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## NEWSNOTES

### Art Therapy sessions set to draw kids

Art Therapy sessions will be offered for children faced with separation from their parents through Army Community Service Hearts Apart Support Group. Sessions will be offered each Wednesday starting August 20 for six weeks.

Children ages 4 to 8 years of age are invited to attend sessions scheduled from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.; children 9 up to 13 years of age will attend sessions scheduled from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

A professional Art Therapist will conduct these sessions. Children do not have to be artistically inclined to attend. Space is limited.

Please call Amada Espinoza or Patricia Toler at 562-2767 to register your child or children.

### Military Pre-Retirement set for Timmermann

The third Quarter Military Pre-Retirement Orientation (PRO) is scheduled for Tuesday, August 26 through Friday, August 29 in the Timmermann Conference Center, located on 8th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue. The PRO will begin each day at 8 a.m. and end at 4:30 p.m. Registration is required. To register, please call Retirement Services at (609) 562-2666.

### 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 Eighth Street at Pennsylvania Avenue, Fort Dix, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., and all military retirees from all services are invited to attend this information filled morning.

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(Res) Norman Pallotta, 15 East Central Ave, Moorestown, NJ 08057. Payment must be received by Aug. 30.

## WEATHER

**FRIDAY** -- Showers and scattered thunderstorms likely throughout the day and into evening. High near 79 degrees, with an overnight low of 62.

**SATURDAY** -- Mostly sunny with a high near 81, breezy with an overnight low of 63 degrees.

**SUNDAY** -- Sunny and warmer with a high near 90 degrees, some clouds into evening with a low of 64.

**MONDAY** -- Mostly sunny, high near 87 degrees, some clouds in late afternoon with overnight low of 67 degrees.

**TUESDAY** -- Partly sunny with a high of 87, clouds heavier into afternoon with an overnight low of 66 degrees.

**WEDNESDAY** -- Mostly sunny with a high of 84, breezy into evening. Overnight low of 64 degrees.

# Joint Base agreement near

Carolee Nisbet  
Editor

McGuire Air Force Base, Fort Dix and Naval Air Engineering Station Lakehurst are four long days of detailed deliberation closer to a Memorandum of Agreement on Joint Basing.

Representatives of the three bases met with members of the Joint Base Working Group Office of the Secretary of Defense and of the Army, Navy and Air Force in a workshop this week aimed at ironing out any remaining issues in the agreement.

The MOA is the binding document for each Joint Base that describes the organization structure, resourcing, output levels, dispute resolution and other agreements developed between the components. The MOA is scheduled to be signed by the Component Vice Chiefs of Staff in mid-September.

Although the MOA is based on a template uniform to all installations involved, it does provide for individual installation input, the basis for this week's sessions in Building 5507 on Fort Dix.

Col. Balan Ayyar, McGuire Air Force Base commander, took center stage at the opening session of the workshop Aug. 12 to underline the importance of the deliberations.

"There is much at stake here, and we have got to get this right as we move forward," Ayyar told the crowd. "We want you to know, from the three

installation commanders, that this can be done. What we are asking you to do is get to 'yes' during this workshop. We know we will be a learning organization as a joint base," Ayyar continued, "but the example for all other joint bases can be right here."

There are three pillars to the implementation of Base Realignment and Closure Commission 2005. "We have to move Navy and Marine units to the Joint Base, we have to create the Joint Mobilization Site, and we have to establish the first tri-service Joint Base," Ayyar said.

"More than 1,000 Soldiers, Sailors and Marines are coming to the Joint Base, and here's the showstopper. Operational effectiveness must be enhanced."

It can all be done, he added, and we will find that in the end, Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen don't care who is running the gym. "They just want it open at the right time."

Navy Capt. Phillip Beachy, NAES Lakehurst commander, said "We must be faithful to our tenants' missions in this process, and to our own people in ensuring stability for them. There are strengths and weaknesses on each base, and we must leverage the strengths to benefit the Joint Base."

"We are out for the success of the Joint Base," said Col. Ronald Thaxton, Fort Dix Commander. "We are going to be the premiere joint warfighter platform."

"These are going to be tough negotiations, and that's ok," Thaxton added. "That's what we are supposed



Carolee Nisbet

### GETTING TO "YES" -- Col. Mike Polhemus, Joint Basing Director for McGuire Air Force Base, kicks off a Memorandum of Agreement review session at Fort Dix Aug. 13.

to do, as long as the focus is Joint Base. If it's mission, it's not on the table -- support is the point."

Col. Kenny Weldon, DOD joint basing program manager, told the group that time is running out for the completion of the MOA. "The Office of the Secretary of Defense group is not here to make decisions. We are here to facilitate and support installation decisions."

Weldon added that McGuire, Dix and Lakehurst are in Phase 1 of Joint

Basing for a reason. "You have a history of working together that is known throughout the Department of Defense."

With introductions and opening statements completed, the workshop got down to three days of the nitty gritty of Joint Basing, hashing out everything from range brass recycling to chapel functions.

At press time, the work continues, with more news on the workshop to come next week.

## Driver safe, wheels up in smoke

Fort Dix firefighters smother flames that demolished a 1992 BMW the evening of Aug. 4. The driver, headed down Route 68 in front of the Kelly Army Reserve Center, was able to stop the car and escape without injury. The fire was quickly extinguished. An investigation into the destructive blaze did not determine a cause.



Asst. Fort Dix Fire Chief Tom Trembula

# Jobs, Joint Basing, awards top agenda at Dix Town Hall

Carolee Nisbet  
Editor

The Fort Dix Town Hall Meeting played to a full house at Timmermann Center Aug. 8, with Joint Basing and updates from the 90<sup>th</sup> Regional Support Command and Wrightstown topping the agenda.

Col. Ronald Thaxton, installation commander, opened the session with comments on Joint Basing and the ongoing process of determining how it will be implemented.

"We aren't there yet," he told the crowd of Soldiers and civilian employees gathered in the auditorium. "We are going to give you the best information we have, and hopefully you will get something of use and value from it."

Thaxton introduced Wrightstown Mayor Tom Harper, who updated the audience on the Redevelopment Plan now underway in one of the installation's long-time neighbors.

Against a backdrop photo of a modern hotel, shops and more, Harper outlined progress in the 15-year project. "We are finally starting to move faster," he said. "The developer is getting ready to start on a four-star

hotel with 120 rooms, more two- and three-story buildings with shops on the ground floor and extended stay rooms above, a clinic and classroom space."

The area, just outside the Wrightstown Gate, will be Phase 1 of the development project. It will cover 22 of the 44 acres designated for the entire development. The commercial area, long billed as the skid row of the community, was razed last spring after years of negotiations, protests and controversy among the business owners and the community.

Harper noted that the developer is the same as the firm contracted to do housing privatization for Fort Dix and McGuire Air Force Base. "They have a vested interest in making this a great place to live and work," he said, "so we know they will put their best into this project."

"Wrightstown has always been a commercial community serving the bases," Harper added, "and that's a tradition we will see continued with this development."

Harper was followed by William Staub, chief of staff for the 90<sup>th</sup> Regional Support Command, who announced that the opening of the

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Jennifer Chupko

**MOVIE THANKS** -- Fort Dix Commander Col. Ron Thaxton presents a certificate of appreciation to Sgt. Maj. Anthony Young for the support of the 107<sup>th</sup> Garrison Support Command during movie filming on Fort Dix in June.

# Whither Iran? Life-loving Persians or dour Islamists?



Steve Snyder  
Public Affairs Staff

**opinion**  
A day seldom passes when Iran's president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, doesn't threaten the survival of nearby Israel or, according to the U.S. government, fail to send arms and munitions to militias fighting U.S. forces in Iraq.

The Iranian government used to be much friendlier to the United States. But history got in the way.

At the turn of the 20th century it was discovered that Iran was sitting upon an estimated 135 billion barrels of oil reserves, second only to Saudi Arabia's stash. In 1953 Iran's popularly elected prime minister Mohammad Mossadegh decided to cash in on this bonanza by nationalizing his country's oil fields after kicking out the British, leaving their oil company, the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company, holding only sand.

But the British fought back, forming an economic blockade against the uppity Iranians while the U.S. feared that the Soviet bloc just north of Iran might try to convert the country to communism and hamstring oil supplies to the West during the Cold War.

So the newly-formed Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) instigated a coup that dumped Mossadegh while returning oil rights to British and U.S. companies. At the same time, former ruler Mohammad Reza Pahlavi returned as shah to what Iranians call the Peacock throne.

The Shah tried to modernize his country but went much too fast. Dizzy from the pace of change, his subjects bristled. Intolerant of criticism, the Shah unleashed his secret police on all dissenters.

In 1979 conservative clergy led by Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini overthrew the shah's regime and promptly instituted today's Islamic Republic of Iran, what might be the world's first modern constitutional theory or rule by a religious elite.

But how long can strict Islamic rulers impose a sometimes bizarre version of a church-run state on a populace who can trace their roots back 2,500 years to at least three great Persian empires? How long will stonings and public hangings and the slicing off of fingers and limbs be tolerated by an increasingly urbane population? Can mullahs competently run a modern government, the courts and everything else?

It was Persia's first great king, **Cyrus the Great**, who proudly boasted that "I never resolve on (resort to) war to reign."

