

NEWSNOTES

Town Hall Meeting on calendar Feb. 5

The next Town Hall Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 5, at 2 p.m. in Timmermann Center, Bldg. 5441.

Topics to be presented include Joint Base Update; Management of Change in the Work Environment; Suicide Prevention; Fort Dix Suspected Terrorist Activity Reporting (STAR) Program; Prevention of Sexual Harassment; Construction/Housing Update; Morale, Welfare, Recreation (MWR) Events; and Winter Driving Safety. Employees may ask questions at the meeting.

ID Card facility offers Saturday hours

The ID Card facility located at 5418 S. Scott Plaza will be open Saturday, Feb. 7 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information call 562-3373 or 562-6143.

Vacancies available at School Aged Services

Vacancies are available for children in grades one through six at School Aged Services. Transportation is available to and from schools in the Pemberton School District and North Hanover School District. Call Central Enrollment Registry at 562-4702-5231 for more information and to register.

Dix Intranet shuts down

Team Dix Knowledge Online Portal replaces static technology site

Ed Mingin
Public Affairs Staff

Taxes aren't the only deadline Fort Dix employees will be facing this April.

Anyone still using the TeamDix Intranet will no longer be able to store information there, and the Directorate of Information Management (DOIM) has mandated an April 15 deadline to transfer information from the old TeamDix site to the new TeamDix Knowledge Online Portal.

"The deadline is April 15, tax day. TeamDix will be gone after that," said Bill Zullo, Fort Dix network administrator.

The TeamDix Knowledge Online Portal, usually referred to simply as "the portal," is a browser-based collaboration and document-management platform.

It provides group calendars, document libraries, and allows online discussions. Users are able to share documents, collaborate on projects and store their work securely at a central location.

"It's a web server used for collaboration and document management," said Arlene Clayton, DOIM Knowledge Management, who is leading the changeover to the portal. "It allows for information sharing and document management. It's a new technology. It's Microsoft SharePoint 2007."

SharePoint is similar in layout to other programs tied to Microsoft Office, so the thinking is that it won't be difficult for users to learn.

"With SharePoint being a Microsoft product, the learning curve is very small. It's tied to Microsoft Office. Most everyone is familiar with Office, so it's fairly easy," said Clayton.

The portal will give users more control over the information they provide to TeamDix. With the old TeamDix site, the information had to be provided to DOIM for the site to be updated. Now, users can make the changes themselves.

"The TeamDix site was static and flat. The portal will be real-time editing. We'll give certain people authority to update information. Before, they'd have to contact me if they wanted to make a change. That could



take a few days. Now, they will be able to update their information themselves. It will make it a lot quicker," said Zullo.

"It's a centralized workspace where they can come to do their work. Whomever we give permission to can update it. Each directorate gets its own workspace that its personnel can update. It will allow the directorates more control over their information," said Clayton.

Directorates will be able to give permissions to others to view, share, and contribute information. The information may be available to only a few, or to everyone, whatever is deemed appropriate for the content being offered.

"It allows us to be more secure. Whatever you can do in your area is set up by your administrator. They control what you can or can't do, and who has access," said Zullo.

The portal will also give users the ability to share personal and professional information with My Site.

It's reminiscent of other networking sites on the web, but the information is secure and only accessible to TeamDix Knowledge Online Portal members.

"It's kind of like MySpace," said Clayton.

With the tools available in SharePoint, sharing and maintaining information has never been easier – as long as it gets to the right location, which is now the TeamDix Knowledge Online Portal.

Anyone with information still at the old TeamDix site has until mid-April to get it transferred to the portal.

"If you still have data on TeamDix that needs to be transferred to the portal, contact me," said Zullo.

For help with the new portal, call 562-5085 or 562-3031.

The Portal provides group calendars, document libraries, and allows online discussions. Users are able to share documents, collaborate on projects and store their work securely at a central location.



SNOW JOB -- A plow and sand team from IAP World Services clears First Street after the Jan. 28 storm that left a coating of snow and ice on streets in the area and delayed the opening of business hours on post. The teams plow streets and parking lots based on a detailed plan created to ensure that the most frequently used areas are cleared first and secondary areas as time and resources permit. Below, the Snow Team assembles with its gear.

Ryan Morton

Snow Team ready for winter's worst

Ryan Morton
Public Affairs Staff

When winter storms snarl traffic on Fort Dix, the IAP World Services Snow Team is on call and ready to attack.

They are armed for the job. With 36 pieces of equipment ranging from snow plows of different sizes to salt

and sand spreaders, the team is ready to handle all adverse winter weather conditions and keep the post functioning and operational.

The contractor IAP World Services took over the snow removal services on the installation as part of the Directorate of Public Works five years ago.

"My crew is outstanding. They're reliable and we've never had a base

closure or a delayed opening on the post since IAP took over," said IAP World Services Road and Grounds Supervisor, Ed Allen.

When there is an anticipated winter storm that's about to hit the installation, the team gets ready and utilizes their equipment so that when inclement weather hits there's no hesitation. They're ready to roll and cover the whole Fort Dix area and the roads

right outside the gates. They also cover the training areas on Range Road.

"It's quite an event in terms of the preparations and work throughout a storm. There's a lot that it entails," said Allen.

The team has 50 members and it's divided into two teams of 25. Each team rotates coverage with each storm and each employee is allowed to work

a maximum of 16 hours. If more time is needed to clear roads and parking lots, the other team is called in to relieve the other workers.

"Safety is our primary number one priority and our record is impeccable," said Allen.

The team keeps running until all roads and parking lots are cleared, sanded, and salted and thus, the installation continues to function like



the healing arts

Army nurses have served at Dix since 1918

"It was so good to be a factor, to share in the rehabilitation of men of America!"

The following article entitled "Tales of Camp Dix" was written by K.Z. Schell in "The Annual," a yearbook published by the Army School of Nursing in 1921.

Camp Dix received its first class of 60 students in August. They came not a day too soon. After those fateful drives of July and August the hospital of 2,000 beds received the inrush of American wounded, and on their arrival they were greeted by Blue-birds eager to help care for them.

Sixty strong was a brave beginning!

Their number had dwindled to 35 when they were joined in January, 1919, by the second unit.

The girls of the latter group had begun to fear that their chosen career of Army nurse in the great war [World War I] was closed to them.

Fate, however, at last proved kind, and after four months of anxious waiting they received official orders to report to Dix.

Sixteen responded with feminine pep and enthusiasm.

Those days in camp were days apart. We loved it from the first thrill of our cordial welcome at the station by Miss Milne, the head of our unit, followed by our first awe-inspiring drive to the Students' Quar-



photo from The Annual, yearbook published by Army School of Nursing, 1921

STUDYING ANATOMY -- A nurse in training studies the human form at Fort Dix.

larger ethical background which is so necessary for students beginning training to have. Her work was carried on by Miss Wray.

