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News UPDATE

Independence Day

Fort Gordon's Independence Day celebration is 5-11 p.m. **today** at Barton Field and Freedom Park. Activities include music by Shiloh, Heavy Dose and the U.S. Army Signal Corps Band, carnival rides, military displays and more, followed by a fireworks and laser show. Admission is free. Call 791-2859.

Holiday hours

Many commercial facilities on Fort Gordon will be open **Friday**.

The Post Exchange is open 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Gate 1 shoppette 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.; Gate 5 shoppette open normal hours; PXtra and Class Six 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Closed outlets include the commissary, Burger King and barber shops.

The Defense Military Pay Office will be closed **today** and **Friday**. For emergencies, call 241-1486.

School dress code

The Richmond County Board of Education recently announced a revised dress code for the 2003-04 school year.

Tops must be solid red, white or blue, while bottoms must be blue, black or khaki; denim is acceptable. All pants must be of a traditional style, and fit at the waist.

There is no "opt out" provision this year. For information, call 737-7200.

Holiday events

The Augusta Chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars is sponsoring an Independence Day ceremony from 10-11 a.m. **Friday** on the steps of the Municipal Building, 530 Greene St. The guest speaker is Col. Bernard Kulifay, chief of staff, U.S. Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon. For information, call Terry Pitts at 736-9581.

Columbia County will celebrate Independence Day **Friday**. The celebration at Patriots Park on Columbia Road begins with an opening ceremony conducted by the Augusta Chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars at 6 p.m. The guest speaker will be Col. John Belser, Fort Gordon staff judge advocate. Festivities continue through the evening, concluding with fireworks at 9:30 p.m. For information, call David Titus at 860-2205.

Behind the Masque, Inc., presents a tribute to the military with a living statue version of the raising of the flag at Iwo Jima. Five performers will recreate the memorial, and other tributes to America, from 3-9 p.m. **Friday** on Broad Street between 9th and 12th streets. For information call (803) 442-3071.

Final duty

Member of Fort Gordon's military police detachment lost while serving in Kuwait

Steve Brady
Signal editor

A recent death at Camp Wolf, Kuwait, claimed the life of one of Fort Gordon's four-legged soldiers.

Donja, a Belgian Malinois and military working dog assigned to Fort Gordon, died June 17 of apparent heat exhaustion during a deployment supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Donja and her handler, Sgt. Matthew Hammond, 35th Military Police Detachment, each received the Bronze Star Jan. 29 for work done during their time in Afghanistan April 2 to Sept. 2, 2002.

While there, the two were attached to a Special Forces unit and performed ground and riot control, as well as explosives detection.

During a patrol, Donja alerted Hammond to C-4 residue and bomb making materials in a vehicle entering Kandahar.

The driver was taken into custody and was later identified as a murder suspect from Pakistan.

The pair also performed security for the Salt Lake City 2002 Olympics.

Fort Gordon has nine military working dogs, including the newest dog Ringo that recently finished the canine equivalent of basic training at

Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. Ringo will partner with Hammond.

Hammond and Ringo will

undergo 45 days of training together to certify the dog as an explosive detector and patrol dog.



Donja trains with Sgt. Matthew Hammond, 35th Military Police Detachment, in this photo taken in January.

DDEAMC scores high with JCAHO

Jennifer Chipman
DDEAMC Public Affairs Officer

Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center recently received the results of its extensive Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations survey of the center underw...

underw... during June. The medical center scored 99 out of a possible 100 points.

"The staff here at the medical center work hard everyday to ensure our patients are receiving the safest and best medical care possible," said Ann Collier, chief of Quality Management at DDEAMC. "Our score is a testament to the dedication and hard work everyone does everyday."

According to Collier, the joint commission is an independent, not for profit organization governed by a board made up of physicians, nurses, and consumers. It also sets the standards by which the quality of health care is measured in the United States and throughout the world.

DDEAMC must undergo an extensive on-site review by a team of JCAHO health care professionals at least once every three years.

"Our accreditation is based on our performance in areas that affect patient care," said Collier.

"This is just further evidence of our mission to provide excellent health care," said Brig. Gen. Eric Schoemaker, com-

manding general, DDEAMC and the Southeast Regional Medical Command. "It is our vision to be recognized as a leader in building an integrated Department of Defense healthcare system that promotes well-being through excellence in medical care."

This year's survey team included: Dr. Paul Brown, Ph.D., alcohol and drug surveyor with a doctorate in psychology; George Breault, administrator surveyor with a masters in public administration; Nancy Francisco, nurse surveyor with a masters of science in community health education; and Dr. William Brideweser, M.D., physician surveyor with a medical doctors degree from Ohio State University School of Medicine.

The survey team traveled throughout the medical center inspecting the physical facility, medical records, compliance standards and procedures during their survey. They also interviewed many of the staff to determine their knowledge of the JCAHO standards.

"During the four days the team was here they surveyed the entire medical center," Collier said. "From the mechanical rooms on the 14th floor to pathology on the first floor."

"This accreditation demonstrates Eisenhower's commitment to achieving high quality and safe care for our patients, residents, and the people we serve," Collier said.

For more information about the JCAHO survey results, call 787-2801.



First ILE course graduates at Gordon

Satellite course offers officers common core curriculum

Steve Brady
Signal editor

Ensuring all field-grade officers receive advanced leadership training is the driving force behind the Army's new Intermediate Level Education program. Part of the initiative includes the Command and General Staff Officers Course now being offered here.

Fort Gordon was the pilot site for the three-month course, and the first class of 35 officers graduated Friday in Alexander Hall.

In the past, 50 percent or fewer of all majors attended the Command General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth due to resource constraints. The ILE aims to increase that number to 100 percent through the use of satellite locations, where the officers will receive a "core" of common classes.

"ILE is designed for the career officer right after their experience as a captain as they begin their field-grade experi-

ence," said Dr. Dennis Dolan, educational team leader. "We provide the institutional education to prepare these mid-level career officers for the new assignments they'll be placed in."

"In the past, not all majors were receiving this basic career progression training," said Lt. Col. John Duquette, ILE instructor and executive officer for the 10-man instructor team.

Students receive instruction in logistics, tactics, arms, the evolution of modern warfare, and leadership including critical thinking and reasoning skills, Duquette said.

The officers taking the course felt it was a good experience.

"It was a great course," said Maj. Keith Blodgett, battalion administrative officer for the Arizona National Guard's 158th Supply and Services Battalion. "We spent a lot of time talking about what staff officers need to know and understand at senior levels in the Army. It was very focused on strategic and operational operations, and how those decisions are made and what types of things are considered at that level when making decisions."

"I think I'm more aware of how the other part of the Army I haven't seen works and op-



Capt. Beth Avery, Army Public Affairs, helps plan a scenario during her ILE end-of-course exercise. The scenario her group had to solve involved a humanitarian aid mission that deteriorated into a peacekeeping mission in the Middle East.

erates," he said, adding that his career had been spent thus far below the brigade level.

Although the course gives them the basics, the officers may still receive branch-specific training.

