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News UPDATE

Free concert

The U. S. Army Signal Band performs from 2-4 p.m. **Thursday** at the Gazebo in Freedom Park.

The event is free and open to the public.

Health fair

The Fort Gordon Civilian Personnel Advisory Center hosts the annual Health Fair **Thursday** at the following times and locations:

9-11:30 a.m. – EAMC fourth floor lobby

1-3:30 p.m. – Gordon Club, Magnolia Room

The open season for enrolling or changing plans, coverage levels or types of coverage under the Federal Employees Health Benefits program is Nov. 10-Dec. 8, with changes effective in January. For information, call 791-4179.

Night firing

There will be aerial gunnery night firing taking place on the Western Artillery Impact Area, from 6-11 p.m. **Monday through Friday**. Call 791-9747 or 791-5005 for information.

Parking lot closure

The parking area between 28th Street, Chamberlain Avenue and B Street will be closed from **Nov. 10 - Dec. 15** for construction of the Signal Symposium exhibit tent.

This also includes the closure of the northwest corner of the parking area adjacent to exhibit tent. For information, call 791-7800.

Gym closed

Gym 3 is closed until **Nov. 12** for renovation. For information, call 791-4300.

Halloween hours

Trick or treating hours on post are 6-8:30 p.m. **today**. 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

Total contributions (as of Oct. 28): \$369,036.96

Total employees contributing: 3,770

Credit for Army training

Denise Allen
Signal staff

An agreement signed last week will give Army Reservists and National Guardsmen college credit for Army training.

"This is an awesome thing we are doing – an official partnership is being signed today," said Brig. Gen. Jan Hicks, U.S. Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon commander. "It's the first of its kind."

Hicks and Carol Spalding, president of Florida Community College in Jacksonville, signed a memorandum of agreement Oct. 23 in Conrad Hall, which allows Florida Army Reservists and National Guardsmen to take two specific types of Army training near Jacksonville and use those credits toward a college degree.

A 22-week warrant officer course that reservists and guardsmen must currently come to take at Fort Gordon is one of the courses offered.

It will provide 46 credit hours toward a 60-hour associate in applied science degree in computer technology engineering CISCO CCNP technician.

The other training will be for the 74B-10 MOS, and that will allow Soldiers to earn 23 credit hours toward a 60 hour associate degree in applied science in computer engineering.

The program allows con-

venience and flexibility for the reservists and guardsmen.

Chief Warrant Officer Wayne Jensen, proponent manager, said there is currently a waiting list to take this class at Fort Gordon, plus it's difficult for reservists and guardsmen to get away for such a long period of time.

On a yearly basis, there are "thousands" who train in the Bravo course and about 200 to 300 who train for the warrant officer class.

"We are already overwhelmed," he said.

The Army tested this program about two years ago with the state of South Carolina with 20 soldiers at Greenville Technical College.

"It was very successful," said Jensen. Also, it saved the state "more than \$360,000 in training funds."

Jensen said that other states including South Carolina, Texas, Arizona and Virginia, are interested in the program.

Other courses such as the basic and advance non-commissioned officer's courses and a network manager warrant officer course may be offered at the local community college level in the future.

Hicks said this program was a "powerful" recruiting tool.

"This is one of the key reasons why young people need to start their career in the military," she said.

New scholarship available to Soldiers

Steve Brady
Signal editor

The Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association, better known as AFCEA, has two educational opportunities available.

The group is offering a new scholarship, as well as tuition assistance.

Part of AFCEA's mission is to support education through scholarships and grants to teachers said Amy Tuschen, president of the Augusta-Fort Gordon Chapter.

"This year AFCEA is honored to team with General Dynamics C4 Systems, a longtime AFCEA contributor, as our partner in giving the \$2,000 Buchholz schol-

arship to an enlisted Signal Soldier." Buchholz was a former commander and life-long member of the Signal community, she said.

She said AFCEA scholarships and other contributions to the local area amounts to more than \$500,000 over the past five years.

The Lt. Gen. Douglas D. Buchholz Memorial Scholarship, a \$2,000 annual scholarship, will be awarded during the 2003 Signal Symposium to an outstanding enlisted Signal Soldier.

Selection will be based on recommendations by a scholarship board. Criteria for consideration include:

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Gate closure

There will be a month-long traffic test from Monday through Dec. 2, during which Gate 5 will be closed to inbound traffic from 10 p.m.-4 a.m. Gate 5 is located off Deans Bridge Road and Tobacco Road.

During the test period, inbound traffic will be directed to Gates 1, 2 or 3, off Gordon

Highway, during these hours. Outbound traffic will be unaffected.

Following the test, further information will be provided as to whether or not the restriction will be extended, altered or curtailed.

For more information, call the Public Affairs Office at 791-6001 or 791-7003.



Photo by Steve Brady

Heavy metal

Workers from Johnson Controls, with the help of a 100-ton crane, maneuver a tank onto a flatbed trailer Oct. 23. The 44-ton tank, an M-48A1 Patton, was moved from the Gate 1 area to Heritage Park to make room for a visitor's center at Gate 1. The visitor's center is scheduled to be completed by March.

Leadership seminar aimed at area's young women

Denise Allen
Signal staff

Jessi Thomas had her career plans altered a little last week.

"I want to go into the Marines, but I'm leaning toward the Army now," said the Lakeside High School sophomore, after attending the young women's leadership seminar on Oct. 23 at Fort Gordon.

"Since I've been here, I'm leaning to wanting to be a drill sergeant."

More than 300 high school students from 12 Richmond, Columbia and Aiken county schools and Youth Challenge Academy cadets attended the conference, which was the first of its kind at Fort Gordon, according to Maj. James Lopez.

"The intent of the event is to bring girls together to show them if they dream, they can be anything they want to be," he said.

Not sure what the response would be from the community, Lopez said planners only brought in military speakers including Brig. Gen. Jan Hicks, chief of Signal.

Other speakers included a drill sergeant, a company commander and a battalion commander.

"We wanted to embed a seed in their brain that you can all

be leaders," he said.

Capt. David Myers, instructor with North Augusta High School's Naval JROTC program, brought 23 of his cadets to the conference.

"It's a chance to give them some exposure to some of the possibilities. There is so much available they aren't even aware of," he said.

Besides listening to speakers, the girls toured classroom buildings on Fort Gordon and the Signal Corps Museum.

While the event wasn't designed as a heavy recruiting tool, there was information available for the girls to take

home. Getting them interested in the military is important because of Army initiatives to keep females in the service, said Lopez.

About half of all females leave the military after their first tour, he said.

Seeing that women can achieve leadership roles in the Army is important for female Soldiers and recruits.

The young women's conference is likely to become an annual event; however, the spectrum of speakers would be widened next year, he said.

"Next year, we'd like to invite speakers from different career fields," he said.



Photo by Sgt. Ryan Matson

Students toured the Signal Museum as part of the young women's leadership seminar here Oct. 23. The seminar, in its first year, is planned to be an annual event.

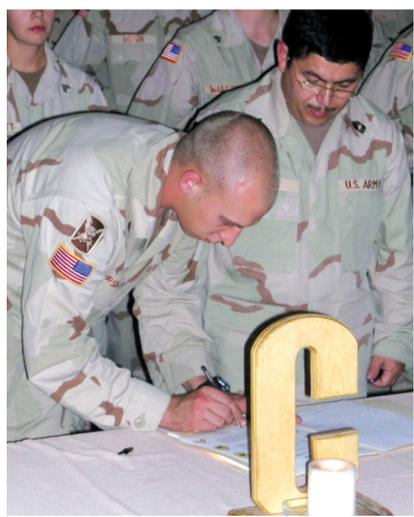


Photo by Spc. Leslie Pearson

Sign on the line

The 513th Military Intelligence Brigade held its Noncommissioned Officer fourth quarter induction ceremony Oct. 17 at the Gordon Club. Here, Sgt. Alex Erskine signs the NCO creed as Master Sgt. Walid Gabr looks on. Both are in the 202nd Military Intelligence Battalion. Forty Soldiers were inducted into the club during the ceremony.

Becoming an American

Staff Sgt. Andre' Butler
116th Military Intelligence Group

The last stanza in the Star Spangled Banner - "The home of the free - the land of brave," but do all Americans truly understand what these words mean?

Are these words, or any of the words in the National Anthem, being paid the homage that they so honorably deserve by American citizens?

Recently, after being in this country for seven years and not being able to totally enjoy all of the freedoms that Americans at times take for granted, Spc. Erika Devasconcelos, an administrative specialist, 116th Military Intelligence Group, was sworn in as a U.S. citizen during a ceremony in Atlanta.

"I do believe that a lot of Americans, especially the younger ones, take their citizenship for granted," said Sgt. Maj. Brandt Thomas, plans and operations sergeant major, 116th Military Intelligence Group. "They have no (idea) of how other people have to live in other countries," Thomas added.

But for those living in the United States who are from other countries and are not American citizens, the hour when they finally receive their citizenship could be one of the most memorable moments in their lives.

Devasconcelos came to this country at the age of 15 and has been a resident ever since. Her mother moved to Overland Park, Kansas, with hopes of providing a better life for Devasconcelos and her two siblings, said Devasconcelos.

"I think that's what all foreign people do," she said.

"They come here to work because the jobs and lifestyles are somewhat better here than in most other countries. One of the main reasons for this (perception) is because of the

freedom that we have here. You can basically do whatever it is that you want, if it's within the law," said Devasconcelos. "As a female in Brazil, sometimes we don't openly express ourselves like women here in America. Not that you don't have that right, it is (understandably) part of the Brazilian culture," she added.

But this may not be the case in other countries. "There are many countries where just speaking out will get you arrested or even killed," said Thomas. "I have been in various countries and every time - I think of how good we have it in this country."

Even though you don't have to be an American citizen to reap the rewards of this system, another important factor for Devasconcelos becoming a citizen is the way the education system works in the United States.

"From the time you are a little one, your parents and others tell you how important it is to take advantage of the educational system here," Devasconcelos said.

"To me, there is more emphasis placed on schooling here than where I came from. The school systems in Brazil weren't bad or anything, actually - they were good, but here it's totally different. It seems to me the people here take it more seriously," she added.

"I did attend elementary and middle school in Brazil, but I learned more when I got to (America). At first, it was a challenge because I really didn't speak English. But within six months of starting high school in Kansas things got a lot better for me."

After finishing high school, Devasconcelos moved on and joined the military on the delayed entry program.

