



Army celebrates 228th birthday



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## News UPDATE

### Army birthday, farewell and award

A farewell ceremony for Lt. Gen. Peter M. Cuvillo, the Army's chief information officer, is 8:30 a.m. today in the Signal Towers courtyard. Cuvillo was the Fort Gordon commanding general from 1998-2000. He retires in July after 34 years of service.

Everyone is encouraged to attend the Army's 228th birthday celebration and presentation of the Newgarden-Morris award immediately following at 9:15 a.m. Call 791-9533 for information.

### AFCEA breakfast

The Augusta-Fort Gordon Chapter of the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association is having its annual Chapter Induction Ceremony 6:45 a.m. Thursday in the Gordon Club Ballroom.

Guest speaker is Richard Hale, Chief Information Assurance Executive, Defense Information Systems Agency, speaking on the influence of Information Assurance today.

The breakfast buffet is \$6 for AFCEA members, \$7 for non-members. Tickets may be purchased at Greely Hall, room 230. Call 791-2014 or 791-7815 by Tuesday to RSVP.

### PAO, Signal move

The Public Affairs and Signal newspaper offices have moved from Signal Towers to the second floor of Nelson Hall.

The new address effective today is Nelson Hall, Room 209, 520 Chamblair Ave., Fort Gordon, Ga., 30905.

All phone numbers remain the same. Call 791-7003 for details.

### Special Forces briefing

The Special Forces recruiting team is holding a briefing at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Thursday in Darling Hall room 307. Both combat and non-combat MOSs may apply. For information call (912) 876-6225.

### Book drive

The Fort Gordon Red Cross is conducting a book drive during June and July. These books will be used in waiting areas at the hospital. Bring books to EAMC, Room 3D-09, Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. For information call 787-6311.

### Father's Day brunch

The Gordon Club is holding a Father's Day brunch from 10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Sunday. Cost is \$14 for adults, \$8 for ages 5-8, and \$4 for 4 and younger. Call 791-2205.

## Coming home

### Classes help soldiers cope with unexpected stress of returning home

Denise Allen  
Signal staff

When Maj. Ronald Owens, chaplain with the 513th Military Intelligence Brigade, returned from Iraq, he wasn't interested in parties or large family reunions.

"When I came back, I expected to have some time to myself," he said. "I had to communicate with my wife. I wanted to have my own schedule."

Communicating expectations is key for soldiers returning from the war.

Before they leave the theater of war and are integrated back into their families, soldiers attend a reunion briefing with chaplains to discuss issues such as communication.

"The family has changed; things aren't going to be the same," he said.

Stateside Army Community Service offers a program called *Waiting to Exhale* for spouses and family members address-

ing the same issues.

"It may not be realistic to have the honeymoon suite ready. He may want to just sleep," said ACS's Vanessa Stanley, who along with Kathryn Palmer works with family members to help in the re-adjustment.

"What I hear a lot is his parents want to come down," said Palmer. "We encourage outside family members to come down later."

Spouses aren't the only family members with expectations. Children may have been dreaming of how it will be when Mom or Dad returns and their fantasy of having their parent all to themselves and spending time together may also be unrealistic.

"They can't wait for things to get back to normal. At some point, they may see the little ones acting differently," Stanley said.

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### Over the top

Students from six area high schools participated in Camp Semaphore on post June 3 - 6.

Here, a cadet attempts to clear an obstacle at the confidence course. The event gave JROTC students from Lakeside, Evans, Harlem, Hephzibah, Laney and the Academy of Richmond County the opportunity to participate in a number of activities and competitions.

For the story and more photos, see page 9A.

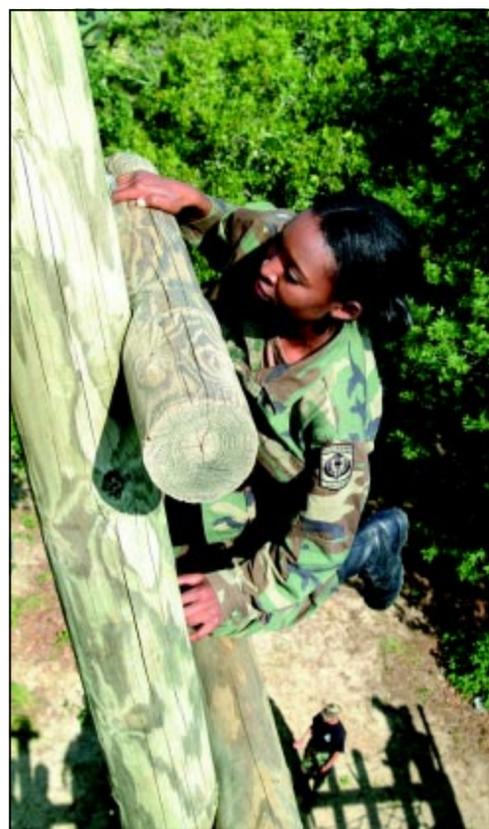


Photo by Spc. Ryan Matson

## Claims section receives top JAG honors

Staff Sgt. Stacy Wamble  
Signal military editor

The Fort Gordon Claims section, the office respon-

sible for filing damage claims, recently received the Judge Advocate General's Award for Excellence.

It was announced June 4

the Claims section won the award in claims support.

The Claims section was evaluated on the office's claims operation including customer service, the efficiency and fairness with which the office handles personnel claims (typically household goods damaged during moves), the office's defense of tort claims against the Army and the recovery of money for the Army, according to Col. John

Belser, the Fort Gordon Staff Judge Advocate.

"This is some distinctive recognition of our outstanding SJA soldiers and civilians," said Brig. Gen. Jan Hicks about the award. "They serve our installation with pride and expertise."

The Fort Gordon office was one of about 35 SJA offices worldwide to receive the award for fiscal year 2002 according to Allan Downen, chief of the Claims section.

"It's a very difficult award to receive," said Downen. "It's a team effort and all of us have to do our part here."

"We have a very good staff," he said.

Part of the effort includes maintaining a 10-day average in claims turnaround. According to Downen, the four-person office processes

small claims, claims totaling less than \$1,000, in an average of five days, and large claims in less than eight days.

The office pays an average of 41 claims each month, paying out a total of more than \$34,000 each month, according to Belser.

"We try to maintain our speed each year. The claims section is looking for ways for soldiers to use the Internet," said Downen.

Information and some forms for filing claims are available on the Fort Gordon Claims office Web site, [www.gordon.army.mil/osja/osja.htm](http://www.gordon.army.mil/osja/osja.htm).

"We strive to update and keep current information on the site," Downen said.

This is the third year the office has won the JAG Award for Excellence in Claims Support.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Stacy Wamble

Allan Downen and Helen Turner, claims clerk, review a claims file.

## Area students receive scholarships

Marla Jones  
Fort Gordon public affairs office

Sixteen area high school and college students received \$17,000 in scholarship awards June 3 from the Augusta-Fort Gordon Chapter of the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association.

Col. Michael Guthrie, deputy commander of the U.S. Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon, and Alrena Garrett, scholarship chairman for the chapter, made the presentations.

The awards were for \$1,000 each, with the highest scoring recipient receiving the Mallette Scholarship for \$2,000. All the students are majoring in science or technology fields.

The Mallette Scholarship

was given to Rajib Bhattacharjea, an Evans High School graduate. He will be an electrical engineering major at Georgia Tech.

Kimberly Robison, attending Southern Illinois University, said the scholarship "means a lot," because of the expense of books for her classes in applied electronics. Her husband is deployed with the 878th Engineer Battalion, a National Guard unit in Waynesboro. Robison brought her daughter, Jennifer, 13, to the ceremony.

Janelle Walker, an A.R. Johnson High School graduate, will be a computer science major at Georgia Tech this fall. She said the scholarship would

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Photo by Steve Brady

### AER spells relief

The Army Emergency Relief campaign came to an end May 30 after surpassing its goal by nearly \$8,800.

The campaign raised \$153,762.35, the best year in the history of the Fort Gordon campaign according to Diane Sarber, AER officer with Army Community Services. Last year the campaign raised \$142,000, she said. "The absence of the 63rd Signal Battalion and various military intelligence units were expected to impact the fundraising efforts, but the Fort Gordon community rallied to not only make up the difference but exceed our goal," Sarber said. Money raised goes to help soldiers in a financial emergency.

Last year AER funds assisted 1,189 active duty soldiers, retirees and family members at Fort Gordon with more than \$786,000, and more than \$38 million to 54,000 soldiers and family members Army-wide.

# Army turns 228; flag marks 226 years

While conducting a global war on terrorism and the rebuilding of Iraq, the Army is celebrating its 228th birthday this year and saluting the 226th Flag Day with celebrations June 14 and throughout the month of June from ballparks to ballrooms, the Pentagon to Camp Zama, Japan.

