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News UPDATE

MLK luncheon

The annual commemorative luncheon honoring Martin Luther King Jr., is 11:30 a.m. **Thursday** at the Gordon Club. Cost is \$9.

Guest speaker is Dr. Ralph Watkins, associate professor of Sociology at Augusta State University. For tickets call 791-2014.

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.

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.

FCC certification

Child and Youth Services will conduct Family Child Care certification training for family members living in government quarters who wish to provide child care in their homes.

Orientation is 9-10 a.m. Friday; classes held 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Jan. 20-27 in Building 45400. Initial applications process to become a provider will be held Jan. 5-9. For information, call 791-3993 or 791-4440.

CPAC training

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center is hosting an Employee and Labor Relations Seminar for supervisors of Department of Army civilian personnel **Jan. 20-22**.

Training will be held at the Courtyard from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. daily. Training is funded by Fort Gordon for Fort Gordon employees.

Civilian and military leaders are eligible to attend. Contact Carla Baucom at 791-3956 or e-mail baucmc@gordon.army.mil to sign up. Registration required, classes filled on a first-come basis.

67th Signal leaves for Iraq

Replaces 63rd Signal Battalion, which returns in February

Staff Sgt. Kelly McCargo
93rd Military Intelligence Brigade

As choruses of people counted down the New Year, the tears streaming down some of their cheeks had little to do with enthusiasm for the year to come.

Many 93rd Signal Brigade families knew that 2004 would be an entire year without the comfort of their spouses, sons or daughters.

Two days into the New Year, Jan. 2, more than 500 friends

and family members said farewell to the Soldiers of the 67th Signal Battalion during a departure ceremony at Fort Gordon's Alexander Hall at 1 p.m.

The 67th Sig. Bn. will deploy to the Central Command Area for one year as part of America's continued support of the war on terrorism. The 67th's mission will be to provide voice, video, and data services to customers located at various bases.

Representatives of the 67th Sig. Bn. stood stock-still at at-

tention on the stage as Lt. Col. Paul LaDue, 67th Sig. Bn. commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. Nicolino Parisi, 67th Sig. Bn. command sergeant major, rolled and cased the battalion's colors; officially declaring the battalion deployed.

"Today is another historic day for the 93rd Signal Brigade," said Col. Nathaniel Smith, 93rd Sig. Bde. commander. "Today marks the culmination of four months of intensive training and the official deployment of the 67th Signal Battalion to defend this nation."

Augusta's Mayor, Bob Young, thanked the 67th Sig. Bn. Soldiers and presented them with Augusta's flag.

"They are true warriors and are prepared for this mission," Smith said. "They didn't attain their current readiness without the crucial support of their families, other soldiers within the brigade, and the Augusta community."

The ceremony was held a few days before the actual flights due to the uncertainty of the flight schedules.

"We're having the departure ceremony to give the families an opportunity to recognize these Soldiers before they leave," LaDue said. "The unit wanted to get all of the Soldiers and their families together in one place and do something special."

An emotional slide presentation profiled the amount of pre-deployment preparation that was required of the Soldiers, with the support of the 56th Signal Battalion and 93rd Sig. Bde.'s Headquarters Company.

After the ceremony, red-



Photo by Staff Sgt. Kelly McCargo

Lt. Col. Paul LaDue, 67th Sig. Bn. commander (left) and Command Sgt. Maj. Nicolino Parisi, 67th Sig. Bn. command sergeant major, roll and sheath the 67th Signal Battalion's Colors – officially deploying the battalion.

rimmed eyes dotted the auditorium.

"Of course I'll miss having the man around the house-making sure the doors are locked, making sure you're safe," said April Mason.

Mason's husband, Spc. Joshua Mason, A Co., 67th Sig. Bn. was sad because he'll be leaving his wife and five-month-old son, but said that he was prepared for the coming mission.

"I'll certainly miss my family very much, but it's definitely worth it," Mason said. "I joined the Army for a reason – to serve

my country, and this is exactly what I'm doing."

The 67th Sig. Bn. will be replacing the 63rd Signal Battalion. The 63rd departed February 2003 and is scheduled to return to Fort Gordon in February.

The last elements of the 67th Sig. Bn. boarded a jet at Augusta Regional Airport at Bush Field on a recent rain-soaked evening. Family members stood by the airfield's gate entrance as loved ones ascended the stairs to the aircraft — the rain mixed with the tears that lingered after the ceremony.



Photo by Sgt. Lyle Dillie

Spc. Danielle Deleon, C Co., 67th Sig. Bn., loads her personal bags, complete with PowerPuff Pillow, onto the bus that took the 67th Sig. Bn. Soldiers to the airfield.

New master plan devised for post

Denise Allen
Signal staff

Vince Grewatz is a man with vision for Fort Gordon's future.

With the input of others on post, Grewatz, director of the Directorate of Public Works and Logistics, is revamping Fort Gordon's master plan.

"Every installation has a master plan. The question is 'How current is it?' 'How executable is it?' 'How much thought went into it?'" he said.

While all installations have these master plans, long term goals have often fallen to the short term fixes because of budget cuts.

"People lived with the expectation that they were not going to get funding so they reduced their scope," he said.

Grewatz wants to change that thinking by considering future growth instead of the quick fix.

For example, two-inch pipe would be sufficient to connect utilities to the new sportsmen's complex at the old Range 14, but if there is

continued expansion, he said, then four-inch pipe might be needed later. While the initial cost might be lower, a greater cost would be paid later to run new pipe.

As different units and other tenants on post sent in their wish list of repairs last fall, Grewatz encouraged them to think bigger. When the chaplains' office asked for new coats of paint on the walls and new carpet on the floors, Grewatz asked if that was all?

"What they'd really like is a chapel complex," he said.

And the medical command would probably like to have a centralized medical complex instead of offices scattered across post. Also, there are those who'd like to see Brems Barracks torn down.

"A lot of the master plan will never see the light of day," he said. "Some of it may be overcome by future circumstances, but we need to have a vision for the direction we want to move to best support Fort Gordon and its units."

While some buildings are



Photo by Pvt. Armando Monroig

Raze the roof

Demolition began Dec. 23 of the old Gym 1 building on 19th Street. The 1940s-era building was torn down due to its age and maintenance costs. The lot will be used for additional parking for the Gordon Club. A new fitness facility, to be built elsewhere on post, is currently in the planning stages.

likely to be torn down over the next few years, especially when there are still buildings from the World War II era on post, Grewatz said he sees Fort Gordon poised for growth, especially if Fort

Gordon remains open after the next round of base closings.

With more than 55,000 acres on the base and less than 1,000 of them developed, Grewatz sees a lot of poten-

tial. "If the decision is that Gordon stays, we don't stay the way we are. We will accommodate units. The master plan is flexible enough to accommodate," he said.

Families get to see Soldiers in Iraq

Holiday videoteleconference lets families see loved ones

Steve Brady
Signal editor

Making Soldiers feel like they were home was the goal of a teleconference held Dec. 29 by the 878th Engineer Battalion.

The group is a National Guard battalion based out of Augusta, and has been in Iraq since June. Although it is not due back until June, the teleconference, held in Nelson Hall, gave nearly 50 family members the chance to talk, and see, their loved ones for 10 minutes at a time.

Family of Spc. Jon Waldorf, a power generator mechanic with the 878th, took advantage of the opportunity.

"It was neat to see him," said wife Ashley Waldorf. "It makes the stress of not having him here for the holidays easier." The two have been married since March, but have been together for six years, she said.

"This is the longest we've been apart," she said. "He used to be able to call once a week, so this is nice to be able to see him."

Waldorf was also able to see his mother, two sisters and a nephew during the teleconference.

"He's my first born and only son," said Angie Waldorf. "With them over there and knowing they're in danger everyday, it's good to see him and have proof he's OK."

The teleconference was scheduled through 4 p.m. that day, or longer if more satellite time was available.

"The family members got a chance to talk to their husbands or wives, sons or daughters, in Iraq," said Staff Sgt. Clarreca Berry, 878th rear detachment noncommissioned officer in charge. "Capt. (Greg) Brown, the admin officer over there, said the Soldiers are getting a real morale boost from this," Berry said.



Photo by Steve Brady
Spc. Jon Waldorf, a power generator mechanic with the 878th Engineer Battalion, speaks with his family during a videoteleconference held Dec. 29 in Nelson Hall. Waldorf, who is in the National Guard, has been in Iraq since June.