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AFCEA

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- must be active enlisted Soldier assigned to Fort Gordon
- currently enrolled at an accredited college or university and have completed at least 15 semester hours
- cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better
- submission of a 450-650 word essay on "Communications in the 21st Century"

The group is also offering tuition assistance awards of \$500 to military E-6 and below and civilians GS-7 and below, who are pursuing degrees. Students must be accepted or enrolled in a college, university or technical school, and

preference will be given to those working on scientific or technology degrees.

For information, go to www.afcea-augusta.org and click on scholarship info. Applications are due by Nov. 15.

The scholarship will be awarded during the opening ceremonies of the Signal Symposium Dec. 3 in Alexander Hall. The Buchholz awardee and the tuition assistance awards will also be recognized at the AFCEA dinner held that evening at the Gordon Club.

For information, call Tuschchen at 791-7815, or e-mail amytuschchen@knology.net.

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Theatre springs *Mousetrap*

Denise Allen
Signal staff

When it comes to details of Fort Gordon Dinner Theatre's next production, the actors are more tight-lipped than the stiff upper-lipped British characters they portray.

"You're not allowed to divulge the secret of this play," theater director Steve Walpert said about the upcoming performance of Agatha Christie's *The Mousetrap*, the longest running theatrical production in the world.

The Mousetrap will be performed Nov. 7, 8, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22. Dinner is at 7 p.m. with the production at 8 p.m.

More than 10 million people have seen the produc-

tion since it opened in London in 1952. Audience members swore to keep the secret locked forever in their hearts.

"They attempted to put it in novel form several years ago, and there was a clamor in Britain that the story would be out," he said.

The classic murder mystery takes place in the guest home of Giles and Mollie Ralston. The young couple invites several people to their newly inherited home. What follows is a series of twists and turns that demonstrate Agatha Christie's genius.

"I love *The Mousetrap*," said Bonnie Welder, who plays Miss Casewell. "I saw it at St. Martin's in London, where it's been running since the 1970s. It's a masterpiece,

a classic murder mystery."

What keeps the play fresh after 50 years are the familiar character types – Major Metcalf, the retired British officer, Mollie Ralston, the ingénue, detective Sgt. Trotter, the detective who keeps the plot moving, and Christopher Wren, who provides an air of comic relief.

"When you see these characters, you have a certain fondness for them," said Walpert. "(But) you start taking sides immediately. You say 'I wouldn't miss that character if they disappeared from the stage.'"

While there are many twists and turns in the plots, Walpert said that Christie put out all the clues for the audience to figure out

whodunit.

Someone who has seen the play before can spot the subtle clues they missed the first time, he said.

To add to the classic nature of the production, Walpert will be using sound effects and music from the golden days of radio. The play was initially done as a radio play.

The play opens with the sounds of someone walking and the tune "Three Blind Mice" droning in the background. The title of Christie's original radio play was "Three Blind Mice."

There are gunshots and the sound of a woman's scream. The cast is comprised of eight characters.

2nd Lt. Ted Howard of the 442nd Signal Battalion is only at Fort Gordon for a few months while taking the Signal Officers' Basic Course, but said he wanted to participate in dinner theater after seeing the most recent production of *The Odd Couple*.

"They did an amazing job with it," said Howard, who plays Giles Ralston.

Tickets are \$32 for civilians, \$30 for seniors (65 and older), retirees, Department of the Army Civilians, active duty E8 and above, \$20 for active duty E7 and below, and \$15 for the show only.

For reservations, call the box office at 793-8552 or order online at <http://www.Stagetix.com/FGTSigninPlease.asp>.



Photo by Denise Allen

Spc. James Archer tries to woo Megan Scarboro during a rehearsal of Fort Gordon Dinner Theatre's production of Agatha Christie's *The Mousetrap*. Archer portrays the comic relief character of Christopher Wren, while Scarboro is Mollie Ralston, one of the main characters.

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Bettencourt tapped as next deputy chief information officer/G-6

Special to the Signal

WASHINGTON — Lt. Gen. Steven W. Boutelle, the Army's Chief Information Officer/G-6 announced today that he has selected Vernon M. Bettencourt Jr., as his deputy.

Bettencourt is currently serving as the Director of Analysis and Chief Information Officer to the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3, for the Department of the Army. He ensures that ODCS, G-3 priority information requirements are identified and effectively supported using analysis, analytic simulations, information management, and command, control communications and computers for Information Infrastructure Systems. He provides senior analysis support to the Force Development Director of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-8.

As the Deputy Chief Information Officer/G-6, Bettencourt will run the day-to-day operations for the Office of the CIO/G-6 and provide senior-level advice to Boutelle.

Bettencourt succeeds David Borland, the Army's current deputy chief information officer/G-6, who retires at the end of this year after more than 30 years of federal service.

Bettencourt will start work at CIO/G-6 Nov. 17.

"We are extremely fortunate to bring Vern

Bettencourt on board," Boutelle said. "He brings a vast understanding of the issues involved with transforming the Army into a knowledge-based, network-centric force. He will be a key player in our efforts to realign and optimize our networks to support the joint warfighter."

"I'm extremely excited to be joining the CIO/G-6 team," Bettencourt said. "Networking the force is a key focus area for the Army chief of staff and is an essential element in winning the Global War on Terrorism. I look forward to this challenge."

From June 1998 to February 1999, Bettencourt served as director, U.S. Army Modeling and Simulation DCS, G-3, where he provided vision, strategy, oversight, and management of M&S across the Army.

From October 1995 to May 1998, Bettencourt served as Special Assistant for Forces and Program Evaluation, deputy under secretary of the Army (Operations Research), where he was responsible for policy, oversight, and guidance of analyses, test and evaluation, and experimentation activities associated with force structure requirements and readiness, selected materiel systems, and Army plans, programs and budgets.

Upon appointment to the SES in 1995, Bettencourt served as the Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Combat Developments, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command from January to October 1995. He was responsible for combat development and acquisition plans, programs, policies, and procedures in TRADOC and their integration into Department of the Army and Department of Defense acquisition systems.

In 1990, Bettencourt joined the MITRE Defense C3I Federally Funded Research and Development Center, where he founded the Synthetic Environments Applications Department, designing and applying simulations to support systems engineering for sponsors in OSD, Army, Navy, and USMC.

He then became the Army Program Area Manager for the Information Systems and Technology Division, coordinating the efforts of scientists and engineers supporting the Army with information technology. His final position at MITRE was Associate Director of Army Programs, where he was responsible for strategic planning, development, and control of C3ISR support to the Army.

Bettencourt's final assignment in a 20-year Army career was as Director of TRADOC Analysis Center-

Monterey, where he supervised simulation research for TRADOC. Prior to that he served as military assistant to the Deputy Under Secretary of the Army (DUSA(OR)) from 1985 to 1988. During his Army officer career, Bettencourt also served in various field artillery command and staff assignments in Germany, Vietnam, Korea and the continental United States. He earned his commission from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., in 1969 and a Master of Science in operations research from the Georgia Institute of Technology in 1976. In the mid-1980s, he earned a Master of Business Administration in finance from C. W. Post University and was licensed as a Professional Engineer in industrial engineering.

He is a past president and a current fellow of the Military Operations Research Society, has chaired the MORS annual symposium and several workshops, and is a member of several academic and managerial honor societies. He has been published and presented papers in numerous national and international OR, management and military forums. Additionally, he has received the SES Presidential Rank Award of Meritorious Executive.

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Viewpoint

Information, Opinions, and Commentary

Terrorists test American resolve

Beau Whittington
Army News Service

Realizing American resolve in toppling Saddam Hussein's Ba'athist regime is stronger than many supposed, loyalists have refocused their failing war effort on Iraq's supporting coalition forces, as well as international support agencies offering aide to Iraqis seeking freedom.

Monday's 45-minute spree of coordinated car bomb explosions throughout Baghdad kicked off the Muslim holy month of Ramadan with a message to Iraqis and anyone who would aid coalition forces in building a new Iraq. Attacks on the local headquarters of the International Committee of the Red Cross and three police stations killed 34 people and wounded more than 200. While one American Soldier died, and seven others were

injured, the attacks were clearly not targeted at coalition forces.

The bombers were sending a clear message to the world that those who collaborate with reconstruction efforts are enemies of the fundamentalist Jihad. Their timing was scheduled for maximum media coverage to highlight fundamentalist goals during the holy month.

The new battlefield is designed to isolate coalition forces and impede the country's growth into a democratic, economically viable society — one with a nationalist persona.

Sunday's rocket attack on the al Rasheed Hotel was also designed as a media event. While the luxury hotel houses the governing council, its importance is one of power. The hotel opened in 1982 as a guesthouse for the elite under the Hussein regime. It remains a symbol of strength to loy-

alists who want to show they can attack whenever and wherever they want.

The bigger question in this attack is "who's fighting the war." The sophistication of the attack proved to be more than a band of disjointed loyalists could achieve. Over the past several months coalition forces have detained scores of suspected members of the al Qaeda and Ansar al-Islam, a militant group in northern Iraq believed to be linked to al Qaeda.

Coalition officials describe the Iraqis as being fiercely independent people who don't like interference from any outsider. Yet, more and more suicide bombers are showing up with foreign papers. For instance, the Associated Press reported Monday that police shot the driver of a car targeting a fourth police station before he could detonate his explosives. They

identified him as a Syrian national.

We must remember fundamentalist extremists have no borders, or national loyalties. They will attack anywhere to forward their holy war.

But their most brazen moves were planned to intimidate the United Nations and the Jordanians from joining the rebuilding efforts.

Loyalists bombed the Jordanian Embassy in Baghdad Aug. 7 — killing 11 people and injuring another 50 — because they resented Jordan's support for the U.S. attack on the Ba'athist regime. None of the fatalities were Jordanian.

Sixteen U.N. representatives died and another 100 were injured when a massive car bomb ignited in front of the U.N. compound in Baghdad Aug. 10. Their mission was to aid coalition forces in establishing an advisory council, with hopes of establishing a

free and democratic government. Following the attack, U.N. officials considered pulling out of Iraq until the country became a more secure environment to operate in.

Besides attacking high profile targets, loyalists continue to keep pressure on the infrastructure by hitting soft targets such as oil fields, utilities and water supplies.

Their mission is clear — disrupt and intimidate. Their goal is clear — destroy resolve.

This battlefield will prove more difficult than that of advancing troops. It will also prove more rewarding. We must maintain our resolve to free the Iraqi people, help them learn to govern themselves and build a new economy. And, we must enlist allies to share in the battle.

