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## NEWSNOTES

### Veterans Administration reps set assistance visit

Representatives from the Veterans Administration will be at Fort Dix Tuesday, Dec. 23, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

They will review medical records and assist eligible personnel with completing VA claim forms. Appointments are required. Appointments are limited to retiring Soldiers within 180 days of retirement, and those already retired. To schedule an appointment, call Fay Marshall-Dease at 562-2666.

### Final 2008 Post published next Friday

The last issue of The Post for 2008 will be on the news stands Dec. 19. Anyone with information for the year-end issue is asked to deliver it to the Public Affairs Office, Bldg. 5165 Maryland Ave., by close of business Dec. 17.

The office fax is 562-3337, or call 562-4035. The first issue of 2009 will be published Jan. 9.

### Walson Case Management relocates Soldier services

Walson Army Medical Support Element Case Management Pending is relocating to Bldg. 5407 Pennsylvania Ave.

The organization will continue to provide services to mobilizing and demobilizing Soldiers at Fort Dix.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new facility will be held Dec. 16 at 1:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

### Checkpoint hours, options posted for installation

Fort Dix has four main checkpoints and one commercial truck gate. They are the Main Gate, more commonly called the 68 Gate since it is on that route; the Pemberton Gate off Pointville Road, the Wrightstown Gate and the Browns Mills Gate.

The commercial truck gate is in Wrightstown right off Saylor's Pond Road. The truck gate's hours of operation are 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., unless special arrangements are made in advance.

The Main, Wrightstown, and Browns Mills Gates are always open, and the Pemberton Gate is open 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

If the Pemberton Gate is closed, the easiest access to post is through Browns Mills to the gate on Texas Avenue.

## WEATHER

**FRIDAY -- Morning rain, chilly with high of 41 degrees and overnight low of 21.**

**SATURDAY -- Clear and cold, with a daytime high of 37 and low of 22 degrees.**

**SUNDAY -- Fair, some clouds in afternoon, high of 46 and overnight low of 32 degrees.**

**MONDAY -- Partly cloudy in morning, breezy and warmer with a daytime high of 51 and overnight low of 39 degrees.**

**TUESDAY -- Showers, breezy, high of 54 and low of 39 degrees.**

**WEDNESDAY -- Partly cloudy, daytime high of 50 degrees and overnight low of 27.**

**THURSDAY -- Afternoon clouds with a daytime high of 37 degrees and overnight low of 33.**

# It's official: Holidays begin

Jennifer Chupko  
Public Affairs Staff

The weather was cold, but hearts were warm with holiday spirits at the Tree Lighting ceremony behind Wurman Hall Dec. 5.

The 1500-light dazzling tree was complimented by a visit from Santa Claus, who arrived in a Fort Dix fire truck with both sirens and lights at full speed.

The Tree Lighting Ceremony pays tribute to military on foreign soil, aboard ships and patrolling the skies -- to those serving our country who could not be home for the holidays.

The tree lights were switched on by families of Army, Air Force and Navy servicemembers deployed in Iraq, along with Installation Commander Col. Ronald Thaxton and Post Command Sgt. Maj. Bonita Davis.

Representing the Army was Staff Sgt. Ronald Saap's family and in attendance for the Air Force was Staff Sgt. David Williamson's family. Pett Office 1st Class Christie Marshall's family attended on behalf of the Navy.

Elks Club of Burlington County donated \$1,000 to Family Morale, Wellness and Recreation (FMWR).

The check was presented by Jim Hall, president of the Elks Club to Sarah Johnson, Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation director.

After the lighting, Santa hosted a celebration at Club Dix. Children and parents paraded down Alabama Avenue following the lights of Santa's Fort Dix fire truck escort.

They were greeted by Santa for a snapshot to remember the night. Some of the children took comfort that Santa is known for traveling around the world and might even see their deployed parents.

"They are having a good time and this is what the holidays are all about," said Heather McDonald, Army Community Service (ACS) recreation aid.

There were also activities for children, including a station for making cards to send to Soldiers overseas. Ornament and cookie creating areas added extra holiday spirit.

"The kids are having a blast," said Sgt. First Class Daisha Lee. "She (daughter Khalajha) has done nothing but talk about her picture with Santa for the past couple days."

Raffle tickets were given to everyone and the winners of the bikes were Andrianna Belles, Zhane Williams, Kiyoshi Nozaki and Jonathan Ekstrand.



Jennifer Chupko

**TRADITION IN RED --** From the small to the tall, the Northington family poses with Santa and Mrs. Claus at Club Dix during the tree lighting celebration Dec. 5. They are from left front row, Steven, Shyann, and Solomon, and above, Air Force Tech. Sgt. Spencer Northington, 305th Logistics Readiness Squadron, and wife, Sara.

# President eyes end of Iraq war

Samantha L. Quigley  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6, 2008 -- The war in Iraq isn't over, but a successful end is in sight, thanks to hard work between the United States and Iraq, President George W. Bush said in his weekly radio address today.

"Earlier this week, Iraq's Presidency Council approved two landmark agreements that will solidify Iraq's democratic gains, affirm its sovereignty, and put its relations with the United States on a strong and steady footing," he said. "The first agreement that America and Iraq have signed is called a strategic framework agreement."

This pact sets out a common

vision for U.S.-Iraqi relations in the years ahead, he said. Under this agreement, the two nations will work together to bring stability to Iraq. That will include working to promote stability in the region through trade and investment.

**The first stage will occur next year, when Iraqi forces assume the lead for security operations in all major population centers, while U.S. combat forces move out of Iraqi cities and into an overwatch role.**

"Only a few years ago, such an agreement was unimaginable," Bush said. "Terrorists were seizing new ground and using violence to divide the Iraqi people along sectarian lines and the nation was nearing the point of political collapse and civil war.

The Iraqi military is growing in capability, taking the lead in the fight against the extremists, and working across sectarian lines. The second agreement, a status of forces agreement, has the primary purpose of ensuring the protection of U.S.

The first stage will occur next year when Iraqi forces assume the lead for security operations in all major population centers, while U.S. combat forces move out of Iraqi cities and into an overwatch role, Bush said. After this transition has occurred, the drawdown of American forces will continue to the second stage, with all U.S. forces returning home from Iraq by the end of 2011.

Bush acknowledged early differences of opinion about the initial decision to remove Saddam Hussein from power and the subsequent conduct of the war. But as the situation becomes more and more positive, he said, the country has an opportunity to adopt a new perspective.