And he didn't. By simply governing wisely and humanely, Cyrus held on to an empire that included today's Iraq, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Turkey, Jordan, Cyprus, Syria, Lebanon, Israel, Egypt and the Caucasus region.

Iranians today, like Cyrus, are Persians - not Arabs, but do not need another empire, or an imported religion, to guide them. They have their own, proud heritage to live up to.



**GRAND BAZAAR** -- Located in the south part of the city, Tehran's Grand bazaar is a giant marketplace justly famed for its size and diversity of goods. Different corridors peddle different types of goods, including copper, carpets, spices and metals.



**FIRST PERSIAN EMPIRE** -- Goldwork depicting the symbol of the Achaemenids, circa 500 BC, features a winged lion. The Achaemenids ruled over the first Persian empire, the largest seen up to that time, from about 550 BC to 330 BC.



**VESTIGES OF EMPIRE** -- Persepolis was the seat of emperors ruling in the Archaemenid dynasty of Iran, among them Cyrus the Great, Darius I-III, Cambyses I & II, Xerxes I & II and Artaxerxes I-V. Greeks twice thwarted Persian invasions of the West during this period before Alexander the Great invaded the Persian empire in 334 BC, defeating the last Achaemenid, Darius III, at the Battle of Issus a year later.



**VEILED PATRIOTS** -- Women learn how to shoot on the outskirts of Tehran in 1986 during the Iran-Iraq War.



**SACRED CITY** -- Over one million people live in Qom, 97 miles southwest of Tehran. In Shi'a Islam (Iran is populated by 89 percent Shi'a believers, only nine percent Sunni) Qom is considered a holy city because it is the site of a sacred shrine honoring a sister of an important Imam of the faith. The city is the largest center for Shi'a scholarship in the world and is much frequented by pilgrims.



**PERSIAN CARPETS** -- An essential part of Persian art and culture is the Persian carpet. Carpet-weaving dates back to ancient Persia and Persian rugs are famed throughout the world.



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**TURBULENT TIMES** -- Known as Persia until 1935, the Islamic Republic of Iran came into being in 1979 after the ruling monarchy was overthrown and the shah forced into exile. Iran is the 18th largest country in the world, slightly larger than Alaska, and has a population of over 70 million people. Translated, the name Iran means "Land of the Aryans."



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**HEATED RHETORIC** -- Hardline Islam fundamentalist, President Mahmud Ahmadinejad, harangues listeners in front of a giant poster of Ayatollah Khomeini, who overthrew the shah in early 1979 to establish an Islamic Republic. Iranians have had 30 years of an Islamic government, now, and legions of young people name Iran means "Land of the Aryans."

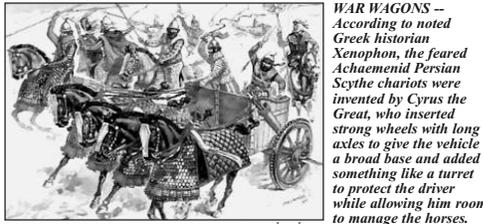


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**CAPITAL GROUND** -- A sprawling city at the foot of the Elburz mountain range, Tehran is the capital and largest city of Iran and one of the area's most modern urban centers. Many industries have headquarters here; including autos, electrical equipment, military weapons, textiles, sugar, cement, chemicals, carpets and furniture. Tehran has an immense network of highways and is the hub of Iran's railroad system as well.

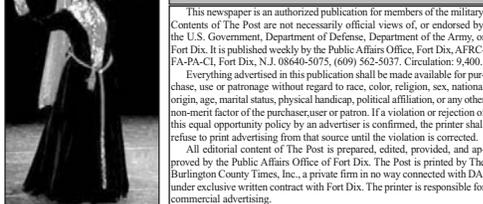


**WAR WAGONS** -- Iranian Soldiers brace for another attack during the eight-year (1980-1988) Iran-Iraq War. Total Iranian casualties in the carnage were estimated to be between 500,000 and one million men with more than 100,000 Iranians victimized by Iraq's chemical weapons (used to blunt Iranian human wave attacks). The war started when Saddam Hussein, seeing Iran in near chaos in 1979 during its Islamic revolution that installed Ayatollah Khomeini as its ruler, decided to grab oil-rich Khuzestan from its neighbor. After several early advances Hussein's forces were finally pushed back into Iraq and after eight years Khomeini, at last, accepted a UN-sponsored truce.



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**WAR WAGONS** -- According to noted Greek historian Xenophon, the feared Achaemenid Persian Scythian chariots were invented by Cyrus the Great, who inserted strong wheels with long axles to give the vehicle a broad base and added something like a turret to protect the driver while allowing his horse to manage the horses.



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**DANCING ALONE** -- Iran has a folklore dance culture, including a colorful array of costumes, that reflects the diverse ethnic makeup of its people. Before the nation adopted an Islamic regime, many efforts to study and record the nation's folklore traditions were made, including ballets and dance troupes. But after the revolution of 1979 women were barred from dancing in public. The National Ballet of Iran was dissolved and premier ballerinas fled to the West or quit dancing.

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**KEEPING IT CLEAN**  
—Stanley Lech, The Logistics Company water support technician, adjusts the flow on the water tanker hose while filling the new water bladder at Fort Dix's Tactical Training Base August 12. Below, Lech checks the level of the new water bladder, installed to support rows of showers for Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines who live and train at the post's Tactical Training Base.



## Water bladder keeps showers running

Ryan Morton  
Public Affairs Staff

Next time you take a shower, consider how much water you are using and multiply it by 2,000. On August 12, the Fort Dix Tactical Training Base locked down its shower water supply for hundreds of military who live and train there.

A replacement 50,000-gallon rubberized fabric bladder, now up and running, is equipped to provide showers for a full house of Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines.

The bladders, just part of the complex water system at the Tactical Training Base, cost \$15,825.

Water is trucked to the site, which has no well, from wells in other areas on post, and gray water is removed the same way.

This bladder is just one of the many necessities required to keep the TTB functional.

The Fort Dix TTB simulates a Forward Operating Base in theater, and looks, feels, and functions the same as any FOB in hot spots like Iraq or Afghanistan.

"It's hotel management 101," said the TTB commander, (or mayor, as the commander there is called), Lt. Col. John McKee.

"We're (Soldiers and employees) out here to manage the life support, safety, and health and welfare of the community," he said.

The facility's creature comforts are manifold. Amenities extend from heating the living tents in the winter, to a 48-hour no-charge laundry service drop-off.

Containerized Kitchens (CKs) that serve short-order cooked foods, a Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) facility with gym equipment, Direct TV, and computers with internet service, and an Army and Air Force Exchange Services (AAFES) trailer.

TTB officials recently installed an Automatic Teller Machine (ATM) for Soldiers to be able to have access to fast cash.

"We try to do everything to help them (military personnel) out and try to make this the best simulated field experience they can have this side of the Atlantic," McKee said.

The TTB also includes other services such as a barber shop, chaplain, and Army Community Services (ACS) counseling. Almost makes it sound just like home.

## POLICE LOG

Police Log is a weekly synopsis of significant police activities developed from reports, complaints, incidents or information received and actions taken, for the week of August 4 through 10.

The abbreviation DoD stands for Department of Defense; NAFD means Not Affiliated with Fort Dix (the subject doesn't live or work here); NCIC stands for National Crime Information Center; DWI means Driving While Intoxicated; CDS means Controlled Drug Substance; POV means Privately Owned Vehicle; MAFB stands for McGuire Air Force Base; USAF EC stands for US Air Force Expeditionary Center; AHCC stands for Ambulatory Health Care Clinic (MAFB); VMHBC stands for Virtua Memorial Hospital of Burlington County; CP# stands for Checkpoint Number.

●Police responded to a report of accidental damage to personal property on Airfield Rd. Investigation revealed a vehicle, operated by an Airman assigned to McGuire AFB, lost a wheel due to mechanical problems. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

●Police, Fire Department, and emergency medical personnel responded to a vehicle fire on Route 68. Investigation revealed a vehicle, operated by a civilian NAFD, was engulfed in flames. The fire was extinguished. The operator declined medical treatment. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

●During a routine credential check of a vehicle attempting to enter the installation via the Wrightstown Gate, police detected a strong odor of alcohol emitting from the vehicle. The operator, a soldier NAFD, failed field sobriety tests and was transported to the police station for processing. The vehicle was towed from the scene and the subject cited and released to his chain of command.

●Police and Fire Department personnel responded to a fire alarm at Bldg. 5257. Investigation revealed contractors working in the building hit a wire which set off the alarm.

●While conducting credential checks on passengers of a NJ Transit bus attempting to enter the installation via the Wrightstown Gate, police discovered one passenger, a civilian NAFD, was an illegal alien. The subject was transported to the police station for processing and was transported to the Burlington County Jail.

●Police responded to a traffic accident near Bldg. 5660. Investigation revealed a vehicle, operated by a sailor assigned to Fort Dix, struck a parked and unattended vehicle. There were no reported injuries and the vehicles were released to the operators at the scene.

●Police responded to a report of larceny of private property near Bldg. 5432. Investigation revealed person(s) unknown had removed two secured bicycles belonging to a soldier assigned to Fort Dix. Investigation continues.

●Police responded to a traffic accident on Texas Avenue at Brody Road. Investigation revealed a tractor/trailer, operated by a civilian NAFD, was making a turn when the rear wheels struck another vehicle. There were no reported injuries and the vehicles were released to the operators at the scene.