The standard for any army is victory, and few in history can match the American Army's 228 years of success. It began during the Revolutionary War, when the Army was a loose collection of individuals committed to the radical notion that a government should serve the people and not the other way around.

It continues today, with a highly professional force that efficiently and effectively freed the Iraqi people of their brutal dictator. But regardless of the era or the form, the U.S. Army has won wars, and in the process, demonstrated unrelenting tenacity and unerring flexibility.

This past year is a shining example. While continuing the fight against the Taliban in Afghanistan, while maintaining a peacekeeping presence in Bosnia and Kosovo, while manning the frontline in Korea, and while ridding Iraq of its menacing dictator, the Army continued with the necessary work

of transforming itself into a force that will meet the challenges of decades to come.

Transforming itself, during war or peace, is nothing new for the Army. Over time, the Army has had to constantly



transform itself.

The end of segregation in 1948, the end of the draft in 1973 and the end of the Cold War in 1989 all marked huge milestones the Army had to overcome.

While the Army has remade itself many times over — in the process winning America's wars and ensuring a prosperous, free society — it has never forgotten the principles on which this country was founded, nor to whom it answers.

While the United States stands as the model for the world in many areas of governance, perhaps none is so note-

worthy as a victorious Army that knows its place within a democracy.

This makeover is still underway. It remains a work in progress. Recent innovations and the success in Iraq will form the Army of 2010 to be immensely different from today's Army.

The events of 9-11 added urgency to these impending changes. The Army must be ready to fight a different kind of enemy in a different kind of war. This is what the American public needs; this is what the civilian command demands; and this is what the Army will provide.

To these three events — 1948, 1973 and 1989 — consider a fourth: today. The Army might be old, but it shows little signs of aging. It does today what it has done since America's independence — defend the interests of the United States and fight and win America's wars. Arguably it can accomplish these missions better than at any time in its history.

The public has been saturated with news of the accomplishments of soldiers in Iraq. Let's not forget, however, the

thousands of others — active, Reserve and National Guard — who are forward deployed, helping to rebuild Afghanistan, keeping the peace in Bosnia and Kosovo, preserving freedom in South Korea, and fighting terrorism throughout the world. Without a doubt, the Army is earning its keep, defending America's freedom.

Today is also Flag Day. Congress approved the design of the U.S. flag on this day 226 years ago. Since then, some 42 million Americans have served in the U.S. Army. Over half a million of them gave their lives fighting for the freedom that our flag represents — and it is the same flag that drapes the coffin of the soldier who has paid the ultimate sacrifice for that freedom.

Throughout the last two-plus centuries, while this great experiment in democracy has unfolded, while the American flag has come to symbolize hope in the world, the Army has been a constant: victorious in battle while transforming itself to meet the directives of its civilian leaders.

It has answered every call, from integrating forces, to doing more with less, to winning the war in Iraq while remaking itself into a force required for this new century. The Army is truly a national treasure.

Happy birthday, Army. America appreciates all that you have done these past 228 years. (Adapted from Army NewsLINK.)

## Variety of birthday events scheduled

The Army's Birthday theme this year, "At War and Transforming," takes on special meaning following Operation Iraqi Freedom and continuing Army operations for the Global War on Terrorism. American soldiers - active duty, Army National Guard and Army Reserve - are currently deployed around the world performing critical national security missions while the Army Transforms for the future. June 14, the same day as the Army's birthday, is National Flag Day.

While soldiers continue their worldwide duties, the American public plans to show their appreciation at baseball games, the New York and American Stock Exchanges, Arena Football League 2 games, NASCAR and National Hot Rod Association races as part of the Defense Department's "Operation Tribute to Free-

dom."

Army Birthday and Flag Day observances include a cake cutting in the Pentagon's center courtyard today with speeches by Acting Secretary of the Army Les Brownlee, Acting Army Chief of Staff General John M. Keane and Sergeant Major of the Army Jack Tilley.

Veterans of Operation Noble Eagle, Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom will be recognized for their selfless service. The event also will feature displays of 30 new pieces of tactical equipment and uniform improvements that deployed soldiers are now receiving or can look forward to receiving soon.

Pvt. 1st Class Brandy Stringer, 66th Military Police Company, and Master Sgt. David Mitchell, Defense Criminal Investigation Task Force, will be the traditional youngest and oldest soldiers to cut the Army's birthday cake.

# Hospital gets new PET

Equipment will allow better imaging

Kathleen Haskell  
EAMC Marketing Director

Eisenhower Army Medical Center is now able to view some patients in an entirely different way. The addition of a cutting-edge, mobile Positron Emission Tomography, or PET scanner as it is more commonly known, will help fulfill the mission and vision of Eisenhower Army Medical Center by continuing to provide excellence in healthcare for the military family.

The scanner is an enhanced imaging tool that allows technicians to pinpoint the location of cancer and other diseases within the body before making treatment recommendations.

"PET scans assist in identification, staging and monitoring of many types of cancer, the most common being lymphoma, skin cancer, colon cancer, head, neck and throat cancers, and even some heart conditions can benefit from PET imaging," said nuclear technologist Warner Wish.

The new PET scan technology enables more accurate detection of cancer and can pinpoint its exact location in the body. The highly sensitive PET scan picks up the metabolic signal of actively growing cancer cells in the body.

"The improved images produced by the new scanner will reduce the number of invasive procedures required during follow-up care, including biopsies," said Wish. "The quality of the images provides more confidence in

our ability to monitor patients' outcomes without having to perform unnecessary tests.

"In fact, images produced by the new PET scanners are so precise that in some cases they have found cancer that probably would not have been detected through any other non-invasive imaging exam," he said.

It is a new scanning technique in medical research. PET allows, for the first time, measurement in detail the functioning of distinct areas of the human body while the patient is comfortable, conscious and alert. The chemical process involved in the working of healthy or diseased people can now be studied in a way previously impossible.

The mobile PET unit will locate in front of EAMC by the patient parking lot every other Monday at 5:30 a.m. After set up the scanner goes through a quality control check and the first patient can be seen at 8 a.m. Scanning can be done on 10 patients per day. Currently there are only three PET scanners at Army medical cen-



Courtesy photo

A view of the PET scanner inside the trailer at Eisenhower Army Medical Center. The machine is valued at more than \$2 million.

ters, and this mobile PET scanner is valued at approximately \$2 million. There is the potential savings for the medical center of approximately \$20,000 per day based on a 10 patient day.

"Eisenhower Army Medical Center was proud to have the

first nuclear Skylight camera in the Army, and with the addition of the mobile PET scan unit, our technologists and physicians are provided with an innovative approach to better understand, diagnose and treat diseases," Wish concluded.

# CPOL updates website

by Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs

WASHINGTON - The Army's Civilian Personnel Office has designed a Web site to prevent the woeful scenario of not knowing whom to contact if one of its employees is injured or dies while on duty.

The site was operational March 2002. However, more than two-thirds of the 230,000 Army appropriated and non-appropriated-fund civilians have not updated their emergency contact data at the site, [www.cpol.army.mil](http://www.cpol.army.mil).

"I'm sure if more people knew what we saw after 9-11, when we started going through the process of providing data to the Casualty Assistance Office, they would make sure that their information was correct," said Patricia Nabinett, a personnel management specialist at the U.S. Total Army Personnel Command.

The information provided to the site would be used to notify family or friends in the case of an emergency or death.

This Web site has been an innovative process for the

Army, said Taiwana Smith, a personnel management specialist with PERSCOM.

"We've tried to make the process of updating the required information as simple as possible," Nabinett said. "We're not asking for data that we already have such as Social Security numbers and birthdays."

After accessing the CPOL site, individuals can click on the "emergency contact data" tab to register and set up a password. Once a password is established, employees can go to the form and fill out the name, relationship, address and phone number of their appointed contact person.

"It's crucial that we have the information," Smith said. "Before we can determine what benefits or entitlements the spouse or designated beneficiary gets, we have to notify that designated person."

It can take up to several weeks to find family members or friends after a tragedy, and that increases the chances that the victims' loved ones could find out about the death through other channels, Nabinett said.

# Four-star combat kitchen

Staff Sgt. Kelly McCargo  
93rd Signal Brigade

One source hot enough to surpass the hot and humid Georgia air are the Lightning Warrior Café's Mobile Kitchen Trailer stoves.

The 93rd Signal Brigade's food service personnel manning those stoves, received no respite

from the heat June 1-6 during the 93rd Signal Brigade's Situational Training Exercise.

