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NEWSNOTES

Dix ID Card Facility announces Saturday hours

Need a new ID card but just can't squeeze out the time during the week? The Fort Dix ID Card Facility will host Saturday hours for issuing identification cards Dec. 6 in Building 5418 on the first floor.

Hours of operation will be 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For further information contact Geneva Sturdivant at (609)562-3373/2177.

Military Officers Association hosts dinner, info session

The Military Officers Association of America will host a dinner Nov. 20 at The Club on McGuire Air Force Base at 5:30 p.m.

Guest speaker for the event will be Linda Keith, co-chairperson of the National Guard State Family Readiness Council, who will speak on the Mission of the National Guard State Family Readiness Council.

For reservations, please call Ray Flavio, 856-424-3474, or John Perez, 609-758-2581 by noon Nov. 17. The donation is \$20.40 per person, and spouses are encouraged to attend.

Combined Federal Campaign short of goal

The Fort Dix Combined Federal Campaign tally remains well short of the 2008 goal of \$40,000, with less than two weeks remaining.

Donations topped \$18,000 this week. Anyone interested in donating to one of the many worthwhile charitable organizations represented in the campaign should contact their office representative or call Rod Martell at 562-2186.

Red Cross Blood Drive scheduled at Main Chapel

The American Federation of Government Employees 1999 will host a Red Cross Blood Drive Nov. 26 at the Main Chapel from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sign up with your office representative or call 562-2669 to schedule a donation time.

Troops to Teachers seminar set Dec. 4

Army Community Service will host a Troops to Teachers seminar Dec. 4 at 9:30 a.m. for Soldiers and spouses interested in channeling their skills in a new direction may sign up by calling 562-2186.

WEATHER

FRIDAY -- High chance of rain showers, warmer with a high of 63 and overnight low of 52 degrees.

SATURDAY -- Likely light rain showers, breezy, high of 63 and overnight low of 39.

SUNDAY -- Cloudy, slight chance of showers, daytime high of 51 and overnight low of 33 degrees.

MONDAY -- Flurries and brisk breeze, high of 49 and low of 30 degrees.

TUESDAY -- Fair, high of 44, cooler overnight with a low of 27 degrees.

WEDNESDAY -- Clear, continued cold, with a daytime high of 36 degrees and overnight low of 24.

THURSDAY -- Cloudy, chance of flurries, daytime high of 39 and overnight low of 32 degrees.



Deploying Soldiers share long-distance Veterans Day event

Ryan Morton
Public Affairs Staff

For Staff Sgt. Dennis Gomez, Spc. Adam Hall, and the rest of the Soldiers in the 266th Military Police Company's 1st platoon, 3rd squad, Nov. 12 offered an unusual break from training at Fort Dix.

These Soldiers, part of the Virginia National Guard, took part in a video teleconference (VTC) session at the Fort Dix Public Affairs Office with the kids of Stump Elementary School in Stuarts Draft, Va., as part of the School's Veterans' Day observance. It was extra special for Gomez and Hall, whose daughters attend the school.

"It felt unbelievable. This was a great surprise. The principal told me back in August that they wanted to try something like this for Veterans' Day, but no one was sure if it would happen. It was so good to see my girl and the kids," said Gomez, whose daughter Kendra, attends the school.

The 266th MP Co. Soldiers have been at Dix for more than a month preparing for a mission to Iraq to train Iraqi Police Forces.

The students extended their thanks and appreciation to the Soldiers and sang a series of patriotic songs including the Star-Spangled Banner and God Bless America. They also recited the Pledge of Allegiance with the Soldiers.

"We give a lot of thanks for the support that the school's shown. They've adopted our unit and they send us letters, pictures, care packages, and offer to watch over our families," said Hall, whose six-year-old daughter Fiona attends the school.

Gomez's wife Erin and two other daughters, three-year old Carle and one-year old Riley, were also on hand for the occasion.

Gomez said that 1st Lt. Jamie Porter, their unit's Public Affairs representative, was the legs behind the VTC operation and did a great job coordinating with the school officials in making a brief long-distance visit with their loved ones become a reality.

ACROSS THE MILES -- Soldiers from the 266th Military Police Company, top, join in the Pledge of Allegiance during a high-tech Veterans Day observance with school children from their hometown in Virginia. Above, the Soldiers get a video teleconference view of school auditorium during the event. Staff Sgt. Dennis Gomez, and Spc. Adam Hall, in the center of the group, were able to talk to their children, Kendra and Fiona, who attend the school in Stuarts Draft.

Joint Basing brings new approach to technology

As Joint Basing for Fort Dix, McGuire Air Force Base and Naval Air Engineering Station Lakehurst approaches implementation, one of the major questions asked is how technology will be transferred and shared among the services.

Rich Eckstein, director of information management, collected the following information for the community.

DESKTOP PCs, PRINTERS, PERSONAL DATA - When your activity transfers to the Air Force your Desk Top pc and printer will be transferred to the Air Force.

At that time it is required that ALL individuals transferring to the AF will be required to obtain a new Common Access Cards to gain access to the AF network.

The Personal Computer will need to be reimaged to the AF standard. This will most likely be done remotely, and your new e-mail account will be set up on AF portal.

A KO and Dix e-mail accounts will also be terminated.

Once the transfer is complete, individuals will have NO availability to ANY resources on the Army network.

All personal and business data will be deleted during the reimagining process.

All Army personnel having their personal computers reimaged will be given a two gig thumb drive to save data prior to the reimagining.

If the data is not saved by individuals, it will be lost.

Notebooks in the possession if individuals will also transfer to the Air Force.

The individual must also save data from the notebooks prior to reimagining to AF standards.

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Sgt. Maj. Ricky Orange, MRB

Dix Dining Out delights crowd

The Fort Dix community crowded Club Dix Nov. 7 for the Installation Dining Out -- and leading the ceremony were members of the color guard, Staff Sgt. Darlin Abraham, Mobilization Readiness Battalion; Staff Sgt. Tamika Velasquez, 98th Division; Sgt. 1st Class Rose Morgan, NCO Academy; Sgt. Kathryn Hadaway, MRB; Staff Sgt. Noemi Delacruz, MRB, and Sgt. Jameeka Promise, Watson Medical Support Element, above, with Command Sgt. Maj. Bonita Davis. Right, Col. Ronald Thaxton, Installation commander, presents an award to guest speaker Steve Whitmore in recognition of more than 60 years of federal service.



Jennifer Chupko

Americana

Honoring American Indian Heritage Month

Dix veteran's paintings pay tribute to first Americans

Steve Snyder
Public Affairs Staff

"The white man does not understand the Indian for the reason that he does not understand America. He is too far removed from its formative process. The roots of the tree of his life have not yet grasped the rock and soil. The white man is still troubled with primitive fears; he still has in his consciousness the perils of this frontier continent, some of its vastness not yet having yielded to his questing footsteps and inquiring eyes. He shudders still with the memory of the loss of his forefathers upon its scorching deserts and forbidding mountain-tops. The man from Europe is still an foreigner and an alien... But in the Indian the spirit of the land is still vested; it will be until other men are able to divine and meet its rhythm. Men must be born and reborn to belong. Their bodies must be formed of the dust of their forefather's bones."

Chief Luther Standing Bear, 1933

Joseph William Russo is a kindred spirit. The latest manifestation of his fascination with American Indians can be found at Fort Dix's Arts and Crafts Center on Philadelphia Avenue.

It's an exhibit, running through November, that details the colorful chronicle of Indians in America, an obsession shared by painters as renowned as Frederic Remington, George Catlin and Charles M. Russell.

It's also a homecoming of sorts for Russo, who worked as an illustrator on Fort Dix from about 1960 to 1985 following an illustrious career in the Army which included two years duty in some savage campaigns of the Korean War.

Born in Trenton in 1932 and raised there, Joe was enthralled by the "funnies" or weekly comics for as long as he remembers. He took to drawing, interrupting his avocation only to join a Navy Reserve unit as a fire fighter in the late 1940s.

Joining the Army shortly thereafter to become an Airborne Ranger, Joe was sent to Korea and served there as a combat medic, work mainly in units under the umbrella of the 7th Infantry Division, from 1951-53.

