

NEWSNOTES

Music, Soldiers highlight Independence Day festival

Fort Dix is welcoming home the New Jersey National Guard with a bigger-than-ever July Fourth Celebration! Doughboy Field will be the site for two days of family entertainment and fun. On July 3, enjoy performances by the Grammy-nominated punk pop sensations, Plain White T's, Army Entertainment band "USA Express" and others.

Then on July 4, R&B artists Musiq Soulchild, Christette Michele and Trey Songz will prepare the audience for a phenomenal fireworks display.

Both days are free and open to the public.

Visit www.dixmwr.com for more information.

New hours for ID cards

The ID Card Facility hours of operations is changing effective June 15.

The Hemingway Visitor's Center new hours of operations: Monday-Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., location: Bldg. 2270 Route 68; & ID Card Facility, Bldg. 5418 (Room 125) Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Monthly Saturday hours of operation for the remainder of fiscal year: July 11, Aug. 1, Sept. 12 with operating hours: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Post prepares for new commander

A change of command ceremony will take place on Doughboy Field at 10 a.m. on June 30 as Col. Ronald R. Thaxton passes the post command guidon to incoming commander Col. Patrick Slowey.

Vets' personnel records available online

The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) has provided the following website for veterans to gain access to their DD-214's online: <http://vetrecc.archives.gov/>

This may be particularly helpful when a veteran needs a copy of his or her DD-214 for employment purposes. NPRC is working to make it easier for veterans with computers and internet access to obtain copies of documents from their military files. Military veterans and the next of kin of deceased former military members may now use a new online military personnel records system to request documents.

Weather

FRIDAY -- Chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, high near 90 degrees, low around 67. Chance of precipitation is 50 percent.

SATURDAY -- Sunny, high near 89 degrees, low around 65.

SUNDAY -- Chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, high near 83 degrees, low near 65. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

MONDAY -- Mostly sunny, high near 84 degrees. Chance of evening showers. Low around 64.

TUESDAY -- Mostly sunny, high near 82 degrees, low around 64.

WEDNESDAY -- Chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, high near 83 degrees.

THURSDAY -- Mostly sunny, high near 83 degrees, low around 71.

CIA vet eyeballs military threats

Steve Snyder
Public Affairs Staff

Over 500 soldiers and civilians sat in the Timmermann Center auditorium Monday evening, listening with rapt attention to the exploits of former CIA operative Gary Bernsten.

The author of the best-selling book, *Jawbreaker: The Attack on Bin Laden and Al Qaeda*, recounted his experiences in counterterrorist operations throughout central Asia and reviewed combat operations in Afghanistan and Pakistan and what they may portend for the future. During and after his

lecture/slide presentation, Bernsten was peppered with questions from an audience which appeared to be not only attentive but enthralled.

Lt. Col. Maureen Fry from the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security joined Fort Dix Commander, Col. Ronald Thaxton, in welcoming the spy-turned-author into Team Dix's coveted status as a guest speaker.

Bernsten began by reviewing his background, including 23 years with the CIA's Clandestine Service, 10 years as a senior field commander and leader of several major counterterrorist strikes including the one culminating in the battle of Tora Bora. He noted that his

daughter is a former naval intelligence officer and his son has just completed Ranger training on his way to Afghanistan.

Afghanistan's history, politics, foreign relations and very existence have been largely determined by its location at the crossroads of central, west, and south Asia where would-be conquerors from Alexander the Great to the Soviet Union have run into trouble attempting to subjugate the natives. Bernsten foresees a very long American commitment in Afghanistan, for at least 10 years, but didn't immediately elaborate until the end of his briefing.

Instead, he began by reviewing a very interesting history of terrorism.

Terrorism has long been a major method used by the weak to attain geopolitical goals at the expense of the strong. Bernsten discussed the Jewish Sicari, who used knives to assassinate Roman occupiers; the mass suicide of Jewish zealots at Masada who chose death over slavery; Thuggee stranglers in India finally brought to heel by long-term imprisonments meted out by William Henry Sleeman; and Menachem Begin's transformation from leader of a

Jewish terrorist sect called Irgun to prime minister of Israel.

Then, the intelligence expert turned his attention to current events in south, central Asia.

India is the great power there, he noted, adding that the Hindu democracy offers a fat target for Islamic jihadists.

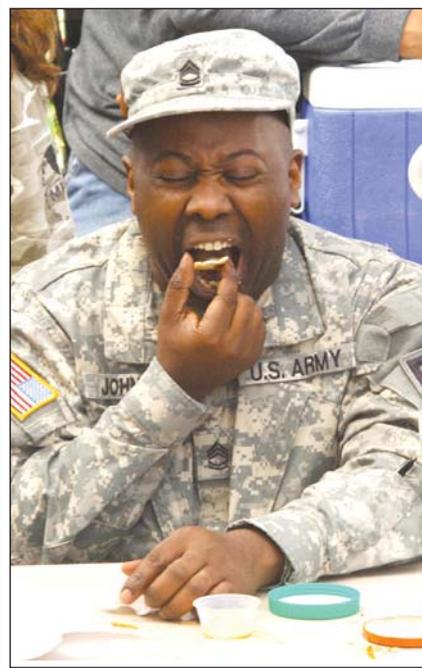
Poverty reigns, too, with about half the people in the region living at levels barely capable of subsistence.

Hence, the advent of political unrest arises.

There have been three wars between India with its huge Hindu population and Islamic-dominated Pakistan - in 1949, 1965 and 1971 - and all have erupted over the mountainous pass in Kashmir, Bernsten said. Since both nations have nuclear weapons, danger in the area assumes catastrophic proportions.

United States forces increasingly focus on the border area between Afghanistan and Pakistan because Osama Bin Laden and remnants of his remaining Al Qaeda force are known to be concentrated there along with members of the Taliban. But that is an area

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Dixans chow down in contest

Sgt. 1st Class Gary Johnson, 72nd FA Bde., bites into one of the items on menu during the Team Dix Day Survivor eating challenge June 19. Contestants were asked to swallow a variety of unpleasant, but edible foods, that had been given stomach-churning names.

Chemical companies acquire new mission

1st Lt. David Chace
USACAPOC (Airborne)

"You're about to be in a situation where each one of you is the only person who can make a difference," said Brig. Gen. Mark Hendrix to a formation of more than 200 U.S. Army Reserve Soldiers standing behind seven brand new unit guidons bearing the civil affairs branch insignia and colors.

Hendrix, the Commanding General of the 350th Civil Affairs Command in Pensacola, Fla., spoke at the units' reflagging ceremony June 19 at Fort Dix, welcoming the Soldiers to the U.S. Army Civil Affairs & Psychological Operations Command (Airborne). The flags, having been unveiled for the first time, marked seven Army Reserve companies' official transition from chemical support units to civil affairs units.

Members of the Army's civil affairs community find pride in applying their individually rich and varied backgrounds to America's humanitarian and diplomatic efforts around the globe. Army Reserve civil affairs Soldiers bring an additional force multiplier to military operations, often calling on their civilian skills and occupations as doctors, lawyers, engineers and farmers.

The civil affairs community can add another unique skill set to its arsenal - that of chemical, biological, nuclear and radiological experts.

The Army's increased need for trained civil affairs operators around the

world has warranted the chemical companies' official re-designation as provisional civil affairs units for their upcoming deployments to Iraq.

"They've been asked to mobilize, retrain as civil affairs Soldiers and they will all be deploying to Iraq soon," said Hendrix.

