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News UPDATE

Thanksgiving meals

Dining Facilities 4, 6 and 8 are having special Thanksgiving meals **Thursday**. The schedule is: open from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., for 15 Signal Brigade Soldiers, family members and guests; open from 12:30-3 p.m. for all others.

Price is \$4.55 for E-4 and below, \$5.25 for all others. For information, call Sgt. 1st Class Marzilla Carter at 791-9636.

Reward offered

The Fort Gordon Criminal Investigation Command is offering a \$500 reward for information concerning the armed robbery which occurred Oct. 27 at the Anthony's Pizza/Burger King kiosk, Building 25711 on 26th Street.

Any information concerning this investigation should be sent to Special Agent Timothy Parker at 791-4611.

Flu shots

The Family Practice Clinic at Eisenhower Army Medical Center is offering flu shots from 8 a.m.-noon **Dec. 6**. No appointment or records needed. For information, call 787-7300.

Tree lighting

The Fort Gordon Christmas tree lighting ceremony and concert is 6 p.m. **Dec. 12** at Freedom Park. Refreshments will follow the ceremony. For information, call 791-4140.

Awards ceremony

The installation's annual awards ceremony is at 8:30 a.m. **Dec. 11** in Conrad Hall. The ceremony will honor the following individuals: Servicemember of the Year (2003): Sgt. Matthew Lloyd (Co. C, 67th Sig. Bn.); NCO of the Year (2003): Staff Sgt. Sara Smith (Co. B, 551st Sig. Bn.); Instructor of the Year (2003): Staff Sgt. Lakisha Starks (Officer Training Div., School of Information Technology); Civilian of the Year (2003): Judy Wyatt (Military Personnel Division, Directorate of Human Resources); and Volunteer of the Year (2003): Rae Lynn Guthrie (Community Life Center). Annual retention awards will also be presented. For information, call Linda Means at 791-1871.

Correction

The person in the photograph on page 7A of the *Signal* Friday was identified incorrectly.

The person in the photograph is Vince Digirolamo, representing the Italian-American Club of the CSRA, at the German-Italian Memorial Ceremony.

The *Signal* regrets any confusion.

Wish granted Thomson boy finishes military "career" at Fort Gordon

Sgt. Ryan Matson
Military editor

A good journalist is supposed to report just the facts and nothing more.

But sometimes that isn't possible. Sometimes the facts are secondary to the emotions behind the story.

Here are the facts — Ethan Hobbs, age 5, a Thomson, Ga., resident in remission from a cancerous soft-tissue tumor that was located above his right eye, had a wish. That wish, as Ethan disclosed a year ago while undergoing chemotherapy treatments, was to be a real life *G.I. Joe*.

The Make-A-Wish foundation chapter for Alabama and Georgia, in cooperation with Fort Gordon, Fort Benning and Fort Stewart, undertook the challenge of making Ethan's wish come true.

On Oct. 3, Ethan made his first visit to Fort Gordon, where he sat in the cockpit of a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter and watched a parachute jump performed by members of the 82nd Airborne Division's All-American Free Fall Team.

He was greeted by Brig. Gen. Jan Hicks, U.S. Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon commanding general, which

would probably be a pretty big moment for most visitors to post, but not to the little boy.

After she presented Ethan with a coin, in true five-year-old fashion, he responded, "Cool!" and resumed running around Barton Field, pretending he was defending it against enemies.

During the visit, Ethan also got to enjoy the rides at the ongoing Oktoberfest celebration on post.

Ethan's G.I. Joe wish continued this month when Ethan visited Fort Benning Nov. 17, where he attended basic training, Bradley master gunner

training, Airborne school and Ranger school all in one day. He also completed the post's obstacle course and dropped several Soldiers to do push-ups.

At Fort Stewart Tuesday and Wednesday, Ethan was treated to a bevy of activities. Upon arrival, he was greeted by Fort Stewart and Third Infantry Division Commanding General, Maj. Gen. William G. Webster. Ethan also toured the Fort Stewart museum and got his own Third Infantry Division uniform as part of the visit.

He wrapped up Tuesday at one of the post's motor pools, where he got the chance to check out some Bradley troop carriers and move the cannon on a Paladin self-propelled howitzer.

On his trip to Fort Gordon Thursday, Ethan and his family were greeted at Gate One by his host for the day, Capt. Bill Platte, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U. S. Army Garrison commander. The two became fast friends.

"How old are you?" Platte asked the boy as they were getting acquainted.

"Five," Ethan answered, showing him five fingers.

Platte was hoping to find out his birthday.

"I know, but when will you be six?" Platte asked.

"On my next birthday!" Ethan replied, and looked at Platte as if he were silly.

Mike Rodgers, the director of exhibits of the Signal Corps Museum in Conrad Hall, gave Ethan and his family a quick lesson on delivering signals using a wig-wag flag and torches.

The youngster learned the gist of the messaging system quickly, and turned his attention to museum volunteer Ryan Yearicks, who was dressed in a Vietnam era uniform, complete with an M-16 and M-72 light anti-tank weapon.

Within minutes, Ethan had the M-16 and was engaged in a pretend battle with his siblings, using exhibits in the museum as cover.

After the history lesson, museum director Bob Anzuoni,

dressed in a World War II-era uniform, fired up a 1943 Willy's MB Jeep and took Ethan, his brothers and sisters and Platte on a ride around the Signal Towers parking lot and surrounding area.

"If I have to use my pistol while we're riding, I'll use it!" Ethan declared as he held his plastic revolver in his hand when boarding the Jeep.

From the museum, Ethan and his family headed to the kennels, where Staff Sgt. Ernest Mayfield gave them a demonstration of the military police working dogs' abilities, and the Fort Gordon Special Reactionary Team simulated a raid on a villain in his hand in two High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles around the kennel site.

At the kennel, 35th Military Police Detachment Commander, Capt. Earl K. Cochran, presented Ethan with his own badge, miniature bullet-proof vest, police belt complete with holster and real handcuffs and other military police equipment.

The MP demonstrations and kid-size equipment left a full-size impression on Ethan, because as he left the kennels, he said, "I'm gonna be three things — spy, MP, GI Joe!"

During his adventurous tour of the three Army posts, Ethan was given uniforms his size, complete with boots, berets and dog tags, and was given honorary rank in nearly every grade in the Army, both commissioned and noncommissioned.

Although he came to Fort Gordon wearing desert BDUs with colonel rank on the collar, he said captain is his favorite.

As the day neared an end, Ethan was given an MP escort to his hometown of Thomson, where the whirlwind tour ended with a huge parade through the center of town, where thousands of people lined the streets with signs reading messages such as "We love Ethan," "Welcome home Ethan" and "Ethan is our hero."

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Photo by Sgt. Ryan Matson

Signal Museum volunteer Ryan Yearicks shows Ethan Hobbs the finer points of an M-72 anti-tank weapon.

Medal of Honor recipient addresses Soldiers here

Steve Brady
Signal editor

It was 1966 and Jack Jacobs had just received his degree from Rutgers University. He was only 20, had graduated college early and wanted to go to law school.

But the young man, already married, faced a problem: He was broke. Anticipating a steady paycheck and three years of service, he did what many more had done before and joined the Army.

He quickly volunteered for Airborne duty because paratroopers earned extra money for hazardous duty. A year later and the young 1st Lt. Jacobs was in Vietnam as an assistant battalion advisor for the Army of the Republic of Vietnam. And in March of 1968 he found himself in the middle of an intense firefight in the Kien Phong Province.

His company was moving through the province when it came under heavy machine gun and mortar fire.

A mortar round sent shrapnel through his head, breaking most of the bones in his face. The company commander had been wounded, and the situa-

tion was quickly spiraling out of control. As the young Soldier, battered and bloody, assessed the situation, the words of a famous philosopher went through his head.

"The one thing that came to mind, because we were in a very difficult situation, were the words of a medieval Hebrew scholar named Hillel who said 'If not you, who, and if not now, when,'" Jacobs said. "I thought if I don't act now, we're all lost, and that's one of things that motivated me."

Jacobs took control of the situation, assuming command of the company. Though injured, Jacobs called in air strikes, helped administer first aid and fought back the enemy on three occasions. He helped move fellow Soldiers and allies to safety, making repeated trips under the intense enemy fire, and was credited for saving a fellow U.S. advisor and 13 allied soldiers.

For his actions, Jacobs was awarded the Medal of Honor. The Medal is the highest award for valor in action against the enemy which can be given, and is often called the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Since the Civil War more than 39 million men and women have answered the call to duty. Of those, a scant 3,440 served with such uncommon valor and courage that they were presented the Medal of Honor.

Recently a book was released chronicling the stories of Medal of Honor recipients still living.

Called *Medal of Honor: Portraits of Valor Beyond the Call of Duty*, the book was released around Veterans Day this year. Jacobs' story is told in the book, as well as 115 other captivating tales of courage.

Jacobs, who went on to serve 20 years in the Army and retire as a colonel, spoke to a full house of young Soldiers Friday at Alexander Hall.

"We are honored to have a true American hero in our midst," Brig. Gen. Janet Hicks, U.S. Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon commanding general, said while introducing Jacobs.

"America was at war, a war that did not enjoy the full support of our country. Soldiers then, however, as they do today, pressed on to accomplish their mission and to further the goals of the nation they serve.

They performed feats of bravery and courage on the field of battle, to save their fellow Soldiers, that were almost too selfless to comprehend. Army Lt. Jack Jacobs was such a Soldier."

Jacobs spoke to not only promote the book, but to offer encouragement and pass along a few words of advice to today's young leaders.

"The force today, the force of which you are a part, is more powerful, better educated, better trained and has far better equipment than ever during the entire time I was in the Army, and it's a good thing too, because the service now is much smaller," he said.

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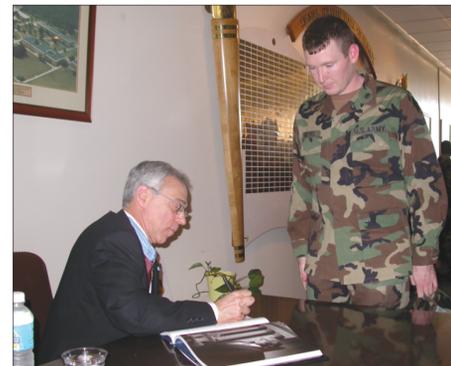


Photo by Steve Brady

Jacobs signs a copy of the book *Medal of Honor: Portraits of Valor Beyond the Call of Duty*, for 2nd Lt. Rickie Meers, 442nd Signal Battalion B Co., Friday at Alexander Hall.



Photo by Pvt. Armando Monroe

Good blood

Kathleen Hancock, vice president of Fort Gordon Federal Credit Union, presents a check for more than \$2,700 to Brig. Gen. Janet Hicks, U.S. Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon commanding general, Monday at the Directorate of Community Activities advertising and marketing office. The money was the proceeds of the Red to Green blood drive held in October for Christmas House. Also pictured (right to left) are Erin Hamblin, Kendrick Memorial Blood Center recruiter, Josie Pippert, KMBC supervisor, Col. Allen Woodhouse, 15th Regimental Signal Brigade commander, Hancock, Hicks, David Willis, blood donor recruiter at KMBC, and Sgt. Aaron Payton, noncommissioned officer in charge of KMBC.

Post dinner theatre recognized

Recent play named best in CONUS

Denise Allen
Signal staff

Fort Gordon's Dinner Theatre brought home numerous awards including second place overall at the recent 2003 Army Festival of the Performing Arts and Recreation Program Competition - Continental United States.

The theater received awards for two shows *A...My Name is Alice* and *Alice in Wonderland* staged with help from the Missoula Children's Theatre.

In July, the Fort Gordon Dinner Theatre show was supposed to be *They're Playing Our Song*.

"There were not enough

men at the audition," said director Steve Walpert, who chose instead *A...My Name is Alice*, because of the rich cast of females auditioning.

Although it was the only production entered in the musical theater category, judges didn't just give awards away.

"There were no other musicals, but I must tell you that if there were, you would still be in first place. Hard to top that show! That is why we gave you ensemble awards," wrote Joe Leavell, one of the judges of the competition.

Other judge's comments included that the show was "a first-class musical production good enough to tour the coun-

try."

Walpert was pleased with his change in plans.

He said the show received some of the best audience response in a long time.

"They got standing ovations every night," he said.

"There was a terrific energy. The girls were exciting to watch... Everyone deserves these awards. I can't remember the last time when everyone jumped to their feet to applaud as soon as the show was over."