"Americans should be able to (continued on page 3)

# Water woes weigh heavily on DPW

Lisa Evans  
Public Affairs Staff

Stairwells don't often turn into waterfalls -- but a burst waterline sent water cascading from the third floor of Bldg. 5435 in the early morning hours of Dec. 9, soaking carpets, damaging ceilings and frying computers.

Water ran from a third-floor bathroom through the ceiling of the second floor and then down the stairs to the first floor, said Bob Cole, director of logistics, whose office was in the path of the flood.

"It was a waterfall in here," Cole said. "At this point in time there is a lot of ceiling damage on the second floor, carpet damage on all three floors and computers sitting on the floor under desks. Some of them have been cooked."

Items in a basement supply room survived because most things were on shelves, Cole said. With four inches of water in most of the south side of the building, anything on the floor got soaked.

Employees at the water plant kept things from getting worse, according to Dennis Bush, director of plans, training, mobilization & security. He got a call from the plant just after 6 a.m., when employees noticed a drop in pressure and turned the water off immediately.

Bush was just heading out the door to go hunting, but instead ended up calling in people from all over the post to mop up the mess. He said he found four inches of water in the halls and more coming out the doors when he first arrived -- and that was after the water had been turned off.

Cole got a call at the same time. Standing with the line cap, a ball of metal so covered in rust it wasn't recognizable, he said it had simply blown off under pressure. Turning it in his hand to show the diameter, he said that a one inch pipe with all of that pressure could soak the building easily in an hour.

Dozens of people from the Department of Public Works (DPW), IAP International, and Range Control worked to move the water from the floors to outdoors. Using squeegees on the carpets, they pushed water toward the stairs where it flowed down for three hours before it was dry enough to bring in vacuums.

It will take a long time to assess the damage and make repairs to the building.

But that's not where the post's water problems ended that day. At about the same time, just down the road on Delaware Avenue at Airfield Road, a water main broke leaving another wet and muddy problem.

DPW workers had to dig nearly five feet to repair a broken water main. Workers there said it was just the rapidly shifting weather that caused the break, shutting the route down to traffic and leaving another flood to deal with.



Lisa Evans

**OPEN ROAD SURGERY --** Fort Dix plumber Hugh Patrick searches for the water line break on Airfield Road at Delaware Avenue while a backhoe lifts mud from the hole and Dave Schujko uses a hose to vacuum water away from the work site. Though it closed the roads to traffic and was a major repair job, the Dec. 9 break was less of a disaster than the flood created by a burst pipe in Bldg. 5435 early the same morning.

# Obama taps Shinseki as next Veterans Affairs chief

**Jim Garamone**  
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Press Service

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8, 2008 - President-elect Barack Obama has selected retired Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki as his nominee to be secretary of veterans affairs.

"As we seek a new national security strategy that uses all elements of American power, we must also remember those who run the greatest risks and make the greatest sacrifices to implement that strategy - the men and women who wear the uniform of the United States of America," the president-elect said in announcing his choice Sunday.

Obama echoed the words of Abraham Lincoln when he said the nation has a sacred trust to serve those who have borne the cost of battle.

"We must show them and their families the same devotion that they have shown this country," he said.

If confirmed by the Senate, Shinseki will succeed retired Army Lt. Gen. (Dr) James B. Peace in leading the second-largest federal department with 240,000 employees. Some 23.4 million veterans are alive today, and the department is their point of contact for compensation and pensions, medical care, education and training.



<http://www.nato.int/sfor/coms-sfor/shinseki.htm>

**SFORS COMMANDER -- Gen. Eric Shinseki commanded the NATO Stabilization Force (SFORS) in Bosnia and Herzegovina in 1997. As a young officer he served two combat tours in Vietnam, losing part of his foot there. Shinseki is the recipient of three Bronze Star awards and two Purple Hearts.**

ing, home loans and other benefits.

"The government must do everything it can to help those veterans who suffer from the signature injuries of the wars in

Iraq and Afghanistan - post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury," Obama said in Chicago.

Obama also promised to help those who leave the service to find work.

The United States needs to

modernize the VA, cut red tape there and eliminate shortfalls, the president-elect said.

"That is the kind of VA that will serve our veterans as well as they have served us," he said. "And there is no one more distinguished, more determined, or more qualified to build this VA than the leader I am announcing as our next secretary of veterans affairs -- General Eric Shinseki.

"No one will ever doubt that this former Army chief of staff has the courage to stand up for our troops and our veterans," he continued. "No one will ever question whether he will fight hard enough to make sure they have the support they need.

Shinseki retired as chief of staff in 2003 after a four-year term. He graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., and served two combat tours in Vietnam as a young officer. He lost part of his foot in Vietnam, and was awarded three Bronze Star awards and two Purple Hearts.

Shinseki said today's veterans "are part of an unbroken line of heroes that stretches back to the American Revolution."

"Still, there are veterans worried about keeping their health care or homes, he said.



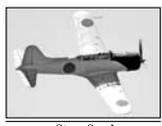
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**CHIEF ONCE MORE -- Retired Army General Eric Shinseki has been nominated by President-elect Barack Obama to become secretary of veterans affairs. Shinseki served as Army Chief of Staff from 1999 to 2003 in a distinguished military career that spanned 38 years.**

"Veterans who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan, in particular, are confronting serious, severe wounds - some seen, some unseen - making it difficult for them to get on with their lives in this struggling economy," he said. They deserve a smooth, error-free, no-fail benefits-assured transition into our ranks as veterans, and that is our responsibility, not theirs.

"We will pursue a 21st-century VA that serves your needs. We will open... doors of opportunity so you can find a good job, support your families when you return to civilian life. And... we will always honor the sacrifices of those who have worn the uniform, and their loved ones."

## Remembering Pearl Harbor



Steve Snyder  
Public Affairs Staff

The attack on Pearl Harbor On Dec. 7, 1941 (or Hawaii Operation to Japanese war planners) proved to be a tactical victory but strategic defeat.

"We won a great tactical victory at Pearl Harbor and thereby lost the war," groused Adm. Hara Tadaichi.

How so?

The Japanese regarded Pearl Harbor as a preventive action hamstringing the U.S. Pacific Fleet from stopping a planned Japanese assault in Southeast Asia against the British, the Netherlands, and the U.S.

