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NEWSNOTES

Adler to visit post

Timmermann Center will serve as the stage for a Congress on Your Base Town Hall Meeting Monday, at 10 a.m.

Representative John Adler, (D-3), whose district represents Burlington and Ocean Counties, as well as Cherry Hill in Camden County, serves as a member of the House of Representatives Veterans' Affairs Committee.

As a member of Congress, Adler provides individuals with assistance by working with various federal agencies pertaining to military service issues, veterans' benefits, and social security. The purpose of the congressman's visit is to provide attendees a federal legislative update, as well as hold a question and answer period for persons working and living at Fort Dix.

New hours for ID cards

The ID Card Facility hours of operations have changed.

The Hemingway Visitor's Center new hours of operations: Monday-Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., location: Bldg. 2270 Route 68; and 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.

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://vetrecs.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.

New date for newcomers

The regularly scheduled monthly ACS Newcomers' Orientation scheduled for July 16 has been rescheduled for July 30. All new service and family members are invited to attend the orientation that will be held at ACS building 5201 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The orientation includes a complimentary lunch at Club Dix and a tour of the Contingency Operations Location (COL). For more information and registration, call Patricia Toler or Amada Espinoza at 562-2767.

Free child care is provided but registration in advance is required. For child care information contact the CYS Central Registry at 562-4702.

Weather

FRIDAY -- Mostly sunny. Daytime high 74, low 61.

SATURDAY -- Slight chance of thunderstorms. High temperature of 83, with an overnight low of 67.

SUNDAY -- Chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the low 80, lows in the upper 60s.

MONDAY -- Mix of sun and clouds. Daytime high of 82, with a low temperature of 65.

TUESDAY -- Mostly sunny with a slight chance of rain later in the evening. High temperature reaching 85, with a low of 67.

WEDNESDAY -- Scattered thunderstorms. Daytime high of 85. Low of 67.



Dix lights up sky for Independence

Veverly Wakefield
Public Affairs Staff

Because the talent was so good and fans so eager, Fort Dix decided to expand its annual Independence Day celebration to two days this year.

This year's extravaganza opened on July 3 with the performances by the bands Diverse, Bruckup and Delphonic. The Army's own musical performance group, The USA Express took the stage before Grammy award-nominated pop-punk sensations, Plain White T's appeared before the almost 4,000 howling fans.

A crowd of nearly 35,000 spread across Doughboy Field on July 4 to witness performances by reggae group Bruckup and R&B sensations Trey Songz, Chrissette Michele, and Musiq Soulchild.

"We wanted this year's celebration to be the biggest and best ever," informed Robert Vogt, chief of Fort Dix's Community Recreation Division for Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

With the assistance of concert promoters Mikhael and Alycia Lerer, of Lerer Media and SOURCE magazine, Vogt's goal appeared to be accomplished.

Jaii Styles, Jason Knight, and Stefanie Petronelli rounded out the night's talent hit parade that was showcased before the main event.

"We like to give all of our entertainers opportunity to show what they have any chance we can," stated Mikhael Lerer.

Before the concert began, Soldiers from the Warrior Transition Unit (WTU) and their families were invited to attend a meet and greet with Musiq Soulchild.

When asked how it felt to perform on a military installation celebrating July 4, Musiq confided "It's an honor, this is my second time performing on a base and it was very gracious [on their part] to have been invited."

Chrissette Michele, who performed at Club Dix about a year ago, said she was pleased to return. "I didn't know what to wear and I hope everyone likes my outfit," she said.

After his performance, Trey Songz signed autographs and posed for pictures. SOURCE provided gift bags full of goodies to appreciative fans as well as copies of the magazine's July 09 edition.

A spectacular 30-minute fireworks display closed the evening's events, along with music by Jason Knight.



Pfc. Mark Henderson, 139th MPAD

CELEBRATING FREEDOM -- Fort Dix opened its gates and welcomed the public for an Independence Day celebration. The two-day event included music, food, and fireworks. The Plain White T's headlined the July 3 lineup, while Musiq Soulchild, above, Bruckup, Trey Songz, Chrissette Michele and Jason Knight filled the air with music July 4. See more photos on page 4.

Training cements job skills for Soldiers

Jennifer Chupko
Public Affairs Staff



Jennifer Chupko

ON THE LEVEL -- Spc. David Whitcher, 3-172nd Infantry, Memford, N.Y., levels a foundation at Fort Dix's masonry training center, June 19.

"Military masonry is important for giving Soldiers shelter whether it is in a combat zone, humanitarian missions or non-combat shelters," said Koogler. "We are learning how to use materials and build structures from blueprints," said Sgt. 1st Class Derek Ridley. "These are skills that are used and practiced for not only military work, but civilian careers as well."

These expert construction troops may be deployed overseas on humanitarian missions. The Soldiers build or reconstruct schools and roads as part of combat engineer missions that benefit the Global War on Terrorism.

"These skills save lives," said Koogler. "These Soldiers can enhance their civilian careers, as well as protecting the military's well-being."

Soldiers in the current masonry class are trained in basic skills and learning new ones, are skills they will be able to use anywhere - in the Army or in a civilian job," said Master Sgt. Ronette Koogler, masonry instructor.

Masonry is the building of structures using materials such as brick, marble, granite, travertine, limestone, concrete block, glass block, and tile. A structure built of these materials is generally a highly durable form of construction. However, the materials used and the quality of the mortar and workmanship can strongly affect the durability of overall structures.

den Dmitri Medvedev.

Following the meeting between the two presidents, Obama told reporters that he and Medvedev agreed on the need to combat the threat of violent extremism, particularly from al-Qaida. Access to Russian transit routes substantially increases the efficiency of efforts against violent extremism in Afghanistan, the White House statement said.

Obama said Russia's participation and contributions to the effort in Afghanistan have the potential to be "extraordinarily important." More broadly, he said, the gesture indicates the degree in which Russian-U.S. cooperation could be applied to a host of other international issues.

Underscoring the two countries' mutual interests in Afghanistan, the president cited Moscow's concern about (continued on page 3)



Jennifer Chupko

Cafeteria cooks compete

Curtis Fletcher, a cook at Fort Dix's Non-commissioned Officer Academy, puts cinnamon buns in the oven June 11. The NCO Academy's food staff is in the running for the Philip A. Colletly award. See story on page 3.

the mind field

Weather can prove formidable foe



Steve Snyder
Public Affairs Staff

Weather conditions have influenced and even determined the courses of battles between peoples and nations since time immemorial and one suspects they always will.

- A few examples:
 - In 401 BC, 10,000 Greeks retreated 1,000 miles following the Battle of Cunaxa. Climbing through the hills of Armenia, 6,000 died from exposure.
 - In September 325 BC, Alexander the Great split his forces, taking about 85,000 men back from India through the Makran Desert (a semi-desert coastal strip in south Balochistan, Iran and Pakistan, running along the coast of the Arabian Sea and Gulf of Oman). Soon, his army was out of water. Their wagons sank in the sand as they tried to pass over sand dunes and through sand storms. Poisonous plants and animals populated the area, too. Alexander's army took two months to cross the desert. They had started with 85,000 men. Only 25,000 survived.
 - Napoleon's army invaded Russia with 612,000 men in 1812. Then, winter struck. About 100,000 French soldiers died in battle. Only 110,000 returned with Boneyard to France. A little more than 400,000 succumbed to the ravages of the Russian winter.
 - In 1915 the wind blows chemicals back onto German lines, destroying four Prussian regiments.
 - In 1966 the U.S. Army material replacement cycle sped up from eight years to two years due to tropic moisture's degradation of wood, cloth and electronics.

Weather rules!



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DANGEROUS HEAT WAVES -- In the Gulf War, American armed forces followed the practice of the Israeli army in dealing with desert heat. They drank a minimum of one quart of fluid per hour. This tactic saved American soldiers from suffering any deaths due to heat illness. Among the three major forms of heat injuries, heat cramps are the mildest involving muscle cramps in the legs, arms or abdomen; heat exhaustion with excess sweating and dizziness is more severe and heat stroke sometimes fatal.



AP photo by Micha Han

SIX-DAY WAR -- Israeli soldiers, left, advance toward Egyptian positions in Rafah, southern Gaza Strip, during the Six-Day War in June 1967. The Egyptian Army alone listed over 9,800 soldiers as killed, wounded or missing in action. As much as three fourths of Egyptian fatalities may have been caused by heat stroke, heat exhaustion and dehydration from driving vintage Soviet WWII tanks like the T-34-85 which were strong and reliable but terribly hot - especially in the Sinai Desert.



