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## News UPDATE

### CIB brief set

The monthly community information briefing is 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Gordon Club.

Information on community activities and facilities will be available. Comments, suggestions and questions from residents are encouraged. All commanders, directors and interested personnel are welcome to attend. For information, call 791-3639.

### New gate hours

Beginning March 29, the following changes will be made to operations at Gates 2, 3 and 5:

- Gate 2 will be open Monday through Friday from 4:30 to 10:30 a.m. for decelerated vehicles only and closed on weekends. Gate 2 is open to inbound traffic only from 4:30 to 10 a.m. Monday through Friday.

- Gate 3 will be open from 5:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and closed on weekends. Gate 3 inbound access continues to be limited to commercial vehicles and prior approved vehicles. Outbound traffic is unrestricted.

- Gate 5 will be open Monday through Friday from 4:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. and from 6 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. on weekends.

### Information wanted

Information is wanted on the location of a quick erect expandable mast antenna (AB-1309), last seen at Willard Training Area Nov. 1.

Anyone with information should call Military Police Investigation at 791-0051.

### 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.

The drawing is March 22; winners may purchase tickets for \$44 each. Drawing applications are available until March 19 in Darling Hall, Room 260. For information, call Pat Camacho at 791-8204/8664.

### New DOIM hours

The Directorate of Information Management's customer service hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday; and 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Thursday.



Photo by Pvt. Armando Monroig

Certified aerobics instructor Jaqueline Dennis leads Civilian Health Promotion program aerobics class participants during a session held at Gym 4. The program is open to all Department of Defense civilian employees.

## Program promotes physical fitness

Pvt. Armando Monroig  
Signal staff

Uncle Sam wants its Department of Defense civilian employees... to get into physical training that is.

Fort Gordon civilian employees can do so by joining the post Civilian Health Promotion program open to all DoD civilians held at Gym 4.

Civilians, with permission from their supervisor, can get up to three hours administrative leave a week to participate in the program.

The goal is to get civilian employees into a healthier lifestyle and have them continue that lifestyle after the eight-week program is over. Classes are three times a week. The first class is cardio, the second is classroom instruction and the third is strength training. Classes are held three times a week: Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. PT sessions typically last 45 to 50 minutes starting at 3 p.m.

Exercises include water

aerobics, floor aerobics, weight lifting, fit-ball training and core muscular training such as push-ups and sit-ups.

The classroom portion of the program includes instruction on various health and fitness related topics such as nutrition, exercise, mental and physical health, and even the proper clothing to wear while exercising.

Melody Brown, program manager at the Health and Wellness Center, said it is just as important for DoD civilian employees to get in and stay in shape as it is for Soldiers.

"This is the Department of Defense's way of getting on the 'bandwagon' and getting like the corporate world, keeping the civilian force fit," said Brown.

She said this helps the DoD civilian workforce because there is a decrease in call-ins because of illness, an increase in morale and productivity.

Currently there are 25 participants in the program, the maximum amount per class.

"This program is designed to jump-start our civilian population into a healthier lifestyle," said Brown. "Everybody is realizing the importance of exercise."

She said a good number of Americans' deaths are health-related, caused over a long period of time by not exercising and not eating a healthy diet. She said this is a way to help people try to live healthier lives.

"This is an excellent opportunity for the civilian population and all are encouraged to take advantage of it," said Brown. "We hope supervisors will give their employees their support by allowing them to come."

To enroll in this program, participants need a waiver signed by their physician saying the employee is healthy enough to participate in the program. Also a contract needs to be signed by

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Courtesy photo

Some of the Soldiers with cutaneous leishmaniasis have multiple lesions that require treatment.

## Army treats hundreds of leishmaniasis patients

Karen Fleming-Michael  
Army News Service

FORT DETRICK, Md.—A little-known parasite that causes chronic, festering sores will be returning home with some of Operation Iraqi Freedom's warfighters.

Cutaneous leishmaniasis, which affects the skin, is caused by a sand fly bite that deposits the parasite that eventually causes weeping sores that don't heal as quickly as regular sores.

