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# The Signal



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## News UPDATE

### Gate 1 construction

Construction at Gate 1 is set for **Monday** through **Feb. 21**.

During construction the gate will remain open, but the traffic flow will be restricted at times. Some of the lanes will be blocked to allow for installation of force protection enhancements. Due to the restricted lane flow, personnel who normally use Gate 1 are strongly encouraged to use Gates 2, 3 and 5 during the construction.

The construction of a visitors center and vehicle registration building at the gate will help Fort Gordon meet the Department of Defense requirements for access control to the post.

For information call the Installation Operations Center at 791-9747.

### Black history month

The African-American Black History Month command program is 1:30 p.m. **Tuesday** 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. See related story page 9A.) For information, call Sgt. 1st Class Garcia Patterson at 791-2014.

### Town Hall meeting

There is a Town Hall meeting for all TRADOC and garrison command civilian employees only (appropriated and non-appropriated fund) from 1-2:30 p.m. **Feb. 24** in Alexander Hall.

For information, call 791-4565.

### Valentine's Day sale

Better Opportunities for Single Servicemembers is having a Valentine's sale from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. **Thursday**.

Balloon bouquets, candy and plush animals are available at the Signal Cafe, Darling Hall lobby and the third floor of Eisenhower Army Medical Center. For information, call 791-6415.

### Bake sale

The Health Services Auxiliary is having a Valentine's bake and cookbook sale from 7 a.m.-1 p.m. **Wednesday** at Eisenhower Army Medical Center, near the pharmacy. Proceeds benefit hospital programs. For information, call 738-1196.

### Gym closed

Gym 6 will be closed **Sunday** to install new equipment and rearrange current equipment. For more information call Millie Brown 791-6872.



Photo by Pvt. Armando Monroig

### Giving thanks

Col. Allen Woodhouse, 15th Regimental Signal Brigade commander, presents Roger Vest, senior pastor at Harlem United Methodist Church, a coin during a worship service held Sunday at the church. Woodhouse and Command Sgt. Maj. Reuben Peppers, 15th Regimental Signal Brigade command sergeant major, were on hand to present the church a certificate of appreciation for serving Thanksgiving dinner to 110 Advanced Individual Training Soldiers from the 15th Regimental Signal Brigade on Nov. 25.

## Post repeats as ILE test site

Pvt. Armando Monroig  
Signal staff

A second Intermediate Level Education course, part of the Command and General Staff College, kicked off Monday with an in-processing briefing held at Nelson Hall.

On hand were the Col. Bernie Kulifay, chief of staff, and Col. Steven Andraschko, director of the Command and General Staff School giving the welcoming address.

The first class began at Cobb Hall from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. that afternoon. The course continues through April 30.

This is the second time Fort Gordon was picked as a pilot site for the satellite course. The first time the course was held here was in April 2003.

"One of the things the Army is looking at in the long term as an alternative are satellite campuses," said Lt. Col. Stephen Tennant, CGSC teaching team leader.

"Leavenworth is only so big, and you can only accom-

modate so many Soldiers," said Tennant.

He said about 640 officers out of the annual population of 2,400 that would need to receive the CGSOC common core course cannot be physically accommodated at Fort Leavenworth.

"We have to do some sort of extension campus or satellite campus arrangement to meet the Army's requirement of educating every single major," said Tennant.

"What we're doing is running a pilot for the course location delivery system for the CGSC common core course," said Lt. Col. Jack Maloney, Command and General Staff School operations officer.

He said the Army is considering establishing several permanent course locations, and Fort Gordon is being considered as one of them, but added that no definite decisions have been made yet.

"We are piloting the use of the Blackboard for the first time

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## Cook of the year winner announced

Staff Sgt.  
Kelly McCargo  
93rd Signal Brigade

A Headquarters Company, 93rd Signal Brigade food service specialist was awarded the 2003 Fort Gordon Cook of the Year trophy Jan. 22 at Conrad Hall for successfully completing the Cook of the Year board Dec 19.

Aspiring culinary arts chef, Spc. Terrilski Davis, received a 2003 Cook of the Year trophy and plaque from Brig. Gen. Janet Hicks, U.S. Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon commander.

"The Cook of the Year competition is very meaningful and significant," Hicks said. "What I do in my kitchen at home is cook. What Army cooks do on a daily basis is more art. I visited several of our Fort Gordon dining facilities on Thanksgiving, and it truly is art."

Davis said he competed in the Cook of the Year competition because he wanted to accomplish something that set him above his peers in the field.

"I'm looking into my promotion and career, and I want to say the Cook of the Year board is a great way to prepare yourself for promotion and Soldier boards," said Davis.

Subjects ranged from general military regulations, Army physical fitness and military occupational specialty tasks, Davis said.

"The difference between the Cook of the Year and promotion boards is that the panel also asks you questions related to the cooking field," he said. "The questions range from food preparation, sanitary environment procedures and cooking."

Davis said the deciding factor for his success was his NCOs giving him constant support, training and confidence.



Photo by Sgt. Lyle Dillie

Spc. Terrilski Davis received the Fort Gordon Cook of the Year trophy, one of his many prizes and awards, from Brig. Gen. Janet Hicks, U.S. Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon commander, Jan. 22. Davis, a food service specialist with the 93rd Signal Brigade, cooks at dining facility 13.

Panel members said that Davis really distinguished himself in several areas from his peers.

"(Davis) was selected because he seemed more knowledgeable about the subject material and presented himself better than the other cooks," said Command Sgt. Maj. Clark Dimery III, garrison sergeant major. "He articulated his responses smoother and more professional than the other competitors."

"We need to emphasize the Cook of the Year competition at the command level so each command will send their cooks," he said.

Davis received an installation Army Commendation medal, a Fort Gordon Cook of the Year trophy, one night at a Holiday Inn, a Sergeant Major Association \$100 gift certificate, various MWR and Pizza Hut coupons, and several prizes from the Coca Cola company.

## AAFES recognized for overseas support

Pvt. Armando Monroig  
Signal staff

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service received the American Spirit Award at The National Retail Federation Annual Convention, held Jan. 11-14 in New York.

NRF Chairman of the Board Gordon Segal said that Dallas-based AAFES was selected for the 2004 honor because of its support of U.S. servicemembers fighting abroad against terrorism.

Maj. Gen. Kathryn Frost, AAFES' commander, accepted the award on behalf of the AAFES workforce.

"They put their lives on hold...leave family, comfort and safety behind, expose themselves to danger...all to take care of American troops," said Frost. "They really deserve this award."

And Fort Gordon's post exchange is doing its part in the mission.

"The Fort Gordon PX is very involved in support," said Nick Williams, general manager of the Fort Gordon main PX.

"We currently work up about 60

welcome bags full of goodies each week and give to the hospital to give to all the troops coming here from the (Operation Iraqi Freedom) for medical reasons," he said. "We also gave out welcome bags to all the reservists that came here to support Fort Gordon while the active duty went overseas."

Aside from giving welcome bags AAFES employees sacrifice their time and energy as well.

"AAFES also have or had at least 15 Fort Gordon employees over in the OIF/OEF volunteering to run AAFES facilities to serve the troops," said Williams. "These employees go over for six months to a year at a time - all volunteers."

AAFES currently has nine stores in Kuwait and 30 in Iraq, with about 450 associates deployed at any given time. Those associates live and work right along side the deployed servicemembers.

Also, AAFES supports 88 unit run shops that serve forward operating bases where it is too remote or dangerous to set up a store.

(Some information taken from an AAFES press release.)



Courtesy photo

Maj. Gen. Kathryn Frost, Army and Air Force Exchange Services commander, accepted a National Retail Federation award in January recognizing AAFES' support to servicemembers fighting abroad against terrorism.

# Giving the gift of life

Denise Allen  
Signal staff

Pvts. Marc Mullen and Dain Decker of the 447th Signal Battalion spent part of Tuesday morning watching the movie *Face Off*.

They weren't slacking from duties, but instead were providing a different type of service by donating blood platelets at the Kendrick Memorial Blood Center.

Platelet donation involves running the donor's blood through a centrifuge to remove platelets and then returning the blood to the donor. The process takes about 90 minutes.

"We're not taking the blood out. The blood is returned," said Capt. Jose Quesada, chief of blood services.

As a result a donor can

give platelets more often than a whole blood donation. Platelets can be donated twice a week, while whole blood can be donated every eight weeks.

Only 18-years-old, Mullen has already donated platelets four times. A donor must be at least 17 years old.

"I can do it more often," he said, adding the process doesn't hurt.

At the time he first donated platelets, he said "they needed it read bad."

Platelet and blood donations are always needed at the blood center, said Quesada.

"We collect for the military. We meet contingent requirements, supply Eisenhower (Army Medical Center) and many military hospitals in the southern region," he said.

Blood requirements

fluctuate, he said. During the war, the requirement was higher; it lessened but has begun to rise again.

The holiday season always sees an increase in the need for donors, he said, because of the decrease in donations.

"In January, the president declared it national blood donor month to attract blood donors. This year, we did very well," he said.

Type O blood is always in high demand. The universal donor, type O can be used in theaters of war when physicians have little time to type a wounded Soldier's blood before surgery.

Quesada said that Fort Gordon only supplies about 30 percent of its requirement. The blood center is open weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to

4:30 p.m., however, hours are often extended to accommodate blood drives. On weekends, blood center staff travel to Fort Jackson, S.C., and Parris Island, S.C., to collect the rest of the needed blood products.

