration is required. Call the Retirement Services Officer, Fay Marshall-Dease at 609-562-2666 or email her at fay_marshalldease@us.army.mil to register.

Ribbon-cutting ceremony marks new homes

United Communities will host a ribbon cutting ceremony June 9 at 10:30 a.m. to mark completion of homes in the Laurel Hill and Garden Terrace housing areas. The homes are among 1,635 new residences being built in the next five years. Since parking at the site is not available due to ongoing work, guests will be shuttled in from American Legion Post 294 on Fort Dix Road in Pemberton beginning at 10 a.m. The ceremony is open to the Fort Dix and McGuire communities, and all are welcome to attend.



Wayne Cook

Smokey joins post fire safety campaign

Smokey the Bear has added Fort Dix to his public service campaign to prevent fires, and can be seen on guard around post. See page 7 for more information.

WEATHER

FRIDAY -- Chance of thunderstorms, light rain, high of 84 and low of 65 degrees.

SATURDAY -- Chance of thunderstorms with light rain showers, high of 88 degrees and overnight low of 65.

SUNDAY -- Thunderstorms and rain, high of 90 degrees and overnight low of 65.

MONDAY -- Clear and hot, high of 90 degrees and low of 72.

TUESDAY -- Clear and sunny, high of 90 and overnight low of 70.

WEDNESDAY -- Fair and breezy, high of 86 and low of 69 degrees.

THURSDAY -- Strong chance of showers, high of 84 degrees with overnight low of 67.

Dix stars on silver screen

Carolee Nisbet
Editor

Disguised as an unidentified southern Army post, Fort Dix tackled a new mission this week -- hosting the cast and crew of a movie production.

The film, titled "The Messenger," written by Alessandro Canon and Oren Moverman, is the story of Will Montgomery, a young Soldier wounded in Iraq who is assigned to the least-desirable job in the military, casualty notification.

As a returning injured war hero, Will can't believe he's the one called on to do this demanding job. But in the internet age of touch-of-a-button information and on-the-ground war-reporting, it is vital the task is done quickly and effectively. The last thing the US Army wants is for a mother to hear about the fate of her only son on a television news channel.

Will is played by Ben Foster, and is joined in most of the scenes shot at Fort Dix by Woody Harrelson, who plays the world-weary and slightly unhinged Capt. Tony Stone, and Eamon Walker as Col. Dorsett.

Will and Tony form an unlikely



Staff Sgt. Russell Lee Klika

FREEZEFRAME -- Myriads of crew members from "The Messenger" set up cameras, sound and lighting equipment for a scene on Maryland Avenue June 5.

bond as they travel around the state carrying out their duty. The situations they face are tough and challenging -- a mother, hysterical in denial, a pregnant young wife, devastated with grief, a father, so furious with anger at his son's death that he spits in their faces.

But with Tony's wry take on life,

Will emerges from the shadow cast by his time in action, and the pair begin to cast aside their differences. They create a rare and often moving friendship, giving them the strength to carry out the toughest of duties with honor and respect.

Fort Dix is one of several New Jer-

sey sites being used for the movie, and more than 100 Soldiers have served as extras in scenes at the Main Chapel, a dining facility, a motor pool, Griffith Field House and the Public Affairs Office. The movie will probably take about a year to reach a cineplex near you.

Joint Basing: Mission drives future for Army

Cornfields gave way to barracks and ranges in the summer of 1917, as what was first known as the Wright-Stamp Camp was officially named Camp Dix.

As the need for training posts became apparent in the uneasy days before World War II, wood gave way to brick and Camp Dix became Fort Dix. The official name has changed numerous times -- to United States Infantry Training Center and Fort Dix, to U.S. Army Garrison Fort Dix and now, to U.S. Army Support Activity Fort Dix.

The bottom line? The mission has remained the same since 1917: Fort Dix exists to train and mobilize America's Army. Through peace, war, Base Realignment and Closure and now Joint Basing, the rationale for existence has been the same.

Though the mission remains con-

stant for Fort Dix, the look and the format have constantly evolved.

The concept plan for USASA Fort Dix has already been through many changes. It will probably see more before it is finalized, though the window for modification is closing.

The plan creates an Army structure to plan, coordinate and provide Command and Control for all Army Installation Management Command directed missions at the base, and provides the base structure to operate the Joint Pre-Deployment/Mobilization Site directed by Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) 2005.

Fort Dix is one of six Forces Command Power Generation Platforms and has operated the largest and most continuously operating mobilization station in the Army since the Persian Gulf War.

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General optimistic on Baghdad tactics

Gerry J. Gilmore
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, June 2, 2008 -- The U.S. two-star general responsible for operations in Baghdad today expressed optimism about the current state of anti-insurgent efforts in and around Iraq's capital city.

Tactically, "the situation I see ourselves in here right now -- it's encouraging," Army Maj. Gen. Jeffrey W. Hammond, commander of Multinational Division Baghdad and the U.S. Army's 4th Infantry Division, told Pentagon reporters during a satellite-carried news conference

from his Baghdad headquarters. Multinational Division Baghdad is also known as Task Force Baghdad. Since December, the 4th Infantry from Fort Hood, Texas, has provided its headquarters element.

Hammond cited the "significant progress" made last month against Baghdad-area insurgents, thanks in large part, to the efforts of local Iraqi security forces. The general commanded 30,000 U.S. soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines in his area of operations.

"The performance of the Iraqi forces was heartening and contributed enormously to this success," Ham-

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Army-strong kids join 233 birthday event at Wurman Hall

Fort Dix kids will help celebrate the Army's 233 birthday next week with a parade at Wurman Hall.

More than 200 children from the Child Development Center and other youth programs on post will parade in costumes and decorated buggies to a birthday cake ceremony in front of the headquarters. The parade will be led by a drummer and other musicians from area schools and youth programs.

The event will kick off the celebration week June 10 at 10 a.m. The actual birthday is June 14.

The ceremony will include a member of the command group reading a new book by Army Youth Services designed to help children better understand Army history and their role in the greater Army Family. Copies of the book will be distributed at youth ac-

tivities during the week. The book was developed as part of a Secretary of the Army-directed initiative to include Army children in the service's 233rd birthday celebration. Army Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command's Child Youth Services developed the book, titled "Happy Birthday U.S. Army!"

The simple book, less than 25 pages, is heavy on pictures, graphics and Army history.

The birthday-themed narrative involves a young boy discussing the birthday of his grandfather and the similarities between his immediate family and the larger Army family of which he is also a part.

The book was co-written by Donna M. McGrath and Mary Ellen Pratt, both with Army Youth Services. Their

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photos by Ryan Morton

ALMOST REAL -- The Virtual Army Experience is a unique exhibit. Set up during the McGuire Air Show over the weekend of May 30-June 1, the tent is a simulator that offers civilians the opportunity to go inside and see and feel what it's like to be a Soldier in a combat zone.

Army shares spotlight at McGuire Air Expo



Dennis Bush

AT THE READY -- Soldiers from the 82nd Airborne finish preparations for an exhibition jump at the Air Expo May 31 at McGuire Air Force Base. Below, The 40 Jacky C, a Curtiss P-40 sporting a classic paint job and nose art of its Army Air Corps era, drew crowds of visitors at the three-day event at McGuire Air Force Base.



the mind field

General fires literary salvos from retirement

Steve Snyder
Public Affairs Staff

Retired Lt. Gen. Ricardo S. Sanchez, once the youngest three-star general in the United States Army, is highest-ranking Hispanic officer and one-time head of coalition forces in Iraq, has written *Wiser in Battle: A Soldier's Story*, the latest among many books explaining how things went wrong in Iraq. And Sanchez's work shares a common theme with the great majority of books bursting forth from this booming genre.

"Blame everyone but me," they all seem to say, relegating chaos in Iraq as either part of the natural order or one imposed by the mistakes of others.

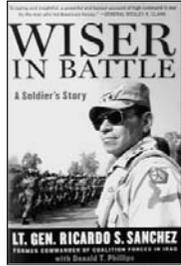
Lt. Gen. Sanchez took command of Coalition Ground Forces in Iraq, the top military command in that country, in June 2003 and served in that position until relieved by Gen. George Casey, Vice Chief of Staff of the Army, a year later. And his tour was especially challenging.

Sanchez was commanding when Saddam Hussein was captured, when the first battle of Fallujah erupted and when an insurgency against American occupiers of Iraq greatly expanded. And then there were revelations of prisoner abuse at Abu Ghraib.

The latter sank his career. "The Abu Ghraib prison scandal is the key reason, the sole reason, that I was forced to retire. I was essentially not offered another position in either a three-star or four-star command," Sanchez writes.



Alex Wong, Getty Images



Ali Heider/EPA/Corbis



Spc. Joshua Hutcheson

TURMOIL WITHIN -- Retired Lt. Gen. Ricardo S. Sanchez, left, testifies before the Senate Armed Services Committee in Washington in 2004. V Corps' Lt. Gen. Sanchez, right, commander of Combined Task Force-7, speaks with Albanian coalition troops at the Mosul, Iraq airfield August 23, 2003. In the center, the cover of the general's new book, *Wiser in Battle: A Soldier's Story* by Lt. Gen. Ricardo S. Sanchez with Donald T. Phillips, Harper, 2008, hardcover, 494 pages, \$26.95 list price.

book review

Although the commanding officer was found innocent of any blame for the abuse of prisoners that so inflamed the Arab world, the fact that for the most part only underlings of most rank took the rap raised suspicions about the veracity of military justice in many quarters.

Missing from Sanchez's book are two short memoranda he wrote about how detainees should be treated. In them he authorized the use of "stress positions" and urged interrogators to play upon Arab fears regarding unfriendly dogs. His attitude toward torture, in short, does not seem to be restrained by any notion of violence as a virtue territory. Advocates of tough interrogation methods

have a point but should have enough guts to defend their position openly. It is not clear that Sanchez has done so.

But the general is blunt in pointing out mistakes by others. "It became painfully obvious that the executive branch of our government did not trust the military," he writes. "It relied instead on a neoconservative ideology developed by men and women with little, if any, military experience."