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OPERATION BARBAROSSA -- Over 4.5 million troops of the Axis powers invaded the Soviet Union along an 1,800 mile front on June 22, 1941 to launch Operation Barbarossa, the largest military operation - in terms of manpower, area covered and casualties, in human history. But after winning some resounding victories the German war machine stalled as they suffered more than 734,000 casualties! German tanks had narrow treads with little traction and poor flotation in mud and Russian roads were notoriously muddy in the autumn, sandy in summer, and snowy in winter. Like Napoleon before him, Adolph Hitler had underestimated the severity of Russian winters and his army paid dearly for his lack of foresight.



U.S. Marine Corps photo

FROZEN CHOSIN -- U.S. Marines take a short break near Yudam-ni before preparing to break out of the Chosin Reservoir. About 150,000 Red Chinese troops ambushed 3,000 soldiers from the Army's 7th Infantry and 18,000 Marines from the 1st, 5th and 7th Regiments between Nov. 27 and Dec. 13, 1950 at the Chosin Reservoir during the Korean War. Combatants fought in temperatures averaging zero during the day and 30 degrees below at night.

Former Defense Secretary McNamara dies

Jim Garamone
American Forces
Press Service

WASHINGTON, July 6, 2009 The defense secretary who presided over the department during the Cuban Missile Crisis and the U.S. involvement in Vietnam died today.

Robert S. McNamara, the nation's eighth defense secretary who served in the Kennedy and Johnson administrations, died here following a long illness.

He was 93. McNamara became defense secretary on Jan. 21, 1961, and served as such during the coldest part of the Cold War.

In 1962, the Soviet Union began building missile sites in Cuba. The sites would have Soviet nuclear missiles capable of hitting any city in the United States in minutes. President John F. Kennedy and his advisors challenged Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev (to withdraw them).

McNamara was a member of a small group of advisors who counseled Kennedy on the matter. In the view of many historians, the United States and the Soviet Union came closer to a nuclear war during this time than at any other time in history. McNamara supported the president's decision to quarantine Cuba to prevent Soviet ships from bringing in more offensive



Yoichi R. Okamoto, wikipedia

VICTIM OF VIETNAM -- With the Vietnam War raging, Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara speaks up during a cabinet meeting at the White House on Nov. 22, 1967. He could be abrasive in dealing with critics, of whom he had many.

weapons. During the crisis, the Pentagon placed U.S. military forces on alert, ready to back up the administration's demand that the Soviet Union withdraw its offensive missiles from Cuba. Vietnam was another major

issue for McNamara. During the Kennedy administration, U.S. involvement in South Vietnam was limited to American Special Forces advisor teams and their support. The number of U.S. troops in Vietnam reached 17,000 by the time Kennedy was assassinated in November 1963.

In 1964 the so-called "Gulf of Tonkin incident" - in which North Vietnamese ships fired on U.S. Navy vessels - caused President Lyndon B. Johnson to retaliate by bombing North Vietnam. Congress passed the Gulf of Tonkin resolution, giving the president the authority to increase the number of U.S. troops and missions in South Vietnam.

The number of American troops American troops in South Vietnam hit 485,000 by the end of 1967, and it reached almost 535,000 by June 1968.

McNamara loyally supported the war in Vietnam, but grew disillusioned. By 1966, he questioned whether the war could be won by deploying more troops to South Vietnam and intensifying the bombing of North Vietnam. McNamara traveled to Southeast Asia many times to assess the war first-hand.

North Vietnam's Tet Offensive, launched in February 1968, was a strategic victory for the enemy. American servicemen-

bers won every battle, but the heart had gone out of U.S. determination to win the war.

By the end of the Tet offensive, McNamara had resigned, leaving office on Feb. 29, 1968. Johnson presented him with both the Medal of Freedom and the Distinguished Service Medal.

McNamara was born June 9, 1916, in San Francisco. In 1937, he graduated from the University of California at Berkeley with a degree in economics and philosophy, and he earned a master's degree in business administration from Harvard in 1939. In 1940, he married Margaret Craig, who founded the Reading is Fundamental program in the 1960s. She died in 1981.

McNamara entered the Army Air Force as a captain in early 1943 and left active duty three years later with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

After the war, he joined the Ford Motor Co. as manager of planning and financial analysis. McNamara rose through the ranks and was named the president of Ford on Nov. 9, 1960. Less than five weeks after becoming president of Ford, McNamara accepted Kennedy's invitation to join his Cabinet. After leaving the Pentagon, he served as president of the World Bank.

Dixan on the street

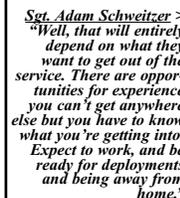
compiled by Steve Snyder

We asked soldiers from the 139th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment out of Springfield, Ill., the following:

"What would you tell a high schooler or youngster who asked whether it was worthwhile to join the service? What are the pros and cons of serving your country?"



< Pvt. 1st Class Dan Lograsso >
"Hey, a kid actually asked me that when I was home last week. [In the Army] you have a lot of opportunities to serve but it involves a certain amount of sacrifice. You lose some personal freedom you're accustomed to but it's all well worth it."



< Sgt. Adam Schweitzer >
"Well, that will entirely depend on what they want to get out of the service. There are opportunities for experience you can't get anywhere else but you have to know what you're getting into. Expect to work, and be ready for deployments and being away from home."



< Staff Sgt. Robert Faulkner >
"Military service can be a noble thing where you learn about yourself, [learn] how to deal with people and get a chance to lead and teach. The downside is that sometimes you have to be commanded to. [Recruits] should come in with their eyes wide open. What you give is what you get. It's a chance to serve your country."



< Sgt. Keith Yanklomenberg >
"It's not for everybody. You should do it for a reason and talk to everybody [before enlisting]. Get a variety of opinions. [In the Army] you meet people from all over the country and the world - I love that! Get a good job [MOS] that you love - for me, that's photography. And if you don't take everything personally, you can have times a blast in basic training."



< Spc. John Stimac >
"Get stuff [your contract] in writing. Learn a lot of skills, get the job you want, and receive career training. You learn to be a leader in the service and communications are very important. The life experience in general is valuable. Cons include deployments now and then. My wife is pregnant and that's tough [being separated]."



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Firefighters take to water

Spec. Brandy Oxford
139th MPAD

The words on the side of Fort Dix Fire and Emergency Services' newest fire truck — "Protecting those who defend America" — echo the opinions of the men who trained on Lake in the Woods

Wednesday night, June 24. As part of their continuous effort to protect the Fort Dix community, the 10 firefighters on duty took turns practicing night water rescue maneuvers using navigation, depth finder and GPS equipment, said Assistant Fire Chief Tom J. Trembula.

"There are lakes that surround

us in these communities and the Delawares River," Trembula said. "Anywhere around that touches this post, that boat goes if they have a water incident."

Trembula, who has more than 26 years with the department, used minimal light to drop off Firefighter Wayne Wharton in a location unknown to the firefighters waiting on shore.

Dressed in a buoyant, reflective suit, Wharton waited in the lake as teams of his co-workers used their lights and equipment to locate him and help him into the nearby silent Rescue ONE Connector Boat.

Captain Brad Ponto said the boats are flat-bottomed for stability and designed to connect side by side for larger operations. Although the boat's maximum capacity is 1,300 pounds — or roughly 8 men — the firefighters trained in groups of three or four.

Of the department's 33 firefighters, no less than 10 are on duty at any time — pulling 24-hour shifts three days a week.

The men treat eight hours of each day as a typical workday, performing inspections and executing training exercises, Trembula said.

On Wednesday, the group spent their down time playing two games of softball, he said.

"We're here working for 24 hours, so we make the best of the day that we can," Trembula said.

After the game, the group gathered in the kitchen, elbow to elbow sharing a family dinner that included Firefighter John Gajderowicz's fiancée Kristina Diakos. Trembula said the dinners are a regular occasion in the firehouse.

"Whoever cooks makes the menu," Trembula said. "What-

ever it costs, we count the heads and divide it up. We don't take money from wives or girlfriends. You come, you eat for free. Whoever cooks doesn't clean."

Diakos, a volunteer firefighter with the Deptford Fire Department and an RN, said she and her fiancé sometimes struggle to make time to spend together. She said she was grateful the group welcomed her at dinner and allowed her to watch their training session. Trembula said the group welcomes the strong, special kind

"There are lakes that surround us in these communities and the Delaware River. Anywhere around that touches this post, that boat goes if they have a water incident."