A free and prosperous Iraq will give peace a chance.

Halloween safety tips

- Do not allow a child to go Trick or Treating alone. Be sure older children use the buddy system and young children are accompanied by an adult.
 - Be certain that parents are familiar with every house and with all people from whom the children receive treats.
 - Children should be cautioned that they should not enter any home without prior permission from their parents.
 - Children should be cautioned not to approach any vehicle, occupied or not, unless they know the owner and are accompanied by a parent.
 - Make sure that all children carry a glow stick or wear reflective clothing.
 - When using facial masks, make sure children can see and breathe properly and easily.
 - Children should be warned never to approach any house that is not well lit and that does not have a porch light on.
 - Children should be cautioned to remember any suspicious incidents and report them to their parents and/or the proper official.
 - Instruct children to scream and make a scene if anyone tries to grab them or force them, in any way, to go with them.
 - Parents should inspect all treats and dispose of anything that has been opened, has never been wrapped or seems susceptible to tampering.
- (Information provided by the Fort Gordon Installation Safety Office.)

Lung cancer awareness month

Janet Manning
Eisenhower Army Medical Center

November is Lung Cancer Awareness Month. Since 1995 Eisenhower Army Medical Center has been fortunate to have a Lung Mass Clinic to evaluate existing abnormal lung X-ray findings, and diagnose and arrange prompt treatment for patients who have suspicious finding on a radiological exam. The Lung Mass clinic is held in EAMC's Pulmonary Clinic every week.

In 2002 lung cancer was diagnosed and treated at DDEAMC more than any other type of cancer. Cancer is defined as a group of diseases that are characterized by uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells.

Increasing the surveillance of people who are at risk of developing lung cancer may help to detect the disease earlier in the course of the illness. With early detection, treatment can be started earlier, improving the quality of life for patients stricken with this disease.

Lung cancer is usually di-

agnosed in the late stage of the illness. Exposure to environmental chemicals, such as asbestos and tobacco smoke; radiation; viruses; and even genetic changes caused by chemicals from our own bodies can lead to developing cancer.

Because of the size of the lungs, cancer may grow for many years undetected, without causing symptoms. People at risk include smokers and former smokers, people exposed to passive smoke, people exposed to occupational sources of carcinogens known to cause lung cancer, or those with a family history of lung cancer. Usually lung cancer is found after the patient complains of a continuous, annoying cough that won't go away.

Studies indicate that 85 percent or more of the all lung cancer cases occur among people who have a his-

tory of smoking tobacco. Patients who are presently smoking should consider quitting.

If there is a family history and the patient is a smoker or has smoked in the past, the patient should make sure their primary care provider is aware of their social and medical history.

Patients should not ignore a constant, annoying cough especially if weight loss or coughing up blood is present. If these symptoms are present the patient should contact their doctor for an appointment.

(Manning is the lung mass nurse case manager at DDEAMC.)



Photo by Kathleen Haskell

Janet Manning (left), nurse case manager, and Maj. Michael Quinn, a pulmonary, critical care and sleep medicine doctor at Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center, discuss the care plan for a patient who has a lung mass, as Quinn identifies the lung mass on a chest CT scan.

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A day in the life of...

An O2C (euphonium player)

Sgt. Ryan Matson
Military editor

How many people do you know who play a mean euphonium?

Well, after reading this, you'll become familiar with at least one.

Spc. Phillip Andrew, 434th Signal Corps Band, is an O2C, or euphonium player. He describes his instrument as "a little tuba."

"It's a baritone horn," Andrew explained.

"It sounds like a trombone, except it's a bigger, more mellow sound. It's the same range as a trombone, but a broader sound, the sound is more round, whereas a trombone sounds tinny compared to it. It has four valves like a tuba, but no slide like a trombone."

The 18-year-old from Connecticut first picked up a euphonium at the end of third grade. Now he is one of two euphonium players in the Signal Corps Band. He said he was drawn to the instrument because of its sound, and because his mother played baritone horn.

"It has a good British brass band sound to it, and that's what I like," Andrew explained.

"If you went over to Europe right now and listened to a big brass band play, there would be tons of people there; it's a big thing over in England."

For Andrew, playing in the Army band was not planned, but something he thought would be neat to do as a child.

"Growing up, I knew somebody who was in Pershing's Own Band in Washington, D.C. (the Army's elite band unit)," Andrew said.

"I always looked up to him like, 'Wow! Imagine if I could play in the Army band!'"

He is still working to that dream even to this day.

"Someday I want to end up being there," he said.

He still has plenty of time to achieve this goal. The young specialist enlisted as a euphonium player and has been in the Army a year and four months. He is the youngest member of his unit.

Andrew can also play other related brass instruments as well, such as the tuba, trumpet and trombone, which he plays in the jazz ensemble and brass quintet. He said the trombone and euphonium both use the same mouthpiece, while the trumpet's is smaller, and tuba is bigger.

While it has taken a lot of work for Andrew to get to his level of performance with his instrument, he must have been blessed with a fair amount of natural talent as well.

"I really don't listen to famous euphonium players," he said. "I'm not a person to sit down and listen to music and find out about music, I just like to play it. Actually, I listen to music that has nothing to do with my instrument at all, like rock."

Since the band is their own self-sustaining unit, Andrew and his bandmates all have side duties to perform to keep the unit functioning.

"I do a lot of other things other things other than playing my horn during the duty day," Andrew said.

"I've been across the street working over in admin, doing paperwork and all kinds of stuff like that."

In fact, Andrew said he often spends more time performing admin duties than actually playing his instrument. Still, he takes on these side responsibilities with the same amount of vigor he applies to his euphonium playing.

"I like it (doing side responsibilities within the unit)," Andrew said. "It gives me a lot of room for growth. I can learn more and it helps me with promotion board questions, since I work with a lot of different forms such as the 4187."

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

The first step is to arrange an audition with an area Army band unit where the auditioning musician must play scales, a prepared piece and must also sight-read and play music.

If the prospective Army musician passes this audition, he/she has completed only the first step of the process and earned the right to attend advanced individual training to study music for the Army following the completion of basic training.

The AIT for members of the band is a tri-service school (Army, Navy and Marines attend the school), spans six months and is held at the Little Creek Amphibious Base in Norfolk, Va.

Roughly a quarter of the class will be dismissed from the course due to failure to meet the course standards. If someone is dismissed, they have the option of re-classing into a second MOS.

There the musicians must pass an additional three auditions using Army issued instruments.

In AIT, students also learn musical theory, ear training and a bit of arranging and writing music, as well as other topics. Andrew said he learned a lot of book knowledge while in AIT.

"I obviously got better at my instrument from playing more, but I didn't have the book knowledge on musical theory, I didn't have the ear training and stuff like that," Andrew said.

"I also learned how to conduct, or at least the bare basics of it. You learn a lot of musical theory, all the chords

and harmonies and how it all works together."

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

There are multiple bands and groups within the Signal Corps Band, such as the ceremonial band, the marching band, the concert band, the jazz ensemble, the jazz combo, the rock band, the Dixie band, the brass quintet, the woodwind quintet and subgroups of all of these bands. Since there is no MOS for vocalist, an interested member of the band can also sing if they desire.

A love of music, good work ethic and a desire to serve your country in the military are the main ingredients it takes to play in the Army band.

Other than that, Andrew said even though they are one band, all sorts of people make up the Signal Corps band.

"You have people straight out of high school, people with college degrees for music, people from all sorts of backgrounds, brought up in many different ways," he said.

"Obviously we've got one thing in common, we all love music."

Andrew said he considers himself lucky to be in the Army Band.

"Out in the real world, being a professional euphonium player is very hard to do," he said.

"I may make this a lifetime career, I don't know if I love it yet, but I really enjoy it. I mean around here, my nickname is 'Smiley.'"



Photo by Sgt. Ryan Matson

Spc. Phillip Andrew plays his euphonium, a baritone horn with a similar sound to a trombone, except more mellow and grand, Andrew said. Andrew is an O2C, or the military occupational specialty for Army euphonium player. He is one of two in the Signal Corps Band. Andrew, who is only 18-years-old and took up the instrument in third grade, said his goal is to someday play in Pershing's Own Band in Washington, D.C., home of the Army's top musicians. "Someday, I want to end up being there," he said.

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Quarterly award winners

The Fort Gordon quarterly installation awards ceremony was held Thursday in Conrad Hall. The following personnel were recognized:



The *Civilian of the Quarter* for the fourth quarter is **Allan Downen**. A native of Evansville, Ind., Downen has 28 years of federal service, spending 21 of those years at Fort Gordon. While in the military, he served in the Judge Advocate General's Corps, working at Fort Gordon's Legal Assistance Office and at the U.S. Army Legal Services Agency in Falls Church, Va.

He spent 18 years in the Army Reserve, prior to his retirement as a lieutenant colonel in 1998. Downen currently works as a supervisory general attorney in the Claims Division in the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate. He supervises the evaluation and payment of a variety of claims filed against the Army.

These claims include payment for Soldiers' household goods damaged in moves, property damage or loss caused by vandalism or theft, and injuries or damage caused by negligent acts of Soldiers or government employees. He is most proud of being chosen to instruct at the U.S. Army Claims Services' annual Worldwide Claims Training Workshop. In his spare time, Downen enjoys computer gaming, reading, traveling, watching college basketball and football, and spending time with his wife Cecilia and daughter Susan.



The *Volunteer of the Month* for August is **Susan Henderson**. She has been volunteering on Fort Gordon and with the surrounding community for the past two years. She began volunteering at age 12 and has volunteered in different locations throughout the United States and overseas, including Europe and Asia.

Henderson has been the community outreach chairperson with the American Red Cross at Eisenhower Army Medical Center since October 2001. She helps to ensure that the community is aware of Red Cross services and is a liaison with the Red Cross chapter in Augusta. Additional volunteer work includes Christmas House, Army Community Service and the Officers' Wives' Club in varying capacities. Off post, Henderson is a member of the Central Savannah River Area Girl Scouts Council's Board of Directors and has volunteered for the Blue Ribbon Riders, in addition to working at her daughter's school.

With all her volunteer work, she still finds time to work as a consultant for Southern Living at Home. A native of western Pennsylvania, she is married to Col. Robert Henderson, and they have a daughter Cathy. She feels her greatest accomplishments have been learning flexibility (military life demands it) and raising a phenomenal daughter. A future goal is to retire, live on a ranch and raise horses. There, she can enjoy her family and her hobbies of woodworking, photography and crafts.



