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News UPDATE

Leadership seminar

The Young Women's Leadership Seminar is 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Oct. 23 in Alexander Hall. The event includes presentations from The Women's Army Corps, museum and various presentations by active duty female leaders.

Admission is free; 200 registered participants will be allowed to participate in a small group mentorship discussion seminar. For information, call 855-5515.

Orientation course

The next Fort Gordon company and detachment commanders, and first sergeants orientation course is 8:45 a.m.-5 p.m. Nov. 3-7 in Darling Hall, Room 229 B.

For information, call Sgt. 1st Class Darron Ison at 791-9536.

BOSS moves

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers is having a ribbon cutting at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the new BOSS headquarters, Building 28320 on Lane Avenue. There will be door prizes and finger foods served.

For information, call Ayanna Wiggins at 791-7862.

Oktoberfest

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

The fest features authentic German attractions including a German band, food, beverages and singing and dancing groups. Live music on Sunday provided by the Fort Gordon Signal Corps Band. For information call Ed Weeks at 651-8211 or Mort Lindner at 863-6471.

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.



CFC Countdown

Goal: \$320,000

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Soldier Show draws full house

Denise Allen
Signal staff

Although Saturday's performance of the "Army Soldier Show" didn't start until 8 p.m., Agnes and Ed Lewandowski

wanted to make sure they got good seats.

"We know you can't wait until the doors open," said Lewandowski, who arrived with his wife at the Fort Gordon Dinner Theatre at 5:30 p.m.

The Lewandowskis were among about a dozen people who arrived at the theater at least two hours before the performance time.

"I think the shows are fantastic. I'd pay to come and see

them," said Janice Childers, another early arriver. "I barely made it one year. I said that would never happen again."

Childers said she's seen about five of the performances. She had lived in California prior to moving to the area and was familiar with the Air Force's show called "Tops in Blue." Impressed with their show, she said the Army Soldier Show was what she had been waiting for once she arrived in the area.

At 8 p.m., the curtain rose upon Sgt. Ryan Murphy portraying Irving Berlin during World War I.

It was Berlin's idea to have a production that would uplift his fellow soldiers' spirits.

As Berlin, Murphy wondered what would become of his legacy.

From that first song, it was 90 minutes of non-stop singing and dancing.

Seventeen performers from Army posts across the world performed in this year's show.

Nearly 55 songs in full or medley version were presented during the show.

The songs and corresponding costumes reflected the different time periods in the years

since World War I, and the music the soldiers of each period enjoyed.

Soldiers sang a medley of Motown hits, such as *Heat Wave*, *You Keep Me Hanging On*, *Ain't No Mountain High Enough* and *I Heard it Through the Grapevine*.

They performed an African dance, and Spc. Clifton Falcon Hall, a Native American Indian from Yakima, Wash., performed a Native American Hoop Dance.

There were selections from the show *Chicago*, and even an aria from the opera *Carmen*.

Also in the blend were country songs and club hits. Soldiers sang an exuberant version of *Joyful, Joyful*, and ended in the evening with a soul-stirring version of *God Bless America*.

"I am just speechless," said Brig. Gen. Jan Hicks, chief of Signal, who came on stage after the performance. "Are these soldiers awesome or what?"

After the crowds left, Hicks gave each of the performers a coin of excellence and spoke briefly to the group.

"Tears were flowing in the audience," she said.

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Photo by Sgt. Ryan Matson

Spc. Devon Lynch, Staff Sgt. Glynis Harris and 1st Lt. Demetria Glover perform an all-female number at the beginning of the show.

Sci-fi weapons closer than most think

Spc. Bill Putnam
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The technology behind space ship lasers and force fields is a lot closer to reality than many think.

Although those lasers and force fields won't be fielded for a few more years, Gus Khalil, an engineer at the Army's Tank and Automotive Command in Dearborn, Mich., said the Army has identified what they want for the Army's Future Combat System.

"There's a lot more demands for the FCS vehicle than there are for the

legacy force today," he said. "Anything we do today that gives the Soldiers less capability than he has is unacceptable."

That technology is being developed for the Army's Future Combat System, the family of 16 manned, unmanned, ground and aerial vehicles the Army wants fielded by 2010.

The manned ground vehicles have to weigh less than 20 tons. They also have to be as fast, as mobile and as lethal as an M-1A2 Abrams and M2 Bradley fighting vehicle.

But it is doable Khalil said. To demonstrate that, Khalil had a mock-up of

the laser gun system at the Association of the U.S. Army annual meeting in Washington, D.C., Oct. 6-8.

The gun program falls under the Combat Hybrid Power System. Initiated by DARPA six years ago and handed over to TARDEC two years ago, the program is developing the FCS' "pulsed power" weapons.

Since the system is just being developed, the weapons could be Electro-thermal Chemical guns or even a laser gun capable of firing artillery rounds or destroying tanks, he said.

The mock up showed how TARDEC

wants the system to work. On one end was a pack of three lithium-ion battery modules. When it was "fired" it went through a converter that increased the charge from 100 volts to 1,000 volts.

From there it goes to the pulse-forming network, a nest of capacitors and inductors, where the now 1,000 volts will be turned into a "pulse discharge" that will last less than one-millionth of a second, he said.

From there the pulse of electricity goes through an out-put switch that will

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Fest attracts area retirees

Steve Brady
Signal editor

Fort Gordon held its Retiree Appreciation Day 2003 Friday at the Eisenhower Army Medical Center and various other locations across post.

Nearly 250 retirees traveled from near and far to take advantage of the day, which offered a wealth of information regarding medical and other services available to them, both on and off post.

"I think it's great," said retired Col. Patrick Conley of North Augusta. "It makes (retirees) feel like we still belong. I'm surprised more retirees don't take advantage of it; all this free information."

Also on Conley's agenda was a bone density scan being offered at the Connelly Health Clinic.

"We've done about 50 tests today," Capt. Jeremy Beauchamp, a physician at Connelly said as the day neared an end. "It's a great service we can offer very quickly." Beauchamp went on

to say the test was only a screening, and if results warranted, the person would be referred to their normal doctor.

But the day's activities were not the only activities on retirees' minds. Conley also planned to go to the commissary while he was on post, to use another of his "main benefits," he said.

Following the day's displays, which ended at 4 p.m., a dinner was held at the Gordon Club where about 200 retirees convened to reminisce. Guest speaker at the dinner was Joyce Raezer, National Military Family Association, Alexandria, Va., who spoke on military family member matters and benefits.

"It was a wonderful turnout," said Anne Harrison, administration officer for the Adjutant General.

"We had people who came from all over the 45 county Fort Gordon area," Harrison said. "They loved it. We had really positive feedback, they loved the things we were doing for them."



Photo by Steve Brady

Patrick Conley, a retired colonel living in North Augusta, undergoes a bone density test performed Friday at the Connelly Health Clinic as part of Retiree Appreciation Day 2003. Also pictured are Spc. Patrick Cope (right), a combat medic with Eisenhower Army Medical Center Company B, and Capt. Jeremy Beauchamp, a physician at Connelly.

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Tortoise and the hare

Fort Gordon home to the threatened gopher tortoise

Denise Allen
Signal staff

Depending on the state, the gopher tortoise may be listed as threatened or endangered.

Whatever the classification, the reptile is in trouble, and biologists at Fort Gordon, Fort Benning and the Savannah River Site are banding together to help.

"The more we can do and learn early on about these populations, the better off we are," said Fort Gordon wildlife biologist Ken Boyd. "We're sharing all of our data."

In Georgia, the tortoise is listed as a threatened species, while it is listed as endangered in South Carolina, according to the Gopher Tortoise Council.

Biologists are studying several different areas concerning the gopher tortoise, one of the most important being its habitat.

One of the areas it lives in is a longleaf pine sandhills habitat, which relies on fire to maintain its ecosystem.

Land managers haven't always understood the importance of fire in an ecosystem, said Boyd.

"Management techniques have changed and improved. A lot of things we thought were good ideas were not the best way. We've learned more about fire and how fire is important to maintain the systems," he said.

An ideal longleaf pine sandhills ecosystem would have the towering pine trees and wiregrass on the ground. During the fire season, fires would destroy other types of seedlings that would grow into larger shady trees that would

kill the wiregrass.

The ground cover is also important for other animals such as the bobwhite quail and the endangered red-cockaded woodpecker.

The gopher tortoise lives in a burrow about 12 feet long. Other animals such as snakes and rabbits also use their burrows. During a wildfire, the burrow provides a safe place for animals in the ecosystem.

In some longleaf pine ecosystems, the oak has been there a long time causing some species to leave yet bringing in others at the same time.

Another part of the study will be to see what happens when the longstanding oaks have been removed from the system.

Once the oaks are removed, it doesn't take long

for the wiregrass ground cover to return, he said.

At the three locations, gopher tortoises have been fitted with radio transmitters so the biologists can keep track of them and their progress.

Work is also being done to

mark each of the tortoise burrows using a Global Positioning System to estimate the number of tortoises which live on Fort Gordon.

"We're looking at adults of reproductive age occurring in the population," he said.

"A lot is done by casual observation."



Courtesy photos
John Nestor, research technician, and Tracey Tuberville, researcher coordinator, Savannah River Ecology Lab, measure an adult gopher tortoise. Part of the research includes tagging the turtles to estimate how many live on Fort Gordon.