Furthermore, "After our carefully planned and successfully executed invasion of Iraq, I arrived in the country and was stunned to find that there had been a complete lack of Phase IV post-invasion planning by the administration and the military," Sanchez notes.

"To say I was shocked would be an understatement," admits the general. "CENTCOM (the U.S.'s Central Command) had completely walked away by simply stating that the war was over and Phase IV (occupying a country) was not their job," Sanchez says. "That decision set up the United States for a failed first year in Iraq," he thinks.

In the meantime, hundreds of billions of taxpayer dollars were unnecessarily spent, and worse yet, too many of our most precious military resources, our American Soldiers, were unnecessarily wounded, maimed, and killed as a result," he concludes.

whether we ended the dangers posed by Iraq - WMD (Weapons of Mass Destruction), support for terrorism, threats against neighbors and tyranny."

According to Feith, had the U.S. just followed his and Rumsfeld's advice - taken out Saddam, put in some harmless successor, withdrew U.S. forces to a token garrison to protect the new government, all would be hunky-dory.

Feith and Rumsfeld may have had a point. But history doesn't bestow laurels on might-have-beens. The Iraq war has spilled much blood and cost much money. It's also ended the careers of some staunch patriots. Like Lt. Gen. Ricardo S. Sanchez.

Democracy be damned, "the measure of success... would be

Life is a beach in New Jersey (at least during the summer)

story and photos by
Steve Snyder
Public Affairs Staff

Ah, summer breezes indicate that it's nearly time to hit the shore again. Time to brush up on some old pick-up lines, too. Like "Excuse me, Mam, I seem to have lost my medal of honor somewhere here in the sand" or "Didn't I just see you on *Girls Gone Wild*. You were just fabulous! What a personality!"

In tune with the season, someone called the New Jersey Marine Sciences Consortium, a collection of environmental and tourist groups, sponsored a survey in which over 15,000 people cast ballots online and at regional events from February through April.

Participants were asked to list the Garden State's top 10 beaches found along the state's 127-mile coastline based on several characteristics including water quality, access and aesthetics.

Last week's winners were: (1) Wildwood, (2) Wildwood Crest, (3) Ocean City, (4) North Wildwood, (5) Cape May, (6) Asbury Park, (7) Avalon, (8) Point Pleasant Beach, (9) Beach Haven and (10) Stone Harbor.

Those polled reportedly cited Wildwood's wide beach (at 1.2 mile the state's widest) as deserving the top ranking and also mentioned the beach town's reputation for special events and tourism. With a spacious boardwalk, Wildwood is also a hub of 50s doo-wop music and hosts many oldies festivals along with quite car cruising nights during the summer months.

I haven't been down there for awhile and will have to check it out.

But Ocean City is still number one in my book. I started visiting there during



BACK TO NATURE -- The map illustrates locations of many sparkling beaches in the Garden State, including some picked by 16,000 voters as the best beaches in the state in a recent online poll. Swimmers above, left and right, were active at Ship's Bottom on Monday, an underrated location easily accessible to Dixons who merely have to follow Route 72 directly into Long Beach Island.



college days, appreciating the genial atmosphere so easily purveyed by residents. Their boardwalk and restaurants were top notch, too. A dry town, we used to cross the causeway to Summer's Point for night life where lyrics from Bumpy Siegel's *Let the Good Times Roll* punctured eardrums along a strip marked by a huge night club (called Tony Martz if memory serves) and two or three serviceable bars with atmospheres appealing to young adults.

With stamina for night life long gone, I prefer the beach at Ocean City early in the summer because the waters promise to be warmer then. As the season heats up I generally move up north with warm waters in my wake.

On Long Beach Island I try

to visit Surf City at least yearly because they had a shark attack there several years ago and I wouldn't want to miss anything reminiscent of *Jaws*. But Ship's Bottom is right at the end of Route 72 with a nice, convenient beach where they sometimes don't bother checking beach tags which run anywhere from \$5 to \$10 daily (Wildwood, Wildwood Crest, North Wildwood and Atlantic City are other shore locations which don't charge you for enjoying nature).

Seaside Heights and Seaside Park in Tom's River has a boardwalk and more than mid-dling beach and is straight across from Fort Dix, probably only about 35 - 40 miles away. Locals aren't as friendly as Ocean City types but there are rides for the kiddies on the boardwalk there.

Then, towards late summer when one is sick of the crowds, the time is ripe to drive up north to Sea Girt where the New Jersey National Guard owns their own beach property which can be used by anyone with a military ID card. Facilities there include a bath house.

When I can't make it down to the ocean I enjoy chilling out at Presidential Lakes which contain some unspoiled waters with a strong aroma of pine. At Mirror Lake the pine is too much, corrosive even but it's subdued enough at Presidential Lakes to cool off from torrid day.

Swimming, surfing, catching some rays, boating, whatever. Jersey is a beach. Go for it.



FIT FOR PRESIDENTS -- Presidential Lakes at the end of Choctaw Drive in Browns Mills offers bathers room to swim and soak up the rays - without lifeguards cramping anyone's style.



BLISS ON THE BOARDWALK -- Visitors and natives of Ocean City make their rounds on the boardwalk that borders the beach in that fair New Jersey city. Merchants and many of their clientele seem to be a lot friendlier here, thanks perhaps to a strong influx of Pennsylvanians who, every summer, bring sunny dispositions with them.



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Kids celebrate birthday

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ent was to impart on youth the breadth of Army history, the importance of the contributions of their military parents, and their own place in the Army Family, said McGrath, Army child and youth sports and fitness manager.

"We wanted to highlight for young children the importance of what their parents are doing in the Army, the richness of Army history, and their part in this huge wonderful organization," she said. "And who else loves a birthday and birthday cake as much as children? So why not have a celebration of the Army's birthday that includes the total Army family? That's what this is all about."

Fort Dix kids will hand out information during the June 9 event on post to emphasize the variety of services offered and the number of Army Family Covenant initiatives designed to serve military families.

Youth at Fort Myer, Va., near the Pentagon, will be among the first to receive copies of the free book, June 9. It is then that Secretary of the Army, Pete Geren, is scheduled to read the book to children gathered at the installation's Child Development Center.

Following the reading, children will be given a copy of the book to take home.

While the book is aimed primarily at children, McGrath said she thinks the book will help others see the Army cares about military families and military youth.

"We want the Soldiers and the rest of America to know the Army takes care of kids," she said.

"The Army has made unprecedented investments in Child Development Centers and youth programs, to include child and youth services programs, summer programs and respite care."

That kind of attention to military children and military Families is important, she said, because military Families are an important part of the Army's internal support system.

"Military Families have been an integral part of the Army's 233-year history," she said.

"They are resilient and will remain Army Strong, even through this period of increased deployment cycles. They do that, in part, because of the support provided to them by the Army Family Covenant initiatives."



GREEN BIRTHDAY — A new book by Army Youth Services helps children better understand Army history and their role in the greater Army Family. The book will be distributed during the week leading up to the Army's 233rd birthday, June 14.

Baghdad general optimistic

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mond pointed out. "They are the ones extending security in the Sadr City [district], and they have found over 83 weapons caches" since May 20.

Those caches yielded 175 homemade bombs, 76 roadside bombs specifically designed to pierce armored vehicles and numerous rocket-propelled grenades and rifles, he said, as well as more than 320 mortar rounds.

Sadr City sprawls across eastern Baghdad and is home to cleric Moqtada al Sadr's militia. Sadr's ongoing ceasefire agreement with coalition and Iraqi forces is credited with helping to reduce violence in Baghdad and is envied.

Hammond said his command's mission to protect Baghdad's citizenry remains unchanged.

"We accomplish this by defeating the enemies of Iraq, improving the Iraqi security forces' capability through partnership, developing the Iraqi police capacity, supporting political and economic growth [and] ultimately transitioning the Iraqi security forces in their responsibility for overall security," he explained.

Hammond cited two primary adversaries: al-Qaida terrorists and illegal armed organizations, such as Iranian-backed "special groups," that disrupt the peace and flout the rule of law.

The people of Baghdad are rejecting al-Qaida's murderous

agenda, while U.S. and Iraqi security forces are keeping the terrorists on the run, Hammond noted.

"We have severely disrupted their networks and their operations," Hammond said of recent efforts that have resulted in the killing or detention of 430 al-Qaida in Iraq members during the past six months, including senior leaders, media experts, attack coordinators, facilitators and operators.

"We continue to pursue them relentlessly," Hammond said.

Illegal militias that operate in Baghdad also are being dealt with, Hammond noted.

Some of them, which the military calls "special groups," are trained and supplied by Iran, he said.

"We've killed or detained 453 special groups operatives in the last six months," Hammond told reporters.

"Now, intelligence reports indicate that these criminals receive support from elements in Iran."

Some confiscated weaponry, he noted, is of Iranian origin and recent manufacture.

"I can tell you some weapons recovered in Baghdad were identified as being produced in Iran," Hammond said. "The most recent data production [mark] was February 2008."

Additionally, "we also know many special groups criminals that we target have recently fled to Iran, as well," the general said.

Recent Iraqi-led ground operations with U.S. aerial support in southern Sadr City resulted in the destruction of 61 enemy mortar teams, and the killing of 163 special groups members, Hammond said.

That success "could not have been accomplished without the bravery, the patience and professionalism and concern for collateral damage that was demonstrated by our attack helicopter pilots," Hammond pointed out.

Better security is helping to establish conditions in Baghdad conducive to expanded commerce and employment.

"Now, improved security conditions allow us to improve in other important areas of employment, essential services and local governance," Hammond explained.

"Increased employment in Baghdad is of particular importance to us."

Current economic and employment projections, he added, indicate the potential to create 160,000 new jobs in Baghdad in the months ahead.

"Now, employment's increased by over 60,000 as a result of our combined efforts," Hammond reported. "We project a further increase by 20,000 more [jobs] here in short order."

Yet, Hammond cautioned that it's too early to declare victory, and there'll be "more challenges ahead" in Baghdad.

