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# The Signal



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## News UPDATE

### Job fair

Army Community Service is having a Mini Job, Career and Home Business Fair from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. **Wednesday** at the U.S. Army Reserve Center, Building 14401. The fair is open to the public. For information, call 791-0795.

### AER campaign

The annual Army Emergency Relief campaign is scheduled for **March 1 to May 27**.

For information, call 791-3371.

### Circus in town

The Royal Hanneford Circus will be at Fort Gordon's Barton Field through **Sunday**.

Showtimes are today 4:30 and 7:30 p.m.; Saturday 10:30 a.m., 2 and 7 p.m.; and Sunday 2 and 4:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 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.

### SCRA luncheon

Lt. Gen. Steven Boutelle, chief information officer, Army G-6, is the guest speaker for the Signal Corps Regimental Association Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. **March 1** at the Gordon Club.

Ticket prices: In advance, \$12 for members; \$14 for non-members; all tickets sold at the door are \$14. Advance tickets available at Conrad Hall Building 29807.

For information, call Robbe Ostby at 793-3500 or Lt. Col. Karla Donovan at 791-4124.

### 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.

### CIF closed

The Central Issue Facility is closed **Thursday to March 9** for inventory.

During this period, the CIF will suspend all issues and direct exchange of equipment, with the exception of RNCOA and AIT inprocessing March 9.

Equipment turn-ins are not affected during the period. The CIF resumes full operations March 10. For information, call Bobby Ray at 791-5186.

## 63rd Signal returns

Pvt. Armando Monroig  
Signal staff

The 63rd Signal Battalion was officially welcomed back to Fort Gordon during a ceremony at Alexander Hall Monday.

The homecoming ends a year-long deployment to Iraq where the battalion provided communications support for U.S. forces in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

About 900 family members and Soldiers came to formally greet the Soldiers. Among those in attendance were Brig. Gen. Janet Hicks, U.S. Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon commander, Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Terry, post command sergeant major, Congressman Max Burns from Georgia's 12th district, and Bob Young, mayor of Augusta.

Following introductions and the opening prayer, the stage curtains opened revealing members of the 63rd Signal Battalion standing in formation with Lt. Col. John Rutt, 63rd Signal Battalion commander, leading the formation.

Burns welcomed the Soldiers back to Fort Gordon and thanked them for their service.

"I want to say how much I appreciate you and how much the district I represent appreciates you," he said. "We honor your service."

He acknowledged the sacrifice the families of the deployed Soldiers made, being away from their loved ones over the last year.

"I am proud of you," he said to members of the 63rd, "and your nation is proud of you."

He added he supports what Soldiers have done overseas and will continue to do so.

"As a representative of Congress, I support your efforts. I will continue to support your



Photo by Pvt. Armando Monroig

**The 63rd Signal Battalion unfurled its colors Monday at Alexander Hall, officially marking its return to Fort Gordon. The battalion had been in Iraq for a year supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.**

efforts. I will continue to support this installation, Fort Gordon, and our U.S. military as they do their job to keep our nation free."

Following Burns, Rutt spoke briefly of his battalion's return. "It's a great day to be a Soldier," he said. "I thank you all today for joining us as we celebrate the return of the proud and ready 63rd Signal Battalion from service in Operation Iraqi Freedom."

Rutt acknowledged the Soldiers' hard work and dedication and let everyone know how proud he was of them.

"These Soldiers here installed and maintained numerous systems they had not been trained to use," he said. "This

is a significant testament of the 'get her done' attitude of the 63rd Signal Battalion."

He said every Soldier of the 63rd returned home safely, and thanked the Fort Gordon and Augusta communities for its support during the deployment.

Col. Nathaniel Smith, commander of the 93rd Signal Brigade, expressed his sentiments.

"We are extremely happy today of the proud and ready battalion," said Smith. "The 63rd Signal Battalion answered our nation's call."

He said the returning battalion was well trained, and had superb leadership.

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## AER: Helping Soldiers help themselves

Staff Sgt. Stacy Wamble  
Signal military editor

The Fort Gordon Army Emergency Relief campaign begins Monday and ends May 27.

The campaign, which usually ends May 15, was extended by Col. Robert Henderson, garrison commander, so all units can participate, according to Diane Sarber, installation AER officer. This year's goal is \$140,000. Last year the installation collected more than \$153,000.

"We know we're going to do that well again this year," she said, "but it is going to be a little bit more challenging because of the fact we do have so many of our Soldiers here on Fort Gordon either deployed or possibly deploying. The rest of us have just got to pick up the slack like we did last year because that's what we are, a military family, and we take care of each other."

Established in 1942 by the Secretary of War and the Army Chief of Staff, AER helps the Army take care of its own by providing emergency financial assistance in the form of no-interest loans and grants when there is a valid need, and educational scholarships.

"There are places, that in a financial emergency, Soldiers may resort to going to, that we would prefer they come to Army Emergency Relief first to see if they can be helped through this program," Sarber said. "It's not going to compound their financial problems because it's interest free. It is going to be something we are

going to work with them to set up repayment where it's going to help them rebound and not dig a deeper hole.

"One of the things about the campaign is not just to collect money, but to promote awareness. We want to make sure Soldiers are aware that Army Emergency Relief is a program for them," said Sarber. "We may have to say no, but every Soldier should be aware of what Army Emergency Relief is all about whether or not they seek assistance themselves, recommend it to the Soldiers they supervise or just to their peers."

The organization receives its money through contributions during the annual AER campaign, loan repayments, contributions, bequests from wills and investment profits.

"Hopefully, we'll always have a perpetual fund," Sarber said. "I always tell people, you're not giving to get. The true blessing would be that neither you nor I would ever need AER. We contribute just like we contribute to any charity... never with the hope that we'd use it one day."

Because the Army provides much of the administrative requirements, 95 cents of every dollar goes into programs for Soldiers and their families.

"Those of us who are the AER counselors and AER officers, it's our job to make sure we are good stewards of the money. If you donate your money to AER, then you certainly want to make sure I give it out fairly and that I follow a set of rules," Sarber said.

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## First-ever Federal Forum held here

Denise Allen  
Signal staff

Leaders from local, state and federal governments met at Fort Gordon Feb. 20 for the first Federal Forum.

"We are truly honored that you chose Fort Gordon to hold your very first Federal Forum," said Brig. Gen. Jan Hicks, commanding general of Fort Gordon and chief of Signal.

Ruben Barrales, deputy assistant to President George W. Bush and the head of the office of intergovernmental affairs, said that the purpose of the forum was to let people know the resources available at the federal government level.

"We're from the federal government, and we're here to help," he said, adding he knew that probably sounded ironic to those in the audience.

Community leaders from sheriffs to mayors to school board members as well as representatives from state legislature in South Carolina and Georgia attended the conference.

Dignitaries from 14 Georgia counties and 16 South Carolina counties were invited to attend the meetings, said Dennis Dorsey, senior advisor of the

office of the regional administrator for the Southeast Sunbelt Region of the U.S. General Services Administration.

"This gives locally elected officials a chance to interface with federal officials," he said.

Fort Gordon, because of its geographic location and it being a federal facility, was a perfect location to bring the representatives from the two states together, he said.

The Augusta area had been selected because of Augusta Mayor Bob Young's relationship with Washington, D.C. and the president, Barrales said.

After the opening session, there were discussion groups throughout the day on issues such as education, homeland security, health care and the economy.

"The people who can plug you into the network are here today," said Young in the opening meeting.

Whether or not another Federal Forum would be held elsewhere in the country depended on how well the first went, said Barrales.

"It's already a success. We've had a great response from the local officials," he said. "We want to hear from them whether it was helpful."



Photo by Pvt. Armando Monroig

## Under the Big Top

**The Royal Hanneford Circus struck its tent and unloaded animals Tuesday and Wednesday at Barton Field. The circus performs here through Sunday.**

# Soldier recalls Iraq experience

Speaks to veterans group at Aiken, S.C. luncheon

93rd Signal Brigade  
Public Affairs Office

A 63rd Signal Battalion Soldier, recently returned from Iraq, recounted some of his experiences to a group of veterans Feb. 10 at the Fifty Plus Club luncheon in Aiken, S.C.

Sgt. 1st Class Abdullah Khalifa, platoon sergeant, Company B, described his personal experiences of being a Soldier during Operation Iraqi Freedom to about 50 veterans of World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

"I was honored to be there and give that speech. Most of them are veterans - they gave us the opportunity to fight today," said Khalifa, "to fight for the same freedom they fought for then."

Donald Morris, president, Fifty Plus Club, complimented and thanked Khalifa after the luncheon.

Khalifa avoided the pitfalls of the politics of Iraq that is so much in the media today and focused on the young men and their outstanding performances in the most adverse weather conditions, Morris said.

His praise for the teamwork and "can do" attitude of the men to approach each and every task spoke well of his leadership of the platoon and for the caliber of the young men and women we have in the U.S. Armed Forces today, he said.



Photos by Sgt. Lyle Dillie  
Sgt. 1st Class Abdullah Khalifa, platoon sergeant, B Co. 63rd Signal Battalion, speaks to the Fifty Plus Club of Aiken, S.C., about his experiences during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

# Army terminates Comanche program

Joe Burlas  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON - The Army plans to cancel further research, development and planned purchases of the RAH-66 Comanche stealth helicopter.

Acting Secretary of the Army Les Brownlee and Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker told the Pentagon press corps late Monday the Army's Comanche termination recommendation to Congress is about getting the most bang for the buck for Army aviation.

