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NEWSNOTES

Census Bureau set for initial canvass

The United States Census Bureau will conduct its initial address canvassing on Fort Dix and McGuire Air Force Base beginning May 18.

There will be a team of approximately 5 to 7 people in the housing areas for five days who will update address listings of all housing, including group quarters. All Census Bureau Personnel will be wearing orange vests and have Census Bureau identification. Census personnel will not ask for any personal information. If you are asked any questions other than address information, or if the person does not present the correct identification, please call Master Sgt. Barbara Bookard / Maj. Marisol Lanza at 562-2746 or 2598, or Ronald Avery, Government Housing Office, at 754-3662.

Customer Services seeks focus group members

The Customer Management Service office is seeking representatives for its Community First Quarterly Focus Groups.

The groups are:
-Soldiers (active duty, national guard and reserve), all ranks, May 19 at the Public Affairs Office Media Center from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

-Retirees, May 21 at the PAO Media Center, 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
The Public Affairs Office is located in Bldg. 5165 Maryland Ave.

For more information or to register contact CMS at 562.2261 or drop an e-mail to dixcms@conus.army.mil

Walson friends invited to reunion event

A brunch is planned for the many friends and former employees 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.

WEATHER

FRIDAY -- Scattered thunderstorms and showers throughout day and into evening, high of 75 degrees and overnight low of 58.

SATURDAY -- Thunderstorms from early morning into afternoon, breezy, high of 79 and low of 61 degrees.

SUNDAY -- Continued thunderstorms throughout day, cooler with daytime high of 66 degrees and overnight low of 41.

MONDAY -- Mostly cloudy, slight chance of showers, breezy in afternoon into evening, high of 65 and low of 36 degrees.

TUESDAY -- Partly cloudy, slight chance of morning showers with a high of 68 degrees and overnight low of 43.

WEDNESDAY -- Partly cloudy, slight chance of showers, daytime high of 75 and low of 50 degrees.

THURSDAY -- Sunny and clear, high of 79 degrees and overnight low of 61.



FAST DROP -- Two of New York's finest drop from one of NYPD's seven search and rescue helicopters during training on Fort Dix's range 59E May 12. The exercise was part of a four-day training session designed to prepare officers for the wide variety of emergency responses they do each year. (Photo by Lisa Evans)

NYPD takes training to new heights at Fort Dix

Lisa Evans
Public Affairs Staff

More than 100 feet above Range 59, two New York City policemen slide from a helicopter down ropes that dangle to the ground. Suddenly, a critical piece of equipment bends, bringing one man to a jarring halt.

The crew chief must decide whether to cut the rope and let the dangling officer fall, or lower the helicopter and officer to the ground as softly as possible. Sometimes the choice isn't as clear as it seems.

New York City Police Department emergency services unit (ESU) detectives brought this scenario to Fort Dix as they trained May 11 through 14. This is the second year ESU has trained on Fort Dix and the plan is to make it an annual event.

Det. James McNiry, who coordinates training events for the ESU, said, "The facilities located at Fort Dix meet our needs for training for the war on

terrorism. We cannot meet those conditions in New York City. I am a Master Gunnery Sergeant for the Marine Corps, in the reserves, and I have traveled all over the country and all over the world and this is the best training facility. The ranges, the shoot houses, and the training, these are the best and the closest to New York City. We could not continue to train to the degree we have without the relationship between the ESU and Fort Dix."

Training for the ESU must include a wide range of needs. With New York City's geographic location and complex social and commercial identities, daily emergencies can include just about anything.

"Everybody is an emergency medical technician or better," Lt. Ken Beatty, officer in charge of ESU training, said. "Everybody is trained in scuba diving, hazardous materials handling, and special weapons and tactics work. We perform high-risk search warrants or react to barricaded perpetrators. We have rescued window washers stranded on a ledge."

There are a lot of window washers in New York,

Beatty said, as he explained that the ESU doesn't just work high profile cases. When ESU officers respond to an emergency they must be prepared for anything from a simple car lock-out to the most treacherous circumstances -- like what they met with on September 11, 2001. That momentous day, ESU lost 14 members of the 23 police officers killed as they attempted to rescue people from the collapsing World Trade Center buildings.

"We are not your typical SWAT team like on television. We are that and we do more," Beatty explained. "In a case of a burglary, if the door is broken, the precinct cop stands by; we put the door back on the hinges and secure the building. We have all the tools to do that. And we do a lot of rescue stuff -- from vehicle rescues to high-angle rope rescues from buildings."

With the broad skill level ESU officers attain, they must train for not only what can happen on the ground, but things that go wrong before reaching

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Army budget request reflects focus change

WASHINGTON (Army News Service, May 12, 2009) -- For fiscal year 2010, the Army has requested in its base budget \$142 billion dollars for a range of expenditures that include a focus on taking care of Soldiers and their families.

Also significant in the budget request, forwarded last week by the president to Congress, are items that have been trimmed. Portions of Future Combat Systems have been cut, for instance, as has the Army's ownership of the Joint Cargo Aircraft. And both enlistment and re-enlistment bonuses have been reduced.

"One of the main themes is taking care of families and Soldiers," said William H. Campbell, acting director, Army Budget Office. "That's a theme both the secretary of Defense, the secretary of the Army, and the chief of staff of the Army have emphasized as we built this budget."

Included in those family- and Soldier-friendly budget requests are funding for Soldier programs, wounded warrior programs, increases to child care centers and services, and an increase in the scope and variety of family-support activities and programs. Also included are increases in the quality of facilities, Campbell said.

The costs of providing for such things as warfighter and family services; childcare and youth programs; morale, welfare, and recreation; and voluntary education/tuition assistance are part of a more than \$40 billion operations and maintenance expenditure. Those O&M funds also include recruiting, training,

and maintenance of equipment, facilities and infrastructure.

The budget also includes provisions that will affect the wallets of Soldiers and Department of the Army civilians -- a pay increase of 2.9 percent for Soldiers and 2 percent for civilians, said Lt. Gen. Edgar E. Stanton III, military deputy for budget.

This year there's funding in the military personnel budget for 547,400 active-duty Soldiers, 358,200 Army National Guardsmen, and 205,000 Reserve Soldiers.

With the increases in Soldier funding, the Army has met its growth goals. More Soldiers in the mix translates to more time at home station and more opportunities for robust training, according to Stanton.

"The Army in all three components has achieved its projected strength levels and we will stay at those strength levels both in the short term and the mid-term," Stanton said.

"The focus now will be on utilizing the Army Force Generation model as we hope to increase dwell and reduce deployed time. That will allow us to refocus training for the full spectrum operations as opposed to the current emphasis on COIN (Counter-Insurgency)."

Campbell also said the Secretary of Defense decided to not stand up three additional brigades and to instead use those Soldiers to bolster the manning of other units. "That will help fill out units," Campbell said. "It'll decrease the (continued on page 3)



THINK FAST -- Sgt. Kerry Gillock and Lt. Col Ross Scott, 364th Civil Affairs Bde, move to shelter when their unit comes under heavy sniper fire during mobilization training on Fort Dix. More than \$40 billion is included in the Army's draft budget for 2010 for operations and training like this.

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COMANDANTE CASTRO -- Always concerned with social equality, Fidel Castro takes a turn chopping away at sugar cane crops in Cuba. The former Head of State of Cuba for nearly 50 years and legendary leader of the Cuban Revolution in 1959, Castro has been a thorn in the side of the United States for most of that time, aligning his country with the Soviet Union during the Cold War and provoking his giant neighbor at every opportunity, most notably during the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962 when the superpowers tethered on the brink of nuclear war after the Soviets introduced offensive missiles into Cuba. Now plagued by health problems, Castro transferred power to his brother Raul in 2008.

photo essay

United States, Cuba face rapprochement after stormy history

Steve Snyder
Public Affairs Staff

Cuba is burrowing into America's collective psyche.

Restrictions in travel and money transfers to the island have already been lifted and Congress is considering ending the 47-year-old trade embargo that was imposed when Cuba embraced a communist regime that didn't hesitate to nationalize American assets.

But with the retirement of Fidel Castro, possibilities open.

Trade between the U.S. and Cuba holds lucrative opportunities for both sides. But American interests reach much farther than dollars.

Better relations between our countries would mean that Yankees could avail themselves of the wonderful sights, sounds and history of our neighbor with whom we've always been involved, anyway.

At heart, Cubans are capitalists, patriots, religiously astute and sports nuts - just like us. Let's get together.



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COLONIAL CHARM -- Few cities can match Trinidad for either charm or beauty. Moorish, Neo-Classical and Baroque architecture blend in to give the small, romantic town a unique feel for the colonial era that bred it. Trinidad has been named a UNESCO World Heritage Site as the surrounding countryside is crammed with castles and haciendas while the Iglesia Parroquial de la Santisima Trinidad remains the largest church in the country. C'est magnifique!