"What's most important is that you know we understand our mission, and our soldiers — your soldiers, in partnership with Iraqi security forces and the citizens of Baghdad — are making a difference," Hammond told Pentagon reporters.

"Our families support us back home, and we're supported by an Army and local communities that care," he continued. "We're a team. We're making progress."

Fort Dix STAR Program Suspected Terrorist Activity Reporting (STAR)

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

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

Security: Any attempt to measure reaction times and action by security forces. A test of security can be disguised as a simple mistake such as a vehicle approaching a security barrier and then turning around or an attempt to circumvent access control procedures to assess strengths and weaknesses of the security forces and equipment.

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

Dry Run or Practice: People or vehicles appear to have been purposely placed in a particular position or area. This is especially true when planning a kidnapping, but also pertains to bombings.

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

Suspicious Persons Out of Place: People who don't seem to belong or fit in the surrounding environment, especially if involved in any of the above listed activities.

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Margaritaville moves to post for Team Dix Day

Got a parrot hat stuffed in your closet? Do you know all the words to "Margaritaville?" Have you lost your shaker of salt?

If you can answer "yes" to any of these questions, you are ready for Team Dix Day 2008.

Set for June 13 at John Mann Park, the annual event is open to military personnel and Fort Dix civilian employees. Even if you can't find your parrot hat, come on out at 11:30 a.m. for an afternoon of games, good food, prizes and great company.

Tops on the agenda this year is a Chili Cook-Off. Contestants must sign up in advance with Maria Klein at 562-3873, and be prepared to reveal all their secret ingredients (but not exact amounts). Chili must be prepared in advance and delivered hot to the site, where it will be placed in a chafing dish for the judging. All entries must have titles and be edible, and must be accompanied by two copies of the ingredients list, one for display and one for later publication. Judging will be from noon to 12:30 p.m., and categories will be Best Chili, Best Presentation, Best Tasting and People's Choice selected by the crowd. Cash prizes will be awarded to winners in each category.

If chili isn't your specialty, amble over to the Muscle Beach Weightlifting Contest, where your muscles could earn you big prizes.

If you are looking for something a little less strenuous, events for the afternoon will include Frisbee Toss, Volleyball, Horse Shoes, Go-Carts, a Surfing Simulator and the chance to have your photo taken with Mermaids.

When you've worked up an appetite, lunch will be served at the pavilions, with a beach-themed menu including chicken with pineapple, cheeseburgers, pasta salad, hot dogs, potato salad and drinks.

Throughout the day, concessionaires will be serving free funnel cakes, Maui Wawis and ice cream.

Directors and representatives from the command group will compete in the Challenge, with the winning organization entitled to display the Directors' Challenge Banner in their organization until the next competition at the holiday party in December.

Entertainment will also be provided during the afternoon by The Jazz Lobsters.

The Jazz Lobsters have been tearing up the New Jersey shore for the past thirty years at parties, with a band usually of six pieces on up to a big band of eighteen, playing everything from the swingin' sounds of Count Basie and Frank Sinatra to Motown hits, dance favorites and rock classics.

The band is led by James Lafferty, arranger and keyboardist, and includes some of the hottest musicians in the tri-state area who have shared the stage and recorded with such artists as: Bruce Springsteen, The Asbury Jukes, Billy Joel, Jimmy Buffet, Sam and Dave, Paul McCartney, Charles Earland, Blood Sweat and Tears, Tower of Power, Dido, Stan Kenton and Tommy Dorsey.

The afternoon's events are free of charge, and all military personnel and Fort Dix federal employees are invited and encouraged to attend.

Joint Base Update: Army mission defines Dix future

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Since the attacks on September 11, 2001, Fort Dix has managed one of the highest pre-deployment/mobilization loads in CONUS, moving more than 132,000 Soldiers through the installation.

Additionally, Fort Dix is the largest and primary training site for all Reserve Components in the Northeast United States.

More than 24 percent of the entire Army National Guard and United States Army Reserve units are stationed within 240 miles of Fort Dix, making it an essential training platform for the readiness of the RC. Further, Fort Dix operates one of the largest Equipment Distribution mobilization Stations in the Army.

What does all of this mean for the future of Fort Dix? It is the future.

Other elements familiar to us all, the installation operation side of the coin, will move to the Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, under the lead of the Air Force.

But the numerous mission-related activities that are simply not part of the Air Force, including training and mobilization, will remain Army green.

That is, of course, a vast simplification of the complex process now underway.

There are a myriad of civilian personnel, union and legal issues that must be addressed and resolved prior to the planned January 31, 2009 Joint Base Initial Operational Capability.

Mission Contracting Support for the US Army Support Activity Fort Dix will continue to be provided by the Army Reserve Contracting Center (ARCC).

Under the tenets of Joint Basing, the service Contracting Offices will retain their mission contracting responsibilities while the Joint Base contracting office will support installation management function contracting responsibilities.

The US Army Support Activity Fort Dix will execute some Army IMCOM directed mission functions for the entire Joint Base as agreed upon by the McGuire Air Force Base, Fort Dix, and Lakehurst Naval Air Engineering Station Joint Partnership Council.

US Army Support Activity Fort Dix will continue to be under the Operational Control of Army Reserve for the oversight of the Army Reserve Training mission, Direct Support to First Army for oversight of the mobilization mission, and Direct Support to FORSCOM in oversight of the PGP mission. Some elements, such as small arms ranges, will remain with the Army in support of those missions.

Emerging missions such as the Armies Combat Support Training Center initiative and the Department of Defense

technology transfer programs with the Department Of Homeland Security are on the horizon.

The remaining Fort Dix Base Operations (BASOPS) functions will transfer to the Air Force.

There is no Department of the Army civilian growth in the proposed TDA, but at the moment, that mandated fact is one of the few solid pieces of information available in the manpower arena.

While everyone working the issue is well aware of the concerns of the civilian workforce, a final manpower document is still under construction.

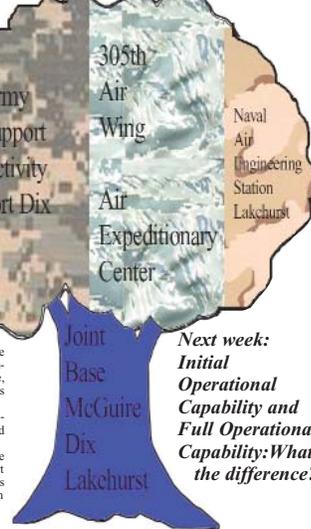
Civilian substitution for military positions was maximized wherever possible.

The internal billpayer for the proposed US Army Support Activity Fort Dix, Fort Devens and Joint Base TDA civilian staffing will come from the six hundred twenty-seven (627) authorized civilian slots from the Fiscal Year 2010 TDA.

Proposed staffing is being developed based on an analysis of historical, current, and the projected mobilization, training and schoolhouse workload statistics.

Four manpower plans are being developed, one for Devens Reserve Forces Training Area, one for the Army Support Activity Fort Dix, one as a mobilization augmentation for the support activity, and one that will carry base operations personnel through the transition to the Joint Base.

Guidance on the transition mandates no growth in manpower, but a majority of civilian jobs at Fort Dix will transfer to



Next week:
Initial Operational Capability and Full Operational Capability: What's the difference?

the Army Support Activity Fort Dix TDA.

The manpower and equipment documented on the proposed US Army Support Activity Fort Dix TDA will be the minimal required to logically align the workload and resources with the mobilization and training mission. It will not include most of the base support structure we see now, which will migrate to the Joint Base.

Based on the workload analysis, the requirements for the US Army Support Activity Fort Dix are enduring in support of the Global War On Terrorism.

So, where is the proposed

plan for the US Army Support Activity Fort Dix now?

While the initial plan has been approved by USARCC, the next step in the process is finalizing the memorandum of agreement on joint basing with McGuire Air Force Base and Naval Air Engineering Station Lakehurst.

Once that agreement is complete, the plan then moves up the approval chain through the Installation Management Command to the Department of Army.

(Bill Howard, Plans Analysis and Integration Office, and Carolee Nisbet, Public Affairs Office, contributed to this article.)

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Spouses Club to host High Tea

The Fort Dix Spouses' Club is hosting a High Tea June 7 at the home of Chaplain and Mrs. Biederman, Quarters 1, Juliusston Road. Come enjoy the beautiful setting at one of Fort Dix's great farmhouses 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.

Cost for the event is \$20 per person with all net proceeds returned to the community to benefit our Soldiers! There will be three seating options: 11 a.m., 1 p.m., or 3 p.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.

Pre-Retirement/Separation seminar coming soon

The second quarter Military Pre-Retirement Orientation/Separation will be conducted June 17-20 in the Timmermann Conference Center, located at Pennsylvania Avenue and 8th Street. The seminar will begin each day at 8 a.m. and last until 4:30 p.m. Retirement eligible Soldiers are required to attend a Pre-Retirement Orientation within 120 days of retirement. Separating Soldiers are encouraged to attend. This is an opportune time to get all your retirement/separation questions answered. Registration is required. Call Fay Marshall-Dease at (609)562-2666 or e-mail fay.marshalldease@us.army.mil to register.

Six Flags Great Adventure seeks summer employees

Reps from Six Flags Great Adventure will be at Fort Dix Army Community Service, 5201 Maryland Ave., June 16 from 2 to 5 p.m. looking for people to work in security, entertainment, sales, ride management and other fields. There are limited opportunities for 15 year olds. Come early to fill out your application. For more information call "Rod" Martell at 609 562-2186.

First Cavalry reunion coming soon

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@1cda.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 562-2000 or 4011, or stop by Building 5203.

Volunteers needed for speaking engagements

The Fort Dix Public Affairs Office is looking for officer and senior NCO volunteers to help us in our community relations efforts by becoming part of our speaker's bureau. All that's needed is enthusiasm, personality, the ability to read and engage the audience.

So if you have the availability to connect with our neighbors and bring a personal touch to the Fort Dix community, please call Gerry Zanzalari at 562-4034.