"We have examined closely our resourcing plans for aviation and concluded that some of the capabilities those funds would provide are no longer consistent with the changed operating environment," Brownlee said.

From a purely business standpoint, it makes a lot more sense to upgrade the capabilities of the current Army aircraft fleet to meet the demands of the contemporary operating environment with the \$14 billion currently slated for the Comanche program versus getting the 121 Comanche helicopters designed for a different environment and a different enemy than the ones the Army faces today, Schoomaker said.

That \$14 billion represents about 40 percent of the planned Army aviation budget through fiscal year 2011.

The decision to cancel the Comanche program stems from one of Schoomaker's early directives to take a close look at Army aviation to determine how it should transform to best meet today's and tomorrow's challenges on the battlefield. The six-month study that ensued recently concluded.

Standardizing what comprises an aviation brigade was one of the study's recommendations.

There are currently seven different types of aviation brigades in the Army today. That standardization includes the Army Reserve and National Guard. The reserve component

has dozens of 1970s airframes like the UH-1 utility and AH-1 attack helicopters that had been phased out of the active Army more than a decade ago.

Given how reserve-component units have been tasked to support Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom in the past two years, they should be "plug-and-play" with their active-Army counterparts - but mostly are not due in large part to equipment differences, said Lt. Gen. H. Steven Blum, chief of the National Guard Bureau.

The 3rd Infantry Division's aviation brigade, recently back from Iraq, will be the first brigade to reset under the standardization plan. The future Army aviation brigades will have two battalions of 24 Apache attack helicopters each; a battalion of 30 Black Hawk helicopters; a utility battalion with eight light utility, 12 Chinook heavy utility and 12 Black Hawk helicopters and a number of unmanned aerial vehicles - for reconnaissance and possibly combat; and a maintenance battalion.

The Army plans to divert part of the terminated Comanche funds to buy more Black Hawk and Apache helicopters for the Army Reserve and National Guard.

The study also recommends

that the Army replace the OH-58D reconnaissance helicopter with something more current as well as replacing its aged cargo aircraft and creating another light utility helicopter. The Army is setting up programs to determine what the new requirements are and part of the diverted Comanche funds will be used to buy those aircraft, said Lt. Gen. Richard Cody, deputy chief of staff, G-3.

The study and recent lessons learned identified aircraft survivability as a major issue that needs to be addressed. Again money diverted from the Comanche program could upgrade a significant portion of the Army aircraft fleet with the latest flare and chaff defense systems.

In total, the Army plans to buy approximately 800 more aircraft and upgrade another 400 beyond what current funding allows with diverted Comanche funds.

Not all of the approximately \$6.9 billion invested in the 20-year-old Comanche program will be a loss. Technologies learned during the development of the helicopter will be added to the Army's technology base for use in future aviation programs, perhaps the Joint Multi-Purpose Helicopter or Joint Cargo Aircraft, Brownlee said.

"If you told me six months ago that I would be standing here saying the Army no longer needs the Comanche helicopter, I wouldn't have believed you," Cody said. "It is the most flexible, most agile aircraft this country has ever produced with leap ahead technology. The makers of the Comanche should be justifiably proud of what they have accomplished."

However, Cody said he has determined that the Comanche is a niche-capability aircraft whose funding would be better spent upgrading the current fleet.

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# Post sees addition of self service supply

Denise Allen  
Signal staff

While browsing the aisles of Fort Gordon's new Self-Service Supply Center, Pat Buchholz, the installation's strategic management officer, and Mike Rodgers of the Signal Corps Museum, remarked on the convenience of the store.

"Isn't this nice?" said Buchholz, who admitted she'd already been in the store for a sneak peek before the ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony Tuesday.

"I don't know why they ever closed the other one," said Rodgers.

The 7,500-square-foot building features more than 2,500 different products from pens and notebooks to clocks and wire cutters. Many of the items, those marked with red and green tags, were made by legally blind or severely handicapped workers.

L C Industries of Durham, N.C., will operate the store. It will employ five, including one legally blind person.

L C Industries is affiliated with the National Industries for the Blind. There are 86 agencies across the country affiliated with NIB that work with blind individuals to create some of the products sold at the SSSC.

"Their sole and very noble mission is to create opportunities for those who are legally blind," Brig. Gen. Jan Hicks, U.S. Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon commanding general, said during the ceremony.

The process of bringing the

store to Fort Gordon took two years and required the support of several key individuals on Fort Gordon including Col. Robert Henderson, garrison commander, and his staff.

"It's been more than 20 years since Fort Gordon, Ga., has had an SSSC. It's about time," said Hicks.

The construction of the facility cost Fort Gordon nothing as L C Industries footed the bill.

"It's like having a Staples or Office Depot in our backyard," she said.

The SSSC is located on the corner of 13th Street and 9th Avenue, and is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Shoppers are restricted to those with a government IMPAC card.



A new Self Service Supply Center opened Tuesday. It is located on the corner of 13th Street and 9th Avenue, and is open 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday to IMPAC card shoppers only.

Photo by Tammy Moehliman

## Soldier trains with Marines

Capt. Darcy Saint-Amant  
21st Signal Brigade

FORT MEADE, Md.— Instead of heading to Fort Gordon for the Captains' Career Course next summer, Capt. Tony Ellis will be joining the few and the proud aboard Marine Corps Base Quantico, for the Expeditionary Warfare School in July.

Ellis was selected as one of five Signal Corps officers to attend EWS in lieu of the Captains' Career Course. The Marine Corps University runs one EWS course each year, and only 23 percent of all Marine Corps captains are selected to attend in residence.

Ellis will spend 10 months with Marine Corps, Air Force, Navy and international officers learning about expeditionary operations, joint doctrine and the Marine Corps Planning Process (similar to the Army's Military Decision Making Process).

Ellis is currently serving as the Executive Officer for B Company, 302nd Signal Battalion at Fort Meade.

To compete for selection to attend EWS, a DA 4187 and two letters of recommendation are due to the Signal non-branch qualified captains' assignments officer by November each year.

For more information, go to the EWS website at [www.mcu.usmc.mil/ews](http://www.mcu.usmc.mil/ews).

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The ECOA applies to any creditor who regularly extends credit, including banks, small loan and finance companies, retail and department stores, and credit card companies and real estate brokers who are arranging home financing.

WHEN YOU APPLY FOR CREDIT, A CREDITOR MAY NOT...

- Discourage you from applying because of your sex, marital status, age, race, national origin, or because you receive public assistance income.

- Ask you to reveal your sex, race, national origin or religion. A creditor may ask you to voluntarily disclose this information (except for religion) if you're applying for a real estate loan. This information helps federal agencies enforce anti-discrimination laws. You may be asked about your residence or immigration status.

- Ask if you're widowed or divorced. When permitted to ask marital status, a creditor may only use the terms: married, unmarried or separated.

- Ask about your marital status if you're applying for a separate, unsecured account. A creditor may ask you to provide this information if you live in community property states: Arizona, California, Idaho, Louisiana, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas and Washington. A creditor in any state may ask for this information if you apply for a joint or secured account.

- Request information about your spouse, except when your spouse is applying with you; your spouse will be allowed to use the account; you are relying on your spouse's income or on alimony or child support income from a former spouse; or if you reside in a community property state.

- Inquire about your plans for having or raising children.

- Ask if you receive alimony, child support, or separate maintenance payments, unless you're first told that you don't have to provide this information if you won't rely on these payments to get credit. A creditor may ask if you have to pay alimony, child support or separate maintenance payments.

WHEN DECIDING TO GIVE YOU CREDIT, A CREDITOR MAY NOT...

- Consider your sex, marital status, race, national origin or religion.

- Consider whether you have a telephone listing in your name. A creditor may consider whether you have a phone.

- Consider the race of people in the neighborhood where you want to buy, refinance or improve a house with borrowed money.

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- You're too young to sign contracts, generally younger than 18 years of age;

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- A creditor may not assume a woman of childbearing age will stop working to raise children.

- Discount or refuse to consider income because it comes from part-time employment or pension, annuity or retirement benefits programs.

- Refuse to consider regular alimony, child support or separate maintenance payments. A creditor may ask you to prove you have received this income consistently.

(See The Signal next week for a follow-up article, which explains specific rights under the ECOA, and what can be done if discrimination occurs.)



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# 11th Signal Soldiers, colors come home

Pfc. Joy Pariente  
TRADOC News Service

**FORT HUACHUCA, Ariz.** – The 11th Signal Brigade Thunderbirds returned home and uncased their colors in front of a crowd of family and friends who were ecstatic regardless of their arrival shortly after midnight Feb. 18.

The welcoming ceremony at Barnes Field House greeted Soldiers who have been deployed for between three and 16 months to the Southwest Asia theater of operations, including Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Qatar and Iraq, said 1st Lt. Bill Knott, public affairs officer for 11th Signal Bde.

The brigade's subordinate units include the 86th Signal Battalion, 504th Signal Bn., 40th Signal Bn. and Headquarters, Headquarters Company, 11th Signal Bde.

The Thunderbirds were deployed to "provide communication support to subordinate warfighter units in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom," said Col. Brian Hurley, commander, 11th Signal Bde.

The unit also learned a lot of lessons during their deployment, including the value of teamwork.

"You've gotta work as a team to get the mission accomplished because there's not a lot of reaction time," said Master Sgt. Michael Haskins, HHC 11th Signal Bde.