As signal soldiers erected antennas, maintenance teams recovered downed vehicles; and the opposition forces directed fire at everyone above—the food service personnel were waking up dark and early to begin preparing the Lightning Warriors'

morning meal.

"During the STX, we usually get up at 3 a.m. and finish cleaning by 7 p.m.," said Spc. Ron Sellers, A Co., 67th Signal Battalion food service specialist.

"We're here to help keep the brigade's strength up. By providing everybody in the brigade with tasty, quality meals, they will be more focused on their

mission," said Sellers.

Besides food preparation, food service personnel have additional, but crucial, objectives to focus on like nutritional meals, and environmental and hygiene issues.

As a testament to the food service personnel's success, each morning there are always a few soldiers pacing in front of the MKT's entrance.

"I have been out with units where it's always MREs or bread and peanut butter," said Staff Sgt. Joseph Naylor, C Co., 67th Signal Battalion, cable systems installer/maintainer NCO. "This unit's chow has been outstanding. It's a good morale booster. I can't wait for the steak-n-eggs breakfast," he said.

Rain or shine, the food service personnel have been certifying and jumping with the units they're attached to, all the while providing four-star food service for the Lightning Warriors.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Kelly McCargo

Sgt. Jahel Jamieson (left), C Co., 67th Signal Battalion food service NCO, seasons the breakfast meal as Spc. Latonya Brantley, HHC, 93rd Signal Brigade administration clerk, prepares to dine.

# Government settles with life insurance company

Outcome could mean settlement for certain policy holders

Academy Life Insurance Company recently reached an agreement with the United States to cease and forever discontinue the sale of life insurance policies on U.S. military installations. As part of the agreement, Academy agreed to a 6.5 percent increase to the base policy death benefit coverage for all Genesis Series policies purchased between Jan. 1, 1991 and Dec. 31, 1998, and still in force as of Sept. 30, 2002.

In addition, Academy will pay up to \$200 to

those former Academy Genesis Series policyholders who purchased their policies between Jan. 1, 1991 and Dec. 31, 1998, but who terminated their policies before Sept. 30, 2002 and who have made a timely claim. The deadline for such claims is June 24.

If you believe that you are entitled to file a claim against Academy Life Insurance, contact the Fort Gordon legal assistance office at 791-7812.

# Winners

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help with room and board. Her father, Sgt. 1st Class Donell Walker, is the NCOIC of the 74B course at the School of Information Technology.

Other recipients included Robert Pace, Greenbrier High School graduate, Georgia Tech; John Carroll, Greenbrier, Georgia Tech; Daniel Jordan, Greenbrier, Georgia Southern; Eric Scukanec, Evans High School, Georgia Tech; Keely Scott, South Aiken High School, Clemson University.

College students receiving scholarships are Anil Chawla, Georgia Tech; Victoria Belcher, Georgia Tech; James Blackmon, Southern Illinois University; Adrienne Jones, University of West Georgia; David G. Reid, Georgia Tech; and Kunai Sharma, Oxford College.

Two graduate students seeking master's degrees, Patrick Major and Gary Ostby, both attending University of Michigan, also received scholarships.

# Civilians augment MP force

Steve Brady  
Signal editor

The Department of Army Police here graduated their third class of civilian officers Friday at Bird Hall.

The nine officers, who will assist military police in patrolling Fort Gordon, bring the total to 38 civilian officers on post with a goal of 55.

"The MPs will still be here; we're here to bring strength to their numbers," said Capt. Gerald Lawson, chief of the DA Police at Fort Gordon.

The civilian officers will work the gates, patrol post and have the same arrest powers of MPs, he said.

The nine officers went through a 120-hour training course. The officers, who all have previous law enforcement experience, said the training was valuable in preparing them to work with the military population.

"The training was very good with a lot of hands-on practical exercises," said Officer Tammy Miller, one of the recent graduates. Miller has 10 years experience with the Columbia County Sheriff's Office.

Training included self defense, handcuffing techniques and how to apprehend a suspect.

"It was a refresher for some folks, but it got me used to working on a military installation with their rules and regulations."

The concept of hiring civilian law enforcement officers to work on post has been going on for years. Following the 9-11 attacks however, there was an emphasis to upgrade installation security and the DA began funding again the hiring of additional civilians to supplement MPs.

Army posts across the country also hire civilians to augment MPs.

"The people we are hiring are mature individuals with law enforcement experience," Lawson said. "It goes along well to supplement the MPs on post."



Photo by Staff Sgt. Stacy Wamble

## Cookies of thanks

Brig. Gen. Jan Hicks, Fort Gordon commanding general, hands out free Girl Scout cookies to soldiers Wednesday. The cookies, 12,000 boxes in all, were donated to the American Red Cross by Girl Scouts in Georgia. Each of the boxes had a handwritten thank you note from the Scouts attached. Active duty military or family members may pick up boxes Monday through Friday 9 - 11 a.m. and 1 - 3 p.m. in Building 28320 on Lane Avenue while supplies last. Call 791-6779 for information.

## Drill Sergeant Spotlight

**Name:** Sgt. 1st Class Reginald Bolton

**Unit:** Co. B, 369th Signal Battalion

**Hometown:** Marion, Ark.

**What do you enjoy most about being a DS?**

Educating both old and new soldiers. The new soldiers will fill our shoes one day. It's the responsibility of every drill sergeant to ensure that these new recruits understand the road that they're about to travel. To instill in them the will to keep fighting, no matter what adversity that he or she might face in life. As the Senior Drill Sergeant of my company, not only am I responsible for trainees, but nine additional drill sergeants. I must ensure we work together as a team first, and as individuals secondly. To make sure that they're prepared for life after being a drill sergeant, and reminding them that the soldier they train today, will be the one they'll see tomorrow.

**How long at Fort Gordon?** Four years



**What do you want to accomplish in the military?**

At the present moment, ensure that every drill sergeant in Co. B has a successful tour, and receive my degree in Social Science from Troy State University this December. I believe in taking things one step at a time.



Photo by Steve Brady

Cpl. Scott Bowers (left) receives his certificate of completion and badge from Lt. Col. Jessie Goggins, Fort Gordon director of public safety and the Military Police Battalion commander. Bowers is one of 38 Department of Army civilian officers currently helping patrol Fort Gordon.

# D-Day observed at museum

## New director showcases Signal tools

Steve Brady  
Signal editor

The Signal Corps Museum commemorated the D-Day Invasion Friday with a display of different communication devices used by the corps during World War II.

Bob Anzuoni, the new museum director, said he wanted the display to show the Signal perspective during the time.

There were many different types of communication devices including whistles that could be heard above the gunfire, the 'cricket' clicking device and others, he said. Wired and wireless telephones, lights, flags and other devices were also part of the display marking the 59th anniversary of D-Day.

"I wanted to recognize the anniversary of the Normandy invasion," he said. "It was a large operation and a lot of people lost their lives. I wanted something that would reflect the sacrifice of those



Photo by Steve Brady

Bob Anzuoni, (right to left) museum director, shows Lt. Col. Ronald Tilly, French liaison officer, and Maj. Bob Adamczyk, Canadian liaison officer, examples of old Signal equipment Friday. Anzuoni was dressed in an M-1942 paratrooper uniform like the ones used during the Normandy invasion. June 6 marked the 59th anniversary of D-Day.

troops. And since I am new here, it gave me the opportunity to have a small event I could organize fairly quickly."

Anzuoni began at the museum June 2. His last

position was at Fort Bragg, N.C., where he was the curator of the 82nd Airborne Division museum for the past 10 years.

The Signal Museum,

located next to Signal Tower, is open 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturdays, and closed Sundays, Mondays and federal holidays.

## G-6 says OIF validates IT path

by Joe Burlas  
ArmyLINK News

WASHINGTON — While there still remain some bugs to tweak and a lot of work, Operation Iraqi Freedom has validated the Army Knowledge Management framework track for transforming the way soldiers of all ranks get and share information, both in peace and war, according to the Army's top Signal Corps officer.

Lt. Gen. Peter Cuvillo, the Army G-6/ chief information of-



Cuvillo

icer, shared his vision of how future joint and netted Army command, control, communications and computers systems should operate over a global broadcast system.

He explained his vision to more than 200 Information Technology military, government and industry officials who attended the third annual Army IT Day in McLean, Va., May 27.

"The Army today is at war and transforming at the same time," Cuvillo said. "As we see senior leaders go, some may wonder what the future will bring. I believe we have reached a point of irreversible momentum.

"The real work is getting done in the field -- that is where the fighting and transformation is getting done. As new senior leaders come, we will probably see some strategic changes, but the core work will continue."

Lessons learned from Army operations in Afghanistan and Iraq over the past year have validated many IT Transformation concepts, Cuvillo said.