Someone has said, "Few people fail to live up to the standards set by appreciation and praise."

We of Dix feel that the glorious ideals given us by Miss Wray were unequalled.

She not only was to us a model of professional perfection, but so combined grace and understanding with real unselfishness and genuine interest in each student that she

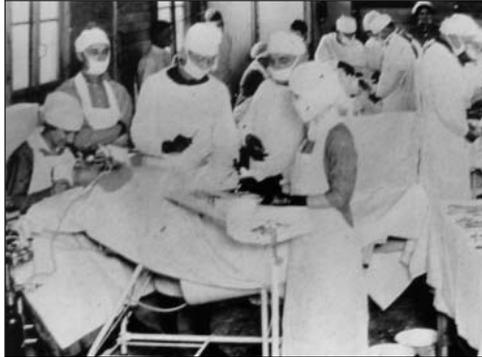


photo courtesy of Dan Zimmerman, Ph.D., Fort Dix museum

SURGERY -- Doctors perform surgery at the Fort Dix Hospital sometime during the early 1920s.

more than earned the title of our "Dix Mother."

Living in an Army dormitory may not be conducive to peace and harmony, but it is conducive to the formation of friendships of the sort that have knit us together for always. The remarks and snappy repartee of those early A.M. conver-

sations scintillating from one end of the dorm to the other, included everything from Mac's dreams to a recitation of the bones of our anatomy. These were discussed amid frantic marathons to the mess hall.

When our second section arrived at the Walter Reed the

seniors of Dix were ready to welcome them as they had done nearly two years before. Civilian hospitals with their interests and trials lay behind. It was wonderful to get back to the Army, wonderful to get back to our boys, and most wonderful of all to spend the last few months together.



photo courtesy of Dan Zimmerman, Fort Dix Museum

EPIDEMIC -- Nurses were battling an epidemic of influenza at Dix which cost many lives when this photo was taken on March 7, 1918.



photo by Lionel Green/Hulton Archive/Getty Images

DEFENDING AGAINST GAS -- A group of American nurses and two Soldiers wear gas masks in a trench, during gas instruction at the Fort Dix Army Training Center, circa 1945.



U.S. Army Recruiting Poster, WWII

MacDonald bequeathed building, legacy to Fort Dix

Florence MacDonald served her country for more than 30 years, on three continents and through two world wars.

She believed in duty. As a nursing school graduate in Brockton, Mass., she answered the call for volunteers for the Army Nurse Corps in 1918. Her first assignment was to Fort Banks, Texas, where impatience to help out in the "real war" soon gave way to long hours in the station hospital, caring for injured from both the battlefield and the training grounds.

In 1919, MacDonald was sent to join the Army of Occupation in Germany, where she learned the skills of medical care in the aftermath of war. As the conflict ended and Soldiers and nurses alike returned to civilian life, MacDonald chose to remain in the Army.

Her skills won her a coveted assignment to Walter Reed Hospital, where she served as a nurse-anesthetist for nine years. From the serene world of beautiful Washington, D.C., MacDonald's life took a sharp turn in 1927 - assignment to China. There, she learned firsthand the lessons of providing high-quality medical care in a place and time fraught with danger and difficulty. Though her next assignment carried her back to the relative calm of a stateside assignment - this one in El Paso, Texas - the lessons of her stint in China would serve her well as the United States edged ever nearer war in the Pacific.

In 1939, MacDonald was assigned to the Army Hospital in Gort Stosenberg, about 65 miles from Manila. Amid the



file photo

**Florence MacDonald
Lt. Col.
U.S. Army Nurse Corps
Heroine of Corregidor
Veteran of two world wars
Fort Dix Station Hospital
Chief Nurse 1942-44**

hum of the military's growing effort to incessant readiness, she was a calm, competent figure quickly tagged "Grandma" by young Soldiers and pilots.

The test of all the senior nurse had learned and become in more than 20 years in the Army Nurse Corps began to unfold Dec. 8, 1941, when Japanese planes swarmed over the Philippines, bombing and strafing.

As the air assaults continued and the United States scrambled to war with Japan, the casualties poured in, often more than 100 patients for each nurse.

On Dec. 24, the entire hospital was evacuated to Manila, which had already been declared an open city. After a six-day stay in the beleaguered city, the hospital was evacuated

again, this time to Corregidor. The journey marked the beginning of life underground in the Malinta Tunnel, life lived to the accompaniment of all but incessant shelling by the enemy for four long months.

A complete hospital was set up in the tunnel, with double and triple bunks for 1,000 wounded. Despite the inhuman conditions, the medical staff provided uncompromising care for the Soldiers. Many of the injuries were horrifying, with men all but torn apart from shrapnel from the incessant bombing and shelling. The wounded could only be brought in under cover of darkness, and Soldiers injured during the days were forced to suffer through hours of sunlight before they could be cared for.

The tunnel was deep and heavily fortified, but nothing could have withstood the continuous pounding from enemy planes and artillery.

Lt. Gen. Jonathon Wainwright, faced with an increasingly desperate battle for survival, finally ordered evacuation of the nurses on April 29. Nineteen were spirited off "The Rock" in two Navy Catalinas, in a dash for freedom made possible by a full in the bombardment while Japanese troops celebrated their emperor's birthday. The two planes landed on a lake in Mindanao, and were quickly hidden from the "Photo Joe" or Japanese spy planes. When darkness fell, the planes were again loaded for the long flight to Australia.

But the luck of April 29 seemed to have abandoned MacDonald and her group of



Life

MALLINTA TUNNEL FALLS -- Guarded by their Japanese captors, Allied forces emerge from the Malinta Tunnel on May 6, 1942 with a white flag. Lt. Florence MacDonald spent many months in the tunnel, treating wounded American GIs before she was evacuated. She went on to become Chief Nurse at Fort Dix, MacDonald Hall is named for her.

nurses. Their plane was unaccountably slow and sluggish, and took several attempts and a fast jettison of all personal belongings before becoming airborne. The second Catalina fared even worse, striking a submerged branch and rapidly filling with water. The passengers were forced to abandon the craft, and take their chances in the hills with the small band of Soldiers and Moros in the area.

Even after taking off, MacDonald's flight was perilous. The plane was followed by at first by a Japanese plane, finally losing the persistent enemy by increasing altitude.

office and her home were in Building 5418. Life seemed almost normal for MacDonald at Fort Dix, but her past caught up with her. On the recommendation of Lt. Gen. Wainwright, she was cited for bravery under fire for her service in the Philippines, an honor she shared with her fellow nurses.

The citation reads, in part: "We are here to do you homage, but you are greatly to be envied because you and your absent colleagues, whether you are aware of it or not, have passed into one of the traditions of American history. We have had a part of those traditions the Minute Men of Lexington, the defenders of the Alamo - heroes of defenses conducted long ago. "We now have the nurses of Bataan."

