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News UPDATE

Retiree day

Fort Gordon will hold Retiree Day activities Oct. 10.

Activities include information booths and speakers about health care, pay and other retiree issues, a briefing on the future of Fort Gordon, and a dinner at the Gordon Club. Reservations for the dinner are due by Sept. 26. For information, call Richard Lechnir at 791-2654.

Supervisor training

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center is offering the following training for supervisors of civilian personnel. Classes are offered on a first come first served basis.

Tuesday 8-11 a.m. and **Wednesday** 1-4 p.m. Staffing (e.g., interview techniques; selection panels; rating & ranking, and appointment authorities)

Tuesday 1-4 p.m. and **Wednesday** 8-11 a.m. Supervising union employees/MER issues

Supervisors of civilian employees, both civilian and military, need to attend both sessions.

Classes are held in the Azalea Room at the Courtyard (old Officers Club). To sign-up or for information, contact Carla Baucom at carla.baucom@us.army.mil or 791-3956.

Fire safety week

The Fort Gordon Fire Department is hosting 2003 Fire Prevention Week Oct. 5-11. The theme for 2003 is: "When Fire Strikes: Get Out, Stay Out!" For information about Fire Prevention Week, contact the fire department at 791-1206 or 791-4141.

Border Bash

The 10th Annual University of Georgia/University of South Carolina Border Bash is 7 p.m. today at the Augusta Common on Reynolds Street between 8th and 9th streets. Proceeds benefit the Medical College of Georgia Children's Medical Center. Admission is \$5. Gates open at 5 p.m. For information call 721-3957.

Vandals sought

The Fort Gordon Military Police Investigations Office is requesting community help locating a group calling themselves Goof Troop 3, GT3 or some variant of the name. Over the past several weeks the group is believed responsible for vandalism in the Gordon Terrace housing area including spray painting vehicles and government quarters. Anyone having information concerning this or any other crimes should contact the Military Police Investigations Office at 791-0049 or the MP desk at 791-4380.

Remain on guard

Steve Brady
Signal editor

Two years have passed since the terrorist attack against the United States. Following the attack, Americans became more aware of their surroundings, but that awareness has gradually slipped to pre-attack levels.

A high level of force protection remains in place on post, and getting onto a military facility will likely never be the same again.

Not everyone has been understanding. Some complain about ID checks, vehicle searches and having to maneuver around barriers. Others feel like they are singled out because their vehicles have been searched on several occasions. In reality this demonstrates how well the soldiers are enforcing force protection, and keeping everyone safe.

In an effort to keep complacency from setting in, here are some force protection tips to help keep the community and yourself safe, and avoid future attacks.

- Be wary of persons asking questions about base activities such as who works here, what's the purpose of this facility, how many people live/work here, etc

- Report strangers taking photographs of installations or buildings

- Watch for changes in surroundings at all times
- Report illegally parked cars, especially ones that have no plates

- Learn local emergency numbers, and if you observe suspicious activity, report it immediately.

When traveling

- Arrive early, watch for suspicious activity
- Look for nervous passengers who maintain eye contact with others from a distance
- Observe what people are carrying, especially carry-on luggage

- Note any strange or out of the ordinary behavior
- Identify objects suitable for cover in the event of an attack, i.e. pillars, luggage, counters, and furniture can provide protection

- Proceed through security checkpoints as soon as possible
- Be aware of unattended baggage anywhere in the terminal

- Report all unusual activity to the proper authorities

If attacked in a public place

- Immediately take cover
- Place arms and elbows next to your ribcage to protect your heart, lungs and chest

- Responding security personnel may not be able to distinguish you from attackers; do not attempt to assist them, lay still until told to get up

25th Signal Battalion reactivated in Qatar

Special to the Signal

For the fifth time in its 59-year history, the 25th Signal Battalion's organizational colors were uncased as the unit was formally activated in a ceremony Sept. 1 at the unit's headquarters in Qatar.

Remaining furl'd and cased since Oct. 15, 1993, when the battalion was last inactivated at Fort Bragg, N.C., the 25th's bright orange guidon gallantly passed from the ceremony's presiding officer, Col. John Blaine, 160th Signal Brigade commander, to the battalion's new commander, Lt. Col. Leith Benedict, and ultimately into the hands of the 25th's Command Sgt. Maj. Donald Manley.

"Throughout the years of activations, reorganizations and inactivations, one thing remained constant: the battalion's reputation was solid – professional communicators that get the job done right," Benedict said. "The soldiers of the 25th Signal Battalion eagerly await our turn to make our mark and begin our journey in the pages of this proud unit's history."

Following Army tradition, uncasing a unit's colors symbolizes the beginning or continuation of a chapter in the life of a military unit. For the 25th, this new chapter will focus on the unit's mission of maintaining a combat-ready, forward-deployed strategic signal battalion supporting

U.S. Central Command's combatant and noncombatant forces, coalition allies and other U.S. governmental agencies.

The 25th is part of the recently activated 160th Strategic Signal Brigade.

This new brigade will provide the U.S. Army Central Command's requirement for communications support in the Southwest Asia area of responsibility. The brigade will also provide command and control of echelons-above-corps Signal elements permanently assigned in the theater.

The brigade will consist of a headquarters company, two Signal battalions with two



Photo by Leroy Council

Patriot Day

Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld and Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Richard Myers, assisted by an unidentified member of the Old Guard, participated in a wreath laying ceremony Thursday at Arlington National Cemetery. The ceremony memorialized the 125 people killed in the Pentagon attack and the 59 passengers and crew members of American Airlines Flight 77. The troops killed in the subsequent U.S.-led wars in Afghanistan and Iraq were also honored.

Incoming deputy arrives 'home'

Sgt. Ryan Matson
Military editor

Who says you can't come home again?

Brig. Gen. Gregory Premo, the new Fort Gordon and U.S. Army Signal Center deputy commanding general, has proven this to be a myth. He is returning to the Signal Center for the fifth time, and said because of the strong ties he has to Fort Gordon, he will always consider the post and area home.

"It's like coming home," Premo said of his return. "My first training as an officer was here in October of 1973, when I attended the Officer Basic Course in some white, World War II buildings at the end of Chamberlain where the barracks are today."

"I came back again in '75 for training. I came back in '79 for the advanced course. I was assigned here from '88 to '90, and I came back as often as I could for the regimental week, so professionally, this is my home. There are few people on Fort Gordon that are part of the permanent party that I don't know, or haven't met at one time in my life."

But Premo said his ties to the area don't end there. He was a journalism graduate from the University of Geor-

gia, where his daughter is currently enrolled, and has family throughout the area. His mother resides in Warner Robbins, and he has brothers who also live in the area.

"I feel great," he said. "It's a pleasure to be back here in the home of the Regiment, where there's so much important work going on."

Premo said the training conducted at Fort Gordon is integral to the Army's current and future war-time missions.

"There are dynamics working within the Department of Defense that are forcing all of the Services to look at where they're going in the future with how we fight wars, how we're going to transform our services to better position ourselves to conduct operations."

He said Fort Gordon is leading the way in the approach of training officers and soldiers in the equipment and concepts of the transforming Army.

"It becomes very critical for our Directorate Of Training, for our combat developments, for our leader schools to keep up with technology, to keep up with the way we're going to reorganize the Army and to

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Courtesy photo

25th Signal Battalion's Command Sgt. Maj. Donald Manley unfurls the unit's colors. Col. John Blaine, 160th Signal Brigade's commander (center), presided as Lt. Col. Leith Benedict (right) assumed command Sept. 1 in Qatar.

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CFC begins fund drive

The annual Combined Federal Campaign kicked-off Thursday and continues through Oct. 16. Our theme this year is "Celebrating Freedom by Caring." I support the campaign both personally and professionally, and encourage each of you to support the CFC.

The campaign has been in existence for 40 years and is an opportunity for us to contribute in the workplace to help those less fortunate than we are. The CFC gives soldiers and federal civilians an opportunity to contribute once a year to local, national and international agencies supporting medical research and education, in providing food, shelter, or medical care for the less fortunate, or in underwriting other important human and welfare endeavors. It is one of the largest and most successful fund-raising campaigns conducted worldwide.

Donations may be designated to any of the agencies in the CFC brochure. The four Fort Gordon agencies included in the brochure are Army Community Services, Youth Services, Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers, and the Army Fisher House.