"The majority of these are lesions on the face or on the hands over joints. So in the short term, it's just not pleasant to have a lesion that won't heal potentially for up to a year - and some of these get quite large," said Lt. Col. Peter Weina, a "leish" expert at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research. "In the long term, the problem is the scarring,

which can be disfiguring if it's on the face and can limit movement of the hands if it's over a joint."

Iraq's sand flies are most active during warm nights from March to October, so troops on the move during Operation Iraqi Freedom were right in the middle of "Sand fly Central."

"In the march up to Baghdad, people would literally fall asleep on their HUMVEE or out in the middle of the desert, so we had enormous amounts of exposure in the evenings in areas where there were a lot of sand flies," said Col. Alan Magill, another of Walter Reed Army Institute of Research's experts on leishmaniasis.

Leish experts suspected the disease would be a problem for troops, but until Weina arrived in theater to serve with the 520th Theater Army Medical

See Leish, page 7A

## Akbar referred for court-martial

Joe Burlas  
Army News Service

The 101st Airborne Division Soldier accused of killing two officers and wounding 14 other Soldiers by rolling grenades into three sleeping tents in Kuwait last March will be tried by general court-martial.

Lt. Gen. John R. Vines, commander of XVIII Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg, N.C., referred charges against Sgt. Hasan Akbar March 3 as a capital case.

Akbar is accused of two specifications of premeditated murder under Article 118 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, and three specifications of attempted premeditated murder under Article 80.

The time between the March 22, 2003, "frag" incident and the referral of charges is due to two delays officials said.

First, the 101st Airborne Division was decisively engaged in major Operation Iraqi Freedom hostilities immediately

following the incident, and in stability and support operations afterward. Akbar was transferred to the division's higher headquarters, the XVIII Airborne Corps, Fort Bragg, in July as 101st stability and support operations in Iraq continued.

The second delay was due to a request from Akbar's defense counsel for sufficient time to prepare for the case.

The case against Akbar was presented to Vines for a decision on how to proceed in late February.

Akbar faces a potential death sentence if convicted. He is being held in pretrial confinement at the Fort Knox, Ky., Regional Correction Facility. The trial will be at Fort Bragg.

No date has been set for the general court-martial, though officials said they anticipate the trial to begin this summer.

(A XVIII Airborne Corps media release contributed to this article.)



Photo by Spc. Sam Smith

## Window of opportunity

A Soldier speaks to a civilian recruiter at the Army Main Reserve Center March 3. Soldiers, dependents, and Department of the Army civilians had an opportunity to meet with recruiters from local companies and colleges looking for prospective employees and students at the Job Fair.



### Reading stars

Brig. Gen. Gregory J. Premo, Fort Gordon deputy commanding general, and several Fort Gordon Soldiers visited students from Langford Middle School and Warren Road Elementary School Friday to discuss the importance of reading. The students celebrated the 100th birthday of Dr. Seuss, Theodor Giesel.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Stacy Wamble

## And seven came

*Afghan Police Department opens registration to women*

**KABUL, Afghanistan** — Amidst a flurry of media activity, six women dressed in Burkhhas and one wearing a Sari, ambled into the press meeting room visibly shaken about the amount of media attention.

Seven Afghan women registered to attend the 9th District Kabul police force basic training, Feb. 16 at 1 p.m., as part of the push for more women on the Afghan police force by the Afghan Deputy Foreign Minister for Women's Affairs.

"I'm wearing this (Burkha) because I am an Afghan woman and some men don't like to see us without it," said Anis Gul. "The security situation is not too permissive of women without it."

Although she was crying in apprehension, necessity is what drove her to register, Gul said.

"I am a widow and I have to provide for my family," she said. "Any kind of discrimination and privilege between the citizens of Afghanistan are prohibited. The citizens of Afghanistan, whether man or woman, have equal rights and duties before the law," according to the new

Afghan constitution passed on Jan. 4.