With all of the Soldiers currently deployed, the number of available donors is limited. Also, only active duty military, retirees, Department of the Army civilians and spouses can donate at Kendrick.

Quesada said there are many groups on post that are staunch supporters of the blood center and their help has been greatly appreciated.

Some potential donors among those groups are not eligible to donate blood if they lived in Europe for an extended period of time.

Qualifications for blood donors in addition to the age requirement are they must weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good physical health. Also, they cannot have had a tattoo or body piercing within the last 12 months.

For more information about blood donation or to schedule a blood drive, call Erin Hamblin at 787-1014.



Photo by Denise Allen

Pvts. Dain Decker (left) and Marc Mullen, both of B Company, 447th Signal Battalion, watch a movie as they donate platelets at the Kendrick Memorial Blood Center Tuesday. Platelet donation takes about 90 minutes.

## ILE

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at CGSC," said Maloney, referring to the academic content delivery system currently in use at Fort Gordon's University of Information Technology. "Piloting it here at Fort Gordon will help CGSC evaluate the possibilities of incorporating this system for all (Command and General Staff Officer Course) courses."

The course being delivered at Fort Gordon is the same common core course being taught at Fort Leavenworth.

"Under the old Officer Education System, board select officers would attend in residence at Fort Leavenworth for 10 months," he said. "Under ILE, all officers attend the common core course and then attend the field grade credentialing course."

Operational career field officers take their credentialing course, the Advanced Operations and Warfighting Course at Leavenworth. Information operations, institutional support, and operational support career field officers take their courses, administered by the career field proponents, at a variety of civilian and military institutions, he said.

"The advantage is that the right officer receives the right training and education at the

right time in their career," said Maloney. The satellite classes will also allow the Army to offer advanced training to more officers.

"The Army education system is in transition," said Tennant, "and that transition is also affecting field grade officers."

Tennant said that in the past a board was used to determine the top 50 percent of officers who would be selected to attend CGSC and the remaining 50 percent would have to do the course by correspondence.

"The Army made the decision that we were not going to do that anymore," he said. "We are now in the process of converting the education system for field grade officers."

The common core courses cover topics such as Army operations, modern military history, leadership, strategic topics, operational topics and tactics in 12 weeks.

"That's the basic, common educational set every major in the Army will have," said Tennant.

After the common core course, majors will receive tailored instruction and education depending on what their career field or functional area is, he said.

ILE is a subset of CGSC and prepares officers for service in staff and command positions at the field grade level from the rank of major to colonel, said Tennant.

The three-month course is being instructed by a 13-person instruction team from Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

"We, the teaching team members, are absolutely glad to be here," said Tennant. "We've been planning this thing for a while and we're ready to get into the classroom with our students."

Sixty-three students from active and reserve components are participating in the course. The 13-week course focus begins on the strategic level of war and will end at the tactical level.

The course ends with an end-of-course exercise observed by a senior ranking officer.

On April 30, Soldiers who meet the graduation requirements will receive Military Education level 4 and Joint Professional Military Education level 1 credentials.

After graduation, Soldiers will return to the sending unit or report to their gaining unit, and be given their field grade officer assignment, said Maloney.

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# Soldiers, Airmen join forces to complete satellite mission

Sgt. Lyle Dillie  
93rd Signal Brigade

When the 235th Signal Company, 56th Signal Battalion Soldiers deployed to the Middle East Jan. 28, they left with a new teammate – the U.S. Air Force.

About 20 Airmen conducted satellite communication training with a dozen 235th Sig. Co. Soldiers at Fort Gordon's Willard Training Facilities Jan. 21 as Army augmentees in support of future operations.

Airmen from around the world will work side-by-side, with Soldiers, to help the 235th complete its mission. They are coming from Utah, Mississippi, California, Colorado, England, Japan, and Germany.

The focus for these Airmen is tactical satellite communication, Humvee and generator familiarization, and con-

voy day and night driving skills, said 1st Sgt. Hilton Wearing, 235th Sig. Co. first sergeant.

"I am really surprised by their knowledge of the satellite equipment. It makes it easier to train them, and I can truly focus on the tactical," said Sgt. Jason Garza, 235th Sig. Co. satellite communication systems operator/maintainer.

Most of the Airmen said they were excited to work with tactical satellite equipment rather than just fixed site, or stationary, satellite equipment.

These Airmen received 10 weeks of basic electronics training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, and then took a 16-week course here to learn satellite, wideband, and telemetry skills.

"The mentality of the Army and the Air Force are different," said Senior Airman Shan-



Photos by Sgt. Lyle Dillie

**Soldiers and Airmen train together at the Willard Training Facility here. The servicemembers will deploy together to the Middle East for a tactical satellite mission.**

non Fromm, 35th Communications Squadron, Misawa, Japan. "The Air Force seems more technically oriented and the Army more tactical."

On Jan. 20, these Airmen

went to the M16 rifle range to qualify under Army standards.

"This M16 range is more practical than the Air Force (M16 range) is," said Tech. Sgt. Ty Jarry, 649 Munitions Squadron, Hill Air Force Base, Utah. "It is harder, but the time requirements put that extra needed stress. 'The enemy is not going to wait for you to aim.'"

"Most Airmen only have to qualify with their weapons every 30 months unless they're security forces or military police," said Air Force Staff Sgt. Benton Barby, 52nd Communications Squadron, Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany.

On Jan. 23 the unit split into teams to do convoy training. Members of 235th Sig. Co. and 252nd Sig. Co. simulated an attack on the convoys to check the teams' reactions. The Airmen and the Soldiers rose to the occasion.

"I wish the Air Force had something similar. It was the first time we had experienced anything like it," said Airman 1st Class Shannon Green, 649 Munitions Squadron. "It was definitely worth the time."



Senior Airman Shannon Fromm, 35th Communications Squadron, Misawa, Japan, takes aim at the M16 range here. The Airmen are deploying to the Middle East as augmentees with 235th Signal Company Soldiers.



Photo by Pvt. Armando Monroig

## Super Sunday

Viewers remain glued to television screens as they watched the New England Patriots defeat the Carolina Panthers 32 to 29 in a close and competitive Superbowl XXXVIII. The party, one of three held on post, was held at the Courtyard Sunday beginning at 4 p.m. Better Opportunities for Single Servicemembers and The Gordon Club also held Superbowl parties.

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# Civilians deploy with Soldiers in terror battle

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

After retiring as a chief warrant officer 3 with 22 years of service under his belt, Allen Pierce still had a thirst for adventure.

He wasn't quite ready to give up his career in counter intelligence so he joined forces with the 513th Military Intelligence Brigade through a civilian personnel career management program for Army human intelligence and counter intelligence personnel, the Military Intelligence Civilian Excepted Career Program.

Although Pierce has only been with the brigade a year, he's already deployed twice for a total of seven months in Baghdad supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"I like the 513th's mission in the Middle East," said Pierce, who came home in December 2003 and was offered an opportunity to return to the desert on a command sponsored mission to Kuwait as part of the Combined Joint Task Force Seven (CJTF-7). He accepted and with his family he will be spending the next three to five years helping the Army in the continued fight against terrorism.

"My wife has been very supportive throughout my military career; she's kind of adapted to the deployments and now as a civilian with the 513th, it's just like being a civilian Soldier," said Pierce, who has both a son and a daughter. "The kids are looking forward to going to the Middle East so we can all be together as a family unit and I still get to work with the intelligence community."

Pierce is one of 41 MICECPs employed by the

513th, who are expected to deploy just like the Soldiers do. According to John Iwancio, senior civilian advisor who retired from active duty after 26 years of service, five MICECPs deployed with the 202nd MI Battalion Jan. 7 to Baghdad for a year, and several others are spread out in other areas. There are two more going out in February with the Army Cavalry division from Fort Hood, Texas; another one has been tasked to deploy to Germany to go out with the 1st Infantry Division; another is in Kuwait providing support to Field Office South West Asia; and an additional five MICECPs are permanently stationed overseas, he said.

There are three types of civilian employees in the Army, said Iwancio - contractors, MICECPs and the Emergency Essential Department of the Army Civilian. While MICECPs and DACs are very similar, there's one distinction - MICECPs sign mobility agreements upon swearing in.

"We all go into it knowing that every three to five years we'll be rotated out wherever the Army needs us. When a normal DAC is hired here at Fort Gordon for instance, they will stay in place unless they want to compete for a promotion or another job, but that's all on a voluntary basis. With us, they just tell us when it's time to leave and we go," Iwancio said.

"When someone accepts a job in a position that has been designated by the command as mission essential, if there's a deployment, regardless of where it is, and if there's a need for the function they fill, then the command can direct them to go. If they refuse to

go, then they can be released from government service," he said.

"Another unique thing about MICECPs is that we're only found in counter intelligence today. We have slowly but surely become the core of expertise for Army CI," Iwancio said.

A preponderance of today's MICECPs are former military, either retired or Soldiers who have decided to terminate their active military and continue on in the counter intelligence field.

"The major thing civilians bring to any field of expertise is continuity," said Iwancio. We're still here when Soldier's leave to go to Korea or to Europe, we're here when they come and when they go. While they're doing military things, I'm still focused on one thing and that's counter intelligence. It's the same thing with any other civilian within the brigade. The advantage that comes with hiring a civilian is that they are an employee who's focused on the function they've been hired to perform. We don't need to run two miles or spend time down at the motor pool, we don't have to do sergeant's training time or go to PLDC. Soldiers have a lot more responsibilities in the military and to the military than the civilian employees do.

