

# the Post

Vol. 83, No. 41

Published for the Fort Dix Community since 1942

October 17, 2008

**NEWSNOTES**

**Town Hall Meeting offers Joint Basing update**

There will be a Town Hall Meeting Oct. 30, in the Timmermann Conference Center's Auditorium, Building 5441, located on 8th Street, at 2:30 p.m. The agenda includes updates on the impact of Joint Basing and DFMWR updates.

The meeting is the place of duty for Soldiers and civilians commensurate with mission requirements.

All of the Fort Dix Directors will be present to answer your specific questions. If you have identified any concerns since the last meeting, please forward them to the Plans, Analysis and Integration Office, attention: Andre Mixon.

For additional information contact Andre Mixon at [andre.mixon@us.army.mil](mailto:andre.mixon@us.army.mil).

**Military Pay seeks Finance Soldiers**

The Fort Dix Defense Military Pay Office, DMPO, has open positions for active duty, title 10, Soldiers who are MOS qualified in Finance. Soldiers must hold the MOS 44C for enlisted or 36A for officers. If interested, please contact the office at 609-562-4879.

The Fort Dix DMPO office hours of operation are: Monday through Wednesday, and Friday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Thursdays 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

## Fort Dix honors local hero

### Pemberton Gate named for Soldier, state trooper killed in Sadr City explosion

Carolee Nisbet  
Editor

New Jersey State Police and Soldiers at Fort Dix share a common bond of service, so it came as no surprise Oct. 10 when they stood shoulder to shoulder to honor a hero who served in both uniforms by naming the post's Pemberton Gate in his honor.

Maj. Dwayne M. Kelley, who also served as a Detective Sergeant with the state police, was the Team Chief for the 432nd Civil Affairs Battalion when he was killed June 24, 2008, in an explosion in Sadr City, Iraq.

Col. Ronald Thaxton, Fort Dix commander, welcomed Kelley's family members and honored guests, and defined Kelley as a great trooper, a great patriot and a great Soldier. "It is fitting that we continue the Army tradition of dedicating facilities to fallen comrades by naming this gate in his honor," he said.

His words were echoed by Col. Rick Fuentes, superintendent of the states police and Honorary Commander at Fort Dix.

"Major Kelley's dual roles as trooper and Soldier allowed him to combine the knowledge and experience from both positions to more effectively protect and serve our citizens

across this country," he said. "Of course, those very same roles also put him in harm's way twice as often as most people."

Fuentes said Kelley was honored with the state police's highest award, the Distinguished Service Medal, in recognition of his exemplary and heroic service. The award has been issued only 38 times in the 87-year history of the N.J. State Police, he said.

"As we give unflinching support to our troops at home and abroad, remember Dwayne always as a great trooper, a great soldier and a great patriot," Fuentes said.

Kelley's wife Manita joined Thaxton and Fuentes in unveiling a display at the checkpoint containing a photo of Maj. Kelley and the Bronze Star Medal and citation awarded him.

She spoke briefly of her husband, and thanked all those who have comforted her family. "I know my husband is smiling down upon us," she said. "I feel that this ceremony is a well-deserved one for Dwayne M. Kelley... And we know, most definitely, that God has a wonderful Soldier up there working with him. I thank you so very much for this ceremony and so many others that our family will cherish daily to our hearts."

The ceremony closed with the singing of the Army Song, followed by a procession of guests to view the bronze plaque with Maj. Kelley's like-



Ed Minging

**HONORED - Col. Ronald R. Thaxton, Fort Dix commander, and Manita Kelley look at the plaque of Kelley's late husband, Maj. Dwayne M. Kelley, that hangs at the Pemberton gate. The gate was dedicated to Kelley's Oct. 10. The Soldier was killed in Iraq, June 24.**

ness displays on a granite monument in front of the gate.

Kelley was born May 25, 1960 to Vera Kelley and the late Sylvester Kelley in Brooklyn, New York. The family soon moved to Willingboro.

He graduated from John F. Kennedy High School and held a bachelor's degree in psychology from Rutgers University.

Kelley entered the Army in February 1978 and served for three years as a light wheel vehicle mechanic until February 1981. He graduated in May

1985 from the Reserve Officer Training Corps program, earning his commission as a U.S. Army Reserve Second Lieutenant in the Ordnance Branch. After changing his military occupational specialty to military police in 1999, he served as Headquarters Company Commander for the 2nd Battalion, 309th Regiment, 5th Brigade, and 78th Division (Training Support) at Fort Dix from April 1999 until April 2001.

He was mobilized as a military (continued on page 4)



Jennifer Chupko

**SONGS OF AMERICA-- The cast and crew of the 2008 Soldier Show wowed the crowd at Timmermann Center Oct. 13. The annual event featured Soldiers belting out classic songs from the Andrew Sisters, left, as well as contemporary and patriotic tunes.**

## Soldier Show rocks crowd with slice of life during deployment

Jennifer Chupko  
Public Affairs Staff

It was a packed house at Timmermann Center Oct. 13, as the annual U.S. Army's Soldier Show marched into the Fort Dix community bringing live entertainment. Soldiers wowed the crowd with high-energy singing and dancing accompanied by high-tech sound and lighting.

The U.S. Army Soldier Show, in its 25th anniversary year, remains a high-energy 90-minute live musical review showcasing the cast and crew of Soldiers from nine states, and Korea. Soldiers are selected by audition from throughout the Army.

The show, themed "Entertainment for the Soldiers, by the Soldiers" included gospel, pop, R & B and rock performances, accompanied by spectacular stage lighting and high-energy dancing.

"It's the greatest show you'll ever see and I haven't missed it the past ten years in a row," said Bob Vogt,

chief of the Community Recreation Division of the Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation Directorate. "It makes me want to re-enlist every year." The entertainment was equal to that of a Broadway show, he added.

With a mix of old songs and new ones, the musical medley covered every genre of the music spectrum and incorporated classics from the Temptations, the Andrew Sisters and Duke Ellington.

"I like the rap, that is what I came to the show to do," said one of the performers, Sgt. Kevin Lynum. "It became so much more, though, and ventured out — it's good, I like it."

The show is a traveling event that spans the U.S. with some shows also landing in Europe. Dedicated musical military fans travel from several states away to watch the live entertainment.

"A lot of people follow us on the road," said the Operations Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge (NCOIC) Sgt. 1st Class Johnny Stewart. "People have seen the show for

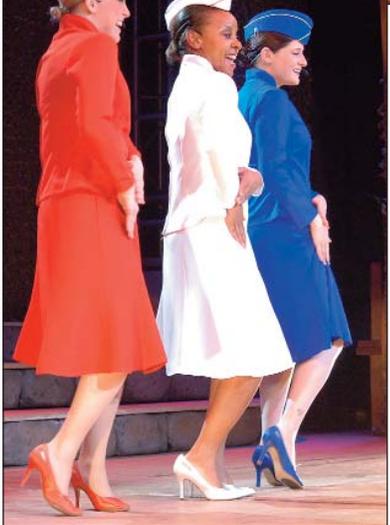
consecutive years — retirees, parents, officers and we like to see that."

One of the biggest accomplishments the show achieves every year is to give the community a night off from life's real problems, according to Pfc. Stacey Long. "The Army is a diverse world within itself and we here as Soldiers can put smiles on the people's faces," said Long. "It boosts the morale of the community and it's for the families of Soldiers who are deployed, so they can have a time to enjoy themselves."

"It is amazing the amount of work these Soldiers do," said Vogt. "They show up in the morning and the set goes up, they do the show and tear it down that night to go to their next location."

The Soldier's rank from private first class to first lieutenant, and include a military policewoman, armored vehicle gunner, licensed practical nurse, food service specialist, microwave systems operator and mental health specialist.

(continued on page 4)



Jennifer Chupko

region

# Small towns offer homespun charm, laid-back ethos

story & photos by  
Steve Snyder  
Public Affairs Staff

A web article in *Yahoo Travel* whetted interest recently when it listed "America's 10 Coolest Small Towns."

And how did *Yahoo* define "cool?"

"These towns all have fewer than 10,000 people - but they can rival larger cities when it comes to good food, culture, and quality of life," enthused the summary lead to the piece.

Indeed, I recognized several towns on the lists, having passed through them on some occasion or another.

Port Jervis, N.Y., way up north where New Jersey meets the Empire State (see map), was number uno on the listing and I wondered why. I don't recall any earth-shaking revelation received when I passed through the area. Fire didn't fall from any Olympian heights and I didn't meet the Buddha bellying up at any redneck bar.

Well, it seems that the town has become a haven - surprise, surprise - for artists and shopkeepers priced out of New York City (93 miles away).

I'm tired of city types who, weary of living like ants in some urban disaster area, automatically anoint the first place they flee to as a veritable Valhalla. It usually isn't because their judgement is skewed.

I did agree with the second pick on the cool cities list, Manitou Springs, Colo.

I remember the giant red boulders there, glistening in the twilight when I made the mail run from nearby Fort Carson in Colorado Springs (only six miles distant) in the mid-1970s. Apparently a wide range of people live there now, from buttoned-up business types to new-age hippies.

For its natural setting alone, Manitou Springs probably belongs on any such list.

Sixth on the list and another place I remembered was Catskill, N.Y. Another good pick as most everywhere in the Catskill mountain range is notable for its natural beauty and the intelligent design of the towns in the area.