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Weapon

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fire the pulse to its intended target, Khalil said.

The pulse was demonstrated through a bank of four strobe lights. If someone wasn't careful the lights could burn holes in their retinas, he said.

Khalil said tests have shown that 600-volts to 10,000-volts weapons are possible. And that's what they're forecasting to be in the FCS, Khalil said.

The modules' life span depends on how they're used, he said. If they're used just for mobility they can potentially last about 15, he said. If they use chemical or laser guns, they won't last long, he said.

"I don't know the exact number because we have not done that yet," Khalil said of how many times the batteries will fire the weapons.

He wants the batteries to last 50 rounds or "firings" but the modules will last only 20 rounds right now, he said.

The FCS is projected to have anywhere from 20-50 of those battery modules and since battery technology is getting smaller, that requirement will be met, Khalil said.

The pulse gun will also have the ability to fire something like today's sabot anti-tank round. But the FCS pulse weapon will give it more penetration capability than it already has, Khalil said.

To the soldier on the battlefield, it will look similar to a sabot round — a flash of light — and the result might be the same — a destroyed tank or armored vehicle, he said. But Khalil's team isn't stopping there. His team is also developing electro-magnetic armor capable of stopping not only other pulsed weapons but conventional weapons.

The electro-magnetic armor will also be run from the same power source that will power the weapons system and the engine.

If the power system that powers the pulse gun that Khalil is designing fires in milliseconds, that same source will power the electric armor in micro-seconds, he said. In



Photo by Steve Brady

Open up

Firefighters Charlie Puig (left), and Marcus Peterson, Fort Gordon Fire Department shift A, use the Jaws of Life to cut open a car as part of a vehicle extrication demonstration Oct. 9 at the Post Exchange.

The Jaws of Life applies 10,000 pounds of pressure per square inch, allowing firefighters to easily cut through a vehicle to free victims trapped inside. The demonstration was part of Fire Prevention Week Oct. 5-11.

other words, it's much faster and uses a lot more juice, he explained.

The biggest challenge for his team is to run the gun and armor off the same batteries that will run the engine, Khalil said.

An engineer from the Army's Tank and Automotive Command (right) shows off the laser weapon mock-up at the Association of the U.S. Army annual meeting in Washington, D.C., Oct. 6.



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Tilley gives advice, answers questions from Soldiers at AUSA convention

Fort Gordon Soldiers meet Army's highest NCO

Sgt. Ryan Matson
Military editor

The 12th sergeant major of the Army, Jack Tilley, entertained questions from Soldiers from a variety of Army posts on Oct. 7 in the new convention center in Washington, D.C.

The Soldiers, all enlisted grades E-6 and below, were afforded the opportunity to meet and talk openly with Tilley as part of a breakfast/conference held each year during the Association of the United States Army convention. All of the Soldiers at the event were selected as "outstanding performers" from their respective posts — meaning they were attending the meeting as a result of distinguishing themselves by winning Soldier, noncommissioned officer and instructor boards.

Tilley spent more than two hours addressing the Soldiers and taking their questions on a variety of Army-related subjects including promotions, limited station options, the new E-5 drill sergeant program and more. He also encouraged their input on what they saw as their issues.

"This is one of those times where there's no holds barred — you can say whatever you want," Tilley said, as he started the discussion. This is to find out what's going on in the Army."

Tilley started the discussion with an Army joke. When Tilley asked many in the audience if they had heard one of his jokes or another, and the response kept coming back affirmative, Tilley laughed and said, "See, I need to retire — you guys know

all my stories. Good, laugh anyway!"

During the discussion, Tilley had his staff of sergeants major from various branches of the Army on hand to assist answering Soldier's questions, and, in some cases, provide on-the-spot support to those Soldiers.

He also offered the advice of an older Soldier who had commanded everything from a rifle team on up, including some Soldiers who were going to be in the audience of the popular news talk show *Crossfire* the following day.

"We have about 330,000 Soldiers forward deployed to about 120 different locations," Tilley said.

"There's no question about this — it is a busy time for us right now. But one of the things we've got to fight is complacency. People are starting to forget what happened to us on September 11th. We won't forget, but the civilian sector, I think, is starting to forget."

He went on to talk about a Soldier he visited at Walter Reed Medical Center. The Soldier was 20 years old and had been hit by a rocket propelled grenade, and lost both legs and an arm as a result of the incident. Tilley said he wasn't sure what to say to a Soldier in that situation, whose life has been totally altered by the sacrifice they made during combat.

"There's really not much you can say besides, 'God Bless you and thank you for what you've done,' and it hurts me emotionally to see a Soldier hurt," he said. "But what amazes me, is all the Soldiers that I talked to that are hurt like

that, most of them say, 'Let me stay in the Army.' Sometimes it's hard to figure out why anyone who's been hurt like that would want to stay in the Army after something like that's happened to them. I think most of them want to stay in because they love what they do, and understand what they do."

"So what I want to say is, take every moment that you have and appreciate it, remember we're all part of a family and what you do is important, and don't just talk about taking care of each other, take care of each other."

Tilley also said from his years of service in the Army, he has seen the good things AUSA has done for the Army. He also said he has seen the increased role the National Guard and Reserves have played in wartime missions.

"I simply tell you that we couldn't get the job done without them," he said.

"Probably 25 years ago if you asked me if I'd work with the Guard and the Reserve, I'd tell them no, and today that's different. They do just as good a job as we do, they have a lot more to lose than we do, and if we didn't have them, we couldn't get the job done."

Two Soldiers from Fort Gordon, Staff Sgt. Calmese Jordan, an instructor at the Regimental Noncommissioned Officer Academy who took home Fort Gordon Instructor of the Quarter honors for the first quarter, and Drill Sgt. Sara Smith, Fort Gordon's Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, had their questions fielded by Tilley.

Greater Augusta — Fort Gordon Chapter of AUSA

Several articles within this issue of The Signal make reference to the Association of the United States Army.

AUSA is a private, non-profit professional organization that supports America's Army - Active, National Guard, Reserve, civilians, retirees and family members. AUSA acts as a "voice for the Army," speaking out on Capitol Hill, and throughout the world on issues affecting pay, healthcare, housing, readiness, transformation and modernization of the force, and retiree and family concerns.

AUSA produces the award-winning "Army" magazine, AUSA News and numerous publications for the Army professional. Additionally, AUSA membership provides generous discounts for travel, insurance, vision care, elder care and investments.

AUSA has 132 chapters located worldwide. Made up entirely of volunteers, it provides recreational and educational opportunities to Soldiers and their families.

The local chapter of AUSA, known as the Greater Augusta-Fort Gordon Chapter, is actively involved with Fort Gordon and the surrounding Augusta community.

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New appointment

Brig. Gen. Jan Hicks, U.S. Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon commander, appointed Col. Bernie Kulifay, chief of staff, as the Signal Regimental Adjutant in a ceremony Wednesday in Conrad Hall. As the adjutant, Kulifay is responsible for, among other things, maintaining liaisons with regimental units, speaking at reunions, activations and other Signal-related events, and representing Hicks at social and military functions.

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Viewpoint

Information, Opinions, and Commentary

Afghanistan still dangerous place

(The following is an e-mail message from Capt. Ray Short, an Army civil affairs officer in Afghanistan, to his former professor at Augusta State University.)

Dr. Whiting:
I don't know if you'll remember me, but I was in several of your classes in '93-'95, graduating in '95 with a BA in political science. I thought of you today, and I realized you'd probably want to hear what I, as one of your former students, have found myself engaged in lately.

I am an Army officer, assigned to Civil Affairs in Afghanistan. I never thought I'd use my degree, but I find myself returning to what I learned at Augusta State on a daily basis. I have a Political Science "dream job"—I am in command of the Civil Military Team responsible for reconstructing the provincial government in Kandahar Province, home of the second largest city in the country.

I work with the governor of Kandahar, Gul Agha Sherzai, on a daily basis as we work together to rebuild the governmental institutions after 25 years of war.

Due to the nature of my duties, I engage in a great deal of interaction with the Kandahar City mayor and the Provincial chief judge (for example, we recently distributed the revised legal codes to every judge in southern Afghanistan).

The other department directors (finance, transportation, health, education, etc.) are working closely with us to manage the recovery effort. I interact daily with the UN reps, the NGOs, IOs, and others involved in the future of Afghanistan.

I have met with President Karzai and several of our team's reports were presented by (Donald) Rumsfeld to President (George) Bush in the Oval Office. It is a graduate-level education in political behavior, and every day is a challenge.

As I said earlier, it is a Political Science alum dream job. One of my roommates (or tent-mates would be more descriptive) is the United States Embassy Officer—he was offered his choice of ambassador to Haiti or Columbia before coming to Afghanistan. He'll leave here and become an ambassador somewhere.

My other tent-mate is with USAID—he's responsible for the administration of funds to southern Afghanistan. It is quite surreal to work so closely with career political animals like these two, and I have learned quite a bit about political reality from them.

The U.S. Ambassador to Afghanistan recently visited Kandahar—we had dinner and I was in his tent until 10 p.m. discussing (and arguing about) the situation here. I am able to say, with much humility, that we are seeing the fruits of our labors beginning to emerge.

