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NEWSNOTES

Walson friends invited to reunion event

A brunch is planned for the former employees and friends of Walson Army Hospital Sunday, May 24. The brunch will be held at the Prospectors Restaurant, (Route 38 at Ark Road, Mt. Laurel, New Jersey) from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost for the brunch is \$17. Reservations should be made no later than May 18 by calling Christa Karycinski, 609-893-7599, or Mary Filippini, 609-499-1289.

Town Hall Meeting May 14 at Timmermann

The next Fort Dix Town Hall meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 14, at 2 p.m. at the Timmermann Center. Col. Gina Grosso, the Joint Base Meade-Dix-Lakehurst commander, who was scheduled to provide a briefing, will be unable to attend. Questions on any topic may be asked at the meeting, or submitted in advance to Bill Howard at bill.howard1@us.army.mil. The name of the submitter will be kept confidential, if requested, or the question answered on an individual basis.

BMAC Freedom Ride ready to roll May 17

The Burlington County Military Affairs Council Armed Forces Freedom Ride is scheduled to start May 17, at 10 a.m. at Barb's Harley Davidson in West Collingswood and will end at John Mann Park, Fort Dix. The ride is held to honor the men and women of the military. Participation is open to all and registration is free. For more info call 856-446-4141 or go to www.ArmedForcesFreedomRide.org.

Barracks to be dedicated to fallen American hero

Fort Dix will conduct a memorial dedication ceremony at 10 a.m., May 15 to honor Sgt. Trista L. Moretti, a fallen hero. Building 5646, currently known as the MEDHOLD barracks will be dedicated in recognition of her dedicated and selfless service to our nation in the global war against terrorism. All members of the Fort Dix community are invited to attend.

WEATHER

FRIDAY -- Showers and thunderstorms likely. Mostly cloudy with a high near 76 degrees and an overnight low around 59.

SATURDAY -- Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms during the day. High of 74 and overnight low of 56 degrees.

SUNDAY -- Cloudy with a high near 71 degrees and a low around 50.

MONDAY -- Mostly sunny with a daytime high near 59 and an overnight low of 48 degrees.

TUESDAY -- Cloudy with a high near 68 and a low near 49 degrees.

WEDNESDAY -- Mostly sunny with a high around 68 degrees and a low near 50 degrees.

THURSDAY -- Cloudy with a daytime high near 76 and an overnight low of 59 degrees.

Soldier Show rocks at Dix

Jennifer Chupko
Public Affairs Staff

Lights! Camera! Action! That's the theme of the 2009 U.S. Army Soldier Show, which played to packed houses at Timmermann Center May 2 and 3.

The U.S. Army's 26th anniversary Soldier Show brought entertainment to the community. Active duty Soldiers wowed the crowd with singing and dancing accompanied with high-tech lighting and energetic choreography.

The U.S. Army Soldier Show is a high-energy, 90-minute live Broadway style musical review showcasing a cast and crew that include active duty, National Guard and Army Reserve Soldiers from twelve states and Saint Croix, Virgin Islands. Soldiers are selected by audition Army-wide.

The stage setting was designed to look like a live television station. Every half hour, a "commercial break" was taken as a public service announcement was played on two side televisions, while the stage scenes were changed. The host of the show resumed when "filming" restarted by counting down "Five! Four! Three! Two!" and as the bright red "applause" sign flashed, the crowd went wild.

The working motto of the Army Entertainment Division is "Entertainment for the Soldiers, by the Soldiers" and the show included gospel, pop, R & B and rock performances, accompanied by (continued on page 4)



Jennifer Chupko

JAMBOREE -- Spc. Cyril Powell takes the lead in "Make Them Hear You" after singing a medley of country tunes during the Soldier Show held at Timmermann Conference Center May 2 and 3. Cast members each reflected a different personality to bring the song lyrics together. Many genres of the music spectrum were also performed.

Solar panels light up the post

At Fort Dix's Earth Day 2009 festivities, a solar panel generated electricity to provide power for the lights and communication systems in the main presentation tent.

The panel was part of a display that is a mini-example of major energy-saving projects on Fort Dix.

Large solar energy systems are currently being installed on the roofs of two buildings, one on the new warehouse near the Wrightstown Circle which is almost complete, and the other on the new 99th Regional Support Command Headquarters which is just getting underway.

The warehouse solar array will generate approximately 431,500 kwh per year when complete and the headquarters solar array will generate approximately 325,500 kwh per year.

These projects are being made possible through an installation-wide Energy Savings Performance Contract which also includes work on (continued on page 3)



John Lamb

PULLING IN SUNSHINE -- Workers finish up installation of solar panels on a new warehouse near Wrightstown Circle, part of an ongoing project to meet the Army's energy goals on post.

Employee record check underway by directorate

Are you a civil service employee on Fort Dix?

If so, it's time to plan ahead for a review of your complete hard copy official personnel folder.

Employees were given copies of Career Briefs earlier this year to review the basics of the history of their employment with the federal government -- but this time around, each person will have a chance to review the actual file to ensure that information is correct and up to date.

The files are stored at Aberdeen, Md., and will be brought to the Fort Dix Civilian Personnel Advisory Center several boxes at a time. The reviews will be done by directorate, beginning with the Directorates of Morale, Welfare and Recreation and Public Works next week.

Employees should pay special attention to beneficiary forms, transcripts and veterans preference documentation, according to a CPAC spokesman. Those who know that updates must be made should bring documentation with them to the meetings. Anyone who transferred from another federal agency is encouraged to ensure that all documents are in place and correct.

Military Spouse Appreciation Day

The Army will verbally and visually pay tribute to military spouses May 8 through recognition and shared stories, by acknowledging that, much as the NCO is the backbone of the Army, military spouses are the backbone of the Families who support our Soldiers.

They are the silent heroes who are essential to the strength of the nation.

For more than 234 years, spouses have supported their Soldiers on the field and on the home front.

In the 19th century the Army protected settlers moving west. Army spouses braved the journey and life on the frontier to be with their Soldiers.

Today's Army spouses still confront many challenges. In the 21st century the Army has a global presence in eighty countries.

Twenty-five years ago, President Ronald Reagan signed a proclamation officially recognizing Military Spouses Day.

Today, more than half the Soldiers serving are married and their spouses continue to routinely put the welfare of their Soldiers, family, and nation above their own.

Army Community Services will host an open house for Military Spouses May 8 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Bldg. 5201 Maryland Ave.

Information, refreshments and free gifts will be presented to each military spouse who attends, and all are welcome.

Japanese-American statesman set standard for patriotism

Steve Snyder
Public Affairs Staff

Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month is upon us and offers an excellent opportunity to reflect upon contributions to our country made by Americans hailing from those origins.

And few Americans can match the accomplishments of **Daniel Ken Inouye; war hero, politician extraordinaire, and exemplar for Japanese-Americans everywhere.**

Inouye, a Democrat, has represented Hawaii in the United States Senate since 1963 and is currently the third-most senior member in that august body. He was also Hawaii's first U.S. Representative when it became a state in 1959.

Inouye was also the first Japanese-American to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives and later, the first gracing the halls of the U.S. Senate.

Born in Honolulu on Sept. 7, 1924, Inouye is a Nisei (second-generation Japanese-American). He was at the Pearl Harbor attack in 1941, serving as a medical volunteer. When the U.S. Army dropped its ban against Japanese-Americans serving in World War II, Inouye promptly abandoned his premedical studies at the University of Hawaii and joined the Army.

The young Soldier was assigned to the Nisei 442nd Regimental Combat Team, which went on to become the most highly decorated outfit in the history of the Army. But the decorations didn't come cheap. Inouye lost his arm on a hill in Italy (see pictures) and returned to the U.S. with a Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, and the Distinguished Service Cross (later upgraded to the Medal of Honor).

Discharged in 1947, Captain Inouye dropped plans to become a surgeon because of the loss of his arm. He returned to college to study political science under the GI Bill, graduating from the University of Hawaii in 1950 with a B.A. and from law school at George Washington University in 1953. Stints in the territorial legislature followed until he became Hawaii's first Congressman. In 1962 he moved over to the Senate where he delivered the keynote address to the turbulent 1968 Democratic National Convention in Chicago and gained national recognition for his service on the Senate Watergate Committee in the early 1970s. Headlines followed, too, with revelations about the CIA that dominated his Select Committee on Intelligence from 1975 to 1979.

He once said "Patriotism is defined as 'love and devotion to one's country.' But, oftentimes, it takes as much, if not more courage, to speak out against our government."

Daniel Inouye never lacked any kind of courage.