Towns in Burlington County and the Delaware River region fare pretty well when you look at quality of life and the natural beauty of their settings.

I like Brown Mills, Medford Lakes, and New Egypt for the ways they're laid out and for all the services their merchants provide. I found Lambertville and Frenchtown, conversely, to be badly overpriced and woefully overrated on just about everything.

But opinions come cheap. Check it out for yourself.



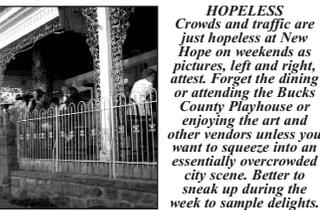
**BUSTLING BROWNS MILLS** - A view across Mirror Lake onto Lakehurst Road in Browns Mills, gateway to the Pine Barrens and just south of Fort Dix, where shopping centers, pizza parlors, and bars nourish just over 11,000 residents.



**COUNTRY ROADS** - One of the nicer things about visiting small towns in the area is that you have to travel over roads blossoming with nature's lineage to autumn.



**MEDFORD AND MEDFORD LAKES** - Boats grace one of 22 lakes (and over 150 log cabins) in Medford Lakes, a separate borough of slightly over 4,000 people contained within Medford Township since 1939. Medford Township is no slouch either, overlapping on Route 70, its historic Victorian Village has been cited as one of New Jersey's premium towns by none other than *National Geographic* magazine. For recreation, shopping, dining, etc., the fussiest traveler need look no further.



**HOPELESS** - Crowds and traffic are just hopeless at New Hope on weekends as pictures, left and right, attest. Forget the dining or attending the Bucks County Playhouse or enjoying the art and other vendors unless you want to squeeze into an essentially overcrowded city scene. Better to sneak up during the week to sample delights.



**ANTIQUES GALORE** - Lambertville and Frenchtown, above, on the Delaware River contained many picturesque shops selling mostly antiques. The Bridge Restaurant overlooking the Delaware at Frenchtown disappointed, offering routine fare at expensive prices. Caveat emptor!



**NEW EGYPT** - Just northeast of Cookstown and Fort Dix, New Egypt offers a nice slice of country living to approximately 2,500 souls who call the town home. Oakford Lake, above left, adds scenic splendor to the middle of the town while the new Bagel Deli Cafe, right above, attracts Ocean County yuppies to its mirrored premises. Our man bought a coffee there recently and reported that while the brew had grounds in it and cream was nowhere to be found, the coffee was still - delicious.



**ANTIQUE GALORE** - Lambertville and Frenchtown, above, on the Delaware River contained many picturesque shops selling mostly antiques. The Bridge Restaurant overlooking the Delaware at Frenchtown disappointed, offering routine fare at expensive prices. Caveat emptor!



**ANTIQUE GALORE** - Lambertville and Frenchtown, above, on the Delaware River contained many picturesque shops selling mostly antiques. The Bridge Restaurant overlooking the Delaware at Frenchtown disappointed, offering routine fare at expensive prices. Caveat emptor!

## Chatsworth Cranberry Festival



<http://www.kitchtopproject.com/history/cranberries/index.htm>



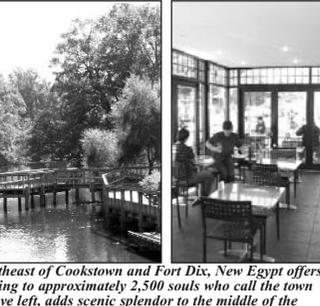
[http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Image:Cranberry\\_harvest.jpg](http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Image:Cranberry_harvest.jpg)

**CRANBERRIES IN THE CAPITOL OF THE PINES** - The historic village of Chatsworth (on Route 532 just south of Route 72 in the Pines further south of Browns Mills) expects to greet over 80,000 visitors to its 25th annual Cranberry Festival Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 18 and 19, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days, rain or shine. Over 200 artists and crafters will present their works in field surrounding the White Horse Inn, their wares including handmade jewelry, candles, country furniture, and dried flower arrangements. Antique Row will also play host to a variety of antique dealers, offering choice cranberry labels and scoops, primitive furniture, cranberry glass, and marcasite jewelry. Renowned Jersey artists Joyce Gagen and Sandy Sandy and others will exhibit their latest works and Jersey Bound ([www.jersey-bound.net](http://www.jersey-bound.net)) offers up a wide array of delicious cuisine from around the world. And festival goers can cram themselves full of cranberries in the forms of cranberry jams, jellies, baked goods and cranberry ice cream. The Chatsworth Fire Company will have sunrise breakfasts available for hearty appetites, who might also be interested in 27 varieties of home-made fudge available on the premises, or kettle popped corn. The Valenzano Winery, Shamong's contribution to gourmet wines, promises samples of their vintage 2007 harvest which will be available for purchase and on Sunday only, over 170 classic autos will be displayed in a car show with panache. Admission to the festival is free with parking on surrounding fields generally running around \$5. The legendary Pines beckon for an unforgettable culinary adventure. Be there!

compiled by Steve Snyder



**DOWN BY THE RIVERSIDE** - A bicyclist works up a sweat on a bike path following the New Jersey side of the Delaware River at Washington's Crossing.



**NEW EGYPT** - Just northeast of Cookstown and Fort Dix, New Egypt offers a nice slice of country living to approximately 2,500 souls who call the town home. Oakford Lake, above left, adds scenic splendor to the middle of the town while the new Bagel Deli Cafe, right above, attracts Ocean County yuppies to its mirrored premises. Our man bought a coffee there recently and reported that while the brew had grounds in it and cream was nowhere to be found, the coffee was still - delicious.



**ANTIQUE GALORE** - Lambertville and Frenchtown, above, on the Delaware River contained many picturesque shops selling mostly antiques. The Bridge Restaurant overlooking the Delaware at Frenchtown disappointed, offering routine fare at expensive prices. Caveat emptor!

## the Post

This newspaper is an authorized publication for members of the military. Contents of The Post are not necessarily official views of, or endorsed by, the U.S. Government, Department of Defense, Department of the Army, or Fort Dix. It is published weekly by the Public Affairs Office, Fort Dix, AFRC-FA-PA-CI, Fort Dix, N.J. 08640-5075, (609) 562-5037. Circulation: 9,400. Everything advertised in this publication shall be made available for purchase, use or patronage without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital status, physical handicap, political affiliation, or any other non-merit factor of the purchaser, user or patron. If a violation or rejection of this equal opportunity policy by an advertiser is confirmed, the printer shall refuse to print advertising from that source until the violation is corrected. All editorial content of The Post is prepared, edited, provided, and approved by the Public Affairs Office of Fort Dix. The Post is printed by The Burlington County Times, Inc., a private firm in no way connected with DA, under exclusive written contract with Fort Dix. The printer is responsible for commercial advertising.

The appearance in this publication, including inserts or supplements, does not constitute endorsement by the Department of the Army, or the Burlington County Times, Inc., of the products or services advertised. Queries on news content will be answered by the Fort Dix Public Affairs Office. For advertising call (609) 571-8087.

Visit Fort Dix on the Internet at <http://www.dix.army.mil>

Post Commander ..... Col. Ronald R. Thaxton

Public Affairs Officer/Editor ..... Caroloe Nisbet  
PAO Automation/Admin ..... Neveley Wakefield  
PAO Media Relations ..... Pascual J. Flores  
PAO OpEd/Features ..... Steve Snyder  
PAO Community Relations ..... Gerry Zanzalari  
PAO Writer/Editor ..... Jennifer McCarthy  
PAO Writer/Editor ..... Lisa Evans

Fort Dix Public Affairs Office Contract Workers  
Jennifer Chupko, Wayne Cook, Ed Mingin, Ryan Morton

Reg. correspondents  
1st Sgt. David Moore, Staff Sgt. Shawn Morris  
both from 50th Infantry Brigade Combat Team (IBCT)

WE GUARANTEE DELIVERY of your Fort Dix Post  
The delivery of your Fort Dix Post newspaper is handled by the Burlington County Times. If for some reason you are not satisfied with the service of your newspaper, please call us direct, 571-8006.

# Test records brain fitness

Ryan Morton  
Public Affairs Staff

Fort Dix has joined the ranks of other mobilizing installations throughout the country by implementing a measure of neurological testing for mobilizing Soldiers called Automated Neuropsychological Assessment Metrics (ANAM).

This testing has been conducted at various installations throughout the country since spring and is now being utilized at Dix.

In fact, ANAM is required for all mobilizing service members within 12 months of a deployment.

The rationale behind this evaluation is to give medical personnel a baseline to evaluate a Soldier if he or she experienced a Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) or mild Traumatic Brain Injury (mTBI), in the past and the potential effects. In layman's terms, a concussion.

With the Global War on Terrorism in full swing, concus-

sions are a very common injury as many Soldiers are exposed to blasts, vehicle accidents, or other events which may result in their sustaining head injuries or traumas.

Soldiers take the ANAM tests upon their arrival at Dix to begin their pre-mobilization training. It is conducted through a computer where the Soldiers answer a multitude of questions that takes approximately 20 to 30 minutes. The questioning is to determine response, memory, and reaction time.

"This testing helps us because it gives us that baseline to draw from in regards to their cognitive functioning and reaction time, should anything happen to them in theater, and helps to determine the level of treatment they'll need," said Lt. Col. Judith Criner, ANAM process officer-in-charge.