-Tom J. Trembula

of women it takes to handle men who spend an average of 72 hours per week at work.

Wednesday night was Gajderowicz's first water training session at night with the group. He said the limited visibility made their work harder than daytime training, but the department's lighting equipment was helpful.

Firefighter Howard McGoldrick said the department has access to underwater cameras and infrared and sonar equipment rare to most departments.

"We don't do night drills a lot with the boat, but when we do, we get a lot out of it," he said.

McGoldrick has worked with several Department of Defense fire and rescue teams and said Fort Dix outshines them all.

"I'm not just saying that because I'm here," he said. "Here you have chief officers who come out and train beside you. You don't get that at other places. It's a very tight-knit group."

Trembula said he could retire, but his love for helping people and working with his firehouse family keep him there.

"A lot of people are losing their jobs and here I am, I've got one of the best ones there is," Trembula said.



Spec. Brandy Oxford, 139th MPAD

SEA LEGS -- Assistant Fire Chief Tom J. Trembula waits as fellow firefighters push off the shore of Lake in the Woods during water rescue training June 24. The firefighters spent much of the evening running through drills and various training exercises.

Cooks compete for Connelly Award

The Fort Dix Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO) Academy Small Food Facility category. It is one of the most prestigious food service awards in the mili-

itary and the Fort Dix kitchen exceeds normal expectations. The award is co-sponsored by the International Food Service Executives Association (IFSEA) and the Department of the Army for the Army Center of Excellence, Substance (ACES) administrators.

Established in 1968, the award is named after the late Philip A. Connelly, former IFSEA President responsible for obtaining the IFSEA's sponsorship.

The Dix service team is made up of 35 cooks and is headed by manager Maryous Oliver, Fort Dix's Manager of the Year. "We are fortunate enough to have our facility," said Oliver. "The staff has truly worked well enough and provided the service to deserve this award."

The award panel judged the professionalism of food service personnel to ensure they provide high quality assistance when supporting Soldier dining.

The NCO Academy kitchen is part of the small installation category.

The cooks were also judged on excellence in preparation and serving of food to Army troops dining facilities and during field kitchen operations.

"This award is for doing a great job every day and the Soldiers like the service, based on the feedback we have gotten," said Oliver.

The kitchen had a face-lift just last year and received brand new equipment that allow the cooks to serve up tasty meals and bake sweet desserts for the NCO Soldiers in Building 5517.

"We work hard to make sure no Soldier leaves this cafeteria unsatisfied," said Oliver. "We take pride in the food we create and the cooks serve up the best they can make."

Winners will be announced April 2010.

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 June 29 - July 5, 2009.

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. 5240. Investigation revealed the alarm was false.

●Police responded to a traffic accident at CP #9. Investigation revealed a vehicle, operated by a civilian NAFD, struck another vehicle from the rear. There were no reported injuries and the vehicles were released to the operators at the scene.

●Police responded to a traffic accident near Bldg. 5643. Investigation revealed a government vehicle, operated by a Soldier assigned to Fort Dix, was struck by an unknown vehicle while parked and unattended.

●Police and Fire Department personnel responded to a fire alarm at Bldg. 5603. Investigation revealed the alarm was caused by contractors working on the system.

●Police responded to an incident at the playground located at Juniper and Locust Streets. Investigation revealed equipment had been damaged and graffiti had been painted by person(s) unknown. Investigation continues.

●Police, Fire Department, and environmental personnel responded to a diesel fuel spill near Bldg. 6915. Investigation revealed about 20 gallons of fuel had been spilled. The spill was contained and arrangements were made to have it cleaned up.

●Police and Fire Department personnel responded to a fire alarm at Bldg. 6530. Investigation revealed the alarm was malfunctioning. A work order was placed.

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

●Police and Fire Department personnel responded to a fire alarm at Bldg. 5275. Investigation revealed steam from a shower activated the alarm.

●Police and Fire Department personnel responded to a fire alarm at Bldg. 5991. Investigation revealed the alarm was activated while Soldiers were cleaning the building. Occupants of the building were still in the facility and were briefed on the importance of evacuation upon an alarm.

●During a routine traffic stop on Pennsylvania Avenue, police discovered the vehicle operator, a Soldier assigned to Fort Dix, had an expired license. The subject was cited and the vehicle towed from the scene.

●While on routine patrol on Supply Road, police were notified by a passerby that a child had been left unattended in a vehicle. The child was located in a vehicle owned by a civilian NAFD. The child was removed from the vehicle, appeared to be in good health, and was returned to his family. Investigation continues.

●Police and Fire Department personnel responded to a smell of smoke at Bldg. 6558. Investigation revealed an air conditioner motor had burnt out causing the smell. A work order was placed.

●While conducting a routine credential check of passengers on a N.J. Transit bus attempting to enter the area via the Browns Mills gate, police discovered a passenger, a civilian NAFD, had two outstanding warrants out of Lakewood and a warrant out of Camden. The subject was transported to the police station for processing and transferred to the custody of the Burlington County Jail.

●Police responded to an incident in the Laurel Hill housing area. Investigation revealed a resident, a Soldier assigned to Fort Dix, and her spouse had a verbal disagreement. The Domestic Violence Response Team was notified and responded. Investigation continues.

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

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

Russia allows transit

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terrorism and the drug trade and their infiltration into Russia. Obama also praised Russia's capabilities in training police and armies, a task that multinational forces are undertaking with Afghanistan's growing national security forces.

Speaking about the future of U.S.-Russian efforts in Afghanistan, Obama expressed optimism that the U.S.-Russia Bilateral Presidential Commission agreement also signed July 6 represents a prelude to closer cooperation.

"Our hope is that as part of the broader presidential commission structure that we've put in place, that we're going to further discuss both the military efforts in Afghanistan, but also the development efforts and the diplomatic efforts, so that we can make progress," he said.

Obama thanked the Russian government for agreeing to the transit arrangement that will "save U.S. troops both time and money."

"And it's, I think, a gesture that indicates the degree to which, in the future, Russian-U.S. cooperation can be extraordinarily important in solving a whole host of these very important international issues," he added.

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Fireworks, music highlight celebration



Jennifer McCarthy



FAMILY FUN -- Master Sgt. Paul Williams, of the 72nd Field Artillery Brigades' 1st-309th, safely directs traffic and pedestrians to Doughboy Field for the July 4 celebration, above. Aiden Joseph Primo, 3, and his mother, Nicole Pierce, a New Jersey Army National warrant officer candidate with the 50th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Lawrenceville, share the view with thousands of attendees of the entertainment and fireworks during the two-day Independence celebration, right.



photos by David Moore

ENTERTAINMENT -- Independence Day is always a cause for celebration at Fort Dix. This year, the post spread the fun and festivities over two days, July 3 - 4. The Plain White T's, above, were the headlining act July 3. Mustq Soulchild, above left, met with fans at Club Dix before taking to the stage July 4. Thousands of spectators flocked to the post for the fun, below, and even with all the top-notch musical talent available, the main attraction of the two-day event was the impressive fire works display.



Police incorporate technology to protect post



Sgt. Jayson A. Hoffman, 139th MPAD

ALL SECURE -- DoD Patrolman Michael Kennedy prepares to begin his patrol at Fort Dix June 25.

Sgt. Jayson A. Hoffman
139th MPAD

Patrolman at Fort Dix have incorporated technology into their daily beats to better protect the post. Still, much of their work involves "old fashioned" methods, which are combined with more hi-tech gadgets.

Take the average day of a Department of Defense patrolman on Fort Dix as an example:

Michael Kennedy, a Point Pleasant native, prepares for his daily routine at 3:30 a.m. He makes the hour-long trip to Fort Dix, puts on his police uniform, and receives the daily mission brief.

Kennedy rolls out in his assigned patrol car to guard his designated sector. He watches a semi-truck towing a trailer that has obscenities spray-painted on it.

"Stuff like that makes my senses tingle," he said, following the truck for about a quarter of a mile.

The semi heads for the designated commercial vehicle gate, but misses the turn, and the red and blue begins. The truck driver immediately pulls over.

Kennedy steps out of his vehicle and approaches the truck. He appraises the driver, notices his confusion, and calmly directs him to the exit he just passed.

"I try to go the extra mile. I'll change a flat tire. I've done it. If people have a question, I'm pretty approachable," said Kennedy.