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OLD HAVANA -- A relic from a colonial past, Old Havana is a section of the Cuban capital which contains fortresses, castles, squares, and that epitome of Cuban baroque architecture, the Cathedral of Havana.



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PEARL OF THE ANTILLES -- Christopher Columbus discovered Cuba, largest of the islands stretching across the Caribbean in the Greater Antilles chain, in 1492. Slightly smaller than Pennsylvania, the island contains many natural resources that can only be described as beautiful, such as the waterfall of El Nicho, at right above, whose exotic flora and fauna decorate the mountainous region of Sierra de Trinidad. Beauty aside, Spanish conquistadors like Cortez used Cuba mainly as a jumping off point (sailing from Santiago) to South America where natural resources waited for the seizing. African slaves begin to replace declining populations of Indian natives on the island, working coffee and sugar plantations under the brutal tropical sun. So Cuba had a mixed population from its beginnings but few in the mix cared much for Spanish rule. After many rebellions, independence finally caught on when the U.S. helped overthrow Spanish rule during the Spanish-American War in 1898. Cuban independence, though, led only to one corrupt dictator after another until Fidel Castro led his rebel army to victory in 1959. Fifty years of scarcity followed under the dictates of his iron-fisted communist regime. When Cuba's economic sponsor, the Soviet Union, withdrew its subsidies to the island in 1990, the country became an economic basket case, blaming much of its financial malaise on the United States' embargo (in place since 1961). With the retirement of Fidel Castro, the U.S. is currently allowing travel and money transfers to Cuba while Congress debates ending the 47-year trade freeze. If that happens, people from both countries can once again explore - and enjoy - their neighbor's greatest natural resource, the American and Cuban people.



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SMOKIN' -- A roller at the Partagas Cigar Factory in Havana puffs away as she rolls, by hand, Havana cigars, long considered the world's finest smoke. Partagas is Cuba's largest tobacco factory, dating back to 1845. Almost all of the cigars are still made by hand and most of the rollers are women. Smoking is not frowned upon, Cubans having enough of other forms of political correctness to worry about.



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RING LEGEND -- A tall heavyweight with a murderous right hand, Cuban Teofilo Stevenson won Olympic Gold Medals in 1972, 1976 and 1980, refusing to abandon his country's Olympic team for big bucks in the pros. He retired in 1986 with 302 wins and 22 losses.



Wikipedia

NIGHT LIFE -- Dancers at the Tropicana, a world famous cabaret and night club located on a suburban estate in Havana's Marianao neighborhood, dazzle the crowd with elaborate attire. The Tropicana was launched in 1939 and has featured entertainment mavens the likes of Xavier Cugat, Carmen Miranda, Nat King Cole and Josephine Baker over the years.



Alfred Eisenstaedt

LITERARY LION -- Famed American novelist Ernest Hemingway stands in front of a harbor dotted with fishing boats. He lived for more than 20 years in Cuba, savoring everything from fishing to the night life.

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GUARDING THE BAY -- The huge fortress, Castillo del Morro, stands high on cliffs above Santiago Bay.

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GITMO -- The U.S. Naval Base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (see map) in 1915, at left. The photo was taken at Fisherman's Point on base and shows the expanse of the 45 square mile military reservation. The United States obtained the base following the 1898 invasion of Guantanamo Bay during the Spanish-American War. Gitmo is the largest harbor on the south side of the island, ideally situated to monitor sea lanes flowing in and out of the Caribbean.

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Dix Six saga has vital message

Stephen Melly
Deputy to the Commander

The saga of the "Dix Six" Terrorist Plot came to an historic conclusion April 27, with Federal District Court Judge Robert B. Kugler sentencing the final five defendants to long prison terms based on their December conviction of terrorism.

The sentencing guidelines which were outlined in the Anti-Terrorism Act of 2001 are designed to combat terrorism and defend our nation against terrorist acts. As a result, four of the five defendants received sentences of life plus thirty years, with the fifth defendant sentenced to thirty-three years.

This saga began in January 2006, when Brian Morgenstern, an intuitive electronics-store clerk, turned over to Mount Laurel police a videotape showing ten men firing rifles and shouting in Arabic, "Allahu Akbar" or "God is great." The tape had been brought in by a customer who wanted the contents transferred to a DVD.

The FBI quickly embedded two informants into the group, monitoring the suspects and recording their conversations throughout the 18-month investigation.

The Federal investigation proved that the men obtained weapons, discussed attacking Fort Dix and other military installations including the U.S. Coast Guard building in Philadelphia and Dover Air Force Base in Delaware. They also talked about attacking the crowd at the Army-Navy game and other Federal facilities.

They were arrested in May 2007 as they were buying assault rifles from government informants.

The five defendants, who range in age from 23 to 30, were all born abroad but reared in Cherry Hill. They all attended Cherry Hill High School West. They were homegrown terrorists willing to die for distorted Islamic beliefs built around violent martyrdom, ruthless beheadings, and bloody intolerance of non-believers. In the words of the U.S. Attorney Ralph J. Marra Jr., "These criminals had the intent . . . to do serious and grievous harm to members of the military. It was not just talk."

The FBI formed a task force of local, state and federal law enforcement personnel which



SHARP EYE -- Brian Morgenstern, the electronics store employee who spotted the plotters on a video tape brought to his store to be recorded on a DVD, was honored July 4, 2007 at the annual celebration on Fort Dix.

gathered evidence that these defendants had a plan and that they possessed the means to carry off that plan. The case was an example of the FBI's preventive-arrests counterterrorism strategy, in which investigators disrupt a plot by taking conspirators into custody before they go into motion. The prosecutors were utilizing recently passed legislation targeting terrorism; accordingly, this became a landmark case in that the FBI, in a preemptive move, acted before an actual event took place.

The first day of the sentencing was for defendants Drian, Elyvir and Shain Duka, brothers who ran a roofing business. They were accused of training for their mission by shooting at a Poconos firing range and playing paintball. Drian and Shain Duka were arrested shortly after trying to

buy seven rifles from an FBI informant. All three had criminal histories and drug involvement dating to their teenage years. During this sentencing hearing, the Duka brothers claimed that what they had done was no more than freedom of speech. Quoting Thomas Jefferson, they clung to the First Amendment and even demanded to be set free during fiery pre-sentencing speeches. District Judge Robert Kugler calmly explained that he did not believe their assertions and handed out life sentences for all three men. Acting U.S. Attorney

Marra stated his feelings accordingly. "The hatred and contempt these young men hold for America and the rule of law was made abundantly clear during the investigation, at trial and even today as they spoke at their sentencings."

The Duka brothers will not be eligible for parole in the Federal system. District Court Judge Robert B. Kugler noted that the defendants showed no remorse for their actions, and said "a harsh, punitive sentence is necessary." "I don't impose these sentences lightly. Prosecutors recommend that they spend the rest of their lives in prison," he said. Judge Kugler summed his statement up by saying, "I know that the action that I impose today will affect you every day for the rest of your life. I do take that

ing, was extremely remorseful and his family portrayed him as a follower, someone trying to make friends rather than a radical Islamist. Tatar was sentenced to 33 years for his involvement and participation in this plot.

The sixth defendant, Agron Abdullahi, pled guilty in October 2008 to a reduced charge of providing firearms to illegal aliens and received a sentence of 20 months in prison and three years of supervised release.

Additionally, Judge Kugler ordered each of the five men to pay \$125,000 in restitution for security measures incurred by Fort Dix, in response to their actions and this alleged plot. The defendants will be required to forfeit money earned while in prison and incrementally repay the government.

The Dix Six suspects were all of Albanian origin, though one is Turkish and one is Jordanian-Palestinian. They lived most of their lives in America as illegal residents and only one became a U.S. citizen. They are all considered homegrown terrorists, raised and educated in America, with a common goal of terrorizing Americans.

As made evident by this case, the best defense that we have is an alert informed community. Brian Morgenstern is truly a hero who saved lives and reacted quickly and decisively. The law enforcement agencies acted decisively in formulating a plan and effectively coordinating and informing the various agencies.

Part of the Tatar's family testimony about his love for America included numerous photographs of Soldiers in their Pizzeria posing with various family members.

The Tatars could determine troop surge levels by the increase volume in business as well as hearing the Soldiers and Airmen talking. While those military personnel who handed out bits of information that helped this group of terrorists plot an attack did not mean to facilitate violence, they are an example of seemingly minor security flaws that could have tragic results.

Protecting important information. Be aware of your surroundings and realizing that little pieces of information can add up to the big picture. Fort Dix and the other targets discussed by this group were lucky this time. Another time, there may not be an alert citizen to sound the alarm.

Commentary

duy seriously." Mohammad Shnewer, a 24 year-old cab driver and the only naturalized U.S. citizen among the five defendants, was sentenced on the second day. Judge Kugler categorized Shnewer as being in the "epicenter of the conspiracy" and sentenced him to life plus 30 years. The final defendant, Serdar Tatar provided the group with a map of Fort Dix obtained from his father's pizza shop "Super Mario's," which was then located outside of McGuire Air Force Base. Shnewer, in his sentencing hear-

ing, was extremely remorseful and his family portrayed him as a follower, someone trying to make friends rather than a radical Islamist. Tatar was sentenced to 33 years for his involvement and participation in this plot.

all brigade combat teams and done so in an accelerated manner.