A concussion may result in many short and long-term consequences for an individual, such as slower reaction times, irritability, memory impairments, and sleep difficulties.

These factors may result in



Ryan Morton

**THIS IS ONLY A TEST - A Soldier takes the Automated Neuropsychological Assessment Metrics (ANAM) test, Oct. 9. ANAM establishes a baseline reading of response, memory and reaction time.**

poor work performance. When Soldiers are training to go to war or other hazardous duty, these factors can negatively affect mission readiness and effectiveness as well as their

own safety.

If scores on the ANAM test fall below certain minimums, the Soldier is referred to a doctor for further check-up and evaluation.

# Service web-survey available

Tiffany L. Colby  
Customer Service Officer

The window for the inaugural Customer Assessment Survey officially opens Oct. 20 and runs through Nov. 7.

During this time, everyone who lives, works or does business on Fort Dix is asked to take the survey and provide ratings for all of the garrison's services.

Customers should be prepared to spend 20 to 30 minutes

online in order to answer all the questions. The survey can be found at the website, <http://www.myarmyvoice.org/> Community 2308.

Customers will first answer basic, demographic questions, no personal information, which will steer them to the set of questions about services relevant to them. Each question has two parts - the first asks for a one to five rating on the importance of a service, the second asks for a performance rating from one to five.

Customers will only be required to provide comments for those services they give ratings of one (very poor) or two (poor).

"The Customer Service Assessment is a great tool for garrison commanders to use to help evaluate where to put their resources. If used in conjunction with the other feedback mechanisms, ICE and Community FIRST, he has valuable customer data at his fingertips to determine which programs are important to the Soldiers, Family Members, retirees and civilians who use the services on the installation," said Lori Dean, the Installation Management Command North East Region Customer Services coordinator.

"Customer Management Services has had proven results at the demonstration sites, and we expect to see the same types of success at all 37 of the installations we have added this

summer."

The data will be collected in two main categories - corporate and constituent.

The corporate survey includes input from all of the unit and directorate leadership on Fort Dix, down to the company commander and first sergeant level.

Soldiers not in leadership roles, family members, retirees, veterans and civilian employees will provide input into the constituent category. All feedback will be sorted by demographic category and returned to the CMS representative for analysis.

The Customer Assessment will provide us the capability to learn precisely what our Soldiers and Family members think of all of the services and exactly what the commanders say about services that help them and their units accomplish their mission. The directorates providing the services can use the feedback to help make adjustments and improvements to programs that are important to the customers.

For information on the customer assessment, call Customer Management Services at (609) 562-2261 or e-mail [dixcms@conus.army.mil](mailto:dixcms@conus.army.mil).

# 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 Oct. 6 through 12. The abbreviation D&D 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.

● During a routine credential check of a vehicle attempting to enter the installation via CP 9, police discovered the operator, a civilian NAFD, had a suspended driver's license and an outstanding warrant out of Haddonfield Township. The subject was transported to the police station for processing, cited, and transferred to the custody of the Burlington County jail.

● Police responded to a motor vehicle crash on Pennsylvania Avenue. Investigation revealed a vehicle, operated by a civilian NAFD, failed to obey a stop sign and struck another vehicle. Both vehicles sustained disabling damage and were towed from the scene. Further investigation revealed the subject's vehicle had expired registration. The subject was cited. The victim's vehicle was also found to be unregistered and the victim was also cited. A family member of the subject, an Airman assigned to McGuire AFB, who arrived to pick up the subject, was discovered to be driving with a suspended license and was also cited.

● Police responded to a report of criminal trespassing at Tac 7. Investigation revealed household goods had been illegally dumped in the area. An inspection of papers in the trash revealed the subject to be a civilian NAFD. The subject was contacted, admitted to the offense, and responded to clean-up and remove the materials. The subject was cited.

● While on routine patrol, police observed two vehicles parked off the roadway in an unlit area on Range Road. Investigation revealed the vehicles, both operated by civilians NAFD, were in the area to race each other. The subjects were cited for creating a traffic hazard and escorted off Fort Dix property.

● During a routine traffic stop on Doughboy Loop, police discovered the vehicle, operated by a Coast Guard member assigned to Fort Dix, had expired registration. The subject was cited and the vehicle was towed from the scene.

● Police responded to an incident in Tac 4. Investigation revealed six juveniles, all civilians NAFD, were riding bicycles in the Tac area. The subjects were not aware it was federal property. They were escorted off post without incident.

● Police responded to a report of theft of government property at Bldg. 5992. Investigation revealed person(s) unknown had taken unsecured property from a unit supply room. Investigation continues.

● Police responded to a motor vehicle crash at the Shopette Gas Station. Investigation revealed a vehicle, operated by a civilian NAFD, struck another vehicle from the rear. There were no reported injuries.

● Police responded to a traffic accident on Range Road. Investigation revealed a vehicle, operated by a civilian NAFD, struck a government vehicle while backing into a parking space. There were no reported injuries and the vehicles were released to the operators at the scene.

● Police responded to a traffic accident on Texas Avenue. Investigation revealed a vehicle, operated by a soldier NAFD, struck another vehicle. There were no reported injuries and the vehicles were released to the operators at the scene.

● Police responded to a report of wrongful appropriation of NAF property at Bldg. 5905. Investigation revealed missing Rec Center property had been found in a personal bag of a Soldier NAFD. The subject was transported to the police station for processing and released to his chain of command.

● There was one expired identification card confiscated during the period.

● There were 32 Magistrate Court Citations issued for moving violations. DWI incidents remain at nine for the year.



# Recruiting goals met

The Army announced Oct. 10 it exceeded its Fiscal Year 2008 goal by recruiting more than 169,500 men and women in all Army components.

The Active Army recruited 80,517 against a mission of 80,000. The Army Reserve recruited 26,945 against a mission of 26,500, and the Army National Guard recruited 62,397 against a mission of 60,600.

Contributing to the success of the Army's recruiting efforts this year were bold and innovative programs such as "Active First." Active First is an Army National Guard initiated program to increase its number of prior service Soldiers, while simultaneously contributing to active duty accessions. The program targets new recruits who would like to serve on active duty for a period of time and then transfer to the Army National Guard for completion of their contract. The Army National Guard recruited 1,604 Soldiers who accessed into the Active Component.

Sustaining the high quality and professional All-Volunteer Force is driven not only by recruiting, but also by retention and attrition.

While fighting the war on terror, the Army surpassed its combined Army-wide retention goals each year since 2002.

# Plum Tree

# Andrews Credit Union

# Blaine

# Bible



# NEIGHBORHOOD

## THE CORNER

### Issues sought for AFAP Conference

The Army Family Action Plan Conference will be held Oct. 23 at Timmermann Center. Members of the Fort Dix community, Soldiers, employees, family members, residents and retirees are invited to let Army leadership know what works, what doesn't and what can be done to fix it. Please submit your comments to Fran Booth at [frances.booth@us.army.mil](mailto:frances.booth@us.army.mil).

### 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 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.

### 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 Zanzari at 562-4034 for more information.

### 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.

### 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 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. On Thursday nights, there is a meeting at the Main Chapel from 7 p.m. to 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.

## WEATHER

**FRIDAY** -- Mostly sunny with a high near 61. Partly cloudy overnight with a low around 43 degrees.

**SATURDAY** -- Partly sunny with a daytime high of 57. Partly cloudy overnight with a low near 40.

**SUNDAY** -- Sunny with a high near 63. Clear overnight with a low around 46 degrees.

**MONDAY** -- Mostly sunny with a high near 66 degrees. Clouds roll in overnight with a low around 48.

**TUESDAY** -- Clear, cool and sunny with a high near 59 degrees. Clear overnight with a low around 40.

**WEDNESDAY** -- Sunny with a high around 56 degrees and an overnight low of 40.

**THURSDAY** -- Partly cloudy with a high of 57 degrees and a low of 40.

## Federal campaign begins

Ryan Morton  
Public Affairs Staff

Dozens of Soldiers, Airmen, dignitaries, and civilians from the Fort Dix and McGuire Air Force Base came to kick-off the 2008 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) at McGuire's Club, Oct. 10. The CFC is an annual charity pledge drive where federal and military employees give money to their choice of more than 2,000 charities.

"Last year we raised \$890,000 and this year our goal is to reach \$900,000," said South Jersey CFC manager, Bruce Conway. Contributors can donate to organizations such as the United Way, the Animal Adoption Center, the March of Dimes, and various AIDS and cancer charities to name a few.

Representatives at the kick-off included the Fort Dix installation commander, Col. Ronald Thaxton and McGuire's vice commander of the 305th Air Mobility Wing, Col. Scott Smith. Each gave short speeches and signed their pledge contribution cards.

The event also had a guest speaker,

Don Pendley, president, New Jersey Hospice and Palliative Care Organization, who spoke about his organization and myths some people have about hospice care and what it means.

"Hospice may not add days to your life, but adds life to your remaining days," said Pendley. "Hospice is not euthanasia, it's not mercy killing, and it's not assisted suicide," he said.

With 90 percent of veterans unaware that hospice care is available to them, Pendley stressed that hospice care is widely available to the 674,000 veterans expected to die in the U.S. this year.