Walpert also received first place for outstanding direction and outstanding set design of a musical. Other cast members and producers were also recognized for best musical direction, choreography and more.

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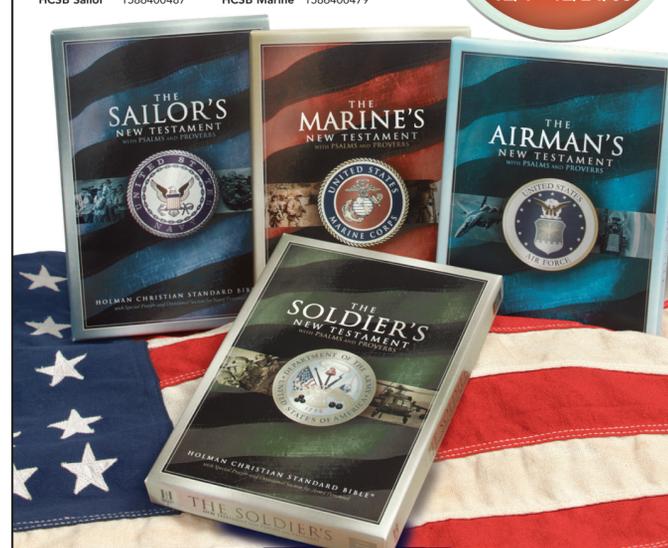
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AFCEA awards grants to local educators

Marla Jones
Public affairs office

Thirty-six area teachers received grants totaling more than \$17,000 from the Augusta-Fort Gordon Chapter, AFCEA, Nov. 20 at a reception at Fort Discovery.

Science Teaching Tools awards from the chapter are designed to allow funding for hands-on science experiments in classrooms.

Alrena Garrett, scholarship chairman for Fort Gordon AFCEA, said "This is an exciting program for AFCEA. Through these teachers, we are able to have a direct effect on students from elementary to high school."

She said the teachers "now have the funds to purchase ma-

terials that make science fun and interesting." Each teacher received a white lab coat, donated by CSRA Advertising in Augusta.

Brig. Gen. Gregory Premo, deputy commanding general of the U.S. Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon, told the teachers, "Your hard work in promoting the sciences is so important to our country." He said the teachers' ability to reach young people and get them interested in science means that the Army will receive young men and women who are prepared to become future Soldiers.

AFCEA also presented a check for \$2,500 to the Fort Discovery Educational Fund.

Vanessa Stone, of East Aiken Elementary School, said she will purchase mini-science

centers for her classroom, which will teach the students about magnetic force, weather and life sciences.

"I feel very honored to have been chosen," she said. She will also be able to purchase a microscope for the children to view plant and animal cells.

"Science is abstract concepts, which are difficult for children to grasp," Stone said. She said these materials will help the children understand the sciences.

Frances Darden, of Norris Elementary School in Thomson, said she will be buying a projectoscope, which will project images from a microscope on a screen so all the children in her fifth grade class will see them at the same time. Julie Passmore, of North

Harlem Elementary School, will purchase materials to allow the students to do water testing and air quality testing. They will collect specimens from a pond. "North Harlem is a school with many students from low-income homes, and these field trips give them an exposure to science and to experiences that they would not be able to have in their lives." She said she participates in the Fort Discovery JASON Project.

Tena Fulghum and Kelly La Fauci, teachers from Westmont Elementary School, teamed up to do projects for all the third grade students in the school. They will buy machine kits that will provide materials for students to build their own machines with pulleys, levers and

axles. "Science is our main focus at Westmont," said Fulghum. "This will help the school meet the standards for all third grade students."

Tommy Carl, of Garrett Elementary, says he will purchase science books for the school library. "These will be accelerated readers about science, and they will prepare the students for experiments in the classroom." He said the inner city school does not have many books in their library. "Books are perpetual - they will help students in many classes for years."

One of last year's Science Teaching Tools award winners, Margaret Fussell, of Jefferson Elementary School, in Aiken, said she teaches gifted students in the fifth grade. She purchased rocket kits and engines, and had the children build rockets.

"They launched the rockets and then calculated their velocity and distance." She said the rocket project "would not have been possible without the grant."

Fussell added "the day we launched the rockets was a great event for students and their parents."

Ellen Cotton, another teacher from Jefferson Elementary in Aiken, said she will purchase microscopes that can be linked to computers in the classroom.

Amounts of the grants varied, based on the projects described and number of students

involved.

Other teachers receiving grants were Jennifer Dziengielewski and Kathy Samaha, of Aiken Elementary; Theresa Drago, of Collins Elementary; Patricia Powell, of Gracewood Elementary; Cheryl Williams and Brett Cooper of Lewiston Elementary; Debbie French and Donna Jones of Martinez Elementary; Faye Lowey of National Hills Elementary; Regina Bell and Doriastino Brown of Norris Elementary; Bazy Brito of Thomson Elementary; Ginger Jones of Hillcrest Middle; Kristina Istre and Janice Roberson of Glenn Hills Middle; Sue Cottingham, Thad Cottingham and Kimetha Hampton of Grovetown Middle; Carol Lowe of Tubman Middle; Michael Lester of Butler High; Troy Willard, Lisa Beverly and Pamela Ferris of Evans High; Judy Ward of Josey High; Richard Dunn, Demetric Hillman, Sam Miller and Rebecca Potter of Laney High, and Bob Willis of Lakeside High.

During the Signal Symposium, the AFCEA chapter will give tuition assistance grants to enlisted and civilians, and will give the \$2,000 Buchholz Memorial Scholarship to an enlisted Signal Soldier.

By the end of December, AFCEA Fort Gordon will have donated more than \$40,000 this year to scholarships and education locally.



Photo by Pvt. Armando Monro

Signal Big Top

Construction of the huge "tent" across from Signal Towers is a sure sign the 31st annual Signal Symposium is coming to town. The 60,000-square-foot tent, bigger than a football field, will house more than 150 vendors this year. For more information, see page 1B.

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Army selects tanker as 13th sergeant major of the Army

Spec. Bill Putnam
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The top enlisted Soldier in Germany was named the 13th sergeant major of the Army Nov. 18.

Command Sgt. Maj. Kenneth Preston, the command sergeant major of the Germany-based V Corps since April 2001, was selected by the acting Secretary of the Army Les Brownlee and Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker to succeed Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack Tilley.

Tilley is retiring from the Army Jan. 15 after almost 35 years of service.

Preston, who is also serving as the command sergeant major for Combined Joint Task Force 7 in Baghdad, said the announcement was surprising.

"You always assess yourself as being a little more qualified than some and not as qualified as others," Preston said. "I am very excited about the selection and look forward to the challenges ahead."

Tilley said the announcement is an exciting day for the Army and Preston. "He is an outstanding choice to be the 13th SMA," Tilley said. "He brings a great deal of experience to the table and will do great things for the Army."

Preston has served in every leadership position from tank commander to corps command sergeant major since enlisting June 20, 1975.

As the Army's top enlisted Soldier, Preston will be Schoomaker's chief adviser on enlisted-related matters. He will travel extensively around the world meeting with Soldiers and their families, and observ-

ing Army training and operations.

He will testify before Congress on behalf of the Army, and sit on a wide variety of councils and boards that make decisions affecting enlisted Soldiers and their families.

A native of Mount Savage, Md., Preston's first assignment was the 2nd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, Texas. In 1978 he went to the 3rd Armored Division's 1st Battalion, 33rd Armor Regiment.

After Germany he was an instructor at the Army's Armor School at Fort Knox, Ky.

During that time he was one of the first M-1 Abrams trained instructors and master gunners in the Army.

From there he went on to serve as an exchange instructor at the British Army's Royal Armoured Corps Gunnery School.

Following a tour with the 12th Cavalry Regiment, Preston served as the regimental master gunner for the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment. He deployed to Kuwait for Operation Positive Force and Provide Comfort.

Following that assign-



Courtesy Photo

Command Sgt. Maj. Kenneth Preston at Baghdad International Airport in Iraq. Preston is currently dual-hatted as the top enlisted Soldier of V Corps and Combined Joint Task Force 7 in Iraq.

ment Preston went to serve at the Noncommissioned Officer's Academy at Fort Knox. Next he was a student at the Sergeants Major Academy at Fort Bliss, Texas, and battalion and brigade command sergeant major in the 1st Cavalry at Fort Hood.

While at Fort Hood he deployed to Bosnia for a year.

After Bosnia he served as the 1st Armored Division's command sergeant major.

In April 2001 he moved on to serve as the V Corps' top enlisted soldier. In February he deployed to Kuwait in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Preston and his wife, Karen, have three children, Valerie, Kenneth and Michael.

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Officials address Armed Services Committee

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WASHINGTON – Senior leaders discuss topics that have had heavy media coverage during a Senate Armed Services Committee hearing.

Acting Secretary of the Army Less Brownlee and Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker, responded to a wide range of questions Wednesday, including pay problems, troop rotation and body armor.

Brownlee told the committee that the Army will be able to equip every Soldier in Iraq with new, composite body armor by December. He said initially the Army didn't have enough of the new armor for every Soldier, and consequently it had only been issued to troops whose mission put them in direct contact with the enemy.

In response to questions from Sen. John Warner,

Brownlee said the Army initially lacked enough body armor for all but the most forward troops, and it is currently dealing with a shortage of "up armored" Humvees to protect Soldiers on patrol in combat areas. He said the Humvee production will eliminate the shortage of up-armored vehicles by 2005.

"When the initial ground battle was ongoing, most of our forward troops were in either Bradley fighting vehicles or tanks," Brownlee said. "But as the war transitioned from that kind of fight into more of an insurgency, all of the troops were not equipped with those and in fact the commanders ... determined that they would be better off in lighter vehicles because of the kind of patrols they were running and the environment they were in," Brownlee said.

Sen. Carl Levin, of Michigan, asked about the current policy on troop rotations.

Schoomaker said the current policy is based on a rotation of 18 months with "boots on the ground" in Iraq for 12 of those months.

"Every Soldier understands that from the date, that he is mobilized – not alerted, but mobilized – ... by the time 18 months expires, they will be demobilized. That includes their leave. They understand that the moment they set their boots in the operational area that they will leave within 12 months. And that is the policy that I think is very clearly understood," Schoomaker said.

He said the Army is working to address problems with the pay system that were criticized in a General Accounting Office study that received a large amount of scrutiny in the press. Levin asked Schoomaker if he is satisfied the pay problems will not recur.

"No, sir, I'm not,"

Schoomaker said. This is one of those problems that every time we think we have it fixed, it pops out somewhere. And I'm very upset about some of these that have happened, because I've received assurances in the past that we've got it fixed, and suddenly it's not fixed. So I can only tell you we are redoubling our efforts. It has a very high priority within the Army. We all understand how a Soldier feels when his pay is screwed up, and we want it fixed, so I assure you, senator, we're moving to fix it," he said.

Hawaii's senator Daniel Akaka asked about the problem of housing and health care for reserve component Soldiers at Fort Stewart, Ga. Press accounts said reservists were waiting an excessively long time for care, and were improperly housed while awaiting medical treatment there.

Brownlee said the problem

happened when the large number of Soldiers involved in mobilizing and demobilizing overtaxed facilities at Fort Stewart.

"We've got a situation now where we deploy Soldiers, move other Soldiers in behind them, and then the other unit returns – many times at strength above its authorized levels. And that's what happened at Fort Stewart. And it was happening at other places too. So we set a standard for people with medical issues in that they have to be in buildings that are clean, in good repair, have climate control and latrines within the same facility. And I've been assured that there's not a Soldier on medical status now that is not in a facility that meets the standard," Brownlee said.

Sen. John McCain asked how much the Army's total manpower should be increased, noting that 40 percent of the troops in Iraq are either National Guard or Reserve.

Schoomaker said there is no need to increase the number of people in the active-duty Army.

"I'm supporting the operational commander over there, and we are doing everything that they ask us to do. And I talk every week with the commanders on the ground, as to what they need. And there has not been one commander that has told me they want more troops on the ground over there," Schoomaker said.

He said there are other issues that are more important than increasing the overall number of Soldiers.

"So... I'm telling you that I can't in full faith tell you that adding end-strength to the United States Army at this time is the most important pressing issue that we've got, because, you know, first of all it's a long-term solution, it's an expensive solution, and it's not going to solve what we're doing right now," Schoomaker said.