"ILE is the core education a major needs to become an ef-

fective leader as a major and lieutenant colonel," Duquette said. "Now all majors will receive, at a minimum, this three-month core education, while some may also receive further branch-specific training."

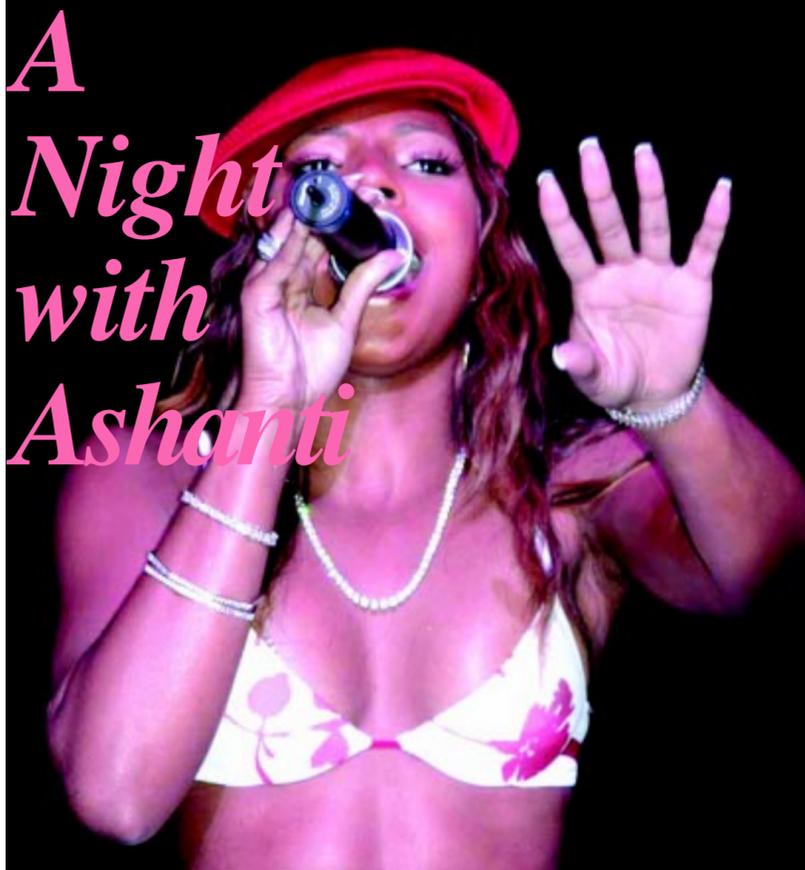
"Not all officers will go on to War College (for colonels

and generals), so this may be the last formal military education officers receive before they are eligible for retirement," Duquette said.

Another ILE site began classes in June at Fort Lee, Va. The Army is also considering forming four additional sites.



Mr. Cheeks (above) and Ashanti (right) performed to a crowd of hundreds at Fort Gordon's Barton Field. The performance was part of the Army Entertainment concert tours.



A Night with Ashanti

Photos by Spc. Leslie Pearson

Murder, Inc., songbird, former Lost Boyz member serenade crowd at Barton Field

Spc. Leslie Pearson
513th Military Intelligence Brigade

Singing favorites from her soulful self-titled debut album *Ashanti* and recent hits from her latest album *Chapter II*, urban rhythm and blues singer Ashanti gave a dynamic performance Friday night at Fort Gordon's Barton Field as part of the 2003 Miller Lite Concert Tour.

The concert, sponsored by U.S. Army Entertainment and Fort Gordon Morale, Welfare and Recreation, drew hundreds of fans anxious to hear the R&B diva perform.

The evening opened with local performers Pam Wilson and the Ghetto Players, who warmed up the crowd with their dance moves and vocal skills.

Next on the play list was special guest rapper Mr. Cheeks, also known as Terrence Kelly (formerly with the Lost Boyz), who laid down tracks from his album *John P. Kelly* and the recently

released *Back Again*.

For Pvt. Antonio Howells, an AIT student, the concert was a chance to spend time with his wife Jessica Howells, who drove from Virginia to see him.

"We're having a good time tonight especially since I would normally be in class right now," said Howells glancing at the time on his watch, "but it was cancelled because of the concert. It gives us a little more time to relax and be together."

Sgt. Christina Carter, a personnel actions clerk with the 513th Military Intelligence 201st Battalion and Sofia Blocker, a civilian budget assistant with the 513th MI 202nd Bn., were at the concert with their daughters who are fans of Ashanti's music.

"I'm having fun and I've been looking forward to coming to the concert to hear Ashanti sing *Rock with You*," said Raven Blocker.



Pam Wilson was one of several local acts that opened the Ashanti concert.



Three members of the crowd sing along with the performers. Ashanti performed songs from her debut album, *Ashanti*, and current single, "Rock With You." Mr. Cheeks also performed songs from his album *John P. Kelly* and his recently released album *Back Again*.

Area resident sends 'thank you' to POWs



Photos by Steve Brady

Steve Brady
Signal editor

When the American prisoners of war were released from Iraq, a collective sigh of relief spread across the country.

While the returning soldiers were given a hero's welcome, one local resident wanted to do more to thank them.

"My wife and I are both very patriotic," said Chuck Curley, a Martinez resident who served 22 years in the Army. "I wanted to do something for them."

He settled on hand crafting wooden rocking horses for each of the soldiers. Making the horses made sense for Curley, who has been making the horses as a hobby on and off since 1977.

"I never had formal training in woodworking, it's just a hobby I picked

up in Germany," he said.

He spends up to eight hours making each horse and personalized each one with the soldier's name. He is also enclosing a "thank you" letter to each of the soldiers.

Curley began the project shortly after the soldiers were released in April, and finished them by late May.

Since then he has been working with the Richmond County Chamber of Commerce to arrange for shipping the horses, and with Army public affairs offices for delivery to the families.

While some of the families do not have children, Curley said the horses were simply a way to say thank you.

"They sacrificed a lot for our country," he said. "This is just my way of saying thank you for what they have done for our country."



(Left) Curley with his herd of wooden rocking horses. Curley spent nearly 65 hours hand crafting eight rocking horses, one for each of the soldiers held prisoner of war in Iraq.

212 ways to be a Soldier

A day in the life of...

A 91M (nutrition care specialist)

Note: This is the 34th MOS featured in a series describing all 212 Army careers.

Spc. Ryan Matson
Staff writer

There are some activities many people seem to enjoy. One such thing is eating. And when it comes to food, Staff Sgt. Paul Snyder, Company A, Eisenhower Army Medical Center, is an expert in many areas.

Snyder works as a 91M, or nutrition care specialist, at Eisenhower Army Medical Center. He said the job

involves many different duties, all concerning working with food.

He said among the many duties of a 91M are working as a diet technician, a cook when needed, working in food supply, as a cashier, baker and cooking special dietary dishes.

The Advanced Individual Training for a 91M spans a total of 18 weeks and is taught at Fort Lee, Va., and at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas. Snyder said that though the 91Ms work primarily as nutritionists, because of all the work they do with food, they must

know how to prepare it. For this reason, he said all 91Ms carry with them the 92G (food preparation specialist) MOS as their secondary MOS. Fort Lee is also where 92Gs attend AIT.