Kennedy said he has been a DoD officer for about two years here

and was a 10-year Navy master at arms veteran.

"I like it. Coming from the military myself, I feel attached to it. It's an honor," he said.

After Sept. 11, every entrance to the post has an access control point (ACP), which is named in honor of servicemembers who lost their lives fighting for their country.

The ACPs, which have about 4,000 vehicles pass through daily, are supplemented by the use of the Defense Biometrics Identification System. The DBIDS is a handheld device that reads state and federal identification cards and alarms the control point guards if someone has a warrant out for their arrest, said Kennedy.

The system is being used around the world, including in overseas military operations, said Maj. John Dove, DoD police chief.

Gate nine, which is the entrance for commercial trucks, has special technology that scans each vehicle and provides an X-ray image of the inside of the trailer.

There are roughly 800 trucks that move through the gate every day, he said.

The police force here has first-class technology to aid in base security, which the station teaches mobilizing military police units to use, said Dove.

These units go on "ride-alongs," where they watch DoD officers perform their daily routines. They also conduct pepper spray training, he said.

"They love it. It's much better than other training they've had. It's much more exciting for them," said Dove. "When the units come back, we welcome them back. We've kind of adopted them," he said.

Freedom Brigade welcomes new commander

Jennifer Chupko
Public Affairs Staff

The 2nd "Freedom" Brigade, Army Cadet Command Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) Northeast Region, welcomed new commander Col. Glenn Goldman at Club Dix, June 1. In a traditional ceremony, more than 30 people gathered to witness Goldman assume command of the unit.

Literally, straight from the operational theater in Iraq, Goldman served as the Multi-National Division South (Task Force Mountain) Fires and Effects Coordinator.

The brigade recruits Soldiers from New Jersey, Pennsylvania, New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, and Maine. The brigade's primary focus is to commission future leadership of the U.S. Army.

As one of the best leadership

electives in the country, the ROTC is part of a college curriculum.

Interspersed with college academics are leadership labs, physical training and field training exercises. Future Soldiers learn first-hand what it takes to lead others, motivate groups and conduct missions as an Officer in the U.S. Army.

Upon graduation from Army ROTC, Soldiers are commissioned as second lieutenants and enter into the active Army, U.S. Army Reserve or U.S. Army National Guard.

"This brigade performs the Army's highest form of duty and strives to find new leaders," said Goldman.

"As commander, I will give my 100 percent best effort."

The guidon was passed to Goldman by Maj. Gen. Arthur Bartell, commander, U.S. Army Cadet Command. Former commander Col. Chuck Hardy was absent since he has already been

deployed to Afghanistan, precluding him from participating in the ceremony.

"As all who know him can attest, Chuck Hardy was a magnificent commander and is a superb leader," said Bartell. "And today, we welcome Col. Glenn Goldman- an equally talented leader who is poised to lead the Freedom Brigade to even greater heights."

Goldman's new charter of leadership also includes supervising key aspects of the Junior ROTC (JROTC) arena.

"It takes someone with heart to raise their hand while our country is at war," said Goldman. "I am proud to be part of the Army and these young men and women learn that their efforts indeed matter through the ROTC and JROTC programs."

Goldman holds two masters degrees, one in public management from Troy State University, Troy, Alabama and the other in national security/strategic stud-

ies from the U.S. College of Naval Warfare.

"He is living proof of the views that President John F. Kennedy expressed on the topic of military education," said Bartell. "Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other."

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star with one oak leaf cluster (OLC), Defense Meritorious Service medal, Meritorious Service Medal (4OLC), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (3OLC), Army Achievement Medal (1OLC), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with combat assault arrowhead, South-West Asia Service Medal with two bronze service stars, and the Meritorious Unit Citation.

Goldman has also earned the Combat Action Badge, Master Parachutist Badge with one combat service star, Pathfinder Badge, Ranger Tab, German



NEW ERA -- Maj. Gen. Arthur Bartell, U.S. Army Cadet Command right, passes the 2nd "Freedom" Brigade colors to Col. Glenn Goldman during the Assumption of Command Ceremony, July 1.

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Financial assistance available for military spouses

CDM Institute will visit Army Community Services July 21 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. to provide information regarding educational opportunities for military spouses that are considering a new career or looking to advance in their current field. Military spouses may be eligible for financial assistance through the Military Spouse Career Advancement Account when enrolled in participating schools. For more information and to register call Patricia Toler or Amada Espinoza at 562-2767.

Awana program offered at McGuire Chapel

An Awana presentation and dinner will be held at the McGuire Air Force Base Main Chapel July 15 at 6 p.m. Awana is a 60 year old program that has been successfully growing on many bases and the chapel staff is excited to offer it to the families on Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst. Missionary Randy Myers will be on hand to answer any questions. The dinner is free. For more information call 754-5667.

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.

Hot August Night Wine and Jazz Festival returns to Club

Enjoy a night of wine and smooth Jazz at Club Dix Aug. 14 at 5:30 p.m. Live performances by Jazz greats Jeff Golub, Edge 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.

Deadline extended for Army Arts and Crafts Contest

The Deadline has been extended to July 15 for the All Army Arts and Crafts Contest. Artwork being accepted in the following categories: ceramics, drawings, wood, prints, fibers and textiles, water base painting, glass, oil base painting, metals and jewelry, mixed media - 2D, and mixed media - 3D. Contact your local Arts and Crafts Center for more information by calling 562-5691.

Home buying seminar offered at ACS

The ACS Relocation Readiness Program is sponsoring a free home buying seminar July 22 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Bldg. 5201. Topics covered include: seven reasons to buy a home, steps to buying a home, how to negotiate a mortgage, down payments and closing costs, work to look for in a lender, the secrets to finding the best home possible and much more. Bring all your questions. Advance registration is required. Call 562-2767 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. Baggio, 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. For more information call 562-6667

Teens trade time off for training

Ryan Morton
Public Affairs Staff

More than 150 cadets in the Air Force Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) delayed starting their summer vacations and instead, voluntar-

ily attended the Summer Leadership School on Fort Dix for the week prior to the fourth of July.

East Orange Campus High School in East Orange, hosted cadets from nine high schools in the Northeast region in four different states - New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, and Maryland.

"It's an annual event and the program helps develop leadership qualities, team building, and confidence within the cadets," said Air Force Lt. Col. Richard Forchion, Summer Leadership School Commandant and East Orange Campus High School Air Force JROTC instructor.

Throughout their week-long stay on the installation, the cadets awoke at 4:45 a.m. for physical training and to experience various training activities including land navigation and drill and ceremony.

The students participated in teamwork development to aid them in navigating their way through the Fort Dix Leadership Reaction and Confidence courses.

According to Forchion, the cadets exhibited competence when facing the challenges in their training.

"I thought these kids did a great job, especially working together to get through the courses. They've gone through the growing pains and I'm really pleased with the teamwork they exhibited," he said.

"They've come together nicely," he added.

As part of the Leadership and Confidence courses, cadets worked together to overcome obstacles.

One such obstacle was learning how to move as a group, called a flight, in small areas. The goal was to get the entire group, along with simulated ammo crates, across various places without touching the ground while using a limited number of resources.

The teens also tackled a series of individual obstacles.

These challenges required that they physically maneuver up and over various barriers as well as navigate across a series of small posts sticking up vertically out of the ground without hitting the ground.

"The courses are good because they help teach cooperation with each other. In order to accomplish the tasks we really need to listen to each other and work together," said Cadet Alosha Ayinde, East Orange Campus High School.

Forchion says he has taken Summer Leadership Classes to Fort Dix before and, as in previous years, appreciates the support he and the cadets get from the installation.



photos by Ryan Morton

OVER AND ABOVE -- Dylan Boyer, Air Force JROTC cadet, Schenectady High School, in Schenectady, N.Y., propels himself over one of the obstacles on Fort Dix's Confidence Course, July 1.

Chapel leader leaves Dix for Dixie

Lisa Evans
Public Affairs Staff

"The coin case says 'encourager, mentor, leader, servant of God.' That tells it all; that breaks it down," said Chaplain Assistant Sgt. Denise Powers, of the memento presented to Master Sgt. Anthony Pamplin.

A man of few words, yet a trusted leader, Pamplin, Fort Dix Chapel Non-commissioned Officer in Charge (NCOIC), is leaving Fort Dix for U.S. Army Reserve Command (USARC) Headquarters at Fort McPherson, Ga.