As a combat medic Joe helped save many lives in campaigns that now dot our nation's history books. He served in the Iron Triangle near Pyongyang (the capital of North Korea), in the Twin Tunnels of Ch'orwon and Ch'ipyongri (where the Army's 2nd Division smashed an attack launched by five divisions of Chinese Communist Forces in February 1951) and at Heartbreak Ridge, among other locales.

His unwavering dedication to saving Soldiers' lives gained him a nickname he's never shed - "Buddy."

Returning stateside in 1953, Joe enhanced his military career as a medic at Fort Sam Houston and Fort Meade, Md., military hospital before deploying to Germany and serving as a border patrolman there.

Returning to the U.S. in 1957, Russo used his GI Bill to study illustration at the Hussian School of Art in Philadelphia before studying at the Arts students' League in New York City under famed illustrator Frank Riley.

His formal education completed, Joe began working at the Training Support Office (TASO) under Doug Long. He fondly recalls working alongside Al Skinner, now a DOJM contractor.

During his civil service career Joe continued to draw and paint professionally. His work has graced galleries across the country. He retired from Fort Dix in 1985 but continues to design Christmas cards for the U.S. Army Airborne Association and still polishes off paintings with Native American and military themes.

Among the latter featured in the exhibit is a painting of General (Matthew) Ridgway along with various portraits of airborne rangers. So catch it, s.

It's pure Americana, painted by a patriot.



painting "Sharps Buffalo" by Joe Russo



painting "Desert Tee Pee" by Joe Russo



Staff Sgt. Joe Russo at Erie Ordn Depot, Lacarne, Ohio, 1955



Painting "Watching the Pow-Wow" by Joe Russo



painting "Eagle Feather" by Joe Russo



Painting "Red Feather Wearer" by Joe Russo



painting "Lakota Women" by Joe Russo



"Portrait of Phil George" painting by Joe Russo

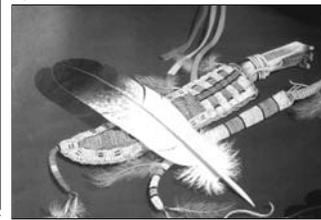


Steve Snyder
Joe Russo, today



courtesy photo

ARTIST AT WORK - Joseph Russo works on a project in April 1989 at what was then TASO (now called TASC or Training Support Center) on Fort Dix. Beginning around 1960, Russo spent 25 years working here; first as a draftsman, then illustrator and finally on television graphics before retiring in 1985.



painting "Eagle Feather" by Joe Russo



painting "Young Indian Warrior" by Joe Russo

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Many deer-vehicle accidents just aren't preventable, but it's up to drivers to help avoid such accidents. Slow down in high-accident areas and remain alert for animals at the sides of the road, especially at sunset and dawn. Report road kill deer on Fort Dix to the DPW Service Desk, 562-6021, for removal.

Joint Base includes technology transfer

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BLACKBERRYS & CELL PHONES - Current Blackberry and cell phone service will be terminated when the activity transfers to the Air Force.

If the Air Force activity requires Blackberry's and cell phones they will procure from the AF contract.

Each Air Force activity budgets for these items separately.

LAND MOBILE RADIOS - The LMR's currently in possession of activities transferring, the LMR's will transfer with the activity.

Once the transfer takes place, there will be a block of time when the LMR's will be relocated to the new talk groups under the Air Force.

MULTI-FUNCTIONAL DEVICES/COPERS - The Air Force will replace the current copiers with LEXMARK multi-functional devices.

The current Army copiers will be removed from the assigned areas due to a different operating system used by the Air Force.

Due to different Air Force standards it will not be a one for one transfer.

INFORMATION ON THE ABOVE - The DOIM will be providing the serial numbers and inventories to the Air Force on the above items. We will be gathering the data electronically at this time.

A complete physical inventory will be conducted prior to the transfer.

A DOIM employee accompanied with Air Force personnel will conduct and inventory one (1) month prior to the transfer.

NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS - Individuals transitioning the e-mail address is: firstname.lastname@McGuire.af.mil

There will be no global address book between the Army/Navy/Air Force so extensive use of contact listing will have to be used.

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 Nov. 3 through 9.

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

●Police responded to a motor vehicle crash at Generals Circle. Investigation revealed a vehicle, operated by a Fort Dix contract employee, was struck by a deer. The deer fled into the woods. There were no reported injuries and the vehicle was released to the operator at the scene.

●Police responded to a motor vehicle crash on Doughboy Loop. Investigation revealed a vehicle, operated by a contractor, struck a parked and unattended vehicle while parking. There were no reported injuries and the vehicles were released to the operators at the scene.

●Police and Fire Department personnel responded to a smoke detector alarm at Bldg. 5991. Investigation revealed a Soldier accidentally struck the alarm with a mop handle while mopping.

●While conducting a routine credential check of a vehicle attempting to enter the installation via CP#9, police discovered the operator, a civilian NAFD, had an invalid driver's license. The subject was cited and the vehicle released to a licensed driver.

●While conducting a routine credential check of a vehicle attempting to enter the installation via the Wrightstown Gate, police discovered the vehicle, operated by an Airman assigned to McGuire AFB, was unregistered. The subject was cited and the vehicle towed from the scene.

●Police responded to an incident in the Garden Terrace housing area. Investigation revealed two neighbors had a verbal dispute that did not escalate into violence.

●Police responded to a traffic accident at the Shoppette. Investigation revealed a truck, operated by an AAFES employee, struck another vehicle while backing. There were no reported injuries and the vehicles were released to the operators at the scene.

●Police responded to a report of larceny of government property at Bldg. 3650. Investigation revealed person(s) unknown had removed property from a training room. Investigation continues.

●While conducting a routine credential check of a vehicle attempting to enter the installation via CP #9, police discovered the vehicle operator, a civilian NAFD, had a suspended driver's license. The subject was cited and the vehicle released to a licensed driver.

●Police responded to a report of a motorcycle in the Range 24 impact area. Range Control initiated a cease fire on all ranges. The vehicle was located and a traffic stop initiated. Investigation revealed the motorcycle was unregistered and uninsured and that the operator, a civilian NAFD, had a suspended driver's license. Police also detected a strong odor of alcohol on the subject. After failing field sobriety tests, the subject was transported to the police station for processing. The vehicle was towed from the scene and the subject was cited for operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, criminal trespass, operating an unregistered vehicle, operating an uninsured vehicle, and driving while suspended.

●Police responded to a traffic accident near Bldg. 5405. Investigation revealed a government vehicle, operated by a Soldier assigned to Fort Dix, slid on wet pavement and struck a fire control valve. There were no reported injuries and the vehicle was released to the operator at the scene.

●During a routine traffic stop on Cookstown Road, police discovered the vehicle operator, a civilian NAFD, had previously been issued a formal letter of ejection from Fort Dix. The subject related he was unaware that Cookstown Road was part of Fort Dix. The subject was cited for criminal trespass and escorted off the installation.

●Police responded to an incident in the Garden Terrace housing area. Investigation revealed two occupants had a verbal altercation that did not escalate into violence. Both declined Family Advocate services.

●During a routine traffic stop on Route 68, police noted the vehicle operator, a Soldier assigned to Fort Dix, had slurred speech and had a strong odor of alcohol. After failing field sobriety tests, the subject was transported to the police station for processing. The subject was cited and the vehicle towed from the scene.

●Police responded to a report of housebreaking and larceny of private property at Bldg. 5611. Investigation revealed that person(s) unknown had broken into a locker belonging to a Soldier assigned to Fort Dix and had taken personal property. Investigation continues.

●There were five expired identification cards confiscated during the period.
●There were 17 Magistrate Court Citations issued for moving violations. The total of DWI incidents is now at 12 for the year.