Girls are returning to school, infrastructure is being rebuilt, and the government is beginning to work. People are beginning to have confidence in their government again, and regional stability, along with hope for the future, is on the horizon. It is really fulfilling to be an integral part of changing lives for the better. It is fascinating to be a part of history.

I mentioned earlier that we work closely with the chief judge here in Kandahar. He and I recently engaged in an in-depth discussion of constitutional law. I was so glad I took your Con Law course—even 10 years later (has it really been that long?) I was able to hang in there and respond to his questions regarding the application of precedent in the U.S. system. Thanks for the tough lessons—when I needed the info, I realized I had retained quite a bit more than I expected, thanks to your demanding classes.

Although we are making progress, it is still a very dangerous place to work. The Taliban are still actively working to destroy what we are trying to build. In the last month, a (American) Red Cross worker was brutally murdered here and one of the CA teams working in Helmand, the province to our west, was ambushed.

Two Special Operations Soldiers were killed and another was critically wounded. Several of the schools we have constructed have been burned and the local citizens receive death threats if they try to work with us. Daily, we find ourselves facing hostile elements of the remnants of the Taliban that would love nothing more than to kill an American. Landmines are everywhere and there is 25 years' worth of unexploded ordnance that surfaces in the most unlikely of places.

I've been shot at and come close to running over landmines several times. Throw in warlords, tribal conflict, and drugs and you'll begin to get a picture of how much this resembles our wild west of 125 years ago. However, I wouldn't want to be anywhere else but here, in this time, and in this place.

I am working hard to help make Kandahar a better place, and I couldn't be successful without the knowledge I received from Augusta State. When I return to the states, I'll try to drop by your office and thank you in person. Once again, keep the educational standards high. The students you are educating today could be helping to bring peace and stability to the world tomorrow. God knows, if it can happen to me (at best a mediocre student of politics), it can happen to any one of them.

Ray Short
Capt., Civil Affairs

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Avoid tragedy

D.K. Bennett
Fort Gordon fire chief

A multi-storied nursing home complex in Nashville, Tenn., recently experienced a fire that resulted in the death of seven residents (*The Augusta Chronicle*, Sept. 27, 2003). A contributing factor to the loss of life was the lack of a fire protection sprinkler system; accordingly, flame spread and smoke density rapidly necessitated the need to evacuate the residents.

Although losing seven residents in the initial stage of the incident, the newspaper article described the heroic actions of the firefighters in preventing any further loss of life through the use of rescue procedures involving lifting, lowering, climbing and descending stairways and ladders while executing rescue operations.

This event, as well as other fire deaths that have occurred in our nation this year, should serve as a wake-up for all of us.

Of particular concern to the Fort Gordon community, are the multi-storied facilities on the installation and the challenges they present to first responders. Fire fighting is an arduous occupation requiring the knowledge, skills, agility and stamina to effectively perform both rescue and suppression operations under very difficult conditions and circum-

stances.

In addition to tactics and strategy, the need to be physically conditioned to meet the ever-present challenge is constant. Proficiency training must be ever expanding and recurring to ensure the absolute best team we have is always on duty today. Anything less provides a false sense of security and compromises the firefighter and the general welfare of the public we are here to serve.

Fort Gordon Fire and Emergency Services is under no illusion nor are we looking at our current and ever expanding tasks through rose-colored glasses. We are acutely aware of the need to identify our fire protection requirements both in the prevention and suppression functional areas and take aggressive action to abate deficiencies.

An expanded training program consisting of classroom and field evolutions is underway and is providing great dividends. The recent addition to our equipment inventory from the Joint Service Integrated Pilot Program has provided us with the assets to enhance our capabilities and improve our response service.

New tasks and new technology require an on-going training program committed to meeting operational readiness. This is being met by the inclusion of the new, while never losing sight of the basics.

Pumpkin carving safety

Carving pumpkins can be one of the most fun and creative Halloween activities. However, like most things, it's important to keep safety in mind. Follow these tips to safely create the perfect jack-o'-lantern:

- Consider the size and shape of your pumpkin before carving. Round pumpkins are good for making happy faces, while tall, thin pumpkins are best for scary expressions.
- Draw your design on paper first. Then copy the drawing onto the front of the pumpkin, or fasten the paper onto the pumpkin and carve into the paper.
- Cut the lid at an angle so the outside diameter is larger than the inside. By doing this, you'll be sure that the top won't fall into the pumpkin. Make sure that your hand can easily fit through the lid opening so

that you can scoop out the insides of the pumpkin.

- Clean out the pulp and seeds with a large spoon or your hands. Place newspaper underneath the pumpkin for easy clean up. Save the seeds for making baked pumpkin seed treats.

CARVING SAFETY:

- Carve away from yourself, keeping part of the knife



blade in the pumpkin.

- Use slow steady, saw like strokes. It is easier to carve the features in the middle of the pumpkin first and work outward.

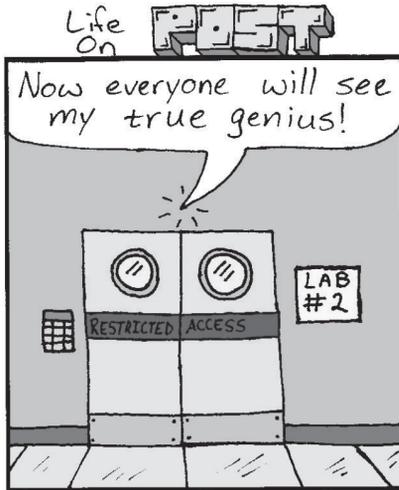
- For areas with a lot of detail, cut with an X-Acto knife. To make circles and curves, use the tip of a potato peeler.

- Remove carved areas by either pushing them into or out of the pumpkin. By stabbing a chunk with a toothpick, you can pull it away from the pumpkin.

- Create a flattened area in the bottom for a candle.

Remember to never leave children unattended. For that matter—now that you know how to carve pumpkin—watch the untrained adults, too. Adults can be really scary.

(Tips provided by the Fort Gordon Installation Safety Office.)



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212 ways to be a Soldier

A day in the life of...

A 75B/42A
(human resource specialist)

Note: This is the 45th military occupational series, or MOS, featured in the series covering all 212 Army careers.

Sgt. Ryan Matson
Military editor

Paperwork, paperwork and more paperwork.

That is the main responsibility for Spc. Keely Birani, HHC, 67th Signal Battalion, a human resource specialist. Birani is now a 42A. The MOS was formerly a 75B, but changed Oct. 1.

"We do various jobs around the S-1 office, including handling all the paperwork from the companies," Birani said.

"We handle NCOERs, awards, leaves and pretty much everything that has to do with paperwork."

But it doesn't end there. Birani also in and out processes the soldiers in her unit, making sure that every new soldier that comes to the 67th Signal Battalion is assigned a sponsor to make their transition to their new unit go smoothly, and that the soldier has a transition form to go from their old unit into the 67th.

Accountability is another major duty Birani oversees. Each month, she prepares the unit's status report. In times such as this, when the 67th Signal Battalion is preparing to deploy again, Birani's job is crucial. She must make sure all the soldiers in the unit have fulfilled the necessary requirements to deploy.

In her monthly USR, Birani can tell the status of all the soldiers in the unit and who needs to do what to be ready to deploy. She can see whether a female soldier is pregnant, whether they need dental work done to be deployable, if they are on leave, have their ID cards and dog tags, and if they have their Servicemen's Group Life Insurance and family care plans activated.

Just as when a soldier enters or leaves a unit, they must also process for deployments. This is called Soldier Readiness Processing.

For Birani, the job is a good fit.

"I'm a people person," the 21-year-old said. She said her job allows her the opportunity to meet the majority of the people in her unit, and knows that by keeping their records in order she



Photo by Sgt. Ryan Matson

Spc. Keely Birani, a 42A in HHC, 67th Signal Battalion, in-processes a soldier.

is making a difference in their military careers.

Birani is the only 42A in her unit, and said she works closely with the unit's commanders, something she said she also finds enjoyable.

"We get to see a lot of good leaders and their leadership skills in action firsthand," she said.

Working with these leaders can also prove stressful, Birani said. In a frequently deployed unit such as the 67th Signal Battalion, she said leaders are constantly looking at the status of their units, and rely on things such as strength reports to do so. She said she is often responsible for responding to commander's queries on the status of their units.

"They'll ask me something like how many E-7s (enlisted grade sevens, or sergeants first class) we have in a certain company and I'll check with the Electronic-Military Personnel Office to find out," she said. Keeping on top of all these soldiers and their constantly-changing records can be a demanding task, Birani said.

"In this job, you must pay strict attention to detail," she said. "In S-1, you're a family and you know you can make a difference in a soldier's lives, so you have to be ready to work."

The journey into the 42A MOS has been interesting, she said. Birani, who has been in the Army for three years, originally enlisted in the Army out of high school to become a linguist, or the 98G MOS.

Birani did not complete the 98G advanced individual training, and was required to re-classify into another MOS. She chose 75B (now 42A) and has been happy with the choice.

"Now that I'm into it, I realize what a big part of a

soldier's lives we have in administration, and it's actually better for me," she said.

One of the benefits Birani said she has as being a 42A is that since she works closely with the unit's commanders and is so visible in her company, she has a great opportunity to excel and receive awards and recognition for her work.