Tips help lessen pinch at pump

Recently, some members of Team Dix were asked how the rising price of gas is affecting their daily lives.



"Basically it's coming down to not eating out as often, trying to handle all my business while I am out." - Staff Sgt. Ruben Marrero, 72nd Field Artillery



"My mom uses my car (a Ford Excursion) more because she drives a Suburban." - Megan Springer, cashier, City Coffee



"I'm thinking about buying a motorcycle." - Carmen M. Cuevas, Administrative Support, Logistics Operation Center



"It doesn't really bother me. I just worry about the people who have to drive an hour." - Dee Atkins, personnel assistant, Soldier and Family Support Services

photos by Lisa Evans

Jennifer M. McCarthy
Public Affairs Staff

With the price of premium gas already topping the \$4 mark in New Jersey and the price of regular gas not too far behind, it is impossible for Fort Dix employees not to feel the pinch on their wallet this summer.

While it does not look like relief at the pumps will be soon coming, there are ways to help loosen the burden of driving on your wallet.

One way is to take public transportation. Fort Dix is serviced by New Jersey Transit bus 317. The 317 travels between Asbury Park and Philadelphia. The bus makes a stop at the Walter Rand Transportation Center in Camden, where riders can transfer to the New Jersey Transit River Line, a light-rail train that goes into Trenton. From Trenton, riders can reach a variety of destinations to include Princeton and New York City. Fort Dix civil servants are entitled to use the Transit Check program. This program pays a portion of the riders' fare.

"They save me lots of money. Because of the money they save me, I can go to Disney World," said Veverly Wakefield, administrative

specialist, Public Affairs.

Interested employees may stop by the Resource Management Office, located in Bldg. 5418, and pick up the required forms. Once approved, the employee receives a three-month supply of checks. These are taken to the Walter Rand Transportation Center located in Camden and exchanged for a bus pass.

Depending on the number of zones traveled, these checks may cover the entire cost of the commute. Also, military ID card holders are entitled to a discount on New Jersey Transit. All riders need to do is show their ID card to the driver to receive the discount.

Another way to save on gas is to car-pool. Sharing the ride to and from work by picking up co-workers who live in the same area not only shares on the cost of a tank of gas, but gives riders a chance to socialize a bit on the trip.

A bike is another great way to get to work without a lot of expense, plus you get fit in the process. All riders on Fort Dix are required to wear a proper fitting and fastened helmet which meets the standards of the American National Standards Institute or the Snell Memorial Foundation's 1984 Standard for Protective Headgear.

For those who cannot car-share, or do not have access to public transportation, there may be other ways to save money and reduce your consumption of gasoline.

● Purchase fuel wisely - The Web site <http://autos.msn.com/everyday/gasstations.aspx?zip=&src=Netx> allows users to type in a zip code and the gas stations offering the lowest price gas in the area appear.

● Rethink your need to go out - Is a trip to the mall really necessary, or can you purchase an item on-line? Many services such as banking, and in some cases, even grocery shopping can be done on-line.

● Drive more efficiently - Don't drive aggressively, and maintain the speed limit.

All vehicles lose fuel economy at speeds above 55 miles per hour. Driving 55 miles per hour, instead of 75 miles per hour, cuts fuel costs by 25 percent.

● Lighten the load - Get rid of unnecessary items in the car. For every extra 100 pounds carried in a car, gas mileage is reduced by up to two percent.

● Keep your car maintained - By keeping tires properly inflated and air filters clean, a driver can reduce gas mileage by 10 percent.

Bald eagles call Dix home

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Public Affairs Staff

In spring of 2000, a pair of nesting bald eagles was discovered in a large pitch pine located in the Fort Dix Impact Area. The pair has remained on Fort Dix and successfully fledged baby eagles, called eaglets.

Bald eagles (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) are easily identified by their full-white heads and tails, and dark brown body. Although they reach their adult size by the time they learn how to fly, these birds do not develop their white "bald" heads and adult plumage until they are five years old.

These large birds of prey can have a wing span of eight feet across. They can weigh up to 14 pounds. Females are about 25 percent larger than males.

Fish is the primary source of food for the bald eagle, although they are opportunistic and will eat anything that presents itself as a meal. Eagles have been known to steal the prey of other birds such as Osprey. In the winter they will also resort to eating carrion.

Eagles live in forested areas located near bodies of water. The Fort Dix eagles nest in a large pitch pine within an old blueberry patch located on the impact area.

Bald Eagles tend to nest in the tallest tree in the area, or in a "supercanopy" tree. In New Jersey, nesting begins in late December and January, when the pair renews their bond in an arial courtship. The pair will soar into the sky chasing each other, and touching talons. Then they will often lock talons and tumble to the ground.

An average eagle nest is two feet high and five feet wide. By mid-February, the pair has normally laid a clutch of one - three eggs. These eggs take about 36 days to hatch. Eaglets require constant care until they are about 12 weeks old.

In the late twentieth century, the bald eagle faced extirpation in America but recovered. They were removed from the endangered species list in 2007.

-This is the first in a regular series featuring the biodiversity of Fort Dix.



courtesy photo

CHICK MAGNET - Fort Dix Environmental Officer Roger Smith holds one of the two bald eagle chicks born at Fort Dix this year after banding it. The eaglets are banded for later identification and monitoring.



Wayne Cook

Bags full of love

Approximately 150 students in the 21st Century Club after school program of the Marcus Newcomb and Haines Elementary Schools in the Pemberton School District created nearly 200 ceramic Hearts for Heroes as a gesture of support for military members and their families. The hearts, along with accompanying notes of gratitude, were delivered to representatives of the Arts and Crafts Center May 26. The Arts and Crafts Center is seeking volunteers to paint hearts. For more information call 562-5691.

Microsoft Office 2007 ready to roll

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Public Affairs Staff

Fort Dix employees may notice something different on their computer screens in the coming weeks. That is because Fort Dix is making the transition from Microsoft Office 2003 to Microsoft Office 2007.

Microsoft Office 2007 is the most recent version of the Microsoft Office System. The Army has just approved installation of the software on the Army's computers. Microsoft Office includes features that are geared toward collaboration and data sharing. Between SharePoint Portal 2007 and Office 2007, the installation will move in the direction of using the computer as a collaborative tool to perform the daily work activities," said Evelyn Stefala, chief of plans and business operation.

This new version of Microsoft brings with it some changes, not only in the capabilities of the programs, but in their appearance as well. New

for the 2007 version of Microsoft Office is the Office Fluent User Interface, also known as the ribbon. The ribbon replaces the tool bar at the top of the screen. Similar to the familiar tool bar, the ribbon control contains command buttons and icons organized in a set of tabs. It is meant to make commonly used functions more readily available. This new setup is more intuitive and allows the user to concentrate on the job needed to be performed without worrying so much on how to implement the task. Some of the new tabs only appear when needed, such as when formatting images.

Another major change in Microsoft Office 2007 is in the type of files extensions. In Microsoft Office 2003, documents created in Word end in .doc, PowerPoint presentations end in .ppt and Excel spreadsheets end in .xls. In the new version of Microsoft, documents will end in

.docx, PowerPoint slides will end in .pptx and spreadsheets will end in .xlsx. Microsoft Office 2007 is equipped to save tasks in both this new format and in the old Microsoft Office 2003 format.

This allows users to still work with documents created using the old system, as well as save and send information to someone who may not have Microsoft Office 2007.

Other changes users can expect to encounter with the new Microsoft include the ability to see changes made to documents using the new preview feature. Users may also notice that the default setting on word documents is spaced to one-and-a-half spaces instead of single spacing. Microsoft Office 2007 offers new security features such as the ability to encrypt documents and mark documents as read-only. It also provides improved proofing and editing tools and updated graphic and formatting

capabilities. Charts and graphs have been redesigned and Excel users will see an increased number of functions to choose from.

The roll-over to the new system is already underway and it is anticipated that all directories will be using Microsoft Office 2007 by the end of the first week in June.

Fort Dix employees do not have to navigate all these new changes alone. Recently, 80 Fort Dix employees attended a class to update them on the changes and help members of the various directorates sail through the transition with ease.

This collection of IMOs, administrative personnel and technicians are available to help their co-workers. Employees in need of more assistance can find additional information at <http://www.wood.army.mil/ttic/mg/sk/rlport.htm>.

Additionally, the Department of Information Management help desk will be available to help with problems. They can be reached at 562-2232.

Tech Talk

Battlemind Web site open

WASHINGTON, May 30, 2008 - Due to its success preparing Soldiers for deployment, the Army has decided to transition Battlemind training from a deployment cycle requirement to standard training Armywide.

"Although Battlemind is in its infancy, it is proving to be effective in theater," said Maj. Todd Yosick, chief of the Battlemind training office at the Army Medical Department Center and School. "Modules are already being developed for basic training."

The Army Medical Department created the Battlemind concept with the specific goals of addressing problems associated with the mental health of Soldiers affected by combat.

One of the Battlemind tools the Army developed is a Web site containing audiovisual training aids and other materials to allow units to conduct their own mental health training. The site also provides training for leaders, health-

care providers, individual Soldiers and family members.

The new Web site features a module that addresses the stigma associated with post-traumatic stress disorder; the testimonial of a suicide survivor; and scenario-based animations for younger members of the family.

The stigma associated with mental health problems is one of the major hurdles the Army must overcome. By providing more training on mental health to Soldiers, the Army hopes to mitigate the stigma and identify personnel that may need assistance.

With the recent increase of suicides -- a total of 115 in Fiscal 2007 -- Army medical officials are taking the mental health of Soldiers very seriously.

Now that the Web site is fully functional, all Soldiers can visit the Battlemind Web site at <http://www.battlemind.army.mil>.



Ryan Morton

Off-the-cuff training

Pfc. Henry Vasquez and Spc. Karen Manuelito of the 40th Military Police Company, part of the California National Guard hailing from Los Alamitos, demonstrate to a group of Iraqi police cadets played by Civilians On the Battlefield (COBs) the proper procedures in detaining and handcuffing a detainee June 2. The 40th MP Co. is wrapping up its preparations for an upcoming deployment to Iraq where its Soldiers will participate in the training of Iraqi Police forces.



