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NEWSNOTES

Gold Medal Boxing returns to Griffith Field House

A dozen bouts of Gold Medal Boxing will fill the ring in Griffith Field House July 18 beginning at 6:30 p.m. Pugilists from the US Marine Corps Boxing Team, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, will take on opponents from the Muhammad Ali Boxing Club, Philadelphia.

The event is open to the public, and admission is \$5 per person. Doors at Griffith Field House, on Eighth Street at Millville Road, will open at 5 p.m.

Boxing great Smokin' Joe Frazier will make an appearance at the event.

For more information on the event, log on to www.dixmwr.com.

Fort Dix opens doors to retirees Sept. 20

The Annual Fort Dix Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD) is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 20. The 2008 RAD will be held in the Timmermann Conference Center, located on 8th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, Fort Dix, New Jersey, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The RAD luncheon will be held at Club Dix, on Alabama Avenue at 6th Street. The entrée choices are Salmon Fillet, Roast Top Round of Beef and Roast Turkey. The cost per entrée is \$25. If you would like to attend the luncheon, send a check or money order, made payable to the Fort Dix Retiree Council, to SGM(Ret) Norman Pallotto, 15 East Central Ave., Moorestown, NJ 08057. Payment must be received by Aug. 30.

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WEATHER

FRIDAY -- Sunny and continued warm, with highs in the upper 80s and overnight low in the mid-60s.

SATURDAY -- Sunny and clear, high of 88, breezy in morning. Overnight low of 64 degrees.

SUNDAY -- Partly sunny with chance of showers and thunderstorms. High of 89 degrees, low of 60.

MONDAY -- Partly sunny with chance of morning showers and thunderstorms. High of 86 and overnight low of 63 degrees.

TUESDAY -- Clear, breezy, daytime high of 84, low of 59 degrees.

WEDNESDAY -- Clear and sunny, high of 84 and overnight low of 63 degrees.

THURSDAY -- Clear skies in morning, some clouds and slight chance of rain in afternoon. Daytime high of 82, overnight low of 67 degrees.



Ryan Morton

Sailing through mobilization training

Sailors train on Fort Dix's Individual Movement Technique range July 2. These Sailors are currently at the installation preparing for an upcoming deployment to Iraq in support of the Global War on Terrorism. Sailors and Airmen from across the country made up the entire population of mobilizing military on Fort Dix this week.

US reacts to Iran missile tests

Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, July 9, 2008 -- Iran's test of short- and medium-range missiles is a disturbing development and points to the need for a European missile defense system, Pentagon officials said.

Iran tested at least seven missiles July 8 and more July 9, according to news reports, capable of hitting Israel and parts of Europe.

"Iran's development of ballistic

missiles is a violation of U.N. Security Council resolutions and completely inconsistent with Iran's obligations to the world," White House

spokesman Gordon Johndroe said to reporters traveling with President Bush in Japan. "The Iranians should stop the development of ballistic missiles, which could be used as a delivery vehicle for a potential nuclear weapon, immediately."

The test "addresses the doubts raised by the Russians that the Iranians won't have a longer-range ballistic missile for 10 to 20 years,"

Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates said during a Pentagon news conference July 9.

The situation demonstrates the emerging missile threat from the Middle East, Pentagon officials said, and the need for a missile defense in Europe. Yesterday, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice signed an agreement with the Czech Republic to emplace a missile-defense radar in that country.

"We face with the Iranians — and so do our allies and friends — a growing missile threat that is getting ever

longer and ever deeper," Rice said in Prague yesterday.

"I think that the reality is that there is a lot of signaling going on [among Iran, Israel and the United States]. I think everybody recognizes what the consequences of any kind of a conflict would be," Gates said. "This government is working hard to make sure that the diplomatic and economic approach to dealing with Iran, and trying to get the Iranian government to change its policies, is the strategy and approach that continues to dominate."

Joint Base conference identifies common roadblocks

The first Joint Basing Implementation Review Conference was held at Fort Lewis, Wash., at the end of June. Representatives from the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Major Commands and Joint Base commanders from all services on hand to update the status of Joint Basing, discuss common themes and remove roadblocks to implementation.

Col. Michael Polhemus, Joint Basing lead from McGuire Air Force Base, reviewed highlights of the conference at the Cross Functional Implementation Group (CFIG) meeting July 10 on Fort Dix.

Polhemus first brandished a fat white binder containing the draft memorandum of agreement worked out for McGuire, Fort Dix and Naval Air Engineering Station, Lakehurst.

"This is a significant document that reflects a significant amount of work," he said. "I want to thank everyone working with your counterparts, you are casting a good vision down the road for all of us."

Polhemus also noted that a top priority for the group is now establishing a Strategic Communications Plan and information distribution plan. "We need to let our folks know what is going on, to the best of our ability to tell them."

Each installation commander briefed at the conference, Polhemus said, and leadership focused on the six phase one projects, which include McGuire, Dix and Lakehurst.

Additional information on the conference was provided by the Fort Lewis Public Affairs Office.

The following Common Themes for Joint Basing were identified and

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Photo Courtesy: Community News

RESCUE -- Emergency medical personnel take over the crash scene from two Soldiers who stepped in to help save the life of a motorcyclist July 1 in Pemberton.

Trained to save Soldiers, duo rescues crash victims

First Lt. Antonia Greene
72nd Field Artillery Brigade

In the early evening hours of July 1, Cpl. John Walker and Spc. Vincent Hamburg were faced with the ultimate Soldier scenario — when duty calls, do the right thing, even when no one else seems to care.

The duo, both operation warrior trainers with the 1-322nd Logistics Support Battalion at Fort Dix, recounted the story.

Heading home after work, Walker and Hamburg found themselves at a standstill on an ordinarily traffic-free South Pemberton Road. A driver in a vehicle traveling north pulled up along side Hamburg's vehicle and yelled, "You might want to go another way, there's a motorcycle accident — somebody lost a leg."

Walker and Hamburg knew exactly what they had to do. Both

pulled over to the side of the road, grabbed their Combat Life Saver bags and sprinted the quarter-mile through traffic to the scene of the accident.

When they arrived, the Soldiers found two casualties: a female, 32, bleeding and unconscious, and a male, 39, with a traumatic amputation of the left leg.

A civilian Good Samaritan was holding a towel on the injured man's leg in an effort to stanch the bleeding. The leg was severed just below the knee as a result of the head-on collision of his motorcycle and a Ford pickup truck.

Despite their concern over some controversy concerning the application of military experience in aiding civilians, Hamburg said, "We thought we might get burned, but it had to be done."

Walker removed the towel to assess the bleeding and determine treatment options, since the bleeding was begin-

ning to take its toll. There was no time to hesitate. Walker immediately applied a tourniquet above the knee to stanch the bleeding while Hamburg helped to keep him conscious by talking to him and stabilizing his neck.

The Soldiers then applied cervical spine traction and treatment for shock. Hamburg recalled the injured woman regaining consciousness and reaching out to her male companion, patting his chest to reassure him.

While Walker and Hamburg were treating the female victim for injuries, police and EMS arrived. Walker assisted paramedics in setting up intravenous infusion to both casualties while Hamburg outfitted them with oxygen masks. The Soldiers then helped transfer both casualties to the ambulance, and then to an air medical evacuation helicopter that arrived to transport the injured

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Boxing legend set to swing by Dix bouts July 18



Fans eager to see former heavyweight king Smokin' Joe Frazier

Steve Snyder
Public Affairs Staff

Joseph William Frazier was born in January 1944 to poor sharecroppers in Beaufort, S.C. He stopped hogs until leaving for Philadelphia in 1961 when he was discovered by savvy Philly boxing trainer Yancey Yank Durham.

Shortly after turning 20, Frazier won the Olympic heavyweight gold medal. Joe turned pro in 1965, his career really taking off a year later when trainer Eddie Futch joined his entourage.

In 1966 Frazier won nine fights without a defeat, downing master boxer **Edlito Machen** and coming back to eke out a split decision over the Argentine bull, **Oscar Bonavena**, after being knocked down twice in the second round. In 1967 Frazier won all four of his fights which included a sixth-round knockout of rugged boxer-puncher **Doug Jones** (who had given the young Cassius Clay such a tough fight) and a technical knockout (TKO) over Canadian **George Chuvalo**.

In 1968 **Muhammad Ali** was stripped of his title for refusing military service. Frazier went on to eliminate other contenders, finally winning the undisputed title by clubbing **Jimmy Ellis** unconscious in five rounds in February 1970.

Then, Ali came back. Frazier and Ali staged three epic fights. Joe acting as sort of a Hector to Ali's Achilles, with Frazier winning the first fight but losing two follow-ups, including the unforgettable "Thrilla in Manila" in 1975.

Joe had lost in title to **Big George Foreman** in 1973 and was knocked out again by Foreman in a rematch.

Lacking size (for a heavyweight) and a certain amount of fitness, Joe was not the greatest heavyweight of all time. But he had a heart bigger than the Grand Canyon and he was a great champion.

He'll visit Griffith Field House July 18 as part of the Gold Medal Boxing show.

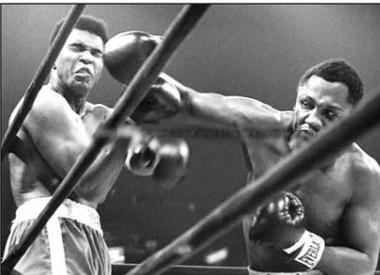
See a legend in the flesh!



UPI/Corbis-Bettmann
RING WARS -- Joe Frazier sends German Hans Huber to the canvas, left, to win a gold medal at the 1964 Olympics in Tokyo. Joe stood in for Buster Mathis, who had broken his hand in an earlier bout. In the middle, Joe does roadwork. At right, Frazier belabors Ali with a withering barrage in their first fight, won by Joe by unanimous decision after he floored Ali in the last round.



file photo



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TOE TO TOE -- Joe Frazier stopped iron-jawed Irishman Jerry Quarry, left, twice. A talented counterpuncher, Quarry lasted seven rounds in their first fight in 1969, a brawl Ring magazine lauded as "fight of the year." By 1974 though Quarry was pretty much used goods, losing again to Joe, this time in the fifth round. Frazier TKOed George Chuvalo, right above, in the fourth round of their bout in 1967, George didn't go down but his eye nearly popped out after Frazier landed one of his lethal lefts.