Two aerial attack waves consisting of 353 aircraft were launched from six Japanese aircraft carriers. Their attack sank four U.S. Navy battleships and damaged four others. Japanese planes also destroyed three cruisers, three destroyers, one minelayer, 188 aircraft and killed 2,402 people while wounding 1,282 others.

The Japanese intended to neutralize the American fleet while advancing into Malaya and the Dutch East Indies to seize vital natural resources

such as oil and rubber. But though the attack inflicted widespread destruction, Japanese planes had missed vital targets. American aircraft carriers were out to sea and left untouched. Had they been destroyed U.S. Naval capabilities would have been crippled for a year or so.

As it was, American carriers steamed back to sea and destroyed four of Japan's carriers the very next June at Midway.

Devastation at Pearl Harbor forced America's Navy to rely on aircraft carriers and submarines - weapons which were to prove far more deadly than battleships (which were becoming obsolete).

Japanese strategic thinking still contained a major flaw. Their naval war gamers still believed any ultimate Pacific battle would be fought by battleships in keeping with the doctrine of Captain Alfred Mahan, who was revered on both sides of the ocean.

But Midway destroyed that fantasy. And the battle was won there by planes flying off flightdecks in which nobody on ship ever saw enemy vessels but only planes attacking from such.

American submarines, also, were to prove decisive in the sea war against Japan. Our subs crippled Japan's transport of oil and other raw materials.

The American Navy was bombed into modernity at Pearl Harbor!



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**BRASS BEFORE PEARL HARBOR -- Lt. Gen. Walter C. Short, left, stands with Captain Lord Louis Mountbatten, RN, center, and Adm. H.E. Kimmel prior to the attack on Pearl Harbor. After the attack, Short and Kimmel were swiftly replaced.**



Wikimedia

**FLYING INTO HISTORY -- Mitsubishi A6M Zeros prepare to launch off the aircraft carrier Shokaku, probably as part of the second wave attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.**

**PEARL BESIEGED -- Panoramic view of Pearl Harbor during the Japanese attack with anti-aircraft shells bursting overhead. The view looks southwesterly from the hills behind the harbor. Large column of smoke in lower right center is the USS Arizona (BB-39). Smoke slightly further to the left is from the destroyers Shaw (DD-373), Cassin (DD0372) and Downes (DD-375), in drydocks at the Pearl Harbor Navy Yard.**

official U.S. Navy photo from the National Archives



official U.S. Navy photo from the Naval Historical Center

**GOING DOWN -- The forward superstructure and number two 14"/45 triple gun turret of the sunken USS Arizona (BB-39), is afire after the Japanese raid on Dec. 7, 1941. The foremost is leaning as a result of the collapse of the hull structure below its front leg, following the explosion of the ship's forward magazines.**

official U.S. Navy photo from Naval Historical Center

**FLEET IN RUINS -- View looking up "Battleship Row" on Dec. 7, 1941 after the Japanese attack. USS Arizona (BB-39) is in the center, burning furiously. To her left are the USS Tennessee (BB-43) and the sunken USS West Virginia (BB-48).**

### Caivorting with celebrities



Joyce Jamieson, Fort Dix troop issue officer (TISA)

Participants in the Army Worldwide Food Service Workshop in Dallas last week not only had the chance to sample cuisine fit for a cognoscent but an opportunity to meet celebrities as well. Beverly Wakefield, representing the Fort Dix Public Affairs Office, meets former National Football League superstar Herschel Walker, above. A Heisman Trophy winner at the University of Georgia, Walker rushed for 8,225 yards in 12 NFL seasons; roping in 4,859 receiving yards and racking up over 5,000 yards on kickoff returns. He currently ranks eighth among NFL all-time leaders in total yardage. Wakefield reports that she also met former Steeler great Franco Harris at the workshop. Harris is currently running a food business out of the Steel City.

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# Give yourself a holiday gift: Don't drink -- arrive alive

Of all the catastrophes, accidents and events that will just plain ruin your life, one of the most common is also the most preventable: Alcohol-related accidents.

Impaired driving is one of America's deadliest problems. Nationally, in 2003, more than 17,000 people died in alcohol-related highway crashes.

Hundreds of thousands more were injured. Every 30 minutes, nearly 50 times a day, someone in America dies in an alcohol-related crash. This means you, your friends and your family are regularly at risk.

Here are some facts to remember the next time you are faced with a choice not to drink and drive.

- According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), about three in every ten Americans will be involved in an alcohol-related crash at some point in their lives.
- Although national alcohol-related highway fatalities during 2003 declined slightly in for the first time in several years (down three percent from 2002), there is still much more work to be done.

• Too many people still don't understand that alcohol, drugs and driving don't mix. Impaired driving is no accident -- nor is it a victimless crime.

• Since 1981, every president of the United States has proclaimed December "National Drunk and Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month" to help underscore the public's commitment to preventing impaired driving and promoting the use of designated drivers and sober ride programs.

• Legislators and law enforcement officials are becoming even more vigilant in combating impaired driving.

• 2004 marks the first year that .08 blood alcohol content (BAC) laws have been enacted in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

• The month of December and the New Year's Eve holiday are also often highlighted by significant increases in state and local law enforcement efforts to combat impaired driving such as the use of sobriety checkpoints and saturation patrols.

• This Holiday Season, If You Catch a Buzz, Catch a Ride -- Designate a Sober Driver Before All Holiday Parties

• Americans who drink and drive after holiday parties and festivities make the period between Thanksgiving and New Year's one of the year's most deadly and dangerous seasons due

to alcohol-related crashes.

• But much of this could be prevented by reminding all drivers of a few simple precautions:

– Plan ahead and always designate a sober driver before the holiday party or celebration begins.

– Don't even think about getting behind the wheel of your vehicle if you've been out drinking;

– If you are impaired, call a taxi -- use mass transit -- or get a sober friend or family member to come and get you;

– Or just stay where you are and sleep it off until you are sober.

– Remember -- Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Drunk. Take the keys and never let a friend leave your sight if you think they are about to drive while impaired; and

– If you are hosting a party this holiday season, remind your guests to plan ahead and designate their sober driver, always offer alcohol-free beverages during the event, and make sure all of your guests leave with a sober driver.



## Impaired Driving Creates Serious Consequences

• The tragedies and costs from drinking and driving impaired do not just end at the potential death, disfigurement, disability and injury caused by impaired drivers.