The CFC is a tradition, and one that we have supported very strongly at Fort Gordon through the years. Last year we exceeded our goal by \$8,549, and I congratulate you for your part in it. Our goal this year is \$320,000. The CFC cell will assist your efforts with coordination and support. Our objective is 100 percent contact of installation personnel. Our "Early Bird" campaign urges organizations to complete their campaigns in three weeks. I also ask you to consider becoming a leadership giver.

One of your co-workers will contact you and provide the information you need to make your decision. Payroll deduction is an easy and convenient way to support the charity of your choice by giving a little each pay period.

I deeply appreciate your support and encourage each of you to reflect upon the importance of donations made this year. Your generosity demonstrates that Fort Gordon cares, as we "Celebrate Freedom by Caring."

Janet A. Hicks
JANET A. HICKS
 Brigadier General, USA
 Commanding



Photo by Marlene Thompson
Brad Means, assistant news director for News Channel 6 in Augusta, welcomes the audience to the Combined Federal Campaign kick-off Thursday in Alexander Hall. The goal for this year's campaign is \$320,000.

Chamber welcomes Augustans

New, current residents alike receive area information

Denise Allen
Signal staff

Spc. Randy Vaughn stopped at the National Science Center's Fort Discovery booth at the Fort Gordon Newcomers' Event Sept. 4 at the Gordon Club.

"I was there last weekend," he told Lynn Powell and asked her about volunteer opportunities and the many activities and exhibits at the science center on the Riverwalk in Augusta.

Giving service members and their families an opportunity to

learn about the Augusta community was the main reason for the fourth annual event, according to Bob Damen, chairman of the Augusta Metro Chamber of Commerce's military affairs committee, one of the main sponsors of the event.

"We bring the local Augusta area businesses, service organizations, utilities and schools here in one place for those who are new to the area," he said.

About 80 representatives from the Augusta and Fort Gordon communities set up booths with brochures and advertising

items such as pencils and stickers at the event. Businesses with booths included banks and real estate offices; Fort Gordon groups including the Dwight David Eisenhower Army Medical Center and Kendrick Memorial Blood Center had information tables.

Arts groups and other charities also had booths at the event.

"I like to introduce people to the wealth of the Augusta arts community," said Brenda Durant, executive director of the Greater Augusta Arts Council.

Other arts groups including the Morris Museum of Art, the Augusta Ballet and the Augusta Opera were present as well.

"I hand out information on the arts groups and membership applications," she said.

She also scouted for volunteers for the organization's upcoming Arts in the Heart of Augusta festival Sept. 18-21.

Throughout the five-hour event, attendees had the opportunity to win door prizes donated by the participating exhibitors.

Although Linda MacDonald has been living in the area for nine months, she decided to attend the event because one hadn't been held since she and her family arrived.

"The people are very friendly and informative," she said. "So far, it's been a great experience."

While the event has been held for four years, this was the first year the event had been at the Gordon Club. Previously it had been at the Army Reserve Center.

The move brought more crowds to the event, Damen said. "We're really pleased," he said.



Photo by Denise Allen
Spc. Randy Vaughn asks **Lynn Powell** about volunteer opportunities at Fort Discovery at the newcomer event at the Gordon Club Sept. 4.

Coming soon Fall Clean Up

Fall Clean-Up for the housing areas is scheduled for Nov. 7. Area Coordinators will coordinate clean up with occupants in their respective areas. Directorate of Public Works will pick up yard waste during the clean up. Look for details in future editions of the *Signal*.



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Viewpoint

Information, Opinions, and Commentary

9-11 attacks will not be forgotten

Col. Jack Hook
Special to the Signal

On Thursday, Americans gathered at the Pentagon, near the site of the World Trade Center in New York, in a lonely field in Pennsylvania, and at dozens of other places around the country and the globe. United in purpose, we gathered to remember the nearly 3,000 victims of the horrific terrorist attacks against our nation on September 11th two years ago.

As I sat in a conference room in the Pentagon at 9:30 a.m. that Tuesday morning, the issue we were discussing ... Army data radio requirements ... seemed so important. Then we heard a loud explosion and the room shook. Moments later, security personnel were running down the hall yelling "Get out of the building!!"

As I ran down Corridor 2 out of the Pentagon into the South Parking area, the billow of black smoke rolling over me from my right seemed surreal ... and the issue of data radio requirements became unimportant. What became important were my faith and my family, and I grabbed my cell phone and called my wife to tell her I was OK. And why

we serve in the Army began to crystallize in my mind.

"Freedom is never free" – a fact that Americans have always known, but tend to take for granted in times of peace and prosperity. One of the Army's core values is *selfless service* – putting the welfare of the nation, the Army and your subordinates before your own.

You will find inscribed at the Arlington National Cemetery the following words: "Not for fame or reward, not for place or rank, not lured by ambition or goaded by necessity, but in simple obedience to duty as they understood it, these men suffered all, sacrificed all, dared all – and died."

American servicemen and women have been called upon to defend our nation many times. At some of those times, our very survival – democracy and the American promise of individual liberty – hung in the balance. At Concord and Yorktown, at Gettysburg, in the Argonne Forest, on the beaches of Normandy, in the deserts of North Africa, in the waters of the Pacific, in the rice paddies of Korea and Vietnam, in the desert sands of Saudi Arabia, and now in the mountains of Afghanistan and the streets of Baghdad, these sol-

diers, sailors, airmen, and Marines have given their lives to guarantee the survival of our nation and our values.

They knew that the privileges we Americans enjoy, especially our freedom and our cherished right to freely exercise our religion and to serve our God, are not to be had simply for the asking. These privileges are obtained at great cost, and the struggle to preserve them has always been hard. We cannot know if these selfless servants would have been able to tell us *why* they did what they did.

But we do know the belief that sustained them was as great as America herself. Their heroism was prompted by faith in God and in the fundamental ideas that have guided this nation from its beginnings, the idea that liberty must be protected, whatever the cost. They were in it for something bigger than themselves. Jesus said, "Greater love hath no man than this: that a man lay down his life for his friends." Selfless service – putting the welfare of the nation, the Army, and your subordinates before your own.

As two years have passed, one of my greatest concerns is that we, as a nation, appear to have returned to our

complacency. We are again looking for our heroes in the wrong places – in the sports pages, or in Hollywood. Let us remember who our heroes are, and live in a manner worthy of their selfless service. Let us not forget the ultimate sacrifice of the hundreds of young men and women in the last two years, or of those many more that will die in the coming years in this war on terrorism.

In a message last year entitled *Where We Stand*, President George W. Bush said, "The American people have responsibilities as well.

"Countless people around the country have asked me, 'What can I do to help in the war on terror?'"

"The answer: Overcome evil with acts of goodness. Love a neighbor. Reach out to somebody in need. Feed someone who is hungry, teach a child to read, or join in community efforts to prepare for emergencies by helping local firefighters and police."

I trust you recognize the source of such wise counsel! God bless you, and God bless the United States of America.

(Hook is the Training and Doctrine Command system manager for Tactical Radios here.)

Patriot Day created

Two years ago, nearly 3,000 innocent people lost their lives when a calm September morning was shattered by terrorists driven by hatred and destruction.

On that day, and in its aftermath, we saw the greatness of America in the bravery of victims; in the heroism of first responders who laid down their lives to save others; and in the generosity of millions of Americans who enriched our country with acts of service and kindness.

Since that day, we have seen the greatness of America further demonstrated in the courage of our brave men and women in uniform who have served and sacrificed in Afghanistan, in Iraq, and around the world to advance freedom and prevent terrorist attacks on America.

As we remember September 11, we reaffirm the vows made in the earliest hours of our grief and anger. As liberty's home and defender, America will not tire, will not falter, and will not fail in fighting for the safety and security of the American people and a world free from terrorism.

(From a proclamation by President George W. Bush.)

America overcomes terrorism

Brig. Gen. Jan Hicks
U.S. Army Signal Center and
Fort Gordon commander

This week marks the second anniversary of one of our nation's most tragic events. The term '9-11' will forever be etched in our national memory, synonymous with cowardly terrorist attacks. On that day, most Americans were cruelly awakened to the horrors of global terrorism. The unthinkable attacks of '9-11' painfully showed us that our own homes were no longer immune to the dangers and threats of people who envy our freedom and hate us for our way of life.

America lost much of its innocence and hard-won sense of security when the Towers fell in New York City, an airliner plunged into a field in Pennsylvania, and our very seat of military power was attacked, leaving members of our military family buried in debris and fire at the Pentagon. It was a monstrous, but defining moment in our nation's history.