"We will do it to all 73 BCTs and not just 15 BCTs. We are going to start in 2011 and finish in about 2025. It's going to take time, clearly, to get to all 73."

Also significant about the FY 2010 budget cycle is that both the base budget and the \$83 billion "Overseas Contingency Operations" budget were submitted at the same time -- in prior years that OCO budget was called a "supplemental," submitted after the base Army budget.

The base budget is specifically for funding training and equipping of the Army.

The OCO budget is meant to address expenses related to actual Army operations.

Budget reflects change

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need to cross-level between units as forces begin to deploy. And combined with a structured delivered drawdown plan that will reduce demand, we should see an increase in dwell time for units."

Re-enlistment bonuses have gone down from 2009 to 2010 because of the success of the Army in both re-enlistment and recruitment, said Campbell.

"We still have some moneys in the budget for re-enlistment bonuses -- but there is a decrease in the budget for bonus payments," he said.

From FCS, the entire line of manned ground vehicles -- eight systems all based on a common chassis -- have been canceled.

"(Secretary of Defense Robert Gates's) guidance . . . directs that

the Army will restructure its Future Combat Systems," Stanton said.

"This includes halting the development and production of the manned ground vehicles and directs that the Army relook at

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the requirement for the vehicle in the context of the current fight as well as the future fight and come forward with a new concept for an MGVT."

Stanton said Gates, Secretary of the Army Pete Geren, and Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. George W. Casey Jr. have direct-

ed research into a new manned ground vehicle be completed by the Army's Training and Doctrine Command.

Despite the loss of FCS's MGVTs, the fruits of the work done by researchers will continue.

to be pushed to the field through "spinouts," Stanton said.

"We will roll out the spinouts, these are tactical unmanned sensors, unmanned aerial sensors and the non-line-of-sight launch system," Stanton said.

"That technology, as it comes to fruition, will be rolled out to

Reassessment aids Soldiers

Staff Sgt. S. P. McCollum
Armed Forces Press Service

ARLINGTON, Va., May 13, 2009 -- Many health issues may arise after a National Guard member returns from a combat deployment.

Some wounds are physical and are spotted easily. Others, such as traumatic brain injury and post-traumatic stress disorder, are not as obvious, and may take some time to develop.

To help identify these problems, the Army has developed a post-deployment health reassessment, or PDHRA, to evaluate Soldiers after they return home from overseas.

As part of Mental Health Awareness Month, the Army National Guard is calling atten-

tion to this program as it proactively screens redeploying Guard members for potential health issues.

"We want to look out after and safeguard every Soldier in the Army National Guard," said Maj. Anthony McGinty, the PDHRA program manager for the Army National Guard surgeon's office.

The program gives Guard members a chance to identify problems three to six months after deployment.

This window gives them a chance to settle into life and work, and to evaluate their health over that period.

If combat-connected health problems arise, Soldiers can report it during their PDHRA to become eligible for care.

"This is a way for Soldiers to seek care that they need, whether

that be behavioral, mental or physical" after deployment, McGinty said.

The program consists of three parts.

First, Guard members see the "Battlemind II" training video, which shows common readjustment issues for veterans.

Then they complete a questionnaire detailing their health. After that, they sit down with a trained health care provider for a 45-minute, one-on-one conversation.

During that talk, qualified medical professionals ask questions about contact information, deployment location and health history.

Soldiers also are informed of the types of assistance for which they are eligible, which may include health care at a Veterans Affairs hospital, and they get an

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 May 4 through 10.

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 Check-point Number.

●Police and Fire Department personnel responded to a fire alarm at Bldg. 5517. Investigation revealed the alarm activated for unknown reasons.

●Police and Fire Department personnel responded to a fire alarm at Bldg. 5646. Investigation revealed the alarm activated for unknown reasons.

●While processing a visitor, a civilian NAFD, at the Visitor Center, police discovered the subject had an outstanding warrant out of Camden County. The subject was transported to the police station for processing and transferred to custody of the Camden County Sheriff's Office.

●Police responded to a report of larceny of private property at Bldg. 5990. Investigation revealed unsecured and unattended property, belonging to a Soldier NAFD, had been taken from the laundry room by person(s) unknown.

●Police responded to a motor vehicle crash on Brody Road. Investigation revealed a vehicle, operated by a civilian NAFD, was exiting the fuel pump area against traffic and struck another vehicle. There were no reported injuries and the vehicles were released to the operators at the scene.

●While processing a visitor, a civilian NAFD, at the Visitor Center, police discovered the subject had an outstanding warrant out of Camden. Camden was contacted and provided another court date.

●Police and Fire Department personnel responded to a fire alarm at Bldg. 5990. Investigation revealed shower steam caused the alarm.

●During a routine traffic stop on Texas Ave, police discovered the vehicle, operated by an Airman assigned to Fort Dix, had expired registration. The subject was cited and the vehicle towed from the scene.

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

●While processing a visitor, a civilian NAFD, at the Visitor Center, police discovered the subject had three outstanding warrants from three New Jersey municipalities. Each was contacted and issued a new court date.

●While processing a visitor, a civilian NAFD, at the Visitor Center, police discovered the subject 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#99, police discovered possible CDS material. The subject, a civilian NAFD, was transported to the police station for further investigation. Investigation continues.

●Police responded to a traffic accident in Tac #13. Investigation revealed a vehicle, operated by a Soldier assigned to Fort Dix, struck a concrete barrier. There were no reported injuries and the vehicle was released to the operator at the scene.

●While conducting a routine credential check of a vehicle attempting to enter the installation via CP #99, police discovered several containers that appeared to hold CDS. The subject was transported to the police station for processing and cited.

●While processing a visitor, a civilian NAFD, at the Visitor Center, police discovered the subject had two outstanding warrants out of Trenton and Lawrence. The subject was transported to the police station for processing and transferred to the custody of the Camden County Sheriff's Office.

●During a routine traffic stop on Fort Dix road, police noted an open container of alcohol in the vehicle. The operator, an Airman assigned to McGuire AFB, had a strong odor of alcohol, slurred speech, and poor motor skills. After failing field sobriety tests, the subject was transported to the police station for processing. The subject was cited and transferred to the custody of McGuire AFB Security Forces. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

●During a routine traffic stop on Fort Dix Road police discovered the vehicle, operated by a Soldier NAFD, had expired registration due to lapse of insurance. The subject claimed to be a law enforcement officer, but presented fake credentials. The subject was transported to the police station for processing and cited for numerous offenses. The vehicle was towed from the scene. Further investigation revealed the subject had an outstanding warrant out of Greenwich Township. Greenwich Township was contacted and issued a new court date.

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

●There were 26 Magistrate Court Citations issued for violations. DWI incidents are now at seven for the year.

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New York police hit ranges

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ground. That is why they train on Fort Dix once a year. Training at Fort Dix includes first rappelling from an 80-foot tower and then from a helicopter. Sometimes the rappel line will snarl, fifty feet above ground, twenty feet above ground.

The crew chief sits on the helicopter strut coordinating rappelling officers. He must make the decisions when something goes wrong. Decisions for the safety of the officers and victims involved, not just the person stranded in mid-air.

"We push the envelope here, ramp up the training evolutions to make it as real as possible; make them more difficult to whoever is in them," Beatty said. "We start with a large target, like in the field, but then go to a small target like the roof of a building. Then we move to a lot more complications, but within a framework of being safe."

Det. Scott McCarthy, a nearly 20-year veteran of the New York Police Department who has been with the emergency services since 1999, is an instructor now. "This is a refresher course for the officers, all detectives," he said. "It's a refresher of fundamentals of what they have learned already in high rise operations with ropes, tactical operations with helicopter operations, and just basic rope work review."

"A lot of things that we do are perishable skills and I don't want

them to lose them," Beatty said. "I don't want to be a first responder on a building and not have done this in a long time. It gives the guys more experience as if on a mission, but I can ramp it up as if it is a mission. I can control it with safety parameters in place."

All of the members of ESU said that they chose the job because it helps other officers as well as the public. Karl Duenzl, a detective with NYPD for 18 years and 12 years with the ESU, said that his job was to help police officers more than anything. He said the goal is to provide support to line officers whatever they need, specifically rescues or specialized tactics.

"ESU cops aren't better than precinct cops," Beatty said. "I want to stress that. We have better training than precinct cops. We have training and more equipment than what patrol service cops have."