The night also brought the return and uncasing of the brigade colors. The colors were cased when the brigade's mission was completed, Hurley said. The colors were uncased when the unit returned home

to signify the start of the next mission for the 11th Signal Bde.: returning to normal garrison brigade mission.

After being dismissed from formation, Soldiers rushed into the arms of loved ones who had been waiting patiently all night.

Being back in the desert environment of Arizona was "refreshing" to Spc. Talon Jayne, 86th Signal Bn., who returned home after one year, one month of deployment. He

was looking most forward to "seeing this one," he said, gesturing to his wife, Katie, and then hugging her.

Most Soldiers, like Haskins, were eager to get back to their families.

"The greatest thing for a commander is to bring everyone home safely," Hurley said.

However, he added, there are still Thunderbirds serving in Southwest Asia. "It's not a real homecoming until they're all home safely."



Photo by Sgt. Kristi Jaeger

Sgt. Tim Murdoch, 86th Signal Battalion, returns home to his wife Melanie and daughter Paige. Hugs, kisses and tears were waiting at Fort Huachuca, Ariz., at the "final" redeployment ceremony for 11th Signal Brigade Soldiers Feb. 18.

# Iraqis want occupation to end; don't want forces to leave

John Banusiewicz  
American Forces Press Service

**BAGHDAD, Iraq** – Polls indicate Iraqis want the occupation of their country to end, but don't want the coalition to leave, the senior spokesman for the Coalition Provisional Authority said Monday.

Dan Senor said the overwhelming majority of Iraqis are grateful for their liberation and are glad that Saddam Hussein's rule is over. They want to rule themselves, he said, but they know the security situation in Iraq requires continued coalition presence.

Senor and Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt, deputy operations director for Combined Joint Task Force 7, met with members of the Pentagon press corps traveling with Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld.

"(The Iraqis) want political sovereignty, and they're going to get political sovereignty on June 30, as outlined in the Nov. 15 agreement" between the coalition and the Iraqi Governing Council, Senor said. "But they also want some presence of U.S. security forces here in order to address security problems going forward."

A status-of-forces agreement has yet to be worked out that would detail the parameters of a U.S. military presence in Iraq after June 30. Senor said the governing council and provincial leaders around Iraq recognize the need for a U.S. forces role, as does most of the Iraqi population.

"They recognize what we recognize, and that is that Iraq is now the central front in the war on terrorism," he

**"(The Iraqis) want political sovereignty, and they're going to get political sovereignty on June 30."**

Dan Senor  
Coalition Provisional Authority

said, "and a number of organizations, some with ties to al Qaeda, have decided to stake their ground in Iraq. And against that backdrop, while the Iraqi security forces are increasing in number dramatically ... there is still an important role for the U.S. military in helping to stabilize the situation."

Kimmitt said that as much progress as Iraqi security forces have made as they've grown from zero to more than 200,000 strong in only nine months, they're not ready to control security in Iraq independently.

"They themselves understand that they're not ready yet," he said. "But we are firmly committed to working side by side with them to get them to where they need to be before we start diminishing either our visibility or our responsibilities."

The general said putting Iraqi security forces out early was a deliberate decision based on what they bring to the equation. They know the language, culture, neighborhoods and people, he said, and Iraqi citizens naturally trust them more than they do coalition troops.

"One can't overestimate the value they bring in being able to link us to the Iraqi people and demonstrate the fact that we, in

fact, are trying to turn them into a capable and credible force," Kimmitt added.

While Iraqi security forces continue to grow both in numbers and in responsibility, he said there's no shortcut to the experience the Iraqis need to become a fully capable security force. "It takes us 20 years to train a colonel. It takes us 10 years to train a sergeant to Western values and Western tactics, techniques and procedures," he pointed out, noting that the new Iraqi security forces have only been on the street for six months. "It's going to take some time," he said.

Senor said that security was a big-ticket item in the supplemental spending package for Iraq, with \$3.2 billion dedicated to training and equipment for Iraqi security forces.

Meanwhile, the massive deployment and redeployment effort is almost half complete as troops return home from a year or more in Iraq and their replacements deploy to pick up the duty. Kimmitt said the transfer of authority is going well, partly because of experience gained in Bosnia and Kosovo, but the magnitude of this effort is a first.

"I think it's a credit to the logisticians who have planned this into the minute, infinite detail," the general said, "and the people on the ground who have actually gone out and ensured that the routes are open and that we've done this with a minimum of disruption to daily life – and ... with the backdrop of that transfer going on, still conducting offensive operations to kill or capture anti-Iraqi elements and anti-coalition elements."

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# Viewpoint

Information, Opinions, and Commentary

## Army to reset into modular brigade-centric force

Gary Sheftick  
Army News Service

As units return from Iraq, the Army will "reset" brigades into the fighting formations that will be needed in the future, a senior Army official said.

Under Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker's "modularity" focus area, the 33 maneuver brigades in today's active-component Army will be reset into 43 to 48 brigades. The Army will be temporarily "plussed up" by 30,000 troops to fill the added brigades, officials said.

The brigades will be smaller but more lethal, officials said, including artillery and reconnaissance assets previously at the division level. Some corps assets, like aviation and artillery, will move down to the

divisions. The number of divisions will remain at 10 in the active component.

"The worst thing we could have done right now is bring on more divisions," a senior Army official said, explaining that the Army doesn't need more headquarters staff; it needs more maneuver elements.

Each of the 10 divisions will have at least four maneuver brigades (instead of three) by 2006. Then the Army will make a decision if five more maneuver brigades will be added by 2007.

Along with the maneuver brigades, or "units of action," each division will also have an aviation brigade, a maintenance brigade and a "strike" brigade. For instance, a division could have two armored

**"War always provides you with a much harder look at formations than peace does."**

brigades, an infantry brigade, a Stryker Brigade Combat Team, and even a Marine Expeditionary Brigade attached, Army officials said. They said that the division headquarters will be more joint by design and have more potential for "force packaging."

Light infantry and heavy mechanized divisions, mountain divisions and armored divisions — all will be more similar and modular under the new plan. The seven different types of divisions today will become

standardized, officials said, and be known as "units of employment."

In the future, a brigade could be pulled from one division and fit right into another, a senior official said. In fact, he said a future rotation to Iraq might include brigades from five different divisions.

The intent is to create a modular "brigade-based" Army that is more responsive to regional combatant commanders' needs, officials said.

"War always provides you with a much harder look at formations than peace does," the senior Army official said.

The 3rd Infantry Division, which returned from Iraq in September, is serving as the first test bed of the modularity concept. One of its brigades will test the new structure next month at the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, Calif.

The 101st Airborne Division, which returned last week from Iraq, will be the next to undergo the structure change, officials have announced.

More than 200,000 Soldiers are currently on the move either deploying or redeploying from Southwest Asia.

"We're taking this window of opportunity to restructure forces for where we want to be in the Future Combat System," the senior Army official said.

"We're doing it with the most combat-tested and combat-experienced Army we've ever had," he said. "We have leaders at every level that understand the rigors of combat."

(This is the sixth article in a series on the Army chief of staff's immediate focus areas.)

## Commentary: Lollipops not only reason for teens to voice opinions at polls

Kirstin Dillingham  
Army News Service

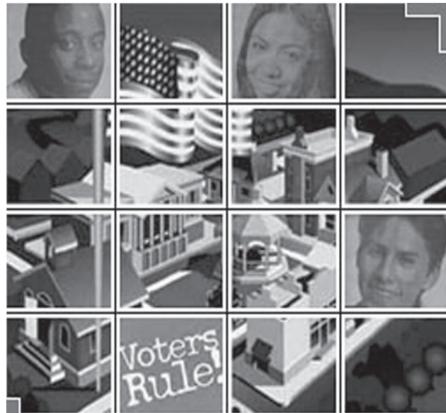
As I approached my 18th birthday last November, I grew more and more excited because I had already registered to vote and was just awaiting the opportunity to exercise my new right.

A lot of people probably thought I was a nerd for being so excited about the simple act of voting, but I was eager to live up to the responsibility of living in a democracy: to choose a leader capable of successfully running the country according to the wishes of the people.

With these thoughts in mind, I eagerly awaited Arizona's Democratic primary.

I did my part Feb. 3 and voted for the first time. I had hoped to get one of those "I voted" stickers out of the experience (which I did), and I also got something else that had never occurred to me: a lollipop.

Although most of my friends are, like myself, politically aware and active, I am always disappointed at the number of 18-year-olds who couldn't name a presidential



candidate if their lives depended on it. I've been told fewer teenagers come out to vote than any other age group, and I think most people I know who registered to vote did so only to get extra credit points in their U.S. Constitution classes.

Many people believe that even if they do vote, they will never make a difference. However, I believe our individual votes do have an impact.

We need only take just a few minutes to register and then fill out a simple ballot so we can help decide the future of our country.

I know I'll always vote, every chance I get, regardless of the stickers and the candy.

We teenagers will be ready to take on the responsibility of being a part of the democratic process only if we register to vote, learn about the issues and candidates, and then show up at the polls on voting day.

## Explore world of African American inventions

Staff Sgt. Stacy Wamble  
Signal military editor

As African American History month or Black History Month (I guess it's whichever one you prefer) draws to a close, I felt it would be good for me to look into the history of my ethnicity.

As always there is a plethora of information on Civil Rights Leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., abolitionist Harriet Tubman, and civil rights activist Malcolm X.

Of course, there is information on Dr. Mae Jemison, the first black female to enter space; Dr. Charles Drew, who developed a system of producing plasma and was the first medical director for the first American Red Cross



The baby buggy was invented by W.H. Richardson.

blood bank; Garret Morgan, who invented the traffic light and the gas mask; and George Washington Carver who invented peanut butter and other uses for the peanut.