The Army has realized for some time that it needs better energy sources than batteries to

power the majority of its IT systems, Cuvillo said, and thus has been exploring fuel-cell technology — a mini/micro-powered generator powered by liquid fuel.

The supply of batteries of units in Iraq Freedom were hard pressed, he said, for two reasons: the high temperatures drained them more quickly than expected and the very mobile nature of the operation meant more reliance on batteries over the generators normally in use from fixed locations.

"Batteries are heavy items to carry around the battlefield — not only to keep them stocked and transported, but also the transportation requirements to dispose of them," Cuvillo said. "That is why fuel-cell technology needs to be pushed very hard and fast."

Another lesson learned is a real requirement for a more mobile and smaller IT support footprint on the battlefield, Cuvillo said. Antenna farms sprung up around major Army units in both Afghanistan and Iraq as different antennas were needed for each of six different types of radios in order to keep the communication links open between all service components and commanders in and out of theater. All those antennas sometimes caused co-site interference with each other, he said.

The science and technology community is researching multi-band antennas that may be shared with more than one radio or satellite link to alleviate that problem.

Cuvillo said the Army got the right balance between mili-

tary and commercial satellite use in Afghanistan. The commercial satellites used triple digital encryption to transmit mostly unclassified information, while the military satellites were used mostly for classified material, he said.

"With commercial satellites, you can turn it off or on as needed," Cuvillo said. "You put up a military satellite with all the ground-based terminals and people that go with them — you have got to run it, maintain it."

Afghanistan and Iraq also validated that the Army has strong partners in private industry, the general said.

In one instance, the Army was having challenges in getting a radio transceiver-based system in place to track all friendly forces in a timely manner. Industry partners stepped in and within three months installed a satellite-based "Blue" force tracking system, he said.

In another instance, units earmarked for Iraq from the XVIII Airborne Corps, V Corps and III Corps, had different software versions of the Army Battle Command System, Cuvillo said, as each were at different points of the system's materiel lifecycle.

That was fine for sharing information within each corps, but it did not work for sharing across the theater. Industry stepped in and quickly fixed the problem by integrating all to a common version, he said.

The general then asked the IT professionals present to become missionaries in working toward an information-dominant future force where:

Everyone in the Army, soldiers or civilians, in 20XX (xx being date to be determined) will be constantly plugged into one global Army net — each with their own handheld wireless computer, on and off the battlefield. That Army Knowledge Enterprise net should be used as a single virtual system for tactical and non-tactical use such as finance or travel, Cuvillo said.

All fixed locations should be

wired for that single network with fiber-optic cable, he said.

Almost all meetings should be held online, he said. Seventy-five percent of the civilian workforce may telecommute out of virtual home offices three days a week and 30 percent will work always from home.

Accessing military installations, workplaces and computer systems will be via a Department of Defense biometric capability, such as fingerprint, iris scan, voice recognition or facial recognition, he said.

## Air Force detachment trains local high schoolers

Tech. Sgt. Michael Taylor  
Special to the Signal

As two Richmond County school buses pulled into the Fort Gordon theater parking lot May 1, they were filled with bright, young faces, inquisitive and ready to know what the day held in store.

The post's Air Force Detachment 1/338 Training Squadron, led by its TOP 3 and Rising VI organization, sponsored approximately 100 students from the T.W. Josey High School Air Force JROTC. The detachment is the home of the Air Force's Satellite Wideband and Telemetry Systems course, where more than 600 students are trained annually.

The students were brought to formation and marched to training halls. At the halls, JROTC students were able to see the training environment for the Air Force technical training students.

The students were shown the basic operating principles for satellite and wideband communications, Milstar and switching. Some students also had the opportunity to get involved in limited hands-on training.

The students grasped the information with a genuine interest and curiosity of the big picture.

"All these kids need is some attention to know that someone cares about them and what they do," said Staff Sgt. Alston Rising, VI vice-president.

After the morning's demonstration, the Detachment's Top 3 organization prepared lunch for the JROTC students and instructors. They were fed an endless supply of hamburgers, hotlinks, chips and drinks. During lunch, the technical training student drill team, lead by Airman 1st Class Gabriel Rosa, demonstrated drill commands. The

drill team also illustrated to the students some basic drills for them to practice and also allowed them to participate in the commands.

At the end of the day, Maj. Patrick Gooley, commander of the 338 TRS, presented the students and their commander, Capt. Franklin West, with a token of appreciation. "I am proud of our organization and I hope we can continue to provide mentorship and guidance to the local AFJROTC program," Gooley said.

As the day came to an end, the bright faces were still shining, as students thanked members of the detachment and marched to the buses.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Brent Harrison

AF Technical Training students showing AFJROTC drill commands

## People

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genuinely happy to see us.

Before I came here, these things were all hard to picture, but now that I have seen them, they are memories I am sure I'll hold for a long time.

I'll remember the smile on a little boy's face when I handed him a piece of candy I would probably throw away back home; the mobs of ecstatic civilians cheering any American they saw and

cursing Hussein's name; the guy who saw me smoking a cigarette from one of those blue packs yanking it out of my mouth and offering me one that wasn't "Saddam's cigarette"; the old man sitting on the side of the road simply waving a small American flag as tanks drove by.

People can argue about the rights and wrongs of what the U.S. has done here all they

want, and they probably will for a long time to come. But no matter what history decides, I will never have to wrestle with my conscience over why I'm here.

It's the people.

**Editor's note:** Boyer is deployed to Iraq with the 3rd Infantry Division (mechanized) public affairs office.

# Viewpoint

Information, Opinions, and Commentary

## CG's corner

The command sergeant major and I are finally able to perform one of our most important roles as Chief of Signal and Regimental Command Sergeant Major...we're heading out soon to visit distant Signal soldiers and civilians. We're leaving June 15, and returning just before the 4th of July.

We'll visit Signal troops in Hawaii, Okinawa, mainland Japan, Korea and Alaska. There's been almost no time or opportunity to do so since we assumed our positions, so we're really looking forward to it.

The bad news is that we'll miss some very important events while we're gone, and I truly regret that.

We'll miss the SCRA Golf Tournament, the farewell for one of the greatest Signal Corps and Fort Gordon supporters, retired Col. Bob Snead of General Dynamics (a distinguished member of the Signal Regiment), at least one AUSA and AFCEA board meeting, the TRADOC Drill Sergeant of the Year Dinner and ceremony at Fort Monroe, at least one Pre-Command Course dinner, the retirement of our long-time Installation contracting officer, Patsy Wallace, more than a few officer and NCO promotions, at least one Community Information Briefing, the changes of command in 447th Signal Battalion and 297th Military Intelligence

Battalion, the Ashanti concert, several graduations and welcoming receptions, the fireworks on July 3, and many, many other important events.

Then, on July 10, we'll miss the installation of officers in the Signal Corps Regimental Association at the general membership meeting because the command sergeant major and I will both be at Fort Hood for the Signal Ball.

While we hate to miss these home-court events, we need to visit the regiment and spread news of the great things the Signal Center is doing for Signal soldiers and civilians.

Please excuse our absence but count us there in spirit. We would be there in person were it not for competing responsibilities "away from home."

I congratulate each of you who will be graduating, promoted, installed as a SCRA officer, and achieving other significant milestones in your lives and careers, and I thank all of you for everything you do for the Signal Center, the Signal Regiment and Fort Gordon.

You are the best team any commander could ever hope for, and I am deeply honored to be your commander.

Pro Patria Vigilans!  
**Brig. Gen. Jan Hicks**  
Commanding General

## Newspaper article thanks Gordon family

As the following letter that recently appeared in the Augusta Chronicle demonstrates, the good work done by our Fort Gordon family does not go unappreciated.

The dedication, courtesy and ability saluted by the writer is seen everyday by those of us who are fortunate to be part of this installation...but it's still gratifying to see others applaud and trumpet such attributes. I asked for the letter to the editor to be reprinted so that those of you who deserve such recognition can read the acclaim of those you serve.

I would like to take this opportunity to say 'thanks' to all of Fort Gordon's wonderful people for your selfless contributions in making us "good neighbors" to the surrounding CSRA communities, our retirees and all others who look to us for support. You bring tremendous pride to me as your commanding general.

**Brig. Gen. Jan Hicks**  
Commanding General

### Letter to the Editor

Printed June 5, Augusta Chronicle  
As a child when World War II began and a young teenager when it ended, I have always been proud of every branch of our military.

As youngsters, we sang with gusto the songs of every branch, collected every piece of scrap metal we could find, bought savings stamps and wrote

letters to the men and women serving our country. My pride has only increased as I've become an adult, now a senior citizen, living free because of the courage, determination, dedication and, sadly, the sacrifices of life of our "guardians of freedom" at home and on battlefields around the world.

