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News UPDATE

Retiree day

Fort Gordon will hold Retiree Day activities today.

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. For information, call Richard Lechnir at 791-2654.

Soldier show

The 2003 Soldier Show is 8 p.m. **Saturday** and 6 p.m. **Sunday** at the Fort Gordon Dinner Theatre. Admission is free and open to the public.

Limited seating is available; arrive early. Go to www.fortgordon.com or call 791-4389.

Blood drive

Kendrick Memorial Blood Center and the Fort Gordon Federal Credit Union is having its annual Red to Green blood drive every Thursday in October. For each pint donated during these drives, the credit union will donate \$5 to the Fort Gordon Christmas House.

Hours are 5 a.m.-1:30 p.m. **Thursday** and **Oct. 23** at Kendrick Memorial Blood Center; and 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. **Oct. 30** at the Eisenhower Army Medical Center second floor conference room.

Call David Willis or Erin Hamblin at 787-1014 or 787-1007 to schedule group donations.

Halloween hours

Trick or treating hours on post are 6-8:30 p.m. Oct. 31. Military police will block the following roads beginning at 5 p.m.; no traffic will be allowed to enter housing after 5 p.m.: Brainard and 47th, Garlington Drive, North Range Road and Lilac Court; 45th and 3rd avenues; Maglin and Myer Drive. Additionally, foot patrols will walk Gordon, McNair and Olive terraces.

Information briefing

The Community Information Briefing is 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Gordon Club. All commanders, command sergeants major, first sergeants, spouses, Family Readiness Group leaders and directors are encouraged to attend. For information, call Stanley Simmons at 791-3639.



CFC Countdown

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Total employees contributing: 1,884

New Chief of Staff of the Army addresses Soldiers at convention

Sgt. Ryan Matson
Military editor

Fort Gordon's outstanding Soldiers witnessed a historic event Tuesday when the new Chief of Staff of the Army, Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker addressed the thousands of guests in attendance at the Association of the United States Army Eisenhower Luncheon Speech.

Schoomaker was delivering one of his first major addresses to his fellow soldiers since being sworn in as the 35th Chief of Staff of the Army Aug. 1 by acting Secretary of the Army, the Honorable Les Brownlee.

As the Army Chief of Staff, Schoomaker is responsible for the training, equipping, readiness and welfare of the Army, and will also serve in a dual role as a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He replaced Gen. Eric Shinseki, whose term ended June 11.

"It is a pleasure to have a chance to talk to all of you about our Army, about where we are and where we are going," Schoomaker told the thousands of people in attendance as he opened his speech, which lasted about 30 minutes. The crowd was made up of senior military leadership, AUSA members, defense contractors and Soldiers selected

to attend the conference.

"Since being sworn in as the Army Chief of Staff, we have traveled around the world, the Middle East, Europe, Asia, the Pacific Rim and Alaska to be with our Soldiers, and I am proud to report to you that they are performing magnificently," Schoomaker said.

"Our Soldiers are world class: they fight valiantly and demonstrate a true warrior spirit. But they also have in their hearts a very compassionate spirit, and we see that demonstrated all around the world; on playgrounds in Iraq, in hospitals and orphanages in Afghanistan and in small villages in Africa. The American Soldier is a warrior who offers an extended hand of help and compassion. I want you all to know that I am very proud to serve with them again."

Schoomaker's early comments included a synopsis of events which led to the current military operations ongoing in the Middle East.

"Our Army is serving our nation at war," Schoomaker said. "On a clear blue morning two years ago last month, the enemies of freedom brutally attacked the United States and what she stands for. Our enemies targeted symbols of our military and economic strength and of our democracy. More

than 3,000 innocent men, women and children lost their lives in New York, Pennsylvania, and here in Washington, D.C., on that day—and this we will never forget!"

Schoomaker went on to recall a barrage of hostile acts against the United States by terrorist organizations, including the October, 2000 suicide attack on the U.S.S. Cole, 1998 terrorist attacks on the U.S. embassy in Kenya and Tanzania, and the 1983 terrorist attack on U.S. Marine Corps Barracks and embassy attack in Beirut.

"These are but a few of the many situations involving vicious attacks on Americans in the last few decades," Schoomaker said.

"However, for whatever reason, it took the attacks of September 11th to galvanize the will



Photo by Aaron Westbrook

Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker outlines his vision to 2,500 AUSA members Tuesday at the Eisenhower luncheon.

of the American people to strike back against terrorism. Global stability, our national security, and our very way of life are at stake, and we will not rest until we prevail."

The recent ousting of the Saddam Hussein's regime in Iraq is far from the end of the war on terrorism, Schoomaker said.

"This campaign will take a

long time, and will require our deep and enduring commitment," he said, adding, "sustained operations will be the norm, and not the exception."

Several challenges for the Army faces and goals for the Army were also highlighted during Schoomaker's speech. He said one of the challenges would be

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Latin fever infects Fort Gordon

Spc. Leslie Pearson
513th Military Intelligence Brigade

Hands were clapping, toes were tapping and hips were shaking to the festive Latin music played by the 434th Army Signal Corps Band for the National Hispanic American Heritage Month celebration.

The celebration, held Oct. 2, saw nearly 500 people squeezing their way into Alexander Hall. Performances included children of the Church of God Mission International wearing clothes that represented their country, holding flags and singing with Mayleen Flores, Augusta's Miss Latina 2002, and Kikiriqui, a Latino dance group, which stole the show as they twirled across the stage, mesmerizing the audience with the bold colors of their dresses and Salsa moves.

The event was sponsored by the U.S. Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon,

and organized by the post Equal Opportunity Office as a way to show the diversity within the Hispanic community, said Sgt. 1st Class Marty Smith, 513th Military Intelligence Brigade EO advisor.

The Honorable David Casas, Georgia State Representative, 68th District, was the guest speaker. He spoke of the richness within the Latino culture, encouraged people of Hispanic heritage to strive for success in all they do and continue the tradition of others who have become leaders and professionals.

"The reason we recognize the different ethnic observances is to educate soldiers about the similarities of our cultures. We try to concentrate on how we're alike, not how we're different," said Sgt. 1st Class Gregg Pair, post EO advisor.

The next EO program is Native American Indian Heritage month at 1:30 p.m. Nov. 7 in Alexander Hall.



Photo by Spc. Leslie Pearson

Children from the Church of God Mission International show off clothing from their native countries.

Job seekers explore available jobs

Spc. Leslie Pearson
513th Military Intelligence Brigade

The Army Reserve Center at Fort Gordon was a busy place Oct. 1 as more than 800 people came to investigate employment opportunities and to network with potential employers at this year's job fair.

Co-sponsored by Army Career and Alumni Program and the Army Community Services, about 65 businesses from Augusta and the surrounding areas took part in the fair.

"The job fair is designed to assist transitioning servicemembers, veterans, Department of Defense employees, military spouses and other people from the community in finding jobs," said ACAP representative Eddie Ferguson, one of the event organizers.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., eager job hunters perused the isles, stopping at booths to pick up cards, flyers and other information, while some filled out applications and shook hands with

would-be employers. Among the many businesses and job placement agencies, there were also recruiters from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Augusta and Atlanta police departments, Florida Highway Patrol, National Security Agency and South Carolina Department of Corrections.

According to Kathryn Palmer, employment readiness program manager, job fairs have been going on at Fort Gordon for years but this is the second year the ACS and ACAP have joined forces.

An event like this takes a lot of planning so the two organizations started soliciting businesses as early as April to get a good turn out, said Palmer.

"This is a good way to let people in the area know that there are a lot of businesses out there who are hiring. We even had some small family owned businesses with jobs available that people may not know about, so this is a way to make a connection with employers," she said.



Photo by Spc. Leslie Pearson

About 65 potential employers were available to meet with job hunters Oct. 1 at the annual Fort Gordon job fair.

New law enhances privacy and access of medical records

Paul Elkin
Eisenhower Army Medical Center

From the earliest times, patients and medical professionals have placed high importance on privacy in medical care. On April 14, 2003, the privacy provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 took effect.

Although the focus of HIPAA was to combat waste, fraud and abuse in health care, to improve portability of health insurance coverage, and to simplify the administration of healthcare, HIPAA's greatest and most direct impact on consumers are the added safeguards in keeping protected health information private.

These provisions established a standard concerning privacy of medical information as well as providing patients with additional rights concerning access and release of their medical records. The rules strike a balance between protecting patients' privacy while ensuring the best quality care is delivered to patients. The following is an overview of some commonly asked questions:

Does HIPAA affect the Army?