Wounded war vet receives new home

'Homes for Our Troops' lends helping hand

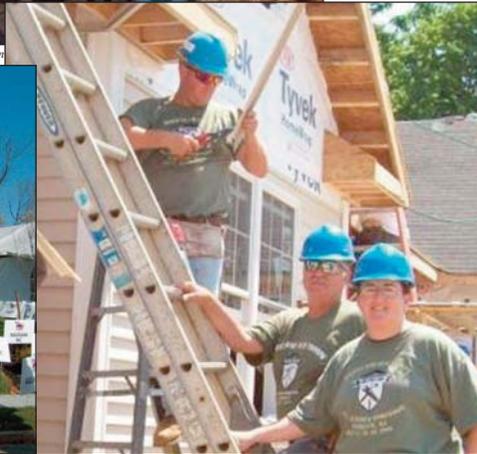


ANDY'S NEW HOME -- A spanking new "Homes for Our Troops" house located in Florence went to retired Marine Staff Sgt. Andy Robinson, a quadriplegic wounded by an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) attack in the Al Anbar Province of Iraq in June 2006. A crowd of hundreds, left, greets Robinson as he arrives to settle in on Nov. 10. John Gonsalves, president and CEO of "Homes for Our Troops" was on hand to welcome Andy home, left, and present him with the keys to his new house. Maj. Theresa Bunn, directly below, helps put up siding during a recent "Build Brigade" weekend in Florence. Her partners were a New York City fireman and an engineer for the new Yankee Stadium.

Maj. Theresa Bunn



Maj. Theresa Bunn



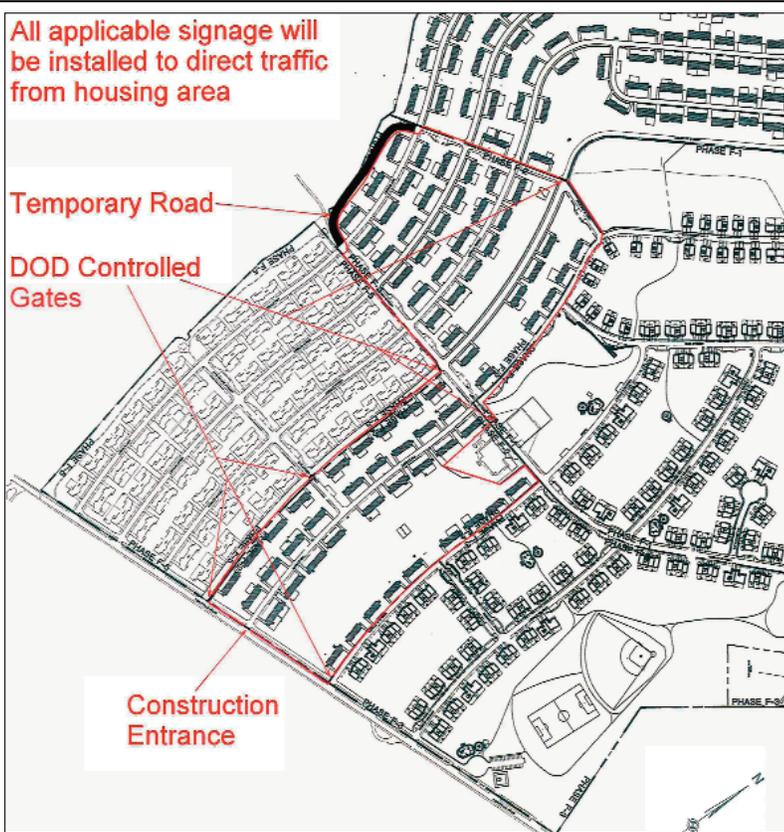
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All applicable signage will be installed to direct traffic from housing area

Temporary Road

DOD Controlled Gates

Construction Entrance



United Communities posts plan for next phase of construction

United Communities (UC) will begin the next phase of construction of privatized housing in the Fort Dix Garden Terrace housing area Dec. 1.

In this phase, unoccupied portions of the 1200 and 1600 Areas will be fenced off to become part of the UC construction area.

The Fort Dix Youth Center (building 1279) will remain accessible from Jaltustown Road via Locust Street.

The occupied southwest portion of the Garden Terrace housing area (buildings 1200 - 1280) will be accessible via a temporary two-lane paved road to be constructed to connect the west-end of Locust Street and the west-end of Filmore Street.

Detour signs will be posted to direct traffic. This phase of construction is projected to be completed in approximately one-and-a-half years.

UC will remove the construction fencing in stages as construction is completed. The Fort Dix Department of Public Works point of contact for the UC activities is Rich Sample at richard.sample@us.army.mil and 562-5025.



United Communities

NEIGHBORHOOD

THE CORNER

Fort Dix Home School Group to meet

The Fort Dix Home School Group meets every Wednesday at the Fort Dix Youth Center from 10 a.m. to noon. Snacks and social time are from 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. followed by sports, an arts and crafts or technology activity. Registration and activities are free. For more information call 562-6271.

Tickets on sale now for up-coming shows

Tickets are available now for Patti Labelle & Friends in concert at Timmermann Center, Dec. 2 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and are available at Club Dix or at Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation Headquarters, 6043 Doughboy Loop.

Tickets are also available for Fort Dix Apollo Night, Nov. 21 at Club Dix. Tickets are \$10. Call 562-2767 for more information.

Holiday dinner theater coming to Club Dix

Tickets are now available for "Once Upon A Christmas Dinner Theater." Bring the family for a buffet dinner and relive the immortal tale of Ebenezer Scrooge performed by The Riddlesbrook Touring Company Dec. 6 at 7 p.m. at Club Dix. Tickets can be purchased at Club Dix or Family, Morale, Welfare Recreation Headquarters, 6043 Doughboy Loop. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and under. Call 723-3272 for details.

Thrift Shop offers holiday bargains

The Fort Dix Thrift Shop has lots of gently used and new decorating and gift-giving items for the holidays, as well as everyday practical items. The array changes regularly. Now is also a great time to consign items to raise a little extra holiday cash.

November Thrift Shop hours are: Saturday, Nov. 1 and Nov. 15, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Wednesday, Nov. 5 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., and every Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with consignments taken those days from 10 a.m. to noon. The shop is located at 6501 Pennsylvania Avenue. For more information call 723-2683.

Donations sought for Thanksgiving baskets

The Fort Dix Main Chapel is seeking food donations for Thanksgiving baskets. Donations of canned goods, boxed potato mix, and stuffing can be dropped off at the Main Chapel during business hours, Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Sunday from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Families wishing to receive a basket should call 562-5245 for application information.

Newcomer's Orientation scheduled

Army Community Service (ACS) invites newly arrived personnel and their family members to attend the ACS Newcomers' Orientation Nov. 20, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the ACS building 5201 on Eighth Street at Maryland Avenue.

Come to find out what programs and services are available, ask questions and to get a sense of community.

A complimentary lunch at Club Dix and a mini-tour of Fort Dix and McGuire facilities follow the orientation.

Free child care is also provided through the Child and Youth Services Central Registry. For child care registration please call 562-4702. For more information regarding the orientation and to register please call Amada Espinoza or Patricia Toler at 562-2767.

Submissions sought for Army photo contest

The All Army Digital Photography Contest is seeking entrants. The deadline for submissions is Dec. 7. To enter, access the contest website and submit your photo at <https://artscrafts.fmwrc.army.mil>. The Contest is open to all active duty Soldiers and civilians. Contest information and assistance is available at the Arts & Crafts Center. Call 562-5691 for more information.

Wayne Cook Public Affairs Staff

More than 100 Pemberton Township children were treated to free footwear at the Shoe Dept. Store in Browns Mills Nov. 12.

A joint effort by the Burlington County Freeholders, the Burlington County Action Program (BCAP), and the Fort Dix Chapel congregations, the organizations provided donations that supplied new shoes and boots to 107 children from disadvantaged families.

That is almost twice the number of children from last year, when 56 youths benefited from the program.

Six buses rolled up to the store and as systematically as possible unloaded the mass of children into the store.

Most of the children attend the Kid's Club House at the Nesbit Center in Pemberton Township.

"We are so fortunate to have the help of the Freeholders, BCAP, and the Fort Dix Chapel," said Gerry Cole-Brown, Nesbit Center coordinator.

"This is a wonderful gesture of goodwill to all of the children. Odessa Johnson from the Fort Dix Chapel Gospel congregation worked with us this year and last," she said.