• Driving impaired or riding with someone who is impaired is not worth the risk.

The consequences are serious and real.

• Not only do you risk killing yourself or someone else, but the trauma and financial costs of a crash or an arrest for driving while impaired can be really significant and not the way

you want to spend your holiday season.

• Violators often face jail time, the loss of their drivers' licenses, higher insurance rates, and dozens of other unanticipated expenses from attorney fees, other fines and court costs, car towing and repairs, lost time at work, etc.

• Plus there is the added embarrassment, humiliation, and potential loss and consequence after informing family, friends, and employers of your lack of sound judgement on such a simple issue.

• So remember, this holiday season, if you catch a buzz, catch a ride. Designate a sober driver before all holiday season and New Year's festivities.

## 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 1-7 Dec. 1 through 7.

The abbreviation 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 United States 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 when notified of a dog fight that occurred in the Garden Terrace Housing area. Investigation revealed a dog had broken loose from his collar, chased and attacked two other dogs as they were being walked by their owner. The dog that had gotten loose responded to its owner's commands and the dogs were separated without further incident.

• Police responded when notified that a dog involved in an earlier incident had broken loose from his owner and attacked another dog that was being walked. The loose dog was captured by its owner and restrained.

• Police responded after a truck departing the inspection building at the Commercial Vehicle Inspection Area struck the overhead rollup door, causing it to buckle outward. The door remained functional and was raised higher to allow the vehicle to exit. The vehicle sustained minor scratches to its roof.

• The operator of a commercial vehicle was charged with driving while suspended when he attempted to process through the Commercial Vehicle Gate. The vehicle was released to a licensed driver.

• A Fort Dix employee was charged with misconduct by a government employee after he attempted to enter the Browns Mills Gate as a passenger in an RDPW vehicle without proper identification in his possession. When the subject was informed he should proceed to the Visitors Center to obtain proper ID, he became agitated and failed to comply with the police instruction. His supervisor was notified and arrived on scene, confirmed ID and said he would take appropriate action.

• A civilian employee of Fort Dix was charged with speeding (61/35MPH zone) and driving without a license (expired) following a traffic stop initiated on Fort Dix Road. The vehicle was released to the subject's spouse, a licensed driver.

• During a routine credential check of a vehicle attempting to enter the installation via CP 9, police discovered the vehicle operator, a civilian NAFD, had outstanding warrants from Clifton and Patterson. The subject was transferred to the custody of Clifton Police. The vehicle was released to a licensed driver.

• Police and Fire Department personnel responded to a fire alarm in Bldg 5418. Investigation revealed the cause was a faulty alarm.

• During a routine credential check of a vehicle attempting to enter the installation via the Wrightstown Gate, police discovered the vehicle operator, a NJ State employee assigned to Fort Dix, had multiple warrants from Lumberton and Pemberton Townships and was driving on a suspended license. The subject was cited and transferred to the custody of Lumberton Township Police. The vehicle was released to a licensed driver.

• Police responded to a traffic accident on Cookstown Road. Investigation revealed an unidentified vehicle abruptly stopped, causing a second vehicle to have to do the same. A third vehicle, operated by a civilian NAFD, also tried to stop but skidded on wet pavement and struck the second vehicle. There were no reported injuries and the subject's vehicle, which had sustained disabling damage, was towed from the scene.

• Police and emergency medical personnel responded to an incident at Tac 13. Investigation revealed two Soldiers, both assigned to Fort Dix, had a verbal altercation which escalated into physical violence when one Soldier stabbed the other, resulting in a minor wound. The victim was treated at the scene and transported to Community Medical Center in Toms River for further treatment. The subject was transported to the police station for processing. Investigation continues.

• Police responded to a traffic accident on Route 68 at Saylor's Pond Road. Investigation revealed a vehicle, operated by an Airman assigned to McGuire AFB, struck another vehicle while trying to avoid a truck that turned into his lane. There were no reported injuries and the vehicles were released to the operators at the scene.

• Police responded to an incident at DTA 5. Investigation revealed a government vehicle, operated by a Soldier NAFD, struck a tree after the ground gave way under the vehicle. There were no reported injuries and the vehicle was released to the operator at the scene.

• Police responded to a report of larceny at the Griffith Field House. Investigation revealed that person(s) unknown took property from an unsecured locker being used by a Fort Dix civilian employee.

• Police responded to a traffic accident on Delaware Avenue. Investigation revealed a vehicle operated by a Fort Dix civilian employee struck another vehicle. There were no reported injuries and the vehicles were released to the operators at the scene.

• Police responded to an incident in the Laurel Hill housing area. Investigation revealed person(s) unknown had written racial slogans in the snow on a vehicle windshield. Investigation continues.

• Police responded to a traffic accident on Tank Trail. Investigation revealed a vehicle, operated by a civilian NAFD, slid on ice, struck a berm, and rolled over twice. The operator and two passengers sustained minor injuries but refused medical treatment. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

• Police and Fire Department personnel responded to a fire alarm at Bldg 4455. Investigation revealed a malfunctioning alarm.

• There were seven Magistrate Court citations issued for moving violations. DWI incidents remain at 12 for the year. There were two expired ID cards confiscated.



Not sure if you've had too many?  
I'll check for you.

### THE FACTS:

- Impaired driving kills nearly 18,000 people each year.
- About 250,000 people are hurt and 1.5 million are arrested.
- Countless Americans will be affected by this violent crime in their lifetime.
- You, your friends, your family could be next.

### SO BE PREPARED:

- If you drink, don't drive.
- Designate a sober driver.
- Call a taxi or ...
- Spend the night wherever you choose to celebrate.



Remember: When You Drink & Drive. You Lose.

## Iraq's future

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"Their efforts have over-thrown tyrants, made our nation safer, put terrorists on the run, and opened the door to liberty for more than 50 million people."

"Now, thanks to their work in Iraq and the courage of the Iraqi people, a hopeful new era is dawning for their democracy and ours," he said.

Bush also conveyed his appreciation for the American people's sacrifices.

"Throughout the past eight years, I've seen the tremendous talent and courage of those who wear the uniform," Bush said.

"The battle in Iraq has required a large amount of time and a large amount of money," he said.