All administrative MOSS receive their AIT at Fort Jackson, S.C., Birani said. The course to learn the job of a 42A lasts 13 weeks, she said. There, she said she learned how to use data bases to process soldier's records, became familiar with the different types of military records and forms such as enlisted records briefs, and learned how to prepare unit accountability and status reports.

Birani has watched a lot of soldiers come and go in her unit, and is now in the process of making a transition in her own life. She will soon be leaving two things she said she has loved being a part of - the Army and her job.

In a couple of months, Birani, who has battled through knee problems, will be leaving the Army on a medical discharge. The future looks very bright for the articulate young woman.

"I've applied for several jobs and I'm going to use my Army benefits to go back to college," she said. "I have many options available to me. I've supervised a soldier while working here, and have confidence in making my transition into the civilian sector. Another bonus is I really have good recommendations from working here."

As she said, Birani's options are limitless. With the training and experience she received in her MOS, Birani said she can always work as a civilian contractor in the



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Reservists stage Kyrgyzstan mission

Sgt. 1st Class
Cornelius Moore
Special to the Signal

Reservists from Fort Gordon recently traveled to the Kyrgyzstan Republic to teach a Combat Lifesaver Course. The opportunity arose when Army Forces Central Command requested four medical noncommissioned officers for the mission.

The Soldiers were 91W combat medical specialists from the 87th Division, 5th Brigade, 2/347th Regiment (Combat Support/Combat Service Support) Training Support.

The mission was part of an effort to build stronger ties between the U.S. and Kyrgyz military and health care communities. The mission was led by noncommissioned officers from ARCENT and received assistance from the clinic at Ganci Air Base.

The Kyrgyz Republic was a part of the former Soviet Union. It is remote, tucked in among other central Asian republics and next door to China. The country itself is rugged and mountainous, with mild weather in the summer months.

The team faced a number of challenges in presenting the course. The first was transporting themselves and their equipment half way around the

world. In addition to their normal baggage, team members had to carry enough supplies to teach 63 students and stock 63 combat lifesaver bags, giving each team member one or two extra footlockers to wrestle through international airports.

The students in the class were very diverse. There were soldiers, border police, nurses and doctors. All of the students were eager to pick up new medical skills, but also wanted to learn everything they could about Americans. Discussions at breaks were about everything from cars to music.

They were also interested in the concept of the Noncommissioned Officer Corps. In the old Soviet army, noncommissioned officers did not have the responsibilities or the training that American noncommissioned officers receive.

Perhaps the most challenging thing for the team was teaching through translators.

Each team member already had a particular rhythm and style of teaching. The challenge was to chop the material up into bite-sized pieces that could be translated, while at the same time maintaining the continuity of the lesson. Instructors learned to speak plain English and stay away from medical jargon.

At the end of two weeks, the team had successfully



Courtesy photo

Reserve combat medical specialists from Fort Gordon taught Kyrgyzstan Republic soldiers medical basics in a combat lifesaver course.

trained the new combat lifesavers and presented 63 combat lifesaver bags to new

graduates. They had also learned a great deal about one of the United States' partners in the war on terrorism and gave that partner an idea of what it's like to be an American NCO.

The Kyrgyz had learned how reliant we are on each Soldier and his or her initiative and ability. They had also learned our basic concepts of emergency care and transportation of wounded.

(Moore is the senior enlisted medical advisor on the Medical Team of the 2/347th Regiment Training Support.)



Courtesy photo

The two-week course included medical techniques such as administering an IV and proper wound treatment.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Kyle Davis

Helping hand

Lt. James Mitchell, 10th Mountain Division Forward Support Battalion, monitors a baby's breathing while her older sister holds her during a Combined Medical Assistance visit to Loy Karezak, Afghanistan, Oct. 8. U.S. and Romanian soldiers from Kandahar Army Airfield distributed food and supplies during the visit.



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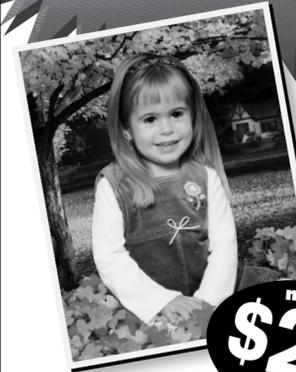
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Community Events

Luncheon

The EEO office is holding a Disability Awareness Month luncheon from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. **Oct. 29** at the Gordon Club.

Guest speaker is Dinah Cohen, director of the Department of Defense Computer/Electronic Accommodations Program.

Tickets must be purchased by Friday. For information, call 791-4551.

Tryouts

The Stars of Tomorrow Entertainment talent contest for soldiers is **Nov. 22** at the Wallace Theatre, Fort Belvoir, Va.

Participants are restricted to active duty Army personnel only. Exceptions may be granted for members of the Army Reserve or Army National Guard.

Entries are due by Oct. 24. For information, call Steve Walpert, Fort Gordon Entertainment Director, at 791-4389.

Awards ceremony

The Fort Gordon awards ceremony is 8:30 a.m. **Oct. 30** in Conrad Hall. The ceremony will honor the following individuals:

- Servicemember of the third quarter: Spc. Wayne Landis (Co. A, 206th MI Bn.)

- Servicemember of the fourth quarter: Spc. Cynthia Russell (Co. A, Eisenhower Army Medical Center)

- NCO of the fourth quarter: Staff Sgt. Donald Windley Jr. (BNCOC, RNCOA)

- Instructor of the fourth quarter: Staff Sgt. Lakisha Starks (Leader College for Information Technology)

- Civilian of the fourth quarter: Allan Downen (Office of Staff Judge Advocate)

- Volunteer of the Month (July): Diane Saarinen (Army Community Service)

- Volunteer of the Month (August): Susan Henderson (American Red Cross)

- Volunteer of the Month (September): Terri Wright (American Red Cross)

For information, contact Linda Means at 791-1871.

Leadership seminar

The Young Women's Leadership Seminar is 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. **Oct. 23** in Alexander Hall. The event includes presentations from The Women's Army Corps, museum and various presentations by active duty female leaders.

Admission is free; 200 registered participants will be allowed to participate in a small group mentorship discussion seminar. For information, call 855-5515.

Career program

The Army Career and Alumni Program has information packets for openings with the CINTAS Corporation, The Uniform People.

CINTAS is seeking separating military personnel for employment in the Augusta area as Route Service/Sales Representatives.

Packets are available at the ACAP Center, Building 33800. For information call Eddie Ferguson at 791-2009.

EFMP hours

The Eisenhower Army Medical Center Exceptional Family Member Program, located in Building 40701, has the following new hours of operation:

Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays: 8:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; closed Tuesdays. For information, call Barbara Brown at 787-2247.

Oktoberfest

The local German Friendship Club holds its 13th annual festive Oktoberfest **today-Sunday** at the Julian

Smith Casino in Augusta. Hours are 5-11 p.m. today; noon-10 p.m. Saturday; and noon-6 p.m. Sunday. 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. **Wednesday** 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.

Gospel workshop

Fort Gordon's Faith Gospel Service presents a Gospel Music Workshop **Oct. 29-30** and **Nov. 1** at 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. Nov. 1 in Alexander Hall. Seating is limited. Call 791-2837 for information.

Bariatric support group

The Bariatric Support Group meets at 6:30 p.m. the **second Tuesday** of each month at Eisenhower Army Medical Center in the general surgery clinic; the meeting begins at 7 p.m. The group is open to pre-op and post-op patients, and anyone interested in learning about the surgery. Call Florrie Cox at 595-8330 for information.

Soul and song series

The Morris Museum of Art and the Imperial Theatre presents the Southern Soul and Song Music Series continuing **Friday** with 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: Couples Empowerment Workshop - Topic: Couples Communication

Friday: Parenting Skills Workshop - Topic: "How to deal with an angry child"

For information call 791-0794/4718.

Child care class

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

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 **Monday-Nov. 7**. For information, call 798-5739 or go to the Fort Gordon Education Center, Bldg. 21606.

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

Luncheon

Brig. Gen. Gregory Premo, deputy commanding general, U.S. Army Signal Center and

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.

Children 12 and over and all adults are \$3. Children 6-11 are \$1.50. Children under 5 are free.

For movie listings and times, call 791-3982.

Oct. 17-23

Today - My Boss's Daughter (PG-13)

Saturday - Cabin Fever (R)

Late show - Boss's Daughter (PG-13)

Sunday - Dickie Roberts (PG-13)

Thursday - Cabin Fever (R)

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

Fort Gordon, will speak on "Operating in a Top-Down Joint Architecture" at a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. **Thursday**, 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. **Saturday** at Jacksonville Community Park in Langley, S.C. Call (803)593-

9260 for information.

Animal blessing

The Augusta Humane Society hosts the annual Blessing of the Animals at 11 a.m. **Saturday** in Hickman Park, 965 Hickman Rd. Animals must be on a leash. Call 736-0186 for information.

Art show

The Morris Museum of Art is featuring *A Century of Progress: Twentieth Century Painting in Tennessee* through **Nov. 9**.

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

Fort Gordon REPORT

COMING UP

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

- **Oktoberfest celebration**
- **Hispanic Heritage Month Command Program**
- **U.S. Army Soldier Show**

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ROTC commander teaches using respect, recognition

Kevin Sharpe
Special to the Signal

After 20 years of decorated military service, Lt. Col. David Freeman finds himself in a different arena. Still an active-duty officer, he is just ending his first year as head of Augusta State University's military science program.

