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# The Signal



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## News UPDATE

### Veterans Day 2003

Fort Gordon is participating in the following Veterans Day events:

Brookwood Elementary School observance at 9 a.m. **today**. Guest speaker is Command Sgt. Maj. McKinley Curtis, RNCOA commandant; and the U.S. Army Signal Corps Band's brass quintet participates.

Glascok County Historical Society in Gibson, Ga., at 11 a.m. **Saturday**. Guest speaker is Brig. Gen. Jan Hicks, commanding general.

McCormick County, S.C., at 11 a.m. **Saturday**. Guest speaker is Lt. Col. Kimberly Carden, inspector general, and a Fort Gordon color guard participates.

Midland Valley Veterans Day parade in Bath, S.C., at 2 p.m. **Saturday**. The U.S. Army Signal Corps marching band and a color guard, and the 15th RSB marching unit participates.

Greenbrier High School Veterans Day observance at 8 a.m. **Tuesday**. Guest speaker is Col. Randall Mackey, Leader College for Information Technology.

A Veterans Day flag dedication at 8:15 **Tuesday** at Schofield Middle School in Aiken, S.C., including Fort Gordon Soldiers as panelists.

Greenbrier Elementary School Veterans Day observance at 2 p.m. **Tuesday**. Guest speaker is Command Sgt. Maj. Adrian Liprot, 551st Signal Battalion.

The Georgia War Veterans Nursing Home ceremony at 9 a.m. **Tuesday**. Guest speaker is Col. Charles Dunn III, Battle Lab director, and the U.S. Army Signal Center marching band and a color guard participates.

The Augusta Veterans Day parade is at 10 a.m. **Tuesday**. Guest speaker is Brig. Gen. Jan Hicks, and the U.S. Army Signal Center marching band, the all service color guard and two marching companies participates.

A Veterans Day ceremony is at 11 a.m. **Tuesday** at the All War's Monument. Guest speaker is Brig. Gen. Jan Hicks, and a bugler, the all service color guard and a firing squad participates.

The Augusta State University observance is 11 a.m. **Tuesday** at the ASU quadrangle. Guest speaker is Col. Bernard Kullifay, chief of staff.

A Veterans Day observance at the Riverwalk Heroes' Overlook is 1 p.m. **Tuesday**. The Signal Center marching band, the all service color guard and a firing squad participates.

A Veterans Day observance is **Tuesday** at the Augusta Commons featuring static displays of communications equipment from the 93rd and 513th Signal Brigades.

## Gordon getting facelift

Denise Allen  
Signal staff

Over the next several months, Fort Gordon will be getting a facelift thanks to more than \$17 million of end of the fiscal year money.

"The success at year end is being prepared as early as the spring," said Vince Grewatz, director of the Directorate of Public Works and Logistics.

When divvying up the rest of the appropriated funds for the year, a key consideration is that plans for using the money be in place and projects ready to go. Projects must be executed by the end of the calendar year.

Grewatz said it was the efforts of many different departments on post, not just DPWL, that made the year-end successful.

Some of the money will go toward aesthetics such as re-landscaping certain areas.

As World War II era structures have come down on post, there have been a lot of parking lots and driveways left behind.

"We're going to be pulling up a lot of pavement," he said.

Also, curbs will be replaced, and more than \$500,000 will be spent on repairing sidewalks and building new ones.

The new sidewalks will allow children to walk from the

housing areas to Freedom Park Elementary School.

In the mix, there are projects that will only last a few weeks while others may take several months.

About \$1.2 million will be spent on replacing the elevators in Signal Towers; however, only one elevator can be replaced at a time.

Several buildings on post will have roof repairs made; some parking lots will be resurfaced; and furnace and air-conditioning units will be replaced in other buildings.

More than \$2 million will be spent on resurfacing roads.

In addition, some older buildings, including the inspector general's building and Gym 1, will be demolished.

Orange barricades should be disappearing over the next few months as permanent barricades are installed at Gate 3, Ring Hall, Dwight David Eisenhower Army Medical Center and Griffith Hall.

The \$17.1 million in year-end funds does not include non-appropriated funds, Grewatz said.

About \$2 million in NAF money will be used to fund several Morale, Welfare and Recreation projects, including a go kart track and golf simulator.



Courtesy photo

### Slithery

Ken Boyd, a wildlife biologist at the Fort Gordon Environmental and Natural Resources Management Office, shows Shaylee Green a snake Friday at the Augusta Preparatory Day School carnival. Fort Gordon provided an environmental and live animal display, and a Military Police working dog demonstration for students at the carnival.

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## Speaker addresses disability issues

Pvt. Armando Monroig  
Signal Staff

A recognition luncheon was held Oct. 29 at the Gordon Club for National Disability Awareness Month, with Dinah Cohen, director for the Department of Defense Computer/Electronic Accommodations Program, as guest speaker.

"Who among us is without imperfection," asked Col. Jannifer Epps, chief of Medical, Surgical, Psychiatric Nursing Services at Eisenhower Army Medical Center, who introduced Cohen. "Who in this audience doesn't suffer from arthritis, far-sightedness or allergies?"

Epps emphasized the importance of disabled persons as part of the work force and community.

"That is why we cannot look at a disabled worker and see someone less capable," said Epps. "They are our best problem solvers, because they must overcome difficulties everyday that most of us take for granted."

Epps said eliminating discrimination is key to accomplishing this.

"By rightly thinking of all our co-workers as equal partners, disabled or not," said Epps, "we can overcome inaccurate stereotypes and prejudices."

Epps said teamwork is of utmost importance.

"If I've learned anything from my many years of military service, it is this: the whole is only as strong as its parts," said Epps.

While those in attendance enjoyed their lunch, Cohen took her place at the podium and spoke of her personal experiences with her own disability.

"I grew up in a rather unique situation," said Cohen. "I grew up in a household that had many foreign languages."

Cohen said that while growing up, she had ambitions of becoming a foreign language interpreter for the United Nations. She attended a local college in

up-state New York, and when she got there found out that all the foreign language classes were on the top floor of the building.

Due to her heart condition, Cohen said she was not capable of walking up and down the steps to get to the top floor to attend those classes.

She said rather than complaining about it to the school administration, she tried to adapt to the situation.

"Instead of fighting for my rights, I just changed my major," said Cohen. "I changed my major seven times until I found a major on the first floor of the building."

Cohen said many disabled people's lives could have been changed for the better if legislation such as the Americans with Disabilities Act would have been passed a long time ago.

"My life would have been different had the Americans with Disabilities Act been signed when I was in college," said Cohen.

Cohen said there was another incident in her life when the fact she is disabled was used against her.

"I had a summer job working for an insurance company," she said. "I had a dental appointment and was given antibiotics"

Cohen said she had a negative reaction to the antibiotics and had to miss work the next day. Cohen said her mother called her employer to explain to them that her daughter had a heart disability, was not feeling well and would not be going in to work the next day.

"The boss called me after hours that day and said 'You don't need to come back to work,'" said Cohen. "'We don't want you back. We can't have people like you working here. You're a liability.'"

Cohen said she faced obstacles she never dealt with before.



Photo by Pvt. Armando Monroig

Dinah Cohen, director for the Department of Defense Computer/Electronic Accommodations Program, receives an award from Col. Bernie Kullifay, chief of staff for the U.S. Army Signal Center, at the conclusion of the Disability Awareness Month luncheon Oct. 29 at the Gordon Club.

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# Reservists bid post farewell

**Pvt. Armando Monroig**  
Signal staff

An awards and farewell ceremony was held at the Courtyard Oct. 29 for the 120 Soldiers of 82nd Maintenance Company of the Army National Guard from Atlanta in recognition of their hard work and dedication during their force protection mission while at Fort Gordon.

During the ceremony, Soldiers were acknowledged by and received awards from Brig. Gen. Gregory Premo, U.S. Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon deputy commander, who thanked the Soldiers, who have been here since July 7, for their professionalism and selflessness.

Some of the Soldiers from the 82nd Maintenance Co. will be leaving while a few will remain, said Capt. Israel Han, 82nd Maintenance Co. commander.

"Due to reductions, 66 Soldiers from here will go to Fort Benning to do the same force protection mission they were doing here," said Han. "Fifty-four Soldiers are remaining here."

Han said the awards given out were to Soldiers who did outstanding jobs while helping out the military police force, especially at the front gates.

"Day and night, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, rain, sun or shine, the Soldiers were out there manning the gates, checking IDs, checking cars," said Han. "They did a fabulous job during the time they were here."

Han said the Soldiers of the 82nd Maintenance Co. added their professionalism to the already outstanding MP force already here and aided them by supplementing the force protection and allowing them to focus on more important matters, such as daily activities on post and roving patrols.

The Soldiers that went to Fort Benning were originally going to be stationed here for a



Photo by Pvt. Armando Monroig

**Brig. Gen. Gregory Premo presents an award to 82nd Maintenance Company commander Capt. Israel Han during a ceremony at the Courtyard Oct. 29.**

year for this mission, however due to budget cuts were going to be sent home, said Han.