THE INCREDIBLE HUNK -- Before he was shot in a Reno brothel in 1976, Oscar Bonavena created quite a stir in the heavyweight division, giving Muhammad Ali one of the fights of his life in 1970 after nearly beating Joe Frazier in a 1966 bout in which he dropped Frazier twice in the second round. Frazier won a convincing 15 round nod in a grueling rematch two years later but Oscar was one tough hombre and nobody's pigeon.



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YO-YO -- George Foreman bounces a glassy-eyed Frazier to the canvas six times in four minutes and 35 seconds to take Joe's title in the second round of their January 1973 tete-a-tete in Jamaica. (AP)

Who's Joe belting on top?

On the top of the page, Joe Frazier's big left hook stuns Germany's Hans Huber on Joe's way to capturing a gold medal at the 1964 Olympics in Tokyo. On its immediate right, Frazier's raw power shakes the heavy bag.

Frazier's fierce combinations to the body of Jimmy Ellis, third from left, led to his 5th round TKO of Ellis to gain undisputed recognition (from both the WBA and WBC) as the world's heavyweight champion in their 1970 brawl at Madison Square Garden. Next in sequence, a photo catches Joe about to sting Muhammad Ali with a vicious left hook in what was billed as "The Fight of the Century," the first of three titanic struggles between the two men and Frazier's only victory (by unanimous decision) in the battle of unbeaten in March 1971 in New York.

Second from the right, a battered Frazier leaves the ring triumphant after outpointing British champ Joe Bugner in a 1973 non-title fight in London. On the extreme right, a shaved-head Frazier pummels George Foreman with a right cross. Foreman caught up with Frazier in a corner in the fifth round in this 1976 struggle, ending Joe's dream of revenge for the savage 2nd round KO he suffered from Foreman in Jamaica three years earlier, losing his title in the process.

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No place like home for deployed Soldier

Staff Sgt. Shawn Morris
50th IBCT Public Affairs

This is the third in a series of articles describing personal experiences of Staff Sgt. Shawn Morris, formerly a civilian contractor with the Fort Dix Public Affairs Office and now serving with New Jersey National Guard's 50th Infantry Brigade Combat Team currently deployed at Fort Bliss, Texas, before tackling duty in Iraq.

Saving Private Ryan is as much a movie about family as it is war.

Consider that the film's plot centers on Capt. John Miller and his team of Army Rangers traversing war-torn Europe to find and extract a young Soldier whose four brothers have been killed in combat during World War II.

Throughout the team's journey, the theme of family is driven home as the Soldiers repeatedly share stories about their loved ones in the quiet before the storm of battle.

Recollections like these make a Soldier's life easier by offering an escape from the realities of war and providing motivation to accomplish the mission and return home.

When I left home from McGuire Air Force Base June 19 for mobilization training at Fort Bliss, Texas, I carried with me a small, leather-bound journal. Only 27 of the book's 200 pages were filled, but what was contained on those pages spoke volumes.

I'm not sure whose idea it was to have my family and friends write farewell messages to me during my going-away party this past May. It's some-



file photo by Steve Snyder

WORDS FROM HOME -- Staff Sgt. Morris, left above, from NJNG's 50th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, dusts off some light reading in a break from training at Fort Indiantown Gap in Pennsylvania during April. Communication from home remains a vital factor in maintaining a Soldier's morale, Morris reveals, in a journal he's keeping of his deployment experiences.

thing I would never have thought of: I'm glad someone else did. I purposely didn't read what they had written until after I arrived at Fort Bliss. Following one particularly tough day early in the training schedule, I pulled the journal from my locker.

As I flipped to the first page, I was counting on my loved ones to lift me up, support me, and help me through a tough time as they've always done before.

They didn't disappoint. As you read the following excerpts from my journal, think of your own parent, child, sibling or best friend. Know that they feel the same about you, whether they express those feelings through words, deeds, handshakes, hugs, or the look in their eyes.

And if you're part of an Army Family, remember to let your Soldier know how you feel about him or her and the sacrifices he or she is making - it's a good bet they're making them for you.

From my godfather: "A part of us will be with you over there." **From my godmother:** "You have grown into such an amazing young man... You are like a son to us!"

From my cousin: "Remember these words my sergeant gave to me when I was a Marine: S.Y.A. - Save Your A**."

From another cousin: "You are a tremendous asset to our family and our country."

From my aunt: "Hope you're having fun on your vacation!" **From my brother-and-sister-and-law:** "Stay well, be safe, and remember, you always have family and friends who love you and support you."

From my nephew: "I don't know what to say, so - I hope those Delta Force games paid off." **From my niece:** "I hope you have a safe trip. I will miss you. I love you!!"

From my brother-in-law: "You'll be fine. The only injury you'll get is from not wearing sunblock." **From another brother-in-law:** "A lot of memories and fun times; the house is just not the same without you!"

From my best friend: "I love you like a brother."

From my mother-in-law: "When Christine (my wife) was a little girl, I asked God for a man who would take care of her and make her happy, and He sent you."

From my mom: "To my guy, my hero, my son."

From my wife: In the words of Capt. Miller, "That one I save just for me."



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Hurricane Bertha a miss, but readiness always a hit

Lisa Evans
Public Affairs Staff

Hurricane Bertha appears to be heading north and not toward New Jersey, but consider the season's second named storm a warning sign of this year's hurricane season.

There are many things to remember to do when a hurricane threatens, but the first and most important is "Be Prepared."

Have an emergency management plan in place for any emergency. Have an emergency supply kit, flashlights and a battery-operated radio, plenty of fresh batteries, and a first aid kit ready to go, a waterproof pouch for storing important insurance, deeds, titles, social security cards, credit card phone and account numbers and other important papers, flares, booster cables, maps, and any tools you may need.

The Plan: Whether you stay at home or are evacuated, you need a plan. Make sure all members of the family have the same information: where to meet if separated, and if possible, cell phones with fully charged batteries.

The New Jersey Office of Emergency Management recommends:

Pick two places to meet:
First, right outside your home in case of a sudden emergency, like a fire.

Second, outside your neighborhood in case you can't return home. Everyone must know the address and phone number chosen. Ask an out-of-state friend to be your "family contact." After a disaster, it's often easier to call long distance. Keep a list of hotel and motel numbers out of the area for emergency reservations.

If you are ordered to "Shelter in Place," stay home—roads can flood and there could be dangers you are unaware of.

Keep windows and doors closed and find a safe place to wait the storm out. Prepare for high winds by having sheets of plywood with predrilled holes ready to anchor over windows. Ensure the garage door is solid and not loose or drafty. Ensure roofs are in good shape and that trees are trimmed and cared for to make wind pass through the limbs instead of blowing trees down.

Make sure you have at least three gallons of water for each person should utilities be affected. And keep a supply of hand wipes or anti-bacterial hand cleaner. Washing hands in contaminated water is as dangerous as drinking it.

Keep a battery operated radio with plenty of fresh batteries, flashlights with fresh batteries and never candles or flames. Gas leaks have caused more than one major fire.

Keep canned foods, snacks and a non-electric can opener available.

Have a well-stocked first aid kit with bandages, prescription medications and over-the-counter analgesics and wound care products as well as any non-prescription medications or special needs items.

In case of evacuation, ensure your car has a full tank of gas.

Carefully pack the first aid kit, radio, flashlights and batteries, sleeping bags, pillows, extra clothing, three gallons of water for each person, canned foods and packaged snacks, a can opener, and pet supplies and carrier in your car. Make sure the flashlights, radio and first aid kit are easy to access.

Take your important documents with you.

Stayed tuned into NOAA or local radio stations giving out news and information for evacuations and storm updates so that you know where to go and when, what routes are open and which roads are closed.

Most important, plan ahead and be prepared. Emergency supplies disappear from store shelves quickly once the possibility of disaster approaches, so stock up ahead of time and relax if the need for emergency management arises.



Lisa Evans

SEEING IS BELIEVING —Take pictures of your furniture and belongings and keep them with your important documents. Insurance begins with being prepared in case of an emergency. Photographs are considered proof of your belongings should they be flooded, washed away, or burned. At left, Tropical Storm Gabrielle is captured in a NASA photo as it hits the Carolina coastline in 2007. Damage caused shows that a storm doesn't have to rise to hurricane strength to be a hazard to communities in its path.

Phishers use variety of e-mail scams to net unwary victims

Phishing scammers use plausible notices and requests for information to net unwary internet users -- and tap into personal information that is a key feature of identity theft.

Groups and individuals who run phishing scams will resort to the worst schemes to get that information. The Army Casualty and Mortuary Affairs Operations Center reported a recent phishing scam concerning families of deceased Soldiers.

The scammer purports to be from Defense Finance, and informs families that they are en-

titled to a monetary compensation in excess of \$12,000 that will be available to them in one week if they they supply personal information to gauge and direct the payments. Social Security numbers, addresses, dates of birth and more are sought from the bereaved families to expedite payments which will never appear. Instead, the families will suffer the added grief of dealing with identity theft by the scammers.

Phishing attacks are usually e-mails that lead the unwary to plausible websites that appear to belong to legitimate busi-

nesses. Users are asked to "sign up" or "register a password," and the personal information required to do so is then used to bilk the victims.

The amount of damage that can be done to a victim's credit rating and bank accounts in a very short time is phenomenal.

The Army's Operational Security Program staff encourages everyone to learn about phishing and other internet scams and protect themselves and their families.

The following may be indicators of a scam:

- 1) Suspicious e-mail addresses from people or organizations you don't know.
- 2) A generic or missing subject line.
- 3) Poor use of English in the body of the message.
- 4) An immediate request to click onto a hyperlink for "the rest of the message."
- 5) Attachments containing macros, which you may be asked to enable.
- 6) Requests for personal information, no matter how logical.

Do not reply to these e-mails, or open attachments or

links withing the messages.

Do not cut and paste links from messages into your web browser unless you are certain of the source -- phishers can make links look like they go to legitimate sites, but you may end up in a web of fraud instead.

The safest course is to just delete messages about which you are uncertain.

Other standard e-mail safety precautions include:

-Do not e-mail personal or financial information.

- Review credit card and bank statements regularly to ensure there are no unauthorized transactions.