Yet, as we look back on that dark, dark day, filled with unimaginable grief, we find solace and inspiration in America's willingness to come together, and in our inner strength to rebound. Our people joined hands, bloodied and soiled, to help the victims of those murderous, senseless acts. We stood together with friends and allies as an unwavering shield for the defenseless and innocent. We helped each other cope, understand, grieve, then once again find joy in life after losing so much.

We reaffirmed our love of freedom and our legacy of always being willing and determined to fight to preserve it.

We gained a new focus on the things that matter most, like the courage and resolve of those who safeguard our citizens – our military, our law enforcement personnel and our firefighters; like our demonstration to the world that our spiritual strength matches our military strength; like showing ourselves to be a people willing to make any sacrifice or to share any hardship to protect America and all the good that it stands for; like the immeasurable value of our freedoms

and our democratic heritage.

Two years have passed, yet the pain of '9-11' is still with us... it will always be there. The terrorist threat that was unleashed has become a daily consideration and concern... a daily ache emotionally. My message to the members of our Fort Gordon family is this - do not be complacent. Do not give those who would harm us any opportunity to strike our nation as they did two years ago.

More importantly, though, we must live our lives to the fullest and enjoy our freedoms. We can be vigilant, determined, and watchful, yet once again feel joy, love and happiness. To do otherwise would mean that terrorism struck a blow from which America could not recover.

As you all know, that will never happen. Where terrorism hoped for division, America united. Where terrorism hoped for infighting, America linked arms. Where terrorism hoped for confusion, America became focused. This is the strength of our great nation and our great people.

Feedback

Sgt. Ryan Matson

Why is it important to remember Patriot Day (Sept. 11)?



Because it reminds us that terrorism is real.

Pfc. Mahn Nguyen
HHC, USAG



That's where my heart is, New York City. I was working that day in New York. And of course we should remember the lost lives.

Pfc. Evin Resto
HHC, USAG



There's a whole realm of reasons why. A lot of good Americans were lost that day, a lot of families were affected and still are; that's what bothers me the most.

Terry Moehlman
Directorate of Training,
Publications



It was so profound to us because Americans died - not soldiers trained for war, civilians and everyday people. On that day and in the weeks to follow we all found a common purpose, and strength in one another.

Spc. Jessica McIvor
HQ and Company A, 369th
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212 ways to be a Soldier

Note: This is the 42nd MOS, or military occupational specialty, featured in the series covering all 212 Army careers.

A day in the life of... an 02E (Army trombone player)

Sgt. Ryan Matson
Military editor

For Sgt. Johnathan Graham, 434th Signal Corps Band, playing a musical instrument was always a goal of his, but not his primary dream.

"I always wanted to serve my country first," Graham said. "Music was just a way of doing this. I wanted to be in the Army since I was a young kid, maybe 3 years old."

Graham has also been playing the trombone for 15 years, since he was in seventh grade. Trombone has always been his primary instrument. He played the instrument all through high school and into college, where he was also required to play other brass instruments, such as the saxophone, flute and tuba.

He described why the trombone has always been his favorite.

"The trombone can play a lot of stuff other instruments can't play, like a gliscando, which you play with the slide," Graham said. "That's going from one note to another, while playing all the pitches in between. Some other instruments can do it, but it's most common on the trombone."

After graduating with a bachelor of arts in music education from Marshall University in Huntington, W.V., Graham pursued his other childhood dream and enlisted in the Army. After completing basic and AIT, he was assigned here to play in the Signal Corps Band.

Graham said he has many other duties aside from playing the trombone in the band. He said that since the band functions as its own unit on post, everyone in the band has additional jobs within the unit outside of their MOS, unless they just arrived on post and haven't got one yet.

Among Graham's many other additional duties within the unit are working for the past three years in the S-1 section as the administrative noncommissioned officer, serving as one of the band's bus drivers, working as the assistant re-enlistment NCO and as the trombone section leader. He admitted

balancing his time to include all these duties can be a challenge.

"Sometimes it can be hard to get in all the practice time on your instrument when you have all these other duties," he said.

So how does one go about playing for the Army band?

The first step is to arrange an audition with an area Army band unit where the auditioning musician must play scales, a prepared piece and must also sight-read and play music. If the prospective Army musician passes this audition, he/she has completed only the first step of the process and earned the right to attend advanced individual training to study music for the Army following the completion of basic training.

The AIT for members of the band is a tri-service school (Army, Navy and Marines attend the school), spans six months and is held at Little Creek Amphibious Base in Norfolk, Va. Roughly a quarter of the class will be dismissed if they are unable to perform up to course standards.

The students must pass three auditions using Army-issued instruments during AIT. If someone is dismissed from AIT, they have the option of re-classing into a second MOS.

As Graham explained, the music AIT is set up in a way that if a student excels at the school, he/she can leave it early. The students are given a second audition early on, which is graded on a 4.0 scale, with a perfect score being impossible to attain. If a student scores 2.3 or higher, he/she has earned the right to stay in class.

If a student scores above 2.7, he/she may leave the school early, depending on the scores of other tests, as early as four weeks, should they excel in all categories. If not, the students have chances to leave after six or eight weeks, or after their midterm. Many end up in school for the entire six month period. Graham was there for six weeks.

In AIT, students also learn musical theory, ear training, and a bit of arranging and music writing, as well as other topics. They are also required to pass musical topics outside of the instrument, such as tests on singing and drum majoring.

Once a musician gets through AIT, if they play for the Signal Corps Band here, they are afforded the opportunity to play many different styles of music.

There are multiple bands and groups within the Signal Corps Band, such as the ceremonial band, the marching band, the concert band, the jazz ensemble, the jazz combo, the rock band, the Dixie band, the

brass quintet, the woodwind quartet and sub-groups of all of these bands. Since there is no MOS for vocalist, an interested member of the band can also sing if they desire.

Graham has taken advantage of the opportunity to play in other bands within the Signal Corps Band. Even though he is one of only three trombonists in the Signal Corps Band, Graham also plays in the jazz ensemble, Dixie band and brass quintet.

He said he likes doing things like using mutes in the jazz band, but his favorite side project is to play in the brass quintet, which is made up of two trumpets, a French horn, a tuba, and of course, a trombone.

"It's a smaller group, so you can make it better quicker than when you have a large group," Graham explained.

"Since you only have five people you only have five parts including your



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Spc. Gavin Anderson, 434th Signal Corps Band, is an 02E, or trombone player in the Army Band. He has played the instrument for 23 years, including 14 in the National Guard and a year and a half in active duty. He is shown playing in the Dixie band, his favorite to perform. "I love jazz, it's the kind of music I like to listen to, so to play it is just a lot of fun," Anderson said.

own and you can hear how you fit in with the other parts. You can hear yourself better than if there are 30 other instruments playing. It's more of a solo thing."

He said that all instruments play in the ceremonial and concert bands.

Not surprisingly, Gra-

ham is content to not only be in the Signal Corps Band, but in the Army as a whole. As his first four years in the Army drew to a close, Graham said he plans to stay in the Army for a while, and just left to be stationed at Fort Drum for the next three years. "I don't have any spe-

cific plans or goals right now, other than to stay in the Army for now," he said. "I might do something with music certification later, I've explored getting my master's degree, but I'm not sure."

As for now, you might say Graham is "playing his future by ear."



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Thanks

Brig. Gen. Janet Hicks, U.S. Signal Center and Fort Gordon commander, presents the Silver Order of Mercury regimental award to George Fry, former National Science Center-Army director. Fry retired in May after 34 years of civilian service, including eight years as director. Fry also received the Meritorious Civilian Service award and a certificate of appreciation for his leadership and help forming Fort Discovery in Augusta.

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Woman at the well

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Thom Davies
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If you have spent any time at all around a worshipping congregation, you are bound to have heard about the woman at the well. She was thirsty. She had come to draw water from the well on a hot day. She came to get something to drink. But in reality her thirst was deeper than that. Even among the outcast Samaritans she was an outsider. This woman was a woman with a bad reputation. Everyone knew her past.

If you know the story, you know she came to the well at high noon. Jesus is once again in the unexpected place, by a well near Sychar, Samaria. She has walked in the middle of day, well past the town to avoid the stares, taunts, gestures of her neighbors. Now she is confronted by a traveling rabbi, much to her chagrin.

So there she was and there was Jesus. And Jesus reached out to her in her loneliness and said, "Excuse me, may I have a drink of water." The woman was probably shocked that Jesus had spoken to her. She could tell by his accent and dress that he was a Jew and Jews didn't talk to Samaritans, especially Samaritans like her.

The Rabbi taught that Jewish men were not supposed to speak directly to a woman in public, much less to a Samaritan woman like her.