Yes. The HIPAA rules are applicable to the Department of Defense, both stateside and overseas. Not only must Tricare, military treatment facilities and government health care providers comply with HIPAA, but also companies that perform electronic billing on behalf of MTFs and all business associates.

What is considered protected information under HIPAA?

All individually identifiable health information including demographics that is in paper, electronic, or verbal medium and used or disclosed for treatment, payment and healthcare operations.

What are your rights under HIPAA's privacy provisions?

- The right to be informed of the practices the Military

Health System will use regarding PHI;

- The right to access, review, request correction, and to obtain a copy of your PHI;
- The right to find out, in certain circumstances, who received your PHI;
- The right to request a restriction of how your PHI will be used and disclosed; and,
- The right to file a complaint for privacy violations

connected with your PHI. **How do you find out more information about HIPAA?**

Every MTF is required to appoint a privacy officer to provide information concerning HIPAA as well being responsible for receiving and investigating complaints concerning privacy violations.

Maj. Rick Clabaugh is the DDEAMC MTF privacy officer, and can be reached at 787-

3577. You may also obtain information at the DDEAMC Tricare Office; by calling the DoD HIPAA information line at (888) 363-4472; on the Tricare Web site, www.tricare.osd.mil/hipaa; or, at the Health and Human Services Web site, www.hhs.gov/ocr/hipaa/assist.html.

(Elkin is the claims attorney at the EAMC Office of the Center Judge Advocate.)



Photo by Sgt. Ryan Matson

A Wish comes true

Five-year-old Ethan Hobbs, a Warren County resident, checks out the cockpit of a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter Friday at the Oktoberfest celebration.

Ethan, who is fighting, and winning, a battle against cancer, wanted to be a "G.I. Joe" for the day, and through the local chapter of the Make-a-Wish Foundation, Garrison officials and the 67th Signal Battalion, he will get his wish in November. As a preview of military activities planned for him in November, Ethan, his parents Mike and Judy, and his siblings were invited to view Friday's parachute jump performed by a team from the 82nd Airborne Division's All American Free Fall Team. The Blackhawk crew presented Ethan with a black beret, posters and insignia designating him as honorary crew NCOIC.

Look for complete coverage of Ethan's experience as "G.I. Joe" for a day in a future Signal.

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93rd Signal Brigade celebration A winner for all

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If fun and teamwork are good measures of success, then 93rd Signal Brigade hit the jackpot Friday during its annual organizational day.

"Healthy sportsmanship and fun, those are what I saw," said Maj. Tina Schreiner, brigade public affairs officer.

Hundreds of soldiers and their family members attended the celebration and festive activities, which included a barbecue lunch, talent competition, dunk book, Humvee pull, tug of war, basketball and more.

"Yes, I thought the competition brought us together; helped us have pride in the brigade," said Sgt. Christopher

Bays, 63rd Signal Battalion's noncommissioned officer for inprocessing.

Winner of the talent competition, Pfc. Stacey Joseph, HHC, 93rd Signal Brigade said, "Organizational day was a great time for everyone to come together in the spirit of teamwork and talent."

Spc. Connellus Morgan, also of HHC, 93rd Signal Bri-

gade said, "Overall, it (organizational day) was a good change of pace. Next time, however, I'd like us to take it a bit further and move the event off post, like near a lake. We could have rowboat races and maybe go fishing."

"This unit has been through a lot to get to what it is today," said Schreiner. "We should celebrate."

The 93rd was originally constituted Nov. 3, 1941, as the 93rd Signal Battalion. The unit has been inactivated and reactivated a few times since then.

As a brigade, it spent time in Europe and later Southwest Asia in support of Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Feb. 16, 1998, was 93rd's most recent reactivation, Schreiner said.

All contestants were winners at the end of the day during a trophy contest. The overall champions were HHC, 93rd Signal Brigade and 63rd Signal Battalion, with combined teams.

The 67th Signal Battalion excelled at the Iron Soldier APFT, the guidon race, volleyball and other activities. And the 56th Signal Battalion "Got the message through" by taking first place in the flag football and basketball competitions.



Photo by Maj. Tina Schreiner

Capt. Martin Verboon, incoming commander, C Company, leads the 67th Signal Battalion in the Humvee pull.

Abusive relationship advice

Special to the Signal

Recognizing domestic violence is not always easy, even for the victims. This is because domestic violence is much more than physical abuse. In fact, many women who are controlled by their partners and who live in danger and fear have never been physically assaulted. In the early stages, the pattern of abuse is hard to recognize.

People in abusive relationships, however, consistently report that the abuse gets worse over time. The following checklist of behaviors may help you decide if you or someone you know is being abused.

Does your partner ...
Use emotional and psychological control?

- Call you names, yell, put you down, make racial or other slurs, or constantly criticize or undermine you and your abilities as a wife,

partner or mother?

- Behave in an overprotective way or become extremely jealous?

- Prevent you from going where you want to, when you want to, and with whomever you choose as a companion?

- Humiliate or embarrass you in front of other people?

Use economic control?

- Deny you access to family assets such as bank accounts, credit cards or a car?

- Control all the finances, force you to account for what you spend or take your money?

- Prevent or try to prevent you from getting or keeping a job or from going to school?

- Limit your access to health, prescription or dental insurance?

Make threats?

- Threaten to report you to the authorities (the police or child protective services) for something you didn't do?

- Threaten to harm or kid-

nap the children?

- Display weapons as a way of making you afraid or directly threaten you with weapons?

- Use their anger or "loss of temper" as a threat to get you to do what he wants?

Commit acts of physical violence?

- Carry out threats to hurt you, your children, pets, family members, friends, or himself?

- Destroy personal property or throw things around?

- Grab, push, hit, punch, slap, kick, choke or bite you?

- Force you to have sex when you don't want to or to engage in sexual acts that you don't want to do?

These common control tactics used by abusers are certainly not the only ones.

If your partner does things that restrict your personal freedom or that make you afraid, you may be in an abusive relationship.

October is Domestic Violence Prevention Month. If you are a victim of abuse or you know someone who is being abused, there is help available. Contact Army Community Service Family Advocacy Program at 791-3579 or Social Work Services, 787-3656 during duty hours or 787-5811 after hours.

(Excerpted from the U.S. Office of Personnel Management handbook on domestic violence.)

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Signal Symposium coming soon

Fort Gordon will hold the 31st Signal Regimental Symposium 2003 Dec. 1-5 in Alexander Hall and the exhibition tent on Chamberlain Avenue.

Keynote speaker is Lt. Gen. William S. Wallace, commanding general, U.S. Army Combined Arms Center and Fort Leavenworth, and commandant, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth.

The theme of the conference is *Meeting Today's Challenges, Getting the Future*

Right. Also speaking will be Lt. Gen. Steven W. Boutelle, chief information officer/G-6, U.S. Army.

The exhibition building, sponsored by the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association, will be larger for 2003, with more than 100 IT related companies represented.

For registration information, go to <http://www.gordon.army.mil/symposium/2003> and click on registration.

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New CSA vision: more brigades – smaller but lethal

Sgt. 1st Class Marcia Triggs
Army News Service

WASHINGTON – In his first media roundtable, Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker turned the Army's goal of a lighter, more agile force up a notch.

Divisions with more brigades – smaller units with almost twice the lethality as the current brigades – is the concept Schoomaker outlined during his discussion with nine reporters Tuesday. Schoomaker also discussed a list of 15 areas where he wants to see improvements made during his tenure.

On the second day of the annual Association of the United States Army gathering in Washington, D.C., Schoomaker laid out his plans for reorganizing the Army. Although he plans to continue much of the transformation initiated by his predecessor, retired Gen. Eric K. Shinseki, Schoomaker said he won't be using the terms "legacy, interim and objective" to describe the force.

More Army funding should also go toward the equipment that is already in the hands of soldiers instead of future combat systems, Schoomaker said.

"We were looking to the future," Schoomaker said. "But now the focus is on the present. We have got to make sure that we are doing the right thing by our Soldiers. I don't think we should put Soldiers in harm's way without doing the very best we can to equip them."

Task forces across the Army are looking to improve areas that need immediate focus, Schoomaker said. Over the last couple of months senior leadership has mandated surveys to find out the Army's strengths and areas of weakness.

The analysis provided 15 areas that are being addressed. At the top of the list is the Soldier. Schoomaker said that to show how important Soldiers are, the letter "s" in Soldier will always be capitalized in military correspondence, and he encouraged news media and others to do the same.

The 15 focus areas outlined by Schoomaker are:

THE SOLDIER – The Army has to invest in the Soldier.

THE BENCH – The Army must build a bench of leaders who think strategically and innovatively at all levels of war.