"There are a large number of women that are kidnapped each year in Afghanistan," said Dr. Sorayah Rahim, Dep. Foreign Minister for Women's Affairs and Afghan vocational policy maker.

"We really feel there is a need for women on the police force," she said. "We know that a lot of Afghan women have suffered a lot of problems in this country and our national police will have to be trained as psychologist to deal with these problems."

Since the reign of the Taliban, Afghan women have been terrorized by religious

fundamentalist and kidnapped as part of a thriving international female smuggling ring, Rahim said.

Well before the Taliban's rule, there were many women on the national police force, but today there are less than 100 throughout Afghanistan, said Capt. Guljan Totakhil, 9th District Kabul police Central Training Center, commander.

Totakhil served 17 years as a policewoman prior to the Taliban's takeover in 1989 and has since returned to duty last year.

"It's a sign of democracy returning," she said.

"I encourage all of our Afghan sisters to come forward and take part alongside our Afghan brothers in our country's reconstruction," Totakhil said.

Another female Afghan policewoman said she was also pleased with the renewed push for female police officers.



Photo by Capt. Sherri Galloway

Anis Gul (far right) and the other female registries listen to a speech by Dr. Sorayah Rahim.

"I feel great about today's ceremony because there are not a lot of female police in

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# Women begin police training in Kabul

Staff Sgt. Kelly McCargo  
Office of Military Cooperation - Afghanistan

**KABUL, Afghanistan** — Twenty-nine Afghan women completed the first Afghan Voter Registration Police Project at the Afghan Ministry of Interior main theater in Kabul, Feb. 22.

The 2.5-day basic security procedures refresher course is designed to supplement the MOI certified policewomen's initial police training.

"We have learned a lot from these instructors," said Mazgan Osmany. Osmany, 17, has been an Afghan policewoman for a year. "The Kabul police academy have very good teachers, but we didn't get as much (of this type of training) here as we did here."

Seven female U.S. Army Reserve Soldiers from the Combined Joint Task Force 180 from Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan, conducted the training.

Each of the reservists has a civilian police background.

"On the first day of training we introduced ourselves and got to know each of the students," said Maj. Christine Nichols, 364th Civil Affairs Brigade, Portland, Ore. "We had them show us what they already knew. They had a lot of experience in basic search techniques of individuals."

Nichols, a seven year Seattle police department veteran, and her team, trained the Afghan women on basic search techniques of individuals, command presence, basic self-defense, vehicular search procedures, basic handcuffing, body strike zones with an expandable asp, or riot baton, and riot control measures.

The Afghan policewomen are receiving the special training in preparation of the upcoming Afghan presidential elections scheduled in June.

The MOI and UNAMA are training Afghan policewomen to provide the necessary security capable of searching, securing and protecting the voter registration sites.

"Given the religious and cultural sensitivities of the country, the male police officers can not search females," said Dr. Aamir A. Arain, election advisor for the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan. "It is imperative that we have a female force to search and secure the environment," Arain said.

The MOI and UNAMA want to have at least 300 trained policewomen in place by April, Arain said. Many Afghan women are expected to show up to vote in this year's election, Arain said.

The MOI has selected the Afghan policewomen because they are already trained and experienced police officers. But the MOI and UNAMA agreed that a refresher course and some additional training are going to be necessary, and that's when the coalition forces stepped in, Arain said.

"Without the qualified female instructors from the coalition we would not have been able to get this done," he said. "I'm really thankful Lt. Col. (Richard) Valdez (Office of Military Cooperation-Afghanistan) really stepped in to offer his assistance."

The instructors said they were excited for the opportunity to train female police. Each one of the seven members contacted their respective hometown police departments for training material, equipment or manuals.

Then they sat down and discussed how to consolidate a 16-week police training model into 2.5 days, Nichols said.

"We were all happy about how receptive they were to the training," said



Photos by Staff Sgt. Ron Burke, 211<sup>th</sup> MPAD.