"I wanted to make a difference in the lives of new soldiers," says Freeman. "I feel like I can do that through the ROTC program, which is about creating leaders. It is the best leadership training available in the country," said Freeman.

Freeman's cadet leadership philosophy is predicated on a foundation of discipline, integrity, teamwork, unimpeded communication flow, and respect and recognition of each member of the battalion. According to him, such respect and recognition breeds loyalty, trust and commitment.

He imparts authority and responsibility as far down the ranks as possible, and that involves giving the cadets the tools they need to do their jobs right and without unnecessary interference, he says.

When cadets complete the ROTC program, they walk away as officers and, more importantly, as leaders. During the program, cadets are put into real-life military situations and they have to react to those situations, and this improves their performance and skills, he says.

However, he is quick to point out that his primary duty is tracking ROTC students' academic activities.

"First and foremost, we want them to get their education. It is my job to make sure they are doing that successfully," he said. His cadets have been successful in completing both academic and military training.

The December and May commence-

ments saw a total of nine graduates, with commissioning following the graduation ceremonies. In Freeman's first year, the commissioning of 11 officers marked the first time that the ROTC has "made mission"—a term used to indicate the number of officers produced by the program.

"This is a good, solid ratio of commissions to general student population, about one for every 500 students," he says.

"The primary goal of this unit is to commission qualified lieutenants into our Army," added Freeman.

He is complimentary of his staff, which includes one other permanent officer and three non-commissioned officers who either assist in teaching or provide logistical and administrative support. Recently, Maj. Keith Cantrell, the other permanent officer, was recognized as the Instructor of the Year and Recruiting Operations Officer of the 1st ROTC region, which includes 120 schools from 14 states and Puerto Rico, after winning the title for the 6th Brigade (Georgia, Florida and Puerto Rico).

Currently there are also two gold bar recruiters as well, cadets who have graduated from ASU, received their commission and are waiting for their basic course date to start. So Freeman has enlisted them to go out and help bring people into the ASU ROTC program.

"This has been an exciting year. We've made mission for the first time in the history of the university's program, and are sending the Army some outstanding young leaders who trained right here in Augusta



Freeman Courtesy photo

at Augusta State University," he said.

Freeman came to Augusta State from MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., where he served as a Theater War Plans officer for the Long Range Planning Element in the Middle East with the United States Central Command.

He received a commission in Field Artillery upon graduation from Florida State University in 1983. He holds a master's degree in international studies from Troy State University and is a graduate of the Field Artillery Officer Basic Course, the Infantry Officer Advance Course, and the Army Command General Staff College.

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Change ahead for AKO

Army Knowledge Online is slated for a makeover after senior leaders, including four-star combatant commanders, mandated that the service Internet portal become easier to use, *Inside the Army* reports from Atlanta.

In addition to a new "look and feel" officials say they hope to accomplish in fiscal year 2004, AKO's disaster recovery site is slated to become fully operational in December. The recovery feature provides a backup for information sys-

tems connected to AKO.

The online portal allows users to review personnel and financial records and access information on functional areas like acquisition, logistics and intelligence. As of September, AKO registration had grown to 1.5 million Army personnel.

While a "huge success story," AKO can become better, said Gary Winkler, director of enterprise integration in the Army's G-6.

(From *Inside the Pentagon* newsletter.)

Beware look-alike pay sites

ARLINGTON, Va. — The two million military and civilian users of myPay are being cautioned to use only the official myPay site when seeking to access pay account information.

"Personal information is valuable and should be safeguarded," said Claudia Bogard, director of corporate communications for the Defense Finance and Accounting Service. "Don't provide your personal information to any Web site unless you know it can be trusted."

Look-alike sites have recently

frustrated myPay customers who have been confused by accidentally finding their way to a commercial site that is in no way affiliated with DFAS.

DFAS' myPay is a secure, DFAS-operated Web site that lets active duty, National Guard and Reserve military members, civilian employees, and military retirees and annuitants take charge of their pay accounts online. The DFAS myPay Web site is found at <https://mypay.dfas.mil/>

(From a DFAS news release.)

Youth advances to national pageant

Jazmine Long, 6, of Fort Gordon, was crowned National American Miss Georgia for the Princess age group at the state pageant in July.

At the pageant, held in Alpharetta, Long also placed first in the talent and sportswear competition, and was first runner up in the photogenic category.

Long will represent Georgia in the National American Miss competition held during November in California.

Long is the daughter of Sgt. Kali and Nacole Long, 252nd Signal Battalion.



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Soldiers complete projects in Ethiopia

Sgt. Bradley Shaver
Army News Service

HURSO, Ethiopia – A new school and clinic constructed on the Horn of Africa by U.S. Army troops marked the 100-year anniversary of diplomatic relations between the United States and Ethiopia.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held in Hurso, Ethiopia, Sept. 29 to celebrate the grand opening. The school and clinic, built by the Army's 463rd Engineer Battalion and 478th Civil Affairs Battalion (Special Operations), will be used to increase the health and education of the local community.

According to Ambassador Aurelia Brazeal, who is a career member of the U.S. Senior Foreign Service, this year marks an extraordinary anniversary for the entire American community in Ethiopia.

"The unique character of our relationship has helped to sustain it, and it has been strengthened over the years by a series of people-to-people contacts between Ethiopians and Americans who were able to rely on each other in times of need," said Brazeal. "It is extremely important to us that both of our nations continue to value and sustain a friendship that allows for this level of collaboration."

"I hope and believe that our friendship will last not only another 100 years, but thousands of years to come," she said.

The grand opening ceremony began with a speech from the President

of Somali Regional State, Abdi Jibril Abubakar.

These civil-military humanitarian assistance projects will contribute to the development and well-being of the people of Hurso for a long-time to come, Abubakar said.

During the ceremony Brig. Gen. Willard Broadwater, the deputy commander of the Combined Joint Task Force - Horn of Africa addressed the local residents and guests, saying that by providing better education and health care, America can strengthen Ethiopian communities and help make them more prosperous, stable and peaceful.

"Here in Hurso, the governments of Ethiopia and the United States have worked together to fulfill a number of critical needs of the community," said Broadwater. "A newly refurbished school building that will provide for a better environment for the education of the children. A newly built and expanded clinic facility, where nurses and care providers will have a clean and improved place to provide health care services for the community."

"Additionally, our civil affairs team recently provided much-needed support to the Polio vaccination initiative in the surrounding area," he said.

Besides cooperation in combating terrorism, the American government is helping the Ethiopian country on various development efforts and in the fight against poverty.

"We believe the continuation of this cooperation is instrumental to the betterment of the living condi-



Photo by Sgt. Bradley Shaver

The children of Hurso, Ethiopia, give thanks to the engineers and civil affairs personnel from the Combined Joint Task Force – Horn of Africa, who built a school and clinic.

tion of our society," said Abubakar. "I would like to express my gratitude to the U.S. government, and hope that the assistance they provide us will continue."

From CJTF-HOA, medical and school supplies were donated for the new additions, as well as a tent for the local Women's Association, which

will serve as a gathering place for the organization.

Local adults and children showed their support and appreciation to the service members with displays of singing and dancing.

Army Sgt. 1st Class Armando Martinez, civil affairs team sergeant, said "The three months I've spent in

Hurso working on this project made my time in the Horn of Africa worthwhile. Our four-man team has built a special bond and friendship with the people of Hurso that will carry on throughout the rest of their lives as well as our own."

(Shaver is a member of the CJTF-HOA Public Affairs Office.)

Losing favor or losing flavor

Chaplain (Lt. Col.)
Larry Lawrence

Deputy installation chaplain

Jesus said on one occasion, "Blessed are you when men shall revile you and persecute you and say all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake."

I doubt that many of us are very offensive to other folks because of our religion. Indeed, it is the norm to be a "Christian" in our society today. We have gained the favor of people, but in gaining favor have we lost favor?

Jesus said, "Salt is good but if salt has lost its saltiness wherewith will ye season it," or if salt has lost its flavor what good is it?

In the ancient world salt was a valuable and scarce commodity. It was used as currency in some countries even into mod-

ern times. During an invasion of Ethiopia, in the late 19th century, Italian soldiers found blocks of salt stored in bank vaults along with other familiar forms of currency. Jesus was paying his disciples a compliment when he called them salt.

But then he asked, "What good is salt if it has lost its flavor, if it no longer seasons food?" You don't put salt in food for any other reason except to flavor it. There's no particular food value to salt. Indeed, too much salt is destructive to our health. Of what value is salt if it has lost its flavor?

Jesus is saying to his followers, both those of 2000 years ago as well as to us, "What good is it to be a follower of mine if there is nothing distinctive about your life? If by following me you make

no real contribution to the life of the world, if there is no redemptive power flowing through your life and actions, what's the use of calling yourself my disciple?" Have we gained favor and lost flavor?

For example, if our values are no better than our neighbor's, of what value is our faith? There is more and more a blurring of lifestyles.

As a sign said on a church door recently: "The Ten Commandments are not multiple choice!" But that's our preference. If you think I'm overstating the case, read the verses that precede those concerning our saltiness. "If your hand offends you; cut it off. If your eye offends you; pluck it out. It's better to go to heaven with one eye and one hand than into hell with both hands intact and both eyes intact."