The children who ranged in age from toddlers through teenagers, moved throughout the store hunting for that special pair of sneakers or boots while volunteers from BCAP and the Fort Dix Chapel Gospel con-

gregation worked to keep a semblance of order in the establishment.

Smiles crossed some of the children's faces as they tried on new shoes.

"I think this is really cool," said Kayla Chase of Pemberton Township as she tried on a pair of New Balance sneakers.

"It makes me happy. I like my new shoes," said Dejour Cleveland, with a huge grin on his face as he proudly held up the bag containing his new shoes.

Through the ordered chaos, the store employees and volunteers were able to help each child pick out that special gift from strangers who just wanted to make a difference in a child's life.

The three main congregations at the Fort Dix Chapel took a designated offering knowing that they were reaching out, not only to put shoes on feet, but also to touch the hearts of those who could really use it.

"I've been working with kids as a member of BCAP for 21 years. You get a lot of self-satisfaction each time you work with them. I love doing this," said Henry Gilyard, second vice-president, board of BCAP.

At the end of their visit the buses rolled away loaded with children and volunteers, boxes and bags, and a whole lot of smiles.

The project was one example of how the Army Community Covenant has enabled the Fort Dix community to reach out to its neighbors to build stronger relationships and provide aid when possible.



Wayne Cook

READY TO RUN -- Esmeralda Gomez shows off the new pair of sneakers she received at the Shoe Dept. Store in Browns Mills Nov. 12.

Toy drive helps less fortunate

Ryan Morton Public Affairs Staff

Once again, the holiday season is upon us and the spirit of giving is in the air.

Organizations throughout the Fort Dix and McGuire Air Force Base communities are doing their part to help those less fortunate have a more fruitful holiday season.

The Fort Dix Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO) Academy is currently conducting a toy drive in collaboration with Army Community Services (ACS).

"We wanted to do something to give back to the community and thought a toy drive would be a good idea," said NCO Academy instructor and toy drive organizer, Staff Sgt. Lindsay Vickery.

The toy drive kicked off Nov. 7. The NCO Academy has a collection box located on the first floor in building 5518 and will be collecting toys

until Dec. 12. The toys will then be taken to Army Community Services for distribution.

Organizing this activity and giving her time and effort is nothing new for Vickery. Her past volunteer work includes helping in a day care facility with special needs children, volunteering in food banks, and battered women's shelters.

"My mother always encouraged me from a young age to give back and help others, so it's really a way of life," she said.

So far, according to Vickery, the response has been great and the generous spirit within the academy is beginning to take flight.

"It's nice to know that people out there care about Soldiers and their families. I think it's always more rewarding when you can do it as a group rather than by yourself too," Vickery said.

Anyone wishing to make a contribution to NCO Academy's toy drive should call 562-6162.



Ryan Morton

SANTA'S HELPER -- Staff Sgt. Lindsay Vickery, Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO) Academy instructor, places a toy in the toy drive donation box, Nov. 12. The toys Vickery collects will be donated to Army Community Services.

Family's generosity aids Soldiers

Wayne Cook Public Affairs Staff

The Kraeck family of Yardley, Pa., delivered 31 boxes and bags of donated items to the American Red Cross Nov. 10.

Kathy Kraeck drove her three children -- Emily, 13, Alison, 10, and Tommy, 7, to Fort Dix to drop off the donations which they had all helped to organize and collect through the help and generosity of their scout groups, schools and neighbors.

Volunteering is a family affair for the Kraecks.

Kathy is a member of the special events committee for Lower Makefield Township in Pennsylvania and helped organize and plan the 2nd Annual Veterans Day Parade. She coordinated with the planners to have donation boxes placed along the parade route so attendees could drop off items they wished to donate.

She helped her children coordinate with their local schools -- Makefield Elementary, Eleanor Roosevelt Elementary, and the Children's House (a preschool) -- as they collected donations from the staff members and students.

Establishing a respect with her children for those who serve has been a priority for Kathy.

"I've been at this for seven years. I got started selling Girl Scout cookies. I felt it would be nice to give to our servicemen and get the community to help out. I do this because I feel we have a comfortable lifestyle and I think it is important to give to those risking their lives to protect us," she said.

"I think it is important to teach the children, and set an example for them, to give back to the community and others as

well. It gives me a good feeling when I can get the entire community involved," she added.

The ideals that Kathy has instilled in her children have really taken hold in their lives. Each of them has an appreciation for those who give of themselves for others.

Emily said, "I like doing these donation drives because it helps the people who are keeping our country safe. I have also been involved in the donation drives for the military for seven years. I've also written letters to military members overseas. I've learned a lot more about what's going on and what they're going through. It feels really good to help and know that I am helping my country."

Younger sister, Alison, was all smiles as she helped carry the boxes into the Red Cross station.

"I do this to help the Soldiers overseas because they are risking their lives to help us. I've been doing this for five years. It makes me feel really happy because what we do makes the Soldiers happy," Alison said.

Emily is a member of Girl Scout Cadette Troop 21292, while Alison is a member of Junior Girl Scout Troop 21501. They enjoy getting their troops involved in the projects because it helps them all learn to do for others.

Not to be left out, little brother, Tommy, is a member of Cub Scout Pack 95 and has been involved with the family ventures as long as he can remember.

"I like helping. This is my second year. I think it's really fun to help our Soldiers. It makes me happy to get them



Wayne Cook

A FAMILY AFFAIR -- The Kraeck family -- Tommy, 7, Emily, 13, Alison, 10, and Kathy, collected 31 boxes full of items to donate to the American Red Cross on Fort Dix to make comfort kits for Soldiers deploying overseas. The family collected the items through Scout projects and community events.

this stuff and make them happy," said Patrizia Selk-Welkenbach.

"I met the Kraecks in 2004 during their cookie drive donation. They have been donating to Soldiers here ever since. It's been an on-going relationship with Kathy and it's been wonderful," said Selk-Welkenbach.

As far as the Kraecks are concerned, this relationship and mission will go on for as long as they are needed.

Commissary sales increase in 2008

Kevin L. Robinson
DeCA public affairs specialist

FORT LEE, Va. — Commissary customers expanded the use of their benefit in fiscal 2008, with 1.5 million more transactions helping to generate \$5.8 billion in sales, according to end-of-year figures released by the Defense Commissary Agency in October.

The fiscal 2008 results, a five percent jump from fiscal 2007, represent the sixth straight year of sales increases and matched the highest sales total for DeCA since fiscal 1993. DeCA had 385 commissaries then; there were 254 stores at the end of September 2008.

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"At 30 percent or more in savings, the commissary continues to be a benefit our customers can depend on that provides the value they can afford!"

Despite escalating food and gas prices and ongoing troop deployments, customer counts in fiscal 2008 still rose 1.6 percent compared to fiscal 2007. This is an indicator that cus-

tomers are continuing to make the trip to their local commissaries.

What keeps bringing the customers to the commissary? First, last and always it's about customer savings, said Rick Page, chief operating officer.

"A lot of work goes into getting quality products at 30 percent savings, keeping the store shelves stocked and delivering superior customer service to our customers on a daily basis around the world."

DeCA's consistent sales growth continues to be a direct result of the working relation-

ship the agency enjoys with its headquarters sales directorate, the agency's three regions, store team members and its industry partners, said Randy Chandler, director of sales.

"We come together to deliver the best products on the shelves at the best prices." He pointed to several factors that contributed significantly to the sales gains:

• Worldwide case lot sales, held twice annually in May and September, continue to grow

and generate excitement for customers.

The May event generated \$18 million in sales, an increase of 31 percent from May 2007, and the September event tallied \$17.3 million, a 25.4 percent increase from September 2007.

• DeCA conducted 104 Guard and Reserve on-site sales during fiscal 2008 that generated \$4.5 million in sales and served more than 41,000 customers. Already for fiscal

2009, 66 on-site sales are scheduled with a goal to conduct 150.

• Produce sales were up 7.8 percent with customer savings approaching 40 percent.

• Increased offerings of paper and paper towels similar to large-quantity items sold in commercial warehouse "club" outlets.

DeCA sold \$74 million in (continued on page 11)

Course helps build stronger marriages

Wayne Cook
Public Affairs Staff

The Main Chapel staff has been hosting 13 married couples on Wednesday evenings for a marriage ministry.