●Police and Fire Department personnel responded to a fire alarm at Bldg. 8320. Investigation revealed a valve had been opened by mistake, causing the alarm.

●While on routine patrol, police observed a vehicle behaving in a suspicious manner on Lexington Avenue. A traffic stop was initiated and the operator identified as an Airman assigned to McGuire AFB. Investigation revealed archery equipment in the vehicle. Further investigation revealed the subject was scouting for deer in cantonment archery areas while on his way home from an archery range. The subject was advised he was not authorized to be in the area and released.

●Police and Fire Department personnel responded to a fire alarm at Bldg. 5997. Investigation revealed the alarm had malfunctioned. A work order was placed.

●Police responded to a motor vehicle crash on Tenth Street. Investigation revealed a vehicle, operated by an Airman assigned to McGuire AFB, struck another vehicle from the rear. There were no reported injuries. The subject's vehicle sustained disabling damage and was towed from the scene. The subject was cited for following too closely. The victim's vehicle was released to the operator at the scene.

●Police and Fire Department personnel responded to a fire alarm at Bldg. 5517. Investigation revealed the alarm activated for unknown reasons.

●Police responded to a report of wrongful damage of private property at Bldg. 5631. Investigation revealed a Fort Dix civilian employee damaged a pest control trap set by a contractor. The subject was cited for wrongful destruction of private property and disorderly conduct.

●Police responded to a report of kids skateboarding in the street in the Garden Terrace housing area. The individuals were located and informed Fort Dix regulations prohibit skateboarding in the street and that they must wear helmets while skating.

●Police responded to a report of missing property at Bldg. 5255. Investigation revealed person(s) unknown had taken property from a room occupied by a retired military member. Investigation continues.

●During a routine traffic stop on Fort Dix Road, police discovered the vehicle, operated by a civilian NAFD, was uninsured. Further investigation revealed the operator had a suspended driver's license. The subject was cited and the vehicle towed from the scene.

●Police responded to a traffic accident at the Wrightstown gate. Investigation revealed a vehicle, operated by a retired military member, struck the curb. The subject appeared very disoriented, but refused medical care. The subject was transported to the police station to await his family. The vehicle was released to a licensed driver.

●During a routine traffic stop on Range Road, police discovered the vehicle operator, a civilian NAFD, had an outstanding warrant from the NJ State Police out of Bordentown. Bordentown Township was contacted and issued a new court date.

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

●There were 18 Magistrate Court Citations issued for moving violations. DWI incidents are now at nine for the year.

# Dix Town Hall Meeting

(continued from page 1) command's new headquarters on Pennsylvania Avenue has encountered construction delays that have bumped the opening to Dec. 8.

"The activation ceremony for the 99th will still be Sept. 20," Staub told the crowd. Staub also reported that the new structure will house between 400 and 500 full-time employees, most of them civilian.

Some of those jobs will be filled by current employees of the 99th RSC who will have job transfer rights, he said, but the RSC expects to seek about 150 new employees early in 2009 to round out the staff.

Molly Libby, Plans, Analysis and Integration Director, presented an overview on Joint Basing to show the workforce status of Joint Basing on Fort Dix, McGuire Air Force Base and Naval Air Engineering Station Lakehurst.

The specific Base Realignment and Closure Commission 05 tasks include relocating installation management functions and personnel to create Joint Base McGuire/Dix/Lakehurst, and establishing Joint Mobilization Pre-Deployment Site Dix/McGuire/Lakehurst.

Implied tasks included are to create an Army mission structure to continue supporting RC training, Joint Mob Station and residual Army-unique mission support functions, which will be the U.S. Army Support Activity Fort Dix.

Libby told the crowd that one of the most important pieces of information in the briefing involved Human Resources: Employees from all components will be treated equitably. All employees performing Joint Basing functions will move to the roles of the Lead component at Full Operational Capability, now set for Oct. 1, 2009.

"Downsizing is not the focus of Joint Basing," Libby reiterated.

Libby noted that definitions for Joint Basing have been refined. The lead component for a Joint Base under the BRAC decision is now referred to as the Supporting Component, while the all other military department organizations are now Supported Components. Tenants are now defined as non-DoD organizations; DoD Agencies; DoD Activities and Army and Air National Guard.

The Memorandum of Agreement is being finalized this week in sessions with an Office of the Secretary of Defense Team, and once completed, Fort Dix will be able to finalize the Army Support

Activity Fort Dix manpower structure. This will identify what positions will remain with the USASA/AFD and what positions will transfer to the Joint Base. "We anticipate having the answers to many of your questions by the Town Hall Meeting October 30," Libby said.

Sarah Johnson, director of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation, closed out the briefings with a schedule of events including information on the Rising Star Talent Competition, Bunco, Texas Hold'em and the Soldier Show, all on Fort Dix in August and September. See the Announcement Page of The Post or www.mwr.com for more details.

A variety of award presentations closed out the Town Hall Meeting.

Pamela Sutton Browning was presented with an Army Lean Six Sigma Green Belt Certification by Col. Thaxton, recognizing the completion of a project aimed at improving efficiencies at the Joint Readiness Center.

Members of the team were also presented with certificates for successful completion of the project.

Henry Melon-Lopez, director, Human Resources-Military, was honored for his role as the project sponsor: Bill Howard, Monika Branch, Sgt. First Class Eric Turner, Sgt. First Class Michael Walker, Arthur Johnson, Bonnie Reed and Lakisha Morris received kudos for their work on the project.

A second group of people were honored with Certificates of Appreciation from the Public Affairs Office for their support during the filming of scenes from the movie, "The Messenger," this summer.

Honored were, from the DoD Police: Maj. Nathan Clark, 1st Lt. John Dove, 1st Lt. Richard Sanders, Sgt. Edward Hayes, Sgt. Gregory Rodriguez, and Police Officers Christopher Cole, James Driscoll, Andrew Gray, Kevin Henkel and Robert Hoppel.

From the Directorate of Logistics Food Service and Eberle Services, accepting for all, Keith McRae.

Also recognized were Moses Olivieri, DOL; Gina Accardo, DMWR; Dave Stanwood, DPTMS; Sgt. First Class Frederick Cohen and Master Sgt. Anthony Pamplin from the Chapel; Lt. Col. Andrew Burns, 1079th GSU; Maj. Joe Huber and Sgt. Brodney Ricketts, 72nd Field Artillery; Soldiers of the Mobilization Readiness Battalion, the Regional Training Center-East and the 77th Sustainment Brigade.



Jennifer Chupko

**OUTSIDE THE GATE** -- At the August 8 Town Hall Meeting, Wrightstown Mayor Tom Harper presents certificates of appreciation to Department of Defense Police Officers Walter Gate, Ryan Donnelly, Ronald Alameda and Leonard Valerio for their fast response to a shooting in the parking lot of Kelly's Bar on Rexall Avenue June 21. The DoD Police Officers heard the shots fired from their post at the Wrightstown Gate, notified the New Jersey State Police as several vehicles travelled away from the bar and stopped one the vehicle carrying the alleged shooter. The man was charged with attempted murder, aggravated assault with a firearm and multiple weapons charges. The victim, who was shot twice in the back, was hospitalized and survived. The quartet of Police Officers also received kudos for their response to the incident from the New Jersey State Police.



**FACING THE FUTURE** -- An architectural drawing depicting the Wrightstown revitalization project, phase one, was presented at the Town Hall Meeting Aug. 8 by Wrightstown Mayor Tom Harper. Construction on the hotel, shops and restaurants is set to begin next spring.

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# NEIGHBORHOOD

## THE CORNER



Pascual Flores

### Batman Returns

The Caped Crusader returns this year to the annual Family Fun Fest which will be held Aug. 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Youth Center located in the Garden Terrace Housing Area. This free family event is fun for all ages and features food, information and plenty of amusements.

### ACS offers teen school orientation

Army Community Service (ACS) Relocation Readiness Program is holding the annual Fort Dix Teen Orientation Aug. 27 at the Youth Center from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

All Military teens attending Helen Fort Middle School or the Pemberton Township High School for the first time are invited to attend.

The orientation begins at the Fort Dix Youth Center, 1279 Locust St., and ends with a pizza party at the John F. Mann Recreation Park.

The orientation includes planned activities and lunch followed by a tour of the Helen Fort Middle School and to the Pemberton Township High School.

Registration and parental permission is required in advance. Registration forms are available at ACS and the Youth Center. For more information call Amada Espinoza or Patricia Toler at 562-2767.

### Thrift Shop accepting Fall clothing consignments

The Fort Dix Thrift shop is now accepting Fall clothing consignments. Consignments are accepted Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to noon. Appointments are also available by calling 723-2683.

The Summer Clearance Bag Sale is also underway. For only \$2, shoppers can fill a bag with all the TSP and PO6501 clothing that will fit.

The Thrift shop is open Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the first and third Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and the first Wednesday of the month from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

For more information call 723-2683.

### Job Fair scheduled for Club Dix

Fort Dix Employment Readiness and the Job Fair Company will present a job fair Sept. 17 at Club Dix. The event starts at 10 a.m. and will continue until 2 p.m.

For more information, call Donna Brady at (800) 632-5532, or e-mail dbrady@jobfairco.com.