"It takes a strong marriage between the military and the civilian to be successful because it can't be done alone; it has to be a real team effort."

When MICECPs deploy, they go through the same type of Soldier readiness processing that the Soldiers do, said Iwancio. They have to be physically fit enough to do their duties, they receive



Photo by Allen Pierce

Soldiers and civilians stand shoulder-to-shoulder in line for a Thanksgiving meal at the Victory Base, Baghdad, dining facility. Clad in BDUs, civilians assume much of the same risks when assigned overseas.

nuclear, biological and chemical warfare training and because they are considered non-combatants, they qualify with a 9 mm pistol, a personal defense weapon.

"We get issued all the protective gear and go through all the drills and training that the military does to a certain extent because we are non-combatants, so we basically look to the Soldiers for protection," he said. "All the successes we've had in the 513th, including Afghanistan, can be directly contributed to a good marriage between those three types of force entities, the military, the civilians and the contractors. We've been blessed with some good brigade commanders who have been instrumental in getting us in and out of two wars with no direct casualties."

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## The Signal is clear

Brig. Gen. Jan Hicks, U.S. Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon commander, presents the book *He's in the Signal Corps Now* to Steve Rauch, Signal command historian, Monday at the Signal Corps Museum. The book details the career of Lt. Col. Rueben Abramowitz, a career Signal Soldier. The book was donated Jan. 23 by retired Col. Benjamin Abramowitz, Rueben's son.

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## Focus area task force “jump starting” future

Gary Sheftick  
Army News Service

The “Current to Future Force” initiative is about more than accelerating futuristic technology for use in today’s Army, according to a leader of the task force.

“We’re creating a new way of doing business,” said Ed Mazzanti, deputy of the Capabilities Development Directorate at the Training and Doctrine Command’s ‘Future Center.’

Mazzanti and his focus area task force identify promising capabilities under development and attempt to “rapidly spiral” them for use in the current force. They are looking closely at certain aspects of the Future Combat Systems, such as unmanned aerial vehicles and robotics.

The UAVs and robots brought into use today may not have the “threshold capabilities” intended for 2010, Mazzanti said, but they will provide current leaders an opportunity to experience application of the technology while research continues.

“It really gives us a jump-start toward bringing that future to being,” Mazzanti said. His task force also examines “lessons learned” from Iraq, Afghanistan and other operations to help steer development of future capabilities to what is needed.

“It’s really a continuation of Army transformation,” Mazzanti said. “It embraces the notion of adjusting the Army’s transformation to what has occurred in the operational environment,” especially after Sept. 11, 2001. This is something Mazzanti’s task force calls “current to future,” which differs in principle from the “future to current” acceleration of technology.

“Today’s Army is very capable, well proven,” Mazzanti said, explaining that proven capabilities deserve to stay around for the future. For instance, he said the M-1 Abrams tank will be around for “decades into the future.”

The third function of his task force is to look at “current to current” capabilities, Mazzanti said. This means finding capabilities being used successfully in one corner of the Army and adapting them for wider application.



A Packbot searches for booby traps on this truck at Najaf airfield, Iraq, March 31. The Packbot is an example of technology that is being accelerated for the current force.

Photo by Timothy L. Rider

Mazzanti said this includes some battle command initiatives fielded to forces in Iraq.

Every six months, his task force — with members from the Pentagon, Army Materiel Command, Joint Forces Command, Army Testing and Evaluation Command, TRADOC and elsewhere — will team up to conduct a “capabilities assessment” and determine what technologies are ripe for fielding.

“We’re casting a very wide net,” Mazzanti said, explaining that his group not only has “tentacles across the Army,” but is also looking at academia and foreign armies, such as a South African mine detection capability.

The task force is also looking at a Counter Mine Change Detection Work Station which would process information collected by infrared imagery, cameras and other sensors and analyze the terrain to determine if it has been disturbed. The software will alert forces to the probability of land mines being present.

They are looking at a lightweight mortar radar that can be disassembled and carried by two Soldiers. Active Protective Systems for combat vehicles are being examined, but not necessarily for near-term fielding, Mazzanti said. APS could sense incoming rounds or missiles and enable countermeasures,

Mazzanti said. He said this type of capability could eventually be added to current combat vehicles, once it is developed further.

One way Mazzanti’s task force aims to accelerate the fielding of technology is to “team early” the research and development folks with the acquisition corps.

“The intent is to accelerate,” Mazzanti said, “but there are certain statutory requirements in acquisition.”

“We still have to operate within the statutory requirements,” Mazzanti said. He also stressed that change is never recommended for the sake of change itself.

“You have to be careful about the pace of change,” Mazzanti said. He said that the task force weighs the added capability of a change to ensure it merits the turbulence it will create.

Change affects materiel, doctrine and the way units conduct business, Mazzanti said. He said the task force constantly balances risk between today and tomorrow.

“It’s a mindset,” Mazzanti said, “a continuum of activity that pushes the Army toward the future.”

(This is the third in a series of articles on Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker’s focus areas.)

## Enjoy holidays, be safety vigilant

On Jan. 19 our nation observed the federal holiday in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. and, on Feb. 16 will observe the federal holiday honoring Presidents George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. It’s a time to reflect on and celebrate the lives and achievements of these great Americans.

As we look forward to these winter holiday weekends, we must strongly promote safety awareness for all winter activities with an emphasis on traffic safety and seat belt usage. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that failure to use seat belts contributes to more traffic related fatalities than any other single traffic related behavior. In the past three years, the Army has lost 318 soldiers in privately owned vehicle accidents, and a significant number of those were not wearing seat belts.

Your best defense against a drunk or fatigued driver is to wear a seat belt. To encourage seat belt compliance, Fort Gordon will continue the “Click It or Ticket” Campaign to help reduce serious injuries and fatalities resulting from traffic accidents. Installation Military Police will stop vehicles, use checkpoints, and issue tickets to drivers or passengers not wearing seat belts.

In addition to using seat belts, I am counting on all military and civilian personnel to use good judgment, avoid drinking and driving, obey speed limits, adjust speed to road and weather conditions, and drive defensively while traveling by POV during the winter holiday weekends.

Commanders and leaders will ensure winter safety awareness briefings and POV inspections are conducted prior to the holiday weekends. Winter holiday safety materials are available on MS Outlook/Public Folders/All Public Folders/FG Folders/Safety Folders/Winter Mishap Prevention. Additional promotions to include post-deployment POV/briefing topics, seat belt campaign guidance, and cold weather safety are at <http://safety.army.mil>.

May your winter holiday weekends be very pleasant and accident-free.

Janet A. Hicks  
Brigadier General, USA  
Commanding General

## Fort Gordon Tax Center open for business

Capt. James Richardson

Fort Gordon Office of the Staff Judge Advocate

This year’s Fort Gordon Tax Center is open for business and will remain open until April 9. The Tax Center will remain open until April 15 to assist in the correction of previously filed returns. The hours of operation are 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The Tax Center is located in the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Building 29718, at 419 B St., Room 130.

The Tax Center will assist in the preparation of civilian and retiree returns, while military members attached to a unit or command will use their Unit Tax Advisor as their primary point of contact.

The use of Unit Tax Advisors helps the Fort

Gordon Tax Center run very efficiently throughout the tax season. Unit tax advisors go through all necessary training and testing prior to being certified to prepare tax returns.

Along with the UTAs there will be several civilians and retirees providing support at the Tax Center.

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# A ruthless enforcer of the standard

**Pvt. Armando Monroig**  
Signal staff

One of Fort Gordon's many outstanding noncommissioned officers was recently judged as the best, being named Fort Gordon's Noncommissioned Officer of the Year for 2003.

Staff Sgt. Sara Smith, B Company, 551st Signal Battalion, received the honor during an awards ceremony held at Alexander Hall Dec. 11, adding another milestone to her already illustrious military career.

"To me it's an honor because I represent so many people and such a diverse NCO corps," said Smith. "It's an extreme honor to represent Fort Gordon. It's a good feeling."

One of her coworkers attested to Smith's qualifications for the award.

"She is an outstanding NCO. She stands up for what she believes in," said Staff Sgt. Andrew Bakker, fourth platoon drill sergeant at C Company, 551st. Bakker has known her for about a year and a half. "She follows the letter of the law, very standard oriented."

Bakker added Smith was an outstanding selection for NCO of the Year because she is very knowledgeable and has outstanding military bearing and appearance.

He added her confidence is what separated her from the other competitors in the NCO of the Year competition.

"Her ability to stand out from everyone else. She exudes confidence," he said. "Her presence is known when she is around."

Bakker said she is most certainly a ruthless enforcer of the standard, a saying well known within the drill sergeant ranks.

In order to win NCO of the Year, Smith had to win the company level competition, then the battalion level competition. Once she was

selected as battalion NCO of the quarter for the third quarter of 2003, she went on to the brigade level competition and from there to the post competition.

There she competed against the winners from each of the quarters for NCO of the Year honors.

"It's one of the bigger awards I've ever achieved," said Smith, aside from becoming a member of the Audie Murphy Club in January 2003.

Despite her confidence in her abilities, Smith, third platoon drill sergeant, said she did not expect to be named NCO of the year.

"I was really shocked," she said. "I didn't think I had a chance."

Smith said she wasn't pleased with her performance compared to prior boards she attended, so she did not anticipate winning.

"I thought I could have done a lot better," she said.

But Smith said thanks to a strong support system, she was able to accomplish this feat.