"Nobody thinks it's easy to retrain for a completely different [military occupation specialty] and a completely different mission," he said. "It's just one of the most impressive things that I've ever seen."

Until they deploy, four of the re-designated units fall under the Army Reserve's 412th Theater Engineer Command (Theater) until their deployments: the 1314th, 1472nd and 1490th Civil Affairs Companies (Provisional) of Fort Totten, N.Y., Fort Totten, N.Y., Camden, N.J., and Edison, N.J. respectively.

The remaining three re-designated chemical companies fall under the Army Reserve's 355th Signal Command (Theater) until their deployments: the 1314th, 1472nd and 1490th Civil Affairs Companies (Provisional) of Decatur, Ga., Chicago, Ill., and Anniston, Ala., respectively.

Each of the seven companies consists of four smaller, more versatile civil affairs teams, a military operations cell and a headquarters element.

"It's uncommon for entire units to change missions and specialties, but it's not unheard of," Hendrix said.

The Soldiers' extensive training in

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Coming months critical in Afghanistan mission

Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, June 19, 2009 - The next 18 months will be crucial in Afghanistan, the new commander of NATO and U.S. forces there said Friday.

"I think that the next 18 months are probably a period in which this effort will be decided," Gen. Stanley A. McChrystal told Tom Bowman in a National Public Radio interview. "I don't think it will be over. But I think that not only the American people, I think the Afghan people are looking and deciding which way this will go."

McChrystal took command of coalition and U.S. efforts in Afghanistan on June 15. His job is to carry out the new strategy for the region. The general said the conflict should not be viewed solely as a military struggle. It is not a question of whether the United States is winning, he said, but whether the Afghan people are winning. The Afghan government is the ultimate deciding factor, and while the government is not winning the war on extremists, "I don't say they're losing," McChrystal said.

"That's an old axiom in counterinsurgency: If you're not winning, you're losing," he said. "And the danger there is that is true. So we see it as very, very important, probably over about the next 12 to 24 months, that we absolutely get a trend where we are clearly winning."

McChrystal has spent much of his career in special operations, hunting down and killing or capturing terrorists. "What I learned is that much of the terrorism we fought years ago was very small groups that were finite. They were fanatical, and they could be attacked that way," he said.

Nowadays, we have to fight the cause of terrorism, because terror is a tactic. You win by taking away from the enemy the one thing the insurgent absolutely has to have, and that's access to the population."

Hunting terrorists still has a place in the war in Afghanistan, McChrystal said, but the overall effort requires a mix of aggression and rebuilding. "I very much lean toward the importance of the building side," he said.

The population needs to be safe so they can build an economy, build good governance and develop an infrastructure, the general explained. That gives the people something they want to continue and something they want to protect, so "the insurgent, then, becomes a troublemaker," he said.

"The opposite could be perceived, even with 'good intentions,'" he continued. "If we are just hunting Taliban, we can be perceived as coming into areas and being someone who upsets the neighborhood."

But we do need to be able to keep a pressure on the enemy as we push them away. So there's always a balance."



Pfc. Derek L. Kuhn

BOOTS ON THE GROUND -- Soldiers rehearse dismounting a CH-47 Chinook helicopter before a recent air assault operation on Baghram Airfield, Afghanistan in May of this year. Soldiers such as these will be critical in the coming months as the new commander of U.S. forces in Afghanistan implements a new strategy.

Americana

Has the American Dream become an endangered species?

Steve Snyder
Public Affairs Staff

Talking of an American Dream implies that a significant number of Americans share national ideals at any given time.

The Declaration of Independence contains a version of the American Dream that has attained widest acceptance ever since it was written. The notion that American citizens have an "unalienable right" to "Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness" is one no American will quarrel with.

Other versions of the American Dream have tried to flesh out what is meant by pursuing happiness by being more specific in defining worthy national aspirations.

Way before the Declaration was written, Pilgrims saw their dream of a New World to be shaped by the freedom to practice their religion without persecution. Dragged across the ocean from Africa, blacks dreamed of cutting the chains of slavery and living in a general atmosphere of freedom.

So freedom was always a key in unlocking meaning behind the American Dream.

The close or crowding out of the frontier was a traumatic experience for many Americans who had always envisioned the West as being open to hunters, trappers, cowboys, etc. who chose to live free amid wide open spaces. Untrammelled freedom, alas, seemed to be gone with the wind.

Freedom took on new meanings, too, with the onset of the Great Depression in the late 1920s. The freedom to starve did not attract any analysts of the American Dream. Instead, many Americans adopted President Roosevelt's "four essential freedoms" as furnishing a structure for their own, revised American dreams.

Freedom of speech and expression, freedom of every person to worship God in his own way, freedom from want and freedom from fear built a sort of social compact between people determined to expand meanings contained within an updated American Dream.

Home, hearth and children became very important elements in the American Dream of GIs returning from the horrors of World War II. They wanted to jump back into normal life. Suburbia beckoned and the good life (containing the American Dream) consisted of family, a nice home in the suburbs, a college education provided through the GI Bill, etc.

And the economy boomed. But affluence gradually induced boredom among pampered youth who began to revolt against what they termed mindless materialism and blind conformity. It was the age stigmatized by "The Man in the Grey Flannel Suit."

Youth revolts raged wildly in the 1960s as a "make love, not war" ethos pervaded shallow intellects whose feeble brain cells were so moved by Rock'n Roll and the drug culture.

But for some, the age of Aquarius smelled fishy.

By the 1980s, the rewards of corporate capitalism came storming back in vogue. Although there was much nostalgia for the 1960s, few stuck to living out countercultural ideals. They proved much too flimsy.



Alfred Eisenstaedt, Life Magazine

CELEBRATING VICTORY -- A sailor plants a kiss on a young woman in Times Square in 1945, celebrating America's victory in World War II. In the words of one woman claiming to be the one in this iconic photo, the picture "says so many things - hope, love, peace and tomorrow." Those qualities persist in many versions of the American Dream.



GROWING UP TO BE PRESIDENT -- One man who undoubtedly believes in the American Dream is President of the United States Barack Obama, flanked here by members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, (l-r) Gen. Norton Schwartz, U.S. Air Force chief of staff; Gen. George W. Casey, U.S. Army chief of staff; U.S. Marine Gen. James E. Cartwright, vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs and U.S. Navy Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs, in a meeting at the Pentagon in January.



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SUBURBAN BLISS - War-weary veterans returned to the United States after World War II and rushed to embrace normal, civilian life. The Baby Boom burst forth in suburbia, and few entities in the national consciousness better represented yearnings for home and hearth better than the popular TV show, "Leave it to Beaver," cast members above.



Norman Rockwell

WANT NOT -- Inspired by President Franklin Roosevelt's 1941 speech about "four essential freedoms," the great artist of Americana, Norman Rockwell, painted his conceptions of the freedoms Americans enjoyed. Rockwell's "Freedom from want," above, depicted ordinary Americans enjoying a Thanksgiving meal. In FDR's day, the American Dream involved sharing deeply-held beliefs rather than agitating for goals or entitlements.

Today the gods of Wall Street, corporate banking and many other areas critical to the capitalist enterprise have been shown to have feet of clay. Have economic hard times killed the idealism necessary to keep the American Dream functioning? Is a new vision necessary?

We need to insure that some concepts are included in any new American Dream.