MacDonald was also promoted to the rank of Captain at this time. She was further honored by selection as the 1942 Woman of the Year by the Women's International Exposition, an award presented by Mrs. Wendell Wilkie in ceremonies at Madison Square Garden. Her response to the awards, praise and promotion? "We did our duty as well as we could - but you should have seen those boys!"

MacDonald retired from the Army in 1946, after more than 28 years of service, holding the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. She continued her nursing career in Mount Vernon, N.Y. Florence MacDonald died at Lawrence Hospital in Bronxville, on Feb. 26, 1968. She was 80 years old and a legend at Fort Dix. MacDonald Hall still stands. - text file



Margo Wright, USAF

Army reaches out to victims of Soldier-on-Soldier sexual assault

WASHINGTON (Army News Service, Jan. 27, 2009) — Through its Sexual Harassment and Assault Prevention and Response Program, the Army hopes to change command climates to make victims of sexual assault feel more comfortable reporting the crime.

During a meeting with members of the press Jan. 26, Secretary of the Army Pete Geren discussed the Army's efforts to reduce sexual assault within the ranks, a crime he said that is not just an assault on a person, but on the whole Army.

"Since Sept. 11, 2001, we've had 1,800 Soldiers that have been punished for sexually assaulting a fellow Soldier," Geren said. "Soldier-on-Soldier violence, blue-on-blue — sexual assault is a crime everywhere, but in the Army it is a crime that is more than just a crime against the victim. In the Army it is a crime against the core values that bind our Army together."

Sexual assault is one of the most underreported crimes in the United States and in the

Army as well, said Carolyn Collins, program manager of the Army's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program. Through the SAPR program, the Army hopes to change the cultural climate so Soldiers who are victims of sexual assault will be more likely to report the crime.

"The last couple of years we have seen a bit of a plateau in

looking to close that gap. We want to raise the number of reports so we can get more investigated, and hold offenders accountable for those actions, and we want to reduce the number."

The Army is also doing more to ensure that when Soldiers report a sexual assault, the crime is properly investigated and prosecuted.

Secretary Geren has appointed funding to provide 15 special victim prosecutors — that's additional personnel billets within the judge advocate general corps that will be filled from within the ranks by those that have proven themselves as especially effective prosecutors and who also have experience in sexual assault prosecution.

"They will focus exclusively on those cases, and on training the balance of our prosecutorial and defense force on those kinds of cases," said Maj. Gen. Scott Black, judge advocate general of the U.S. Army. "They will have previous experience, and special training as well. The idea is to pick people who are ... very very good in the prosecutorial function, and then ... have experience in this particular area of prosecution. We are identifying them now."

Black said those special prosecutors would come from the JAG ranks, would serve for a minimum of three-year tours, and would be positioned at installations such as Fort Bragg, N.C. and Fort Hood, Texas, where there are large concentrations of Soldiers.

Brig. Gen. Rodney Johnson, the provost marshal general of the Army, said the service will add an additional 30 special investigators to be assigned at 22 of the Army's largest installations to assist Criminal Investigation Command agents in investigating sexual assault crimes.

Those investigators, Johnson said, would provide insight into how civilian juries look at sexual assault cases and what kinds of evidence are needed to prosecute. The investigators would also look at sexual predator and victim behavior and the scientific perspective of sexual assault investigation.

An additional seven "highly qualified experts" are also coming aboard, Johnson said, to provide training and assistance to CID agents.

"We in CID already have highly skilled agents investigating these crimes," Johnson said. "But bringing the civilian expertise onboard will simply be a valuable tool to glean insight and a fresh perspective in many areas."

Our special agents and supervisors will be working shoulder-to-shoulder with these highly qualified experts on our most challenging and complex cases."

Black said there are already four of those experts on board, with the remaining to be

Troops to Teachers Program Seminar

Wednesday, February 18

9:30 a.m.

ACS Conference Room
Bldg. 5201, Maryland Ave.

The Troops to Teachers program can assist you with your pursuit of a career in education. This program is national and no matter what state you reside in, you could be eligible to take advantage of the financial benefits of this program, as well as the certification and job placement advising. Session open to Active duty, Retired, Reserve and National Guard sponsors. Spouses who are interested in teaching are also encouraged to attend! Bring transcripts with you for evaluation.

This seminar is presented by the Army Community Service in partnership with Troops to Teachers/Spouses to Teachers, New Jersey and Delaware, New Jersey State Department of Education.

Call Rod Martell at 609-562-2186 or email: rod.rodriguez-martell@us.army.mil to reserve your seat. Seating is limited to 20 people for each session

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 Jan. 19 through 25.

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

●Police responded to a report of unattended children in the Laurel Hill housing area.

Investigation revealed several children had been left unattended in the residence.

While preparations were being made to transport the children to the police station, one of the parents returned to the quarters. The parent was advised young children are not to be left alone.

●Police and Fire Department personnel responded to a fire alarm at Bldg. 5518. Investigation revealed no cause for the alarm.

●While processing a visitor at the Visitor Center police discovered the subject, a civilian NAFD, had two outstanding warrants from Hamilton Township.

The subject was transported to the police station for processing and transferred to the custody of Hamilton Township Police.

●Police were notified that a Fort Dix contract employee had two outstanding warrants.

The subject was apprehended, transported to the police station for processing, and transferred to the custody of the NJ State Police.

●Police and Fire Department personnel responded to a fire alarm at Bldg. 8320. Investigation revealed frozen pipes and no heat in the building.

●Police responded to a report of a suspicious person near the fence line on Saylor's Pond Road.

Investigation revealed the subject, a civilian NAFD, was an employee of a moving company and had been denied access through CP 9 because he did not have an ID.

Further investigation revealed the subject had two outstanding warrants from Maplewood and a warrant from Burlington City.

The subject was transported to the police station for processing and transferred to the custody of Burlington City Police.

●Police and Fire Department personnel responded to a report of a smell of gas at Club Dix.

Investigation revealed the odor was from a gas stove. Gas to the stove was shut off and the staff was advised to have DPW check the stove.

●Police and Fire Department personnel responded to a fire alarm at Bldg. 5418.

Investigation revealed an employee had smelled smoke and pulled an alarm. The odor was determined to be cleaning solvents used by contractors.

●Police responded to a motor vehicle crash on Texas Avenue at Brody Road.

Investigation revealed a vehicle, operated by a McGuire AFB civilian employee, struck another vehicle while backing to avoid a turning truck.

There were no reported injuries and the vehicles were released to the operators at the scene.

●Police and Fire Department personnel responded to a CO alarm in the Garden Terrace housing area.

Investigation revealed a clogged filter was the cause of the alarm.

●Police and Fire Department personnel responded to a fire alarm in Bldg. 5603.

Investigation revealed the alarm was caused by a cleaning crew.