- Be cautious about downloading files and opening attachments, even if they appear to be just jokes or photos. Anything that is making the rounds on the internet can be used to disguise damaging viruses.

- Forward any phishing e-mails to spam@uce.gov -- and to the company, bank or organization impersonated in the original e-mail.

If you have been the victim of an internet scam, visit FTC.GOV/IDtheft for recovery

Warrior Transition Units updated to meet growing Soldier population

WASHINGTON (Army News Service, July 3, 2008) — The Army has announced plans to increase staffing at Warrior Transition Units, revise WTU admission and exit criteria and streamline Medical and Physical Evaluation Boards.

Secretary of the Army Pete Geren and Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. George W. Casey Jr. announced the new measures to address the expanding WTU population Wednesday in a message to Army commanders.

Brig. Gen. Gary H. Cheek, assistant surgeon general for warrior care and transition and the director of the Warrior Care and Transition Office, recently announced that the WTU population has doubled in the past year to more than 12,000, and that while these Soldiers are still receiving the best care possible, this has created some management challenges.

Recognizing that each WTU is different, the new policies emphasize the importance of local leadership. In fact, there will now be a triad of leadership, consisting of the senior commander on an installation, the commander of the medical-treatment facility and the WTU commander. The triad of leadership comes in addition to the triad of care of squad leader, nurse-case manager and primary-care manager.

"Secretary Geren and Gen. Casey are committed to taking care of our wounded, ill and injured warriors and doing whatever it takes to meet their needs. They also realize the best way to do this is to empower the triad of leadership with more management options for their wounded, ill, and injured Soldiers. Ultimately this policy revision is about matching the provision of care to the needs of the Soldier. Local commanders are the right leaders to make the call," said Cheek.

Local commanders now have until July 14 to ensure WTUs are fully staffed. According to Col. Jimmie Keenan, WTUO chief of staff, this means they will have to reassign squad leaders and platoon sergeants from other units to the WTU. The new cadre will have to be reassigned on orders and not borrowed from the other units.

This will make each of the Soldiers eligible to receive the new \$375 special-duty pay, which Sgt. Maj. Ly Lac, WTUO sergeant major, said should start to arrive in the next few weeks.

In turn, the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel (G-1) plans to backfill the new cadre's positions in their original units by October.

The Army Medical Command, Keenan continued, is also looking for civilian and contract nurse-case and primary-care managers to fill those positions, and is also considering retiree recalls.

"From our initial indications, there are many reserve nurse-case managers and also retiree nurses who have retired from the Army who are interested in still serving their country, and they are located near many of these posts, camps and stations where we have this requirement, so we think that we will be able to address that requirement," Keenan said, adding that the medical personnel should all be in place by Oct. 16.

Part of the personnel shortage is because more Soldiers enter WTUs every month than exit and there is a backlog of Soldiers who either are almost done with their treatment and don't need as much care, or who are waiting for their Medical or Physical Evaluation Board results.

"With the consensus of the triad of care and approval by the triad of leadership, Soldiers may be returned to their units if they are making satisfactory progress with their comprehensive transition plan, if their medical needs can be managed by the Soldier and the unit, and they will remain on active duty," said Cheek.

The Army also wants to ensure that only those Soldiers with the greatest medical needs enter WTUs, so it can focus on their care, Cheek said. Soldiers with more minor injuries or illnesses will be managed by their units and treated at the installation hospital.

"All wounded, ill or injured Soldiers will be evaluated by the triad of leadership, and those people with complex care needs will enter into the WTU.

"Those Soldiers requiring minimal care will be treated by the base hospital or clinic and be managed and monitored by their unit leadership.

"While the policy affects Soldiers entering into the program, those warriors currently assigned to a WTU can remain or be reassigned to his or her unit with the consensus of the triad of care and approval of the triad of leadership," he continued, emphasizing the importance of insuring Soldiers get the best care, and the right care for them. He added that all reserve-component Soldiers will continue to be assigned to WTUs, regardless of the amount of care they need.

Army leaders have also directed commanders to look at the Army Physical Disability Evaluation System on their installations and make the MEB/PEB process easier for Soldiers.

"That's key because many Soldiers are frustrated still with the Medical Evaluation Board and the Physical Evaluation Board process," said Keenan.

"We know DOD has a pilot project that they're working on for that, but what we have found is that there are also processes that we can control at our installations, that we can improve upon so Soldiers don't feel like they're waiting around, because that can be very frustrating for a Soldier who wants to move on with their life and wants to make that transition."

In addition, WTUO is looking at installations around the Army to determine which has the most efficient processes, so these can be institutionalized across the Army, Keenan said.

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The Fort Dix Military Pay Finance office, main office in Bldg. 5418 and Joint Readiness Center finance office, will close at 11:30 a.m. Friday, July 18, for an Organization Day. Both offices will be open from 8 a.m. until 11:30 a.m., and will reopen on Monday, July 21. The staff thanks its customers for their understanding and asks that they please plan ahead.



July 4 rocks community at Fort Dix

Keyshia Cole, left, pumps up a crowd of about 29,000 during her concert at Doughboy Field for the 4th of July. Cole belted out rhythm and blues while her back-up singers and dancers brought the energy level to fever pitch. Working around sound problems, Cole got a late start and carried the show even though one of her speakers caught fire during her second song. Police Officers and Soldiers rounded up water bottles and put out the flames before the fire reached the stage. Cole continued to sing and kept the incident below the radar for most of the crowd. Trey Holmes, 3, belts on his father's shoulders, Stanley Holmes, to get a better view of the Independence Day happenings on Doughboy Field. Kids and adults found many reasons to ooh and ahh over the fireworks and entertainment during the year's independence celebration, choreographed and produced by the Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation.



Photos by Lisa Evans

STAR SPANGLED NIGHT – The crowd, above endures rainy weather and soggy sound equipment as they celebrate the 4th of July listening to Anthony Hall and Lamont Butts burn up some hip hop to warm up the crowd for Keyshia Cole. Soggy weather caused delays between the entertainment, but the rousing hip-hop music filled some time. Plenty of food was available for purchase and umbrellas came out in numbers later, but for the first three hours, celebraters were dry and not too hot as they watched the shows, ate and socialized. Fireworks are always a big part of the day, and require a lot of setup. At right, Andy Ottinger, front, and George Pellisier, rear, pyrotechnicians for Schaefer Pyrotechnics, Inc. set up the finale for the 4th of July fireworks display on Doughboy Field. In spite of the rain the display was stunning and worth the wait as more than 1200 pyrotechnics lit up the sky. This is the fifth year Schaefer Pyrotechnics, Inc. has done the fireworks display for Fort Dix. Bryan Buchman, the crew chief, says he has a fantastic crew who puts on a great show. The display covered a baseball diamond when it was all laid out, the crew ready to light up the night in spite of the rain.



HONORARY COMMANDERS – New advocates for Fort Dix sworn in during July 4 festivities on post are, from left, Salvatore Cardillo, Angie Dorman, Michael Gorman, Robert Rankin, Dr. Alphonse Squitieri, Dr. Detlef Kern, James Severns and Herb Worthington. Unable to attend the swearing-in were Dan Templar, G. Robert Baumann Jr. and Col. Rick Fuentes. The group will join emeritus honorary commanders from past years as liaisons between Fort Dix and the surrounding area and advocates for Soldiers.

NEIGHBORHOOD

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A memorial service will be held for former Fort Dix employee, Marian Calvert, July 12, at the Fort Dix Chapel from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

AAFES holds young writers contest

School may be out for the summer, but the Army & Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) has one more assignment for military dependents. The "Back-To-School Essay Contest" will give students in grades one through 12 the opportunity to submit an essay of 200 words or less on "What AAFES means to me and my family."

The essay contest, which runs from June 27 to August 31, will consist of four categories, with three winners from each category. First place winners in each category will receive a computer, second place winners will be awarded \$500 savings bonds and \$200 savings bonds will be issued to third place winners.

Complete rules, including release forms and specific instructions on submitting essays, are available at www.aafes.com under the Patriot Family Connection link.

Tuskegee Airman Convention coming to Philadelphia

The 37th Annual Tuskegee Airman National Convention will be held July 17 to 20 at the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown. For more information call (215) 384-7363 or email taiconvention08@verizon.net.

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 yourself and others.

If you or someone you care about needs help, these meetings are ANONYMOUS.

For more information, call 562-2020 or 4011, or stop by Building 5203.

Operation Military Kids supports Soldiers' families

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

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

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

For more information, visit www.operationmilitarykids.org or call Rachel Lyons, county 4-H agent, at Rutgers Cooperative Extension 265-5052 or 973-285-8300 X3.

305th Med Group makes cancellations easy

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

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. Please call Gerry Zanzalari at 562-4034 for more info.



photos by Wayne Cook

THAT'S ABOUT THE SIZE OF IT - Master Sgt. Robin Brobst, right, of the protocol office stands next to her Smart Car which is dwarfed in comparison to Gerry Zanzalari's Toyota 4Runner, July 9. Brobst, who has owned the car since June, declared war on the high costs of gasoline when she purchased the fuel-efficient Fortwo manufactured by Mercedes-Benz and Swatch.

Tiny car saves big bucks at pump

Wayne Cook
Public Affairs Staff

As gas prices continue to skyrocket and traveling becomes more expensive, people are looking for ways to fight the attack on their wallets. To battle the crunch on her finances and stretch her dollars a bit, Master Sgt. Robin Brobst of the Protocol Office made a bold move. She purchased a Smart Car.

This European-manufactured car from Mercedes-Benz and Swatch has been on the narrow streets of London, Paris, Barcelona and Rome for years. Smaller than almost any other automobile on the road, the Smart Fortwo was introduced to the American roadways in January 2008.

Brobst was looking for ways to extend her fuel cash when her brother-in-law purchased a Smart Car and told her and her husband about it. She read up on it in Consumer Reports and decided she wanted to buy one for herself to commute to and from her home in Pennsylvania.

The 2008 Smart Fortwo is a tiny, fuel-sipping car that can be parked almost anywhere. With both manual

and automatic transmission options installed the driver can choose to sit back and enjoy the cruise or shift gears as he or she sports around in this attention-getting automobile.

To her chagrin, the vehicle had to be ordered and was not scheduled to arrive in country until July or September of 2009. While she waited, she was called by the dealership and told that another buyer had ordered a car and decided they didn't want it. She was offered the opportunity to buy it instead of waiting for the one she ordered.