Another dream needs a Teddy Rooseveltian-environmental emphasis. Pantheists are correct-nature is a manifestation of the divine. We need to shut up about family values and start living them. Children should come first. We need to avoid hangups about homes and housing. It's not the shelter outside but the soul inward that's vital. And we should start respecting the life of the mind. We're not going to solve very many problems by swaggering blindly around or adopting know-nothing attitudes. Vive le Americas!



"Indian Hunting Buffalo" by Troy Denton

LIVING WILD IN THE WEST -- The closing of the frontier ended an epic American dream of a lost Eden, a naturalistic epiphany that inspired Indians (who were already there), homesteaders, prospectors, mountain men, wildcatters, railroad men and cowboys alike to live free constrained only by nature. But living in wild country often proved to be a dream larger than life when sometimes even the fittest failed to survive.

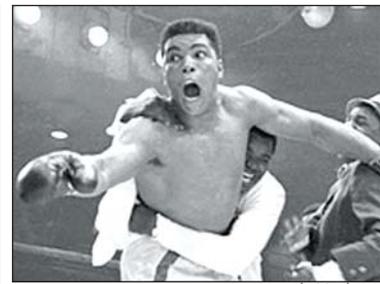


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BECOMING A PRINCESS -- Every little girl probably dreams, at one time or another, of becoming a princess. Philadelphia's Grace Kelly turned the dream into a reality, abandoning an impressive film career to marry and become the queen of Prince Rainier of Monaco in April 1956. Tragically, Kelly died in a car crash in 1982. In her hometown, though, Grace Kelly's legend lives on.



www.bvvision.bt.com

ONCE AND FUTURE KING -- Corner men mob Cassius Clay, aka Muhammad Ali, after the Louisville Lip knocked out Sonny Liston in 1964 to win the heavyweight crown. Sports proved to be an arena where men and women from modest backgrounds could rise to the heights and Ali was a role model for the breed.



Frederic Remington

STRIKING IT RICH -- Prospectors pan for gold in the 1880s. Tocqueville, that Gallic student of American mores, claimed to "know of no other country where the love of money has such a grip on men's hearts..." And it's true. Material riches have always played a large part in forging American dreams and sober realities. But they shouldn't play the only part. Expectations of the American Dream have changed - in many quarters for the worse. It never meant exclusively, "making it big" or "striking it rich." The American Dream was never meant to become a fixation deployed to denote extreme success as the only kind of success worth shooting for. What about the pursuit of happiness?

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CIA vet sees threats

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dominated by Pashtuns whom we don't know much about but seem destined to become entwined with, militarily.

Pashtuns are also known as Pushtoons. Pathans and have several other linguistic variations.
The first part of the name "Afghan" is, in fact, an alterna-

live name for the Pashtuns who are founders of their country and its largest ethnic group. Estimates calculate that upwards of 85 percent of the 6.2 million Afghans who fled their country prior to the Soviet invasion of 1979 were Pashtuns. Many simply moved over to Pakistan where they are the largest minority group (an estimated 28 mil-

lion) that's not especially friendly with the ruling Punjab majority (in power since independence in 1947). Currently, the Pashtuns dominate life in eastern and southern Afghanistan and in most of the tribal regions of Pakistan adjacent to the Afghan border.

And they appear to be at cross purposes with stated United States policy goals in the region. The vast majority of Pashtuns support and participate in the Taliban movement. During the seven-year Taliban rule in Afghanistan, restrictions ruled. Women were banned from jobs and girls were forbidden to attend schools or universities. Communists were systematically killed and thieves were punished by amputating either a hand or foot.

Life was grim but the Taliban did succeed in nearly wiping out opium production by 2001.

The Pashtuns of Pakistan go one step further, providing safe havens for Al Qaeda, too. Any American incursions into Pakistan may very well see United States forces tangling with the Pashtuns.

The Pashtuns are fiercely independent and like most other groups in the area, oriented toward the Sunni religion. According to the Pakistan handbook of 1998, "They are fearless guerrillas who know the hills and valley intimately, are crack shots

and wear clothes that blend with their surroundings... No one has ever managed to subdue or unite them."

Pashtuns live by a code emphasizing honor, courage and hospitality. Many leaders in Al Qaeda were part of the mujahedin that helped throw the Soviets out of Afghanistan. The Pashtuns consider them guests to be protected, hence they have not been cooperative in helping American forces hunt down Bin Laden. Although Afghanistan President Hamid Karzai is a former Pashtun warlord, his background has not won him support, for various reasons, among his own tribe and in his native land.

The Afghan problem has become largely a Pashtun problem in most estimates.

Bernsten urged military members of his audience to do everything they can to help the Afghans, who are severely handicapped because of their dire poverty. Still, they fight and die for their country, he says, and deserve our support.

Copies of Jawbreaker were raffled off at the end of Bernsten's presentation, a new and unique way of rewarding serious students of the military arts. But the knowledge that you're going to serve a tour of duty in Afghanistan sooner or later concentrates the mind, too. It helps to know who's shooting at you — and why.



Pf: Lisa A. Cope, 139th MPAD

TALKING TERROR — Gary Bernsten, a retired CIA agent, briefs service members on the history of terrorism and on joint interagency counterterrorism operations at the Timmermann Center June 22. Bernsten, who recently released a book titled "Jawbreaker: The Attack on Bin Laden and Al Qaeda," made his appearance to help service members understand the Afghan conflict.

Chemical company

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civil-military operations has prepared them to operate in areas across Iraq, regardless of mission intensity. Over the next year, these units will be an essential part of the drawdown of civil affairs forces in Iraq.

"We're looking forward to the challenges that lay ahead of us," said 2nd Lt. Sean Eakin, a civil affairs team leader in the 1357th Civil Affairs Company (Provisional). "We know we've got an uphill climb, but we've got to do what we've got to do."

Eakin, a chemical officer with a civilian career in physical training, spent two and a half months at Fort Bragg, N.C. with the rest of the companies' officers at the Mobilized Civil Affairs Course. The course, managed by USACAPOC(A)'s 1st Training Brigade, is the command's standard course for training and validating its permanent civil affairs officers.

Eakin and his fellow chemical officers were trained alongside civil affairs officers from the Army Reserve, as well as the Navy and Marines, on an exhaustive list of civil-military operation policies and procedures.

"We did a field exercise with Iraqi role players, which was just amazing," Eakin said. "[It was] probably the best training that we had the whole cycle."

The week-long exercise is designed to give the officers practical civil affairs experience in a fast-paced environment before they deploy as team leaders, company commanders and operational planners.

While the units' officers attended training at Fort Bragg over the spring, their Soldiers and noncommissioned officers were familiarized with their new specialties at Fort Dix.

"There's been a lot of interaction with role players," said Cpl. Jeff Van Dusen, also a member



1st Lt. David Chace, USACAPOC (Airborne)

NEW COLORS — Chief Warrant Officer Joseph Berdis presents his unit's new company guidon bearing the colors and insignia of the civil affairs branch — at a re-flagging ceremony June 19 at Ft. Dix, N.J. Berdis is a civil affairs team leader in the 1479th Civil Affairs Company (Provisional) of Fort Tilden, N.Y. The company, formerly the Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment for the 479th Chemical Battalion, has been provisionally re-designated for civil affairs missions for its upcoming deployment to Iraq.

of the 1357th Civil Affairs Company (Provisional). "And then there's been a lot of classroom work — just getting the theoretical framework of how civil affairs operations are supposed to go down."