More than 1,800 veterans are dying each day. This number represents a quarter of all deaths in the U.S.

The N.J. Hospice and Palliative Care Organization is just one of more than 2,000 organizations that can be designated to receive CFC donations.

Military and federal employees who would like to give to the CFC should see his or her designated CFC office representatives, or call Rod Martell, Fort Dix CFC campaign representative, at 562-2186.



Ryan Morton

**LEADERS IN GIVING** -- Col. Ronald Thaxton, Fort Dix installation commander, and Col. Scott Smith, McGuire Air Force Base 305th Air Mobility Wing, vice commander, sign the proclamation for the official kickoff of the "Combined Federal Campaign" (CFC) charity drive Oct. 10. The goal of CFC is to raise \$900,000 this year.

## Spouses Club changes name

Lisa Evans  
Public Affairs Staff

The Fort Dix Spouses Club is becoming the Friends of Fort Dix. The name change was announced Oct. 3 during the club's annual membership drive. Membership has always been open to the entire Fort Dix community, but now everyone will know.

Jeanne Baker, a long-time member, said, "The club is alive and invites everyone in the military, civilian, and retirement community that is Fort Dix to check us out."

During the evening members and guests enjoyed food, drink, mini-massages and twelve home-business vendors during the 2008-2009 membership drive at Club Dix.

Bonnie Reed, the club president, gave a brief introduction to the club telling members and potential members what the club means to the community.

The club has sponsored scholarships for students as well as giving community grants to organizations on Fort Dix.

Reed said they concentrate on filling in areas that other organizations can't fill. One example is Christmas toys for children organizations; the club goes beyond and gives Christ-



Lisa Evans

**NEW FRIENDS** -- Members of the Friends of Fort Dix help new members Bonnie Titsworth, wife of Maj. Andy Titsworth, and Jennifer Sanders, wife of CW4 Tim Sanders, fill out forms at the membership drive at Club Dix Oct. 3. Foreground, Jeanne Baker picks out ceramic magnets for the new members while Patricia Keffer answers questions and Susan Crawford watches the magnets. Laura Cooper, a member stands in the background.

mas presents to the adults of needy families. Fundraisers also include social teas and other gatherings but the main money maker for the club is the Fort Dix Thrift Shop. Baker said the Thrift Shop has had a slow year but was still able to raise \$11,000 for charity and

scholarships this past year.

Reed told attendees that the money the club generates makes it possible to help everyone who asks for help during the year.

"We give approximately \$13,000 to \$20,000 per year to organizations on Fort Dix. We may not be able to give everyone everything they ask for, but we do give them at least something," Reed said.

The membership event Oct. 3 gave potential and current members updates on upcoming events and what the club plans for the coming year. The next scheduled event is a luncheon Nov. 18, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., location undecided, with speakers informing members of holiday stress and budgeting tips.

The popular Holiday Tour of Homes this year is to be held Dec. 13, beginning at 2 p.m.

"If you or someone you know decorates your Fort Dix home inside and out to the nines for Christmas, Hanukkah or Kwanza, consider volunteering to be a part of the tour, as a guest, or with your home," Baker said.

If you would like to join Friends of Fort Dix or learn more about the club contact Susan Crawford at [SRCrawford@comcast.net](mailto:SRCrawford@comcast.net).

You may also visit the Thrift Shop, or call 723-2683.

## Teen talent comes to Dix

Jennifer McCarthy  
Public Affairs Staff

Hip-hop artist, Young Leek will perform at Griffith Field House on Oct. 24. Among the songs he will perform is his 2006 hit, "Jiggle It".

Also appearing that evening are Full Proof, Brian Mitchell and other special guests. The show starts at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$7 and can be purchased in advance at Club Dix or Family Morale Welfare Recreation headquarters, located at 6043 Doughboy Loop. Seating is limited.

Parental guidance is suggested as the music may contain adult lyrics.

Born in Atlantic City, Talik Deshawn Baker, better known as Young Leek, turned to music after an injury made a career in professional football an unlikely dream.

In 2005, the 14-year-old Leek decided to move to Baltimore to live with his father. With the support of his family, Little Leek decided to get more serious about music.

At 15, Leek turned his musical dream into a musical deal when he signed with Def Jam Records and released the hit "Jiggle It."

For more information on the concert, call 562-6772 or visit [www.dixmwr.com](http://www.dixmwr.com).



Ryan Morton

## Kids learn not to burn

School Aged Services (SAS) program assistant April Gentry's third and fourth grade class are all smiles after touring the Fort Dix "Fire Safety House" Oct. 9, as part of National Fire Prevention Week. The "Fire Safety House" is a trailer brought in by the Fort Dix Fire Department used to educate the kids on the dangers of fire and what to do if there is a fire inside a building. Simulated smoke is pumped into the house to create the effect of a burning room, while firefighters stand by to teach the children measures to take for survival. In addition to touring the safety house, the kids also performed a fire drill so they have a better understanding of what to do should a fire arise in a building.

# MILITARY MATTERS

## Soldiers support World War II heroes

Staff Sgt. Joshua Romans  
3-312 TSBN, 72nd Field  
Artillery

Eight Soldiers from the 3-312 Training Support Battalion, 72 Field Artillery Brigade participated in the World War II Memorial Honor Flight from Fayetteville, Ga., Oct. 8.

"Making the trip possible for these brave heroes is an opportunity to give back to those who paid the price of freedom," said Sgt. 1st Class Marlana McCullum, 3-312 Mobilization and Training Operations sergeant.

Participating in the trip gave the Soldiers a chance to honor and thank the "Greatest Generation" for their contributions and sacrifices for the freedoms we enjoy today. This was the second Honor Flight that the soldiers from the 3-312 partic-

ipated in; the first being the inaugural flight back in May. The Soldiers met the 72 World War II veterans from Ga., their volunteer guardians and medical personnel at Reagan International Airport in Washington D.C.

The Soldiers assisted the Honor Flight group with the de-planing process, aiding those who required assistance and helped them onto the charter buses. The Soldiers then escorted the veterans down to the World War II Memorial and spent the day interacting and exchanging stories.

"It was an honor to meet these brave men and women at their memorial - helping them get around was returning the favor in a small sense - showing my gratitude for all their sacrifices and sharing in their patriotism meant a great deal," Staff Sgt. Cameron Eichen, 3-

312 Mobilization and Training Operations sergeant.

During the ceremony, everyone in attendance formed two rows on either side of the walkway leading to the Memorial. All rendered honors amongst the silence when one of the veterans proudly carried a folded flag along the path, coming to stop under the pillar that was etched "GEORGIA". Amongst the veterans on the flight was Helen Denton who served as secretary to General Dwight D. Eisenhower. Many of the Soldiers had the opportunity to meet and talk with her as she recalled typing the plans for the liberation of Europe, better known as D-Day.

Former Senator Bob Dole, chairman of the national WW II Memorial, was also in attendance. Dole was very enthusiastic to talk with the veterans and Soldiers, posing for group

photos at the Memorial.

Honor Flight, the nationwide non-profit organization that sponsored the event was created in honor of our World War II veterans, whom have waited decades to be honored with a national memorial dedicated to their courage, honor and valor.

Due to advanced age and other difficulties, many World War II veterans have not yet had an opportunity to visit the memorial in our nation's capital.

Honor Flight flies the veterans, free of charge, from cities across the country, to visit the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. The next Honor Flight is taking place on 12 November and anyone interested in participating please contact Staff Sgt. Joshua Romans at joshua.romans@usarmy.mil



Sgt. 1st Class Marlana McCullum

**MUTUAL PRIDE** - Master Sgt. Joseph Whisman, 3-312 Training Support Battalion, wheels a World War II Veteran, to place the American flag at the foot of the 'Georgia' etched pillar of the National World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C., Oct. 8.

## Facing Post Traumatic Stress Disorder

Chap. (Capt) Anthony Cook  
72nd FA BDE (TS)

I often wonder how many Soldiers serving here at Fort Dix are suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and are too ashamed to seek help. Especially, since the vast majority of them are combat veterans. Judging from the number of right arm combat patches displayed on uniforms around Fort Dix, many Soldiers have served in recent combat.

What is PTSD one may ask? PTSD can occur following a life-threatening event like military combat, natural disasters, terrorist incidents, serious accidents, or violent personal assaults like rape. People who suffer from PTSD often experience nightmares, flashbacks, difficulty sleeping, and feeling emotionally numb. These symptoms can significantly impair a person's daily life.

PTSD is marked by clear physical and psychological symptoms. Often Soldiers show signs of depression, substance abuse, problems concerning memory and cognition, and other physical and mental health issues. The disorder is also associated with difficulties in social or family life, including occupational instability, marital problems, family discord, and difficulties in parent-

ing. Simply put, PTSD is an illness and like all illnesses it needs effective treatment.

Dr. Angie Panos, in her article, Healing from Shame Associated with Traumatic, writes; "Shame is a deep, debilitating emotion, with complex roots and its cousins are guilt, humiliation, demoralization, degradation and remorse." She goes on to explain, "After experiencing a traumatic event, whether recent or in the distant past, shame can haunt victims in a powerful and often unrecognized manner. Shame impairs the healing and recovery process causing victims of trauma to become broken, unable to forgive themselves for being in the wrong place at the wrong time. Shame leaves victims with feelings of sadness and pain at the core of their being. They are unable to feel the fullness of joy in their lives."