### Children's Art Therapy sessions offered

The Army Community Service Hearts Apart Support Group is offering art therapy sessions for children. These sessions are recommended for children experiencing any type of anxiety because of deployment, extensive TDY's, relocation or divorce. Six consecutive weekly sessions will be offered every Wednesday starting August 20. Children ages four to eight years of age will attend sessions scheduled from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.; children nine to 13 years of age will attend sessions scheduled from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

A professional art therapist will conduct these sessions. Children do not have to be artistically inclined to attend. The art therapist will use different approaches in a friendly and safe environment so attending children will be able to talk and discuss their feelings and concerns.

Space is limited. Please call Amada Espinoza or Patricia Toler at 562-2767 to register your child or children.

## Volunteer family honored

Lisa Evans  
Public Affairs Staff

The family of Sgt. 1st Class Wendell Kirkland was named Runner Up Family for this year's Association of the United States Army (AUSA) Newell Rubbermaid Volunteer Family of the Year Award.

Once each year, AUSA honors exceptional Army families whose dedicated volunteer service significantly contributes to improving the well-being of Army families and the local community. This is an Army-wide award with families from around the world being nominated by their Army Community Service (ACS) personnel.

"The Kirkland family are outstanding people and superb volunteers," Fran Booth, program manager at ACS, said when she nominated the family.

Kirkland helped his wife at the Fort Dix Elementary School book fair and volunteers with teachers and kids in classrooms.

He said he is able to take time to volunteer in the school because he has a good supervisor.

"I like doing volunteer work," said Kirkland, who is assigned as the Fort Dix Military Entrance Processing Station (MEPS) Medical NCOIC. "I like being able to give back to the community a little bit. I support my wife in her endeavors."

Kirkland helped create a volunteer program at the MEPS that allows volunteers to gain work experience. His program allows volunteers to work as



Lisa Evans

**FAMILY VALUED - Sgt. 1st Class Wendell Kirkland, his wife Teresa and their children, Marcos, 7, Chanika, 11, Wendell, Jr., 10, and Nathaniel, 8, pose at the Fort Dix Army Community Services building after being selected as the runner-up in the 2008 Association of the United States Army Newell Rubbermaid Volunteer Family of the Year competition.**

human resource assistants, or if they have medical experience, allows them to help with eye exams, take blood pressures, and perform hearing tests for in-processing Soldiers. Kirkland created a way to keep track of volunteer hours and give awards to volunteers at the MEPS.

"I believe volunteering is something everybody should do," Kirkland said. "People in today's society worry about 'me.' It is the 'me effect.' More

parents should come to the schools, get an idea of what their kids do, at least once a year."

"The motivation for it all is for our kids," Teresa Kirkland said. "I'm not my brother's keeper is not a true statement. We are responsible for each other. I want my kids to learn to help those that they can. They don't need to help everybody, but those they can."

Mrs. Kirkland was awarded Co-

Volunteer of the Year in April of this year. Mrs. Kirkland volunteers more than 500 hours annually with Army Family Action Plan (AFAP) and was chosen to represent Fort Dix at the United States Military Entrance Processing Command (USMEPCOM) AFAP conference in Chicago.

"She was instrumental in prioritizing top conference issues. Mrs. Kirkland's hard work as an AFAP Volunteer has resulted in numerous improved processes on Fort Dix and installations throughout the country," Booth said.

"Pay it forward," Teresa said. "Give to someone else, and hopefully somewhere, somebody will get help and they will help someone, and so on."

"It's always good to help people," Kirkland said. "We hope all of Fort Dix sees the need for volunteers and more will volunteer."

The Kirkland children have taken this value to heart. Chanika Kirkland, 11, volunteers to visit the sick and elderly at local senior citizen homes and is active in the Fort Dix community. She is a member of her school's Student Council and cares for pets when the owners are on vacation. Wendell, Jr., 10, Nathaniel, 8, and Marcos, 7, work with their parents during events and help bake goods for school fund raisers.

Booth summed up the Kirkland family this way: "The Kirklands are indeed the textbook example of a successful military family that thrives in a military environment where the United States Army chooses to send them."

## Camp offered for military kids

Wayne Cook  
Public Affairs Staff

The scouts of the Patriot's Path Council of the Boy Scouts of America and Operation Noble Cause joined together to invite families of the New Jersey Active-duty military, Active Reserve, and Active National Guard to attend a free, weekend long camp Aug. 22 through Aug. 24 at Camp Winnebago in Rockaway.

The mission of Camp Noble Cause is to provide a no-cost summer camp experience for families of deployed military members.

Activities will include mountain biking, nature walks, crafts, astronomy, archery, marksmanship, rock wall climbing, boating, fishing, swimming, sports, camp fires, and much more.

This weekend of adventure and fun is provided as a service of gratitude for the sacrifices being made by today's service members and their

families. Sponsors and donors have provided everything for the camp from flashlights to water bottles.

The event is scheduled to take place rain or shine and is prepared to host 250 families overnight and an additional 200 guests on Saturday. Children who attend must be old enough to camp in a tent comfortably and be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

Operation Noble Cause is an all volunteer program whose sole purpose is to deliver helping hands and other support services needed by deployed servicemen or women and their families. Operation Noble Cause taps into combined efforts of volunteers who offer their time and talents to work with established military support organizations. Camp Noble Cause is just one of the many projects undertaken by Operation Noble Cause.

Anyone wishing to attend the camp must register by visiting the website, <http://main.pbbsa.org/>.



www.army.mil

**UP THE CREEK - Canoeing is just one of the many fun activities offered at the free week-end camp for military children held from Aug. 22 through Aug. 24 at Camp Winnebago in Rockaway. The camp is sponsored by Patriot's Path Council of the Boy Scouts of America and Operation Noble Cause.**

## Action plan celebrates 25 years

The Army will be celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the creation of the Army Family Action Plan (AFAP) and leadership's ongoing commitment to families embodied in the Army Family Covenant.

The Army Family Covenant states that Soldiers' strength comes from their families. It pledges to provide for and support those families, increase the accessibility and quality of healthcare, improve Soldier and family housing and standardize and fund Family programs and services.

Army Chief of Staff Gen. John A. Wickham signed a ground-breaking "white paper" titled The Army Family on August 15, 1983. It identified the need for the Army to increase support to its families. Gen. Wickham and his staff asserted that a healthy family environment allows Soldiers to concentrate more fully on their mission.

"The dependability of our all-volunteer force rests on the health of the families," said Secretary of the Army Pete Geren. "I can assure you that your Army leadership understands the important contribution each and every one of you makes. We need to make sure we step up and provide the support families need so the Army family stays healthy and ready."

The Army was in transition in 1983 — the Army was moving from an organization composed mostly of draftees and short-term enlistees, to an all-volunteer, professional force consisting of more than 50 percent married personnel.

Wickham set a new vision and course for Army families that carries on to this day.

AFAP was created with an initial planning conference in 1984, The Year of the Army Family. Its mission is to help Army leaders address the needs and concerns of family members.

The program uses family representatives from around the world to identify issues that will improve the standard of living for Soldiers and Families. This feedback to leaders provides for policy changes that become tangible end-products for the Army family. AFAP beneficiaries include Soldiers, retirees, Department of Army civilian employees and their Family members.

Delegates meet and vote on the top five conference issues every year. These issues are briefed at the next general officer steering committee. The process involves voicing of what's working and what isn't, and provides a recommended solution to fix it. Senior Army leadership is alerted to areas of concern that need their attention.

Six hundred thirty three issues have been identified in the past 24 years. AFAP has driven 101 legislative changes, 147 Army policy and regulatory changes and 165 improved programs and services.

"We recognize what it takes to be an Army family, and that our Soldiers draw great strength from their families," said Army Chief of Staff Gen. George W. Casey, Jr. "The welfare of Army families is increasingly important to all of us," he said, adding that the Army was committed to building a partnership with families. That partnership is embodied in the Army Family Covenant.

Child care in the Army exemplifies the success of the AFAP process. There was no funding for child care construction in 1981.

Between 1983 and 2006, 132 child care facilities had been built or renovated, at a total cost of \$325 million.

The Army funded 22 new Child Development Centers in FY07; 92 Child Development Center projects are programmed during FY08-13.



David Moore

**FAMILY STRONG - Soldiers and family members gather at the 2007 signing of the Army's Family Covenant at Timmermann Center to reaffirm the military's commitment to families. The Army Family Covenant is part of the Army Family Action Plan (AFAP). AFAP has been working to keep Army families strong for 25 years.**

One new Youth Center was funded in FY07; 24 Youth Center projects are programmed during FY08-12. Examples of family support programs and services impacted by the AFAP process include: Family Readiness Groups are currently funded, staffed and a unit requirement as a result of policy changes made through the AFAP process.

The Family Advocacy Program created after an AFAP issue identified the need to assist families in crisis, provided training and support to more than 164,000 Soldiers or families in FY06.

Financial Readiness Program managers conducted 110,041 financial readiness courses and provided individual support to 49,681 people.

More than 50,000 spouses have found employment through the Army

Spouse Employment Program. Army Garrisons now provide more than 50 different support programs/activities (on average) ranging from "Army Family Team Building" classes to Youth Services Activities designed to ease the burden on the spouses of deployed Soldiers.

Throughout the coming months and leading up to the Army Family Action Plan national meeting in Alexandria, Va. in January 2009, installations and garrisons around the world will conduct local AFAP meetings to identify key issues to be addressed by Army leadership.