Commissary officials address beef concerns

Bonnie Powell
Defense Commissary Agency

FORT LEE, Va. — Officials at the Defense Commissary Agency are closely monitoring the ever-changing situation involving a case of bovine spongiform encephalopathy, also known as "mad cow" disease, identified Dec. 23 in a single cow in Washington state.

Since Dec. 23 the U.S. Department of Agriculture has conducted a limited recall of 10,000 pounds of beef that may originate from the infected cow and from cows slaughtered at the same time and location.

"No beef in any of our 275 commissaries worldwide has been involved in a USDA recall," said Col. Mark Wolken, chief of public health, safety

and security for DeCA. "The USDA has stated that the U.S. beef supply is safe and that the beef recall resulted from an abundance of caution, not fear that the meat is infected. Should the USDA make a determination that there is a danger, DeCA would be first to react to protect the health of our customers," he said.

Since the first U.S. case of BSE was identified Dec. 23, commissary customers have raised questions about the safety of beef purchased at their local commissary. Questions range from "should I return the ground beef I bought last week?" to "has my commissary received meat from the infected cow?"

The answer to both questions is "no" said Wolken, an Army veterinarian. "As is al-

ways the case, customers who wish to return commissary products for a full refund may do so without question. The brain, spinal cord, and lower intestine — where the protein or 'prion' that is believed to cause BSE is found — is not generally used in food consumed by Americans. Those parts were removed from the infected cow before any of it could enter the meat supply."

USDA investigators have determined that the recalled meat went to a few commercial markets in Alaska, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana and Guam as well as Washington state, Oregon, California and Nevada. "No commissaries received any of those shipments," Wolken emphasized. "But I can certainly understand customers having concerns and questions. We're

all affected by this — we're all concerned."

Mad cow is a fatal disease that destroys the brains of the infected animal. It is caused in cattle by misshapen proteins called prions and is thought to be spread from animal to animal through contaminated feed. A rare form of the disease in humans known as variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease has been linked to the consumption of contaminated beef products. The approximately 140 deaths linked to "mad cow" since the mid-90s have mainly been in Britain.

For the latest developments on the situation as well as for links to the USDA and other information on recalls and food safety, commissary customers can go to <http://www.commissaries.com>.

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An honor

Brig. Gen. Gregory Premo (left), U.S. Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon deputy commanding general, presented Col. James Lockaby the Legion of Merit and the Silver Order of Mercury regimental award Dec. 22 at Signal Towers. Lockaby is retiring after 32 years of service.

Premo also presented Sandra Lockaby the Silver Wahatchee Award and the Commander's Award for Public Service for her support of the military community.

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On-line services keep Soldiers "connected"

Pvt. Armando Monroig
Signal staff

During Signal Symposium week, the exhibit tent, located on Chamberlain Avenue across from Signal Towers, was buzzing with energy as vendors displayed their wares to the Signal community.

More than 150 booths were set up to display new Signal technology available to today's military. Two of those were the Army Knowledge On-line and the Army homepage website booths.

AKO is the Army's portal on the web, said Maj. Cedric Lee one of the individuals who manned the AKO booth during the symposium.

"Our goal here (at the Signal Symposium) is to insure that Soldiers understand what AKO is about," said Lee. "We also hope to achieve the Chief of Staff's mandate that every Department of the Army Soldier or employee has an AKO account."

He said using AKO is a safe way for Soldiers to stay in contact with their loved ones.

"It is a secure website for Army active, Guard, Reserve and retirees," said Lee.

Lee explained that AKO is a free service that gives every account holder 50 megabytes of storage space on their e-mail account. He said AKO is divided into two areas.

The first area, the portal side, gives the user web preferences.

Lee said it allows the user to customize their own personal web page by doing such things as creating channels to get weather information, track packages and connect to their favorite websites.

"You can customize the portal side to meet your needs," he said.

The other side of AKO is the Knowledge Collaboration Center, which allows users to store and share documents, said Lee.

"You can use it for business purposes or for friends and families to share documents," he said. "It's a great service."

The KCC is an application created exclusively for the U.S.



Photo by Pvt. Armando Monroig
Maj. Cedric Lee, Help Desk manager at the Fort Belvoir, Va., Chief Technology Office, explains AKO technology to J.R. Harris, a Signal Symposium visitor.

Army to allow AKO users to share and collaborate on documents.

From there, Soldiers can upload and download files that will be available from any internet connection, share files with other AKO users, and create personal and Army Community Knowledge Centers.

They can also subscribe to knowledge centers to gain access to Army community information and search for documents using keyword searches. There is an Inside AKO tab that allows users to get additional information they might need about AKO.

Lee explained there are four Army Knowledge Management memorandums that were signed by the Chief of Staff of the Army and the Secretary of the Army.

"Memo number one directed that all Army personnel would have an AKO account," he said. "And that AKO would be the Army's portal."

Not only is AKO a great service to Soldiers, but it is also financially sound because it saves the Army millions of dollars, said Lee.

The Army accomplishes this

by consolidating servers and reducing the number of applications used in the Army, which was the objective of memorandum number two, said Lee.

"If everybody has an AKO web account, then it reduces the number of servers, administrators and the overhead required on each installation to support web service," said Lee.

Aside from being cost effective, Lee said AKO gives managers the ability to reach out and contact their Soldiers, subordinates or peers at any time with features such as instant messaging.

"So no matter where you are in the world, if you have access to the Internet, and you have a browser on your PC, AKO is available," said Lee.

The last two memorandums focus on personnel structure and how to serve them better, and logistics, said Lee.

He said part of their goal for being at the Symposium was to get feedback from AKO users.

Lee said his team was also at the symposium to lend help to individuals who already have an AKO account and educate

nances and even see if they are deployable by using AKO.

"There is a common misunderstanding that AKO is just mail," said Lee. "It is more than just mail."

The purpose of AKO was to give the Army an intranet, said Harold Tucker, a systems architect for AKO. He said AKO was activated more than two years ago and that about 1.6 million people have signed up with AKO.

"The desire is to have every application that a Soldier, retiree or Department of Defense employee needs on AKO so that they can get to it," said Tucker.

Tucker said Soldiers will have access to AKO as long as they are active in the military. Retirees, he added, will have an account for life.

Soldiers can use the white pages in AKO to locate someone's e-mail address, just like a telephone book, said Tucker.

Besides being able to access long-lost friends, Tucker said AKO is beneficial to those who use it because it is a secure means of communication.

"It's encrypted," he said, "whereas if you use commercial vendor systems they are unsecured."

He said there are individuals discussing operational issues on unsecured systems. With AKO, they don't have to do that.

Another great feature about AKO is the fact that users can save their favorite Web sites to the portal, and access them from any computer, anywhere in the world, 24 hours a day, said Tucker.

"We need to get the word

out to our dependents and spouses that they do have the ability to have an account," said Tucker. "We need every Soldier to ensure that their spouse has an account."

He said this is how the family readiness groups can maintain a secure link with loved ones and not put out any sensitive information in the regular insecure Internet where the wrong people can access it.

Aside from AKO, the Army has a web site which is specifically for the public: Army.mil. Both sites have a similar appearance, Lee said.

"You should get the same feel when you go to both places," he said.

The main purpose behind the Army.mil website is to keep the public informed about the Army, Lee said.

Their booth was at the Signal Symposium exhibition tent as well.

"We are here to educate folks and get the word out that Army.mil exists," said Robert Schell, a web developer for L3 Communications who was manning the booth. "A lot of people don't actually know about it."

Schell said Soldiers have commented on how they like to access Army.mil to look at updated pictures and stories.

"Army.mil is the second highest rated government website only behind NASA," said Schell. "3.5 million visits per month."

With these numbers, Soldiers and their family members, will always have the communications tools necessary to stay connected.

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In Congress

Congressman Duncan Hunter (left) chairman of the House Armed Service Committee, and Congressman Max Burns of Georgia's 12th Congressional District, held a press conference at the Signal Museum Dec. 18. Burns invited Hunter to tour Augusta and Fort Gordon for a better understanding of the missions at Fort Gordon. While in Augusta, the congressmen also hosted a roundtable discussion with the CSRA Alliance Board of Directors.

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Still going strong...

After 28 years of service to post, Civilian of the Year is still going strong

Sgt. Ryan Matson
Staff writer

If the expression "time flies when you're having fun" is true, Judy Wyatt, Fort Gordon's Civilian of the Year, has had a lot of fun.

"It seemed to pass quickly," she said, "but it's been 28 years. I have seen officers, brought them on active duty, and retired them from active duty. I have worked with captains and majors in Signal Branches who are now general officers," she said, including Brig. Gen. Janet Hicks, U.S. Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon commanding general.