In a Times article dated May 2008 entitled, Stigma Keeps Troops from PTSD Help, Kathleen Kingsbury writes "more attention has been paid to the mental health of American troops in Iraq and Afghanistan than in any previous war, yet, shame remains a significant barrier to military personnel and their families getting the psychiatric treatment they need." The article further states that "nearly three-quarter of the 200 mil-

itary men and women interviewed by the American Psychiatric Association (APA) said that it was very or somewhat easy for them to seek out mental health. However, 60 percent still feared that doing so could have negative consequences on their careers. More than half reported they believe others would think less of them if they sought out counseling, and most surveyed said they have rarely or never spoken even to family and friends about mental health issues.

Dr. Aphrodite Matsakis, in his book; Back from the Front, Combat, Trauma, Love, and the Family, had this to say about veterans' shame. "Some veterans experience shame and self-hate on an unconscious level. They may not even be able to articulate any such feelings. If asked if they have a self image problem, they may say "no". After all, shame, self hate, and negative self image are not signs of soldering strength. He further states that "veterans who are not able to acknowledge their shame or self hate and deal with it in an open, constructive manner may act out these feelings destructively."

The problem of shame and stigma attached to PTSD forced the United State Legislature to introduce and pass a bill which focuses on reducing the stigmas of service mem-

bers seeking treatment for PTSD.

The bill is called the Joshua Onvigg Veterans Suicide Prevention Act, named for an Army Reserve combat veteran who committed suicide in 2005 after returning from a deployment to Iraq. The bill intends to reduce the stigma that prevents many service members from seeking mental health help. The bill calls for a campaign to show there is nothing wrong with seeking assistance.

According to an article in the Army Times entitled, Bill Aim to Remove from PTSD Help, written by Rick Maye, February 2, 2007; Senator Tom Harkin, D-Iowa the Chief sponsor of the bill stated; "Although our men and women may come home safely, the war isn't over for them." Often the physical wounds of combat can haunt a person for a lifetime.

He further expressed, "Vet-

erans need to hear from members of the Chain of Command, leadership within the Veteran Administration and from their peers that seeking mental health services is important for their health, their families and is no different than seeking treatment for a physical health issue, such as chronic pain or a broken leg.

President George W. Bush signed HR327, the Joshua Onvigg Suicide Prevention Act into law in November 2007. This law was a major step in

helping reduce the shame and stigma associated with PTSD. As part of the Fort Dix Ministry Team, if you or someone you know may be suffering from PTSD, I encourage you to please confide in someone you trust in your chain of command or a mental health provider, and commit to getting treatment. The passing of time is not the cure.

The Bible in Psalm 71:1, The Psalmist declares "In you, O Lord I have taken refuge; Let me never be ashamed."

## Bible Baptist

## Strayer

## Alina Lyons

## 3 Brothers

# Battalion honors Team Dix efforts



Members of Fort Dix were singled out for recognition by the 12 Psychological Battalion, 7 Psychological Group, Moffett, Calif., for outstanding support during the unit's deployment and validation process Oct. 14. Being recognized at the ceremony at the Command Conference Room, 5435 Alabama Avenue, were members of the Directorate of Logistics, Thomas Gilchrist, Ronnie Walker, Gregory Johnson, David Murrell, Alva Clavin, and Mark Smith, above - left. Also recognized were members of The Logistics Company and ITT, a sub-contractor of TLC, above - right; back row, left to right, Marylyn Davis, Marcus Fraisier, Keith Thompson, Susan Clark, Derek Thomas, Chuck Hassel, and Sean Buchner. Front row, left to right, Terri Greenwald, Yunsun Kim, Phyllis Soysal, Carmen Cuevas, Nicole Waters, Vernon McGrier, Toni Souther, and Debra Lynn Presha. Included in the recognition ceremony were members of the Transportation Division, Directorate of Logistics, at left; left to right, James Newell, Sheila Thompson, Patricia Lynch, and James Doughty.

photos by Wayne Cook

## Terrace Inn

## Armed Forces

## PsyOp Battalion jumps off



**MOVE 'EM OUT --** Soldiers representing 17 units of the 12 Psychological Operations Battalion, 7 Psychological Group, Moffett, Calif., gathered on Sharp Field Oct. 15 to receive their Yellow Banners which will fly high over Infantry Park while they are deployed. The commanders and first sergeants, above, pose by the Statue of the Ultimate Weapon on Sharp Field. Soldiers from California, Oregon and Washington make up the 315 PsyOp Co., the 320 PsyOp Co., the 361 PsyOp Co., and 12 PsyOp Bn. TAC.

## Gaining understanding of the clothing allowance rules

Steven Palmer  
DMPO

A clothing allowance is given to Soldiers to help pay for a member's uniform and other clothing costs. Both officers and enlisted members of the U.S. Armed Forces are entitled to an initial clothing

allowance. Officers, however, are only entitled to the allowance once except as stated below.

Officers receive a onetime payment after commissioning to buy clothing. They do not receive any allowances to maintain their uniforms, with the exception that most Reserve and National Guard

component officers ordered to Active Duty in support of a contingency operation may be entitled to an additional active duty uniform allowance of \$200.00. To receive this additional allowance, the length of duty must be more than 90 days. The additional uniform allowance is not payable if the officer received an initial uniform allowance of more than \$400 during the current tour or within 2 years before entering on this tour, or if he/she received another additional uniform allowance within 2 years before entering on the current tour.

Reserve and National Guard enlisted Soldiers ordered to active duty in support of a contingency operation are entitled to a cash clothing replacement allowance after completion of six months of active duty, and are not assigned to a command where clothing is replaced by an In-Kind issue. The enlisted cash clothing replacement allowance is payable upon

completion of 12 months of active duty (anniversary month) and/or the end of the mobilization period.

This allowance is payable at one-half the annual rate or a partial amount, calculated at one-twelfth of the annual rate, for each month served accruing from the first day of the seventh month through the end of the mobilization period. The "basic" clothing replacement allowance rate is payable to Soldiers for the first 3 years of continuous active duty service.

The "standard" replacement allowance rate is payable after 3 years of continuous active duty service. Unit Commanders may request clothing allowance payment on behalf of their Soldiers by submitting a memorandum, an alpha roster with names and social security numbers, and a copy of active duty orders for every Soldier listed on the roster.

Individual Soldiers must submit a DA Form 2142, Pay Inquiry, requesting payment of clothing allowance in Section 1, and a copy of their active duty orders to their unit administrator.

All clothing allowance requests must be submitted by the unit on a Unit Transmittal Letter or DA Form 200 to the Fort Dix Finance office located in building 5418. Current and previous year military pay rates can be found at: <http://www.dfas.mil/military-pay/militarypaytables.html>.

## Phoenix

## Calvar

## Eastampton Auto Center

# Announcements

## Cinema Schedule

**754-5139**  
**McGuire Air Force Base**  
Friday, Oct. 17 @ 7:30 p.m.

**Babylon A.D. - Vin Diesel, Mélanie Thierry, Michelle Yeoh, Lambert Wilson, Mark Strong**  
- Hong Kong action icon Michelle Yeoh stars alongside American muscle Vin Diesel in this science fiction thriller concerning a man who is charged with the task of caring for a young girl who may be the carrier of a deadly virus. Based on author Maurice Dantec's *Babylon Babies*, this tale of genetic manipulation comes to the screen courtesy of director Mathieu Kassovitz.  
MPAA Rating: PG-13 - intense sequences of violence and action, language and some sexuality  
Run time: 1 hr. 30 min.

Saturday, Oct. 18 @ 3 p.m.  
No Matinee

Sunday, Oct. 18 @ 7:30 p.m.

**The House Bunny - Anna Faris, Colin Hanks, Emma Stone, Kat Dennings, Katharine McPhee**  
- Sexpot Shelley Darrington (Anna Faris) lives comfortably at the Playboy Mansion, until a jealous rival gets her tossed out on her tail. With nowhere else to go, she winds up at Zeta Alpha Zeta sorority. The seven socially inept Zetas will lose their house unless they can attract more pledges; to do that, they need to learn the ways of makeup and men from an expert.  
MPAA Rating: PG-13 - sex-related humor, partial nudity, language  
Run Time: 1 hr. 48 min.

**Future Features...**  
Friday, Oct. 24 @ 7:30 p.m.

**Righteous Kills**  
MPAA Rating: R - Violence, pervasive language, some sexuality and drug use

Sat., Oct. 25 @ 7:30 p.m.

**Tyler Perry's The Family That Preys**  
MPAA Rating: PG-13 - thematic material, sexual references and brief violence

## Chapel Services

**562-2020**  
**Sunday Services**

Combined Protestant/Gospel Service will be held on Sunday, Sept. 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.  
Protestant.....9 a.m. to 10 a.m.  
Cath. Mass. 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.  
Gospel.....11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Sunday School 10 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.  
CCD.....9:15 a.m. to 10 a.m.

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

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

**Religious Services**  
**Islamic Prayer room**  
Open 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Monday through Friday  
Room 24

**Christian Men of the Chapel**  
Prayer Breakfast - Fourth Saturday of each month, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

**Gospel Youth & Teens**  
**Hallelujah Party**  
Tuesday, Oct. 28, 6:30 p.m.  
Chapel Fellowship Hall.  
All are invited to come and enjoy the festivities.  
Call Ray Perkins for details (609) 562-2551

**"The Way to Maturity"**  
Wednesdays  
6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Purpose: To grow closer to God and to lay a biblical foundation in our lives for continued growth and change. Spiritual growth is a lifelong process of growing closer to God.