"I am so happy I bought this car. I decided to buy it because of the gas mileage and the cheap cost of the vehicle. It gets twice the gas mileage of my other car, a Ford Taurus. I bought it for my birthday in June. There is plenty of room in it for my husband and myself. I'm constantly flooded by people who ask questions about it. I love this car," said Brobst.

The Smart Fortwo has Environmental Protection Agency Ratings for mileage of 33 miles per gallon, city and 41 miles per gallon, highway. Brobst says she has averaged about 45 miles per gallon on the highway. The cost was one of the selling



VROOM, VROOM -- Master Sgt. Robin Brobst sits in her Smart Car in front of the Public Affairs Office July 9. The tiny vehicle is deceptively roomy inside, with lots of leg room and comfortable seats.

features for Brobst. The standard cost of the basic Smart Car is \$11,000 or \$15,000 for the Cabriolet (convertible) version.

"The car is really roomy inside. Bob Cole, the director of Logistics, drove it and was comfortable," Brobst said.

Cole just happens to stand approximately six feet five inches tall. For those who wonder how an automobile as small as the Smart Car

would fare during a crash, it received the top safety rating for mini-vehicles by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety for front and side crash-worthiness. The Smart Car comes with front and side airbags, antilock brakes and electronic stability control.

For one non-commissioned officer, the war on gas prices may go on but she has found a way to win a few of the battles.

U.S. citizenship means new start

Lisa Evans
Public Affairs Staff

"This is where America started more than 230 years ago. The Declaration of Independence was signed in Philadelphia and this is what gives us our freedoms and rights. All that history becomes your history," Robert Witkowski, District Adjutant Officer of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services in Mount Laurel, told a dozen new citizens July 3.

Among the new citizens were two who have given four years of service to their new country, serving in Iraq; one in the Army and one in the Marines.

Mariusz Dybka, 24, a native of Poland, served four years with the Army with the 2nd Infantry Division, Fort Carson, and moved through Fort Dix on his way to Iraq. Dybka left the

Army after serving 15 months in Iraq. "I came to America for the opportunities, nothing more and nothing less. It's great living in America," Dybka said.

He will be staying in New Jersey and looking for a job now that he is a civilian and a citizen.

Fernando Bautista, 24, a native of Mexico, came to America with his family when he was five years old. Bautista served four years with the Marines as an Infantry Machine Gunner with Golf Co., 2nd Battalion.

Bautista is a disabled veteran now but will be living and working in Dover, where he grew up.

Thinking of himself as American his whole life, Bautista said, "I joined the Marines four days after graduating high school. I wanted to serve my country."

With a big grin he added, "I am a citizen."



Lisa Evans

WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL - New citizens Mariusz Dybka, left, and Fernando Bautista pledge allegiance to the flag after being naturalized on July 3, 2008 at the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services in Mount Laurel. Dybka, a native of Poland, served in Iraq in the Army and Bautista, a former citizen of Mexico, was a Marine.

Communication easy with new technology

Jennifer McCarthy
Public Affairs Staff

When the World War I Soldiers who slogged through the mud and dust of the training ranges of Fort Dix arrived in France, they had few options if they wanted to send word home. If they wanted to let their friends and loved ones know that they were tired, but well cared for, or if they just needed to send a reassuring word home, they most likely pulled out a pen and started writing a letter.

The first transatlantic phone call would not happen for almost another decade. Telephonic and electronic communication have come a long way since that first phone call from New York to London in 1927. Today the idea of writing a letter home seems antiquated particularly when most everyone has a cell phone, lap top or other form

of electronic communication device. Deploying Soldiers are no exception to this. There are a number of options available for Soldiers overseas to stay in touch depending on security and where the Soldier is located.

A number of U.S. bases throughout Southwest Asia have telephone tents where Soldiers can make phone calls using pre-paid calling cards.

Soldiers may also be able to use a personal cell phone or satellite phones although it can be costly. An international calling plan is recommended. Costly satellite phones may be convenient for remote locations. Another low cost option is the use of Skype. This allows for users to make phone calls over the internet. Many Morale, Welfare and Recreation centers provide set-ups for this. A personal laptop computer is always a good idea.

And a real letter is still always nice and appreciated.

A job well done



Jennifer McCarthy

Master Sgt. Jesus Arestirado presented a flag that flew over Logistical Support Activity Anaconda, now called Joint Base Balad - Iraq, to Elaine Percival at Army Community Services, July 7. Arestirado, who was stationed at the NCO Academy at Fort Dix from 1999 to 2006, recently returned from a deployment in Iraq. He presented the flag to Percival as a token of appreciation for all the work she did for Soldiers while serving as the Army Emergency Relief officer. Percival retired last year.

Joint Basing conference

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discussed at length.

- Strategic Communications: How can inter-service decisions be facilitated and information sharing be enhanced to avoid delays in MOA development?

- Level of Detail in an Approved Memorandum Of Agreement (MOA): Is the MOA a contract or planning document?
- Financial Relationships for Supported, Supporting, & Tenant: Are mission units of the supporting Component a reimbursable organization?

- Defining Organizational Structure and Workforce Composition: What is the process for the Joint Base Partnership Council (JBPC) to design an organization and workforce to meet Common Output Levels Support?
- Data Migration: How will the scope and strategy for data migration be defined within the MOA?

- Quality Condition Assessment (Quality (Q)-Rating) Validation: What is the process for the supporting Component to validate and accept Q-ratings?
- Q-Rating Validation Versus MOA/FOC Timelines: What is the impact of a delay in Q-rating validation beyond MOA signature?

- Installation Support Functions Performed by Mission Organizations: How will the JBPC reach agreement on medical or other "mission" functions with disparate Service definitions and fund sources?
- Variance & Deviation Approval Timeline for Phase I: What is an acceptable, revised due date for Phase I variances and deviations?

- Staffing the MOA for Approval: What process will be used within the ICS and Senior Installation Management Group (SIMG) to coordinate the MOA?
- Prioritization Integration: What is the process for integration of requirements not "owned" at the installation-level (e.g., vehicles, radios, etc.)?
- Impact of Regionalization: What is the process for Components to reconcile ownership issues, determine additional needs

based on identified gaps, and determine "to-be" organizations?

- One-Time Implementation Costs: How to determine funds necessary to execute Initial Operational Capability (IOC) and Fully Operational Capability (FOC) point of transfer?
- Cancelled Requirements/Resources Prior to FOC: Who will reconcile programmed or "existing" requirements and/or resources for definition in the MOA?

With most of the conference discussion focusing on the common themes, issues and possible mitigation strategies, there were also stories of Joint Base success.

For instance, at Fort Lewis the following successes were identified: Established JBPC and its Business Rules; Established bilateral Functional Working Groups (FWG); Developed Joint Basing Tools (Including Community of Practice (COP)); Initiated detailed Task Documentation to be used during Task Analysis; Established initial JBPC approved Phase II Joint Base Lewis McChord (JBLM) Timeline; JBPC approved Public Awareness Campaign.

Some of the successes at Fort Eustis and Langley Air Force Base are: Solid Cooperative Partnership with one another; Contract Consolidation; "As-is" Task Analysis; and Concept of Support Methodology.

Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall reported on the following successes: Contracted security and law enforcement; 22 Marines returned to operating force; Gate opened between installations; Installation Services Contracts transferred without termination fees (to date); Created plan to move Henderson Hall Civilians into vacant authorized positions in a three-phased approach: National Capital Region (NCR) DoD Joint Fire/Emergency Services Team; NCR Joint Family Center Committee; Joint Employment Transition Services (JETS); and Early transition to Fort Myer's Energy Savings

Performance Contract (ESPC) could yield substantial savings.

Some of Fort Dix and McGuire Air Force Base successes are: Medical Facility Sharing and Service Integration; Shared Dorms—\$25M Army Cost Avoidance in Off-Base Lodging; Contract Consolidation (Refuse, Recycling); Lakehurst C-17 Assault Landing Zone; Housing Privatization; and the Only Joint-Service Project Commercial Truck Gate in DoD.

Since the successes mentioned above are not all inclusive, you can see that numerous joint base successes have been made and are currently in the works.

Some of these successes have been uneventful in effort while others have required significant contributions by all bases/installations that are involved.

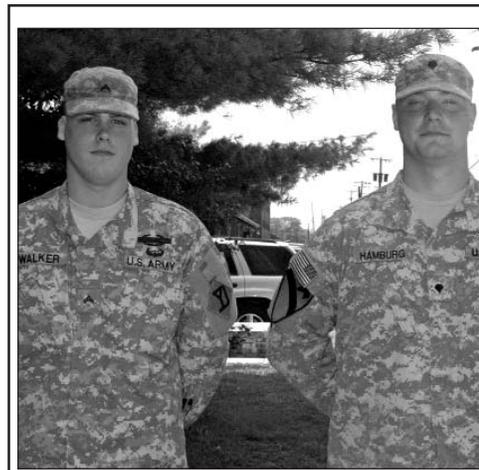
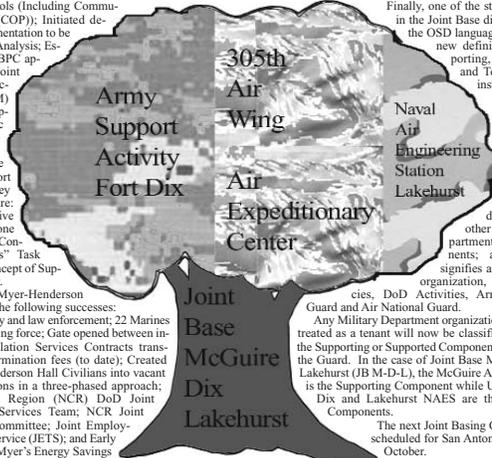
Finally, one of the sticking points in the Joint Base discussion was the OSD language used as the new definition of Supporting, Supported and Tenants on an installation.

Supporting defines the Joint Base Lead Component based on the BRAC decision; Supported defines all other Military Department Components; and Tenants signifies any Non-DoD organization, DoD Agencies, DoD Activities, Army National Guard and Air National Guard.