Wyatt arrived at Fort Gordon in 1975 and as a 29-year-old, got a job as a GS-2 working in the key-punch section of Standard Installation/Division Personnel Systems (SIDPERS). Now, almost three decades later, the post is honoring her as Civilian of the Year for her many years of hard work and dedicated service.

The Miami native said when she came here she never dreamed that it would be the start of a 28-year career.

She keeps a good sense of humor about her lengthy tenure here.

"When I first got here, the lieutenants looked young," she said. "Now, the lieutenant colonels look young!"

Wyatt has spent the last year of her career working in the Adjutant General Division in Darling Hall as a quality assurance evaluator. She said this job entails taking care of Soldier's records.

"We bring them in by in-processing when they arrive, we out-process them, do their permanent change of stations, we take care of their 201 file (a comprehensive record of the Soldier's career), and we are responsible for deploying them," Wyatt said.

"We also handle retirements and student personnel."

Handling all the records that come with the approximately 4,000 students who can be found on post at any one time can be a big responsibility, Wyatt said.

"We handle their dependent travel when they go overseas, ID cards, we do their passports - any administrative things that Soldiers require are done here," she said. "It's a big task."

Wyatt said she came to Fort Gordon 28 years ago under the suggestion of her husband, James, who retired from



Photo by Sgt. Ryan Matson

Fort Gordon's 2003 Civilian of the Year, Judy Wyatt, has worked on post for 28 years.

post as a first sergeant and now works at Eisenhower Army Medical Center. He told her the jobs were easy and high-paying. Wyatt said she is still searching for this job.

She has spent much of her career working in strength management and officer management. However, Wyatt said her role changed a year ago when Research Consultants Incorporated got the contract to perform Adjutant General duties last January. Now, she said her main job is to ensure that the 57 Adjutant General positions contracted out to RCI are doing the job to the standard agreed upon in the contract.

"For instance, if they say they are going to manage all of the enlisted records, I have to make sure that they actually know where all those records are, so we inspect these things - everything from records accountability to boards," Wyatt said.

"We check to make sure they are doing things in accordance with the contract."

To become Fort Gordon's Civilian of the Year, Wyatt first had to be chosen as one of the Civilian of the Quarter winners.

"I was very honored to have the privilege of getting Civilian of the Year," Wyatt said.

"I had gotten Civilian of the Quarter in July and it was a big surprise to be selected for Civilian of the Year. Until I actually won it I didn't even know I was nominated."

Wyatt was nominated for the Civilian of the Quarter award by her boss at Dar-

ling Hall, Sandra Huffman, the post adjutant general.

From there, a panel of judges made up of commanders, chiefs and directors from 17 directorates on post, voted and named Wyatt Civilian of the Quarter. The selection board later voted on all the quarterly award winners for Civilian of the Year, and Wyatt again came out on top.

According to contest criteria, nominees selected as Civilian of the Quarter/Year offer "...meritorious personal effort, service or other achievement within or outside assigned job responsibilities. The performance of the individual may result in benefits (tangible or intangible) to the individual's office, the installation, the U.S. Army, or the Department of Defense."

The following items are also considered when choosing the winner - attitude, courtesy, job performance, training and/or self development, and reasons for recommendation.

Several nice prizes came along with winning the honor as Civilian of the Year, Wyatt said.

"They give you a lot of nice things," she said. "They give you cash, a \$100 check and \$100 bond, several certificates to restaurants - two to French Market Grill and one to Outback - and many hotel rooms. It is well worth it, something to work for."

Wyatt's "sweethearts" are her two grandchildren, Caleb Wyatt Jones, 1, and Crystal Jones, 18. When visitors call to her office, she is anxious to show off pictures of the grandkids. She also has two daughters, Kimberly Jones and Dawn

Abercrombie.

Besides photographing loved ones, Wyatt said she enjoys walking two miles a day at least three to four days a week.

"I've done that for the last 10 years," she said.

"I just like to get out and walk. I've been bitten by dogs twice, but I carry some pepper spray now, so they don't bother me."

With 28 years here already under her belt, Wyatt is looking forward to the day she retires in a couple years, when she can spoil her grandchildren full-time.

She also said she would like to travel, perhaps, she said, to the Western U.S., since she's from the East Coast and has been to Europe.

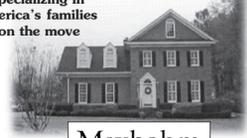
But as for now, Wyatt can enjoy her new award.

"I would like to thank my boss, Sandra Huffman for nominating me and making this all possible," she said.

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The United States Air Force, Headquarters Air Combat Command announces that a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) was signed on December 16, 2003 for the Shaw Air Force Base Chaff and Flare Proposal. The Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) analyzed the potential environmental impacts resulting from the proposed deployment of training chaff and self-protection flares in the Bulldog A/B Military Operation Areas (MOAs) in Georgia and Gamecock B/C/D MOAs in South Carolina. Three F-16 squadrons assigned to the 20 Fighter Wing (FW), Shaw Air Force Base and one squadron assigned to the 169 FW, McEntire Air National Guard Station currently train in the airspace and would add the use of chaff and flares to their defensive countermeasure training; no changes in existing operations (altitude or number of flights) would occur. The FONSI is based on the analysis presented in the Chaff and Flare Draft EA.

The Final FONSI and EA are available for review at the following libraries and online at www.cevp.com beginning December 31, 2003.

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The enemy may take many forms

Capt. Michael Trust
Eisenhower Army Medical Center

A common fact of war maintains that many casualties will fall before a victory. And in the war against fat, the military has suffered numerous losses at the hands of a nefarious foe.

The enemy disguises itself as a "health industry," but peddles snake oil instead of the unsuspecting public, including those who serve in uniform. Now, thanks to the Food and Drug Administration, its most potent weapon has been all but confiscated.

Last week, the FDA finally banned the popular diet supplement known as Ephedra, or MaHuang in its herbal form, a harmful diet supplement that promised effortless weight-loss, but delivered injury and death instead. This "health product" – as the industry calls it – has now been linked to more than 16,000 adverse reactions like strokes and heart attacks, and 155 deaths.

The FDA dealt its final blow only

after other sectors, including the military, instigated their attacks. The National Football League banned the use of ephedra following the death of Minnesota Vikings offensive lineman, Korey Stringer, in July 2001.

The International Olympic Committee and the National Collegiate Athletic Association followed suit with their own bans.

Unfortunately for Baltimore Orioles pitching prospect, 23-year-old Steve Bechler, no ban took affect in time to save him. He died last February from using Ephedra to lose weight during the training season.

Additionally, a recent report by the Department of Defense cited 30 active duty deaths related to the use of Ephedra so far. Many other wounded include a medically retired Army pilot who suffered a heart attack, and now suffers from memory loss – his promising career cut short due to ephedra.

Since then, the Air Force Services Agency has forbidden all services ac-

tivities to carry and sell any ephedra-related supplement. The Marines and Navy banned ephedra from their bases as well.

In July 2002, Army Forces Command ordered its installations to ban the selling of ephedra products. Additionally, the Army and Air Force shopping exchanges banned the selling of all ephedra products as of October 2002.

Yet, current law still allows for many other potentially dangerous and untested diet supplements to be sold legally over the counter in stores located in shopping malls and military bases across the country.

Congress enacted this law, erroneously named the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994, or DSHEA, following a heavily funded push by the supplement industry to loosen restrictions on product testing, but has little to do with educating the public about nutrition.

Instead, DSHEA exempts diet supplements from being scrutinized

for safety by medical studies the way pharmaceuticals are before being sold to the public. The law also places the burden of proving that a supplement is not harmful towards one's long-term health specifically on the consumer, not the manufacturer. Until 1994 consumers were able to easily purchase tried-and-true products like vitamins and protein shakes proven to be safe by that time.

Following the lifting of these restrictions, the industry has since mushroomed into a more than \$19 billion a year industry, pushing exotic concoctions made with hormones, pollens and other untested ingredients found in nature.

One such product now being investigated by the FDA has the same properties as Ephedra.

Known as Guarana, this herb causes the same side effects that can complicate one's response to stress and physical activity, and lead to increased blood pressure and body temperature, rapid heart rates, and heart

palpitations. Under ordinary physical activities these side effects can lead to injury or even death, like with ephedra.

For those Soldiers seeking sound advice on nutrition and fitness, I suggest they visit an Army dietitian at Eisenhower Army Medical Center or at any other military medical facility.