## Arts & Crafts

**Bldg. 6039 562-5691**  
**Registration Hours:**  
Tues. 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.;  
Wed. & Thurs. Noon to 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.;  
Fri. 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. and Sat. 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

**Autumn Handbag - Oct. 16, 23, 30**  
- Class fee: \$45.00  
If you've never made a handbag in any of our classes, now is the time. They're classy, sassy and sophisticated. You choose the fabric and trims to suit your style. Or try something new and bold! Pick up supply list when you register. All supplies must be available for first class.

**Introduction to World Crafts**  
Ages 6 & up - Oct. 18 thru Nov. 8, Saturdays 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. (4-week course) \$30.00  
Take a journey across the globe in 4 weeks during this exciting multicultural crafts class. Learn how to create Indonesian Batik, Egyptian Metal Tooling, Japanese Calligraphy, and African Printmaking.

**Kids Pottery Course (Ages 6-9)**  
Oct. 18, 25, Nov. 1 (3 weeks) \$25 fee Saturdays 10:30 a.m. to Noon  
Classes cover both hand building and wheel throwing techniques. Pre-registration required.

**Teen Pottery Course (Ages 10-13)**  
Oct. 18, 25, Nov. 1 \$25 fee Saturdays 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
Classes cover both hand building and wheel throwing techniques. Pre-registration required.

**Sewing Boot Camp For Youth - October 25, 9:15 a.m. to Noon**  
Class & material fee: \$25.00 fee Custom Pillowcase for \$20.00  
Dreams Calling all youth ages 11-14, boys and girls. Learn to sew in our studio using state of the art sewing machines. This is a one day class to introduce you to machine sewing. All project supplies are included.

**National Paint Your Own Pottery Day - Every masterpiece starts with one brushstroke. No experience necessary! Enjoy a 20% discount off all ceramics purchased that day, and try some "Pottery Punch" and Bisquels. October 18, 10 a.m. to 4p.m.**

## ACS

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

**Calendar of Events**  
**Thursday, Oct. 23**  
AFAP Conference 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Timmermann Center

**Friday, Oct. 19**  
Day of Caring 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
ACS

**Saturday, Oct. 18**  
**Sesame Street LIVE!**  
Pre-Show Party 11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.  
John Mann Park  
**Sesame Street LIVE!** Show 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.  
Timmermann Center

**Youth Center**  
**562-5061**  
**Bldg. 1279 Locust Street**

**Hours of Operation:**  
Monday - Friday, 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
Saturday 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
Sunday CLOSED  
**Administrative Hours:**  
Tuesday - Friday, Noon to 6 p.m.

**Weekly Schedule**  
**Monday - Friday**  
Power Hour 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
Computer Lab, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

**Tuesday, Oct. 21**  
**Journalism**  
3:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

**Wednesday, Oct. 22**  
**Sports & Fitness**  
3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
**Fashion Design**  
3:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

**Thursday, Oct. 23**  
**Power Hour Store**  
2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
**Torch Club**  
3:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.  
**Teens & Hot Topics**  
5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

**Friday, Oct. 24**  
**Power Hour Store**  
2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
**Teens & Hot Topics**  
5 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
**Saturday, Oct. 25**  
**Fall Cooking/Baking**  
4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

## FMWR presents

**CLUB DIX - 723-3272**  
**Club Dix Hours of Operation**

**Java Café**  
Mon. thru Frid., 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
**Lunch Served**  
Tues. thru Frid. 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
Saturday thru Monday Closed

**Bar Hours**  
Wednesday 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.  
Thurs. thru Sat. 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.  
Sunday thru Tuesday Closed

**Computer Lab**  
Monday & Tues. 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
Wed. thru Friday 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.  
Saturday Noon to 10 p.m.  
Sunday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**Equipment Rental Center**  
Mon. thru Fri. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**John Mann Park**  
**Open Columbus Day**  
Oct. 13, 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
**Fall hours of operation**  
Sat. and Sun. 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

**\*Sesame Street Experience - USO**  
Sesame Street Live at Timmermann Center - Oct. 18 - 2 p.m. Admission free.

**\*Horseback Riding- D & D Stables- Buena, NJ 850-0188**  
Bring the family out and join Outdoor Recreation for a relaxing one-hour trail ride in south Jersey on over 100 acres of wooded trails and fields. Horses are available for beginner to advanced riders. Must be at least 10 years of age to ride. For those under 10 pony rides are available for \$5. Don't forget the camera and your lunch and wear comfortable clothes. Leave Outdoor Rec. at 9 a.m.

## Residential Refuse Collection

**Monday:**  
McGuire AFB - 3800s and 3900s  
**Tuesday:**  
All of Fort Dix  
**Thursday:**  
McGuire AFB  
4000s; 4400s; and 4500s  
**Thursdays:**  
Recyclables are picked up  
**Monday and Tuesday:**  
Yard and Garden  
waste picked up both installations

**Military Pets Have Opportunity to Fetch \$1,500 AAFES Shopping Spree**  
DALLAS - The Army & Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) is giving military pet owners the opportunity to grow and bark about their four-legged friends and what they mean to them. The "Patriot Family Pet Photo Contest," which runs through Dec. 15, allows pet owners to submit a photo of themselves or family members with their pet along with a 50-word or less description of their furry friend.  
"When you're responsible for making sure BX/PX shelves across the globe have the treats and toys animals need, you quickly realize that pets are a big part of our extended Patriot Family," said Chief Marketing Officer Mat Dromey. "This unique contest gives pet owners of all ages the chance to show others, both through photos and words, why their dog, turtle, cat or any other animal that provides companionship is such a special part of their home."  
The grand prize winner will get their paws on a \$1,500 AAFES shopping spree. Additional prizes include a \$1,000 shopping spree for first place, two second place \$500 awards and two third place \$350 shopping sprees. In addition to the monetary prizes, the winning photos will be featured in future AAFES advertisements as well as on Exchange TV, AAFES' in-house television network.  
To participate in the Patriot Pet Photo Contest, shoppers can send entries to PatriotFamily@aaefes.com or PatriotFamily@aaefes.com with "Patriot Family Pet" in the subject line. Entrants must include their name, address, phone number, rank/occupation and pet's information (name, breed or type of pet) in the email. More contest details can be found at www.aaefes.com.

**Martial Arts**  
5-18 years  
Fee is \$57  
Tuesday & Friday  
5 p.m. to 4 p.m.  
at the Youth Center

**SKIES Unlimited**  
**Ballet**  
Fee is \$45  
Wednesdays  
3:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.  
for 3-5 year olds  
4:30 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.  
for 4 and up  
Child Development Center

**Gymnastics**  
Weekly  
2-3 year olds  
30 min. classes  
\$40 per month  
4-6 year olds  
\$45 per month  
45 min. classes  
At the Child Development Center

**AER offers college aid for dependent children**  
Army Emergency Relief (AER) offers financial aid for full-time post-secondary study for dependent children of Retired (as well as Active Duty) Soldiers. Scholarships are awarded based on financial need, academic and leadership achievement. Awards range from \$1000 to \$5,200.  
AER's MG James Ursano Scholarship program is for full-time students at an undergraduate, technical or vocational institution accredited by the Department of Education. Funds may be used for tuition, books, fees, supplies or school room and board. Students may reapply each year and maintain a grade point average of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 scale. A student applying for the 2009-2010 Academic Year (AY) must not be born before May 1, 1987. The applicant must be an unmarried dependent child of an active duty or retired Soldier or a Soldier who died in either status. All Soldiers and students must be registered in the Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System (DEERS). You can verify the student's DEERS status at 1-800-538-9552.  
Applications for the 2009-2010 AY scholarships will be available online from Nov. 1, 2008 to Mar. 1, 2009 at http://www.aerhq.org. Applications must be submitted by Mar. 1, 2009. Other deadlines are in the instructions. Applications and supporting documentation are not accepted by FAX or e-mail. Letters mailed in June 2009 will notify on-time applicants about scholarship awards.

**Education aid for Retired Soldiers' spouses/surviving spouses**  
AER's Stateside Spouse Education Assistance Program is available to spouses and surviving spouses of Retired Soldiers living in the U.S. All spouses must be registered in DEERS which can be verified at 1-800-538-9552. This program does not apply to second undergraduate or graduate degrees.  
Those who receive free tuition through their jobs may not receive AER tuition assistance. They may apply for assistance for fees, supplies and books (no duplicates) for classes in which they're enrolled as full-time students which aren't covered by other funding. Stateside financial assistance is awarded based on financial need as shown by income, assets, family size, special financial obligations and circumstances. Scholarships are awarded annually for up to four academic years of full time undergraduate study. Students must reapply each year. Funds may be used for classroom or online classes, tuition, fees, supplies and books (no duplicates) and will be paid by AER to the college or university. Students must maintain a grade point average of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.  
Applications for the 2009-2010 AY will be available at http://www.aerhq.org from Nov. 1, 2008 to Mar. 1, 2009 or by writing to: HQ Army Emergency Relief, Stateside Spouse Education Assistance Program, 200 Stovall St., Alexandria, VA 22332-0600. Students can apply online and mail the supporting documents or print the instructions and application. Material mailed to AER must meet the deadline on the instructions.

