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## News UPDATE

### Building dedication

There is a dedication ceremony for the new communications center on Kilbourne Avenue from 1:30-2 p.m. **today**.

The building will be dedicated in honor of Lt. Col. Reuben Abramowitz, a career Signal officer. For information, call 791-3752.

### Nurse Corps anniversary

The nurses at Eisenhower Army Medical Center will celebrate the 103rd Army Nurse Corps Anniversary from 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

**Feb. 1** at the Gordon Club. Contact Maj. Joan O'Neal at 787-9325 for information or to purchase tickets. The last day to purchase tickets is January 26.

### Quarterly awards

The installation's quarterly awards ceremony, for first quarter fiscal year 2004, is at 8:30 a.m. **Thursday** in Conrad Hall.

The ceremony will honor the following individuals: Servicemembers of the Quarter Spc. Nathaniel Pahl (A Co., Eisenhower Army Medical Center) and Spc. Mark Patton (A Co., 201st MI Bn.); NCO of the Quarter: Staff Sgt. Ebony Cousins (Headquarters & A Co., 447th Signal Bn.); Instructor of the Quarter: Sgt. 1st Class Darrin Norris (Regimental Noncommissioned Officer Academy); Civilian of the Quarter: Eva Klapper (department of nursing); Volunteer of the Month (October 2003): William Oliver (Faith Gospel Congregation); Volunteer of the Month (November 2003): retired Sgt. Maj. Richard Downs (retiree council); and Volunteer of the Month (December 2003): Beck Wright (Faith Gospel Congregation). Quarterly retention awards will also be presented.

Everyone is encouraged to attend and congratulate these deserving individuals. Call 791-1871 for details.

### Dinner and dance

Blacks in Government and the Gordon Club are holding a Black History dinner and dance celebration from 6-8:30 p.m. **Feb. 7** at the Gordon Club. Tickets are \$20 each available at the Gordon Club. For information, call 791-6780.

### Black history month

The African-American Black History Month command program is 1:30 p.m. **Feb. 10** in Alexander Hall.

This year's program features a choreopoem, *For Colored Girls who have Considered Suicide when the Rainbow is Enuf*, performed by Davidson Fine Arts Drama Department. (The program has mature content and recommended only for individuals in high school and above.) For information, call Sgt. 1st Class Garcia Patterson at 791-2014.

## Preston takes oath as 13th SMA

Joe Burlas  
Army News Service

**WASHINGTON** – Introduced by Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker as the right man for the job, Sgt. Maj. Kenneth Preston was sworn in as the 13th sergeant major of the Army during a Pentagon ceremony Jan. 15.

Preston replaces Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack Tilley who was recognized for his 35 years of service during a retirement ceremony earlier in the day.

As sergeant major of the Army, Preston will act as the Army chief of staff's personal adviser on all enlisted-related matters, particularly in areas affecting Soldier training and quality of life. That job entails extensive travel throughout the Army to observe training and talk with Soldiers and their families. He will also sit on a variety of councils and boards that make decisions impacting enlisted Soldiers and their families and testify before Congress on Soldier issues.

"(Preston) is the finest non-commissioned officer in the (NCO) Corps," Schoomaker said. "We have a real Soldier here. I am confident he will serve our Soldiers well as we transform and reorganize our Army."

One of the Soldiers Preston will serve is his own son, Spc.

Michael Preston. Michael is a member of the 327th Military Police Company, an Army Reserve unit based in Maryland and currently deployed in Iraq. Michael was able to attend the swearing-in ceremony as he was home on leave under the Central Command Rest and Recuperation Program.

Because his son is a reservist, Preston said he believes that he will be able to better serve the Army Reserve and National Guard as Michael has no problem discussing reserve-component issues—"the good and the bad"—with his dad.

"With 20 to 25 percent of our forces currently in Iraq being Guard or Reserve, their issues are important," Preston said.

Serving the nation in the military is a family tradition, Preston said. His mother served in the Air Force and his father in the Army during the 1950s. Both attended the swearing-in ceremony. All of his uncles served in the military, during World War II or the Korean War. Four of those uncles were also present for the ceremony.

Among Preston's stated priorities in his new job are: ensuring Soldiers are properly trained and equipped to win against the nation's enemies; instilling the warrior ethos in all Soldiers as "every Soldier is a



Photo by Joe Burlas

**Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker and Karen Preston replace Kenneth Preston's command sergeant major shoulderboards with new ones during Preston's swearing-in as the 13th sergeant major of the Army Jan. 15 in the Pentagon.**

rifleman first," facilitating change as the Army embraces new formations, technologies and tactics; and caring for Army families.

Change has been and will continue to be the norm for the Army, Preston said.

"Our enemy on freedom's frontier is adapting to our tactics everyday and so must we

adapt and change out tactics to defeat this threat," Preston said.

"Change and evolution are not new to us. Our veterans here today have seen many improvements and changes in our structure and tactics over their service.

"With the foundation of basic Soldier skills to build upon, we will continue to chart an

azimuth to adapt to this ever-changing battlefield."

Preston has served in the Army for 28 years, mostly in armor units throughout his career. Prior to his selection as sergeant major of the Army, he was the command sergeant major for Combined Joint Task Force 7 in Baghdad, Iraq.

(See related story, page 4A.)

## Soldier volunteers as firefighter, diver

Denise Allen  
Signal staff

Growing up, Staff Sgt. Justin Florida wanted to be a police officer.

When he joined the military, he tried to get into the military police, but because he was color blind he went into the infantry instead.

Now in the Signal Corps, Florida has found a different way to serve in the civilian world as a volunteer firefighter.

"I started firefighting in 1996 or 1997 in Fayetteville, N.C.," said Florida, who works in the directorate of training.

A personal tragedy involving a fire, which he doesn't like to discuss, caused him to want to "try to make a difference" in the

lives of others, he said.

Florida enhanced his training by becoming a certified master diver while stationed in Hawaii. Now he volunteers his time with the Martinez Fire Department and with rescue dive teams in Richmond and Columbia counties. Although they don't have an official dive team in North Augusta, he helps in South Carolina when called on.

He's only been at Fort Gordon since October, but he started working with the Martinez Fire Department not long after arriving.

Since he has family in North Carolina and travels there often, he volunteers at the fire station during the evenings, eating and sleeping at the firehouse.

"It gets rough sometimes," he said.

But he believes that through his volunteer work he can make a difference and maybe one day save someone's life.

He's modest about his contributions.

"There are a lot more people who do the same thing I do," he said.

So far, he's only responded to one structure fire in the county.

Next week, he will travel to Forsyth, Ga., to attend the fire academy for additional training.

While divers aren't needed a lot during the winter months, Florida has been involved in a couple of calls. He helped comb Phinizy Swamp in December to search for a missing hunter.

Divers had to kill dozens of water moccasins during the rescue attempt.



Photo by Denise Allen

**Staff Sgt. Justin Florida volunteers as a firefighter and diver with surrounding communities.**

See *Volunteer*, page 17A

## On the brink

### How animals become endangered or threatened

(This is part two of a three-part series focusing on endangered animals in Georgia, and more specifically, on Fort Gordon, and the measures being taken to protect them.)

Stg. Ryan Matson  
Signal staff

Here today, gone tomorrow.

That could be the case for hundreds of species of animals across the United States, some of which once roamed the land in abundant numbers.

In Georgia alone, there are 72 endangered or threatened animals. At least four species are known to exist on Fort Gordon, with several other species facing possible endangered or threatened status in the near future.

The single largest factor contributing to animals becoming rare, threatened, endangered or otherwise protected is the loss of an animal's habitat, said Vic Van Zandt, the regional biologist with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources.

"The number one reason for anything becoming endangered is the loss of habitat, or the type of vegetation that they live in," Van Zandt said. "For stream organisms, it can be a change in the temperature of the water, such as it getting too warm, or too much silt in the bottom of the stream."

Ken Boyd, wildlife biologist with the Fort Gordon Directorate of Public Works and Logistics, said that animals with the most specific habitat requirements are at the greatest risk for becoming rare, threatened or endangered.

"Plants and animals, a lot of them have very specific requirements as far as their habitat (areas with the conditions necessary for a species to survive), and are very specific as to where they exist," Boyd said. "And if their habitat disappears, typically they

disappear, unless they're able to adapt or make a change. A lot of times their status depends on just how specific their requirements are."

Steve Camp, also a biologist with DPWL, said this is the case with the red-cockaded woodpecker, Fort Gordon's most endangered species. He said it has a very particular habitat.

"The red-cockaded woodpecker is the only woodpecker species that lives in a live pine tree," Camp explained.

"And it has to be an old-growth live pine tree, a very specific habitat. That tree has to be 80 to 100 years old before he can build a cavity in it.

"That's something that requires a specific habitat, and if that habitat goes away, the animal's in trouble. There aren't too many 100-year-old pine trees in the Southeast anymore because we've cut them down and replanted them, so now the age of the trees people are cutting down is 30 to 50 years old, they don't let them get to 100 years old anymore."

The bird requires a large tree in which to build its nesting cavity, Boyd and Camp pointed out.

"They're only about the size of a blue bird," Camp said. "But if you have a pine tree and you go 20 feet up the tree, if the base is 18 or 20 inches, about 20 feet up the tree, it will be about 14 or 15 inches around where he puts his cavity. So he needs a big tree, because if he digs a hole and hollows out a cavity in a tree, it weakens the tree a little bit, so if it's a little tree, the rest of the tree will probably snap off the first wind storm that comes along."

While their habitat is very specific, Boyd said the diet of the red-cockaded woodpecker is similar to that of many other birds. He said it feeds on spiders, beetles, ants and other insects on the pine tree. They get much of their water from the creatures they eat, but also drink it from mud puddles or from dew on leaves.

See *Endangered*, page 6A

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# Guiding Soldiers to success

**Pvt. Armando Monroig**  
Signal staff

What type of Soldier gets chosen as Instructor of the Year? Is it someone who is professional? Someone who is interested in making sure students really understand what they are studying? Someone energetic who captures a student's attention?

Those are just some of the qualities that garnered Staff Sgt. Lakisha Starks — assigned to Headquarters and A Company, 442nd Signal Battalion as an instructor/writer in the Officer Training Division of the School of Information Technology — the prestigious honor.

Starks provides automation training to officers and allied students attending the Signal Basic Officer Course, Signal Officer Branch Qualification Course and the Signal Captain's Career Course.

Some who have known Starks for a while say she is a pleasure to work with and are very proud of the fact she was presented with this award.

Staff Sgt. Joshua Lee, instructor/writer at Cobb Hall and one of Starks' coworkers, has known her since 2001 and said she is very professional, energetic instructor.

"What makes her unique is she's animated," said Lee. "Her being excited about dealing with computers makes computers not so boring."

Lee explained many of the students Starks teaches have little or no knowledge of computers, but with her teaching skills, she presents it to them in an easily understood way.

"Besides being Instructor of the Year, she is a mom in a dual-military family," which is a very difficult task said Lee.

He added Starks is very active in her church, the City of Refuge Christian Learning Center in Hephzibah, where she is the choir director.

Lee said she does an incredible job juggling her career, her

family and her church.

"She is wearing several hats and she is wearing them all very successfully," said Lee.

"I enjoy helping people. I'm a people-person," Starks said. "This is the best assignment for me."

The 28-year-old began her military career shortly after high school. She went to Fort Jackson, S.C., for basic training and completed her 74B Advanced Individual Training here.

When asked how it felt to win the Instructor of the Year Award, she modestly answered, "Good. It's a great accomplishment for me because I've only been here a year in February instructing."

In addition to winning Instructor of the Year, Starks said she's now competing at the TRADOC level, and is in the top five for NCO Instructor of the Year.