"My new first sergeant, 1st Sgt. Jacqueline Brown, was so supportive in walking me through every step of all the boards, she was always available for me," said Smith.

She is very thankful for all the support given such as her coworkers covering for her while she studied for her boards.

"I am very fortunate I had a chain of command that supported me," she said about competing for NCO of the Year. "1st Sgt. Stephon Watson, who happened to be my drill sergeant when I was a private, was always pushing me, expecting 120 percent."

Along with winning NCO of the Year honors, Smith received several prizes from sponsors. She received an Army Commendation Medal, eagle statues from the Miles program, jewelry and gift certificates.

Despite having a successful a military career, Smith never anticipated joining the service.

"I never contemplated the military at all," she said. "I never thought about it until the January before I graduated high school."

She didn't think she was mature enough to go to college so she decided to enlist in the military for what she thought would be a four year stint.

The Troy, Pa., native said her family was surprised at first to hear she was interested in serving in the Army, but were supportive nonetheless.

What she enjoys most about being in the Army is taking advantage of the opportunities the military presents her, she said.

"The Army grants you so much opportunity to grow as a person and see so many different things, cultures and countries," she said of things most people don't get to do.

Smith chose her MOS (telecommunications center operator maintainer) because it gave her the chance to work with computers, which is something she enjoys.

She volunteered to become a drill sergeant because her drill sergeants had an impact on her, and she wanted to have the same influence on someone's life.

"As a drill sergeant, you are the representation of the Army in their (a recruit's) eyes for the first time," Smith said. "It's an awesome responsibility to be the one that makes the first impact on them."

She enjoys mentoring and watching people grow, which is why she ultimately decided



Smith

to become a drill sergeant. "You accomplish so many things daily in the military that you thought you could never do," Smith said.

And she wants to continue to add to her list of accomplishments by making the military a career.

"By the time I retire I would like to be a command sergeant major," she said. "Who knows - sergeant major of the Army maybe?"

In addition, by the time she leaves the Army she wants to have a master's degree. But her overall goal is to leave her mark on the lives of some of her Soldiers along the way.

"As long as I am remembered for that, that's all that matters to me," she said.

Smith has traveled all over the world in her eight-year military career. She has been to Korea, Italy, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, and deployed to Kuwait and Bosnia.

Although being in the Army has taken her all over the globe, Smith hasn't forgotten where she came from or those close to her who have helped her along the way.

"I've had two people who have had a huge impact on my life," said Smith. "One of them was my grandmother who raised me."

She said her paternal grandmother was a remarkable woman who stepped in to raise her when her parents divorced, adding that she learned a lot from her.

The other person is her father.

"He's such a strong person," said Smith. "To go back to school after you've had a career and get a degree, phenomenal."

She added both of them had a positive influence on her life and were very supportive in everything she did.

In addition to being named NCO of the Year for 2003, Smith was in the running for Drill Sergeant of the Year.

Being such a busy person doesn't leave much time for relaxation but when she does manage to unwind she does so with a good suspenseful movie or mystery book.



Photos by Pvt. Armando Monroig

Staff Sgt. Sara Smith, a drill sergeant with B Company, 551st Signal Battalion, was named the Fort Gordon NCO of the Year for 2003.

# New civil relief act passed

Law, passed in December, designed to aid servicemembers

**Spc. Sam Smith**  
Signal staff

The Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act has been revised into the Servicemembers' Civil Relief Act.

The new law clarifies some of the vague language of the older law, but the new law also provides some extra coverage the old one didn't.

"The one part that really floored me, really surprised me, was a servicemember can cancel a lease on a vehicle," said John Linney, an attorney with the Fort Gordon Staff Judge Advocate's office.

According to Linney, leasing a vehicle is generally a bad idea to begin with, but now at least servicemembers don't end up stuck paying a lease for a car they couldn't even bring with them overseas.

The Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief Act provided servicemembers with a lot of protection like getting out of leasing contracts, delaying civil trials and hearings, and reducing loan interest rates. The law was especially valuable when servicemembers were not in the state legal obligations bound them to.

In addition to adding coverage, the new law cleared up the vague language on how long a civil action could be paused in the servicemembers' absence. The old law allowed for an indefinite stay in process. The new law clearly states a 90-day stay in progress be granted if the servicemember correctly files the request.

At first this may not seem to help the servicemembers, but it does. By giving a specific time frame, the action is more likely to be approved by

a judge, according to Linney.

Also, the new policy on pausing civil action covers administrative hearings. The old law was written in 1940, when only courts made legal decisions, and so didn't mention these hearings. Today many legal issues, especially child custody and drivers' licenses cases, are handled in administrative hearings, said Denise Arn, also an attorney for SJA.

Even though the old law covered all servicemembers, renaming the new law emphasizes this better.

"It's just an update of the name," Arn said but added, "this (new law) is a good thing, a positive thing."

For more information on the new Servicemembers' Civil Relief Act go to <http://globalspecops.com/sra.html> or call legal assistance at 791-7812.

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AT FORT GORDON

# Community Events

## National prayer breakfast

Fort Gordon's National Prayer Breakfast is at 6:30 a.m. **Wednesday** at the Gordon Club.

The guest speaker is Col. Janet Horton, the command chaplain for the U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command, Fort Belvoir, Va.

The breakfast is open to all, but advance tickets are required. For tickets or information, call 791-4683.

## Antique appraisal

The next Officer's Wives' Club dinner is **Tuesday**. Guest speaker is Martha Lyons, a certified personal property appraiser. OWC members and their guests can bring an antique or collectible to receive an appraisal of the item. Lyons will also talk about antiques. For more information call 771-9653 or RSVP by Feb. 3 to Connie Hook at 869-8231 or Erin Nase at 771-5303.

## NAACP dinner

The NAACP hosts its 29th Annual Armed Services and Veteran's Affairs Dinner June 10.

The dinner will recognize military members and Department of Defense employees nominated by the military for contributions in the areas of equal opportunity and civil rights.

Nominations are due to the Fort Gordon Equal Opportunity Office, Building 25706, Barnes Avenue by **Feb. 26**. Nominations for civilian personnel working in the Equal Employment Opportunity Program should be forwarded to the installation EEO Office in Darling Hall.

For information contact

Mary Jones at 791-2014.

## AER campaign

The annual Army Emergency Relief campaign is scheduled from **March 1 to May 27**. The kickoff training for unit project officers is 1:30-3 p.m. Feb. 18 in Olmstead Hall.

At a minimum each brigade and battalion should appointment at least one project officer to attend this meeting. Project officers will be responsible for publicizing the AER campaign throughout their unit and ensuring each Soldier has an opportunity to contribute.

The name, rank, telephone number, e-mail address and unit of the individual(s) appointed at brigade and battalion level who will attend the kickoff training should be submitted by **Tuesday** to [brinklev@gordon.army.mil](mailto:brinklev@gordon.army.mil) or phone 791-3371.

## Education fair

The Fort Gordon Education Center will host an Information Fair at 6:30 p.m. **March 11** designed for those interested in becoming teachers in Georgia. The seminar will be in Darling Hall, Room 188. For information, call 791-2000.

## Separating servicemembers

Servicemembers within one year of separating or two years of projected retirement from the military may contact the Army Career and Alumni Program for assistance. All servicemembers leaving active duty with more than 180 days of active service, must receive the congressionally mandated pre-separation counseling. This counseling must take place no later than 90 days prior to

separation and covers available transition assistance services, rights and benefits. To schedule an appointment, call 791-7333, or go to [www.gordon.army.mil/dhr/ACAP/acap.htm](http://www.gordon.army.mil/dhr/ACAP/acap.htm).

## AFAP conference

The 2004 Fort Gordon Army Family Action Plan Conference will be held at the Reserve Center on 14401 Lane Avenue, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. **Feb. 18-19**.

Delegates are requested from each unit on the installation, consisting of a combination of officer, enlisted, DA civilian and family members; no more than four-eight per unit (battalion or equivalent). All services should be involved, not just for Army personnel.

Pre-conference training will be conducted for AFAP delegates at 10 a.m. or 1 p.m. **Tuesday**.

Issues are needed for consideration by the workgroups during the conference. Issues being sought may be installation specific or Army in general. Issues may be submitted at [www.gordon.army.mil/acs](http://www.gordon.army.mil/acs) or in one of eight issue solicitation boxes located throughout the installation. (Issue boxes located in ACS lobby, Darling Hall lobby, Gordon Club, Family Practice Clinic, Signal Cafe, The Courtyard, Ike's Cafe and the Connelly Clinic.)

## LEAD course

Nominations are being accepted for the 2004 Leadership Education and Development Course, being held here **Feb. 23-27**.

LEAD is a 40-hour mandatory supervisory course designed to develop and refine leadership and management skills of civilian supervisors.

Nominees should have completed (or should be enrolled in within the next six months) the Supervisory Development Course. Nominations should be e-mailed to Carla Baucom at [baucmc@gordon.army.mil](mailto:baucmc@gordon.army.mil) by Feb. 2.

Provide all of the following information for nominations: Name, grade/rank, organization, phone number, how long supervisor of civilians, number of civilians supervised; and e-mail address.

## 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 call Petty Officer Misty Rambo at 854-1482.

## 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. **Saturday** at the Gordon Club. Tickets are \$20 each available at the Gordon Club. For information, call 791-6780.

## Job fair

Augusta State University 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.

For 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., through **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 first; 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 **today** from unit or directorate command sergeants major, or call Command Sgt. Maj. Bobbie Ramtahal at 791-4140 for information.