Van Dusen said that as a civil affairs Soldier, he has the opportunity to do good things for the Iraqi people during his deployment.

Civil Affairs Soldiers support a laundry list of mission-essen-

tial aspects anywhere America's military is present, primarily by providing a link between a field commander and the civil authorities in foreign areas of operations.

According to Hendrix, members of the new civil affairs companies will be operating "outside the wire" and in Iraq's cities and villages to help their field commanders understand the cultural and political climate in their areas of operation.

"They'll be conducting assessments, directing projects, helping to bring about the rebuilding of the infrastructure and working with the local elected officials," Hendrix said.

Hendrix told the units that their commanders overseas have high expectations for their civil affairs assets in theater.

"They're counting on you to help create the conditions that will bring about long-term stability," he said.

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 15-21 Jun 09.

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); VMHC stands for Virtum Memorial Hospital of Burlington County; CPH stands for Checkpoint Number.

● During a routine credential check of a vehicle attempting to enter the installation via the Main Gate, the vehicle operator, a civilian NAFD, was unable to produce appropriate ID to enter the installation. The subject became indignant and squealed his tires around the back of the checkpoint cutting off a vehicle traveling outbound. A traffic stop was initiated and the subject cited.

● Police, Fire Department, and emergency medical personnel responded to a motor vehicle crash on Delaware Ave. Investigation revealed a vehicle, operated by a civilian NAFD, struck another vehicle from the rear. The subject's vehicle sustained disabling damage and was towed from the scene. The other vehicle was released to the operator. There were no reported injuries.

● Police and Fire Department personnel responded to a fire alarm at bldg 5214. Investigation revealed the alarm was accidentally activated.

● Police responded to a traffic accident on Pioneer Lake Rd. Investigation revealed a tactical vehicle, operated by a soldier, NAFD, struck a fence. There were no reported injuries and the vehicle was released to the operator at the scene.

● Police responded to a motor vehicle crash on Baltimore St. Investigation revealed a vehicle, owned by a soldier assigned to McGuire AFB, had been struck by another vehicle which fled the scene. Witnesses were able to provide a registration number for the suspect's government vehicle. The subject, a soldier assigned to Ft Dix, was subsequently located and cited.

● Police responded to a traffic accident near bldg 5631. Investigation revealed a vehicle, owned by a Ft Dix civilian employee, had been struck by a vehicle which fled the scene. Witnesses provided a license plate number of the subject vehicle. The subject, a civilian NAFD, was subsequently located and cited.

● Police responded to a report of wrongful damage of private property in the Laurel Hill housing area. Investigation revealed a quarters was vandalized by person(s) unknown. Investigation continues.

● During a routine traffic stop on Texas Ave, police discovered the vehicle, operated by a soldier NAFD, 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 CP #9, police discovered the operator, a civilian NAFD, was unlawfully transporting firearms and had prohibited ammunition. The subject was transported to the police station for processing and cited.

● While on routine patrol, police discovered two vehicle, operated by airmen assigned to McGuire AFB, operating in Tac #4 without authorization. The subjects were stopped and informed they were operating in violation for Ft Dix regulations.

● Police responded to an incident in the Garden Terrace housing area. Investigation revealed a resident, an airman assigned to McGuire AFB, and his spouse and a verbal argument that did not escalate into violence. The spouse departed the quarters. Investigation continues.

● Police responded to an incident at the Wrightstown Circle. Investigation revealed a utility pole and several power lines were down. DPW and the utility company responded to repair the damage.

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

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

● During a routine credential check of a vehicle attempting to enter the installation via the Main Gate, police discovered the vehicle had a fraudulent inspection sticker glued to the windshield. The subject was cited.

● Police responded to a motor vehicle crash near bldg 5631. Investigation revealed a vehicle, owned by a soldier assigned to Ft Dix, was struck and damaged by an unknown vehicle.

● Police responded to a motor vehicle crash on Range Rd. Investigation revealed a motorcycle, operated by an airman assigned to Ft Dix, slid on wet pavement and rolled onto its side. There were no reported injuries and the motorcycle was released to the operator at the scene.

● Police responded to a traffic accident at Bivouac #22. Investigation revealed a tactical vehicle, operated by a soldier assigned to Ft Dix, swerved to avoid a deer and struck a deer. There were no reported injuries and the vehicle was released to the operator at the scene.

● Police and Fire Department personnel responded to a fire alarm at bldg 5651. Investigation revealed a power failure caused the alarm.

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

● There were 13 Magistrate Court Citations issued for violations. DWI incidents remain at seven for the year.

EPIC-8 LANDFILL, FORT DIX, NEW JERSEY NOTIFICATION OF THE COMPLETION OF THE FIVE-YEAR REVIEW

This public notice is to inform the community of the Army's completion of a five-year review of the EPIC-8 Landfill at Fort Dix in Burlington County, New Jersey. The purpose of the five-year review was to determine whether the selected remedy implemented for the site continues to be protective of human health and the environment. The five-year review concluded that the selected remedy was still protective. The next five-year review will take place in 2013.

The public is invited to examine the five-year review report for a 30-day comment period beginning in June 2009. A copy of the five-year review report will be available at the Pemberton Library, which is located at the following address:

Pemberton Library

16 Broadway

Browns Mills, NJ 08015

Further information and/or a copy of the report can be obtained by contacting Mr. Bill Lewandoski at the US Army Fort Dix Environmental Division, ATTN: IMNE-DIX-PWE, Building 5317, Fort Dix, New Jersey 08640-5501. Telephone: (609) 562-2203; Telefax: (609) 562-5345; Email: william.lewandoski@us.army.mil. The completion date of the five-year review was May 2009, when it was signed by Fort Dix.

Free camp for military families

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.

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.

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 bustle 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 <http://noblecause.ppbsa.org/>.

Germ Farm



Scrub'em!

Team Dix Day 2009



Col. Larry Boyd, deputy commander for mobilization, at left, wields a mighty spatula as he flips burgers during the Team Dix Day festivities June 19. Hot dogs, potato salad, chicken and salad were also on the menu, as well as kettle corn, ice cream and other treats. At right, Jim Ertell, Bill Walsh, Tim Konopka, and Bob Harper, Training Management Division, left to right, take aim down range at the paintball gallery. Below, Sgt. 1st Class Gary Johnson, 72nd Field Artillery Brigade, agonizes over swallowing one of the tasty bits during the Survivor Eating Challenge.



First Place winner, Sgt. 1st Class Gary Gainey, 72nd FA Bde., above, wins a Weber Grill for devouring several enticing "delicious" selections during the Team Dix Day eating contest.



Above, from left, Sgt. Colby Clark, Sgt. Eli Blagg, and Spc. Misael Lopez, compete in the Bigfoot Walk race during Team Dix Day activities at John Mann Park, June 19. The Soldiers, members of the 72nd Field Artillery Brigade, won the race and won gift cards to Shop Rite, Applebees, and TGI Fridays.



At left, Command Sgt. Maj. Bonita Davis, installation command sergeant major, left, and Denise Warlow, Resource Management Office, brave the frigid concoction in the tub as they use their feet to bob for creepy and slimy things during Team Dix Day. At Right, Pamula Joiner, Information Assurance, Directorate of Information Management, accepts a giraffe as her prize for selecting the right NFL team on the wheel of fortune.