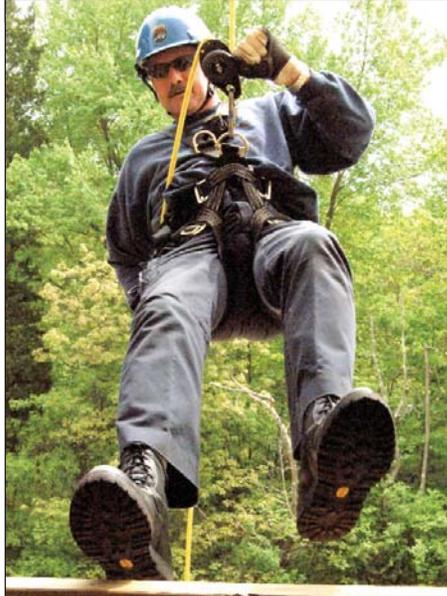
Officers must have at least five years experience, have spotless records and recommendations from their superior officers to even apply for the ESU and then they must take six months grueling instruction. Why do detectives work so hard to be a part of the ESU?

"We get to do all the good stuff," Beatty said. "I can fly with aviation, sail with harbor. That's the reason why I became an emergency responder. This is helping cops help the community."



SAFETY FIRST—Detective Jimmy Fogg waits for the go ahead to rappel from the helicopter as the crew chief confers with the pilot as they reach altitude, approximate 100 feet above ground on range 59. The emergency services unit (ESU) of the NYPD practiced rescue operations May 11-14 on Fort Dix ranges. Detectives practiced emergency weapons firing using an M-4, .223 caliber first, then an H&K 9 mm, below left. Detectives simulated a fire fight with perpetrators firing automatic weapons. They began with the M-4, acting as if the long rifle jammed, trained to automatically lower the long rifle with one hand and draw and fire a side-arm with the other hand.

Photos by Lisa Evans and Jennifer Chupko



RESCUE ROPES— Det. Tim Murphy dangles as he pauses on the way down an 80-foot rappelling tower located on the land navigation ranges on Fort Dix May 11, above. Members of the NYPD emergency services (ESU) unit spent one day on the tower to reacquaint themselves with rappelling techniques before going on to rappelling from a helicopter. Two detectives, right, complete what is known as fast roping as they slide rapidly from a helicopter to the ground. Detectives from the ESU hold the ropes steady to keep them and the rappellers from spinning in the heavy wind caused by the rotor blades a hundred feet or more above them.



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The Corner

Final Card Night of season to be played at Club Dix

Last Call for Texas Hold'em and BUNCO. Don't miss the last Card Night of the season **May 15** at Club Dix. Pre-registration for Texas Hold'em is \$19 or \$24 at the door. BUNCO is \$7. No advance registration is required for BUNCO. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the games begin at 7 p.m. Come out and win great prizes.

Grants available to help cover cost of summer camp

Army Community Service (ACS) Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) is once again able to provide grants to help defray the cost of a summer camp experience for children with special needs. These grants, known as camperships, are made possible through Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) donations made to Army Community Service, Fort Dix.

Children must be enrolled in the EFMP program of the sponsor's branch of service. The actual amount of the grant is dependent on the number of eligible applicants applying, financial need, and participation in the EFMP program. The funds will be made available in mid-July.

To pick up an application please come to ACS, Building 5201, 8th Street. Completed applications must be returned to ACS no later than **June 15**. Applications must be picked up and/or turned in person at ACS.

For more information on the camp grants and/or the EFMP Program please call Bonnie Reed or Diane Hayes at 562-2767.

Lone Bugler to render honors over Memorial Day

Retired Army 1st Sgt. Richard Pinter will perform an official Taps ceremony at area cemeteries. Pinter will explain the history and proper customs of respect during the sounding of Taps.

The ceremony is open to the public and will take place **May 20** at 10:30 a.m. at the Burlington County Fallen Officers cemetery, 1 Academy Drive, Westampton; **May 23** at 11 a.m. at Bordentown City Veterans Memorial Ceremony, Farnsworth Ave. Bordentown City, **May 24** at 11 a.m. at the Greenwood cemetery, 1800 Hamilton Ave. Trenton and **May 23** at Brig. Gen. William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial cemetery, 350 Provenceline Rd. Wrightstown.

Newcomers Orientation scheduled at ACS

Army Community Service (ACS) invites newly arrived personnel and their family members to attend the ACS Newcomers' Orientation **Thursday May 21** from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at ACS, 5201 Eighth Street. A complimentary lunch at Club Dix and a tour of the Contingency Operations Logistics (COL) formerly known as the Forward Operations Base (FOB) follows the orientation.

Newcomers can find out what programs and services are available, have a chance to ask questions and get a sense of community.

Free child care is also offered through the Child and Youth Services Central Registry. For child care registration please call 562-4702. For more information regarding the orientation and to register call Amada Espinoza or Patricia Toler at 562-2767. Please register no later than **May 18**.

Items available to rent at Outdoor Recreation

Add some fun to your family or community event this season by renting items from the Outdoor Recreation Equipment Resource Center. Baggo, three bouce castles, and two sizes of table covers are available to rent. Canoes, boats, tents, tables, chairs, super cookers, mountain bikes and other equipment are also available to rent. Maximize your outdoor entertainment for not a lot of money. For more information call 562-6667.

Comedy Show coming to Club Dix

The comedic stylings of Dennis Ross and friends will be coming to Club Dix June 12. Tickets are \$8. For more information call 562-5355.

Titsworth exemplifies military wife

Lisa Evans
Public Affairs Staff



Lisa Evans

There are people who exemplify the best of military life. They come in all shapes and sizes, all nationalities, and from all areas of the world. What they have in common is the desire to help others. A young spouse looking for an example could look no further than to Bonnie Titsworth to find that example.

Titsworth said she met her husband through her brother-in-law and had no idea about military life before meeting him. But, having grown up in Kansas City, Mo., she said the idea of moving to Florida or any other exciting place thrilled her. She was especially excited when she and her husband moved to Monterey, Calif.

When her husband, Maj. Andy Titsworth, decided to study for his master's degree through the Reserve Officer Training Corps, he also began a strenuous language course in Russian at the Defense Language Institute (DLI).

"One fellow classmate was in the Air Force and another was a Navy Seal," Titsworth said. "I was great friends with the Air Force wife. When the Navy Seal wife visited with her children, we met her with opened arms and tried to make

SUPER SPOUSE -- Bonnie Titsworth credits the strength of other military spouses for helping her adjust to life as an Army wife.

her feel comfortable. When my husband and I were invited to a Marine Ball, what an experience for me to realize they were saying traditions and honor



Samantha Appleton

FAMILIES FIRST -- First Lady Michelle Obama sits for an interview with Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Lt. Murry, Pentagon Channel anchor and producer, for Military Spouses Day at the White House, May 7, 2009. The First Lady is a strong supporter of military spouses and families.

First Lady promises to support families

Samantha L. Quigley
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, May 8, 2009 - First Lady Michelle Obama was surprised to learn that the majority of military families feel their struggles often go unnoticed, she said during an interview today with The Pentagon Channel and American Forces Press Service.

"I just saw the results of a recent survey done by Blue Star Families that shows that 94 percent of military families feel as if the country doesn't understand their challenges," Obama said. "That's a pretty powerful statement."

The struggles include moving from city to city and trying to find good schools, or child care, or a new job. In the case of a military spouse, all of these struggles fall on one set of shoulders when a servicemember is deployed.

The administration is moving ahead with concrete measures to make military families' lives a little easier, Obama said.

"We're seeing a 2.9 percent increase in salary for our [servicemembers] to ensure that we're retaining and attracting new numbers of individuals who want to be part of the military forces and feel like they can build a life as a result," she said. "In terms of our spouses, the administration is investing \$80 million just for career development and training for spouses, which is critical."

"That's just the beginning. You'll see more down the line that will show, not just in word but in deed, that we have to invest in our military, their families, and our veterans in a real meaningful way," she added. "Whether that's job training, mental health support [or] whether that's ensuring that people have access to the health care

were just as important to them as to us."

Because her husband was gone so often, the Titsworths waited for 10 years to have children. But when they were transferred to Fort Lewis, Wash., she met with women from all different ranks, but they all soon formed strong bonds.

"They were my support," she said. "They encouraged me to have children because they would support me. All my friends and family were in the Midwest and I was in Washington, these three great women, the colonel's wife nurtured people in extraordinary ways. She had no children, but she was able to teach me anyway."

The day Titsworth gave birth to her daughter, now 10, a friend was the first one who showed up in the hospital saying she had fed the dog and the house was taken care of.

"She took over and I had no worries. They were mothers to my children and they taught me. Otherwise, I would still be on the fence," Titsworth said with a smile. "Saying I'm a single mom will never cross my lips. I wanted to be a mother, but I was scared of being a single mom. But that is not true. I have financial and emotional support from my husband whether he is in the house or 10,000 miles away. And I have instant support in military spouses. There's nothing like it. It isn't glamorous, just people helping people."

Titsworth consistently mentions other people, the people who helped her, the ones who teach her children including other spouses particularly Wendy

Fuleki, Fort Dix Family Association; Jennifer Sanders, Friends of Fort Dix; Molly Hughes, Moms of Preschoolers; and the spouses of Girl Scouts Troop 24099: Carrie Edwards, Pia Pesnell and Rebecca Pate.