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Daniel Inouye
U.S. Senator (D) Hawaii



U.S. Army painting

LOST BATTALION -- Famous Army painting, top left, depicts Nisei 442nd Regimental Combat Team (RCT) rescuing elements of the 1st Battalion, 141st Regiment, 36th (Texas) Division, who were trapped by German forces in the Vosges Mountains in northeast France during World War II in October 1944. Sgt. Daniel Inouye served as a platoon leader for the 442nd at the time and spent several weeks fighting to rescue the "lost" Texas Battalion from the Germans. Inouye was promoted to second lieutenant for his performance in combat, there. In a later assault on a hill in Italy in 1945, the young officer lost his right arm. Treated at the Percy Jones Army Hospital in Battle Creek, Mich., Inouye met another wounded vet there who would create a stir in the future in politics. He and Bob Dole became fast friends.



http://edgeofthewest.wordpress.com



Gjon Mili, Life Magazine

WATERGATE -- Sen. Daniel Inouye questions a witness at the Watergate hearings in June 1973. Inouye's calm and sober investigating and incisive questioning helped shed light on very serious abuses of power committed by high-level officials in the Nixon Administration. At hearings' end, President Nixon was forced to resign. But the Constitution and rule of law in America survived - thanks in large part to patriots like Sen. Inouye.



Truman library

PRAISE FROM THE PRESIDENT -- President Harry S. Truman salutes the color guard of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, praising them, saying "You fought the enemy, you fought prejudice and you won."



www.homeofheroes.com

MEDAL OF HONOR -- As World War II drew to a close, 2nd Lt. Daniel Inouye displayed "extraordinary heroism" on April 21, 1945, near San Terenzo, Italy, when he led his platoon through "formidable resistance" to capture a key ridge. He was awarded a Distinguished Service Cross which was upgraded to the Medal of Honor and presented to him by President Clinton, above, on June 21, 2000. His Medal of Honor citation states in part: "With complete disregard for his personal safety, 2nd Lt. Inouye crawled up the treacherous slope to within five yards of the nearest machine gun and hurled two grenades, destroying the emplacement... neutralized a second machine gun nest... continued to direct his platoon even though a grenade had shattered his arm."

Kemp a winner on gridiron, in politics

"You can't show fear," Jack Kemp once told a sportswriter. "You can't show trepidation. You can't show any emotion that will betray your leadership. If the other players on offense see that... doubt creeps into the mind of every other player in the huddle... What you think is, 'I have a chance to take 10 men into battle and give them a plan to lead to success...' There has to be a tremendous sense of optimism that you are the one who can take a team down or to victory, that you're the best and you want to be the best. There's just no room for pessimism."

Jack Kemp's optimism paid off in a career that took off in pro football with the fledgling American Football League and then through politics all the way from nine terms as a congressman from western New York state (the Buffalo area) up to being nominated as the Republican candidate for Vice President of the United States in 1996.

Kemp's life ran out when cancer finally killed him at his home in Bethesda, Md. on May 2. But the 73-year-old former quarterback and stem-winding political orator never lost the sunny optimism that characterized his life and career.

Diminutive in size for a quarterback (5 foot 10 inches and only 175 pounds), Jack starred at tiny Occidental Col-



thepoliticalcarnival.blogspot.com
Jack Kemp, 1935-2009

lege but was cut by the Lions, Steelers, Giants and 49ers before hooking up with the Los Angeles Chargers in the New American Football League in 1960 and the rest is history (see career summary underneath football picture).

In politics he described himself as a "bleeding-heart conservative," which is pretty accurate as far as it goes. Kemp had, even for a politician, logorrhea, never seeming to tire from spouting right wing verities about supply side economics and a host of other conservative positions.

Jack was a happy warrior.

-Steve Snyder



Lon Witt/NFL/Getty image

HIGH FLYIN' QUARTERBACK -- Jack Kemp attempts a jump pass in a 28-14 loss to the Houston Oilers during the Buffalo Bills' lackluster 1962 season. Before he got into politics, Kemp was a pro quarterback for 13 years in the National Football League, Canadian Football League and American Football League (which eventually merged into the NFL). He earned the AFL's Most Valuable Player award in 1965 after leading the Buffalo Bills to a second consecutive championship. Kemp played in the AFL for all 10 years of its existence, appearing in seven All-Star games, playing in five championship games and setting many passing records. During the early part of his playing career, he also served in Army Reserve.

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Solar panels

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heating systems, lighting and water conservation initiatives.

The total power generated by the two solar arrays will result in a savings of approximately \$234,000 per year in energy costs. In addition, they will have the added effect of reducing air pollution to the tune of 1,588 tons of emissions per year, help meet mandated energy reduction goals and allow Fort Dix to meet the Army's renewable energy goals through 2012.

This is only the beginning for solar electrical power generation for Fort Dix. Plans have been developed with the support of U.S. Rep. John Adler (NJ-3), to double the size of the current solar arrays through installation of a 3.7-acre ground mounted array.

That installation will be made possible through grant from the State. The Fort Dix contracting office is currently helping in the effort by working on a contract modification which, when completed, will allow the grant to be accepted and the installation of the new solar array to begin.



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courtesy photo

LET THE SUN SHINE IN -- Solar panels generated all the electricity needed to run the 2009 Fort Dix Earth Day celebration, above. Solar energy systems are expected to be installed on numerous buildings across the installation. Currently solar panels are being installed on the roofs of two buildings in the warehouse area near Wrightstown Circle, top left, and on the new 99th Regional Support Command Headquarters. The total power generated by the two solar arrays in the warehouse area will result in a savings of approximately \$234,000 per year in energy costs. In addition, they will reduce air pollution to the tune of 1,588 tons of emissions per year.

Army uses social networking to reach families, public

Staff Sgt. Margaret Nelson
Army News Service

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 27, 2009 -- Given the new pace of electronic communication, Army social media efforts now include Facebook, Twitter, and blogging in order to "utilize all means available to reach the Army family and the American people," said Deputy Chief of Army Public Affairs Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Phillips to military bloggers here, April 24.

The new Online and Social Media Division of Army Public Affairs, formed in January, hosted an afternoon "meet and greet" event for 21 Milbloggers at the Pentagon prior to their weekend conference in Vir-

ginia. During the event, they met with public affairs professionals in each of the five services and senior leadership to include Secretary of the Army Pete Geren.

"We are an organization made up of the young and run by a newspaper generation that came into their adult years before the Internet and social media," Geren said. "The future of our Army depends on how we communicate with our audience in between the ages (of) 15 to 25."

The Milblogging community is comprised of current and former members of the military, military family members, and staunch supporters. "It's hard to convey how beneficial it was for me to be

sitting around lamenting the public passing of newspaper after newspaper. There's some effort by Congress to find out how to save them. But even the ones surviving are getting skinnier and skinnier--it's recognition that public conversation is moving into your world. If our Army is not fully a part of that conversation--we've not done ourselves justice."

The discussion addressed Army Regulation 530-1 "Operations Security" that restricts but does not prohibit blogging from combat zones. Geren stated that the Army faces challenges that "you don't have in other sectors." However, regarding Army Soldiers he said, "Who better to tell the Army story?"



Ryan Morton

Planting no problem for the 'tree musketeers'

David Ossowski, Rob Constantino, and Kevin Kane, Aspen Tree Expert Co., Inc., out of Jackson, groom the grounds after planting a Bloodgood London Plane tree on Delaware Avenue. Dead trees are also being replaced on Delaware Ave., 8th St., South Scott Plaza, and Seaver Ave.

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 April 27 through May 3.

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 an incident in the Laurel Hill housing area. Investigation revealed a resident had found inert ordnance in the rear of the quarters. The device was removed by EOD.

●Police and Fire Department personnel responded to a gas leak at Bldg. 5326. The leak was secured by the Fire Department and DPW was notified for repairs.

●While issuing an installation vehicle registration sticker at the Visitor Center, police discovered the vehicle owner, a Soldier NAFD, had a suspended driver's license. The subject was cited and the vehicle released to a licensed driver.

●While processing a visitor at the Visitor Center, police discovered the individual, a civilian NAFD, had an outstanding warrant out of Bergenfield Township. The subject was transported to the police station for processing. Bergenfield Municipal Court was contacted and issued a new court date.

●During a routine traffic stop on Delaware Avenue, police discovered the vehicle, operated by a Fort Dix civilian contract employee, was uninsured. The subject was cited and the vehicle towed from the scene.

●Police responded to a traffic accident at the main Shopette. Investigation revealed an unknown vehicle had struck a parked and unoccupied vehicle.