ARMY AVIATION – This investment needs to get close attention to make sure that the future doctrine goes hand-in-hand with joint air-ground operation.

LEADER DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION – Training and education is not the same. Soldiers train for a controlled environment, but they are educated so they can operate in ambiguous situations.

COMBAT TRAINING CENTERS/ BATTLE COMMAND TRAINING PROGRAM – They must be more relevant and exploit opportunities to improve abilities to incorporate joint partners to a greater extent.

CURRENT TO FUTURE FORCE – The current force has to be able to fight today. The future force can't be fought, it doesn't exist. The Army has to be ready to go to war with what it has.

THE NETWORK – The net-

work that is needed is one where communication can be done from anywhere among different organizations on the battlefield.

MODULARITY – A degree of flexibility that would give smaller units more power.

JOINT EXPEDITIONARY MINDSET – The Army does not fight alone.

ACTIVE COMPONENT/RESERVE COMPONENT BALANCE – There are capabilities that the Army needs immediately but only the reserve components can provide. So there is a lot of cross-training going on now. Also the reserve components are being structured so that they are more useful to the states and governors in terms of Homeland Security.

UNIT MANNING – They're looking for concepts that will provide greater stability.

INSTALLATIONS AS FLAGSHIPS – Installations must be resourced to project power, support tough realistic training and provide for Soldiers, families and civilians.

RESOURCE PROCESSES – The Army has processes from how it feeds people to how it equips people. Many of those processes need to be upgraded and brought into more modern standards.

STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS – More communication can take place with the media, each other and improve the lines of communication.

AUTHORITIES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND ACCOUNTABILITY – Sometimes people are given the responsibility for something, but they haven't been given the resources to be successful. So how can they be held accountable?

AUSA

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the peace process in the areas the Army is involved.

"And here I would like to ask for your help," Schoomaker told the crowd. "We need to tell the success story of our Army more clearly and in every corner of this nation. Wherever you find yourselves, where you worship, where you work, in your volunteer group, everywhere in your community, never miss an opportunity to tell the story of the splendid service America's sons and daughters are performing while winning the war on terror, and of their sacrifice furthering the cause of peace around the world."

He said one of the goals of the Army determined by the senior leadership was to continue to invest in the Soldier and provide him or her with the best equipment and training possible.

"Our Soldiers are paramount," Schoomaker said.

"They will remain the centerpiece of our thinking, our systems, and our combat formations. We must always remember, 'Humans are more important than hardware.' We must always remember that Soldiers are the Army. When we go up to Walter Reed to visit our wounded Soldiers we are paying tribute to the finest young men and women our nation can provide. They are recovering from their wounds, but their spirit is strong, and when I leave them I reflect on their courage and sacrifices, and I feel stronger."

He also said a goal of the Army is for its many branches to work more closely together as members

of the joint team.

"We are a critical component of this joint team," Schoomaker said.

"The Army does not fight alone, and achieving joint interdependence must dominate all future aspects of the Army's culture, structure and operations."

He ended by expressing his confidence of the Army.

"Our nation needs us, and we will deliver," he said.

"We have the will, the determination, and the drive to win. In over 228 years of service our Army has never failed the American people – and we never will. As I told our NCOs yesterday, 'Americans sleep safely in their beds at night because American Soldiers stand ready in the night to visit violence on those who would do them harm.'"

Schoomaker retired in November 2000 after 31 years of service, but returned to active duty to assume the Chief of Staff position.

The speech took place as part of the AUSA annual convention at the new two-block long convention center in Washington. Fort Gordon soldiers were attending the speech and conference as a reward from AUSA for being named "outstanding soldiers."

Soldiers earned this honor by winning boards on post, in categories such as instructor, drill sergeant, and soldier of the quarter and year. They enjoyed five days in the nation's capitol, all sponsored by the Greater Augusta/Fort Gordon chapter of AUSA.

Look for coverage of the convention and the Soldier's experiences in the Oct. 17 edition of *The Signal*.

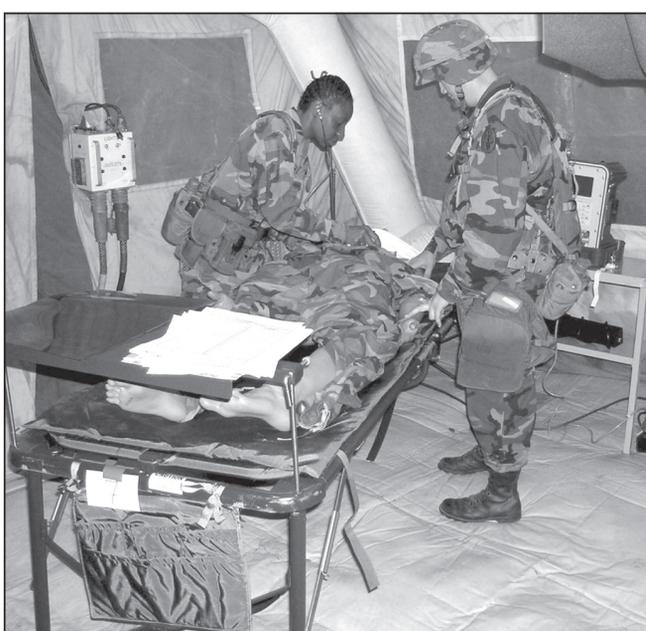


Photo by Spc. Leslie Pearson

Fort Gordon docs go mobile

The 249th General Hospital conducted a field training exercise, ending today. Here, Maj. Sarah Williams-Brown (left), head nurse of the intensive care unit, attends to a 'casualty' with the help of Sgt. Chris Washburn, an emergency medical technician. During the FTX, the medical staff worked on casualties inside the Deployable Medical Systems. The FTX is designed to ensure the medical staff maintains the highest state of readiness year-round. The field hospital located at the site is the same type of military treatment facility that is currently in operation in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

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Viewpoint

Information, Opinions, and Commentary

Where's fair and balanced news?

Beau Whittington
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — A striking headline hit the New York Daily News last week — “Flash for the media: U.S. won war in Iraq.”

“The United States and the coalition of its few faithful allies are not winning the war in Iraq — they have already won it,” A.M. Rosenthal’s commentary said. But, Rosenthal added, it would take hours hunting through stacks of newspapers and never-ending TV snippets to figure it out.

While Rosenthal may have overstated the victory, he’s spot on about the coverage. Being one of those journalists who daily wades through the nega-

tivism of the mainstream media, I know how difficult it is to find the positive outcomes of the troops trying to rebuild Iraq.

Even the New York Times fleetingly mentioned the subject in its lengthy Sept. 15 article about State Secretary Colin Powell’s visit to Southwest Asia.

It attributed Powell as saying he, “found that more progress was being made in securing and building Iraq than had been emphasized in news reports, mentioning for example new parent-teacher groups at local schools.”

The lengthy article continued to discuss the trip by reporting a soldier died that day, Powell was unable to reach an

agreement on a faster turnover of power and it outlined the secretary’s dining arrangements.

Nowhere was there another mention of the school improvements in the fleeting reference to Powell’s statements.

Again, you have to peruse the media closely to find stories about progress in Iraq. But, there are some good news stories.

The Washington Post ran two positive stories in its Sept. 14 issue.

One discussed how American Soldiers are training Iraqi recruits for a new national army. The Los Angeles Times ran a similar story Sept. 16. Both indicated the recruits reject the country’s ethnic and

religious mix. One quotes a “burly sergeant recruit” saying, “We want to say that we’re all Iraqi, and we all are proud to be in the Iraqi army.”

The second, “Giving Iraqis a stake,” frankly discussed the risks and benefits of American efforts to give Iraqis a stake in rebuilding their country. The article pointed out that even though the summer has been “brutal” the country has not “plunged into chaos or the bloody civil war that experts have long predicted.”

The article squarely stated American efforts for diversity in Iraq hardly guarantee success, but continued, “They do suggest ... Iraq has certainly not been lost.”

Yes, there are a few articles

about progress in Iraq. But, hopefully, soon there will be more when reporters open their eyes to a few facts on what’s happened in Iraq in the last four months:

- More than 6,000 rebuilding projects have been completed

- Schools, universities and hospitals have opened

- Iraq is transitioning to a representative government: the Iraq Governing Council has selected ministers and a committee has been appointed to draft a constitution.

This may not be enough to convince some reporters progress is at hand. And, they keep reminding us — Iraq isn’t Germany. Perhaps they should compare progress in the two

countries:

- Establish a central bank — Germany three years; Iraq two months

- Standing up a police force — Germany two years; Iraq two months

- Selecting a new cabinet — Germany 14 months; Iraq four months

How can mainstream media outlets overlook the many gains the Iraqi people have seen since the Hussein regime has fallen? It’s simple — evil sells and profits abound. Reporters find it easier to sell fear than to build hope through actions.