Any Military Department organization previously treated as a tenant will now be classified as part of the Supporting or Supported Component exclusive of the Guard. In the case of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst (JB MD-L), the McGuire Air Force Base is the Supporting Component while US Army Fort Dix and Lakehurst NAES are the Supported Components.

The next Joint Basing Conference is scheduled for San Antonio, Texas, in October.

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First Lt. Antonia Greene
TRAINING COUNTS—Cpl. John Walker and Spc. Vincent Hamberg, both with the 1-322nd Logistics Support Battalion, put their Combat Life Saver training to work July 1 to save the life of an accident victim.

Soldiers save lives

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to Cooper Medical Center in Camden for ongoing care.

Both Walker and Hamberg said their combat experience during Operation Iraqi Freedom gave them the personal courage to do the right thing and the ability to remain calm under pressure.

Combat Life Saver training provides skills beyond basic first aid, but not as comprehensive as that received by combat medics.

The Army did not create the program to replace the care of trained medical personnel, but to provide immediate help for a wounded Soldier until medical personnel arrive on the scene to take over treatment.

The three persons injured in the accident were reported in serious but stable condition. Police said the motorcycle driver was traveling west along South Pemberton Road when he apparently crossed into the eastbound lanes to pass traffic and collided with an oncoming truck.

The driver of the truck was also hospitalized and was reported in good condition.

An investigation into the accident is underway. No charges have been filed, police said.

Lt. Scott Bogdanowicz of the Pemberton Township Police Department credits Walker and Hamberg with saving the life of the motorcycle operator by their rapid and skilled response after the accident.

Sesame Street, USO partner to help military families cope

WASHINGTON (Army News Service, June 29, 2008) — Instead of asking how to get to Fort Dix and 41 other military installations across the country...

Sesame Street has partnered with the United Service Organization to launch "The Sesame Street Experience for Military Families," a live, free show that will help children and their parents understand the challenges of military life.

The 43-stop tour, which is scheduled to begin July 8 at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center at 29 Palms, Calif., follows the April launch of Sesame Street's new videos for kids with deployed parents, "Talk, Listen, Connect: Deployments, Homecoming Changes." The story lines are designed to help Families understand and talk about the difficulties of multiple deployments, homecomings and changes in parents, whether physical or psychological.

"Talk, Listen, Connect," is especially exciting because it goes after our smallest service-members," said Edward A. Powell, president and CEO of USO world headquarters, at the tour launch today.

"We know the price that they pay when mom or dad goes away. We know the anxiety. We also know the anxiety that they have when they come home."

Mom and dad aren't the same, the kids aren't the same. Watching this program when we rolled it out at the Women's Memorial, it kind of choked you up to see the impact because the little kids in the audience... were riveted. And you could tell that that had

felt sad because they missed their mommy or daddy.

The monsters talked about how to keep in touch: reading stories, writing letters and drawing pictures. Rosita suggested singing to each other on the phone or computer.

"I really liked the show," said Molly McKaig, adding that she especially liked Elmo, because red is her favorite color and he's "so red."

Parents agreed that the show was important to help kids understand injuries on their level.

"Who other than Sesame Street can provide meaningful information to an age group of children that desperately need to be informed, especially when they have a parent or a friend or a loved one who has been injured or is being deployed over and over? It's confusing. Sesame Street has a way of putting that so it's easier for everyone to understand," said Army wife Nancy Kules, who attended with her 13-month-old daughter Jillian. She and her husband, who was injured in Iraq, served on the advisory board for the videos.

"How better to ease their feelings for when one of their parents or both parents are gone and just the many, many different ways to cope with it?" agreed Col. Valerie Ratliff, military aid to Arshnt.

"What better way for them to cope with it than to see their characters, the ones that they're growing up with, to tell them how they should cope and deal with a parent that comes back that doesn't leave the same way?"

This is the first live out-reach program in the almost one child in response to Elmo's 40-year history of Sesame Street, said Knell.

Announcements

Cinema Schedule

754-5139
McGuire Air Force Base

Friday, July 11 @ 7:30 p.m.

Iron Man - Robert Downey, Jr., Terrence Howard, Jeff Bridges, Gwyneth Paltrow, Leslie Bibb - Robert Downey Jr. stars as Tony Stark, a billionaire industrialist and genius inventor who builds a high-tech suit of armor to escape captivity.

MPAA Rating: PG-13 - some intense sequences of sci-fi action and violence, and brief suggestive content

Run time: 126 minutes

Saturday, July 12 @ 7:30 p.m.

Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull - Harrison Ford, Cate Blanchett, Karen Allen, Ray Winstone, John Hurt, Jim Broadbent, Shia LaBeouf, Igor Jijikine - Indiana Jones (Harrison Ford) races the Soviets - led by agent Irina Spalko (Cate Blanchett) - to a lost city called Akakor in the Peruvian forest in pursuit of a mystical crystal skull. Along for the adventure are old flame Marion Ravenwood (Karen Allen), long-time friend and competitor Mac (Ray Winstone) and new sidekick Mutt Williams (Shia LaBeouf).

MPAA Rating: PG-13 - adventure violence and scary images

Run time: 122 minutes

Future Features...

The Happening

Friday, July 18 @ 7:30 p.m.
R, 90 minutes

You Don't Have to Mess with the Zohan

Saturday, July 19 @ 7:30 p.m.
PG-13, 113 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. 590, Church Street
General Protestant Service.....6:30 p.m.

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

8:30 a.m.

July 13, 20/August 10, 17/September 7,
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Camp Victory - Chaplain's tent

Hour of Power.....8-9 a.m.
Protestant.....8-9 a.m.
Catholic.....8-9 a.m.
Mormon.....8-9 a.m.
Jewish.....8-9 a.m.

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. on
Summer Break. Will resume in September.

**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 Café - Monday-Friday 7 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Comp. Lab - Monday & Tuesday 7 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday - Fri day 7 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Saturday noon - 10 p.m.
Sunday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Lunch Served Tuesday-Friday 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Saturday - Monday Closed

Bar Hours Wednesday 5 - 10 p.m.
Thursday - Saturday 6 - 10 p.m.
Sunday - Tuesday Closed

Still not sure what to do with the children this summer? Fort Dix Child & Youth Services has Summer Fun Camp for children grades 1-8. Camp includes breakfast, lunch, weekly field trips and MUCH MORE! Call 562-4702 to register your child today.

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

OUTDOOR RECREATION
Bldg. 6045

John Mann Park Summer Hours begin Wednesday June 25

Wednesday thru Thursday 1 to 7 p.m.
Friday thru Sunday 1 to 8 p.m.
Mondays and Tuesdays Closed

For more information call 562-6667

*Horseback Riding - D & D Stables - Buena, NJ - July 12 - Bring the family and enjoy a relaxing one hour trail ride in South Jersey on over 100 acres of wooded trails and fields. Horses are available for beginners to experienced riders. Must be at least 10 years old to ride. For those under 10 there are pony rides available for \$5. Don't forget your camera and your lunch and wear comfortable clothing. Fee is \$45. Trip leaves Outdoor Recreation at 9 a.m.

*Skydive Crosskeys - July 19 - Experience the ultimate adventure with Freefall Adventures in Williamstown, N.J. No experience necessary for your first jump. Must be over 18 and not exceed 250 pounds. After a training session with your instructor you will board one of Freefall Adventure's turbine equipped aircraft and head up to 14,000 feet and experience 60 seconds of freefall before you or your instructor deploy the parachute. Do you have the guts to pull the ripcord? Fees are \$195 without DVD, \$295 with DVD. Trip leaves Outdoor Recreation at 6:15 a.m.

*Dolphin Watching - Cape May, N.J. - July 26 - Hop aboard the largest and fastest marine mammal sightings vessel in New Jersey with guaranteed sightings on every trip. Make sure you bring extra spending cash to grab a bite and for the rest of the afternoon in historic Cape May. Get ready for a sunny day and don't forget your shades. Fees - Adults - \$50, Children under 12 - \$35. Trip leaves Outdoor Recreation at 7:15 a.m.

ARTS & CRAFTS

Bldg. 6039

*Framing Qualification Class - Get qualified to use this great facility and equipment! You will complete one piece as you learn to operate the equipment. You are required to bring something in to frame such as an 8 x 10 photo or certificate. All materials are available at the frame shop which will be purchased at the end of class. Wednesday July 16, 6-8:30 p.m. (or Saturday July 19, 9 to 11:30 a.m. Pre-registration fee of \$10 is required prior to class. Materials not included)

*Kids Introductory Drawing & Painting Course Ages 6 & up - As it heats up outside, the young ones can "chill out" at Arts and Crafts while learning how to draw and paint! They will enjoy 6 weeks of creativity while exploring various drawing methods and media which include: scratchboard, pencil, cray-pas,

chalk pastels, acrylic and watercolor paint. July 5 to August 9 Saturdays 2:30-4:00 p.m. (6-week course) \$40

*Adult Introductory Pottery Course - Classes cover both hand building and wheel throwing techniques. Once you've completed the initial class, you can come in anytime during studio hours to use the pottery facility on your own. Pre-registration required. \$60 registration fee plus materials. Wednesdays 6:30 to 9 p.m. July 9 to August 13 (6-week course)

*Summer Art Camp - Kids will be able to do a variety of crafts using clay, paper, paint, and more! Sessions are held Tuesday through Friday, 12:30 to 2 p.m. for ages 6 to 12. Pre-registration required. \$50 registration fee (per session) includes all materials. Sign up for one session or all of them since projects will be unique to each session. Family and multiple session discounts available!

- Session I: July 22 to 25
- Session II: July 29 to August 1
- Session III: August 19 to 22

*Quilts for Kids - July 12 - Come see our new fabrics and patterns! Join us from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. every second Saturday of the month as we stitch for children in long term healthcare facilities, safe houses, wounded warriors and families. Share this awesome experience of giving. Learn new techniques or improve old ones. Just bring your desire to help others while you learn to machine quilt. All experience levels welcome. Yes, men and mid-teens are welcome, too!

Christmas in July - July 19, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Get a head start on Christmas savings by joining us for this fun event! Take pictures with Santa and create discounted holiday cards with our all new Sony Picture Station. Take part in our annual family cookie plate painting event. This and other winter ceramic items will be 20 percent off! Please don't forget to bring your favorite home baked cookies and recipes for our holiday "taste and swap." See you there...