Diane Saarinen is the *Volunteer of the Month* for July. She volunteers as a computer assistant with the Employment Readiness and Deployment and Mobilization sections of Army Community Service.

She maintains databases, assists in the preparation of mass mailings for special events, and updates standard operating procedures, job employment books and website cards. She also sends out letters to families of deployed servicemembers and prepares confirmation letters and other correspondence for signature.

When she isn't volunteering, she enjoys traveling with her husband Quinn and attending Dodgers' baseball games. She chose to volunteer to learn more about the military and its law. Her short-term goals include volunteering in Fort Gordon's Office of the Staff Judge Advocate.

Her long-term goals are to complete her paralegal education, which she is currently working on at Augusta State University and work as a legal research assistant. She feels her greatest accomplishment has been working on the Lincoln legal papers project, "A Documentary History of the Law Practice of Abraham Lincoln," which will be housed in the new presidential library.



Staff Sgt. Lakisha Starks is the *Instructor of the Quarter* for the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2003. Starks is assigned to Headquarters and A Company, 442nd Signal Battalion as an instructor/writer in the Officer Training Division of the School of Information Technology.

She provides automation training to officers and allied students attending the Signal Officer Basic and Branch Qualification Courses and the Signal Captains' Career Course. Since January, she has trained 680 students.

She also manages automation equipment and training aids to support the training mission. Starks joined the Army to gain technical experience in the computer field and to obtain a college degree, which she is currently working on through the University of Maryland.

Her first love is serving God as a dedicated member and adult choir director of the City of Refuge Christian Learning Center in Hephzibah. She lists her second love as her husband Staff Sgt. Sean Starks, and daughter Alasia, but not far behind them is her love for shopping for shoes, which currently occupies the majority of space in three separate closets.



The *NCO of the fourth quarter* of fiscal year 2003 is **Staff Sgt. Donald Windley Jr.**, who has worked on Fort Gordon for the past two years as a small group leader in the Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course of the Regimental Noncommissioned Officer Academy.

Growing up near Columbia, S.C., where few of his peers were afforded a chance at success, Windley joined the Army to give himself an opportunity to succeed. He has done that while serving in the Army for the past 12 years. He currently instructs junior NCOs in the basics of leadership, management and tactical knowledge.

He serves as a mentor, coach and facilitator to junior servicemembers, helping them to develop traits that will make them effective leaders. Besides being successful in his career, he lists his greatest accomplishment as being his 15-year marriage to his wife Meshawn. They have two children, Dartanyan and Adonijah. In his spare time, Windley enjoys chess, football and bowling.



Spc. Cynthia Russell is the *Servicemember of the Quarter* for the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2003. She is assigned to Company A, Eisenhower Army Medical Center, as an animal care specialist/veterinary assistant.

Working in this position for the past two years, Russell provides care and treatment to many animals. She prepares the animals for surgery, assists in surgical procedures, administers post-operative treatment, monitors recovery and maintains records for each animal. She also cleans and sanitizes the facility, equipment and utensils, and ensures an adequate stock of supplies is available.

Even though Russell loves working with animals, her future goals include attaining a bachelor's degree in journalism and retiring from the military with a distinguished and successful career. A native of Brooklyn, N.Y., she enjoys reading, listening to music and following sports, particularly her favorite team, the New York Jets.

For information about nominating personnel for the awards, call **Linda Means at 791-1871.**

Happy Halloween



Terri Wright is the *Volunteer of the Month* for September. Wright has volunteered as the family readiness group leader for the 235th Signal Company for the past three and a half years. She serves as the liaison between the company and family members, providing support, outreach services and

information. She has also volunteered as the American Red Cross youth chairman and in the Family Practice Clinic at Eisenhower Army Medical Center. Her past volunteer work includes serving as a dental assistant on various installations.

Wright volunteers because she likes to help servicemembers and their families make the most of their military service. Her future goals are to return to college for a master's degree in psychology and to open a counseling practice.

Wright feels her greatest accomplishments are remaining happily married to her husband, Staff Sgt. Daniel Wright, and raising two well-adjusted children, Kimberly and Aimee.

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Citizen

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The decision was an easy one for Devasconcelos because the notion to always work hard and further her education was a constant.

"My ultimate goal is to get my degree," she said. "This is what I'm truly striving for, and the military is the avenue that provided me the opportunity to accomplish this."

"Since I joined, I've learned so much," she said. "And one of the main things that I was taught was to push myself to be much better than I already am."

With this, Devasconcelos knows the fruits of her labor and dedication will soon be hers to enjoy and share with others.

She also, like her mother had done before her, hopes to one day give her children all

that was given to her - and possibly more. And by finally obtaining her citizenship, she feels this opens the gateway for her to do just that.

"There is so much more that you can do in this country as a citizen," she said. "You can make a lot more choices as well as take total control of your own destiny."

"You are equally free to make major decisions about your life regardless if you are a man or woman, and it's acceptable," Devasconcelos added.

Although becoming an American citizen can give you the control to freely make some significant changes - publicly and personally - it also consists of one very key element that you are required to surrender whenever you take the oath and pledge your allegiance to the United States.

All must renounce their citizenship from their moth-

erland. "The importance of becoming a citizen is compounded when an individual takes an oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States of America," said Thomas.

"Depending on where you are from in the world, one of the hardest things that you must do is renounce your citizenship to your birth country," said Devasconcelos.

"My immediate family members are the only ones who are here. Everyone else lives in Brazil."

However, this does not mean that you could never go back and visit your homeland.

"I don't plan on going back there to live, so why not be a citizen in the place that you want to raise your family and spend the rest of your life," she said. "It feels good knowing that there are no more stipulations on what I can or cannot do. And if I choose to, I can

stay in the military and retire."

"By gaining my citizenship, these types of decisions are all mine now - no one else's," said Devasconcelos.

Her immediate family consists of her husband, daughter, mother, sister and brother. Devasconcelos and her brother are the only individuals in her entire family who are American citizens - both are Soldiers in the U.S. Army.

Devasconcelos can now look at those very words, which ring out before every major event in the United States, with the pride and honor that only true American citizens can.

Spc. Erika Devasconcelos (right) holds her re-enlistment and citizenship certificates. She received her citizenship Sept. 29 and re-enlisted Sept. 30. This is her first reenlistment after serving in the military for three years.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Andre Butler



Courtesy photo

Nice yard

The final Installation Housing Yard of the Month presentation for September was held Oct. 7. Pictured (left to right) are: Command Sgt. Maj. Clark Dimery, Garrison Command; Staff Sgt. Ted Wager, Gordon Terrace; Staff Sgt. Phillip Wilson and wife, Gordon Terrace; Mrs. Michael Essex and family, Olive Terrace; Maj. Jorge Berrios and family, Myer Drive; Chief Warrant Officer 3 Roger Boutall and wife, McNair Terrace; Sgt. Maj. Bobbie Ramtahal, Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation; 1st Sgt. Jihad Cabey, area coordinator, Olive Terrace; Terry Smith, deputy Garrison commander; and Vince Grewatz, director of Public Works and Logistics.

Post cleanup

The month of November has been designated Fort Gordon Cleanup Month.

This is the time for all area and facility supervisors to ensure a concerted effort is made to cleanup, fix up, and beautify their areas of responsibility that are not normally done on a daily basis. However, this is not intended to take away from the idea that post beautification is a year-round responsibility.

The days to concentrate maximum efforts in unit, billeting, departmental, training, and common areas is Nov. 17-21. The day dedicated for cleanup of housing areas is Friday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

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Boss gets a new home

Sgt. Ryan Matson
Military editor

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers is homeless no more. In fact, BOSS "moved on up" to a stylish new headquarters facility.

On Oct. 22, Brig. Gen. Jan Hicks, U.S. Army and Fort Gordon Signal Center commanding general, cut the ribbon leading into the brand new headquarters area, located in Building 28320 on Lane Avenue in the Morale, Welfare and Recreation building.

"(The new building is needed) in order for the single Soldiers in the BOSS program to have an opportunity to meet on issues concerning quality of life, and unwind and have some fun and R and R amongst each other," Dimery said.

"The BOSS program is run by Single Soldiers, they have their own elections for their offices, they plan their trips and all their own events and fundraisers to help raise the quality of life for single Soldiers on post. This facility gives them a place to do these things."

Hicks also offered a detailed description of why the Soldiers needed such a facility, citing the many contributions BOSS makes to the post and community in her remarks.

"Two-thirds of the Army is made up of married couples, or Army families," Hicks explained. "That means one-third of half a million people are single Soldiers."

"We see our BOSS service members, not just out finding fun things to do for themselves, but at Valentine's Day sales, at commissary awareness days, at three-on-three basketball tournaments, off-post visiting the V.A. Hospitals, doing Easter egg hunts and so on."

"It's great to see single Soldiers stand up to take charge of their life and their quality of life. So I congratulate you on this new facility."

On Fort Gordon alone there are around 5,000 single Soldiers, Ayanna Wiggins, the BOSS program manager with MWR, said. Out of this number, BOSS has about 15 fulltime members. BOSS president Sgt. Latanga Clinton, HHC, U.S. Army Garrison Command, said awareness of the new facility could encourage increased interest in the BOSS program on post from other single Soldiers.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony began at 11:30 a.m. with Clinton addressing a crowd of Soldiers and people from around post outside the new facility.

"On behalf of the BOSS council and all single service members, I would like to take a moment to recognize our Garrison commander, Col. Robert Henderson, for making this all possible," she said.



(Above) A view of the dance floor and furniture in the new BOSS headquarters.

(Right) Brig. Gen. Jan Hicks, U.S. Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon commanding general, cuts the cake during the headquarters opening ceremony Oct. 22.



Photos by Sgt. Ryan Matson

"Through his support and personal involvement, our single Soldiers have a place to call their own."

The new facility has just about everything a single Soldier could dream of. Immediately upon entering, there is a kitchen to the left. The kitchen contains a refrigerator, full cooking facilities, sink, a serving window and even a popcorn-making machine.

Outside the kitchen is a conference/meeting area with a beautiful new wooden table and chairs, and an amoire television stand. The main central room is a spacious, lounge-style room. Small, circular pub tables are scattered throughout the room, giving Soldiers a place to eat. There are also beige leather couches and loveseats for guests to relax and socialize on. Near the front of the room, outside the kitchen is a hardwood dance floor.