Holiday safety paramount

Gen. Kevin P. Byrnes
Training and Doctrine Command
commanding general

The Thanksgiving season is the traditional beginning of a holiday period that extends through the end of the year. Our Soldiers, Department of the Army civilians and their families will take well-deserved time off to recognize, each in their own way, this time of celebration and thanks. It is my sincere hope that all in our TRADOC family have a joyous and fulfilling Thanksgiving, and all take special care to remain safe throughout this holiday period.

This season ushers in increased travel, social gatherings and, for some, increased isolation at a time when winter weather increases potential dangers. I want commanders and supervisors at all levels to take steps to emphasize safety throughout their organizations.

Vehicle accidents remain the leading cause of accidental death across the command. Increased travel places all in potentially more dangerous conditions and is an area you can implement measures

to mitigate the risk. Consider vehicle inspections. Stress the importance of advance trip planning. The dangers of alcohol and drug abuse, speeding, driver fatigue and failure to use safety belts all should be part of your departure briefings.

Suicides also increase during this season; this is an area requiring special attention. Prevention requires that leaders be especially alert to intervene in time. Fellow Soldiers and immediate supervisors are most likely to know and recognize when someone is struggling. They should be encouraged to seek assistance for those in trouble.

With positive leadership, we can raise safety awareness and help safeguard our people. Consider the fact that your personal involvement over the Veterans Day weekend resulted in TRADOC having no accidental deaths or serious injuries on the highway. Well done!

Ensure leaders and supervisors discuss seasonal hazards with every Soldier and civilian employee. Identify "at-risk" individuals and intervene with appropriate action. We can make a difference.

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What is 'it' about NASCAR

Spc. Bill Putnam
Army News Service

HOMESTEAD, Fla. – If seen live, NASCAR is beautiful. I didn't always think that. In fact, I likened the sport to watching a dog chase his tail on television. What's the point?

But I was excited when I went to Florida to cover the last race of the NASCAR season. I'd never been to a race and was very curious about the sport.

What makes this sport all the rage? Why are the drivers so popular and how crucial are they to a successful season? What about the mechanics and pit crews, how much did they contribute to it all? How much does the car itself contribute to a good season?

As many of you know, NASCAR is the fastest growing sport in the country. Racing is so popular that to help recruit new Soldiers the Army sponsors two teams in different aspects of the sport: the drag racing National Hot Rod Association and NASCAR.

Racing is also in my family. My uncle Frank races. He's a huge fan and we've talked off an on over the years about how well he's done or what car he's driving. Frank just

guessed I was never a fan of racing like I am of hockey.

Then I realized last week why this sport has so many rabid fans. I was entering the track on Friday, the qualifying day, when the drivers were putting the cars through their paces driving around the oval track at 175 miles per hour.

I looked up and saw four or five cars zooming around the curves. The sun glistened off the bright rainbow of the cars' paint jobs, the engines literally purred and hummed, and the drivers effortlessly drove the sleek-looking cars around the course's curves. Wow, the cars are beautiful, I thought.

But that sight still didn't explain why it's becoming so popular.

I went around Homestead track and talked to people about the sport. The answers they gave varied. Some said it was more fun to watch live or on TV, more exciting than football or basketball.

One man I talked to said racing has family connections. His dad raced in Connecticut, he raced some too and got his own son involved in racing go-carts. But why did his son pick Jeff Gordon, the circuit's "pretty boy" from California? Simple, he said, he liked Gordon's paint scheme on his car.

It goes beyond that for his son. He'd never pick another driver ever no matter what. Why? "Loyalty," the son said.

If all the cars are essentially the same, why do some finish in the top five more consistently than others? Money was the overriding answer.

A team mechanic I talked to said teams have wind tunnels, simulators and their own shops. That takes lots of money. The more it has, the better "craftsmanship" they can buy in, say, an engine.

That mechanic, though, wasn't clear on why the sport has exploded in popularity. "I think you could tell me, I'm looking at it from the inside. I just know I've been real busy the last few years," he said.

How crucial a driver is to the equation of a successful team also varies from person to person. One fan said the driver wasn't that big a deal. The mechanic said he was very crucial, probably 75 percent of a car's success.

But why is he so popular? Because people can identify with a person better than a car, everyone said.

Fair enough, I thought. I'll wait until race day to reach my own conclusion. I hung out in the Army team's pit and watched. I have to admit I was excited. The first few laps of the race were great. Then it became routine. Around and around they went and it seemed a little cartoon-ish. Not quite real and not quite fake either.

By far the most exciting part of the race was the pit stop. The seven-man pit crew replaced four tires and topped the car's gas tank in five seconds. Yeah, five seconds. Then it became routine. Around and around ...

So here's my conclusion after seeing a race. Yeah, NASCAR is a beautiful sport to watch. I mean, to be totally honest, it's primal to see the competition of colorful steel beasts driven by men of flesh race around a track at break-neck speeds.

Adrenaline pumps through your body when the 45 cars race past. I felt excited and nervous just seeing it. Why? I'm not sure. It's primal.

Those facts alone won't draw me to a track next season though. I still think it's like a dog chasing its tail.



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A day in the life of... A drill sergeant

Sgt. Ryan Matson
Military editor

They are at it 16 or more hours a day.

Running with Soldiers. Marching them to chow. Giving them the "tough love" they need to develop as productive and motivated Soldiers as well as citizens.

That often means yelling and dropping them for push-ups or other corrective training, giving them the pat on the back they need when they do something right, or spending time listening to their problems and offering mature advice.

They are drill sergeants, the backbone of the Army, and they basically live with the Soldiers,

spending practically every waking hour of the day with them, day after day.

Why would anyone want to do this?

"It (being a drill sergeant) is the rawest essence of working with a Soldier from the non-commissioned officer's point of view," Sgt. 1st Class Ernest Jones, Company E, 369th Signal Battalion, said.

Jones is in his 28th month of a three-year tour, he said.

A drill sergeant plays many roles in a young Soldier's life, Jones explained — stern motivator when needed, a physical trainer, sometimes a disciplinarian, or other times a patient and caring listener with advice for troubled Soldiers.

Though the drill sergeant is tough because he has to ensure the new Soldiers maintain the standards of the U.S. Army, he always has the Soldier's welfare as his primary concern, Jones added.

There are two places drill sergeants are found — basic training, where a new recruit learns his/her essential combat and Soldier skills — and advanced individual training where a Soldier learns a military occupational specialty.

Jones is an advanced individual training drill sergeant, meaning instead of teaching his Soldiers how to fire M-16s, throw grenades and march; he is keeping them fit, watching over their studies, and giving them common task training.

Jones said his average day begins at 4:30 a.m. and doesn't end until 8 p.m. or later. During the day, he spends his time mentoring, marching, teaching, training, counseling and molding young Soldiers.

Even though being a drill sergeant is a demanding job, being selected is a sign you're doing something right as a non-commissioned officer, he said.

"We were told only the top 10 percent of the MOS's are selected, and there are a lot of disqualifiers for selection," Jones said. "If you have any Uniform Code of Military Justice action or criminal charges against you, you're disqualified. You have to be an outstanding performer in order to handle the stress load and work load that comes with being a drill sergeant. So when they actually screen the records, they usually screen about 600 and select about 60 people."

Drill sergeant school is like going back to basic as a staff sergeant, Jones said. Though there are AIT and basic training drill sergeants, there is only one course for drill sergeants, because there is one standard for drill sergeant training.

"It is basic training all over again," he said. "The intensity level is higher because you are supposed to be the most proficient Soldier as a drill sergeant, so you not only have to learn how to do every task, you also have to know how to instruct every task. So when we go to the ranges or the obstacle courses, we usually end up doing them two or three times."

Once a drill sergeant completes drill sergeant school, they are assigned to a two-year tour. Recently, there was an Army-wide shortage of drill sergeants, Jones said. However, that void is being reduced because most drill sergeants were extended for a third year due to recent world events.

Although it's not an easy job, the pride Jones feels when he dons his distinctive campaign hat and looks in the mirror at his "This we'll defend" drill sergeant patch, is a feeling he can carry with him for life.

"It's really rewarding," he said. "You take a Soldier, basically a civilian, the only thing they've been through is basic training, they have no idea how the Army works, and you teach them how the Army works and how to be successful."

"We've got a lot of Soldiers in combat," Jones said. "We get letters almost every day, e-mails every day, saying 'Drill sergeant, thank you, I'm in charge of this or that, I know exactly what to do and how to take care of my Soldiers, because I learned from you.'"



Drill sergeants use push-ups as a way to motivate and reinforce training with their Soldiers.

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Think like the wolf

Protect critical information with OPSEC program

Stephen Larsen
Program Executive Office

We all know what operations security, or 'OPSEC,' is - even if we don't realize it. You don't just give out your credit card number to a stranger. You don't randomly tell people your social security number, or your home phone number.

Why? Because these people don't have a need to know this information... and if we give it out carelessly, someone with bad intent could use it to compromise our lives in some way, such as identity theft. So, in our personal lives, we religiously protect this information, carefully considering each request for it and whether the requestor has a legitimate need for it and will protect it.

So why don't we, as members of Government organizations, practice OPSEC as religiously on the job?

"We in Government agencies shoot ourselves in the foot with information we publish on our Internet websites," said Charlie Reeder, course manager for the Interagency OPSEC Support Staff (IOSS), which has the mission to help government organizations develop self-sufficient OPSEC programs. IOSS includes representatives from the National Security Agency, Central Intelligence Agency, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Defense, General Services Administration and Department of Energy.

Reeder said he's seen government websites that have included maps of installations... listing of names, phone numbers and room numbers of key

officials... locations of organizations and units... specifications of weapons and communications systems... and much more.

"When we publish this information on the Internet, we might as well fax it directly to our adversaries," said Reeder. "Because, in effect, we have. Once it's out there, it's gone. One problem with the Internet is you don't know who's out there, looking at your information."

According to DoD sources, For Official Use Only and other sensitive but unclassified information - such as concepts of operations, operation plans and standard operating procedures - continues to appear on DoD public websites. In 2002, reviewers found more than 1,500 such discrepancies in Government websites.

"Our adversaries know and depend on this information," said Reeder.

TERRORISTS GET INTEL FROM 'OPEN SOURCE' INFORMATION

According to a message sent by Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld Jan. 14, an Al Qaeda training manual recovered in Afghanistan states "using public sources openly and without resorting to illegal means, it is possible to gather at least 80 percent of information about the enemy."

"Open source information is where our adversaries get the bulk of their intelligence," said Harvey Thomas, an instructor with the IOSS. "So why do we keep on giving it to them?"

Internet websites are just one example on the list of open source information, said Thomas, adding to that list items such as telephone direc-

tories, travel orders, job announcements, budget documents and newsletters.

"Our adversaries can take bits and pieces of information from all of these open sources," said Thomas, "and piece it together to form a complete picture."

FIVE-STEP OPSEC PROCESS
The way to combat such leaks, according to Reeder and Thomas, is establish a formal OPSEC program, employing the five-step OPSEC process.

STEP 1

Identify your critical information. Critical information is any information the adversary needs to prevent our success - and that we must protect to ensure our success. Critical information includes items such as capabilities... intentions... times... places... locations... strengths... weaknesses... technology... and tactics.

STEP 2

Analyze your threats. There are two elements of a threat - you must have an adversary with first, intent to do you harm; and second, with the capability to do you harm. If there's a terrorist who wants to do you harm, but doesn't have the means to get to you, you don't have a threat... but if that terrorist has a friend with the means to reach you - now you have a threat.

How do you get the data you need to analyze your threats? Organizations should get in touch with their intel folks and ask for a threat assessment. Given the changing world situation, you should do this once a quarter - but be as specific as you can be, so you are not inundated with information and get it in a timely fashion.

STEP 3

Analyze your vulnerabilities. Vulnerabilities are opportunities for adversaries to exploit your critical information - such as publishing sensitive information on public websites or talking about sensitive matters via cell phones or nonsecure phone lines, which are easily monitored. Often "indicators" can point to vulnerabilities. Did your organization suddenly put a fence around a location where there was no fence before? That can be an indicator that 'something is up' at that location and cause an adversary to take a closer look.

STEP 4

Assess your risks. There are three elements to risk, which can be expressed as a mathematical equation: Threat x Vulnerability x Impact = Risk. Without any one of the three - threat, vulnerability or impact - you don't have risk.