But, as in Iraq, all is not lost. We will win the media war; it just won’t be as easy as our march through the desert.

Athletes postpone career for military

Spc. Rachael Tolliver
Army News Service

FORT DRUM, N.Y. — My husband and I recently marked seven years of wedded bliss. As a type of celebration, the love of my life decided we should go somewhere for the weekend. His choice? Cooperstown, N.Y. ... be still my heart.

When we arrived in Cooperstown, I was surprised to see it did not resemble my preconceived notion of a factory metropolis encroaching on the hallowed ground of baseball fans. And I was relieved to find it had more to offer than that for which it has become so famous.

It was quaint — located on the tip of Lake Otsego, and surrounded on both sides by tall hills. Cooperstown is a well-preserved small town, with small-town charm, settled by William Cooper.

While William Cooper did not mean much to me, his son’s name certainly did. James Fenimore Cooper, author of “Last of the Mohicans,” “The Pioneers,” and “The Deer Slayer,” was born in Cooperstown. Many of James Fenimore Cooper’s stories were set in and around the Cooperstown area.

This quaint village also plays

host to the Farmers’ Museum, the Cooperstown Brewing Company, the Fenimore House Museum and several other wonderful attractions. One of those attractions is, of course, the National Baseball Hall of Fame, for which the town is most famous.

Admission to the Hall of Fame, as well as the Farmers’ Museum, is free for military personnel. There are several different displays to visit, but the one we spent the most time at was the wall of fame with all the plaques of the inductees. The reason? We did not just look up our favorite players from days gone by, we visited each plaque that was decorated with a military disk identifying branch of the military in which the player served.

I was familiar with Ted Williams’ service in the Marines during World War II and the Korean War, and I knew Pee Wee Reese was in the Navy during World War II.

But I did not realize that so many ball players served in the military from 1942 to the Korean War. In all, one Hall of Famer served in the Civil War, 25 members served in World War I, 35 members and more than 500 major league players served in World War II, and five Hall of Fame members served in the Korean War.

For example, Ernie Banks, Whitey Ford and Willie Mays were

all in the Army during the Korean War. During World War II, Yogi Berra served in the Navy and was stationed on a rocket launcher off the coast of Normandy Beach just after D-Day, while Leon Day, who was drafted into the Army, participated in Normandy after landing on Utah Beach with an amphibian unit.

Hoyt Wilhelm, whose knuckleballer won 143 games including a record 124 out of the bullpen and who started for the Orioles in 1958 where he pitched a no-hitter against the Yankees, served in the Army and earned a Purple Heart during the Battle of the Bulge.

Bob Feller was the first major leaguer to volunteer for active duty, enlisting in the Navy just two days after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. He served as an anti-aircraft gunner on the battleship Alabama with the Third Fleet, which fought in battles at Tarawa, Iwo Jima and the Marshall Islands. The Hall of Fame pitcher authored three no-hitters and a record-sharing 12 one-hitters, compiled 266 wins and struck out 2,581 batters in his 18-year career, despite missing four years of his prime because of World War II.

Warren Spahn was the winningest left-handed pitcher in history with 363 wins. He served three years as a combat engineer during World War II, saw action

during the Battle of the Bulge, was wounded in the foot and survived the collapse of the Remagen Bridge in Germany.

Phil Rizzuto, and Stan Musial, to name a couple, were both in the Navy. Joe DiMaggio was in the Army Air Corps, as was Hank Greenberg and Enos Slaughter.

Jackie Robinson was in the Army and was stationed at Camp Breckenridge, Ky., which happens to be in my backyard. In fact, Robinson signed his historic contract with the Brooklyn Dodgers while at Camp Breckenridge!

Something else I did not know was that Happy Chandler, who I knew was a U.S. senator and a governor of Kentucky, was baseball’s commissioner from 1945-1951. I found this out when I saw his Hall of Fame plaque with a military disk recognizing his World War II service in the Army.

America’s favorite pastime was secured by those who served in our other, but least favorite pastime: war. When I look at all the men, Hall of Famers or not, who took time out from their ball careers to protect this country and our way of life, a service disk hardly seems like enough recognition.

(Tolliver is a journalist with the 10th Mountain Division.)

Columbus Day safety necessary

Columbus Day is a special day for all Americans to celebrate the discovery of this great nation of ours. I know many of you are looking forward to spending the holiday weekend with family and friends.

Some of you will travel afar in your automobiles during the holiday period. Unfortunately, privately owned vehicle accidents continue as the leading cause of accidental death across the Army.

All of us know the importance of POV safety. I need each of you to exercise good judgment in all of your upcoming weekend activities, especially while driving your POV.

Involved leadership is essential for accident prevention. Commanders and leaders must place renewed emphasis on POV safety awareness to keep our soldiers, family members, and civilian workforce safe and protected. Prior to the holiday weekend, unit commanders will ensure that vehicle safety inspections and safety awareness briefings are conducted.

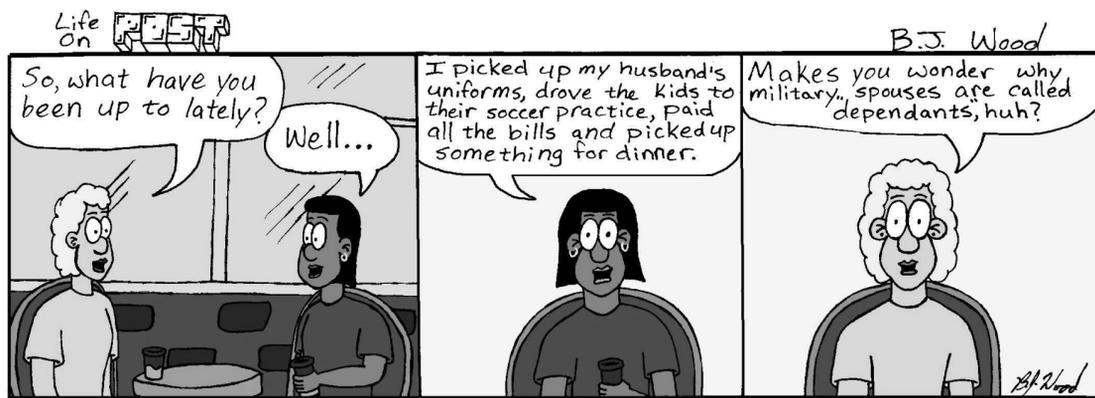
These briefings will direct the use of seat belts, never drink and drive, always ensure prior travel planning, check changing road and weather conditions, do not speed or drive while fatigued, and always drive defensively.

Briefing materials to include the POV Safety Handbook and fall season safety promotions are available on MS Outlook Public Folders-All Public Folders/FG Folders/Safety Folders.

In addition, the POV Tool Box/Risk Management guidance materials are available from the U.S. Army Safety Center website at <http://safety.army.mil/main.html>.

Have a wonderful, but safe, Columbus Day holiday weekend.


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Sports & Leisure

Sports UPDATE

Tour de Fort bike race

The Tour de Fort 12-hour endurance bike race is 8 a.m.-8 p.m. **Oct. 25.** Entry is \$25 each for the team or individual competition.

An 11-mile family fun ride is from 2-4 p.m., and a one-mile kiddie ride is available. Entry is \$10 for adults, \$5 for ages 7-10 years.

Entries received after Oct. 17 subject to an additional \$5 late registration fee. For information, call Bill Browning at 791-5726.

Golf tournament

The Augusta Veterans Association is hosting a golf tournament **Monday** at Gordon Lakes golf course.

The tournament will follow the four-person Lauderdale (scramble) format and will have a 12:45 p.m. start. The Peoria system will be in effect.

The cost is \$30 for Gordon Lakes golf course members and \$40 for all others. The entry price includes a lunch buffet starting at 11:30 a.m. Prizes including closest to the pin will be awarded following the tournament.

To enter, call Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Millward at 791-5913 or e-mail millward@gordon.army.mil.

Christmas House golf tournament

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

Check-in is 10-11 a.m.; a lunch buffet is 10:30-11:45 a.m.; and a noon shotgun start.

Cost is \$35, payable in advance or on the day of the tournament. To sign up, call or e-mail Capt. Kent Denmon or Sgt. 1st Class Laroy Linder at 791-2987 or 7013 or at denmonk@gordon.army.mil.

Toys for Tots 5K run

The U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots 5K run is 8 a.m. **Oct. 25** at Lake Olmstead Park in Augusta.

Registration for the event will be either a toy or monetary donation to the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Campaign.