These officers – the best source of nutrition information the Army provides – must earn a Bachelors degree in dietetics, complete a post-graduate dietetic internship at a reputable medical facility, and pass a national registration exam on nutrition in order to qualify for a license to practice in any state and with the military.

With the recent fracas over the ban on Ephedra, the public may finally notice the enemies in its midst, and take action to prevent even more fallen casualties of war.

(Trust is a registered dietician at EAMC.)

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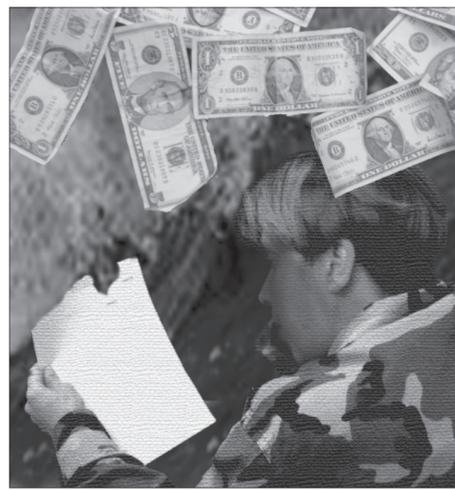
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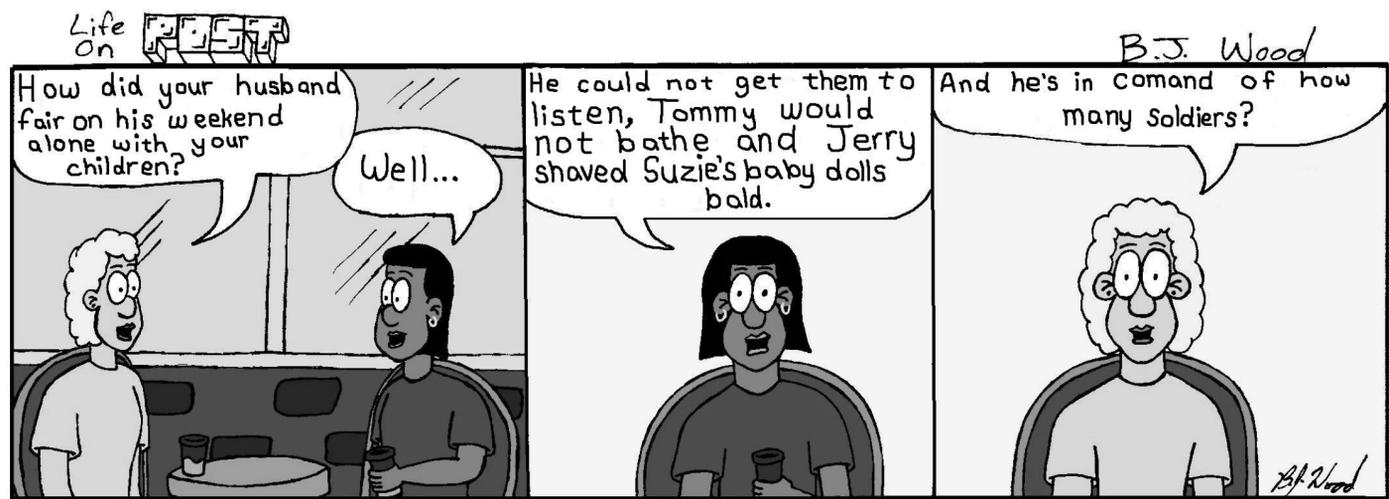
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Congress cracks down on BOA travel card abuse

Spc. Leslie Pearson
513th Military Intelligence Brigade

In 2002, Bank of America, the current provider of charge card services used by government employees traveling on official business, threatened to cancel its account with the Army because of the agency's millions of dollars in outstanding debt. After gaining the support of Congress to help crack down on abuse cases, the bank decided to give the Army another chance and agreed to continue providing card services to all of its customer agencies and organizations under the terms of the General Services Administration SmartPay program.

Members of Congress introduced bills that would force agencies to conduct credit checks before issuing cards and a check agency inspector general to routinely audit card programs.

According to Maj. Don Houston, the 513th Military Intelligence Brigade agency program coordinator, the purpose for the card is to allow Soldiers to perform their mission by charging things while on temporary duty, but the government travel card is not a credit card.

"The difference between a credit card and the government travel card is a credit card has a revolving balance however the travel card is similar to an American Express Card, it has a revolving balance of zero, which means it must be paid in full by the due date," he said.

There are two common instances where Soldiers tend to find themselves in trouble, said Houston — unintentional misuse and intentional abuse.

An example of unintentional misuse, Houston said, could be as simple as using the travel card to make Xerox copies of something while on TDY. "Even though it's in performance of TDY, printing is not a reimbursable expense," he said. "There's a whole list of non-reimbursable expenses that people may not be aware of and can get themselves into trouble, but forms of intentional abuse are pretty clear cut."

Among the many glaringly obvious Army-wide abuse

cases Houston has heard of are Soldiers who have used their cards for cash advances to pay for dating services, cruises and even elective cosmetic surgery.

"Some Soldiers treat the card like it's another Visa or MasterCard, but the card is for official government use only," he said. "Some Soldiers use the card to supplement their income — a hundred bucks here, another hundred there — and they think as long as they pay the bill they can use the card for whatever they want."

When Soldiers in the 513th MI Bde. use their travel cards Houston knows about it, no matter what it's being used for. He runs weekly reports that allow him to track card transactions and then sends a monthly report, which lists the names

and also have to agree to use it for official travel only when the card is activated over the telephone. Failure to use the card for only official travel purposes can result in adverse action. The command may initiate an Article 15, issue a memorandum of reprimand, or even pursue a court-martial. Leadership and personal responsibility are the keys to ensuring that there is no abuse. Leaders need to remind subordinates about what constitutes official travel expenses, review monthly statements, and take disciplinary action as appropriate. Individual card holders need to safeguard the card and ensure that it is only used for authorized expenses.

"In most cases, when the card is being abused it's a sign of deeper financial problems," Houston said. "If someone has to supplement or augment their income with the card then they probably need to go back and look at their personal finances."

The Army offers financial management assistance to Soldiers through the Army Community Service where certified financial planners are ready to provide guidance through various classes. For more information go to http://www.armycommunityservice.org/vacs_finance/home.asp. More general information about the travel card training may be found at the GSA web site at: <http://www.gsa.gov/>

"For the most part, Soldiers use the card responsibly but it's the 1 or 2 percent who clearly abuse it that's gotten us a lot of negative publicity. As the old expression goes, one bad apple spoils the lot," Houston said.

On a more positive note, the card does allow for greater flexibility in meeting mission requirements. Cash advances may be taken from ATM machines available around the world where travelers may take additional cash as needed.

Both the Army and INSCOM receive a rebate from BOA for use of the cards and this rebate is reduced by accounts that are delinquent more than 210 days and are charged back to INSCOM. Lastly, Soldiers and civilians who would otherwise not qualify for a Visa card are given this tool and the experience that goes along with managing a line of credit.



513th holds awards ceremony

Spc. Felicia Thompson
513th Military Intelligence Brigade

Five civilian employees of the 513th Military Intelligence Brigade were recognized Dec. 4 during an award ceremony held in the 297th MI Bn. conference room.

Lt. Col. Randy Marcoz, 513th MI Bde. deputy commander, presented length-of-service awards to Daisy Johnson, Cecil Jones and Dilsa Smikle-Odi.

Curtis (Scott) Savoie and Jeffrey Yandell also received a promotion.

"It's an honor to recognize some extremely important members of the 513th MI Bde., some who have served more

time than our active duty folks," Marcoz said.

John Iwancio, the senior civilian advisor to the 513th MI Bde. commander, said that his civilian employees are dedicated to the Army mission by supporting the war effort and filling in the spaces when the military deploys.

"Anyone who receives an award for 20-25 years of federal service has displayed dedication to the mission," Iwancio said. Iwancio is the senior civilian employee in HHC, 513th MI Bde.

Johnson, a support assistant in the civilian personnel office, received a length-of-service award for 30 years of federal service, the last seven of which

were with the 513th MI Bde.

Savoie, who received a promotion, is chief of counter espionage, a position he has only held for two weeks. He said he is excited about working at the 513th MI Bde.

"I look forward to many very productive years here and working with Soldiers again," he said.

Jeffrey Yandell, a chief in the sub-control office, also received a promotion. He has been with 513th HHC since September and spoke about his promotion that has allowed him to get out of the Beltway area in Fort Belvoir, Va.