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Jennifer Chupko, Wayne Cook
Lisa Evans, Ryan Morton



Henry Melon-Lopez, Director, Human Resources-Military, is the victim of a sneak attack as he gets taped up before he begins the tub foot bobbing event. Soldiers and peers decided to take matters into their own hands due to Melon-Lopez's ultra-competitive nature. Throughout the years he has proven to be a zealous competitor in any event in which he has participated.

Members of Team Dix, below, partook of the free lunch of burgers, chicken, potato salad, hotdogs, and salad provided by Family, Morale, Welfare, and Recreation during the Team Dix Day festivities, June 19. As in the past, leadership from around the post manned the grills and kept the hungry crowd pleased.





NEIGHBORHOOD



The Corner

Youth Services offers parents a day off

The Fort Dix Youth Services is offering to "Give Parents A Break," one Friday night and one Saturday morning each month. Care is free for children of Soldiers in these categories: deployed, WTU, rear detachment, TCS orders, TDY and PCS unaccompanied military. Call 562-4702 or 562-2242 for dates.

Post-9/11 GI Bill briefing scheduled

Military members and dependents are invited to attend a Post-9/11 GI Bill briefing at Timmermann Center July 21 at 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. The Education Office advises waiting to apply for the Post-9/11 G.I. Bill until after attending one of these information sessions.

Field House hosts three hour aerobics marathon

The Super Summer Slim Down 3 Hour Aerobic Marathon will be held June 20 at Griffith Field House. Sessions include Step, Gut Buster, Zumba and Yoga. There is an \$8 pre-registration or \$10 the day of the event. Call 562-4888 for more information.

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. Baggies, three bouncy 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.

Youth Services to hold car wash

The Fort Dix Child and Youth Services will be holding a free car wash July 31 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. In lieu of money they ask that a donation of canned goods be made to support the Ronald McDonald House and Army Community Services food banks.

Ultimate Warrior job fair coming to Fort Dix

Soldiers and spouses are invited to attend technical workshops and a career fair July 29 and July 30 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Timmermann Center. More than 60 employers such as the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Internal Revenue Service, Lockheed Martin, CACI, Global Options, Inc., Homeland Security and the Secret Service will be on hand to recruit new employees. Workshops covering resume writing skills, veterans benefits, social security disability benefits, Tip of the Arrow, ACAP and Military One Source will also be held. For more information call Sgt. Maj. James Clark at (301) 674-9428 or Sgt. 1st Class Loranda Taylor at (609) 864-2565.

Bowling Center now open for lunch

The Bowling Center is now open for lunch. Serving begins at noon, Monday through Friday. A full menu is available. Stop by for tasty burgers, chicken wings, chicken tenders, chicken Caesar salad, pizza, fries, and more. Call 562-6895 for carryout orders.

Hot August Night Wine and Jazz Festival returns to Club

Enjoy a night of wine and smooth Jazz at Club Dix August 14. Live performances by Jazz greats Jeff Golub, Euge Groove, Jeff Lorber and Jessy J, along with a variety of wines and spirits highlight the evening. The event is open to the public. Tickets are \$24 for ID card holders and \$29 for all others. Anyone attending the wine tasting must be 21 or older. Tickets may be purchased at Club Dix or at FMWR Headquarters. For more information call 562-6772 or visit www.dixmwr.com.

Soldiers see stars during show

Sgt. Nicole Dykstra
72nd Field Artillery Brigade

Servicemembers and their families were treated to a free early-morning concert at the Intrepid Sea-Air-Space Museum in Manhattan, N.Y., June 19. As a part of their national 30-day co-

headlining tour, Earth, Wind and Fire and Chicago held the complementary concert for military members and their families to show the bands' support for our uniformed services.

Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines stood on the deck of the World War II aircraft carrier USS Intrepid and watched the two bands perform each

other's songs while camera crews recorded the concert as part of CBS New York's Intrepid Summer Concert Series on "The Early Show."

Earth, Wind and Fire and Chicago teamed up this summer to reprise their co-headlining shows in 2004 and 2005. This year's tour aims to help local food banks; in exchange for cans of food or a

donation, fans will be able to download three new songs recorded earlier this year.

Earth, Wind and Fire's self-titled first album debuted in 1970, before many of Friday's fans were even born.

That didn't keep the fans from singing along with the band's hits, including "Shining Star" and "September."

"It was the blend of R&B, soul and funk contrasted with Chicago's pop-rock trumpets and saxophones, which made it a body moving, sing-a-long experience for all, young and old," said Sgt. 1st Class Scott Arispe, a Defense Travel System Administrator in Headquarters Battery, 72nd Field Artillery Brigade.

"It was impressive how the bands' individual sounds mixed together," said Arispe, who enjoyed the concert a mere few feet from the stage. "And I appreciate that they supported us by not only providing the entertainment but also the transportation from McGuire."

Chicago formed in 1967 in Chicago, Ill. Their hits include "25, 6 To 4" and "I've Been Searchin So Long."

The band provided a chartered bus to take service members and their families from Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst to the venue.

The USS Intrepid was commissioned in August 1943 and participated in several campaigns in the Pacific theater during World War II.

The ship was decommissioned in 1974 and resurrected in 1982, as the foundation for the Intrepid Sea-Air-Space Museum.



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PERSONALITY PLUS -- CBS Early Show correspondent, Jennifer Ashton, spends some time with Soldiers aboard the USS Intrepid in New York City, June 19. Staff Sgt. Ana Ferreira, Sgt. 1st Class Scott Arispe, Staff Sgt. Cassandra Hanson, Staff Sgt. Ricardo Faulkner and Sgt. Rafael Paniagua all of the 72nd Field Artillery, along with other Servicemembers from the Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst community were invited to attend a taping of the show which featured a concert by the bands Chicago, right, and Earth, Wind and Fire.



Staff Sgt. Ricardo Faulkner

Spouses Club bestows scholarships

Lisa Evans
Public Affairs Staff

The Fort Dix Spouses Club donated \$6500 in scholarships and awards during an awards dinner June 19.

This annual event is the highlight of the club's events.

Outgoing president Bonnie Reed thanked everyone as she handed leadership to Lisa Williams for the coming year.

Reed thanked the group of women and men in a speech that left everyone smiling.

"I want everybody to know that the Army can't supply the military community with everything it needs, that just isn't possible," said Reed.

"The Spouses Club earns money to supply those extras for military children and scholarships. I want everyone to understand that a small group of people can make a difference. A small group of people can earn a large amount of

money to give away to other organizations to support military families."

Scholarship awardees were Candee Marrone, an employee with the Joint Readiness Center who was given \$1,600, and Andrew Adams, son of Fort Dix Assistant Fire Chief John Adams who was awarded \$1,400.

An independent panel decided the who would be awarded the scholarships by studying applications with no names or ages attached. Marrone, a member of the club, was surprised and excited to receive the scholarship to support returning to college.

"To receive a scholarship from the spouses group that recognizes that sometimes people need to continue their education even when they are mature adults is wonderful," Marrone said. "I plan to study human resources or social services and I thank you from heart."

Local Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops garnered \$250 dollar awards each and the Fort Dix Family Association won a \$500 award.



Lisa Evans

WELL EARNED -- Candee Marrone and Andrew Adams received scholarships from the Fort Dix Spouses Club during an awards dinner held June 16 at the 99th Reserve Service Center.

Wounded Warriors, families offered free fun

Spc. John Stimac
139th MPAD

The Soldier and Family Assistance Center (SFAC) at Fort Dix is sponsoring a series of events for the Wounded Warrior Soldiers and their families in conjunction with the Family Morale Welfare and Recreation (FMWR) Fourth of July festivities. SFAC is set up to assist the Warrior Transition Unit (WTU) and medical holdovers, those wounded or ill Soldiers needing additional attention.