AQUATIC CENTER

Indoor Pool

Hydro Aerobics Mondays 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.,
Wednesdays 9 to 10 a.m. & Sat. 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the indoor pool. The Outdoor Pool is open Sat. & Sun. Noon to 6 p.m.

Longfellow's WHALE Tales for Grades K thru 6 American Red Cross Water Safety Classroom Session! Longfellow's WHALE Tales provides easy-to-follow information to help children learn safe behavior in, on and around the water. Classes are \$10 per child and will be held on June 28 and July 12 at 10 a.m. in the solarium at the Indoor Pool. Classes are one hour and no swimming required.

Please call and reserve a date. All reservations and inquiries can be made by calling 562-2808 or 562-6396. (Participants must have access to Post)

Book a party any day at the Indoor Pool. Sign up for sign lessons, or maybe a safety class at the Indoor Pool. Both classes will fill fast so don't hesitate. Call 562-2808 for prices and availability.

RECREATION CENTER
Bldg. 5905 (Military Only)

Monday thru Friday.....4 to 10 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday.....12 to 10 p.m.

*Gold Medal Boxing Cup (10 to 12 bouts) coming to the Griffith Field House Friday, July 18. U.S. Marine Corp Boxing Team vs. Muhammad Ali Boxing Club. Special guest appearance by Smokin' Joe Frazier, an Olympic Gold Medalist and former undisputed heavyweight champion of the world. Admission is \$5 and is open to the public. Doors open at 5 p.m. with the matches starting at 6:30 p.m. Any inquiries can be called to 609-562-4888.

*Defjam recording artist Christette Michele will perform LIVE at Club Dix Wednesday, July 23 at 6:30 p.m.

*Annual Family Funfest - Wednesday, August 20 at 9 a.m. at the Fort Dix Youth Center.
*Wine and Jazz Festival - Thursday, August 21 -

Featuring renowned saxophonist Gerald Albright.

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Red Cross

Wednesday, July 16

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1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

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Ages 4 to 8, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

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Friday, July 11

Hip Hop Aerobics

4 to 5 p.m.

Saturday, July 12

Field Trip to Funplex

1 to 7 p.m.

YOUTH CENTER CLOSED

Monday, July 14

Open Rec.

CLOSED

Tuesday, July 15

Teaching Hair Braiding to Teens

2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Wood Burning Craft

3:45 to 5 p.m.

Wednesday, July 16

Triple Play with Mr. Jacob

4:45 to 5:45 p.m.

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3:45 to 4:45 p.m.

Thursday, July 17

Teen Defensive Driving, Car Safety

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1 to 8 p.m.

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MILITARY MATTERS

Experience aids in officer promotions

C. Todd Lopez
Army News Service

WASHINGTON, July 3, 2008 — The chief of staff of the Army recently acknowledged the importance of service by Army officers on military transition and provincial reconstruction teams in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"Soldiers that serve on our transition teams and our provincial reconstruction teams are developing exactly the type of knowledge, skills and abilities that are vital for our Army to be effective in an era of persistent conflict," said Gen. George W. Casey Jr. in a recent memo.

The general backed up his words by instructing the boards who review officer records for promotion or for selection to command to consider service on TTs or PRTs as equivalent to other branch-specific "key developmental" positions such as battalion operations or battalion executive officer.

The move both recognizes the importance of transition team service and helps alleviate concern on the part of some majors that a tour of duty with-

in a transition team might adversely affect the career path they have charted for themselves, said Lt. Col. Steve Warren, a career manager with the U.S. Army Human Resources Command.

"There is hesitance in the field about going on TTs because officers are nervous that the time they spend on TTs is time away from their basic branch, and that this will then

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- Gen. George W. Casey Jr., Chief of Staff of the Army

disadvantage them from promotion," he said. "This message removes that."

As a result of the chief of staff's directions, past and present officers that served 12 months as a major on a transition team or provincial reconstruction team will be recognized by future selection boards to have spent time in a key and developmental position that broadened their outside their normal basic branch of assignment.

"Depth of experience is

good, but the chief of staff is now communicating that breadth is important and a TT or PRT is the exact type of broadening experience we desire for our officers," said Col. Jeff Lieb, chief of the maneuvers, fires and effects division. "As always, an officer's performance in critical jobs is more important than quantity of time spent in KD jobs."

By recognizing the importance of transition teams and the skills officers develop while serving on them, the Army hopes to build a more seasoned, capable and diverse officer corps that is better prepared for combat in future operations, said Casey.

"The tasks associated with transition teams, from direct combat to stability operations, will be a major part of full spectrum engagement in theaters of interest now and for the foreseeable future," he said. "I want to ensure that the officers that lead these teams are recognized and given the credit they deserve."

The chief of staff's message also adds transition team command slots to the list of potential positions to be filled by

lieutenant colonels on a Centralized Selection List. The command billets of as many as 35 transition teams have now been identified.

"Because the success of these teams requires our best leaders, I have directed the Army Human Resources Command to award Centralized

Selection List credit for lieutenant colonels serving specifically in the TT Commander positions that have direct leadership responsibility for a training/transition team," Casey said.

To comply with his directions, a new CSL sub-category called "Combat Arms Opera-

tions" is being created. The sub-category is open to eligible maneuver, fires and effects officers as well as foreign area officers.

The sub-category will come under the Operations category and will be effective with the Fiscal Year 2010 CSL in September.



Staff Sgt. Adam Navarro.

Honorable inductee

Col. Michael T. Miklos, commander, 72nd Field Artillery Brigade, inducted Capt. Javier Cortez, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery company commander, 72nd Field Artillery Brigade, into the United States Field Artillery Association, Honorable Order of Saint Barbara, July 8, at the Kelly Reserve Center. The Honorable Order of Saint Barbara recognizes those individuals who have demonstrated the highest standards of integrity and moral character; displayed an outstanding degree of professional competence; served the United States Army or Marine Corps Field Artillery with selflessness; and contributed to the promotion of the Field Artillery in ways that stand out in the eyes of the recipient's seniors, subordinates and peers, alike.

Iraq shows progress in security, projects

Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, July 9, 2008 — Iraq experienced the lowest number of acts of violence in more than four years last week, a spokesman for Multinational Force Iraq said in Baghdad today.

Security progress in Iraq is unmistakable, Army Maj. Gen. Kevin Bergner said. Civilian deaths around the country were at their lowest point in three years, the general told reporters, adding that the reduction in violence is allowing the Iraqi government and the coalition to put in place projects that improve the quality of life in the country and create jobs for Iraqis.

The general said the security improvements are due in large part to growth in the size and capabilities of the Iraqi security forces, the gains in capabilities fueled by coalition forces working in partnership with their Iraqi counterparts. The coalition and Iraqi surge has been effective, as Iraqi security forces have grown from some 400,000 to more than 560,000 members, and coalition forces deployed five brigades to improve population security and conduct offensive operations, Bergner said.

Though al-Qaida in Iraq has been handled severely in the past year, no one is declaring victory, Bergner said. "It is important to note that even

with the progress being made against al-Qaida, they remain capable of high-profile attacks, and they continue to resort to barbaric tactics to inflict violence on the Iraqi people," the general told reporters.

Iraqi and coalition operations continue to target al-Qaida in Iraq's operational, financial and propaganda networks, and this also contributes to security success, he noted.

Recent operations have killed or captured 12 al-Qaida leaders, Bergner said, including leaders in Salahuddin province, in the city of Beiji and in the northern city of Mosul.

The Iraqi and coalition allies also have crippled the financial networks in these areas and destroyed the propaganda cells in Baghdad, the general added.

In the south, Iraqi soldiers and police are clearing criminal activity — illegal militias and criminal gangs — and finding and destroying weapons caches. Bergner said the Iraqi security forces in and around Amarah have found 600 rockets, 3,000 mortar rounds, 270 roadside bombs, 250 rocket-propelled grenades and more than 1,000 mines.

The last of the five U.S. brigades deployed for the surge in operations — the 3rd Infantry Division's 2nd Brigade Combat Team — will return to Fort Stewart, Ga., by the end of this month. This is in addition to two Marines battal-

ions and a Marine expeditionary unit that already have returned to their home bases.

The security progress made possible by the sacrifices of soldiers and Marines has had a carryover effect into other crucial areas, Bergner said.

Yesterday, Iraqi officials laid the cornerstone for the Baghdad airport road revitalization project, he said. The \$50 million project will repave the road, fund lighting and plant new trees.

The airport road is known to U.S. servicemembers as Route Irish, and reporters once called it the "most dangerous road in Iraq."

New maintenance facility under construction on Range Road

Ryan Morton
Public Affairs Staff

Construction is underway on the highly anticipated \$15 million, 50,000 square foot Combined Maintenance Facility (CMF) located on Range Road next to the New Jersey Midstate Prison. This massive facility,

"So far everything is going extremely well with the construction and things are right on schedule."
-Harry Rochette, the chief of the Directorate of Logistics-Maintenance Division.

slated for completion by the end of August 2009, is a welcome addition for many in the Fort Dix community, including Harry Rochette, the chief of the Directorate of Logistics-Maintenance Division.

"It will enhance the maintenance capabilities. Some of the equipment pieces, such as the larger heavy equipment trucks, we can't fit in the current building and have to do the repairs outside, which can be a hassle. With the CMF we won't have that problem," he

said. The CMF will include 32 drive-through bays for vehicles such as HUMVEES, Heavy Equipment Mobile Tactical Trucks (HEMTT), and troop carriers. It will also include a supply area for repair parts, two large inventory rooms, and an area for repairing electronics. The facility will also house several offices.

The permit to build was awarded in March after a two year process. "It's gone smoothly. The people we worked with such as the Army Corps of Engineers and the Pinelands Commission were very helpful in working through various issues and getting the project rolling," said Rochette. "So far everything is going extremely well with the construction and things are right on schedule," he said.

Use of the facility is slated for late-September 2009.



Ryan Morton

FIRM FOUNDATIONS- Borce Dimoski, left, Falantin Kuzmanoski, and George Stojnoski, AFS Contracting, out of Paterson, N.J., construct the foundation footings at the future home of the Fort Dix Combined Maintenance Facility, July 8. The new maintenance facility is located on Range Road.



Ryan Morton

CORRECTION

The photo above was misidentified in the July 4 paper. The correct information is below.