●Police responded to an incident near Laurel Pond. Investigation revealed signs had been vandalized by person(s) unknown. Investigation continues.

●Police responded to an assault at Bldg. 5994. Investigation revealed two Soldiers assigned to Fort Dix had a verbal dispute that escalated into violence. There were no reported injuries. Investigation continues.

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

●While conducting a routine credential check of a vehicle attempting to enter the installation via CP #9, police discovered the vehicle operator, a civilian NAFD, had CDS in the vehicle. The subject was transported to the police station for processing and cited.

●Police received information that a Fort Dix civilian employee was using a government vehicle for personal use. Investigation revealed the subject used a government vehicle for personal use on several occasions. The subject also fueled the vehicles with government fuel. The subject was cited for theft and unlawful taking of a means of conveyance.

●Police responded to a report of theft of personal property in the Garden Terrace housing area. Investigation revealed property, belonging to an Airman assigned to McGuire AFB, was taken by an unidentified male and female. Investigation continues.

●Police responded to a report of accidental damage to Government property at the Shopette Gas Station. Investigation revealed a vehicle, operated by an Airman assigned to McGuire AFB, drove away with the gas pump nozzle still attached to his vehicle. There was no damage to the vehicle, but the gas pump nozzle was cracked.

●Police and Fire Department personnel responded to a fire alarm at Bldg. 5326. Investigation revealed the alarm was activated for unknown reasons.

●Police and Fire Department personnel responded to a fire alarm at Bldg. 5275. Investigation revealed steam was the cause of the alarm.

●Police and Fire Department personnel responded to a traffic accident on Cookstown Road. Investigation revealed a vehicle, operated by a civilian NAFD, lost control on a curve, struck and broke a utility pole, spun and flipped upside down, coming to rest about 670 feet from the initial skid. The subject refused medical attention. The vehicle was towed from the scene and the utility company responded to replace the pole. The subject was cited for careless driving.

●Police, Fire Department, and emergency medical personnel responded to a traffic accident on Texas Avenue. Investigation revealed a vehicle, operated by a retired military member, struck another vehicle from behind. The subject and a passenger in the second vehicle were treated at the scene and transported by ambulance to VMHBC. The subject's vehicle was towed from the scene, and the other vehicle released to the operator.

●Police and fire department personnel responded to a fire alarm at Bldg. 5518. Investigation revealed a hot iron had been left on a mattress, causing it to smoke. The room was aired out.

●During a routine credential check of a vehicle attempting to enter the installation via CP #9, police discovered the operator, a civilian NAFD, had a suspended driver's license and multiple warrants out of Union Township. The subject was transported to the police station for processing, cited, and transferred to the custody of Union Township police. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

●A vehicle approached the Main Gate and the operator, a civilian NAFD, informed police he was lost. After being told to pull into the parking area, the vehicle proceeded to enter the installation instead. A traffic stop was initiated. A passenger in the vehicle, also a civilian NAFD, was found to have an outstanding warrant out of Ocean City. Ocean City was contacted and issued a new court date. The vehicle operator was cited and the vehicle escorted off the installation.

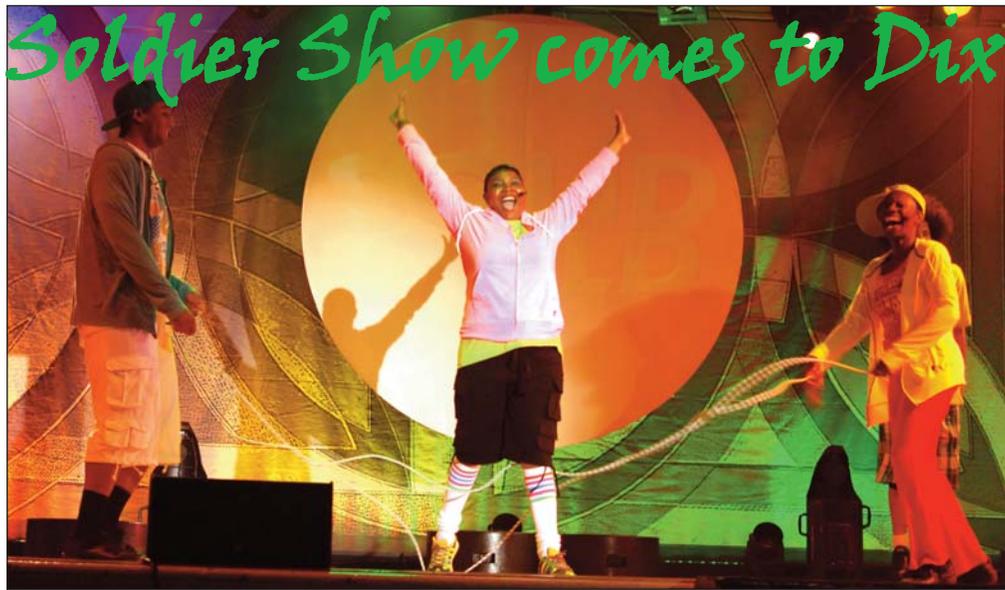
●Police and Fire Department personnel responded to a fire alarm at Bldg. 5953. Investigation revealed the alarm had been activated by person(s) unknown.

●Police and Fire Department personnel responded to a fire alarm at Bldg. 5646. Investigation revealed no cause for the alarm.

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

●Police responded to an incident in the Grove Park housing area. Investigation revealed a resident, a Soldier assigned to Fort Dix, and his spouse had a verbal altercation that did not escalate into violence. The sponsor voluntarily left the quarters for the night. Further investigation revealed weapons in the residence that were not registered on post. Police took the weapons for safekeeping. Investigation continues.

●There were no expired identification cards confiscated during the period.



photos by Jennifer Chapko

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-nied by dazzling stage lighting and spectacular dancing.

"It's the greatest show you'll ever see and I haven't missed it the past 12 years in a row, said Bob Vogt, chief, Community Recreation Divisions." It makes me want to re-enlist every year."

The entertainment was equal to that of a Broadway show. With a mix of old songs and new ones, the medley of music covered every genre of the music spectrum and included classics from Eddy Arnold, James, Kirk Franklin and Kenny Rogers, and current hits by Beyoncé, Kanye West and Duffy.

Fort Dix was the first stop for the show, which will embark on a 6 1/2-month tour with more than 100 performances at 46 installations. The Soldiers will be entertaining in Hawaii, and make a stop in Korea and perform at the Warner Theatre in Washington. Dedicated fans travel from states away to watch it.

"A lot of people follow us on the road," said the operations non-commissioned officer in charge (NCOIC) Sgt. 1st Class Earnest Baskin. "People have seen the show for com-

secutive years- retirees, parents, officers and we like to see that."

One of the biggest accomplishments that the show achieves every year is giving the community a night off from life's real problems, according to Sgt. Kevin Lynum, production manager.

"The Army is a diverse world within itself and we here as Soldiers can put smiles on people's faces," said Lynum. "It boosts the morale of the community and it's for the families of Soldiers who are deployed so they can have a time to enjoy themselves."

"These Soldiers do an amazing amount of work," said Vogt. "They show up in the morning and set goes up, do the show and hear it down that night to go to their next location."

The Soldiers rank from private first class to a chief warrant officer.

While in the show, they are assigned additional duties according to their rank, such as vocal director, dance captain and wardrobe/costume manager. "It is different than the everyday job," said Baskin. "I think everyone here likes it, we are always moving and doing something," he said.

During a thank-you ceremony after the show, Col. Thaxton, installation commander, said

"Every year, the Soldier Show comes to Fort Dix and every year

it leaves its mark in the community," he said.

"We look forward to the show's entertainment and the community here is grateful for the entertainment."

A plaque of appreciation was given by Thaxton for the annual entertainment to the Soldier Show's Baskin.

Baskin then gave Fort Dix commander a plaque for the installation's hospitality. "We never want the audience to forget that these aren't professional singers and dancers, that they're Soldiers," said Thaxton after receiving the award on behalf of Fort Dix.

The annual event is open to the public with free admission.

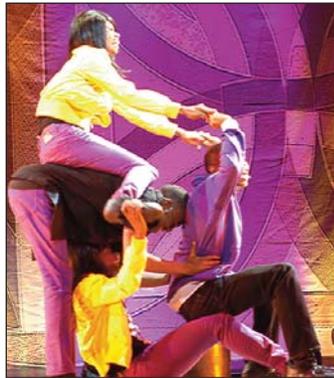
The U.S. Army Soldier show is open to all Soldiers, active duty, USAR, U.S. Army National Guard, with sufficient time in service remaining. USAR and U.S. Army National Guard Soldiers must be activated for the duration of the tour.