"Their (92Gs) primary mission is cooking food, whereas ours is more to take care of patients," Snyder said. "That's our secondary MOS, but we generally don't do a lot of that."

After nine weeks at Fort Lee where 91M students learn food preparation, they move on to Fort Sam Houston, where the medical

MOSs are taught. There, Snyder said 91M students undertake their nutritional studies, learning a wide array of nutritional information including how to use one of a nutritionist's main tools, the American Dietetics Association manual, which he said is a 91M's primary source of diet information.

He said 91Ms modify a patient's diet based on their health needs and goals. To do this, Snyder said he must consider many factors, including the patient's allergies, likes, dislikes and what could be potentially dangerous (such as sugar

cookies for diabetics.) At the hospital, Snyder said he also works in the kitchen if needed and has input over menu items offered there.

Another job Snyder has, and other 91Ms may find themselves doing, is teaching classes on diet and nutrition. At Eisenhower, Snyder teaches classes in diet tips for people with heart ailments, as well as classes to help soldiers and other people eligible for treatment at the hospital fight high cholesterol.

"I tell them what foods to eat and to avoid to meet their goals," Snyder said.

Snyder said he loves his MOS, including the variety of jobs and responsibilities involved in it. The Pennsylvania native enlisted in the

MOS 10 years ago because he said he was interested in nutrition and exercise, and said he is constantly learning new things in the field today.

"I like all of it in its own way," he said. "To me, the variety of the MOS is a good thing. I like the nutrition portion of the job as well as the production side of the job that deals with feeding the staff."

"It's an awesome MOS for someone coming into the Army who's undecided on what he or she wants to do," Snyder said. "You cook, you learn about supply, you do one-on-one counselings with patients, get experience in managing a large budget, and so on. There's definitely a lot for a young soldier to learn."



Photo by Spc. Ryan Matson

Nutrition care specialists are responsible for the food served not only to patients, but also in Ike's Cafe at Eisenhower Medical Center.



Photo by Sgt. Brian Lamar

New command

Lt. Col. William David, the outgoing commander of the 297th Military Intelligence Battalion, passes his guidon to Col. Jon Jones, the commander of the 513th MI Bde. during the battalion change of command Monday at Alexander Hall.

David relinquished command to Lt. Col. Napoleon Stewart, incoming commander for the battalion. Stewart's last assignment was as the executive officer for the Joint Field Support Center and the Defense Intelligence Agency at Fort Meade, Md.

Retired but not forgotten

Leslie Pearson

513th Military Intelligence Brigade

Sgt. Maj. Elizabeth Howard, 513th Military Intelligence Brigade operations noncommissioned officer in charge, entered the United States Army in 1976 as part of the Women's Army Corps at Fort McClellan, Ala. After trying her hand at being a school teacher and realizing that it wasn't something she wanted to make a career of, she decided to join the Army to learn a new trade.

"I honestly didn't know if I was going to stick with it or if it was just something to do temporarily, but by '78 I knew I wanted to stay in because I kind of enjoyed myself," said Howard.

Trained as a Signal Intelligence enlisted woman Morse Intercept Operator, she has held such positions as senior manual Morse supervisor and battalion collection and training noncommissioned officer. Now, after a fruitful 27-year career as a key person in the intelligence community, she will hang up her beret to enjoy a life of retirement.

Since Howard's enlistment, a time when the opportunities available to women were somewhat limited, she has seen many changes occur, changes that have enabled her to rise in the ranks and make a successful career in the Army.

"It's kind of encouraging now to see more and more women trying to do the different jobs available to them and, in most cases, succeeding," she said.

Although Howard, through her many achievements in the Army, has made a contribution to the advancement of women in society, she doesn't like to think of her journey as being a success for any specific gender.

"The Army has taught me that all genders and races are 'green,' the Army doesn't see 'men,' 'women,' 'black,' 'white,' 'brown,' or any color. Because of that view, I don't feel I've done anything specifically for women. I've just tried to apply my efforts to make the Army better in general," she said.

Howard has been with the 513th for a total of seven years, starting in 1993 when she moved with the brigade to Fort Gordon from Fort Monmouth, N.J. She returned for another four years as the brigade S3 sergeant major after spending time at Fort Hood, Texas and Seoul, South Korea.

"I think most of my objectives have been focused on helping the brigade S3 to be respected as a whole and to operate professionally and effectively," said Howard.

Since the Army has been such a huge part of her life, retirement may take a little getting used to.

"After 27 years of dedication you have to kind of gradually wean yourself from it," said Howard. "I guess part of me hopes I'll be called on for consultation a lot and part of me hopes that the job has been transitioned to people who are going to be effective."

Howard's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (4th OLC), Army Commendation Medal, Good Conduct Ribbon (9th Award), National Defense Service Ribbon, NCO Development Ribbon (Level 4), Overseas Service Ribbon (Numeral 4), Army Superior Unit Citation (1 OLC) and the Military Intelligence Corps Knowlton Award. However, she considers her biggest accomplishment to be one that gets the least attention.

"In the late '80s I was able to staff a change to remote collection through all the services. I then asked the National Security Agency if they could make that change by adding a 'drop code' which they accepted and were able to adopt. To me, that was my greatest accomplishment, actually contributing something back to collection and recognizing that a change had happened," she said.

As the guest speaker at

May's NCO induction, Howard shared several key pieces of advice with the soldiers.

"Number one," said Howard, "don't ever be afraid to try to do everything. If you don't succeed, you may have to figure out another way of doing things, but at least try. Secondly, caring for soldiers is not just about bullets, beans and mail, it's also about teaching them to do their job, not doing it

for them but letting them learn and letting them do. Thirdly, you can learn from all ranks, including civilians; whoever knows how to get the job done best," she said.

Howard's co-workers and fellow soldiers agree that she has been an important person in the brigade and will be greatly missed.

"We're really going to miss Sgt. Maj. Howard because there are a lot of things that she does to make

everything run efficiently," said Staff Sgt. Renee Leonard, 513th S3 Deployments NCO, who has taken on some of Howard's responsibilities. "Basically, every time we've needed something here in the S3 or when we didn't know the answer to something, the first person we've always looked to is Sgt. Maj. Howard because nine times out of 10, she'd have the answer."

Show me the money

Henry Holmes
Public Affairs Office

"It's the money gate," says Gloria Foster, referring to the nickname for Gate 3. She said the gate handles all contractors and vendors doing business with the installation. It also serves as the entrance point for many hospital personnel and VIPs coming onto Fort Gordon.

Foster works at Gate 3 for Johnson Controls, the main contractor on post. There are also soldiers and Department of Army civilian guards who work at the gate.

When a truck pulls up, a guard checks it, and then the vehicle stops near a tent where soldiers examine it. If the vehicle

is not on an approved list to come on post, Foster checks its manifest and calls the point of contact to verify the shipment, before the vehicle heads to its destination. She may also offer alternative directions on how to get to their destination.

Gate 3 is open 5:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. It is on U.S. Highway 78, half a mile from Gate 2, and three miles from Gate 1.