Chap. (Maj.) Allen Raub, installation staff chaplain, has been leading an eight week marriage seminar for couples who were looking for ways to improve their relationships.

The classes begin with a dinner provided by volunteers from the chapel. Then the couples all watch videos and have discussions on different topics such as — building strong foundations, the art of communication, resolving conflicts, the power of forgiveness, parents and in-laws, good sex, love in action, and what makes a marriage work.

The couples engage in specific exercises and have ques-

tions that they must discuss privately.

There is no group work at any point, as the seminar is geared specifically to the relationship of the marriage.

While the course is based on Christian principles of marriage, its primary goal is to give all couples practical tools to strengthen their relationship and enable their union to grow.

"We are here to facilitate the opportunity for married couples to build on their relationships and help them to grow and have healthy marriages that last a lifetime," said Raub.

Ernie Yeager and his wife, Sandy Forman, are one of the couples who decided to take advantage of the program.

"I think this is very good. I'm glad they are providing this, especially making it available to the military also," said Forman. "We get to learn ways to practice conflict resolution

in a positive manner. We learn how to accept the things that are different between us that initially attracted us to each other."

"This course provides an avenue for us as a married couple to discuss issues involved in a relationship, like conflict resolution and allowing God to be a part of our relationship. Including prayer into our relationship is a very important tool. The things we learn here we can use in any relationship, not just our marriages," Yeager said.

The course runs for an eight week period. There are no attendance fees and child care is available.

Anyone interested in attending a future session of the Marriage Course should contact Leona Rader at Army Community Service by calling 562-5200 or the Main Chapel at 562-2349.

Warrior Care Month recognized by AAFES

Judd C. Anstey
Army & Air Force Exchange Service Corporate Communications

DALLAS, Nov. 7, 2008 — The Army & Air Force Exchange Service is doing its part to recognize and support those who have sacrificed for their country as part of November's Warrior Care Month.

"With barber shops, fast food restaurants and stores with items to help pass the time at military hospitals such as Landstuhl Regional and Walter Reed Army Medical Centers, AAFES is uniquely positioned to serve wounded warriors and their Families," said AAFES' Chief of Corporate Communications Lt. Col. Dean Thurmond.

"The relationship even extends beyond active duty as honorably discharged disabled veterans are granted a lifetime of unlimited exchange benefits," said Thurmond.

AAFES will raise awareness of Warrior Care Month resources through in-store radio, signage as well as other promotional materials at BXs and PXs across the globe.

To simplify access to care, the DoD has created the Warrior Care Web Portal at <http://www.WarriorCare.mil> to serve as a portal to all warrior care resources.

This site describes available resources and links users to the correct sources for additional information.

Through it, servicemembers, their friends and Families can easily identify and access care.

Warrior Care Month is a Department of Defense-wide effort aimed at increasing awareness of programs and resources available to wounded, ill and injured service members, their families and those who care about them.



Wayne Cook

Holiday meal woes helped by donation

Ed Day, district manager of WEBCO General Partnership, middle, presents John Zoubra, Commissary store director, left, and Bobby Brown, Army Emergency Relief Coordinator, Army Community Service (ACS) with a turkey and a check for \$500, Nov. 12. The money will be used to purchase gift certificates for Soldiers in need so that they may purchase holiday turkeys at the Commissary. WEBCO raised the funds as part of its September Back-to-School truckload sale.

War, storms exhaust Louisiana Guard resources

Lisa Evans
Public Affairs Staff

Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, Ike and Gustav; Iraq and Afghanistan – National Guard Soldiers from Louisiana have fought them all.

"Since 2003, at any given moment one or two units from Louisiana have been deployed. With hurricane season and four other units on tap to deploy in the next year, with three deployed at this time, Louisiana has an extremely busy National Guard," Capt. Calvin Foreman commander of the 39th Military Police Company said recently.

The 39th Company pulled Soldiers from other states because since 2005 one Louisiana National Guard brigade has been to Iraq twice, another once but taking 3000 Soldiers to fight, and 2 to 3 companies a year rotate through.

The Soldiers of the 39th are on tap to teach Iraqi Police how to police a troubled, dangerous land. Although 40 percent of the Soldiers from the

39th are police officers. Foreman said, their skills lie not only in their civilian jobs, but in the experience they have following the devastation of hurricanes and many of his Soldiers have deployed multiple times.

Following Katrina, with the breakdown of civil services, death all around, destruction of buildings, rescue operations and policing the unpoliceable, the National Guard gained skills that translate into training Iraqi police.

During Gustave, National Guard Soldiers and Airmen were his drivers for movement control while evacuating citizens to shelters across the state. In other areas, more than 900 Soldiers worked Lake Charles, Napoléonville, Iowa, Breaux Bridge, Lake Charles, and Rayne throughout the morning before the hurricanes hit to assist civil authorities with evacuation and security in moving citizens from South-west Louisiana on evacuation routes. This effort was just one week after Hurricane Ike had gone through.

Guard Soldiers patrolled the streets of New Orleans assist-

ing with security before evacuating citizens for Gustave and, famously, after Katrina to maintain control while fighting for their own survival.

Louisiana's National Guard has seen the devastation, fought lawlessness and brought order to chaos at home and at war.

Two Soldiers who have been with the National Guard for many years are Sgt. 1st Class Roger Holfield from Delhi, La. with 12 years military experience, and Sgt. James Coburn from Elm Grove, La. with 23 years military experience. Both Holfield and Coburn married just four months before this deployment.

Holfield left the military and came back after a 10-year break in service. He said he saw a website with a list of the dead with first time enlistees his age. He decided he had the training and the abilities and had to use them.

"So I came back in. I couldn't let it lie. They had biographies of husbands and fathers. I couldn't let it lie. I am a husband to a beautiful wife and a father to five beautiful children and a grandchild that will be born while I'm down range in Iraq," Holfield said. "I'm proud to be in the 39th. I couldn't think of a better bunch to go into combat with. They're dedicated, highly motivated and highly professional."

Training has changed, Holfield said. "When I came in we were preparing for a great land battle with the Soviet Union. Lots of ground action and lots of woods. Now we are preparing for urban environment against insurgents. The knowledge the Soldier has to have has changed. Every sol-



SAFELY CLEARED – Spc. Brandon Harris, Spc. Weston Merriott and Pfc. Thomas Bernand leave a secured building, during Military Operations Urban Terrain training on Fort Dix Oct. 31.

dier is expected to know every facet of the mission, with lots of technical advances," Holfield added.

Coburn is a Fort Dix alum-

there a while and everybody has more experience, a lot more time and lessons learned. This is his second tour of duty to Iraq. He was there throughout 2003 and looks forward to returning. "It's all for her," he said of his new wife.

Spc. Shane Biden, Smithsburg, Md. was in Iraq from February 2004 to March 2005.

"The training is good. And a lot of hands-on training is good since we're going to Iraq. This is a good unit with good cohesion. Everybody gets along really well. That's the best part of it," Biden said. "There's a lot of us that came from 15 other states and in a few days we all just felt like we were family. Like we knew each other before we got here."

In reflecting on his experience in Iraq, he added, "I hope it's better the second time around. I hear it is. We've been

there a while and everybody has more experience, a lot more time and lessons learned. This is his second tour of duty to Iraq. He was there throughout 2003 and looks forward to returning. "It's all for her," he said of his new wife.

Capt. Foreman described the mission of the 39th to train, mentor and coach the Iraqi Police Force as critical to the Iraqi government's determination to ensure the safety and security of its citizens as they move towards greater autonomy.

The 39th MPs experiences at home with hurricanes and police work, plus the experience many of them have at war, will be assets that will help ensure success.

(Editor's note: This is the third in a series of articles about the Louisiana National Guard 39th Military Police Company, and their training at Fort Dix to meet a challenging mission in Iraq.)



STAY ALERT – Spc. Brandon Harris gestures to tell Spc. Weston Merriott the direction a threat is coming from during MOUT training Oct. 31.



STREET SWEEP – Spc. Kodi Perry clears the street before he and Staff Sgt. William Bekemeier leave a cleared building during MOUT training on Fort Dix Oct. 31.