But her life wasn't always headed in the right direction, she said.

Starks, the second eldest in

a family of six siblings, grew up with her grandmother in Titusville, Fla., — a small town north of Cape Canaveral.

She grew up in a rough, drug-infested area, adding that many of her classmates wasted their lives away with drugs.

"In school I used to be in the honor role," she said of when she was younger. "But in 10th grade I started hanging around the wrong crowd."

Starks said she was on the road to an academic, volleyball and basketball scholarship, but then her performance in school started to slip and so did her grade point average.

"My 11th grade year was spent trying to make up for mishaps," Starks said. "I was just focused on schoolwork to try to bring my average back up."

She took the situation she was in and turned it around by setting goals for herself to avoid the same pitfalls her classmates fell into.

"I didn't want to stay around or drop out of school,"

said Starks.

Despite the twists and turns her life has taken, she has no regrets about joining the Army.

"I've learned a lot. The Army taught me a lot of discipline," Starks said. "I truly believe if I would have gone straight to college from high school, I probably would have failed out."

She said winning the Instructor of the Year award means a great deal and is a great accomplishment for her.

"I really truly care (about teaching and the students)," she said.

Starks said she wants to leave a positive impression on her students and coworkers by creating a fun, relaxed yet professional atmosphere. She tries to do so by being dedicated and committed to those around her and to everything she does.

If the testimonials of her coworkers and the Instructor of the Year award are any indication, she's already accomplished her mission.



Photo by Pvt. Armando Monroig

Staff Sgt. Lakisha Starks, 442nd Signal Battalion, teaches a Cisco networking class to Capt. John DeLong, Signal Captain's Career Course. Starks was named Fort Gordon's Instructor of the Year for 2003.

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# Tilley hangs up muddy boots

## Ends career as 12th sergeant major of the Army

**Sgt. 1st Class  
Marcia Triggs**  
Army News Service

**WASHINGTON** — Through tearful eyes and a wavering voice, retired Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack Tilley promised his wife no more deployments and muddy boots, but long walks and more days to do yard work.

Tilley ended a 35-year career in the Army Jan. 15 at a ceremony held at Fort Myer in Arlington, Va. He has made it known to his close friends that he is looking forward to retiring in Florida, but he struggled to clear the lump in his throat and fight back the tears to make his farewell speech as the 12th sergeant major of the Army.

"Although I am taking off my boots for the last time this morning," Tilley said, "I am a Soldier, no matter what uniform I wear."

Standing at 5 feet 7 inches tall, he is no giant, but whenever Tilley walks

in a room he's looked up to by both junior Soldiers and senior leaders.

Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker said that he has only worked with Tilley for about five months, but he sees that he's a ball of energy... devoted to improving the quality of life of Soldiers and their families.

"He has worked tirelessly behind the scenes... He has testified before the United States Congress communicating Soldiers' concerns about housing, health care and compensation," Schoomaker said. "And Congress listened, and they approved increased base pay and targeted pay raises for our NCOs (noncommissioned officers.)"

Soldiers don't expect to get rich soldiering, Tilley said. They only ask that their leaders train them hard and truly care for their welfare, he said. Soldiers learn very quickly if you have their best interest at heart, Tilley added.

"Sergeant Major

(Tilley) just doesn't say he cares about us, he does," said Spc. Contress Noel-Maberry, a medical specialist at Fort Myer.

While stationed in Germany, Noel-Maberry said that Tilley intervened and helped her get a compassionate assignment to the States to get help for a family member who was enrolled in the Exceptional Family Member Program.

"I felt proud to be a Soldier to know that the sergeant major of the Army cared enough about me to help me and my family," Noel-Maberry said.

The Army's Soldier of the year, Spc. Russell Burnham, said that Tilley has done so much for him by giving him a chance to earn his current title. It was Tilley's idea to honor a Soldier and NCO of the year at the Department of the Army level two years ago.

This year Burnham and Staff Sgt. James Luby received \$30,000 in prizes respectively, and received the chance to travel with

Tilley on a USO tour to Southwest Asia right before the holidays.

"What you see is what you get," Burnham said giving one reason why Tilley is so loved and revered among Soldiers. "No matter where life leads us, I will always look to him as my superior."

The list of people who have met Tilley and grown to love or admire him extends past his military life, and it was apparent when country music singer Darryl Worley made changes to his schedule to make an appearance at Tilley's retirement dinner. In attendance at his retirement ceremony was Karri Turner from the J.A.G. television series; John Layfield, known as wrestler Bradshaw; and Meredith Whitney from Fox news.

Tilley said he has a lifetime of memories from visiting Soldiers in all four corners of the world, but he has also provided Soldiers with memories of him doing one-arm

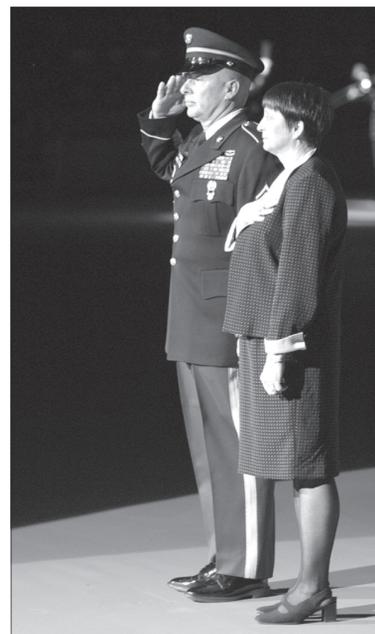
pushups, telling his one and only joke of a private he ran into at the airport who didn't recognize him, and then there is the sight of him grooving on stage doing the electric slide.

Thanks to Soldiers, Tilley said he survived the streets of Saigon and was able to stand in the streets of downtown Baghdad 35 years later.

Now Tilley is going to focus on being a husband, father and grandfather. He doted on his three grandbabies, and choked up when he talked about how his sons grew up without him at home most of the time.

"That is my only regret," Tilley said. "I missed so much of your youth," talking to his sons Brian and Kevin. "I hope that these next 35 years I can try to make up for all the birthdays I missed."

Hours after Tilley bid farewell to the Army, Schoomaker swore in the 13th sergeant major of the Army, Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth Preston.



Courtesy photo  
Retired Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack Tilley salutes, with his wife Gloria by his side, during his retirement ceremony Jan. 15 at Fort Myer in Arlington, Va.

## President praises military for "hardest duty"

**Jim Garamone**  
American Forces Press Service

**WASHINGTON** — President Bush praised servicemembers around the world for their sacrifices to defend America during his State of the Union address Tuesday.

He said that the men and women of the American armed forces "have taken the hardest duty" in the war on terror. He added that hundreds of thousands of U.S. servicemembers are based around the world protecting America.

"We've seen their skill and their courage in armored charges, and midnight raids and lonely hours on faithful watch," Bush said at the U.S. Capitol.

"We have seen the joy when they return, and felt the sorrow when one is lost."

The president said he had a special message for the many Soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines listening to the speech. "I want you and your families to know America is proud of you," he pointed out. "And my administration and this Congress will give you the resources you need to fight and win the war on terror."

Senators, House members, Cabinet secretaries — everyone in the House of Representatives chamber rose and gave a sustained standing ovation in response.

Bush said that America is a nation with a mission that comes from

Americans' most basic beliefs. "We have no desire to dominate, no ambitions of empire," he said. "Our aim is a democratic peace — a peace founded upon the dignity and rights of every man and woman. America acts in this cause with friends and allies at our side, yet we understand our special calling: This great republic will lead the cause of freedom."

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld and Joint Chiefs Chairman Air Force Gen. Richard B. Myers attended the speech, as did the members of the Joints Chiefs: Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker, Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Vern Clark, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John

Jumper and Marine Corps Commandant Gen. Michael Hagee.

Also attending as special guests of first lady Laura Bush were a number of servicemembers recently returned from Operation Iraqi Freedom. Marine Sgt. Dawn Campbell of Madison, Wis., now stationed at Henderson Hall, Va., served as a convoy commander in Iraq with the 2nd Transportation Support Battalion.

Army Chief Warrant Officer Stephen Combs Jr. of Fall River, Mass., is assigned to the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment with headquarters at Fort Campbell, Ky. He helped in the raids that captured Saddam Hussein.

Air Force Staff Sgt. Clinton Smith

Jr. of Forestville, Md., returned from Baghdad in October, where he served with the 447th Air Expeditionary Group.

Petty Officer 1st Class Stephen Kuczirka of Cincinnati returned from the Arabian Gulf Jan. 16.

Spc. Matthew Moss of Oxnard, Calif., a Florida National Guardsman, is a combat medic with the 3rd Battalion of the 124th Infantry. He returned from Baghdad in November due to injuries sustained in action.

Army Staff Sgt. Joey Wommack of Garland, Texas, is a cavalry scout platoon sergeant with G Troop, 10th Cavalry, 4th Infantry Division. He arrived from Iraq Jan. 4 and is scheduled to return there later this month.

## 1,600 Soldiers to stay in theater for transition

Army News Service

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** — The Department of Defense has approved the extension of selected Army units past their 12-month "boots on the ground" time in the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility.

The extensions are for 12 units, affecting approximately 1,600 Soldiers of about 130,000 currently deployed. The time extended will vary by unit, between five and 60 days.

The Department of Defense is committed to supporting the combatant commander and his mission while balancing the need to take care of Soldiers, their families and communities.

"We are entering the most challenging period for our Army since World War II," said Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker, Army chief of staff, in a message to the extended Soldiers. "As we deploy and redeploy nearly one quarter of a million Soldiers over the next four months, we all will be required to make sacrifices to ensure that we safely and successfully accomplish the mission."

"Soldiers contributions to Operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, and other expeditionary operations have been critical to our nation's successes and to keeping the American people safe."

"We are Warriors, and that entails a special ethos: I will always place the mission first, I will never accept defeat, I

will never quit, and I will never leave a fallen comrade.

"When our nation calls upon us we have to be motivated by things that come from deep in our souls. It is called service for a reason. It is about giving more than you get. It is about duty. It is about sacrificing for the good of the whole."

"We are committed to not having you stay in country one day longer than necessary. Our Army has worked hard to reduce the number of units and Soldiers required to make this sacrifice. What you are doing is critical to mission success and we are grateful for your continued commitment to our nation's security and remain dedicated to each and every Soldier."

"You and your families need to know that we have done everything possible in order not to extend you. For the few units being extended, there are no other alternatives."

"Thank you for all that you have done and continue to do for our great nation and may God bless you, your families, the Army and the United States."

Extensions will be handled on a case-by-case basis, so no effective dates have been announced. Officials also are not publicly identifying units likely to be extended, but said they have unique skills and provide important capabilities to the combatant commander. They stressed that every effort will be made to keep extensions as short as possible.

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# Viewpoint

Information, Opinions, and Commentary

## 'TF Soldier' focuses on warrior readiness

Joe Burlas  
Army News Service

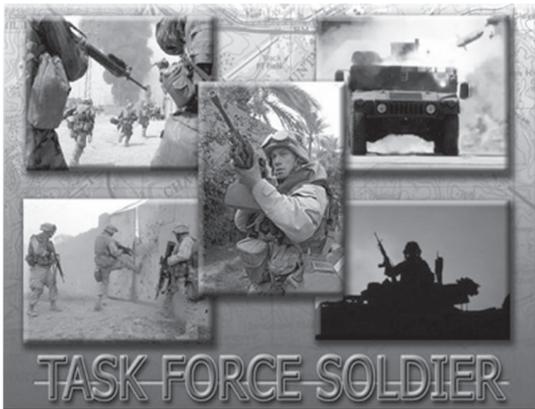
While inculcating the Warrior ethos into all Soldiers of both the active and reserve components is one of their top priorities, so is ensuring that all deploying members of the Army team are properly trained and equipped, according to members of a Fort Benning task force.