(Above) As an additional training bonus, Maj. Christine Nichols, 364th Civil Affairs Brigade, Portland, Ore., demonstrates a basic judo technique on Sgt. Cynthia Kondo. (Left) Sgt. Cynthia Kondo demonstrates the proper holding and utilization of the expandable asp, or riot baton, to the Afghan policewomen.

Cpl. Jean Oliver, 401st Civil Affairs Battalion, Rochester, N.Y. "They all suggested an 'international police training program' to observe how other countries train their police.

"Each of the (Afghan) women has had different police training. There hasn't been a consistent training program for the women," Oliver said. "If we could standardize their training in an eight-week 'basic female police training course,' get them into a proper uniform with the proper equipment..." Oliver finished the statement with a shrug.

"When the women showed up, some were shy—some showed up in their burkhas," Nichols said. "But once we started working there were no problems.

"They were so receptive of the training, and they wanted to learn so much more about firearms training, driving and other police equipment," Nichols said.

"I was always interested in the police—it's the best thing," Osmany said. "I wish to catch the bad guy, lock up the criminals and serve society."

On the final day, the policewomen demonstrated their proficiency with each of the skills, ate a brief lunch together, and conducted a formal certification

ceremony.

"This training was wonderful and very excellent," said Sohyla Fanose, Kabul District Police, corrections officer.

"The instructors were very enjoyable and kind to us—a memorable training."

"If they can get another training course like this for the women in the future it will be good, because we can become police academy instructors and teach (it to) other girls," Osmany said.

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(Left) A view from the outside of the new Tactical Advantage Sportsman's Complex at Range 14.

(Below) The main hall of the complex features a slate chimney and interior built from Red tidewater cypress wood including two tree trunks serving as girders.



Photos by Pvt. Armando Monroig

## A place of their own

Pvt. Armando Monroig  
Signal Staff

The MWR Outdoor Resource Center, or officially called the Tactical Advantage Sportsman's Complex, is coming along smoothly, nearing its projected completion date of April 15.

Construction of the Outdoor Resource Center began in December 2003.

The lodge, located just across from Range 14, formerly an M-60 machine gun range in Fort Gordon's training area, just requires a little bit of work like putting up sheet rock in the interior divider walls, to be complete. Most of the lodge has been constructed with Red tidewater cypress wood, from the boards along the wall to the two huge tree logs serving as girders in the center of the lodge as you walk in.

The lodge has an arms room where all firearms to be checked out will be securely stored.

It features a fireplace in the main meeting hall lodge area made of fieldstone, a type of slate. The area will be furnished to accommodate Sportsman's Club meetings and also for the comfort and relaxation of patrons.

The chimney and deck area are made of fieldstone.

Also, tables and chairs will be located on the back deck. The Outdoor Recreation office and equipment check out center will be located in the lodge.

The latrine, kitchen and pantry areas will be tiled. The main hall area is laminate wood flooring and the offices will be carpeted.

Sgt. 1st Class John Landrum, Sportsman's Club president, said the construc-

tion of the lodge is coming along nicely.

Once construction is complete, the lodge will offer Sportsman's Club members and non-club members an array of services.

"All personnel wanting to purchase hunting and fishing licenses will have to come here," said Landrum. "Anybody wanting to check out any type of outdoor equipment: camping gear, bicycles, fishing boats, things of that nature, will have to come here and pay a small user fee."

In addition, those interested in shooting archery or checking out any firearms up to but not including 50-caliber BMG for target practice would also go to the lodge, said Landrum.

He added any ID card holders and guests can go to the lodge and use its services,

not just club members.

"What you'll find is, if you like doing this kind of thing and you want to come out and do it often," Landrum said of shooting, "it's more advantageous to you financially as well as personally, to join the club."

The Installation Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Fund provided funding for the lodge.

"Having a lodge for the Sportsman's Club provides a place for us to have our meetings, an establishment that provides for military training and it's a fantastic meeting place for camaraderie among sportsmen," said Landrum.

For information on the lodge or joining the Sportsman's Club, visit their web page on [fortgordon.com](http://fortgordon.com) or call Outdoor Recreation at 791-5078.