"Instead of sending us home, Fort Benning came up

with a force protection mission for us and we jumped on that," said Han.

The maintenance company's normal responsi-

bilities include things such as engine work.

"We are a GS level company, so this was brand new to us," said Han.



Photo by Pvt. Armando Monroig

## A Red Ribbon day

**Maj. Charles Asowata, chief of the Core Lab, Department of Pathology, Eisenhower Army Medical Center, receives a ribbon from MADD volunteer N.A. Padgett, at the Commissary as part of Red Ribbon week activities.**

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# Campaigners recognized

Denise Allen  
Signal staff

Col. Bernie Kulifay called it a lofty goal, yet Fort Gordon exceeded it by more than \$50,000.

Fort Gordon's chief of staff announced at an Oct. 30 luncheon that Fort Gordon employees had contributed \$370,889.96 to the Combined Federal Campaign; the goal was \$320,000.

"I'm proud to be part of Fort Gordon," he said.

The installation, he said, has a "rich and proud tradition of support of the CFC."

Of those donating to the campaign, 111 gave at the leadership level - \$600 or more; that accounted for \$85,000 in donations.

"We are able to help and assist the helpless and those in need," he said.

Also at the luncheon, key campaign volunteers were recognized for their efforts.

Kulifay gave coins of excellence to Staff Sgt. Mark Branch, Capt. Joan West, Sgt. 1st Class Michael Alvtor and Sgt. Evelyn Ogwu.

Also recognized as gold level givers were the Equal Employment Opportunity Office, Public Affairs Office and Fort Gordon Garrison Headquarters; at the silver level were the Directorate of Plans, Training and Mobilization, Directorate of Resource Management and General Dynamics; at the bronze level were the Directorate of Public Works and Logistics, USASE Regional Dental Command, USA Dental Activity; the National Science Center, Naval Security Group Activity, 249th General Hospital, 551st Signal Battalion and Marine Corps Detachment.



Photo by Pvt. Armando Monroig

## Luncheon

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All of a sudden I found myself encountering one of those issues many people with disabilities encounter," said Cohen. "The law of discrimination."

Cohen said the Americans with Disabilities Act has helped her and other disabled individuals.

"Thanks to the Americans with Disabilities Act, that kind of behavior cannot continue to exist," said Cohen. "We, hopefully, have changed the attitude of giving people with disabilities a door that says 'please leave' versus a door that says 'you are welcome here.'"

Cohen said the ADA has not only affected disabled people but people without disabilities as well. Things such as automatic doors at supermarkets, department stores and airports were things created to help disabled people that everyone benefits from, she said.

"You are going to see assisted technology benefiting people with disabilities being used to benefit all of us," Cohen said.

"I am very proud to be the director of the CAP program," she added. "Our mission is very simple: to provide the assist-

tant technology and accommodations, to ensure people with disabilities have equal access to the information environment and opportunity in Department of Defense and throughout the federal government."

Cohen has partnerships with 58 federal agencies such as the Department of Agriculture, Commerce, Labor, Justice and Transportation, where they are getting work accommodations from CAP for disabled individuals.

One of CAP's many objectives is that of accessibility, said Cohen.

"(We want) to make sure that if you have an employee on disability who needs assisted technology, you let us know," said Cohen. "I buy it, pay for it, and get it to the user."

Cohen said there is no reason for managers to say they cannot hire people with disabilities or accommodate them because of the cost of accommodations.

"We want to take that excuse away from that manager," said Cohen. "We want to make it easy for managers to get involved in hiring qualified people with disabilities."

Cohen said anyone could become dis-

abled at any time, whether it is due to aging, an accident or health problem.

An example of this is the result of the events that took place on Sept. 11, 2001 at the Pentagon, said Cohen.

"They did not expect to be people with disabilities when they walked into the Pentagon," said Cohen. "They did not think that in their lifetime they would have to know about assisted technology."

Cohen said CAP was involved with some of the survivors that made it out of the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001, many of whom lost their hands, were burned or had loss of range in motion.

Everyday we hear news report about how Soldiers are getting killed in the ongoing military operation in Iraq, however we do not hear about how many of them are getting injured and will be coming home as disabled veterans, said Cohen.

"Our challenge is to have an environment that is truly open and accessible to our employees with disabilities and those who become disabled," said Cohen. "America works for us when all Americans work."



Photo by Pvt. Armando Monroig

### High steppin'

The Dynamic Steppers, a group of youth at the Youth Service Center perform a dance routine for guests at the "I Can Achieve" Rally Oct. 29 at the center. The rally was to motivate kids to set academic goals.

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# 202nd Soldiers conduct counter terrorism training

**Spc Leslie Pearson**  
513th Military Intelligence  
Brigade

The rain drizzled steadily as the convoy of Humvee's moved across the field. Soldiers in full battle rattle armed with M16s kept an eye out for enemy movement along their path.

Suddenly heavy fire started coming from somewhere near the middle of the convoy—they were being ambushed. In the midst of the attack someone yelled, "There's a bomb, they've got a bomb!"

With only seconds to spare the Soldiers strategically leapt from their vehicles, firing and moving, and made their way to a safer place to take up defensive firing positions.

After a few minutes, the Soldiers left their positions and gathered around counter terrorism expert Doron Benbenisty, for a briefing on the high risk defensive tactics they'd just practiced.

The exercise was part of an intense week of force protection training conducted by Soldiers in the 202nd Military Intelligence Battalion in order to prepare for future missions in Iraq, said Cpt. James Fletcher, the battalion S3 plans and exercise officer who planned the event.

According to Benbenisty, he and his team of instructors, most of them former Israeli Special Forces, were contracted by the 513th Military Intelligence Brigade to teach deployable Soldiers how to better deal with knife attacks, firearm disarmament (shotgun, handgun, assault rifle and grenade), suicide bombers and detecting booby traps.

Other training included enemy deception, defensive tactical shooting in densely populated areas, defensive driving and shooting while moving in hostile environments, enemy attacks involving ambushes and car bombs, and Muslim codes of behavior.

The training included both practical and classroom exercises, he said.

"They are an intelligence unit, that's why this kind of training is good for them, because if they were to fall into the hands of the enemy they are very valuable merchandise. Although they are not combat Soldiers, we treat them as if they are. They learned practical elements like how to be released from a tied rope and how to escape an execution—now they know how to escape and survive," said Benbenisty.

In 1997 Benbenisty came to the United States for an anti-terrorism assistance program where he met his future



Photo by Spc. Leslie Pearson

Sgt. Matt Torre takes a stab at Staff Sgt. Jeremy Lowry during a day of hand-to-hand combat. Other training included a mock convoy ambush.

wife. Three years ago, he immigrated to the United States and founded Crisis Response International based in Baton Rouge, La. When developing the exercises and materials for the course, Benbenisty said the group studied things going on in Lebanon and Baghdad.

"When I was in the Israeli defense force, we had to work as a terrorist sometimes and that's why I think like a terrorist and I designed the training to be realistic," he said.

To do that, Benbenisty brought in \$37,000 worth of equipment for the Soldiers to use which included weapons that fired similarly to BB guns, and protective gear such as masks and bullet proof vests.

At the end of the training, the Soldiers were broken down into groups for testing and evaluation by CRI instructors.

"The soldiers did an outstanding job; nowhere else will MI Soldiers have the opportunity to conduct real-life scenario training such as this. The Soldiers over-

whelmingly supported this training, they were bruised and tired by the end of day four, but they were better suited for dealing with a high stress environment such as

in Iraq," said Fletcher. According to Fletcher the battalion will be contracting CRI again in December to conduct a live-fire range for the M60 and M249.

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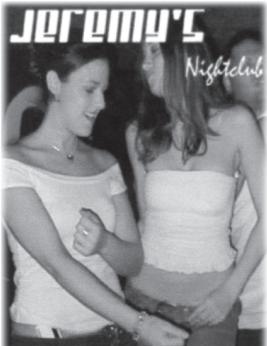
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# Viewpoint

Information, Opinions, and Commentary

## Facts about Ramadan celebration

Pfc. Kelly Hunt  
Army News Service

**BAGRAM, Afghanistan** — To understand a religion other than your own takes an open mind, a curious heart and an opportunity to witness the inner circle of the practice.

For troops who go to Afghanistan or the Persian Gulf, the Muslim faith is placed at their doorstep, especially during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan.

From Oct. 27 until Nov. 24, more than one billion believers in the Muslim faith around the world devote their time and energy to inner reflection, self-control and devotion to Allah through prayer and sacrifice.

For many troops who have been exposed to the Muslim faith, Ramadan offers a close encounter with the religion through the many local nationals working on base.

"It will give me a deeper under-

standing and appreciation for Muslim armed forces personnel, our Muslim friends, our translators, (contractors) and personnel working at our dining facilities," said Lt. Col. Kenneth Sampson, chaplain for Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Combined Joint Task Force 180.

"There are very strict fasting regulations that practicing Muslims abide by," Sampson said.