Awards will be given out to the top three male and female runners in 15 age groups.

To pre-register, stop by the Augusta Reserve Center, 2869 Central Ave.

For more information, call 736-2037 or e-mail rushinghp@mfr.usmc.mil.

Big buck contest

The Big Buck contest on post is open to all Fort Gordon Hunting License holders ages 10 and older.

The contest runs through **January 2004**, with prizes for the first, second and third place winners in four divisions.

The cost of entering is \$20 for the general public and \$10 for members of the Fort Gordon Sportsman's Club.

For more information, call 791-3317, or go to www.fortgordon.com/fgsc.htm.

Something to build on

Fort Gordon team posts strong showing at Ten-Miler

Sgt. Ryan Matson
Signal military editor

How often have you heard the phrase, "They had high hopes?"

For the last few weeks the Fort Gordon Army Ten-Miler Team ran 17 miles, and as many as 22 miles, every Saturday for weeks leading up to the Army Ten-Miler race Sunday, not to mention regular running throughout the week.

The team accepted team captain/coach Chief Warrant Officer Robert Denmark's challenge of a marathon training program without complaint.

As Pfc. Adrian Poli said, "Each run broke us off."

The team had high hopes, stuck it out and grew closer together as a unit in doing so. As the team competed in races on weekends and continued to grow and improve as a unit, it was hard to not root for them.

The only question was, could this team live up to the hype and go out and perform against the best running competition Army-wide at the Army Ten-Miler in Washington?

The Fort Gordon team answered that question by not only showing up, but by exceeding their own lofty goals.

The Fort Gordon team was actually divided into two teams that competed in the 19th annual Army Ten-Miler—the five-person mixed team, and the five-person men's running team. Both had strong showings at the race. The mixed team placed ninth out of a field of 52 teams in the category.

The mixed team consisted of Chief Warrant Officer Robert Denmark, Sgt. Jerodine Mukweyi, Pfc. Matthew Funk, Pfc. Adrian Poli, and civilian team member Steven Hubbard.

The men's team, consisting of Staff Sgt. Wesley Stollings, Sgt. 1st Class Robert Shuttleworth, Sgt. Mark Davis, Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Dempsey and Warrant Officer Arturo Torres, also did admirably, earning a 30th place finish in their category, which consisted of 79 teams. As Davis noted, "Everyone on the team placed in the top 10 percent of their age division."

Stollings was an interesting story because he had actually not trained with the team for the race.

"I got on the team by way of word of mouth," Stollings said, who filled in for injured original team member Sgt. Mark Jackson. "I'm a 10K guy, I never ran 10 miles. They just called me on Wednesday and asked me if I wanted to run."

Despite the lack of training, Stollings, who was shooting for a time of 70 minutes, beat his goal and finished in 68 minutes, (773rd overall), good for sixth place on the Fort Gordon team.

Individually, the team said they were happy with their performances. The first person

across the line for Fort Gordon was Denmark, who completed the course in 60 minutes, 24 seconds, good for 201st place overall. Thirty seconds later, the team's youngest member, 20-year-old Funk crossed the line. His time of 60 minutes, 55 seconds, placed 217th in the field of 13,198 runners who finished the race.

Hubbard battled a string of injuries to tally a 234th place overall finish. The 41-year-old battled a soft-tissue injury in the early part of training and then pulled his calf muscle when he returned to training.

Poli, too, had a tough race. Even though he finished third on the Fort Gordon team at a mark of 61 minutes, 10 seconds (233rd overall), he said he felt "rotten" the day of the race.

Each team member had a different memory that stuck out from this year's race.

"It's so much larger than any of us really realized," Dempsey said. "Once you're in the midst of all those people, it's just amazing."

"The masses just make you run harder," Davis said. "You're running this whole race and you just have hundreds of people running around you all the time, which is awesome, since it causes you to run harder. I did three minutes better than my goal because of it."

The team talked about their four and a half mile run the day before the race through the mall area in D.C., where they passed several historic monuments.

"Every time I was running in the city we'd pass something I'd want to stop and take a picture of, or learn more about," Poli said.

"With Sgt. 1st Class Shuttlesworth, it was like taking a kid to Disneyland for the first time," Dempsey said. "He was just going crazy, just like a little kid."

"He's like cheese king of the universe!" Dempsey added to the good-hearted laughter of his teammates, except for Shuttleworth who was in his hotel room sleeping.

"I got to see the Vietnam Memorial with my parents," Funk said. "The sky was so clear and the monument looked so cool, it was great."

The atmosphere around the race also made a big impact on the team.

"It's a chance for the Army to flex their muscle, to show its pride, its patriotism," Dempsey said. "It's the Army Ten-Miler, so you get units from everywhere and they want to carry their guidons, their flag, you've got the 'hoo-ah tents,' so it's a pride thing. You wouldn't have 18,000 people deep if there wasn't some pride there."

As Dempsey pointed out, teams came from Europe, Alaska and posts around the

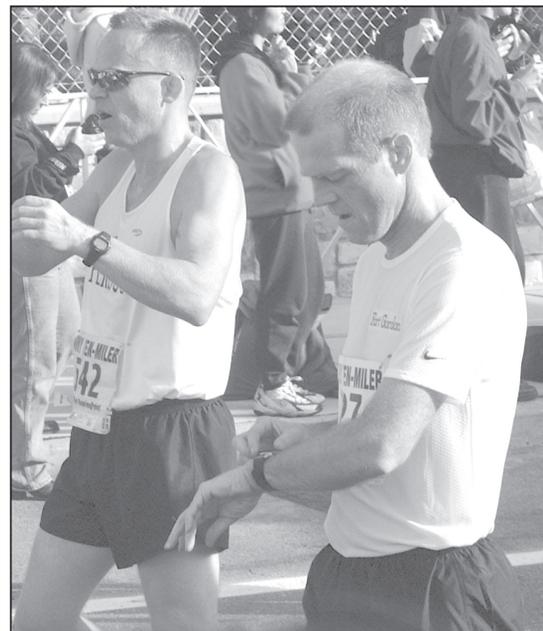


Photo by Sgt. Ryan Matson
Steven Hubbard (right), the lone civilian member of the Fort Gordon Army 10-Miler Team, checks his watch after the race.

world to compete in the event.

The overall Army Ten-Miler race was won by Washington, D.C., runner John Henwood, who finished the course in 48 minutes, 39 seconds, or a four minute, 51 second mile pace sustained throughout the race. Right behind him was Scott Goff, of the Army World Class Athlete Program, who finished in 48 minutes, 43 seconds. The Italian Army running team won the overall individual team title, placing five runners in the top 10 finishers. In an interesting side note, the captain of last year's Fort Gordon team, Paul Lancaster, who is now stationed elsewhere, placed 35th overall with an impressive time of 54 minutes, 30 seconds.

The Fort Gordon Army Ten-Miler team was not the only team or competitors from the post to run in the race. The 442nd Signal Battalion, the 206th and 201st Military Intelligence Battalions all had teams, and several individual runners.

The race served as the kick-off for the annual Association of the United States Army convention in Washington, and the Fort Gordon Ten-Miler team was sponsored by the Greater Augusta-Fort Gordon chapter of AUSA.

"If it wasn't for them, everything would have come out of our pockets," Davis noted.

"We have to give a lot of appreciation to AUSA and Command Sgt. Maj. (Michael) Terry and our chain of command for let-

ting us out of PT to train for the race," Dempsey said.

Funk and Poli pointed out that their chain of command was very generous in their support of the team, especially considering the two young soldiers are still in the strict Advanced Individual Training environment. Both were allowed to participate in the race and train with the team, and Poli was even granted to stay on post a few days past his original leaving date due to the race.

"I can't wait to go to my first unit and be able to say that I've already been able to run the Army Ten-Miler," Funk said.

Mukweyi, the lone female runner, said that now it is over, she will miss the closeness of the team.

"What sticks out to me is that when I started a few months ago, I didn't know these guys, and now I will miss running with them," she said. "I just showed up one morning and I was thinking, there are two other females trying for this spot, I'll never get it. They never showed up."

"She got lost on the course and ended up running an additional five miles on the course, so I knew she was ready," Davis said with a laugh.

Perhaps Davis said it best when he summed up the experience by saying, "Because of this training and reaching that next plateau, I'm looking to continue the training, continue to push and am already looking forward to next year. It's really motivating. We did excellent in the team competition, and next year we can only improve."