It reopened following the terrorist attack on New York City and the Pentagon in September 2001. Prior to that it was closed in the mid '90s. Nearly 500 vehicles use Gate 3 each day.



Photo by Steve Brady

Gloria Foster, a gate guard with Johnson Controls, helps inspect a truck at Gate 3.

Viewpoint

Information, Opinions, and Commentary

Ewww, Ohhh, Ahhh . . . legally and safely!

The American traditions of parades, cookouts, and fireworks help us celebrate the summer season, especially our nation's birthday on the Fourth of July. However, fireworks can turn a joyful celebration into a painful memory when children and adults are injured while using fireworks.

Although legal consumer fireworks that comply with the CPSC regulations can be relatively safe, all fireworks are hazardous and can cause injury.

Thirty-seven states allow some or all types of consumer fireworks (formerly known as class C fireworks), including South Carolina.

There are seven states which allow only sparklers or other novelties, and there are seven states that have banned all consumer fireworks allowed by CPSC regulations. Georgia falls under this category.

However there are Georgians who will travel to South Carolina and bring back consumer fireworks.

If caught with fireworks off post, the Richmond County sheriff's office works on a case by case basis. In most of these the fireworks are simply confiscated.

On post, the illegal fireworks are confiscated and the persons caught could be charged. The service member could also be written up, and then just like speeding tickets on post, that information is turned over to their commander.

Fireworks are classified as hazardous substances under the Federal Hazardous Substances Act. Some fireworks such as illegal firecracker type devices (M-80s, quarter sticks) and professional display fireworks should never be used or handled by consumers or children due to serious injuries and death that can and do occur from such use or handling.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, more than 11,000 people suffered severe fireworks injuries in the United States, including

burns, lacerations, amputations and blindness in 1995.

The following are examples of injuries from legal and illegal fireworks:

A 33-year-old man was setting off mortar style fireworks out of a black plastic pipe while in his backyard. As he leaned over one of the tubes and lit the fuse, the fireworks immediately went off striking him in the face. He was transported to a hospital where he was pronounced dead from head injuries.

A six-inch fountain that shot colored fireballs injured a 4-year-old girl. When the fountain tipped over, the victim was struck in the chest by a fireball. She sustained second and third degree burns to her chest and neck. She was hospitalized for three weeks for burn treatment and skin grafts.

stances Act, prohibits the sale of the most dangerous types of fireworks to consumers. These banned fireworks include large reloadable mortar shells, cherry bombs, aerial bombs, M-80 salutes and larger firecrackers containing more than two grains of powder. Also banned are mail-order kits designed to build these fireworks.

In a regulation that went into effect Dec. 6, 1976, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission lowered the permissible charge in firecrackers to no more than 50 milligrams of powder.

In addition, these amended regulations provide performance specifications for fireworks other than firecrackers intended for consumer use, including a requirement that fuses burn at least three seconds, but no longer than nine seconds. All fireworks must carry a warning label describing necessary safety precautions and instructions for safe use.

The Commission has issued a performance requirement to reduce the risk of potentially dangerous tipover of large multiple tube mine and shell devices. Tip-over of these devices has resulted in two fatalities. The new requirement went into effect March 26, 1997.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission estimates that in 2002 about 8,800 people were treated in hospital emergency rooms for injuries associated with fireworks. More than half the injuries were burns and most of the injuries involved the hands, eyes, and head. About half of the victims were under 15 years of age.

Fireworks should be used only with extreme caution. Older children should be closely supervised, and younger children should not be allowed to play with fireworks.

Before using fireworks, make sure they are permitted in your state or local area.

Many states and local governments prohibit or limit consumer fireworks, formerly known as class C fireworks, which are common fireworks and firecrackers sold for

consumer use. Consumer fireworks include shells and mortars, multiple tube devices, Roman Candles, rockets, sparklers, firecrackers with no more than 50 milligrams of powder and novelty items such as snakes, airplanes, ground spinners, helicop-



functioning fireworks. Douse and soak them with water and throw them away

- Be sure other people are out of range before lighting fireworks
- Never ignite fireworks in a container, especially a glass or metal container
- Keep unused fireworks away from firing areas
- Store fireworks in a dry, cool place
- Check instructions for special storage directions
- Observe local laws
- Never have any portion of your body directly over a firework while lighting
- Don't experiment with homemade fireworks

Editor's note: The above information was compiled from the Richmond County Sheriff's Office, the Fort Gordon Provost Marshal's Office and the following websites: www.keepkidshealthy.com/welcome/safety/fireworks_safety.html and www.ltr.state.sc.us/jmarshal/nr/july.htm.

4th of July holiday safety message

The anniversary of the Declaration of Independence is an important celebration for all Americans. Across our great land and in many nations overseas, Americans will join together to proudly display their love of country and their commitment to its ideals.

During the upcoming holiday weekend, outdoor activities and family vacations will be the order of the day. For many, particularly family members, this means an opportunity to participate in activities that present potential hazards such as traveling, boating, swimming, bicycling, hiking, and fireworks. Leadership involvement and individual safety awareness will prevent many off-duty recreational accidents.

Commanders and supervisors must reinforce privately owned vehicle safety awareness. The major causes of POV accidents are speed, alcohol, fatigue, and attitude. Emphasize the hazards of drinking alcohol and driving, a deadly combination. Discourage driving long distances after a full day of work, as the risk of fatigue-related accidents is greatly increased. Affirm seat belt and child restraint usage, as they provide the final means to help prevent fatal injuries.

The 4th of July is for celebrating the birth of our country, life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, and should not be marred by tragic, senseless accidents. Let's work hard to make this a safe and enjoyable holiday for our soldiers, civilians, and family members.

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Community Events

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.

July 3-10
Today - Closed
Friday - Closed
Saturday - The Matrix Reloaded (R)
Saturday late show - Bruce Almighty (pg-13)
Sunday - Daddy Daycare (PG)
Thursday - The Inlaws (PG-13)

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

School screenings

School screenings will be held at the Primary Care Clinic from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. **July 26**, and **Aug. 2** and **9**. This is a one-time screening required for all students entering Georgia public schools for the first time.

Parents should bring their ID Card, medical records (if not kept at Eisenhower), shot records, eye glasses, hearing aids, medical stamp card and medical power of attorney (if applicable).

To make an appointment or for information, call the Family Practice Clinic at 787-7300. For sports physicals, contact your primary care physician.

AMEDD birthday

The Army Medical Department and the AMEDD Regiment at Eisenhower Army Medical Center is planning an AMEDD Regimental Ball **July 11**. This year's theme is "Celebrating Freedom." During the ball there will be an induction ceremony for new members of the Order of Military Medical Merit, a formal welcome home to soldiers who have returned from Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom, and a special tribute to the AMEDD Medal of Honor recipients. Tickets are available during lunch in front of Ike's Cafe in the medical center. Call 787-5301 for information.

Redeployment briefing

Army Community Services is having the redeployment briefing Waiting to Exhale from 6-8 p.m. **Thursday** in Darling Hall, Room 367. For information call 791-3579.