Thanks to the foresight of Gen. Wickham and his staff 25 years ago, the needs of the Army family remain front and center in the hearts and minds of Army leaders around the world today and into the future.

# Safety primary focus for Fort Dix cyclists

Sgt. Nicole Dykstra  
72nd Field Artillery Brigade  
Public Affairs

On a day too nice to be spent indoors, 12 Fort Dix Soldiers took an opportunity to pick up their helmets and gaffer for a mid-morning motorcycle ride to Point Pleasant, New Jersey.

August 6 marked the 72nd Field Artillery Brigade's first brigade safety ride, and Command Sgt. Maj. Louis Tinsley, the brigade's sergeant major, couldn't have been more pleased. Although a prior engagement kept him from

joining the riders, he met with them before they departed to show his support and to stress the importance of the ride.

"The purpose of this ride is to reinforce the Army policy on motorcycle safety as well as build esprit de corps. Take what you learn today and put it out to your Soldiers; think safety and have fun," he said.

In order to participate in the safety ride, motorcycle riders needed to have a valid motorcycle license and personal protective equipment: helmet, gloves, long sleeves, over-the-ankle boots, and reflective belts. In addition to a motorcycle license, riders must have

graduated from a riding course taught by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF).

Riders at the safety ride Wednesday inspected their motorcycles using the MSF "T-CLOCS" before they left to ensure there were no problems that could cause a safety hazard during their trip.

They also went over group procedures for riding in a staggered file and practiced hand and arm signals for riders who might not be familiar with them.

Sgt. Maj. Ray Drinkard, 2-315th Training Support Field Artillery Unit, acted as the road captain for the ride, and

was in charge of checking the riders for safety gear as well as ensuring traffic laws were obeyed, he said.

"These rides are important because they allow riders to learn how to ride in a group. More experienced riders can act as mentors for those with less experience. It helps build camaraderie," Drinkard said.

Another safety ride is tentatively scheduled for the first week of September, Tinsley said, and he's definitely going on that one.

"It breaks the monotony, and you have fun while being safe," Tinsley said. "And that's what it's all about."



Staff Sgt. Adam Navarro/72nd FA BDE PAO

## Bargain hunters benefit at Thrift Shop

Lisa Evans  
Public Affairs Staff

Shoppers crowded the aisles on Aug. 12 at the Thrift Shop, some looking for used military uniforms, others for electronic equipment, still others for any

of the hundreds of affordably priced items from furniture to toys the Thrift Shop stocks.

"If you're looking for something and you're not dedicated to something new, come see us or give us a call," said Jeanne Baker, a Fort Dix Thrift Shop volunteer, as she sorted newly

donated items.

Sgt. Glynn Collins, 1st Training Brigade, Civil Affairs Battalion assigned to Fort Dix said he was a regular shopper at the Thrift Shop, finding items he needed, shopping for some he didn't.

"We really appreciate all our regular customers and consigners and hope that more of the community will recognize our efforts and come check us out," Baker said.

A number of people regularly find bargains at the Thrift Shop. Odenia Moriniere had a shopping cart filled with stuffed animals, toddler toys, infant needs, and a baby walker she was buying. Moriniere, the widow of Air Force Sgt. Gene Moriniere said she shops at the Thrift Shop all the time.

Sgt. 1st Class Lloyd Scott and his wife Claire shop at the Fort Dix Thrift Shop for their two children, a 19-year-old boy and a three-year-old girl, regularly finding all sorts of items for their children and home. Scott said. Scott was on leave from Pocatanny Arsenal in Somers County on this shopping trip.

Baker said their fastest moving item was appliances which were sold almost before they were brought in on consignment. She said the only appliance they have at this time is a clothes dryer and was surprised that it was still there after two days.

If you have furniture or large items to donate or sell on consignment, call the Thrift Shop to see if they have room for them before donating them, but they will always take appliances on consignment or as donations, Baker said. "In the consignment category we provide an outlet for outgoing families to lighten their loads, sell some things they no longer need.

The Thrift Shop is now taking donations or consignments of fall and winter clothing and equipment.

In the last year the Thrift Shop lost some space and had to downsize. With the reduction in size, contributions have been reduced, so they have lost some income, but the shop routinely nets \$10,000 per year.

This money is put back into organizational and scholarships for the children of military or retired military members and spouses.

Baker said the shop will start accepting holiday items beginning the first of October.

During the holidays the shop needs more volunteers because the holidays require changing things around to make room for displays and help with the increase in customers.

Most of the volunteers are members of the Women's Spouses' Club. They will be looking for new members soon and are planning an event late in Sept. or early in Oct. to sign up new members.

"We can always hand somebody a dust cloth. Look around, there is a lot to dust," Baker said, smiling as she indicated the shoppers and the wide choice of items.

Thrift Shop hours are: Tuesday and Thursday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The first and third Saturdays: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The first Wednesday 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Consignments are accepted on Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to noon.

If you need different time, please call ahead for appointment at 609-723-2683.



Lisa Evans

**THRIFTY SHOPPING** -- Odenia Moriniere fills her basket with items for children at the Fort Dix Thrift Shop Tuesday morning.

## Microsoft offered at discount price

Jennifer Chupko  
Public Affairs Staff

All military and civilian personnel are eligible for a licensed copy of Microsoft Home Use Program (HUP).

The HUP is a benefit of Software Assurance (SA), one of Microsoft's volume licensing programs.

Microsoft SA is a Microsoft maintenance program aimed at business users who use Microsoft Windows, Microsoft Office and other server and desktop applications.

The Microsoft HUP normally sells for hundreds of dollars, but this program, available through Army Knowledge Online (AKO), is \$21.95 including the shipping cost.

An AKO account is required. The Army Microsoft HUP memorandum was signed by the CIO/G6 Lt. Gen.

Boutelle in January 2007.

The memorandum reads "the Microsoft HUP is eligible to all Army personnel. This includes Active duty, Reserve, Guard, and civilians currently employed by the Army."

The advantage of offering programs such as Microsoft HUP, gives Soldiers and civilian personnel more expertise at both work and home.

## Acronym helps riders stay safe

**EASY RIDER** -- Sgt. 1st Class Johnny Carnley, 3-315th Engineer Battalion, prepares to roll out on the 72nd Field Artillery Brigade's first safety ride August 6.

The Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) uses the acronym "T-CLOCS" for its pre-ride inspection checklist.

The 'T' in T-CLOCS stands for tires and wheels, and includes checks on overall condition, air pressure, assessments of spokes and rims, and serviceability of chakiss. The 'C' stands for controls. Riders need to check all levers and pedals, cables, hoses and the throttle. They should be looking at the general condition of these parts, and keeping an eye out for any cracks, leaks, bulges or deterioration.

The 'L' is for lights: headlamps, tail lamps, and turn signals. Riders should also check the wiring of these lamps for any fraying in the insulation as well as general serviceability.

'O' stands for oil, but encompasses all fluids in the motorcycle. Engine oil should be checked while warm.

Motorcycle riders also need to check levels of hypoid gear oil, hydraulic fluid and coolant and be on the look out for leaks.

The second 'C' in T-CLOCS stands for chassis. Riders should assess the condition of the frame, suspension, chain or belt, and fasteners. Things to look for include cracks at accessory mounts, proper tension on the belts, and stripped or missing bolts.

Finally, the 'S' is for stands. Riders need to make sure the stand is not cracked or bent. It needs to springs back into place when retracted, and that there is sufficient tension to hold it in place while riding.



# MILITARY MATTERS

## Program provides modified uniforms

Devon Hylander  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON Aug. 4, 2008 — The Army recently began a new program that offers uniform modifications at no cost to wounded Soldiers — through the Army & Air Force Exchange Service.

The Wounded Warrior Clothing Support Program officially began in May 2008 at Walter Reed Army Medical Center for Soldiers who have been injured in combat.

Wounded Soldiers can have their uniforms uniquely modified according to their injuries. This program not only makes the lives of injured Soldiers easier, officials said, but serves to restore a sense of pride and dignity they rightfully deserve when wearing their uniform.

"This program is great because it takes care of our Soldiers," said Maj. Gen. Vincent Boles, assistant deputy chief of staff, Army G-4. "The team of individuals responsible for bringing this program to life saw a need and made it happen. Now our wounded warriors can wear their uniforms with pride, dignity and comfort."

Walter Reed and Brooke Army Medical Centers were chosen to be the first facilities to implement this program because they care for a large percentage of Soldiers injured in combat, officials said.

Soldiers who receive treatment at other medical facilities can take advantage of the program through their local AAFES stores.

One of the more common modifications includes adding

zippers to the seams of trousers and coat sleeves, giving a Soldier access to a prosthetic.

Other modifications might include elastic blousing or Velcro closures on the bottom of trouser legs. Various modifications can be made to shirt sleeves and the knee area of trousers. Additional fabric can also be added inside the uniform where injuries are sensitive or prosthetics cause more wear and tear. Modifications can be made to any Army uniform.

The process of getting a uniform modified is similar to filling a medical prescription, officials said. A Soldier will work with his or her occupational or physical therapist, who will write a prescription for the changes. This prescription is written on a Personal Clothing Request, DA Form

3078. It will specify the measurements and describe what types of modifications need to be made.

The Soldier will then take this prescription and his or her uniform to an AAFES designated location to turn in the items. The modifications will be made and the uniform returned within three to five days.