I had occasion to make a brief visit to beautiful Fort Gordon recently. Even as I approached the gate, I had a sense of excitement, and to say my heart "swelled with pride" is not merely an expression; it is a truism.

From the moment I entered its grounds, I was greeted with friendliness, courtesy and respect. When I extended my personal thanks to each person I met, I was rewarded with genuine and appreciative smiles. When my errand was completed, I reluctantly made my departure.

To all of you at Fort Gordon, to every military man and woman in every branch of service - now and in all years past - I humbly offer you my deepest gratitude for your unselfish service, for your bravery, for your pride and faith in our country, and for your protection. Every American on the face of this Earth is in your debt, and every American should tell you so.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart. God bless you and keep you safe...  
**Joyce M. Campbell, Augusta**

## Feedback

Staff Sgt. Stacy Wamble

### Why is the Signal Corps' flag orange?



Visibility-it's easy to see.  
**Spc. Cathy Watts**  
A Company, 73rd Ordnance Battalion



Because red wasn't available.

**Tom Duke**  
TSM WIN-T



There is no significance. It's just a color that was adopted.

**Sgt. 1st Class Nathaniel Hatchett**  
Headquarters and A Company, 551st Signal Battalion



It's a highly visible color.

**Wayne Cheselka**  
TISM WIN-T



Nobody knows. I talked with the Institute of Heraldry and they say their records don't go back that far.

**Mike Rodgers**  
Signal Museum exhibit designer



## Why war? The answer is simply people

**Spc. Jacob Boyer**  
Special to the Belvoir Eagle

Before Operation Iraqi Freedom began, there was a lot of debate around the world about whether we should use military action to topple Saddam Hussein and his Baath Party's regime in Iraq.

Folks argued about whether we should, why we should and anything else they could find related to Iraq. World leaders, the media, protesters and many others talked about things like weapons of mass destruction, genocide, national defense and democracy in the Middle East.

I found the debate raging through my own head in the weeks leading up to the beginning of the conflict. I wondered why I individually and we as a nation were in Kuwait, preparing to take down a regime thousands of miles from our home shores.

But the conflict began, our military began the march north, and the debate took a backseat as

I focused on the tasks at hand. By the time we arrived at Baghdad International Airport, most of my doubts had been quieted, but not because I had forgotten them. Instead, I had found a reason to be here that dwarfed every concept discussed in the past year.

It's the people.  
The poverty I see them living in when I drive past their farms and through their towns can't be done justice in words.

It's masses of children lining the roads waving empty MRE bags, begging for more. It's emaciated people and cows so thin you can see their rib cages.

It's people making do with cars that would have been in a junkyard years ago if they were in America.

Back home it's easy to forget that there are people in the world who actually live like this, whether they were born into desolation or under the boot of corrupt leadership.

And these people lived like this while their

leader and his cronies hopped from one palace to another. As alien as the harsh conditions the average Iraqi lives under are to me, the opulent lifestyle of Hussein and his inner circle are even farther from what I think of as reality.

Lavish ballrooms. Movie theaters. Kitchens larger than any I ever worked in before I joined the Army. And that was in a palace that didn't look like it had ever been used.

That people could live like this while those they were responsible for suffered is the greatest injustice I have ever witnessed in my life. Forget about weapons. Forget about national defense.

I've found my reason for being here. It's the people.

It's hard to imagine a nation of people running around in hand-me-downs, but here it seems everyone is wearing a T-shirt from 1985.

It's hard to imagine 3-year-old children schilling cigarettes on the side of a dusty back road, but they wave blue packs of state-pro

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# Community Events

## Ashanti concert

U.S. Army Entertainment and Fort Gordon Morale Welfare and Recreation present Ashanti, with special guest Mr. Cheeks, in concert at Barton Field **June 27**. Gates open at 7 p.m., while the concert begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the gate. Go to [www.fortgordon.com](http://www.fortgordon.com) or call 791-6779 for information.

## Independence Day

Fort Gordon's Independence Day Celebration is 5 - 11 p.m. **July 3** at Barton Field and Freedom Park. Activities include concerts, carnival rides, military displays and more, followed by a fireworks and laser show. Admission is free. Call 791-2859.

## 2003 CFC theme and cover design contest

The CSRA Combined Federal Campaign is holding a theme and cover design contest for the 2003 CSRA CFC campaign.

Phrases of 10 words or less are preferred. Simple drawings and sketches that convey the cover design idea or concept are acceptable. (The contest is not seeking finished artwork, although that would also be acceptable.) The winning concept will be developed into finished artwork.

Criteria include applicability to the CFC Campaign, originality, inexpensive to reproduce, and must provide space for CFC logo.

Entries due by **July 1**. Submit entries to Patricia Camacho, Directorate of Community Activities, Darling Hall, Room 260. Call Camacho at 791-2611, or e-mail [camachop@gordon.army.mil](mailto:camachop@gordon.army.mil) for more information.

## School elections

Freedom Park Elementary School will hold an election to designate two parent representatives to serve on the 2003-2004 School Council. The election will be held at 6:30 p.m. **Tuesday** at the school. All parents are encouraged to participate in this election. Call 791-7270 for information.

## ATNM conference

The semi-annual Army Tactical Networks Modernization Conference for tactical

Signal unit commanders is **Aug. 11 - 15**. Pre-registration begins Sunday through Aug. 1. A primary focus will be the top five critical systems as designated and approved by the recent Signal Council of Colonels. Relevant vendors will also have displays. Go to [www.signalcorps.org](http://www.signalcorps.org) for information and registration.

## ArtScape Camp

The Greater Augusta Arts Council is producing an eight-week Art Camp this summer for children living in Fort Gordon housing communities. They are partnering with the Housing Authority and Richmond County Recreation and Parks to produce a camp offering exposure to music, dance drama and visual arts.

Last summer, some campers learned how to play the violin in two weeks.

Russel Joel Brown will be teaching choral music.

Volunteers are needed to come to camp and assist in the classrooms.

Volunteer for a week or two or more. Volunteers may work one day a week for eight weeks, but the camp would prefer not to have to change out each day. With 100 campers the program really wants each teacher to have a 'helper' in the room.

Volunteers are needed through **Aug. 1** from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Ursula Collins School. The camp will be closed the 4th of July week (June 30-July 4) and July 21 - Aug. 1. The camp will be at May Park-Walton Way at 4th Street. For more information, call Brenda Durant at 826-4702 or e-mail: [Brenda@augustaarts.com](mailto:Brenda@augustaarts.com).

## CPR and first aid training

The American Red Cross offers CPR and First Aid Training on **Tuesday and Thursday**, 6 - 9 p.m. at Community Life Building. Attendance at both evenings is required for certification. Cost is \$36. Pre-registration is required. For more information, call 787-6311.

## Family child care provider

Registration for new applicants to become a Family Child Care Provider will be held **Monday through Friday** from 9 a.m. - noon, daily in Building 45400 next

to the Youth Services building.

Training will start July 11 at 9 a.m. Applicants must reside in government quarters and all training is provided at no cost to family members. Child care will also be provided.

For more information, call 791-3993/4440.

## SMA scholarships

The Sergeants Major Association of Fort Gordon is offering scholarships for the graduating class of 2003. Applicant must be a legal dependent of an active, reserve, retired, or deceased military person living in the CSRA. Applications may be obtained from any command sergeant major or sergeant major. The application deadline is **June 24**.

For more information, call Sgt. Maj. Alfred Simmons at 791-7985.

## Recruit the recruiter

The Recruit the Recruiter Team from Headquarters, U.S. Army Recruiting Command, Fort Knox, Ky., will brief on the challenges, benefits and opportunities of becoming a recruiter.

This briefing in no way obligates you for recruiting duty. A personal interview can be conducted by the team following the briefing to determine initial qualifications on all NCOs interested in applying.

Briefings will be held **Tuesday and Wednesday** in Olmstead Hall at 1:30 and 3:30 p.m.

For more information go to [www.usarec.army.mil](http://www.usarec.army.mil) or call 800-223-3735 ext 61028.

## Signal band performs

The U.S. Army Signal Corps Band performs at 7 p.m. **June 23** in Aiken at Hopeland Gardens on Whiskey Road. The concert is part of the Hopeland Summer Concert Series, is free and open to the public. Call 791-3113 for information.

## Mosquito spraying

Pest Control will be fogging **weekdays** for mosquitoes as needed prior to 7:30 a.m. from now through October. The regular scheduled days are Tuesdays and Thursdays. Days may be added as needed for mosquito control. For more information, call 791-4206.