TF Soldier, a subordinate organization of Fort Benning's Infantry Center, has been charged by the chief of staff of the Army to analyze Soldier training, equipment and readiness needs for fighting the global war on terrorism and coordinate with other Army organizations to implement programs and policies to meet those needs.

"The Soldier" is one of the focus areas the Army will be directing its resources toward in a systematic and deliberate way in coming years," said Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker during October's Association of the U.S. Army annual meeting.

The Warrior ethos statement contained within the new Soldier's Creed — "I will always place the mission first. I will never accept defeat. I will never quit. I will never leave a fallen comrade." — is a key aspect of the Soldier focus area, said Brig. Gen. Benjamin C. Freakley, chief of Infantry and Fort Benning's commanding general.

"This is about shifting the mindset of Soldiers from identifying what



they do as a Soldier — 'I'm a cook, I'm an infantryman, I'm a postal clerk' — toward 'I am a Warrior' when people ask what they do for a living," Freakley said.

The Soldier's Creed helps Soldiers understand that despite very diverse backgrounds, all Soldiers are warriors and members of a team, Freakley said. The creed is also about changing the Army culture, by encouraging it to examine its beliefs from a warrior's perspective and checking that the Army produces and retains Soldiers of value to the nation, he said.

While Freakley said he had a hand in helping to develop the warrior

ethos and Soldier's Creed, he credited the work of dozens of others, including a warrior ethos task force created by former Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki that recommended valuable background information in developing the Soldier's Creed.

"The Soldier's Creed training is being implemented throughout the Army, including pre-commissioning instruction, basic training and officer basic courses," said Lt. Col. Peri Anest, TF Soldier operations officer. Schoomaker includes instruction on the Soldier's Creed when he talks to each pre-command course for officers preparing to take

battalion, brigade or higher commands, Anest said. TF Soldier is helping to ensure needed clothing and equipment for deploying Soldiers and Department of the Army civilians are issued in a timely manner. Those items include things like moisture wicking undergarments that help prevent chafing, wrap-around sunglasses and hydration systems.

"In the past, Soldiers would have to go off post and buy things like this off the shelf from a commercial vender," Anest said. "Under the Rapid Fielding Initiative, we are working with PEO (Program Executive Officer) Soldier to identify clothing and equipment not normally in the Army system and get it into the system. Ideally, these items will become part of a Soldier's basic issue that he carries with him from post to post during his career — similar to what the Special Forces Soldiers do today with much of their gear — but that will be an issue for the Army Clothing Board to decide."

While much of the new equipment is getting to deploying active, Reserve and National Guard units prior to their departure from home station, some of it may be issued weeks or even months after those units arrive in theater.

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## Warrior ethos, not just for combat Soldiers

Joe Burlas  
Army News Service

While the warrior ethos may be central to the new Soldier's Creed, it is not new to the Army.

Field Manual 22-100, Army Leadership, published in August 1999, defines

the warrior ethos as the desire to accomplish the mission despite all adversity.

The manual also states, "The warrior ethos applies to all Soldiers and (Department of the Army) civilians, not just those who close with and destroy the enemy."

The warrior ethos is also discussed in FM 7-0, Training the Force, published in Oct. 2002: "Warrior ethos compels Soldiers to fight through all conditions to victory no matter how much effort is required. It is the Soldier's selfless commitment to the nation, mission, unit and fellow Soldiers. Warrior ethos is grounded in refusal to accept failure."

And according to Brig. Gen. Benjamin C. Freakley, chief of Infantry and Fort Benning commanding general, the warrior ethos is about manning the force with adaptive Soldiers who do not rely on a single set of job skills to get the job done.

"What we are talking about is adaptive Soldiers who are situationally aware of what is going on around them and have a mindset that is ready to quickly adapt to changing situations and environments to accomplish the mission," Freakley said. "It is like a football team where the quarterback reads the defense on the line after the huddle and doesn't like what he sees. With a good team, the quarterback can call an audible for a different play at the last minute based upon the defensive situation." Warrior ethos extract from the Soldier's Creed:

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I will never quit.  
I will never leave a fallen comrade.**

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Gen. Peter Schoomaker,  
Army Chief of Staff

## Mental Health Awareness Month Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder — when war isn't really over

Jennifer Pawelek, Psy.D.  
Fort Huachuca, Ariz.

The war is over! What joyful words these have been throughout history.

Regardless of your feelings about war itself, this phrase generally brings some sort of relief. It is typically taken to mean violent fighting has ended, our service members are coming home, and we can regain some semblance of peace and tranquility — or at least normalcy. To some, though, these words have little meaning.

To them, it does not matter how long ago the fighting ended. They still fight a personal war each day — a war between themselves and their memories. Feelings of anger, sadness, nervousness, shame and guilt are just a few of the enemies in these private wars. The casualties include physical and mental deterioration, which

can result in occupational, financial, relationship and spiritual problems, to name a few.

As with most things, though, people's reactions to combat and other aspects of war run on a continuum. We know that traumatic memories are encoded and stored differently than other memories, but not everyone who has a traumatic experience will develop Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. Many trauma survivors do very well and go on to lead healthy and productive lives. Some survivors may be haunted for some time by their memories but eventually heal through self-help, peer help and/or professional help. Still others find their lives are literally ravaged by the trauma and become debilitated by the experience.

Your perception of and reaction to any event largely determines your psychological and physical outcomes. Two people can witness the

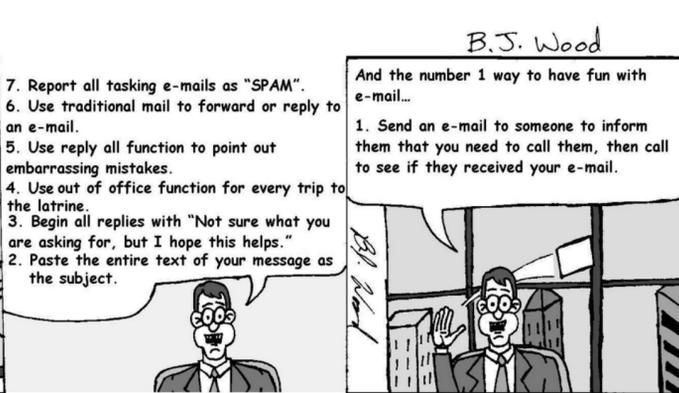
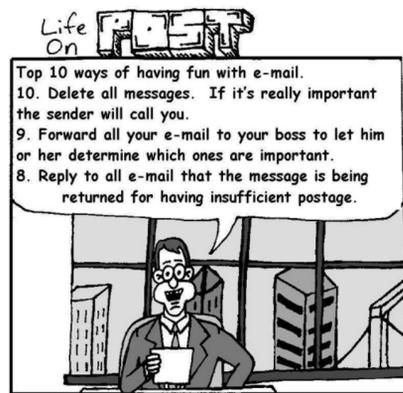
exact same event at the exact same place and time and have two completely different reactions.

Other factors that influence the trauma response include genetic predispositions, life history, previous traumatic experiences and nature of the traumatic experience, personality type and coping skills.

In my work with combat veterans, several themes have emerged. Of course, symptoms vary in intensity and everyone has his or her own individual response to stress, but these are some of the things that are consistently mentioned.

Some torture themselves with the "shoulda, coulda, wouldas": "If only I would have stayed awake on guard duty, my comrades would still be alive." Some feel guilty for being alive: "I watched him die right in front of me ... All I can think is, 'That should have been me!'"

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# Answering the call

## Monthly morale call debuts simulators

**Pvt. Armando Monroig**  
Signal staff

Fort Gordon's monthly morale call was held from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the Courtyard recreation and dining center, as part of the grand opening of new golf and shooting simulators.

It was an opportunity to invite servicemembers and Fort Gordon civilian employees to check out the new and improved lounge area, as well as enjoy great food and prizes.

The Courtyard was a full house as people waited their turn to try out the new games recently installed in the lounge area of the facility.

Chris Logue, general manager of the Courtyard, said about 200 people attended the event.

The Gordon Club catered the event, and longest drive and shooting contests were held on the simulators with prizes go-

ing to the winners.

There was also karaoke available for those who wanted to display their singing talents, in the atrium.

In addition to playing games on the simulators and eating, attendees were able to sit down, relax and enjoy music and television programs on the brand new video wall and six, 42-inch plasma screen televisions.

The video wall is made up of three rows of four 40-inch television screens, which can be manipulated to play one program on all screens or different programming on all screens and many other combinations. Kay Arnold, Enlistment Training Division at the School of Information Technology, got a chance to try out the shooting simulator.

"It was pretty cool. I wish I new how to shoot," she said jokingly.

Arnold said having an event

like this is good because it gets Soldiers and civilians out and involved, bringing everyone together.

Capt. Earl Cochran, 35th Military Police Detachment commander, also tried out the simulator.

"I think it's excellent. I love it. I come every time," said Cochran of the morale calls.

"I love the simulator," he said. "I'd like to get one of these for us. It's pretty neat," he said jokingly.

"It's really nice the post does this," he added. "It brings morale way up and is a lot of fun."

Sgt. 1st Class Bruce Reese, from the post Equal Opportunity office, didn't do too well on the shooting simulator but still enjoyed himself.

"The first stage appeared to be easy, the second stage got a little more difficult...but it is fun," he said of the simulator.

"It is something I can do

that's fun and it also ties into combat skills," said Reese.

Don Chazelle, outdoor recreation for MWR, said the Fort Gordon Sportsman Club ran the shooting simulator to promote shooting sports.

He explained there are different scenarios such as trap and skeet, animal hunting, top gun, and clay pigeons as part of the simulator's games.

"We've gotten a good response so far," said Chazelle.

If shooting was not of interest to players, they had the option of trying their hand at golf.

2nd Lt. Kevin Lee, B Company 422nd, Officer Basic Course, gave golf a shot.

"I did alright I guess," he said modestly after driving a ball 265 yards and winning a Gordon Lakes Golf Club polo shirt for longest drive.

He said using the simulator was a lot of fun.

Not all players were so lucky.

Lt Col. Mike Bowie, director of the School of Information Technology, A Company, 442nd, explained how he fared.

"First one was in the water," he said of his first drive attempt with a smile on his face. "The second one was a whopping 178 yards, about the shortest drive of the day."

Despite his lackluster performance with his first time using a golf simulator, Bowie said he had fun.

He said the morale call is a great idea because Soldiers get a chance to socialize with colleagues away from work.

Mike Dipasquale, golf manager and pro at Gordon Lakes Golf Club, was running the simulator for this event.

"The simulator is a great tool," he said. "We've gotten a great response."

Dipasquale said the simulator has about two or three different golf courses and also different rates depending on how long the user wants to play the game.

Among the prizes given throughout the evening, winners received golf hats and shirts, travel mugs and golf utility knives, courtesy of the Gordon Lakes Golf Shop.

"I thought it went real well. It was our first one here," said Logue. "It was a learning experience for us."



Photo by Pvt. Armando Monroig

Wendell Keith, deputy inspector general, tries his hand with the shooting simulator at the morale call Thursday at the Courtyard. The shooting simulator and a golf simulator made their debuts at the morale call.

## Endangered

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Besides loss of habitat, or an animal requiring a very specific habitat in which to live, Boyd and Van Zandt described other factors which can influence an animal becoming rare, threatened or endangered.

The introduction of a non-native species can endanger native species and disturb the entire balance of nature in an area, Boyd said.

"That happens a lot, and it's not always intentional," he said. "Pets can be included in this mix. Probably one of the biggest factors to some

species of animals becoming endangered are feral cats, or also cats that people let out during the day. They probably kill more native species, to include birds, snakes, amphibians, lizards and small mammals like rabbits and mice, than anything else. It's a very serious problem."