●While conducting a routine credential check of a vehicle attempting to enter the installation via the Browns Mills gate police discovered the vehicle operator, a civilian NAFD, had an outstanding warrant from Ocean County.

Two passengers in the vehicle, both civilians NAFD, attempted to hide their identities to police by providing false information. Subsequent investigation revealed they had warrants from Toms River and Lakewood.

All three subjects were transported to the police station for processing and transferred to the custody of the Ocean County, Toms River, and Lakewood police. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

●Police and Fire Department personnel responded to a fire alarm at Bldg. 5989.

Investigation revealed dust stirrup up by cleaning crews caused the alarm.

●Police responded to a report of an individual passing counterfeit currency at the Shoppette.

Investigation revealed the subject, a retired military member, claimed he received the bills from his bank. The subject was transported to the police station for processing. Investigation continues.

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

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

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings held on post

Part of the mission of the Army Substance Abuse Program is to support 12 Step Programs in the community. There are two Alcoholics Anonymous meetings on Fort Dix.

A closed, members-only meeting is held every Tuesday night at Bldg. 9013 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. On Thursday nights, there is a meeting at the Main Chapel from 7 to 8 p.m. (use the Eighth Street parking lot entrance; the meeting is in the lounge near Fellowship Hall).

There is no cost except the desire to stop drinking behaviors that are harmful to your

EFMP

The Fort Dix EFMP Program would like to invite you to a Parents' Night Out

Friday, Feb. 6
at Club Dix

Dinner - 6 to 7 p.m.

Presentation 7 to 9:30 p.m.
by Dr. Buzz Mingin, renowned expert on Assisting Children with Special Needs In Today's Society

Childcare and dinner for the children will be provided at the Fort Dix CDC (Pre-registration with the CYS 609 562-2242/4702 is required for your children)

Parents' Night Out Registration deadline is Jan 30.

Contact Natasha at 609-562-2767

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Respite child care available for deployed military

Families of Deployed Military, under TCS Orders, PCS accompanied Tour Orders, TDY Status for 90-179 Days Orders, Rear Detachment Cadre in support of immediate Families of deployed Soldiers, and Wounded Warriors or Fallen Warriors are eligible for many free and discounted services in Child Youth Services (CYS) respite child care, reduced full day care fees, free sports and instructional classes.

Please call 562-2242 for more information.

Free YMCA memberships available for families

Active duty families at McGuire Air Force Base, Fort Dix and Lakehurst Naval Air Engineering Station are eligible for free YMCA memberships as part of a pilot program. Memberships will be issued on a first come, first served basis with 300 to 450 family memberships available. For more information, please visit <http://www.defenselink.mil/releases/release.aspx?releaseid=12259>

Thrift Shop offers shoppers super-savings

The Fort Dix Thrift Shop is offering an additional 25 percent discount on seasonal items that were previously marked down for a total of 75 percent off the original price.

If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering at the Thrift Shop, please call Sylvia at the Thrift Shop at (609) 723-2683.

The Thrift Shop is open Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with consignments taken from 10 a.m. to noon. The store is also open the first and third Saturday of the month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the first Wednesday of the month from 3 p.m. until 7 p.m.

Club Dix to host Job Fair

Job-seekers are invited to attend a Job Fair at Club Dix Feb. 6 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more details call the Fort Dix Employment and Readiness office at 562-2186.

Chapel to hold New Testament seminar

The Fort Dix Chapel will hold a *Walk Thru the Bible* seminar on Feb. 28 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. A children's seminar will be held at the same time. Registration is \$5 per person or \$10 per family and includes lunch. For more information call 562-2020.

Retiree Council hosts luncheon at Club Dix

A Luncheon will be sponsored by the Fort Dix Retiree Council for retirees and guests Feb. 28. Guest speaker for the event will be Col. Ronald R. Thaxton, Fort Dix commander. He will provide an update on the status of the Joint Base Initiative.

The luncheon will be held at Club Dix, with the Social Time beginning at 11:30 a.m. followed by the luncheon at noon. The luncheon will be a Country Buffet that includes Barbecue Ribs, Chicken, Cat Fish, Corn Bread, Hush Puppies, Macaroni and Cheese, Vegetable, Coffee, Iced Tea, and Apple Pie.

Tickets for the luncheon are \$24, gratuity included. Checks may be made payable to the Fort Dix Retiree Council.

Retirees and guests are invited to send reservation requests and their checks to Sgt. Maj. (Ret.) Norman V. Pallotto, 15 East Central Avenue, Moorestown, New Jersey 08057 no later than Feb. 25.

Chapel Youth Ministry hosts Super Bowl Party

The Fort Dix/McGuire Youth Ministry, Club Beyond 10, is sponsoring a Super Bowl Party for children in grade six through 12, Feb. 1. Pre-game fun begins at 5 p.m. at the Fort Dix Main Chapel.

The club also hosts regular meetings every Wednesday night from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. at the Fort Dix Main Chapel.

For more information call 562-2020.

Dixans take honors in Army art competition



Jennifer Chupko

Bob Vogt, chief, Community Recreation Division, Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation presents Umeko Bennett, left, and Sharon Shaw with certificates for participating in the annual All Arts and Crafts Contest. Bennett took first place in the Ceramics Novice Group with her sculpture, Kyutai, below, and Shaw earned honorable mention in the Oil Base Painting Group with her painting Winter Symphony.



courtesy photo

Combatants wanted for war games

Jennifer Chupko
Public Affairs Staff

On Target 2009, developed by the Non-Commission Officer (NCO) Professional Development Program, will be held at the Kelly Reserve Center Feb. 20-21.

The war games are based upon real events and attempt to represent a reasonable approximation of the actual forces, terrain, and other material factors faced by the actual participants.

Miniature war gaming is a recreational hobby where players simulate a battle, which is played out using small figurines to represent the land, sea and/or air units involved.

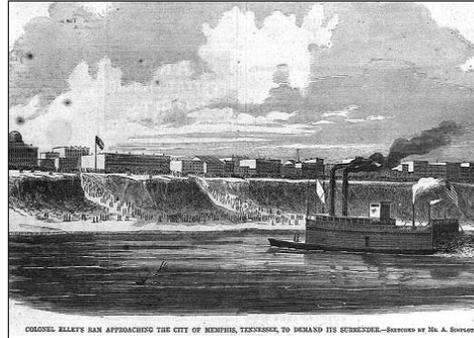
Each side has a certain amount of miniature Soldiers, weaponry and machines, to replay the historic battles.

"This event is a challenge and will give a perspective on the combat you may not have expected," said Lt. Col. Mark S. Zaslavsky, 1-322nd Regiment, 72nd Field Artillery Brigade.

The tactics, logistics, changes in plans and execution of the game, are created by the players. The warring sides must abide by all rules throughout that particular game. The time allowed is different for every war, as well as the number of players.