Sgt. Major James M. Peters with USARC advised Pamplin that the position was open and asked if he was interested in moving his family to Atlanta.

"I was requested to apply since there was an open slot at USARC," said Pamplin. "Who's going to say no?"

"I've known Tony about 10 years. He's got great potential and definitely is sergeant major material. I try to put him in positions and situations that will help his career," said Peters. "I spoke to him several months ago and said 'I'd like you to come here and take over operations and mobilization for us.'"

Pamplin's new job title will be NCOIC of Religion Support Operations. In this position, he will oversee mobilization of chaplains and chaplain assistants to fill in units being mobilized and deployed.

"He will be responsible for all of the Army Reserve units deploying to go through them and scrub them to make sure they have a chaplain and a chaplain assistant," said Peters.

At Fort Dix as the Garrison Chapel NCOIC, Pamplin has been the Chapel fund manager, volunteered with youth, and was very active with the gospel service.

"I just love people so I try to find ways to interact with them," Pamplin said. "My goal for here is to leave things better than I came, leave it more uplifting, more encouraging for those I come in contact with."

"This is not a job, it's a ministry," Pamplin explained. "A very important part of what we do here is taking care of Soldiers and their families."

"Honestly, ministry is my favorite thing," he said. "Taking care of Soldiers and their families, that's what it is all

about. There are people who are hurting, who need spiritual guidance and leadership. I hope I'm that type of tool that can guide people and be of help to someone in need."

"Life will beat you down," Pamplin said. "You have to take care of people. If you take care of people they will take care of you."

Findings for a final audit of the Chapel's funds were perfect, so Pamplin has cleared the last hurdle before moving on. He feels that his job at Fort Dix has been accomplished, Pamplin added.

"I've got great Soldiers. My chaplain assistants are phenomenal. A person is never successful by himself. It takes a great team for anyone to be successful. It takes teamwork," Pamplin said.

His chaplain assistants, Sgt. Denise Powers, Sgt. Nisan Cornibert, Sgt. Ariel Castillo and Staff Sgt. Myron Green, all agreed that

Pamplin is the best master sergeant. As a leader, his four assistant chaplains said he would never set anyone up for failure, but

for failure, but would ensure all could succeed.

"Personally, I've had in my whole military career and I've been in the military 30 years," Powers said.

Since coming to the Post, Pamplin has quietly ensured that all three Sunday services ran smoothly, ensured all of the titles were accounted for and banked correctly, and that all expenditures met Army guidelines.

When Castillo first came to Fort Dix he said Pamplin walked him through the first two weekend duties, working alongside him and putting in 19 days of work without a break.

"Master Sgt. Pamplin is a great individual, very humble and approachable, never condescending. He's an ideal leader, the ideal boss. If we have a new set-up, he would never write it down and say do it," said Castillo. "He will do it first to see how it's done and take the bulk of the work and do it for a time until you know how to do it, too."

Before coming to New Jersey, Pamplin was attached to the 1st Brigade Chaplain Recruiting Team, Fort Meade, Md. By the third quarter his team exceeded recruiting goals for 2006. In that position, he not only recruited for the chaplaincy, he actively aided placing recruits into other military occupations

where he felt they would better succeed.

In The Official Publication of the 1st Recruiting Brigade, Fall 2006 issue, Pamplin said his team refused to accept anything less than complete victory.

"He's very professional, the best master sergeant ever in the United States Army," said Sgt. Felix Acevedo, a former chaplain assistant for Pamplin now attached to Fort Monmouth. "He sat us down for briefings on professionalism and it was incredible. He broke down each job and explained each job and the professionalism for each job."

Castillo said the master sergeant was great at reducing tension. With his experience, ability to work as a team member, and to remain calm in chaos, Pam-

plin is right for the USARC job, his subordinates agreed.

"He's not very confrontational," said Powers. "He's a great listener and very wise in that he sees both sides of the issue and will reflect on both sides of it and it makes so much sense. He's kept the chapel running smoothly."

Pamplin said he is sad to be leaving, but the timing is right. With one son in college, and his eldest daughter graduating from high school this year and entering the Air Force in the Fall, his other three children and wife are ready to head south.

"What I will miss most is the friendships with all of the services, all of the people," Pamplin said.



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HONORED -- Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Pamplin, Fort Dix Chapel Noncommissioned Officer in Charge, places a wreath next to a headstone, Dec. 14, 2008. The Worcester Wreath Company donated 5,000 wreaths to be placed on the markers of those buried at Arlington National Cemetery. Pamplin, along with Soldiers from 1st Brigade Chaplain Recruiting Team, at Fort Meade, Md., were among the 5,000 volunteers who helped place the wreaths.

Honors and Awards



Noncommissioned Officer (NCO) Academy Soldiers, Sgt. 1st Class Michelle Arbogast, Sgt. 1st Class Juliet Brooks, Sgt. 1st Class Ronald McRae, and Sgt. 1st Class Kateisha Perry were promoted July 7.



Pfc. Lisa A. Cope, 139th MPAD

Staff Sgt. Colin Prendergast, 139th Mobile Public Affairs Det., Illinois Army National Guard, above, stands with Command Sgt. Maj. David Ray Hudson, senior enlisted leader to the chief. Hudson presented Prendergast with a coin for knowing the founding year for the Army National Guard was 1636.

photos by Ryan Morton



Maj. Timothy Popek and 1st Sgt. Kent Chicosky, 422nd Civil Affairs Battalion, A Company, General Support (Tactical), left, fasten their Yellow Banner to the line at Infantry Park during the Yellow Banner Ceremony, July 2. The unit, from of Greensboro, N.C., concluded their mobilization training at Fort Dix in preparation for a deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Also attaching a Yellow Banner that day were Maj. John Billings and 1st Sgt. David Wray, 1479th Civil Affairs Company. The New York unit is deploying in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.



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Staff Sgt. Myron Green, right, was recognized for his outstanding effort in organizing the Tree Planting and Dedication Ceremony honoring outgoing Garrison Commander, Col. Ronald R. Thaxton held June 16. Chap. (Col.) Thomas Brouillard presented Green his award letter during a ceremony held in the Fort Dix Main Chapel June 28.



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Chap. (Col.) Thomas Brouillard presents Ray Perkins, chaplain administrative assistant, with the Garrison Commander's Award for Civilian Service for 10 years of sustained excellence June 28 during a small ceremony held at the Fort Dix Main Chapel.

Chaplain candidate promoted during internship

Chap. (Col.) Thomas H. Brouillard
Installation Chaplain

Lt. Ryan Davis Mortensen received a promotion to 1st Lieutenant June 28, while participating in a short internship at the Fort Dix Main Chapel.

Mortensen came to Fort Dix from his home on Guam to participate in a 30-day Chaplain Candidate Practicum.

During the practicum, seminary student candidates for Army Chaplaincy are given broad exposure to the ministry of Army Chaplains.

While at Fort Dix, Mortensen attended command and staff briefings; participated in reintegration groups and trained in Suicide Prevention. He also participated in Train-the-Trainer, Battlemind, Stress Management,

and Individual Development.

In addition, he also observed field training and learning the basics of Army customs and courtesies.

As a Chaplain Candidate, Mortensen's military education includes completing the Chap-

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lain Initial Military Training and Phase 1 of the Chaplain Basic Officer Leader Course.

He has completed a Chaplain Candidate practicum with a focus on mobilizing and demobilizing Soldiers at Fort Dix.

Mortensen attended Northwestern Bible College in Roseville, Minn. where he

received a bachelor's degree in biblical studies and social science education in 2001.

In 2006 Mortensen received his master's degree in education from Framingham College in Framingham, Mass.

He is currently in his second year of seminary, working towards a Masters of Divinity degree through Liberty Theological Seminary in Lynchburg, Va.

Mortensen has received conditional ecclesiastical approval from the Evangelical Church Alliance. His hobbies include family time, running, scuba diving, and kite-surfing.

Mortensen and his wife of five years, Erin, live on the island of Saipan.

They have three children—Elijah, Micah, and Isabella.



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Chap. (Col.) Thomas Brouillard, installation chaplain, congratulates 1st Lt. Ryan Mortensen on his new rank during a Chapel awards ceremony held June 28.

Rules spelled out for G.I. Bill transferability

C. Todd Lopez
Army News Service

WASHINGTON, June 23, 2009 -- Beginning June 29, Soldiers can go online and elect to transfer their Post-9/11 G.I. Bill benefits to their spouse or children.