Fasting and prayer are the two most distinct characteristics of Ramadan and are of highest concentration during the hours of daylight.

"Fasting is a tradition in many religions," said Sampson. "It accentuates your thinking powers on the spiritual aspect of who we are, but with Ramadan, it's more than just a spiritual discipline."

The fast of Ramadan is mandatory. "The whole Muslim nation agrees that the fast of Ramadan is obligatory and

if one disputes this, he can not be Muslim," said Shahid Azizi, an interpreter from Parwan Province, Bagram District.

"It's an identification with those who are poor, who don't have enough food, who are handicapped, who are in prison, who are orphans; those who are dispossessed in the world," he said. "Ramadan causes everyone who follows the Muslim faith to be able to identify with those people in our world."

It is believed that by sacrificing and practicing self-control, Muslims become closer to Allah and because they gave up comfort for him, they will be rewarded.

"Whoever trusts the month of Ramadan, obeying all of its limitations and guarding against what is forbidden, has in fact atoned for any sins he committed before it (and) whoever fasts the month of Ramadan with faith and seeks Allah's pleasure and reward

will have his previous sins forgiven," said Shahid.

Toward the end of the month there is an emphasis on giving money, gifts, food and clothing to those in need, so not only are participants understanding the hardships of the less fortunate through fasting, but are cleansing themselves by actively making a difference through donation and charity.

"Many Muslim practitioners are looking forward to Ramadan because they anticipate the spiritual benefits," said Sampson.

It's a month with an emphasis on prayer as well as fasting.

"It is a time for greater prayer and the five times (per day) for prayer will often be intense," said Sampson.

The end of the month is signified with a feast celebrating the spiritual enlightenment practicing Muslims have experienced during Ramadan and is an opportunity for troops to participate in the religion.

"The breaking of the fast is a time when non Muslims may be invited to various activities," said Sampson.

During the month of Ramadan, troops not of the Muslim faith should be aware of the rules of the holy time, Sampson suggests, and be courteous to those practicing the religion.

Troops should not offer any food or drink to practicing Muslims during the daylight hours of Ramadan, Sampson said, and should refrain from eating or drinking in front of Muslims as to not distract them from their religious practices.

Muslim coalition troops and Muslims working on base may have an intense and rigorous prayer ritual during this time and Sampson said exceptions to everyday schedules should be allowed to give Muslim followers a chance partake in the calls to prayer.

(Hunt is a member of the 4th Public Affairs Detachment.)

### Upcoming IG assessment seeks pulse on quality of life issues

Lt. Col. Kimberly Carden  
Fort Gordon  
Inspector General's Office

The Fort Gordon Inspector General's office is conducting a post wide command assessment Nov. 17-21 on the Internet.

This is an anonymous, two-part assessment involving community support questions and command climate questions. It is open to all military and government civilians, both appropriated and nonappropriated fund assigned to Fort Gordon.

The community questions involve installation support and should take no more than 10 minutes to complete. Questions involve child care, AAFES, customer service at garrison facilities and others.

These questions are designed to provide an assessment to the garrison commander and his staff on how well they are doing in customer service, as well as give them an idea of what the community wants to see improved. The garrison staff will then evaluate the ideas and determine if they are feasible.

Soldiers and civilians in TRADOC units will not only answer questions relating to the community, but also about their command climate. Anticipate that it will take 15-20 minutes to complete the survey. This survey is very similar to the one conducted last year.

The objective of the command climate questions is to provide Brig. Gen. Jan Hicks insight into the perceptions of Fort Gordon's Soldiers and civilians.

The web site for the survey will be sent to commanders and directors Monday.

Suggestions from last year's survey that were implemented are:

- Installation of a 24 hour restaurant
  - Installation of more restaurants (Taco Johns and Godfathers coming soon)
  - Sidewalk repairs
  - Although year-end monies had already been allocated for the gyms, the significant number of comments received reemphasized to the garrison command that the gyms needed more equipment
  - Road / parking lot line painting
  - Instituted more installation events including the recent Oktoberfest festival and Ashanti concert
  - Comments about customer service parking at Darling Hall led to having employees park across the street
  - More money requested for additional parking
- For information, call the IGs office at 791-4565.

### What does it take

Matthew Kettell  
U.S. Army Safety Program

In April 1989, two of my soldiers were killed when they hit an oncoming vehicle. They'd both been drinking and neither was wearing his seatbelt. They'd been on their way to pick up a fellow soldier and bring him back to a party. However, they never returned and what happened changed my life forever. I was their platoon sergeant.

We had just finished several support missions, redeployed to home station, and were transitioning to Division Readiness Force.

It was a Thursday, and we had completed all our inspections and were getting ready for a three-day weekend. The commander gave us our safety briefing, and afterward I briefed my platoon on the two-hour recall procedures and gave them an additional safety brief.

I covered drinking and driving, speeding, and wearing seatbelts. Also, because we were on DRF 1, I told them not to drink any alcohol.

However, I was concerned about a couple of my soldiers. A day or so earlier their wives called me out of concern about their husbands' drinking and driving and lack of time at home.

I decided to have a man-to-man talk with these soldiers about their wives' concerns. I set it up so I could talk to them individually at my home. The soldiers were 19 and 20 years old—at the prime of their lives—and had so much ahead of them. One was going to be a father in three weeks.

On Monday morning we had a recall formation to test the alert roster. As the squad leaders gave me their accountability reports, they reported two soldiers missing. The soldiers' wives were there, but the soldiers weren't.

I went to the first sergeant's office to inform him of the report but he was with the commander, who asked me to come into his office. He told me the division staff duty officer had informed him that two soldiers were killed in an accident involving another

soldier's car. The vehicle's owner told me that my soldiers had borrowed the vehicle.

The victims' bodies were burned beyond recognition. The coroner needed to check their dental records for proper identification. I was 99 percent sure they were my two missing soldiers. I asked the commander what we were going to do because the wives were at the staff duty officer's desk wanting to know where their husbands were.

As time went by the wives became increasingly upset. They had not been told the full situation yet, but in time, the dreadful call came.

I often wonder how you tell a soldier the worth of his life, the importance of his family, and the happiness a newborn child will bring. I thought I had gotten through to these soldiers, yet they died—not in combat, something that might be justified—but in an avoidable accident. To this day I still ask myself, "What does it take?"

(Kettell is an intern with the U.S. Army Safety Program.)



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# 212 ways to be a Soldier



Staff Sgt. Sara Smith, a 74C, or telecommunications operator/maintainer, shows Spc. Sheila Ray, an advanced individual training student in the 74B, or information systems operator/analyst, military occupational specialty, the 74C career development model. Smith has been a 74C for eight years and is now a drill sergeant in Company B, 551st Signal Battalion, the unit responsible for training 74Bs.

Photo by Sgt. Ryan Matson

## A day in the life of... A 74C (telecommunications operator/maintainer)

**Note:** This is the 47th MOS featured in the series covering all 212 Army careers.

**Sgt. Ryan Matson**  
Military editor

If an important Army message falls into the wrong hands, the repercussions could be catastrophic. That's why people like Staff Sgt. Sara Smith are so important.

Smith, a drill sergeant, is a 74C, or telecommunications operator/maintainer, meaning she is responsible for managing and maintaining communications security.

This entails checking up on messages and ensuring they have been sent securely and are available in a timely fashion. She also checks to make sure people are adhering to all COMSEC procedures.

"We used to be message operators from message centers sending and receiving messages and making sure they were trafficked to the proper places in the proper amounts of time," Smith said.

"Basically what we do now is communications security — handling secret information and making sure that key tape and everything is handled using proper procedures and destroyed using proper procedures."

In addition to these duties, Smith also is capable of fixing and maintaining computers and other telecommunications equipment. This is also the job of the 74B, or information systems operator/analyst, MOS. The two are closely related, work hand-in-hand with each

other, and are both trained on post.

"The 74B is geared toward computer networking — actually setting up and fixing a computer, whereas a 74C is more of an operator of a computer," Smith explained.

She said 74Cs focus on making sure COMSEC equipment is handled properly and that people with the appropriate clearances are using the equipment.

"It entails a lot of attention to detail and security issues, because security issues are a very touchy situation and can get pretty serious if there's a problem," she said.

Smith said 74Cs make sure that when a secure message is being transmitted, both communicators are using the proper key-mats (devices which allow someone to access and send secure messages) and are loading and destroying the information at the appropriate times.

She said the equipment a 74C uses will change depending on the mission of the unit a 74C is assigned to.

"You can do the tactical side of our job where you would be more in the field working on shelters, you can do the COMSEC side where you're working with tape readers, or you could end up in the strategic side, where you're more in an office position monitoring the equipment, so it depends on the arena," Smith said.

Because a lot of the messages a 74C watches over are classified, Smith said 74Cs are required to have a top-secret clearance and, in some cases, a secret compartment information clearance.

"It really takes a trustworthy person to be a 74C, because, depending on your assignment, you can be put in a position where you have access to a lot of information that has to be protected," she said.