SFAC will fund the lodging for the first 25 families who sign up for the Fourth of July weekend and will also host a free barbecue behind the SFAC building for the WTU and families who join the Soldiers that weekend. Free wristbands will be given to all family members allowing them to participate in the batting cages, go karts and mini-golf at John Mann Park.

Family members are encouraged to visit the WTU and be an active participant in the rehabilitation process of their Soldiers. The WTU also provides Soldiers who have recently returned from missions in support of Ongoing Contingency Operations with needed recuperation time before moving on to their next assignment. SFAC sponsors both recreational events such as fishing trips, golf outings and horseback riding for Soldiers and their families as well as on-site information sessions such as financial seminars, career counseling and personal goal orientation planning.

There are approximately 80 Soldiers that are assigned to the WTU and an additional 60 Soldiers that are in a medical hold status.

Many of these Soldiers are here for an extended period of time, anywhere from several weeks to several months, so the SFAC serves as a link between the Soldiers, their families and the surrounding community.

"We try to get the Soldiers engaged in something therapeutic while they are here," said Natasha Freeman, director of the SFAC. "This is a great opportunity for Soldiers and Families to come together and enjoy the holiday together," said Freeman.

So far, five families have registered to participate in the event. The SFAC encourages the WTU and med-hold Soldiers to sign up and take advantage of the special offer.

More information on the 3rd and 4th of July festivities and other events sponsored by SFAC, can be obtained at 562-6554. In addition to the Fourth of July festivities, the SFAC hosted an Information Resource Fair June 11.

Freeman brought together both veterans services organizations and support agencies from on and off post. It was aimed at the medical-hold Soldiers and their families.

"It was an opportunity to present the information in a casual and relaxed environment rather than the Soldiers sitting through a bunch of briefings. This way, they can talk to the agency representatives one-on-one," said Freeman.

There were door prizes and giveaways every half hour, to include gift baskets, 30-minute massages, and gift cards to Kohls, Target, and Walmart. The grand prize, a \$50 American Express gift card, was donated by the Korean War Veterans.



photos by Sgt. Nicole Dykstra, 72nd FA Bde.

INFORMATION STATION -- Sgt. 1st Class Rhonda Haley, a Soldier with the 304th Civil Affairs Brigade from Philadelphia, speaks to Military OneSource representative Anna Richar during the Soldier and Family Assistance Center (SFAC) sponsored Information Resource Fair, June 11.



FOR SOLDIERS -- Staff Sgt. Sherman Humphrey, 151st Infantry Regiment from Indianapolis, Ind., and Sgt. 1st Class Jim Kille, 172nd Infantry Regiment (Mountain) from Jericho, Vt., help themselves to free give-aways during the SFAC Information Fair.

Training helps troops with new mission

Wayne Cook
Public Affairs Staff

On April 19 the 479th Chemical Company, arrived at Fort Dix to train for a deployment to Iraq, and on June 17 the unit was reflagged as the 1479th Civil Affairs Company, realigning it under United States Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command (USACAPOC).

1479th, all members of the company received qualification training in the civil affairs field prior to arriving on the installation.

"We knew we were going to make the switch ahead of time. We all received qualification training before we arrived at Fort Dix. When we got on post we started right into training provided by the Regional Training Center - East (RTC-E) and went right into mobility training on May 19," said Billings.

The unit is comprised of Soldiers from nine states, so along with all the training they went through they had to become familiar with each other and pull together as one unit.

"What really caused our Soldiers to jell were the mobility tasks that gave us the opportunities to come together as one unit," Billings said.

"Our unit came together well, seeing how we all come from different companies," said Pvt. Massiel Prandy from Brooklyn, N.Y.

Between the firing qualifications, convoy operations, Military Operations in Urban Terrain training, Combat Life Saver course, land navigation and other training events the Soldiers gained a sense of confidence in their preparation for the upcoming mission.

"It was good training - very realistic. It gave me the opportunity to see what it will be like down range. The instructors tried to make it as real as possible," Prandy said.

"We received really good training. The RTC-E training was excellent. The Mobility Readiness Exercise (MRX) has been great. The greatest strength of the trainers has been the ability to allow input from the Soldiers. They really listened to us," said Clarksville, Tenn. resident, Maj. Kendrick Jefferson, a Soldier with 14 years of Army service.

Billings was well pleased with the training that his troops received.

"The training here has been excellent; very realistic and very applicable to our mission. The MRX is a culmination of all the training we've been through and has been relevant to our training requirements."

"The mobility folks and RTC-East folks have been very customer oriented. They made the process easy to go through," he said.

Their training now completed, the members of the 1479th are ready to move into theater and get on with their mission.

Alexander keeps land navigation on course

Wayne Cook
Public Affairs Staff

Sgt. 1st Class Disner Alexander, 3/312th Training Support Battalion, carries a heavy responsibility on his shoulders. He is the non commissioned officer-in-charge of Land Navigation Course 3 on Fort Dix.

With a staff of two specialists, two sergeants, and one staff sergeant, Alexander oversees the operation of the mobility training lane for all Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Coast Guardsmen who are deploying overseas. The lane can handle up to 200 troops at any given training period.

"Land nav is one of the most important jobs you are going to get while training at Fort Dix," said Alexander. "No matter where you are - on convoy, in urban terrain, or wherever - you

need to be able to orient yourself and move forward in a moment's notice. The enemy doesn't give you time to work it out. I don't want anyone saying they got lost or couldn't direct a rescue because training here was insufficient."

A Soldier with 17 years in service, Alexander calls Baltimore, Md. home. He joined the Army because one of his friends had joined the service. He also has one brother in the Navy and another one in the Marine Corps.

Originally an aviation mechanic, he worked with Airborne and Air Assault troops. His mission was to track units that were deploying overseas and to validate them for deployment.

When the current was began Alexander thought to himself, "It's time to pack my bags. I want to go. My country has been attacked!"

In 2005 he was sent to Observer Controller Trainer School to qualify as a trainer.

"Aviation units were lacking in land navigation skills. My job was to train them up on land nav and convoy ops. We were stationed at Fort Meade and trained a lot at Fort Dix," he said.

Alexander was mobilized to Fort Dix to assist Military Assistance Team Operations (MATOPS). Soon afterwards the 3/312th took up training responsibilities on the lanes. He was selected to head up the Land Navigation Course.

"I was also retrained into the Military Police field. Going through MP school helped me

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Wayne Cook

TRAINING AID -- Pfc. Keyara Truman inserts an intravenous line in Staff Sgt. Carlos Madden's arm as the two Soldiers from the 1479th Civil Affairs Company participate in a training exercise at Range 59E during their unit's Mobility Readiness Exercise June 22. Madden was a simulated casualty who had lost his lower left leg. Truman performed Combat Life Saver techniques to stabilize Madden for transport.

Quartermaster units help keep things rolling

Jennifer Chupko
Public Affairs Staff



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FILL ER' UP -- Members of the 327th Quartermaster Battalion, Staff Sgt. Gregory Nowicki, Sgt. John Wolfe, and Pfc. John Pittsley, check the fuel operation which allows fuel to go from one tanker to a storage tank.

Quartermaster Battalion provides a host of vital services to the U.S. Army, but because these jobs are often not glamorous, very little is mentioned about Quartermaster Soldiers in the mainstream media.