"I love it so far and everyone is so nice and easy to work with," Yandell said.

Visitor center construction underway

Denise Allen
Signal staff

Construction on a new visitors' center at Gate 1 should be completed by the end of April.

"This meets Department of the Army and Department of Defense access control point standards," said Tom Fitzpatrick, garrison operations manager.

An Army Corps of Engineers project, the center will be about 1,000 square feet and be constructed at a cost of about \$575,000. Site preparation began about Dec. 10.

Entering post at the gate will be the same for those with post decals. They will continue to be subject to random vehicle inspections.

Those without decals will be directed to the new visitors' center, where their vehicles will be inspected and their names will be entered into

a computer. Visitors will receive temporary passes onto the installation.

"We can track who is coming on post," said Fitzpatrick.

Permanent post decals will also be available at the visitors' center instead of going to Darling Hall.

The site will also serve as a welcome center, he said, with post maps and other information available.

Hours of operation will be scheduled according to the personnel available to staff the building.

The center was originally scheduled to be completed sooner than the end of April; however, Fitzpatrick said other unspecified security enhancements were added to the project which led to a later completion date.

Gate 1 isn't the only gate to receive enhancements. An overhead vehicle inspection area will be added to Gate 3 to provide some shelter for guards and delivery truck drivers when they are entering the installation.



Photo by Sgt. Ryan Matson

Homeland defense

Congressmen Charlie Norwood (left), Georgia, and Hal Rogers, Kentucky, met with Brig. Gen. Peter Schoemaker, Southeast Regional Medical Command and Eisenhower Army Medical Center commander, Dec. 15. The congressmen were examining the partnership between EAMC and the Medical College of Georgia, and the establishment of national disaster management training center. Rogers is a senior member of the House Appropriations Committee, and has oversight of and responsibility for funding many of the Agency's programs, which are pivotal in the nation's war against terrorism.

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NCO receives Soldier's Medal for dangerous minefield rescue

Pfc. Ryan Smith
Army News Service

FORT BRAGG, N.C. – A Soldier with the 27th Engineer Battalion was awarded the Soldier's Medal at Fort Bragg, N.C., Dec. 18 for his actions in Afghanistan.

Staff Sgt. Scott Smullen, while serving as a squad leader in C Company, 27th Engineer Battalion, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, risked his life to save an injured Soldier and was presented the award by Lt. Gen. John R. Vines, XVIII Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg commander.

"Our platoon was conducting mine-clearance operations at Bagram Air Base," Smullen said. "We cleared safe lanes for further mine-clearing operations to be conducted. We use titanium probes - we push them into the ground and feel for land mines."

During the April 21 operation, one of the Soldiers, Sgt. Camilo Molina, was injured in an explosion.

"While we were clearing the lanes, (Molina) stepped on a mine and blew his left foot off," Smullen said.

At first, the engineers didn't realize anyone had been injured.

"Initially, I didn't think (the explosion) was anything. (Explosive ordnance disposal teams) had been working in the area, so my first thought was that they had blown up some unexploded ordnance," Smullen said. "Then the mine-detector operator who was working in that area yelled for help, so we knew that something had happened."

Once the rest of the platoon was aware of Molina's injury, they had to negotiate the minefield to get to him, Smullen said.

"We were all pretty close to

the area, so me and my team leader ran over there and started clearing a safe area up to him," he said.

"The first thing we did was make sure he was conscious. He was a little disoriented, of course. My team leader Sgt. (George) Day and I took our belts off and threw them to him - he was about 10 meters away - and instructed him to apply them as tourniquets. He'd injured both his legs in the incident. Once we cleared up to him, the rest of the platoon was on the scene and got him to safety."

Smullen said Day stayed behind him, watching to make sure he stayed in the area he had already cleared as he made his way to Molina.

"From the time he stepped on the mine to the time we evacuated him 500 meters to the road took less than 10 minutes," Smullen said. "It was really quick."

Day said that thanks to the training the platoon had received, the rescue went smoothly.

"All the training we did for casualty evacuation and how to probe a minefield really came into play. It flowed like clockwork," Day said. "Everybody just came together."

Day also said that Molina remained calm and in good spirits throughout the ordeal.

"He actually made a joke - he asked if we could hurry," Day said.

1st Lt. Joshua Finley, Smullen's platoon leader at the time, said that Smullen definitely earned his award.

"(The Soldier's Medal) is outstanding recognition for what (Smullen) did," Finley said. "I saw it with my own eyes, and it really was an act of heroism. He really deserves this award."



Photo by Ken Kassens

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Finley said that Smullen and the other Soldiers involved in the rescue reacted quickly and efficiently because they had rehearsed similar scenarios before.

"We went through a lot of training once we were in-theater, learning how to do a minefield check. Then we'd practice it and practice it," he said. "When it actually happens, you just go on autopilot; everything shuts off and you just do it."

Finley also said that even in the wake of the accident and the subsequent rescue, the engineers in the unit didn't forget their mission.

"After the adrenaline stops pumping, you get a sense of, 'Wow, what did I just do?'" he said. "You can get a little gun-

shy, but the Soldiers we work with wanted to get back out there. They didn't want to leave off just because they had a setback. They wanted to keep going with the job."

Smullen said that he was surprised to receive the Soldier's Medal for his actions that day.

"(Getting the medal) is kind of surreal. It's unexpected, and sometimes I think it's unwarranted - I think the whole platoon deserves the recognition," Smullen said.

"We all just worked and executed what we were trained to do. It was a group effort - the whole platoon pulled together that day. The whole platoon saved (Molina's) life," said Smullen.

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No war trophies allowed from Iraq, Afghanistan

Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – Do not even think about bringing back to the United States war trophies from service in Iraq and Afghanistan.

With about 140,000 American servicemembers due to rotate out of Iraq and Afghanistan, U.S. Central Command officials are very clear that servicemembers cannot bring home weapons, ammunition and other prohibited items.

A few Soldiers of the 3rd Infantry Division understand how serious the command is. Some tried to smuggle weapons back from Baghdad, and they have gone through courts martial. Others received Article 15 administrative punishments. "There is a whole spectrum of punishments, depending on the severity of the offense," said Maj. Robert Resnick, an Army lawyer at Fort Stewart, Ga.

Gen. John Abizaid, the commander of U.S. Central Command, has put out the policy. Basically, under no circumstances can individuals take as a souvenir an object that was formerly in the possession of the enemy. The taking of war trophies goes against the coalition mission in Iraq and Afghanistan, officials said.

Servicemembers with questions should work through the chain of command, CENTCOM officials said, adding that servicemembers will be given ample briefings on what is allowed and what is not. In the case of Iraq, unit commanders will brief servicemembers on the policy before leaving for Kuwait.

In Kuwait, military police will explain the policy and will permit an amnesty period before searching gear and vehicles. In the United States, U.S. Customs Service officials will examine individual gear.

In Afghanistan, unit commanders will explain the policy, and MPs will explain it and offer an amnesty period before servicemembers board planes. Again, Customs will examine gear and baggage upon return to the United States.

The same prohibitions pertain to American civilians serving in the Central Command area of operations.

Other federal laws pertain to other items. For example, servicemembers cannot bring back plants, animals or organic materials. Marines returning from Afghanistan in April 2002, for example, tried to bring back the skulls of sheep attached to their guidons. The Customs agents met the Marines on the beach at Camp Lejeune, N.C., and confiscated the items.

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Capt. Neil Khatod, Materiel Requirements Integrator at the Directorate of Combat Developments, donates blood during a blood drive held at Signal Towers Dec. 22. This was one of many drives which were held on post during the holiday season. The Courtyard hosted a holiday blood drive Dec. 17.

Holiday drive draws more than just blood

Pvt. Armando Monroig
Signal staff

The donors who lined up at the Courtyard Dec. 17 were giving more than just holiday spirit - they were giving blood. Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison sponsored a holiday blood drive "Don't be a Grinch - Give Blood."

Maybe it was out of hunger or to take advantage of the free meal being offered. Maybe the donors just wanted a free T-shirt with a Grinch logo. Or maybe it was just out of generosity and being in the holiday gift-giving spirit.

Whatever the reason, the blood drive was a success said Erin Hamblin, a blood donor recruiter at Kendrick Memorial Blood Center and one of the individuals responsible for putting this event together.

She said everyone at KMBC is thankful for the support received during the blood drive event at the Courtyard.

A total of 52 units of blood to support the Armed Services Blood Program were collected in this blood drive, said Hamblin.