"We're charged to making sure that people are responsible enough to handle the job and handle telling people that what

they're doing is wrong and they need to fix it."

Working in her MOS has afforded Smith the opportunity to travel overseas to Turkey, Kosovo, Kuwait, Afghanistan, Korea and to be deployed to Bosnia to serve in Operation Enduring Freedom.

"I've been all over the world," she said.

"I've been able to see how important our job is in keeping Soldiers alive by making sure messages get through safely."

The 74C MOS is in the process of being phased out by 2005, meaning its responsibilities will fall into the hands of 74Bs down the road. This means Smith will soon be reclassifying into the 74B MOS, the MOS she trains AIT Soldiers in.

Luckily, Smith has cross-trained a lot with 74Bs in the past, so the transition should not be difficult. She said it is the nature of her MOS to be very busy, or very slow, so she has had the opportunity to learn 74B skills as well as the job skills of an 88N (administrative specialist) and 71L (motor transportation coordinator).

She said these MOSs, though seemingly different, actually merge together in many ways, and that learning them has made her a better person and Soldier.

"It helps me understand the bigger picture of the Army because I have the adjutant side, I have the transportation side and the Signal side," she said.

"I don't think if I would have come into the Army in any other MOS I would have had these opportunities."

Smith enlisted in the Army as a 74C eight years ago.

"I wanted to do something with computers, and at the time the computer boom was not as big as it is now, and 74B was not offered to me, but I liked the idea of 74C better because they said we would be handling top secret stuff, so I kind of got caught up in the 'Mission Impossible' sort of thing," she said.

Smith said the training and

experience she has received in the MOS could lead to various jobs in the civilian world, should she choose to capitalize on them.

"With a top-secret clearance alone, you have so many opportunities, because of the monetary value of a top-secret clearance and how much it costs to get one," she said.

"There's a lot of security positions that are open to us, and depending on what other background you have, because you can always go into telecommunications, although that's a vast category."

Even with these possibilities open, the Troy, Pa., native sees herself wearing a U.S. Army uniform for a long time in the future.

"I can see myself as a 20 year person because of the intentions I have," she said.

"I intend to be a command sergeant major. I love the Army and what it represents, that we are the keepers of our nation and its safety."

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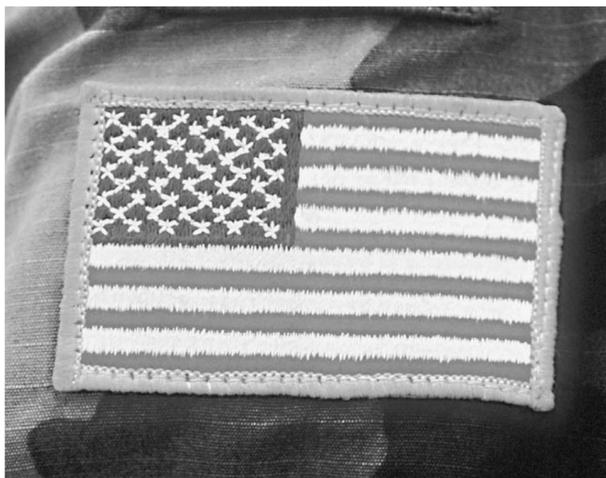
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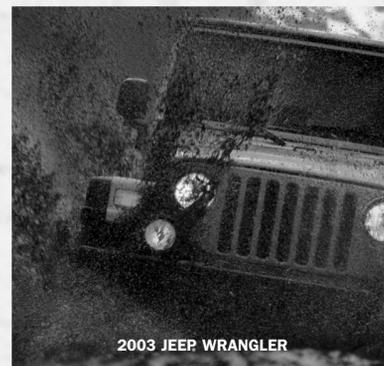
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# Self-worth influences decisions

Chaplain (Capt.) Victor Richardson  
116th Military Intelligence Group

I know, I know... you are smart, intelligent and believe you can think through all things. I admit I am old and sometimes out of touch with reality, but humor me, and give this old man one moment of your time and read this.

Do you agree that decisions you make lead to success or failure? What is just as important is *who* you listen to. We old timers have a saying, "been there, done that, I have the hat and wear the T-shirt." It simply means, I have been where you are and have been confronted with the same choices.

Choices in life do not change, just the time and setting. Choices demand decisions. Decisions produce consequences both good and bad. No one I know really likes the result of a bad decision. It may cost you a sleepless night of your life.

Trusting the decisions you make means trusting people, information

and recovery from mistakes. There are some people who have already made the mistakes that you will make and have learned from those mistakes. T.S. Elliot said, "Those who do not learn from the past are bound to repeat past mistakes."

Your parents and loved ones watch over you and they want you to learn from their mistakes. Look at society and realize when you fail to read directions you mess up the product. The most important product in your life is you. There are dangers known and unknown to each of us and good decision-making is a key to avoiding these pitfalls.

Your parents made a decision to watch you as you rode your bike, especially for the first time, and made you wear a helmet for protection. There is a Gospel song that says, "Take the Lord along with you wherever you go."

God is your protection in life, just like your parents watch over you, God watches over you. When you fall and hurt yourself, who will be there to put

the pieces back together again? Your parents and grandparents will tell you it is unwise to jump over that curb, then the trash can and finally the car.

When you make mistakes, and you will, they will be there to help you. When you use the correct tools to make decisions and follow directions without fighting instruction, you will succeed.

In the Army we have a saying "just do the right thing." How many of you think it is harder than it sounds? What keeps you from doing what you know is right? May I suggest some reasons people sometimes fail to do what is right: peer pressure, the need to be accepted, self-doubt.

All of these reasons are valid. They have all been determined to be present in our culture today. I believe one reason that is not discussed much is self-worth. How much are you worth to yourself? Can you place a price tag on your life?

Edwin H. Friedman stated in his book *Generation-to-Generation* that we all have deep emotional struggles

with the concept of right behavior versus wrong behavior. He believes this is true because right behavior causes us to look at ourselves and what motivates us to do good or evil. The finger does not point away from you, it points towards you.

That is different from the culture we currently find ourselves in when everybody wants to say it's the other person's fault. We look at television and read the newspaper and see the prevailing trend is to blame the other person. It's my mother's fault, it's my father's fault, it's the preacher's fault, it's my grandparent's fault, it's anybody's fault but mine.

Friedman states that some decisions are complicated by the power of the family and the power of church, versus the power of an influential society.

In other words, what we want in the family and church often goes against what society wants. It becomes a power struggle. How each of us handles this inner struggle determines the level of peace we have in making decisions and it determines the

quality of our decisions.

Our own self-worth and inner love determine the level of our decisions. In other words do you love yourself enough not to take drugs? Do you love yourself enough not to get drunk? Do you love yourself enough not to get pregnant before marriage, or for that matter, not to have sex before marriage? Do you love yourself enough to make good grades and do something positive with your life?

Who will influence you to make the right choices in life? Who will you listen to about doing the right thing? In the words of the Nike ad, "Just do it," everyone says, "just do it."

The Bible says, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding but acknowledge him in all your ways and he shall direct your paths."

Do not think you are doing right for your mother or father; you are doing this for yourself. Doing the right thing is loving and taking care of yourself. I challenge each of us to make better decisions so we can have a better life.

## Soldier conducts toy drive for Iraqis

Cpl. Todd Pruden  
Army News Service

**BAGHDAD, Iraq** — Chief Warrant Officer Paul Holton has spearheaded a toy-drive to brighten the lives of misfortunate children in Baghdad. Armed with a busload of toys and his warm demeanor, he visited as many hospital rooms as he could, distributing toys, checking on the children's progress, and talking to their mothers.

"I am trying to do something for the Iraqi children," said the interrogator with the 141st Military Intelligence Battalion, a Utah Army National Guard unit from Salt Lake City. "It's rewarding to perhaps change an attitude, change a perspective of a new generation of Iraqis and how they might feel about us and the rest of the world."

Dr. Quasem Al-Taey, director of the Central Teaching

Hospital for Children in Baghdad, the hospital Holton visited, said the toys seem to lift the children's spirits.

"Happiness matters for the children," said Al-Taey. "It gives them the power to fight diseases."

According to Holton, the toy drive started when he asked friends to send things for Iraqi civilians. But that evolved into something more. He said things really kicked off when he saw a little girl crying at one of the coalition checkpoints, looking for her mother.

He rushed back to his office and grabbed some toys that had been sent to him and gave them to her to console her.

"Just from the joy I saw in her face and the smile and the twinkle in her eye, I knew I needed to do this on a larger scale," Holton said.

He then asked his friends to send toys, but that was not enough.

"I asked people to send more toys so I could do this in hospitals, orphanages, schools, and neighborhoods around Iraq," Holton said.

Holton decided to use the Internet as a medium to solicit this request.

Holton has a Web site where he posts a journal of experiences he has had in Iraq.

"My Web site gets between 6,000 and 7,000 hits per day," he said. "It's definitely not my writing style or my interesting journal that's drawing in most of the people," Holton added.