# Dixans light up holidays



Jennifer Chupko

The holiday season got its official Fort Dix kick off Dec. 5 with the annual tree lighting ceremony. Col. Ronald R. Thaxton, installation commander, gets a hand from Kyle Sapp and family members from all branches of the military as he flips the switch to light the holiday tree at Wurman Hall, right. No holiday ceremony would be complete without a visit from Santa Claus. The big man arrived in style, trading in his sleigh and reindeer for an escort from the Fort Dix Fire Company, above.



Lisa Evans



Pascual Flores



Ryan Morton

This year's tree lighting was a bit different than those in previous years. After the tree was lit, the crowd paraded from headquarters to Club Dix, where the festivities continued. Mrs. Claus walked with the families, above left, while Santa rode the fire truck and led the parade. Once at the club, the children participated in a variety of activities and got pictures with Santa. Below, Johanna Cortez, Jecenia Nieves, Paris Jarrell, Air Force Sgt. Monica Hill, 35th Aerial Port Squadron, Javier Cortez, and Bexter Krall work on some holiday crafts. Adrienne Belles, left, was the winner of one of four bikes raffled at the Club. Zhane Williams, Kiyoshi Nozaki and Jonathan Ekstrand also won bikes.



Jennifer Chupko

# NEIGHBORHOOD

## THE CORNER

### Tickets still available for Martial Arts fight

Tickets are still available for the "Asylum Fight League" Mixed Martial Arts Fight scheduled for Dec. 12, at Griffith Field House. Tickets are \$20 if purchased in advance. All tickets purchased at the door are \$40. Tickets may be purchased at Family, Morale, Welfare, Recreation headquarters located at 6043 Doughboy Loop. For more information call 562-4888.

### Free child care offered for parents in need of break

The Child Development Center will be open for Friday Night Free Respite Care, Dec. 12, from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. for children aged six weeks to 12 years. Reservations are required. For more information call 562-4702.

### USO sponsors military shopping event

The USO and the Cherry Hill Mall are sponsoring a military appreciation shopping event Dec. 14. The event features retailer discounts, raffle prizes and more. For more information visit [www.libertyuso.org](http://www.libertyuso.org).

### Fort Dix Spouses' Club Open House

The Fort Dix Spouses' Club cordially invites you to a Christmas open house Dec. 13. The halls will be decked with wreaths for auction, door prizes will be won by a lucky few, and elves will be in the kitchen preparing food just for you.

The event will take place at the Farm House located on One Justustown Road, Fort Dix from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The event is for adults only and if you would like more information call 609-499-3969.

### Veterinary Clinic to close for renovations

The Fort Dix Veterinary Treatment Facility (VTF) will be closed from Dec. 20 through Jan. 5 due to building renovation. The last day of service will be Dec. 19. Customers are advised to call Veterinary Surgical and Diagnostic Specialists (VSIDS) at 609-259-8300 for animal emergencies. If you need an animal health certificate during this time for PCS moves overseas, call Fort Monmouth VTF at 732-532-2406.

### Tickets available for New Year's Eve Bowling Party

Looking for a family friendly way to spend New Year's Eve? Bowl in the New Year at the Fort Dix Bowling Center! The New Year's Eve Bowling Party offers four hours of bowling, a buffet, door prizes and sparkling cider for a midnight toast. Get your tickets today. Call 562-6895 for more information.

### Christmas Trees on sale

Live Christmas trees are on sale at Outdoor Recreation, Building 6045. Call 562-6667 for more information.



### Holiday Chapel Events

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

Dec. 19 - Christmas Concert 5:30 p.m.

Dec. 21 - Chanukah Party 6 p.m.

Dec. 24 - Catholic Children's Mass 5 p.m.

Dec. 24 - Protestant Candlelight Service 7 p.m.

Dec. 25 - Catholic Mass 10:15 a.m.

Dec. 31 - Catholic Mass 6 p.m.

## Program provides lids for kids

Jennifer McCarthy  
Public Affairs Staff

The Fort Dix Department of Defense (DoD) Police have teamed up with Family, Morale, Welfare, Recreation (FMWR) to provide bicycle helmets for Fort Dix kids in need this holiday season.

Dubbed "Operation Ride Safe," the program allows police patrolling the housing area to present a bicycle helmet to a child if they observe the child is in need of one.

The program was the idea of DoD Police Sgt. Ronald Batesko.

Last month, while on patrol in the housing area, Batesko came upon a boy riding his bicycle without a helmet. When asked where his helmet was, the boy replied that he had lost it.

Batesko explained to the child that he needed a helmet to ride his bicycle. The boy stated he had told his father he needed one, however, the father could not get one for him right now.

Recognizing the need to provide helmets for children whose parents may be deployed, or unable to provide a helmet, Batesko contacted FMWR Community Recreation Director Bob Vogt to see if there was any he

could provide assistance.

On Dec. 5, Vogt presented the DoD Police Department with 12 children's bicycle helmets in various sizes.

"This was a holiday goodwill gesture for the safety of our kids that keeps them safe," said Vogt.

On Dec. 6, while on patrol in the housing area, Officer Michael Kennedy, DoD Police C Platoon, presented the first bicycle helmets to two children he encountered.

Accompanying Kennedy in this deed were members of the Montana Army National Guard, 143rd MP Det., Sgt. Scott Barnelness, Pfc. Rodney Smith and Sgt. Chase Sanderson.

The Montana National Guard company is preparing for deployment overseas and is learning the principals of patrol practices and community policing techniques from the Fort Dix Police.

The Police Department reminds everyone that bicycle helmets are a required piece of equipment for anyone of any age enjoying a bike ride on Fort Dix.

The Police Department also wishes all a very safe and happy holiday season.



courtesy photo

**EASY RIDERS** -- Mackenna and Joshua Eden show off the helmets they received from Department of Defense Police Officer Michael Kennedy Dec. 6 as part of Operation Safe Ride. The program lets police officers give bike helmets to kids they encounter riding bikes without them. Joining Kennedy are members of the Montana National Guard's 143rd MP Det., Sgt. Scott Barnelness, Pfc. Rodney Smith and Sgt. Chase Sanderson. The Soldiers were practicing community policing techniques before deploying overseas in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

## Couple gives to Army Relief fund

Ryan Morton  
Public Affairs Staff



Ryan Morton

**GRACIOUS GIVERS** -- Rick and Janet Montegna present Bobby Brown, Army Emergency Relief coordinator with \$500 worth of Wal-Mart gift cards Dec. 9.

With the holidays upon us and the spirit of giving in the air, Rick and Janet Montegna stopped by Fort Dix to deliver some welcome assistance in the form of Wal-Mart gift certificates to Soldiers and their families, Dec. 9.