DEAD ON AIM – Spc. Jimmy Hanf of the 39th MP Co. fires his M4 while wearing a gas mask during qualifications on Fort Dix, Nov. 4. Soldiers fired from three positions and while masked to qualify.



ENSURING SAFETY – Spc. Kodi Perry checks the street before leading his patrol out of a cleared building during MOUT training Oct. 31.

Benefits available for WTU Soldiers

Jennifer Chupko
Public Affairs Staff

The Warrior Transition Unit (WTU) is the U.S. Army program that takes care of Soldiers who have been wounded while on active duty. The unit was created in response to medical needs received during the Global War on Terrorism.

WTU is designed to serve as a support system to Soldiers transitioning to or from the battlefield through treatment, rehabilitation, military retirement into civilian life or Soldiers returning to active duty. WTU provides many benefits to the transitioning Soldiers. They include finance, healthcare, family support and counseling services.

The financial support includes combat-related injury and rehabilitation pay. This is special pay that is paid to servicemembers during a portion

of time during rehabilitation from wounds, injuries or illness incurred in a combat operation or combat zone. It gives the opportunity to adjust to future reduction of pay. Soldiers were receiving before being taken out of training or combat for their medical treatment.

Another type of financial assistance includes Combat-Related Special Compensation. This provides tax-free monthly payments to retired veterans with combat-related injuries for both full military retirement pay and veteran disability compensation, if the injury is combat related.

Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance, Traumatic Injury Protection Program (TSGLI) is a form of the financial support system of WTU. The coverage applies to active duty members, reservists, National Guard members, funeral honors duty and one-

day muster duty. Soldiers who served in a combat zone can exclude certain pay from their taxable income. The Combat Zone Tax Exclusion is unlimited for enlisted members and warrant officers and is limited to the maximum enlisted pay amount for officers.

There is also an Invitational

"I am still learning about the plethora of resources that are available because there are so many. My heart's desire is for the Soldier to have a complete recovery and sometimes that requires more than a physical healing."

-Chap. (Capt.) Thi Truong

insurance to disabled Soldiers and certain members of their family if the Soldier is "insured," meaning the Soldier worked long enough and paid Social Security taxes.

While eligibility for Social Security disability is based on prior work under Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI) disability pay-

ment is made on the basis of financial need. Children of military family members may also qualify for disability benefits under either the Social Security program or the SSI program.

Healthcare is one of the most important benefits provided for WTU Soldiers. They are offered Tricare comprehensive coverage, for not only the Soldier, but their family members as well. While going through the phases of recovery, family members are informed that Soldiers have to cope with intense physical pain and possible emotions that may affect their reactions to life. As a result, the Soldier may suffer from nightmares, sleep problems, substance abuse, acute stress disorder, depression, among others.

There are many resources such as counseling, websites and books available to help Soldiers and their families while going through these situations.

It is common for people to suffer from stages of grief after a serious event such as a disaster or death. WTU provides guidance for the steps Soldiers will need to take on their path

to both medical and health recovery.

Chap. (Capt.) Thi Truong says there is physical, emotional and spiritual healing. Soldiers must go through, to have a complete recovery.

"Counseling plays a big role in healing," he said. "WTU is medically driven, but it is action oriented."

Of the 193 Soldiers in WTU, 90 percent have orthopedic issues. Roughly 50 percent of those Soldiers have a combination that includes psychiatric and medical concerns.

Looking for counseling is the Soldier's responsibility, but once initiated, there are many resources they can tap into. "I am still learning about the plethora of resources that are available because there are so many," said Truong. "My heart's desire is for the Soldier to have a complete recovery and sometimes that requires more than a physical healing."

Staff fills in for family during transition

Jennifer Chupko
Public Affairs Staff

People around the world go to the hospital everyday, but for the men and women transitioning into the Warrior Transition Unit (WTU) for medical care, a Soldier's family may not be close enough to Fort Dix to offer support and comfort. This is when the WTU staff

steps up to the plate to provide their unit's Soldiers, with the utmost care.

The assistance of the caregivers, meaning WTU assistants, management and therapists, try to make the transition as accommodating and comforting as possible.

"We have Soldiers that come back with a variety of problems that need medical attention," said Kimberly

Washington, WTU Family Readiness Support. "We had a Soldier recently come in with throat cancer and he just found out he has a brain tumor as well."

When a Soldier returns from combat, wounded, injured or ill, their case is reviewed at the Watson Army Medical Support Element before being transferred to WTU. The Soldier is evaluated

on a disability rating scale, existing diagnoses are determined and they are set up with a case manager if the recovery period is more than 25 days.

"Processing each case is different; they are never exactly the same," said Sgt. 1st Class Juan Sandoval, Physical Disability Evaluation Officer. "Each Soldier gets a different recovery course of action and it is never easy."

A newsletter is sent to the families when a Soldier enters WTU that provides answers to frequently asked questions and contact information, but the concern and attention for the warriors does not stop there. There is plenty of caring WTU employees who act as a Fort

like to be there for them as much as possible."

Washington says that she relies heavily upon Military OneSource. The program contains a wealth of knowledge about child care, education on benefits, military housing and healthcare services. The staff makes arrangements for family members and sets medical appointments with the best available doctors and surgeons for each case.

"We have over 2,000 providers that I have screened for our Soldiers," said Evaughn Lincoln, Medical Support Command. "I am always looking to acquire more providers for the best medical care possible."

Operation Homefront collects the toys from Dollar Tree stores and the boxes of toys will then be picked up by the WTU staff for a distribution "Toy Day" focused exclusively for the WTU Soldiers with their children.

own sons or daughters.

"I deal with the issues that the families do not need to have on their shoulders in a time of distress," said Lincoln.

"If I can help, then I will have to make sure my chicks are taken care of."

The team is currently making plans to give the Soldiers a helping hand during the holidays.

"Through Operation Homefront, I am picking up boxes of donated toys," said Washington. "We are handing them out to each Soldier or mailing them to their families - every family deserves to give their kid a toy for the holidays."

Lincoln is referred to as "Mother Hen" around the office because she is always going that extra mile in the Soldier's best interest. She treats WTU Soldiers like her

Wounded Soldiers face challenges, uncertainty

Jennifer Chupko
Public Affairs Staff

Pfc. Benjamin Gabriel, Warrior Transition Unit, was ready to mobilize overseas. However, instead of traveling with his unit to Afghanistan, the Soldier suffered a Lisfranc fracture to his left foot, eight days before his deployment in May.

Gabriel, of Santa Barbara, California, dislocated four of his toes and had two fractures to his big toe, which dislocated them from the main plate of his foot. He has undergone surgery to insert three pins to reattach his toes.

Gabriel's doctors informed him that the medical healing process will take about a year to a year and a half. Until then, he walks around with a cane and expects to have another surgery to his foot.

"I didn't join the military to be stagnant," said Gabriel. "I want to fight for our country and I am now useless."

If Gabriel can no longer be in the military, he will return to California. However, if his foot heals correctly, he is looking forward to possibly mobilizing to Afghanistan.

"I am not 100 percent sure if that is where I would be sent, but that is where my unit was sent," he said.

Gabriel has a case manager who helps him cope with his injury. He said it helps him cope with his situation.

"I just want to know where I am going to go," said Gabriel. "My unit is thousands of miles away to the east and my family is thousands of miles away to the west."



Jennifer Chupko

ROAD TO RECOVERY -- Pfc. Benjamin Gabriel fractured and dislocated the toes on his left foot. Doctors performed surgery and placed three pins in his foot. It is estimated it will take a year-and-a-half for him to recover.

For more information, please call (609) 562-4888/2707.

Holiday Fitness Fun Program

Read The Post!

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Call Army Community Service

at 562-2767

to find out more.

NCO Call at Club Dix

Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m.

Announcements

Chapel Services

562-2020

Protestant

9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Catholic

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.

Cinema Schedule

Theater is closed for renovations

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.

Christian Women of the Chapel

Meets every Tuesday
9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
at the Chapel and the
4th Tuesday at
Buttonwood Hospital.