Col. John Ekstrand, the new Watson Army Medical Support Element Commander, receives the company guidon from Col. Norvell Coots, commander, U.S. Army MEDDAC at West Point during the change-of-command ceremony at Club Dix, June 27.

Cycle safety prevents fatal accidents

Jennifer Chupko
Public Affairs Staff

The Safety Stand-Down briefing focused on motorcycle safety July 9 at Club Dix. Master Sgt. Anthony Correia of the Mobilization Readiness Battalion (MRB) conducted the briefing.

"Within the past year, motorcycle accidents have increased by 122 percent compared to the last fiscal year Army-wide," said Correia during the briefing. "Several fatal accidents of these Soldiers had not received the required training or were not licensed."

Speed or loss of control is the leading causes for motorcycle fatalities. A motorcycle rider's best defense against injury is to obey laws and wear protective clothing and safety equipment, according to the NJ Department of Law and Public Safety.

"We've been putting the rules out there," said Officer

John Fetzer, assigned to the Wrightstown gate. "If they don't know them, we pull them to the side and explain the rules."

The equipment requirements to get onto Fort Dix include a shatterproof helmet and a shatterproof eye protection. Required protective clothing includes full-finger gloves, long trousers, long sleeved shirt or jacket, high visibility colored clothing, a reflective vest and above the ankle boots or ankle shoes.

"The main things we have problems with are reflective vests and boots. If they don't have what's required then they aren't allowed on post," said Officer Fetzer. "They are told to turn around, but usually come back with those things."

Complying with Lt. Gen. Thomas G. Miller, 1st Army commander, Safety Stand-Down Memorandum comes from personal experience because he is a rider as well. The Memorandum reads

"Know who your riders are and ensure they are properly licensed and have completed the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) Course."

"The minimum requirement is a two-day basic rider's course. This course is for new riders. Upon completion you will receive a Motorcycle Safety Foundation Card" says Correia.

"The one-day advanced rider's course is held for those riders who are more seasoned riders. This course is directed to those riders who want more experience with their own motorcycle, for riders that have returned from overseas deployment and for riders who want more experience with their own motorcycle," he added.

However, not all motorcyclist have a bike for economic measures. Sometimes Soldiers just want to go for the ride and that is just another reason to ride your motorcycle safely.



Jennifer Chupko

IRON HORSES — It's prime season for motorcycle riding, and with gas hovering near \$4 per gallon, more riders than usual are on the roadways. Of course, riding comes with inherent risks, and motorcycle accidents have more than doubled Army-wide in the last year.

Dix sergeant major wins Iron Soldier Award

Wayne Cook
Public Affairs Staff



Wayne Cook

SUPER SGT. MAJ. - Sgt. Maj. Ricky Orange, Mobilization Readiness Battalion, holds the Iron Soldier statuette he was awarded for having the highest physical fitness test score of 316 points while he attended the Sergeant Major Academy at Fort Bliss, Texas in June.

Make the most of summer fun

The Center for Summer Learning encourages parents to make the most of children's summer break with the following suggestions:

- Locate a summer program. There are high-quality summer camps and programs in almost every price range. Camps offered by schools, recreation centers, universities and community-based organizations often have an educational or enrichment focus.
- Visit the library. Find out what interests your child and select books on that subject.
- Participate in free library summer programs and make time to read every day.
- Take educational trips. These can be low-cost visits to parks, museums, zoos and nature centers. When planning vacations, consider those with educational themes.
- Practice math daily. Measure items around the house or yard. Track daily temperatures. Add and subtract at the grocery store. Cooking is a
- Get outside and play. Limit television and video game time, just as you do during the school year. Intense physical activity and exercise contribute to healthy development.
- Do good deeds. Students learn better and "act out" less when they engage in activities that aid in their social-emotional development, such as community service.
- Keep a schedule. It makes sense to continue daily routines during the summer and to continue to provide structure and limits. The key is providing a balance and keeping kids engaged.
- Prepare for fall. Find out what your child will be learning during the next school year by talking with teachers at that grade level. Preview concepts and materials over the summer.

Sgt. Maj. Ricky Orange of the Mobilization Readiness Battalion presented the Iron Soldier Award while attending the Sergeant Major Academy at Fort Bliss, Texas, June 18 thru July 2.

The Iron Soldier Award is presented by Pioneer Services (a financial institution headquartered in El Paso, Texas, that exclusively supports the military) to the Soldier who scores the highest during a physical training competition held during each class at the Sergeant Major Academy. Orange exemplified leader-

ship by example when he scored 316 points during the Iron Soldier competition. The perfect score for a physical fitness test is 300, 100 points for each exercise category. Orange exceeded the standards in all three categories for his age group thus earning extra points towards his score. Orange's results during the competition were: two-mile run - 13 minutes, 46 seconds for a score of 103 points; sit-ups - 76 in two minutes for 109 points; and pushups - 75 in two minutes for 104 points.

At 46 years of age, Orange continues to push himself to perform at the very highest levels.

"The first day at the academy we were asked if we wanted to compete for the awards and I volunteered. I didn't really think I would win. I just thought I would go out there and give the others some competition," said Orange.

"The actual day of the test we all went out and did our best. I was surprised that I scored 316 points. The next closest score was 294 points for the recipient of the Iron Man Award. I try to keep myself in shape. I felt proud. It captures all the efforts that I put forth. I was surprised that I won. I only intended to give them a little competition," he said.

Orange has been humbled by all the attention he has received.

"The thing I would like to

stress the most about winning this award is that for Soldiers overall, physical fitness is important and I try to lead by example," said Orange.

Along with the Iron Soldier Award, Orange received a Certificate of Achievement from Col. Donald Gentry, academy commandant, and Command Sgt. Maj. Ray Chandler, academy command sergeant major. He also was presented a Certificate of Commendation for outstanding achievement from the Association of the United States Army.

The Sergeant Major Academy graduating class of 02-08 consisted of 339 students from the Active component, Army Reserve and Army National Guard.



Courtesy photo

Academy graduates

Sgt. Maj. Ricky Orange, Mobilization Readiness Battalion, 1st Sgt. Richard Moss, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment (MEDCOM), Joint Readiness Center, and Sgt. Maj. James Clark, NCOIC, Mobilization Unit In-processing Center, graduated from the Sergeant Major Academy at Fort Bliss, Texas July 3.

New DoD travel cards mailed

DEFENSE NEWS -- Check your mail for your new Government Travel Charge Card, arriving this summer.

DoD's current Government Travel Charge Card (GTCC) contract with Bank of America is ending this year. As the Travel Card Program transitions to the new SmartPay 2 contract, all government travel cardholders will receive new cards during the summer of 2008, beginning in August.

The new GTCCs will be ready for use on November 30, 2008, after the current cards

issued by Bank of America expire on November 29, 2008 at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST). Your new GTCC will be mailed to your mailing address on file with Bank of America, so please ensure it is current. If you do not receive your new travel card by October 31, 2008, notify your Agency Program Coordinator (APC).

If you are scheduled for a Permanent Change Station (PCS) move, please make sure that your address is updated in the database. Your new Travel Card will be sent to the address on file. Any mail that is sent to an incorrect address will be returned to sender. APCs will not have the option to forward the mail to your new address.

Traveling during the cutover (November 29-30, 2008), you should charge all official travel expenses up to, and including, November 29, 2008, on your current Bank

of America GTCC. Travel expenses incurred from 12:00 a.m. EST on November 30, 2008 should be charged to your new GTCC issued by Citi.

Important Note: Remember to verify receipt of your new travel card to ensure that you will be able to use it on November 30, 2008. You can verify receipt of your card by phone or online anytime after August 15.

The contact information will be on a sticker that is affixed to your card. As part of the receipt verification process, you will be asked to accept the Cardholder Agreement Terms & Conditions. You must agree to the Terms & Conditions in order to use your new Travel Card.

What to expect? Since the new card will also be VISA branded, you'll have the same worldwide charging privileges that you currently have. Charge limits will remain the same and Agency Program Coordinators will have the authority to raise limits to meet mission requirements.

Links for more information for our primary contact for transition information is your APC. Cardholders can also visit www.defensetravel.dod.mil; www.gsa.gov/smartpay; or send questions to dtmotc@dtmo.pentagon.mil for more information.

* Cardholders will need to pay all outstanding, undisputed charges on their Bank of America GTCC before November 29, 2008.
* No credit balances can

Soldiers in danger of Affinity Fraud

Capt. Nick Mitchell
Staff Judge Advocate Office

Affinity fraud refers to investment scams that prey upon members of identifiable groups, such as religious, elderly, ethnic, and professional groups. The fraudsters who promote affinity scams are group members, claim to be group members, or enlist respected leaders within a group to spread the word about an investment deal. Fraudsters are increasingly using the Internet to target groups with e-mail spam. Because of the tight-knit structure of many groups, it is usually more difficult for regulators and/or law enforcement officials to detect an affinity scam. Victims of such scams often fail to notify authorities or pursue their legal remedies, but are more likely to try to work things out within

the group.

Many affinity scams involve "Ponzi" or pyramid schemes where new investor money is used to make payments to earlier investors to give a false illusion that the investment is successful. This ploy is used to induce or trick new investors to invest in the scheme and to lull existing investors into believing their investments are safe and secure. In reality, the fraudster almost always steals investor money for personal use. Both types of schemes depend on an unending supply of new investors when the inevitable occurs and the supply of investors dries up, the whole scheme collapses and investors lose most, if not all, of their money.

To avoid being a victim of affinity fraud, take note of the following:

- Check out everything that

you can about the "investment opportunity."

- Do not be pressured or rushed into buying an investment before you have a chance to think about and/or investigate the "opportunity."

- Be skeptical of any investment that is not fully documented in writing.

- Do not fall for investments that promise spectacular profits or "guaranteed" returns.

If you believe that you are a victim of affinity fraud or are aware of an affinity scam, you should contact the Securities & Exchange Commission (SEC) Complaint Center by phoning 1-800-732-0330; e-mail: help@sec.gov; FAX - 202-772-9295; or contact your state's securities administrator, who you can find by accessing the North American Securities Administrators Association (NASAA) website at www.nasaa.org.