Ryan Morton

Staff Sgt. Dennis Godfrey, Program Executive Office Simulation, Training, and Instrumentation (PEO-STRI), conducts a test run of the new Humvee Egress Assistance Trainer (HEAT) at Fort Dix's Motor Pool 5.

Soldiers turn up HEAT during drivers training

Ryan Morton
Public Affairs Staff

Fort Dix now has two new Humvee Egress Assistance Trainers (HEAT) to further assist Soldiers in preparations for future Global War on Terrorism missions.

They are set up in Drivers Training Area 6, located behind the Joint Training and Training Development Center (JTDC) and Motor Pool 5 off Texas Avenue. The HEAT is a humvee simulator used to assist Soldiers in the event of a roll-over and how to evacuate the overturned vehicle.

"The HEAT trainer was developed due to increasing deaths from roll-overs in combat situations and now has 54 systems located in military installations throughout the world," said Staff Sgt. Dennis Godfrey, Program Executive Office Simulation, Training and Instrumentation (PEO-STRI) official and HEAT trainer who travels worldwide test-

ing and training personnel on these equipment pieces.

The installation now has three trainers including the one already deployed at Drivers Training Area 6, and Godfrey was on Fort Dix the morning of May 28 to check the structural soundness and conduct practice runs. After a thorough examination, aside from some minor adjustments, the simulators were up to par and will soon be ready for use.

"They're running well and if they had to, could be used right now," said Godfrey.

"This HEAT is important

because it's the first way Soldiers have been able to realistically evacuate and train effectively in an upside down 180-degree position," he said.

According to Godfrey, the HEAT also teaches Soldiers how to properly exit a humvee in water too.

HEAT training is a requirement for all mobilizing Soldiers with the two at Drivers Training Area 6 training mobilizing Soldiers and the one at Motor Pool five used for the Soldiers of the Reserve Training Center-East and weekend training.



Staff Sgt. Shawn Morris, 50th IBCT

JERSEY BLUES -- Soldiers from the New Jersey Army National Guard's 50th Infantry Brigade Combat Team (IBCT) take the field during pre-mobilization training at Fort Indiantown Gap, Pa., this spring. The 50th IBCT will occupy Fort Dix's Doughboy Field June 14 for a farewell ceremony as the unit prepares to deploy this month in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

Dix bids farewell to 3,000 Jersey troops

Shawn Morris
Public Affairs Staff

Governor Jon Corzine, governor of New Jersey, Maj. Gen. Glenn K. Rieth, adjutant general of New Jersey, and Col. Steve Ferrari, 50th IBCT commander, are scheduled to speak during the ceremony.

Nearly 3,000 Soldiers of the New Jersey Army National Guard's 50th Infantry Brigade Combat Team will march onto Doughboy Field June 14 for a formal farewell ceremony.

Attending the event will be family, friends, fellow service members, and civilian and military leaders.

The 50th Infantry Brigade Combat Team (IBCT) is set to deploy to Fort Bliss, Texas, this month for mobilization training prior to undertaking a detainee operations mission in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The ceremony is set to begin at 10:30 a.m. with introductory remarks, a fly over by F-16 aircraft, and the National Anthem preceding the 50th IBCT leaders unfurling their unit's colors.

The You Can Jump parachute team will also drop in, weather permitting.

The ceremony will close with a traditional Pass In Review and playing of the Army Song.

The ceremony will be followed by a picnic for Soldiers and family members that will run from 11:45 a.m. to 2 p.m. Shuttle buses will provide transportation between the event site and parking areas.

Vehicle passes are required to gain access to Fort Dix, and are available from the Soldiers' units. All attendees should use the Fort Dix "Sports Gate," which is the entrance located off CR-630 Pointville Road.

Note that the Fort Dix DoD Police will run vehicle and individual ID checks at the gate and will detain any person and/or vehicle that does not have proper documentation.

With each of the nearly 3,000 Soldiers potentially bringing several guests to the event, roads in and around Fort Dix could become severely congested, especially at the Sports Gate. Please make travel plans accordingly. Lawn chairs are welcome at the ceremony.



Chaplains' Corner

Sgt. 1st Class Fred Cohen
Chaplain Assistant

Motorcycle riders gathered at the Main Chapel June 4 to take part in a bike blessing. The riders joined together to not only receive a blessing for their motorcycles, but also for themselves, as they begin another season of riding. I coordinated the event, as I have done the past few years.

Safety is stressed to all riders before they proceed on a ride around the post to symbolize the beginning of the season.

The following is an excerpt from my day:
6 a.m. - I stepped outside, it was raining. I ran two miles, returned to my house and got ready to go to work.

7:15 a.m. - I pulled my motorcycle out of the garage, started it up and put on my rain gear and my helmet. My

seat was already wet. Not a good sign of possible things to come.

9:45 a.m. - I went over the final details of the bike blessing with the DoD Police. It was still raining, and I had already received a few phone calls to see if we were still going to be having the bike blessing. The answer was YES.

10:45 a.m. - I stepped out of the chapel wearing my full rain suit. Nobody was in the parking lot yet; I was guessing most folks left their bikes at home because of the rain. At 10:59 a.m., a few bikes pulled in and it stopped raining. The event went off at 11 a.m. without any problems; we rode around post and stopped at the club for lunch. Everybody was talking, having a great time.

I kept in the back of my mind Psalm 118, verse 5, "I called to the Lord in distress, the Lord answered me, and



put me in a spacious place." The day went off without a hitch and so did the bike blessing.

5 p.m. - I got on my bike to go home. It began to rain again. Oh well, I had a great day.

When one trusts in the Lord, everything seems to find a way of working out. No matter the circumstances, He will always come through.

Smokey blazes fire prevention trail

Wayne Cook
Public Affairs Staff

A large brown bear has been spotted at different locations around the installation. This bear is dressed in a forest ranger hat, belted blue jeans and is armed with a shovel. When spotted, his message should be heeded and care should be taken. Smokey Bear has emerged in the area to remind people of the dangers of wildfires.

Smokey the Bear, is a character in the longest running public service campaign in United States history. The character's mission is to raise public awareness to protect the nation's forests. Since its inception, Smokey's forest fire prevention campaign has reduced the area lost annually from 22 million to 4 million acres.

Smokey Bear's message "Only You Can Prevent Forest Fires" was created in 1944 by the Ad Council.

In a recent study, 95 percent of those surveyed could finish the sentence when given the first words. In April 2001, Smokey's message was updated

to "Only You Can Prevent Wildfires." Although Smokey Bear has never before made an appearance on the post, there has always been the need to heed his warning.

The firefighters of Fire Station Two found it rather ironic that Smokey had never been used on post to warn people of the dangers of wild fires when Fort Dix deals with more forest and brush fires each year than any other area in Burlington County.

Due to the nature of the training that takes place on the ranges with tracer rounds and other incendiary devices most of the fires in the training areas can be attributed to the war-fighting training.

Firefighter Frank Malanga, who also serves with the New Jersey Forest Fire Service, contacted his section forest fire warden, John Rieth, and requested aid in acquiring Smokey Bear signs for the post. Rieth was instrumental in linking Malanga with Chris

Irick, the assistant forest fire warden for Division B (Central Jersey), who was able to provide three signs for the installation.

One sign is placed in front of each fire station and the other is out by the ranges on the corner of Range Road and Cookstown Road.

"Having the signs out there for people to see makes them more aware of fire danger," said Malanga.

"Getting the signs put up was a collective effort of everyone in the fire department. We erected them ourselves and took a lot of pride in bringing Smokey to the community. It is a great project. We are all happy here at the station. Smokey is a cool dude," he said.

The two signs in the cantonment area both display the updated wildfire threat level on a daily basis.

Wildfire threats are categorized in five different levels. Anybody living on or utilizing the post and adjacent ranges should be aware of the meaning of the individual levels.

Listed below are the Forest Service fire levels as defined on their website.

LOW - Fires will not spread beyond heat of campfire or brush fire. **MODERATE** - Fires will start from open flame, camp or brush fire.

Spreads slowly. **HIGH** - Fires will start from a lighted match and spread rapidly in dry grass, slower with moisture. Will continue to spread until extinguished. **VERY HIGH** - Fires will start readily from match or glowing embers and spreads rapidly as it increases in size. May crown young conifers. **EXTREME** - Fires start readily from sparks or cigarette butts. Spread and crown rapidly. Spot fires common. All burn fiercely and may blow up unless controlled promptly.

"The fire threat levels on post can be interpreted as actually higher than what one might surmise off post due to the facts that the training circumstances here enhance the possibility of fires starting unnaturally," said Malanga.

"Our goal is for more people to see Smokey and thus ensuring that more people are aware of the possible threat to our post and ranges."

It appears to be working as many of the people assigned to the post have already taken notice of the newest sentinel on the post. Remember what Smokey always says, "Only you can prevent wildfires." Way to go Smokey.



www.Smithsonian.edu

CUB SCOUT - A veterinarian takes a look at Smokey's paws and hind legs after he was rescued from a forest fire in the Capitan Mountains in New Mexico in 1944. Smokey's original name was *Hot-foot Teddy*, but was later changed to Smokey after an assistant fire chief named Smokey Joe Martin.

Flying fun for all ages at McGuire Air Expo

Tech. Sgt. Ben Gonzales
Air Force Print News

Officials opened the gates here for an air Expo to highlight the men, women and equipment of the Air Force May 31 and June 1 to culminate Air Force Week in Philadelphia.

The weather hampered aerial demonstrations May 31, but base and New Jersey officials still held a wreath-laying ceremony to open the air Expo in Philadelphia.

New Jersey Governor Jon Corzine, Gen. Arthur J. Lichte, commander of Air Mobility Command and Col. Balan Ayyar, the 305th Air Mobility Wing commander, remembered fallen military members and former state law enforcement officials. A joint service color guard and a New Jersey trooper presented the colors and representatives from the Army, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard and New Jersey state police presented wreaths symbolizing their recognition of the veterans who paid the ultimate

price for America's freedom.