## 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 **Monday-Thursday**.

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.

## FEW training program

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

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## 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.

## 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.

**Feb. 6-12** (No late show Feb. 7.)  
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## Fort Gordon REPORT

COMING UP

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

- 101st Soldiers return to Fort Campbell
- SMA Preaton swearing in ceremony
- SMA Tilley's final words

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The next edition of the *Fort Gordon Report* premieres **Feb. 23**.

Catch the newest *Fort Gordon Report* on Comcast Cable Channel 66 on: Mondays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays at 9:00 p.m., Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 8:30 a.m.

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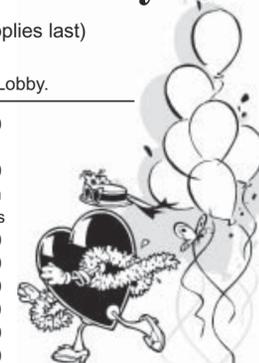
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# Students stage choreopoem

Performance part of Fort Gordon command program

Denise Allen  
Signal staff

As a veteran actress on Augusta's stages and a drama teacher at John S. Davidson Fine Arts Magnet School, Elizabeth Walpert has witnessed many productions, but none have touched her the way Ntozake Shange's *For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When The Rainbow Is Enuff* did.

"You don't just come to this play, view it and move on," said Walpert, whose students will present the piece Tuesday at Alexander Hall, as part of the installation's Black History Month command program. "It changed my life in that I will never forget it."

Written in 1974, the work is a choreopoem combining dance and a series of poems which highlight the struggles of black women. There are 20 poems dealing with issues such as rape, betrayal, abuse and rejection, and how the women find strength and healing.

"It touches on so many issues that are not pleasant, but they are real. It's not just African-American women — the struggles are of all human kind," she said.

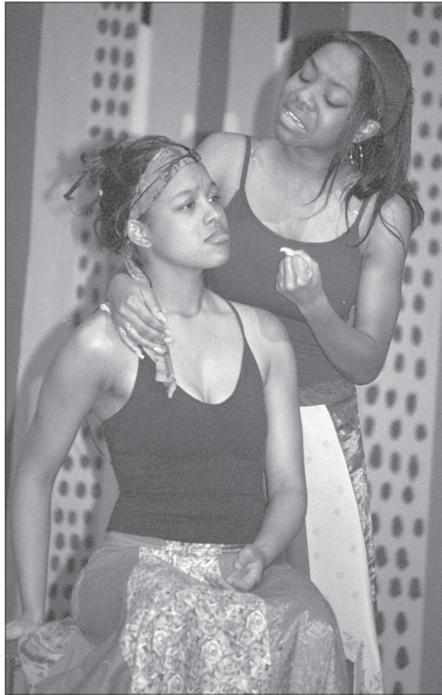
What makes this production remarkable to Walpert are its performers.

For their performance, the students won the 3-AAA state championship in the one act play competition last fall.

"These students capture the maturity and the spirit of these characters so beautifully," she said. "You always worry about casting someone so young. Just by living, you understand things. These girls have a remarkable understanding of women who have lived hard lives. I'm so proud of them."

The one-act play runs about 50 minutes long. Walpert expanded its opening and closing segments to showcase members of the school's dance department who perform dance to the rhythms of African drum beats.

While it tackles tough issues, the play doesn't leave its audience depressed, Walpert said. "You laugh, you cry, but you are uplifted experiencing the show," she said. "I'm so excited we have a chance



Courtesy photos

Tiffany Johnson and Joya Moore perform in the choreopoem *For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When The Rainbow Is Enuff*. The Davidson Fine Arts Magnet School students will perform the choreopoem at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, as part of the Fort Gordon Black History Month command program.

to come out and be the command program. I think Fort Gordon is going to love it."

The performance, part of the Fort Gordon command program, begins at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday in Alexander Hall.



# Noises promises fun for all

Denise Allen  
Signal staff

*Noises Off* never gets old for Tere Luke.

"It's the most fun performing I've ever had," said Luke, who has performed in four different productions of the show.

Luke will join nine other actors for the Fort Gordon Dinner Theatre's version of the play Feb. 13, 14, 20, 21, 26, 27 and 28. Dinner begins at 7 p.m., followed by the performance at 8 p.m.

"It's one of the best farces ever written," he said. *Noises Off* is a farce within a farce as a group of not-so-great actors work on a production called "Nothing On."

"It really is a lot of fun, but it's an incredible challenge," said Elizabeth Walpert, who has worked behind the scenes on the play before but never acted in it. "My character — she can't get her words right. They have to be exact; that's where the comedy lies."

Funny lines, stock farce characters and slapstick humor with props such as plates of sardines, slamming doors and axes require perfect timing.

"The timing is critical," said director Steve Walpert. "What's happening backstage as one exits and there's an entrance. There's twice as

much the cast is working on."

In her first production of *Noises Off*, Raqi Barnett is already having fun.

"I get to play the bubbly blonde. That's something I've never played before," said Barnett, who is an African-American.

At one point, Barnett's character loses her clothing and spends scenes in only her

underwear.

Another integral element in this production is one cast member that is likely not to get any credit on the playbill.

"The set is the 11th character," said actor Steven Corlett.

Since the second act takes place behind the scenes, the set rotates so the audience can view it from the proper angle.

"The stage crew usually gets applause," said Elizabeth Walpert.

Tickets for "Noises Off" are \$32 for civilians, \$30 for seniors 65 and above, retirees, Department of Army civilians, active duty E8 and above; \$20 for active duty E7 and below, and \$15 for the show only. For more information, call 793-8552 or go to [www.fortgordon.com](http://www.fortgordon.com).



Photo by Denise Allen

Bob Schwamberger finds himself in a predicament with (from left) Raqi Barnett, Jennifer Germain and Dana Hughes in *Noises Off*, a classic British farce, which opens at the dinner theater Friday.

# Scholarships available for military children

Carrie Williams  
Defense Commissary Agency

FORT LEE, Va. — There's still time to apply for Scholarships for Military Children money. Applications for the \$1,500 scholarships are due at the nearest commissary by Feb. 18. At least one scholarship will be awarded at every commissary location with qualified applicants.

The application can be downloaded at <http://www.commissaries.com> and filled out by hand or on the computer. Copies of the application are also available at commissaries worldwide.

Students should put on their

thinking caps and give it their best shot when it comes to writing the scholarship essay.

"In past years the essay has been a key factor in deciding among the many outstanding applicants," said program liaison Edna Hoogewind, Defense Commissary Agency. This year's topic is "What aspect of military life has had the greatest influence on you?"

Students who are not hand-delivering applications are advised to use a delivery method that supplies a return receipt.

After March 29, applicants may go to <http://www.militaryscholar.org> and click on the "Verification of Receipt" section. Scholarship

managers will respond to e-mails until June 15.

Applicants should check all materials carefully for simple things, like making sure the application is signed or that it's the 2004 application, not one from previous years.

The scholarship program is open to unmarried children under the age of 21 (23 if enrolled in school) of active duty personnel, Reserve, Guard and retired military. Eligibility will be determined using the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System database. Applicants should ensure that they, as well as their sponsor, are enrolled in DEERS and have a current ID card.

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Evening Worship 6:00

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# Post, community remember four chaplains

**Staff Sgt. Stacy Wamble**  
Signal military editor

Selfless service—Putting the welfare of the nation, the Army, and your subordinates above your own.

That's how the Army defines selfless service. But before there was any such thing as Army values and the definition thereof four soldiers—Chap. (1st Lt.) George L. Fox, Methodist; Chap. (1st Lt.) Alexander D. Goode, Jewish; Chap. (1st Lt.) John P. Washington, Roman Catholic; and Chap. (1st Lt.) Clark V. Poling, Dutch Reformed—personified those values.

On Feb. 2, 1943, the U.S. Army Transport *Dorchester*, a 5,649-ton converted luxury liner, was crowded to capacity, carrying 902 servicemen, merchant seamen and civilian workers toward an American base in Greenland. The *Dorchester*, one of three ships in the SG-19 convoy, was moving steadily across the icy waters from Newfoundland toward an American base in Greenland. Coast Guard Cutters *Tampa*, *Escanaba* and *Comanche* escorted the convoy.

The *Dorchester*, 150 miles from its destination, was torpedoed with a decisive and deadly blow on the starboard side, mid ship, below the water line. The captain, alerted that the ship was taking water rapidly and sinking, gave the order to abandon ship.

The hit knocked out power and communications with the escort ships. The CGC *Comanche*, however, saw the flash of the explosion. It responded and rescued 97 survivors. The CGC *Escanaba* circled the *Dorchester*, rescuing an additional 132 survivors. The third cutter, CGC *Tampa*, continued on with the mission and escorted the remaining two ships to their destination.

Many of the men disregarded the captain's order to sleep in their clothing with their life jackets on because of the heat below and the inconvenience of the life vest. The blast killed some and seriously wounded others. The others ran topside to jump into lifeboats.

The four chaplains, however, moved about the men to tend to the wounded, give comfort to the frightened and lead others toward safety. They began to give out life vests and when all were gone, they gave their own so others might live.

One witness, Private William B. Bednar, found himself floating in oil-smeared water surrounded by dead bodies and debris.

"I could hear men crying, pleading, praying," Bednar recalls. "I could also hear the chaplains preaching courage. Their voices were the only thing that kept me going."