## Army Congressional Fellowship program accepting applications

Alexandria, Va. — Applications for the fiscal year 2006 Army Congressional Fellowship Program are being accepted, according to officials at the U.S. Army Human Resources Command. Suspense dates and nomination procedures are at <https://www.perscomonline.army.mil/OPfamaacs/FELLOWS01.htm>.

The program, designed to educate and train Army officers and civilians in congressional activities, is open to active-duty personnel in the rank of major or lieutenant colonel and

civilians in the grade of general schedule 13 to 15.

Selected officers and civilians begin with a Headquarters Department of the Army orientation from August until December 2005. The orientation includes a variety of meetings and seminars, educational readings, and attendance at the one-week Force Integration Course.

After orientation, fellows complete a classroom phase with the institution or foundation chosen as the fiscal year 2006 ACFP sponsor. Fellows serve as staff assistants to Congress

members.

Immediately following the fellowship, military officers will be assigned to a position requiring expert knowledge of the operations of Congress for two-year utilization. Civilian fellows return to the position held prior to participating in the ACFP.

Military fellows incur an active duty service obligation of not less than three times the length of the fellowship.

The Army Selection Board convenes Oct. 19-21 to select fellows.

## PT

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the participant and the supervisor allowing participation.

"Civilian employees are such an important part of the Army team," said Maj. Carole Hunter, Wellness Center director. "The Army can't do its job without its civilian employees."

This program allows the civilian workforce to assist in the Army's day-to-day missions.

Sixty-four-year-old Gerald White, a training specialist at the Regimental Noncommissioned Officer academy, is a program participant.

"I've gotten out of shape and feel the need to increase my quality of life and get active again," he said. "This is a good opportunity for me to do just that."

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# Viewpoint

Information, Opinions, and Commentary

## Joint and Expeditionary focus: Army gets there fast, but not alone

Sgt. 1st Class Marcia Triggs  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Army's chief and acting secretary were asked by a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee if seamen and airmen were being requested to perform Army duties in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"I'm not aware of any such request. But we're looking for capabilities across the force to relieve the Army," said Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker while testifying on Capitol Hill last month. "We fight jointly ... it makes perfect sense for the other services to give the Army a reprieve."

Schoomaker spent only a couple of minutes trying to explain to members of Congress that the Army is part of a joint force, but he has given Training and Doctrine Command a long-term directive to architect a campaign that will get Soldiers to embody a joint and expeditionary mindset.

The Army has included joint training in its school for senior officers for a few years now, but the service will soon start teaching joint tactics earlier in the careers of both commissioned and noncommissioned officers, Simpson said.

Blue Force Tracking, a command and control system, is an example of how junior military persons are talking to each other, officials said. From company to theater level commanders, Blue Force Tracking is being used to provide situational awareness and digital command and control for the Army, Marine Corps and Coalition forces, said Michael Lebrun from the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics, & Technology).

"The core of the program is its software," Lebrun said. "Inside of the platform is a digital map that gives you your location. It can also tell you where any other Blue Force Tracking equipped platform is in the area of operations."

It's the first part of reducing the risk of fratricide, Lebrun said. It provides better information on where friendly forces are, and it allows forces to plan better, react better and do a lot of things to mitigate the risk of fratricide, he con-

cluded.

In the near future hand-held versions of Blue Force Tracking will be fielded in Iraq, Lebrun said.

"A Joint and Expeditionary Army with a Campaign Quality" is one of the Army's focus areas. "Basically we want to maximize each service's capabilities and prepare leaders and Soldiers to fight in uncertain and ambiguous environments. The Joint and Expeditionary Task Force is the lens through which we filter many of our transformation efforts," said Bob Simpson, the deputy of the Joint and Expeditionary task force.

Joint Forces Command in concert with the services is refining Joint National Training Capability, which will integrate joint training similar to the way the Army has integrated combined arms training at its combat training centers for some years, Simpson said. And TRADOC is very much involved in the effort, Simpson added.