Peanut butter is for the most part a great invention, and that got me to wondering. What other everyday items did African Americans invent?

So, off I went in search of the answers. Lo, and behold, there is all sorts of information about African American inventors and a whole lot of inventions.

Here is but a partial list of every day items invented by African Americans.

The invention most of us can't do without—the cellular phone—was invented by Henry Sampson. Running a close second is Benjamin Thornton who came up with the answering machine.

Sarah Boone invented the ironing board.

Every gardener and lawn enthusiast wants to thank J.A. Burr for inventing the lawn mower and J.W. Smith who invented the lawn sprinkler.

Teachers and students the worlds over have John L. Love to thank for inventing the pencil sharpener.

For the household enthusiast, there are a lot of thank you's

to be given to African American inventors.

E.W. Stewart invented the mop, G.T. Sampson invented the clothes dryer, L.P. Ray invented the dustpan, J. Standard who conceived



The fire extinguisher was invented by Tom J. Marshal.



The curtain rod was invented by S.R. Scottron

the refrigerator.

All kids, especially my son, should bow at the feet of Lonnie Johnson who invented the Super Soaker.

For those of us in the military, especially the unit prevention leaders, a special thanks goes out to Dewey Sanderson who conceptualized the urinalysis machine.

For the snack lover in all of us, a well-deserved and hearty thank you should be sent to George Crum who discovered potato chips. Augustus Jackson should have a memorial erected in his image for he came up with ice cream.

I think my most favorite is the fountain pen invented by William Purvis. It's

probably my favorite because they come in a lot of different colors and I usually end up with about 20 at the end of the week.

At any rate, there are many, many more. I could go on for days, weeks even, but that would leave very little for you to find on your own. Happy hunting.



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# Despite injuries, medic tries to save fellow Soldier

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Florida National Guard  
Public Affairs

**FORT STEWART, Ga.** – Sometimes the biggest heroes are the quietest people, and Spc. Matthew Moss is that kind of hero.

The 22-year-old medic doesn't talk loudly about his experiences in Iraq, but when the soft-spoken Florida National Guard Soldier tells his story, it's in a steady and matter-of-fact tone.

Moss downplays the role he played on a sunny November morning in Baghdad, when an improvised explosive device hit his convoy, and he ignored his own wounds and tried to save the life of a fellow Soldier.

Although that Soldier – Spc. Robert Wise – died from his extensive injuries, some people still consider Moss's attempts to save Wise to be heroic and selfless.

"I believe if Robert (Wise) had any chance at all, Matthew was the one who gave it to him," said Tammy Wise, mother of the fallen Soldier, said in a recent phone interview. "Matthew is very near and dear to my heart."

Moss, Wise and another Soldier were riding together Nov. 12 in a humvee through the center of Baghdad, escorting Army explosives experts on their way to the site of an

undetonated IED. The Soldiers – all members of 3rd Battalion, 124th Infantry Regiment – were at the end of a three-vehicle convoy, and were stopping by their compound to pick up supplies before the mission.

Moss said it was around 9 a.m. when the bomb exploded just after their vehicle had rounded a corner of a dusty Baghdad street.

"The last thing I remember talking to (Wise) about was at the intersection right before that corner," Moss explained in an interview here. "I said to him, 'I hope we take the river road, 'cause that will get us to the compound faster.' He said 'Yeah, you're right.' And about 10 seconds later, the bomb went off."

The bomb was a 155 mm artillery round detonated by remote control about five feet away from their vehicle. Ironically, it was the same type of device they were on their way to destroy.

"Everything on the right side of my body felt like it was hit with a sledgehammer," Moss said. "For an instant I heard a loud crash in my right ear ... (and) there was smoke everywhere. I couldn't see, and it takes your breath away."

"I had no clue what happened, so I stopped the vehicle to look around and see what had happened," Moss continued, "and that was when I started hearing my gunner

shouting 'My foot, my foot!'" Moss said he didn't hear anything from Wise after the explosion, so he got out and ran up to the lead vehicle yelling for help. When Moss returned to the damaged humvee, he saw Wise was badly hurt, wasn't breathing, and needed immediate treatment.

"He was a pretty big guy," Moss said of Wise. "He weighed at least 180 pounds, and he had at least 80 pounds of combat gear on, so I was thinking there was no way in hell I was going to get him out of the truck."

Since his injured gunner couldn't help and no other medics had arrived yet, Moss said he "just turned around and yanked Wise out of the (vehicle) somehow," and started treatment. Another medic arrived to help, and together they managed to get Wise breathing again. Then they turned to help the wounded gunner, who received serious injuries to his foot, and is now receiving treatment at Fort Stewart.

But despite the rapid treatment, resuscitation, bandages, and intravenous fluids, Wise died of his shrapnel wounds.

It was only after his teammates were treated that Moss received medical attention for a blown eardrum, shrapnel cuts on his hands and body, and abrasions on his eyes.

"I couldn't open my eyes for a few days after the explo-



Photo by Staff Sgt. Michael Southerland

**Spc. Matthew Moss (left) shakes hands with Maj. Gen. Douglas Burnett, Florida National Guard adjutant general, after receiving a Purple Heart during a ceremony at Fort Stewart, Ga., Jan. 30. Moss was wounded during an explosion in Baghdad in November.**

sion," Moss said.

Another Florida National Guard Soldier who was in the vicinity during the explosion – Spc. Daniel Morgan of 3rd Battalion, 124th Infantry Regiment – lauded Moss' efforts and explained the attempts to save Wise would have been extremely difficult, given the circumstances.

"He didn't even think about himself," Morgan said after returning to Fort Stewart in early February. "The first thing he did was try to pull (Wise) out of the Humvee, resuscitate him, and bandage the wound. To me, that was a great job."

Moss was sent to Germany and then to Fort Stewart for treatment and

surgery on his eardrum, and in January was invited to Washington, D.C., as a guest during the president's State of the Union address. On Jan. 30, Moss and four other Florida National Guard Soldiers received the Purple Heart from Florida adjutant general Maj. Gen. Douglas Burnett.

## Standardized PT to be in place for IET Soldiers by April 1

**Sgt. Kim Dooley**  
Fort Benning, Ga.

The Army Physical Fitness School hosted a four-day course to train Fort Benning's drill sergeants on the Training and Doctrine Command Standard Physical Training Program for initial-entry Soldiers at Doughboy Stadium this week.

The training, which provided instruction to roughly 94 NCOs, is part of the school's ongoing mission to teach Accession Command's drill sergeants how to conduct PT for Soldiers in training, said Lt. Col. William Rieger, APFS commandant.

About five years ago, APFS was tasked to evaluate PT in the training base and develop a systematic approach to initial-entry training PT to strengthen Soldiers physically while controlling injuries, incorporating the most up-to-date knowledge and expertise in physical fitness and exercise physiology.

"Our hypothesis was that if we trained Soldiers in a more prescriptive, standardized manner during PT, and we created that PT program as providing a foundation for all the other things that you do in basic training during the day, then the Soldier going through basic training would be stronger physically and not get hurt during ... things like the bayonet assault course or the obstacle course," Rieger said.

At the time, the IET Soldiers' PT was geared toward their success on the Army Physical Fitness Test rather than the physical stress of their Soldier tasks, Rieger said.

The standardized PT reduces the emphasis on APFT preparation and focuses instead on building Soldiers' fitness to reduce injuries and improve performance in the physical aspects of their training, he said.

Once developed, the standardized PT was studied and approved by the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine independent of the APFS, Rieger said.

"We've made sure we're doing the right thing," he said. "This is a modified PT program that is very well thought-out and researched. It's a great conditioning pro-

gram that toughens the body not only in the right places, but with the proper progression so that (Soldiers) don't get hurt and are better prepared to do their jobs."

The program has been in place in many initial-training units for as long as two years, including Fort Benning's Infantry Training Brigade, Rieger said. However, TRADOC has directed the standardized PT be implemented at all IET locations by April 1.

To that end, Rieger and APFS instructors have been on the road, teaching drill sergeants at the Army's five training centers and at other specified locations. All in all, the instructors spend 38 weeks a year traveling and teaching, a pace he anticipates will keep up for the next few years.

The drill sergeants' training includes step-by-step instruction in how to correctly perform each exercise and how to conduct PT sessions for initial-entry Soldiers.

"We also spend a lot of time educating the drill sergeants on how to assess the individual Soldiers' fitness level – seeing where their weak points may be," Rieger said. "By teaching the drill sergeants that, they can (potentially) recognize when an injury is going to happen, and then this program is also somewhat preventative in nature."

"Drill sergeants are key to the success of this program," he said.

Staff Sgt. Nathan Haynes, a drill sergeant with D Company, 2nd Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment, said his unit has already been using the standardized PT to train their Soldiers for quite some time.

"It's more combat-related," said Haynes, who has been training Soldiers for six months. "It definitely gives the privates more mobility and coordination."

The only thing the standardized PT program doesn't do is help the Soldiers with the PT test, Haynes said, but that's not a problem.

The drill sergeants still make sure the



Courtesy photo

**Staff Sgt. Nathan Haynes, a drill sergeant with D Co., 2nd Bn., 19th Inf. Regt., participates in standardized PT training.**

Soldiers are trained and ready for the APFT.

"We have them doing push-ups and sit-ups every chance we have so they'll be ready," he said.