She said this event was successful due to the generosity of the donors as well as all those involved in planning and preparing for the drive.

More than \$200 was also collected by USAG towards the purchase of phone cards for deployed Fort Gordon personnel.

Each donation of \$5 was given by someone who wished to participate in the drive but was ineligible to donate blood.

Capt. William Platte, U.S. Army Garrison company commander, shared his thoughts on how the drive went.

"I think it went well," Platte said of the blood drive. "Anything we do for our Soldiers is a successful event."

He said their goal was to reach at least 60 pints of blood from the drive. Although they fell short of that goal by a few units, it was a successful event nonetheless.

The numbers would have been much higher had it not been for those who turned out to be ineligible to donate, said Hamblin. Those individuals however, contributed by giving money for the purchase of phone cards for deployed service members.

Platte wanted to thank everyone involved in this drive for his or her efforts and participation.

Kim Lyons, director of the Morale, Welfare and Recreation program on post, helped out with contributions such as the free T-shirts that were given out and door prizes.

The Courtyard provided the facility to hold the drive and the free meal to those who donated.

Platte said part of the success in this drive is due to the holiday season.

"It's a great time of year to hold this type of event," said Platte. "What a better time than the holiday season to give a blood donation."

When asked why they donated, donors gave different rea-

sons. "I donated because I know our Soldiers need it," said Jacky Haynes, a tactical vehicle inspector on post. "Every year I try to donate to help someone, especially since I am retired military."

He said he understands the need for blood especially for Soldiers in combat zones. Haynes said having the drive at the Courtyard was a good idea. "It was very organized and they had the space for it," said Haynes.

He said he didn't have to wait long and the blood center staff was very efficient.

"The meal was a bonus," he said. "The food was fantastic."

Lt. Karl Butler Jr, graduate of Signal Officer Branch Qualification, B Co., 442 Signal Battalion, was one of the donors.

"Someone else is going to need blood," said Butler when asked why he decided to donate. "I thought I'd do a good deed for the day."

He added it was a good idea to hold the drive at the Courtyard. He said he wouldn't have

known about the drive if he weren't at the Courtyard to begin with.

Helping others, particularly Soldiers, was the main goal of the drive.

"Anytime we can do things to benefit Soldiers who are deployed and in harms way is always a positive thing," said Platte. "Anything you can do for Soldiers you need to do it."

And in order to accomplish this, teamwork is needed, added Hamblin.

"Members of the Fort Gordon community coming together like this is what it is all about," Hamblin said of all those who participated in the blood drive, whether it was in organizing the event or donating blood. "It shows that people care about the Soldiers."

It was the first time a blood drive was held at the Courtyard, said Hamblin, but hopefully not the last.

"This was a true community event to benefit service members and their families," said Hamblin. "I hope we'll be able to do it again."



Photos by Pvt. Armando Monroig

Maj. Alexandra Njynski, assistant TRADOC system manager for Warfighter Information Network-Tactical of the U.S. Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon, fills out blood donor paperwork, while Sgt. Valerie Tisby of Kendrick Memorial Blood Center, reviews paperwork for Maj. Paul Romagnoli, secretary general staff.

American Soldier named Person of the Year

Joe Burlas
Army News Service

WASHINGTON - For the second time since it started conferring the honor in 1927, Time magazine has selected the American Soldier as its Person of the Year.

Time announced its 2003 choice Dec. 21. The American Soldier was first selected as Time's Person of the Year during the Korean War in 1950.

"Look at the covers (of Time) for the past year and you will see that one-third of them have

to do with the war in Iraq," said Mark Thompson, Time's Pentagon correspondent. "Our editors looked at the key figures of the war - Saddam, Bush, Rumsfeld - and decided they didn't quite fit. The American Soldier did."

Time traditionally selects the person or persons centrally involved in the major history-making issues of the year for the honor, Thompson said. Not all past winners were picked for being good people - Adolf Hitler, 1938; Josef Stalin, 1939 and 1949; and Ayatollah Khomeini, 1979, for example.

The editorial article that justifies Time's selection, Dec. 29, 2003 - Jan. 5, 2004 issue, praises Soldiers.

"For uncommon skills and service, for the choices each one of them has made and the ones still ahead, for the challenge of defending not only our freedoms but those barely stirring half a world away, the American Soldier is Time's Person of the Year," stated the article.

The Person of the Year issue contains a supporting article, "Portrait of a Platoon," written by Time correspondents

Romesh Ramesar and Michael Weisskopf who followed the 2/3rd Field Artillery Battalion, 1st Armored Division, for several weeks. That story includes details of almost daily patrols through Baghdad, the improvised explosive device ambush that killed the platoon leader and a grenade attack that injured both reporters and two Soldiers.

Another supporting article, "Families of Soldiers," tells the survey platoon's stories through loved ones' eyes - some supportive of Operation Iraqi Freedom; some not.



Feast of Three Kings

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Richard Goellen
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An old tale tells of a rich and miserly but foolish man who constantly worried about his many possessions being stolen. So one day he sold everything and bought a lump of pure gold, which he buried in his garden. Daily he would go out, dig up his gold, look at it, then bury it again.

This went on for many a day until one day a thief happened to be passing by and noticed the wealthy man's odd behavior. Creeping closer, he saw the man bury the gold. That night the thief came to the garden and stole the gold. The next day when the wealthy man dug in his garden, the gold was gone.

When the sheriff came to investigate he told the man, "Why don't you just bury a lump of shiny coal and come out at night in the dark to dig it up? You never did anything with your gold anyway, so digging up the coal at night when you can't see the difference will be just the same as digging up the gold during the daylight." The point is, simply having is not a value in itself, it's what we do with what we have that has value.

The three kings, also known as magi or wise men, from the east must have been

men of means - they traveled a long distance to find the "newborn king of the Jews" and to offer him precious gifts, trusting in only the star's guidance.

But they must also have been men who recognized the prior generosity of God, for their initial response in finding the child was to "do him homage."

This was their first and most important gift and helps us appreciate the symbolic meaning of their treasures: giving the gold was a response of sharing their possessions; giving the frankincense was a response of reverence and gratitude for God's gifts to them; giving the myrrh was a response of obedience in following God's revelation in the star which parallels the obedience of Christ who went to the cross where he was offered wine mixed with myrrh and laid in the tomb with myrrh as one of the burial spices.

Homage is a gift of self and the most appropriate response of our giving in the face of God's giving to us. Homage is an obeisance that gestures a relationship. The three kings in the gospel model for us the most appropriate response to God's unprecedented generosity to us: gift of self expressed in worship and our own generous deeds.

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
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For information call 791-3959

Islamic Services

Jumah Prayer Service on Fridays Oct-Apr at 12:45-1:30, 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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Community Events

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 application 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 here at 8 a.m. **Jan. 26-30** 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.

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.

Girls Inc.

Girls Incorporated of the CSRA is having an informational meeting from 6-7:30 p.m. **Jan. 22** at 1919 Watkins St. Call 733-2512 for information.

FEW meeting

The next meeting of Federally Employed Women, Gordon City Chapter, is **Wednesday** at the Gordon Club.

The meeting is open to members and nonmembers. For information, call 791-4551.

Photography exhibit

Selected works by photographer Jack Spencer are on display at the Morris Museum of Art through **Feb. 15**.

The exhibition of photographs, recently acquired for the museum's permanent collection, was first published in Spencer's book, *Native Soil*.

The museum is located at 1 10th St. in Augusta. Admission is \$3, \$2 for military, students and seniors, children under 6 free; admission free on Sundays. For more information, call Tania Beasley-Jolly at 828-3805.

Alumni party

There is an alumni party for North Georgia College and State University graduates at 7 p.m. **Jan. 31** at 810 Aumond Place East. There will be cocktails served followed by dinner; admission is \$10. For information, call Joyce Schloessers at 738-3944 by Jan. 23.

ACS programs

Army Community Services offers the following programs:

First Steps support group for new and expecting moms, helping them take steps towards successful parenting, meets at 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. **today** at the Good Shepard Chapel. To register call 791-3579.

Homecoming: Making the Transition parenting class, focuses on the positive and negative aspects of separation and reunion. Discussions include family relations and relationships with children. Class meets from 10 a.m.-noon **today**, Darling Hall, Room 229A. Call 791-3579 to register.

New military spouse support group to meet new people, learn about the Army, and find ways to cope with being a new military spouse. Guest speaker is Jim Zills from Augusta Tech. Refreshments will be served. Group meets from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. **Jan. 21** in Darling Hall, Room 229A. For information, call 791-3579.