## Griffith Field House

**Bldg. 6053 562-4888**  
**Saturday, October 25 -**  
AFAA Kickboxing Certification  
**November 18 & 19**  
CrossFit Certification  
Visit www.crossfit.com for more information

**Read The Post!**

## Hanover Den

Apell and Det Armed Forces Anapa's

# Working to achieve perfection



Photos by Lisa Evans

Soldiers of the Arizona National Guard, 29th Brigade Support Battalion out of Phoenix morning march down Maryland Ave. Oct. 3, passing the Public Affairs Office and Dogwood Lake. PFC Donald Szulczewski prepares to qualify with a 9mm weapon on Range 28 during training on Fort Dix Oct. 8, below left, and qualifies on the 9mm far right a few minutes later. The 29th is preparing to train Iraqi personnel as corrections officers.



Spc. Brenda-Michael Lee sights and fires during 9mm qualifications on Range 28 Oct. 8.

**ROAD TO  
OIF/OEF**

## Java haven comes to life at Shoppette

Sgt. 1st Class Claudy Leogene, Fort Dix Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO) Academy, gets a cup of coffee at the Fort Dix Shoppette's new coffee stand, Oct. 16. Below, Tam Kern, from Bunn-O-Matic Equipment Manufacturing, connected a part of the newly set up coffee stand Oct. 6, ensuring efficient self-service at the java haven.



Photos by Ryan Morton

**Suzuki**

**Tri  
State**

**N.T. Baptist**

**Central**

**Navy**

# Reserve Soldiers training conducted by RTC-East

Lisa Evans  
Public Affairs Staff

When the report card consistently comes back loaded with praises, there is good reason to believe the praise is well earned. Launched in March 2008, in just six months Regional Training Command-East (RTC-East) has exceeded all expectations for training Reserve Soldiers in warrior skills.

"Most of the people we have trained have provided very solid report cards on what we do today. RTC is really providing excellent training," Col. Claude Schmid, RTC-East commander, said about the trainers of the RTC-East.

"Everybody knows that their lives depend on the skills they learn," Maj. Theresa Bunn, public affairs officer RTC-East said. "The passion that the instructor puts into it, imparting that they are going to battle, ninety percent of the time they've been there and know what the Soldiers are getting into. It isn't a game they are teaching and they are able to let the Soldiers know that. We encourage very high quality training, training with passion," Bunn said.

The RTC concept is an idea of the Chief of the Army Reserve in line with congressional mandates reducing deployment for Reserve and National Guard Soldiers to 365 days active duty.

Schmid explained that with active duty reduced, the normal training of up of six months meant less time boots on the ground. Regional Training Centers were created to give warriors 21 days of pre-mobilization intensive Army Warrior Training enabling Soldiers to be quicker off the ground and longer in battle.

This training adds 20 days to the time a Soldier can spend in country. Making the best use of the pre-mobilization training, Soldiers receive three weeks of strong individual training concentrating on training such as land navigation, marksmanship, Army Warrior Training skills, live-fire exercises, military operations on urbanized terrain, search oper-



Lisa Evans

**WEAPONS MANAGEMENT** — Staff Sgt. David Hurd, RTC-East, trains Staff Sgt. Tabitha Williams of the 607th MP Battalion on using a .50 caliber machine gun from a moving humvee.

ations and convoy training. During the 21-day intensive training, RTC-East can also offer specific individual mission task training. Post-mobilization training then emphasizes collective training.

"We were poorly trained and weren't very well versed in optics and equipment because nobody knew how to train us on it when I went to Iraq the

**"We take it personal because these guys are going to Iraq. All of us have been in combat and know what they're going to face."**  
-Sgt. Ramon Tejeda.

first time. I would hate for someone to be killed because they were poorly trained," said trainer Staff Sgt. Eric McGarrath.

Trainer Sgt. 1st Class Michael DiPetra said the excellent training they received at Camp Bullis, Tex., taught all of the trainers with RTC-East to recognize and encourage the personal skills everybody has, both for the trainers and those whom they are training.

All of the trainers agreed that it isn't the same as it once was in the Army.

This is personal to them, military courtesies are important.

"Because they are going to war, we respect them. That's the whole RTC-East," McGarrath said. One commander, Lt. Col. Ken King of the 338th Military Police Bn, recently said, "RTC-East is by far the best trainers I've seen in 25

years in the Army. They're giving my Soldiers realistic training for the first time in my career. The trainers have the experience and can walk the walk and talk the talk."

RTC-East meets the need with a staff of 176, two-thirds of whom are involved with training.

The key to their success, Bunn said, is that the trainers

actively involve the Soldiers in their training making it more exciting for them to learn the skills they need.

"We take it personal because these guys are going to Iraq. All of us have been in combat and know what they're going to face," said trainer Sgt. Ramon Tejeda.

Ninety-five percent of the RTC-East trainers have been in battle and know the reality of what they teach. Schmid said that RTC-East uses drill sergeants who are historically the premier instrument for training Army tasks. As teachers and trainers for the Army, drill sergeants have been the backbone of the Army, Schmid said, adding they have the experience in training skills needed for the battlefield and for unit cohesiveness.

"It's the one-on-one time that we spend with the Soldiers as they go through the training, with no screaming or yelling. Soldiers are treated as adults, treated as NCOs.

"People really like that," said trainer Sgt. 1st Class Michael DiPetra.

With the reality of a long war and reduced deployment requirements, Soldiers are finding that they are going to battle with Soldiers from other units, other states, and other military specializations.

Schmid said they have not trained together and don't know each other well.

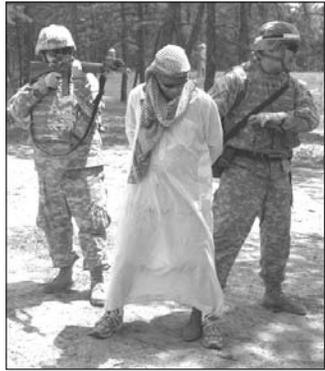
The RTC-East puts Soldiers into an environment, Schmid said, that creates challenges and diversity that helps them come together more enthusiastically.

"The challenge is to create cohesive teams. The reality is units haven't spent time together. When they get here they have to get to know one another," Schmid said.

"They learn to focus as a team. They come with no cohesion.

All of a sudden they are established in a squad and become a tightly motivated, highly specialized group ready to take over; they are pumped up and motivated," Bunn explained.

"The bottom line of that translates to — it saves lives," Lt. Col. Don Easter, deputy commander, RTC-East said.



Lisa Evans

**MAINTAINING CONTROL** — Above, trainer Sgt. 1st Class Dan Maher, shows Soldiers of the 7th Legal Support Operations, how to arrest and maintain control of an insurgent, telling the lawyers why they should never trust someone until they are completely subdued and searched.



Army Community Service (ACS)

562-2767

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

Hours of Operation:

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

## Virtua

## Jacobstown Baptist Church

## Goodyear

# Soldier Olympians visit White House

**Tim Hips**  
FMWRG Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — Ten Soldiers from the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program and U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit visited the White House on Oct. 7.

They were among more than 500 members of the 2008 U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Teams who thanked President Bush and first lady Laura for their support of the Olympic movement throughout the Beijing Games.

The president, in turn, thanked the athletes for their inspirational performances.

"This is a special day for the White House," Bush said. "Laura and I are proud to welcome the greatest Olympic and Paralympic team ever assembled. And I bring greetings from the honorary captain of the Olympic teams, [former President George H.W. Bush. We call him 41.]"

The Bushes were among more than 80 world dignitaries who attended the Opening Ceremony in Beijing. George W. Bush was the first U.S. presi-

dent to attend Olympic Games outside of the United States while serving as commander in chief. His father, the 41st president, also made history by occupying the chair of chef de mission of the U.S. Olympic Team, marking the first time the U.S. Olympic Committee has had an honorary chief of the mission.

"Attending the Beijing Olympics was one of the greatest experiences of our lifetime," Bush said. "Laura and I had a fantastic experience. We will never forget the first night at the Bird's Nest for the spectacular Opening Ceremony. When the Team USA was announced, there was a notable increase in the cheers."

"And then came the greatest sight of all when more than 500 of America's finest athletes (were) marching behind our flag. It was an incredible sight. I know it was a moment that all of our athletes looked forward to, and it's a moment that we are so honored to share with you."

Team USA won 110 medals, more than any nation during the Beijing Games, the largest in Olympic history.

More than 100,000 athletes from around the world competed in more than 300 events in which 87 countries won medals.

Along the way, 43 world records were broken as an estimated 4.7 billion television viewers watched from around the globe.

"I know the entire Olympic teams worked hard to get to this moment," Bush said. "Whether you won a medal or not really doesn't matter in the long run. What really matters is the honor you brought to your sports, and to your families, and to your country."

"We thank you for your lasting memories that you gave us all."

Bush elaborated on some of the memories he will cherish forever, such as "watching Jason Lezak touch out in the 4x100 [swimming] relay."

"Then watching the joy of his teammates, including Michael Phelps," Bush said. "People say, 'Did you ever get to meet Michael Phelps?' I say, 'I did.' 'Was that a highlight?' I say, 'No, really, meeting his mother was more of a highlight.'"