Boyd said this is one of the main reasons pets need to be spayed and neutered to prevent overpopulation. He also said feral cats can be trapped and adopted if they are not too wild and past the point of being tamed.

In some cases in the past, unrestricted hunting on a species has placed it on the endangered list. This was the case with the American alligator, Van Zandt said.

"Most of the time this is not a reason why a species would become endangered, but in the case of an alligator, people knew where to find them," Van Zandt said. "In the late '60s and early '70s, they became endangered and it was illegal to kill them, but they had plenty of habitat and came back quickly. Now you can actually hunt them again

in some states."

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# Fort Discovery exhibit explores Mars rover

Denise Allen  
Signal staff

On Saturday, the second of two Mars exploration rovers is scheduled to land on the Red Planet.

Augusta area residents can learn more about exactly what's going on with the Mars rovers through a new permanent exhibit at the National Science Center's Fort Discovery. The exhibit opens Saturday.

Marketing director Kathi Dimmock called the exhibit exciting especially since Fort Discovery is only one of five science centers nationwide to have such an exhibit.

The interactive exhibit features an operable model of the Mars rover on a mock Martian terrain — or Mars yard. Users can program the rover from a computer to go on a mission in the yard.

Coordinates can be entered into the computer and the rover will respond. Several Martian rocks are also a part of the yard. When the rover reaches one of the rocks, it illuminates the rocks with a fluorescent light to analyze it for signs of organic matter.

The miniature rovers were developed by researchers at Carnegie Mellon University with support from NASA and Intel Corp. NASA gave the university a \$150,000 grant for research into robotics. The "personal exploration rovers" are the result.

Other science museums to have the exhibit include the Smithsonian's Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C., and the San Francisco Exploratorium.

The miniature rovers are about 14 inches tall, weigh 10 pounds and can move 1.6 inches per second. They have mobility systems similar to that of Spirit and Opportunity, NASA's two rovers, according to a news release from Carnegie Mellon University.

Dimmock said there would be other programming such as films in the Paul Simon theatre to tie into the exhibit beginning near the middle of February.

In celebration of the new exhibit, there will be a space-themed party at the science center at 7 p.m. Saturday.

The fundraiser will feature catering by the Augusta Technical College's culinary department and entertainment by Patrick

Blanchard.

Tickets are \$45 each for Fort Discovery members and \$50 for non-members. Proceeds will benefit the center's educational programs.

The National Science Center's Fort Discovery is a partnership between the Army and the private sector.

For information on the party, call 821-0305. For Fort Discovery information, call 821-0200.

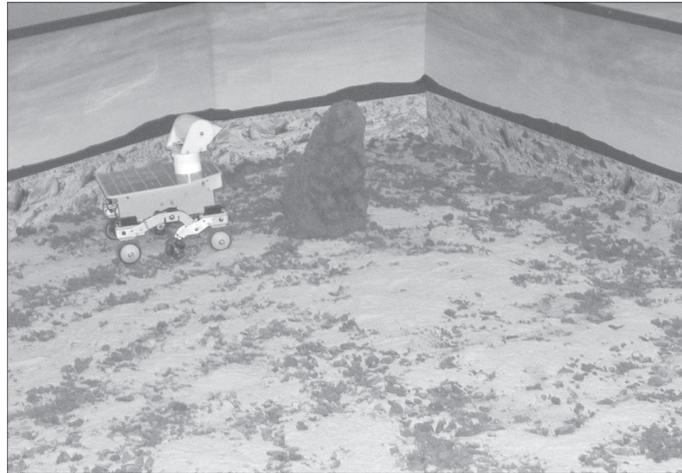


Photo by Denise Allen

A miniature Mars rover model is part of a new permanent exhibit at the National Science Center's Fort Discovery. The interactive exhibit features an operable model of a Mars rover on a mock Martian terrain.

## Army, NASA ink partnership

Rae Higgins  
Army News Service

WARREN, Mich. — An Army research and development center has entered a partnership with NASA to provide technology to the Space Shuttle program, and at the same time, transfer NASA technology to Army ground vehicle development.

The results of this partnership by the Tank Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center will impact not only the lives of countless Soldiers, but also will affect the future and safety of space exploration, TARDEC officials said.

Officials met in late 2003 to sign the Space Act Agreement. The purpose of this agreement is to contribute to the nation's "Return to Flight" program by working with NASA engineers, said Thomas Meitzler, who heads TARDEC's Visual Perception Laboratory.

TARDEC's in-house expertise in identifying, testing, and selecting imagers, digital visual imaging, photosimulation and 3-D displays resides within its Visual Perception Lab. It also has experience testing multiband

imaging and digital color imaging and displays.

Conversely, NASA has expertise in space shuttle and other space vehicle maintenance launch site processing, as well as in space operations under demanding and extreme conditions. Meitzler and his team are enthusiastic about this agreement because they said the U.S. Army will benefit from the experience and knowledge gained from working with NASA engineers and scientists — TARDEC can apply NASA technologies to the military systems it develops. All involved, Meitzler said, expect the exchange of technology and information to be mutually beneficial.

Both the Army and NASA need to remotely assess vehicles. NASA needs this capability because of the extreme nature of pre- and post-launch conditions. Meitzler said that TARDEC can use this technology to enhance existing and future military ground systems. This initiative to develop and test video and other sensor system technologies to determine vehicle state will help the users — Soldiers and astronauts — to make more informed de-

isions about their respective vehicle systems, Meitzler said.

Technologies identified and developed in this research agreement have the potential to contribute to NASA pre- and post-launch processing, vehicle and crew safety assessments and operations for a variety of space vehicle systems, officials said. The Army gains by using newly derived applied and enhanced technologies for a variety of local and remote operational objectives, including identification of Friend-or-Foe and battlefield vehicle damage assessment, Meitzler said.

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# More than just two minutes, 38 seconds

**Spc. Felicia Thompson**  
513th Military Intelligence Brigade

Remember, Celebrate and Act were the sentiments at the annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. luncheon held at the Gordon Club Jan. 15.

The luncheon marked the 75th birthday of the slain civil rights leader. More than 200 people attended the event to pay homage to the memory of King and received a stirring message from the guest speaker, Dr. Ralph Watkins, an associate professor of Sociology at Augusta State University.

In his speech, Watkins said that television has reduced King's legacy to a two minute and 38 second sound bite taken from the 1963 I Have a Dream speech (excerpted from 16 minutes and 14 seconds) which the media airs in the months of January for his birthday, and February to commemorate Black History Month.

Watkins believes the overuse of the sound bite damages King's legacy.

"That clip is played to ad nauseam. America has successfully put Dr. King to sleep in 1963," he said.

Watkins suggests we study the remaining five years of Dr. King's life that ended in Memphis, Tenn., April 4, 1968, with an assassin's bullet.

"Dr. King's life beyond this speech showed a radical doer, not a passive dreamer. He moved to Chicago and finds America is not only racist in the South, but in the North as well," Watkins said.

In Chicago, King took up residence in a slum tenement trying to attract attention to the deplorable living conditions of the poor, and began a campaign

to end discrimination in housing, schools and employment in that city.

"He was also preparing to march with the sanitation workers in Memphis, and kick-off the Poor Peoples Campaign in Washington," Watkins said. "Dr. King continued to be a radical up until the last hour of his life."

Watkins refers to King as a prophet who was not afraid to face racists.

"He died for America," Watkins said. "He believed in what America could be, if everyone had rights and freedoms."

Watkins powerful pulpit style speech stirred the crowd. He would say "Wake him up" and the audience would respond in kind with a loud "Wake him up." Watkins stressed the

need for all Americans to awaken from a passive state and continue to agitate and participate in the active fight launched by King, adding that he did not want the few Blacks in the audience (and America as a whole) who have achieved the American dream of having a good job and a nice home to become complacent and ignore the many Americans who are unable to attain King's dream of "just pay, jobs, equality, education and justice."

"We must all do our part and first change ourselves. We must act, fight, and chant and be willing to be uncomfortable to make this a better place for our children," Watkins said.

This sentiment of action was felt throughout the crowd. "We are only one generation

away from anarchy. Take the challenge to live the legacy of Dr. King," said Brig. Gen. Eric Schoomaker, Eisenhower Army Medical Center and Southeast Region Medical Command commanding general.

"I remember when (the military) had serious problems. My father commanded an all black unit in the 1950s and it wasn't that long ago," said Schoomaker. "It's terrific and gratifying to see Sailors, Soldiers, Airmen, and Marines together in the audience."

Schoomaker attributed the strength and might of the American military forces to its diversity, as it shows black and white Americans can overcome or accomplish many things if they act to make it better for all, he said.



Photo by Spc. Felicia Thompson

**Dr. Ralph Watkins, professor of Sociology at Augusta State University, talks with Brig. Gen. Eric Schoomaker, Eisenhower Army Medical Center commanding general, at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. luncheon held at the Gordon Club Jan. 15.**

## Quality of life conference planned

**Lynn Harshman**  
AFAP program manager

Medical and dental care is the most valuable benefit to servicemembers and their families according to delegates attending the 2003 Department of the Army Army Family Action Plan Conference in Alexandria, Va., in November.

Army Community Service, the commissary, and AFAP are the remaining top four services or programs selected by the delegates.

"Absolutely worthwhile, fabulous!" said Elena Prendergrast, Fort Gordon's delegate to the conference, in describing her experience at the DA event. Among the highlights of the five day conference was a reception hosted by then Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack Tilley.

"What an unparalleled opportunity for enlisted Soldiers and family members to meet and talk with our top guy," said

Prendergrast. Although fairly new to the Fort Gordon community, Prendergrast worked extensively with the AFAP process while stationed with her family in Hawaii. Her husband is currently assigned to the 297th Military Intelligence Battalion.

Fort Gordon's own annual AFAP Conference is scheduled for Feb. 18 and 19 at the Army Reserve Center on Lane Avenue.

Prendergrast is working with the installation's AFAP program manager, soliciting quality of life issues and preparing training materials for conference participants.

The AFAP process is best described as input from the people to Army leadership.

It's a process that lets Soldiers and families say what is working, what isn't, and what they think will fix it. AFAP alerts commanders and Army leaders to areas

of concern that need attention.

While the Army is the only branch of the Department of Defense that has such a program, close to 500 issues entered in the AFAP system over the last 17 years have resulted in improvements for all services.

Some AFAP success stories include the increase of Service Members' Group Life Insurance; the increase of Basic Allowance for Housing; the establishment of a DOD Reserve Component family member ID card; and the increase of Family Separation Allowance.

Submit ideas online at [www.gordon.army.mil/acs](http://www.gordon.army.mil/acs) or by placing them in one of the issue solicitation boxes at various locations across post.

Recruitment for conference delegates is still underway. For information or to register, contact Lynn Harshman at [harshmal@gordon.army.mil](mailto:harshmal@gordon.army.mil) or call 791-3579.

## Five siblings may reunite in Afghanistan

**Gary Sheftick**  
Army News Service

**WASHINGTON** - With her husband and five children in the military, Terri Lamb said she doesn't mind when friends mention the movie "Saving Private Ryan" or compare her family to the Sullivan brothers.

"To me, it's a real honor to compare them to a family that sacrificed so much," Terri said of the five Sullivan brothers who all perished aboard the USS Juneau when a torpedo sank the ship during World War II. "I look at it as if they are true patriots."

Terri admitted that when her husband Sgt. Maj. Mike Lamb was deployed to Bosnia last year and she heard that her son Spc. Jason Lamb was about to deploy to Afghanistan, she was initially concerned.