"A Girl Scout group leader in the Air Force with a co-leader in the Coast Guard," Titsworth said, "This is a great opportunity for not only me, but my daughter, especially with the way things are moving. It prepared me for a base like this. All military spouses are in this together and we can all learn from it. No matter what branch of the military you're in."

The sisterhood of spouses is who your neighbors are, Titsworth said, be it with Girl Scouts or a coffee group, they are all the women who inspire you along the way. But she said the best times were not always where you expected to find them.

"In 19 years of moving around," Titsworth said of Frances Booth, Army Community Services, "her welcome was one of the best. When Fran nominated me (to represent military spouses), I immediately thought of all these great women," she said.

"I'm happy because I met so many extraordinary women so quickly when I got here," she said. "It's not only military resources, no matter what happens along the way, there's a support group. I don't think these girls realize how much value they bring back to the community."

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

Child care courses offered at McGuire

The Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst Family Child Care (FCC) Orientation session will be held June 8 through June 12 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The orientation is for anyone who would like to care for other's children inside their home.

Interested participants should stop by the McGuire FCC office located in the CDC2 building on Pudgy's Circle by McGuire's front gate to pick up a New Provider packet. The packet must be completed by June 5 to be eligible for this joint base orientation class. Packets are also available at the Fort Dix.

You may pick-up packets at Ft. Dix FCC office or the Child Development Center on Lakehurst Naval Air Engineering Station.

Being an FCC provider offers participants a chance to work for his or herself in his or her own home. Providers can set their own hours and select the

age group of children to be cared for.

FCC providers are entitled to the USDA Child Care Food Program as well use of a toy and equipment lending library, low cost liability insurance, on-site assistance and advice, free monthly training, free promotion, advertising and referrals and direct cash subsidies. FCC certification is transferable. Wherever the military may send the provider, he or she will have skills which are in high demand-care for children.

The class offers and opportunity to enhance current child-rearing skills by offering guidance on CPR/First Aid training and child development and early childhood education.

College credit may be received for completing military training modules.

For more information call the McGuire FCC office at 754-5458.



Jennifer McCarty

Open house informs spouses

Juan Ramos looks over information that was provided during the Military Spouse Appreciation Month open house held at Army Community Services May 8. Ramos is the husband of Air Force Tech Sgt. Sondra Ramos. More than 100 military spouses stopped by for the event which featured, free information, give aways, massages and cake.

After five years Orange heads home

Jennifer Chupko
Public Affairs Staff

On your mark, get set, go! These are six words Sgt. Maj. Ricky Orange, Mobilization Readiness Battalion (MRB) command sergeant major loves to hear, but the athletic Orange will no longer hear them as an active duty Soldier at Fort Dix, as his orders end and will be leaving the installation May 15.

The Baltimore, Md. native has had ties to Fort Dix since the day he joined the military. Orange completed his basic training on the installation in 1984.

He has been stationed several times at Fort Dix since then, and his most recent five-year stint is now coming to a close.

Orange is well-known for his athletic abilities. He has run and won several races over his career at Fort Dix. Sgt. Maj. Anthony Young, spoke fond words of the Soldier during an award and farewell ceremony for Orange.

"When Sgt. Maj. Orange was given any task, whether big or small, he always got it done and done right, but always made sure he had time to go running," said Young.

Orange joked that one of the things he will miss will be giving directions to drivers on the installation.

"It always happened... some-

one always pulls over for directions," said Orange.

Aside from his athletic achievements, Orange has made a big mark as MRB command sergeant major at the MRB since April of 2007. Lt. Col. Michael Worth, MRB commander had nothing but positive words to say about Orange.

"Sgt. Maj. Orange is a mentor for all Soldiers and has been an asset to the command team," said Worth. "He is a great role model and I am saddened to see him go."

As the MRB command sergeant major, Orange addressed the issues of enlisted Soldiers to the Army's highest positions.

Orange served as the battalions S1 Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge (NCOIC) prior to his MRB position. He oversaw the administrative staff of the battalion.

Orange is a highly-decorated Soldier. His awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, Good Conduct medal, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal (fourth award), National Defense Service Medal (second award), Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Silver Hour Glass and M device, NCO Professional Development Ribbon (4th Rib-

bon.) Army Service ribbon, Army Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon (5th Ribbon), Parachutist Badge, Physical Fitness Patch, British Parachutist Wings, and French Parachutist Wings.

He holds a bachelor of science degree in management and a master's of science degree in real estate. His military education includes food service course, Basic Airborne Course, Primary Leadership Development Course, Basic Non-Commissioned Officer Course, Advanced Non-Commissioned Officer Course, Total Army Instructor Training Course, Small Group instructor Course, Food Sanitation Course, Food Sanitation Adjunct Instructors Course, Food Program Management Course, Garrison Command Sergeant Major Course, and Sergeant Major Course.

Outside of the military Orange is employed by United Parcel Service. He and his wife Kim, who attended the ceremony, own KLR Real Estate and are real estate agents.

Orange says he owes his strength and support to his wife.

"My wife has held down the company and supported me," said Orange. "She's a wonderful woman and my best friend."

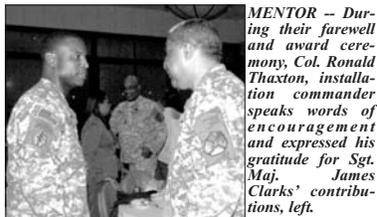
(Jennifer Chupko may be reached for comment at jennifer.chupko@us.army.mil)



Jennifer Chupko

CATCH ME IF YOU CAN -- Sgt. Maj. Ricky Orange, Mobilization Readiness Battalion (MRB) sits with his numerous athletic achievement medals that he has won over the past five-years, while stationed at Fort Dix. He is considered the man to catch during any marathon or race in which he participates. Orange is also known for his professionalism and intelligence as described by Lt. Col. Michael Worth, MRB commander. Orange's assignment at Fort Dix has been fulfilled and he will be leaving active duty May 15.

Two battalion Soldiers leave big shoes to fill



MENTOR -- During their farewell and award ceremony, Col. Ronald Thaxton, installation commander speaks words of encouragement and expressed his gratitude for Sgt. Maj. James Clarks' contributions, left.



STAND BY ME -- Lt. Col. Cynthia Palinski stands with Sgt. Maj. James Clark, a fellow Soldier and friend, top. Sgt. Maj. Ricky Orange, right and long time friend Master Sgt. Richard Moss pal around at the award and farewell ceremony. They have got to many schools together together, right.

photos by Jennifer Chupko



CONGRATS -- Sgt. Maj. Ricky Orange is presented with a Meritorious Service Medal from Lt. Col. Michael Worth, May 15 held at Club Dix, above.



MISSION ACCOMPLISHED -- Sgt. Maj. Ricky Orange and Sgt. Maj. James Clark bid farewell to Fort Dix. Plaques of Appreciation were given to the Soldiers have been active duty for several years, above.

Clark gone, but not forgotten

Jennifer Chupko
Public Affairs Staff

Sgt. Maj. James Clark is soft spoken, but revered as one of the hard hitting officers of Mobilization Unit In-processing Center. The 30-year Army veteran is saying good-bye to Fort Dix and heading home May 15.

"Sgt. Maj. Clark manages his time and never lets anything drop by the wayside," said Sgt. Maj. Anthony Young. "He hits without a miss."

Clark is the team leader of the Ultimate Warrior Career Fair scheduled for July 2009 at Fort Dix and serves as a military advisor to the Tip of the Arrow Foundation.

The foundation provides employment placement service to guide Soldiers from resumes to follow-up after employment begins.

"I may be leaving, but I am definitely going to stay around for the Ultimate Warrior Career Fair," said Clark.

Clark also performed as the medical liaison for Fort Dix at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. for various medical and behavioral health meetings.

He currently works with more than 140 medical hold-over Soldiers monthly as they travel to Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC) for various medical and behavioral health appointments.

"Sgt. Maj. Clark is a dedicated, committed and reliable non-commissioned officer," said



Jennifer Chupko

THANK YOU -- Lt. Col. Cynthia Palinski presents Sgt. Maj. James Clark with an Army Commendation Medal. Clark has been in the military for 30-years.

Young.

"He is never hiding in the fox hole."

Clark has served as the Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge for B Company and as first sergeant of C Company, now Warrior Transition Unit (WTU.)

His military education includes Basic Non-Commissioned Officer Course, Advanced Non-Commissioned Officer Course, Total Army Instructor Training Course, Psychological Operations I and Psychological Operations II, (Honor Graduate), Communication Security Custodian, Tactical Communications, Systems Operations, Hazardous Materials, Modular Print System, Light Print System. He graduated from the First Sergeant Academy 02 July 2008.

His military awards include the Army Achievement Award

(4th Award), the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (6th award), the National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with "M" Device Medal, the Army Service Ribbon.