The Exceptional Family Member Program **Parent Information Exchange** meets from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. **Jan. 22** in Darling Hall, Room 229A. The topic is Health Care/Tricare for Military Families. For information or to register call 791-3579.

Parenting class

Army Community Service offers a class titled **Homecoming: Making the Transition**.

Discussions will include family relations and relationships with children. The class is 10 a.m.-noon **today** in Darling Hall, Room 229A. Call 791-3579/0794 to register.

New military spouse support group

Army Community Service offers a support group for military spouses new to the military.

The group next meets 11 a.m.-1 p.m. **Jan. 21** in Darling Hall Room 229A.

Guest speaker is Jim Zills from Augusta Tech. Refreshments will be served.

For information call 791-3579/7557.

CPAC training

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center is hosting an Employee and Labor Relations Seminar for supervisors of Department of Army civilian personnel **Jan. 20-22**.

The training will be held at the Courtyard from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. each day. Training is funded by Fort Gordon for Fort Gordon employees.

Civilian and military leaders are eligible to attend. Contact Carla Baucom at 791-3956 or e-mail baucmc@gordon.army.mil

to sign up. Registration required, classes filled on a first-come basis.

FCC certification

Child and Youth Services will conduct Family Child Care certification training for family members living in government quarters who wish to provide child care in their homes.

Orientation is 9-10 a.m. Friday; classes held 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Jan. 20-27 in Building 45400. Initial applications process to become a provider will be held Jan. 5-9. For information, call 791-3993 or 791-4440.

FEW training program

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

Early-bird registration is \$95 if received by Jan. 16; \$125 afterwards. 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 creerj@gordon.army.mil.

Orientation

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

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. 9-15

Today - Tupac, The Resurrection (R)
Saturday - Timeline (PG-13)
Late show - Gothika (R)
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Sports UPDATE

Super Bowl party

The Gordon Club will host a Super Bowl party Jan. 25, with the doors opening at 4 p.m.

The party includes the game broadcast on some of the area's largest screens with premium sound and picture.

For a fee of \$8 for advanced tickets, and \$10 for tickets at the door, guests can enjoy food all night long and be eligible for door prizes. One of the door prizes will be a video system valued at \$200, which will be awarded at half time.

For more information, call the Gordon Club at 791-6780.

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 aged 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.

Big buck contest

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

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

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

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

Ladies golf schedule

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.

Soldiers, Marines and Sailors play for charity

Spc. Felicia Thompson
513th Military Intelligence Brigade
Public Affairs

Soldiers, Marines and Sailors played a flag football championship game Dec. 6 at the Academy of Richmond County in Augusta, to raise money for the "Toys for Tots" annual toy drive.

Toys for Tots collects new, unwrapped toys from October to December each year and distributes those toys as Christmas gifts to needy children. Proceeds raised at the event went to the program.

The Army team, comprised of Soldiers from the 513th Military Intelligence Brigade, defeated a team of Marines and Sailors 26-6 to avenge two consecutive losses.

Jeff Davis, active duty commander with the Augusta Marine Reserves, summed up the event as not only a flag football game but as something more, especially during times of need and while the country is at war.

"The underlying theme for the game was for the military services to come together for a good cause, and it shows our freedom that we can do these things where all Airmen, Sailors, Marines and Soldiers can show our spirit," Davis said. "This Toys for Tots program extends our spirit - the spirit of giving."

Simeon Boddie IV, a 297th MI Battalion imagery analyst, expressed his feelings about the day's event.

"This game was about fun, the holidays and the kids. I want under-privileged kids to have a great Christmas like I had when I was a kid," said Bodine, the Army team's coach and quarterback.

Although fan turnout was low for this year's flag football game, Davis has hopes for the future.

"My goal is to one day see the stands filled with the Army and their families on one side and the Navy with their fami-

lies on the other, similar to the (collegiate) Army vs. Navy game that is played," Davis said. "My hope is to also get more of the military and the community out for support of the program."

The Army team struggled at the beginning of the season but ended with a season record 17 wins and only two losses.

"It's a great ending to a great year and we completed all our goals," Boddie said, with a sigh of relief when the game was over.

Brian Burns, a wide receiver and cornerback on the Army team, also stated that it was rough in the beginning.

"Everybody wanted to play on both offense and defense because nobody wanted to sit back and watch. It created a problem because they couldn't play as much as they wanted," said Burns, an intelligence analyst with the 202nd MI Battalion.

Toward the end of the season, however, the teammates made sacrifices for the good of the team, he said.

They also will be making sacrifices for their country as well.

The 202nd MI Battalion, a unit in the 513th MI Brigade, is redeploying soon to Iraq after having spent nine months there from October 2002 thru June 2003. Burns states that it was great to come back out and play another game before preparing for deployment in support of the war effort.

Davis presented the winning trophy to Sgt. Maj. Clifford McGhee Jr., the 297th MI Battalion command sergeant major, after the game.

McGhee expressed his sentiments about both the Toys for Tots program and the football championship by stating the program supports the children and gives the Soldiers an opportunity to meet the sister service, referring to the opposing team.

"It's another trophy for the collection," McGhee said.



Photos by Spc. Felicia Thompson

Spc. Simeon Boddie, a 297th MI Battalion imagery analyst, team coach and quarterback, hustles away from Navy players during the Army vs. Navy game, Dec. 6.



(Above) Chief Warrant Officer Jeff Davis, the active duty commander of the Augusta Marine Reserves (left) presents the game-winning trophy to Command Sgt. Maj. Clifford McGhee Jr., the 297th Military Intelligence Battalion command sergeant major, after the Army vs. Navy flag football game, Dec. 6.



(Left) A 513th Military Intelligence Brigade flag football player smashes a Navy player in the red zone during the Army vs. Navy flag football game, Dec. 6.

For the love of the sport Disability doesn't hamper hunter's passion for outdoors

Pvt. Armando Monroig
Staff writer

Upon first glance, seeing an elderly man sitting in a wheelchair obviously disabled wouldn't raise many questions. But upon closer inspection, you would discover the heart of a man filled with passion for a sport he loves: hunting.

And despite a debilitating hunting accident, 73-year-old retired Army Col.



Photo by Pvt. Armando Monroig

Retired Col. Donald Poe hasn't let a hunting accident prevent him from enjoying the wild, or bagging trophy bucks like this one.

Donald Poe continues to engage in the sport which caused him his injuries. Poe explained how he was injured in a Burke County hunting accident in December 1987.

"I was deer hunting and I was coming down from my (deer) stand and I slipped," he said. "I fell on top of my rifle which was slung across my back."

He shattered his lowest lumbar vertebrae from the 20-foot fall. Poe was rushed to Eisenhower Army Medical Center for medical attention. The next day he had surgery to install a rod in his back. He had to have a subsequent surgery a month later to replace the shattered vertebrae.

Steve Camp, Fish and Wildlife biologist at the Directorate of Public Works, said 50 percent of all deer hunting accidents are those related to deer stand accidents.

Poe spent six months in a VA hospital for rehabilitation. He was released from the hospital the following June.

Poe said he had doubts about returning to hunting after he was injured because he was in such bad physical condition. He thought he would not be able to do it again.

But Poe said he wasn't going to let the accident keep him from doing something he enjoys so much.

"People who get injured in car wrecks don't quit riding in cars," said Poe.

He said his family took the hunting accident very hard.

"My wife was a hunter too," said Poe. "But since the day I was injured she never hunted again."

Poe said his son, who used to hunt with him all the time, hasn't hunted since the incident either.

Despite their reservations about hunting, they still support Poe and his love for hunting he said.

When he began to hunt again 1988, Poe initially did so from his wheelchair.

"My dad found a place where there were turkeys, and wheeled him out there into the woods," said Camp, "and

just left him there and told him he'd be back in an hour or two."

That day Poe killed two turkeys with one shot.

"I think that was a turning point for him right there," said Camp.

In the fall of 1989 Poe learned to hunt from a four-wheeler specially modified to suit his needs.

He's adjusted well to his disability and said it hasn't stopped him from living his life.

"I've been to Alaska, Hawaii, been to Canada moose hunting," said Poe. "My wife and I travel all over the United States."

Poe said he hunts about once a week or every two weeks.

"What's amazing to me is that he was injured in 1987," said Camp. "His love for the outdoors was so great that in 1988 he was right back in there hunting again."

Camp met Poe through his father, who was also a fish and wildlife biologist in the 1980s when Poe was stationed here. Poe was third in command at the time.