Holiday Services Schedule

Protestant Thanksgiving
Eve Service - 7 p.m.

Gospel Youth Christmas
Pageant - December 13
5 p.m.

Christmas Concert
December 19, 5:30 p.m.

Christmas Eve Catholic
Children's Mass, 5 p.m.

Christmas Eve Protestant
Candle Light Service, 7 p.m.

Christmas Day
Catholic Mass - 10:15 a.m.

New Year's Eve
Catholic Mass - 6 p.m.

ACS

562-2767

Bldg. 5201 Maryland Avenue

Calendar of Events

Monday, November 17

Lunch and a Movie:
The Art of Living with Change
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
ACS

Tuesday, November 18

Hearts Apart: "Creating Mem-
ories from the Heart."
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
ACS

Wednesday, November 19

Volunteer Advisory/
AFTB/AFAP
Advisory Counsel
9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
ACS

Thursday, Nov. 20

New Comers Orientation
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
ACS

Friday, November 21

Love and Logic: Parent Train-
ing for Parents of School
Aged Children (5-12) Part 3
9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
ACS

International Spouses Group
11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.
ACS

Griffith Field House

Bldg. 6053 562-4888

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Combat Fitness Challenge
Military Only
6:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m.

See the MWR newsletter at
www.dixmwr.com for a com-
plete schedule of fitness offer-
ings from our professional
exercise and health staff.
Get in shape for the new
year!

Fountain Green Golf Course

FGGC News and Events
Hours of Operations
7 a.m. to dusk
(time changes daily)

Mulligans Grill and 19
Hole Bar will close for the
season November 30, 2008

Winter Hours Starting
December 1, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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 4 p.m.

Computer Lab
4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday
November 15

Volleyball Tournament
4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Monday

Triple Play
3:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Tuesday

Journalism
3:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Wednesday

Fashion Design
3:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Shutterbugs
4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Thursday

Cosmetology
3:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Friday

Scrapbooking
3:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Keystone Management
Meeting
6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday
November 22

Keystone Club Thanksgiving
Potluck Dinner
4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

SKIES Unlimited

Ballet
Wednesdays

3 - 5 years
3:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

4 and up
4:30 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.

\$45 Fee
Child Development Center

Martial Arts
Wednesday & Friday

7 - 18 years
7 p.m. to 8 p.m.
\$57 Fee
Youth Center

Gymnastics
Weekly

2 - 3 years, 30 min. classes
\$40 per month

4 - 6 years, 45 min. classes
\$45 per month
Child Development Center

Piano Lessons
Fee \$20 for 1/2 hour

Cheerleading
5 - 9 years, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

10 - 18 years, 11 a.m. to noon
\$45 fee
Youth Center

Recreation Center

Bldg. 5905
(Military Only)

Monday through Friday
4 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday
Noon to 10 p.m.

Arts & Crafts

Bldg. 6039 562-5691

Registration Hours:

Tuesday
9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Wednesday & Thursday
Noon to 5 p.m. and
6 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.

Friday
11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Saturday
9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Military Family Month Specials -

From November 1 - 29

In honor of our military fami-
lies, we are offering
20 percent off framing of fam-
ily and military portraits
(presentation items not in-
cluded), and 20 percent off all
ceramic and mosaic items,
plus critters and outfits.

Adult Introductory Painting Course -

November 6 - December 18,
Thursdays
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
(6-week course)
\$30 registration fee,
plus materials.
Build on techniques learned in
Introductory Drawing or dis-
cover all new painting skills.
The course will cover various
paint media including acrylic
and watercolor paints. Come
join us for a "colorful" and
fun experience!

November Gallery Exhibit -

Illustrations by Joseph Russo-
Joseph Russo displays his
prints in the gallery through
the month of Nov. Russo
worked on Fort Dix as an il-
lustrator more than 25 years,
and his work focuses
on military themes.

United Communities

Upcoming Events:

Thanksgiving Craft Night
Sunday, November 19
4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Join us at the UC Leasing Of-
fice for a Thanksgiving Craft
Night. All ages are welcome
to attend. Call (609) 723-4290
or stop by the leasing office
for more details. Deadline to
sign up is November 17.

Calling All Football Fans
Sign Up for Our John Madden
X-BOX Tournament for a
chance to win an X-Box 360.
For more information call the
Leasing Office at (609) 723-
4290, or visit the website at
www.mcguiredixuc.com.

Photo Contest

Get your cameras ready! UC
will be hosting a photo con-
test. United Communities is
looking for the best photos of
the housing area. Winner re-
ceives a \$50 AMEX giftcard,
second place receives a \$25
AMEX giftcard. The photos
will be displayed on the UC
website. Photos are due to the
UC leasing office by January
12, 2009.
For more information, contact
the UC Leasing Office at
(609) 723-4290.

Resident Information:

Over-flow recycling containers
are in the compactor areas
located on Gum Street,
Mahlenbroek Avenue, and
Hemlock Street. Please take
packing boxes, and additional
over-flow recyclables such as
cans, glass bottles, plastics,
and paper to these locations.
Call (609) 723-4290 for more
information.

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Club Dix Hours of Operation

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

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

Bar Hours

Wednesday
5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Thursday - Saturday
6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Sunday - Tuesday Closed

Computer Lab

Monday and Tuesday
7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday - 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

Monday - Friday
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

John Mann Park

Fall hours of operation

Saturday and Sunday
1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Upcoming Events

Apollo Night featuring
Ray Chew & the Apollo
Band
Friday, November 21
Looking For Local Talent!
\$500 First Prize!
Visit www.dixmwr.com for
rules and more information
Tickets \$10, Club Dix

R & B artist

Patti LaBelle
Tuesday, December 2
Tickets \$25, Timmermann
Center

Don't forget to purchase your
Christmas tree at Outdoor
Recreation this year. Join
Outdoor Recreation on De-
cember 6 for "Santa Paws"
and have your pet's picture
taken with Santa Claus.
For more info, contact Out-
door Recreation at 562-6667.

Fort Dix Installation

Tree Lighting Ceremony
December 5, Wurman Hall
4:30 p.m.

Santa and his helpers will lead
the holiday procession from
Wurman Hall to Club Dix for
Refreshments, Games, Crafts
and Pictures with Santa!

"A Christmas Carol" dinner theater

Hosted by Club Dix
Saturday, December 6
Tickets are on sale for the
show and buffet. Come
out, bring the Family and meet
your favorite characters in-
cluding, Ebenezer Scrooge,
the Ghosts from Christmas
Past, Present and Future, Bob
Cratchit and Tiny Tim. Call
Club Dix for more information
at 723-3272.

Residential Refuse Collection

All new housing areas on
McGuire AFB and Fort Dix will
be required to take their trash to
designated Trash Compactor
areas.

Monday and Tuesday
Green waste

Tuesday
All of Fort Dix
including quarters:
201, 502, 1900
McGuire AFB
3800 and 3900

Wednesday
McGuire AFB - 4000s
Except 4013 - 4027

McGuire AFB - 4200s
Except 4252 - 4260

Friday
McGuire AFB - 4013-4027;
4252- 4260; 4300s
4400s and 4500s

*Bulk trash is picked up on
regular trash day. Trash com-
pactors are located on the
property for bulk items.
*It is very important to only
put trash out on scheduled

Recycling: every other Thursday

*Only cans, glass bottles, and
plastics are put in yellow/blue
recycling bins.

*Cardboard and paper must be
bundled or placed in a low lying
container.



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.

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*Fort Dix is looking for interested residents
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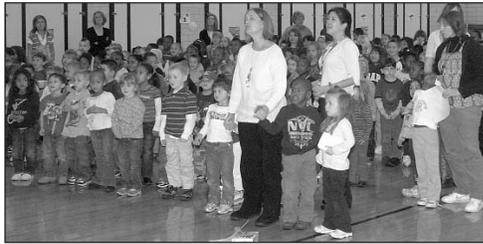
Call Army Community Service at 562-2767

Students pay tribute to Veterans



photos by Wayne Cook

The staff and students of the Fort Dix Elementary School sing the patriotic standard, *God Bless America*, during a Veterans Day Assembly Nov. 12. The children paid tribute to veterans through the singing of patriotic songs, readings on *What Veterans Day Means to Me*, a skill on who is a veteran, and observing a moment of silence for those who didn't make it home.