"That made me just a little bit nervous," Terri said.

Now her son Spc. Richard Lamb is scheduled to deploy to Afghanistan with a 25th Infantry Division unit out of Wheeler Army Airfield, Hawaii. Her eldest son, Spc. Scott Lamb, is now at Fort Polk, La., but he is scheduled to deploy with the

25th Inf. Div. to Afghanistan at the end of the summer.

Her son-in-law, Spc. Jerry Diaz, is already in Afghanistan with the 10th Mountain Division from Fort Drum, N.Y. And her daughter, Airman Renee Lamb, could possibly deploy to Afghanistan in April, Terri said. Spc. Timothy Lamb, with the Indiana National Guard, is the only son not yet scheduled to

deploy.

But Terri is taking the deployment news in relative stride these days.

"I'm very proud of them," Terri said. "It's amazing that they've all gone this route. They're doing it for very unselfish reasons."

One of the amazing aspects, Terri said, is that neither she nor her husband encouraged

their children to join the military.

"I was very much reluctant to encourage them to join the Army," said Sgt. Maj. Mike Lamb, who serves with the Army Training and Doctrine Command headquarters at Fort Monroe, Va. He's the top enlisted Soldier in the office of the TRADOC Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Training.

"Neither my wife nor I pushed them in any direction. It was their decision," he said. "I didn't want them to feel any pressure."

"I encouraged them to go to college," said Terri, who works as an academic adviser for St. Leo University.

Despite that, four of her children enlisted in 2001, even before Sept. 11, within a period of less than six months. And both parents said they are extremely proud of the decisions their sons and daughter made.

During holiday visits, Terri said it's easy to gather the family in one room. "We just yell 'specialist' and everybody comes running," she said.



courtesy photo

**This Lamb family photo taken more than a year ago at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., shows: (bottom l to r) Spc. Richard Lamb, Spc. Jason Lamb, mother Terri Lamb, Airman Renee Lamb, Lori Lamb Diaz and her daughter Alexi; (top l to r) Spc. Scott Lamb, Sgt. Maj. Mike Lamb, Spc. Tim Lamb, and Lori's husband Spc. Jerry Diaz.**

## Is it presents or presence?

**Chaplain (Maj.) Mark Awdykowitz**  
Chaplain Resource Manager

The New Year has begun. The recent celebration of Christ's birth is still fresh on our minds, and the New Year's resolutions for change are in full swing. Let's face it: most of us think the New Year will bring about some sort of positive change.

It may be a new commitment, or a different approach to the same issue that wrestled us to the mat the year before. With presents fresh from Christmas still on our minds, most of us find the desire to make life better; we want presents from God to make life work for us. The Christian however, must decide if it's the presents of God or the presence of God that should be sought.

The gravest mistake a Christian can make is thinking he or she is seeking the presence of God while all the while they are really seeking the presents of God. If people were honest, most Christians in American would admit to wanting God to bless them. They might not even be religious in their daily practice. But they would still choose the blessings of God if they had the opportunity.

Christians are taught that God desires to bless them. And that is true. They are taught that if they follow God's word and apply God's principles, then their lives will work. This is taught every Sunday from many church pulpits. But nothing could be further from the truth. This message of blessing is from the Dragon of Old - the Devil. Anytime we seek the presents (blessings) of God over the presence of God, we worship something else other than God and set ourselves up for failure.

Any objective study of the Bible will clearly demonstrate that God desires that we seek Him and His kingdom in us first and foremost. When we seek God's presence we surrender to a life of liberty in Christ. A life that allows the grace of God to rule, guide and empower us for change. When we seek the presents of God we enslave ourselves to trying to control everything in and around us. We become the impetus for change.

It's like trying to keep the law and never committing a single violation; no one can do it. This modus operandi enslaves us to constantly keep the pressure on to change and to make life work. When we seek the presence of God, the pressure to control everything and make life work is gone. It's the life of freedom that God desires for all of His children.

So how do we seek the presence of God and not the presents of God? I'm not really sure of all the details and how that happens. I do know that God has called us into fellowship with Himself through Jesus Christ. I also know that God is in the business of conforming us into the image of His son.

And I also know that in God's presence there is fullness of joy. His Word instructs us to give thanks in everything. All this tells me that God is more concerned with our sanctification (holiness) than He is with us being comfortable (blessed).

Maybe this is the year that we seek not a New Year's resolution. But we seek the presence of God and not the presents of God. May our hearts be able to say, "Just give me Jesus. All I really need is God."

## 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

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

#### Bible Studies

OCF Bible Study - Monday 6:30 a.m., Officer Christian Fellowship Bible Study, Friendship Chapel, 791-2056. Friday evening OCF POC is Col. Hook, 863-8231, or Capt. Craft, 364-5144.

Tuesday, 7:00 p.m., Protestant Women of the Chapel, Bldg. 28414  
Bicentennial Chapel

Wednesday, 11:30 a.m., Devotional Luncheon, Bicentennial Chapel, Bldg. 28414  
Wednesday, 9:30 a.m., Protestant Women of the Chapel, Bldg. 28414

Wednesday 11:45 a.m. EAMC Bible Study, DDEAMC Din. Fac. Conf. Rm., 3rd floor  
Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. Bldg. 39713, Faith Community Bible Study

Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Friendship Chapel Bible Study  
Thursday, 11:30 a.m. 63rd & 67th SIG BN Bible Study, Contact Chaplain

#### Chapel Directory

Bicentennial Chapel, 791-3959  
Good Shepherd Chapel (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

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**For additional information, call 791-4683  
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# Augusta firefighters receive hands-on fire training here

Joseph Hamm and Tommy Parker  
Fort Gordon Fire Department

Clear skies and calm weather held true on the day the Augusta Fire Department trainees were hosted by the Fort Gordon Fire Department to get some hands-on training, battling live fire scenarios at the department's multi-story fire trainer located on Ninth Street.

Occasionally, Fort Gordon and local fire departments share opportunities to train together, exchange ideas, and interact with mutual aids. The recent training event made for a prime training evolution for the Augusta Fire Department's new firefighter recruits to experience first hand the heat of fire and the techniques needed for extinguishment.

"The Augusta FD's training program for new firefighters is a 12-week curriculum. The trainees here today are on the 12th week of their course of instruction. After gaining some live-fire experience today, their final objective is to pass a written examination to become full-fledged firefighters," said Augusta Fire Department Training Officer Lt. Harmon Brown.

Fighting a fire, and obtaining the goal of getting "the wet stuff on the red stuff," is a major part of being a firefighter. Although this training evolution involves more than just putting water on a fire, it also enhances the trainee's proficiency in handling fire fighting equipment, best techniques for mastering the use of this equipment, and foremost for the firefighters, to attain a confidence that



Photo by Joseph Hamm

Augusta Fire Department trainees prepare to enter the Fort Gordon fire training facility. The trainees were in their 12th week of training.

using the equipment in proper fashion, will ultimately allow the firefighter to get the job done effectively and safely.

At Fort Gordon's fire department, Lt. Alex Pelaez mans the controls to the Fire Trainer, trainees stand ready to enter the structure to battle the blaze set by Pelaez. When the fire is at its peak moment for training, Pelaez gives the "go" signal for the trainees to enter the structure. Once inside, the new firefighters are closely monitored and evaluated on performance and technique by Brown.

While the trainees are in the midst of their firefighting, standing by on the outside is Firefighter Chris Bush,

monitoring the controls from the panel of the fire engine. While his position is seemingly simplistic, in reality it is the lifeblood that pumps the much needed water through the lines to the firefighters battling the blaze inside. Bush's skills ensure maximum efficiency for the trainees to get the best quality training available.

"This type of cooperative training is an excellent opportunity for both fire departments to bond with a common goal, and that is to save lives in the event of a fire, no matter if its on the post or in the city of Augusta," said Bush. Fire trainees were excited

about the training.

"This is good training – a chance to see the reaction of a fire during proper extinguishments," said trainee Mark Johnson.

"This is just awesome to be able to be able to get this opportunity to fight fire," said trainee Mike Hooker.

At the end of the day's training, all of the Augusta FD's trainees accomplished a multitude of hands-on tasks many firefighters only get a chance to learn beyond the scope of on-the-job training at a real incident.

*(Editor's note: Hamm and Parker are fire inspectors with the Fort Gordon Fire Department.)*

## Soldier

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"I have to warn you about raising false expectations," said Brad Tesch, a TF Soldier operations specialist. "We have a variety of vendors with different production lines producing at varying speeds. That means we are playing catch up with some of the items."

"Until enough of the RFI equipment is produced to field it to all Soldiers in the Army, TF Soldier and PEO Soldier are working with (Headquarters, Department of the Army) G-3 to prioritize which units get the equipment first and when," Anest said. "Other TF Soldier efforts include identifying 40 individual and 10

collective warrior tasks in which all Soldiers will remain proficient. Those tasks include react to a grenade attack, evacuate a wounded or injured Soldier, avoid an ambush and conduct a convoy operation. (Training and Doctrine Command) is currently working to ensure the tasks are included in enlisted and officer initial entry training courses," Anest said.

For more information, go to <http://www.infantry.army.mil/taskforcesoldier>. *(Editor's note: This article is the first of a weekly series that will examine the 16 focus areas outlined by Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker.)*

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## Mental Health

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Some feel shameful for their acts during wartime, things they thought they would never do or were not even capable of doing. Some still harbor intense and destructive anger at their commander, the government and their comrades. This anger may be misdirected in the present ("kicking the dog"), such that current relationships suffer as a function of past wounds that have not healed.

Some may be reluctant to become involved in relationships or do so only partially, never allowing others to truly get to know them. Others withdraw from relationships altogether.

Some have sleep and eating patterns they feel never be normal. Many have turned to alcohol and/or other drugs – legal and illegal – to numb the pain, to feel better for just a brief moment, to try to forget what they experienced, to try and sleep.

Many have such intense mood fluctuations that they have difficulty interacting with people on a daily basis, much less maintaining a relationship with a friend or romantic interest. Still others have flashbacks so vivid they start to sweat and shake when they hear a helicopter or smell gunpowder. Some have nightmares so intense they wake up screaming and cannot go back to sleep. Yet others are ever vigilant for another attack, leaving them constantly on edge and sometimes resulting in auditory and/or visual disturbances that terrify them beyond belief.

Throughout the years, clinicians and researchers have attempted to understand the processes at work in the minds and hearts of these veterans. Beginning as far back as the Civil War, various labels have been used to capture the elements of this personal war. Such labels

include nostalgia, shell shock or trench neurosis, battle fatigue, combat exhaustion, operational fatigue, Post-Vietnam Syndrome and, most recently, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. According to the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders*, 4th Edition (American Psychiatric Association, 1994), PTSD is classified as a type of anxiety disorder.

Post-traumatic stress itself is a normal response to an abnormal situation. When the stress comes to interfere with daily functioning in one or more significant domains (for example, social, occupational, academic, interpersonal), though, it can become a disorder.

Some of the primary symptoms of PTSD include (1) re-experiencing the traumatic event through intrusive and distressing recollections of the event (flashbacks), recurrent distressing dreams of the event (nightmares), acting or feeling as if the event were recurring, etc.; (2) avoidance of reminders of the trauma, decreased interest/participation in significant activities, inability to recall an important aspect of the trauma, etc.; and (3) symptoms of increased arousal, such as problems falling or staying asleep, irritability/angry outbursts, problems concentrating, an exaggerated startle response, etc. These symptoms can occur immediately after exposure to a trauma or several months later.

If you see yourself in this symptom description, the most important thing for you to know is that you are not alone. According to the *DSM-IV*, studies conducted with at-risk individuals such as combat veterans, victims of natural disaster and survivors of criminal violence show that as much as 58 percent of those individuals developed PTSD (American Psychiatric

Association, 1994).