Jesus did not give us a poor God. Indeed, he taught his disciples that the righteousness to which he called them was a righteousness that exceeded that of the Pharisees.

Winston Churchill once said the flame of Christian ethics is still our highest guide. I wonder if Churchill would say that today? We have gained favor but we have lost our flavor. What value is our Christian faith if the salt stays in the salt shaker? We are in the salt shaker today. Salt does not exist for its own good. Salt exists to season.

That's God's call to most of us: to be salt where we are, with a higher standard *for* living, not a higher standard *of* living. It's nice if you can afford a high standard of living, but a higher standard for living is much more important. Let the salt out of the shaker!



Photo by Luis Martinez

Good job

Gen. James T. Hill (left), commander, U.S. Southern Command, recognized the 93rd Signal Brigade Basic Noncommissioned Officers Course honor graduate, Staff Sgt. Briana Weathersby (right), section chief, U.S. Army Signal Activity in Miami, during the monthly *Made a Difference* award ceremony, June 10. Weathersby graduates Dec. 6. She is headed for Italy in January 2004. Her accomplishments this tour also include U.S. SOUTHCOM Army NCO of the Quarter. Weathersby will compete for U.S. SOUTHCOM Enlisted Person of the Quarter this month.

Online survey could change workplace

Army News Service

WASHINGTON – The 2003 Civilian Attitude Survey is now online, and personnel officials said it's an opportunity for all Army civilians to make a difference in improving the workplace and the quality of civilian personnel services.

Army civilian employees, supervisors and managers are asked to complete the survey. The survey applies to employees in GS/GM and similar pay plans, wage grade and non-appropriated-fund or NAF employees.

The survey is available online at <http://cpol.army.mil/survey/dasurvey> and should be taken during duty hours, Army personnel officials said. They said it will be available until mid-November.

A new "save and return" feature allows employees to save their answers and go back to them later if unable to complete the survey in one sitting.

Employees who do not have a computer at work can still take the survey, officials said. They said supervisors will help those employees find a computer to take the survey.

Results will remain private, personnel officials promised. The results will be reported only down to the installation level so that individual results can't be identified, officials said. They explained that there is no way for management to identify individual responses.

Employees taking the survey will be asked for date of birth and the last four digits of their social security number to login to the survey. This is to ensure

that only authorized people take the survey, officials said, that each authorized person only completes the survey once and that accurate demographics are obtained for reporting purposes. The date of birth and social security number are not saved in the database that holds the survey responses, officials assured.

The overall Army results of the survey will be available online for all to see sometime in December. Local results will be available through command or functional channels.

Local commanders will be asked to develop strategic plans and actions based on the results of the survey, Army G1 officials said. Commanders will also be asked to publicize the actions taken as a result of the survey so that employees can

see the link between their responses and actions taken.

The last survey was so successful that commanders requested it be made available to local national employees overseas. The survey is currently being translated into six languages – Korean, Japanese, German, Italian, French, and Flemish – and should be available within the next six weeks.

National Guard technicians, contract employees, and service members are not eligible to complete this survey, officials said.

Anyone with comments or questions about the survey should send them to ArmySurvey2003@asamra.hoffman.army.mil.

(Information provided by the public affairs officer for the Deputy Chief of Staff, G1.)

News and Events

Gospel workshop

Fort Gordon's Faith Gospel Service presents a Gospel Music Workshop Oct. 29-30 and Nov. 1 at 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. Nov. 1 in Alexander Hall. Seating is limited. Call 791-2837 for information.

Blended families

This class focuses on the challenges and benefits of stepfamily living.

The facilitator will discuss the benefits of a good co-parenting relationship and how to help your children make the transition to a different lifestyle.

The class is 12:30-2:30 p.m. Oct. 28 at the Community Life Center, Building 33512. For information call 791-0794/4718.

Chapel Call

Collective Protestant Services

Sunday

9:00 a.m. • Liturgical Service, Bicentennial Chapel
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 1245-1:30, 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

Episcopalian Soldier Representative is Kurt Miller at 791-0213
LDS representative is Sergeant 1st Class (retired) Scott Robison, 533-0376. Apostolic Pentecostal's representatives are Chaplain Brewster, 791-4683, or Chaplain Snyder, 791-2539

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

MOUT training site gives troops a dose of reality

Pfc. Kelly Hunt
Army News Service

BAGRAM, Afghanistan – In the back trails of Bagram Air Base stands a hand-made mud compound Bagram troops use to prepare for combat in urban Afghanistan.

The Army identified the need for Soldiers to train even when in a remote area, such as Afghanistan. To supplement this need, the Program Executive Office for Simulation, Training, and Instrumentation joined forces with Anteon Inc. to develop Military Operations on Urbanized Terrain training facilities in these areas.

In December, the Department of Defense directed the construction of MOUT sites in Kuwait and Afghanistan to support Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, and in February, funds arrived for the sites' birth, according to William Howsden, site manager. Construction was completed in September.

The training site resembles an Afghan village, with high mud walls plastered around metal coness.

"It's unbelievable," said Staff Sgt. Jim Bagnell, 416th Engineer Command, Facility Engineer Team 28. "The MOUT site looks like an Afghanistan compound. It offers the environment of Afghanistan."

Adding to its sense of reality was the hands-on work of local nationals who have become experts at this trade.

"They've done this all their lives, so it comes naturally to them," said Bagnell who oversaw their work. Bucket by bucket, mud was passed up ladders to awaiting hands that packed the mixture.

"It's neat," he said. "I was really excited about it because I watched it come up from nothing."

It was really a unique project, said Bagnell. "You can build a building, you can build a road, but to build something out of the earth (is incredible)."

Though from the outside, it looks like a simple Afghan compound, this small village contains many hi-tech advantages allowing troops to receive the highest training evaluation opportunities after completing the course, according to Howsden.

The instrumentation used within the site has been used at the Joint Readiness Training Centers Shugart-Gordon MOUT site since 1996. Capabilities include low light cameras with laser illuminators, panic buttons for safety and security, targets in each building, sound effects, moveable interior walls, trap doors, external lighting, external cameras, and smoke generators.



Photo by Spc. Kelly Hunt

Troops 10th Mountain Div., put their training to the test at the new MOUT training site located on Bagram Air Base. The site is modeled after an Afghan compound offering troops a realistic option to prepare them for combat in urban Afghanistan.

On site is a multimedia theater that gives troops an opportunity to see what the hidden cameras caught and gives them a chance to improve techniques.

Training as they fight keeps troops on their toes and the new facility gives them a more realistic view of the terrain they will encounter.

"We do MOUT training about once a month," said Sgt. 1st Class John

Folkenroth, Company A, 2nd Battalion 87th Infantry Regiment, 10th Mountain Division. This was the first time his troops had been through the new course.

"It looks a lot like what we'll (encounter) out here," he said, complimenting on the site's realistic disposition. "(The training) helps refine your skills and see what you are doing wrong."

Getting troops to the site for training just takes a little

planning. Scheduling is required a week in advance. The unit will need to submit a scenario including training objectives, training level of the squad, platoon or company, the type of training whether it be live fire or force to force training, type of ammo being used and a risk assessment, Howsden said. (Hunt is a journalist with the 4th Public Affairs Detachment.)

Tons of people disappearing

John Cox
Bariatric Support Group

cluded Maj. Ginny Holeman and Florrie Cox. Today Holeman is retired, but Cox continues to visit new Bariatric patients at the hospital, and organizes monthly BSG meetings.

Tons of people have disappeared in the past three years as a direct result of work at Dwight David Eisenhower Army Medical Center.

The source of the disappearance is a very specific Bariatric surgery designed to reduce the size of the human stomach, allowing those who elect the surgery to benefit from tremendous weight loss because they are no longer able to consume large amounts of food.

The surgery is a great tool for an obese person because it helps keep the normally weak overeater from over-eating. They can still overeat but with a cost of pain or stomach distress...neither is a comfortable situation so the overeater now stops when they are suppose to, instead of eating until everything is gone.

The surgery is only a tool. The person must still make great sacrifices and learn new eating habits to ensure they take in enough nourishment and vitamins. That is where the Bariatric Support Group comes into the picture.

October is the third anniversary of the BSG at DDEAMC. When the group was organized three years ago it in-

Cox and others in the local group also visit other BSGs in the area as well as at other bases. Some of these other BSGs are a direct result of the positive results from the DDEAMC group.

Some surgeons require prospective patients to attend the monthly BSG meetings prior to having the surgery.

Because of the privacy act and patient confidentiality, there is really no way to know just how successful the BSG has been at DDEAMC but it is believed that around 85 percent of the Bariatric patients have attained and maintained a weight loss of 75 percent of excess body weight during the past three years, a tremendous accomplishment for the medical staff and support group.

The group meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at Eisenhower Army Medical Center in the general surgery clinic.

For more information about the group or meetings, call Cox at 592-8330.

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Mail runners thwart Iraqi attacks

Staff Sgt. Nate Orme
Army News Service

BAGHDAD — Leaving the secure confines of the coalition-controlled Baghdad International Airport each morning and heading out onto the dusty sun-drenched highways of Iraq is a daily adventure for the crew of mail runners.