The Web site, at <http://chiefwiggles.blog-city.com>, details what type of toys to send, the mailing address and more.

Since the posting about the toy drive on his Web site, Holton said he has received more than 700 boxes of toys from people around the world.

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



Photo by Erin Hamblin

### Blood work

Staff Sgt. Kila Bradford (left) and Sgt. 1st Class Moses Robles, drill sergeants with Company C, 551st Signal Battalion, accept the Top Blood Donor Unit of the Month award Oct. 17. Kendrick Memorial Blood Center gives the award each month to the unit which donates the most blood. In September, 92 of its soldiers came to donate blood or platelets. Out of that, 66 units of blood and platelets were collected, more than any other organization on post.

## Free speech arrives in Salah al Din

Spc. Bronwyn Meyer  
Army News Service

**TIKRIT, Iraq** — Now that the veil of oppression that engulfed many Iraqis has lifted, a local initiative is allowing Salah al Din province residents to air their problems openly.

The new Complaints Office, an arm of local law enforcement and backed by both 4th Infantry Division and local leadership, is giving residents an outlet to sound off about police officers, crime, and problems in the Salah al Din area.

"I do not have any difficulties because the leaders support this office to succeed to solve all the problems," said office chief Col. Kalas Yunas.

Iraqis in the area once bombarded U.S. forces with complaints about ineffective law enforcement and heightened criminal activity. Unable to address many of the problems, the Army sought help from Iraqi Gen. Muzir, the province's police chief, said Maj. Kathleen Perry, 418th Civil Af-

fairs Battalion's civil defense team chief.

Muzir, who was aware of the problem, helped spearhead the initiative. Instead of submitting grievances to the coalition, the residents are now able to receive help from their new local government.

The office is a critical part of the Iraqi police gaining credibility in the future, said Perry, a native of Portland, Ore. She explained that if residents are allowed to make complaints about local police, and have the problem taken care of, then the police department will earn additional respect from the community.

The aim is to solve the problems of citizens who had no recourse before, Yunas said.

The office, based in Tikrit, is intent on helping people in the surrounding areas as well, and has found a way to reach out to all of the residents in Salah al Din.

Complaint boxes have been placed throughout the province. Residents who face problems can submit a complaint on

paper. Once a week, the complaints are documented and dealt with on a priority basis, said Yunas.

As deference to Iraqi culture, office of complaints also has hired a woman to assist female patrons, Perry said.

"It is really difficult for women to talk, or be exposed, to men who are not in their family," she said. It can bring shame and embarrassment to their family.

Local women come to Intsar Jabar Hamad, an assistant at the complaint office, for help. The women can speak freely to Hamad without feeling ashamed.

"I feel very happy to help the people," Hamad said. "The women come to me and tell me their problems."

In fact, all residents are welcome to voice their opinions following years of silence.

"We are ready to receive all their problems," Yunas said.

(Meyer is a journalist with the 367th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment, a reserve unit from Columbus, Ohio.)

## Army observes Red Ribbon Week

**WASHINGTON** — Many Army commands participated in the 13th Annual Red Ribbon Drug Awareness Week Oct. 27-29, partly to combat the rising rate of drug abuse among teens nationwide.

The Red Ribbon observance at the Pentagon kicked off Oct. 27 with presentation of the 2003 Secretary of Defense Community Drug Awareness Awards. Fort Stewart, Ga., was recognized for a prevention campaign that included community block parties, visits to schools, an Alcohol Awareness Day, and "blue light specials" in which entire battalions were screened simultaneously for drug abuse.

The Florida National Guard was recognized for outreach and prevention programs that reached about 62,000 students last year.

"We are creating a chain re-

action," said Spc. Eddie Jesse of the Florida National Guard. He said the command's Substance Abuse Programs inform teachers and high school students who then inform those students below them.

Since 1990, DoD has observed Red Ribbon Week to acknowledge community drug awareness efforts. Roots of the observance can actually be traced back to 1985, DoD officials said, when Special Agent Enrique S. "Kiki" Camarena of the Drug Enforcement Agency was kidnapped in Guadalajara, Mexico, and killed by drug dealers. Citizens of his hometown in California wore red ribbons to remember his sacrifice.

Three years later, the National Family Partnership instituted Red Ribbon Week nationwide as a time to focus on the destructive effects that drugs have on communities.

"Between 70 to 80 percent of domestic disturbances are due to drug or alcohol use," said Ed Habeck, clinical director of the Army Substance Abuse Program at Winn Army Hospital, Fort Stewart.

Alcohol abuse can affect the liver and lead to other problems, Habeck said. He said drug abuse can lead to psychological changes and affect the thought process.

The use of illegal drugs among teenagers increased 2 percent this past year, according to a recent nationwide survey. The Pride Survey gathered responses from 107,000 students in grades six through 12 nationwide during the 2002-2003 school year.

Marijuana was the most popular illegal drug used by teens, accounting for the largest increase in drug use over the previous year, according to the

survey report. Marijuana use increased from 19.5 percent in 2001-02 to 21 percent in 2002-03. Significant increases were also seen in the use of heroin, cocaine, inhalants and depressants.

Various agencies had exhibits on the Pentagon concourse. Miss USA Susie Castillo and former Washington Redskins Darrell Green talked about the benefits of leading a drug-free life. Lynda Carter, who once starred as "Wonder Woman," also talked about her recovery from drug dependency.

More information on Anti-Drug Awareness can be found at [www.acsap.army.mil](http://www.acsap.army.mil).

(Westbrook compiled the information in this article from sources which included a DoD news release and an article by Jonathan Stack, assistant editor of the Fort Stewart Front-line newspaper.)

## 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  
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#### Islamic Services

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

#### Denominational Services

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

#### Religious Education

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

#### Other Programs/Services

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#### 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  
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Wednesday, 11:30 a.m., Devotional Luncheon, Bicentennial Chapel, Bldg. 28414  
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# Pictures from *Around post*

A photographic round-up of news, training and more at Fort Gordon



Photos by Capt. Tony Sherrill

## Going high and low

The 73rd Cobra Battalion conducted a Warrior Ethos obstacle course Oct. 18 to test the mettle of its Initial Entry Training Soldiers. More than 90 Soldiers participated in the event. The course, conducted at Training Area 6, consisted of 16 separate obstacles and was a timed event. "The Warrior Ethos is not just another set of words for the Soldiers to be able to recite on demand, but it reminds them of who they are and what they are expected to do, not as technicians, but as Soldiers first," said Capt. Samson Sider, 73rd Ordnance Battalion S-3. "Our Soldiers must know that the real fight is not with the obstacle itself but with the well-trained, well-equipped enemy that lies on the other side of the obstacles." Two IET companies provided 44 Soldiers for the competition, and each drill sergeant also tackled all the obstacles. The Charlie Company Cougars won the competition overall with the fastest team time, and each team triumphed by successfully overcoming all the obstacles without injury.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Adam Grimes

## Congratulations

The 15th Signal Brigade held an awards ceremony Oct. 28 to honor its retention award recipient as well as its outstanding Soldiers. The 447th Signal Battalion won the brigade commander's retention award for having the highest retention average in the brigade for two quarters. Also recognized were: Pfc. Irma Guzman, 73rd Ordnance Battalion, as Soldier of the fourth quarter and Soldier of the year; Sgt. Latoya Wordly, 369th Signal Battalion, as the NCO of the fourth quarter; and Staff Sgt. Sara Smith, a drill sergeant with the 551st Signal Battalion, as NCO of the Year.



Photo by Spc. Leslie Pearson

## A little to the left

The 513th Military Intelligence Brigade held a week-long defensive driving course for its Soldiers Oct. 20-24. Here, Spc. Lyle Ororke attempts to drive a Humvee around cones. In the class, students learned how to operate a Humvee, conduct proper preventive maintenance checks and services, and drive off road.



Photo by Maj. Tina Schreiner

## Steady

Spc. Antwan Finch, HHC, 93rd Signal Brigade, trains with the weaponeer during Sergeant's Time Oct. 23 to prepare for the M-16A2 range.



Photo by Maj. Tina Schreiner

## Playing with food

The Signal Corps' Band Jazz Combo performed recently at the 93rd Signal Brigade's Lightning Warrior Cafe. Sgt. 1st Class Clinton Gordon III, Dining Facility 3 manager, said the band is part of his efforts to create a good atmosphere at the facility. Jazz Combo's members are Sgt. 1st Class Kenneth Flythe (center), saxophone; Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Strayer (front right), trumpet; Sgt. Robert Dennis (back center), drums; Spc. James Lockett, electric keyboard (back left); and Spc. Jared Bree (not pictured), keyboard bass.

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# Technology boosting survival rate in Iraq

Eric Cramer  
Army News Service

Wounded Soldiers are much more likely to survive their injuries today than in past wars, so say numbers from the U.S. Army Medical Command office of medical history.