Through the program, Soldiers also have the opportunity to get commercial footwear designed specifically for prosthetics. The heel of a standard Army boot is too high for use with a prosthetic and causes amputees to lean forward. The custom boots this program provides minimize that effect, allowing Soldiers to wear the full uniform as it is intended to be worn. Customized athletic shoes are also available.

Just like customizing their uniform, Soldiers need a prescription to obtain special footwear, and they also need their commander's signature on the prescription. The boots and athletic shoes can be purchased by the medical facility or the local commander.

Several groups played a role



Army G4

**CLOTHES CALL** - Maj. Gen. Vincent Boles attended the kickoff for the Wounded Warrior Clothing Support Program at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Aug. 4.

in bringing this program to fruition, including the Army G-4, the Clothing and Services Office, AAFES, the Walter Reed Warrior Transition Brigade and the Walter Reed Garrison Clothing Issue Point. The Marine Corps' ideas and

lessons learned from their Wounded Warrior support experience, as well as the selfless service of the non-profit organization "Sew Much Comfort" also played a role in the program's development for the Army.

## Graduation is a blast



Wayne Cook

**Graduates of the Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Environmental Class 10-08 pose for a class photo as they celebrate the conclusion of the course August 5. From the left - Staff Sgt. Tracy Cullen, Pvt. 1st Class Brandie Young, WO2 Rock Clark, Pvt. 1st Class Latasha Bohannon, Sgt. William Goudy, and Spc. Wanda Hines.**

## July recruiting goals met

John J. Kruzel  
American Forces Press  
Service

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11, 2008 - All 10 military components met or exceeded their recruiting goals in July, with the Marine Corps leading the active-duty components and the Air National Guard on top of other reserve components.

In terms of recruiting percentages, the Marine Corps bested all active-duty components, attaining 117 percent of its goal.

Meanwhile, the Army and Air Force made 101 percent, and the Navy added 100 per-

cent of its target number, according to information provided today by Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman.

Data published on the Defense Department Web site

**The Army sought 10,000 new soldiers and added 10,141.**

shows that the Marine Corps goal was 4,094, but the service recruited 4,783.

The Army sought 10,000 new soldiers and added 10,141. The Air Force wanted at least 2,541 more airmen and got 2,555, while the Navy recruited exactly 4,200 sailors.

All six reserve components either met or exceeded their

accession goals for July also, Whitman added.

The breakdown of those components is as follows:

- Army National Guard: 101 percent — 5,467 accessions, 5,436 goal.

- Army Reserve: 102 percent — 2,971 accessions, 2,906 goal.

- Navy Reserve: 100 percent — 551 accessions and goal.

- Marine Corps Reserve: 100 percent — 819 accessions and goal.

- Air National Guard: 129 percent — 936 accessions, 725 goal.

- Air Force Reserve: 100 percent — 695 accessions and goal.

## Army to open prep school for prospective Soldiers

U.S. Army Release

The U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command will open the Army Preparatory School Aug. 4 at Fort Jackson, S.C., to give qualifying young men and women an opportunity to earn their General Educational Development (GED) credentials before they begin Basic Combat Training (BCT).

The four-week pilot course will be open only to recruits without a high school diploma, who have scored in the top 50 percentile on the military aptitude test and meet or exceed all other physical and character standards for becoming high-performing Soldiers.

The ultimate goal of the program is for qualifying students to earn a full-fledged high school diploma.

"This program is meant to give young Americans an opportunity," said Gen. William S. Wallace, Training and Doctrine Command's commanding general.

"It reflects the fact that a sizeable number of very capable young Americans leave high school because of circumstances beyond their control, such as going to work to support their families. If they meet all the other qualifications, then they deserve an opportunity to earn their GED and serve in the Army. The Army Prep School provides that

opportunity."

The prep school also will help the future Soldiers prepare for the rigors of Basic Combat Training (BCT) by immersing them in physical fitness training, discipline, and life skills.

"My concern is that the health and fitness of America's youth is rapidly becoming a national security issue," said Wallace.

"If we hold ourselves to a very high standard - which we should - to physical fitness, morals, values and intellect, then it's my judgment that the Army, and perhaps all branches of the military, need to be proactive in seeing that those standards are maintained. It's our obligation to the nation to help qualify young people for the military and serve the nation."

The Army will evaluate the prep school throughout its first

year and, if results are favorable, consider expanding the program at Fort Jackson or open facilities at the Army's other basic training installations.

Fort Benning, Ga., Fort Sill, Okla., and Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. TRADOC is currently working with the South Carolina Department of Education to enable the granting of school diplomas sometime next year.

"Today only 28 percent of the 17- to 24-year-old population qualifies to wear a military uniform. The other 72 percent fail to

meet minimum standards on education, character, or health," said Wallace.

"We will not lower our training standards, so we're faced with helping raise the health and education standards of our young people who want to serve."

Once fully operational, the school is expected to yield nearly 3,000 graduates who have earned a GED and been introduced to Army life.

They will move directly to basic combat training, followed by advanced individual training.

For more information call U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command Public Affairs, Maj. Mike Kenfield at (757) 788-3506



# Announcements

## Cinema Schedule

754-5139  
**McGuire Air Force Base**

**Friday, August 15 @ 7:30 p.m.**

**Get Smart** - Steve Carell, Anne Hathaway, Dwayne Johnson, Alan Arkin, Terence Stamp, Ken Davitian - When the headquarters of U.S. spy agency Control is attacked and the identities of its agents compromised, the Chief (Alan Arkin) has no choice but to promote his ever-eager analyst Maxwell Smart (Steve Carell), who has always dreamt of working in the field alongside stalwart superstar Agent 23 (Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson). Smart is partnered instead with the only other agent whose identity has not been compromised: The lovely-but-lethal veteran Agent 99 (Anne Hathaway). As Smart and 99 get closer to unraveling KAOS' master plan—and each other—they discover that key KAOS operative Siegfried (Terence Stamp) and his sidekick Shtarker (Kenneth Davitian) are scheming to cash in with their network of terror. Given little field experience and even less time, Smart—armed with nothing but a few spy-tech gadgeted enthusiasm—must defeat KAOS if he is to save the day.

**MPAA Rating: PG-13 - some rude humor, action violence and language**

Run time: 110 minutes

**Saturday Matinee, August 16 @ 3 p.m.**

**Wall-E** - Ben Burtt, Elissa Knight, Jeff Garlin, Fred Willard, MacIntalk - After hundreds of lonely years of doing what he was built for, WALL-E (short for Waste Allocation Load Lifter Earth-Class) discovers a new purpose in life (besides collecting machine-knocks) when he meets a sleek search robot named EVE. EVE comes to realize that WALL-E has inadvertently stumbled upon the key to the planet's future, and races back to space to report her findings to the humans (who have been eagerly awaiting word that it is safe to return home). Meanwhile, WALL-E chases EVE across the galaxy and sets into motion one of the most exciting and imaginative comedy adventures ever brought to the big screen. Joining WALL-E on his fantastic journey across a universe of never-before-imagined visions of the future, is a hilarious cast of characters including a pet cockroach, and a heroic team of malfunctioning misfit robots.

**MPAA Rating: G**

Runtime: 98 minutes

**Saturday, August 16 @ 7:30 p.m.**

**Hancock** - Will Smith, Charlize Theron, Jason Bateman, Eddie Marsan, Johnny Galecki - There are heroes... there are superheroes... and then there's Hancock (Will Smith). With great power comes great responsibility - everyone knows that - everyone, that is, but Hancock. Ego, conflicted, sarcastic, and misunderstood, Hancock's well-intentioned heroics might get the job done and save countless lives, but always seem to leave jaw-dropping damage in their wake. The public has finally had enough - as grateful as they are to have their local hero, the good citizens of Los Angeles are wondering what they ever did to deserve this guy. Hancock isn't the kind of man who cares what other people think - until the day that he saves the life of PR executive Ray Embrey (Jason Bateman), and the sardonic superhero begins to realize that he may have a vulnerable side after all. Facing that will be Hancock's greatest challenge yet - and a task that may prove impossible as Ray's wife, Mary (Charlize Theron), insists that he's a lost cause.

**MPAA Rating: PG-13 - some intense sequences of sci-fi action and violence, and language**

Runtime: 100 Minutes

## Future Features...

**Hellboy II: The Golden Army**  
Friday, August 22 @ 7:30 p.m.  
PG-13, 120 minutes

**Journey to the Center of the Earth**  
Saturday, August 23 @ 7:30 p.m.  
PG, 93 minutes

## Chapel Services

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### Sunday Services

Protestant.....9 to 10 a.m.  
Catholic Mass.....10:15 to 11:15 a.m.  
Gospel.....11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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

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

NCO Academy Protestant Field Service -  
Bldg. 5417, Texas Avenue  
8:30 a.m.

August 17/September 7, 14

**Camp Victory - Chaplain's tent**  
**Hour of Power**  
Protestant.....8 to 9 a.m.  
Catholic.....8 to 9 a.m.

Mormon.....8 to 9 a.m.  
Jewish.....8 to 9 a.m.