Walls had been constructed between Jesus and this woman. Society had placed walls designed and intended to keep Samaritans and women in their place. And years of bad experiences with men had led the woman to build walls in her heart: walls of mistrust and bad feelings.

You see, like the woman, Jesus was thirsty too. It was a hot day and he and the disciples had been walking since sunup. He needed water for his parched throat. But I think Jesus had a deeper thirst. I believe he sensed the deeper thirst in her, and out of compassion he needed to offer her help. He yearned to touch and heal the hurt, pain and mistrust. He wanted to fill the emptiness of her soul with the love and peace of the Heavenly Father.

Maybe if they pooled their resources they could help each other. You see Jesus needed physical water but he didn't have a rope or bucket to draw the water from the well. The woman did have a bucket, and so she had access to all the water they both needed. She, on the other hand, had a deep need for spiritual water. Jesus had access to an infinite supply of what she needed most: the love of God.

But Jesus' boldness surprised the woman and she quickly reminded him of the barriers between them that he had just ignored. "How is it that you, a Jew, speak to me, a Samaritan, and a woman?"

Jesus replied, "If only you knew of God's grace and who I am, you would ask me for living water."

"But you have no rope or bucket. How would you get me water? Anyway my ancestors dug this well. Are you saying that its water is inferior?"

Jesus had begun the dialogue around their mutual need for water and now he had the chance to deepen the discussion. "Everyone who drinks this water will get thirsty again. But those who drink the water I will give will never again thirst. The water I give will become a source of eternal life in the hearts of those who accept it."

The hook is set. "You mean if I drink of your living water I won't have to come out here in the heat of the day to avoid those gossiping fishwives? Bring it on." Jesus invites her to go fetch her husband so they can discuss it in a civilized manner. "I have no husband," she said. "That is true, you have had five, and the man you are with is not your husband," said Jesus. After they discussed her sin of adultery and the disciples returned, she went back into town and proclaimed, "You have got to come and meet the rabbi at the well. He knows everything that I have ever done and does not condemn me. He welcomes me. He offered me living water." The town came out to meet him and experienced the living water.

Training series slated

The Religious Center is holding a seven-week teacher and leader training series, titled The 7 Laws of the Learner, beginning Sept. 21.

The classes will explore biblical principles of learning to help rethink what you "know" about teaching religion or any other subject.

The class is ideal for veteran and novice teachers alike, those

who want to become teachers, parents, supervisors, and other leaders, and anyone who wants to improve communication skills in every area of life.

Each "law" lesson will be presented twice; on Sundays from 2:30-4:45 p.m. (beginning Sept. 21), and Tuesdays from 6:30-8:45 p.m. (beginning Sept. 23).

Classes meet at the Reli-

gious Education Conference Center, Building 39713, on 39th Street near 7th Avenue.

Advance registration is suggested, but not required, to allow participants to read ahead for each week. Textbooks and workbooks are provided. There is no charge for the classes, but donations are accepted.

Call 791-4703 for directions or other information.

9-11 widow supports deployed troops

Christy Ferer
Army News Service

When I told friends about my pilgrimage to Iraq to thank the U.S. troops, their reactions were underwhelming at best.

Some were blunt. "Why are you going there?" They could not understand why it was important for me, a widow of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, to express my support for the men and women stationed in the Gulf today.

But the reason seemed clear to me. Two hundred thousand troops have been sent halfway around the world to stabilize a culture that breeds terrorists like those who I believe began World War III on Sept. 11, 2001.

Reaction at home was so politely negative I began to doubt my role on the first USO Tribeca Institute tour into newly occupied Iraq where, on average, a soldier a day is killed. Besides, with Robert De Niro, Kid Rock, Rebecca and John Stamos, Wayne Newton, Gary Senise and Lee Ann Womack, who needed me?

Did they really want to hear about my husband, Neil Levin, who went to work as director of New York Port Authority on Sept. 11 and never came home? How would they relate to the two other widows traveling with me? Ginny Bauer, a New Jersey homemaker and the mother of three who lost her husband, David, and former Marine Jon Vigiano, who lost his only sons — Jon, a firefighter, and Joe, a policeman.

As we chattered over deserts that looked like bleached bread crumbs, I wondered if I'd feel like a street hawker, passing out Port Authority pins and baseball caps as I said "thank you" to the troops. Would a hug from me mean anything at all in the presence of the Dallas Cowboy cheerleaders and a Victoria's Secret model?

We arrived at the first "meet and greet." It made me weep. Armed with M16s and saddlebags of water in 120-degree heat, the soldiers swarmed over the stars for photos and autographs.

When they heard a trio of Sept. 11 family members was also in the tent, it was as if a psychic cork on an emotional dam was popped.

Soldiers from every corner of New York, Long Island and Queens rushed

toward us to express their condolences. Some wanted to touch us, as if they needed a physical connection to our sorrow and for some living proof for why they were there. One mother of two from Montana told me she signed up because of the terrorist attacks. Dozens of others told us the same thing. One young soldier showed me his metal bracelet engraved with the name of a victim he never knew and that awful date none of us will ever forget.

In fact, at every encounter with the troops a surge of reservists — firefighters and cops, including many who had worked the rubble of Ground Zero — came to exchange a hometown hug.

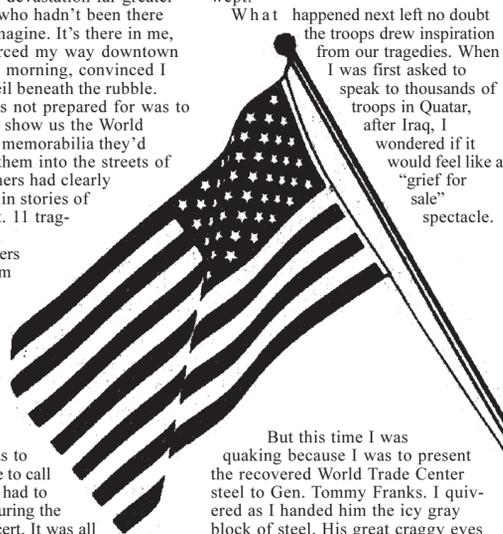
Their glassy eyes still do not allow anyone to penetrate too far inside to the place where their trauma is lodged; the trauma of devastation far greater than anyone who hadn't been there could even imagine. It's there in me, too. I had forced my way downtown on that awful morning, convinced I could find Neil beneath the rubble.

What I was not prepared for was to have soldiers show us the World Trade Center memorabilia they'd carried with them into the streets of Baghdad. Others had clearly been holding in stories of personal Sept. 11 tragedies.

USO handlers moved us from one corner to the next so everyone could meet us. One fire brigade plucked the group from the crowd, transporting us to their firehouse to call on those who had to stand guard during the Baghdad concert. It was all about touching us and feeling the reason they were in this hell. Back at Saddam Hussein airport, Kid Rock turned a "meet and greet" into an impromptu concert in a steamy airport hangar before 5,000 troops.

A captain from the Bronx tapped me on the back. He joined the Army after some of his wife's best friends were lost at the World Trade Center. When he glimpsed the piece of recovered metal from the towers that I had been showing to a group of soldiers he grasped for it as if it were the Holy Grail. Then he handed it to Kid Rock who passed the precious metal through the 5,000 troops in the audience. They lunged at the opportunity to touch the steel symbolizing what so many of them felt as the purpose of their mission.

Looking into that sea of khaki gave me chills even in the blistering heat. To me, those troops were there to avenge the murder of my husband and 3,000 others. When I got to the microphone I told them we had not made this journey for condolences, but to thank them and to tell them the families think of them every day. They lift our hearts. The crowd interrupted me with chants of "USA! USA! USA!" Many wept.



What happened next left no doubt the troops drew inspiration from our tragedies. When I was first asked to speak to thousands of troops in Qatar, after Iraq, I wondered if it would feel like a "grief for sale" spectacle.

But this time I was quaking because I was to present the recovered World Trade Center steel to Gen. Tommy Franks. I quivered as I handed him the icy gray block of steel. His great craggy eyes welled up with tears. The sea of khaki fell silent. Then the proud four-star general was unable to hold back the tears which streamed down his face on center stage before 4,000 troops. As this mighty man turned from the spotlight to regain his composure I comforted him with a hug.

Now, when do I return?