1st Lt. Antonia Greene

Thanks from above

Brig. Gen. J. Michael Bednarek thanks Staff Sgt. George Davis, a drivers trainer with 1-322nd Logistics Support Battalion (LSB) at the HMMWV Egress Assistance Trainer for his outstanding support of Soldiers during his visit to Fort Dix July 2.

Honoring the Colors

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

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

Independence celebrated with mass re-enlistments in Iraq

Marine Cpl. Frances L. Goch
Army News Service

Servicemembers from all over Iraq gathered in the Al Faw Palace rotunda at Camp Victory, Baghdad, to reenlist and celebrate Independence Day. All 1,215 servicemembers celebrated by raising their right hands and pledging to continue defending the "land of the free" in what is the largest reenlistment ceremony since 1973 according to Command Sgt. Maj. Marvin L. Hill, com-

mand sergeant major, Multi-National Forces - Iraq.

"Volunteering to continue to serve our nation, while deployed - is both noble and inspiring," said Gen. David Petraeus, commanding general, Multi-National Forces - Iraq. "It is, as award citations often state, in keeping with the finest traditions of our military services."

Petraeus presided over the ceremony and led the airmen, Marines, sailors, and Soldiers in their oath to defend their country against all enemies both foreign and domestic on this day of celebration of America winning its independ-

ence.

"We recognize the sacrifices they make and the sacrifices their families and communities make as they serve in Iraq," Hill said. "These servicemembers know the cost of war and they are still reenlisting."

Accumulatively servicemembers pledged more than 5,500 years of additional service to their country.

"It makes me feel proud to serve this great nation," said Spc. Zackary Cunningham, mechanic, 602nd Maintenance Battalion, Tactical Base Balad, who plans on making the Army a career.

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Patriotism family affair

Tech Sgt. Michael O'Connor
386th Air Expeditionary Wing
Public Affairs

SOUTHWEST ASIA, July 2, 2008 – Pennsylvania natives Senior Airman David Green, his brother Petty Officer 3rd Class Steven Green, and their father Sgt. Mark Green will celebrate our nation's 232nd birthday on July 4 much different than most Americans.

As the nation prepared for Independence Day with patriotic parades, ringing of bells, fireworks, patriotic oratory, military displays, citizenship and freedom, the Green Family from Boyertown, Pa., choose to celebrate it through military service far away from their homeland fighting the Global War on Terrorism.

Brothers and 2005 graduates of Boyertown Area High School, Airman Green and Petty Officer Green decided to follow in their father's footsteps the summer after they graduated by enlisting in the Air Force and Navy.

Their father Sergeant Green previously served eight years in the active-duty Air Force. "We wanted to serve our country, move out of the house, and experience new things," said Airman Green who's currently deployed to the 386th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron at an air base in

Like his brother, Petty Officer Green decided to join the Navy and is currently assigned to the U.S.S. Maine, a nuclear

powered submarine. "Our dad was a big influence on us joining," said Airman Green. Sergeant Green, a former electrician from Reading, Pa., was so proud of his sons that he too decided to serve his country, again, this time in the Army Reserves.

"Being prior Air Force, it made me very proud for them to join the service," said Sergeant Green who is now serving as a civil affairs specialist with the Delta Company 404th Civil Affairs Airborne Battalion out of Kelly Reserve Center, Fort Dix, N.J.

Serving your nation through military service can make it next to impossible sometimes to get a family together to celebrate anniversaries, birthdays and holidays.

"This is no different for the Green Family as the last time these American patriots have been together was during Christmas 2006.

"This is our first time deploying," said Sergeant and Airman Green who were able to see each other for the better part of a day as Sergeant Green recently deployed with the 1st Brigade 4th Infantry Division on a 13-month deployment.

As Sergeant Green made his way over to his deployed location, he had an opportunity to see Airman Green at the air base he was deployed to on June 21 while awaiting en route training prior to heading into Iraq.

The Green Family shares a deep-rooted history with many

other families across the United States in that several people in their family have served in the military.

Sergeant Green said his father served during World War II and his brother served in the Air Force during the 1970s.



Tech. Sgt. Michael O'Connor

ALL IN THE FAMILY: Air Force Senior Airman David Green and his father Army Reserve Sgt. Mark Green met June 21 at an air base in Southwest Asia. Airman Green is deployed to the 386th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron and Sgt. Green is deployed to the 1st Brigade 4th Infantry Division in Iraq. Airman Green was able to spend time with his father before he headed into Iraq for a 13-month tour of duty.

Chaplains' Corner

Chap. (Col.) Wayne Kirk
Deputy Installation Chaplain
and Mobilization Chaplain

The Apostle James wrote, "Consider it pure joy... whenever you face trials of many kinds" (James 1:2). This seems strange to us, doesn't it? How can trials bring us joy in any way?

Consider the trials we face today: rising gas prices; home foreclosures; a weakened economy; and an increase in unemployment.

For us within the military, we face the trials unique to our calling and profession: deployment; separation from family and loved ones; multiple deployments; the dangers associated with life in a combat zone. In what way can we find joy amid such profound trials?

One of the greatest times of blessing in my life was the time I served in Iraq and Kuwait. This may seem strange to most people for it was hot, dusty, dangerous, and physically taxing.

It was a time of trial for me physically, spiritually, and emotionally when I was depleted of all reliance upon myself and turned to the Lord to find his strength and power. I found that the less I depend-

ed upon my inner resources and the more I relied upon his faithful promises and spirit, I was able to find peace and strength for the challenges of being overseas on deployment.

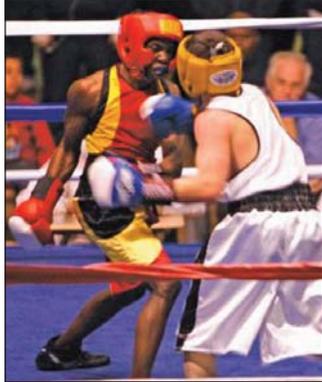
Jesus said to Paul, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness" (II Corinthians 12: 9). This is one of the profound mysteries and truths of the gospel: our strength (in the Lord) comes when we realize our weakness (in ourselves). This prompted Paul to write: "When I am weak, then I am strong" (II Corinthians 12: 10).

What trials are you facing today? What toll is it taking in your marriage; in your body; in your soul? The good news of the scriptures is that our gracious Lord offers us relief through the trials we are facing as we learn to offer our burdens to him.

Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light" (Matthew 11: 28-30).

SPORTS

Boxing returns to Griffith Field House



courtesy photo

READY TO RUMBLE -- Members of the U.S. Marine Corps Boxing team will be at Fort Dix July 18, to take on the Muhammad Ali Boxing Club.

Ed Mingin
Public Affairs Staff

Mention Ali - Frazier to boxing fans, and images of the legendary 70s slug-fests between Muhammad Ali and 'Smokin' Joe Frazier come to mind. Though both fighters have long since retired, Frazier will be at the Griffith Field House July 18 to hand out awards, when members of the Muhammad Ali Boxing Club will compete against members of the Marine Corps Boxing Team.

"We'd like to get as many people out to see it as we can," said Floyd Winter, Griffith Field House director. "There will be food and refreshments available, and some of the best amateur boxers in the country."

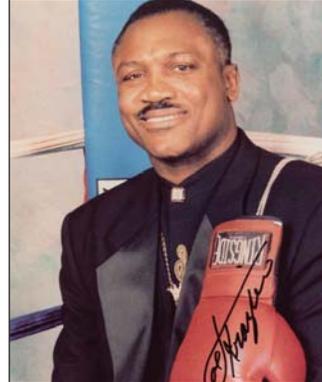
Start time for the event is 6 p.m. Winter said the doors of the Griffith Field House will be open "probably around 4:30, so we can get everyone seated."

There was a time when boxing was popular at Fort Dix, back when the post was a basic-training facility. It's been years since a boxing event has been hosted on post, and Winter is looking forward to its return.

"These are two of the best boxing clubs in the country," he said. "And it's only \$5 to get in. To get a chance to see the elite boxers and Joe Frazier for only \$5, that's really great. It should be a great evening, and a chance for the Fort Dix community to come out and see a legend."

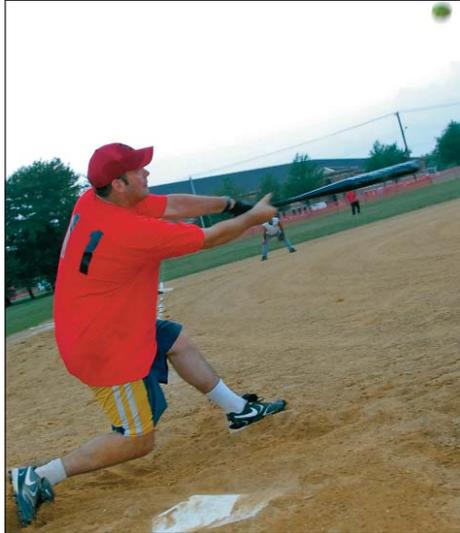
Boxers from both clubs will be competing in the Olympic trials. The July 18 event is an opportunity for the Fort Dix community to get an up-close look at world-class competition, and a chance to meet the former champ.

Winter said about 10 boxing matches are scheduled, with Frazier handing out awards after each bout. Admission price is \$5. For more information, call 562-4888.



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HEAVY HITTER -- Former Heavyweight champion 'Smokin' Joe Frazier will be at the Griffith Field House to hand out awards July 18.



Staff Sgt. Adam Navarro

FCI sets early pace

After winning the preseason softball tournament, FCI is looking to repeat their success during the regular season. Starting off the regular season at 2-0, FCI leads the way early. City Coffee finished the preseason tournament in the runner-up position, and is looking to avenge their loss to FCI in the preseason championship. City Coffee's Joe Skelly, at left, helps his team to victory during their first game of the regular season. They beat Guns -n- Hoses 14-4 to start the season 1-0. Also sitting at 1-0 for the regular season are the Renegades and the Wildcats. The Hawks sit with an even record of 1-1. RTC-East Fun Time, Veritas Aquitas, the Gear Heads, LSB and Guns -n- Hoses are all looking for their first victory, starting the season 0-1. Showtime and NCOA have not played a game yet. Look in next week's Post for results and standings.



Lisa Evans

Thursday Tee

Lois Sicles, of the Thursday Morning Women's League, takes her shot June 26 at Fort Dix's Fountain Green Golf Course.

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