**Combined Protestant/Gospel Service will be held on Sunday, September 14 at Willow Pond Park, corner of 8th Street and Texas Avenue at 10 a.m. Following the combined service a picnic will be held. All are invited and welcome to attend.**

## Religious Services

### Islamic Prayer room

Open 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday - Room 24

**Christian Women of the Chapel - Bible Study** - 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.

## FMWR presents

CLUB DIX - 723-3272

### Club Dix Hours of Operation

Java Cafe - Monday-Friday 7 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Comp. Lab - Monday & Tuesday 7 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday - Friday 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

**\*Ballroom Dancing** is coming to Griffith Field House. Every Thursday starting September 4 learn basic routines for the waltz, swing/jitterbug, foxrot, and an introduction to Latin Dance. Partners not required. Call 562-4888 for details.

**\*Wine and Jazz Festival - Thursday, August 21 at 5 p.m.** - Featuring renowned saxophonist Gerald Albright. Jazz performance is free of charge. Taste wines from local wineries and chermes from around the world. \$15 fee includes a commemorative wine glass. Seating is limited. Tickets available at Club Dix and FMWR Headquarters, Bldg. 6043, Doughboy Loop.

**\*Operation Rising Star - September 12, 19 and 26, 7 to 10 p.m.** - The Army version of American Idol. Win the ultimate recording music experience. Open to Active Duty, National Guard or Reserve from any branch of the services and Family members at least 18 years of age. Registration deadline is September 12. All auditions are open to the post community. Call Bob at 562-6772 for more details.

**\*Texas Hold'em Tournament at Club Dix - September 19** - Pre-registration is \$19, at the door is \$24. Call 723-3272 or 723-3273 for details.

**\*Latin Arts Festival at Doughboy Field - September 27, 1 to 6 p.m.** - Featuring congoist George Diaz and performing artists Frankie Negron & Oro Solido. Admission free.

**\*BUNCO at Club Dix - October 10 at 6 p.m.** - \$7 to play. Games begin at 7 p.m. Call 723-3272 or 723-3273 for details.

**\*Soldier Show at Timmerman Theatre - October 12, two performances - noon and 6 p.m.** Admission free.

**\*Sesame Street Experience - USO Sesame Street Live at Timmerman Theatre - October 18** - Time to be determined. Admission free.

## ARTS & CRAFTS

Bldg. 6039  
562-5691

**\*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 III: August 19 to 22

**\*Krafty Birthdays - Arts and Crafts offers Krafty Birthday Parties.**

include up to two hours of party room use, one craft project with instruction and all materials, with many exciting projects to choose from. When making party reservations, please make sure to stop by in order to select the craft and make payment.

**\*Framing Qualification Classes** - 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 may be paid for at the frame shop at the end of class. Held Wednesday, August 20, 6 to 8:30 p.m. Pre-registration fee of \$10 is required prior to class. Materials not included.

**\*Contemporary Ceramics & Mosaic Studio** - the Contemporary Ceramics Studio offers a large selection of Bisque pieces to choose from to decorate and paint. All finished pieces are food, microwave, oven, freezer and dishwasher safe. We have lots of idea books, traceable designs, tools, and an experienced staff to help you create a finished piece you will love. Mosaics are a great way to express yourself with colorful glass. From mirrors to wall plaques, we have many items to make as gifts or add pizzazz to your home decor. Just come in, pick out your piece, and we will help you with the rest. There is no time limit on completing your project, so you can relax and enjoy our friendly, creative atmosphere for as long as you like.

**\*Sony Picture Station** - Do it yourself instant, high quality prints are easy to create and affordable too. Sizes are available from wallets to 8" x 10". Personalize your prints with wording, borders, picture collages, scrapbook pages, cards, calendars, and more. Just slip in the card from your digital camera, or a photo CD, and you're ready to print. Scan some old photos and burn them onto a CD, or just copy onto a CD from your memory card. This machine does it all.

## AQUATIC CENTER

Indoor Pool

562-2808

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. Noon to 4 p.m. Closed Labor Day weekend.

The indoor pool will be closed for maintenance September 2 to 9.

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.

**\*Annual Family Funfest - Wednesday, August 20 at 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** at the Fort Dix Youth Center. Door prizes, FREE food, fun, entertainment and more.

## BOWLING CENTER

Bldg. 6054  
562-6895

**\*Monday Night Madness** lives on at the Bowling Center. 5 to 10 p.m. \$2 Bowling, \$1 Shoe Rental

## OUTDOOR RECREATION

Bldg. 6045  
562-2727/6667

## John Mann Park Summer Hours

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

For more information call 562-6667

## GRIFFITH FIELD HOUSE

Bldg. 6053  
562-4888

**\*2008 American National Rugby League Championship Final - Saturday, August 23** - Prepare for a full day of matches featuring the AMNRL All-Star Squad versus the Auckland Metropolitan Police Team from New Zealand. The post match celebration includes a large party with live entertainment. For more information contact Bob Vogt at 562-6772.

**\*East Coast Wrestling** is coming to the Griffith Field House September 11 at 6 p.m. Admission is \$5.

## FOUNTAIN GREEN GOLF

COURSE  
Bldg. 3152  
562-5443

**\*2008 Military Long Drive Championship - August 16** - Win a \$300 Pro-shop gift certificate and a chance to compete in the Re/Maz World Long Drive Championship. Contact the Fountain Green Pro-shop at 562-5443 or visit www.armymwr.com for more information.

**ROD & GUN CLUB at Range 14**  
Bldg. 9060, Range Road  
562-4676

**Hours of Operation:**  
Wednesday 1 to 8 p.m.  
Friday 1 to 8 p.m.  
Saturday/Sunday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**\*Upcoming Hunter Education Course Dates - Sunday, August 24**

**ACS**  
562-2767  
Bldg. 5201 Maryland Avenue

Saturday, August 16

EFMP Summer Games

11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

John Mann Park

Wednesday, August 20

Spouse/Troops to Teachers Seminar

9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Bldg. 5201, ACS

Family Fun Fest

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Youth Center

Banking/Credit Union Services

1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Bldg. 5201, ACS

## Youth Center

562-5061

Bldg. 1279 Locust Street

Hours of Operation:

Monday - Friday from 10 to 7 p.m.

Saturday from 1 to 7 p.m.

Sunday CLOSED

Administrative Hours:

Tuesday - Friday from noon-6 p.m.

## Weekly Schedule

Friday, August 15

Open Rec.

Hip Hop Aerobics

5 to 6 p.m.

Spades Tournament

7 to 9 p.m.

Saturday, August 16

Open Rec.

Spades Tournament

7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Monday, August 18

MS Summer Camp

Tuesday, August 19

Open Rec.

Boys in Tech

2 to 4 p.m.

Manicure and Skin Care for Teens

3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 20

Open Rec.

PRE-TEEN & TEEN Orientation

Thursday, August 21

Open Rec.

Ready, Set, Bake

4:30 - 6 p.m.

# Sailors prepare to ship out of Dix



**TRAINING TIME-** Members of Navy Alpha Co. 07, sailed through training at the Military Operations in Urban Terrain (MOUT) training area at Balad training range, Aug. 7. Petty Officer 1st Class Juan Barragan, left, gives direction to his fellow Sailors. Petty Officer 2nd Class Marona Genato, below left, shakes the hand of a local villager, played by a Civilian on the Battlefield, or COB. Petty Officer 2nd Class Mark Brown and Petty Officer 3rd Class Robert Westbrook bottom left, from left, move out with their fellow Sailors during training. Below right, Petty Officer 3rd Class William Hill and Petty Officer 2nd Class David Ashmore navigate unfavorable conditions created by smoke grenades, but stay on guard, as they survey the area.

photos by Ryan Morton



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# Sports Shorts

**Griffith Field House**  
Saturday & Sunday  
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Monday - Friday  
6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

**Fort Dix Olympics**

The Fort Dix Olympics started August 11 and will continue until August 23. Four events are already in the books, but a lot of action still lies ahead.

A three-on-three basketball competition will be held August 16 at noon.

Volleyball will take the spotlight August 17.

August 19 will see Kayaking, Archery and Canoeing at Willow Pond.

The final competition is a 50 meter swim August 23. Competition is open to all

members of Team Dix, and it's not too late to get in on the action. Anyone wishing to compete can call (609) 562-4888 or (609) 562-6667 for more information.

**Bowling League**

The Tuesday Nite Keglers (Mixed-HCP) league is forming for the 2008/2009 winter season. Sign up at the Fort Dix Bowling Center. Teams and individual bowlers are needed.

League will begin 6:30 p.m., September 9.

Call Willie Williams at (609) 893-8430 for more information.

**Flag Football**

Flag football season begins in October and interested par-

ties can sign up at the Griffith Field House.

Call Chris O'Donnell at (609) 562-4888 for more information.

**Combat Fitness Training Challenge**

Maximize the benefits of standard physical fitness training at the Griffith Field House. The Combat Fitness Training Challenge, every Monday and Wednesday from 6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. is an intense military-style group workout given by certified Griffith Field House personal trainers and Army master fitness trainers.

The class includes running, military-style calisthenics and drill exercises, cardio kickboxing and more. Call (609) 562-4888 for more.



Sgt. Nicole Dykstra: 72nd FA BDE PAO

## Too close to call

Paul Willits, left, and Eric Easter tangle during heated action between City Coffee and the Hawks. The Hawks prevailed in the end, but still trail City Coffee in league standings. FCI leads the way with a perfect 9-0 record, followed by City Coffee at 8-2. The Hawks are tied for third place with the Renegades, each with a record of 7-3.

FORT DIX  
INTRAMURAL  
**FLAG FOOTBALL**

2008 Season begins in October!  
**Sign Up TODAY!**

\*Open to ALL Team Dix employees, dependents and contractors.