The second most important thing for you to know is that help is available. There are many treatment programs for PTSD available through military treatment facilities as well as the Department of Veterans Affairs. Several community and private programs are available as well.

The Internet is an invaluable resource for finding treatment programs, and a search of "PTSD treatment" will provide an abundance of information. One such helpful Website is maintained by the VA's National Center for PTSD (<http://www.ncptsd.org/>). Or contact the Behavioral Health Service on your local military installation for more information.

While all forms of treatment can be helpful, many therapists and patients believe that group therapy is often the best treatment for combat-related PTSD due to a reduction in feelings of isolation; the sharing of feelings, thoughts and experiences; and the sense of commonality and support from others that an individual gains. The BHS at Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center on Fort Huachuca is starting one such group treatment program this month. This weekly outpatient group is free to TRICARE-eligible, active-duty combat veterans of any war who are experiencing symptoms of PTSD.

If you are interested in obtaining more information about the group and/or attending the group, please call BHS. Interested parties will be individually screened by a mental-health practitioner to assess their appropriateness for the group. If you are living with someone whom you think has PTSD, please do not hesitate to call BHS; we can help you talk to him or her and find treatment

resources for yourself as well. If you are interested in PTSD treatment but are not TRICARE-eligible or are not on active duty, please call BHS for information about community resources available for the treatment of PTSD.

Obviously, PTSD can be caused by traumatic experiences other than combat. Sexual assault, natural or man-made disasters, kidnapping, being held hostage, severe automobile accidents and abuse – whether one is the direct victim or an observer – are just a few of the other experiences which can also result in PTSD symptoms.

For more information about PTSD or any other mental-health concern, feel free to contact BHS. PTSD affects the entire family, so if you will not get help for yourself, do it for someone you care about, someone who is important to you. The sooner you get help, the sooner you can end your private war.

*(Editor's note: Pawelek is chief of Community Mental Health Service at Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center, Fort Huachuca, Ariz.)*

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# Community Events

## Quarterly awards

The installation's quarterly awards ceremony, for first quarter fiscal year 2004, is at 8:30 a.m. **Thursday** in Conrad Hall.

The ceremony will honor the following individuals: Servicemembers of the Quarter Spc. Nathaniel Pahl (A Co., Eisenhower Army Medical Center) and Spc. Mark Patton (A Co., 201st MI Bn.); NCO of the Quarter: Staff Sgt. Ebony Cousins (Headquarters & A Co., 447th Signal Bn.); Instructor of the Quarter: Sgt. 1st Class Darrin Norris (Regimental Noncommissioned Officer Academy); Civilian of the Quarter: Eva Klapper (department of nursing); Volunteer of the Month (October 2003): William Oliver (Faith Gospel Congregation); Volunteer of the Month (November 2003): retired Sgt. Maj. Richard Downs (retiree council); and Volunteer of the Month (December 2003): Beck Wright (Faith Gospel Congregation). Quarterly retention awards will also be presented.

Everyone is encouraged to attend and congratulate these deserving individuals. For information, call 791-1871.

## BIG dinner and dance

Blacks in Government and the Gordon Club are holding a Black History dinner and dance celebration from 6-8:30 p.m. **Feb. 7** at the Gordon Club. Tickets are \$20 each available at the Gordon Club. For information, call 791-6780.

## Job fair

Augusta State University hosts an employer expo from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. **Feb. 12** at the Christenberry Fieldhouse on Wrightsboro Road.

The employer expo features more than 50 employers, ranging from local television stations and medical centers to the Georgia Department of Corrections. For a current list of employers planning to attend, go to [www.aug.edu/career\\_center](http://www.aug.edu/career_center).

For more information call the ASU Career Center at 737-1604.

## Tax preparation

The Fort Gordon Tax Center offers free income tax preparation help for Soldiers, civilians and retirees.

The center is open Mondays through Fridays 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m., **Jan. 26-April 15**, and is located at the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Building 29718, Room 118.

Military members must see their unit tax advisor prior to an appointment; civilians and retirees must call 791-7812/7813.

## Sweetheart ball

The Fort Gordon Sergeants

Major Association is holding a Sweetheart Ball at 6:30 p.m. **Feb. 14** at the Gordon Club.

Tickets are \$25 for E-7 and above and civilians, \$20 for E-6 and below, which includes dinner; dress is semi-formal.

Tickets must be purchased by **Feb. 6** from unit or directorate command sergeants major, or call Command Sgt. Maj. Bobbie Ramtahal at 791-4140 for information.

## Mardi Gras trip

The Junior Sailor Association (Navy) is hosting a trip to Mardi Gras **Feb. 20-22**. The fee is \$250, which includes roundtrip transportation by chartered bus and a two night stay at a local Marriott hotel. A \$150 non-refundable deposit is due **today**. For information contact Petty Officer Rambo at 854-1482.

## Black History Month luncheon

Better Opportunities for Single Servicemembers is holding a Black History Month luncheon from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. **Feb. 4** at the Gordon Club.

The theme is *A Deeper Shade of History: Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Brown v/s Board of Education Topeka verdict*. The guest speaker is Dr. Ralph Watkins, Augusta State University professor of sociology.

For information call Sgt. Latanga Clinton at 791-6415 or Ayanna Wiggins at 791-7862.

## Harlem Ambassadors

BOSS presents the Harlem Ambassadors *Around the World Tour* at 7 p.m. **Tuesday** in Gym 3. The Ambassadors will face off against the BOSS All-Star team.

Tickets cost \$5 in advance, \$7 at the door for adults; \$3 in advance and \$5 at the door for students ages 5-18; children four and younger are free.

For information call Sgt. Latanga Clinton at 791-6415 or Ayanna Wiggins at 791-7862.

## Super Bowl parties

The Gordon Club and the Courtyard host Super Bowl parties **Feb. 1**; the doors open at 4 p.m., the game starts at 6 p.m.

Cover charge is \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door, which includes food and door prizes, including a \$200 video system awarded at halftime.

For information, call 791-6780 or 791-6000.

Better Opportunities for Single Servicemembers is having a Super Bowl party at BOSS Headquarters. Cost is \$2. For information, call 791-6415.

## Retention team visit

The Department of the Army Mobile Retention Training Team from Fort Jackson, S.C., will conduct retention training for company and battalion level retention noncommissioned officers **Feb. 9-12**.

The training is 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. daily at the Gordon Club. Attendance is mandatory for all company and battalion reenlistment noncommissioned officers. For information, contact respective brigade, battalion, or group career counselors. The post retention office is available for units that do not have access to a career counselor at 791-7387.

## Grants available

The Fort Gordon Officers' Wives' Club invites non-profit organizations to apply for a grant from its Welfare and Services Account. Applications must be received by **Feb. 17**. To request an application, contact Jean DeLucio, OWC Welfare & Services, P. O. Box 7289, Fort Gordon, Ga., 30905, or call 792-9795.

## OWC scholarships

The Officers' Wives' Club awards three scholarships; for merit, continuing education and the Marni Glista scholarship.

The merit scholarship is available to graduating high school seniors; the continuing education scholarship is available to spouses of active duty, retired and deceased military personnel, and the Marni Glista scholarship is available to active duty, E-5 and below, assigned to a military intelligence battalion. All applicants must hold a valid military identification card.

Applications for the merit scholarship are available at high school counselors; all applications are also available at the Education Center, Army Community Services, Community Life and the Thrift Shop.

Application deadline is **March 1**. For information, call 738-1196.

## White House recruiters

The White House Communication Agency Recruitment Team holds briefings at 8 a.m. **Monday-Friday** in Alexander Hall, to nominate qualified Soldiers possessing primary Military Occupation Skills used to support the President, the White House staff and U.S. Secret Service.

For information call Mary Recchia at 791-7649 or Richard Madden at 791-4449.

## Advocate training

Volunteers are needed to advocate for victims of domestic violence.

Interested candidates must complete an introductory training, including the dynamics and history of domestic violence, crisis intervention, safety planning and victim advocacy.

The training is offered from 9 a.m.-noon **Thursday**, in Darling Hall, Room 229A.

Advanced registration is required by calling 791-3579.

## Class registration

Registration for Term II at Central Michigan University's College of Extended Learning at Fort Gordon continues through **Feb. 6**. Classes being offered include Financial Management, Health Service Organizations and Personnel Management. For information, call 798-5739 or visit the CMU office in the Education Center, Building 21606.

## Orientation

A newcomer orientation is held **Tuesdays and Fridays** at 1 p.m. in Room 367, Darling Hall.

## Chorale auditions

The Augusta Children's Chorale is holding auditions in **March** for training and performance choirs for children in grades 3-8.

Call 826-4718 for information or to schedule an audition.

## FEW training program

Federally Employed Women is holding its Southeast Regional Training program **Feb. 18-20** at the Radisson Riverfront Hotel in Augusta.

Registration is \$125; one-day on-site training is \$65.

Topics include Violence in the Workplace, Computer Security, the ABCs of Suicide Prevention, Mentoring and Teambuilding, Re-energizing and Staying Motivated, Identity Theft, Managing Multiple Priorities, Taking Charge of Your Success, How to Avoid Abusive Tax Schemes, Your Credit, Your Career and Your Future.

For information call Judy Creer at 791-5653, or e-mail [creeerj@gordon.army.mil](mailto:creeerj@gordon.army.mil).

## 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.

## Surviving military separation

Army Community Service offers a support group for deployed soldiers' spouses. This is an opportunity for spouses to share ideas and strategies on how to cope with stress associated with the service member's absence.

The class is held from 1-2:30 p.m. the first **Wednesday** of each month in Darling

## 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.

**Jan. 23-29**

**Today - The Last Samurai (R)**

**Saturday - Stuck on You (PG-13)**

**Late show - The Human Stain (R)**

**Sunday - The Last Samurai (R)**

**Thursday - Stuck on You (PG-13)**

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

Hall, Room 367. For information call 791-3579/7557.

## 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.

## Bible study

The Fort Gordon Family Life Center presents a Bible study for adults titled *Family Life According to the Bible*

from 9:30-10:30 a.m. **Sundays** at the Religious Education Center, Building 39709. Other classes are available for all ages. For information, call 791-4703.

## Bariatric support group

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

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## COMING UP

The newest edition of *Army Newswatch* premieres Monday and includes the following stories:

- **Army Newswatch Year in Review**

The *Fort Gordon Report* and *Army Newswatch* alternate weeks on Charter Cable Channel 13 on: Mondays and Thursdays at 7:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Fridays at 7 a.m., 12 p.m., 5 p.m., 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., Wednesdays at 6:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 4:30 p.m., 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays at 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

The next edition of the *Fort Gordon Report* premieres **Feb. 2**.

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# Sports & Leisure

## Sports UPDATE

### Soccer shootout

The 19th annual Augusta Arsenal Spring Soccer Shootout is 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Feb. 7 and 8 at Barton Field. The tournament is comprised of teams from the eastern and southeastern United States. Admission is free.

### Super Bowl parties

The Gordon Club and the Courtyard host Super Bowl parties Feb. 7; the doors open at 4 p.m., the game starts at 6 p.m.

Cover charge is \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door, which includes food and door prizes, including a \$200 video system awarded at halftime.

For information, call 791-6780 or 791-6000.

### Dinner theatre

The play "Noises Off," a British "farce about a farce," is the next performance at the Fort Gordon Dinner Theatre Feb. 13, 14, 20, 21, 26, 27 and 28.

Dinner will be at 7 p.m., with the show following at 8. Tickets for the show are \$32 for civilians, \$30 for seniors ages 65 and above, retirees, Department of the Army civilians, active duty E-8 and above, \$20 for active duty E-7 and below, and \$15 for the show only.