"Men and women from New Jersey serve in all branches of the service and in the police forces that protect our nation to give us our freedom," Governor Corzine said. "There is no greater gift than paying the ultimate price, and I'd like to thank all veterans who have served and are serving now."

"What a fitting way to end Air Force Week in Philadelphia as we honor all those who gave us freedom," General Lichte said. "It is our responsibility to pay tribute to those who served nobly so others might live and enjoy the freedom we enjoy today."

Airpower was evident as aircraft from throughout the history of the Air Force were on display for people of all ages to look at and explore. For some veterans, though, these aircraft were more than just an exhibit — they were a step back into another time.

"I can see them coming. The closer they get [to the aircraft] the straighter they walk. The veterans become kids again," said Korean War-era



Lisa Evans

ALL THE PRETTY HORSES - A P-51 Mustang shows it's stuff during the McGuire Air Expo held on McGuire Air Force Base May 31 and June 1.

veteran Bob Selden, who sees veterans at airshows and stands ready to answer questions about the B-17 Flying Fortress.

A volunteer crewmember of the B-17 "Memphis Belle," Mr. Selden of Friendship, N.Y., helps prepare the vintage World War II aircraft for display at approximately 10 airshows a year.

The aircraft, featured in the Hollywood movie, "Memphis Belle," was one of hundreds of similar bombers prevalent during World War II.

It wasn't only veterans who admired the B-17. Lexi McGuirk, an 11-year-old native of Clarks Summit, Pa., came to the air expo to see what the Air Force had to offer and the "Memphis Belle" caught her attention.

"It is so cool," she said. "It has little seats and all types of guns. The cockpit looks so confusing. I really like all the big planes."

Her brother, Ari McGuirk, leaves for Air Force Basic Military Training in July and part of the reason Lexi wanted to come to the air expo was to see military planes for the first time.

"Joining the Air Force is a great way for me to start my career," said the 18-year-old, who will attend loadmaster school after completing basic training at Lackland AFB, Texas. "My dad was a part of the Air Force, and both my sisters now understand what I will become a part of. I want to see



Lisa Evans

DA PLANE, DA PLANE - A C-17 Globemaster III takes to the sky during the Expo.

the world and serve my country. This airshow is great for my whole family to see what I will be doing."

The Air Force Week program is part of an initiative to increase communication with the public. Air Force Week includes community visits by Air Force officials, flight demonstration team shows and displays highlighting the Air Force men and women serving on the front lines. There will also be an Air Force Week Aug. 9 through 17 in Omaha, Neb., and Nov. 14 through 21 in Los Angeles.



Ryan Morton

FABULOUS - The Thunderbirds fly in formation during the McGuire Air Expo held May 31 and June 1. The Thunderbirds, the Air Force's precision flight team, were the highlight of the show.



Ryan Morton

SKY KING - The Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Eagle 580 flown by Matt Chapman performs stunts during the McGuire Air Expo held May 31 and June 1 at McGuire Air Force Base. has been flying aerobatics since 1984, earned one of five spots on the U.S. Unlimited Men's Aerobatic team in 1996 and 1998, and was the best American pilot in the 1998 World Aerobatic Championships, finishing third overall.

NCO Call
at Club Dix
Wednesday evenings
at 6 p.m.



Sgt. Maj. Domenic Dinatale and Lt. Col. Charles Perenick, 65th Public Affairs Operations Center, from left above, and 1st Sgt. Orville Crump and Capt. Nathanael Brown, 603rd Military Police Company, from left below, display their units' yellow banners during a welcome-home ceremony at Timmermann Center.

Troops reclaim yellow banners

Capt. Joseph Yawn and 1st Sgt. Mike Fields, 153rd Military Police Company, from left below, display their unit's yellow banner during a welcome-home ceremony at Timmermann Center. The 153rd returned from deployment May 29, right.



Ryan Morton



Pascual Flores



photos by Ryan Morton



Pascual Flores

Chiefs on choppers

Civilian employers of service members visit the 1109th Aviation Classification Repair Activity Depot (AVCRAD) at the Groton-New London Airport in Connecticut May 24 as part of Boss Lift. Boss lifts are designed to give employers a glimpse into the military lives of their employees who serve in the Reserve and National Guard.



photos by Ryan Morton

SUPER STRUCTURE -- A new \$1.6-million shoot-house is under construction at Fort Dix's Range 59 Alpha. The facility is housed in a K-span shaped building and will serve as a training tool for Soldiers and law enforcement officials to practice operations maneuvering in an urban environment.

Construction nears end for shoot-house facility

Ryan Morton
Public Affairs Staff

Construction is nearly complete at Fort Dix's Range 59 Alpha training complex on a new live-fire shoot-house. The \$1.6-million facility is housed in a K-span shaped building and will serve as a training tool for Soldiers and law enforcement officials to practice operations maneuvering in an urban environment.

"With our military performing many missions overseas in urban environments, it became necessary to build something like this," said Fort Dix Range Officer Doug Hasemann.

The facility has cameras in the rooms and the training can be recorded and used as a teaching tool.



The electrical and wiring is currently being installed and the shoot-house should be complete in a month and ready for use sometime in the next few months.

WIRED -- John Green from General Dynamics out of Waynesville, N.C., works on the electrical wiring at the new shoot-house currently under construction at Fort Dix's Range 59 Alpha.



HIGH AND TIGHT -- Philip Fuchs of General Dynamics out of Waynesville, N.C., tightens a bolt during construction of the new shoot-house facility on Fort Dix's Range 59 Alpha June 3.

Voting Act gives voice to troops serving overseas

N. Anderson, Esquire
Installation Legal Office

With the presidential election upon us, it is more important than ever to get out and vote.

Voting rights in America have come a long way. In 1870, the ratification of the 15th Amendment to the Constitution gave voting rights to all male citizens, regardless of race. In 1920, women were given the right to vote. Native Americans were given the right to vote in 1924. In 1971, President Richard M. Nixon signed the final ratification to the 26th Amendment of the Constitution, which lowered the voting age from 21 to 18.

Voting is one of the most important rights and duties you have as an American. Much of the world does not share our right and privilege to vote.

Voters are required to vote in their state of legal residence,

which makes it difficult for service members to vote because they are generally not stationed in their state of legal residence. The Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act was enacted to assist service members and their family members with the exercise of their right to vote by absentee ballot regardless of where they reside in the world. The absentee voting process permits eligible service members and family members to register, request a ballot, and vote through the mail.

In order to vote by absentee, the first step is to register and request a ballot by completing a Standard Form 76, Federal Post Card Application Form (FPCA). You can obtain a

FPCA by going to <http://www.fvap.gov/pubs/fpca.html>. Each state has its own rules and deadlines for completing and submitting the FPCA so be sure to comply with your state's requirements.

State specific instructions and deadlines can be found at <http://www.fvap.gov/pubs/vag.html>.

After the local election official approves your registration request, an absentee ballot will be mailed to you. Once you receive the absentee ballot, all you have to do is cast your vote and make sure it is mailed in time to meet your state's deadline.

If you register to vote, but do not receive the absentee ballot in time, you may still be eligible to vote using the Federal Write in Absentee Ballot (FWAB), Standard Form 186. The FWAB can also be found at <http://www.fvap.gov>.

Your voice counts--so take the necessary steps now to ensure your vote is counted in the November 2008 Presidential election!

If you have any questions or need assistance, you can call the Installation Legal Office at 562-3043.



Army Community Service (ACS)

562-2767

Bldg. 5201, on the corner of 8th Street and Maryland Avenue

Hours of Operation:
Monday through Friday, 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

*A Department of the Army Accredited Soldier and Family Service Organization
Looking for information and assistance? ACS is here to serve you. ACS serves all military branches of service, DoD civilian personnel and retirees. The ACS Center is accessible to individuals with disabilities.

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MILITARY MATTERS



U.S. Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Chad J. McNeeley
WON'T SKIP A BEAT -- U.S. Army Gen. Walter "Skip" Sharp speaks at the change-of-command ceremony for commander, U.S. Forces Korea, June 3. Sharp assumed command from U.S. Army Gen. Burwell "B.B." Bell as the top U.S. military officer on the Korean peninsula.

New Korea commander outlines top priorities

Donna Miles
American Forces Press Service

SEOUL, South Korea, June 3, 2008 -- The new top U.S. officer here assumed command today with three priorities: maintaining deterrence through strength, strengthening the U.S.-South Korean military alliance, and improving the quality of life for U.S. troops stationed here.

Army Gen. William "Skip" Sharp noted as he took command of United Nations Command, Combined Forces Command and U.S. Forces Korea that his father was fighting the Korean War the day Sharp was born.

The U.S.-Republic of Korea armistice has deterred aggression and maintained peace on the peninsula for 54 years, guaranteeing peace and stability for the region, Sharp explained.

"It is great to be back in the Republic of Korea and to once again be part of the most powerful alliance in the world," he said. "With your help, I pledge to do all I can to continue to strengthen and expand this alliance."

The alliance will continue working to deter aggression on the Korean peninsula and, should deterrence fail, defeat the threat "with immediate and overwhelming firepower," he said. "We are ready to respond quickly and decisively against any attempts to threaten the

security of the Republic of Korea."

Sharp pledged to work to strengthen the alliance, not just against the North Korean threat, but as a force that promotes regional and global peace and stability. "The alliance will remain flexible and powerful enough to deal with all potential threats of our mutual interest," he said.

The United States and South Korea will continue to develop the most modern weapons systems and conduct rigorous training and exercise programs that maximize the capabilities of both military forces, he said.

In the meantime, Sharp said, he will work to continue improving the quality of life for troops and their families.

The goal, he said, is to quickly reach the point where families will be able to accompany servicemembers during normal three-year tours here.

That will require more extensive services ranging from family housing, schools and health-care facilities to programs that provide jobs for military spouses, he said.

"We are committed to the Republic of Korea and North-East Asia for the long run," Sharp said. "Working together, we can make the Republic of Korea a station of choice -- the station of choice -- for United States servicemembers and their families."