"If you play the rules of the battles, the outcome isn't always the same as the actual battle outcome," said Zaslavsky. "When re-fighting a particular battle, it is important to stay to the original historical engagement as closely as possible."

Players can choose which battles they would like to play. The battles offered at On Target 2009 include the Battle of Pharsalus on Friday, The Battle of Champion Hill, Battle of the Bulge, When the Hammer Fell, Fulda Gap 1981 Soviet Union and NATO, Battle of Helsingborg, and Impossible Mission: Air Battle over Belgium, the Navy Battle of Memphis, Battle of Blenheim, Battle of Quetzee, Battle of Dethingen, Battles of Charleston Harbor and Operation Neptune; The battle for Ste. Mere Eglises, are also offered on Saturday.



OSCAR ELIAT'S BUN APPROACHED THE CITY OF MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, TO DEMAND ITS SURRENDER—Sourced by Dr. A. Shorter, U.S. Naval Historical Center

THE BATTLE RAGES ON — The Civil War Battle for Memphis is just one of many scenarios to be played at On Target 2009, a week-end event of miniature war-gaming held Feb. 20-21 at the Kelly Reserve Center.

"I hope that at least 100 people show," said Zaslavsky. "The more people that want to participate, the better."

Each game starts with one hour to develop the battle rules. Then there is the question and answers opportunity before the game begins. The team is allowed to pick which army they want to play.

There will be refreshments available and all the proceeds go to the 1-322nd Battalion Morale Welfare Fund.

For registration, battle times and directions to On Target 2009, email mark.zaslavsky@us.army.mil or call 562-2773. There is no cost to attend.

Chapel changes outlined at meeting

Wayne Cook
Public Affairs Staff

The Fort Dix and McGuire Chapel staffs held a meeting at the Fort Dix Main Chapel Jan. 27, to discuss the up-coming merger of the two organizations slated to happen April 1.

Representatives from both chapels gathered together in the conference room over a luncheon while Chap. (Maj.) Allen Raub and Air Force Chap. (Capt.) Mike Curtis explained the processes and timeline necessary to integrate the chapels from McGuire Air Force Base, Fort Dix, and Lakehurst Naval Air Engineering Station into the one mega base.

Raub shared that the deadline for Fort Dix to close out the Chapel Tithes and Offerings Fund is March 31.

By this time all fund monies must be transferred back to the Chief of Chaplains' account. Then, within a week or two, the chief's office will send finances for the chapel programs at the Fort Dix chapels to the McGuire Chapel for oversight and distribution.

Because the chapel services complement each other so well, they will consolidate Fort Dix and McGuire chapels' Wednesday evening programs and hold them at the Fort Dix Main Chapel to offer the joint-base communities a fully comprehensive religious education program for spiritual growth for Soldiers, Airmen, DoD civilians, retirees and family members of all ages.

"Some of the benefits of a Joint Chapel Family Night on Wednesdays are that it promotes strength in unity," said Raub.

"We will be able to combine the expertise, resources, talents, gifts and experience of Army and Air Force chaplains under one roof - giving chapel and military communities unprecedented service and training," he said.

The first Joint Wednesday Chapel Family Night will be on Feb. 4.

Another subject that was discussed was the different faith Community Congregational Councils. This program will expand and allow for a deeper input of information to the senior chaplains and a greater sphere of influence within the chapel arena.

Lay-leaders were assured that their involvement in the congregations would not diminish during the merger of the chapel communities.

One other point of discussion was the merging of the many different ministries at both of the chapels. Curtis and Raub said there would be more discussion in the near future as to how they would be affected but noted that the biggest positive outcome of the merger is that the ministries will grow.

A point of slight contention for some of the lay-leaders was that by direction of the Chief of Chaplains' Office, the Protestant congregation services will no longer be called the Protestant Service.

It will now be known as the Traditional Service. The services won't change - just the name. The name of the Gospel Service will remain the Gospel Service and the Contemporary Service will remain the Contemporary Service. "Today we are really trying to see how we can bring our chapel programs together while serving the community," said Curtis.



Wayne Cook

CHAPEL CHAT — Chap. (Maj.) Allen Raub, Fort Dix installation staff chaplain, updates representatives of the Fort Dix and McGuire Chapel communities on the progress and timelines for merging into one chapel community at a luncheon held at the Fort Dix Main Chapel Jan. 27.

Scholarships available

Two area organizations are offering scholarships to help students pay for college. The application deadline is March 6.

The American Society of Military Comptrollers - Jersey Devil Chapter is offering financial assistance to outstanding high school seniors who intend to pursue a financial management baccalaureate degree.

Applicants must be entering a field of study in college directly related to financial or resource management such as business administration, economics, public administration or computer science. Applications can be found at <http://www.asmcnline.org/files/insp-form.doc>. The application deadline is March 6.

For more information call Neen Raspa at 562-5432 or email at neen.raspa@us.army.mil.

The Military Officers Association of America is also offering 25, \$1,000 academic grants to the dependant children of military personnel under the age of 24 who are working on their first undergraduate degree.

Applications are available at <http://www.moaa.org/education>. The deadline is March 2.

HONORS AND AWARDS



photos by Ryan Morton

POLICE ACTION -- The 178th Military Police Company commander, Capt. Mark Dederick and 1st Sgt. Jerry Howard, above, display their unit's yellow banner at Griffith Field House, Jan. 28. The 178th MP Co., Georgia National Guard, out of Monroe, Ga., is comprised of 170 Soldiers and trained on Fort Dix since Nov. 19, 2008. They will deploy to Iraq to perform a Police Transition Team (PTT) mission training Iraqi Police Forces.



BOMBERS AWAY -- The 332nd Ordnance Battalion commander and sergeant major, Lt. Col. Charles McCormick and Sgt. Maj. Johnny McPeck, at left, display their unit's yellow banner during a ceremony at Griffith Field House, Jan. 28. The unit, out of Kenova, W.Va., has 58 Soldiers and will deploy to Kuwait to perform deployment and redeployment processing operations. They have been training on Fort Dix since early January in preparation for this personnel actions mission.



READY TO GO -- The 364th Civil Affairs Brigade, Detachment 11 commander, Lt. Col. Douglas Herrera and acting 1st Sgt., Sgt. Patrick Gless, display their unit's yellow banner during a ceremony at Griffith Field House, Jan. 28. The unit, out of Portland, Ore., will deploy to Arifjan, Kuwait to work in the Civil Military Operations and Humanitarian Operations Centers.



MOVIN' OUT -- The 352nd Civil Affairs Command, Detachment 15 commander, Col. FitzJohn Fitzpatrick and acting 1st Sgt., Sgt. 1st Class Lowell Conley, above, display their unit's yellow banner at Griffith Field House, Jan. 28. The unit, out of Fort Meade, Md., is comprised of five Soldiers and will deploy to Arifjan, Kuwait to work in the Third Army theater.