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9:00 a.m. • Gen "X" Soldiers Service, Friendship Chapel
10 a.m. • Eisenhower Army Medical Center Chapel
11 a.m. • Gospel Service at Signal Theatre
11 a.m. • Bicentennial Chapel
11 a.m. • Friendship Chapel

Friday 7 p.m. • Spanish Speaking Service, Bicentennial Chapel

Catholic Services

11:45 a.m. Monday thru Friday, Eisenhower Army Med Ctr. Chapel
12:00 p.m. Monday thru Thursday, Good Shepherd Chapel
3:30 p.m. Saturday, Confessions, Good Shepherd Chapel
5 p.m. Saturday, Vigil Mass, Good Shepherd Chapel

Sunday Masses

8:30 a.m., 10 a.m., Good Shepherd Chapel
11:45 a.m. Eisenhower Army Medical Center Chapel

Jewish Activities

Holy Day Services, Announced
Jewish Activities Center, Bldg. 38804
Daily and Sabbath service available off-post for Jewish personnel
For information call 791-3959

Islamic Services

Jumah Prayer Service on Fridays Oct-Apr at 1230-1:30, and Apr-Oct from 1:30-2:30.

These are held in Bldg. 38804, Academic Drive.
For more information, call CPO (Ret.) Marshall Abuwi 772-4303

Denominational Services

LDS Service - Sunday 2 p.m., Barnes Avenue Chapel
Samoan Service, Sunday 1 p.m., Bicentennial Chapel, Bldg. 28414

Religious Education

Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Protestant Sunday School, Religious Education Center
Sunday, 11:00 a.m., Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) Classes, Religious Education Center (Sept. thru May).

Other Programs/Services

Episcopal Soldier Representative is Kurt Miller at 791-0213
LDS representative is Sergeant 1st Class (retired) Scott Robison, 533-0376.

Bible Studies

OCF Bible Study - Monday 6:30 a.m., Officer Christian Fellowship Bible Study, Friendship Chapel, 791-2056. Friday evening OCF POC is Col. Hook, 863-8231, or Capt. Craft, 364-5144.

Tuesday, 7:00 p.m., Protestant Women of the Chapel, Bldg. 28414
Bicentennial Chapel

Wednesday, 11:30 a.m., Devotional Luncheon, Bicentennial Chapel, Bldg. 28414

Wednesday, 9:30 a.m., Protestant Women of the Chapel, Bldg. 28414

Wednesday 11:45 a.m. EAMC Bible Study, DDEAMC Din. Fac. Conf. Rm., 3rd floor

Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. Bldg. 39713, Faith Community Bible Study

Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Friendship Chapel Bible Study

Thursday, 11:30 a.m. 63rd & 67th SIG BN Bible Study, Contact Chaplain

Chapel Directory

Bicentennial Chapel, 791-3959
Good Shepherd Chapel (Chapel 9), 791-2945
Faith Community Chapel Activities 791-2056 (during duty hours)
Barnes Avenue Friendship Chapel, 791-2056
Eisenhower Army Medical Center Chapel, 787-6667

Religious Education

Protestant Program, Mr. Randall Dillard 791-4703
Catholic Program, Mrs. Frances Simpson, 791-2945

For additional information, call 791-4683
the Installation Chaplain's Office, Building 29601

NPRC initiates online records requests

The National Personnel Records Center is working to make it easier for veterans with computers and Internet access to obtain copies of documents from their military files.

Military veterans and the next of kin of deceased former military members may now use a new online military personnel records system to request documents.

Other individuals with a need for documents must still complete the Standard Form 180 which can be downloaded from the online web site.

The new web-based application was designed to provide better service on these requests by eliminating the records center's mailroom processing time. Also, because the requester will be asked to supply all information essential for NPRC to process the request, delays that normally occur when NPRC has to ask veterans for additional information will be minimized.

Veterans and next of kin may access this application at <http://vetrecs.archives.gov>. For information, call Lyn Krout at (410)306-1755 or linda.krout@us.army.mil.

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Call Fred Perry at 791-5078 or 833-2834 (cell phone) for more information on any of these events.



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Kids' Shooting Day - September 27 is "National Hunting & Fishing Day", and to celebrate, kids will shoot free! Hunter education instructors will provide shooting instructions. Sponsored by the Fort Gordon Sportsman's Club.

FISHING - Kids' Fishing Derby...September 27, 8-11:30 a.m. at Claypit Lakes. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. and fishing begins at 8 a.m. Prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place in each of four age groups for the most pounds of fish caught. Free t-shirts for the first 300 kids! Free hot dogs and sodas will be available to each participant. Kids need to bring their own fishing pole (limit of one fishing pole per child).

Take A Soldier Fishing Day...September 28. Sponsored by the Fort Gordon Sportsman's Club. Free fishing day at Butler Reservoir. No license required for that day. Reservation must be made in advance.

BIG BUCK CONTEST - September 2003 - January 2004. 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place winners if four divisions. Open to all Fort Gordon Hunting License Holders, ages 10 & over. \$20 entry fee / \$10 for FGSC Members. For more information, call 791-3317/5078.

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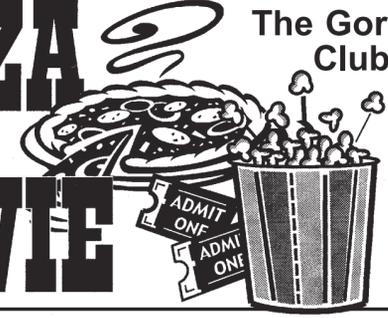
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Community Events

Job workshop moved

The date and location for the Job Fair 2003 Preparation Workshop has changed. The new location is at ACAP, Building 33800, from 11 a.m.-noon **Sept. 22**. Call Linda Cockrell to register or for more information at 791-7333 or 791-7356.

Spectrum conference

The Battlefield Spectrum Management Class 501-03 is sponsoring a Spectrum mini-conference Sept. 19 from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. in Greeley Hall, Room 119. For information contact Master Sgt. Herbert Williams at 791-5165 or e-mail williah@gordon.army.mil.

Hispanic month

The Hispanic Heritage Month Command Program is 1:30 p.m. **Oct. 2** in Alexander Hall.

The guest speaker is David Casas, Georgia General Assembly representative for the 68th District. Casa is also the Georgia House liaison to the Governor's task force on Hispanic Affairs.

For information, call Sgt. 1st Class Greg Pair at 791-6082.

Child care class

Registration for new applicants to become a Family Child Care Provider is 9 a.m.-noon daily **Oct. 6-10** in

Building 45400. The training starts Oct. 20. For more information, call 791-3993/4440.

Volunteer fest

The Fall Volunteer Harvest is 10 a.m.-1 p.m. **Sept. 29** at the Gordon Terrace Ballroom of the Gordon Club. For more information contact Army Community Service at 791-3579 or e-mail harshmal@gordon.army.mil.

Tryouts

Audition tapings for the Soldier Show are 6-8:30 p.m. **Oct. 14** at the Fort Gordon Performing Arts Center. For information or to schedule an audition, call Steve Walpert at 791-4389.

Gospel workshop

The Voices of Faith and Fort Gordon presents a Gospel Music Workshop **Oct. 1-3** in the Signal Theater. The workshop concludes with a free concert featuring famed gospel recording artist Kurt Carr and the Kurt Carr Singers at 6 p.m. **Oct. 3** in Alexander Hall. Seating is limited. Call 833-6158 for information.

Story hour

Woodworth Library hosts story hour each **Wednesday** from 11 a.m.-noon.

Children of active and retired

military, and DoD civilians are invited to participate. The program is designed for children ages 2 through 5.

Volunteer readers are also needed for story hour. For information, call Liz Knight or Joyce Daniels at 791-7323.

CGSC classes

The 11th Battalion, 198th Div (IT) will begin Command General Staff Officers Course classes in October. Phases 1 and 3 will be offered at Fort Discovery in Augusta.

Students must be a promotable captain, major or lieutenant colonel on active duty in the Army Reserve or National Guard. Students must have completed the Officer Advance Course and the Combined Arms Staff Services School.

For information or to enroll, call Lt. Col. Bradley Link at 791-7999 or (803) 643-0051.

Swap shop reopens

The Army Community Service Swap and Assist Shop has reopened. The shop is open from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. **Thursdays**, in Building 39101, Brems Barracks. Call 791-3579 for information.

ACS workshops

Army Community Services offers a Lunch and Learn Series of workshops from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. **Fridays** at the Community Life Building 33512. Upcoming topics include:

Today: Family Fun Time Activities Workshop-Topic: Why Playing Games is Important

Friday: Couples Empowerment Workshop-Topic: Managing Stress Through Interpersonal Communication

Sept. 26: Parenting Skills Workshop-Topic: Parents Getting a Head Start Against Drugs

For information call 791-0794/4718.