The function of the Quartermaster Corps is to provide supply personnel support to the Army including general supply food service, petroleum and water transfer but not ammunition and medical supplies.

Hailing from Williamsport, Va., the 327th Quartermaster Battalion handles bulk petroleum, quality control, and logistics to all branches of the military in the Northeast and Midwest. The battalion is made up of 331 Soldiers in five units and operates active fuel pipelines on a daily

basis. Quartermaster detachments, companies and battalions are normally assigned to corps or higher level commands.

Divisions and smaller units have multifunctional support battalions which combine functional areas from the Army Transportation Corps, Army Quartermaster Corps, Army Ordnance Corps, and the Army Medical Service Department.

Field service, general supply, petroleum supply, aerial delivery for a rigger, water supply, and mortuary affairs are all tasks Quartermaster Soldiers perform.

Most are performed at a com-

pany level except for petroleum and water functions which have battalion and group level units.

"A lot of the Soldiers can use the skills they have from civilian jobs such as truck drivers. It is an interesting role that we play," said Lt. Col. Mike Goyne, battalion commander.

The 327th Quartermaster Battalion receives three to four fuel transporting missions a day, providing a busy schedule with little down-time, but they play an important role in the logistical support of all Department of Defense organizations.

The battalion completes quality petroleum delivery operation

while ensuring the Soldiers of the battalion are ready to support all contingency operations within the covered area.

"We are a multi-level and tiered battalion," said Goyne. "Everyone is cross-leveled."

The 327th has trained on the ranges at Fort Dix in field services in aerial delivery of fuel, parachute packing, air item maintenance, rigging and sling loading.

"The Soldiers had no problems with the training at Fort Dix. It was valuable training for them," said Goyne. The Soldiers of this battalion react orderly and make it happen. They do a great job."

HONORS and AWARDS



photos by Ryan Morton



Ryan Morton

Sgt. 1st Class Kenneth Simmons and Chief Warrant Officer 1st Class John Harris III, 824th Quartermaster Company, Detachment 8, acting first sergeant and company commander, fasten their unit's Yellow Banner at Infantry Park, June 22. The unit, out of Fort Bragg, N.C., mobilized at Fort Dix and will deploy in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The banner will hang in Infantry Park until the unit's return from theater.



Warrior Leadership Course graduate, Spc. Eric Badger, above, shakes the hand of 1st Sgt. Roy Waters, NCO Academy commandant, during graduation June 19. Badger was one of more than 130 graduates of the course. Newly promoted Sgt. Katrina Fulton, left, is congratulated by Master Sgt. Gregory Betty, June 19. Both work at the NCO Academy.



Master Sgt. Jeffrey Held, 72nd FA Bde.

Sgt 1st Class Randy Loch, 2nd Battalion, 312th Training Support Regiment, part of the 72nd Field Artillery Brigade, is presented the "golden hammer" award, Jun 9 at the PUB in Browns Mills. Loch retired from the Army after 32 years of dedicated service, the last six with the 2-312th where he constructed, developed and maintained detainee operations training facilities for mobilized service members.

Torres a legend at Transportation

Boss of 'Manny's warehouse' retires after 45 years at Dix

Steve Snyder
Public Affairs Staff

Manuel B. "Manny" Torres retires this month and DOL's Transportation Division, not to mention Fort Dix, will never be the same.

Torres completes 45 years of stellar service at Fort Dix, first working with the quartermasters when they ran laundry operations here and then staying on at bldg. 5326 to supervise operations at the converted warehouse.

Indeed, bldg. 5326 became known as "Manny's warehouse" and with good reason.

"He's probably one of the most joyful employees I've ever had," says Johnnie Jackson, head of the Directorate of Logistics' Transportation Division. "He's really, really proactive in doing business," never hesitates to "take on responsibility" and has "a passion to get the job done" in Jackson's view.

After working with Manny for 40 years, Jackson says he will sorely miss him.

So will Sheila Thompson-Douglas, DOL's version of a perpetual motion machine.

"Manny will be truly missed," Sheila notes. "His daily smile, witty style and practical jokes brightened my days. He has a heart of gold. Bless him! And come back now," she says.

Manny was born in Ponce, Puerto Rico in June 1936. After high school he joined the Army, serving one tour in artillery before leaving the service in 1956. Five years working in a boiler room with the Merchant Marines followed, allowing the young man to see a slice of the world.

In early 1964 Manny worked briefly as a short-order cook at McGuire AFB before jumping over to Dix. He began working with the quartermasters here on May 18, 1964, simultaneously serving with Co. B, 50th Maintenance Bn. in the National Guard for 18 years while living in Bordentown.

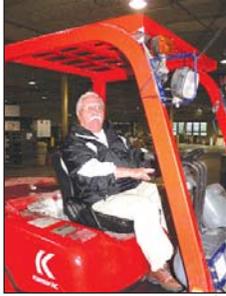
Manny married Columbia native Adicla Dabalo after meeting her on Fort Dix 43 years ago. They're the proud parents of Nick, Eduardo and Geraldo, all of whom live in the area.

Team Dix salutes this giant in our midst and fervently hopes he will keep in touch.

Salud!



SWAN SONG FOR AN OLD PRO -- Manuel "Manny" Torres, supervisor of "Manny's warehouse," bldg. 5326, was feted at a retirement luncheon honoring him Wednesday, June 24 at the Transportation Division building. At left, Manny gives his farewell address, next he cuts his cake, then he accepts a medal from Johnnie Jackson, head of the Transportation Division for the Directorate of Logistics (DOL) and, at far right, he's hugged by Barbara Worthy, accountability officer for DOL's Supply Division, as the former fuel dispatcher at Dix's motor-pool, Larry Webre, looks on. (photos by Steve Snyder)



Steve Snyder



courtesy photo



Steve Snyder

TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS -- Always hands-on, Manny drives a forklift, at left. In the third quarter of 1999 Manny's warehouse crew was charged with moving a de-activated "Little Boy" nuclear weapon (center) to its destination. On the right, Manny lends a hand, helping fork lift operator Vincent Eubanks move some crates at the warehouse.



courtesy photo



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MAN OF THE WORLD - Manny tests his coordination (perhaps after downing a few brews) in Munich, Germany in 1985. A man of the world, Torres served for five years in the Merchant Marine after his initial tour in the Army in the 1950s, seeing Germany and Columbia among other countries.



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BASIC TRAINING -- Torres took basic training at Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico in 1954.



courtesy photo

DASHING YOUTH -- Manny, 30, in Puerto Rico in 1966.

BACK HOME -- Manny Torres was born in Ponce, Puerto Rico, above, in June 1936.

Alexander

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become very proficient at land navigation because we had to get from one point to another rallying point and then another point," he said.

The biggest challenge that Alexander and his staff face is trying to get everybody in a training class on the same sheet



Wayne Cook

ON TRACK -- Sgt. 1st Class Disner Alexander, 2/312th Training Support Battalion, is the non-commissioned officer-in-charge of the Land Navigation Course.

of music. Getting those that are familiar with course requirements to be patient and allow the rest of the class to catch up can be a struggle at times.

Alexander said the biggest highlight of his career was passing Military Police School. The other highlight has been seeing troops leave the lane more educated and able to use what was taught them as they deploy all over the world.

He has aspirations of making master sergeant. First he must attend one more phase of the Advanced Non-Commissioned Officers Course (ANOC).