ACS birthday

Army Community Services celebrates its 38th birthday

from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. **July 25** in the Darling Hall atrium. For information, call 791-3579.

Teen redeployment class

Child and Youth Services offers a course titled Teens and Redeployment from 9-10 a.m. **Monday** in Building 40200. For information, call 791-3579.

Tuition assistance

The Army tuition assistance program provides soldiers assistance with tuition fees for college classes.

The Army will pay up to \$250 per semester hour for a post-secondary course. Soldiers may be eligible for payment of some fees over and above the tuition rate. However, total benefits cannot exceed the established rate of \$250 per semester hour. The total tuition assistance benefits per individual for FY 03 can not exceed \$4,500.

To find out more about the use of TA, call 791-2000.

Dinner theatre

The Fort Gordon Dinner Theatre presents *A... my name is Alice* **July 11, 12, 18, 19, 24, 25** and **26**. Dinner is at 7 p.m., show begins at 8 p.m. Call 793-8552 for information, reservations and ticket pricing, or go to www.fortgordon.com.

Property book closed

The Training Support Center Property Book Office will be closed **Monday-Friday** for training. Areas affected include hand receipt updates, document processing and property turn-ins. The PBO will re-open with normal hours **July 14**. New hours for the Training Support Center property book office and device loan and issue section

are 6 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. These hours will be effective until Sept. 8.

ATNM conference

The semiannual Army Tactical Networks Modernization Conference for tactical Signal unit commanders is **Aug. 11-15**. Preregister now 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 for information and registration.

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 go to www.fortgordon.com or call 541-1057.

Youth services

Youth services offers summer fun camps Mondays-Fridays **through Aug. 13**.

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

For more information, call 791-6500 or 7575.

Newcomer orientation

The newcomer orientation is held Tuesdays and Fridays at 1 p.m. in Room 367, Darling Hall.

PIE meetings set

Parent Information Exchange meetings are the fourth Thursday of every month in the ACS conference room from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. A different agency is highlighted from the community to share information with parents about various medical conditions and educational issues.

Call 791-4872/3579 for information about EFMP.

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.

Employment workshop

A weekly workshop, "Tools of Employment," is held Tuesday mornings to assist in resume writing, job searching, and interviewing techniques. It is strongly recommended that this two-hour workshop is attended before the job search begins.

The program manager is available for individual appointments or walk-ins and can provide individual assistance by appointment or walk-in. In the ACS lobby, job books are available contain-

ing recent recruitment actions notices of local businesses.

For more information, call 791-3579.

Family fun day

The Augusta Museum of History's July Family Fun Day is **July 13** at 2 p.m.

Call 722-8454 for information, or visit www.augustamuseum.org.

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.

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 is **Tuesday**, 9-11 a.m. Call 787-6311 to register.

Arts events

The Morris Museum of Art offers a variety of events during July including: *Lift Every Voice and Sing: African American Music Series*, 2 p.m. **July 13**. *Collecting African American Art: A Talk by Atlanta Art Collector Paul R. Jones*, 7 p.m. **July 17**.

For information, call 724-7501, or go to www.themorris.org.

Shiloh Day festivities

The Shiloh Comprehensive Community Center festival is 8 a.m.- 6 p.m. **July 19** and 11 a.m.- 5 p.m. **July 20**. Events include vendors, food, entertainment and a rummage sale. Admission is free. The center is located at 1635 15th St. in Augusta. For more information, call 796-8143.

Fort Gordon Report



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The newest edition of the *Fort Gordon Report* premieres **Tuesday** and includes the following stories:

- **Fort Gordon's 4th of July celebration**
- **College commencement on post**
- **Ashanti concert**

The "Fort Gordon Report" and "Army Newswatch" alternate weeks on Charter Cable Channel 13 on:

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., 12 p.m., 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.

The next edition of *Army Newswatch* premieres **July 14**.

Catch the newest "Fort Gordon Report" on Comcast Cable Channel 66 on: Mondays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays at 9:00 p.m., Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 8:30 a.m.

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 Support Center.

In pursuit of purpose

Chaplain (1st Lt.)
Jean Gunn

67th Signal Battalion

The search for purpose in my life was once upon a time a very arduous venture. During and after high school, trying to figure out what it was I wanted to do with myself was no easy task. Although marriage seemed the obvious thing, it was not an option for me at that time because nobody was asking.

I'd completed four years of college, a bachelor's degree in criminology, and was serving in a mundane part-time job as an Army reservist without a clue of where my life was headed. I'd held countless dead-end jobs, and was presently occupying one; and although I was saved and loved the Lord, I was so unfulfilled.

I knew I wanted to pursue a career, but I couldn't make up my mind as to which direction I wanted to go. Initially it was interior decorating, then law, social services, fashion design etc. I was at a total impasse. Then one day it dawned on me to simply pray about the matter. As minute as that sounds, it was the best decision I could have made. Fortunately, God and I were already in an ongoing personal relationship, so it was just a matter of me making the approach.

Exhausted by the many episodes of career considerations, I didn't belabor God's time nor mine with a lot of fancy prayer jargon. But rather in a very desperate, straight forward, unassuming fashion, I asked the question "God, what in the world am I supposed to be doing in this life; what is my purpose?"

Though a very simple question, God's response to my inquiry started me on a journey that would later prove to be a divinely

orchestrated path to the fulfillment of my destiny.

The search for the purpose of life has puzzled people for years. That's because we usually begin at the wrong starting point. The purpose of our lives is far greater than our own personal goals and ambitions. Trying to decide what we want for ourselves rather than what God wills for us is the wrong approach. If we want to know why we were placed on this planet, we must begin with God. The Scripture records that "all things were created by God and for God." (Colossians 1:16) Therefore it's only logical that God would be the better point of contact in knowing our future.

The pursuit of purpose takes on an evolutionary process in our lives and expands over time, unfolding new heights and depths of our spiritual assignment. In order to empower our purpose we must first be able to name it. Whether it is leadership, ministry, or administration, it is vitally important that our purpose is identified.

To pursue purpose simply means to seek out, whether a career or hobby, our most valued abilities, and to petition God for directions in how best to utilize these abilities to God's glory.

It is not by chance, but rather providence that some of us are leaders and civil servants striving to make a positive impact in the lives of others. We start out struggling to find our niche, and then eventually we find the courage or the common sense to ask God for guidance.

In retrospect, if I had not consulted God about my future when I did, although I may have succeeded in a successful career, I am convinced that I would still be at ground zero, aimlessly wandering about, in pursuit of my true purpose.



Photo by Steve Brady

Yard-ists

The Directorate of Public Works awarded the Yard of the Month winners Tuesday. Terry Smith, deputy garrison commander (left), and Command Sgt. Maj. Clark Dimery Sr. (right), presented the awards. Winners include: Gordon Terrace: Staff Sgt. Robert Richardson, 297th Military Intelligence Battalion; and Staff Sgt. Angelina Hunter, 447th Signal Battalion; Olive Terrace: Sgt. 1st Class Willard Hall, 63rd Signal Battalion; Maglin Terrace: Lt. Col. Paul Nakasone, 206th MI Battalion; and McNair Terrace: Capt. Ron Gesaman, 249th General Hospital. Winners received a certificate of appreciation, garrison commander's coin, and gift certificates to AAFES and MWR facilities.