The new headquarters also house a number of entertainment options for Soldiers to enjoy. A game room adjoins the main lounge area. Inside this room is a pool table, foosball table, ping-pong table and three stand-up arcade-style video games. There is also an air-hockey table in the main room. Finally, in corner of the facility is a television room where Soldiers and guests can sit on leather couches and view movies, watch sporting events or other programming on a large projection-style big screen TV. The TV also has Playstation games hooked up to it, as well as a DVD player. Modern European style lighting was spread out along the ceilings of all rooms throughout the headquarters.

The Garrison command approved \$100,000 for the project,

and BOSS soldiers had meetings to decide how they would put it to the best use, Clinton said.

"The BOSS representatives all had a hand in how it would be designed and how it would look," Dimery said.

"The furnishings that are in facility to include the décor on the walls, the game room, the TV room, all were decided on by BOSS reps. All the command had to do was make the money available. BOSS had the intelligence and creativity to put it all together."

Most importantly, the BOSS members seem satisfied with their creation.

"I think it's wonderful," Spc. Larisa Braden, 513th Military Intelligence Brigade, a BOSS representative, said. "We put in a lot of hours to get it to look this good. We picked out the carpets, the paint, the furniture, all the furnishings and decorated it."

"The old place looked like a 1950 war barracks compared to this place now," Clinton said. "It's a complete turnaround."

When asked what she liked the best about her new home away from home, Braden replied, "I like the furniture and the kitchen. I picked out a lot of stuff in there, so it's kind of my touch."

Dimery said ground broke on the new project within 90 days from the approval of the funds.

Formerly, the BOSS Headquarters had been located by the Courtyard Recreation and Dining Center. Clinton said Soldiers were having problems finding the old headquarters and issues finding transportation there in the event they had no vehicle.

"We needed to find new digs for the BOSS program, and this is a great location because it is

very centrally located in relation to where the barracks areas are," Hicks said.

Now that BOSS has a nice new home, Dimery said it should not go to waste.

"This facility is for the Soldiers. It is something that should have happened in the past and now has become reality. I encourage all of the Soldiers on the installation to use the facility and take care of it, because it is a first-class facility," he said.

Other BOSS happenings

The Annual BOSS Halloween party, which takes place tonight from 8 p.m. until everyone leaves, will be the first big event to take place at the new BOSS Headquarters. Attendance is free to all guests who come in costume, and \$2 to those without. The party will include a DJ, food and doorprizes, as well as all the activities offered at the new facility.

BOSS is also holding a shoe/clothes drive for needy people. Wiggins said BOSS representatives are spreading the word to their units and that the items will be donated to a non-profit organization. For more information on this, or any BOSS event, contact Wiggins at 791-7862 or Clinton at 791-6415.



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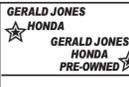
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Living single

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**Chaplain (Capt.)
Jean Gunn**
67th Signal Battalion

A few weeks ago I sponsored a three-day singles retreat for the Soldiers of the 93rd Signal Brigade. Our theme was *Living Whole Single Without the Better Half*.

My goal was to convey to the Soldiers the value of living single. I encouraged them to capture the opportunity to discover what it really means to live a morally wholesome and healthy lifestyle while unmarried.

Living single is not an empty existence of loneliness, as some would suggest. Neither is it an open season for playing the "mating game." Single-hood is however, God's assigned time for personal discovery, character building and the pursuit of purpose. It is the time for the unmarried to seek out God's direction for their time, talents, and energy, as they explore the benefits of being unattached.

Often singles make the mistake of planning a life with someone else before discovering who they really are. Failure to take time for self-

discovery can stifle gifts and talents for years from lack of exposure.

But time spent discovering who you are, and what your contributions are to life, is one of the highest forms of acceptance and it is also an excellent investment in your future. Therefore, rather than spending time seeking a mate, the time should, instead, be spent investing in finding yourself.

Living single also involves character development. Character development happens when we interact with others and nurture friendships (with both males and females).

Not only does this boost our sense of self-worth, but it also adds value to our own existence. People are the world's greatest resource. Therefore we should take advantage of the opportunity through others to develop ourselves.

Better yet, as singles we must be proactive in pursuing our purpose. Purpose fuels our passion, energizes our goals and brings us fulfillment. Hope and expectation are passive, but goals are active and they give direction to everything we do. Don't put your life on hold waiting for

marriage. Instead you should be passionately involved in your pursuit of purpose.

Being faithful over what you can control in your world right now sets you up to gain more than you could ever imagine. But if your life is not together, don't expect God to add to what you're already having difficulty handling. If you decide to do your own thing, don't blame God when it doesn't work.

As singles our priorities should be in place before considering love and a mate. We were created for God, therefore we should be seeking God's plan for our lives. "First seek ye the Kingdom of God and God's righteousness and all these other things shall be added unto you." (Matt 6: 33). When God is first in our priorities, married or single, the worst that can happen is a happy ending.

Living single is a preparatory stage in an unmarried person's life. It is the time that God allots for personal discovery, fulfillment, and purpose. It is not a season for sexual exploration, but rather it is opportunity for the "other half" to pursue wholeness in the absence of the "better half."

Unity in diversity

**Chaplain (Capt.)
Alan Irizarry**
442nd Signal Battalion

During the past several weeks we have celebrated different ethnic cultural activities. In each culture there is a religious background which we all respect. No matter how each denomination or religious tradition worships God, we respect other culture's beliefs.

Our country was founded upon a great belief in God within a great diver-

sity of cultures. Today we still stand strong by the enrichment of cultures and faiths.

Denominational faith can also be enriched when an authentic dialogue takes place among different faiths, and particularly when this dialogue is trans-cultural.

Knowledge of our own cultural and religious values recognizes self-dignity. Faith sharing and shared prayer makes us learn from one another. Knowledge of different ways to express our faith develops appreciation for diversity without losing our identity.

We are challenged to grow spiritually and reflect upon all facets of life and our identity in the diversity. We share in love with others who we are and receive from them what they offer, themselves.

Sharing our faith. Praying together. Expanding our vision of knowledge of religion, its mission and history.

Learning other expressions of faith makes us strong and united. What God wants from each one of us is to be one.

New citizen receives flag

Brett McMillan
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Acting Secretary of the Army Les Brownlee presented Operation Iraqi Freedom veteran Spc. Hilario Bermanis with an American flag Oct. 24 at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

The flag flew over the Capitol Sept. 17, the day Bermanis, an 82nd Airborne Division paratrooper, took the oath of citizenship and became an American while under care at the medical center.

Bermanis lost both legs and his left hand during an attack June 10 in Baghdad while he and a fellow soldier, who died instantly, were guarding a weapons turn-in point. He was awarded the Bronze Star for his conduct in action and a Purple Heart for his injuries in July.

A citizen of the Federated States of Micronesia, Bermanis joined the Army three years ago. On Sept. 17, his parents and 5-year-old brother witnessed the oath ceremony along with Veterans Affairs Secretary Anthony J. Principi, Homeland Defense Secretary Tom Ridge, and Peter M. Christian, speaker of the Micronesian Congress.

On July 3, 2002, President

Bush issued Executive Order 13269 providing naturalization for aliens and non-citizen nationals serving on active duty in the U.S. armed forces during Operation Enduring Freedom, from Sept. 11, 2001, to a date not yet determined.

Brownlee was scheduled to attend the oath ceremony, but the time was changed and he couldn't make it, he said. "So I made a phone call and asked that a United States flag be flown over the capital that day in honor of your being sworn in as a United States citizen," he told Bermanis. "This is that flag."

(McMillan is the assistant editor of the Walter Reed Army Medical Center *Stripe*.)

Drill sergeant spotlight

Name: Staff Sgt. Reginald Forrest
Unit: Company E, 369th Signal Battalion
Hometown: Charleston, S.C.
Time at Fort Gordon: 13 months

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Staff Sgt. Forrest

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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

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

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Islamic Services
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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 Dir. 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 (Catholic), 791-2945
Faith Community Chapel Activities 791-4703 (during duty hours)
Barnes Avenue Friendship Chapel, 791-2056
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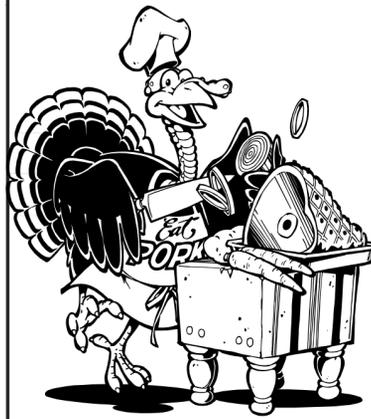
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Community Events

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The 2003 Native American Indian Heritage Month Command Program is 1:30 p.m. **Friday** in Alexander Hall. The theme is *Strengthening the Spirit of Our Nation* and includes a special performance by Native American dancers as well as guest speaker Troy Johnson, a professor of American Indian Studies from California State University.

For information contact the Fort Gordon EO Office at 791-2014.

Orientation course

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

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

Garage sale

The *Great American Garage Sale* is 8 a.m.-noon **Nov. 15**.

Sales will take place by housing area residents in the following Fort Gordon housing areas: Gordon, Maglin, Olive and McNair terraces. For information call 791-9841 or 791-5323.

Smokeout

The Great American Smokeout is **Nov. 20**. Activities include:

Nov. 18 11 a.m.-1 p.m. – Display booth at Commissary

Nov. 18 4:45-5:30 p.m. – Class at Youth Services

Nov. 19 11 a.m.-1 p.m. – Display booth at PX

Nov. 20 11 a.m.-1 p.m. – Aerobics at Gym 3.

For information about Tobacco Cessation classes offered at Fort Gordon, contact the Health & Wellness Center at 787-6756 or stop by Building 29605 on Barnes Avenue.

Film festival

Augusta State University hosts the Atlanta Film Festival at 7 p.m. **Friday**, in W1002 Science Building.

There will be 10 films shown, ranging from a five-minute collection of dreams put to visuals entitled *Dreamscapes*, to Stefan Nadelman's *Terminal Bar*, a 22-minute film about the people who frequented Terminal Bar, one of the toughest, grittiest bars in Manhattan.

Admission is free, and the festival is open to the public. For information, call 737-1500.

Yard sale

The Salvation Army is having a yard sale fundraiser from 8 a.m.-noon **Saturday** at 2020 Gardner St. in Augusta. Call 826-1801 for information.

Vendor expo

The Fort Gordon Vendor Expo 2003 is 9 a.m.-3 p.m. **Nov. 18** at the Gordon Club North Grand Ballroom.

The expo provides an opportunity for vendors to meet Fort Gordon's purchase card holders and provide catalogs and information about their companies. The event is open to the public. For information, call 791-1817 e-mail wingov@gordon.army.mil.