"I look forward to the next chapter of this alliance," he said.



Five sides to every story
Soldiers of the 128th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment find themselves on the other side of the camera during a tour of the Pentagon May 23. The 128th has been training at Fort Dix for an upcoming deployment in support of the Global War on Terrorism and is set to deploy this month.

Army offers financial counseling

Lisa Evans
Public Affairs Staff

Beware of online debt counseling offers even though they may say they are confidential and secure. They probably are neither.

For the convenience and care of the Soldier, the military does provide confidential and secure financial counseling that is available on any military installation. You can be sure the counselor you are talking with, be it civilian or military, has a security clearance, and the necessary knowledge and skills to help you with your financial management.

"It is of paramount importance that our soldiers are focused. Any distractions could get you or your buddy hurt. Minimizing distractions is job one," Ron Hapnell, financial counselor for Army Community Services (ACS) at the Joint Readiness Center (JRC), said.

Hapnell is one of the professionals who use their special financial skills and knowledge to provide deploying Soldiers with ways to make things easier for their families and themselves while they are deployed.

Financial counseling is a quick process, Hapnell said, making it easy for Soldiers who are pressed for time during deployment or demobilization. Since Soldiers are typically gone more than a year, it is essential that they have their finances in order. Hapnell stresses that he hopes to enable all military families to be as comfortable with their finances as possible because finances can be a root cause of most problems in families, and it is crucial to give Soldiers the tools they need to better manage their finances.

There are programs out there that Soldiers may not be aware of, partially because it is more difficult for civilian Sol-

diers to be aware of everything that may be available since they are mobilized and undergoing training. "During intake, so much information is thrown at them it is nearly impossible to remember or even take in everything," said Bobby Brown, consumer affairs/financial assistance counselor for ACS. But the help is there. The problem is getting Soldiers to take advantage of what is available.

Hapnell is glad to see the greater effort to help Soldiers with financial needs. "I am a Vietnam vet. We didn't have these programs offered to us. The various programs offered today were not in existence during my mobilization. It is truly rewarding to see the Army recognize and interact with the transition of civilian life to military life and back to civilian life," Hapnell said.

The primary program Hapnell would like to ensure that Soldiers take advantage of is the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA). The Soldiers and Sailors Act was updated under President Bush in 2003 to become more inclusive of all military branches including mobilized Reserve and National Guard units. This act covers service members' military benefits, including financial counseling, not only for persons with financial problems, but everyone no matter what their financial status.

Major Antonette Rainey, 32 of Columbia, SC, AGRC, Commander of the 444 HRC is stationed in Philadelphia. Now that her unit is being deployed to Iraq, Rainey requested a group training session for her Soldiers on financial matters.

One of the Soldiers in her group had asked her about credit reports and another had financial problems so she decided to ask for help. It was beneficial for other Soldiers who became aware of their options prior to deploying. The Soldiers of the 444 HRC are actually using the services to work on credit scores, invest money and take care of financial problems before deploying.

Sgt. Tiffany Fields, 29, of the 444 HRC, who is from Philadelphia, said "We were put on deployment and in order for me to meet deployment it put me in a financial bind."

As a single parent with three children to support, Fields said she lives paycheck to paycheck. After being deployed, she said she wasn't automatically paid and off pay their debts," Brown said.

There was a gap between the time she received her last civilian check and the time military check came in. Plus, she is now earning less than she did in retail management.

"I have to make more arrangements for my family because my mother and the children's father are pitching in to keep them. I will be sending them money. I have an interest-free loan to fill in that gap in pay and have a year to pay it back. It is very helpful to get me through when I didn't have enough during that period," Fields said.

Spc. Mike Weston, 27, 444 HRC, also from Philadelphia, has a fiancé and one child to consider with his deployment.

"It was very good. Ron's very knowledgeable. He gave me a few points on how I can make my finances better. I'm trying to get my credit score up so I can have a better future for myself and my family."

Hapnell would like to see other commanders as proactive in getting the information to the Soldiers before they deploy.

Bonnie Reed, deployment and mobilization readiness program manager, said "Budget is most important: understanding how to complete a budget. They need to learn how much money belongs to them each month and how much

belongs to their partner."

Soldiers need to understand that when they are deployed and no longer at home with their partner, everything changes financially.

The Joint Readiness Center (JRC) is a one-stop, offering help with every aspect of military and civilian life. Many times Soldiers have pay problems, have credit problems, Reed said and finance is very large part of a Soldier's life as it is in anybody's life.

"That is why it's so great having the one-stop here. We're all here together. A lot of problems touch finances; a spouse who has never paid bills; giving power of attorney to the mothers' or spouses, especially now when Soldiers are earning less money."

And now there is the problem of two people and one checkbook and they don't know the other is writing checks. This is very dangerous," Reed said.

"We try to get them to first get their bills paid and then pay their debts," Brown said. "It affects everything, getting an apartment, a car. Pay your debt. Make sure you have a budget. Save for a rainy day. Set up a budget," Brown stresses. "And come to me before you go out there and get a payday loan."

Debit cards are not our friends, Brown added. McDonald's sales went up 40 percent when they put in a debit card system. Brown said, because now people don't limit their purchases to the cash on hand. Debit cards can help create debt because they are used unwisely, just as credit cards have been.

The goal of most military financial counselors is to prevent debt problems before they start, whatever the cause.

"When you are deployed you're going to be inundated with opportunities to purchase merchandise. Don't. Do you really need to consider an auto purchase while deployed? Most people want to touch and feel and drive the vehicle," Hapnell warns Soldiers.

Warnings on electronics are voided in combat zones. Why buy that \$1500 laptop then drop it or have something else happen to it and find out the warranty is no good, Hapnell asks Soldiers. "Anything that I can do to help these Soldiers out is my goal. I call credit card companies and help Soldiers pay them down. I have a passion for them. They have some problems," Hapnell said.

All of the counselors agreed that Soldiers simply need to know the help is there. Ensuring Soldier and Soldier-family well-being is paramount -- and face-to-face counseling is best. And, it is free and available at the JRC and the ACS at Fort Dix and on every other military installation.

Announcements

Cinema Schedule

754-5139
McGuire Air Force Base

Friday, June 6 @ 7:30 p.m.

Baby Mama - Tina Fey, Amy Poehler, Greg Kinnear, Dax Shepard, Romany Malco - When single executive Kate Holbrook (Tina Fey) decides the time is right to finally have a baby, she hires a working-class woman (Amy Poehler) from South Philadelphia to act as her surrogate mother. However, Kate's careful planning goes out the window when the woman shows up on her doorstep needing a place to live. A comic battle of wits breaks out between the pair as they prepare for the blessed event and try not to kill one another in the process.

MPAA Rating: PG-13 - crude and sexual humor, language and a drug reference
Run time: 99 minutes

Saturday, June 7 @ 7:30 p.m.

Deception - Ewan McGregor, Hugh Jackman, Michelle Williams, Bruce Altman, Andrew Ginsburg, Maggie Q - An accountant is introduced to a mysterious sex club known as The List by his lawyer friend. But in this new world, he soon becomes the prime suspect in a woman's disappearance and a multi-million dollar heist.

MPAA Rating: R - sexual content, language, brief violence and some drug use
Runtime: 107

Future Features...

Made of Honor
Friday, June 13 @ 7:30 p.m.
PG-13, 101 minutes

Speed Racer
Saturday, June 14 @ 7:30 p.m.
PG, 135 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.

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

Vacation Bible School coming June 23 to 27
For more information call 562-4853/2020

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 Hours of Operation

Java Cafe - 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

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

Fort Dix Child and Youth Services provides full day
summer camp for children 1st-8th grade. Call 562-
5231 more information.

Team Dix Day is 13 June! This year's theme is
"Margaritaville" and competitions include a chilli
cook off, a weight lifting contests AND some lucky
Dixan will have the chance to win \$10,000!!!! Watch
for details.

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

OUTDOOR RECREATION

For more information call 562-6667

ARTS & CRAFTS

*Discount of 20 percent on custom framing of per-
sonal military related photos, portraits, or certificates
(non presentation items). Discount also applies to
coin holders, shadow boxes, and flag cases through-
out the month of May.

*Try out our new Sony Picture Station and get spe-
cial 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 - June 14, Every second Saturday
of each month from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. we stitch for
children in long term healthcare facilities, safe hous-
es, 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 experi-
ence levels are welcome, even men and mid-teens!

*Tween Pottery Class (Ages 10 - 13) Classes cover
both hand building and wheel throwing techniques.
Pre-registration required. June 7 to 28 (four week
class) \$30, Saturdays 1 to 2:30 p.m.

*Kids Pottery Class (Ages 6 - 9) Saturdays 10:30
a.m. - 12 p.m.

*Kids Introductory Painting Course. Student's cre-
ativity and interest in art will flourish in this four
week beginner's painting course. children will
explore various paint media and techniques. June 7
to 28 Saturdays 2:30 to 4 p.m. (four week course)
for ages 6 to 12, \$20 plus materials.

*Surprise in a Box! Sewing Class - June 11 - Let's
focus on the man in your life for Father's Day. Sur-
prise him with a gift you made just for him. All sup-
plies cut and ready to sew. Sign up early as this class
fills up fast. \$20 fee, held 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
For more information call 562-5691.

2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Computer Lab
4 to 6 p.m.
Keystone Club Meeting
6 to 8 p.m.

Saturday, June 7
Open Recreation
3:30 - 7 p.m.
Midnight B-Ball
Teens/Guests ONLY

Monday, June 9
Power Hour
2:30 to 4:30 p.m.
Computer Lab
4 to 6 p.m.

Tuesday, June 10
Power Hour
2:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Computer Lab
4 - 6 p.m.

Wednesday, June 11
Power Hour
2:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Computer Lab
4 - 6 p.m.

Thursday, June 12
Power Hour
2:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Computer Lab
4 - 6 p.m.
Torch Club
3:45 to 4:45 p.m.