Shorter nights make wait more bearable

While I am waiting...and I am still waiting. The days are stretching out, each one longer than the one before. My children remind me of this phenomenon constantly. "Mom it isn't dark out! We cannot go to bed yet!"

Summer seems to be here as I look around me, though the heat has blasted in while I write this column. As the days get longer, I am relieved the nights get shorter. It is the nights when I feel most lonely, when those unpleasant emotions like loneliness, frustration, anger, despair creep in. I miss him so very much.

The frustrations, sometimes doubt I am doing the right thing with the children, or with the car, or computer.



Those self-incriminating thoughts enter my mind. When I have a bad night, I find sometime the next day, so I can just take a break and go outside and watch what is happening around me. So some days I just stop for a

minute and sit in my back yard. It is a soothing thing to do and I hope to keep anger, jealousy, and envy away.

Those are not pleasant emotions; they take a lot out of you and give nothing in return. As I sit, I have time to think things through. I am doing ok with the children. I did get the car serviced in time so no damage was done. The computer, well, that is another story and he will have to fidget with it when he gets home. Oh well, two out of three isn't bad.

As I was pondering these thoughts, a bluebird flew by, such a brilliant blue color on his back, and seeming to just fly from one tree, to the birdfeeder, to the fence. The bluebird was a beautiful sight

to see. He held the power of nature to remind me, that sometimes waiting is worth it.

The plants in my garden are just growing now, so quickly, flowers are blooming all over, and attracting butterflies, hummingbirds, and other creatures. The tomato vines are quickly growing up and out, producing little green tomatoes that will grow into little red orbs shortly. Lizards dash all through the vines, looking for food, zipping along. The blossoms on some of our other vegetable plants remind me more good things are coming if I can just wait.

I look for the good things, since I still do not know when my spouse will come

home. The bluebird flits back by, and I watch his path, for a bit. And finally see where he has decided to have a nest.

There are nests all over my neighborhood. Homes have been built in shrubs, hanging baskets, and trees. I keep watching to see if little beaks peak out over the edge. That would definitely be a sign of good things to come. Then my favorite, a butterfly, comes and sits on the butterfly bush we have in our yard. Just does her butterfly thing, and flits off, in a sort of meandering path looking for food to eat. I hope that there are lots of butterflies in my yard this summer; they are such a symbol of summer

and a source of quiet time for me. And as this deployment lingers on and has no end in sight, it is nice to have these symbols in nature that remind you there is a cycle to life, and a pattern to things. And they also bring beauty and color to my world. They bring a simple reminder that good things come to those who wait. I have been waiting all winter to see these creatures and they have arrived. I will have to wait some more for my spouse to come home. But in the mean time I have the good things that summer brings to help me... 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.

Drill sergeant spotlight

Name: Staff Sgt. Kartina Alexander

Unit: Company B, 447th Signal Battalion

Hometown: Montgomery, Ala.

Family: Mother Sandra Williams, father David Williams, brothers David Jr., Valshun and Antwoine, sister Chimila Landrum

What do you enjoy about being a DS? I enjoy being able to mentor and train young soldiers. Instilling the Army values and teaching them how to become a better soldier is a privilege to me.

What do you want to accomplish in the Army? I want to be successful in all that I do so that one day I can be called sergeant major.



Staff Sgt. Alexander

Commissary offers everyday savings

Special to the Signal

FORT LEE, Va. — Uncle Sam can save you big bucks. Married or single, everyone saves an average of 30 percent or more by simply using the commissary benefit.

That's money many young service members can't afford to waste, according to the Department of Defense. A report presented to Congress in May on "Personal and Family Financial Management Programs," indicates that financial problems by military personnel and their families have an impact on readiness and productivity.

Service members in grades E-1 through E-6 have a difficult time making ends meet, according to the report. It attributes trouble in paying bills to spending habits and inad-

equated financial education rather than level of income. The problem is so extensive in the services that the DoD is implementing an educational and awareness campaign to deal with service members' financial difficulties.

"DeCA has joined in this effort by working to make commissary savings information available to service members at their training schools," said Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Deborah Brian, senior enlisted advisor with the Defense Commissary Agency. "One of the simplest ways to improve the family budget is to use the commissary benefit." Regular commissary shopping saves a family of four \$2,400 per year. Savings are even greater in high-cost areas.

According to the annual

commissary market basket survey, the highest commissary savings are on meat and produce, but major savings over retail can be found in all departments.

Periodically, shoppers will see an item priced in a super center or other grocery store at a lower cost than at the commissary. "Those are called 'loss leaders' and you can save money on those items," said Bonita Moffett, DeCA's consumer advocate. "It's okay to buy loss leaders — that's known as 'cherry picking.' However, be sure to take into account the entire shopping basket when figuring out savings. If you pay slightly less for one or two items, but considerably more for other items, those bargain items are no longer a big savings."

Today's modern and conve-

nient commissaries, with nearly 280 locations worldwide, provide groceries to military personnel, retirees, Guard and Reserve members, and their families, in a safe and secure shopping environment. Authorized patrons purchase items at cost plus a 5-percent surcharge, which covers the costs of building new commissaries and modernizing existing ones. Commissaries provide shoppers with an opportunity to add a significant boost to their grocery purchasing power — and increase their disposable income.

"Over time, the dollars saved can cut down on credit card debt and make the necessities in life the norm rather than the exception."

(From a DeCA news release.)

TRADOC marks 30 years

Sgt. 1st Class
Reginald Rogers
TRADOC News Service

FORT MONROE, Va. — The U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command celebrated its 30th Anniversary Tuesday. The Army has undergone many changes during the past three decades, which have helped shape it into the world's greatest fighting force.

According to TRADOC Commanding General Gen. Kevin P. Byrnes, TRADOC and the Army's recent success can be traced back to senior leadership plans that took place 30 years ago.

"I think the leadership of the Army in the early 1970s had a vision, a great vision," he said. "You've got to go back in time to where we were when the recommendation to create a Training and Doctrine Command was first proposed. We were in the latter stages of the Vietnam War as all this was bubbling.

"These guys weren't thinking months ahead, they were thinking years ahead," he continued. "They were thinking, 'What do we need to do to build an Army for the future?' They studied all the challenges they had and

the shortfalls they expected. Gen. (William E.) DePuy held a large stake in that; he became the first commander. The petition was made to create a Training and Doctrine Command."

Byrnes said the command's mission statement established 30 years ago remains largely unchanged.

"That's the mission of responsibility for all the school-house training, all the leader development and unit support, all the support for the units' training requirements. That's the mission to develop the doctrine, establish the standards and recruit the force, and build the force of the future," he explained.

Byrnes said increased technology and intellectual development have been key factors in establishing the Army as the world's greatest and most respected fighting force.