STEP 5

Apply appropriate countermeasures. The fifth step in the OPSEC

process is to apply appropriate countermeasures. The nation of India successfully applied OPSEC countermeasures to protect the critical information that they were conducting underground nuclear tests in May, 1998. For one, their workers avoided going outdoors at the nuclear test sites at times when satellites were passing overhead. For another, they launched missiles from other sites as a diversion. The result? India totally fooled the U.S., and the rest of the world, when they conducted their tests - other nations knew only after-the-fact, when seismographs picked up the explosions.

THINK LIKE THE WOLF
"You need to look at your organization through the eyes of your adversary," said Reeder. "You need to put on the black hat and ask yourself, 'if I were a bad guy, could I use this information to harm the organization or disrupt the mission?'"

Both Reeder and Thomas agree that, as a start, senior leadership must support OPSEC with policy and the appointment of an OPSEC program manager.

The IOSS, located in Greenbelt, Md., offers courses to properly train personnel involved with OPSEC programs, including these courses: OPSEC Fundamentals, OPSEC and Web Content Vulnerability, OPSEC Practitioner's Course, OPSEC Program Manager's Course, Threat Research for OPSEC Course and OPSEC for Public Safety Course. The IOSS can be reached at (443)479-4677. Its website, <http://www.ioiss.gov/>, provides course descriptions and a schedule of course dates.

"We have an obligation - and the power - to protect our critical information," said Reeder. "We need to start doing it."

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Defense Commissary Agency

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Six Army, Navy and Marine Corps single-servicemember programs are being rewarded for doing the most enthusiastic job of getting that message out loud and clear during Commissary Awareness Month earlier this year.

The Army Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program at Bad Aibling, Germany; the single Marine program at Marine Corps Air Station, Miramar, Calif.; and the Navy Liberty program at Naval Station Rota, Spain, are all receiving \$1,000 for their performance in partnering with their local commissary on Commis-

sary Awareness Month tours and events.

"One of DeCA's most important priorities is to make sure all members of the armed services know about their commissary benefit," said Patrick Nixon, deputy director of the Defense Commissary Agency. "These single-servicemember tours really create a high level of excitement and competition in our commissaries, as well as providing rewards and recognition for the 'best of the best' single-service-member programs!"

Winner of a second-place overall prize was Camp Butler, Okinawa, for overseas. Fort Gordon, Ga., and Fort Bliss, Texas, tied for second place overall for programs in the United States. All three of those programs will receive \$500 each.

The performance awards are funded by the Consumer Awareness Team, an industry committee that supports and funds commissary outreach projects — including the single-service-member tours held during Commissary Awareness Month every May.

The Consumer Awareness Team also funded \$100 in commissary gift certificates to be used during the tours as prizes or giveaways by participating programs. Program coordinators of Liberty, Single Marine and BOSS programs worldwide simply signed up and arranged tours with their local commissary. Local commissary vendors often lined up to support tour activities with food and additional giveaways for the thousands of singles who participated. More than 50 programs signed up in 2003 — a

40 percent increase over 2002.

"The whole purpose of the tours during Commissary Awareness Month is to encourage single service members to visit their commissary," said Bonita Moffett, consumer advocate for DeCA. "If we get them to come in and see the money they can save and the great services we offer, that's a success story."

Commissary Awareness Month events and activities depicted in entries sent by the single-servicemember programs ranged from tricycle races at Fort Myer, Va., to "Commissary Craze Day" at Rota, to a pig roast and rock wall climbing at Bad Aibling.

BOSS members at Fort Gordon got great media coverage for its *Commissary Awareness Day*, and free pizza for the best participating unit didn't hurt when it came to attracting more than 400 participants.

Signal Corps band stages holiday concert

Denise Allen
Signal staff

The U.S. Army Signal Corps Band will present the sounds of the season in a concert at First Baptist Church of Augusta.

The annual holiday concert begins at 7 p.m. Dec. 5.

"It's a holiday concert — seasonal favorites," said War-

rant Officer Scott MacDonald, band director. New this year is a chorus comprised of members of the community who will sing some of the songs.

Richard Rogers of WRDW-TV Channel 12 will host the event and will read *'Twas the Night Before Christmas* as part of the performance.

While the concert is free, it will be a ticketed event with seats going to ticket holders first. The church sanctuary can seat about 1,400 people.

Tickets are available at Fort Gordon Credit Union, the Gordon Club, the Courtyard, Metro Augusta Chamber of Commerce and Columbia County Chamber of Commerce, Papa John's Pizza and

First Bank locations.

MacDonald said the holiday concert was a way for band members to give back to the community.

"Throughout the year, the community supports us so much. We had a great turnout on the Fourth of July," he said.

For more information, call 791-3752.



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Cool stuff

A group of students from Freedom Park Elementary look at a Native American display during a presentation at the school Thursday. Traditional Native American artifacts such as a bow and arrow, drums, coyote skin, buffalo fur, dream catchers, and jewelry were on display for the kids to see. The presentation was organized by the post Equal Opportunity office to give the kids the opportunity to learn more about Native American culture and history.

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Sgt. Mark Bell
Army News Service

BAGHDAD, Iraq – Four Soldiers based in Germany who were killed while serving in Iraq were honored Nov. 19 with black and gold plaques that will be hung on military living quarters in Iraq.

"Their lives are not lost in vain," said Lt. Col. Charles Sexton, the commander of 1st Armored Division's 1st Battalion, 36th Infantry Regiment, from Freidburg, Germany, while looking at the four plaques behind him. "We are going to honor their memory by commissioning plaques for each one of the buildings you Soldiers live in. I can think of no greater way to honor (their) memories than by naming a building after them in which their brothers live."

The Spartan Soldiers remembered and honored were:
- Pfc. Robert Frantz, Company B, killed June 18

- Spc. Edward Herrgott, Company B, killed July 3

- Sgt. Juan Serrano, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 37th Armor Regiment, killed July 24

- Spc. William Mahner, III, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1-36, killed July 28

Sexton said he knows the four Soldiers killed are appreciative of what the battalion is doing during its mission in Iraq.

"They are looking down upon us from heaven. It's not easy to say goodbye to a friend, but when you say goodbye that friend is still within our hearts. They are still with us in our minds, and they are still with the United States Army."

As Command Sgt. Maj. Frank Graham, from Mowks Corner, S.C., unveiled both the battalion and the American colors, the battalion formation quietly remembered their not-forgotten Soldiers and friends.

Sexton told his Soldiers during a large formation the four Soldiers died for something they believed in – to bring freedom to the Iraqi people.

Sexton reminded his Soldiers to look at the colors Graham uncovered earlier in the ceremony and remember that

each represents those Soldiers who have been killed in battles of the past, present and future.

"Soon we'll be adding a streamer to those battalion colors," he said. "We'll often look at those streamers as cloth with a couple of words on it, but what I want you to do from now on as veterans is look at those streamers and think of those names you see today."

Sexton said those streamers are not made of cloth, but rather made of blood. "That is blood that is shed in order for that dream of our national colors and the dream of freedom to be forever."

For Herrgott, transferring to a new company and a new mission did not deter him from making new friends and a new mission guarding the Iraqi National Museum in Baghdad.

Herrgott was killed during a July 3 attack in Baghdad.

Just minutes before the fatal attack, Capt. Chris Ayers, Herrgott's former company commander, said he remembered Herrgott's spunky, outgoing attitude and his desire to help the Iraqi people regain their pride and freedom into their

lives.

"I know he loved his job here," said Ayers. "He died for freedom; he died for everybody in this company. It was for a good cause, and that's why it tugs at my heart to see such a young guy like Herrgott have something horrible like this happen to him."

The senior enlisted Spartan Soldier said remembering his Soldiers that were killed was personal.

"It's important to me because all four of my Soldiers have given the ultimate sacrifice of their lives," said Graham.

Whether it was at the turn of the century, yesterday or tomorrow, Graham said remembering and honoring fallen comrades is an important part of our history we must not forget.

"They have sacrificed their lives to ensure the freedom of the sons and daughters of future generations can live a free and fulfilling life," Graham said. "As we remember these four Soldiers ... let us not forget the past Soldiers who have also fallen. They too, have sacrificed their lives for myself and

my children."

After the ceremony, which was held on Veterans Day, friends and comrades of Frantz, Serrano, Mahner and Herrgott gathered around the plaques quietly, and in their own way, remembered those who have sacrificed their lives to give a new life to the Iraqi people – a life of choice and freedoms that which the American people remember each year on Veterans Day.

"We are still focused on doing the job here," said Ayers after the ceremony. "We are focused on doing everything that we possibly can to be safe and secure. Everyone believes in this mission."

The 11th is a day of heroes, and this day belongs to Soldiers, said Sexton.

"Those Soldiers did not die in vain," he said. "They died for a dream; that dream is freedom. They were your brothers in arm, and they gave their lives to the flag you see in front of you. They gave their lives for you and for your families."

(Bell is a journalist with the 372nd Mobile Public Affairs Detachment.)



Photo by Sgt. Mark Bell

A plaque is placed on the living quarters of Company B during the Veterans Day memorial service, where the battalion dedicated four buildings to four Soldiers killed during operations in support of Operation Iraq Freedom. (From left to right) Lt. Col. Charles Sexton and Capt. Chris Ayers, both from 1st Armored Division's 1st Battalion, 36th Infantry Regiment, Freidburg, Germany, gave remarks during the ceremony.

Using guiding principles

Chaplain (Maj.)
Tim Panula
Chaplain Family Life Center
director

Perhaps the "what happened here?" was the fact that I operated in the context of guiding principles which really are not appropriate. For example, I have a tendency to blame someone else or blame my circumstances for something I have done wrong. An inappropriate guiding principle would be to think that I am always right and that I don't make mistakes. It would be healthy for me to challenge that kind of thinking and accept the fact that it is just fine not to be perfect.

I've been thinking a lot lately about what I do and why. I have times that are productive and those that are not. I struggle from month to month with money management, interpersonal relationships, and internal struggles which sometimes make me doubt myself. There are also times when life runs very smoothly and things are great. I, like everyone else, have my ups and downs. In pondering my actions, the concept of guiding principles keeps coming to mind.

A principle is a basic truth, law, or assumption; a rule or standard. When we say, "he is a man of principle," we mean that he lives by a set of high standards. When we infer that a decision was based on principle, rather than expediency, the meaning is that moral or ethical standards or judgments provided the guidance for the decision. You might consider guiding principles as fixed and predetermined policies upon which decisions are made.

The Army values could be described as a set of guiding principles. They define our personal and collective desired conduct. For instance, the value of respect is defined generally as treating people as they should be treated. It is another way of expressing the golden rule of treating others the same way you would like to be treated.

One of the realizations that I came to in my recent ponderings is that I can be guided by principles of which I am not aware. I think we all have had situations that have been particularly difficult and have wondered, "What happened here?"

At this time of year we are celebrating that great American tradition called Thanksgiving. My desire is to incorporate in myself an attitude of thankfulness that would be my guiding principle throughout the year. The first century church faced numerous persecutions and turmoil. In one of the letters written by the great Apostle Paul, they were encouraged to "let their lives overflow with thankfulness for all God has done" (Colossians 2:7). I have very much for which to be thankful to God.

Thus, the process that I will be using when I experience troubling circumstances, self-doubt, financial struggles or non-productive days is to stop and consider what my guiding principles are.

I may discover a need to replace a distorted or irrational ideal with truth. Where do I get the guidance for that process? How about God's truth as expressed in the Bible?

In another letter written by the Apostle Paul we read, "All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It straightens us out and teaches us to do what is right." (2 Timothy 3:16)

Theater group performs in Iraq, Afghanistan

Tim Hippias
Army News Service

FORT BELVOIR, Va.—BRAVO! Army Theatre Touring Company will present *Farley Family Reunion* during the holiday season to lighten spirits of Soldiers deployed in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

Having already performed the hilarious play about family at Fort Belvoir, Va., Nov. 7 and 8, the five-soldier entourage departed Nov. 12 for Kuwait.

BRAVO! will entertain troops in Iraq, Qatar, Afghanistan and Uzbekistan before returning to Fort Belvoir in early January. A few days later, they will embark for Korea and Japan. The four and a half-month tour will conclude in Alaska in February.

"This tour is going to be unlike any tour that we've even ever done," Army Community Entertainment Program Manager Tim Higon said. "We've had people go to the Middle East, but we want to get them to the small remote places where they can't take contract civilian entertainers – take them on four-hour truck convoys into little camps."

"We're really excited that they're going to be performing for troops in Iraq on Christmas and for troops in Afghanistan on New Year's Eve. They'll be hitting every major command that's represented in Iraq right now."