## Fort to fort swim

Registrations are now being accepted for the 13th Annual Fort-to-Fort Swim to be held **June 21** at NAS Pensacola. Swimmers must be at least 14 years of age and in good health. The entry fee is \$20. Registrations must be received by Morale Welfare and Recreation Events Office no later than 2 p.m. Tuesday, and the race is limited to the first 300 entries.

Participants must arrive at Barrancas Beach from 8 - 9:15 a.m. and will be transported by shuttle bus to the pier at 9:30 a.m. From there, participants will take a short boat ride to the starting line at Fort Pickens. The swim will start at 10:30 a.m. Swimmers cannot go directly to Fort Pickens for the start.

There will be no race day registration. Awards will be presented to male and female finishers, three deep in each age category. All entrants will receive a T-shirt.

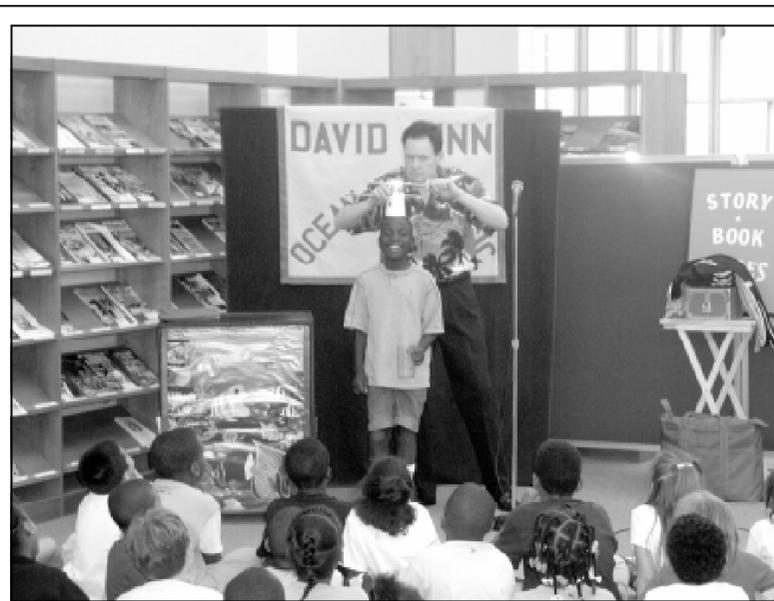


Photo by Steve Brady

## Presto!

David Ginn performs a magic trick with the help of Jewlyus Grigsby Tuesday at Woodworth Consolidated Library. Ginn used his show, *Ocean of Magic*, to kick off the *Beat the Heat and Read* summer reading program at the library. The program begins Monday and goes through Aug. 4. More than 80 people attended the show.

The event is open to all military and civilian personnel.

Registration forms can be downloaded from [www.mwr-pcola.navy.mil/current/swim/ft2ft2002.htm](http://www.mwr-pcola.navy.mil/current/swim/ft2ft2002.htm) or picked up at the NAS Gym and Fitness Center, or call the Office of Special Events Director at 452-3806 ext. 340, or the Aquatics Director 452-4392.

## Golf tournament

The Adolphus W. Greely Chapter of the Signal Corps Regimental Association will host its Golf Tourney (Scramble) **Friday**.

Entry cost is \$40 per person. Each team will consist of four players. Lone entries will be paired by the committee.

For more information or to register, call Gordon Lakes Golf Course at 791-6854/2433.

## Car wash

Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 116th Military Intelligence Group will have a car wash **Friday** from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. across the street from Burger King.

Armor All protectant will be used on tires and dashboard if desired.

For more information, call 791-0969.

## Lake activities

Fort Gordon recreation area and Strom Thurmond Lake offers lodging, campsites, pavilion, picnic area, boat/RV storage, camping equipment and more.

For more information on the recreation area or reserving part of the area visit [www.fortgordon.com](http://www.fortgordon.com) or call 541-1057.

## Golf classes

Gordon Lakes Golf Course offers junior golf classes for children 9 - 15.

Kids will learn the rules and etiquette of the game and follow-up with a four-hole tournament on the last day.

The first classes are **Tuesday, Thursday, and June 24 and 26** from 9 - 11 a.m. The second class is **July 15, 17, 22 and 24** from 9 - 11 a.m.

For more information, call 791-2433.

## Youth services

Youth services offers summer fun camps Monday-Friday through Aug. 13.

Fees are based on combined family income and are due at registration.

For more information, call 791-6500 or 7575.

## Retirement celebration

There will be a retirement celebration for Sgt. Maj. Elizabeth Howard, 513th Military Intelligence Brigade, at 11 a.m. **June 20** in the Gordon Club ballroom. Call 791-7454 for information.

## Swim lessons

The American Red Cross offers swimming lessons at the Ring Hall pool for children ages six months to 18 years. Lessons are open to active duty, department of Army civilians and family members. Cost is \$50 per student. Call 791-3034.

## Volunteers needed

The next Dental Assistant Program course begins in October. Candidates must be a currently registered Red Cross volunteer with 100 hours or more of volunteer service. The first step in becoming a Red Cross volunteer is to attend Red Cross Orientation. The next Orientation dates are: **Thursday**, 6-9 p.m. or **July 1**, 9-11 a.m. Call 787-6311 to register.

## CPR & First Aid Training

Red Cross offers CPR & First Aid Training **Tuesday and Thursday**, 6-9 p.m. at

the Community Life Building. Attendance both evenings is required for certification. Cost is \$36. Pre-registration is required. Call 787-6311 for more information.

## Law enforcement testing

The Fort Gordon ACAP Center is offering the Darany Entry Level Police Officers Examination 9-11 a.m. **Wednesday**.

Those passing the test with a score of at least 70 percent will be mailed an application for employment with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department.

Call Juva Alexander at 791-7333 to reserve a seat or go to the ACAP Center Building 33800.

## Fort Gordon Report



COMING UP

The newest edition of the *Army Newswatch* premieres Monday and includes:

- 3rd Infantry Division in Baghdad
- Secretary White's Farewell
- Army NASCAR Pit Crew

The *Fort Gordon Report* and *Army Newswatch* alternate weeks on *Charter Cable Channel 13*: Mondays and Thursdays at 7:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Fridays at 7 a.m., noon, 5 p.m., 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., Wednesdays at 6:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 4:30 p.m., 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays at 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

You can catch the latest *Fort Gordon Report* on *Comcast Cable Channel 66* on: Mondays, Tuesdays, Saturdays and Sundays at 9 p.m., Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 8:30 a.m.

The newest edition of *Fort Gordon Report* premieres **June 23**.

The *Fort Gordon Report* is the Signal Center's official television news program and is produced on post by the Fort Gordon Public Affairs Office and the Training and Support Center.

# Spectrum



## JROTC: Hangin' around Fort Gordon

Velshonya Jackson, Lucy Laney High School, hangs from a one-rope bridge. The bridge was one of six events Jackson and 150 other area JROTC cadets competed in during their four-day stay at Fort Gordon. The cadets also rappelled, went through the land navigation and confidence courses, and competed in water safety, and drill and ceremony.



### Camp Semaphore

Photos and story by  
Spc. Ryan Matson

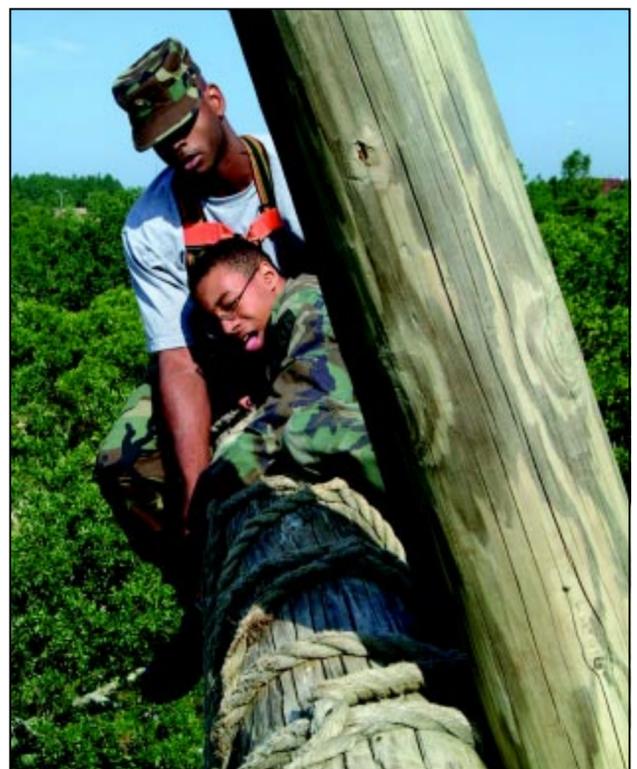
Fort Gordon hosted Camp Semaphore June 3 to 6 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. The event gave Junior ROTC students from six area high schools - Lakeside, Evans, Harlem, Hephzibah, Laney and the Academy of Richmond County - the opportunity to participate in a number of survival and leadership skill activities and competitions.