"The significance of this is in our recent success — we won the Cold War, unmistakably. It was because of the power this Army has. It wasn't about numbers; the Soviet Union had us greatly outnumbered. But also look at the coalition we built and at the intellectual capabilities of our force — we had a superior professional development program.

"Our training program, although it was not what it is to-

day, was good," he said. "Combat development, which included determining the equipment soldiers needed and getting it in their hands — all wrapped around a unified doctrine that emerged — set us up to be a wonderful force.

"A force that has been successful in mission after mission after mission," he continued. "Most recently, the American people learned about it every minute of every day watching 'fill in the blank radio or TV station.' The character and confidence of the American soldier came through loud and clear."

Byrnes said he thinks that if someone asks the question, "What's the significance of this anniversary?" again in 30 years, the answer would be, "What was accomplished within the 30-year span."

"As Gen. (Dennis J.) Reimer used to say, 'Soldiers are our credentials,'" he said. "I think if you take a look at what we've accomplished, that's the significance of the 30th anniversary.

"Tomorrow's victories start in TRADOC," TRADOC's leader said. "That's where soldiers first learn the fundamentals; it's where they learn their technical skills; it's where we hone the leaders' skills and push them out to the field for further incorporation into selected levels. A lot has been accomplished in 30 years, and we continue to contribute to the Army — most significantly with the fielding of the Stryker Brigade. Build now and you'll see the first element of the Objective Force before the end of the decade. It's amazing what this organization has contributed to the Army.

"As I think back on 30 years of contributions, we are the greatest Army in the world, the most respected, and it's all about our soldiers," Byrnes added. "We recruit them, we have the opportunity to train and certify them as individuals as they go into their units.

"It's a wonderful story, and I think Gen. DePuy and the other senior leaders were exactly right. This is what the Army needed and continues to need as we move forward into the future."



File photo
Spc. Will Nievaart, Headquarters and A Co., 551st Signal Battalion, troubleshoots a computer.

Intelligence jobs offer enlistment bonus

Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs
Army News Service

WASHINGTON - Bonuses are being offered in four more specialties this month for new recruits, but the number of jobs paying cash advances for enlisting is still down compared to last year.

Not only are the enlistment options down for individuals coming into the Army, soldiers currently serving have limited re-enlistment options, and that probably won't change until late next fiscal year, said Sgt. Maj. James Vales, the G1 retention sergeant major.

Because of intense recruiting, the U.S. Total Army Personnel Command is only offering enlistment bonuses for 56 of the Army's 240 military occupational specialties—down from last year's 76, said Sgt. Maj. Alphonsa Green, the senior recruiting policy noncommissioned officer for the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, G1.

Soldiers can get between \$1,000 to \$3,000 for signing a four- to six-year enlistment contract for the following jobs: test measurement and diagnostic equipment support specialist, 35H; fire control system repairer, 45G; ammunition spe-

cialist, 55B; and imagery analyst, 96D.

The bonuses are being made available three months before the next fiscal year because a red flag was raised in the recruiting efforts for those particular specialties, Green said. "People were not volunteering for those jobs, so we're offering incentives," Green said. "Enlistment bonuses are given based on the needs of the Army. For example, the Infantry Career Field is doing well. So it fell off the list."

Four military occupational specialties were taken off the bonus list and the dollar amount was decreased for 14 others. The MOS with the highest pay-out and one of the longest specialties to reside on the bonus list is electronic warfare/signal intelligence specialist (Linguist), 98X. Soldiers who enlist as a linguist could net \$20,000 based on a six-year contract.

There are also several other types of bonuses and incentives individuals can receive. "HIGRAD" is a type of bonus for individuals who have at least 30 hours of college credit or who have degrees, Green said. Then there are seasonal bonuses, which are for recruits commonly referred to as "quick

ships," he said.

"Quick ships don't sit in the delayed entry program as long," Green said, explaining that delayed entries normally average 90 days.

"MOSs that are short personnel are labeled 'critical need' by PERSCOM," Green said, "and recruits are sent to basic as soon as possible to fill those slots."

Also available are bonuses for recruits who volunteer to attend jump school and fill airborne slots. For more information on enlistment bonuses go to <http://www.goarmy.com/index08.htm>.

The Army continues to be over strength, Vales said, which is why the limits placed on re-enlistment options have not been lifted. The Army is authorized 480,000 troops, and Congress has mandated that the Army stay within 1 percent of that number, Vales said. However, personnel strength has exceeded that ceiling, he added.

Korea is the only option mid-term soldiers serving on a second or subsequent enlistment period will have to re-enlist for an overseas assignment, Vales said. He also said Selective Re-enlistment Bonuses have been considerably cut compared to last fiscal year.

93rd hosts Bolivians

Special to the Signal
93rd Signal Brigade

A platoon of more than 40 Bolivian soldiers visited Fort Gordon May 27-June 6 as part of 93rd Signal Brigade's Bolivian Exchange.

"For the next two weeks, you are part of the 93rd Signal Brigade," Col. Daniel Gerstein, 93rd Signal Brigade, commander, announced during the Bolivian Exchange welcome brief. That was followed by a question and answer session about radio security and Ameri-

can and Bolivian communication equipment differences.

The exchange included a week of field duty during the 93rd's quarterly Situational Training Exercise, during which the delegates rotated through four different units in the field.

"This has been a perfect experience for us," said Capt. Redy Olmos, Bolivian Army Communications Command. "All of this technology is new to us. It would have been good to stay longer and work more with it, but overall this has been a very good time."

Agreement aligns Reserve IT functions with G6, NETCOM

Joe Burlas
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Army just got a bit closer to truly being an Army of One — at least in the information management field.

Lt. Gen. Peter M. Cuvillo, Army chief information officer/G-6, and Lt. Gen. James R. Helmly, chief of the Army Reserve, signed a memorandum of agreement that aligns all Army Reserve information management governance

and security under the Army staff G6 and its subordinate Network Enterprise Command at a ceremony in Crystal City, Va., June 25.

Cuvillo said the MOA signing was the next logical step in a process he started two years ago when the Army Reserve and National Guard assigned officers to his office. Those officers are fully integrated with their active-duty counterparts — working Army issues, not Guard advisers

working Guard issues or Reserve advisers working Reserve issues, he said.

While the Army National Guard is working toward fuller Army Knowledge Management integration, it is not part of the MOA as it has its own system that communicates within the National Guard Bureau that also contains the Air National Guard, Cuvillo explained.

The G6's vision for the Army is an Army Knowledge Enterprise network for all components, with the same policies and procedures for all. The MOA is a major step toward achieving that goal, Cuvillo said.

"We're breaking the culture paradigm — if I don't own it, if I don't run it, I don't trust it," Cuvillo said. "Look at the chief communicator in the Iraq theater — he's a Reserve two-star; and in another place of interest in the

world today, Korea, there is another Reserve two-star chief communicator. There is nothing the Army does today where you don't have active, Guard and Reserve soldiers working side by side."

Helmly said the MOA is about equal satisfactory services across all of the Army.

"It's a signal about putting your mouth where your mouth is — (that) we are walking the walk — that we are moving along in Transformation," Helmly said. "It's about increased efficiencies."