Audition tapes are being accepted for the 2010 Soldier Show. To audition for the show,

Performers must send:
1/2 VHS Video Tape/DVD/CD
Records Brief
Letter of Release by current CDR
Entertainment Resume
DA Photo, 3/4 Length
OER/NCOER
Technicians must send:
Records Brief
Letter of Release by current CDR
Technical Resume
DA Photo, 3/4 Length
OER/NCOER

(Jennifer Chapko may be reached for comment at jennifer.a.chapko@us.army.mil)

HOP, SKIP, AND A JUMP -- Staff Sgt. Nikita Fox gives a big finish after showing off her double-dutch skills during Frankie Smith's 1981 hit "Double Dutch Bus." The scene was based on the Philadelphia acclaimed jump rope game at the annual Soldier Show that was held at Timmerann Center May 2 and 3, above. Sgt. Dawn Florence adds some flare to the choreography of the production to Beyonce Knowles' R&B hit "Single Ladies (Put a Ring On It)" at the Soldier Show. The matinee included several other popular R&B hits that had the audience on their feet and singing with the show's sound track.



SOULFUL AND SKILLFUL -- An assortment of slow, smooth, deep southern music is followed by a vocal celebration sung by Staff Sgt. Nafrettifi Griffin left, Staff Sgt. Deneen Murray, and Chief Warrant Officer Elaine Hudson left, above. The hip hop stylings of the entertaining Soldiers prove their skills by creating a human bicycle among other skills, during the show. The four Soldiers danced an extravaganza of hip-hop and R&B music and had the excited audience on their feet.



SHAKE, RATTLE AND ROLL -- The Soldier Show emphasized the Year of the Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO) with "Club NCO." All NCO cast members took to the dance floor to Dominican Justin Luis Guerra's "La Llave de Mi Corazon" performed by Spec. Carlos Benefield.



BRING IT HOME -- The finale of the show combined "The Warrior's Anthem" by Michael Peterson and Ronald Humpfrey's "Warrior Creed" and put them to music.

NEIGHBORHOOD

THE CORNER

John Mann Park now open

John Mann Park is now open for week-end fun. Bring the family out for an afternoon of go-carts, batting cages, miniature golf and playing.

The areas are also available for parties or family outings. For more information call 562-2727.

Lifeguards needed for Outdoor Pool

The Fort Dix Outdoor Pool is seeking lifeguards. The pay is \$8.50 per hour. Qualified applicants may apply in person at the Civilian Personnel Center in Building 5418 or online at www.cpol.army.mil.

Job Fair coming to Club Dix

CivilianJobs.com will host a Job Fair on Fort Dix at Club Dix May 14, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

All military and prior military may pre-register online at www.CivilianJobs.com and be matched with companies based on your career and geographical preferences.

Veterans who are non-military identification card holders must pre-register for the job fair 14 days prior to the event in order to be placed on the base access roster. Military installations reserve the right to refuse admittance to any military facility. CivilianJobs.com is not responsible for local installation policy.

Anyone entering Fort Dix must have a valid driver's license or government identification card or passport.

Early candidate registration begins at 9 a.m. and the exhibit floor opens at 10 a.m.

Employment opportunities, national and regional, in the fields of customer service, law enforcement, logistics, maintenance, management, driving, engineering, sales, and more will be available.

For more information go to www.CivilianJobs.com or call 678-819-4172.

Motivational speaker, Jennifer Keitt, to appear

The Enrichment Conference featuring author, radio show host and motivational speaker, Jennifer Keitt will be held May 15 at Club Dix from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and must be purchased in advance. Lunch is provided. The Conference will be considered participants place of duty therefore no leave will be charged.

Author of the book, *The Power Of Being A Real Woman*, Keitt has earned honors for her contributions to the lives of today's women as the creator and host of the Today's Black Woman. Every week she reaches over 1,000,000 listeners with one simple truth: "There is hope...you can be victorious over life every day!" People across the globe are empowered and inspired by her ability to encourage them to live confident, powerful lives.

While Keitt's show is geared to women, according to event organizer, Sgt. Maj. Tania BrownBerringer everyone can benefit from Keitt's message.

To purchase tickets or for more information call BrownBerringer at (610) 223-0665 or Sgt. Maj. Milagros Vega at (732) 857-6247. They may also be reached via email at tania.brownberringer@usarmy.mil or milagros.vega@usarmy.mil.



www.jenniferkeitt.com

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Club features murder on menu

Lisa Evans
Public Affairs Staff

With a main course of murder accompanied by side dishes of insults, mayhem and snappy one-liners, a sold out crowd gave the menu four stars during the Murder Mystery Dinner Theater, *The Case of the Missing Van Gogh*, at Club Dix May 1.

Before dinner, Woody Duncan, who played Lord Henry, started the night off with a light mood, filling and twisting balloons into shapes for children, playing ukulele solos and dispensing joie de vivre aplenty. As diners filled their plates with a savory dinner of chicken, pork, vegetarian lasagna, vegetables and desserts provided by Club Dix, Duncan worked the crowd, playing tunes, and joking around.

Ryan Long, playing Sherlock Holmes, started the insults with a direct assault on audience member Denise Bleiber, property manager with United Communities. "That shirt! It blinds my eyes," Long yelled at Bleiber; then demanded of her at another point during the play, "Wow! Did the seventies explode?"

Why did Sherlock insult Bleiber's sedate, maroon flowered, ruffled blouse four times? For the same reason he accused Chaplain (Col.) David Forden of having nefarious business at hand when his phone rang and he had to leave the room momentarily. Sherlock even accused another audience member of hiding under a hat to keep his identity secret. Tailoring jokes to specific attendees kept the audience enthralled, even if they did shrink back warily when Long approached.

With British accents and over-the-top acting, one-liners and perfect timing throughout the night, the actors pulled the audience in. Relying on the skills of one person, Brian Albert, to be all suspects, the Riddlesbrood Touring Theater Company may be

short on actors, but it is rich in talent and delivery. Albert played all five suspects with outrageous style, flaunting his props, using his face in Danny Kaye-like emoting, pulling the diners into a whimsically believable world.

"I love it," Bleiber said. "I saw them for 'A Christmas Carol' and I thought they were awesome. They really were. He (Long) just makes the crowd pay attention. He makes you a part of the show. I think the joking around just makes it more fun."

They have stuff for the kids and the adults. Some of the jokes are suggestive, but they're in good taste, befitting all ages," Bleiber said of the many one-line jokes the actors threw out at random as they passed among the audience.

Husband and wife team Bob and Joan Cole sat at a front table with an excellent view of the stage the actors deserted to walk the floor between tables. Bob Cole, director of Fort Dix logistics, said the troupe was "Absolutely fantastic; very good, great ad libbers."

Joan Cole, director of the Army Community Services, added, "It was creative, enjoyable, and I really enjoyed all the characters and all the props."

After Albert finished farcically portraying each suspect, the audience was given a chance to say who did it and how Lord Henry's father had been killed. The troupe had put ballots at every place setting - even installation commander Col. Ronald Thaxton voted, but he didn't win a prize. Winners, selected at random, received small inflatable beach balls as a reward.

At the end of the evening, Brian said that Fort Dix was the best. "This is one of our favorite locations. The crowd is always fun and exciting. And we love doing shows here. We love this place."

(Lisa Evans may be reached for comment at lisa.kay.evans@us.army.mil.)



Lisa Evans

HAIRY HANDFUL -- Riddlesbrood Theater Company actor, Brian Albert, handles a quartet of unruly hounds in his role as the houndsman in the play, *The Case of the Missing Van Gogh*. The show was part of the Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation Murder Mystery dinner theater held May 1 at Club Dix.



Jennifer McCarthy

Team builders tackle course

Participants in the Army Family Team Building (AFTB) Trainers Course are all smiles May 1, after finishing the two-day class held at Army Community Services. The course helps members of the AFTB program gain extensive training on how to be an effective workshop presenter. Completing the program are: Sgt. 1st Class Lloyd Curry, 72nd Field Artillery Brigade, Vanna Macavoy; Michelle Sheedy, Army Community Service; Lisa Bigas; Sgt. 1st Class Lynette Falkenstein, 72nd Field Artillery Brigade, Frances Booth, AFTB coordinator, Staff Sgt. Grant DeBruyn, 72nd Field Artillery Brigade; Herman Hodge, 77th Reserve Readiness Command, and Sgt. 1st Class Philip Schuessler, 72nd Field Artillery Brigade.