Tim Hips

**GO TEAM — U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program Olympians Staff Sgt. Dremiel Byers, Staff Sgt. Elizabeth "Libby" Callahan, Staff Sgt. Keith Sanderson and Maj. Dave Johnson pose outside the White House before a group of 2008 U.S. Olympians and Paralympians visit President Bush on Oct. 7.**

That line elicited a boisterous round of laughter that echoed onto the Washington Monument grounds and drew a big smile from Phelps, who stood behind Bush during the ceremony.

"I'm particularly pleased to be here with those who have worn the uniform of our country," Bush said. "On the American team were 16 men and women who served the nation in uniform, one of whom was Army Lieutenant Melissa Stockwell. She lost her leg while serving our country in Iraq. After four years of hard work and significant rehabilitation, she qualified as a [Paralympic] swimmer and her teammates elected her as the flag bearer for the closing ceremony."

The U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program was represented by Team USA rifle coach Maj. Dave Johnson, Greco-Roman wrestler Staff Sgt. Dremiel Byers, rifle marksman Maj. Michael Antt and pistol shooter Staff Sgt. Keith Sanderson. Five other Soldiers hailed from the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit at Fort Benning, Ga.: Sgts. 1st Class Jason Parker and Daryl Szarenski, and Spcs. Jeff Holguin, Walton Glenn Eller III and Vincent Hancock, along with Army Reserve Staff Sgt. Elizabeth "Libby" Callahan. Eller and Hancock won

gold medals in double trap and skeet shotgun shooting.

With members of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports on the south lawn, Bush urged people to make exercise a part of their daily regimen.

"There's no better time to remind our fellow citizens that physical fitness will lead to a healthy America," he said. "Look what's happening to the people surrounding me. So we urge our fellow citizens to take time out of your day to exercise. Not every one of you has to ride a mountain bike, but if you walk just 20 minutes a day, you'll help America and help yourself!"

Bush said the Olympians made an indelible mark on both him and his wife.

"Long after we leave the White House, Laura and I will remember the extraordinary spirit and kindness of the athletes that we have met here at the White House and in Beijing," he said.

The Olympians thanked President and Mrs. Bush by making them honorary members of Team USA and presenting them with official team jackets, a framed photograph of the Opening Ceremony and an American flag that flew in China throughout both Games.

"I'm not easily excited," said Sanderson, who posted an Olympic record qualification

score of 583 before finishing fifth in the 25-meter rapid-fire pistol event in Beijing. "But it was cool to see the president talk. It's kind of surreal. 'Hey, that's the guy on TV, but he's right here in front of me.'"

Byers was more touched by the ceremony.

"I was honored to be here," Byers said. "I can't wait till I come back the next time. Only difference is next time I'm coming back with a medal around my neck."

Byers and Sanderson also took a tour of the White House.

"It was a quick tour, but it was an honor to be there," Byers said. "It's not something I've ever done. And to get to be around other athletes while we're doing it made it feel like we belonged there."

Byers wished more of his fellow Soldiers could cherish the experience.

"We're Soldiers first and we know that. We live that. And we keep that in mind," Byers said.

"That's why you put your little personal feelings aside. I didn't achieve the medal I wanted, but still, somebody is over there doing my job for me right now."

"I carry that with me and I appreciate it. And being around these Paralympic athletes is humbling. Some of them were prior service and they lost a limb at war."



## Flag football starts at Dix

*Sgt. 1st Class Frederick Wilson looks for a receiver downfield as he tries to get the Sappers on the scoreboard. The Sappers were victorious in their first game this season, then lost a close game against MRB in last week's Post for the latest flag football standings.*

**standings as of 10-15**

MRB	3-0
Warriors	1-0
Wildcats	2-1
Sappers	1-1
Renegades	1-2
RTC-Funtime	0-2
Griffons	0-2

Ed Mingin

## Class

# Exhibit by Dixan dazzles local art community

Steve Snyder  
Public Affairs Staff

Many philosophers would argue against Keats' proposition that "Beauty is truth, truth beauty..." They might instead surmise that beauty is merely one manifestation of an underlying reality, a glimpse into what religious existentialist Gabriel Marcel once described as the "mystery of being."

Billie Fontanez is into all kinds of mysteries regarding life and what it means. She explores them in her art, expending creativity in an avocation that dwarfs other concerns.

A military personnel assistant at the Joint Readiness Center (JRC) on Baltimore Avenue, Fontanez is also an accomplished artist who's plied her trade now for many years in many climes. Her latest foray into the world of art is an exhibit still on display at the Arts and Crafts Center on Philadelphia Avenue.

**The exhibit is called "Dreams..." and it is a gem.**

"I stand in awe of this world. I can only hope to capture the essence of it," she says. "Dreams..." features original oils by Billie, who's dedicated the collection to celebrating Spanish heritage. But art is universal, of course, and Fontanez's paintings appeal to a broad spectrum of tastes across any artistic spectrum.

Born in Chateaufort, France, in 1961, Billy was a military brat with both parents natives of Puerto Rico who served in the Army. She was raised all over the place, living on Fort Dix on two different occasions - in the late 1960s and early 70s - on Fort Dix.

Fontanez is a proud graduate of Pemberton High School, class of 1980, and currently lives in Browns Mills. She returned to this area in 2000, recuperating from open heart surgery at the time.

Billy spent formative years in her art training at Columbia College in South Carolina where her works were collected by a Southerner and other enthusiasts.

One critic's critique observed that she had "A raw talent, at times traditional, with a European in-depth vision and naturalist" expression.

Fontanez describes her work in the last few years as taking off; becoming more "expressive in color (while) grasping the moment" whether "easy or emotional" reactions hopefully capturing "the rawness and passion(s) of subjects."

Billie tries to "trust herself in what she sees," placing paint on canvas to create places dwelling and defined within her imagination, searching for faith that yields a defining moment.

Intuitively varying light-to-heavy painting lines, Billie brings the subject close, attempting to impose upon the viewer a sense of "reality and emotion, as impression, realism or thought."

Accompanying photographs of her works on this page demonstrate the scope of these artistic ambitions.

Painting hasn't always paid the bills and Fontanez never hesitated to make a buck where coins flowed. She's been involved in films as distinguished as *Last Dance*, *Renaissance Man*, and *Crimoline Head*, along with completing various public service announcements and regional commercials while down South and knocked off a degree in Criminal Justice at the Burlington County College in Pemberton.

Billie's "Closing Exhibit Reception" (with refreshments) will be held at the Arts and Crafts Center on Oct. 30 from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

photos by Steve Snyder



**THE TOUCH** -- Billy Fontanez demonstrates the touch that has made her a force to reckon with in art circles.



**"My inspirations come from quiet meditation and focus on God; the Holy Spirit is my guide in all that I paint," notes the Christian artist.**



**"I paint what I see, I believe and trust what I paint."**



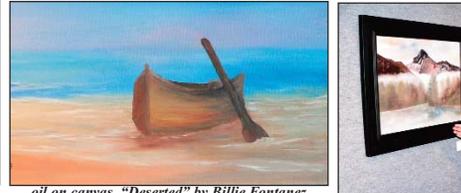
**"Throughout the days, I contemplate the simplicity of yesterday, the future and what visions I will capture. Colors and hues move the creativeness within..."**



oil on canvas, "Cold Winter" by Billy Fontanez



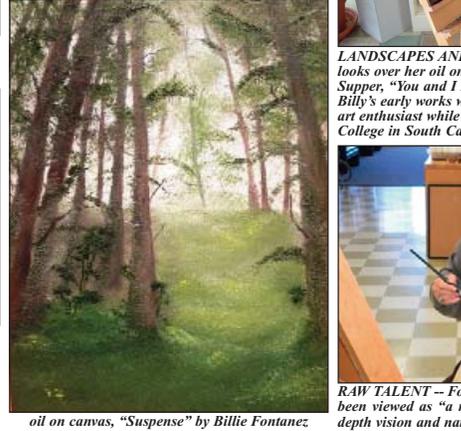
oil on canvas, "Glory To The Father" by Billy Fontanez



oil on canvas, "Deserted" by Billie Fontanez



oil on canvas, "Rejoice" by Billie Fontanez



oil on canvas, "Suspense" by Billie Fontanez



**EXHIBITIONIST** -- Billie Fontanez, military personnel assistant at the Joint Readiness Center (JRC) on Fort Dix, mingles with fans and well-wishers at a reception honoring her work at the Arts and Crafts Center on Oct. 2. The Spanish-American Christian artist is a military brat who's lived on Fort Dix and currently resides in Browns Mills.



**FINE POINTS** -- Billy explains some of the fine points behind her oil on canvas painting, "Bounty."



**LANDSCAPES AND NATURALISM** -- Fontanez looks over her oil on canvas tribute to the Last Supper, "You and I Lord." Essentially self-taught, Billy's early works were collected by a Southern art enthusiast while she attended Columbia College in South Carolina.



**RAW TALENT** -- Fort Dix's gift to the art world has been viewed as "a raw talent with a European in-depth vision and naturalist."



oil on canvas, "Dad And Me" by Billie Fontanez



oil on canvas, "Jibaroy y Esposa" by Billie Fontanez



oil on canvas, "Colorado Pass" by Billie Fontanez