Crymes takes over Warrior Transition Unit

Jennifer Chupko
Public Affairs Staff

Soldiers of the Warrior Transition Unit (WTU) bid farewell to company commander Maj. David Dean and welcomed Capt. Robert Crymes as their new commander Jan. 30 at Club Dix. Crymes said he has big shoes to fill but won't be missing any steps as he guides the unit into the future. "Maj. Dean has done an excellent job as commander," Crymes said. "He has a tremendous amount of energy and I plan on upholding the standards he has set for this unit." Crymes explained his future plans for the unit because it will be seeing many changes.

He is looking forward to both the privileges he will have and the challenges he may face as the company commander. Brig. Gen. Gary H. Cheek, the director of the Army's Warrior Care Office said several Army installations will have many changes to the WTUs throughout the country. These plans include Fort Dix, but Crymes believes he is ready for the challenges of the Fort Dix Warrior Transition Unit's possible future closure. When asked what the biggest focus will be for the WTU, he responded, "Keeping with the same standards for WTU." As a Soldier of the New Jersey Army National Guard, Crymes was commissioned in 2001 from the Reserve Officer Training Corps at Rutgers Uni-

versity, New Brunswick, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Administration of Justice. Crymes was then assigned as the detachment commander of the 350th Finance Detachment in Flemington. He served as the detachment commander until March 2006 and has since served at WTU Battalion Personnel and Administration and as the state budgeting officer for the N.J. National Guard. Crymes' awards include the Airborne Parachutist Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon, and the Airborne Parachutist Badge. As a civilian, Crymes is a police officer in Burlington County.



Jennifer Chupko

IT'S CRYMES TIME -- After being deployed to Baqubah, Iraq under Operation Iraqi Freedom, Capt. Robert Crymes has been mobilized at Fort Dix for two years in the Warrior Transition Unit. He has served as personnel and administration and will assume command Jan. 30 at Club Dix.



Ryan Morton

Banner day for Spevak

Capt. Mark Dederick, 178th Military Police Company commander, displays a Georgia state flag signed by all the unit's members with Haddonfield attorney, Eric Spevak at Griffith Field House after the yellow banner ceremony, Jan. 28. The 178th MP Co., part of the Georgia National Guard, from Monroe, Ga., took a break from their training and attended a Thanksgiving dinner in Cherry Hill, in Nov., 2008, hosted by Spevak as a way of saying thanks for the selfless service of the troops. Spevak attended the yellow banner ceremony to say good-bye to the unit who will deploy to Iraq, and the unit gave Spevak the signed flag.

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Fix-it facilities get upgraded

Wayne Cook
Public Affairs Staff

As the installation continues to grow in its diversity of missions and moves towards becoming one with the Air Force and Navy as the joint mega base, construction sites are popping up in every direction.

Case in point – turn left on Range Road right after exiting the Browns Mills/Texas Avenue Gate and approximately one-half mile down on both sides of the road, there is evidence of the expansion.

On the right-hand side of the road is the almost completed 99th Regional Support Center Maintenance Facility or the Organizational Maintenance Shop/Area Maintenance Support Activity (OMS/AMSA), and just past that complex, on the other side of the road, next to the Mid-State Prison, is the Combined Maintenance Facility (CMF).

The OMS/AMSA Facility is an eight-bay vehicle support and maintenance building housing office and storage space, and workshops. The building encompasses 17,000 square feet and costs approximately \$6.9 million. This project is about 75 percent complete and is scheduled to be finished in March. A separate unheated storage building will be located near the rear of the site.

The CMF complex is going to be

a regional joint-use facility. It replaces the maintenance structures that were located at Nassau Street and Texas Avenue. The multi-building facility will include both the CMF and the new Body Repair Facility.

According to Department of Public Works project engineer Tom Trumbetas, the CMF will consist of offices, workshops, storage areas and maintenance bays. In the maintenance area there will be 31 vehicle maintenance bays. Of these bays, six will have crane lifting capabilities, four will be for tracked vehicle maintenance, two bays will have a high pressure wash system which can be used to clean engines and the remainder will be a combination of lift and inspection bays. The main CMF building will be 48,000 square feet and cost approximately \$12.1 million to build. The project is 40 percent complete and is scheduled to be finished in October.

Adjacent to the CMF main building will be two structures that have been relocated from the 4400 area, saving the cost of building from scratch. These two buildings will be connected by an administration area to form a facility dedicated to vehicle body work.

These are only two of the many projects expanding and improving the infrastructure of the installation.



photos by Wayne Cook

BUILDING A NEW FUTURE -- Fort Dix will soon welcome two new maintenance facilities on the installation. Construction on the 99th Regional Support Center Organizational Maintenance Shop/Area Maintenance Support Activity (OMS/AMSA) on Range Road is scheduled for completion in March. Construction is also underway on the Combined Maintenance Facility located on Range Road next to the Mid-State Prison. The facility will be a regional joint-use vehicle maintenance shop and mobilization/training equipment site. The project is slated for completion in October.



Dix bids 'bon voyage' to 'Peach State' Soldiers

Lisa Evans
Public Affairs Staff

WHEREAS, since its inception in 1773, the Georgia National Guard has performed a significant role in the defense of the colony, state, and nation; and WHEREAS, throughout history and in every war that Americans have been called upon to defend our nation's liberties and freedoms, the men and women of the Georgia National Guard have taken up arms to defend this nation, and many have given their lives to secure the freedoms we hold dear today; ...

By declaring April 15, 2003 National Guard Day in Georgia, the state senate recognized the thousands of citizen-Soldiers who uphold the honor of the Georgia National Guard each year. The Guard's history is important to the Soldiers just as they are important to history.

The 178th Military Police Company, a part of that history for more than a hundred years, has been based in Monroe, Ga. For fifty of those years, the 178th has been housed in the same armory.

Capt. Mark Dederick, company commander, said Monroe is a typical southern town and most of the Soldiers come from within 30 miles of it.

Georgia has several large military installations forming large pools of Soldiers to draw from, he said, explaining why the 178th has not deployed to Iraq before now.

Instead, the past five years saw the 178th deployed to Fort Benning, Ga. providing force protection duties. Prior to that, in 2003, the company went to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba for a year to control camps X-ray and Delta. On Nov. 22, 2008, the unit arrived at Fort Dix to prepare for their first mission in Iraq.

First Sgt. Jerry Howard of Athens, Ga. said this is, "the best MP unit in Georgia. This is just a bunch of hardworking

young warriors." The average age of the unit's Soldiers is in the low-to-mid 20s, said Sgt. 1st Class Paul Johnson. But Johnson only sees that as a plus. As young as the company is, there is a lot of experience and skill on tap.

Most of the non-commissioned officers have been in the company long enough to have been through all three of the past five missions.

Finishing up mobilization readiness exercises (MRX), Dederick said, "I think having experienced NCOs is the key to any success we're going to have."