Military spouses honored for sacrifices

Lisa Evans
Public Affairs Staff

Military spouses meet unique challenges with grace and strength every day. As changes occur and stresses are placed on the family, it is frequently the spouse at home who must deal with them.

As we acknowledge the special people who help our military stay strong, we wish to honor some of the local spouses who give so much to the Fort Dix community.

Lisa Williams, an Army Career and Alumni Program counselor with the Soldier Family Assistance Center, has been married for 15 years to Col. Tim Williams, Brigade Commander for the 72nd Field Artillery Brigade. They have two sons, seventh and fifth grades.

Col. Williams was a Special Forces officer with 10 years of military service when they met. Passing through Ramstein, Germany in the spring of 1993 on his way home from a seven month deployment to Somalia, they met when mutual friends invited them both to dinner.

Lisa managed a college education satellite office in Ramstein at the time "I was having a great time in Europe.

My friends and I traveled to Paris for the weekend, went skiing a lot. I was all set to work for the State Department - that is what my degree was for. Then I met him and I knew instantly that is what I wanted."

They talked politics most of that evening. He flew home the next day, but the relationship was sealed. Since they were living on different continents, they had a difficult courtship, she said, but they decided to see it through.

Lisa moved to Fort Campbell to be near him. Within months, they were married by a justice of the peace, she said, because that happens with a lot of Army marriages. A few months later, the big church wedding with all of the families present was held in Col. Williams' home town in Arkansas. The honeymoon was in Fort Polk, La.

"The Fort Polk honeymoon, I loved it. We were there almost three years. We called it the trail of tears, the road we took as we left. Our time at Fort Polk is the perfect example that place is what you make it."

Later, when they were stationed at Fort Bragg, the Army wives would meet with their Special Forces husbands at only certain times and then leave the post as a group. As they left

the gate, they were often inundated by the media, Lisa said. "We handed out public affairs office cards like candy."

Military life isn't always easy, but Lisa truly believes it is what you make it. "I have loved the Army and the life. We've made truly wonderful, meaningful friendships met through this journey. I attribute this to the Army. My life has been much bigger, fuller because of it. It's the people that make the locations, not the assignment."

Leaving her career behind for the first few years of their marriage, she was on the mommy track, she said. She agreed to be the one available, obviously, because he was deployed in large chunks of their married life. Lisa said as with most Army families, she had to be both parents a lot of the time, so she did a lot of volunteer work.

"I cannot stress enough the value of volunteer work," Lisa said. "It gave me a lot to put on my resume. It has huge benefits for the person and to the community. It is important to give something back. We are lucky to be born in America so we are obligated to give back."

This view of service was reinforced for her as she was grew up in a military family. Both parents did volunteer work, she said, her father by

virtue of 30 years service in the Army. Her mother volunteered in the schools they attended and in a local hospital. Ultimately, all of her siblings are in the service or married to the service: Her brother is in the Army and her sister married a military man.

Since 1999 she has been a master trainer for the Army Family Team Building; is secretary for the Spouses Club, and is a Family Readiness

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Lisa Evans

SUPER SPOUSE -- Lisa Williams is the wife of Col. Tim Williams, Brigade Commander of the 72nd Field Artillery Brigade.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Installation recognizes plethora of Soldiers



photos by Jennifer Chupko

DULY REWARDED -- Ten Mobilization Readiness Battalion Soldiers were awarded Good Conduct Medals for exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity in active federal military service at a ceremony held outside the Mobilization Readiness Battalion, Bldg. 5511 April 29. The awardees from left to right, Staff Sgt. Darlin Abraham, 1st Sgt. Lisa Youngsang, Sgt. Felix Acevedo, Sgt. 1st Class Warren Head, Sgt. 1st Class Sandra Mariano, Staff Sgt. Myron Green, Sgt. 1st Class Water Gist, Sgt. Jennifer Perez, Master Sgt. James Pampinto and Sgt. Abe Atse.



OVER-ACHIEVER -- Staff Sgt. Darlin Abraham is awarded an Army Appreciation Medal for going above and beyond assisting details for the family of a deceased Soldier.



Capt. Antonia Greene

PASSING COLORS -- Col. Timothy R. Williams, commander, 72nd Field Artillery Brigade, passes the Headquarters, Headquarters Battery guidon to incoming HHB commander, Capt. Samuel Banter, at Infantry Park, April 30.



MOVIN' ON UP -- Cpl. Michael Bush, Judge Advocate General, Mobilization Readiness Battalion (MRB) celebrates his promotion to the rank of sergeant with friend Staff Sgt. Mark Roberts.



Jennifer Chupko

JOB WELL DONE -- Col. Ronald Thaxton, installation commander presents Sgt. 1st Class Earnest Baskin, Soldier Show Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge (NCOIC) left, a plaque of appreciation for the annual show that entertains the Fort Dix community with a night of dancing and singing. The 15 cast member Soldiers tour for one year.



FAREWELL -- Staff Sgt. Lucille Holmes, Headquarters, Headquarters Battery, 72nd Field Artillery Brigade is presented a farewell plaque in recognition of her dedication to the brigade logistics operations, by 72nd Logistics Officer, Maj. Gordon Moon, at Alstarz Restaurant in Bordentown, April 30. Holmes will soon report to the 75th Division for her follow-on assignment.



Wayne Cook

NEWS HOUNDS -- Lt. Col. Lee Reynolds, commander, and Staff Sgt. Joseph Williams, acting first sergeant, 222 Public Information Detachment, Broadcast, from Los Angeles, Calif., hold their unit's Yellow Banner during a ceremony at Griffith Field House May 4. The 27 Soldier unit is deploying to Baghdad, Iraq to support Armed Forces News.



photos by Capt. Antonia Greene

THANKS -- Chief Warrant Officer Jesse Fields, Headquarters, Headquarters Battery, 72nd Field Artillery Brigade, is presented a farewell momentum in recognition of his distinguished service to the brigade maintenance and logistics section by the 72nd Logistics Officer, Maj. Gordon Moon, at Alstarz Restaurant in Bordentown, April 30. Fields' next mission is in support of maintenance operations in Arifjan, Kuwait.

Lawyers recall dedication to country

Ryan Morton
Public Affairs Staff

Representatives from the Fort Dix, McGuire Air Force Base and Naval Air Engineering Station Lakhurst communities assembled at Club Dix May 1 to observe Law Day 2009.

Law Day is a national event originally established in 1958 by President Dwight Eisenhower and mandated by Congress in 1961, as a day to cele-

brate the national dedication to the principles of government and under law.

The theme of this year's event is "legacy of liberty" commemorating former president Abraham Lincoln.

as this year marks the bicentennial of his birth.

Guests at the event enjoyed a buffet that included servings

of turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, and rolls.

Maj. Gen. (Retired) Donald Campbell, an attorney who

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Maj. Gen. (Retired) Donald Campbell

practices in Jackson, was the guest speaker for the occasion.

He talked about the some of his experiences in both the

Army and civilian world during more than 40 years including working as a judge in the New Jersey Superior Court.

Campbell also worked in Iraq where he was deployed in 2004 and was involved in setting up the country's Ministry of Justice after the fall of the Saddam Hussein regime.

"Working over there in Baghdad was one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences I've ever had. We were able to help repair and empower the existing Iraqi judicial system," said Campbell.

He mentioned how the rest of the world is slowly starting to move away from tribal warfare to a "rule of law."

"I've spent over 40 years on and off in uniform and I've seen what warfare does. I prefer the courtroom," he said.

Campbell feels this change is coming slowly, but surely and feels optimistic about the future of the world with the judicial system and the United States' role.

"They (world) all want what we (U.S.) have. We can be very proud of our country and what we stand for.

"We can stand up and demand that we have our



Ryan Morton

WITH THANKS -- Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Donald Campbell receives honorary gifts from installation commander, Col. Ronald Thaxton, for his role as guest speaker during the Law Day luncheon held May 1 at Club Dix.

rights. We are a beacon to the world and to opportunity," said Campbell.

Following a round of thunderous applause, Campbell presented tokens of apprecia-

tion, including a whisky flask by Col. Ronald Thaxton, installation commander.

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Jennifer Chupko

Soldiers enjoy U.S., Mexican heritage

The 1st and 322nd Logistics Support Battalion, 72nd Brigade, celebrated Cinco de Mayo in Bldg. 5512 May 5. The fiesta was compliments of Browns Mills restaurant, Cinco De Mayo. On the menu were rice and beans, burritos, tacos and chimichangas. Cinco de Mayo is a celebration of freedom from the French on May 5, 1862. Mexican patriots aided by U.S. mercenaries smashed the French Army at Puebla, Mexico.