The Montegas, who live in Hadonfield, donated ten gift certificates to Army Emergency Relief (AER) worth \$50 each for a total of \$500.

This kind of generosity is nothing new to the Montegas as throughout the years they have given a lot to their church and community including assisting underprivileged families in Camden during Christmas. They would bring presents, Christmas trees, lights, decorations, gift cards, and anything else needed for a joyous holiday celebration.

"This is something we really wanted to do for the military community. In past years we gave money to the USO and sponsored families, but with this being such a tough year with Soldiers being away from home and the

economy the way it is, I thought this would be a good idea," said Rick.

"I wish we could do more," he said.

The Montegas have been long-time supporters of the military and both come from families with former service members.

Janet's father served in the Navy during World War II and Rick's father is a retired Army Reserve colonel. Janet also has uncles who served in World War II and Korea, and cousins who are Gulf War veterans.

"We're very grateful for the service members and what they do," said Janet.

"We've had so many people help us out throughout the years, we feel like we have to give back and help others," she said.

"This is a special time of year and the people of the military do special work. We really appreciate the sacrifices they make," said Rick.

Anyone wishing to make a donation or to donate their time to the AER program should call 562-3271 or visit the office at 5201 Maryland Avenue.

## Army life featured at holiday party

Lisa Evans  
Public Affairs Staff

"Soldiers, parade rest!" A dozen children dropped their salutes and assumed the position of parade rest.

Children of the Soldiers in the 3rd Battle Command Training Group (BCTG), 2nd Brigade, 75th Division, learned the basics of soldiering during a Family Readiness Group Family Day Dec. 7. Soldiers of the BCTG used their drill weekend to bring families of the Reserve unit together.

"So many families don't get a chance to socialize and to establish networks of support. That was the purpose of the event -- and to kick-off the holiday season for the unit with a party," said Col. Miyako N. Schanely, commander.

The 3rd BCTG draws from the entire northeast, from upstate New York to as far south as Virginia, so drill weekend is the perfect way to bring the families together.

Schanely planned the weekend to build knowledge on military benefits available to families while having fun.

"Like any military unit, our families are critical to what we do. We need to get people involved," Schanely said.

"We're trying to increase participation as well as helping families understand what their Soldiers do when they put on the uniform. And it's a team building thing too," he said.

Schanely praised what Bonnie Reed, deployment and mobi-



Lisa Evans

**ATTENTION TO FUN** -- Children of members of the 3rd BCTG 2nd Bde, 75th Div. learn to salute during the Family Readiness Family Day held Dec. 7. Maj. Thomas McAvoy watches from the back while Melody Biakowski, Joseph Brantley, Thomas Brantley, Steve Biakowski, Jonathan McAvoy and Janae Rockemore master military basics.

lization readiness program manager, told the Soldiers: "The Army has a lot of benefits for Soldiers and their families, but if Soldiers and families don't know what these benefits are, they are useless," Reed said during her talk.

"Having an asset like Bonnie Reed is critical to people to be aware there are benefits and how to access them," Schanely said with emphasis.

While the parents learned about military benefits, the children learned what it is like to be Soldiers.

Maj. Tom Biakowsky taught the chil-

dren Army history.

Using colorful slides of Soldiers and battles, he told the story of the American Revolution.

The children then had the opportunity to do what they looked forward to the most - they climbed through and on a Humvee, exploring the vehicle, inside and out.

Bracing against the very chilly weather, all of the children tried the turret and the driver's seat, questioned what the Humvee could do, and tested everything.

The cold drove the adults inside before the little troopers lost their fascination.

With patience, Capt. John Wildermann led the children through basic stances for formation and proper turns for movement.

Removing his jacket, he then led them through some warm-up exercises for physical training.

Wildermann demonstrated the side-straddle hop, which the children insisted were jumping jacks. Next, they practiced their turns and how to hold formation.

The children also learned why Soldiers must be able to work as a unit.

They marched in place, and then marched around the room trying to maintain their distances with some success, led by Capt. Robert Krebs, new to the unit, from Pittsburgh, Pa.

At the end of their lessons, the new Soldiers marched upstairs to join their parents for a holiday party.

# HONORS AND AWARDS



Sgt. Nicole Dykstra

**JOB WELL DONE** -- Master Sgt. Tania Brown-Berringer presents Sgt. Shemikwa Harmon with a recognition award for her service to the 72nd Field Artillery Brigade, Dec. 3. Harmon, a mobilization operations sergeant, is nearing the end of her assignment with the 72nd, and will be returning to her home unit in the Texas National Guard. Brig.



Wayne Cook

**HEADING TO THE HORN** -- The members of the 360th Civil Affairs Brigade (Airborne), Detachment 11, out of Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C., display their unit's Yellow Banner during a ceremony at Griffith Field House Dec. 2. The unit is deploying to Camp Lemonier, Djibouti, Horn of Africa in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. From left to right, Lt. Col. Mark Hendrix, Sgt. Maj. Adrian Hendren, Col. William Hollingsworth, commander, Staff Sgt. Stanley Meyers, and Lt. Col. David Warshaw.



Sgt. Nicole Dykstra

**GENERAL OVERSIGHT** -- Gen. Blake Williams, deputy commander of First Army Division East, visits members of the 1-322nd Logistic Support Battalion at the HMMWV Egress Assistance Trainer (HEAT) on Fort Dix, Dec. 4. Soldiers of the 1-322 were training proper HMMWV rollover procedures to deploying Navy personnel.



Jennifer Chupko

**MOVIN' ON UP** -- Master Sgt. James Pampinto, physical security NCO, Mobilization Readiness Battalion, is joined by his wife, Barbara, left, and daughter Kristi, right, after his promotion ceremony at B Company Chapel on Doughboy Loop, Dec. 10. Kristi had the honor of pinning on her father's new stripes.

## Dixan heads to Afghanistan for Chanukah

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Wayne Cook  
Public Affairs Staff

Sgt. 1st Class Fred Cohen, 99th Regional Readiness Command, has been selected to accompany Chap. (Col.) Bonnie Koppel, 63rd Regional Support Command, Moffett Field, Calif., to Afghanistan during the holy days of Chanukah to provide services for Jewish Soldiers. The holiday runs from December 21 through 29.