ACS
562-2767
Bldg. 5201 Maryland Avenue

Monday, June 9
AFTB Level 1
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
American Red Cross Building

Tuesday, June 10
Hearts Apart
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Bldg. 5201, ACS

Thursday, June 12
EFMP Kidz Plus Swimming
6:30 to 7:45 p.m.
Aquatic Center, Indoor Pool

Youth Center
562-5061
Bldg. 1279 Locust Street

Hours of Operation:
Monday - Friday from 2 to 7 p.m.
Saturday from 1 to 7 p.m.
Sunday CLOSED

Administrative Hours:
Tuesday - Friday from noon-6 p.m.

Weekly Schedule

Friday, June 6
Power Hour Store

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**TO BE A
VOLUNTEER**
call 562-2767

CREATE IN '08
at the
Arts & Crafts
Center
call 562-5691 for more information

NCO Call
at Club Dix
Wednesday evenings
at 6 p.m.

United Communities Housing Information

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

Fort Dix/McGuire Residential Re- fuge Collection Schedule

MONDAY
McGuire AFB
3800's & 3900's

TUESDAY
All of Fort Dix

THURSDAY
McGuire AFB
4000'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
TUESDAY

YARD AND FLOWER GARDEN WASTE
IS PICKED UP EVERY MONDAY AND
TUESDAY.

MOBILIZATION
NEW YOU CAN USE
WDIX Commander's Channel 2

Post Shuttle Bus
562-5888
Monday to Sunday -- 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

**Dix Shoppette/Class Six/
Gas Station**
723-0044
Bldg. 5359, Texas Avenue
Monday to Friday - 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Weekends - 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

BX/PX & Mall
723-6100
Monday to Saturday - 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Sunday - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Commissary
754-4154
Monday to Saturday - 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Sunday - 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

**Military Clothing/Sales
Store-Alterations**
723-2307
Bldg. 5601, Texas Avenue
Monday to Friday - 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Sunday - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Firestone
723-0464
Bldg. 4201 on Texas Avenue
Monday to Friday - 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Saturday - 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Recreation Center
562-4956
Bldg. 5905 on Doughboy Loop
Monday through Friday - 1 to 10 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday - noon to 11 p.m.
AT&T Cyber Zone offers computer
access for a fee

McGuire Shoppette/Gas Station
723-4705
East Arnold Avenue
Monday to Sunday - 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Godfather's Pizza
723-2174
East Arnold Avenue next to Shoppette
Monday to Friday - 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday - 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Burger King
723-3993
Bldg. 5399, Texas Avenue
Monday to Friday - 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Saturday - 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Sunday 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Dining Room closes one hour prior to
closing time

Spouses' Club Thrift Shop
723-2683
Tuesday and Thursdays - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
First Wednesday of the month - 4 to 8 p.m.
First and 3rd Saturday of each month - 10
a.m. to 2 p.m.

Outdoor Recreation
562-6667
Bldg. 6045 Doughboy Loop
Rentals include skis, snowboards, can-
oes, tents, tables, chairs and more.
Monday to Friday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

John Mann Park
behind Outdoor Recreation
Spring Season - Apr. 5 to June 24
Saturday and Sunday only - 1 to 6 p.m.
Summer Season - June 25 to Aug. 31
Closed Monday and Tuesday
Wednesday and Thursday - 1 to 7 p.m.
Friday to Sunday - 1 to 8 p.m.
Labor Day - September 1
1 to 6 p.m.

Range 14 - Rod and Gun Club
Closed Monday and Tuesday
Wednesday and Friday - 1 to 8 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Club Dix
723-3272
Dix Cafe
Tuesday to Friday 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Java Cafe & Computer Lab @Club Dix
723-3272
Monday - Friday - 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday - Closed.

Revolutions Lounge
Wednesday - 5 to 10 p.m.
Thursday to Saturday - 6 - 11 p.m.
Karaoke every Thursday at 8 p.m.

Fort Dix Post Office
723-1541
6038 West 9th Street
Monday to Friday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Saturday - 9:00 a.m. to noon
Lobby hours
Monday to Friday 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

How much does an attorney cost?

Capt. Nick Mitchell
Judge Advocate

Attorney's fees are usually determined by the difficulty of your case, the lawyer's experience and reputation, and/or the result obtained. It can be expensive to hire an attorney. According to a 2006 survey of law firms, the median hourly billing rate for law firm partners is \$305 an hour, and \$200 an hour for associates.

Rates vary by geographic region, with the highest hourly rates for partners and associates reported in the Middle Atlantic region. There are three common types of fee arrangements:

Hourly Fees – Lawyers often charge an hourly rate for the time they spend on a case. For example, let us say that an attorney charges \$150 per hour. If your legal matter takes only one hour, your attorney's fee would be \$150. If your matter takes 5 hours, your fee would be \$750.

The disadvantage is that you do not know until the end how much it will cost. When charging by the hour, some lawyers require a

"retainer," which is a deposit paid by you in advance – hourly fees and costs are then charged against this deposit.

Fixed Fees – Some lawyers will charge a flat fee set in advance. This is common for simple, easy-to-define matters such as wills.

Contingent Fees – These fees depend on the outcome of your case. They are commonly used in personal injury cases.

For example, if you are not successful in recovering any money, then no attorney's fees are paid. If a monetary recovery is made, then the attorney's fees are based on a percentage of the recovery.

This contingency arrangement applies only to attorney's fees and not to costs. You, the client, must pay the costs, regardless of the result. Some lawyers require an advance deposit to be used for the payment of costs.

Payments made to third parties – "costs" – are always an additional expense that a client must bear. Some examples of costs include court costs for filing fees and serving papers, costs paid to reporters for depositions, and costs paid to investigators. Most times you will pay these expenses through your attorney.

Sometimes, lawyers consider overhead expenses to be costs. They will charge separately for such items as photocopying, long distance telephone calls, and computer research. Before work begins on your case, you should have a clear understanding as to whether such costs are included in the attorney's fee or are billed separately.

All fee and costs matters can be made clear in a written fee agreement between you and your attorney.

WDIX
Channel 2
24/7 information

Honoring the Colors

Reveille
6 a.m. (0600 hours)

Military personnel in uniform

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

Military personnel not in uniform, civilians

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

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.

Individual military personnel, civilians in a vehicle

Stop vehicle and exit. Follow steps above.

Group of military personnel in a vehicle

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

Retreat
5 p.m. (1700 hours)

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

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

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.

Stop vehicle and exit. Follow steps above.

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

Motorcycle season starts with blessing

Ed Mingin
Public Affairs Staff

Riders gathered at the main chapel June 4 to participate in a bike-blessing ceremony, conducted by Chap. (Lt. Col.) Ronald Huffman.

With the motorcycle season getting underway and fuel prices hovering near \$4, more and more riders are taking to the road. The bike blessing is a way for the staff at the Fort Dix Chapel to send riders off with good wishes.

"This is my first year of doing this," said Huffman. "I want to bless the bikes, but I want to say a prayer for you

[the riders] too." Bikes are more than an economical means of transportation, and there are as many reasons for riding as there are riders.

"The bikes are a source of pride and a reflection of personality," said Huffman.

A couple weeks ago, Fort Dix was the destination of the Freedom Ride, where more than 1000 motorcyclists participated. The bike blessing is a more intimate setting, with about 20 riders participating this year.

The number of riders was down a bit because of the rain, but Sgt. 1st Class Fred Cohen, who organized the event, knew

a fair amount of people would show.

"We've done this for three or four years," said Cohen, a chaplain's assistant at the main chapel. "There's always that hard-core group who will show up rain or shine. I knew they'd be here, and I've got my rain gear, just in case."

The early morning rain did clear up in time for the blessing, and the ride around the post which followed the ceremony.

"It's a great way to bring the biking community of Fort Dix together," said Cohen.

A little extra help from above will hopefully keep all riders safe this season.



photos by Ed Mingin

BIKER BLESSING- The Fort Dix Main Chapel was the scene for this year's bike blessing, where bikes and bikers received a prayer for a safe riding season from Chap. (Lt. Col.) Ronald Huffman, who addresses the riders below. After the blessing, riders took off for a short tour around the post, above. Kevin Hearn, left photo, spent a few minutes on the phone as he prepared for the ride.



Army targets non-riders

Bob Van Elsberg
U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center

FORT RUCKER, Ala. — The Army remains steadfast in its commitment to foster an environment of responsible motorcycle riding by providing Soldiers the education and tools to help prevent accidents and stay safe on the road.

One aspect of motorcycle safety, however, is often beyond riders' control.

"We teach Soldiers the skills to ride safely and tell them what to wear to protect themselves physically but, unfortunately, we cannot protect them from distracted or inattentive motorists," said Lt. Col. Roy Templin, driving task force chief, U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center.

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration statistics indicate motorcycle fatalities nationwide have more than doubled during the last 10 years. According to the Motorcycle

Safety Foundation, more than half of all fatal motorcycle accidents involve another vehicle. Most of the time, the motorist, not the motorcyclist is at fault.

To help educate non-motorcyclists, the MSF developed www.fortcardrivers.com, a Web site designed for motorists to enhance traffic safety. The site offers tips such as, Ten Things All Car & Truck Drivers Should Know About Motorcycles, and provides video downloads to help car drivers learn how to safely share the road with motorcyclists.

"This information helps build motorcycle awareness among the non-riding community and emphasizes the importance of sharing the road," said Templin. "Teaching drivers to be more aware of motorcycle traffic is as important as Soldiers practicing safe riding skills and will ultimately save lives."

For more information on the 101 Critical Days of Summer safety campaign and Army's Motorcycle Mentorship Program, visit <https://cra.army.mil>.



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Bowl Champs

After 35 weeks of competition, the Tues Nite Keglers' championship was decided in a three-game rolloff at the Fort Dix Bowling Center. Coming out on top was Below Zero. Shown are the champions: "Ice" Lewis, "Kiki" McNeil, "Jello" and Chris Correa, and Reggie Davis.

Sports Shorts

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10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Saturday
10:30 a.m. - noon

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.

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.

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.

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