At the airport, units of the 3rd Personnel Command operate the Joint Military Mail Terminal out of a large hanger equipped with loading docks where mail is transferred in and out of containers on truck trailers. Eight to 14 truck loads averaging about 4,000 pounds of mail each are filled for delivery daily.

Each morning, drivers and their escorts assemble for a safety briefing before heading out. Briefings are not your typical garden variety. Instead, they are full of real-time warnings, life-saving checklists and harrowing stories of recent accidents and ambushes.

Sgt. 1st Class Charity Pope and 1st Lt. Andre Jones, both in the 547th Transportation Company, a Washington, D.C., National Guard unit, plan the missions and brief them to the Army and civilian drivers.

Jones and Pope said the unit has driven more than 70,000 miles on 34 missions since their unit took over convoy escort duties in July.

The civilian drivers work for Kellogg, Brown & Root. Most of them, including Roy Bartmess, are veterans themselves.

They're geared up in bullet-proof vests and Kevlar helmets before driving their commercial tractor-trailers. Each of their trucks are equipped with a satellite phone and e-mail terminal for quick emergency contact while on the road.

Terrorists have struck the mail runners — in the form of sniper attacks and improvised explosive devices planted along the roadside and remotely exploded when convoys pass.

Convoys run seven days a week. Drivers work nearly every day, stopping only long enough to re-fuel their trucks and bodies.

Most destinations can be covered in the same day, with convoys returning to the mail terminal before nightfall.

Bartmess, a Vietnam veteran and police officer from Leesville, La., rode into Iraq from Kuwait on the first mail convoy to Camp Bushmaster, about 200 kilometers "across the berm" from the Kuwait border in mid-April.

A mail delivery operation continues from the Kuwait terminal, mostly to service camps within Kuwait, but Bartmess transferred to the Baghdad terminal.

"The living conditions are a little Spartan here, but they're getting better all the time," he said.

Bartmess said the vast majority of Iraqis are friendly and often question and offer food and drinks to drivers. "When we first got up here, we got to meet the locals and stop at roadside stands," he said.

That interaction was halted after a couple of terrorist incidents, Bartmess said.

Mail is delivered to

nearly a dozen locations from Baghdad at distances ranging from one to six hours away.

But whether traveling through town or seemingly in the middle of nowhere, Iraqi street hawkers often await trying to sell a plethora of items — from old bayonets to bootleg liquor.

"In Rasheed we drive right through the market. People will crowd around, buying and selling stuff," Bartmess said.

Convoys were originally protected by M16-armed Soldiers riding "shotgun," with the drivers in the truck cabs.

Force protection is now provided by Army transportation units driving gun trucks — 5-ton trucks modified with M-60 machine-gun mounts — with a truck in the front, middle and rear of each convoy. Each truck has a driver, assistant driver and a gunner who must stand in the back of each truck on the lookout for trouble.

"I go out almost every day. This mission is highly interesting — and highly dangerous," said Sgt. John Flamer, a driver with the 547th.

Two drivers, Spc. Darryl Dent of the 547th and Fred Bryant, a civilian driver, have died since they started making the mail runs. Flamer said his truck was almost hit by an improvised explosive device two weeks ago.

"The road is long, and not a day goes by where I don't say I'm damn tired. But we still have to forge on," Spc. James Nielsen of the 515th Transportation Company from Mannheim, Germany, who has been riding for about a month. "I also think it is exciting. It keeps me awake. I'm trying to stay on this as long as possible."

Bartmess said the civilian drivers and the military escort Soldiers have developed a tight bond, even more so since the attacks.

"There were a few rough starts with the gun trucks, but it's working out real well. They're with us every day. I respect them a lot," Bartmess said.

(Orme is a journalist at the 3rd Personnel Command Public Affairs Office in Kuwait.)



Photo by Staff Sgt. Nate Orme

"L" Van Sciver, wearing protective gear, shuts his truck door in preparation for delivering mail to soldiers serving in Iraq.

Army sending Strykers to Iraq

Army News Service

TACOMA, Wash. — The Army's new Stryker armored vehicles are headed for their first operational assignment — service in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Vehicles of the Fort Lewis-based Stryker Brigade Combat Team began rolling onto ships Oct. 9 at the port of Tacoma, Wash. The Stryker vehicles and related equipment will support 3,600 soldiers from the 1st Corps' 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division who will begin their assignment in Iraq in a few weeks.

This week's move at the

port of Tacoma represents several benchmarks for the port, according to the Military Traffic Management Command. It's the biggest movement of military cargo at the port since Operation Desert Shield in 1990.

In addition, this is the first time Large, Medium-Speed, Roll-On/Roll-Off vessels of the Navy's Military Sealift Command have ever visited the port. The two vessels designated for the move are the USNS Shugart and the USNS Sisler.

"This is an historic move," said Lt. Col. Darren Zimmer, commander of the 833rd Transportation Battalion, the

unit conducting the loadout for MTMC. "This is the first use of the Stryker vehicles in an active combat environment. My unit is honored to have such a significant role in support of both a changing Army and Operation Iraqi Freedom."

The Stryker Brigade Combat Team completed its combat certification at Fort Polk, La., in May. The wheeled vehicles are part of the Army's transformation to move to a more agile combat force that may be transported faster.

(Information provided by John Randt, MTMC Public Affairs.)



Courtesy photo

Stryker armored vehicles line up at the port before being loaded onto ships.

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Transformation hits Army infrastructure

Beau Whittington
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — "You cannot transform the Army without transforming infrastructure," Ray Dubois told a standing-room-only forum Oct. 6.

As one of the guest speakers at the Association of the United States Army forum, the deputy under secretary of defense for installations and environment stressed that as the Army's global mission evolves, its infrastructure must change to support it.

The Installation Management Agency, which celebrates its first birthday this month, is a vital part of the evolution, Mario Fiori told the forum.

"Over the past year we've shown the agency can quickly respond to the needs of deployed and mobilized units," the assistant secretary of the Army for installations and environment said.

Officials spent the command's first year designing standards for what they believe facilities should be. Now, they are working toward those goals. But, Fiori warned there is no instant fix.

"We say one Army, we should look like one Army," he said. "We have to eliminate the have-nots."

Working in tandem with

the agency is the next round of base realignments and closures designed to maximize warfighting capabilities.

"We need to see deployed forces have what they need to meet a worldwide threat," Dubois said.

Achieving that need requires a global footprint.

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Dubois expects planners will have a better picture of the footprint by the end of the year when the services make their realignment recommendations to the Defense Department.

This will be the second round of proposals by the services. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld rejected first-round proposals, "re-minding commanders the force belongs to the president, not to them," Dubois said.

The key difference in this round is a higher level of command involvement which will consider joint operations at the beginning of the process, instead of the end. Plans will be submitted to joint cross-service groups in seven areas. This will re-

duce the services' ability to make recommendations protecting their turf, Dubois said.

To help the services make tough choices, Defense has established a fund called the BRAC wedge. These funds will be used to protect the services from having to pay up-front dollars for the

changes. "This is our last chance as a generation," Dubois said. "We must get it right."

"The goal is to get the Army out of non-core functions," said Bill Armbruster, deputy assistant secretary of the Army for privatization and partnerships.

Armbruster described the Residential Communities Initiative as one way to do that.

The initiative is the Army's plan to privatize on-post housing. Under the plan, the Army will transfer ownership and management responsibilities to private companies. Officials say the process allows the Army to leverage assets as private sector capital to fund up-front construction.

"It would take \$6 billion to

refurbish current housing facilities to standards," Armbruster said. "[This initiative] will save a lot of those dollars."

Approximately 70 percent of the Army's housing inventory needs renovation or replacement. Congressional funding levels for traditional military construction have been unable to keep pace with maintenance needs. Under normal procedures, officials estimate it would take 30 years to catch up.

To date, 26 projects have turned over some 73,000 housing units, Armbruster said. The deputy estimated the initiative will be completed by 2007.

"We cannot do this by conventional means," he said. "We must find creative partners."

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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 today subject to an additional \$5 late registration fee. For information, call Bill Browning at 791-5726.

Golf tournament

The Golf Club at Cedar Creek is hosting its first ever *Rally for a Cure* golf tournament **Nov. 1** in Aiken.

Proceeds benefit the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation and the Savannah River Cancer Foundation.

Play begins with a 9 a.m. shotgun start. Cost is \$50 per player including range balls and lunch; prizes will be awarded; play is four-player captain's choice. Single golfers will be paired with other groups. Tournament open to the first 132 players; register by Oct. 27.

Applications available at the Gordon Lakes Golf Course and the Gordon Club. For information, call (803) 648-4206.

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.

Veteran's Day Run

The Fort Gordon Ordnance Corps Association/73rd Ordnance Battalion hosts a Veterans Day 10K Run/5K Walk **Nov. 8.**

The cost of registration for the run is \$12 before **Oct. 28**; \$15 thereafter. For the walk/kids run, cost is \$10.

The race will start and finish in front of the Regimental Noncommissioned Officer Academy.

For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Robert Wannamaker at 791-2771.

Leverette wins heavyweight bronze medal

Tim Hipps
Army News Service

TOLEDO, Ohio – Staff Sgt. Charles Leverette had a lot of expectations going into the 2003 National Police Athletic League Boxing Championships Sept. 22-27 at SeaGate Convention Center in Toledo, Ohio.