Walk-a-thon

The CSRA Parkinson Support Group is having a walk-a-thon at 9 a.m. **Saturday** at the Family Y track on Wheeler Road.

Registration fee is \$15 which includes a T-shirt; registration from 8-8:45 a.m. Proceeds for Parkinson research and awareness.

For information, call 855-7690.

Change of command

Company C, 67th Signal Battalion, will have a change of command ceremony at 11 a.m. **Nov. 14**. Capt. Amanda Iden will relinquish command to Capt. Martin Verboom in a ceremony on Barton Field, adjacent to the 67th Signal Battalion Headquarters. Inclement weather location is Gym #3. For more information, call 791-2564.

ACS class

On **Wednesday**, Army Community Services presents *Building Your Family Readiness Group* in Room 229A, Darling Hall, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

For information, call 791-1053.

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 today. For information, call Steve Walpert, Fort Gordon Entertainment Director, at 791-4389.

Band applications

USA Express, the Army's high energy, top-40 variety show band, is holding auditions for the 2004 tour.

Primary instrumentalists include the keyboard, bass guitar, lead guitar and drummer.

Packets are due by **Nov. 15**. For information, contact Steve Walpert at 791 4389, or e-mail walperts@gordon.army.mil for assistance in the application process.

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:

Friday: Surviving holiday stress

Nov. 14: Easy holiday gifts

Nov. 21: Handling financial stress during the holidays

For information call 791-3579.

New command

TRADOC System Manager-Tactical Radios is having a Change of Charter (command) at 10:30 a.m. **Nov. 12** in Conrad Hall. Col. Jack Hook, outgoing TSM, relinquishes command to Col. Carole Best. For information, call 791-7982.

Coin show

The Augusta Coin Club coin

show is 9 a.m.-6 p.m. **Nov. 22** and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. **Nov. 23** at the Guest House Inn, I-20 and Washington Road. Admission is free. For information, call 541-4143.

Mousetrap

The Fort Gordon Dinner Theatre presents Agatha Christie's *Mousetrap* **Friday and Nov. 8, 14, 15, 20, 21 and 22**. Dinner at 7 p.m., the show begins at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$19 for E-7 and below, \$30 for E-8 and above including Department of Army civilians, \$32 for the general public, and \$14 for show only.

Call 793-8552 for reservations.

Gospel concert

Fort Gordon's Faith Gospel Service presents a free gospel concert featuring famed gospel recording artist Kurt Carr and the Kurt Carr Singers at 6 p.m. **Saturday** in Alexander Hall. Seating is limited. Call 791-2837.

Survivor's fair

There is a Survivor's Fair for World War II-era veterans from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. **Nov. 11** at the Ramada Hotel in downtown Augusta.

For information, call 733-5255.

Luther

The Fine Arts Ministry Program of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church presents the drama *Luther* at 7 p.m. **Nov. 15** and 3 p.m. **Nov. 16**, at 402 Aumond Rd.

The play is open to the public, admission is free, donations will be accepted. For information, call 733-6076.

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.

The School Yard

PTA meeting

The Freedom Park Elementary School Parent-Teacher Association meets at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the school. All parents are encouraged to attend.

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



Fort Gordon REPORT

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The newest edition of *Army Newswatch* is now airing and includes the following stories:

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Oct. 31-Nov. 6

Today - Cold Creek Manor (R)

Saturday - Second Hand Lions (PG)

Late show - The Order (R)

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Force Skills challenge

Soldiers take on world

Staff Sgt. Rhonda Lawson
Army News Service

SINAI, Egypt – Soldiers took the Commander's Cup during the Force Skills Competition, which is arguably the biggest Multinational Force and Observers event.

"Twice a year, this is a culmination for a majority of contingents to demonstrate physical prowess, teamwork and mental robustness," said Canadian Maj. Will Saunders, Force training officer. "It has to be a combination of all of these."

Force Skills draws teams and individual competitors from nine of the 11 countries serving in the Sinai. Individual competitors compete on just the obstacle course, but teams are tested on their observation and reporting skills, land navigation, general knowledge and medical evaluation, as well as the obstacle course.

Teams start out on an even slate, but as the three-day competition progresses, points are added for each mistake. At the end of the third day, the points are tallied and the team with the lowest score is awarded the Commander's Cup.

"It's aimed to be an enjoyable event, but some take it very seriously, and it shows in the way they participate," said Capt. Kevin Williams, senior instructor of the New Zealand Training Assistance Team.

This could easily be seen in the Hungarian team, who shaved HUN in the backs of their heads. Fiji also

showed solidarity by having its entire battalion march, singing and clapping, with their country's flag to support their teams at the obstacle course.

Some teams had less obvious shows of solidarity, such as the Iowa Army National Guard's Task Force 1-133, who each grew mustaches and vowed not to shave them until after the competition. Their tactic must have worked because they took home the Commander's Cup for the major unit category. Major units included Colombia, Fiji and the United States, all of whom have the largest amount of soldiers serving in the MFO.

Team solidarity was an important factor for success during Force Skills, but for Spc. Dwayne Grant, with Aviation Company, 1st Army Support Battalion, it was the only factor. During the last station of the obstacle course, he had to cross a one-rope bridge. He fell not once, but three times, and continued to try again until he finally negotiated the obstacle.

"I didn't want to fail the team," he explained later.

"That was sheer determination," Sgt. 1st Class Tony Moore, first sergeant of 1st Explosive Ordnance Disposal Detachment, said of Grant's effort.

"The one thing that people don't understand from a spectator's view is how cardiovascular intensive it is. I felt like I had completed a two-mile run by the time I had even gotten to the wall," added Moore, who participated in the Over 40 division of the individual ob-

stacle course competition.

"I think it's important for leaders to get out there if they expect their soldiers to do it," he said.

In the end, the United States won big with Task Force 1-133 walking away with the Commander's Cup and placing second in the physical skills category. Additionally, two Americans walked away with individual medals. Sgt. 1st Class Eric Studer placed third in the Men 31-39 division, and Sgt. Marleen Watson, a transportation non-commissioned officer with Task Force Sinai, placed second in the Women's Open division.

Watson had just competed in the biannual event just six months ago and easily walked away with the first-place title in the Women's Open division of the obstacle course, also known as the physical skills competition. But this time, she placed second, losing to – of all people – her boss.

"I didn't practice as much as I should have," Watson admitted. "I was walking around thinking I was bad, but now I know I'm human."

The obstacle course is the marquee event of Force Skills, consisting of 14 taxing stations that can easily leave even the strongest person gasping for air and begging for water. Watson actually beat her last time of 8:01, coming in at 7:22. Her boss, New Zealand Capt. Lauren Kavanaugh, beat her by 14 seconds with a time of 7:08.

"I'm glad she won," Watson said. "She deserved it."

The next Force Skills competition is set for early April.

(Lawson is the editor of the Sandpaper.)



Photo by Staff Sgt. Rhonda Lawson
Sgt. Daniel Stephenson helps Staff Sgt. Siliberto Fernandez over the wall during the Forces Skill Competition, one of the largest Multinational Force and Observers events. Both Soldiers are with the 1st U.S. Army Support Battalion team.

No segregation in treatment at Stewart

Sgt. Raymond Piper
Army News Service

FORT STEWART, Ga. – Many of the mobilized Reservist and National Guard Soldiers on medical hold have made their voices heard about the medical treatment they have received on active duty and the barracks they live in.

There are 740 Soldiers in the medical hold battalion at Fort Stewart, Ga., of which 633 have a medical condition; 213 had an illness or injury identified during the deployment screening process, 405 of these Soldiers deployed and returned with an illness or injury and 15 were injured in theater.

Some of the Soldiers have claimed they are not getting proper treatment, or are put at the bottom of the list for treatment.

The Department of Defense has mobilized almost 200,000 Reserve and National Guard Soldiers. Less than two percent of those Soldiers are in a medical hold status.

Pfc. Matthew Conner, 122nd Engineer Battalion, a South Carolina National Guard unit, said he and a staff sergeant were talking about the order of precedence for medical care, in which the National Guard and Reserve come last.

Although the perception among many of the Reserve and Guard Soldiers is of this hierarchy, Col. John Kidd,

Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield garrison commander, said, "The Army provides all of its Soldiers the best medical care available. Every Soldier is given equal access to the full spectrum of health care."

"There is no segregation in treatment or the way we deal with Soldiers on this post. There is no priority given to active, National Guard or Reserve Soldiers – sick or injured Soldiers are sick or injured Soldiers," Kidd said.

Spc. Timothy Smith, who works in the orthopedic clinic and is a medical hold himself, said he feels all of the doctors take their code seriously.

He added, "I know the providers are double and triple booked, but they are doing the best they can."

"We provide first class medical care to all of our Soldiers and they deserve and receive equal care," said Col. Joe Barthel, Winn Army Community Hospital commander. "If they have issues, we have a dedicated medical staff to meet their needs. It's a total team effort between the medical hold battalion and the medical staff to provide care."

According to Barthel, the medical care the Army provides exceeds the private sector because the military is able to take advantage of the facilities it has at other installations, but is also able to refer patients to civilian specialists

if needed.

Barthel said the Army's policy is that if a Soldier was hurt while on active duty, they won't be sent home until the problem has been fixed and the Soldier rehabilitated.

If the problem is fixed, the Soldier may deploy to where his unit is or if in a nondeployable status will remain at the mobilization station until either his one-year activation is over or his unit redeploy.

The other major complaints Reservists and National Guard Soldiers have made is the barracks they stay in at the Georgia National Guard training site.

Kidd described the barracks as "Spartan" and with "certainly no frills but they are clean and sanitary."

"The facilities are adequate, but they are not the best we would like to have," he said. "We would like to do better and we have a number of initiatives where we are trying to convert these barracks to better conditions. We have added air conditioning to a lot of them. These barracks were not designed for climate control other than heat. We have spent a great deal of time to try and fix that."

The facilities were designed for annual training for the National Guard. Many of the barracks are without air conditioning and some of the latrines are in separate buildings.

"The barracks we have are

the best we have and we are doing the best we can with what we have. Most of the Soldiers recognize that. They would like to see improved conditions, just like we would, and we are going to do the best we can to try and provide that to Soldiers," Kidd said.

Smith said his barracks are well maintained and air-conditioned.

"I really have no complaint about the living conditions here, but I know on the other side of post where there are more National Guard and Reservist it is challenging. I came from that side and it was tough, but here it's not bad."