During his Homeland Security deployment he received the Operation Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom Coin, the Army Commendation Medal, and the 99th Regional Support Command Coin (presented by the commanding general).

"I try my hardest to do the best at what I do," said Clark. "I could not complete my missions without my team."

(Jennifer Chupko may be reached for comment at jennifer.chupko@us.army.mil)

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Navy provides benefit info to reservists

Pascual Flores
Public Affairs Staff

Members of the guard and reserve were provided the opportunity to seek answers to questions about retirement at a first-time seminar addressing guard and reserve benefits held at Timmermann Center, May 9.

The event, hosted by the Navy Region Mid-Atlantic Reserve Component Command (NRMRR), provided nearly 100 guard and reserve servicemembers, spouses and retirees, with information covering their rights and benefits made available by the changes in legislation of the post Sept. 11 bill.

Providing information on veterans' benefits, Reserve Component Survivors Benefit Plan, Tri-Care, Delta Dental, US Family Health Care and retiree pay, briefers described what services are available to servicemembers who are approaching retirement from the reserve components.

"Our goal is to inform as many reserve component members as possible with the assis-

tance of the various government organizations of the benefits available to them," said Capt. G. Mark Hardy, deputy commander, Navy Region Mid-Atlantic Reserve Component Command.

"The information here differs from the Transition Assistance Program because reservists already have a civilian job. These

"This was the first guard and reserve retirement seminar and there will be others."

Fay Marshall-Dease, Fort Dix retirement service officer.

are veteran's benefits that the Navy is privileged to take the leadership role for all reserve component service members," said Hardy.

On hand to provide additional information and literature were representatives from the Fleet and Family Support Center, Fort Dix Retiree Services and Airman and Family Readiness, Military One Source and the Veter-

ans of Foreign Wars also made information available.

"This was the first guard and reserve retirement seminar and there will be others," said Fay Marshall-Dease, Fort Dix retirement service officer.

"In the past, we have only had retirement seminars for members of the active duty components and this seminar for the guard and reserves was initiated by the U.S. Navy in conjunction with the Air Force and the Army, showing truly joint services coming together," Marshall-Dease added.

The goal of the seminar was outstanding and definitely provided a lot of much needed information for the members of the reserves and National Guard.

"We want to educate the reserve component service members with regards to the benefits they earned throughout their career," said Master Chief Chris Benavides of the Navy Operational Support Center (NOSC), Willow Grove, Pa.

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Pascual Flores

BENEFITS BONANZA -- Anamaria Jimenez, left, and her father Emilio, a Soldier with the New Jersey National Guard, explain to Lynn Janroz, representative for Tri-Care Retiree Dental Program their concerns at the Guard and Reserve Retirement Benefit Seminar conducted at the Timmermann Center May 9.

Financial assistance available for education

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USAG Baden Württemberg
Public Affairs

HEIDELBERG, Germany, May 14, 2009 -- Military spouses in the Baden-Württemberg communities, and across the Army, who are interested in furthering their education, now have a new option to receive up to \$6,000 in financial assistance.

The Department of Defense Military Spouse Career Advancement Account provides employment, career, education, counseling and financial assistance for spouses of active-duty and activated reserve service members worldwide.

"It's not competitive, it's not merit based, it's not specific to one university or one skill," said Michiel DeVito, Heidelberg Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program manager. "It is a generic 'what do you

think would be portable?'"

All spouses have to do is sign up for a MyCAA account and create a career plan, which includes the help of an education counselor. Funding is available for most any "portable career" a military spouse may be interested in pursuing. Spouses' eligibility is determined through the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System.

"I think another aspect of it is the fact that we've talked about how important employment is for military spouses, and I think this is another way for the military to show spouses how important they are and to provide them the tools that they need in order to obtain a career goal," DeVito said.

The money could go to career plans ranging from business school to cosmetology training and most any career in between, according to DeVito.

"I didn't see a lot of limitations on what they want that

money to go for," she said. "It was a very broad spectrum."

While the funding has not yet been released, the program's initial

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pilot testing phase is over and registration is now open for spouses to get a head start on the program. If spouses enroll now, there is a good chance they'll get the first wave of the scholarship money once it is opened up, according to DeVito.

Linda Rush, a military spouse for 20 years and Heidelberg resident for the past two years, has already enrolled in the program

and is using it to help finish her undergraduate degree in business through the University of Maryland. She expects to graduate next

year. "It's so hard for us to finish. I've tried so many times over the years to go back and especially living overseas. I think (MyCAA) is wonderful. I think it will help so many younger spouses go back to school and finish."

The MyCAA program covers courses in technical schools all the way through graduate-level programs. The program also cov-

ers extra training or certifications for spouses who are already employed and may need extra training to further their careers.

"I think this opens a lot of doors, and it helps take care of some of those hurdles that we put in place just by the lifestyles that we have, DeVito said.

"It's not anybody's fault; a lot of times it's just where we're at, but I think this is just another great example of taking care of our spouses the way that we need to and giving them some opportuni-

IRS launches hiring efforts

MOUNTAINSIDE NJ, May 14, 2009 - The IRS has started a major hiring effort to fill hundreds of revenue agent positions and other critical jobs nationwide including positions in Freehold NJ as well as the Scranton and Wilkes-Barre PA area.

For revenue agent positions at least 30 hours of college-level accounting coursework is required. All applicants must undergo a background investigation.

"The IRS is a great place to build a career," said New Jersey's IRS spokesperson Gregg Semanick. "There are multiple career

tracks and opportunities for growth. And the IRS offers a strong benefit package, including health care, flexible work schedules, job-skills training and retirement."

To apply for IRS vacancies, qualified candidates should visit USAJOBS at www.usajobs.gov.

That is the federal government-wide job posting site. Use the Job Search tab to search by agency for vacancies at the Internal Revenue Service.

To get more information about the nature of IRS jobs and about working for the IRS, visit www.irs.jobs.gov.

Program helps lessen financial hardships caused by deployment

Nurit Anderson
Installation Legal Office

In my capacity as a legal assistance attorney, I frequently speak with reservists who experience extreme financial hardship when they are called to serve on active duty.

The Reserve Income Replacement Program (RIRP), which was first established in 2006 and extended through December 2009, is intended to help mitigate the financial hardship experienced by reservists who answer the call for service on a long-term or repeated basis.

RIRP payments are available

to members who experience an active duty income differential of more than \$50 per month.

An active duty income differential is the difference between the average monthly civilian earned income of the member before mobilization and the member's total monthly military compensation while involuntarily mobilized.

To be eligible for RIRP payments, the member must be serving on active duty in an involuntary status and have completed 18 continuous months of involuntary active duty, completed 24 cumulative months of involuntary active duty during the previous 60 months, or been involun-

tarily mobilized for 180 days or more within six months of the previous involuntary period of active duty of more than 180 days.

Although RIRP is an entitlement, payments are not automatic.

Servicemembers must verify eligibility for RIRP benefits by submitting a DD Form 2919, along with the required income documents and documentation verifying periods of involuntary active duty service to their unit administrator or the appropriate military personnel office.

RIRP was effective as of August 1, 2006, the first full month following the 180-day

period after enactment of P.L. 109-163.

Income replacement payments will be made only for full months of qualifying involuntary active duty performed from August 2006 through December 2009.

RIRP payments will be made to an eligible member on a monthly basis. RIRP payments may not exceed \$3,000 per month.

Additional information about the program and the service points of contact can be found at www.defenselink.mil.

Questions may be addressed to the Installation Legal Office at 562-3043.

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Jennifer McCarthy

Soldiers helping Soldiers

Retired Colonel George Waters, past president of the Pines and Lakes Chapter of the Military Officers of American Association presents Col. Ronald Thaxton, installation commander, with a \$400 check for the Army Emergency Relief (AER) fund May 12. For more than a decade the MOAA Pines and Lakes chapter has been contributing to AER.

Foreign military attaches visit Fort Dix



photos by Pascual Flores

Nineteen foreign attaches from 16 countries, right, visited Fort Dix May 6 as part of the Washington Corps of Military Attaches program to showcase Army personnel, organizations, installations and readiness, while increasing friendship and camaraderie. The international contingent's visit included briefings on the Regional Training Center East and the 72nd Field Artillery Brigade. A visit to the New Jersey Army National Guard Joint Training and Training Development Center (JT2DC), and the Contingency Operating Location (COL) was also on the schedule. Maj. Gen. Greg Shumacher, Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, G-2 (Intelligence), United States Army, above far left, and other attaches listen while Col. Anthony Formica, commander, JT2DC, briefs on the operational capabilities of the Battle Lab.



Ryan Morton

X-ray trucks to get new garage

Crew members from Gary Construction out of Browns Mills, and Mibo Construction out of Atco, build the foundation of a new garage behind the Department of Defense Police Station, May 11. Completion is slated for the end of June and the garage will house the lights and trucks used to X-ray large trucks coming onto the installation.

AAFES to halt money order services May 31

DALLAS – Army & Air Force Exchange Service facilities will no longer offer money order services after close of business Sunday, May 31.