Thanksgiving will be a travel day to Qatar for BRAVO!, which will perform as many as three shows daily on 33 dates.

"We as an Army see the need for our Soldiers over there in the deployed area to have things to recreate with at this time," Higon said. "We're sending packages of DVD players, TVs, Xboxes, PlayStation and that kind of thing. But I think, historically and traditionally, a Soldier in a combat zone still craves that human interaction with somebody who's taking the time to come and be with them."

"That's why the Bob Hopes and Dallas Cowboy cheerleaders of the world, people who go over to these combat zones and actually do something for them, are much more appreciated and have a much greater impact," Higon said. "In the tradition of our motto, entertainment 'for the Soldier, by the Soldier', I think we take that interaction one step further and say: 'I'm one of your own, and I'm taking my time and my holiday just to help you get away for



Photo by Tim Hippias

Pfc. Blake Boles says taking BRAVO! Army Theatre Touring Company on the road to perform "Farley Family Reunion" for front-line Soldiers is "bigger than Broadway . . . bigger than the Oscars."

90 minutes. That's key to our whole program."

BRAVO! director Sgt. Tobin Atkinson first saw *Farley Family Reunion* at Wheeler Farm in Salt Lake City, Utah, his hometown.

"I've never laughed harder," Atkinson recalled. "It was very inspirational and very funny – to the point where it stuck in my head for the last 15 years."

Atkinson, who never envisioned himself in the military, now directs Soldiers performing the script for Soldiers.

Pfc. Blake Boles thought his acting days were numbered when he joined the Army.

"I did theater when I was a civilian, and to be able to do it as a Soldier in the Army is a dream come true," said Boles, 30, a native of Chicago who considers Montgomery, Ala., home. "I thought I was leaving theater behind for at the very least four years, if not for 20."

"This is the noblest thing that we as performers can do," continued Boles, a food service operations specialist at Camp Casey, Korea. "This, to me, is bigger than Broadway. This is bigger than the Oscars. If I could do this for the rest of my life, I would be thrilled to death, absolutely."

Spc. Vanessa Bradchulis will complement Boles on stage during her second tour with BRAVO!

"I've worked for BOSS (Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers) a lot, and it's always been a concern of mine that morale and welfare of Soldiers is something that can't be forgotten," said Bradchulis, 28, a health care specialist from Miami Springs, Fla., stationed at Vilseck, Germany. "I'm very proud to be a part of this, especially the second time because now we're going into a combat area."

"Hopefully we'll be able to bring some laughs to some folks over there. It's a funny show that we don't always get through without laughing hysterically."

Other members of the troupe include Spc. Joel Miller and Spc. Alexis Sutter.

Miller, 28, of Sulphur Springs, Texas, is the technician in charge of lights and sound for BRAVO! Miller, from the 55th Signal Company out of Fort Meade, Md., is a seven-year Army veteran who recently completed his third stint as stage manager for the Army Entertainment Division's Miller Lite Army Concert Tour.

Sutter, 20, of Yucaipa, Calif., is an imagery analyst stationed at Fort Myer, Va. She will handle costumes and props for the two-person play.

(Hippias is a senior information specialist in the Public Affairs Office of the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center.)

Chapel Call

Collective Protestant Services

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

Catholic Services

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

Sunday Masses

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

Jewish Activities

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

Islamic Services

Jumah Prayer Service on Fridays Oct-Apr at 1245-1:30, and Apr-Oct from 1:30-2:30.

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

Denominational Services

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

Religious Education

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

Other Programs/Services

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

Bible Studies

OCF Bible Study - Monday 6:30 a.m., Officer Christian Fellowship Bible Study, Friendship Chapel, 791-2056. Friday evening OCF POC is Col. Hook, 863-8231, or Capt. Craft, 364-5144.
Tuesday, 7:00 p.m., Protestant Women of the Chapel, Bldg. 28414
Bicentennial Chapel

Wednesday, 11:30 a.m., Devotional Luncheon, Bicentennial Chapel, Bldg. 28414
Wednesday, 9:30 a.m., Protestant Women of the Chapel, Bldg. 28414
Wednesday 11:45 a.m. EAMC Bible Study, DDEAMC Din. Fac. Conf. Rm, 3rd floor
Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. Bldg. 39713, Faith Community Bible Study
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Friendship Chapel Bible Study
Thursday, 11:30 a.m. 63rd & 67th SIG BN Bible Study, Contact Chaplain

Chapel Directory

Bicentennial Chapel, 791-3959
Good Shepherd Chapel (Catholic), 791-2945
Faith Community Chapel Activities 791-4703 (during duty hours)
Barnes Avenue Friendship Chapel, 791-2056
Eisenhower Army Medical Center Chapel, 787-6667

Religious Education

Protestant/Catholic Program, Mr. Randall Dillard 791-4703

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

Army addresses Soldier pay problems

Eric Cramer
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Army is working on immediate actions to eliminate the pay problems of deployed Soldiers, and long-term solutions are also underway.

"The basic pay and allowances for most Soldiers is there. It's the situation-unique entitlements based on location, dependent status, special skills — these are the one's that, because they require additional documentation and inputs, fall through the cracks," said Eric Reid, chief of Finance and Accounting Oversight and Field Operations Division, U.S. Army Finance Com-

mand.

Reid said most difficulties lie in special entitlements built into the pay process.

"For example, the day a Soldier steps in country, he starts receiving hostile fire pay. He also is eligible for hardship duty pay location (HDP-L), but although his time starts on the first day, he has to be there for 30 days to be eligible.

"After 30 days, it's paid retroactively to the first day. He is also eligible for a combat zone tax exemption, and possibly for a family separation allowance. For some entitlements, the finance technician must input it in the system on a monthly basis," Reid said.

"The hardship duty pay is an example, they have to do an input every month for that entitlement," he said.

In addition to the hardship duty pay for Soldiers in theater, he said there is one other major entitlement that must be entered separately each month for most Soldiers, the Continental United States Cost of Living Allowance, or CONUS/COLA.

"Yes, the GAO (General Accounting Office) used a case study technique which focused on only Special Forces and MP units, but I can tell you there are similar problems across the board that we're working to address," Reid said.



Photos by Candy Zaffis

Pucker up piggy

Master Sgt. Mike Peacock, NCOIC, Pathology, puckered up and kissed a pig Nov. 7 to raise money for the Fort Gordon Christmas House. This year Eisenhower Army Medical Center raised more than \$4,200 to support the Christmas House with popcorn sales, a gift basket silent auction and kissing the pig. "Arnold" was on loan to the medical center from the Greystone Ranch Petting Zoo.

Medal

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The 1.4 million Soldiers in today's Army are fewer than all the Soldiers that were in Vietnam at any one time, he said, a strong testament to today's fighting force.

And that force has a huge responsibility: protecting freedom.

"The people out there who are your comrades, and I feel my comrades too, are out there making it safe for all of us. There is a very large number of people, 280 million people, who are relying on 1.4 million people; they're relying on you. And without the work of people

like you, without the dedication of your comrades who are already over there...none of us would be free."

Jacobs said the book was vital to capture a portrait of this fast-fading group of Americans.

"It's something of a living history. A lot of the Medal of Honor recipients have passed away, and they are (dying) very, very rapidly, because we're talking about people whose average age is over 70.

"When I received my award, there were 450 living recipients, there are now only 133," he said. "Statistically, in five years half of them will be gone and it's very important we capture their ideas and stories before they are gone."

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Community Events

Thanksgiving services

The Fort Gordon Chaplain's office offers the following Thanksgiving services:

- Thanksgiving Interfaith Service, **10:30 a.m. today**, Bicentennial Chapel, Building 28414, Brainard Avenue. The speaker is Chaplain (Col.) Mark Fritch

- Thanksgiving Mass 7 p.m. **today**, Good Shepherd Chapel, Building 29608.

Christmas concert

The U.S. Army Signal Corps Band presents a concert of holiday music at 7 p.m. **Dec. 5**, in the sanctuary at First Baptist Church, 3500 Walton Way.

The concert is free and open to the public. For information, call 791-3113.

West Point briefing

There is a West Point admissions briefing from 1:30-3:30 p.m. **Dec. 5** and **8** in Building 29805. Application deadline is March 10, 2004. To request an application or more information, contact Maj. Cliff Hodges at (845)938-5780 or e-mail tc2324@usma.edu.

Christmas concert

The Augusta Concert Band holds its annual family Christmas Concert at 7:30 p.m. **Monday** at the Maxwell Performing Arts Theatre on the Augusta State University campus. Admission is free. For information call (803)202-0091.

BIG scholarship

The Greater Augusta Chapter of Blacks in Government is offering a scholarship for Richmond and Columbia county high school graduating seniors. Applicants will be judged on scholastic standing or trade aptitude, as well as citizenship, character, participation in school and community activities, the applicant's stated desire and sincerity for furtherance of her/his education and letters of recommendations.

Applications available from high school guidance counselors; deadline for applications is **Dec. 19**. For information call Thomas Brown Jr., at 736-0778.

Coordinator wanted

The BOSS program has an opening for a full-time coordinator. To apply, submit a biography, copy of your PT card, weapons qualification, a typed essay detailing the skills you can bring to the BOSS program (150 words or less), and letters of recommendation from your battalion and brigade command sergeant major.

Application deadline is **Monday**. For more informa-

tion, call Ayanna Wiggins at 791-7862.

Symposium events

There is a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. **Tuesday** at the Gordon Club jointly hosted by local AFCEA, SCRA and AUSA Chapters.

Guest speaker is retired Lt. Gen. John Dubia, vice president of operations for AFCEA International. Tickets are \$15 and must be purchased in advance at www.signalcorps.org/store.

The AFCEA Gala Dinner is 6 p.m. **Wednesday** at the Gordon Club. Tickets are \$30 and may be purchased from AmyTuschen at 791-7815 or Robbe Ostby at 793-3500. Tickets are also available on the above website.

Both events are open to the public and do not require Symposium registration. For information, e-mail afceafg@knology.net for more information.

Christmas auction

The Garden City Chapter of Federally Employed Women at Fort Gordon is having a holiday auction at 11:30 a.m. **Dec. 10** in the Gordon Club's Victoria Room.

Proceeds from the auction help support Safe Homes of Augusta and Fort Gordon's Christmas House.

The luncheon is pay-as-you-go. For more information, call Shirley Johnson at 791-7656 or Judy Creer at 791-5653.

Troops to teachers briefing

There is a Troops to Teachers briefing **Dec. 4** and **18**. Eligible Soldiers may receive federal funding up to \$5,000 towards teacher certification or a one time cash bonus of up to \$10,000 to teach in one of Georgia's high needs schools.

For information, call the ACAP Center at 791-7333 or 7356.

Smart start for vets

A SmartStart representative will be at the ACAP Center **Wednesday** and **Dec. 17** at 11:15 a.m.

SmartStart For New Vets provides eligible service-members, and their spouses, with entry-level job opportunities at top corporations.

For more information, call the ACAP Center at 791-7333 or go to www.smartstartvets.org.

Local police need Soldiers

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department is seeking separating Soldiers. Starting salary with a high school diploma or GED is \$31,428; with an associate degree \$33,001; with a bachelor's degree \$34,651.

At the Movies

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

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

For movie listings and times, call 791-3982.

Nov. 26-30
Thursday - Closed
Friday - Lost in Translation (R)
Saturday - Beyond Borders (R)
Late show - Lost in Translation (R)
Sunday - Good Boy (PG)

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

Capt. Don Harkey will be administering an entry level examination at the ACAP Center at 1 p.m. **Dec. 17**. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 791-7356.

PTA meeting

The Glenn Hills Middle School Parent-Teacher Association meets at 7 p.m. **Dec. 4**. The Freedom Park Elementary School Parent-Teacher Association meets at 6 p.m. **Dec. 16**. All parents are encouraged to attend.

Holiday celebration

Freedom Park Elementary School is hosting a Holiday Luau for all students at 3:30 p.m. **Dec. 12**. The cost for this event is \$1. Both parents and students are encouraged to attend. For information, call Beverly Humbert at 796-8428.

Holiday fun

The Augusta Museum of History presents *Holiday at the Museum*, from noon-5 p.m. **Dec. 7**. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$1 for children. Holiday crafts will be sold and Saint Nick will pay a visit. A Christmas tree raffle will also be held. For information, call 722-8454.

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: Handling financial stress during the holidays

For information call 791-3579.

Story hour

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

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

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

Employment workshop

A weekly workshop, "Tools of Employment," is held 9-11 a.m. **Monday** mornings to assist in resume writing, job searching, and interviewing techniques.