One of the biggest complaints in the barracks is the lack of privacy among the Soldiers, both in sleeping areas and latrines.

A third of the Soldiers on medical hold are staying in the improved barracks that have air conditioning and internal latrines.

"We put the most difficult cases in there, especially those with ambulatory problems. Wounded Soldiers are given a little better conditions because their condition requires them," Kidd said.

As a major mobilization station, Fort Stewart has processed more than 18,000 Reserve and National Guard Soldiers preparing for deployment.

(Piper is a journalist with the 3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) Public Affairs Office.)

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Pfc. Joshua Hutcheson
Army News Service

MOSUL, Iraq – Soldiers from the 101st Airborne Division have modified the current M-6 gun mount and contracted with local businesses to build 1,392 mounts that will hold the crew-served machine guns the division uses.

"Everything we had to do, we had to really think about Soldiers getting up and using (the M6L)," Sgt. 1st Class Samuel Greer said. "Soldiers can tell you best what works for Soldiers."

The origins of the new M6L gun mount began shortly after the end of major combat operations in Operation Iraqi Freedom when there was an Army-wide shortage of gun mounts. "The Army was having real problems delivering the M6

mount it currently has in production," said Greer, maintenance noncommissioned officer, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 101st Corps Support Group, 101st Airborne Division.

Using a contact from an earlier mass-production project, the inventors took their prototype and designs to a trade company in Dohuk that was able to handle cranking out the large number of mounts required to satisfy the needs of the 101st and 3rd COSCOM.

"We knew we had a reliable (company) that could handle it, who could make the (mounts) in a short period of time. Our biggest concern was time," Greer said.

The agreement between the mechanics and the trade company was to produce 200 mounts a week. Production

began Aug. 5.

Setting up the factory and hiring new workers "poured almost three quarters of a million dollars into the local economy," Chief Warrant Officer Wayne Glass, 602nd Maintenance Co., said.

By using local materials and workers, the company was able to build each gun mount for \$500, and delivered them to the Soldiers for another \$5, Greer said.

The military-produced M6 gun mount costs \$1,460 per unit. Purchasing the M197 adaptor, necessary if a Soldier wants to mount his M249 machine gun, is an extra \$480. The total cost can be rounded out to a little less than \$2,000 for each mount.

The 101st wasn't the only unit having problems trying to fill their gun mount quota. Posted in Baghdad, Glass needed gun mounts for the vehicles that ran between Baghdad and Fallujah.

Because the Army supply system couldn't meet his needs Glass decided to make his own mount.

Col. Gerald Dolinish, commander of the 101st CSG, volunteered the services of his Soldiers and the Kurdish-populated area to manufacture the mount, Greer said.

The design team has saved the Army approximately \$2.1 million, he said.

The mount's base plate is larger than the plate for the M6. A layer of steel covers the entire floor of the vehicle, and bolts to the existing holes in the truck, Greer said.

"The biggest reason we pushed for the large plate is for blast protection," Greer said. "The Soldier's now standing on 8 mm-thick steel."

A problem many Soldiers found with the original mount is that the constant stress on holes they had to drill to secure the mount caused damage to the body of the vehicles. Using the existing holes makes the mount more secure and stable.

The base can also be moved around depending on the type of Humvee, said Greer.

(Hutcheson is a journalist with the 101st Airborne Division's Public Affairs Office in Iraq.)

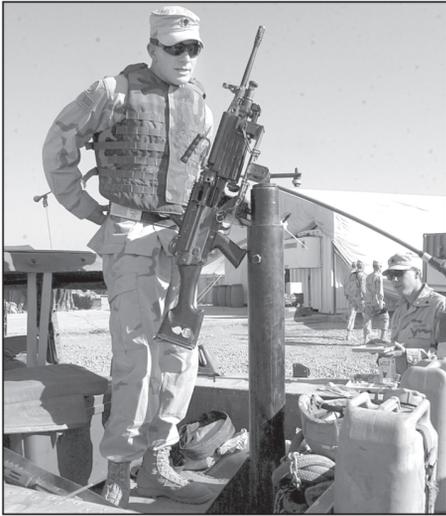


Photo by Pfc. Joshua Hutcheson

Spc. Derek Henrie, a mechanic with the 584th Maintenance Company, loads a M249 machine gun onto one of the gun mounts designed and built in Iraq for a third of the cost of military produced mounts.

Twins awarded Silver Stars

Lt. Col. Stan Heath
Army News Service

WASHINGTON – Following a Silver Star and Purple Heart award ceremony last week for Capt. Dave Hibner at the U.S. Army Human Resources Command, he and his identical twin Capt. Dan Hibner wear the Army's 4th highest medal.

The awards recognize the twins' actions during the 3rd Infantry Division's assault on Baghdad.

The brothers have been together for most of their careers. They both attended Kemper Military Academy ROTC. Following their graduation and reserve commissioning in 1993, they attended Purdue University and both served with the 423rd Infantry Regiment U.S. Army Reserves where they earned their Expert Infantry Badges. Upon graduation from Purdue in 1996 they entered active duty.

Their initial active-duty assignments parted them, but they linked up at the Captain's Career Course at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. Their assignment following the career course sent them both to Fort Stewart, Ga. where Dave would command Company D, 10th Engineer Battalion, and Dan would command Company A, 11th Engineer Battalion.

It was their assignment and their units' missions in April that brought new meaning to the Hibner twins.

When 3rd ID conducted the final attack on Baghdad, the 1st Brigade combat team attacked from the west along Highway 8 from Baghdad International Airport and the 2nd Brigade Combat Team attacked from the south along Highway 8.

Dave's company was assigned to Task Force 1-64 Armor. After the armored task force blitzed through Baghdad April 5, the Iraqis bolstered their defenses outside the city replacing two large minefields. They laid an 1100-meter deep minefield

in the 1st Brigade's avenue of approach and a 550-meter deep minefield in front of 2nd Brigade.

Dan's Task Force, 3-69 Armor, led the 1st Brigade from the west and 1-64, lead from the south. As the attack began in the early morning hours of April 7 the brothers' units found themselves lead elements for the division attack into Baghdad by breaching the obstacles on the only avenues of approach.

Dave's company, with infantry and scouts attached, conducted a covert breach in the south, three miles into enemy territory, while Dan's company conducted a deliberate breach from the west.

Dave's Delta Company "provided the combat power of a fourth maneuver force. He displayed tremendous valor during the battle of Rams, Najaf, Karbala, and Baghdad," said Lt. Col. Eric Schwartz, commander, Task Force 1-64 Armor. "Though wounded in the final hours of fighting to seize Baghdad, he never left his unit."

The brothers saw each other in Kuwait prior to their attack. Six weeks later they met in Baghdad when Dave's task force went to Baghdad International Airport to re-arm following their movement through the Iraqi capital.

Dan Hibner received his Silver Star in June for combat actions leading to the assault on Baghdad. He is currently assigned at the New Orleans district office of the Corps of Engineers.

(Heath is the public affairs officer for the U.S. Army Human Resources Command Public Affairs Office.)



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Cpts. Dave (left) and Dan Hibner, identical twins, take a break following the fall of Baghdad.



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Sports UPDATE

Glow bowling

The Gordon Lanes bowling center is having Halloween Glow Bowling and costume contest from 10 p.m.-closing today.

Karaoke, a money machine and door prizes will be awarded. Cost is \$3.25 per person; prizes for best costume. Call 791-3446 for information.

Lacrosse clinic

There is a lacrosse clinic at 10 a.m. Nov. 8 and 15 on the field behind Kroger on Washington Road in Evans.

The clinic, sponsored by the Evans Family Y and the Aiken-Augusta Lacrosse Club, is for boys and girls ages 10-14 and is free; no equipment necessary.

For information, call 733-4271.

SCRA Golf Tournament

The Signal Center Regimental Association will hold a golf tournament Saturday at the Gordon Lakes Golf Course.

The tournament will have a 1 p.m. shotgun start, and will follow the four-person scramble format.

The cost of entering is \$40 including the greens fee, cart, lunch and two mulligans. A tournament briefing will be at 11 a.m.

To register, or for more information, call 791-6854/2433.

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.

Golf tournament

The Golf Club at Cedar Creek is hosting its first ever Rally for a Cure golf tournament Saturday 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.

German Badge try-outs

There will be a briefing on the German Armed Forces Efficiency Badge and informal tryout for Soldiers on post interested in earning the badge Nov. 3 at 6 a.m. on the paved quarter-mile track on Barton Field.

For more information, call Capt. Bill Platte at 791-2759.

Road warriors

First ever Tour de Fort Gordon held here

Sgt. Ryan Matson
Military editor

"Still going" may be the motto of the Energizer Bunny, but it applies to Aiken resident Jeff Stoddard, too. Stoddard was the overall winner of the first-ever Tour de Fort Gordon Saturday, a 12-hour endurance cycling race which started at 8 a.m.

The object of the race was simple: bicycle as many miles within a 12-hour time period as physically endurable. Riders biked a 15-mile loop on Range Road and North Range Road, and logged in at a checkpoint.

The cyclists could stop at the checkpoint and eat an orange or otherwise get off the bike to rest anywhere on the course, but it would count against their time in the race. Many riders road straight through the checkpoint and ate meals on their bike, stopping only to change their socks and riding outfits, sit down for a minute of rest, or not at all.

In the case of a blown out tire, riders were also responsible for fixing their bikes and continuing to ride, or calling the checkpoint cell phone number for assistance in the case of more serious incidents, such as a wreck on the course.

Both individual riders and teams of two to four people competed in the endurance road race. Changing bikes was permitted, and helmets were required at all times.

Twelve team riders and 13 individual riders participated in the grueling race. Stoddard was tops amongst all riders by pounding out 210 miles in 11 hours and 53 minutes.

"The goal is to do 200 miles in a day," Stoddard said 153 miles into the race, noting he had never exceeded 177 in a day.

Stoddard met that goal, but it certainly wasn't easy.

"I think the course is very challenging," the experienced cyclist said.

"You won't get this many hills anywhere else. It's a very psychological ride, because you get the same hills over and over again."

Second place overall went to Mike DeLong of Atlanta who pedaled 195 miles in 11 hours and 49 minutes, and Kevin Kaiser, from Augusta, who finished third with a distance of 180 miles in 11 hours and 15 minutes.