Watching the training, he said he saw how experience mixed with the youthful vigor of his Soldiers paid off.

In addition, Dederick had nothing but praise for the trainers on Fort Dix. "The training that Fort Dix offers has allowed us to go from a well-trained unit to a superbly-trained unit," said Dederick. "The training has been challenging and realistic. The Soldiers have grown into a cohesive team."

During one MRX, Jan. 21, working a turret atop a Humvee, Spc. Greg Parker, of Lexington, S. C., said, "I just love the job. I've been asked if I was crazy a number of times but I'm not. I just love serving my country."

Parker fought in Iraq during Desert Storm, was out of the 2228th MP Company in Basra, Johnson said he has some ideas on what the company will face in Iraq as they perform their police transition team mission.

"We, as Americans, have a certain standard of how people should be treated and such," Johnson explained. "We see a man hitting a woman and we think that's wrong. But we must realize it may be acceptable there. What I see as cruel, I can't tell the IP (Iraqi Police) not to do that. The only conflict I see is with what is accepted and what is not accepted. I think I will handle it on a case-by-case situation."

This is Johnson's second



Lisa Evans

AROUND TOWN -- Sgt. Daniel Gomez, 178th Military Police Company, talks with civilians on the battlefield during training Jan. 21. The Soldiers of the 178th MP Co. out of Monroe, Ga. trained in how to interact with locals as part of preparing to deploy in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

tour through Fort Dix. He went through basic training in Fort Dix in 1990, stayed on active duty for ten years, and is now joined the National Guard. His experience in the Middle East came during a trip to Egypt for a three-week annual

training where the unit worked hotel security. Johnson is a police officer in his civilian job, as are approximately 30 percent of the 178th. Dederick is an architect with a master's degree from Georgia Tech. As the company

commander, he said he quit his job in the small firm he worked for when he received his mobilization orders. He took command of the 178th in March 2008 after more than fifteen years with the National Guard.

Afghanistan priority for military

Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27, 2009 -- Afghanistan poses the greatest military challenge to the United States today, and President Barack Obama has made that country a top priority for the Defense Department, Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates told the Senate Armed Services Committee today.

With an improving situation

in Iraq, the U.S. military is in a position to address Army Gen. David D. McKiernan's stated requirements for additional troops, the secretary said. McKiernan is the commander of NATO's International Security Assistance Force and U.S. Forces Afghanistan.

If President Barack Obama decides to send additional troops to the country, "we could have two of those brigades there probably by late Spring, and potentially a third by mid-summer," Gates told the senators.

"Quite honestly, in terms of the remaining requests that [McKiernan] has, the infrastructure requirements that are needed in Afghanistan to be able to support and sustain a force that size would probably make it not possible for us to deploy [the troops] before they would be ready, in any event, later this year," he said.

Additional troops are needed in Afghanistan so NATO forces have the numbers to

clear an area and then hold it. The Taliban and their terrorist allies continually return to the same areas and re-establish their presence, officials have said. More troops can potentially keep insurgents out and allow economic and political development to begin in Afghanistan.

Gates said moving Army brigade combat teams and Marine regiments to Afghanistan would be less of a challenge than finding enabling forces. Helicopter units; intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance assets; and engineers are crucial to combat troops' success.

"That's where we've been working very hard in terms of what we can afford to move from Iraq to Afghanistan, or 're-mission,' instead of going to Iraq, to go to Afghanistan," he said. "This has been the biggest challenge about strengthening our forces in Afghanistan, is really where to get these enablers to ensure

that the troops have what they need."

Gates said the United States must have a realistic vision of what the international community can do in Afghanistan. "Afghanistan is the fourth- or fifth-poorest country in the world, and if we set ourselves the objective of creating some sort of central Asian 'Valhalla' over there, we will lose, because nobody in the world has that kind of time, patience and money," he said.

The secretary reminded senators that Afghanistan has a drug trade that forms most of its gross national product, an insurgency that is gaining strength, and terrorists who look at the area as a safe haven.

Still, Afghans are good farmers, and there is mineral wealth and a legal economy that can be developed. "But it seems to me that we need to keep our objectives realistic and limited in Afghanistan; otherwise, we will set ourselves up for failure," he said.

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Announcements

Chapel Services

Fort Dix 562-2020

Sunday Services

Traditional
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

Traditional Service
6:30 p.m.

COL-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.

Islamic Prayer Room

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

McGuire 754-4673

Sunday Services

Contemporary
9:45 a.m. Chapel 2

Gospel
11:15 a.m. Chapel 1

Joint Wednesday Chapel Family Night

Feb. 4, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Fort Dix Main Chapel
The Fort Dix Protestant-Gospel and McGuire Protestant Chapel will consolidate Wednesday evening chapel programs. Offering spiritual growth for Soldiers, Airmen, DoD civilians, retirees and family members of all ages in one community.

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Calendar of Events

Monday, Feb. 2

AFAP/AFTB/AVCC
Overview

10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
American Red Cross

Tuesday, Feb. 3

Rear Detachment Com-
mander/Family
Readiness Group
Leader's Training

10 a.m.
JRC

Thursday, Feb. 5

AFTB IT Course
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
ACS

Friday, Feb. 6

AFTB IT Course,
8 a.m. to noon
ACS

Job Fair

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Club Dix

EFMP Parent's Night Out

6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Club Dix

FMWR presents

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Club Dix Hours of Operation

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

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

Blue Room
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 through Friday
7 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Saturday
Noon to 10 p.m.
Sunday
10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Outdoor Equipment Rental Center

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

Upcoming Events

Superbowl XLIII
Sunday at Club Dix
Pittsburgh Steelers
vs.
Arizona Cardinals
8 TVs III
Revolutions Lounge and
the big screen in the ball-
room -- \$5 buffet

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 through Friday
Noon to 6 p.m.