The team of Koppel and Cohen will be the first all Jewish unit ministry team to deploy in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

Another first about Koppel is that she is the first female rabbi to reach the rank of colonel in the Army, which she attained in 2005. Koppel joined the Army Reserve in 1978 and became the first female rabbi in the Army when she was ordained in 1981.

Cohen served on the Fort Dix Main Chapel staff until earlier this year when he received his new assignment to the 99th. His duties will be to assist in the set-up and conducting of the Chanukah services and provide protection for the chaplain, wherever she goes.

Look for a follow-up story in January covering the events of the deployment to Afghanistan.

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# Bubbly e-mail chief retiring after 35 years

Steve Snyder  
Public Affairs Staff

American society is fortunate in having more than a few beautiful people whose magnetic personalities dazzle even at a distance. And Fort Dix, fortuitously, shares in its country's charismatic cornucopia.

Just take a gander at Jacqueline Roach.

Jacquie retires this month after gracing the Directorate of Information Management's (DOIM) premises since January 1989, working as a computer assistant before ending her career as an information technology specialist. She's shouldered responsibility for maintaining approximately 1,300 e-mail accounts, working in that fenced-off building next to the Regional Directorate of Public Works on Delaware Avenue (as opposed to DOIM's Bldg. 6530 on 8th St.) By all accounts, the seasoned veteran has done well and even seems to have maintained a sense of humor in the process.

But the last 20 years were not Roach's introduction to the premier military installation in the Garden State.

She began her career here in April 1970, working as a clerk-typist at what was then called the Directorate of Industrial Operations (evolving later into the Directorate of Logistics or DOL) until May 1974 when she transferred over to the First Region, USACIDC, laboring as a clerk transcriber for the Criminal Intelligence Division (CID) at Fort Dix.

An Army pilot, Brian "Bucky" Roach transferred to Vicenza, Italy in May 1977. Jacquie wasted little time in finding work there, settling in with the SETAF Resident Agency of the CID there from March 1978 until March 1980. Vicenza remains Jacquie's favorite place, she says, among all the duty stations she's endured - both with her husband and father's family.

But Jacquie took a breather



Steve Snyder

**STILL THE ONE** -- After 35-plus years bouncing around one military location after another, Jacquie Roach, the Directorate of Information Management's e-mail administrator, retires at the end of this month looking no worse for wear. Roach was responsible for maintaining approximately 1,300 e-mail accounts on Fort Dix. She leaves behind an efficient system but carries a dazzling personality forward to activities she hopes will prove equally rewarding.

from May 1980 to February 1981 and didn't work when Bucky transferred to Fort Rucker, Ala. to complete the Senior Warrant Officer Course.

But it was back to the grindstone and to Fort Dix in June 1981 when Jacquie returned to her previous position at First Region, USACIDC, until December 1985.

Again, Europe beckoned. And neither Roach objected.

Bucky was assigned to Mannheim while Jacquie took a position at nearby Worms with the 5th Signal, DCSOPS/DCSPLNS from April 1986 to November 1988.

And then, of course, it was back to Dix for Jacquie's final



Steve Snyder

**HAIL AND FAREWELL** -- Jacquie Roach joined her family and many friends at a sumptuous luncheon held in her honor Wednesday at Club Dix. Her husband, flanking her on the right above, is Brian "Bucky" Roach, a retired Army pilot who spent several tours of duty at Fort Dix with Jacquie during their long and eventful careers. Sitting on Jackie's left is her mother Lilian O'Brien who looked very fit at Wednesday's bash and is recovering nicely from a cancer operation. Jacquie's sister Kathleen O'Brien sits at the end of table and seemed to enjoy the festivities, too.

spurt up the career ladder.

"Jacquie Roach's career included a number of stops and positions where she followed Bucky. We were just lucky that one of those stops included the Fort Dix DOIM," says Richard Eckstein, the director of Information Management here.

"Her professionalism and bubbly personality made it a joy to work with her," Eckstein informs.

"We wish her and Bucky only the best in the future," he concludes.

DOIM co-worker Pamula Joyner is another well-wisher.

"I have known Jacquie since she came to DOIM, but we've been walking buddies for the past three to four years. You could always find us walking to the one-mile track, around the track and back almost every day. She would call me on days when I didn't feel like walking, saying, 'Pam, are we

walking today?' Naturally, I would say, 'Yes, Jacquie, let's walk.'

"She is my friend and walking buddy, and I'm going to miss her," Pamula concludes.

Jacqueline Obrien was born in Seymour, Ind. a few years into the baby boom generation which shaped post-war America. She was an Army brat who moved around a lot as her father pursued his military vocation. Jacquie says she remembers Fort Belvoir, Va. and Landstuhl, Germany with special fondness but got back to the Fort Dix area for long spells because Dad served here, too.

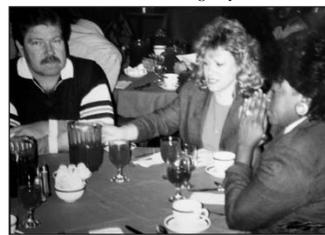
In fact, Jacquie graduated from Pemberton Township High School in 1969. And the rest is history.

Jacquie says she's going to play retirement by ear, doing what she feels like and nothing else. Currently a home consult-



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**PARTY ANIMAL** -- From the extent of her picture collection, it appears that Jacquie missed very few parties during her tenure at Fort Dix. Above, she transports some Margarita mix at this year's post picnic bash at Doughboy Field.



courtesy photo

**A CHRISTMAS PAST** -- Ken Eisenberg, Jacquie Roach and Arlene Clayton celebrate good times and good cheer at DOIM's Christmas party in 1991.

ant or sales lady for The Longaberger Company in her spare time, she says she definitely wants to spend more time promoting the products produced by the premier basketmakers. In addition to baskets, the company crafts lifestyle products ranging from pottery to wrought iron to fab-

Jacquie is bullish on Longaberger. She's always been bullish about Fort Dix, too, mostly about the people she's worked with. Such feelings are mutual with Dixians fortunate enough to cross her path.



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**SPIRIT OF THE SEASON** -- Jacquie joins (l-r) Bernadette Bonaparte, Sharon Applegate, and Arlene Clayton at DOIM's Christmas party last December.



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**O, ITALIA!** -- Jacquie and Bucky spent two idyllic years working and playing in Vicenza, Italy. Jacquie worked at the SETAF Resident Agency, CID, from March 1978 to March 1980.