While the program is approved doctrine only for initial-entry-training units, Rieger said the benefits of the program extend to Soldiers in any unit.

"We'll train at Fort Benning whenever we're asked to," he said.

## AER

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"There are guidelines about what we can and can't do," said Sarber. "There are times when we do have to turn someone down if it doesn't meet the regulatory requirements."

"When we interpret that regulation and when we make decisions, we make every effort to assist the Soldier in their time of financial need," she said. "We are trying our very best to assist the Soldier in what they perceive to be a financial crisis. Even if we can't help them through AER, perhaps financial counseling or some intervention with a creditor or whatever may be what this office does for the Soldier, but we are here for the Soldier."

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"The contributions don't stay here locally, they go to AER headquarters, but we're not bound by how much we collect as to how much we give out," said Sarber. "It's not a requirement to have given to AER. It's not anything we take into consideration."

"We're taking care of the guy or girl right next to us. The one who might need that," she said. "Any of us could be a victim of an unexpected financial crisis. When you're in an emergency situation, you don't anticipate that so that's when AER is so valuable for Soldiers."

One supporter holds a golf tournament to raise money for the program.

"It's a way for (the 15th Signal Brigade) to have a good time and raise money for an extremely good cause," said Col. Allen Woodhouse, commander 15th Signal Brigade. "History has shown that AER provides more funds than we've been able to raise or put back into AER."

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## Pre-command course in session

The Fort Gordon Brigade/Battalion Pre-Command Course is in session here Monday through March 12.

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

The following command designees are attending

Class 005-04: Col. Lawarren Patterson, 1st Signal Brigade, Youngsan, Korea; Col. Leonard Montford, Project Manager Force 21 Battle Command Brigade and Below, Fort Monmouth, N.J.

Lt. Col. Edward Morris Jr., 1114th Signal Battalion, Fort Hood, Texas; Lt. Col. John Leaphart, Project Manager Defense Communications System Pacific, Fort

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Lt. Col. Kimberly Carden, 102nd Signal Battalion,

Wiesbaden, Germany; Lt. Col. Louise Moroney, 114th Signal Battalion, Fort Detrick, Md.

Lt. Col. Aubrey Wood III, 123rd Signal Battalion, Fort Stewart, Ga.; Lt. Col. Mitchell Kilgo, 78th Signal Battalion, Camp Zama, Japan; Lt. Col. Jane Zak, 198th Signal Battalion, Wilmington, Del.; Maj. Frank Santore, 280th Signal Battalion, Georgetown, Del.

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# Army full-time job for some Reservists

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

Driving through the gates of Fort Gordon isn't just a once a month occurrence for Staff Sgt. Janette Casey, a reservist with the 345th Military Intelligence Battalion.

For her civilian job, Casey, the supply noncommissioned officer in charge of Bravo company, also works on post as a military technician, working as a unit administrator.

"The easiest way to describe what I do," said Casey of her day-to-day activities in the office, "is to say that I basically take care of all the personnel and administrative duties for my company, just like someone would in an active duty orderly room. I do training schedules, risk assessments, attend conferences, process Soldier's pay and process medical records."

Hiring reservist Soldiers for the civilian positions is advantageous for the Army because mil techs have a better understanding of how the military system works and the needs of Soldiers, Casey said.

"This is one of the few positions where you really get to see everything that goes on and how a unit actually operates, what kind of decisions a commander and first sergeant has to make and how one thing affects another. It gives me a lot of insight into all the background work that goes into running a unit," Casey said.

"We also have to maintain all of our military requirements so when we're out there we realize how much organization it takes to do the training," she said. "We do weapons qualifications, Common Task Training, physical training - everything an active duty Soldier



Staff Sgt. Janette Casey (center) pins on E-6 rank Feb. 7. Casey serves the military in dual roles, both as a Reservist as well as a military technician.

would do, we do as Reservists."

According to Casey, the mil tech position is the only government job that requires employees to have a dual status.

"In other words," she said, "we have to maintain our reserve status in a support unit at the civilian job we are holding, so if I lose my reserve status, I lose my civilian job too."

When mil techs get mobilized their slots are held for up to five years on a leave without pay status.

"You can come back to the position after being released from active duty and resume with all of the progressions and pay raises you would have earned if you had been there the whole time," said Casey, who was activated with her unit

from December 2001 to September 2003 to support the 513th MI Brigade during Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

This hit home for Capt. Randall Brown, a staff operations and training specialist with the 345th MI Bn., who was hired as a mil tech and mobilized a month later for 18 months.

"For me there's an advantage to working the same job as a civilian that I do as a Soldier," Brown said. "It's the same job except some days I wear the uniform. This situation allows me to stay focused on one thing instead of having to juggle two different careers."

While military rank isn't always used to determine the civilian position someone will fill,

Brown said, the junior positions are usually filled by enlisted Soldiers and the managerial positions usually go to the officers.

"There are places where someone of a lower position in the civilian job works along side someone they outrank in the Army," Brown said.

"Another advantage for me was when I was a company commander and only working with the Soldiers once a month, having a job as a mil tech really helped me stay in the loop on what was going on the rest of the time," he said.

For more information on mil tech positions or other DA civilian employee opportunities, go to the Army Civilian Personnel Online homepage at [www.cpo.army.mil](http://www.cpo.army.mil).

# Soldiers see improved barracks after deployment

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

WASHINGTON - More than \$65 million is being spent on improving single Soldiers' barracks while they are deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan.

Soldiers from Fort Riley, Kan., who served in Iraq, came home to freshly painted barracks, properly working lighting and plumbing fixtures and new tiles or re-carpeted floors, said Lt. Col. Wesley Anderson, the director of Public Works at Fort Riley.

About 5,546 Soldiers will see \$2.4 million in improvements at Fort Riley. That number includes Soldiers who have already returned from overseas deployments and others who are scheduled to return in Sep-

tember, he added.

Other installations undergoing improvements are Fort Campbell, Ky.; Fort Carson, Colo.; Fort Bragg, N.C.; Fort Bliss and Fort Hood in Texas.

Fort Hood is making the largest improvements by upgrading the electrical systems in the barracks, said Donald LaRocque, the Public Works program manager for the Installation Management Agency.

"Soldiers now have audiovisual equipment, computers and microwaves. The Directorate of Public Works is going to increase the current capacity so that Soldiers can plug in more equipment without blowing the circuit breakers, LaRocque said.

Improving the living conditions for single Soldiers has

been a work in progress for DPW officials, but it has been accelerated in most cases to take advantage of empty barracks, LaRocque said.

"Units will be rotating on a regular basis while we're at war, and we can get a lot done in a year in an empty building," LaRocque said.

In most cases the changes were cosmetic and include having a cleaning crew come in, painting and hanging up pictures.

More than \$8 million in new furniture was purchased for the Soldiers who reside in the older barracks at Fort Campbell, said Col. James Duttweiler, the post director of Public Works.

Soldiers who return from serving in the second rotation of Operation Iraqi Freedom and

the fifth rotation of Operation Enduring Freedom will also see significant improvements done to their barracks when they return home, LaRocque said.

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# Reunited

Kathryn Palmer  
Army Community Service

Finally, Your loved one's tour of duty is over, and you are in the midst of a joyful homecoming.

Feelings of joy, relief and eagerness come bubbling to the surface, and you are eager to share the feelings with the closest person in your life. Having been there many times, I know the joy, happiness, expectations and reality of it all.

Some of the homecomings were easier to adjust to than others, and a lot depended on children's ages, friends and the length of the deployment. Each homecoming may be as much of a learning experience as your separation has been. This is especially true if this has been your spouse's first deployment, or if this is your first separation from each other.

Times of change help us grow and learn. You've learned to do things that you never thought you were capable of doing. Both of you have lived through new experiences, and therefore, learning and growth has occurred. Growth brings knowledge and change. Anxiety is a natural and normal part of getting back together. Take things slowly and get reacquainted.

A successful reunion isn't a single event that's over in a few joyful moments. A successful reunion is a

process of reintegration – a coming together that includes....

- Acknowledging and welcoming dependence on, and the need for each other
- Real affection between partners and among parents and children

- Sharing information and experiences, goals, and values among all family members
- Fair division of resources and responsibilities;
- Perhaps most important of all, big doses of laughter

Communication will help to bring you closer together. It gives you time to become reacquainted, and helps to let your partner know how you feel. Understand that the feeling of anxiety is a normal part of the reunion process, and that you have been apart from each other and have grown.

Take time to know each other again. Be open and discuss your negative feelings and frustrations. Don't assume the worst about your partner and if you have concerns about fidelity, talk to your chaplain or department of social work. Spend time with your children and take time to get reacquainted. Give your children time to adjust to "Daddy or Mommy is back."

If changes in your children's behavior such as anger, crying or temper tantrums occur for an extended period of time



Photo by Steve Brady

Sp. David Lashua, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 63rd Signal Battalion, hugs his son Harley and wife Lehua, upon his return from Iraq Feb. 19.

contact your pediatrician.

You've been working separately, now it's time for the two of you to work together again. You will be dealing with change.... but you've handled it before, and you will again. Reunion means that the two of you will be sharing the joy, the

love, the work and the adjustments.... and that makes all the difference.

(Palmer is the mobilization and deployment program manager for ACS. Excerpts taken from Operation Ready, "Homecoming and Reunion" and Life Skills Education "Together Again.")

# DoD encouraging Soldiers to invest more in TSP

Rudi Williams  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – A money savvy Marine Corps sergeant serving in Iraq didn't wait to get back home to buy a shiny new car with his \$30,000 re-enlistment bonus. Instead, he invested all of it into the Thrift Savings Plan.