"Fortunately, these services are already available on military installations," said AAFES' Chief of Corporate Communications Lt. Col. William Thurmond. "These banks, credit

unions and post offices will be able to meet the need for financial services such as money orders while AAFES focuses on meeting authorized shoppers' retail needs."

Stringent anti-money laundering requirements and DoD

Financial Management Regulations that forbid "base organizations" from selling money orders when banking offices are open prompted AAFES' decision to curtail Money Order services at 107 of its Main Stores and 136 "Specialty" Stores.

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Civil Affairs unit part of joint task force

WASHINGTON - U.S. Africa Command will intervene in conflicts on the continent only after warring countries have shown a political will to reconcile, the Africom commander told a congressional panel.

Two main functions of Africom are aiding in stabilization operations and helping build indigenous security forces. But before America's newest combatant command steps in, national governments must take steps toward ending their conflicts, Army Gen. William E. "Kip" Ward said.

"The actions that we take come on the heels of a policy decision having been taken by the nations themselves," Ward told the House Armed Services Committee.

Ward cited three areas of current conflict on the continent, including border disputes between Eritrea and Djibouti on the Horn of Africa and in North

Africa at the Western Sahara, and clashing in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

In determining the Africom focus in what Ward characterized as "enduring conflicts," he said political agreement is a prerequisite for U.S. involvement. If American policy makers then determine Africom can play a role, it will proceed in its mission.

Using the example of Central Africa, where a lack of interoperability and information sharing was exacerbating conflicts, the United States was able to lend assistance to Uganda, Rwanda, Congo and to a lesser degree, and the Central African Republic.

"We had the ability to ... help in information sharing, to help with equipment interoperability, providing sometimes needed logistics support and enhancements, to cause those governments to be able to have a better

sense of what goes on inside their borders against insurgencies or the rebel factions, and then be able to work in some degree of commonality to address them," he said.

Ward said many African nations are able to provide their own security, citing Uganda, Rwanda, South Africa, Nigeria and Burundi.

Though some require logistical or other support, many indigenous forces are self-reliant.

"Many of the African nations, in fact, do what many of them say they want to do — that is, provide for their own security," said Ward, adding that there's a very broad range of capabilities and skill levels among African nations.

The general estimated the United States has partnerships with 35 of Africa's 53 nations, representing U.S. relationships that span the continent.

"We work with them [on] counter-terror programs, programs to help in their transformation of their militaries and also in just basic logistic support as they participate in U.N.- or [African Union]-sponsored peacekeeping operations," he told the congressional members.

Ward's committee appearance marked his second consecutive day testifying on Capitol Hill about the role of Africom, which became active last October.

He has emphasized that Africom's role is to support African governments in achieving what is an overarching goal for many nations on the continent: to provide their own security.

"We take all of these [opportunities] as we can to help build the relationships and provide some sustained-level security engagement that leads to a capacity increase in our partner nations," Ward said.



Ryan Morton

ON A MISSION — Maj. Reginald Kornegay and 1st Sgt. Keith Boliek, 478th Civil Affairs Battalion, Delta Company commander, left hand their yellow banner at Infantry Park, May 11. The battalion, hailing from Miami, Fla., has trained at Fort Dix for more than two weeks in preparation for their deployment to the Horn of Africa.

Army works to balance forces

Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, May 13, 2009 — The Army is making progress toward getting current operational needs and long-term requirements back in balance, but there is still a long way to go, the service's top officer said today.

The Army is so weighed down by current demands that it can't do "the things we know we need to do to sustain the all-volunteer force for the long haul and restore our strategic flexibility to do other things," Army Chief of Staff Gen. George W. Casey Jr. told Pentagon reporters during a media roundtable.

The service is following plans put in place in 2004 and 2007 to address the balance question by 2011.

"That sounds like a long time, but in an organization of 1.1 million people that's growing and transforming itself, it's not at all," Casey said.

The general said the next 12 to 18 months are the crunch time for the Army, "because we will actually increase the number of troops we have deployed by about 10,000 as we shift [forces] from Iraq to Afghanistan."

Balance for any military service is important, the general said. "For the Army, it is having procedures revised to deploy a steady stream of trained and ready forces to the combatant commanders," Casey said, "and to do that in a way that is sustainable for soldiers and their families."

The current war is the longest the country has conducted with an all-volunteer force. Casey said there is "a thin red line" that could break the service if it's crossed.

The most important part of balance officials are working to attain is the time soldiers spend at home between deployments, the general said. Currently, soldiers spend a year deployed followed by slightly more than a year at home. Army officials

want to get the "dwell time" at home to three years for every year deployed.

"You can fix this two ways: increase the forces, or decrease the need," Casey said.

The Army has grown, and reached its new end-strength limit of 547,000 soldiers this month — more than two years early.

Now the service has to fill the structure, and that will take place over the next few years.

Casey said he anticipates a steady deployment of 15 brigade combat teams over the next few years, and said this would get the dwell-time-to-deployment ratio to 2 to 1. "With the president's drawdown plan [in Iraq], we do better than that in 2011," he said.

However, he acknowledged, the enemy gets a vote.

Another aspect of balance is the effort to convert the Army from a garrison-based, Cold War force to the nimble, agile and lean force needed to fight the wars of today. Army units must be versatile and adaptable. Conversion to modular brigades is part of this, but so is converting jobs from what worked to hold off the Soviet Union to what is needed today.

The Army is about 85 percent along in its conversion of about 300 brigades to the modular format.

The transformation also requires 150,000 soldiers to change skills, and the service is roughly two-thirds through that process, Casey said. "Since this began, the Army has taken down about 200 tank, field artillery and air defense companies and built an equivalent number of military police, engineers, Special Forces and civil affairs units," he said.

Both efforts will be finished in 2011.

Casey wants to put the Army on a rotational cycle like the one the Navy and Marine Corps already use. "As I look to the future, I believe we will have 10 Army and Marine Corps brigades and regiments in combat in Iraq or Afghanistan for a decade," he said. "To do that, we have to be on a rotational cycle,

and we must adapt our institutions to support that cycle."

Balance also requires different Army basing, and the service is in the middle of the latest base realignment and closure process that is scheduled to end in 2011. The process will affect roughly 380,000 people over the next few years.

Restoring strategic flexibility also is a key factor in the effort, the general said. Soldiers must be trained to handle all the missions the Army may face.

"As we look to the future, put out about 14 or 15 [brigades] and associated enablers," he said. "If had nine or 10 brigades in Iraq and Afghanistan, that would leave four or five brigades to handle other things."

This would allow some brigades to serve regional assignments for combatant commanders and still leave units for a "911" force to deal with emergencies, the general said.

Casey acknowledged he is worried about the long-term

impact of repeated deployments on the force and families. Last year, physicians diagnosed 13,000 cases of post-traumatic stress disorder. The Army is dedicating money and resources to help with this stress on soldiers and their families.

"Another thing that worries me is not being able to draw down in Iraq close to the schedule we have set," he added. "It would be very difficult to sustain the current levels of commitment here for very much longer."

The general also said he's worried about other, unexpected commitments.

"I do believe that we will be doing something in the three to five years that none of us is thinking of right now," he said.

This is an era of persistent conflict, and the service will be at this for a while, Casey said. But the bottom line is that if the Army can get through the next 12 to 18 months, "we will get to a very good position here in 2011," he added.



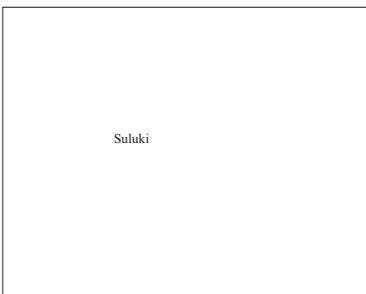
photos by Sgt. 1st Class Angela D Harris

Sgt. 1st Class James Eric Jackson is awarded the Army MSM, the Bronze de Fleury medal, retirement certificate, flag, and plaque in recognition of his significant contributions to 3rd Battalion, 315th Regiment, Corp of Engineers. Jackson is accompanied by his wife, Jamesanna and Sgt. Major Charles Hawkins.

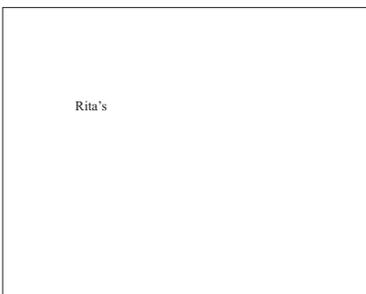
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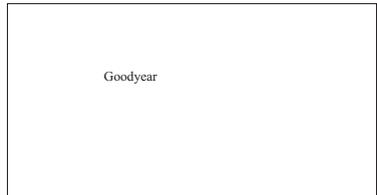
Sgt. 1st Class Daniel L. Koss, Observer/Controller — Trainer for the 3rd Battalion (EN) (TS) 315th Regiment, 72nd Field Artillery Brigade is awarded the Meritorious Service Medal (MSM), the Bronze de Fleury medal, retirement certificate, flag and plaque in recognition of his contributions to the US Army Engineer Regiment and the Corps of Engineers.