For information, call 793-8552.

### Ladies golf

The Ladies Golf Club tees off every Thursday at 9:30 a.m. 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.

### Karaoke

Every Thursday is karaoke night at the Courtyard Recreation and Dining Center.

Karaoke is featured from 6 to 10 p.m. Prizes are awarded for best male solo, best female solo, worst solo, best duo or group, worst duo or group and best look-a-like.

The event is open to the public. For information, call 791-6000.

### Outdoor soccer

Units desiring to enter a team into the Unit Level Outdoor Soccer League must submit their memorandum of intent no later than Jan. 28 to the Sports Office.

There will be an organizational meeting for coaches or a designated team representative with the Sports Office, Jan 29 at 1 p.m.

For more information about the upcoming season, contact Al Robinson at 791-1142 or by e-mail robinsona@gordon.army.mil.

## Coach's kids display skills

Pvt. Armando Monroig  
Signal staff

Two young athletes from Hephzibah, coached by a Fort Gordon Soldier, fought for a boxing championship Jan. 10.

The 2004 Region Three Silver Gloves Boxing Championships was held at the May Park gymnasium on Gordon Highway.

The coach, Sgt. 1st Class Marciano Diaz, is an instructor and writer assigned to Headquarters and A Company, 369th Signal Battalion. Diaz teaches the signal support systems specialist course.

Diaz has worked with boxers who will compete in the 2004 Olympics and was selected as a two-time all Army boxing coach (2003-04).

At the local level, Diaz coached and sponsored his 13-year-old son, Matthew Diaz, and 12-year-old Martin Murray for this event.

Murray, who has been boxing for two years, competed at 106 pounds, and Diaz's son, who's been boxing for six years, competed at 132 pounds.

A series of more than 100 preliminary bouts led up to this event. The 27-bout event featured a total of 54 aspiring amateur boxers from the southeast region,

ranging from age 10 to 15.

"Both my kids did great. They went in there and gave it their all," Diaz said of the competition.

They both lost their bouts in the finals but made a valiant effort against very difficult opponents, he said.

Fighters who won their three, one-minute-round bouts advance to compete in Kansas City for a chance at a national championship.

Diaz said he is putting this event behind him and looking to the next one, the state qualification bouts for the Junior Olympics.

"We are going to be ready for that one," he said. "We are going to work harder."

He said he wants his protégés to win but realizes they are still young and learning the art of boxing.

Diaz is trying to get the word out so more kids can get involved in his boxing group.

Diaz said boxing teaches kids self-discipline and helps develop their self-esteem. He added it is a tool that helps keep some kids out of trouble and helps make them better people.

"It helps them not be afraid to face the world," he said.

"It's a fun sport that helps keep me off the streets," said Murray. "He's a good teacher and trainer."

"Boxing is a way of life for me," said the junior Diaz, who inherited his love of boxing from his father. He added he goes from school directly to boxing training and prepared for about two months for this event.

The elder Diaz first got involved with boxing in his hometown of Bronx, N.Y., when he was young, as a way to keep himself busy and out of trouble. Diaz has been working with kids since 1990.

"I got really involved with kids when I was in Germany," said Diaz, who was stationed in Darmstadt, Germany.

"I just like to see kids have fun in the ring and grow," he said. "I like to see them smile when they win."



Photos by Pvt. Armando Monroig

(Above) Diaz delivers a series of blows to his opponent. Despite his effort, Diaz did not win at this event. (Left) The elder Diaz warms up with his son before the competition.



## Eisenhower Meds slither by ANCOA

Al Robinson  
Sports coordinator

The Fort Gordon Unit Level Basketball game of the week was between rivals in the Women's Division, Eisenhower Army Medical Center and Advance Non-commissioned Officer Academy.

This was the second meeting between these two teams within two weeks. In their first meeting, EAMC edged ANCOA 28-26. Within the first three minutes of the game, ANCOA drew first blood when Tammie Johnson made 1 of her 2 free throws giving ANCOA a 1-0 lead.

The rematch started out to be a good game, but EAMC firepower was too much for ANCOA. At the break, it was EAMC 29-17. In the second half, ANCOA went into a pressure-type defense, and their offense found the target.

"This was the hardest game for us this season, but the practices paid off. At one point we did not execute. We were too relaxed. Once we got our heads back in the game, we played ball," said Crystal Singer of EAMC.

With 15 seconds remaining in the ball game, it was EAMC 37-31. Tara Bryan of ANCOA was fouled. She made both free throws, EAMC 37-33. On the in-bound pass, ANCOA stole the ball and scored two points, EAMC 37-35. With 10 seconds on the clock, EAMC's center/forward, Crystal was fouled. Crystal went to the line with a 1 and 1. She made both of her free throws giving EAMC the edge 39-35.

ANCOA in-bounded the ball to Mary Tyler who attempted a three-pointer, but fell short of the basket.

"This was a team effort. The team fought to a great victory," said Aaron Payton, head coach of EAMC.

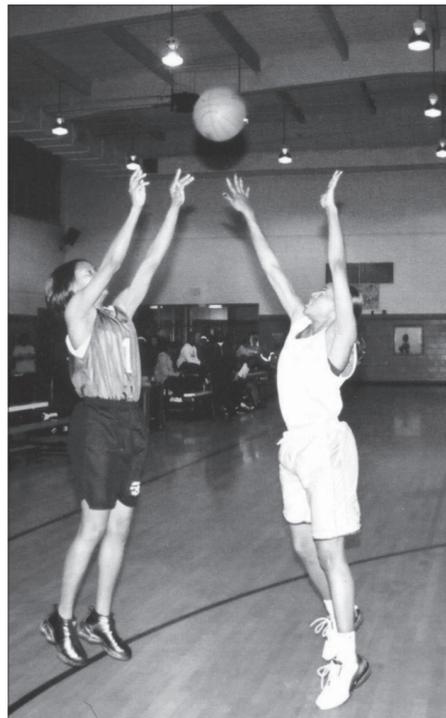


Photo by Al Robinson

Neona Williams (left), hits a jumpshot over ANCOA's Kathy Code.

ANCOA had 22 free throw attempts and only made seven. Even though they held the Meds to 10 points in the second half, EAMC was able to extend their winning streak to 13 by squeezing past their opponent 39-35. Michelle Dent of EAMC had 10 points. Tara Bryan of ANCOA led all scorers with 14 points.

Other games played during the week of Jan. 12-16 were:

**GREEN DIVISION**  
Company B, Eisenhower Army Medical Center 43, Headquarter and Headquarters Company, 93rd Signal Brigade 31

518th Signal Company 53, 252nd Signal Company 40

Headquarter and Headquarter Company, 206th Military Intelligence Battalion 44, Advance Noncommissioned Officer Academy 32

**RED DIVISION**  
Company A, 442nd Signal Battalion 63, United States Army Garrison 46  
249th General Hospital 51, Company A, 369th Signal Battalion 33

Naval Security Group Activity 63, Company A, 447th Signal Battalion 35

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**WOMEN'S DIVISION**  
Eisenhower Army Medical Center, 39, Advanced Non-commissioned Officer Academy 35.

Company B, 297th Military Intelligence Battalion 47, Company E, 369th Signal Battalion 18

Gordon Regional Security Operation Center (Multi-Service) 27, Company A, 442nd Signal Battalion 12

Company B, 297th Military Intelligence Battalion 20, Gordon Region Security Operation Center (Multi-Service) 17

Company , 442nd Signal Battalion 2, Company B, 551st Signal Battalion 0

**MORNING DIVISION**  
Company E, 369th Signal

Battalion 2, Company D, 447th Signal Battalion 0  
Company C, 369th Signal Battalion 50, Company D, 369th Signal Battalion 23  
Company C, 73rd Ordnance 0, Company C, 447th Signal Battalion 0

**BLUE DIVISION**  
Company B, 73rd Ordnance 58, Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course 54.

Company C, 73rd Ordnance Battalion 41, Company C, 442nd Signal Battalion 32

Company C, 447th Signal Battalion 38, Company C, 551st Signal Battalion 35

Company D, 447th Signal Battalion 53, Company E, 369th Signal Battalion 52

Company D, 551st Signal Battalion 55, Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course 48

Company C, 73rd Ordnance Battalion 37, Company E, 369th Signal Battalion 33

Company C, 551st Signal Battalion 35, Company B, 447th Signal Battalion 33

Company B, 551st Signal Battalion 48, Company C, 447th Signal Battalion 43

## Unit Basketball Standings

Team Won Lost

*Blue Division*

B-73	8	0
D-551	7	2
C-447	7	3
BNCOC	6	4
C-551	6	5
D-447	4	5
B-447	4	6
C-73	4	8
E-369	3	6
B-551	3	7
C-442	1	7

*Green Division*

518	12	0
B-297	11	1
HHC-206	11	1
ANCOA	9	2
252	8	4
B-EAMC	8	5
311S	6	5
HHC-93	6	7

STANDINGS AS OF JAN. 19

*Morning Division*

C-73	7	2
C-369	6	2
B-551	5	2
B-447	4	3
D-447	3	4
E-369	3	4
C-447	3	6
D-369	0	8

*Red Division*

A-442	11	2
HHC-201	11	2
NSGA	10	4
USAG	8	5
249	6	5
A-551	5	6
A-447	4	7
A-369	4	8
338TRS	3	8
A-73	1	10

*Women's Division*

EAMC	13	0
B-297	13	3
A-442	11	3
GRSOC	11	3
C-369	9	4
ANCOA	9	5
E-369	6	8
B-551	5	9



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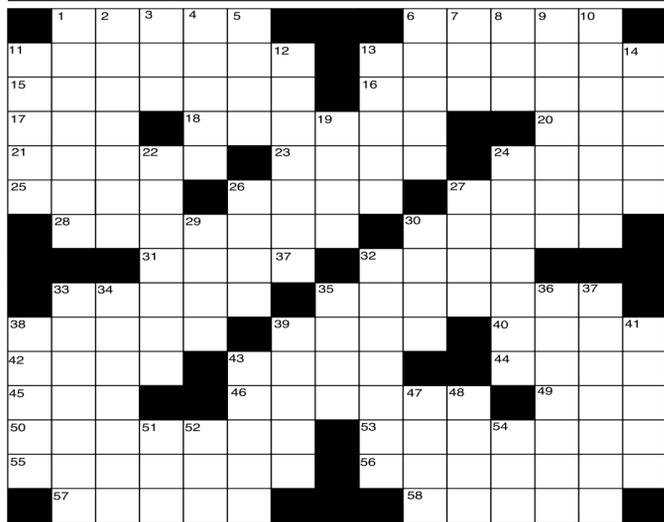
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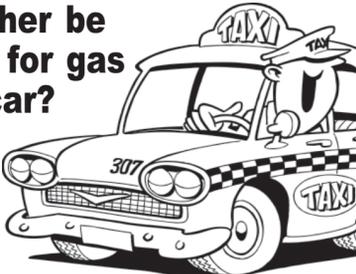
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# Army deploys 'Shadow' unmanned vehicle

**Cpl. Vernon O'Donnell**  
Special to American Forces Press Service

**HABBANIYAH, Iraq** – Having better intelligence than your enemy is vital to the success of a military operation, and the current situation in Iraq is no exception.

Every day, terrorists, insurgents, and members of the ousted Baath Party attempt ambushes and place improvised explosive devices intended to kill innocent civilians and coalition soldiers.

To combat this, the Army has recently developed and deployed a new information gatherer – the Shadow, a tactical unmanned aerial vehicle.