Basheer Abdullah, coach of the Army World Class Athlete Program boxing team, tabbed Leverette captain for the tournament and asked that he exhibit leadership in the ring like he does for troops.

Abdullah said he would accept nothing less than a bronze medal for Leverette, whose wife, Lushanda, was expecting their second child during the tourney.

"I told her last week before I left: 'Hey, don't go into labor until I win this tournament,'" Charles said.

Leverette, a combat engineer from Brent, Ala., delivered a bronze medal in the 201-pound division at Toledo. Four days later, Lushanda delivered a baby boy at Fort Carson, Colo., on the eve of Leverette's scheduled trip to Sweden to compete for the United States in a dual competition.

Leverette was replaced at the 11th hour on Team USA's roster.

"They took me off the

team for the trip to Sweden to stay home with my wife and baby boy, so I guess I'll wind up fighting in Russia or Ukraine somewhere down the road," said the proud father of 5-pound, 14-ounce Jaden.

Leverette has climbed the United States' heavyweight rankings from 10th to sixth since leaving Fort Hood, Texas, two years ago to join the WCAP at Fort Carson.

"Hopefully, when next quarter's rankings come out, I'll move up to number two or three," Leverette said.

After winning four fights, Leverette lost an 8-3 semifinal decision to gold medalist Aaron Williams of Cleveland in the National PAL Championships.

"I think he sleeps and eats Ali's Cheerios, but I'll get him," Leverette said of losing to Williams, who is ranked fourth by USA Boxing.

"He moved a lot more than most heavyweights. Coach and I will sit down and analyze the tapes, see where I made my mistakes, (and then) adapt and overcome."

While Williams brings uncanny quickness to the ring, Leverette comes with an awkward stalking style of boxing.

"He's not pretty, but he finds a way to pull out victories," Abdullah said. "It's hard to defend against anybody

who has an awkward style because you don't know what angle the punches are coming from."

Abdullah refers to Leverette, 30, as "a late bloomer" in the boxing world. It's now or never time for the staff sergeant to make noise in the amateur ranks.

"I'm not going to say I'm at the end of the road because physically I'm able to go," Leverette said.

"But as far as amateurs, the time is now."

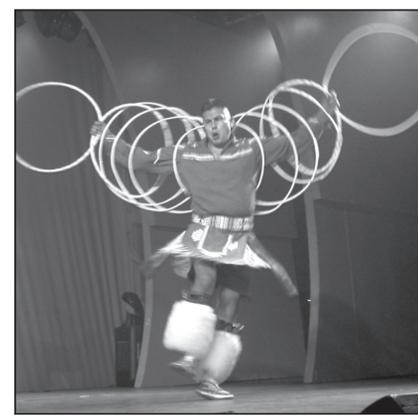


Photo by Sgt. Ryan Matson

Native American Spc. Clifton Falcon Hall thrills fans at the Fort Gordon Dinner Theatre with his Native American dance routine at the Soldier Show, held here Saturday and Sunday.

Show

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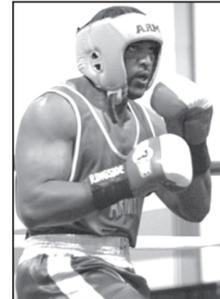
The soldiers are nearing the end of their six-month tour of duty. After Saturday's show, they only had 19 more performances in the 103 performance schedule. The tour takes them to 57 locations in 21 states, the District of Columbia, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and South Korea.

Sgt. Joanne Brown, an Army Reservist called to

active duty with the 428th Military Police Company, said the tour has been the time of her life.

"It's the most exciting, most adventurous, hardest work opportunity," she said of the show, which gives her the opportunity to blend her love of serving her country and her love of theater.

A second show for the public was held Sunday night, as well as a special show for Advanced Individual Training soldiers only.



Staff Sgt. Charles Leverette, a member of the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program at Fort Carson, Colo., won a bronze medal in the heavyweight division of the 2003 National Police Athletic League Boxing Championships.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Rafael Lopez

How could you choose?

Miss Latina of Augusta 2000, Neisha Berrios (left) stands beside the three contestants for the 2003 crown: (left to right) Columbian contestant Victoria Roldan, Mexican contestant Miranda Moreno and Puerto Rican contestant Crystal DeValle. The contest was part of the 11th Annual Hispanic Festival Saturday at the Augusta Common and featured food, and a variety of musical and dancing groups.



(Left) Ballroom Dance Center dancers Brandie Bodlien and Stephen Rozier perform a traditional Hispanic dance.



(Above) Staff Sgt. Steven Alejandro, Headquarters and Company A, 442nd Signal Battalion, was presented an award from the Asociacion Cultural Hispanoamericana for speaking at the event.



(Left) Kimberly Roman (left) and Shayla Givens (right) enjoy some food and giggles at the festival.



And the winner is...Miss Colombia! Berrios crowns Roldan the new Miss Latina of Augusta, a title which came with \$500 scholarship from ACHA. Both Berrios and Roldan have military fathers - Berrios' father, Maj. Jorge Berrios, is stationed at Fort Gordon, and Roldan's father is a communications soldier in the Reserves who recently returned from Kuwait. Roldan, 18, said as Miss Latina she will be responsible for getting teens involved in community service and ACHA events. "We are the next generation," she said.

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The United States Air Force, Headquarters Air Combat Command has completed a draft Environmental Assessment analyzing the potential environmental impacts of the proposed use of training chaff and self-protection flares in the Bulldog A/B Military Operation Areas (MOAs) in Georgia and Gamecock B/C/D MOAs in South Carolina.

Three F-16 squadrons assigned to the 20th Fighter Wing at Shaw Air Force Base and one squadron assigned to the 169th FW at McEntire Air National Guard Station currently train in the airspace and propose adding the use of chaff and flares to their defensive countermeasure training. No changes in existing operations, including altitude or number of flights, would occur as a result of the proposal.

A copy of the draft Environmental Assessment and draft Finding of No Significant Impact will be available for review beginning October 14, 2003 at the following libraries and at www.ccevp.com.

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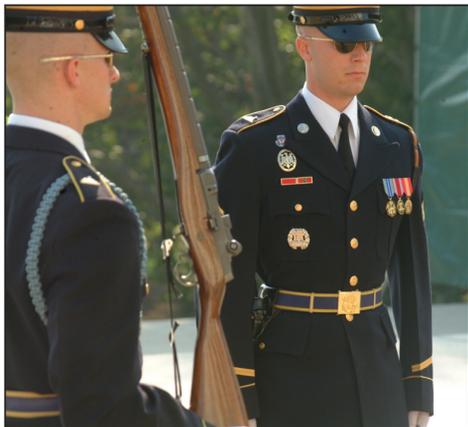
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This group of soldiers attended the Association of the United States Army convention Oct. 6 to 9 in Washington, D.C., as a reward from the Greater Augusta/Fort Gordon chapter of AUSA for winning board competitions such as "Soldier of the Year" on post. They are, first row left to right: Staff Sgt. Sabrina Williams, Drill Sgt. Tony Moore, Drill Sgt. Sara Smith, NCO of the Year, Drill Sgt. Kenric Brooks, Staff Sgt. Donald Ross, Sgt. Matthew Lloyd, Soldier of the Year, Pfc. Chad Webber. Second row, left to right Sgt. John Schreier, Spc. Cynthia Russell, Staff Sgt. Lakisha Starks, Instructor of the Year, Pfc. Lawrence Wiggins, Sgt. Nykea Smart, Sgt. Latesha Tillman, Spc. Sheldon Hansen, Drill Sgt. Sheldon Moorner, Sgt. 1st Class Tara Bryan, 1st Sgt. Edgar Moon, Sgt. Tammy Price, Spc. Vesta Pettigny, Staff Sgt. Calmese Jordan, Jr. Rear, Staff Sgt. Kimbriel Odell. Not pictured, Staff Sgt. Cornelius Boyd and Spc. Wayne Landis. Soldiers got a chance to view historical landmarks in Washington, D.C., and meet senior military leaders like Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack Tilley.



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(Above left) Old Guard soldiers watch over the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington Cemetery as Moon (above center) and Price (above right) watch the ceremony.



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(Above left) Starks and Tillman spend time getting to know residents at the Old Soldier's home during the site-seeing day.



(Left) This year's Army Drill Sgt. of the Year, Billie Jo Miranda, is a Signal Soldier in the 31W MOS. Here she receives a plaque from Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker and Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack Tilley at the AUSA convention.



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Fort Gordon's soldiers on their way to take the Metro to another day of activities at the convention. (Left) Smith looks at assignment options with her branch manager during the soldier's tour of the Hoffman building.



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(Left) Webber gets a lift from Army and world champion heavyweight wrestler, Sgt. Dremiel Byers. (Right) Moorner antagonizes Byers and Pfc. Tina George, the Army and world champion 131-lb. female wrestling champion.



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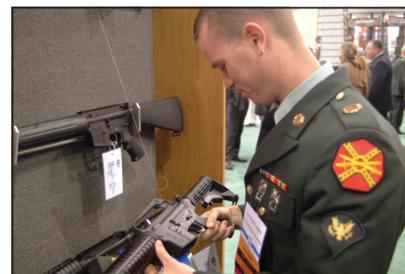


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Hansen checks out an M-16 exhibit on one of the two floors holding thousands of Army exhibits in the Convention Center.