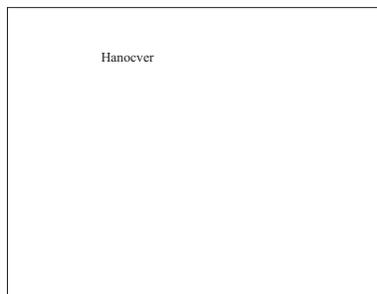
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Honor graduates flex muscles

Soldiers assigned to the 72nd Field Artillery Brigade graduate phase one BNCOC (Basic Non-commissioned Officer Course) held at the Fort Dix NCO Academy, May 1-12. Staff Sgt. Charlene Hazelton (far left top row) and Sgt. Nicole Dykstra (middle bottom row) were honor graduates; classmates were Staff Sgt. Cherita Lynch, Staff Sgt. Timothy Bush, Sgt. Steven Gamble, Sgt. Darwyn Henson, Sgt. Carlos Morales-Febus, Staff Sgt. Karen Johnson.

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SPORTS

Paintballs splatter on Dix range

Ryan Morton
Public Affairs Staff

Ready, aim – pop! Splat! Fort Dix now offers the popular strategy sport paintball on its new paintball course at the Rod and Gun Club at Range 14. It's a sporting activity that attracts more than five million participants each year in the U.S. and more than one million who play the game more than 10 times annually.

"It's a popular game to play in open fields or woods and we're happy and very excited to bring it to Fort Dix," said Ernest Yeager, Fort Dix Outdoor Recreation director.

Paintball is played in various formats, including Capture the Flag and Last Man Standing, with teams usually ranging from three to 15 people.

Capture the Flag involves each team trying to capture its opponent's flag and returning it to its starting position.

Sometimes there can be other objectives within the game including eliminating various players or capturing various objects of interest in the playing area. Games can usually last anywhere from minutes or hours.

On May 9, members of the

New Egypt Presbyterian Youth Group took part in games which included Fort Dix Family, Morale, Welfare, Recreation director, Sarah Johnson and her son Jesse.

"The kids really had a great time out there and learned a lot about teamwork, how to interact with one another, strategizing, and honesty. Paintball is definitely something I would recommend to others," said Johnson.

"It's a high-adrenaline activity we think both kids and adults can enjoy," said Yeager.

The paintball course is open every Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the markers (guns), protective masks, and air hoppers (compressed air to fire the paintball) are available to rent at \$15 per day.

Whole-day field fees are \$10 per person and half-day fees are \$5 per person. Rod and Gun Club members have no field fees and paintball participants must be 10 years or older to play.

Contact the Rod and Gun Club at 562-4676 for more information.

Military units that are training on the installation can use Range 12 using clear paintballs.

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photos by Jessica Garrett

GEARING UP – Left, paintball referee, Gary Cooper checks the speed of Zack Wilson's paintball marker with a chronograph before action began, May 9 at the Fort Dix Rod and Gun Club. Cooper made sure the speed was 275 feet per second because that's considered more conducive for the accuracy while firing and safety of the competitors who could potentially get hit during play. Right, Tom Murphy shields himself behind a wall and prepares to return fire during game action.

Basketball into final stretch

With the Fort Dix intramural basketball season winding down into its final week of play the contenders are separating from the pretenders and pulling away from the pack. Leading the league are the undefeated Wildcats finishing a perfect regular season at 16-0, followed by FCI at 13-3, Fort Monmouth at 11-5, Navy at 11-5, and TLC at 8-8. Here are the overall league and divisional standings as of May 13. The playoffs begin next week.

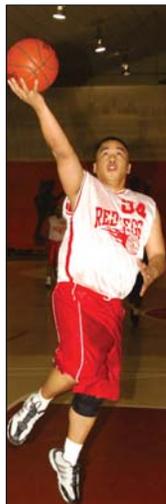
League Standings

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| Wildcats | 16-0 |
| FCI | 13-3 |
| Fort Monmouth | 11-5 |
| Navy | 11-5 |
| TLC | 8-8 |
| Red Legs | 8-8 |
| Beasts | 7-9 |
| Renegades | 7-9 |
| Warriors | 5-10 |
| Retro | 4-11 |
| Dynasty | 4-11 |
| Dunkadelics | 0-15 |

Division Standings

| Alpha Division | Bravo Division |
|----------------|----------------|
| Wildcats | 10-0 |
| Red Legs | 6-4 |
| Beasts | 5-5 |
| Renegades | 5-5 |
| Warriors | 2-8 |
| Dunkadelics | 0-9 |
| FCI | 8-2 |
| Ft. Monmouth | 7-3 |
| Navy | 6-4 |
| TLC | 5-5 |
| Retro | 4-5 |
| Dynasty | 1-8 |

TAKING IT TO THE HOLE – Angeles Jonas, Red Legs, goes up for a layup during a regular season game. His team finished the regular season at 8-8 and sixth place in the league standings and second place in the Alpha Division standings at 6-4.



Ryan Morton

Hitting the Links in the new season

The golf season has officially begun with the completion of the first Commander's Cup tournament at Fountain Green Golf Course, May 13. The winning team - from left, Chang Yi, Chris Moses, Ray Manuso, and Bob Steelman - took first place with a low score of 57. The best ball format allowed the players to play from the best shot on each hole.



Wayne Cook

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Youth Sports returns

Ryan Morton
Public Affairs Staff

Youth Sports has returned to Fort Dix with new programs just in time for the summer season. Children of all ages can look forward to and attend basic skills clinics in sports including baseball, softball, flag football, volleyball and soccer.

"We want to preach basic skills, good sportsmanship, and teamwork and are hoping the children want to learn the sports and gain more knowledge and confidence," said Donald Russoniello, Youth Sports director.

Sign-ups are going on now through the start of the clinics July 6. Each will run for an eight-week period with two-hour morning and afternoon sessions. The clinics are \$35 each.

There is also a summer basketball league for children ages 11 to 17, which will play games at Fort Monmouth. Registration is \$50 and coaches are highly

sought after – anyone interested in coaching should call 562-6296 or 562-2819.

"We're here and we're trying to get things (youth sports) running again. We want the youth to come out and have fun participating in sports," said Russoniello.

Call Child Youth Services (CYS) at 562-6296 to register or contact Donald Russoniello at Youth Sports, at 562-2819 for more information.

(Ryan Morton may be reached for comment at ryan.morton@us.army.mil.)

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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.

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

Chapel 5
Bldg. 5950 Church Street

**Protestant, Catholic,
Latter Day Saints**
Sunday, 7:30 a.m.

Open for prayer
Monday through Friday
Islamic Prayer Room
Jewish Prayer Room

If Chapel is closed
call 562-3311
to schedule a time for prayer

NCO Academy
Protestant Field Service-
Bldg. 5516 Texas Ave.
Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

COL - Chaplain's tent
Hour of Power Protestant
8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

McGuire
754-4673

Sunday Services
Contemporary
9:45 a.m. Chapel 2

Gospel
11:15 a.m. Chapel 1

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 10 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.

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 transform. \$10
Tickets can be purchased at the
FMWR Headquarters 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.

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
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use and one craft project with
instruction and all materials,
with many exciting projects to
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The Contemporary Ceramics
Studio offers a large selection of
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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 your-
self! It's easy and fun.
Choose from an assortment of
Critters: Bears, Puppies, Uni-
corns, Frogs, Tigers and a whole
lot more. You can even add an
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packs. Stop in today and have
tons of fun stuffing your very
own plush animal to take home.

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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.

Yard sale
Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Free and open to the public.
Fort Dix Chapel parking lot.
Booth set-up begins at 8:30 a.m.
Pre-registration \$5, \$8 the day
of the sale, payable to the Thrift
Shop to set up a table for goods
to sell. Tables and chairs will
not be provided.

Donations to the Thrift Shop
will be accepted at the sale.

Volunteers needed.
Call Sylvia at the Thrift Shop.

ACS

562-2767
Bldg. 5201 Maryland Avenue

Calendar of Events

Monday, May 18
**Burlington County
HS Community
Service Day**
10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
ACS
Becoming a Love &
Logic Parent
1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
ACS

Wednesday, May 20
**AFTB/AFAP/AVCC
Advisory Meeting**
9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
ACS

Thursday, May 21
Newcomer's Orientation
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
ACS
**"What Type of Learner Are
You?" Seminar**
1 p.m. to 2 p.m.
SFAC

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, con-
tact Amber Stadler at
723-4290

Community News

Spring Planting Supplies:
Flower vouchers, mulch, topsoil,
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.)

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at noon**

Vacation Bible School Coming!
A Mayan Jungle, a medieval castle, and ancient labora-
tory, a Native American village, and a Hawaiian vol-
cano. Ages 3 to 14, Fort Dix Main Chapel, July 13-17