Military families invited to free weekend of camping

Wayne Cook
Public Affairs Staff

Military families are invited to participate in a no-cost camping experience at Camp Noble Cause Aug. 8 and 9.

Camp Noble Cause is a two-day event held at the Winnebago Scout Reservation in Rockaway Township in northern New Jersey.

The Boy Scouts of America (BSA), Patriots Path Council hosts a family weekend of fun and adventure for military members and their spouses, guardians, care providers, and children.

The camp is staffed by members of the Patriots Path Council and Operation Noble Cause, an organization dedicated to providing for the needs of the military.

Camp Noble Cause offers activities that will meet the needs of both beginner and experienced campers.

Food, activities and sleeping accommodations are provided for all attendees. Activities are age-appropriate, which means children will be grouped with their peers, teens with teens and

pre-teens with pre-teens, and so on. During family activities, age groups will join together.

Some activities planned include: swimming, rifle and shotgun shooting, arts and crafts, archery, boating, fishing, rock wall climbing, nature discovery, sports and games, mountain biking, and orienteering. An area of carnival games will be set up for the younger children.



used for sleeping.

Attendees must provide their own sleeping bags and air mattresses for the tents. The lean-tos have bunk beds so attendees must bring their own linens.

It should be noted on registration forms what type of sleeping accommodations are preferred.

The camp has latrines and flush toilets and there is one shower house to be shared by everyone.

The weekend is made possible through sponsors' donations and the efforts of the BSA and Operation Noble Cause.

Sponsors encourage military families to take advantage of this opportunity to enjoy a weekend in the

country away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life - an opportunity to engage in family bonding.

Individuals seeking more information or to register for the weekend or a single day go to www.noblecause.pbbsa.org.

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Spouses honored

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Group advisor. "The FRG at Fort Dix is truly phenomenal," Williams said.

Now that her children are growing up, Lisa said she is working full-time for the first time she married, and has had to rethink her time management skills. She has worked part time, volunteering everywhere they have lived. She said that for military

spouses, finding employment is pure networking. The first thing she does when her husband is reassigned is go to

Since 1984, the Armed Forces have declared a special day to acknowledge the significant contributions of military spouses. This year, May 9 has been designated Military Spouse Appreciation Day.

Army Community Services (ACS) and register as a volunteer.

"It literally starts there. It

starts with you going to places in the community," she said. "I went to ACS here and was referred to Rod Martell. I had my current job three weeks later."

Lisa said her older son asked his father one day, "Who will I be when daddy retires?"

"It is such a part of their identity that they don't have a life outside of the military," Lisa said. "They have seen a lot of things, traveled a lot. I think military children are more adaptable than in the civilian world. We integrate into a new system each time we move but with the same ethos of honor, duty, country. My family has lived that all the way back to the French and Indian wars. We have always been in military service."

"I can't imagine life any other way."

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NCO Call
at Club Dix
Wednesday evenings
at 6 p.m.

Chapel gains new chaplain assistant

Wayne Cook
Public Affairs Staff

The Fort Dix chapel staff grew by one when Sgt. Ariel Castillo reported for duty as the newest chaplain assistant.

A noncommissioned officer with more than eight years in the Army Reserve, Castillo brings with him a lifetime of service in the church.

Originally from Lawrence, Mass., he was reared in a family that gave him a spiritual foundation. His family has a military heritage, with many members serving or having served.

"I knew I was going to enlist, and I wanted the education that the military afforded me. My two brothers and sister have enlisted along with many cousins and other members of my family so it is a part of who I am. I knew I was going to serve and when chaplain assistant came up on the list of military occupation specialties available, I chose it as my field," said Castillo.

He enlisted in the Army Reserve in November 2000. After basic training he attended chaplain assistant school at

Fort Jackson, S.C. Upon completion of his Army schooling he took advantage of his educational benefits and enrolled at the University of Massachusetts at Lowell. In 2005, just before his last semester, Castillo was mobilized and deployed to a very remote site south of Baghdad.

"While I was serving in Iraq the Coalition Forces Land Component Command chaplain visited us and remarked that we were the most influential Religious Support Team he had witnessed during his tour in theater," he said.

Some of the services provided by Castillo and his team included soliciting and distributing care packages, visiting and ministering to Iraqi families in their homes, working with hospitals in the states to provide free services and care for seriously injured Iraqi children (team helped obtain visas and raise traveling funds for the children and their parents), and visiting an orphanage housing more than 400 children and providing free toys.

The team also set up a tent with a room offering free snacks, toiletries, and entertainment via Armed Forces

Satellite. The Free Room was a 24-hour operation which was utilized by everyone on the forward operating base including the commander.

One of the unique aspects of the site was that it sat along a major highway that was a convoy route. Due to the location of the site, if a convoy got attacked or hit an improvised explosive device, the site became a safe haven for the convoy.

The Religious Support Team, under the leadership of Castillo, set up and staffed a tent with cots, clean linens, and fresh food for the convoy members. The team would clean the blood stained uniforms of the Soldiers on the convoy and provided counseling. The following morning they conducted combat stress sessions and prayed with the Soldiers.

"There were weeks when we would get hit with three or more convoys and we worked around the clock taking care of the needs of those Soldiers," said Castillo.

In 2006, he returned to the states and demobilized. Returning to school, he finished his bachelor's degree in education. During this same

time he was assigned to the 94th Regional Readiness Command at Fort Devens, Mass.

He was on the move again in 2008, when the Army offered him the opportunity to see the great northwest and gave him a set of orders to Fort Lewis, Wash.

While at Fort Lewis, Castillo entered Fuller Seminary in Seattle. He has since transferred to Liberty University Online – a computer based seminary program.

He is a member of Bethany Congregational Church in Foxboro, Mass. which is affiliated with the United Church of Christ.

"My immediate goal is to become a chaplain within the next two years. In the meantime, I want to be used here wherever I can be of service and I am extremely enthused to be here with the Fort Dix community," Castillo said.

Castillo's home is currently in New York, N.Y.

He has a wife, Ivania and two daughters, eight year-old Deanne and two year-old Keirrah.

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Wayne Cook

WELCOME -- Sgt. Ariel Castillo, chaplain assistant, joined the Main Chapel staff in late March.

Red Cross seeks donations for comfort kits

Wayne Cook
Public Affairs Staff

The American Red Cross is seeking help to provide comfort kit items for Soldiers deploying to and returning from overseas areas.

The Red Cross Station on Fort Dix is staffed by volunteers who package and distribute comfort kits to Soldiers as they mobilize and demobilize through the post, helping them save money and providing items they may have forgotten to pack them-

selves. The kits are made possible through the generous donations of people, some affiliated and others not with the military. People who care about the members of the military and appreciate their sacrifices on behalf of the nation have donated many items to ease the burden of

the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines.

The problem exists in that the on-hand stockpile of these items is quickly depleted when large units arrive at Fort Dix to process for deployment or return home.

According to Joan Brown, a volunteer at the Fort Dix Station, there is an abundance of snacks and coffee in the inventory, but toiletry items are beginning to run low. Some of the items in demand are:

- Hand lotion
- Toothpaste – travel size
- Shampoo – travel size
- Mouthwash – travel size
- Men's and Women's deodorant
- Hand sanitizer
- Eye drops/eye lubricant
- Sun block/sun screen
- Bug wipes/bug spray
- Breakfast bars

Donated items may be dropped off at the station on Fort Dix, but donors are asked to first call the station to ensure someone is available to receive the items.

Organizations and individu-

als who do not normally have access to the installation who wish to make a donation must also call ahead to coordinate entry onto Fort Dix.

To deliver donations, ask questions or coordinate an event to collect items call Gayle Lynch, American Red Cross Fort Dix Station manager, at 562-2258.

Any and all donations are appreciated by the men and women of the military and the staff of the American Red Cross.

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Capt. Antonia Greene, 72nd FA Bde.

Veterans organization recognizes Whitmore

Steve Whitmore, Fort Dix Department of Public Works (DPW) Operations Officer is presented a plaque in honor of his continued support of the Liberty Chapter Ex-POW organization by Liberty Chapter Commander Cay Burns, at Club Dix, May 5. The Liberty Chapter also contributed to the flag pole and lighting project for the ex-prisoners of war memorial grove located at the corner of 8th Street and New Jersey Avenue scheduled to begin in June.

MILITARY MATTERS

Psyops outfit tells the whole story

Lisa Evans
Public Affairs Staff

A call to prayer resonates across the small village, with dogs howling in discordant accompaniment. A weapon shows briefly along a roofline. We wind slaps a brick wall as movement in the tree line snaps the group of watching Soldiers to wary attention.