Cadets participated in land navigation, map reading, rappelling, combat water survival, building a one-rope bridge, obstacle and confidence courses, and drill and ceremony.

Fort Gordon's Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course and Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course students guided the youngsters through their many challenging events, making sure they were safe even if they were doing something they may not have thought possible before.

"These kids are great," said Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Diaz, surrounded by a platoon of screaming teenagers. "Watching them keeps me young. This is the next best thing in the Army after doing your job." Diaz is a small group leader at the NCO Academy.

Three platoons totaling approximately 150 cadets attended the camp, which featured a graduation day speech by U.S. Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon Commanding General Brig. Gen. Jan Hicks.



# Define happiness

*True happiness comes from relationship with God, not fame, fortune, popularity*

**Chaplain (Maj.) Mark Awdykowsz**  
Chaplain Resource Manager

What do you think most people believe will make them happy? On a more personal note, what do you think will make you happy?

Our culture pulverizes us with the notion that we can control our own happiness by making sure we have the things we want, and that our world as we know it, is in harmony with our agenda. But what we say we believe will make us happy, and what we believe will make us happy are seldom the same.

I don't believe that most of us are hypocrites—saying we believe one thing and living contrary to what we say we believe. The tension is in what we say we believe will make us happy, and what we really believe will make us happy. The Christian may say that the path to true happiness is found in the all sufficiency of Jesus Christ and our complete and utter dependence upon Him. But that may not be the complete truth.

Many who call themselves Christians claim believing in Jesus Christ and His finished work in offering forgiveness and power for living as frail creatures. Many Americans say they believe in God. But where do we go to find happiness? By happiness, I don't mean that giddy, superficial, good feeling that changes with the weather. I'm referring to what the Bible calls "blessed."

Both the Old Testament Hebrew and New Testament Greek translate the word happy as, "Blessed." Psalm One tells us that, "Blessed is the person who doesn't walk in the counsel of

the ungodly, or stand in the way of sinners, or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night."

Jesus' Sermon on the Mount provides us with a list of Beatitudes describing the person who is blessed when they do certain things (blessed are the merciful for they will receive mercy). If we claim to believe in Jesus Christ, then we are claiming to believe the Bible and what it has to say about life — about being happy. But are we, as Christians, pursuing the things of God and finding our happiness in Him?

As people of faith in God, how can we know what we really believe about finding happiness? In order to answer that question we must look at how we live. I believe that whatever we are pursuing to bring us happiness becomes our god. Fame, fortune, power, and pleasure are more often than not what many Christians pursue in order to bring them happiness.

What I'm trying to say is that we don't need success, money, popularity, or pleasure to bring us happiness. The abundant life is found in a living, dynamic, and intimate relationship with the God of the universe — Jesus Christ. He came that we might have life and have it more abundantly (John 10:10).

So the next time you are pursuing happiness, ask yourself what you really believe will make you happy. As long as we continue to believe we can bring about our own happiness, we will never be happy. The happy or "blessed" person is one who finds Jesus Christ sufficient for any and every situation in life. He alone is the source of true happiness.



## Power Lunch

513th hosts weekly prayer for soldiers

**Spc. Leslie K. Pearson**  
513th MI Brigade photojournalist

The 513th Military Intelligence Brigade sponsors a weekly prayer luncheon in the 202nd MI Battalion conference room noon on Wednesdays. Pizza, sub sandwiches, sodas and other snacks are provided free of charge for those who attend the meeting. While the program goal is to bring the 513th MI Bde. soldiers and civilians together for a time of prayer and scripture study, anyone at Fort Gordon can participate.

The prayer lunch started in February with a few people gathering informally to pray for the 513th

soldiers who were deployed, said Sgt. Tiffany Martschink, 513th MI Bde. chaplain's assistant who started the meetings.

"At the time, we were just kind of meeting and talking about the soldiers who were forward; discussing any news that we'd heard and praying for anyone who'd been injured," she said. "We wanted to keep them lifted up in prayer."

The group is now being temporarily led by Chap. (Maj.) Ronald Owens, the acting brigade chaplain who arrived from Kuwait in April after being deployed for more than four months.

The scriptural studies

cover a range of topics and are based on concerns that come up in the prayer requests and group discussions, with one topic sometimes leading to the next, said Owens.

"When I first got here, there were a number of prayer requests for healing. A lot of the people in our study had family members and friends who were either stricken with cancer or other diseases and sicknesses, so the following week I led the discussion part of the prayer lunch on the topic of healing. We always ask God to heal, but to get an understanding of what God says about healing we need to look at the scriptures," he said.

## While I'm waiting...

*Envy, jealousy creep in after others return; friends help keep emotions in check*

While I am waiting....A couple of days have passed since the homecoming I attended. Things were again changing around me. I noticed I was frustrated a bit easier, madder at little things quicker, and generally just put out at the world.

And in the fog of my mind I did not realize that my little green monster had come to roost. You know the little green monster, the code warning for your children or friends to approach with care.

The silly words that help minimize the powerful emotions for the little green monster is steeped in jealousy, envy and anger. It has fanged teeth that will tear into anything and anyone. It has sharp ears that hear every whisper.

That little monster has a sharp tongue, to spew out biting, though seemingly witty, remarks. And a strange little brain that twists all the pieces of information, that doesn't forget anything, but doesn't remember events quite the way they happened.

All very powerful emotions, and if you let them take over, those emotions can turn your life into a mess.

I was mad, and yes, that strong emotion took over for a while. I was mad because it was not

my husband, my soldier that came home. And that anger colored my world for a few days.

I felt like a little kid again. I was mad and really did not have anyone logical to address my feelings. My little green monster seemed to overtake my reasoning, and created havoc in my life.

I didn't want to talk to any of my friends or family. I was short with them on the phone. I had my own pity party while my children were out playing. That led to my poor baby party in the middle of the night.

They are different in title, but the same in content. I kept layering the grief upon myself. My little green monster was in heaven. I was unhappy.

But thanks to my friends, I am better. I went to dinner, though my monster fought to keep me from going. Plans had been made, I hadn't forgotten (which was a miracle we have already addressed). We made dinner together the one night shortly after the group of soldiers came back, and they helped me reign in my emotions.

I told them in anger I was mad, and they kindly talked me through the anger, shared their feelings, their anger, and we turned it around together. We

laughed at the situation, at the problems, and most importantly I got to laugh away my little green monster.

We talked for a long time as everyone shared their green monster stories, and together we healed a bit and got back on track dealing with this deployment.

I could not have done it myself and I am ever so thankful I did not have to do it alone.

On one level I am so happy for the families that got their spouses back, they are so lucky. But I want that joy too. I still do not know when my spouse will come home, and the days seem longer, literally as well as spiritually, as he is not home.

While some of these are unpleasant emotions, they were my emotions and that is what makes us human. I am no different than anyone else, though my monster wanted me to be. That I did not let them take over my life made me stronger.

I miss my spouse in ways I am discovering everyday, and will continue to as this deployment goes on. Though I know that there will be more ups and downs in the waiting time, and my emotions may take another tumble, I truly hope I can keep that little green monster away for the rest of the time, while I am waiting.

**Editor's note:** "While I am waiting..." is a series of comments and events from the spouse of a deployed soldier who wishes to remain anonymous.



Courtesy photo

### A banner welcome

During the school year, students from Freedom Park Elementary School designed a banner thanking soldiers returning from Iraq for their service. Here, two returning soldiers accept the banner on behalf of their unit.

Eventually, the group's discussions on healing led to thoughts about how God gives people strength to endure the pain and suffering they sometimes have to go through. The subject of strength sparked a dialogue about managing frustration, so they looked to the Bible for guidance. After the Memorial Day weekend, the topic of discussion turned to the issue of mourning.

"I discovered that a lot of people were mourning and dealing with the aftermath of Memorial Day because it's a time of remembering soldiers who have died," said Owens. "Also, a lot of people go to the cemetery to put flowers on the graves of their family members who have not even been to war, which brings about a process of grieving."

Most recently, the group has been communicating about having a "Blessed Attitude."

Tying it in to the previous topics, the group discussed the context of biblical verses such as "Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted" from the Beatitudes, listed in the New Testament Gospel of Matthew, which lets people know it's good to mourn because there's a promise of being comforted.