"Assuming a 7 percent rate of return, his \$30,000 is projected to be \$345,000 by the time he reaches age 60," said Army Lt. Col. Janet Fenton, executive director of Armed Forces Tax Council. "If he continues to contribute to TSP throughout his career, he could have more than \$1 million saved by the time he retires."

A million dollars isn't anything to sneeze at, but Fenton and other defense officials see a big problem concerning TSP: not enough servicemembers taking advantage of what could be called money from heaven.

"We're trying to convince people that TSP is a good vehicle for savings," Fenton said. "The great thing about TSP is that it's tax-deferred in pretax dollar savings. So it comes out of your income and you're not taxed on it until you use that money later, hopefully in your retirement."

Fenton said the plan is also "a good idea for people who don't plan to make a career of the military, because they can take their TSP with them when they leave active duty."

Those who leave active duty before retirement could roll their TSP into a

401K plan of a new civilian employer, she noted. It could be put into an IRA, or even left in TSP, but no more funds could be added to the account.

"It would just sit there and grow tax-deferred," Fenton said. "I think most people would want to roll it over into some other vehicle that they could continue to contribute to."

More than 220,000 uniformed servicemembers signed up for TSP in 2002, the first year the savings plan was opened to military personnel. That figure jumped to more than 390,000 at the end of the open season that ended December 2003.

That's a healthy increase, but defense officials would like to see thousands more servicemembers use TSP as one of their savings plans for the future, Fenton said.

"At the end of 2003, the Navy had 32.2 percent of its active duty force enrolled in TSP," Fenton noted. "That's significantly higher than the other services."

Thrift Investment Board statistics show that the Air Force is second with 21.2 percent participation in TSP. The Army has 15 percent. The Marine Corps has 20.2 percent. The Coast Guard has 19.2 percent.

Fenton pointed out that the other two uniformed services, the Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, also participate in TSP. The health service has 56.4 percent participation and NOAA is at 68 percent.

Fenton thinks more sailors invest in TSP because the Navy does an excellent job of advertising the benefits of the plan.

"We'd like for the rest of the services to get information out to more and more servicemembers," she said. "Let them know that TSP is available and ensure that they understand what it can do for them. At least have the information available so they can make a choice."

Servicemembers who leave active duty and join the National Guard or Reserve will still have TSP because they could invest in it whenever they're on active duty," Fenton noted. "They could even contribute a percentage of their weekend active duty pay."

"Once they contribute, they're putting in a percentage of their basic pay," Fenton explained. "So every time they're being paid basic pay, some percentage, whatever they selected, which is up to 9 percent, would go into their TSP."

The amount servicemembers are allowed to contribute and the percentage of pay they can invest increases annually. For example, through November 2003, it was 8 percent; beginning in December, the limit is 9 percent. The annual total of tax-deferred contributions can't exceed the Internal Revenue Code limit, which is \$12,000 for 2003 and \$13,000 for 2004.

Those who are contributing to TSP from their basic pay are allowed to contribute from 1 percent to 100 percent of any incentive or special pay, including bonus pay.

# Reborn in the spirit

Chaplain (Capt.)  
Alan Irizarry  
442nd Signal Battalion

Jesus set up a challenge to rediscover life in Him. As human beings, we always tend to seek what is tangible and logical. In the military, we tend to move toward a lifestyle of order and discipline which is an expression of selfless service.

God invites us to enhance our spiritual lives and, in the process, we will become better Soldiers.

But how can we do this? What techniques are there so I can improve spiritually and be spiritually fit? Jesus said "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, you must be born again. The wind blows where it wills, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know whence it cometh, or whither it goes: so it is with every one who is born of the Spirit." (Jn 3, 3:6-8)

Being born of the flesh is an act of human deliberation. Being born of the Spirit requires an act of God. Only Jesus can give you the rebirth that allows you to enter into the Kingdom of God and make your life more complete. This act of free will plus God's grace is what allows us to be reborn of God.

In my many years of ministry, each person that I have shared with, I always found a desire to be better and more holy in the presence of God. This in-

ternal desire, an aspiration of human nature reaching out to the grace of God, is the first step of our spiritual rebirth. But we cannot be saved only by internal desires; faith has to be manifest by acts such as confession and profession of faith. Like it has happened so many times, words can be gone by the wind; a confession and profession of faith has no meaning if there is no commitment. James said "What does it profit my brethren, if a man says he has faith but has not works? Can his faith save him? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead." (Jas 2: 14,17)

A good Soldier is not only one who lives by the Army values (loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage), but follows orders and does his best for his family, unit and country. Those who have been reborn in the spirit are wholesome within themselves, their environment and their God.

So what are we waiting for? Why do we prefer living in the shadow of life, expecting so little from God while God has so much to give us. God has his arms wide open expecting to give us this welcoming into His kingdom. God's love for us is unending and his mercy has no limit.

Let's not waste another day, but open our hearts and souls to receive him. Let's honor Him in our community of faith, in our church of preference, and grow strong. This next Sunday, let's wake up in our faith, and go to church!

## New Islamic Study

A study of the Koran and the Islamic faith will be offered from 11 a.m.-noon Sundays at the Fort Gordon Islamic Activities Center, Building 38804. All Islamic personnel, or those interested in learning about the Islamic faith, are welcome. For information, call Marshall Abuwi, the Islamic lay leader, at 772-4303.

## 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 Dn. Fac. Cont. 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

## Drill sergeant spotlight

**Name:** Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Madorma  
**Unit:** Company C, 369th Signal Battalion  
**Hometown:** Jacksonville, Fla.

**Time at Fort Gordon:** Four and a half years, including two years as a drill sergeant

**What do you enjoy about being a DS?** I enjoy the challenges of training new recruits to become Signal Soldiers, and to watch them as they develop throughout their training.

**What do you want to accomplish in the Army?** I want to finish my bachelor's degree in computer science, and to retire as a first sergeant.



Sgt. 1st Class Madorma

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**SKEET & TRAP**  
 Skeet and Trap fields will be open during regular shooting hours. \$7.00 per round per person, \$3.50 per round for Fort Gordon Sportsman's Club members.

**FISHING TOURNAMENTS**  
 March 7...Crappie Tournament at Butler Reservoir  
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**ARCHERY TOURNAMENTS**  
 March 14...Tactical Advantage Sportsman's Complex, Range 14  
 Open to the public, age 5 to adult. 1st, 2nd & 3rd place trophies awarded in 12 classes. Registration begins at 10 a.m. / Shooting begins at 11 a.m. \$10.00 per person, \$5.00 FGSC members.

**HUNTER EDUCATION COURSE**  
 March 10 & 11...The course is held at the EAMC 1st floor auditorium from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. each night. Hunters wishing to hunt on Fort Gordon must complete both nights of this course. The course is free of charge and open to the public. Pre-registration recommended at [www.georgiawildlife.com](http://www.georgiawildlife.com).

**LEITNER LAKE CAMPGROUND**  
 The campground at the Leitner Lake Recreation Area is now open for camping. There are 12 sites with water and electrical hookups. We have a dump-station located at 15th Street and North Range Road. Campsites are rented on a first come, first serve basis. Fees are \$15.00 for water and electrical sites, \$5.00 for camper vehicles and \$3.00 for primitive sites for tents. Shower-house available.

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 May 7, 8, 14, 15, 20, 21 & 22, 2004  
 Dinner, 7 p.m. / Show, 8 p.m.

**Audition Dates: March 8 & 9, 7:30 p.m.**  
 The Performing Arts Center.  
 Parts for 7 men and 4 women, ages 21-60+  
 Call 793-8552 for more information or visit [www.fortgordon.com](http://www.fortgordon.com)

Auditions and performances are open to the public. All interested members of the community are encouraged to participate. You must bring your photo I.D. to enter Fort Gordon. (Performance subject to availability of performance rights).

**MINI-JOB FAIR**

**Army Community Service**

**March 3**  
**10 a.m. - 1 p.m.**  
 Army Reserve Center,  
 Building 14401

Local staffing agencies in the CSRA, schools, universities and home business consultants will be present. Open to the public! For more information, call 791-0795.

# Community Events

## SCRA luncheon

Lt. Gen. Steven Boutelle, chief information officer, Army G-6, is the guest speaker for the Signal Corps Regimental Association luncheon at 11:30 a.m. **March 1** at the Gordon Club.

Ticket prices: In advance, \$12 for members; \$14 for non-members; all tickets sold at the door are \$14. Advance tickets available at Conrad Hall Building 29807.

For information, call Robbe Ostby at 793-3500 or Lt. Col. Karla Donovan at 791-4124.

## Job fair

Army Community Service is having a Mini Job, Career and Home Business Fair from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. **Wednesday** at the U.S. Army Reserve Center, Building 14401. The fair is open to the public. For information, call 791-0795.

## Masters tickets

The Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation has a limited number of one-day Masters tickets available for sale for the tournament April 8-11. Only active duty military personnel assigned to Fort Gordon are eligible.

A drawing will be held March 22; winners may purchase the tickets for \$44 per ticket. Applications for the drawing are available **March 1-19** in Darling Hall, Room 260.

For information, call Pat Camacho at 791-8204/8664.

## BOSS fashion show

Better Opportunities for Single Servicemembers is having a spring ball and fashion show **April 10**. Cost is \$25 couples, \$15 singles, and includes door prizes.

Auditions for models/talent is 4 p.m. **March 18**.