For more information contact the Griffith Field House (Bldg. 6053) PH: (609) 562-3961/4888 or Sports Programmer Chris O'Donnell at christopher.odonnell1@uc.army.mil

**Combat Fitness Training Challenge!**

NEW DAYS!  
**At the Griffith Field House (Bldg. 6053)**

*Maximize the benefits of your standard PFT training. Every Monday & Wednesday morning at 6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m., challenge yourself and your unit to partake in this intense military-style organized group workout given by the GFH Fitness Staff-Certified Personal Trainers & Army Master Fitness Trainers.*

The class will include the following:

- ☆ Running
- ☆ Military-Style Calisthenic & Drill Exercises
- ☆ Cardio Kickboxing Combinations
- ☆ Core Training Exercises
- ☆ Stretching

For More info, please call the GFH at 609-562-4888; or the Fitness Staff at 609-562-2707. Please check the aerobic/fitness schedule for other various fitness classes and times.  
**(This class is reserved for Military ONLY)**

# SPORTS

## Dix athletes go for gold



photos by Ed Mingin

**THRILL OF VICTORY** -- Phil Wiles, above, celebrates as he crosses the finish in the Fort Dix Olympics 5K. Sandra Armstrong, top right photo, won the female division. Johnne El Lineah, Dey, below, lifts 455 pounds to win the bench-press competition. Though he competed in the master's class, he went head-to-head with the under-35 competitors and took the overall victory.



Athletes from the community started competition in the Fort Dix Olympics August 11.

Jonathan C. Porto took top honors in the shot put, with a throw of 44 feet 7 inches. LeVar Curry took the silver medal, with an effort of 39' 5". The bronze medal went to Gary Gaaney, with 32' 3".

Curry won another medal, this time a bronze, in the long jump. Michael Sanders won the gold in the long jump, with a leap of 21 feet. Next came Daunte Saloy, who jumped 18' 2" to win silver. Curry's jump of 17' 5" gave him third place and a bronze medal.

Kathryn Hadaway was the lone female competitor in both events, and snagged the gold medal for each.

Runners met at the Griffith Field House August 13, to compete in the 5K run.

Phil Wiles beat all runners, crossing the finish line in 21 minutes 57 seconds for the gold. Walt Jackson took the sil-

ver medal, running the race in 22:11. The bronze medal was earned by David Webb, who finished in 23:30.

In the female division, Sandra Armstrong was the top competitor, completing the event with a time of 27:05. Isabel Mackey grabbed the silver medal, finishing in 27:18. Milagros Vega took the bronze with a time of 28:29.

Johnne El Lineah, Dey won the bench-press competition, lifting 455 pounds. Second place went to Nick D'Alessandro. Luis Gonzalez took the bronze medal.

In the under-35 class, Ronshawn Dunston won by pressing 445 pounds. LeVar Curry took second place. Gary Gaaney won bronze.

In the female competition, Lisa Youngsang won gold, and Tiffany Mohammed took second place.

The Fort Dix Olympics continue through August 23. Look in next week's Post for more.



## Olympian has local roots



courtesy photo

**GOLDEN** -- Matt Emmons, above, won Olympic Gold in the 2004 Olympics. His father, Louis Emmons, works at the Fort Dix Range.

Jennifer Chupko  
Public Affairs Staff

Louis Emmons, range maintenance supervisor at Fort Dix Range Control, father of U.S. Olympic sharpshooter Matt Emmons, declares himself a very proud parent. The father of the 23-year-old Matt said he has always supported his son and his golden shooting capabilities.

According to Emmons, Matt started shooting at a very young age. At about six or seven years old, the Olympic competitor learned how to shoot a rifle by hunting with his father. When Matt grew older and was ready to go to college, the sharpshooter with amazing accuracy qualified for a scholarship at the University of Alaska. He accepted the scholarship and moved to not only further his education but hone his shooting skills.

The four-time collegiate national champion sharpshooter became a member of the University of Alaska-Fairbanks team. Matt used the triumphant skills he learned as a child to conquer any obstacles. Emmons believes that his son's demeanor has kept him grounded.

"Matt is a free thinker. We are very proud of him," said Emmons. "My wife and I saw him grow into a smart young

man. He holds himself together very well."

At the 2004 Athens Olympic Games, after qualifying for the 10-shot final, Matt was one shot away from finishing in first place and the gold medal. Instead, he hit the wrong target and recorded a zero by Olympic rules.

That one shot cost Matt the gold medal and put him in eighth place, but he won anyway by meeting his now wife, Katerina Kurkova, an Athens silver medalist in air rifle who was observing Matt's competition.

"We were very proud of him -- he took responsibility," Emmons said. "My wife and I taught Matt that at the end of the day he will still be all right with a gold medal or not. He was all right after missing that shot."

Emmons and his wife do not plan on going to Beijing to watch their son's Olympic quest. Emmons, instead, plans on staying at Fort Dix during his son's competition.

He says his son knows what to do and how to do it.

"If there is one important thing that we have taught Matt, it is that if you are going to do it, do it right," Emmons said. "Taking the right route usually is not the easiest."

## Former Army shooter takes his place in Hall of Fame

Carol L. Bowers  
American Forces Press  
Service

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8, 2008 -- Retired Army Lt. Col. Lones W. Wigger Jr., 70, a three-time Olympic military marksman, starts a new job

with the beginning of the 2008 Olympic Games in Munich. He won a combined two gold medals and one silver medal. Six Army marksmen are representing the United States in this summer's competitions in Beijing.

Wigger, whose career spanned 25 years, competed at the 1964 Olympic Games in Tokyo, the 1968 Olympic Games in Mexico and the 1972

Olympic Games in Munich. He won a combined two gold medals and one silver medal. Six Army marksmen are representing the United States in this summer's competitions in Beijing.

"It was great to make the Olympic team," Wigger recalled in recent telephone

interview. "You don't think you'll ever be good enough, and then you're able to go to the Olympics and actually win, and that's the epitome of everything you ever thought about or dreamed about. The Army gave me that opportunity. I would never have realized anywhere near what I accomplished without that."

Wigger grew up on a farm in Montana where, at age 10, his father taught him to shoot.

"We had a local smallbore rifle league, a target shooting league, and that's how I learned, from the men on the team and the other shooters in the league," he said. "I set a goal for myself way back then that I wanted to go as far as I could."

After graduating from college, he joined the Army because the service "was the only one that provided the opportunity to train and be supported to the level you needed to be able to compete at the world level."

Eight months after he graduated from college, Wigger went to officer training and was assigned to the Army Marksmanship Unit, at Fort Benning, Ga.

Still, after being in the Army for two years, the Olympic dream continued to elude Wigger.

"I had goals and dreams to someday get good enough that I could make the Olympic team, but I was in the Army for two years and never progressed that far."

Although he participated in the Pan Am Games in 1963 and won a silver medal in the smallbore rifle prone match, Wigger said, "I thought that was the only medal I'd ever win."

Discouraged, he left the Army and headed back to Montana, anticipating working

toward a master's degree and a different career.

He continued shooting, however, and victories at the National Rifle and Pistol Championships at Camp Perry, Ohio, rejuvenated him.

When he arrived home from the championships, a letter from the Army awaited him.

"They needed people then, and they said that if I signed on the dotted line, because I'd only been gone six months, I could come back in the Army," Wigger recalled.

"So I called and asked, 'Where would you send me?' and they said, 'Where do you want to go?'" The answer: Fort Benning and back to the marksmanship unit.

"I went back in one day after President Kennedy was

assassinated," Wigger said. "I went through Dallas and was enshrined in the U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame."

With the addition of the Class of 2008, 213 athletes (including seven U.S. teams), coaches, and 13 special contributors to the U.S. Olympic Movement have been enshrined in the U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame.

"That's really awesome," Wigger said.

"I didn't think there was any chance I would be selected." After all, Wigger noted, "I never gained any notoriety for winning a gold medal. Usually people say, 'I didn't know we had shooting in the Olympics.'"

As he prepared to narrate video footage from Beijing, Wigger said that all six Army shooters are capable of winning medals in the 2008 competition.

"It's just a matter of performing at the top level on the particular day that they're competing. Getting everything together, focusing on what they're doing and performing on that particular day," Wigger said. "Some may, and some probably won't. It's not a 'gamme,' you've got to earn it."



### WHO ARE YOU PLAYING FOR?

**PATRIOT GOLF DAY**  
AUG. 29 - SEPT. 1, 2008

Patriot Golf Day is a way to give back to those who have given everything. Beginning August 29th through September 1st, golfers nationwide will be asked to donate a minimum of \$1 to raise funds to benefit the Folds of Honor Foundation, which provides educational scholarships to families of those who have become disabled or lost their lives in the line of duty.

Learn more and find a participating golf course at [PatriotGolfDay.com](http://PatriotGolfDay.com)





"We're playing for our dad, Captain Chris Cash."  
—Patriot Golf Day participant

"We're playing for our friends, neighbors and people we don't even know."  
—Chris Anderson, Mike and Peter El Avolio

"We're playing for my husband, Major Troy Gilbert."  
—Cristen Gilbert

"Patriot Golf Day lets you play for them all."  
—Captain Chris Cash, Fort Dix Range Control

**"Usually people say, 'I didn't know we had shooting in the Olympics.'"**  
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