The workshop meets in the Community Life Building, 33512.

For information, call 791-3579.

Christmas bazaar

Macedonia Baptist Church is holding a Christmas bazaar from 7 a.m.-4 p.m. **Saturday**. For more information, contact Vanessa Smith at 228-5168 or Mary McCormick at 798-7515.

PIE meetings set

Parent Information Exchange meetings are the

fourth **Thursday** of every month in the ACS conference room from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

A different agency is highlighted from the community to share information with parents about various medical conditions and educational issues. Call 791-4872/3579 for information about EFMP.

EFMP news

The Army Community Service Exceptional Family Member Program has a new support group by and for parents of exceptional family members.

If you have information to share and would like to join the team call 791-3579.

EFMP event

The Exceptional Family Member Program meets for bowling at Gordon Lanes Bowling Center the third **Monday** of each month from 5-6:30 p.m. The night includes door prizes and free shoe rentals. For information call 791-4872/4718.



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The next edition of the *Fort Gordon Report* premieres **Dec. 15**.

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Fielding equipment needs to be priority

Eric Cramer
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Changing the way the Army acquires new technology will drive the future force, said Claude M. Bolton Jr., assistant secretary of the Army for acquisition, logistics and technology.

Bolton spoke to about 150 Army and industry leaders attending an Institute for Land Warfare breakfast Nov. 13. Lockheed-Martin and the Association of the U.S. Army sponsored the breakfast.

Bolton said rapid acquisition of new technology is already affecting troops in combat. As an example, he showed those attending the event a picture of the Army's Interception Body Armor.

"This armor weighs about 16.4 pounds. Its predecessor weighed about 25 pounds. I met a Soldier at last fall's symposium who still had the plate (the ceramic plate that lines the armor vest). It had three dimples on it from where the AK-47 had hit him right over his heart," Bolton said.

About 25,000 of the new armor vests are now manufactured each month, Bolton said.

"Our goal is, if you're in the area of operations, and you're getting shot at, you've got it," Bolton said.

"The next goal is to equip everyone in the Army, and then everyone else who wants it."

He said multiple contractors are working on producing the armor, but

they serve the FBI and other government agencies in addition to military contracts.

Bolton said his office created a Rapid Equipping Force about 18 months ago to examine the needs of the Soldiers in the field and find the fastest way to meet those needs.

He said the equipment currently being fielded includes "Pac bots," small robots used to examine caves in Afghanistan; a "well camera" that can be lowered into wells to seek caches of weapons; door shims to allow troops to open doors without damaging locks, and several other items.

"When the robots first went to field, there was some resistance to them," Bolton said. "But when the colonel who took them over there went to bring the prototypes home, the Soldiers said 'no.' The colonel came home and the prototypes stayed in the field."

He said he is working to change not just the acquisition process, but also the philosophy behind it.

"In the past, you looked at acquisition, testing and fielding, what you might call 'little A.' My view is you don't do that first. First you look at the need. Otherwise, you don't need the acquisition. I will challenge your requirements until I see exactly what you want and then I'll get to that 'small A' acquisition process. You can change your requirement, but can't change that piece of paper," Bolton said.

He said the acquisition process should begin with an assessment of the needed capability, move through the "small A" of acquisition and testing, then go to operations,

maintenance and upgrading, and finally move on to retirement.

Bolton said the executives present would drive the creation of the future force in the military.

"There is no natural law that says the United States will be the most powerful country in the world. No natural law says that. What makes that happen is people," Bolton said.

He described several incidents from combat in which a combination of equipment and skills helped service members survive, finishing with the collision between an American surveillance aircraft and a Chinese fighter plane in 2001.

"The pilot, Lt. Shane Osborn, of Nebraska, recovered the plane and landed on Chinese soil. We ultimately got the plane back, in pieces, but we got it back. Where is the Chinese pilot? Remember that you can make a difference," Bolton said.

Following his comments, Bolton showed a video that depicted how the future force may use technology, including advanced uniforms that harden into armor, information technology linking Soldiers and their equipment and advanced communications and non-lethal weapons.

He then took questions on the use of nanotechnology, infrared technology, building information networks robust enough for the combat environment and the interaction of small businesses with the acquisition process.

101st raids net suspects

Army News Service

MOSUL, IRAQ — Twenty-four personnel suspected of violence against U.S. forces in northern Iraq were captured Nov. 12 in a series of raids by the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault).

The first incident occurred in the 1st Brigade Combat Team area of operations when an individual who was wanted for questioning was stopped at a traffic control point. He was believed to have information on acts against coalition forces.

The second incident occurred when an improvised explosive device exploded, causing minor injuries to two soldiers. Two suspects in the

area were immediately detained. They are also believed to be linked with earlier attacks on U.S. forces.

The third incident took place in the 1st BCT area when a joint U.S. and Iraqi border patrol element identified a suspicious vehicle south of Mosul. Individuals in the vehicle fired at the joint patrol. The patrol returned fire, and then searched the vehicle, which contained six individuals and 20 complete rocket propelled grenade systems. All six were detained. There were no U.S. injuries.

The infantrymen patrol the streets 24-hours-a-day, looking for law-breakers and people intent on causing harm to Soldiers and local citizens, said

Staff Sgt. Nathan Smith, squad leader, Company B, 1st Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment. Soldiers go to mechanic shops and garages looking for people who make car bombs.

Local citizens are also helping the patrolling units net criminals who may be planning attacks. In Mosul a series of raids netted 10 suspects, seven AK-47s, one RPG, two RPG rounds, a pistol and an assault rifle. The suspects were caught when an Iraqi citizen informed a Soldier from the 2nd BCT that individuals were planning an attack on U.S. forces.

(This release is the culmination of two articles submitted by the 101st Abn. Div (AA) Public Affairs Office.)



Photo by Pfc. Joshua Hutcheson

Soldiers from B Company, 1st Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) detain a man who was seen leaving a suspected arms dealer's house.



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Sports & Leisure

Sports UPDATE

Hypnotist performs

Gary Conrad, Master Hypnotist, performs at the Fort Gordon Dinner Theatre Dec. 13.

Conrad will perform two shows, the first, "Rated G" show, at 7:30 p.m., and the second show, "Rated PG-18", at 10 p.m.

There will be no dinner, however refreshments will be available. Tickets are \$10. For more information, call 793-8552.

Big buck contest

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

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

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

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

Ladies golf schedule

The tee time for the Fort Gordon Ladies Golf Club will start at 9:30 beginning Monday.

The Ladies Golf Club meets every Thursday morning at Gordon Lakes Golf Course.

For more information, call Pauline Blandeburgo at 863-4737.

Horseback riding

Open riding is available 9 a.m. - 3:45 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays on a first come, first served basis at the Hilltop Riding Stables. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday open riding is available from 1 - 3:45 p.m. with reservation. Miniature ponies, beginners, intermediate and advanced horses are available.

Call 791-4864 for reservations.

AUSA golf tournament

The AUSA Golf Tournament begins at 8 a.m. Dec. 5. All entrants must be registered for the Symposium prior to registering for the golf tournament.

The cost of entering the tournament is \$50. The tournament will follow a four-person scramble format and will feature closest to the flag and longest drive competitions.

For more information contact Maj. William Climefelter at 791-1365.

Holiday blood drive

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, United States Garrison Command, will sponsor a holiday blood drive, Dec. 17 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Courtyard Recreation and Dining Center.

All donors will receive a coupon for a free turkey dinner the day of the drive, or to be used at a later date at the Courtyard. Those who cannot donate blood and donate \$5 towards phone cards for deployed Fort Gordon Soldiers will also get the coupon.

For more information, call 791-8500.



Photos by Pvt. Armando Monroig

(Left) Joy Sczublewski skates as Dorothy with Nicko Kioutas as Toto. A cast shot after the performance includes (back row, left to right) Kay Cee Thomas, Allina Kioutas, Alexia Kioutas, Zia Camacho and Emily Peppin with (front row, left to right) Cassandra and Nicko Kioutas.

Fort Gordon youth participate in *Wizard of Oz* ice show

Pvt. Armando Monroig
Signal Staff

The Figure Skating Club of Augusta presented their version of the *Wizard of Oz* on ice, Nov. 16 at 2 and 5:30 p.m., at the Augusta Ice Sports Center located on Augusta West Parkway.

The show was a special treat for those who wanted to see their family and friends partake in the classic story, *The Wizard of Oz*.

"We talked earlier in the year about putting a production on ice," said Renee Lipscomb, show director and choreographer. "We decided to go with *The Wizard of Oz*."

She said it was a funny coincidence that the day they put on the show was

the same day the *Wizard of Oz* was being shown on television.

"We started working on this production four months ago," said Lipscomb. "We have 50-plus skating participants ranging in age anywhere from two-years old to 74 years young."

Lipscomb said this is the first time they have put together a production of this magnitude.

"The skaters worked really hard over the past several months to get this production going," said Lipscomb. "It was a good collaboration."

She said skaters came from places as close to Fort Gordon and from as far away as Columbia, S.C., to participate in the show.

Some of the skaters who performed are children whose parents are stationed at Fort Gordon, said Pat Camacho, who works at Darling Hall for the Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

Four of those children belong to Capt. Nick Kioutas, a project officer for the Directorate of Combat Development on post, said Camacho.

Nicko, Alexia, Allina and Cassandra Kioutas all participated in the ice show, with 2-year-old Nicko playing the role of Toto, 10-year-old Alexia, 8-year-old Allina and 4-year-old Cassandra played the roles of Munchkins and Poppies in the show.

Aside from their children skating in the show, Kioutas and his wife Shellie also participated in the production,

said Andrew Austin, skating school director.

"Nick Kioutas helped out backstage," said Austin. "His wife skated playing the role of a castle guard and Wickie."

Camacho added that Mrs. Kioutas was one of three assistant coaches for the show. Kay Cee Thomas and Emily Peppin, also from Fort Gordon, performed in the show as well. Thomas played the roles of a Munchkin and a Poppy, while 14-year-old Peppin played five roles, said Camacho.

Camacho's daughter Zia, also had five characters in the show.

"The skaters put on an outstanding performance and it was enjoyable for everyone involved," said Austin.

The show was such a success that next time they will have to have more shows or extra seating due to the great turnout, he said.

"We're talking about having an encore performance at the beginning of next year but nothing is set in stone yet," said Austin.

Lipscomb said the skating program has been around for four years.

She said one of the coaches, Amy Lambert, put the program together from scratch. (Lambert was out of town and unavailable for an interview.)

For more information on the skating school, call 863-0061, said Austin, adding that there is a \$2 discount for general skating with military ID.



Photo by Armando Monroig

Command Sgt. Maj. Clifford McGhee, 297th Military Intelligence Battalion, presents Spc. Simeone Boddie, team coach and quarterback, this year's post Flag Football Championship trophy. The 297th MI Bn. won the title by beating HHC 206th MI Bn., 26-12 in a game held Nov. 13.

Pictured left to right are (front row) Spc. Erwin Bankston, defensive lineman, Boddie and McGhee, (Back row left to right) Sgt. Marcus Lee, cornerback and receiver, Staff Sgt. Derrryck Jeffrey, corner, Sgt. Brian Burns, wide receiver, Spc. James Harris, wide receiver and Spc. Kevin Mumphy, defensive lineman.

513th Military Intelligence Battalion captures flag football crown

Pvt. Armando Monroig
Signal Staff

The post flag football championship was decided Nov. 13 in an exciting display of athletic competition, as B Co., 297th Military Intelligence Battalion, 513th MI Brigade beat HHC 206th MI Battalion, 26-2.

The 297th finished the season with a 14-4 record and the post championship, while the 206th posted a 13-

5 finish.

But it didn't get off to such a good start. The team came into the league two games late in the season replacing a team which had forfeited.

This meant the team had to start off with a 0-2 record, due to regulations stating that forfeited games count as losses for the substituting team, said Al Robinson, post sports coordinator.

Summed up in one word, the season was, "Long," said

Sgt. Brian Burns, wide-receiver. "We had a lot of ups and downs."

Initially they struggled with internal squabbling amongst themselves, said defensive lineman, Spc. Erwin Bankston.

"Toward the end, we got it together," he said. "We were killing everybody."

"We beat ourselves when we lost," said Spc. Von Keith Barr. "If we would have played together every game like when we came together at the end of

the season, we would have been undefeated...easy."