Monday - Friday

Power Hour
2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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

Saturday, Jan. 31
Cooking Project
4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 3
Triple Play
3:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 4

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

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

Thursday, Feb. 5

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

Friday, Feb. 6

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

Keystone Club
5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Feb. B-day & Youth at 4
Recognition Celebration

Saturday, Feb. 7

Open Rec.
3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Midnight Basketball
Teens only
7 p.m. to midnight

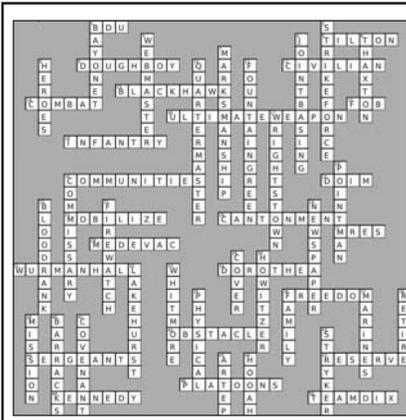
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Dixword Puzzle Answer Key

- Across**
1. Combat casual
 5. Before Walson
 9. WW I stalwart
 12. Not in uniform
 13. The ONLY way to fly!
 14. Could be hand-to-hand
 15. Home sweet tent
 16. What Fort Dix is known as
 18. Feet, don't fail me now!
 20. Outside friends
 21. They fix the net
 25. Head to the Sandbox
 26. Mainsides
 27. Good eats
 28. Airborne ambulance
 31. Head shed
 34. The Dix Fort Dix wasn't named for
 36. What we protect
 42. Get over it!
 44. The Army's backbone
 47. Citizen Warrior
 48. They make for a good company
 49. First Dix commander
 50. Customers first, people always

- Down**
1. It makes a point
 2. Coasties
 3. Dix Spiderman
 4. Bringing it all together
 6. He's the boss
 7. Right on target
 8. Gals and guys in uniform
 10. Get yer beans and bullets here!
 11. Duffer's paradise
 17. Friendly neighbor
 19. He's an up front kinda guy
 20. All the fixin's are here
 22. Real hard promotion
 23. Before smoke alarms
 14. The Post
 29. Don't leave home without it
 30. A real boomer
 32. Sailor's digs
 33. He keeps it all running
 35. Let's get _____!
 36. Your biggest fans
 37. Always Faithful
 38. Enough, already!
 39. What comes first
 40. Crash pad
 41. Partnership
 43. Combat wheels
 45. Training evaluation
 46. Can I get a _____?

puzzle by Gerry Zanzalari



Pamela Sutton-Browning retires after 35 years

Lead program & management analyst bows out

**Steve Snyder
Public Affairs Staff**

In high school she had yearnings to be a teacher but economic realities and other opportunities intervened. Today, she's retiring from her post as Lead Management & Program Analyst in the Plans, Analysis and Integration Office (PAIO) at Fort Dix after 35 years and after having racked up more accolades than you can shake a stick at.

Pamela Sutton-Browning steps into history, joining many other workers over the years who've helped make Fort Dix an institution synonymous with expertise spiced with hard work and dashes of humor.

"I have found Pam to be a true pleasure to work with," confides Fort Dix's Director of Public Works, David Peckham.

"Her positive attitude, even when trying to wheedle information from DPW for one of the interminable suspenses foisted upon us, made answering the data call a much more pleasant experience," Peckham notes. "I have come to rely on her experience in several key areas and she has never let me down. She either knew the answers or knew where to find them."

"She has been a pleasure to work with and will be sorely missed," Peckham concludes.

Sarah Johnson, director of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, shares Peckham's admiring perspective.

"I've always found Pam to be very accommodating," Johnson says. "When her office would task out a suspense and you didn't understand what they really wanted, I always could call Pam and get the 'real' meaning plus she would work with you to make sure you could complete the suspense."

Johnson appreciated Pam's "great sense of humor and that goes a long way when you're tasked with some rather 'analytical' projects with short fuses."

"In a nutshell, Pam was easy to work with and extremely helpful no matter what the task," in Johnson's estimation.

The chief of the Resource Management Directorate's Manpower and Agreements Division can testify to Pam's sense of humor. James Carr is still laughing about one incident.

"When Pam was the equipment analyst for the installation back in the 80s, I used to enjoy sending her phony equipment requests. Once, I sent her a request for 10,000 rectal thermometers for the Reception Station. I waiting until she had started researching it before telling her it was a fake... she would laugh real hard... and always was a good sport."

That good sport was born in Mount Holly on Sept. 5, 1952. She attended Pemberton High School, graduating in 1970 and remembers being heavily involved in the Future Teachers of America, served as vice president of her junior class, and was secretary for the student council.

Pam attended Burlington County College for two semesters before jumping into the local job market. After working in several temporary positions within civilian personnel and supply at Fort Dix in the early 1970s, Pam became pregnant, starting her family with daughter Wendy in 1975, followed by Jamie in 1977.

She returned to work at Dix as a clerk typist in the late 1970s before a permanent position became open with the S-4 supply shop at the reception center where she worked as a unit supply clerk.

Pam hit the big time, job-wise in 1982 when she began a stint at a G-S 9 management analyst for the Force Management Division in the Directorate of Resource Management.

Pam was beginning her march up the job ladder, working eventually in so many different departments that she gained a thorough, practical grounding in how things worked, becoming a fount of institutional knowledge.

"I've always tried to excel," she says, adding that she's never met a challenge I couldn't handle."



STAFF MEETING -- Andre Mixon and Molly Libby, center, join Pamela Sutton-Browning at a meeting of the Plans, Analysis & Integration Office (PAIO).



Pamela Sutton-Browning Lead Management & Program Analyst Plans, Analysis and Integration Office



CONVIVIAL CREW -- Counterclockwise around the table, Paul Fort, Roger Browning, Pamela Sutton-Browning, Debbie Sotilfes, Al Sotilfes, and Ann-Margaret Fort keep the laughs and refreshments going.



SOCIAL LIONS -- Tiffany Colby, left, joins Pamela, Molly Libby and Matt Merkes during a break in whatever action they were involved in.



BASEBALL FANS -- Pam and her husband, Roger Browning, take in a Phillies game during 2008, the year the Phils went all the way to a world's championship.



MOVING UP -- Pamela sits at her desk in the Management and Manpower Division of the Directorate of Resource Management, circa 1990, when she worked as a management analyst there.

Pam jumped up to the G-S 11 range in 1989, working mostly with manpower and equipment analysis for installation TDA changes in DRM's Management and Manpower Division until 1998 when she began conducting more surveys and manpower studies.

In 1998 Pam went to work as a management and program analyst for the Plans, Analysis and Integration Office (PAIO), stepping into a GS-12 slot that entailed heavy responsibilities. Pam was tasked with ana-

lyzing DOD's BRAC (Base realignments And Closures) Lead recommendations for joint basing. After conducting research analysis of BRAC data for both the Army and Air Force, Pam applied DOD BRAC Military Value Assessment (MVA) criteria and discovered the BRAC data to be faulty and misleading.

Fort Dix's analytical dynamo proceeded to set the record straight by preparing documents for use by Fort

Dix's commander when he met with a congressional representative. Indeed, Pam was one of PAIO's primary analysts in reviewing Fort Dix's FY05 BRAC Action Plans.

In February 2005, Pam became the Lead Management and Program Analyst for PAIO at Fort Dix. All of those years of job-hopping and classes paid off.

Knowledge is power. Pam hasn't explicitly stated what she intends to do in retire-

ment. But she did list her granddaughters ages; Vision at 9 years, Ariel at eight months and Kaithyn at four years. So one assumes she intends to spend some time with them.

And, of course, there will probably be time for any voluntary activities she feels like undertaking. Maybe she'll finally teach after all these years.

What the hell, it'll be still another world to conquer. And she's just the one to pull it off.