Wayne Cook

Tour of duty

First Lt. Shawn Parsh, commander, and 1st Sgt. John Nelson, above, 339th Military Police Company, Davenport, Iowa, hold their unit's Yellow banner before hoisting it above Infantry Park Nov. 10. The Soldiers of the 339th are embarking on a tour of duty in Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. 1st Lt. Christopher Rowe, commander, and 1st Sgt. Brent Terry, below, 377th Chemical Company, Det. 1 and 2, Fort Lee, Va., hold their unit's Yellow Banner during a ceremony in Infantry Park Nov. 7. The unit completed training and is now enroute to support the efforts of Operation Iraqi Freedom.



Ed Mingin

Job well done

Col. Ronald Thaxton presents Carl Hill and Doris Otero, Fort Dix Substance Abuse Program, with certificates of appreciation from the Pemberton Twp. High School Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Program during the Oct. 30 Town Hall meeting.

Commissary

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club packs with nearly \$52 million coming in the last half of the fiscal year. DeCA held a club pack summit on Oct. 29 to look at new ways to improve club pack sales and introduce perishable products to its stock assortment.

●DeCA continued its emphasis on product assortments for top-selling items.

●Product promotional campaigns have been tailored for easier application at the stores, resulting in increased sales and savings per item.

●More customer outreach efforts are promoting the commissary benefit to a new generation of service members.

Thus far in fiscal 2009, DeCA is on a record-breaking pace with sales for the first 19 days of October reaching about \$43 million ahead of the same period in fiscal 2008 – a jump of more than 15 percent.

“DeCA’s sales trend has been positive for three years and our momentum is building,” Page said.

“Some of our sales growth are a result of what has happened outside the gate. Most of our success comes from how well we are communicating the incredible value of the commissary benefit – a benefit we are delivering in an outstanding manner every hour of every day,” said Page.

Read The Post!

SPORTS

Michael Jordan teams up with Guard

Staff Sgt. Jim Greenhill
American Forces Press Service

ORLANDO, Fla., Nov. 5, 2008 – Basketball legend and avid motocyclist Michael Jordan is the latest high-profile celebrity to team up with the National Guard. Jordan and Lt. Gen. Clyde Vaughn, director of the Army National Guard, unveiled the 2009 No. 23 National Guard Michael Jordan Motor Sports Superbike to more than 2,100 cheering citizen-soldiers gathered for a training workshop here last month.

Music star Kid Rock, who also appeared at the recruiting event, joked about Jordan's celebrity stature.

"Who decided to put me on after Michael Jordan?" he demanded to know, before explaining the celebrity pecking order. "It goes like this: Actors. Sports stars. Rock stars. Michael Jordan."

The professional closed-course motorcycle road racing team that Jordan has owned since 2004 com-

petes in the American Motorcyclist Association's superbike class. Jordan joins a National Guard celebrity "A" list that also includes Kid Rock, NASCAR driver Dale Earnhardt Jr. and the rock group 3 Doors Down.

"These people associate themselves with the 'best-in' categories, and that talks about what the National Guard is," said Army

"He's spoken very highly about the armed services. Some of the lessons he's learned, he's passed on not just to me, but to my brothers and sisters and everybody that has come into contact with him. I live vicariously through him."

-Michael Jordan

Col. Mike Jones, chief of the Army Guard's strength maintenance division, who has presided over a historic recruiting surge that motivated other services to adopt the Army Guard's recruiting methods when the component's numbers eclipsed its congressional authorized end-strength.

When Michael Jordan's older

brother, James, retired in 2006 as command sergeant major of the 18th Airborne Corps' 35th Signal Brigade – the only airborne signal brigade – he told the Associated Press. "The Army was my life. That's why I dedicated myself to it. I felt I could be very successful in it. It didn't require me to be [six feet tall]. It just required me to be physically fit."

James Jordan's career increases Michael Jordan's empathy with citizen-soldiers, the basketball legend said. "He's spoken very highly about the armed services," Michael Jordan said. "Some of the lessons he's learned, he's passed on not just to me, but to my brothers and sisters and everybody that has come into contact with him. I

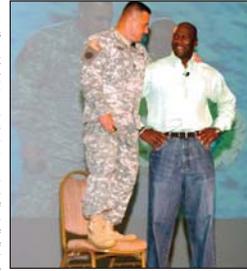
live vicariously through him."

Michael Jordan's been a motorcycle enthusiast since he rode his first dirt bike at about the age of 6. He committed to AMA racing after his third retirement as a professional athlete. "Once I saw it, I became a great fan," he said. Aaron Yates joined Michael Jordan Motor Sports in 2007, and on Aug. 31 handed the basketball superstar his first AMA Superstock championship.

"Winning means a lot," Jordan said. "You put forth a lot of hard work and dedication. You start the season off with a lot of goals. You go through disappointments in the course of the season, and at the end of the year when you finally step up to that podium and win the championship, nothing's more gratifying."

Jordan looked out at the 2,100 citizen-soldiers who gave him a standing ovation here.

"I've represented my country a couple of times," he told the soldiers. "And you guys have represented me."



Staff Sgt. Jim Greenhill

STEP UP -- A National Guard citizen-soldier compares himself to 6-foot-6 Michael Jordan in Orlando, Fla., as the basketball legend prepares to unveil the 2009 No. 23 National Guard Michael Jordan Motor Sports Superbike to more than 2,100 cheering Guardsmen.

Soldiers run Turkey Trot to support cause



Ed Mingin

RUN SUPPORT -- Soldiers from the RTC-East will be running in the Turkey Trot Nov. 20, hoping to raise funds for 'Homes for Our Troops.'

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Runners will gather at the Griffith Field House Nov. 20 to participate in the annual Turkey Trot 5K Run.

Most of the time the Turkey Trot is all about having a good time, with some runners dressed as Turkeys, Pilgrims and Native-Americans.

Fun will still be the name of the game, but Soldiers from the Regional Training Center-East will be using this year's Turkey Trot to raise money for Homes for Our Troops.

This non-profit organization assists injured and disabled servicemembers by helping

them build a new house, or adapt an existing one for handicapped access, upon their return home.

The RTC-East runners have already raised more than \$5,000 dollars, and are looking for additional donations. Anyone interested in sponsoring the RTC-East team can call 609-562-3554. Donations can also be made in person on race day.

There is also more information about Homes for Our Troops and additional ways to donate at their website www.homesforourtroops.org.

But the Turkey Trot isn't just for the RTC-East Soldiers. Anyone with access to Fort Dix is invited to participate in the run.

It doesn't matter if you're a competitive runner looking to make your best time, a runner who is interested in "just finishing," or if you want to walk or cheer on the runners, all are welcome.

Call the Griffith Field House at (609)562-4888 for more information about this year's Turkey Trot. Race start is noon in front of the Field House.

Sports Shorts

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

Combat Fitness 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 information.

Trot for Our Troops

Soldiers from the Regional Training Center-East will be raising money during this year's Turkey Trot, Nov. 20, to benefit Homes for Our Troops.

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www.homesforourtroops.org.

Turkey Trot

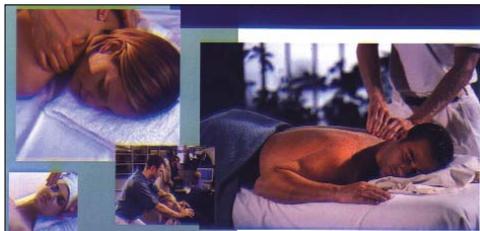
Nov. 20 will be the annual Turkey Trot. Runners in past years have shown up for this 5K run dressed as Indian scouts, turkeys and pilgrims.

Start time for the event is noon at the Griffith Field House. Call (609)562-4888 for registration information.

Pool Closed

The Fort Dix Indoor Pool will be closed from Nov. 24 through Dec. 15 for maintenance.

Call (609)562-2808 for additional information about the pool.



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with Judy Santiago

Masseages being offered include:

- 60 minute massage=\$60.00
- 30 minute massage= \$40.00
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