Spc. Simeone Boddie, team coach, agreed saying, "It took a while for us to get on the same page."

The Soldiers all agreed that their toughest opponent was the Air Force, who won last year's championship.

"They beat us twice during the season," said Boddie. "But we beat them in the playoffs." Despite the slow start, they were the hottest team going into

the playoffs racking up wins as they headed toward a championship, said Staff Sgt. Derrryck Jeffrey, cornerback.

"I've been here for three years and it's the first time we've won the championship," he said. "It is unbelievable."

Boddie said his team played well and won because of teamwork and overall chemistry.

"Everybody on the team was deployed (to the Middle East) together for at least six months," said Boddie. "So, living in close quarters and being together, we got to know each other pretty good."

He added that overall, they had a balanced team on offense and defense.

The game that stood out the most in the player's minds was the first game they played against the 206th, said Boddie.

"It was raining," said Boddie. "The game was tied and went to overtime. They scored first then we scored. We got the two-point conversion to beat them on the last play of the game."

The Soldiers said they had a lot of support from fans, which contributed to the team's success this year.

"They saw things on the field that we didn't," said wide-receiver Sgt. Brian Burns. "They let us know (these things)."

The Soldiers all agree the most memorable play of the season was one from the championship game.

It was fourth down with 15 yards to go. The 206th had just scored, the 297th called a passing play and threw into the end zone for the score, which set the tone for the remainder of the game.

The 297th never looked back, beating their opponent 26-12 and earning bragging rights for this year's title.

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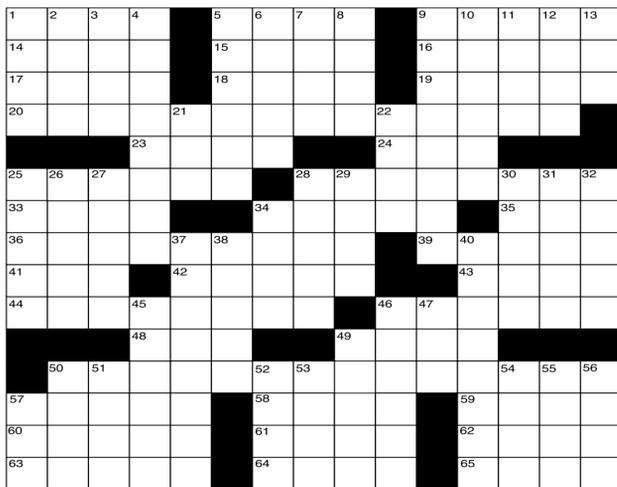
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- Gate #1 Shoppette
Chamberlain Ave.
- Dining Facility #11
Bldg. 21709 Chamberlain & 17th

On-Post Locations:

- Maglin Terrace
- McNair Terrace
- Boardman Lake Officer Housing
- Olive Terrace
- Gordon Terrace Enlisted Housing
- Gate #5 Gas Station
- Bldg.49300 Ave. Of The States
- Public Affairs Office
Bldg. 29801 Chamberlain Ave.
- Ring Hall
Bldg. 36700 Kilbourne Avenue
- Woodworth Library
Bldg. 33500 Rice Road
- Soldier Service Center
Bldg. 33720 Chamberlain & Rice



Spectrum

Wish granted

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The parade finished at his elementary school, where the entire school chanted his name and a small ceremony was held to celebrate his return.

Hobbs had become a "G.I. Joe" for more than just one day. From basic training to advanced schools, from Signal to MP training a homecoming parade and more, Hobbs ran the gamut of activities. He had his wish.

NOW THAT YOU HAVE THE FACTS, LET ME go a little deeper and talk about Ethan the person. I had the pleasure of being able to spend two days with this little guy, and I can tell you he is incredible, a true ball of energy.

When I first met him, he came to the public affairs office with his family - father Mike, mother Judy, sister Elizabeth, 4, and brothers Ben, 11 and Jordan, 9. While his parents got briefed on the day's events, he immediately began running around the room, doing flips, a complete ball of fire.

All I could think to myself was, "This kid is sick?"

I didn't realize until he returned to Fort Gordon Thursday just how sick he really had been, and how lucky he was to be alive. During lunch at Dining Facility 8, where Ethan was served his favorite food, pepperoni pizza, his father showed me pictures of Ethan now and Ethan a little more than a year ago, when he was in the midst of chemotherapy treatments. A gaunt, sickly child, very different than the one I was used to playing with, stared back at me from the photograph.

"The tumor was right above his eye," Mike Hobbs explained. "When I lifted his eyelid, I could see it."

Since then he has made an incredible recovery, proving the resilience of children.

One of the main things I noticed from my time with Ethan is how shy he can be. He is extremely clever. When he came to Fort Gordon the first time in October and sat in the Blackhawk, he kept pointing at instruments and asking members of the Fort Stewart flight crew, "What's this one do?"

He was trying to figure out how to fly the helicopter, and was ready to try.

When he was at the kennel, after he had watched Sunny the working dog run through the obstacle course, the five-year-old spitfire decided to run the course himself a few times. He asked me to join him, and said, "You gotta go through the tunnel."

I crawled through one of the plastic pipes only to see Ethan had run around it and was waiting on the other side to greet me.

"I ain't gonna crawl through that pipe!" the little trickster said as I emerged.

Ethan rode through the parade in Thomson in the back of a military police car with Platte. He even tricked Platte into letting himself be handcuffed. This explained why Platte was not waving during the first part of the parade; while we were trying to con the key away from Ethan to un-cuff Platte.

Ethan could also be shy. He was often overwhelmed when he was the focus of what he must have believed was too much attention. He was a five-year-old celebrity, constantly surrounded by people like myself who were trying to take his photo or talk to him. During the parade in his honor, when the entire town came out to pay tribute to him, it was too much for the little guy. He crouched on the seat and hid, sticking his stuffed dog toy out the window instead of waving.

Despite his shyness around big crowds, Ethan is very affectionate once he gets to know you. All I did was give the boy a piggyback ride, and the next thing I knew, he had ordered me to go on every ride at Oktoberfest with him. He hugged my leg or held my hand practically the whole day.

When I was holding his hand, I thought to myself, "This little boy had a very dangerous disease. It could come back, and take him away."

As I held his little hand, I realized how lucky I was to spend those two days with him, and how precious and fragile his life is, and all our lives are. It definitely choked me up, and I probably would have cried if I would have thought about the situation rather than enjoying the moment.

After meeting Ethan, I'm sure I speak for everyone at Fort Gordon by saying we have a wish for him. We wish that Ethan's condition, rhabdomyosarcoma, is finally behind him, and that the cancer that has plagued him since he was three will not return.

And we will be excited to see him when he returns in February for another visit.



Photos by Sgt. Ryan Matson

Ethan Hobbs, 5, of Thomson, strikes a pose in the back of a 1943 Willy's MB Jeep in the Signal Towers parking lot Nov. 20. Ethan is in remission from a cancerous tumor above his right eye. Thanks to the Make-A-Wish program, he visited Fort Gordon, Fort Stewart and Fort Benning as part of his wish to be "GI Joe".



To the dogs

(Above) Ethan visited the military police working dog kennels, where he copied the dogs and ran the obstacle course himself. (Below) Ethan makes friends with MP dog Sunny.



Ethan gives a hug to Staff Sgt. Buddy Estes, a Vietnam veteran who did two tours in Vietnam, and escorted Ethan and his family from Fort Benning to Fort Stewart to Fort Gordon.



Radioman Ethan Hobbs stands ready for service.



Whenever and wherever he got a chance, Ethan was playing Army with his brothers Ben, 11, and Jordan, 9, and sister Elizabeth, 4. Here he seeks cover behind a tree outside the Signal Corps Museum.



Buddies

Ethan was picked up at Gate 1 by Capt. Bill Platte, HHC, U.S. Army Garrison Command, and they became buddies from the beginning. (Above left) Ethan holds Platte up and tricks him into locking him in handcuffs during the parade through Ethan's hometown of Thomson, which ended his wish tour. (Above right) Ethan and Platte watch a demonstration on wig-wag flags in the Signal Corps Museum.



(Above) Ethan grabs a quick bite of chow at Dining Facility 8 on post. (Left) Ethan salutes U.S. Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon commanding general, Brig. Gen. Jan Hicks, at the Signal Corps Museum.



Here Ethan aims a M-72 light anti-tank weapon while his new battle buddy, museum volunteer Ryan Yearicks, provides cover with an M-16. Yearicks dressed up in a Vietnam-era Army uniform, while Signal Corps Museum director Bob Anzuoni dressed in a World War II-era uniform and Mike Rodgers, exhibit director, wore a Civil War uniform.

Guest speaker biographies

LT. GEN. WILLIAM S. WALLACE
DEPUTY COMMANDING GENERAL FOR COMBINED ARMS,
U.S. ARMY TRAINING AND DOCTRINE COMMAND
COMMANDING GENERAL, U.S. ARMY COMBINED ARMS CENTER
AND FORT LEAVENWORTH
COMMANDANT, U.S. ARMY COMMAND AND GENERAL STAFF COLLEGE
DIRECTOR, BATTLE COMMAND BATTLE LAB

LT. GEN. WALLACE assumed command of the Combined Arms Center and Fort Leavenworth July 14, 2003.

Since his commissioning in the Armor branch from the U.S. Military Academy in 1969, Wallace has commanded with distinction at every possible level from platoon to corps and on two separate occasions led Soldiers in combat. In 1972 he served as an assistant district advisor and later as an operations advisor in the Bac Lieu Province, Vietnam. And recently as the V Corps Commander, Wallace led the Army's decisive attack to Baghdad in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Wallace's first assignment was as a platoon leader and troop executive officer in the 2nd Squadron, 6th Armored Cavalry Regiment at Fort Meade, Md. After returning from his first combat tour, he commanded a company at Fort Bragg in the 4th Battalion (Light) (Airborne), 68th Armored Regiment with the 82nd Airborne Division.

During the first of three tours to Germany, he took command of 3rd Squadron, 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment in 1986. Following an assignment as the Senior Armored Task Force Trainer and chief of staff at the Army's National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif., Wallace returned to Germany in 1992 becoming the 55th colonel of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment in Fulda. After brigade command, he returned to Fort Irwin, where he commanded the NTC's operation group and later became commander of the NTC.

In 1997, Wallace took command of the 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized) at Fort Hood, Texas. Following division command, he served as commander, Joint Warfighting Center and as the Director, Joint Training J-7, in the U.S. Joint Forces Command, Suffolk, Va. Returning to Germany for his third tour, Wallace assumed command of V Corps in 2001.

Wallace attended both the Armor Officer Basic and Advanced Courses; the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey; the Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth; and the U.S. Naval War College in Newport. He has a Master of Science degree in operations analysis and a Master of Arts degree in international relations.

In his more than 34 years service, Wallace has earned the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with five oak leaf clusters, the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Army Commendation Medal with "V" device, the Army Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Army Achievement Medal, the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, the Infantryman's Badge, the Parachutist Badge, and the Ranger Tab.

MAJ. GEN. JAMES D. BRYAN
COMMANDER, JOINT TASK FORCE - COMPUTER NETWORK OPERATIONS
DIRECTOR OF SIGNAL CORPS TRANSFORMATION, HQDA, CIO/G6

MAJ. GEN. BRYAN is the Commander of the Joint Task Force - Computer Network Operations, responsible for defending Department of Defense computer networks from strategic-level computer network attacks. Bryan is also the director of Signal Corps Transformation for the Department of the Army Chief Information Officer/G6.

Bryan is a career Signal officer who has commanded at every level from company to brigade.

His assignments include Signal officer, 3rd Battalion, 325th Infantry, Fort Bragg, N.C.; maintenance officer, S-2, and S-3, 122nd Signal Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division, U.S. Forces, Korea; Signal company commander, company executive officer, S-2, S-3, and S-4, 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Fort Bragg, N.C.; communications officer, 1st Battalion, 52nd Infantry, 1st Armored Division, Germany; tactical radio officer, Headquarters, VII Corps, Germany; S-2 and S-3, 93rd Signal Brigade, Germany; chief, Curriculum Development Branch, U.S. Army Recruiting Command, Fort Sheridan, Ill.; assistant chief of staff and communications and electronics officer, 1st Special Operation Command, Fort Bragg, N.C.; commander, 112th Special Operations Signal Battalion, Fort Bragg, N.C.; chief, C-4 Support, U.S. Special Operation Command and Forces Command, the Pentagon; chief, Architecture and Integration Division (I-6), U.S. Army Element, The Joint Staff; commander, 35th Signal Brigade (Airborne), XVIII Airborne Corps, Fort Bragg, N.C.; and executive officer to the director for Command, Con-

LT. GEN. STEVEN W. BOUTELLE
CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER/G-6
HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

LT. GEN. BOUTELLE assumed the position of the Department of the Army Staff's Chief Information Officer/G-6 on July 3, 2003.