"My unit leadership believes in educating and promoting their troops. They also believe in taking care of the Soldiers. They are very receptive of input from the troops," said Alexander.

Overall, the tasks that Alexander faces everyday are self-rewarding. Knowing he has provided a needed service to comrades in the military is all the reward he requires.

"The biggest reward I could get is knowing the Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, and Coast Guardsmen that have completed our course are going to be safe. If I can provide training that will save one life then that is reward enough for me," he said.

SPORTS

Aerobic marathon jump starts summer



photos by Ryan Morton

SHAPING UP -- Super Summer Slim Down three hour aerobic marathon participants kick things off, get their blood pumping, and pulse rates up with a step aerobics class, June 20.

Ryan Morton
Public Affairs Staff

More than 30 people came out to Griffith Field House to step, shake, crunch, and dance their way into shape for the summer season June 20.

The event, the Super Summer Slim Down, was a three-hour aerobic marathon which featured some of the different classes the staff at Griffith offers.

"The purpose is to get folks motivated for summer, get in shape, and help them get that beach body," said Richelle Weiland, Griffith Field House trainer and zumba instructor.

The marathon ran for three hours with four classes scheduled consecutively: step aerobics with Verna Taylor, gut buster with Desmond Thompson, zumba with Richelle Weiland, and a cool down and yoga stretch

with Robin Heyward.

"We try to target all styles of fitness and give people a sample of the different types of classes we offer here," said Gina Accardo, Griffith Field House trainer.

"Fort Dix offers the cutting edge in group instruction. We offer more of a variety of classes than many gyms in the civilian world," she said.

Bagels, fruit, and water were served to the participants during class breaks and the participants appeared to be really motivated and in good spirits.

"The cardio classes are fun and all the instructors are really motivating. It's hard work, but fun," said participant, Air Force Capt. Susi Lonsberry.

If you would like schedules or information on any of these and other classes offered, stop by Griffith Field House, call them at 562-4888, or check out their website at www.dixmwr.com.



THE PAIN CONTINUES -- From left, participants continue the session with gut buster, a class that focuses on working the abdominals and other core body muscle groups. After a short water and snack break, students continue the marathon with one of the hottest classes in the aerobics industry today, zumba. It combines aerobics movements and dances including the salsa, merengue, and rumba, to form an intense cardio workout. Finally, Air Force Capt. Susi Lonsberry and the rest of the class cools down and relaxes with a yoga stretching session. All these classes are offered at the Griffith Field House at various times. If you have any questions or would like class times, call 562-4888 for more information.

Softball action heats up



Ryan Morton

THE RUNNER'S SAFE -- Joe Huber, Steel Thunder, beats out a throw to first baseman Tina Oden, Wildcats, during a softball game, June 15. The Wildcats won the game by a score of 11-3. This game was part of the preseason tournament.

Announcements

Chapel Services

Fort Dix
562-2020

Sunday Services
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.

Jewish Prayer Room
Room 27

Chapel 5
Bldg. 5950 Church Street
If Chapel is closed
call 562-3311
to schedule a time for prayer

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

Islamic Prayer Room
Monday through Friday

COL - Chaplain's tent
8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Religious Activities

Protestant Men of the Chapel
Prayer Breakfast -
Fourth Saturday of each month
9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Protestant Women of the Chapel -
Meets every Tuesday
9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
at the Fort Dix Main Chapel
and the fourth Tuesday at
Butterwood Hospital.

McGuire Chapel
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.

Smokeyhouse 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.

Coming Events

**4th of July
Celebration**

A bigger than ever July 4th Celebration on Doughboy Field is coming. **Friday July 3**, Plain White T's, Army Entertainment band "USA Express" and others. **July 4**, Musiq Soulchild, Christette Michele and Trey Songz. Both days are free and open to the public. Visit us at www.dixmwr.com.

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.

Closed Sunday

Administrative Hours
Tuesday through Friday
Noon to 6 p.m.

Summer Schedule
Monday, June 29
Middle School Summer Camp
6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Open Rec.
1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Tuesday June 30
Middle School Summer Camp
6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Open Rec.
1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Bowling
3 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.
Free for campers,
\$5 for Open Rec.

Permission slips due

Wednesday, July 1
Swimming
\$1 fee for Open Rec.

Thursday, July 2
Self-directed activities

Friday, July 3
Closed for Holiday

Saturday, July 4
Closed for Holiday

**Read
The Post!**

ACS

562-2767
Bldg. 5201 Maryland Avenue

Calendar of Events

Tuesday, June 30
Effective Communication to a
Healthy Relationship
6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
ACS

**Child and
Youth Services**
5203 Maryland Ave. 562-6296

CYS is offering "Give Parents
A Break" One Friday night and
one Saturday morning each
month. Care is FREE for children
of Soldiers in these categories -
Deployed, WTU, Rear Detachment,
TCS orders, TDY and PCS Unaccompanied
Military. Call 562-4702/2242 for
dates.

**Fort Dix
Thrifty Shop**
5105 Pennsylvania Ave.
723-2683

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.

Volunteers needed

**Fountain Green
Golf Course**
Commander's Cup Golf Tournament,
third Wednesdays
Sign up today. Call 562-5443

Mulligan's Restaurant and the
19th Hole sports bar are open to
all comers.

Visit the well stocked Pro-Shop.
Gift certificates available.
Call 562-6071

Griffith Field House

Bldg. 6053 562-4888

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Combat Fitness Challenge
Military Only
6:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m.

Monday
Mind & Body Yoga
Noon to 12:45 p.m.

Total Toning
5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

Gut Buster!
6:15 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Tuesday
Step and Sculpt
Noon to 12:45 p.m.

Pilates Fusion
5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

Mind & Body Yoga
6:15 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Wednesday
30/30
Noon to 1 p.m.

Mind & Body Yoga
5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

Circuit Training
6:15 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Thursday
Retirees in Motion
9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Turbo Kick
Noon to 12:45 p.m.

Zumba
6:15 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Friday
Spin-It!
Noon to 12:45 p.m.

Step Fusion
5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

Saturday
Cardio Muscle
9 a.m. to 10 a.m.



United Communities

Self Help Office
Monday through Friday
7 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Closed Saturday and Sunday
724-0550

For information on events, contact
Amber Stadler at 723-4290

McGuire Pool Events
The McGuire Pool is open
seven days a week from 11 a.m.
to 8 p.m. for United Communities
residents.

3rd annual pool party
Wednesday, July 8 from 4 p.m.
to 8 p.m. DJ, games, big prizes,
food, and fun for the whole family.
Don't be the one to miss out on
all the fun. In the event that it
rains, the Pool Party will be
rescheduled to Thursday, July 9.

Yard Sales
Yard sale information will be
posted on the UC website free of
charge. Please notify the office
filling out the Yard Sale form at
least one week in advance to
ensure the sale is posted a week
in advance to sale date. Signs
advertising sales are limited to
one per yard sale.

Pest Control
Wednesday July 15 mosquito
spraying begins. This process
should finish Wednesday, July
22 weather permitting. All common
areas (i.e.: playgrounds,
baseball fields) and wooded
areas that back up to housing
will be sprayed. Dump all standing
water to prevent a breeding
area for the mosquitoes.

Trash/Recycling Update
Trash Schedule - Wednesday
Fort Dix 1200's, older 1500's
and 1600's, including quarters
201, 502, and 1900
McGuire 4000's, 4200's

Recycling Schedule
Thursday, July 2 and 16