"I think a program like this is a good opportunity to bring people around a table so they can talk and maybe come to see they're probably not the only one going through whatever issue they may be dealing with, and then hopefully, become encouraged," said Martschink.

# Sports & Leisure

## Sports

### UPDATE

#### Ten-Milers wanted

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Robert Denmark is looking for the fastest runners on post.

Denmark will lead a 10-person squad from Fort Gordon to the Army Ten-Miler held Oct. 5 in Washington, D.C.

Try-outs for the team will take place June 21. The top 10 tryout finishers will comprise the team.

For more information, contact Denmark at 791-1238 or at [denmarkr@gordon.army.mil](mailto:denmarkr@gordon.army.mil).

#### SCRA golf tournament

The Signal Corps Regimental Association will sponsor a golf tournament June 20 at the Gordon Lakes Golf Course starting at 7:30 a.m.

The four-person scramble tournament is open to all SCRA members, soldiers, retirees and family members in the Fort Gordon area. The cost is \$40 per person and includes green fees, cart, lunch and two free mulligans per player.

Sign-up deadline is today. For more information, call 791-2564.

#### BOSS Father's Day Basketball Classic

BOSS will host a three-on-three basketball tournament Saturday starting at 9 a.m. in Gym One.

The tournament is open to the public, both male and female players, age 16 and over.

The cost of registration is \$25. For information, call Spc. Ariane Gonzales at 791-7862, or Sgt. Darrick Granger at 787-2334.

#### Ladies golf schedule

Thursdays are ladies golf days at Gordon Lakes Golf Course. Tee time is 8 a.m.

For more information, call Pauline Blandeburgo at 863-3747.

#### Shooting range opening

There will be a grand opening for the skeet and trap fields at Range 14 June 21. Rates are \$7 per round, \$3.50 for FGSC members. Call 791-5078 for information.

#### Spouse bowling night

The Gordon Lanes Bowling Center offers bowling for spouses of deployed soldiers the third Thursday of each month beginning at 7 p.m. The cost is \$1.25 per game with no charge for shoe rental. Call 791-3446 for information.

#### Riding lessons

English and Western riding lessons available at Hilltop Riding Stables for ages six and older.

Group lessons for three or more people are \$15 per person, per lesson on Thursdays. Private lessons are \$25 per person, per lesson, and semi-private lessons for two people are \$20 per person, per lesson on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Call 791-4864 for details.



Photo by Spc. Ryan Matson

A view of the new double skeet trap field recently built on Range 14. The area is one of many ongoing Sportsman's Club MWR projects.



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class John Landrum

Michael Matthews, Fayetteville, Ga., shoots a World War II MP-40 machine gun.

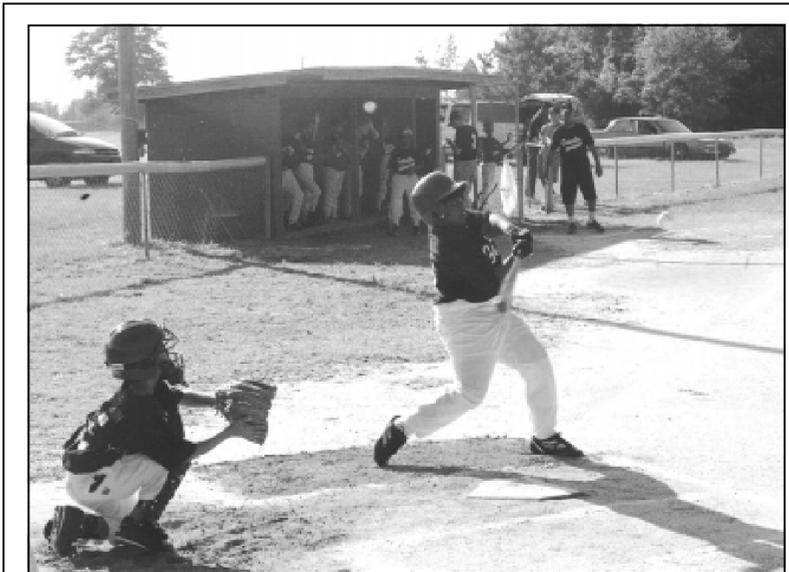


Photo by Spc. Ryan Matson

#### In full swing

Trenon Screws, 10, takes a cut during the Fort Gordon Giants/Braves game June 5 at the baseball field behind Freedom Park Elementary School. The Fort Gordon youth baseball season, which started June 2, is in full throttle. It runs through June 26. Registration for football and cheerleading begins in August. Call 791-4722 for more youth sports information.

## At the Movies

The Signal Theater is open Thursday-Sunday. All shows begin at 6:30 p.m. The late show on Saturday begins at 9:30 p.m. Children 12 and over and all adults are \$3. Children 6-11 are \$1.50. Children under 5 are free. For movie listings and times, call 791-3982.

June 13 - 15

Friday - Bulletproof Munk (PG-13)

Saturday - Holes (PG)

Saturday late show - It Runs in the Family (PG-13)

Sunday - Holes (PG)

Note: Attendance at Fort Gordon's movie theater is strictly limited to authorized Post Exchange patrons.

## Fishing, firing and fun

### Sportsman's Club in the midst of a host of activities

Spc. Ryan Matson  
Sports Editor

The grass is not the only thing that's growing lately. So, too, is the Fort Gordon Sportsman's Club, part of the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Outdoor Recreation program. They are gaining more facilities and adding new activities.

The club, which has more than 100 volunteer members who support MWR activities, was scheduled to help host two MWR fishing tournaments Saturday and Sunday.

The first of these, the always popular kid's fishing derby, slated to take place Saturday, was postponed due to rain.

The event has drawn hundreds of youngsters in the past, standing shoulder-to-shoulder around the claypit lakes to reel in fish that were stocked specially for the event.

The next tournament will take place Sept. 21, Fred Perry the director of the Fort Gordon Outdoor Recreation program, said.

"The game wardens were nice. They kept the claypits open until 11 a.m. to let the kids who showed up fish if they wanted to," Sgt. 1st Class John P. Landrum, the Sportsman's Club president, said.

"Believe it or not the kids are willing to fish in the rain. The main reason we called it off is for safety," Landrum explained. "We were concerned about lightning, and the clay roads around the claypits get slick in the rain. We didn't want anybody to spin their tires and go off into the water. Safety is very important to us."

Sunday's *Take A Soldier Fishing* event went a little better. A total of 19 people, including 12 active duty soldiers fished in the event, which started at Butler Reservoir at first light and ended around 1 p.m. Thirty fish were caught in the tournament and \$150 in prize money was given out to participants.

Fishing derbys are just the start of the club's ongoing activities. In other happenings, the Sportsman's Club also held their second .50 caliber machine gun shoot June 1, in which collectors from across the country came to show off machine guns dating back to the 1800s. Thousands of rounds were fired downrange by antique guns valued at as much as \$30,000.

The club has also recently constructed a new double skeet/trap

range on Range 14, something the club has big plans for.

"It's built to specification, so we can host state skeet and trap competitions there," Landrum said.

"It's a double skeet trap range with three full skeet houses and two trap houses. The skeet houses throw high and low birds across, and the trap will throw the bird out in a random direction."

Both skeet trap ranges are semi-circular with eight main shooting positions per range. The eight shooting positions also have additional positions behind them for more advanced shooters.

Landrum said it took only six months for the new range to be constructed from the time it was originally proposed.

Besides hosting contests, Landrum said the new skeet/trap range will provide a place where advanced individual training soldiers can go to shoot recreationally.

The range is usually open two Saturdays a month, due to the size limits of a volunteer staff, Landrum said, although he said he hopes to eventually have it open during the business week as well.

The Pinetucky Shooting Club, a local shooting club, has also expressed interest in using the skeet range for friendly tournaments between their members and Sportsman's Club members, Landrum said.

Although the skeet trap range has been used for the month by people on and off post, the range will have its grand opening June 21.

Range 14 opened to soldiers and the public last year, and now holds a clay/skeet shooting area and archery shooting area. But, it is the next step in the range's development that has Landrum particularly excited.

Next year, at Range 14, an outdoor resource center lodge building is set to break ground, Landrum said.

"Once that's built, hunting and fishing license sales will be conducted out of there, and the skeet trap range should be able to be open all week during business hours.

"We also plan on having firearm rental and sales out of there, so the AIT soldiers can go shoot skeet. It's going to be beautiful."

Landrum couldn't be happier with the new developments in the Sportsman's Club.

"For years the soldiers on this post have not had too much infrastructure in place as far as something to do," Landrum said.

"Finally, we're starting to get all this great stuff to provide to the soldier, which gives them alternatives to going downtown and doing something they shouldn't," he said.

"Plus, I'm really partial to this range, because it helps build soldier skills."