Boutelle was born in Pasco, Wash., and attended high school in Portland, and claims Gig Harbor, Wash., as his home of record.

Previous assignments include director for Information Operations, Networks and Space, Office of the Chief Information Officer/G6, Headquarters Department of the Army from 2001 to 2003; program executive officer for Command, Control and Communications Systems from 1997 to 2001; project manager for Field Artillery Tactical Data Systems from 1992 to 1996, and chief of staff for PEO C3S before his assignment as the PEO. From 1996 to 1997, Boutelle was the PEO C3S "Trail Boss" responsible for air defense, intelligence, artillery, logistics, maneuver, satellite, and tactical radio software and systems integration for the Army's Task Force XXI.

After receiving an induction notice in 1969, he enlisted in the Army as a Nuclear Weapons Electronics Specialist. In February 1970, he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army Signal Corps at the Field Artillery Officer Candidate School, Fort Sill, Okla. He attended the Radio Officers Course at Fort Monmouth, N.J., before his first tour of duty as a platoon leader for the 1st Battalion, 4th Mechanized Infantry Division, and later in the 2nd Battalion, 41st Field Artillery Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division.

Upon returning from Germany, he assumed command of B Company, 58th Signal Battalion at Fort Lewis, Wash. After completing the Signal Officer Advanced Course, Boutelle was assigned as site chief of the Main Command Post Korea, and subsequently as the commander, 362nd Signal Company in Seoul, Korea.

Boutelle's other key career duty assignments include: commander, Carlisle Recruiting Area; U.S. Army Europe deputy chief of staff of Operations and Plans; executive officer, 8th Signal Battalion, 8th Infantry Division in Bad Kreuznach, Germany; chief, Test and Evaluation and executive officer for the Command System Integration Agency, Arlington Hall, Va.; and theater planner with the Joint Staff.

Boutelle graduated with departmental honors from the University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, Wash., with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business and finance and from Marymount University, Arlington, Va., with a Masters degree in business administration as a member of the National Honor Society. His military education includes Command and General Staff College, the Defense Systems Management College and Army War College.

Boutelle's awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, Defense Meritorious Service Medal and the Army Meritorious Service Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters.

tel, Communications, and Computers, Headquarters Department of the Army.

He was promoted to brigadier general in 1997 and served as deputy director for Information Systems. In 1998 he was assigned as the director, Command, Control, Communications and Computer Systems (J-6), U.S. Pacific Command, Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii. Bryan was vice director, Defense Information Systems from May 2000 to November 2003. He assumed command of Joint Task Force-Computer Network Operations in May 2000 and was promoted to major general in October, 2000. Bryan is also the director of Signal Corps Transformation for Headquarters, Department of the Army, Chief Information Officer/G6.

Bryan is a native of Birmingham, Ala. He has earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in education from Jacksonville State University, a Masters Degree in adult education from North Carolina State University and is a graduate of the Army War College.

His awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, with Oak Leaf Cluster; Legion of Merit, with Oak Leaf Cluster; Defense Meritorious Service Medal; Meritorious Service Medal, with three Oak Leaf Clusters; Army Commendation Medal; and the Army Achievement Medal. He has also earned the Master Parachutist Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Ranger Tab, and Special Forces Tab, and is entitled to wear the Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification Badge and Army Staff Badge.

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Getting The Future Right

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 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MONDAY

5:30-6:30 a.m. 15th Regimental Signal Brigade run
 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Registration
 8 a.m.-5 p.m. FA 24/53 Colonel focus group
 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Senior NCO workshop
 9 a.m.-5 p.m. USAR/NG workshop
 1 p.m. 35th Signal Brigade Airborne Operation at Preston drop zone
 6-11 p.m. FA24/53 Colonel social
 6-11 p.m. Reserve Component barbecue and social
 6:30-8 p.m. Senior NCO icebreaker

TUESDAY

7:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Registration
 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Human Resources Command interviews
 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. S6 workshop
 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Senior NCO workgroups
 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. DCD/TSM workshop
 8 a.m.-5 p.m. USAR/NG workshop
 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Warrant Officer workshop
 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Council of Colonels
 10 a.m.-4:50 p.m. Information Assurance workshop
 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. AUSA/AFCEA/SCRA featured luncheon
 1:30-4 p.m. Microsoft Project Level I Class
 1:30-4:45 p.m. Vendor presentations
 5-10 p.m. Exhibit Hall ribbon cutting ceremony
 Grand opening and grand opening buffet

WEDNESDAY

7 a.m.-4 p.m. Registration
 8 a.m.-5 p.m. AFCEA exhibit hall open
 8-8:30 a.m. Welcoming ceremony
 8:30-9 a.m. Chief of Signal's State of the Regiment address
 9-9:45 a.m. Keynote speaker - Lt. Gen. William Wallace
 9:45-10 a.m. Break
 10-10:30 a.m. Guest speaker - Lt. Gen. Steven Boutelle
 10:30-11 a.m. Guest speaker - Maj. Gen. J. David Bryan
 11-11:30 a.m. Distinguished Member of the Regiment induction ceremony
 noon-1 p.m. Lunch

1-1:30 p.m.
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 1:30-3:40 p.m.
 1:30-4:30 p.m.
 1:30-4:30 p.m.
 3-4 p.m.
 6-8:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

(Continued)
 CSM/SGM group photo
 Battalion commanders forum
 Acquisition Corps recruiting brief
 Human Resources Command interviews
 Council of Colonels exhibit hall opportunity
 Warrant officer workshop
 General officer seminar (All active, USAR/ARNG and retired GOs and SESs)
 Project Management Fundamentals class
 Senior NCO workgroups
 Council of Fives
 AFCEA reception and Gala

THURSDAY

8-11:30 a.m. Senior NCO conference
 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. FA24 and FAS3 workshops
 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. DCD/TSM workshops
 8-11 a.m. Council of Colonels
 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Human Resources Command interviews
 8:30-10:30 a.m. GO & nominative CSM exhibit hall opportunity
 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. AFCEA exhibit hall open
 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Registration
 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Security: PKI and Wireless Class
 10 a.m.-noon Warrant Officer exhibit hall opportunity
 Noon-1 p.m. Lunch
 1-3 p.m. Nominative CSM session
 1-3:30 p.m. General Officer forum (serving active/RC GOs)
 1-4 p.m. FORSCOM G-6 forum
 1:30-3 p.m. CSMs/SGMs Visit ANCOB/BNCOC/SOBC
 1:30-4:30 p.m. Operation Iraqi Freedom lessons learned
 1:30-4:30 p.m. Windows Server 2003 class
 4-6 p.m. RNCOA reception
 6-10 p.m. SCRA Chapter awards and unit reunions

FRIDAY

8-9:30 a.m. AUSA golf registration
 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. AUSA golf tournament

During the symposium, information centers will be located in Conrad and Olmstead Halls, the Gordon Club and the Dinner Theater for your convenience. Services provided will include internet access, DSN access (CONUS and OCONUS), and fax capability (only at Conrad Hall).

Signal Symposium coming in loud and clear

Gathering expected to draw 4,500 attendees this year

Pvt. Armando Monroig
Signal staff

The signal is clear; preparations for the annual Signal Symposium are going strong. The 31st Signal Symposium, sponsored by the Augusta-Fort Gordon Chapter of the Armed Forces Communications-Electronics Association, runs from Monday through Dec. 5. The symposium is an annual conference where the newest in technological and signal equipment is displayed. "The tent structure is being put together," said Bryan Tuschen, AFCEA representative who organizes the companies who will be displaying their products and services. "That will be going on all week."

He said electricity and phone systems are being installed in the tent, as well as lighting and four large television screens which will display the welcoming ceremony Wednesday morning. Tuschen said there will be 157 companies represented at the Symposium, all located in the 60,000-square-foot tent. "It is as big as a football field," said Tuschen. "You can't even tell it's a tent."

He said the "tent," which takes about five days to put up, is a temporary, climate controlled building which will be finished right after Thanksgiving. He added that it looks like a permanent structure both inside and out. "This show is the second largest event in Augusta right behind the Masters," said Tuschen. "It had a \$3.4 million economic impact for the city last year." He said it is anticipated it will generate about \$4 million this year. There will be participants coming from as far as Europe. "Attendees are literally coming from all over the world for this event," said Tuschen. "It's a world-wide conference."

The grand opening for the tent will be Tuesday in the evening. It will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday and 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Dec. 4. "It takes two and a half weeks to get it all put together for a two-day show," said Tuschen.

AFCEA, a non-profit organization that gives out grants and scholarships for communications technology, is responsible for putting on the exhibition part of the symposium said Tuschen.

He said the symposium is an opportunity for Signal leaders to get hands-on knowledge of the equipment available in order to fulfill their mission.

This year's theme "Meeting Today's Challenges, Getting the Future Right," is fitting for the Signal Corps' goals and missions, said Tuschen.

Some of what will be displayed is equipment being used in Operation Iraqi Freedom, explained Tuschen.

"They are constantly coming up with new things to help in the future fight against terrorism," he said.

Adding that the event has grown through the years, Tuschen explained that it went from being held at Gym 5 to the parking lot across from Signal Towers.

With this growth, a lot of work and help is required. Which is what is being done in a corner office on the first floor of Signal Towers, where part of the Signal Cell Symposium oper-

ates. "We are crossing the T's and dotting the I's on the final preparation stage," said Sgt. Maj. Mark Stroh, Signal Symposium noncommissioned-officer-in-charge, "which involves the workshops, the welcoming ceremony, the different exhibits, the program that goes out to everybody and the welcoming packet."

Stroh said it all adds up to a big homecoming for all the regiment along with the professional development.

"We want everything to be right when they get here," he added.

"We are out-pacing last year's registration," said Capt. Streling West, Signal Symposium officer-in-charge. "We're expecting a lot of people this year."

He said there were 897 registrations at last year's event and so far there are already 622 registrations.

"That number will double or triple," added Stroh. "Because a lot of people do not register until they arrive."

The total number of attendees last year was around 2,700 and this year is expected to be above the 3,000 mark, said West.

Stroh said people are coming from everywhere unloading trucks full of the most modern technology in the communication field available.

He said some of the equipment that will be on display is what is being used in OIF and some of it is right off the drawing board. "It's the latest and greatest," he added.

This is the first symposium both Stroh and West have worked to help organize, they said. The way this event keeps growing they may need an even bigger tent next year, they added.

The event will kick off with a live broadcast of the welcoming ceremony Wednesday morning, broadcast on the Internet through the Army and AKO pages, and through channel 13 on post, said West.

"Soldiers that are sitting in the desert in Iraq can watch the opening ceremony," added Stroh.

There is a discussion scheduled from 1:30-4:30 p.m. Dec. 4 in Alexander Hall, addressing lessons learned from Operation Iraqi Freedom, said West.

He said the brigade commanders for the 22nd and 11th Signal Brigades will be leading that discussion.

Both Stroh and West said organizing this event was a team effort.

"We didn't do it by ourselves," said West. "We had help from (the Directorate of Public Works and Logistics), all the units providing tasking personnel for the different events and the Training Support Center who did a lot of work with the posters and logo."

The other part of the cell crew helping prepare for the Signal Symposium is located in Nelson Hall.

"We've got so many different things going on," said Staff Sgt. Mixon Weaver, one of the 12 people working as part of the symposium cell.

He said the cell is working on table set-ups and name tags for guests at the icebreaker, which is scheduled to be held Monday night.

He said there is a lot of organizing of equipment and personnel for the different locations for symposium events.

The overall function of the cell is to help organize this huge event, said Weaver. "We're the ones who get the ball rolling."

And so far, everything is running smoothly, he said.



Photo by Pvt. Armando Monroig

The future of Signal

1st Lt. Kazeem Adigun, who is headed to Fort Huachuca after completing Signal Officer Branch Qualification Course here, shakes hands with Brig. Gen. Gregory Premo, U.S. Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon deputy commanding general, at a ceremony at the Gordon Club Nov. 19. The ceremony was the chance for the general to welcome the Soldiers into the Signal Corps. Adigun is part of SOBQ class 001-04, which graduates Dec. 17.