Gunfire erupts above the everyday sounds, and a Soldier goes down. With a clatter and rush of movement, weapons rattle from concealed positions in brush and trees and then fall silent. Only the voice of the mullah's call still sounds.

When the psychological operations Soldiers training at Fort Dix began their assault on a three-story building on Range 59 May 4, they knew they were facing a well-entrenched cadre of trainers, their enemies for the day.

The lessons learned were driven home by the loss of buddies tagged by trainers as casualties, and successes and mistakes were noted in detail for later analysis. The Soldiers, from the 16th Psychological Operations Battalion headquartered in Sheridan, Ill., 310th Psychological Operations Company, out of Atlanta, said they were grateful for the

opportunity.

Cpl. Alexander McMichen said it was "... like going back to basic training, very basic but with advanced levels added in to bring us to fighting strength."

A student at the University of Georgia with just three classes left to graduate with a degree in international affairs, McMichen said, "We're looking forward to the changes we can make for the people that we're going to work with, and how we can help them. We have less time to train than some units, but the RTC-East (Reserve Training Center) training is good. The RTC-East has more up to date information and everybody treats you like you're an expert already."

This pre-mobilization training is designed to reawaken the warrior skills of the 310th and other units of the 16th Psyops Bn. before they return to Fort Dix for mobilization later in the year, said Capt. Gregory Baugh, commander of, 310th, B Company.

"We teach non-interference," Baugh said. "We create and hand out leaflets, handouts, and use a loud speaker to broadcast the ideas we're trying to get across, or to tell the people exactly what we are doing so they aren't afraid. We tell them on either side of the

house we're going in that we won't hurt them.

"Mostly, we offer non-lethal solutions to commanders, to change fear tactics for good ideas and give commanders tools to use instead of killing the enemy. We change their minds, tell no lies, give them truthful ideas that they can believe. Al Qaida, a lot of what they say is false. We're there to correct that with the right information."

Spc. Jarred Deems of the 310th said that half his unit is in college and most have deployed previously. "This training for military operations on an urban terrain is training us for where we're going," Deems said.

"We're all very motivated and we're looking forward to the changes we can make for people, how we can help them," he said.

With the basic premises of psychological operations to achieve decisive gains with the least use of force and resultant loss of lives and that relationships with the local populace must be based on security, truth, helpfulness, and kindness, warriors still need to know how to fight. With the training the unit is receiving at Fort Dix, its Soldiers will have the skills to meet all their missions.

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photos by Lisa Evans

GETTING A HAND UP -- Spc. Patrick Cross, above, keeps his eyes closed as Spc. Ash Harris steps on him to climb into a second story window May 4. Soldiers from the 16th Psyops, 310th Psychological Operations Company, left, out of Atlanta, practice building approach skills while training on Fort Dix.



Capt. Antonia Greene, 72nd FA Bde.

ASSUMING COMMAND -- Col. Timothy R. Williams, commander, 72nd Field Artillery Brigade, left, passes the Headquarters, Headquarters Battery guidon to incoming HHB commander, Capt. Samuel Banter, at Infantry Park, April 30.

Spring brings change to Field Artillery Brigade

Capt. Antonia Greene
72nd FA Bde., PAO

Mid-morning, April 30, Soldiers of Headquarters, Headquarters Battery (HHB) 72nd Field Artillery Brigade stood at attention in Infantry Park awaiting their unit's change of command ceremony in Infantry Park.

Col. Timothy R. Williams, brigade commander, presided over the ceremony where Capt. Samuel Banter assumed command from Capt. Javier Cortez. During the traditional passing of the guidon, the emblem symbolizing the essence of a military unit, Cortez, Williams, Banter and HHB First Sgt. Garrett McAdoo, formed a square on the field. The passing of the guidon symbolizes the passing of responsibility for the unit

from one commander to the other. From McAdoo to Cortez, Cortez to Williams, Williams to Banter and back to McAdoo, the guidon embodies the history, traditions and accomplishments of HHB. Along with the symbol of the formal acceptance of command, Williams

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SPORTS

Crew maintains top notch course

Ryan Morton
Public Affairs Staff

Even in a downpour of rain, Don Ratcliff, the golf course superintendent and his grounds crew were out mowing the lawns and keeping Fort Dix's Fountain Green Golf Course in championship level condition May 5.

With spring here and the summer golf season rapidly approaching, they are currently working diligently to maintain the grounds of the 18-hole newly gone public course. The crew anticipates heavy use of the course this summer, with members of the public lining up to play in addition to the current golfing crowd.

The grass is mowed in the early mornings with each area mowed to different course specifications: the fairways get cut a half an inch tall three times a

week, the greens get cut 5/32 of an inch tall daily, the rough gets cut one-and-a-half inches tall at least every other day throughout the week, and the tees get cut to a half an inch tall three times a week.

The course crew will also start irrigating for the season in the next couple of weeks.

They will switch over to a more eco-friendly system, using the treated effluent type from the wastewater treatment plant.

It has more nitrates and minerals than the well water used before.

They will also put down herbicide to kill patches of crabgrass on various sections of the course.

Ratcliff is in his first year as superintendent after serving for four years as the assistant superintendent to his predecessor, John Huda.

"I've got some big shoes to

fill. John did a great job and this course is in excellent shape from all the hard work he did for over 30 years," said Ratcliff.

Ratcliff feels very good about the start to the season and looks forward to what's ahead.

"We're off to a great start so far this year and we were able to survive that four-day hot spell last week," he said.

He also feels confident about the direction of the course, with Fountain Green going public just this year.

"I think once the word starts getting out there about the course, more people will show up," he said.

Maintaining a golf course like Fountain Green costs more than \$500,000 annually, which includes labor, equipment, fertilizer, irrigation, and chemicals.

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WELL MANICURED -- Mark Halick, part of the Fort Dix Fountain Green Golf Course grounds crew, mows the grounds of the course, May 5.

Remote enthusiasts launch on Dix

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Public Affairs Staff

As long as you get to fly the plane, the size doesn't matter.

Maj. Matt Taylor, a KC-135 pilot who is part of the Air Mobility Command Test and Evaluation Squadron on McGuire Air Force Base, took some time April 30 to fly his Remote Controlled (RC) electric aerobatics airplane on Fort Dix's Doughboy Field. An avid RC enthusiast for four years, Taylor takes any chance he can get to enjoy his hobby, and hopes as the weather gets nicer, to make more trips out to Doughboy Field.

"I just enjoy flying for the sake of flying, just like a real airplane. It's something that's easy to do and it's fun to fly and do the mechanical part of it from the building, modifying, and repairing too," he said.

Taylor likes the space Doughboy has to offer when flying RC planes and brought

out two of his fellow RC enthusiasts to enjoy flying their planes in the surroundings, his colleague Lynn Robinson, who works with Taylor at the Test and Evaluation Squadron, and Master Sgt. Don Lenhart, an airplane mechanic from the 305th Maintenance Group.

"I've always liked airplanes and thought this would be really interesting to pursue," said Lenhart, who's been piloting RC planes for two years.

Taylor is also part of the Pine Barons RC Club in Mount Laurel, where he goes on various weekends to fly his electric and gas RC planes.

It's a hobby that can cost in the hundreds for electric planes and in the thousands for gas planes.

If you would like to join or would like more information on the Pine Barons Club, log onto their website at www.njpinebarons.com.

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FLYING HIGH AGAIN -- Air Force Maj. Matt Taylor, Air Mobility Command Test and Evaluation Squadron, McGuire A.F.B., pilots his remote controlled aerobatics airplane at Doughboy Field, April 30.

Army says 'share the roads'

FORT RUCKER, Ala., May 4, 2009 - The U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center has joined the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and other state and national organizations in May to remind motorists and motorcyclists to be extra alert during Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month.

Across the nation, motorcycle fatalities have steadily increased during the past decade. I

n fiscal year 2008, the Army lost more Soldiers in motorcycle accidents than any other previous year going back to 1986.

Since the beginning of fiscal 2009, there have been 13 motorcycle-related Soldier fatalities and peak riding season is still a few weeks away.

This disturbing trend has caused the Army to take a close look at not only how motor cycle riders view safety, but how other drivers view motorcyclists and recognize the need to be alert and share the road.

"May is really the beginning of the traditional riding season because, with the weather improving, more and more motorcyclists are hitting the roads," said Walter Beckman, Safety Center driving task force program manager.

"With that in mind, drivers of all vehicles need to be extra attentive and make sure they are sharing the road."