Another sailor, Petty Officer John J. Mahoney, tried to reenter his cabin but was stopped by Rabbi Goode. Mahoney, concerned about

the cold Arctic air, explained he had forgotten his gloves.

"Never mind," Goode responded. "I have two pairs." The rabbi then gave the petty officer his own gloves.

In retrospect, Mahoney realized that Rabbi Goode was not conveniently carrying two pairs of gloves, and that the rabbi had decided not to leave the *Dorchester*.

In less than 27 minutes, the *Dorchester* slipped beneath the Atlantic's icy waters.

As the ship went down, survivors in nearby rafts could see the four chaplains with their arms linked braced against the slanting deck. They could be heard offering prayers.

"It was the finest thing I have seen or hope to see this side of heaven," said John Ladd, another survivor who saw the chaplains' selfless act.

Of the 902 men aboard the U.S.A.T. *Dorchester*, 672 died, leaving 230 survivors.

The Distinguished Service Cross and Purple Heart were awarded posthumously Dec. 19, 1944, to the next of kin by Lt. Gen. Brehon B. Somervell, commanding general of the Army Service Forces, in a ceremony at the Fort Myer, Va., post chapel.

A posthumous Special Medal for Heroism, never before given and never to be given again, was authorized by Congress and awarded by the President Jan. 18, 1961. The chaplains were

honored with a ceremony hosted by the Fort Gordon Chaplain's Office Tuesday at Bicentennial Chapel.

The guest speaker, Chap. (Lt. Col.) Eric Wester, Office of the Chief of Chaplains, likened the heroics of the chaplains to a light which illuminates even the darkest of times.

"Even the darkness of the death of 670 of the 902, even there, you can still see the brightness of the Lord's courage and courageous selfless service," he said.

"Four points of light shown at the death of the *Dorchester*," he said, "and the light spread to each of us touched by the act of generosity that went with the act of supreme sacrifice of these four chaplains."

"I think it's wonderful military installations continue to celebrate the sacrifice (made by the chaplains)," said Clark V. Poling, Jr., son of Chap. Poling. "Their story sends an important message about interfaith and embracing others."

"What we're really trying to do is not just host the service, but ensure this is a very meaningful service for the survivors, family and friends who do attend," said Lt. Col. William Merrifield, 513 Military Intelligence Brigade chaplain.

"We owe our veterans an incredible, incredible amount of gratitude for all that they have done and for all of the sacrifices they've made."

"This was a generation who went off to war, came home, rolled up their sleeves



Photo by Staff Sgt. Stacy Wamble

**A draped chair, holding a flag folded for presentation, bible and red rose, was set to remember each of the four chaplains.**

and went to work and never really talked about it," he said.

"So, we do this really in remembrance of not just the four chaplains but in recognition of all the heroic sacrifices that our veterans have

made and their families.

"So that's what this is about. Hoping to remember the four chaplains but at the same time say 'thank you' to the veterans and the families."

## Where can peace be found? In Jesus

**Chap. (Capt.) Garry Kerr**

Deputy Chief, Chapel Centers/Religious Activities

Have you ever had many sleepless nights? Are you really concerned about the behavior of a loved one? Is yelling at each other becoming a norm? Are people on your job getting on your nerves? Do you get road rage often? Do you say things too often that you do not mean that cause pain? Who needs peace?

Everyone needs peace. Peace is not something that can be conjured up or bought off the shelf of a drug store. It will not come from a psychic hotline or black magic. It will not come from investments or powerlifting. It comes from knowing the Peace Giver. The Peace Giver is better than a sleeping pill. He is the greatest Counselor ever known. He is the "Prince of Peace." The Peace Giver is none other than God's only begotten

Son, and his name is Jesus.

I have found out that whenever one has peace, sleep is very sweet.

Peace ushers us into the security of God. It causes us to smile when others frown. It allows us to separate the good from the bad. It causes us to know that when trouble is all around us, peace is only a prayer away.

I have some good news for you today. If you would stop worrying and start praying, peace will knock on your door and ask to come in. But when we worry, we actually lock out peace. Peace is knocking at your door right now. Can't you hear it? "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with me." (Revelation 3:20)

Jesus is standing at the door of your life knocking.

He is the prescription for peace. If you need your prescription filled, heaven's pharmacy is open 24 hours. It

never closes. All you need to do is get down on your knees and tell God about it. He will hear your faintest cry and answer by and by. A writer wrote "Just a Little Talk with Jesus Makes it Right."

Who needs peace? When terrorism is on the rise, who needs peace? When families are being torn apart, who needs peace? When children are being abused, who needs peace? When promises are often broken, who needs peace? When relationships are rocky, who needs peace? When trouble is on every side, who needs peace? When sickness visits your home, who needs peace?

Everybody needs peace. Peace is needed in our homes, on our jobs, in our relationships, in our Army, and in our nation. It's needed all over the world. We need peace now. We need the "peace of God that passes all understanding that will keep our hearts and our mind in Jesus." (Philippians 4:7). A writer wrote a profound quote, "Know Jesus, Know Peace and No Jesus, No Peace."

## Chaplains offer Bible memory class

An adult Fort Gordon Post-wide Protestant Sunday School class is featuring the "Key Word Learning System."

The system, developed by Dr. Bruce Wilkinson, uses pictures and keywords to help participants learn and remember the major themes of all the books of the Bible.

Wilkinson is known for authoring the popular "Secrets of the Vine" and "The Prayer of Jabez" materials and for the "Walk Thru the Old Testament" and "Walk Thru the New Testament" seminars.

The course is Sundays from 9:30 to 10:30

a.m., during the Protestant Sunday School hour on post. There are classes for all family members during this same time including pre-school and elementary, middle school, and high school students.

New students should report Sunday morning to the Religious Education Center office, Building 39709 on 39th Street near 7th Avenue.

For more information or directions, call the Religious Education Center at 791-4703.

## Drill sergeant spotlight

**Name:** Staff Sgt. McKinley Knight  
**Unit:** Company B, 73rd Ordnance Battalion  
**Hometown:** Gates, N.C.  
**Time at Fort Gordon:** 22 months

**What do you enjoy about being a DS?** To me it's more than just being a drill sergeant – it's knowing that the mothers and fathers of America are trusting me to train their sons and daughters to protect the greatest country in the world, while instilling in them pride, respect, a sense of responsibility, and always the need to succeed and win.

**What do you want to accomplish in the Army?** In the short term, I want to get promoted to sergeant first class, complete advanced noncommissioned officers course and finish my bachelor's degree in criminal justice. In the long term, I would like to make command sergeant major and retire after 30 years.



Staff Sgt. Knight

## National prayer breakfast

Fort Gordon's National Prayer Breakfast is at 6:30 a.m. **Wednesday** at the Gordon Club.

The guest speaker is Col. Janet Horton, the command chaplain for the U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command, Fort Belvoir, Va.

The breakfast is open to all, but advance tickets are required. For tickets or information, call 791-4683.

## 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

### Religious Education

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

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

# Sports & Leisure

## Sports UPDATE

### Soccer shootout

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

### 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.

### Karaoke

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

Karaoke is 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.

### Other sports news

**Unit Level Outdoors Soccer League** - To allow more units to take part in the soccer season, the deadline is extended to **Thursday.**

**Unit Level Volleyball League** - Units desiring to enter a team must submit their memorandum of intent by **Thursday** to the Sports Office, Bldg. 29719. Also, there will be an organizational meeting for coaches or a designated team representative in the Sports Office, **Feb. 19** at 1 p.m.

**Battalion Level Basketball** - Battalions desiring to enter a team must submit their memorandum of intent by **Feb. 23.** The meeting with the coaches or a designated representative from the battalion is **Feb. 26** in the Sports Office, Bldg. 29719.

For more information about the upcoming seasons, contact Al Robinson at 791-1142 or e-mail [robinsona@gordon.army.mil](mailto:robinsona@gordon.army.mil).

### The circus is coming

The Royal Hanneford Circus will be at Fort Gordon's Barton Field **Feb. 26-29.**

Showtimes are Feb. 26-27, 4:30 and 7:30 p.m.; Feb. 28, 10:30 a.m., 2 and 7 p.m.; and Feb. 29, 2 and 4:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$5 for ages 13 and over, \$5 for ages 3-12, and free for children under 3. Tickets can be purchased at the Big Top entrance, Fort Gordon Credit Union and Fort Gordon Dinner Theatre.

### 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.

## 297th thwarts 252nd, 54-29

Story and photo by  
Al Robinson  
Fort Gordon's Sports Office

The game of the week was between the Green Division's 252nd Signal Battalion and Company B, 297th Military Intelligence Battalion.

The game got off to a very slow start. With eight minutes remaining in the first half, it was Bravo Company 14-0. The 252nd's first points came when Lucas Parker drained a three-pointer with five minutes left in the half.

Bravo Company turned up the heat with full court press defense causing 252nd to make numerous turnovers. Bravo's defense was on point but their offense was missing the target. Parker of 252nd attempted a three-pointer and was fouled by Edwin Bankston.

Bravo's bench showed disapproval of the official's call and Daren Woodall was hit with a technical foul. At the break it was B-297th, 20-5.

"We always start out with a zone to loosen up. We only have five players that can run," said the 297th player and coach Simeon Boddie about his team's performance.

As the second half got under way, 252nd came out as if they wanted back in the game. Edin McNally made all of his eight points in the third quarter.

Bravo pressure defense and up-tempo offense was too much for their opponents. The final score B-297th, 54-252nd Sig. Co., 29.