Post 10-Miler Team results

NAME	PLACE	TIME
Chief Warrant Officer Robert Denmark	201	1:00.24
Pfc. Matthew Funk	217	1:00.55
Pfc. Adrian Poli	233	1:01.10
Steven Hubbard	234	1:01.12
Sgt. 1st Class Robert Shuttleworth	582	1:06.48
Staff Sgt. Wesley Stollings	773	1:08.48
Warrant Officer Arturo Torres	1,195	1:11.30
Sgt. Mark Davis	1,234	1:12.05
Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Dempsey	2,545	1:18.06
Sgt. Jerodine Mukweyi	2,783	1:18.55

442nd team results

The 442nd Signal Battalion also sent two teams to the Army 10-Miler race in Washington. Team 7 finished 52nd out of 117 teams in the military mixed open division, with a time of 5:31.55, while team 547 finished fifth out of 12 teams in the civilian open men's division with a time of 4:59.08.

TEAM	PLACE	TIME
Staff Sgt. Keith Gardner	2,603	1:18.16
Sgt. 1st Class Brian Rhymer	2,984	1:19.42
Sgt. 1st Class Henry Edwards Jr.	3,054	1:19.57
Sgt. 1st Class Mark Nash	3,587	1:21.57
Staff Sgt. James Howard	4,879	1:25.54
Pfc. Alejandra Ortiz	7,567	1:34.00
Command Sgt. Maj. Kenneth Golston	9,463	1:39.48
Sgt. Jason Stokes		
Team 547:		
2nd Lt. Mike Beber	837	1:09.12
Capt. Glenn Mosher	889	1:09.37
2nd Lt. Jeff Nason	2,888	1:19.18
2nd Lt. Paul Polyniak	3,350	1:21.01
2nd Lt. Douglas Aydelott	5,633	1:28.15



Photo by Sgt. Ryan Matson

More than 13,000 runners ran in the 19th annual Army 10-Miler race Sunday in Washington.

At the Movies

The Signal Theater is open Thursday-Sunday. Shows begin at 6:30 p.m. The late show on Saturday begins at 9:30 p.m.

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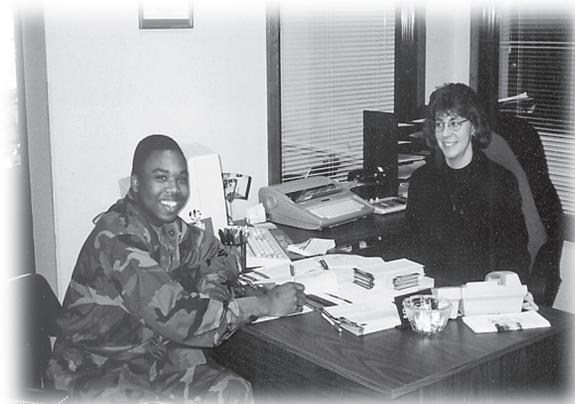
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There are many installation services and representatives available to you throughout the day in Darling Hall. Since many of our trainees and employees will be away for a long, holiday weekend, you will find it easier to travel around the post as well as have access to the information and assistance you desire.

Retired Col. Thom Tuckey, who many of you will remember as a past Garrison commander of Fort Gordon, will present an important briefing reflecting on his current role as Military Affairs Advisor for the Metro Augusta Chamber of Commerce. His briefing (Room 229, Darling Hall, at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.) is titled *The Future of Fort Gordon* ... a topic of vital interest to us all.

Additionally, there will be health care displays and information at three locations coordinated by the staff of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center. These displays and information centers will be open throughout the day at the main hospital, Connelly Health Clinic and the RTS MED Site.

I urge each of you to take full advantage of these offered displays and briefings, and, hopefully, after the day's events you will be able to join me at the Gordon Club for dinner. I am confident that you will find your time here enjoyable, productive and informative. Each of you is an invaluable part of our Fort Gordon family.

Sincerely,

Janet A. Hicks
Brigadier General, USA
Commanding

Retirees ask for better health care

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Army Chief of Staff's Retiree Council closed its 43rd meeting April 11 with a report citing health care and communication as the two primary concerns of retirees Armywide.

The CSA Retiree Council, co-chaired by retired Lt. Gen. John A. Dubia and retired Sgt. Maj. of the Army Robert E. Hall, is made up of 14 members: seven retired officers and seven retired enlisted soldiers. Prospective members are nominated by their installation retiree councils and approved by the Army chief of staff.

At its annual meeting — held April 7-11 this year — the council reviews issues forwarded by installation councils and determines which should be reported to the chief of staff and which can be addressed at the installation level. Of the 65 issues submitted this year, 21 concerned health care.

The council also urged the chief of staff to support:

(a) concurrent receipt of military retired pay and disability compensation and quick implementation of Combat-Related Special Compensation;

(b) elimination of the reduction to the Survivor Benefit Plan annuity at age 62 to the maximum extent allowed by law and legislative language and acceleration of the start date of the paid-up provision of the plan;

(c) a study group reviewing retirement benefits for the National Guard and Reserve; and

(d) continued full-funding of TRICARE for Life. The council stated that TRICARE for Life and TRICARE Senior Pharmacy have met many beneficiaries' expectations, but that other improvements need to be made. The council's suggestions include raising TRICARE reimbursement levels; eliminating TRICARE Prime co-payments for retirees and family members under 65; extending TRICARE Prime and retiree dental insurance to retirees outside the continental United States; expanding TRICARE information campaigns; waiving late enrollment fees for Medicare Part B; and improving the relationship between DoD and the Department of Veterans Affairs health care departments.

The council's communication

Schedule of events

Darling Hall

8 a.m. Registration begins
8 a.m.-4 p.m. Representatives from the following activities will be present to assist retirees:

Retirement Services	Survivor Benefit Plan
ID Cards/DEERS	Social Security
AAFES	Administration
Vehicle Registration	Veterans Affairs
Retired Pay Office	Department of Labor
DMWR	Education Center
Legal Assistance	SJA
Commissary	ACS
AFCEA	AUSA
CSRA Alliance	MOAA
Retiree Council	Alcohol & Drug Control

Darling Hall Room 229

10-10:30 a.m. Briefing by retired Col. Thom Tuckey on *The Future of Fort Gordon*
2-2:30 p.m. Briefing by retired Col. Thom Tuckey on *The Future of Fort Gordon*

The Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center will provide information and services throughout the day at three locations:

EAMC

- Enhance Healthcare Education
 - Managed care (Know your benefits)
 - Diet/medicare compliance
 - TRICARE On-Line

Connelly Health Clinic

- Excellence in Health Care
 - Podiatry: proper foot care
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 - Physical Therapy: preparing for exercise
 - Self-care: breast and prostate care
 - Bone Density — Osteoporosis: testing
 - Tobacco Cessation
 - American Cancer Society

RTS MED Site

- Excellence in Readiness
 - EMT display
 - M997 Field Ambulance static display
 - Preventive Medicine display
 - Vascular screening

Gordon Club South Ballroom

4-6 p.m. Hospitality Suite (bar open with snacks)
6 p.m. Opening Remarks & Invocation
6:05-7 p.m. Dinner (buffet style) musical combo will provide music throughout the dinner
7-7:10 p.m. Remarks by Brig. Gen. Janet A. Hicks
7:10-7:30 p.m. Guest speaker: Joyce Raezer, National Military Family Association)
7:30-9 p.m. Door prizes
9 p.m. Closing remarks

tion's goals include both facets of the Retirement Services mission - preparing soldiers and families for retirement and continuing to support retirees and families as part of the Army after retirement.

One communications goal is quarterly funding of Army Echoes, the Army's bulletin for retirees and the only communications link that reaches all retirees, families and survivors.

The other goal is using a variety of media — Internet, videotape and CD-ROM — to educate active-duty Soldiers and families about retirement. This communications effort targets not only those who are about to retire, but also those making military career decisions.

The technology would help Retirement Services Officers communicate with more Sol-

diers and families with information on topics such as the Survivor Benefit Plan and the Career Status Bonus, officials said. They said this information would also enhance professional training programs for commanders and senior non-commissioned officers, most importantly those attending installation command and management courses.

The council presented its concerns to Gen. John M. Keane, Army vice chief of staff, since Shinseki was unable to attend April 11 because of commitments related to the war in Iraq. The co-chairmen of the council said they will meet periodically with the chief of staff during the year to discuss the progress that has been made on issues.

(Information provided by GI Retirement Services.)



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Oct. 10, 2003

Welcome Retirees and Family Members!

Thank you for the opportunity which you have given the command and staff of Eisenhower Army Medical Center to demonstrate our appreciation for your service to the Nation through *Retiree Appreciation Day 2003*. Our activities today give us an opportunity to provide you with valuable personal health information and services. These include details about your physical condition, ways to stay healthy or to achieve a new state of improved health, as well as access to a treasure trove of sources for continuing improvements in your well-being.