School workshop

Preparing for School Success workshop for parents is from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. **Sept. 23**. The workshop is at Freedom Park Elementary and lunch will be provided. Reservations are required, call 791-0794 or 791-7270.

Pledge rally

This event will promote the Boys and Girls Club of America's Goals for Gradua-

tion academic goal-setting program. The rally is 4:30 p.m. **Sept. 25** at the Youth Services Building.

For information, go to www.gordon.army.mil/liaSvc

Dinner theatre

The Fort Gordon Dinner Theatre presents Neil Simon's all-time classic comedy *The Odd Couple*.

Show times are **today, Saturday and Friday, and Sept. 20, 25, 26 and 27**. Dinner begins at 7 p.m. and the show at 8 p.m. Tickets range from \$12-\$30. For information, call 793-8552.

Air Force Ball

The 31st Intelligence Squadron (U.S. Air Force) will hold the 2003 Air Force Ball **Sept. 26** at the Sacred Heart Cultural Center in Augusta. The theme is the *Centennial of Flight*. Call 791-9662 or 791-3578 for more information or to purchase tickets.

Farmers market

Main Street Augusta holds a Farmers Market from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. **Saturdays** at the Augusta Common on 8th and Broad streets. The markets are held Saturdays through Oct. 25. For information, call Mary Killen at 722-8000.

Opera season

The Augusta Opera presents the timeless classic *Carousel* through **Sunday** at the Imperial Theatre. Call Mary Ann Woodworth at 826-4710 for information.

Church celebration

St. Michael's Catholic parish is celebrating the feast of St. Michael at 5 p.m. **Sept. 27** at Engineer Field. Call 791-2945 for information.

Help wanted

The Greater Augusta Arts Council is looking for enthusiastic, energetic volunteers to help at this year's Arts in the Heart of Augusta festival. The festival is **Friday through Sept. 21** at the Augusta Common & Riverwalk in Augusta.

More than 300 volunteers are needed for the festival. Changes this year include a new location and expanded Friday activities.

All volunteers will receive a volunteer T-shirt and free

admission to the festival for the entire weekend. To volunteer call Mary Jones, Equal Opportunity Office, at 791-2014 or 791-6082.

Art show

The Morris Museum of Art is featuring *A Century of Progress: Twentieth Century Painting in Tennessee* through **Nov. 9**. Opening events include a lecture by Celia Walker, chief curator of the Cheekwood Museum of Art, at 6 p.m. Sept. 4.

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

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.

ACS classes

Army Community Services offers a workshop titled *Helping You and Your Children Cope with Divorce*, from 1-5 p.m. **Tuesday** at Community Life Center, Building 33512.

ACS also offers classes for the blended family the third **Tuesday** of each month from 2-4 p.m. at Community Life Center, Building 33512. For information call 791-4718.

Girl Scout troops forming

Girl Scout troops are forming across the CSRA for girls ages 5-17.

Volunteers are also needed as Scout leaders. Training is provided. Call 774-0505 for information.

Fort Gordon REPORT

COMING UP

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

- Interview with Brig. Gen. Hicks
- CFC kickoff
- Newcomers event

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 **Sept. 22**.

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Operation nets arms, missile caches in Iraq

Army News Service

MOSUL, IRAQ – The 101st Airborne Division demonstrated its operational reach Aug. 30 when it conducted raids in the western Iraqi desert, more than 450 kilometers southwest of the division's bases in northern Iraq.

"It was an impressive endeavor," said Maj. Gen. David H. Petraeus, commander of the 101st Airborne.

Intended to disrupt terrorist activities in west-central Iraq, the operation launched before dawn.

Four infantry companies and elements of an anti-tank company were air assaulted to five different locations to cordon and search several villages in an area centered about 50 kilometers north of Iraq's border with Saudi Arabia.

More than 1,000 soldiers of the division's 1st Brigade Combat Team participated in the

operation, which also involved 98 of the division's attack, scout, assault, medevac and heavy lift helicopters.

Though the operation did not result in the capture of the operation's primary targets, it did result in the detention of several individuals and the discovery and destruction of four sub-

stantial weapons caches.

The caches included 12 SA-7 surface-to-air missiles, 100 rocket propelled grenades, three mortar systems, more than 10,000 rounds of small arms and mortar ammunition, more than 100 anti-tank rockets and a variety of other arms and ammunition.



Photo by Spc. Robert Woodward

A soldier in 2nd Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, monitors the streets of a village in west Iraq Aug. 30. The 101st Airborne Division flew almost 450 kilometers from its bases in northern Iraq to search five villages in west Iraq to root terrorist camps 50 kilometers from the Saudi Arabia-Iraq border.

Army One Source gives human touch

Army News Service

ALEXANDRIA, Va. – Now you get questions answered about the Army 24 hours a day – from a human, not a computer-generated voice.

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It's a 24/7 toll free telephone number for information and referral service for soldiers, deployed civilians and their families, said Carla Cary, Family Advocacy Program specialist at the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center.

The service was activated Aug. 15. It is fully operational for Army installations and U.S. Army Reserve components worldwide.

From the United States callers can dial (800) 464-8107. From outside the United States dial the appropriate access code to reach a U.S. number and then (800) 464-81077 – all 11 digits must be dialed. Hearing-impaired callers should use (800) 364-9188, and Spanish speakers can dial (888) 732-9020.

"There is no phone tree, no menu. The phones are answered by people," Cary said.

The source is staffed by consultants who hold master's degrees in social work or psychology and who can talk about a variety of subjects such as parenting, TRICARE, child care, relocation, finances, legal, elder care, education and everyday household issues.

Stateside active-duty and demobilized National Guard and Reserve soldiers, deployed civilians and their families can also arrange for up to six face-

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Cary pointed out that "while (the service) won't answer questions about Army administrative and personnel issues, they will direct callers to the right place to get help with pay problems and career questions."

The contractor operating the service will collect information about local family programs and morale, welfare and recreation from one point of contact in the installation Army Community Service program so callers will receive information about programs geographically closest to them.

"This is a supplement to our existing family programs, not a replacement for any programs," explained Cary. "It's also to broaden our service delivery."

The service is also available to the immediate family of single soldiers.

"(The) staff knows the Army and they know who's eligible to use Army services and receive benefits," said Cary. "If a parent calls and they are not eligible to use Army programs, the consultants have information about what's available in the civilian community."

"The Army recognizes that deployments are tough on everyone and that homecoming is potentially the most difficult phase of deployment," Cary said. "It's very important for soldier and family morale to have immediate access to information about Army programs and services."

(Information taken from a U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center news release.)

Deputy

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continually keep up with different generations of equipment that are evolving as we speak," Premo said. "There isn't a bigger focal point for transformation in the Army than Fort Gordon."

Fort Gordon is specifically valuable to Army training at this time, Premo said, because the Army is focusing on network-centric warfare.

"That is warfare designed around the power of information technology," Premo explained. "Where do you go for information technology in the Army? You come to Fort Gordon, so everything we do, from the garrison's support to the schoolhouses, to training new soldiers, NCOs and officers, to developing the future force structure for the Army are all going to be focused here."

The Army is emphasizing the power of command, control, communications, computers, and intelligence, reconnaissance and surveillance, or the C4ISR concept, Premo said. He said the Army has sacrificed caliber, or size of guns, force structure and armor protection, for information technology.

"We're banking our future and combat capability, as an Army, on the power of information technology," he said. "That's what we do here at Fort Gordon, and that's why it's so exciting to be here."

Premo said that the obvious emphasis that the Army has placed on information technology in recent military missions is one of the reasons that a general officer has been added in the role of deputy commanding general for the post and U.S. Army Signal Center.

He credited Lt. Gen. Kevin P. Byrnes, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine commander, with taking quick action on the suggestion of Brig. Gen. Jan Hicks, Fort Gordon and U.S. Army Signal Center commanding general, to reinstate the deputy commanding general's position here.

"(Brig.) Gen. Hicks needed a deputy commander that she could task with the mission of looking to the future, and that's

what I'm going to do, I'm going to primarily focus on that," he said.

"I'll be involved in all the aspects of Fort Gordon life, training and developing leaders for the future. But my primary interest is going to be how we move the Signal Regiment and all its elements into the future while fighting the battles of the budget, fighting the battles of force structure, fighting the battles of joint operations."

Besides focusing on training soldiers in information technology, Premo said he would like to improve the already strong community ties to the post, and focus on working with the joint partners that train on post.