Rules for transferring educational benefits under the "Post-9/11 Veteran's Education Assistance Act Of 2008," sometimes called the "Post-9/11 G.I. Bill," were spelled out June 23 by Bob Clark, the Department of Defense's assistant director for accession policy and military personnel policy.

According to Clark, Soldiers will be able to transfer benefits to dependents only if they are active or Select Reserve on Aug. 1. The benefit cannot be trans-

ferred by those serving in the Individual Ready Reserve, who are retired, or who are separated on that date.

Additionally, under the transferability rules, a Soldier must have served six years and must commit to serve an additional four years.

Soldiers can elect to transfer benefits to family members beginning June 29, through the Transferability of Educational Benefits Web site at <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/TEB>.

After Soldiers make those elections, the Army will verify and approve the election and assign the four-year commitment, if required. Following that approval, a Soldier's family member can then apply for benefits through the Veterans Administration Web site.

According to Clark, it is rec-

ommended that Soldiers add all family members as potential beneficiaries of their Post-9/11 G.I. Bill benefits.

Once a Soldier has retired or separated from the Army, they can no longer add new family members as potential beneficiaries.

Under the Post-9/11 G.I. Bill, thousands of qualified Soldiers or family members of qualifying Soldiers will have the opportunity to go to college at no cost to them.

Soldiers, Army veterans, and family members of qualifying Soldiers can begin using benefits under the Post-9/11 G.I. Bill beginning Aug. 1. Benefits from the program can be paid out for a total of 36 months. Under a typical college program, where students attend school for nine months at a time and are then off

during the summer months, the plan could allow veterans to get a four-year degree while attending school in residence.

With the Post-9/11 G.I. Bill, tuition payments are sent directly to the school. Additional payments for books and supplies go directly to students.

Tuition is not the only benefit extended to potential college attendees. For students attending school more than half the time, the Post-9/11 G.I. Bill also pays housing costs, up to a rate equivalent to the Basic Allowance for Housing rate for an E-5 with dependents in the ZIP code where the school is located.

Students are also entitled to a yearly stipend of up to \$1,000 to cover the cost of books and supplies, and students from highly rural areas who are transferring to a school may also be entitled to a one-time payment of \$500.

Soldiers on active duty may tap in to the Post-9/11 G.I. Bill and apply benefits toward tuition. However, active duty Soldiers are not entitled to receive the housing allowance from the program, nor the books and supplies stipend.

Benefits under the Post-9/11 G.I. Bill can be used for all levels of degree programs. The program allows Soldiers to earn a second degree, a master's degree or even a doctorate.

Soldiers meeting the eligibil-

ity requirements to transfer benefits to their family members already exceed the requirements to earn 100-percent of the Post-9/11 G.I. Bill benefits.

Soldiers who have served less than the time required to earn 100-percent of the benefit under

the Post-9/11 G.I. Bill may receive benefits at a prorated amount.

The amount of active service members have after 9/11 determines what percentage of benefits they can receive under the Post-9/11 G.I. Bill.

Post-9/11 G.I. Bill benefits

Member Serves	Percentage of Maximum Benefit Payable
At least 36 months	100%
At least 30 continuous days on active duty and must be discharged due to service-connected disability	100%
At least 30 months, but less than 36 months	90%
At least 24 months, but less than 30 months	80%
At least 18 months, but less than 24 months	70%
At least 12 months, but less than 18 months	60%
At least 06 months, but less than 12 months	50%
At least 90 days, but less than 6 months	40%

Soldiers seeking housing can look online for help

C. Todd Lopez
Army News Service

WASHINGTON, June 18, 2009 -- Soldiers looking for an easy way to find safe, reputable housing at their new duty station — before they arrive — can visit their local housing office and ask for information about the Automated Housing Referral Network.

The AHRN is a Department of Defense-sponsored Web site that directs servicemembers preparing for a permanent change of station to housing vacancies in the vicinity of their new duty stations.

"It's convenient, and for the most part, Soldiers like that they can look at this at their own leisure and see addresses and go out there and look ahead of time," said Estrella Martinez, the Housing Services chief at Fort Bliss, Texas. Martinez said as many as 300 Soldiers at the Texas installation have found housing through AHRN.

For Soldiers looking for housing, they can log into the site from anywhere in the world and

search for apartments or homes for rent in the local area around their new duty station. Prices, locations and photos are available on the site, as is contact information.

"You can search all types of ways: by bedroom size, zip code, square footage, rental amount, etc.," Martinez said. "And it's easy to use. When they do get to the Web site and are new to using

Martinez said. "If we find something suspicious, like rent is too low, we go look to see if it is an okay property to make sure a Soldier in Germany is not going to get tricked by fake pictures."

Martinez said that most landlords who use the site are honest, and are glad to be able to advertise for free to the military audience.

"There's a good response from property managers — they know this is a Department of Defense Web site for Soldiers to go on and look for rentals," Martinez said.

"Everybody likes having military rent from Soldiers. And it looks good in the community. Some landlords say that within days they had calls."

The AHRN Web site is free for both Soldiers looking for a good place to live, and for landlords who want to rent their properties to members of the military.

Soldiers interested in beginning the process of finding housing before leaving their current duty station can start their search by logging into the AHRN Web site at: www.ahrn.com.

Properties on the site undergo the same kind of scrutiny they would undergo if they were to be referred to Soldiers by housing office personnel during an office visit.

"We actually do monitoring of the properties on there — all the properties that are listed,"

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Training center set to get first woman CO

Jennifer Chupko
Public Affairs Staff

Soldiers of Army National Guard Bureau's Joint Training and Training Development Center (JT2DC) Command will welcome new commander Col. Loraine Thomas, Chief, Plans and Operations Department, Directorate of Plans Training Mobilization and Security (DPTMS), July 11 at 1:30 p.m. at the JT2DC, Bldg. 3601.

The JT2DC has developed a training regimen at Fort Dix which benefits all Army National Guardsmen and Reservists deploying to Iraq or Afghanistan. Thomas will be taking that command from Col. Anthony Formica, outgoing commander.

Thomas was an Army Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) cadet in the Simultaneous Membership program, when she enlisted in the National Guard at Rider University in Lawrenceville, 1981.

The program is designed to commission Soldiers into the National Guard and Army Reserve.

Thomas was subsequently commissioned as a second lieutenant.

She was deployed to Iraq



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FOCAL POINT -- Maj. Gen. Glenn K. Rieth, the adjutant general of the New Jersey National Guard, left, visits the 250th Signal Battalion's commander, Col. Loraine Thomas in Tikrit, Iraq in 2005. Thomas will be the first woman to command the Joint Training and Training Development Center.

from 2003 to 2006 and commanded the 250th Signal Battalion in the National Guard during Operation Iraqi Freedom with the 42d Infantry Division.

"Using her previous experience as a deployed commander, she is able to understand the

challenges unit commanders experience during the mobilization process, while at the same time maintaining a firm grasp on the current mobilization requirements," said Larry Sloan, Fort Dix DPTMS, mobilization officer.

Thomas came to Fort Dix in 1997 and has made her mark at DPTMS.

Thomas' non-stop work schedule is grueling, but from her experience as a mobilized

Soldier, she knows what needs to be done.

"What I feel I've brought to the table these past two years in dealing with all these mobilizing units, particularly their commanders and first sergeants, is that I've been where they are and I know how overwhelming the whole task of getting a unit away from home and focusing on their training here in preparation of Iraq or Afghanistan can be," said Thomas. "I am blessed to have enlisted Soldiers come to me for advice - it is what I had hoped to be to them when they were training."

The philosophy Thomas stands by is simple: go to the experts to get the answers instead of doing it wrong. She said she has learned a lot from working with other command personnel.

"During her time here Col. Thomas' sense of humor would emerge during four to five hour meetings with mobilizing units which could last for four to five hours a day during peak mobilization times, keeping the atmosphere light, but maintaining focus on the task at hand," said Sloan.

Although Thomas has plenty of knowledge and experience, she doesn't believe in the "learning by failing" teaching methods for her staff or Soldiers.

"Whatever I, or the guys that work with me, can do to make

their lives here simpler and smoother so they can get the job done is what's important to me," said Thomas. "I don't believe that making their time here harder makes them stronger or is a teaching point."

Thomas has completed the Signal Officer Basic Course, Signal Officer Advanced Course, Combined Armed Services Staff School, Command and General Staff College, as well as the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute Reserve Component Equal Opportunity Advisor Course, and the United States Army War College.