# Announcements

## Chapel Services

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### Sunday Services

- 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.

## 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 fourth Tuesday at Buttonwood Hospital.
- Holiday Services Schedule**
- Gospel Youth Christmas Pageant -** Dec. 13  
5 p.m.
- Christmas Concert**  
Friday, Dec. 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.

## United Communities

### Upcoming Events:

- Holiday Yard of the Month -**  
The week of Dec. 15 United Communities will be judging for its annual Holiday Yard of the Month. UC will be looking for the most creative, festively decorated home in each of the housing areas. Each area will have a Yard of the Month winner and Honorary Yard of the Month winner.
- Guess How Many -**  
Come by the Leasing Office starting Dec. 1 and guess how many M&Ms are in the jar. You could be the winner!
- Holiday Coloring Contest**  
UC will be hosting a Holiday Coloring Contest starting Dec. 1, don't forget to stop by and pick up your coloring books!
- Holiday Craft Night -**  
Dec. 10, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
UC Leasing Office  
All ages are welcome to attend. Call or stop by the leasing office for more details. Deadline to sign up is Dec. 8. Sign up and join the fun!

**Pictures with Santa -**  
Wednesday, Dec. 17  
1 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
Santa will be stopping by the UC Leasing Office to take pictures with the residents. Stop by to have your picture taken, and don't forget your wish list!

**Operation Santa Claus -**  
UC will be collecting toys for the 2008 Operation Santa Claus, a non-profit organization based out of Fort Dix that assists military and civilian families stationed or living in the local community. They provide toys, new and reconditioned, to the children of needy families at Christmas time. We have placed drop boxes at the Leasing Office and at the Self Help Office. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

**Letters from Santa -**  
We have a link to Santa Claus. Santa has asked for any parent who wishes for their children to hear from him, to please contact UC with the name and age of all children, no later than Monday, Dec. 22. We will provide the list to Santa, who will then send a personalized letter to your children.

## 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.

**Charles Dickens Tea & Holiday Workshops -**  
Dec. 13, \$15 includes materials. 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Join us for tea and cookies while enjoying the Dickens Village houses displayed in the gallery. We have two special workshops and are accepting registrations now for Gingerbread House making.

**Evergreen Centerpiece-**  
Dress up your holiday table with a fragrant centerpiece. Class will be held from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Dec. 13; \$10 includes materials.

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

**Adult Introductory Painting Course -**  
November 6 - December 18, Thursdays  
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (6-week course)  
\$30 registration fee, materials. Build on techniques learned in Introductory Drawing or discover all new painting skills. The course will cover various paint media including acrylic and water-color paints.

Come join us for a "colorful" and fun experience!



## 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

December 13

**Holiday Activities**  
4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

#### Tuesday

**Triple Play**  
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

**Keystone Club**  
4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

#### Scrapbooking

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

#### Saturday

December 20

**Christmas Ball**  
7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

### Bowl in the New Year!

New Year's Eve Bowling Party 4 hours of bowling, a buffet, door prizes and Sparkling Cider for a Mid-night Toast! Get your tickets today 562-6895!



## ACS

562-2767

Bldg. 5201 Maryland Avenue

### Calendar of Events

#### Tuesday, December 16

EFMP Coordinating Committee Meeting  
10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
ACS

#### Wednesday, December 17

Volunteer Advisory Council  
9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.  
"Looking for FREE Money"  
AER Grant Sponsorship Training  
1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
ACS

#### Thursday December 18

Newcomer's Orientation  
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
ACS

#### Friday, December 12

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

International Spouse Group  
Holiday Party  
11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
ACS

### Griffith Field House

Bldg. 6053 562-4888

#### Monday, Wednesday, Friday

The Griffith Field House will be opened on Dec. 11, 5 a.m. to 9 a.m. The main floor will be closed due to the Holiday party.

Open Dec. 12, 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. The main floor will be closed to prepare for the Asylum Cage Fight.

## FMWR presents

CLUB DIX 723-3272

### Club Dix Hours of Operation

#### Java Café

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

#### Lunch Served

Tuesday through Friday  
11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
Saturday through Monday  
Closed

#### Bar Hours

Wednesday  
5 p.m. to 10 p.m.  
Thursday through Saturday  
6 p.m. to 10 p.m.  
Sunday through 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.

### Upcoming Events

#### Christmas Tree Sales

Don't forget to purchase your Christmas tree at Outdoor Recreation this year. Buy now and save for a cheery green holiday.

#### Asylum Fight League

50% off the first 150 tickets purchased for the Mix Martial Arts Fight scheduled for Dec. 12 at Griffith Field House. Call 562-4888 for more information.

# Holiday happiness abounds on Dix



Jennifer Chupko

**PUG MUGS** – Pugs Charlie, left, and Ernie, joined a dozen other dogs and their owners in telling Santa their canine Christmas wishes during the Santa Paws event held at Outdoor Recreation Dec. 6.

**FESTIVE FLOATERS** – Sgt. 1st Class Rose Morgan, Non-Commissioned Officer Academy, inflates balloons for the Army Community Services holiday party for families of deployed Soldiers. The festivities were held Dec. 9 at Club Dix.

Wayne Cook



Jennifer Chupko

**TINY TIM TIME** – Riddlesbrood Company, an interactive touring theater company, performed "Once Upon a Christmas" at Club Dix, Dec. 6. This improvised version of the Charles Dickens holiday classic, "A Christmas Carol", included drafting members of the audience to be characters in the play. Theater-goer Mark Hunger, left, landed the role of Tiny Tim while actor Sharon Long portrayed all the play's female characters and actor Rob Rob Burnett played all the characters except Scrooge, who was played by Woody Duncan, and the Spirits, portrayed by Brian Albert.



1st Lt. Antonia Greene

**REINDEER GAMES** – Johana Cortez helps add a dash of sparkle to the craft projects family members Jesenia Nieves and Javier Cortez, Jr. constructed during the HHB 72nd Field Artillery Brigade holiday party, held at the Kelly Reserve Center Dec. 6. Young party-goers created ornaments and picture frames to take home after the party.



Lisa Evans

**CARD CARRIERS** – Howard Holding, American Legion Post 11 Service Officer, joins Fort Dix Elementary School fourth-grade teacher Debbie Kener and her class Dec. 5 as they display the cards they created for veterans in assisted living facilities. In addition to cards, the class collected gifts from local businesses to present to the veterans.