Beckman said motorists and motorcyclists alike have many responsibilities on the road like making sure they follow the rules, remaining visible to all drivers and never driving while impaired.

Motorcyclists' responsibilities also include always wearing a DOT-compliant helmet and other protective gear.

"Motorcyclists are much

more vulnerable than passenger vehicle occupants in the event of a crash," Beckman said.

"Research shows that motorcyclists are about 37 times more likely than a passenger car occupant to die in a traffic crash, so remember to slow down and ride within your capability."

As the Army heads into June, last year's deadliest month for Soldier motorcycle riders, NHTSA recommends several tips for drivers to help keep motorcyclists safe out on the roads:

- Remember the motorcycle is a vehicle with all of the rights and privileges of any other motor vehicle on the roadway. Always allow a motorcyclist the full lane width - never try to share a lane;

- Always make a visual check for motorcycles by checking mirrors and blind spots before entering or leaving a lane of traffic and at intersections;

- Always signal intentions before changing lanes or merging with traffic;

- Don't be fooled by a flashing turn signal on a motorcycle - motorcycle signals are often not self-canceling and riders sometimes forget to turn them off.

- Wait to be sure the motorcycle is going to turn before you proceed;

- Allow more following distance, three or four seconds, when behind a motorcycle, so the motorcyclist has enough time to maneuver or stop in an emergency.

- And don't tailgate. In dry conditions, motorcycles can stop more quickly than cars.

Beckman said motorcyclists can increase their safety by:

- Wearing protective clothing including long-sleeved shirt or jacket, long trousers, full-fingered gloves or mittens made from leather or other abrasion-



Sgt. Nicole Dykstra, 72nd FA Bde.

SAFETY FIRST -- Soldiers of the 72nd Field Artillery Brigade pose with their motorcycles before embarking on the brigade's first mentorship ride of season on April 28. The Soldiers left Fort Dix for a relaxed ride through New Jersey, stopping at the Highlands scenic overlook and returning in the afternoon. The purpose of the ride was to reinforce motorcycle safety awareness and foster peer mentorship among the brigade motorcycle riders. The next brigade ride is scheduled in May.

resistant material, motorcycle jackets and pants constructed of abrasion-resistant materials and a DOT-approved helmet;

- Combining hand and turn signals to draw more attention to themselves;

- Positioning themselves in the lane where they will be most visible to other drivers;

- Not drinking and riding.

"By encouraging safe riding and cooperation between all motorists and motorcyclists, we can reduce the number of fatalities and injuries on our nation's highways," Beckman said.

"All drivers need to slow down - life is too short not to take the time enjoy it. Enjoy this riding season and live to ride for the next one."

To learn more about motorcycle safety awareness, visit the U.S. Army Combat Readiness and Safety Center. Enjoy the roads and be safe.

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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
Protestant
8 a.m. to 9 a.m.
Catholic
10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Mormon
8 a.m. to 9 a.m.
Jewish
8 a.m. to 9 a.m.
Protestant Service
6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
COL - Chaplain's tent
Hour of Power Protestant
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
Fountain Green Golf Course
Commander's Cup Golf Tournament, May 13
Four Person Scramble-Blind Draw.
Sign up today. Call 562- 5443
Mulligan's Restaurant is open
Visit the well stocked Pro-Shop. Gift certificates are available. Call 562-6071

FMWR presents

CLUB DIX 723-3272
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.
Civilian Job Fair
Thursday, May 14, Club Dix.
Visit: www.civilianjobs.com
for more information.
Special Enrichment Conference
Club Dix, Friday, May 15,
11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.,
Keynote speaker Jennifer Keitt
will bring a message to
inspire, motivate and trans-
form. \$10 Tickets can be pur-
chased at the FMWR Head-
quarters Bldg. 6043. Lunch is
included. Visit
www.dixmwr.com for more
information.
Don't miss the final **Texas
Hold'em/BUNCO Night** at
Club Dix May 15.

Youth Center

562-5061
Bldg. 1279 Locust Street
Hours of Operation
Monday through 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.
ACS
562-2767
Bldg. 5201 Maryland Avenue
Calendar of Events
Monday, May 11
Becoming a
Love & Logic Parent
1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
ACS
Tuesday, May 12
Hearts Apart
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
ACS
Stress Management
2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
ACS
Wednesday, May 13
Broke No More:
Gaining Control of your
Money
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
SFAC
Thursday, May 14
Early Parenting Made Fun
1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
ACS
CivilianJobs.com
Career Expo Job Fair
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Club Dix

Arts & Crafts

Bldg. 6039 562-5691
Registration Hours:
Tuesday
9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.
Wednesday and 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.
Hearts Apart
Come in and paint a heart for
the service member close to
your heart. Free.
Krafty Birthdays
Arts & Crafts offers Krafty
Birthday Parties. Parties
include up to two hours of
party room use and one craft
project with instruction and all
materials, with many exciting
projects to choose from. Select
the craft and make a down
payment today.
**Contemporary Ceramics &
Mosaic Studio**
The Contemporary Ceramics
Studio offers a large selection
of bisque pieces to choose
from to decorate and paint. All
finished pieces are food,
microwave, oven, freezer, and
dishwasher safe.
There are lots of idea books,
traceable designs, tools, and
an experienced staff to help
you create a finished piece you
will love. Mosaics are a great
way to express yourself with
colorful glass.
Create-A-Critter
Adorable Critters to stuff
yourself! It's easy and fun.
Chose from an assortment of
Critters: Bears, Puppies, Uni-
corns, Frogs, Tigers and a
whole lot more. You can even
add an outfit. Create your
own designs for T-shirts and
canvas backpacks. Stop in
today and have tons of fun
stuffing your very own plush
animal to take home.

United Communities

Self Help Office
Monday through Friday
7 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Closed Saturday and Sunday
724-0550
For information regarding
United Community events,
contact Amber Stadler at
723-4290
Community News
The census is coming:
Sometime in May or June
Census employees will survey
McGuire Air Force Base and
Fort Dix neighborhoods.
The census takers need to veri-
fy addresses so in April 2010
correct information can be
mailed.
The census takers will be
wearing orange vests and have
Census credentials.
Spring Planting Supplies:
Flower vouchers, mulch, top-
soil, and grass seed will be
made available starting May 9.
Self Help will temporarily be
open on Saturdays May 9, 16,
and 23 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Supplies will also be available
during normal business hours.
Normal operating hours return
May 30.
Air Conditioning Turn On:
Boilers will be turned off on
Friday, May 15 and air condi-
tioning will be turned on.
(Note: This applies to the fol-
lowing areas: all of the 4000
addresses, 4201 to 4210 and
4234 to 4236.)
Spring Craft Night
At the Leasing Office on
Wednesday, May 20 from
4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Call 723-4290
to sign up or for more details.
Stay Cool at the Pool:
The McGuire Pool will have
its 2009 grand opening on Sat-
urday, May 23. The pool will
be open 7 days a week from
11 a.m. to 8 p.m. until Sep-
tember 7.
The McGuire Pool and its
events are for residents of
United Communities Only.

Trash Schedule:

Wednesday
Fort Dix 1200s, older 1500s
and 1600s - Including quarters
201, 502, and 1900
McGuire AFB 4000s, 4200s
Recycling Schedule:
Thursday, May 7 and 21 and
June 4 and 18
Attention Residents in Com-
pactor Areas: Please make
sure when disposing of trash,
it is placed inside the com-
pactor. Please do not put trash
on the ground or on top of the
compactor. The compactor
will run automatically when
the door is opened. Place trash
inside and close/lock the door.
Bulk Trash: As a reminder,
we do not pick up bulk items.
Take all bulk items to the
compactor.
**Mowing & Landscaping
Schedule:**
Mondays
Fort Dix: Mahlenbrock,
Aneiros Lane, Froehlich,
Karolaz Court, Dixon Way
McGuire: 4200
Tuesdays
Fort Dix: Fir, Gum, Kalmia
Court, Locust (North side),
1400 on Juniper and Hemlock
McGuire: 2700, 2800
Wednesdays
Fort Dix: Redwood, Pointville,
Loaza, 1100 on Juniper and
Hemlock
**Fort Dix
Thrift Shop**
5105 Pennsylvania Ave.
723-2638
Hours of operation
Tuesday and Thursday
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
1st and 3rd Saturdays
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
1st Wednesday
3 p.m. to 7 p.m.
The yard sale has been
rescheduled for **May 16, 10
a.m. to 2 p.m.**
Booth set-up begins at 9 a.m.
Call the Thrift Shop for updat-
ed information.