James Harris of B-297th led all scorers with 16 points. Teammates Boddie had 13 points, and Marcus Lee 11 points. Lucas Parker of 252nd had 13 points.

### EAMC ends with a perfect record

The Fort Gordon Women's Division Basketball regular season came to an end Tuesday. Eisenhower Army Medical Center finished with a 20-0 record. The Post Championship for the Women's Division will start Feb. 9 at 6 p.m. in Gym 4. There are six teams in the double elimination tournament.

The teams are: Eisenhower Army Medical Center, Company B, 297th Military Intelligence Battalion, Gordon Region Security Operation Center, Company A, 442nd Signal Battalion, Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Academy, and Company E, 369th Signal Battalion.

Other games played last week are:

#### Green Division

Company B, 297th Military Intelligence Battalion 54, 252nd Signal Company 29  
518th Signal Company 0, 31st Intelligence Squadron 0  
Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Academy 55, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 93rd Signal Brigade 49  
Company B, 297th Military Intelligence Battalion 67, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 93rd Signal Brigade 49  
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Company B, Eisenhower Army Medical Center 74, 31st Intelligence Squadron 28.

#### Red Division

Company A, 447th Signal Battalion 54, Detachment 1, 338th Training Squadron 44  
United States Army Garrison 2, Company A, 73rd Ordnance Battalion 0  
249th General Hospital 47, Company A, 551st Signal Battalion 37



Brian Burns of Company B, 297th Military Intelligence Battalion, jams two of his eight points as Lucas Parker, 252nd Signal Company, looks on.

#### Women's Division

Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Academy 2, Company B, 551st Signal Battalion 0  
Company A, 442nd Signal Battalion 2, Company C, 369th Signal Battalion 0  
Eisenhower Army Medical Center 30, Gordon Regional Security Operation Center 28  
Eisenhower Army Medical Center 40, Company E, 369th Signal Battalion 11  
Company B, 297th Military Intelligence Battalion 2, Company A, 442nd Signal Battalion 0, Gordon Regional Security Operation Center 2, Company C, 369th Signal Battalion 0  
**Morning Division**  
Company B, 447th Signal Battalion 0, Company B, 551st Signal Battalion 0  
Company C, 73rd Ordnance 30, Company D, 447th Signal Battalion 27  
Company C, 447th Signal Battalion 0, Company E, 369th Signal Battalion 0  
Company B, 447th Signal Battalion 43, Company D, 369th Signal Battalion 32, Company C, 369th Signal

Battalion 63, Company B, 551st Signal Battalion 17  
Company E, 369th Signal Battalion 43, Company C, 73rd Ordnance 41  
**Blue Division**  
Company D, 551st Signal Battalion 2, Company E, 369th Signal Battalion 0

Company B, 73rd Ordnance 52, Company C, 447th Signal Battalion 41  
Company B, 551st Signal Battalion 40, Company C, 551st Signal Battalion 34  
Company B, 447th Signal Battalion 39, Company C, 73rd Ordnance Battalion 38.

## Unit Basketball Standings

STANDINGS AS OF FEB. 4

Team	Won	Lost	B-447	8	3
<i>Blue Division</i>			C-73	8	5
B-73	10	0	B-551	6	6
D-551	8	4	E-369	6	6
BNCOG	6	4	D-447	5	8
B-447	7	6	D-369	2	10
C-447	7	6	<i>Red Division</i>		
C-551	6	6	A-442	13	2
D-447	5	5	HHC-201	13	2
B-551	5	8	NSGA	11	4
C-73	5	9	249	8	5
E-369	3	8	USAG	9	6
C-442	2	8	A-551	6	7
<i>Green Division</i>			A-447	6	8
518	16	0	A-369	5	9
B-297	16	1	338TRS	4	9
HHC-206	13	2	A-73	1	18
ANCOG	11	5	<i>Women's Division</i>		
B-EAMC	11	7	EAMC	20	0
252	10	8	GRSOC	16	4
311S	7	10	B-297	15	5
HHC-93	6	11	A-442	13	7
<i>Morning Division</i>			ANCOG	13	7
C-369	10	3	E-369	11	9

## Whether it's to be healthy or fit, walking's a good start

Capt. David Wright  
Fort Knox, Ky.

Is your exercise program goal (nasty word, I know) to be healthy or fit? These goals are not mutually exclusive, but they are separate enough to be discussed individually.

First, though, a disclaimer. If you have not exercised in a long time, you should see your physician before starting an exercise program. This is important for a huge number of reasons, but foremost among them is your health.

Now, what do I mean when I say health or fitness? Most of us have no desire to compete in races, but we want to lose weight and fit into last year's clothes, because it costs too much to replace our wardrobes. So, what should you really do?

For those of you who "just" want to be healthy, get off your gluteus maximus and start walking daily. Period.

Studies from the Cooper Aerobics Institute in Dallas reported 10 years ago that people who walked two miles, at a 20-minute-per-mile pace, three days a week, had a death rate (from any cause) that was less than half that of the least active people.

There are other things you can do, such as critically evaluating your diet. The easiest, though, is to start a walking program.

So, where do you start?

First, examine your shoes. If they tilt one way or the other, or they are a year old, replace them with good walking shoes. Don't skimp, because these are your feet we are talking about.

Second, carve out a part of your day that

is yours to walk. Put it in your organizer and defend it.

The next step may be the most important. Start conservatively. That is, start by walking for 20 minutes three or four days each week. These walks are not to be speed walks. You should be able to cover about one mile in 20 minutes time. After two weeks, add another day but stay at 20 minutes. In another two weeks, increase your walking time to 25-30 minutes.

Within a month, you will be walking 30 minutes on five days each week. Adding another day in two or three weeks shouldn't be difficult at all. (That would be six days a week for those of you keeping score.)

Once you have the 30-minute walk going six days a week, start increasing the time.

You can do this by adding time in five-minute increments. The total time over 30 minutes is up to you.

Be careful of hills. You will work much harder (but also become much stronger). Keep in mind that, if you are doing something to which your body is unaccustomed, hills are cruel.

Save the hilly walks until you have been walking for six or seven weeks, and then only do the hills a couple times each week. You don't want to cause an injury by doing too much, too soon, too often.

Daily walking has enormous benefits. For example, it is one of the best exercises for your back, you improve your heart health, your muscles get stronger, you get to know your neighbors, and you don't have to buy new clothes.

These are all great - save money and improve your health at the same time. What a deal!

(Reprinted from the Fort Knox, Ky., Inside The Turret)



1st Lt. Sean Mann performs a simple takedown move.

## Soldiers receive yellow belts

Special to the Signal

Recently five Soldiers in the 15th Signal Brigade received promotions to yellow belt in the combatives and martial arts course.

The Soldiers train every Thursday with 1st Lt. Sean Mann, a fifth degree black belt, with the 73rd Ordnance Battalion.

Spc. Derek Cobbs and Staff Sgt. Matt Miller, 15th Signal Brigade, received yellow belts in Sogo-Goshin and Kenpo-jutsu. Staff Sgt. Delvin Evans, 73rd Ordnance Battalion, received his second level yellow belt in the same disciplines. Staff

Sgt. Michael Gipson, 93rd Military Intelligence Brigade, also received his yellow belt. Finally, Sgt. Eugene Viruet received his cross-grade from Tae Kwon Do into the course as a full yellow belt.

All five Soldiers, along with Staff Sgt. Gail Amstutz, 73rd Ordnance Battalion, should be testing for second level yellow and then orange belt by this May.

The class is open to all personnel on post and teaches kickboxing, takedowns and ground grappling. The class is free and is held Thursdays from 6-7:30 p.m. at Gym 5.

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**2,000 SQUARE FEET HOME** with stone fireplace in greatroom, big fenced back yard, three bedrooms, two baths. Ten minutes from post and priced at only \$89,900. Available immediately. No call after 8 p.m. 706-210-9831.

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**DISTRESS SALE** Bank foreclosures. Free list of foreclosure properties. Free recorded message. 1-877-276-7219 ID# 1042. or visit www.augustahomemart.com. Re/Max Masters, Inc.

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**JENKINS COUNTY** 1,600 plus square feet, cypress ranch home, wrap around porch, hardwood floors, kitchen, dining room, living room, large fireplace, central heat and air, three bedrooms, two baths, 11.6 acres. \$122,900 or call 706-831-3110 or 982-2606.

**MILLEN HOME FOR SALE** 913 Progress Place. Large living room with fireplace and eat in kitchen, computer room, three bedrooms, two baths, two car garage. Located in great neighborhood. 478-982-3274.

**MILLEN, 623 MORNINGSIDE CIRCLE** Cute! Three bedrooms, two baths, living room, den, master bedroom with office. \$73,000. Call Debbie or Mary at Mary Yellon Realty, 706-554-0340.

**THREE BEDROOM** Two bath home in Thomson, 25 miles from Fort Gordon, 1,861 square feet, 5.5% interest rate, no closing costs, no down payment. Shown by appointment only. 706-597-8336. Rate subject to change.

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**415 Mobile Homes For Sale**

**4806 HIGHWAY 25 NORTH** Updated doublewide, one acre shaded lot, excellent condition. For more information call Mary Yellon Realty at 706-554-0340.

**28X56 MOBILE HOME** and three acres. Shingle roof, vinyl siding, fireplace, utility house, pool, and decks. One mile from city limits. 1-912-682-1740 or 478-982-5433.