John Greenwood, chief of the office of medical history, said of the 1,077 Soldiers injured in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, only 18 have died of their wounds, a rate of only 1.6 percent. This is less than half the 3.68 death rate for wounded Soldiers in Vietnam. The rate for the 1993 Persian Gulf War, in which 354 Soldiers were wounded, but only two died of wounds, was about one-half of one percent.

Greenwood said a combination of new technologies and changes in procedures have driven the improvement.

The improvement was noted in an Oct. 27 article by Dave Moniz in *USA Today*. Moniz stated that since the war in Iraq began, only one U.S. servicemember has been killed for every seven injured; and that's more than three times better than World War II when one died for every two wounded.

Another reason Soldiers' survivability has improved lies in the body armor they wear, according to Col. John Norwood, project manager for Soldier equipment. He said the current armor, the Small Arms Protective Vest, is a big improvement over older systems.

"It's really a three-part system," Norwood said. "The outer vest looks a lot like the older flak vests, but it's made out of a Kevlar weave. It can stop 9 mm ball ammunition."

He said the vest is lined with four plates of ceramic material. "These are backed with Spectra Shield, and can stop a 7.62 bullet, at muzzle velocity. So if a Soldier is hit by an AK-47, which fires a 7.62 round, this vest can stop it," Norwood said.

Feedback from Soldiers using the vest has been anecdotal, but positive, he said.

"What we're hearing from the field is that troops love the vest and are wearing it. We have the specific report of a private first class in Afghanistan who was hit in



Courtesy photo

**Kevlar vests, such as the ones worn by Soldiers at this checkpoint, have helped improve the survival rate of Soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan.**

the chest while wearing his vest. He got up and continued the mission until he was hit in the chest a second time, then he decided not to expose himself to fire again," Norwood said.

The private was uninjured and never needed to see a doctor, Norwood said, and has since been promoted to specialist.

When a Soldier needs medical care, Col. John Holcomb, commander, U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research, Chief Trauma Division, said positioning of surgical teams on the battlefield has been an important factor in improving the survival rate.

"Surgical teams have been 'forward' since World War II," Holcomb said. "In this conflict, there was a lot of attention paid to where they were placed."

Holcomb said planners had forward surgical teams in positions that made it easier to get Soldiers to medical care as rapidly as possible. He said medical forces on the battlefield are also better trained and have more experience in dealing with trauma than in the past.

"The trauma training and trauma experience were a key factor in OIF," Holcomb said. "They respected the 'golden hour' and that led to better survival of Soldiers."

Holcomb said the "golden hour" is the first hour after a person is injured.

"The idea is, within one hour, if you need an operation, you're getting an operation," Holcomb said.

He said new technologies are also making it easier to stop bleeding on the battlefield.

"Bleeding is the leading preventable cause of death on a battlefield. We've developed better tourniquets, better bandages and better resuscitation techniques to deal with that problem," Holcomb said.

Older resuscitation techniques sometimes caused Soldiers to become "over hydrated," contributing to further bleeding. Holcomb said new techniques keep that from happening.

Although they have only been deployed on an experimental basis, the Army has also fielded new bandages that help control bleeding.

"Fibrin" bandages contain a protein that helps blood to clot. "Chitosan" bandages are coated in an adhesive, derived from shrimp shells, that helps close wounds, promoting healing, and preventing bleeding. The experimental bandages have seen only limited use but are expected to increase the survival rate for wounded Soldiers.

## Teams assess medical holdovers

Eric Cramer  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Army officials are working to solve the problems of medical holdovers Armywide after evaluating problems at Fort Stewart, Ga., Brig. Gen. Richard Ursone, assistant surgeon general for force protection said this week.

Other medical activities throughout the Army are facing similar challenges with Army Reserve and National Guard troops returning from Operation Iraqi Freedom, Ursone said, and the Army is working to meet them.

"It's a problem that's getting solved. It's going to take a number of weeks to determine how we meet the needs of the Soldiers currently in medical hold-over status and the needs of the Soldiers who will come to us in the future," Ursone said.

Ursone's comments came after media reports indicated reserve-component Soldiers at Fort Stewart believed they weren't receiving appropriate health-care services, and that they were being treated only after active-duty Soldiers from the regular Army were treated.

"When we saw those reports, we realized we immediately needed to get some boots on the ground and evaluate what was going on there," Ursone said.

Ursone said there weren't

enough case managers at Fort Stewart to handle the large number of cases going through the medical activity there.

"There were more than 600 medical holdovers from the Guard and Reserve at Fort Stewart. About one-third of them are Soldiers who mobilized and never deployed. The other two-thirds came to Fort Stewart after being medevaced, or after being demobilized following deployment," Ursone said.

"The case managers were not able to do what they needed to do — to answer questions, to make sure Soldiers were getting to their appointments and make certain they were getting care," he said.

The general said the problem has been addressed by bringing in additional case managers to handle the extra workload. Fort Stewart's medical activity now has 14 case managers.

"This gives us a ratio of one to 50, and that's what we're aiming for Armywide," Ursone said.

He said one of the inspectors at Fort Stewart initially worked to determine if there was a double standard for the treatment of reserve-component and active troops.

"We needed to make certain there wasn't a dual standard. As a medical command we track our medical holdovers. Once Guard and Reserve

troops are on active duty, they need to be treated as active-duty troops — they are active-duty," Ursone said.

Active-duty troops were not favored over their National Guard and Reserve brethren when it came to medical treatment, Ursone said.

"It's a case where perception became reality," Ursone said. What happened in many instances, the Soldier would be asked their status, were they Guard or Reserve, and it sent a signal. They'd ask, "Why does it matter?" We take statistics, we have to track the people who are on medical hold status."

Long delays for treatment added to the perception, Ursone said.

Even so, he said the medical activities at Fort Stewart were able to handle a large number of cases. Ursone said that on average, a Soldier on medical holdover will have nine doctor visits in six months.

The thing that brought matters to a head at Fort Stewart, Ursone said, and led to complaints from reserve-component troops, was the return of the 3rd Infantry Division from Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"At Stewart, they were doing their best to manage the needs of these Soldiers and the beneficiaries that were there then. When the 3rd ID was gone, these Soldiers were getting access to care. When the 3rd ID returned, you had a tremendous volume hit all at once," Ursone said.

The general said Fort Stewart had already taken action to address the problem before the new evaluation began.

"They'd already hired a surgeon and a surgeon's assistant. They'd expanded to four operating room suites so that they'd always have one available. Of course, expanding the facility means you also need to expand the staff," Ursone said.

The Army is taking action to ensure the problems at Fort Stewart aren't repeated at other installations, Ursone said. He said evaluation teams have already examined medical activities at 14 installations to see if they are ready for any influx of troops from ongoing operations.

"It's been a problem across all of the activities. Assessment teams are looking at those activities now. It's a balancing act. We have to determine the demand on the system, and then how we need to meet those demands," Ursone said.

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## Native American month

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

The Native American Month Luncheon is 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. **Nov. 17** in the Gordon Club Ballroom. A buffet-style

lunch is \$7.50; speaker to be announced. For information, call Sgt. 1st Class Nancy Ziegler at 790-3676.

## Parking lot closure

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

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

## Survivor's fair

There is a Survivor's Fair for World War II-era veterans

from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. **Tuesday** at the Ramada Hotel in downtown Augusta. For information, call 733-5255.

## Office closure

The Education and Career Development Division and the Directorate of Human Resources is closed from 7:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. **Nov. 20** in observance of American Education Week Fair and Awards Ceremony. For information, call Gloria Chandler-McIntyre at 791-2000.

## Augusta newcomers club

The Augusta Newcomers Club is a non-profit organization for new residents to the Augusta area. For more information, call Ruth Pearl at 650-1400.

## Wreath laying

German and Italian soldiers buried in a cemetery near Gate 2 on Gordon Highway will be remembered in a ceremony at 1:30 p.m. **Friday**. The annual event honors 21 German prisoners of war and one Italian prisoner of war from World War II. For information, call 791-1871.

## Massing of the Colors

The annual Massing of the Colors Ceremony is at 4 p.m. **Friday** in Alexander Hall.

This is a patriotic ceremony of the Military Order of World Wars. All military and national patriotic organizations in the Augusta area, active, reserve and National Guard, bring their colors together in a demonstration of patriotism and love of nation. The ceremony is free and open to the public. For information, call 791-1871.

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## Smokeout

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

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

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

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

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

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## Change of command

Company C, 67th Signal Battalion, will have a change of command ceremony at 11 a.m. **Friday**. Capt. Amanda Iden will relinquish command

to Capt. Martin Verboom in a ceremony on Barton Field, adjacent to the 67th Signal Battalion Headquarters. Inclement weather location is Gym #3. For more information, call 791-2564.

## New command

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## Vendor expo

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

### Big buck contest

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

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

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

For more information, call 791-3317, or go to [www.fortgordon.com/fgsc.htm](http://www.fortgordon.com/fgsc.htm).

### Hypnotist to appear

Gary Conrad, Master Hypnotist, will perform 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.

### Morale Call

The Morale Call at the Gordon Club for **Nov. 13** will be karaoke.