For information, call Spc. Glenyatte King at 791-3051.

## CIF closed

The Central Issue Facility is closed **Thursday to March 9** for inventory.

During this period, the CIF will suspend all issues and direct exchange of equipment, with the exception of RNCOA and AIT inprocessing

March 9.

Equipment turn-ins are not affected during the period. The CIF resumes full operations **March 10**.

For information, call Bobby Ray at 791-5186 or Norman Stafford at 791-7412.

## OWC meets

The Officer's Wives Club meets at 6:30 p.m. **March 9** at the Gordon Club. Entertainment is by Irish Step Dancers.

RSVP by Tuesday to Connie at 869-8231 or Erin at 771-5303.

## Dora the Explorer

Dora the Explorer Live performs at the Bell Auditorium **March 16-17**.

Tickets range from \$14-\$37. To order, call 828-7700 or go to [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

## 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.

## Signal reunion

The 17th Signal Battalion Association is having its 10th annual reunion **Sept. 16-19** in San Antonio, Texas.

For information, e-mail [adjanssen@aol.com](mailto:adjanssen@aol.com).

## Orientation course

The commander and first sergeant Orientation Course is April 12-16 in Darling Hall, Room 229B. Class begins at 8:45 a.m. **Monday, 9 a.m.** Tuesday to Friday, and is finished no later than 5 p.m. daily.

Registration deadline is 5 p.m. **April 6**. Any commander or first sergeant who has just assumed command, has been serving in the position six months or less, or who are about to take command may attend.

To register or for information call Sgt. 1st Class Darron Ison at 791-9536, or e-mail [isond@gordon.army.mil](mailto:isond@gordon.army.mil).

## 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. 27-29**  
**Today - Along Came Polly (PG-13)**  
**Saturday - Big Fish (PG-13)**  
**Saturday - Along Came Polly (PG-13)**  
**Sunday - Big Fish (PG-13)**

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

## 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).

## Desert Storm reunion

The VII Corps Desert Storm Veterans Association 13th annual memorial reunion dinner is 6:30 p.m. **Feb. 28** at Fort Myers, Va. For information, call (703) 522-7901.

## AER campaign

The annual Army Emergency Relief campaign is scheduled for **March 1 to May 27**.

For information, call 791-3371.

## African-American history month

Woodworth Library is celebrating African-American History Month through the end of February with an artwork display by Melanie Maddox Olson.

Other events include an essay and poster contest. Deadline for the contest is **Sunday**. For information, call 791-7323.

## Women's history month

March is Women's History Month. The 2004 theme is *Women Inspiring Hope and Possibilities*. The Women's History Month command program is 1:30 p.m. **March 23** at Alexander Hall.

Guest speaker is Brig. Gen. Julia J. Cleckley, special assistant to the director, Army National Guard and the special assistant for military women for Federally Employed Women. She is the first minority woman, line officer, to rise to the rank of brigadier general in the Army National Guard.

For information, call Master Sgt. Tonja Deans at 791-2014.

## 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.

## Scholarships

The Augusta-Fort Gordon Chapter, Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association will again award scholarships this spring to high school and college students. Applications are accepted through **March 30**.

The \$1000 scholarships are given by AFCEA to encourage the study of engineering, math and computer sciences. There is also a \$1500 and \$2000 scholarship available to top rated applicants.

To be eligible, candidates must be full-time students at accredited institutions, majoring in computer science, engineering or related field, or be an AFCEA member.

Applications and information are available on the AFCEA website at [www.afcea-augusta.org](http://www.afcea-augusta.org).

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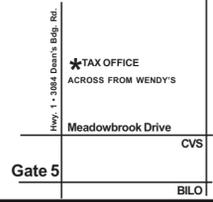
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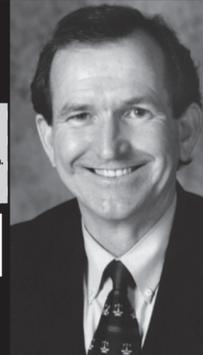
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- Vice President Cheney visits SETAF
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The next edition of the *Fort Gordon Report* premieres **March 8**.

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# Sports & Leisure

## Sports UPDATE

### Masters tickets

The Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation has a limited number of one-day Masters tickets available for sale for the tournament **April 8-11**. Only active duty military personnel assigned to Fort Gordon are eligible.

A drawing will be held March 22; winners may purchase the tickets for \$44 per ticket. Applications for the drawing are available **March 1-19** in Darling Hall, Room 260.

For information, call Pat Camacho at 791-8204/8664.

### Sports news

**Greybeard Basketball League** – Interested participants should sign-up at the Sports and Fitness Office by **Wednesday**. Participants must be 34 years old as of **Monday**. This league is open to active duty military, retired military and DA civilians. ID cards will be checked at time of registration.

**3 on 3 Basketball Tournament** – Fort Gordon Sports and Fitness will host a 3 on 3 Tournament **March 27-28**. The tournament is for active duty military personnel only. Teams desiring to participate can sign-up at Gym #4, Bldg. 29607 by **March 10**. For more information, contact Sam McAadoo at 791-3692.

**Basketball Championships** – Fort Gordon Unit Level Basketball Championships will tip off **March 8**. The top 5 teams from the Red, Green and Blue Divisions will be in the championships. The team with the best record within the 3 divisions will be selected as the 16<sup>th</sup> team for the championships. Games will be played in Gym 3 and 5. Dates and times will be determined by the championships bracket. Coaches may pick-up the championships bracket from the Sports and Fitness Office (Bldg. 29719), **Wednesday**.

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

### Golf tourney

The 15th Signal Brigade is sponsoring the 2nd Annual AER Golf tournament on **April 2**.

The four-person scramble includes a lunch buffet. Check-in starts at 10:30 a.m. Price is \$30 for GLGC members and \$40 for all others. Prizes will be awarded following play.

Call Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Millward at 791-5913 or e-mail [millward@gordon.army.mil](mailto:millward@gordon.army.mil) to sign up.

### Aerobics classes

Free aerobic classes, sponsored by the Health and Wellness Center, are held **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** 4:30 p.m., at Gym 4 on Barnes Avenue.

For more information, call 787-6756.

### 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 Blandeburg at 863-4737.



Photo by Spc. Sam Smith

**Spc. Neonta Williams, guard for EAMC, shoots a jumper in their dramatic loss to B-297.**

## Hoop Dreams

### B-297 claims women's tourney

**Spc. Sam Smith**  
Signal Staff

The Women's Evening Basketball Tournament Championship came to an end Feb. 19, and it couldn't have been closer.

The B-297 team came from behind to edge the EAMC team with a buzzer-beating lay up, 36-35.

EAMC defeated the ANCOA team, 29-23, to win the losers' bracket and a shot at the trophy. Despite being undefeated in the regular season, the odds were against them from the start.

They were facing a strong B-297 team, who put them in the losers' bracket in the second round of the tournament with a 57-40 win. Not only did EAMC have to beat B-

297, they had to beat them twice.

After building a solid lead in the first half, it looked like they had a shot to take it to the 'if' game. But, there would be no 'if' game, thanks to a lay up off an offensive rebound from a missed jumper after an inbound with three seconds on the clock.

B-297 went to their point guard, Chief Warrant Officer Monica Freeman, to take that jumper.

The game was a physical one for Freeman, who hit the floor several times, grimaced, and got back up.

"It's called fouls, baby," Freeman said. "After all the bad calls we got, we had to beat the refs, too."

Whether they had to beat the referees or not, B-297 beat EAMC, and took the trophy.

## Joseph brothers remain in hunt for Olympic boxing spots

**Tim Hipps**  
Army News Service

The Joseph brothers kept the Army's Olympic boxing dream alive in the 2004 U.S. Olympic Boxing Team Trials Feb. 17-21.

Spc. Clarence Joseph advanced to the U.S. Olympic Team Box-Offs by winning the challengers' bracket of the 165-pound division. Joseph, 21, a member of the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program at Fort Carson, Colo., must defeat Trials champion Andre Dirrell twice Friday and Saturday at Cleveland to win a spot on the U.S. Olympic Boxing Team.

Spc. Edward Joseph, 24, remains in contention for a spot on Team USA. Because of an administrative fiasco in the 152-pound welterweight division at Tunica, he and three other boxers resumed their Trials Thursday in Cleveland.

Edward is one loss away from being eliminated and four victories shy of earning a spot on the Olympic team.

A fatigued Clarence barely advanced to Cleveland. He rallied in the fourth and final round to a 12-12 tie with Joe Greene of Queens, N.Y., and won the bout 63-51 on a tiebreaker.

The brothers Joseph are going to Cleveland's Convocation Center at Cleveland State University for the Olympic Box-Offs. Clarence's lone loss in Mississippi was a dismal display against Dirrell, who was leading 28-5 in the third round when Army coach Staff Sgt. Bashheer Abdullah stopped the fight.

Staff Sgt. Torrence Daniels, who opened the Trials with back-to-back victories, lost a 19-12 decision to four-time national champion Roberto Benitez of New York for the 119-pound championship, dropping

him into the challengers' bracket.

Staff Sgt. DeAndrey Abron's Olympic campaign ended with a 29-21 loss to Anthony Dirrell of Flint, Mich., in the semifinals of the 178-pound challengers' bracket.

Heavyweight Staff Sgt. Charles Leverette won two bouts before dropping a 31-11 decision to Chazz Witherspoon of Paulsboro, N.J.

Staff Sgt. Julius Fogle, 32, of Houston, fought the last two bouts of his career here. He was eliminated 14-10 from the 165-pound division.