**2000 MIRAGE 24X52** Under pinned, washer and dryer, air conditioner. Must be moved. \$25,000. 706-554-0244.

**425 Apartments For Rent**

**AUGUSTA AUMOND VILLA** Two bedrooms, one and one half baths, 1,050 square feet. Fully equipped kitchen, carpet, drapes and blinds. Washer/dryer connection, with washer/dryer available. Large pool, Augusta's finest location, two minutes to golf course, tennis court and shopping center. 706-733-3823.

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**427 Commercial Rentals**

**FOR RENT** Former St. Joseph's Home Health Care office area in the Millen Loan and Finance Corp. building. Office has 25x45 lobby area with counter and four smaller 15x20 rooms. Call 478-982-5644.

**430 Condos/Townhouses**

**NEW TOWNHOUSE FOR RENT** Two bedrooms, two baths, all appliances, except washer and dryer, large attic, storage. Near I-20/Belair Road. Five minutes to Gate 1. Close to shopping. \$675 month, \$500 security deposit. References required. Available immediately. 706-868-1933.

**435 Homes For Rent**

**BEAUTIFUL TOWNHOUSE** Two bedrooms, two baths, convenient to Fort Gordon, I20, washer/dryer connections, large attic, security system and private patio area. No pets. HOA due included in rental price. \$725 month. 706-228-4268.

**HOME FOR RENT** Three bedrooms, one bath, washroom, stove, refrigerator, central air, alarm, fenced corner lot off Gordon Highway. \$550 per month, \$550 deposit. 706-798-2900 pager 706-730-2900.

**LIKE NEW HOME** Three bedrooms, living room, dining room, kitchen, carport. Credit check required. \$700 month. 706-554-6974.

**NEAR MIDVILLE** Three bedrooms, two baths, newly remodeled home, central heat and air, carport. \$525 month, plus \$525 deposit. 1-478-589-7433.

**SPACIOUS BRICK RANCH** in quiet cul-de-sac, 1,400 square feet, three bedrooms, two baths, greatroom has fireplace, security system, two car garage, large fenced yard, 15 minutes from Fort Gordon. \$875 per month. 4529 Calburn Way, available March 1. 706-733-6497.

**WEST AUGUSTA AVAILABLE NOW** Sharp three bedroom, two bath brick ranch, living room, family room plus den. Workshop and garage. Asking \$900 plus deposit. Call The Ret Team at Blanchard and Calhoun DIRECT 706-863-1511 ext. 274.

**440 Mobile Homes For Rent**

**14X70** Three bedrooms, two full baths, stove, refrigerator, electric central air/heat, large den on two acre lot, eight miles from Fort Gordon Gate 2. \$360 month, \$360 security deposit. No Pets. 706-556-3261.

**CLEAN, NEW TWO BEDROOM** 14x65 mobile homes, fully furnished, washer, dryer, central heat and air, only 3.5 miles from Gate 5. No Dogs. No Lease. \$400 per month plus deposit. Less expensive models also. 706-798-0495.\*

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**MOBILE HOMES FOR RENT** \$300 month, plus \$300 deposit, no pets. For more information call 706-794-0147.

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**THREE BEDROOM MOBILE HOME FOR RENT** East Burke County on five acres. \$600 month. Shivers Real Estate, 706-554-9953 or 833-8925.

**TWO BEDROOMS**, one bath, Cloverdale Subdivision, one mile from fort. Available now. New carpet, big yard, central heat and air, storage building. 706-738-7545 or 306-4874.

**WAYNESBORO IN THE COUNTRY** Two bedrooms, one bath, one acre private lot. References, deposit and lease required. 706-554-0507.

**445 Mobile Home Lots**

**MOBILE HOME LOTS FOR RENT** \$100 month, \$100 deposit. Waynesboro area. 770-577-6407.

**447 Rooms**

**ATTENTION OBC, ANCOG STUDENTS** Room for rent, minutes from Gate 5 in Pepperidge. \$350 month plus half utilities. 706-798-8434 or 297-2769.

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**455 Miscellaneous Rentals**

**BRICK WAREHOUSE FOR RENT** 3,000 square feet, two baths, private parking lot, fenced. 706-738-7545 or 306-4874.

**540 Furniture**

**BED: KING SIZE** plush mattress set. Brand new in plastic. \$175. 706-533-0544.

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**19" TV GOOD CONDITION** \$30 or best offer. 706-771-7648.

**PIONEER VIDEO EQUIPMENT** Pioneer Laser Disk (over 48 movies free). Pioneer video turner. Call for price. 706-650-2063.

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**690 YARD SALES**

**BIG YARD SALE** Saturday, February 7, 913 Progress Place (off Harvey to Franklin Place). Millen. Appliances, furniture, linens, knick-knacks, cookware, clothes and much more. 8 a.m. - 12 noon.

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  - Expresses surprise
  - Tomel, actress
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  - Doctor of Philosophy
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  - Intended to be sung
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  - Clear
  - Quilt
  - WordPerfect's home
  - Field (Spanish)
  - Domestic helps
  - Flocks of mallards
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# Tax

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Schedule an appointment at the Tax Center to ensure sufficient support is provided to each client. Military members are reminded to see their unit tax advisor before coming to the Tax Center.

The certified unit tax advisors and civilian volunteers for the 2003 tax filing season are:

- Staff Sgt. Troy Adamo, 31st Intelligence Battalion, 791-0427
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- Staff Sgt. Jerome Bankston, E Co., 447th Sig. Bn., 791-7855/2795
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- Staff Sgt. Kila Bradford, B 551 791-6859
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## Watching out for your battle buddy

**Pvt. Armando Monroig**  
*Signal staff*

Training Soldiers how to help an injured battle buddy by giving immediate medical aid and increasing their chance of survival was the subject of a recent course held here.

About 40 Soldiers gathered for a Combat Life Saver Course held at 249th RTS MED training building 13302 located off Lane Avenue, from Jan. 26 to Jan. 30.

The purpose of the combat life saver course is to train the average Soldier to be prepared whenever a situation calls for immediate medical assistance while in a field environment before a casualty can get to a medical detachment, said Staff Sgt. Michael Dancer, S3 operations NCOIC for the 249th General Hospital, and one of the course instructors.

He said a two-day recertification course is offered every two years for

those who want to maintain their combat life saver status, adding that at least one qualification class and two recertification classes are held per quarter.

The week-long course consisted of Soldiers practicing common task training skills that were originally learned in basic combat training, only more in-depth.

Throughout the week, Soldiers reviewed how to splint fractures, apply field and pressure dressings, treat abdominal and head wounds, prepare a litter and transport a patient safely, prevent diseases like malaria, and how to place an IV correctly.

Upon successful completion of the course Soldiers taking the course received certification as combat life savers.

Dancer said having combat life savers is important, and that all units need them.

"Anywhere there is not a regular medic, a 91B, you

can always use a combat life saver," he said. "We're just providing a service so Soldiers can go out and do their best in the field."

Dancer said aside from the units benefiting from having combat life savers, those who become certified benefit as well.

"It broadens their horizons," he said. "They get an

opportunity to see a side of the Army they don't normally get to see."

He said it gives a Soldier who might be interested in re-classing a glimpse into the medical field.

"A lot of the skills they learn, it's not only going to help them while they're in the Army, it's going to help them in the civilian sector,"

said Dancer.

Soldiers from various military occupational specialties - finance, drill sergeants, signal and chaplain's assistants to name a few - participated in the course.

"A lot of it is basic CTT type stuff," said Staff Sgt. Luis Rodriguez, a Russian linguist from the 16th Military Intelligence Group. "The first two days is going over stuff you should already be familiar with. Here, it is more cementing it."

Another one of the participants, Spc. Patrick Mann, an information systems operator analyst for A Company, 297th Military Intelligence Battalion, commented on one of the aspects of the course.

"The IV is the big defining moment of the course," said Mann. "It's more than what you do in CTT. It's one step up in taking care of a patient."

The last day was spent taking a written test on everything they had learned

and practicing how to place an IV correctly on a dummy arm.

Those who felt comfortable performing the task then tried it on one of their battle buddies.

"It was a lot easier than I thought it would be," Rodriguez said of inserting an IV.

Present at the class was Maj. Benjamin Stinson, chief nurse and executive officer of the 249th General Hospital.

"The course went well," he said. "The instructors did a great job."

"We got a great response," said Dancer of the participation, adding however that you can never have too much.

"More people on post need to participate in the combat life saver course," said Dancer, "because the more combat life savers we have the better off I think the Army will be ... because there is always someone to take care of your buddy."



(Above) Spc. Simeon Porter, military police assigned to HHC USAG, places a field dressing on an abdominal wound "victim." (Right, from left to right) Spc. Latoya Pritchard, HHSC 297th MI Bn., Spc. Tresha Jeter, HHC USAG, and Spc. Shandale Funderburg, a National Guardsman with the 82nd Maintenance Detachment, practice the correct way to place an injured Soldier onto an improvised litter.



(Below) CLSC instructor Staff Sgt. Natasha Turrell observes as Jeter sets up tubing for an IV bag. (Left) Staff Sgt. Michael Dancer (in BDUs) offers advice on how to administer an IV, to a group of CLSC students.



(Above) Porter places a head dressing on classmate Spc. Jason Patterson, a military police from the 297th Military Intelligence Battalion.



(Above) Spc. Shandale Funderburg (left) demonstrates the proper way to place a splint on victim Porter's arm.



(Left) Learning how to properly administer an IV on a patient was just one of the many life saving skills practiced during the Combat Life Saver Course.