Morale Call is open to the public and starts at 4:30 p.m. Come enjoy prizes and free food.

Call 791-2205 for information.

### Ladies Golf

The Fort Gordon Ladies Golf Association tees off at 9 a.m. at the Gordon Lakes Golf Course.

For more information, call Pauline Blandeburgo at 863-3747.

### Mousetrap

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

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

Call 793-8552 for reservations.



### Champions

(Left) The Eisenhower Army Medical Center women's flag football team captured the women's post flag football championship Wednesday. EAMC defeated Naval Security Group Activities team 14-6 to earn the victory and championship. NSGA had defeated EAMC twice before in the season, but EAMC came out on top in the big game. Both teams ended their seasons with a record of 9-4.

(Below) The men's flag football season is winding down to an end. The playoffs are currently ongoing and the championship game is set for 5 p.m. Thursday on the track field.

## EAMC tops NSGA in women's flag football championships

Pvt. Armando Monroig  
Signal Staff Writer

Eisenhower Army Medical Center's flag football team defeated the Navy Security Group Activities team, 14-6 Tuesday evening in exciting competition, to win the Women's post flag football championship, at football Field Three located off of Brainard Avenue.

EAMC's team, whose record was 8-4 coming into the game, got off to a fast start, with the offense scoring a touchdown in the first half. EAMC had suffered two defeats earlier in the season to NSGA, and were ready for vengeance in the big game.

NSGA, whose record was 9-3 coming into the game, couldn't seem to get their offense running smoothly, in part to the tenacious EAMC defense. NSGA's offense was shut down by the EAMC for most of the first half and the beginning of the second half.

NSGA was limited to one touchdown, which they scored in the second half.

EAMC's win, although a great team effort, was sparked by the spectacular play of their quarterback, number 84, Juanetta Hall and her teammate, number 95, Renee Hughes. Hall scored two touchdowns in the game, while Hughes busted loose on several long runs to sustain offensive drives.

Hall, a civilian employee at EAMC's Cardio Clinic, said it was a great team victory.

On Army's second possession of the game, with the team two yards shy of the Navy goal line, Hall took the snap and ran a quarterback sneak. She ran down the middle of Navy's defense and reached over the goal line, to give EAMC a 6-0 lead.

Hall then hit Hughes in the end zone to tally the extra point. The ball bounced off a Navy player's hands and was almost intercepted, but Hughes made a great catch for the recovery, making it 7-0.

In the beginning of the second half, after EAMC called a time out, Hall ran a bootleg to the left side of the field and scampered untouched into the end zone, making it 13-0 at this point.

EAMC converted the extra point to make it 14-0.

This game ended EAMC's 12-game season on a great note. The team's only losses were to Air Force and Navy.

"Navy was our toughest opponent this season," said Hall. "We lost twice to them."

Hall said playing flag football was all about having fun.

"It's an extra activity, something else to do," said Hall.

She said the women's flag football team received a lot

of support throughout the season from family and friends.

Hall said the whole team pulled together for a great victory against their toughest opponent.

"Our offense and our defense played great," said Hall.

"Our defense has been great all season."

She said the defense carried the team throughout the season and made it easy for the offense to do their job. The defense came up with two interceptions to turn the tide of the game.

"Everyone picked it up a notch," said Hall.

"Our guards on defense stepped it up."

NSGA rallied for a late score in the contest but it was not enough. After thwarting the EAMC possession on four downs NSGA drove downfield.

With a minute to go in the game, NSGA's Petty Officer Yolanda Lynch, threw a touchdown pass to make it 14-6, but could not convert on the extra point attempt due to an interception by EAMC's defense.

NSGA drove within EAMC territory at the end of the second half, but EAMC's defense stood its ground.

In NSGA's final attempt to score, EAMC intercepted a pass thrown by NSGA. EAMC held on to win the women's flag football championship.



Photo by Sgt. Ryan Matson

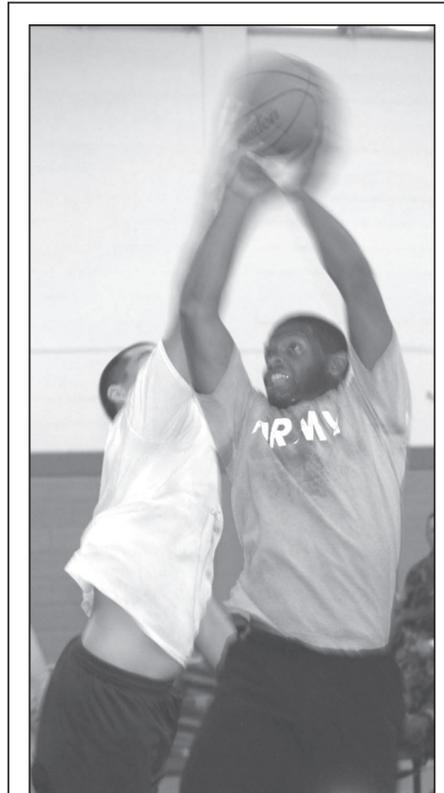


Photo by Staff Sgt. Andre Butler

## Who will take home the Commander's Cup?

Warfighters from the Gordon Regional Security Operations Center are competing for the Commander's Cup during a seven-week long sporting competition. The competition, which features teams from the Army, Air Force, Navy and Marines, began Oct. 22 and continues through Nov. 25. This is the third year the competition has been held, with the Army having won the last two years. The competition consists of six events, two of which, basketball and volleyball, have been completed. Soccer, softball, ultimate frisbee and track and field are still to come with one event held each week. Look for coverage of future events in upcoming editions of *The Signal*.

(Above) Senior Airman Chris De La Loza, 31st Intelligence Squadron, gets a hand on the ball while Sgt. Marcus Thomas, HHC, 206th Military Intelligence Battalion, drives to the basket.



Photo by Steve Camp

## They've got big bucks

These two trophy bucks were harvested on Fort Gordon Nov. 1. Bob Pitts (left) proudly displays his eight-point, 160-pound buck. Edward Spurgeon brought home this 144-pound buck with a mammoth 12-point rack. As biologist Steve Camp noted, deer season is in full swing on post, and hunters have harvested 170 deer so far.

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**CLUES ACROSS**  
1. In a way, recreates  
5. Raincoats (slang)  
9. Dark chocolate-brown color  
14. Supportive tissue of the central nervous system (abbr.)  
15. Hail (nautical)  
16. Of the lower part of the small intestine  
17. Plundered  
18. Authentic  
19. Temptress of Greek mythology  
20. Yes  
23. A large cross or crucifix  
24. Before (archaic)  
25. To consecrate  
28. Excessively cruel  
33. St. Louis football team  
34. Mother of Perseus  
35. A collection of anecdotes about a person or place  
36. Central American country  
39. Brand of plastic cling wrap  
41. A large vessel or vase  
42. Steps  
43. Hawaiian goose  
44. KeworkianOs cases  
46. Gets up  
48. S. American wood sorrel with edible tubers  
49. Mild yellow Dutch cheese  
50. 1964 Presidential candidate  
58. Type of fatty acid  
59. Away from wind  
60. Through, abbr.  
61. Steppe cat  
62. To draw or paint  
63. A British peer ranking  
64. Richard \_\_\_\_, English dramatist  
65. \_\_ Blyton, childrenOs author  
66. Six, on a dice (archaic)

**CLUES DOWN**  
1. North-central city in India  
2. Musical sign  
3. Petty quarrel  
4. One who uses ridicule or sarcasm  
5. Furry burrowing rodent  
6. In the lead  
7. Hair, wool or fur of an animal  
8. Former monetary unit of Guinea  
9. Woes  
10. Martini fruits  
11. Spotted food and sport fish  
12. A small amount (Scottish)  
13. Inflammatory skin disease  
21. Olouisiana Lightning \_\_\_\_, Guidry  
22. Any of the Hindu sacred writing  
25. Hundred-eyed monster (myth.)  
26. Formerly, Pleasant Island  
27. People of Oman  
28. Shopping tax  
29. Collections of anecdotes  
30. Counterweights  
31. Silly  
32. Rattans  
34. European freshwater fish  
37. A process going on within a larger one  
38. Head of a household of ill-repute  
40. Moves to action  
45. Dermis  
46. Number that is added to another number  
47. Uncooked  
49. Resin from tropical trees  
50. To fail (slang)  
51. Having wings  
52. Gambling town  
53. Strong wind moving 45-90 knots  
54. Scientist Wilber \_\_\_\_, Atwater  
55. People of, formerly, Siam  
56. Makes a mistake  
57. Legal dominance

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## Fort Gordon celebrates spooky night of fun for all

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While some of us may be a bit old for the trick-or-treating routine, everyone on post had an opportunity to celebrate Halloween this year. A variety of organizations held Halloween celebrations, and here is a look at some of them.

At Woodworth Library Oct. 29, children who attended story hour donned costumes and paraded around the library. The 20 children enjoyed a Halloween story read by Sgt. 1st Class Steven Hose from the Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course. ANCO students visit the library each week to read to the children or otherwise help out at Woodworth.