"We have a lot of joint missions going on at Fort Gordon that are very important for the future," he said. "We train sailors and airmen and Marines here, we have a joint headquarters here for intelligence, we have the 93rd Signal Brigade that deploys around the world in support of global missions but is focused on the South command. They run the network management center for the U.S. Southern Command (in Miami). This is exciting stuff."

The relationship between Premo and Hicks has been a long and close one, Premo said. "There's not another officer in the Army that I'd rather work for than (Brig.) Gen. Janet Hicks," Premo said. "We were assigned to the 125th Signal Battalion together, she was a platoon leader and I was the assistant S-3, so we've known each other since 1977."

"We've kept in contact with each other over all these years. She's an old friend, a great leader and visionary for our future, and to be part of her team is very humbling. I'm very proud to be here."

To be a successful deputy commanding general, Premo said he must fully support Hicks in her mission here.

"If (Brig.) Gen. Hicks, when she departs Fort Gordon for her next assignment, is seen as the visionary leader of the Signal Regiment's future because of

the work I am able to do for her, then all of us on her team are successful," he said. "So my goal is to make sure that (Brig.) Gen. Hicks' vision is implemented. If she's successful in accomplishing her goals, then I'll know I'll have been successful as her deputy."

To be prepared for his new role, Premo said he will draw on the knowledge and advice imparted to him by previous Signal Regimental leaders such as generals Mallette, Gray, Harris, Ackerman, and Kelly, and Cuvillo, to name a few.

"They developed these concepts that we're living with now," he said. "I believe I was mentored by, what we call graybeards now, but at the time, unbelievably visionary Signal leaders."

He said his participation in a joint mission, as joint staff officer of the joint staff of the Defense Information Systems Agency in Washington, D.C., also helped him for his current tenure as U.S. Army Signal Center deputy commanding general.

"I have to tell all the Signal Regimental folks out there, I thought I knew how to communicate, but I really didn't know what I was talking about until I saw what the joint world was doing and what DISA did around the globe," Premo said. "To be a complete Signaleer in today's joint environment, you've got to be aware of what's going on there (in the Joint world) and you've got to have an assignment there. I could not have come to this job as prepared as I think I am without having worked on the joint staff or for DISA. That's not just for officers, that's for the development of NCOs as well."

On a lighter note, in addition to keeping up with the Army's main mission of focusing on utilizing information technology and network-centric warfare to assess and defeat enemies, Premo said he has another goal while serving as deputy commanding general.

"I've got to be honest," he said with a smile. "One of my

primary goals is to learn how to play golf and learn how to play it well. How can you come to Augusta and Fort Gordon and not play golf?"

"So I've made a promise that I'm going to learn how to play. I brought my clubs and I'm going to hit the links and practice, but that's a personal thing. If you're on the golf course, look out, I slice terribly!"

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Run for the woods

The 12th Annual Regions Bank "Run for the woods," a 5.4 mile "true" cross country race, is scheduled for **Nov. 1** in Hitchcock Woods, Aiken, S.C. This will be the 2003 Palmetto Grand Prix S.C. Cross Country Championship.

A variety of runs and power walks are slated for the day.

For more information, contact: Woods Run, PO Box 1564, Aiken, S.C. 29802 or call (803)649-7552.

Riding lessons

Horse 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**.

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10K Turkey Trot race coming

WJBF NewsCHANNEL 6 is hosting a Turkey Trot and Fun Run **Nov. 23**. All category first-place runners and turkey costume winners will receive a 19-inch television. Races will start in front of WJBF studios. The Fun Run begins at 12:15 p.m. and the 10K Turkey Trot begins at 1 p.m. Early bird registration is available on www.active.com.

All proceeds benefit the Greater Augusta Sports Council. For more information, contact Melissa Canady at 828-7211.

Christmas House golf tournament

The 15th Signal Brigade is sponsoring a four-person scramble golf tournament **Oct. 16** to benefit the Christmas House charity.

The event, which starts with a 10-11 a.m. check-in, will feature a lunch buffet from 10:30-11:45 a.m. before the noon shotgun start.

The cost of entering is \$35, which can be paid in advance or on the day of the tournament.

To sign up, call or e-mail Capt. Kent Denmon or Sgt. 1st Class Laroy Liner at 791-2987 or 7013 or at denmonk@gordon.army.mil by **Oct. 3**.

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Aiming high

Fort Gordon Sportsman's club hosts last 3-D archery tournament of season, announces new lodge plans

Sgt. Ryan Matson
Military editor

They came from near and far, bows in hand, for some last minute preparation and a shot at winning prizes.

The event was the final 3-D Archery Tournament of the year on Fort Gordon Sunday at Range 14, sponsored by the Fort Gordon Sportsman's Club, a part of Morale Welfare and Recreation Outdoor Recreation program. Fifty-eight archers showed up at the tournament to test their skills before bow season opens in Georgia Saturday.

Archers of all ages and genders came to participate in the tournament, which Fred Perry, the Fort Gordon Outdoor Recreation Manager, said is "traditionally the best tournament of the year" on post.

Bo and Robin Wates brought their son Daulton and his friend, Christopher Mayson, to try their luck at hitting a bulls-eye on the 3-D targets.

"We're just out here to have fun," Bo Wates said. "The kids like shooting these 3-D targets."
"We're trying to keep giving them family activities to do," his wife, Robin, added. "It keeps them out of trouble."

It was a cool and drizzly day, "perfect conditions for deer hunting," Fort Gordon Sportsman's Club president Sgt. 1st Class John Landrum, Company A, 447th Signal Battalion, observed.

The tournament began at 10 a.m., but contestants could take to the course as late as 2:30 p.m. in order to get their scorecards in by 5 p.m. The object was to walk through the woods and shoot as many three-dimensional animal targets as close to their bulls-eye spot as possible. Contestants used compact bows with less than 12-inch stabilizers and traditional style hunting bows to shoot targets, which were scattered in the woods and provided archers with



Photos by Sgt. Ryan Matson

(Above) Tiffany Connell, 8, draws back for a shot with her compound bow. The youngster won the youth 8 and under championship and has also won two Georgia state archery championships and a Georgia State games gold medal.

(Below) Sportsman's Club President John Landrum shows his form with the traditional longbow.



realistic hunting shots and scenarios.

Archers were allowed one shot per target, so many warmed up on the practice course before taking to the 3-D course. There was no time limit on completing the course, and an honors scoring system was in place. With the usual emphasis placed on safety, contestants took to the course in a minimum of three-person groups, with members of the Sportsman's Club keeping a watchful eye over the action. There were also water points provided throughout the course.

Landrum said the club usually hosts six tournaments a year, with this one being the grand finale, and the goal being to closely simulate archery hunting

conditions prior to the start of the season. This meant participants had to negotiate slight brush and shoot from less than perfect positions on the targets.

"A lot of these are trashy targets, the way I have them set up," Landrum said. "By this I mean the contestants may have to improvise a little to get a good shot. Traditionally for bow hunters, that's the way they like it."

The cost of entering the tournament was \$15 for adult participants, \$5 for children 9 and above, and free for children under the age of 9. At the conclusion of the tournament, \$1,700 in prizes donated by tournament sponsors, was awarded. In addition, free T-shirts were given out to the tournament participants.

The next 3-D tournament will take place in January, Landrum said. In the meantime, archers can practice their bow skills on Range 14, where the Sportsman's Club keeps six targets out permanently, at distances of 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35 yards, plus three 3-D targets.

"Any archer can come out Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday and shoot them for free," Landrum said. He added that civilians are also welcome to join the Sportsman's Club once they obtain the proper MWR ID card.

"Members help make the Sportsman's Club work," Perry said. "They volunteer as range officers and cooks at our events and help staff other special events on post like concerts and other MWR events. In return, we offer discounts to the volunteers on some Sportsman's Club activities."

Call Fred Perry at 791-5078 for more details on this process.

Other Sportsman's Club happenings

The big news around the Sportsman's Club is the addition of a 3,000 square-foot log cabin on Range 14. The cabin, called "The Tactical Advantage Sportsman's Complex," will serve as a centralized location for all club activities, Perry said.

"At the new facility we will have hunting and fishing license sales and boat, grill, tent, canopy and other camping supply check-outs for a user fee," Perry said. "We plan to have firearm and equipment sales that will cover the basic needs of the hunter, fisherman, and shooting enthusiast."

But the activities offered at the new lodge will not end there, Perry said.

"We're looking into other possibilities, including adding pop-up targets to the rifle range, a sporting clays course and an area for a model airplane flying club to operate," he said.