"He's always been very energetic," said Camp. "He's always been outgoing."

Camp said Poe keeps involved in hunting and fishing activities.

"His love for the outdoors overrides his physical handicap," added Camp.

Ken Boyd, also a Fish and Wildlife biologist at DPW, met Poe through his day-to-day operations on post and agrees with Camp.

"One of the things that amazes me is that people in his situation, that really have a love for the outdoors, overcome whatever it takes to get there," said Camp.

"He's a very determined person in my eyes," added Boyd.

Boyd said Poe is very easy to talk to, knows a lot of people and is well liked.

He said most people in the hunting community on post are very familiar with Poe.

Poe came to Fort Gordon twice. He first came here in the early 1960s, from 1961 to 1964, and again from 1972-1982 when he was promoted from lieutenant colonel to colonel.

He stayed at Fort Gordon for more than 10 years, he said.

During his tenure he was acting chief of staff, commander of headquarters command, and director of training developments.

Poe said his father got him interested in hunting.

"I started hunting ducks when I was old enough to carry a gun," said Poe. "I got a (.22-caliber) rifle when I was five years old."

He said his father, a military man himself, taught Poe the responsibility of hunting and the proper use of firearms.

When asked what he enjoys most about hunting, Poe said "Being outdoors and seeing the Lord's work, being around nature. To me that's what hunting is all about," said Poe.

"Whether you kill something or not, that's secondary.

"It's just a real pleasure being out in the woods," he said. "There are so few areas now that have much timber left," he said. "That's one reason it is nice to hunt in Fort Gordon. There is a lot of beautiful timber out here."

Despite the accident he doesn't regret getting involved in hunting and would encourage anyone to start hunting.

He is an advocate of hunting and said there are fewer hunters out there than there used to be. He said people's busy, everyday lives may keep them from getting involved in this pastime.

"He has been a big influence on Fort Gordon's fishing and wildlife. He did a lot when he was in charge," said Camp. "A lot of us hunters really appreciate that."

Poe said the importance of this sport cannot be underestimated.

"Hunting and fishing on post always needs the full support from the command section," said Poe. "If you have that you have excellent opportunities for Soldiers."

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- CLUES ACROSS**
- Small lake
 - Albert ____, French existentialist
 - Aussies
 - Charge
 - A woody climbing plant
 - Having wisdom that comes with age and experience
 - Get out of town
 - Spillages
 - Designed chairs
 - A stratum of rock
 - Animal housing
 - Artiodactyls
 - Store employee
 - Lower in esteem
 - Gershwin
 - A corporation's first offer to sell stock to the public
 - Huron and Erie
 - Provençal verses
 - Decorate a cake with frosting
 - Netherlands river
 - A way to feel deep affection for
 - Saying goodbye
 - Aches
 - Informal term for a friend
 - Indian arrowroot
 - Metrical units
 - Remove oil
 - Flip out
 - Winnows
 - Throw with great effort
 - Afrikaans
 - Affirmatives
 - In a way, colored
 - Shapes into a sphere
- CLUES DOWN**
- A wild goat
 - Phil ____, former CIA
 - Monetary unit of Iran
 - Source of lymph fluid
 - Shuts
 - Made public by radio or TV
 - Table linens
 - A transuranic element
 - Car mechanics group
 - Filipinos, for example
 - Used for healing or soothing
 - A way to look
 - Dried leaves of the hemp plant
 - Legends
 - Towards the speaker
 - Airs
 - Expression of sorrow or pity
 - Civil and religious leader of a Muslim state
 - Manila hemp
 - Manufacturing business
 - Compass point
 - Plant fiber used for making rope
 - Inferior in importance, extent etc.
 - Aside
 - Smellers
 - __ Karsavina, Nijinski's partner
 - Potato state, abbr.
 - Touched
 - Brew
 - A way to imprint
 - A homeless child
 - Breathed deeply
 - Annoy
 - Subject to accident or chance
 - Wings
 - Tropical Asian starlings
 - Woody herb with yellow flowers
 - Within, prefix
 - Hebrew calendar month
 - Thick piece of something
 - Soft-finned fishes
 - Frictional horsepower, abbr.
 - Cultivated in e.g. China, Japan and India

Spectrum

The Signal looks back on... Fort Gordon 2003



Photo by Sgt. Ryan Matson

JANUARY: To set up a local first-response emergency team, a smallpox vaccination was administered to Lt. Col. Kevin Michaels, doctor of preventive medicine.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Kelly McCargo

FEBRUARY: Soldiers said farewell to loved ones as the 63rd Signal Battalion deployed to the Middle East Feb. 16.

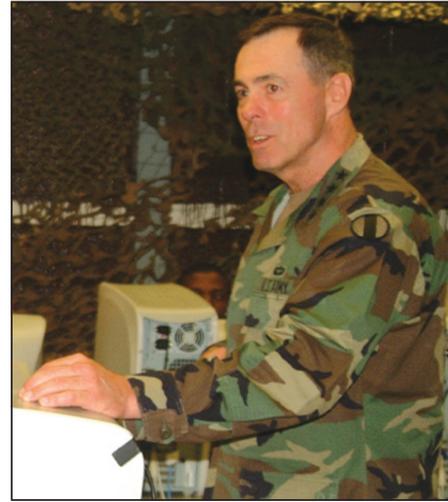


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MARCH: Gen. Kevin P. Byrnes, Training and Doctrine Command commander, visited Fort Gordon information and technology facilities and spoke to trainees March 24 to 25.

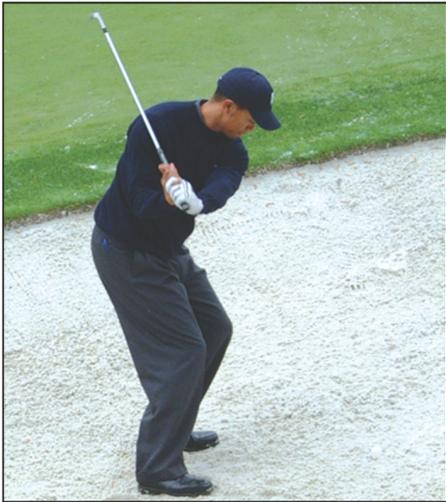


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APRIL: It was tough going for golf pro Tiger Woods at The Masters golf tournament held in Augusta April 11 to 14. Mike Weir won while Woods finished tied for 15th.



Photo by Sgt. Brian Lamar

MAY: Chief Warrant Officer Charles Burks, Company A, 201st Military Intelligence Battalion, reunites with his wife after returning from Iraq May 21.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Stacy Wamble

JUNE: Brig. Gen. Jan Hicks, U.S. Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon commander, cuts the ribbon on the Courtyard Recreation and Dining Facility June 13.



Photo by Sgt. Ryan Matson

JULY: 35th Military Police Detachment working dog Donja, who was awarded a Bronze Star in January with her handler, Sgt. Matthew Hammond, died June 17 in Kuwait.



Photo by Steve Brady

AUGUST: Lt. Col. John Charlton, 3rd Infantry Division battalion commander, praised the efforts of Signal Soldiers in OIF during a speech Aug. 14 at the Gordon Club.



Photo by Sgt. Ryan Matson

SEPTEMBER: Local veterans participated in a wreath-laying ceremony to commemorate Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Recognition Day Sept. 19.



Photo by Sgt. Ryan Matson

OCTOBER: Twelve team riders and 13 individual riders competed in the first-ever Tour de Fort Gordon bike race, a 12-hour endurance event.



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NOVEMBER: Ethan Hobbs, 5, of Thomson, Ga., strikes a pose atop a WW-II Jeep during his visit to post Nov. 20 as part of the Make-A-Wish program.

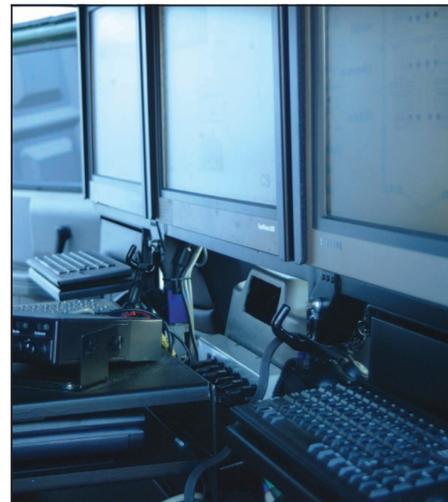


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DECEMBER: About 4,500 people got a glimpse of the latest Signal Corps equipment, including this wired Humvee, at the 31st Signal Symposium Dec. 1 to 5.