We have expanded this year's events to include four different locations on Fort Gordon. Your first stop should be Darling Hall located off of Chamberlain Avenue. There you will sign in and pick up the tri-fold brochure that will direct you to the other three locations and what will be available to you at each site. While you are in Darling Hall, please visit room 188 where 11 different booths are located to provide you with information on everything from your retirement pay to registering your vehicle on Fort Gordon.

After Darling Hall, we invite you to visit the other three health-related locations open to you today. At the Eisenhower Army Medical Center ("The Hospital"), the focus will be on your benefits — your health care, pharmacy, and dental benefits. There will also be booths focused on healthy living as well as TRICARE On Line — a means of obtaining appointments through the Internet. We are so excited about this new way to access health information and care itself that we have set up a classroom to teach you about computer access or to brush up your skills; please visit the "RAD 03" computer lab for this training. There our staff will be available to tutor you individually on how to access TRICARE On Line.

At the Connelly Clinic and at the Reserve Training Site — Medical (RTS-MED), you will have access to screenings for thinning of the bones (osteoporosis) and for blood vessel (vascular) disease, information on foot care, breast and prostate cancer, prevention of identity theft and much more. We have set up part of a field hospital at RTS-MED in order for you to see the kind of equipment and care which our service men and women receive in the Global War on Terrorism around the world today. While you are there, be sure to taste the same meals our soldiers are eating everyday on missions throughout the world; the food has certainly changed from when you wore the uniform!

Again, welcome to *Retiree Appreciation Day 2003*, we have been working hard to make this the best RAD ever. We hope that this will clearly show our appreciation to you and your family for your commitment and for your years of service. And we hope it ushers in a new era of improved health and health information.

Sincerely,

Eric B. Schoemaker
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Thanks to you

Today marks the annual Retiree Appreciation Day at Fort Gordon. Officials expect more than 200 retirees to use the opportunity to learn more about health care and other benefits available to them at Fort Gordon.

Pictured here, retirees register for a previous year's retiree day.

Events continue throughout the day at Darling Hall, Eisenhower Army Medical Center and across post (see box above for schedule of events).

Special compensation starting for some disabled veterans

Legislation passed in May aids eligible retirees

Laura Paul
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Certain disabled military retirees may be eligible for Combat-Related Special Compensation, effective May 31 as part of Congressional legislation passed.

CRSC was enacted by Congress as part of the Fiscal Year 2003 Defense Authorization Act.

To be eligible, a military retiree must have at least 20 years of active duty or a combination of active duty and Reserve points equaling 20 years of full-time active duty (7200 points).

The retiree must also have either a disability rating of 10 percent or higher associated with award of a

Purple Heart; or a disability rating of 60 percent or higher for other illnesses or injuries attributed to combat, combat-oriented training, or hazardous duty.

CRSC is not granted automatically. Retirees who believe they are eligible must apply for the benefit, officials said.

CRSC payments will equal the amount of Veterans Administration compensation received for Purple Heart-related disabilities or combat-related disabilities minus any additional compensation received for dependents.

CRSC is separate from a special compensation program enacted several years ago known as "Severely Disabled Special Compensation,"

or SDSC.

Eligible retirees cannot receive both benefits; they must choose either CRSC or SDSC, officials said.

When an Army retiree applies for the benefit, an Army team will review the application and documentation submitted to determine which disabilities, if any, are combat-related, personnel officials said.

Retirees will be informed of the outcome of the Army's review, officials said. If denied, the retiree may reapply later if additional, clarifying or new documentation becomes available; or the decision can be appealed.

Payments for qualified retirees will accrue beginning June 1. Payments were

mailed beginning July 1. Those eligible must apply using DD Form 2860.

The application form and instructions for where to send it are available at <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/crsc/>, <http://www.dior.whs.mil/forms/DD2860.PDF> or <http://web1.whs.osd.mil/icdhome/DD2500-.htm>. Retired soldiers can also submit through Army installation retirement services officers. Fort Gordon's retirement services may be reached at 791-2654.

Army retirees with questions about the form or benefit can call (866) 281-3254 to leave a message for the office that is reviewing the applications.

(Paul is with the Army Retirement Services office.)

New spinal cord injury wing opens at Augusta VA Center

The 60-bed Spinal Cord Injury Unit at the Augusta VA Medical Center's downtown division has recently undergone major renovation to improve the care environment for veterans with spinal cord injuries.

New construction has provided a 48-bed wing and additional space connecting the existing 1E and 1F wings. This construction added private bathrooms to each of the bedrooms to provide patients better privacy during their stay. Additionally, all of the patient rooms are significantly larger to comply with new space criteria for CSI units.

In 2002, the Augusta VA's SCI unit received the VA's high-

est health care award. The Undersecretary for Health's Award for Clinical Program of Excellence recognized Augusta for its progressive medical care provided to veterans with spinal cord injuries. The rehabilitation program is also accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities. The center was one of the first to provide care for ventilator-dependent veterans outside the ICU setting.

James Trusley III, director of the Augusta VA, will open the wing with a ceremonial ribbon cutting 10 a.m. Thursday. The ceremony is open to the public. (From a VA Center news release.)

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Skeet & Trap
Skeet and Trap fields will be open 4 October during regular shooting hours. \$7.00 per round per person, \$3.50 per round for Fort Gordon Sportsmans Club member.

Fishing
19 October Bass Tournament Butler Reservoir
Hours for this tournament are Daylight-2pm. Open to all ID cardholders and members of the public with a FG fishing license guest permit. \$20.00 per person, \$10.00 FGSC members with a \$5.00 Big Fish Pot. \$100.00 awarded to first place; \$50.00 to second place

Hunter Education Course
Oct 8th and 9th
The course is held at the EAMC 1st floor auditorium from 6pm to 10pm each night. Hunters wishing to hunt on Fort Gordon must complete both nights of this course. The course is free of charge and open to the public. Pre-registration recommended at www.georgiawildlife.com

Firearms can legally be brought onto the installation for the purpose of hunting or firing at the approved firing range, and only for the period of time the person possessing the firearms is hunting or firing on the range.

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Community Events

Hispanic festival

The Hispanic-American Culture Association is having a Hispanic Festival 10 a.m.-11 p.m. **Saturday** at the Augusta Common, 8th and Broad Street in Augusta.

The festival will include Latin-American food, dancing, entertainment and more.

Staff Sgt. Steven Alejandro 442nd Signal Battalion, will speak between 4-5 p.m. For information, call Denise Traina at 736-4738.

Oktoberfest

The local German Friendship Club holds its 13th annual festive Oktoberfest **Friday-Oct. 19** at the Julian Smith Casino in Augusta. Hours are 5-11 p.m. Friday; noon-10 p.m. Oct. 18; and noon-6 p.m. Oct. 19. Admission is free.

The fest features a variety of authentic German family attractions including a German band, German food, beverages and singing and dancing groups. The live music on Oct. 19 provided by the Fort Gordon Signal Corps Band.

For more information call Ed Weeks at 651-8211 or Mort Lindner at 863-6471.

Cancer awareness

The Fort Gordon Enlisted Wives Club hosts their annual Breast Cancer Awareness Presentation from 6:30-8:30 p.m. **Oct. 22** in Building 40705.

The Eisenhower Army

Medical Center's Health & Wellness Center will present information and be available for questions and assistance with handouts. There will also be a candle lighting ceremony. The presentations are open to the public and light refreshments will be served.

For information call Rosemary Marshall at 791-2675 or Melody Brown at 787-6756.

Child care class

Registration for new applicants to become a Family Child Care Provider is 9 a.m.-noon daily **Monday** through **Friday** in Building 45400. The training starts Oct. 20. For more information, call 791-3993/4440.

Soul and song series

The Morris Museum of Art and the Imperial Theatre presents the Southern Soul and Song Music Series beginning **Sunday** with a concert by Ricky Skaggs. Future shows include **Oct. 24**, Mountain Heart; **Nov. 4**, Robert Earl Keen; and **Nov. 8**, The Nashville Bluegrass Band. All shows begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Imperial Theatre, 749 Broad St.

Tickets range from \$15-\$30. For information, call 724-7501 or go to www.imperialtheatre.com.

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: Fall Craft Ideas

Friday: Couples Empowerment Workshop - Topic: Couples Communication

Oct. 24: Parenting Skills Workshop - Topic: "How to deal with an angry child"

For information call 791-0794/4718.

CMU Registration

Central Michigan University's College of Extended Learning at Fort Gordon offers a Master of Science in Administration degree with concentrations in Health Services Administration and Human Resource Administration. Registration for classes starting in November is **Oct. 20-Nov. 7**. For information, call 798-5739 or go to the Fort Gordon Education Center, Bldg. 21606.