He added that the club also hopes to offer a youth archery camp and shooting programs taught by a certified National Rifle Association instructor. And, of course, when the lodge opens, Perry said outdoor enthusiasts can still enjoy the skeet/trap, archery and

shooting ranges on Range 14. He said the trap/skeet range is also scheduled to be sodded with a sprinkler system put in place next year.

Groundbreaking on the new lodge is scheduled to take place in October, with the facility opening for business in January or February.

"Our goal is for the new building to be open for business from Tuesday through Saturday," Perry said.

"We'll have one of the best shooting and outdoor recreational areas in the area," he added.

Fort Gordon Sportsman's Club 3-D Archery Hunting Class Tournament results

BOW DIVISIONS

Youth 8 and under traditional recurve
1st - Dakota Yarbrough, 93

Youth 8 and under compound
1st - Tiffany Connell, 236
2nd - Autumn Shelton, 115
3rd - Cody Shelton, 74

Youth 9 to 13 compound
1st - Dalton Wates, 289
2nd - Jesse Landrum, 280
3rd - Tyler Hollis, 234

Adult primitive traditional (longbows)
1st - Carey Simmons, 194
2nd - Allen Vaughn, 185
3rd - Charles Watkins, 176

Barebow compound
1st - Bill Platte, 231
2nd - John Matthews, 220

Men's compound
1st - Jeffrey Denzine, 320
2nd - Joel Fleming, 309
3rd - Earl Watts, 308

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1st - Donna Shelton, 291
2nd - Brenda Hollis, 270
3rd - Shawn Breyette, 241

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Troy King, U.S. Naval Detachment, draws back on a 3-D deer target on the course.



(Above) Archers are right on the mark as they pull their arrows out of targets on the practice range. (Below) Competitors take shots on the warm-up course before hitting the three-dimensional course. The tournament, held Sunday, was the last archery tournament on post before the start of archery season Saturday.



Jack Baker, president of the Archery Committee for the Sportsman's Club, shows off three of the several trophy bucks he has brought in with his bow on Fort Gordon.



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CLUES ACROSS

- Large bag
- Inane
- Large wading bird
- Mongrel dog
- Low stool in the shape of a drum
- Vase
- Supplements with difficulty
- Farther down
- Leg joint
- Affirmative
- Boisterous young girl
- Ward, actress
- Meadow
- Snake-like fish
- An open skin infection
- Sash
- Away from wind
- Capital of Bhutan
- Address
- Hall of Fame catcher
- The religious center of Saudi Arabia
- Have a disposition to do something
- Jamaican popular music
- Decorate a cake
- Russian peasant
- In a way, rigid
- Sixth letter of Hebrew alphabet
- Abel's brother (Bible)
- Regenerate
- Swedish rock group
- The space above the ground
- College fee

CLUES DOWN

- A fine skill
- A European river
- Wink
- Ancient Egyptian deity
- geological time
- Conclusion
- Red wine
- Young goat
- Two-wheeled, horse-drawn carriage
- S. China seaport
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Spectrum



Photo by Dr. William Scruggs

Cars line up on the dirt track of the CSRA International Speedway and wait for the waving of the green flag. Dirt-track races are held every Saturday night at the speedway, which is located just three miles from Gate 1.



Photo by Sgt. Ryan Matson

(Above and below) Drivers and crew-members work on their racecars prior to the start of the action.



Photo by Dr. William Scruggs

Cars skid and swerve as they enter a turn on the half-mile oval track. Each week the track hosts an average of 50 to 70 racers.



Photo by Sgt. Ryan Matson



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(Above) Cars race down the straight-away in front of the grandstand. (Left) Silly Willy the clown entertains children inside the gate. Many families attend race night.



A night at the races



Sgt. Ryan Matson
Military editor

On a clear Saturday night, from the barracks rooms at the end of Chamberlain Avenue, you can see the lights and hear the roar of the engines.

The lights and sounds are coming from the CSRA International Speedway, located just three miles from Gate 1 (left onto Highway 78/278 West.) Every Saturday, the gates to the raceway open at 5 p.m., and fans can enjoy a night of dirt-track auto racing on a half-mile, oval dirt track that lasts until 11:30 p.m.

The best part of all is, if you've got a military ID, you can take in all the night's action for free. "We like to show our soldiers how proud we are of them for serving our country, and doing the job that they do, so they are allowed in free," Mark Ahlbrandt, the race promoter at CSRA International Speedway, said.

"We really do appreciate our soldiers and this is the only thing we can do to give back to them, really. We know soldiers come from everywhere in the country,

many are away from home, so this gives them something to do to occupy their time so maybe they won't miss home so much."

For other racing fans, the cost of viewing a night's racing is \$10 per adult, \$5 for children ages 7 to 12, and \$20 for all pit area tickets. Children 6 and under are admitted for free.

"Where can you have this much fun for free? And admission is cheaper than a movie," Ahlbrandt said from the press box as cars whizzed around the track below him.

"The action starts around 6:30 p.m. It's really something exciting to do on a Saturday night. I don't know what else to say besides come feel the hot-pumping adrenaline!"

The CSRA International Speedway had a grand re-opening Aug. 9. The track has been around since the 1940s under various owners. Ahlbrandt said that factors such as erratic weather and rain-outs have affected the turnouts thus far this season, but he said strong crowds have supported the tracks on fair weather evenings. He said he has been near full ca-

capacity, or approximately 4,000 people, several Saturday evenings and looks forward to strong attendance, weather permitting, the remainder of the season.

Local dirt-track race driver Shaun Snellings, a driver in the hobby-car class with two wins this year at the track, said racers come from throughout the area to race at the CSRA International Speedway.

"This is one of the best facilities in dirt-track racing in the area," he said. He said the track is "building its reputation up" as a top racing spot and that drivers come from as far as Greenwood, S.C., to race there each weekend.

"The drivers who race at the CSRA International Speedway are dedicated to their sport. He said he puts in at least five hours a day working on his car to keep it competitive for the weekend races.

"If you want to win you've got to do it," he said. "If you've got a girlfriend, you're probably going to lose her to racing."

With that amount of time invested into keeping his car competitive also comes a substantial amount of money invested in the

car, Snellings said. He said if a racer won the first-place money every weekend the driver might "break even" for the season. This point reinforces the time and effort that goes into dirt track racing.

Currently six classes race with an average of 50 to 70 cars racing any given Saturday, Ahlbrandt said. The six classes are late model sportsman, hobby, super stock, stock V-8, stock 4-cylinder and rookie class.

Ahlbrandt explained the differences between the six classes. "The super late-model class runs about 850 horsepower - you'll actually see them lift the front wheels off the ground as they shoot all that horsepower through the car," he said.

"You have the hobby class, whose bodies are similar to the late models, but they run about 500 to 600 horsepower engines. They're a real good, strong class. Next, the super-stock is a little downgraded version, which runs about 300 to 400 horsepower engines, maybe less. They're good drivers trying to make their way up."

"The stock V-8 class is more

of a stock car with a cage in it and a good V-8 motor. You can do some modifications to it. The four-cylinder class is Pintos, Vegas, cars such as that, where they put a cage in it. Last of all, but not least, is the rookie class where people just take an old, stock passenger car and knock the windows out of it, put a roll bar in it and a couple protective bars at the doors and go racing. Somebody can buy an old, beat-up car for \$300 and go out and race. That's a good way to begin. They're very affordable and it's good fun."

In addition to cars, Ahlbrandt said the track hosted a motorcycle race the weekend before the grand re-opening Aug. 9 and said he plans to have some more, diversified events in the future.

Ahlbrandt said he plans to keep the track open as long as the crowds support it. He said usually the dirt-track racing season ends in October, but can run as late as Nov. 15, in accordance with the Richmond County ordinance.

"The important thing is that you've got to keep your crowd coming out," he said. "When they

start dying off, the season dies off. As other sports start up, like high school and college football, this factors into the attendance. We'll run as long as we can."

Before the season ends, Ahlbrandt said the track plans to hold some big racing events.

"We're getting ready to put on some big races," he said. "We'll probably pull in a couple hundred cars. We plan a real big race in the latter part of October. The other, surrounding race tracks are closing, which will bring the car count way up and the spectator count way up. We really expect to have a phenomenal show coming up."

Besides car racing, Ahlbrandt said a variety of events surround the event. There is a DJ, food stands and concessions, a clown and kids races.

"The last time we ran before tonight, we had stunt planes flying overhead," he said. "We always try to keep some extra entertainment going on."

For more information on the CSRA International Speedway and its upcoming events, contact track manager Randy London or Ahlbrandt at 650-7767.