Spc. Keith Mason was eliminated 36-21 from the 141-pound division by Washington's Lamont Peterson, who won the challengers' bracket.

(Hipps writes for the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center Public Affairs Office.)

## Fort Gordon Basketball Results

Information provided by Al Robinson, sports coordinator

### Green Division

Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Academy 61, 252<sup>nd</sup> Signal Company 42  
Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 93<sup>rd</sup> Signal Brigade 2, 31<sup>st</sup> Intelligence Squadron 0  
518<sup>th</sup> Signal Company 49, Headquarters, Headquarters Company, 206<sup>th</sup> Military Intelligence Battalion 36  
Company B, 297<sup>th</sup> Military Intelligence Battalion 64, 518<sup>th</sup> Signal Company 50  
Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Academy 2, 31<sup>st</sup> Intelligence Squadron 0  
Headquarters, Headquarters Company, 206<sup>th</sup> Military Intelligence Battalion 56, Company B, Eisenhower Army Medical Center 47

### Red Division

Company A, 442<sup>nd</sup> Signal Battalion 50, Company A, 551<sup>st</sup> Signal Battalion 39  
Headquarters and Operational Company, 201<sup>st</sup> Military Intelligence Battalion 2, 249<sup>th</sup> General Hospital 0

### Morning Division

Company E, 369<sup>th</sup> Signal Battalion 42, Company B, 447<sup>th</sup> Signal Battalion 36  
Company B, 551<sup>st</sup> Signal Battalion 2, Company D, 447<sup>th</sup> Signal Battalion 0

### Blue Division

Company C, 551<sup>st</sup> Signal Battalion 2, Company C, 442<sup>nd</sup> Signal Battalion 0  
Company B, 73<sup>rd</sup> Ordnance 51, Company C, 73<sup>rd</sup> Ordnance 21  
Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course 74, Company B, 551<sup>st</sup> Signal Battalion 26  
Company B, 447<sup>th</sup> Signal Battalion 57, Company D, 447<sup>th</sup> Signal Battalion 54

## Unit Basketball Standings

STANDINGS AS OF FEB. 24

Team	Won	Lost	Team	Won	Lost
<b>Blue Division</b>					
B-73	13	2	C-369	10	4
BNCOC	11	4	C-73	10	4
D-551	9	6	E-369	9	5
B-447	10	7	B-551	7	7
D-447	8	7	D-369	3	11
C-551	7	8	<b>Red Division</b>		
C-447	7	9	A-442	15	3
B-551	6	9	HHC-201	14	4
C-73	6	11	NSGA	12	6
E-369	3	8	USAG	11	7
C-442	2	11	249	9	8
<b>Green Division</b>					
518	19	1	A-369	9	9
B-297	18	2	A-551	8	8
HHC-206	16	4	A-447	7	10
ANCOA	14	6	338 TRS	5	12
B-EAMC	11	9	<b>Women's Division</b>		
252	10	10	EAMC	20	0
311S	7	13	GRSOC	16	4
<b>Morning Division</b>					
B-447	10	4	B-297	15	5
			A-442	13	7
			ANCOA	13	7
			E-369	11	9



Photo by Tim Hipps

**Spc. Clarence Joseph, a member of the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program at Fort Carson, Colo., wins the 165-pound challengers' bracket of the 2004 U.S. Olympic Boxing Team Trials at Tunica, Miss.**



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**CLUES ACROSS**

1. American state  
5. Sleep imagery  
10. Maori war dance  
14. Having wisdom that comes with age and experience  
15. Former gold coin in US worth 10 dollars  
16. On top  
17. Impromptu  
20. Acres/ages  
21. A way to tag  
22. Belonging to a thing  
23. Work natural fibers into a thread  
25. Rates  
29. Strokings  
33. Airs  
34. Rapid bustling movement  
35. Flower petals  
36. Horse armor  
37. Dvorak's \_\_\_\_\_ dances  
40. Established custom or practice  
41. Animals hunted for food or sport  
43. Intense feeling of love  
44. Marked by persistent effort  
47. Sleep time  
48. The back side of the neck  
49. Shallow container made of metal  
50. Cricket frogs

53. Academic term  
58. Raps  
61. Descendant, heir; variant  
62. Buddhist king  
63. Acquire by one's efforts  
64. Overacts  
65. Board game  
66. Make plan

**CLUES DOWN**

1. Former Russia, abbr.  
2. Register electronically  
3. Spanish word for water  
4. Fishing fly  
5. In a way, matches  
6. Velocities  
7. Root of out  
8. Brew  
9. 13th letter of the Hebrew alphabet  
10. Mortals  
11. Copied  
12. Famous gorilla  
13. Stake  
18. Serving no useful purpose  
19. Off-Broadway theater award  
23. Unhappily  
24. Sailboat  
25. Types of bans  
26. Wipe out

27. Boggled down  
28. Temporary living quarters  
29. Studies closely  
30. George \_\_\_\_\_, suave actor  
31. \_\_\_\_\_ Thomas Stearns, British poet  
32. Last bones of the spine  
38. More egotistic  
39. Valuable mineral  
41. Make a sharp explosive noise  
42. To repent of  
45. Pairings  
46. Coming after all others in chronology or sequence  
47. Ballroom dances  
49. Looks at  
50. Scholem \_\_\_\_\_, Yiddish author  
51. Blue flowered plant  
52. Space for movement  
53. Nailed to horse's hoof  
54. A way to course  
55. River duck  
56. \_\_\_\_\_ Pound, poet  
57. Charter  
59. Baglike structure in a plant or animal  
60. A pituitary hormone that stimulates the function of the thyroid gland

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# Spectrum

## 63rd

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"We acknowledge their success and their place in history," Smith said of the battalion accomplishing its mission in Iraq.

Following the speakers, the Soldiers of the 63rd unfurled the flag, symbolically marking the return of the battalion to Fort Gordon, and then took their seats in the audience.

After the unfurling, audience members viewed a slideshow of what life in Iraq was like for Soldiers of the 63rd.

The photos showed Soldiers in different day-to-day activities such as setting up communications satellites, on the move in their armored vehicles, setting up tents, playing football and even re-enlisting.

The crowd laughed as they saw familiar faces and comical moments, such as photos of Soldiers cleaning port-o-potties.

Sgt. Colleen O'Brien, a cable installer and member of B Company 63rd Signal Battalion, said she was glad to be home after being deployed for a year.

"It was a lot of hard work," she said.

O'Brien said there were times when she was intimidated by being in a war zone, but eventually overcame her fears.

"Once we got established everything was alright," she said, adding she enjoyed the ceremony held for her and her fellow Soldiers.

Spc. Rafael Stewart, cable installer for B Company, commented on his experience and being back in the States.

"It's great to be home," he said. "It's great to be back with my family."

Stewart added that although it was hot and dusty, his experience in Iraq wasn't all that bad.

"If you just stick it out, it'll end eventually," said Stewart. "You just have to do your job and go home."

Other soldiers expressed their joy at being home.

"It's great," chimed in Spc. Jason Charchar.

"Sleep," said Spc. Darnel Carey emphatically, also of A Company. "It feels better to sleep in your own bed, and not in a cot."

The Soldiers joked and reminisced about a time when their buddy Carey was accidentally left behind.

They were stationed at Camp Coyote, in Iraq, when there were Scud alarms going off.

"It was 2 or 3 a.m., when I woke up," recounted Carey about the blasts going off in the middle of the night. "The whole tent was empty. I woke up by myself."

He said everyone else was already at the berm by the time he got out of the tent and found where the rest of his battle buddies were.

The Soldiers arrived on post and returned from their deployment Feb. 18 and Friday, meeting family and friends at Gym 3.

One of those family members was Sgt. Francis Taylor, C Company, 67th Signal Battalion, who went to Gym 3 to greet his wife, Sgt. Christine Taylor, A Company.

"It's great," Taylor said of his wife's return, adding he is very proud of her. "They did a good job while they were there."

The separation was difficult.

"It's been really hard," he said of the time his wife was away, especially having to take care of two small children.

Jenny Coleman was another family member who was at Gym 3 Friday to greet a loved one. She was waiting with 14-month-old son, Austin, for her husband Spc. Jamaal Coleman, A Company.

"It was horrible," she said of the past year without her husband. "He hasn't seen his son grow, so that was the hardest part for him and me."

She said her son was only a month old when her husband saw him last.

Despite the distance between them, Coleman maintained contact with her husband by telephone and internet.

"I am so happy. I'm glad they're home and safe," she said.



Loved ones carried balloons like those shown above to Gym 3 Friday, welcoming back 'The Proud and Ready' 63rd Signal Battalion from their year-long deployment in Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.



Jenny Coleman holds a sign meant for Spc. Jamaal Coleman, her husband who had been deployed in Iraq for the past year, over her 14-month old son's stroller. The specialist hadn't seen his son Austin since he was one month old.



Members of the 63rd Signal Battalion stand on stage after unfurling the flag during a ceremony at Alexander Hall Monday.



(Above) Two-year old Brandon Taylor (left) and his older sister Jasmin Taylor hold up a sign for their mom, Sgt. Christine Taylor of A Company 63rd Signal Battalion.

(Inset) Mother and daughter share a special moment together.

(Left) Family and friends of the Soldiers wait in anticipation for the command of 'fall out' so they can finally greet their husbands, wives, brothers, sisters and friends.



Capt. Michael Smith, C Company commander, enjoys a few moments with his daughter Mackenzie.