Following Hose's reading, Maj. James Lewis, 93rd Signal Brigade Judge Advocate Office, entertained children with a puppet show of the three little pigs, complete with character voices. The children appeared especially delighted when the cookie monster made a surprise appearance, charging up to the cardboard stage and nearly knocking it over in their excitement while singing the "Cookie Song."

Lewis said he got involved in puppeteering by entertaining his kids and in the Sunday School class he teaches. He said he has been volunteering at the library since he arrived on post.

Bill Bowman wrapped up story hour by reading a final Halloween story after Lewis' puppet act. Bowman also attends every story hour, volunteering to read to the children over his lunch break from Blanchard Calhoun.

"All my grand kids are out of the area, so this is an opportunity for me to read to some," Bowman said. "The energy these kids have energizes you for the rest of the day."

Children ages two to five can participate in story hour, which

is held year-round. For more information, call Liz Knight at the library at 791-7323.

Halloween night was packed with activities. Starting at 6 p.m., parents brought their children to Gym Four to partake in the chapel congregation's annual Hallelujah Night, a Christian alternative to traditional Halloween celebrations.

"It is a safe place for children to trick or treat and have fun," said Col. Wilfred Brewster, installation chaplain.

Brewster said he has received nothing but positive feedback from the community on the event.

"It is a safe, contained

tume, entry was free and for those without a costume, there was a \$2 charge at the door, said Spc. Larisa Braden, Company D, 201st Military Intelligence Battalion and vice president of the BOSS program here.

The party, the first big event held at the new facility, lasted until the last person left, said Braden.

Music, food and bottled drinks were available for those who wanted to dance, eat and drink the night away in a safe environment, said Sgt. Latanga Clinton, HHC, U.S. Army Garrison command, and president of the BOSS organization.



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Sgt. Bryan Norwell of the 442nd Signal Battalion, played hip-hop and R&B music.

Pizza, soda, chips and nachos, and sub sandwiches were available for those who worked up an appetite while dancing to the music.

BOSS representative volunteers decorated the new facility, which opened Oct. 22, with balloons and ribbons in traditional festive Halloween colors, said Clinton.

Carved pumpkins lighted tables across the room and spider webs and "do not cross" yellow police tape decorated some of the doorways.

Those in attendance said they enjoyed the atmosphere at the new facility.

event in one location where there is no scary stuff," said Brewster. "It is fun for volunteers and the chapel congregation."

There were lines of costumed children all around the gym as they waited their turn in line to play the many games and activities available such as face painting and jumping in the Morale, Welfare and Recreation bounce house. The event concluded around 8:30 p.m.

Beginning at 8 p.m., servicemembers gathered at the Better Opportunities for Single Servicemembers Halloween party, held at their new headquarters located on Lane Avenue.

For those wearing a cos-

"I like the decorations. Things look good," said Pfc. Bhatti Omair, a signal analyst from the 206th Military Intelligence Battalion. "This is good for morale."

Most of the events BOSS organizes are for single servicemembers but events like this Halloween party, are open to all, said Clinton.

"We are here for the servicemembers," said Clinton.

At 10 p.m., if the BOSS party wasn't enough entertainment, Soldiers and civilians could attend Glow Bowling at Gordon Lanes Bowling Center. About 120 adults and several children came out, many in costume, for a night of bowling fun under the lights.

"It was a full house," Jim Neal, assistant manager at Gordon Lanes, said.

"We had all the lanes going, with the exception of one which is getting some maintenance work done on it. Some lanes had six or seven kids on it."

This is the second year Halloween Glow Bowling has been held at the lanes, Neal said. Again, the event was a success, thanks in part to sponsor First Command Financial Planning, Neal said. First Command donated money for first, second and third place costume prize winners as well as door prizes.

Glow Bowling lasted until 1:30 a.m. and is held every first and third Saturday night at Gordon Lanes, starting at 10 p.m.

"It's good, fun, family entertainment," Neal said. "It gives people a chance to relax from their daily routines. To me, it's a stress breaker."

Finally, the Rocky Horror Picture show played at The Courtyard on Halloween night, beginning at 10 p.m. for those who wanted to celebrate their Halloween with the cult classic hit.

Cost was \$5 and included the movie, pizza and hot wings, and the opportunity to win prizes throughout the night for best costumes, said Fred Williams, Courtyard staff member.

Whether at the library, the bowling alley, the new BOSS Headquarters, the Courtyard recreation center, or celebrating Hallelujah night at Gym Four, people on post did their best to have a happy Halloween.

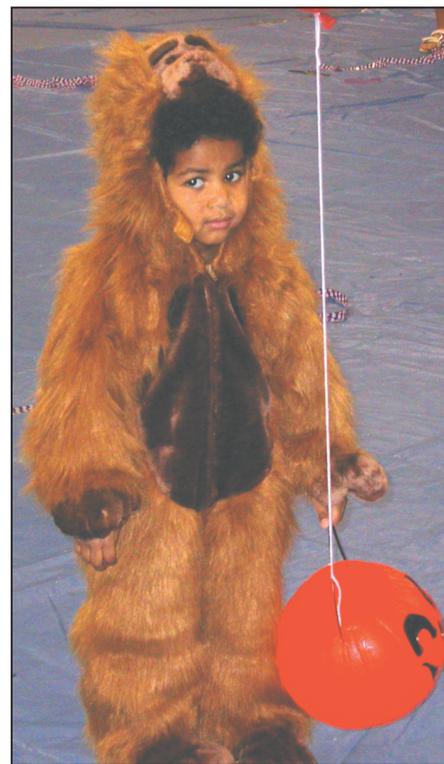


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### Hallelujah Night

Hallelujah Night, a Christian alternative Halloween celebration, was one of the widely-attended Halloween night activities. Several hundred children came out to participate in a variety of games and activities. (Above) Devin Richards sports a monkey suit.



Photo by Sgt. Ryan Matson

Little princess Makayla Bonhomme prepares to bowl at the Hallelujah Night celebration.



Photo by Sgt. Ryan Matson

Breanna Allen gets her face painted by Hallelujah Night volunteer Shambria Taylor. "It's fun," Allen said of the night. "I got a lot of candy."

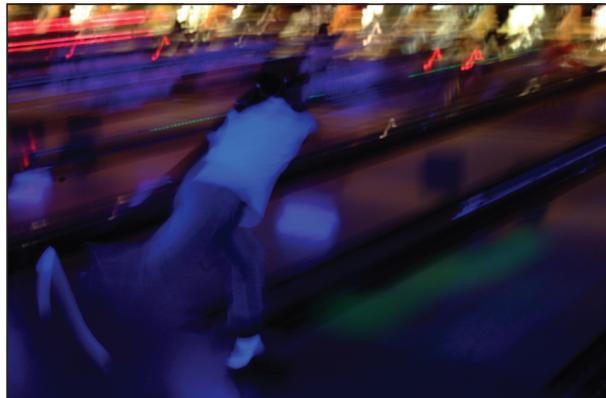


Photo by Staff Sgt. Rafael Lopez

### Glow Bowling

At Gordon Lanes Bowling Center, Glow Bowling was the Halloween entertainment. The event, held every first and third Saturday, drew about 120 bowlers.



Photo by Spc. Leslie Pearson

### Truly frightening

HHC, 513th Military Intelligence Brigade, goes for a Halloween morning run around Barton Field, led by Capt. James Wille.



Photo by Sgt. Ryan Matson

### Scary story hour

The story hour at Woodworth Library had an action-packed Halloween celebration, including a puppet show performance of the *Three Little Pigs* by Maj. James Lewis of the 93rd Signal Brigade's Judge Advocate Office.



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Story hour children paraded around the library. They included...

...cowboys, (Angel Eliseo Lugo)

...princesses Celina Burner (left) and Te'Auna Daniel, and more!



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### Dressed in BOSStumes

Better Opportunities for Single Servicemembers had a Halloween party starting at 8 p.m. at their new headquarters (above right) Halloween night. Staff Sgt. Brian Norvell, Company A, 442nd Signal Battalion (above left), provided DJ service.

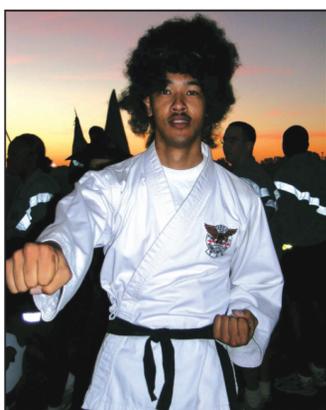


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Sgt. Tony Weatherly displays his Halloween get-up during the run.



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BOSS treasurer Spc. Isabel Sanchez, U.S. Army Dental Command, hands a lollipop to Spc. David Walker, HHC 206th Military Intelligence Battalion during the BOSS party.



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Staff Sgt. Jim Howard, School of Information Technology, and his wife Xiao Chan Howard, attended the Courtyard's showing of *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*.

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