Soldier show tryouts

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

Bible study

The Fort Gordon Family Life Center presents a Bible study for adults titled *Family Life According to the Bible* from 9:30-10:30 a.m. **Sun-**

days at the Religious Education Center, Building 39709. Other classes are available for all ages. For information, call 791-4703.

School workshop

There is a workshop titled *Preparing for School Success* for parents from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. **Tuesday**. The workshop, presented by Army Community Service Family Advocacy Program and School Liaison Services, is at Freedom Park Elementary and lunch will be provided. Reservations are required, call 791-0794 or 791-7270. For information, go to www.gordon.army.mil/liasvc.

Luncheon

Brig.Gen. Gregory Premo, deputy commanding general, U.S. Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon, will speak on "Operating in a Top-Down Joint Architecture" at a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. **Oct. 23**, sponsored by the Augusta-Fort Gordon Chapter, AFCEA.

Menu selections are chicken mozzarella or pasta primavera, for \$9 for members and \$10 for non-members. For tickets, contact Amy Tuschen, 791-7815 or Robbe Ostby, 793-3500.

Sweet potato festival

The 12th annual Sweet Potato Festival is 11 a.m.-7 p.m. **Oct. 18** at the Jacksonville Community Park in Langley, S.C. Call (803)593-9260 for information.

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Importance of relationships

Chaplain (Maj.) Ronald Owens
116th Military Intelligence Group

According to Cavett Robert, "15 percent of the reason people get a job, keep that job and move ahead in that job, is determined by their technical skills and knowledge, regardless of their profession. What about the other 85 percent? Robert quotes Stanford Research Institute, Harvard University and the Carnegie Foundation as having proved that 85 percent of the reason people get a job, keep that job, and move ahead in that job has to do with their people skills and people knowledge."

This lets us know the importance of human relationships to our work. These relationship skills are even more important in our homes. There is an alarming level of domestic violence taking place in families within our society.

The Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program, which is based on more than 20 years of research at the University of Denver, states that, "The current projection is that among young couples marrying for the first time today, 40 to 50 percent of them will eventually divorce. Aside from those who divorce, many other couples wind up staying together through many years of unhappiness."

Norval Glenn, a sociologist at the University of Texas, has done a detailed projection wherein he concludes that

about 24 percent of couples who marry will remain very happily married until death.

In the Armed Forces we have the most technically, tactically, and physically trained persons of our nation, however we fall short in our relationship skills. We major in the 15 percent of the reason for job satisfaction, and minor in the 85 percent reason for job satisfaction.

It is said that we are creatures of habit. I believe that we relate to each other based on what we have learned, some good and some not so good. I also believe that we can still learn better relationship skills; and you can teach an old dog new tricks.

We believe that all people, regardless of social or economic conditions, have the capacity to create an environment where they can enjoy healthy relationships. When you combine a committed relationship with God and the appropriate relationship skills, more people will have satisfaction at home and work.

It is important that you make some time to use a program such as PREP, or other relationship building programs to help you understand yourself and others, and how to handle conflict better. This will help create a better work and living environment. The percentage of divorces will go down and the percentage of couples remaining married until death will increase.

All of us were created to be in a relationship with, first of all, God and then each other. The Ten Commandments give us an understanding on how to be in a

healthy relationship with God and each other. When asked in Matthew 22:36, which is the greatest commandment in the law, Jesus responded, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it; love your neighbor as yourself. All the law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." Matthew 22: 37-40.

When we fulfill these two commandments we fulfill all the commandments. These two commandments summarize the Ten Commandments and the other Old Testament moral laws. If we truly love God and each other we will be building lasting relationships with God and others.

It takes some work within us to have this loving relationship with God and others. It is through my relationship with God, and programs like PREP, that I learned how to have better relationships at work and home.

Take a moment and think of how satisfied you are with your work and home. Could it be that not enough time is being put into your relationship skills? The secret to lasting and meaningful relationships depends on the time and effort spent in working on them. Your ability to promote and nurture healthy relationships means the difference between success and failure. Take time to work on your relationship with God and others to make them better. God bless you.

Coalition helps Iraqi child walk

Sgt. Mark Rickert
Army News Service

BAGHDAD, Iraq—After a missile dropped only a few meters from where 10-year-old Ali Saffah Jr. was playing March 29, the boy nearly lost both legs and his right arm. Medics said he might not make it through the night, much less walk again.

Ali is indeed walking again, thanks to the support and concern of coalition forces, who came to the boy's aid after his parents turned there for help.

Physician assistant, 1st Lt. Jaime Davila with the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Armored Division, was one of the major support providers for the child.

Ali Saffah Sr. turned to the coalition forces when the Baghdad hospital that cared for his son could no longer help, due to the overwhelming number of patients.

"The hospital could only keep patients for seven days," said the father. "We needed more help. We had very little medical supplies, and we were running out. So we took the baby to the Army for help."

The coalition forces quickly responded to the child's needs. At this time, medics with the 3rd Infantry Division took an interest in the boy and provided medical attention and supplies. The physicians became close with the family, but their time in Baghdad was drawing to an end. The 3rd Infantry Division was going home.

Before leaving Baghdad, the physicians with the 3rd Infantry Division introduced Davila to the Saffah family. Davila had just arrived with the 2-3 FA, and the physicians asked Davila if he would continue to care for the boy after they left. When

Davila met with the family, he quickly obliged to help.

Now, after months, Davila has the pleasure of seeing the boy walk.

"It is rewarding to help him," said Davila. "I saw him today - walking, smiling - that's rewarding."

The younger Saffah's recovery has been painful, and he has met with many hurdles. Finishing school posed one such hurdle. In order for Ali to finish the semester, he had to complete a final exam, but this would require the boy's presence. Ali's legs were still healing, however, he couldn't walk.

Davila wanted to help, and he worked with another officer to get the boy a walker. "We went to a shop that sold medical supplies, and a soldier bought the walker, using money from his own pocket.

The family was excited and extremely thankful."

"Davila is a very good help," said Saffah Sr. "He brings medical supplies; he brought a walker so my son could walk; he even brings candy. Each time we see Davila, he asks if he can get us anything."

Davila's kindness has also promoted positive feelings within the community there. Saffah Sr. says the neighborhood is happy knowing the Army is taking care of the citizens.

"The neighborhood knows what the Army has done," Saffah Sr. said. "And they are very happy when the Army takes care of the citizens. They say, 'look how the U.S. Army is caring for the children better than Saddam did.'"

(Rickert is a journalist with the 372nd MPAD.)

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Drill sergeant spotlight

Name: Staff Sgt. Confucius Hernton
Unit: Company B, 369th Signal Battalion
Hometown: Detroit, Mich.
Time at Fort Gordon: 4.5 years

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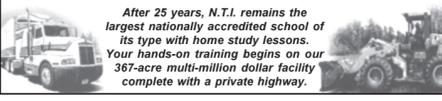
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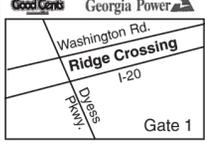
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Oktoberfest!



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A giant slide (left) and games (above left) were two of the many attractions available at the carnival. Sgt. Kerry English (above right), 82nd Airborne Division All American Free Fall Team, re-packs her parachute after the team's performance Friday. The group jumps from 8,000 feet and falls more than a mile before opening their chutes at 2,000 feet. The rides (below) lit up the night until 9 p.m. most evenings.

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Fall festival draws thousands

Steve Brady
Signal editor

The annual Fort Gordon Oktoberfest was held Oct. 1 through Sunday at Fort Gordon's Barton Field and Freedom Park.

Thousands of people attended the five-day festival, which included a carnival as well as traditional German food, drink, music, dancing and more.

The fest was deemed a

success by event organizers. "The carnival was a huge success," said James Green, director of Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

"There were a lot of young military families, young single Soldiers and community members there. It was a very successful week for the community."

Green said more similar events are in the works.

"It's a recreational outlet

not seen on post for a long time, and we look forward to having more, hopefully three or four times per year," Green said of the festival.

Although total costs for the fest were not tallied as of Wednesday, Green said any money generated by MWR events are used for quality of life improvements such as the recent renovations at the Courtyard and Gordon Lakes golf course.



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Brig. Gen. Jan Hicks, U.S. Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon commander, and others at the festival (left) toast the Oktoberfest activities Thursday after the ceremonial keg tapping. The German American Friendship group and others served up bratwurst and schnitzel (top left), a prime attraction at the main fest tent. German dancers (above) and bands provided traditional music and dance during the fest. The fire department provided a 'keg challenge' (right) to keep people both cool and entertained.



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