She is the recipient of numerous federal and state awards throughout her career including the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal, Global War on Terror Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Army Reserve Overseas Training Ribbon, New Jersey Meritorious Service Medal, New Jersey Medal of Merit, and the New Jersey State Service Award.

"I have a great job with great people," said Thomas.

"I need to follow my military career. It has been a good ride at DPTMS."



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Civil affairs unit embraces new role

Ryan Morton
Public Affairs Staff

Soldiers in the 1472nd Civil Affairs Company are not only at Fort Dix to prepare for an upcoming Operation Iraqi Freedom mission, but also busy learning new skills. More than 30 Soldiers were members of a chemical unit that was recently re-classed to a civil affairs mission. This particular unit, from Chicago, was previously designated Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 472nd Chemical Battalion. So far, these Soldiers are embracing their new roles.

"It's a lot different than

before. Now we get to interact more with the people and are able to be more hands-on with helping people get back on their feet," said unit member Sgt. Kyle Hook.

Civil affairs units help communities in impoverished or war torn locales rebuild their infrastructures. The units focus on areas of operation including Sewage, Water, Academics, Electricity, and Trash, more commonly known in civil affairs terminology as SWEAT. In a country like Iraq, according to Maj. Steven Stewart, 1472nd CA Co. Commander, it's important to get all the areas in SWEAT up and running because it reduces the tendency for locals to join the

insurgency.

"If we can help them accomplish those things and be able to help provide a more comfortable and safer environment to raise their children and send them to school, they'll be less likely to be part of or join the insurgency," said Stewart.

Stewart also believes that the training he and his Soldiers have received will prove useful down-range.

"I think the training should help them prepare for whatever circumstances they'll see over there in Iraq and give them an opportunity to fine tune the tactics and techniques they've learned to use in various circumstances," he said.

Many Soldiers within the unit volunteered to transfer to civil affairs and at least one third deployed before.

"Having that deployment experience is extremely valuable and those that go through it are an extremely valuable asset because those Soldiers can really help out the younger Soldiers," said Stewart.

"The younger Soldiers can take this experience and use it to help other Soldiers in the future as well," he said.

The 1472nd CA Co. will ship out to Iraq in the near future and, according to Stewart, hope to make a long lasting impact and, more importantly, bring everyone safely home.



Ryan Morton

MOVING OUT -- 1472nd Civil Affairs Company Soldiers escort detainees during a training mission at Fort Dix's Balad training range, June 26. The unit, from Chicago, is mobilizing on the installation for an OIF deployment.

Training regimens stress diplomacy for missions

Wayne Cook
Public Affairs Staff

As the missions in Iraq and Afghanistan change, the need for more diplomacy in the field has become increasingly important. To address the changes in these arenas, the training and deployment of civil affairs units has shifted into high gear.

In Iraq, the need for community and nation building is paramount to the success of the fledgling democracy.



Wayne Cook

OPSEC -- During a training scenario, Navy Lt. Dustin Koritko, 401st Civil Affairs Battalion, Delta Company, discusses security measures with a role player acting as an Iraqi policeman, June 26.

Civil Affairs and Provincial Reconstruction Teams (PRTs) are in high demand as combat units pull out of the heavily populated areas and relinquish control to Iraqi security forces.

The teams maintain contact with the local populace and help with rebuilding of community infrastructures and economic needs.

"The 401st Civil Affairs Battalion [from Webster, N.Y.] has been in the Iraq and Afghanistan theaters for more than two years now," said 1st Sgt. Chuck Cutler,

401st Civil Affairs Battalion, Delta Company first sergeant. On this deployment however, the unit will not only include Soldiers, but also U.S. Navy Sailors and two Airmen from the 308th Civil Affairs Detachment. This mission will also see Alpha Company, 422nd Civil Affairs Brigade, from Greensboro, S.C., participating in a similar task.

"The unit has done amazingly well coming together. We came here April 5 to go through training with the Regional Training Center [East]. We completed that training April 25 and went back to home station for more training and returned May 23 for mobilization training. The training at the MOUT (Military Operations in Urban Terrain) sites and the civil affairs aspect of the training has been excellent," said Maj. Lee Baroldy, commander of Delta Company.

For some in the unit, mobilization training is a whole new experience.

"The training is quite enjoyable, actually. I'm learning a lot of information, much more than I thought I was going to get. The training is a lot more in-depth than I was expecting. Combat Life Saver was really interesting. I'm looking forward to the

upcoming mission because the PRTs get to go out and be amongst the civilian populace," said Air Force Senior Airman Jerrica Noble, ground radio maintenance specialist with the 308th Civil Affairs Detachment.

Navy Lt. Dustin Koritko, assigned to the 401st and an aviator stationed at Camp Lejeune, N.C., said he was getting the opportunity to walk in his brother's boots. His brother is an Army officer and Koritko is now operating on the ground with an Army unit. "I started training with Civil Affairs in January. The training is different, but good. It took a little bit to get acclimated to the unit, mostly because of the different languages we speak in each of the branches of service.

Having USACAPOC (United States Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command) come here to actually provide the training to the Civil Affairs units has been very good," Koritko said.

In discussing the combined unit training mission, Lt. Col. Ronny Diz, commander of the 308th Civil Affairs Detachment, said "So far everyone is getting along very well. They understand the importance of the mission. The training has been suffi-

cient enough to make us aware of the many dangers in Iraq. I think there needs to be more specific training for servicemembers being assigned to the PRTs to either Iraq or Afghanistan using information coming directly from other PRTs in theater. The current information would provide clearer and more up-to-date training for the mobilizing teams," said Diz.

After completing their training at Fort Dix, the Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen look forward to putting their skills to work in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"Our troops are ready to roll. We have a lot of young, new troops so this will be their first experience in theater. Our older, more experienced Soldiers make sure they mentor and watch over the younger troops. The moral of the company is sky high. This is a great group of Soldiers," said Cutler.

In Afghanistan, the push has been to win the hearts of the people to rid the nation of insurgent forces including the Taliban and Al Qaeda, who obtain much of their financing through the sale of opium - the poppy being the major cash crop grown in the rural areas of the country. Helping the farmers develop a crop

that can sustain their economic needs and eliminate the growing of poppies will be a key challenge for the Civil Affairs teams and PRTs.

They will also engage in helping to rebuild villages and cities that were destroyed under the rule of the Taliban.

Part of that task will be assumed by the Soldiers of the 422nd Civil Affairs Battalion.

Serving the country in far-away lands during times of turmoil and upheaval is not a new experience for Soldiers of the 422nd. The unit has been deployed to Bosnia, Iraq, Somalia, Kenya, and now Afghanistan.

"Most of the Soldiers in the unit are on their third or fourth deployment," said Maj. Timothy Popek, Alpha Company commander.

Unit training at Fort Dix included diverse civil affairs situations that required personnel to successfully engage and maneuver through, including locating insurgents hiding in a village along with hidden caches of weapons, establishing a relationship with a tribal leader, ascertaining the needs of the local populace, and entering into bargaining agreements to use land for coalition camps.

SPORTS

Teen shooters get tips from Olympians



Michael Molinaro

LISTEN UP — Kelsey Hansen, 16, from Minot, N.D., listens to instructions from Sgt. Michael McPhail (standing) and Staff Sgt. Shane Barnhart, right, of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit (USAMU), June 25. Hansen was among 35 junior shooters who participated in the USAMU's Junior Rifle camp June 22-26 at Fort Benning, Ga.



Ryan Morton

Softball regular season begins

SARG teammates Sgt. Kevin Stark, pitcher, flips the ball to first baseman, Staff Sgt. Ramon Tejada to get the out at first base after the batter for RTC-East grounded out during regular season softball action outside Griffith Field House, June 29. RTC-East edged SARG 19-18.

Michael Molinaro
USAMU PAO

Fort Benning, Ga. (Army News Service, June 29, 2009) — For some kids, a chance to hang out with and pick the brain of a U.S. Olympian or Soldier would be the highlight of the summer. At Fort Benning, Ga., 35 youngsters earned the opportunity to do both at the same time.

The U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit's (USAMU) International Rifle team conducted a five-day shooting camp, June 22-26, for some of the top up-and-comers in the sport from all over the country.

During the event, Army shooters helped prepare the kids to take the next step in their young shooting careers.

"It's more of an advanced camp," said Sgt. George Norton, who was the camp's director. "There are a lot of camps out there for the basic level and teaching the fundamentals, but this camp is bringing them to that next step. A lot of shooters are looking for that next thing to learn, but there aren't many camps out there that will do that for them. We wanted to have a camp that will help out those kids that wanted something a little extra."