Soldiers from the 312th and 313th Military Intelligence Battalions operate and maintain the Shadow TUAV for the 82nd Airborne Division, which is calling the Anbar province home these days. The vehicle's mission is to gather intelligence from high altitudes, which allows it to remain mostly imperceptible to enemy detection.

For the plane to accomplish its mission effectively, a variety of different soldier occupations must work together effectively.

"The TUAV platoons are made up of TUAV operators, mechanics, and electronic-warfare technicians," said Staff Sgt. Matthew Norris, the platoon standardization instruc-

tor pilot from the 312th. "It is important for all the different (specialists) to work together, because they all cover very different areas in the operation."

The 312th normally is part of the 1st Cavalry Division, from Fort Hood, Texas, but they have been temporarily assigned to the 82nd. The 82nd does not yet have its own Shadows, so it borrowed a platoon from the 1st Cavalry for the current deployment to Iraq. In addition to performing normal combat missions, the soldiers from the 312th are training the soldiers from the 313th for when they receive their own equipment.

Normally, each brigade-level asset in a combat division would have its own TUAV platoon, but that was impossible, given the current situation and the lack of 82nd-specific TUAVs. The platoon at Forward Operating Base Ridgway is responsible for supporting the entire 82nd Airborne Division and its subordinate elements throughout the largest province in Iraq.

"This platoon is supporting the entire division, so we are further apart than normal," said Chief Warrant Officer James Harris. "An added intricacy is that the launch/recovery site has to occasionally fly missions, so we are operating at a higher rate and a nonstandard format for this system."

The soldiers at Ridgway are responsible for launch and recovery and all maintenance on the Shadows. Once the vehicle passes all preflight checks and is launched, the operators maneuver it into position for a team at the division headquarters to take control. The Shadows are designed so flight operation can be transferred seamlessly from a team at one location to another at a separate location.

Supporting the entire division makes it even more important to keep all four Shadows fully operational. The platoon takes this task very seriously and performs thorough and consistent maintenance.

"We are the only TUAV platoon in the Army, at this time, to go through the initial 500 hours of flight time without any incidents," said Staff Sgt. Jason O'Neill, the platoon sergeant for the group from the 312th.

The significance of the Shadow's mission isn't lost on the soldiers who make it happen. "While we are flying our birds and doing surveillance, we are saving troopers' lives," said Pfc. Emmanuel Rendon, a Shadow operator, "either from route recon, looking for IEDs, or identifying any enemy ambushes or attacks on the road."

(O'Donnell is assigned to the 350th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment.)



Photos by Cpl. Vernon O'Donnell

Teamwork is the major reason for the tactical unmanned aerial vehicle platoon's success in keeping their Shadows in the air. Army Sgt. Xavier Argueta (below, right) works underneath the TUAV as Sgt. Jason Duke offers advice.



A Shadow tactical unmanned aerial vehicle is propelled into the air for a flight after completing maintenance checks.



Photo by Sgt. Ryan Matson

## Sehr gut

Lt. Col. Rainer Schwiebert (left), German Army liaison officer here, presents 50-year-old Lt. Col. Ricky Olson, Company A, Eisenhower Army Medical Center, with a certificate and the silver German Efficiency Badge. The ceremony was held in the German Liaison Office in Signal Towers Jan. 19. Olson participated in German Badge competition held Dec. 8-12 on post. "Lt. Col. Olson proved that maturity does not prevent you from being a tough guy," the 51-year-old Schwiebert said.

## Pre-command course now in session here

The Fort Gordon Brigade/Battalion Pre-Command Course is in session through Jan. 30.

The course is the prerequisite before the leaders may take command of a Signal battalion or brigade. Following the course, the officers will take command of the organization listed.

The following are attending Class 003-04: Col. Frederick Cross, 22nd Signal Battalion, Darmstadt, Germany; Lt. Col. Dennis Dunn, 324th Signal Battalion, Fort Gordon; Lt. Col. Scot Mackenzie, 1115th Signal Battalion, Fort Lewis, Wash.; Lt. Col. Oliver Wyrski, 1112th Signal Battalion, Fort Bragg, N.C.; Lt. Col. Andre Wiley, 40th Signal Battalion, Fort Huachuca, Ariz.; Lt. Col. Kenneth Carrick, Enhanced Position Locating Reporting System, Fort Monmouth, N.J.

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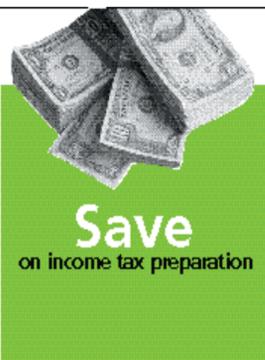
Col. Robert Carr (left), Fort Gordon Regional Security Operations Center and 116th Military Intelligence Group commander, receives the Defense Superior Service Medal from Maj. Gen. John F. Kimmons, the Intelligence Security Command commander. Carr was awarded the medal Jan. 6 at the Gordon Security Operations Center for exceptionally meritorious service as Chief Intelligence Officer, Stabilization Forces, Bosnia and Herzegovina, from July 21, 2002, to July 21, 2003.

## Volunteer

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Since Jan. 1, Florida has helped the North Augusta Department of Public Safety retrieve newspaper racks from the Savannah River. People steal the racks, remove the change and then dump the boxes. So far, they've pulled 13 out of the river.

After Florida's Army career is done, he knows what course he'll take. "When I get out, I want to be a fireman," he said.



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**Sgt. Ryan Matson**  
Staff writer

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I'm referring to EVOC, or Emergency Vehicle Operating Course, an essential piece of training for law enforcement officers taught at the Richmond County Sheriff's Office Training Center off Highway 1.

Recently 15 military police from Fort Gordon and myself got to complete the course, which involved hands-on training on operating an emergency vehicle, more specifically, a police car.

Spc. Brandon VanMeter, 35th Military Police Detachment, was one of the students in the class and said it was directly applicable to his daily job as a patrolman and that he learned many valuable lessons from the training.

"You never know what we're going to get into on a day-to-day basis when we're working the road," VanMeter said. "We can get into high-speed chases. It doesn't happen very often, but when it does we need to be trained for it."

He said the course also proved a good challenge.

"It's not like driving your privately-owned vehicle," he explained. "You don't treat your POV like you treat these cars, because you're allowed to drive these cars a lot harder and brake a lot harder because it's necessary to do some of the stuff we'd need to do. You don't want to get into your POV and try this stuff."

The course started Monday and finished today. Six instructors taught the course: James William Shipp, Jr., Jerry Rhoden, David James, Kathy Daniel, Perry Fogle and John Nguyen. The course is held about five times a year, and military police from Fort Gordon have participated in one or two classes a year for the last few years, Shipp said.

Monday was the only day which involved classroom teaching. During that day, Rhoden, an EVOC instructor since 1984, reviewed seat belts and driving attitudes, while Daniel handled legal and civil liability, and Fogle covered vehicle dynamics.

"We need to learn to maintain our attitudes," Rhoden said as he addressed the class of MPs. "Some of you are very young and this is when you need to start doing that, especially in the field you're in." Too many people drive with an attitude, he said, and attitudes cause accidents.

Daniel's portion of the class covered topics such as what precautions a police officer must exercise when pursuing a criminal, and what things they can and cannot do in this situation, while Fogle's lesson focused more on weight distribution when a vehicle is in motion and the physics applied to driving an automobile.

Monday's classroom session also covered skid control and controlled braking techniques. Students were required to take a written exam on all of the material covered in the classes and in a guide book.

After Monday's lesson, it was all road work. The 16 students split into four groups and headed into different areas of driving challenges.

The first group of students simply picked up fallen cones for the group that was negotiating a small cone course. This proved a very busy job the first day, and some cones were shredded by the end of the day.

Even though students were only traveling at speeds of a little more than 10 mph for most of the course, a lot of cones met the pavement as students tried swerving through cones, backing into tight areas and parallel parking, and sharp cutoffs and turning.

Students had three minutes to complete the course without knocking a cone over or out of its designated box. Most of the students made the time, even on their first run, but when they finished, there were cones scattered everywhere.

The next station was the threshold braking area. In this exercise, drivers headed down an incline at speeds of 35 mph through an alley of cones. As they approached the bottom of the alley, a red light was triggered and the driver needed to apply the brakes to avoid a set of cones simulating a child who had darted out into the road, then maneuver the car into a designated area.

This exercise taught a driver to make an emergency stop using the concept of rolling friction to maintain control while guiding it past the cones representing the child. Once students had demonstrated they were capable of making the emergency stop at 35, the speed was raised to as high as 45 mph. This really got the blood pumping, and cost me 50 cents when I bet the instructor I could make the 45 mph stop twice in a row; I waffled through two sets of cones, practically disintegrating them.

The third exercise — my personal favorite — taught students how to control skids by letting off the gas, and then turning into a skid to correct it through countersteering. It took place on a skid plate — a large area dampened by a sprinkler system. Drivers accelerated across the plate until the instructor told them to lay off the gas, and put them into a skid. It was then up to the driver to quickly react to the skid by using shuffle steering to turn into the skid.

I thought I was pretty good at this exercise, although my methods were somewhat less than textbook. I actually delivered a pretty good beating to the steering wheel, and even hit myself in the stomach when trying to quickly react and shuffle steer.

Later in the week, the students were introduced to the big track. This was a high-speed track which involved a little something from all the week's prior exercises, and allowed students to get their speeds up (as long as they didn't strike any cones) even though it only took an average speed of 27 mph to make it through the course in the required four minutes. I completed the course in around two minutes once, but with about 15 cones down and a few detours from the pavement onto the grass.

The students were encouraged to push the car and themselves to their limits.

"You all came here to drive, so here is your chance," Rhoden said. "Find your car's potential and not over it. If you overdrive that car's potential, it's going to say, 'Hey, you just overdrove me and now we're going through this field!'"

I found that a Crown Victoria modified for police work with a V-8 motor and easy maneuverability has a great deal of potential. Unfortunately, at times, I found my potential was not up to par with the powerful car I was driving, especially at high speeds around cones. So I got a couple of brief glimpses of the field myself. But that's called learning.

Many young drivers may have never been in situations such as a skidding car in a safe environment, or may have never had to use threshold braking, Shipp said. He said lessons the MPs learn on the course can make a potentially lifesaving difference in the future.

"We emphasize safety first, and teach the students that you're driving the car, you make the decisions," he said.

"You can't let someone else drive it for you. In a real situation, a police officer has to deal with the stress of traffic, but also supervisors and the dispatch yelling at him or her on the radio, while still having to make life and death decisions."



Photos by Sgt. Ryan Matson

### Oops!

Pfc. Christina Forward reacts in her car as she plows over two cones during the Emergency Vehicle Operating Course held Monday through today at the East Georgia Police Academy training area off Highway 1.



EVOC instructors have some fun with their Fort Gordon students one morning before class.

(Above) Staff Sgt. Keith Faust careens across the skid plate...

(Below) ...until he uses a countersteering technique he learned to turn into the skid, straighten the vehicle out and regain control.



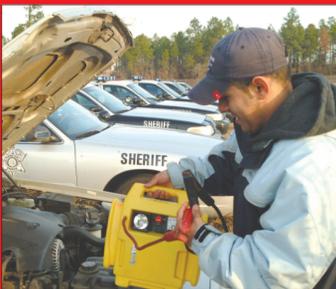
Students warm up for a braking exercise by taking a couple of laps past the obstacle without stopping.



Spc. Aaron Richards looks over questions on one of the course's written exams.



MPs breeze through a serpentine section of the small cone course.



Pfc. Jesus Uranga checks out a potential battery problem on one of the cars.



(Left) One of the students in the course rips around a corner at a high rate of speed during the big track obstacle course, which simulated high-speed pursuit tactics.



Pfc. Luke Cormier is ready to go at the start of the big track course.