Both generals agreed the agreement will save money, but warned against anyone expecting to see a savings in the form of future smaller Army Knowledge Enterprise budgets.

"The fact is the information demands of the Army are so great and are growing significantly every year," Cuvillo said. "The challenge is to get those efficiencies now. The demand just keeps going up."

Part of those efficiencies is including the purchase of all Reserve Army Knowledge needs — to include computer hardware and software, and phone, cell phone, handheld wireless e-mail devices and service contracts — with those of

the active Army. This economy of scale allows far greater purchase power in terms of getting more for a lesser-per-item cost than the former method of competing for the same needs with separate purchase orders or contracts, Cuvillo explained.

While NETCOM will provide advice to what needs to be purchased and do the actual purchasing of Reserve Army Knowledge needs, the money for those purchases will still come out of the Army Re-

serve budget. By Congressional mandate, "the Army Reserve is still legally accountable for the control and disbursement of those funds," Helmly said.

And while the Army Reserve will follow the same information management rules the active Army follows, there are still some special Reserve needs that will be met, the G6 said.

"General Helmly knows that if there is ever a problem, all he has to do is pick up the phone and call," Cuvillo said.



Photo by Joe Burlas

Lt. Gen. Peter M. Cuvillo, Army chief information officer/G-6, and Lt. Gen. James R. Helmly, chief of the Army Reserve, sign a memorandum of agreement that aligns all Army Reserve information management governance and security under the Army staff G6. The ceremony was held in Crystal City, Va., June 25.

Sports & Leisure

Sports UPDATE

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.

Classes are **July 15, 17, 22 and 24** from 9 - 11 a.m.

For more information, call 791-2433.

Third Annual PBA Southern Regional Pro-Am Tournament

Fort Gordon soldiers and area bowling enthusiasts will have a chance to bowl with top professionals and see them in action at the Third Annual PBA Southern Regional Pro-Am Tournament **July 18** at Gordon Lanes Bowling Center.

The event is open to the public. For more information, contact Tim Stancil at 791-3446.

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.

Lacrosse club meets

The Aiken-Augusta Lacrosse Club is having practice July 13 and 27, Aug. 10 and 24, and Sept. 7 in both Aiken and Augusta. The club is open to players of all abilities. Call 733-4271 or 854-1908 for information.

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.

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 are 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.

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Photos by Staff Sgt. Stacy Wamble

1st Lt. Sean Mann prepares to dodge a jab from Spc. Cathy Watts during his martial arts class. Watts is a blue belt in Tae Kwon Do.



Mann gives some instruction to the class while they stretch. The class is held in Gym 5.

Martial arts adds to soldiers' combat skills

Staff Sgt. Stacy Wamble

Signal military editor

Soldiers can now add another weapon to their arsenal thanks to a passionate martial arts practitioner willing to give lessons to anyone interested.

"I love (martial arts) so much, I'm giving it to you for the low, low price of free," said 1st Lt. Sean Mann, executive officer for Company B, 73rd Ordnance Battalion. "Martial arts is my passion."

Mann has been involved in martial arts for 25 years.

With only three people in attendance, the fourth degree black belt in Goshindo, a form of self-defense that combines boxing and wrestling, gave his first lesson June 26 at Gym 5.

"This is my favorite sport," said Spc. Cathy Watts, Company A, 73rd Ordnance Battalion. "I did (martial arts) before I joined the Army."

"You get a lot of discipline and confidence out of it," she said. "I enjoy it."

"The Army is supposed to be full of warriors. So, I wanted to give them some hand-to-hand skills," said Mann. "This is a get down and get dirty type of class. It's stuff you can use in combat."

Prior to having the class, Mann taught private lessons, but due to expressed interest he opened the class to everyone on Fort Gordon.

Mann and his partner Capt. David Shumaker, Company B's S-3, are teaching judo and ju-jitsu to the students. Shumaker is a black belt in judo and has been practicing martial arts since 1982.

"I like to have a school wherever I live," said Mann, who had a school at Easley, S.C., and at the College of Charleston prior to joining the military in June 2002. "I've procrastinated for a year. I will keep it open as long as I am here."

"As long as there is interest, I will teach the class," he said. Mann will gauge permanent party interest for the next month and decide if he will continue the class or not.

Classes are Thursday from 6-7:30 p.m., and are open to permanent party military and other interested persons on post. Children are not allowed in the class.

Participants do not have to bring anything to the class, according to Mann.

"They just have to come and learn," he said.

Participants should wear loose clothing such as sweatpants and T-shirts. Participants should avoid tight or short clothing because they can potentially cause awkward situations and restrict movement. Shoes are not worn during the class because it's part of the Asian tradition, they bring dirt into the area and shoes tend to cause injuries, according to Mann.



Mann demonstrates a take down on Capt. David Schumaker. Schumaker helps Mann instruct the class on Thursdays from 6-7:30 p.m. Schumaker has a black belt in judo.



Sgt. Delvin Evans throws a punch during the class. Evans received his white belt at the class held June 26. Mann's class will provide participants with hand-to-hand skills.

Spectrum



Photos by Staff Sgt. Stacy Wamble
Jeff Thornton, a staff member, leads King out of the stables before a ride.



Odum hitches a pony after a trail ride. The stables has 10 miles of trails.



Heidi Mohr spends a quiet moment with Cinnamon before she goes out on a ride. Cinnamon is one of 22 government horses at the stables.



Danielle Odum leads a pony to the water trough after a trail ride.



Lauren Lambert, a staff member, leads a student to the trail for a ride. Students are separated into groups of 15 according to age.

Horsin' around

Staff Sgt. Stacy Wamble
Signal military editor

Nestled securely away from the hustle and bustle of the everyday activity on a military installation, the Hilltop Riding Stables is a flurry of activity.

Stable hands are measuring, feeding, grooming, bridling and tacking horses in preparation of the day ahead.

The stables offer a variety of activities including summer camps, open riding, riding lessons, birthday parties and other activities.

The stables have 22 government-owned horses, a 40-stall barn, 10 miles of trails, 32 acres of pasture, and an arena.

Currently, weeklong camps are ongoing at the facility. The camps have a capacity of 60. The students are grouped by age.

Camps participants learn to clean, tack, bridle and groom the horses, as well as why you clean the horses and how to be courteous to horses, according to Heidi Mohr, stables manager.

"The students learn what

it's like to own a horse," said Mohr. "Since this is a working ranch, the kids get to see and ask questions. It's very hands-on."

While students do most of the daily horse care, they do not clean the barns.

"It's great," said Lindsey Kroger, 8, of Ozark, Ala. Kroger is in the area visiting her grandmother. "I love it. Horses are my favorite animals."

"I learn how to take care of them and how to ride them," Kroger said about camp. "It's a lot of work."

The stables offer bordering and have room for 17 horses. Bordering includes hay, water, salt blocks and a storage area for the owner. Owners must provide their own grain, according to Mohr.

Upcoming improvements to the stables include having an indoor arena and the addition of another playground, according to Mohr.

For more information about the stables and its services, phone 791-4864 or visit www.fortgordon.com.