The camp was born from the numerous requests for AMU Soldiers to teach shooters from all over the country every summer, said Maj. Michael Anti, a former U.S. Olympian.

With the pace of the shooting schedule and other responsibilities, the team wouldn't have time to properly train if it was running all over the country.

"We decided to do one clinic a year and open it up to the nation's best junior shooters so we can get a big group at one time," said Anti.

Entry is limited to 35 kids, who all had to earn their way into the camp, Norton said.

They had to meet certain criteria to attend the camp, including gaining a qualifying rank

through USA Shooting.

"We actually had to turn away a bunch of kids," Norton remarked. "We didn't want to, but we wanted to have that higher ratio."

The ratio of one coach to four shooters is one of the reasons the camp is so successful and sought after by shooters and their parents.

The time devoted to each shooter by a coach is something the AMU strives for and feels most proud of.

"The low coach-to-shooter ratio is great," said Kelly Edwards, who brought his 12-year-old daughter Kaitlynn to the camp from Victoria, Texas.

"They really get to ask some good questions, more advanced stuff. Besides all of the shooting questions, the coaches were telling them how to pack for a match and how to handle a finals match, things like that."

The camp starts out with a diagnostic shooting event on Monday morning, giving the coaches a starting point from where to work. From there, classroom work begins in the afternoon, preparing the shooters for the next morning's range session.

They are taught the intricacies of the prone, standing, and kneeling positions, along with an array of marksmanship techniques. It culminates Friday with a finals event, copied straight from the way an Olympic-level event would run.

"The match at the end of the week is my favorite part of camp," said Kelsey Hansen, 16, from Minot, N.D., who was making her second visit to the camp. "It allows me to see my improvements."

The kids bombard the coaches with all kinds of questions, such as "What is an accurate rifle?" "What do I watch for in the wind?" or "What do you say when you get nervous to calm down?"

"The overall goal is for them to realize that they can shoot better," Norton said. "Some of them

come in thinking along the lines that this is as good as I am going to get—I can't fix this or I can't fix that—and we want to get rid of the can'ts. We want them to get to the 'I will fix this and I will fix that.' They're so young and it takes time. I mean, I've been shooting for 11 years. (Sgt. 1st Class Jason Parker) has been shooting for 20 years. A lot of the guys on the team have been in the sport for so long and we're still getting better."

The dedication, professionalism and expertise of the AMU Soldiers instill positive impressions of the Army that may help prospective candidates in their decision about their future.

A junior who attended three previous camps is on his way to West Point this fall and will be a member of their shooting team.

"It's good to let them know that we are Soldiers first, but this is our job," said Norton. "You can come in and be a mechanic, an infantryman, or whatever you want, and you can still do this."

The week is not all work. The team takes the shooters bowling, to a miniature golf course, and the brand new Infantry Museum and IMAX Theater in the evenings after training.

The coaches also have a friendly competition amongst each other to see who can improve their shooters the best.

"If they'll have us, we'll be back," Edwards said. "It doesn't get said enough how great these Soldiers are. I want to thank them for their great service to a great country."

The AMU trains thousands of Soldiers each year in marksmanship techniques through train-the-trainer clinics, and passing this knowledge on to possible future Soldiers, or Olympic shooters, is what it's all about.

"I just like being around the kids," said Parker, a three-time Olympian. "Some of the things we take for granted the kids don't have the knowledge to know about it yet. I really enjoy passing on my knowledge to these up-and-coming shooters."

Announcements

Chapel Services

Fort Dix
562-2020

Sunday Services
Traditional Protestant
9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Catholic
10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

Gospel
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sunday School
10 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

Jewish Prayer Room
Room 27

Chapel 5
Bldg. 5950 Church St.
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

Vacation Bible School
July 7-13
Main Chapel

**Chaplaincy Birthday
Celebration**
July 29

**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
Buttonwood 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.

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

Blue Room
Wednesday
5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Thursday through Saturday
6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Sunday through Tuesday
Closed

Computer Lab
Monday and Tuesday
7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday through Friday
7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Saturday
Noon to 10 p.m.

Sunday
10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**Equipment
Resource Center**
Hours of operation
Monday through Thursday
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Friday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Call 562-4767 for details

**John Mann
Recreation Park**
Hours of operation
Wednesday through Thursday
1 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Friday through Sunday
1 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Paintball at Range 14
Hours of operation
Saturday through Sunday
9 a.m. to noon
and
1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Call 562-4767 for details

FMWR Coming Events

Ultimate Adventure Trips
Whitewater Rafting
Kennebec River, Maine
July 30 through August 2
Adults \$395
Camping Only \$180

Have the adventure of a lifetime with Fort Dix and Pictatinny Arsenal. Two days of rafting on Class III and IV rapids. Spectacular scenery along the mighty Kennebec with tall pines and maybe a bald eagle's nest! Friday night feast on lobster and fried turkey. The campsite is near the Northern Outdoors Lodge with hot tub, swimming pool, micro-brewery and more. Hang out around camp and a blazing fire while gazing at the abundant stars and forget about the cell phone because there's no reception. Don't forget spending money for the lodge and in town. Mandatory pre-trip meeting July 28 at 5:30 p.m. at Outdoor Recreation. Trip leaves Thursday, July 30 at 7 a.m. Pre-registration is required.

ACS

562-2767
Bldg. 5201 Maryland Ave.
Calendar of Events

Tuesday, July 14
Hearts Apart Support Group
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
JRC

Wednesday, July 15
**Dealing With Your
Challenging Toddler**
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
SFAC

Thursday, July 16
Newcomers' Orientation
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Fort Dix Thrift Shop
5105 Pennsylvania Ave.
723-2683

Summer Schedule
July
Open Saturday, July 11
Closed July 16 and 18

August
Open Saturday, August 1 and 8
Closed August 9 through 15

Youth Center

562-5061
Bldg. 1279 Locust St.

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 through Friday
Middle School Summer Camp
6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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

Monday, July 13
Martial Arts
SKIES Class
10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Movie Monday
4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Permission slip for bowling due

Tuesday, July 14

Bowling
two games and shoe rental
3 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.
Free for campers
\$5 for Open Rec.

Permission slip for swimming due

Wednesday, July 15

Gymnastics SKIES class
10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Swimming
1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
\$1 fee for Open Rec.

Thursday, July 16

Self-directed activities
Permission slip for swimming due

Friday, July 17

Swimming
1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
\$1 fee for Open Rec.

Saturday, July 18
Youth Choice Board
4 p.m. to 6 p.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

Pest Control
Wednesday, July 15 mosquito spraying begins and should be completed Wednesday, July 22, weather permitting. All common areas such as playgrounds, baseball fields and wooded areas that back up to housing will be sprayed. Dump all standing water to prevent a breeding area for mosquitoes.

Trash Schedule
Wednesday
Fort Dix: 1200s, older 1500s and 1600s Including quarters 201, 502, and 1900
McGuire: 4000s, 4200s

Recycling Schedule
Every other Thursday

Landscaping Update
Green Waste Disposal
The maximum weight is 50 lbs in the green waste cans. Please remember green waste will not be picked up if it contains rocks, dirt, or trash.

Lawn Mowing & Landscaping
Monday
Fort Dix: Mahlenbrock, Anciros, Froehlich, Karolasz, Dixon
McGuire: Section: 4200

Tuesday
Fort Dix: Fir, Gum, Kalmia, Locust (North side), 1400s on Juniper and Hemlock
McGuire: Sections: 2700, 2800

Wednesday
Fort Dix: Redwood, Pointville, Locust (South side), Scott Plaza, 1100 on Juniper and Hemlock
McGuire: Starlifter

Thursday
Fort Dix: 1500, 1600 on Ash, Birch, Cedar, Dogwood, Grove Park and Holly Crest

Friday
Fort Dix: Finish Grove Park and Holly Crest, Farm Houses

Announcing A very exciting Bible School
Come join in the fun and adventure and discover the 10 Commandments! Travel back in time to exciting places that will help you understand God's Word.

Visit a Mayan jungle, a medieval castle, an ancient laboratory, a Native American village, and a Hawaiian volcano. Dive into fun games, meaningful activities, bible memory, cool crafts and creative snacks.

Children aged three to 14 are invited to join this very exciting Bible school program.
Fort Dix Main Chapel -
July 13 through 17, 9 a.m. to noon.
Call 562-2020 for more information