The team competition was a tight finish indeed. The team of Stephanie Gamble, Kira Parrish, Lorraine Braswell and Richard Poling took home first place honors by biking 180 miles in 11 hours and 5 minutes and 51 seconds. Seven seconds behind the team of Peter Bertasi, Paul Zielinski, Scott Brit and Ryan Peel also did 180 miles for a second place finish. Mark Burns, Bruce Chosnaki, Ethan Chang and John Davis were third with a distance of 165 miles in 10 hours and 58 minutes.

In the military solo men's division, Chad LeCount finished first by racking up 105 miles in 9 hours and 21 minutes.

One of Fort Gordon's own, Master Sgt. Liz Brandt, 513th Military Intelligence Brigade, took home top female honors, logging 120 miles in 11 hours, 20 minutes.

"I was just out there because I like to compete," Brandt said. "I'm a race-a-holic. It's a passion for me."

Brandt said her goal was 100 miles, so she was pleased with her finish.

The Tour de Fort Gordon is just one of many endurance

events in which Brandt has competed. She has done 50 kilometer and 100 kilometer ultra-marathons, or any marathon exceeding the distance of the normal 26.2 mile marathon. She has done triathlons and biathlons, especially when she was stationed in Hawaii, her duty station before coming to Fort Gordon. In fact, she even competed in the famed 2000 Iron Man Triathlon in Hawaii on the Army team, which she considers a personal highlight.

"I have a long history of this lunacy," she said of her constant endurance racing competitions.

Brandt said she really enjoyed the Tour de Fort Gordon and said with the interest in distance cycling in the area, it can only grow.

"They'll probably attract double the competitors next year," she said. "These types of events just tend to grow and before you know it, it will be a major money maker."

Two local bicycle shop owners helped organize the event and make it possible through their support. Brett Ardry, of Outspoken Bicycles in Augusta, and Phil Cowen, of Chain Reaction Bicycles in Martinez, said they were approached by Morale, Welfare and Recreation officials to put on such an event. The two readily agreed and devised the Tour de Fort Gordon. Ardry was very pleased with the initial running of the race.

"The military did an incredible job of staffing and setting this event up," he said.

"The course is perfect, and we got a beautiful day. We were looking for a place just like this, and this is ideal. It's a closed course with very challenging hills. This is a great place to ride."

The skies remained sunny and clear throughout most of the race, and the temperature stayed in the area of a pleasant 78 degrees. Several bikers added the course was also one of the safest places to hold such an event because of its location away from any traffic.

Cowen pointed out that the Tour de Fort Gordon race was not the day's only activity. People who did not feel like riding a bike for 12 straight hours also had plenty to do.

"It's the Tour de Fort Gordon and family bicycle weekend, so it's not only a race, but a ride for the families and a ride for the recreational cyclist," Cowen said. "It's really good for the community. It's an event for everybody."

He mentioned that 50 people took part in an 11-mile family ride and a one-mile kid's ride. He said several children participated in both of these events. In addition to the bike riding, families could enjoy pony rides, face painting and entertainment by Bingo the clown, as well as food and drinks.

Brandt said another thing she enjoyed about the Tour de Fort Gordon was the friendly atmosphere she felt as a competitor in the race, from the volunteers and organizers involved.

"It was also kind of cool seeing the two main bicycle store competitors in the area working together on a race, and next year they're even going to be on a team together," Brandt observed.

Even though the race did not have a large field of competitors, with even more exposure and preparation for next year's race, Ardry said he hopes to build on the race.

"We've already got a date set, and are definitely excited about next year," Ardry said.



Photo by Al Robinson

Tour de Fort Gordon

(Above) Race director Brett Ardry interviews overall race winner Jeff Stoddard at the conclusion of the Tour de Fort Gordon about 8 p.m. Saturday. Stoddard tallied 210 miles in the 12-hour bicycle endurance race.

(Right) Master Sgt. Liz Brandt, 513th Military Intelligence Brigade, grabs a drink of water at the checkpoint before heading back to the course. Brandt, a triathlete and marathon runner as well as a cyclist, rode 120 miles to win the female title of the race.



Photo by Sgt. Ryan Matson



Photo by Sgt. Ryan Matson

Riders pass the checkpoint ready to start another 15-mile lap.



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Stoddard in action.



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Hilltop Riding Stables provided children's pony rides.



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Bingo the clown entertained children at the race.

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28. Moray __
29. Chops
30. Range
31. Overhangs
32. Improperly forward or bold
38. Inability to coordinate voluntary muscle movements
39. Annoy constantly
41. A special loved one
42. Established custom
45. Full of high-spirited delight
46. A well-defined track or path
47. Sour-tasting leaves used in salads and sauces
49. Having long, spindly, often leafless stems
50. Have a yen for
51. __ Connery, 007
52. Monetary unit of Peru
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Centurion Challenge!

Sgt. Ryan Matson
Military editor

If you happened to thumb through last week's issue of *The Signal*, you may have caught 369th Signal Battalion's *Iron Soldier* competition.

In this competition Soldiers from throughout the battalion competed in a PT test to find the unit's physical training champion. This week, it was the 447th Signal Battalion's turn to showcase their top dogs in a variety of physical and drill and ceremony competitions in an event called the *Centurion Challenge*.

The Centurion Challenge is a quarterly event, held for the fourth time, that was devised by Command Sgt. Maj. Demetris Fields, the 447th Signal Battalion command sergeant major.

"It's a way to bring the battalion together and have some healthy competition," Fields said. "We've got a lot of athletes among these Soldiers in the battalion. The Soldiers love it, the companies love competing against each other, and it brings the drill sergeants together and the camaraderie is great."

When observing the Centurion in action, Field's plan is working to a tee. The most remarkable thing about the challenge was the level of energy and motivation these 800 Soldiers put out for the challenge. Even the spectators got into the act, as fellow Soldiers yelled out company cadences and mottos at the top of their lungs.

The challenge went on throughout Saturday morning and afternoon at the quarter mile track on Barton Field. In the morning teams competed in football, volleyball and basketball. The football competition was held on Barton Field, with basketball at Gym Five and volleyball taking place at volleyball courts around the 442nd company area.

The football and volleyball had their moments and the basketball featured a packed Gym Five and some high-flying dunks and down-to-the-wire games, but the real excitement of the Centurion Challenge came in the afternoon following lunch.

It was then that companies B, C, D and E gathered again at the quarter-mile track for the tug-of-war, 4 x 400-meter relay, drill and ceremony competition, and everyone's favorite event, the "Razzle Dazzle."

"It's kind of a free-flowing drill and ceremony," Lt. Col. Michael Allen, 447th Signal Battalion commander said about the unique event. In the Razzle Dazzle competition, Soldiers and their drill sergeants perform specially choreographed drill and ceremony routines with improvised commands, dance routines, rifle-twirling and anything else that could possibly make drill and ceremony an entertaining spectator event. Soldiers worked on their routines for weeks leading up to the competition day, and it showed in the quality of their performances.

"You see some brilliant, genius, Razzle Dazzle," Allen said before the competition, and the companies routines did not disappoint. Drill Sgt. Mark Branch's Company D formed into a bus which he drove to a hip-hop beat while the Soldiers rose and knelt to simulate bouncing shocks. Pvt. Michael Jones twirled a rifle between his legs, threw it in the air and caught it, and used his leg to kick it into a twirling pattern that would make any Old Guard rifle drill team member take serious notice. Pvt. Joseph Jacobs laid down some crazy break-dancing moves on Barton Field. These were just some of many highlights of the Soldier's performances.

Just as entertaining as the routines of the Soldiers were the comments of Sgt. 1st Class Willie Warren, the Centurion Challenge emcee.

"Oh my gosh, can it get any sharper than that?" Warren marveled after Soldiers executed a "double-to-the-rear-march-with-a-slight-hesitation" maneuver to perfection during the Razzle Dazzle competition.

"Somebody better get the band-aids, 'cause somebody's gonna get cut!"

Another highlight of the day came after Charlie company won the Tug-of-War match and Soldiers teemed out of the stands onto the field as if to tear down the goal-posts at the end of a championship college football game.

Trophies were given out to the top three finishers in each event, but at the end of the day, with a first place finish in flag football, the "Razzle Dazzle," drill and ceremony and the 4 x 400-meter relay, Echo company brought home the esteemed Centurion Cup. (It was no surprise that Echo took home the football trophy, as the company was also the post flag-football champions this year.) Company E dethroned last quarter's champions, Delta company, in taking home the honor. (A complete list of the competitions and their winners follows.)

When informed about 369th Signal Battalion commander Lt. Col. Dwayne William's challenge for an inter-battalion competition last week, Fields smiled.

"I think it would be a good thing if we were pitted against the other battalions in a variety of events, like volleyball, football, etcetera," he said. "That would be a good competition."

EVENTS AND WINNERS

- Best Barracks – Company C
- Best Wall-locker – Spc. Michelle Chapell
- Basketball – 1st place Company D, 2nd place Company E, 3rd place Company C
- Flag football – 1st place, Company E, 2nd place Company D, 3rd place Company B
- Tug of War – 1st place, Company C, 2nd place Company E, 3rd place Company D
- Volleyball – 1st place, Company C, 2nd place Company E, 3rd place Company B
- 4 x 400-meter Relay – 1st place, Company E, 2nd place Company D, 3rd place Company B
- Drill and Ceremony – 1st place, Company E, 2nd place, Company B, 3rd place Company C
- Razzle Dazzle – 1st place, Company E, 2nd place, Company D, 3rd place, Company C
- Overall Centurion Challenge Standings – 4th place, Company B, 3rd place, Company C, 2nd place, Company D, 1st place, Company E



Photos by Sgt. Ryan Matson

Drivin' the bus

Drill Sgt. Mark Branch, Company D, 447th Signal Battalion, drives his 'bus' of Soldiers during the "Razzle Dazzle" portion of the Centurion Challenge contest Saturday. The Razzle Dazzle was an informal drill and ceremony contest which allowed drill sergeants and Soldiers to use their creativity.



(Above) Soldiers from Company D perform the grand finale of their Razzle Dazzle routine. (Below) Pvt. Michael Jones, Company C, twirls a rifle during the Razzle Dazzle.



Pvt. Joseph Jacobs, 447th Signal Battalion, break dances during the Razzle Dazzle.



Judges tally scores of the drill and ceremony competition.



Soldiers compete in the 4 x 400-meter relay.



Drill sergeants encourage their soldiers in Company E during the Tug of War event. Soldiers rushed the field in jubilation after the event.



The gyms were packed for basketball (above). After capturing the cup, E Company celebrated by carrying their commanders (below).



Volleyball was one of the events in the Centurion Challenge.