JNTC was first conceived in 2002, but is now taking a more robust approach to train joint forces, according to the U.S. Forces Joint Command Web site. Included in the training will be real people in real locations using real equipment; real people in simulators and simulated entities in a simulated environment, according to the Web site.

DoD is not constructing another training center, but is combining live, virtual and constructive training to create a joint training capability that will eventually include capabilities resident at the installation level, Simpson said. However, right now the focus is starting the capability at Fort Irwin, Calif., and the other Service's Western Ranges he said.

Officers and NCOs can also expect to see joint education initiated earlier in their professional development schools, Simpson said. Leaders have to see themselves as members of a joint profession, he said. The specifics are being decided in a consensus environment with the other services, Simpson added.

"One of the things about each of the services is that they have unique cultures, and one thing



Photo by Spc. Chad Wilkerson

Soldiers from 1st Armored Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armored Division, detain two Iraqi suspects during search operations in Baghdad. Army officials said that Soldiers deploying into any theater from now on will be in harm's way regardless of where they are on the battlefield.

that defines a culture is language," Simpson said. "So part of this process will be to define a common joint language. An important part of the process is integrating service and joint doctrine."

The second piece of the focus area is expeditionary, and Simpson said that Soldiers must realize that the Army's normal state is to be at war.

"We first started trying to change the mindset of the Soldier to a joint and expeditionary one by introducing them to the Warriors Ethos and the Soldiers Creed," Simpson said. "The creeds reinforce that they are part of a great Army team."

"I am a Warrior and a member of a team ... I stand ready to deploy, engage and destroy the enemies of the United States of America," states the Soldiers Creed. These words will unconsciously remind Soldiers and leaders that they

have to be comfortable with uncertainty, Simpson said.

"Soldiers can't expect to go into a theater where there is an iron mountain of logistics and every pre-condition has been set," Simpson said. "We don't have a front or a rear, all of our Soldiers deploying into any theater from now on will be in harm's way regardless of where they are on the battlefield."

TRADOC has the lead and is working to change the Army's doctrine, organization, training and leader development. However, Simpson said, every commander has the responsibility to start training all Soldiers to be riflemen first.

(This is the seventh article in a weekly series on the 17 Army focus areas and this one features "A Joint and Expeditionary Army with a Campaign-Quality Capability.")

## Why AER deserves my donation

Spc. Jacob Boyer  
Fort Stewart Frontline

I used to ask myself why I should give my hard-earned money to Army Emergency Relief. Sure, the money went to a very good cause, that of helping my fellow Soldiers; but I was a brand-new specialist, and I didn't really want to give a piece of my little paycheck to help others who couldn't manage their little paychecks. I managed my money, by golly, and so should they. I thought I would never find myself in a situation where I would need AER's help.

Boy, was I wrong. Shortly after the division returned from Iraq, I found myself in the admittedly enviable position of being allowed to move out of the barracks as a single specialist. Apparently space was a little tight and all the senior E-4s would be authorized basic allowance for housing if they could get a lease and move off post. I took my company up on the offer and went and got

a lease signed.

I'm no rookie to living on my own. I leased a number of apartments before I came into the Army. But somehow I forgot one of the most important parts of obtaining a lease: the deposit. Altogether, the company that was going to lease a house to me wanted about \$800 before they would sign it over to me.

Gee, I thought. Where am I going to come up with \$800 to put down so I can lease this place and get my BAH? I knew once the BAH was approved, it would be no problem to pay the deposit, but I needed the money right then.

So, dear reader, you may find yourself wondering where

I went to get the money. Well, if you've read the whole story to this point, you would realize that what we're talking about is AER loans. So, as you can probably now ascertain, I went to the AER office with my hat in my hand, wondering how things had come to this. The good people at AER made sure I got the money I needed to secure a lease and I moved off post. But that wasn't the end of my AER journey.

Unfortunately, through the vagaries of paperwork, it took a little while for my BAH to be approved. In fact, it's taken about four months. It was recently approved, and I'm in good shape now, but things were thin for a while, and in early February I found

myself at AER again. This time around, I was so broke I had to pawn the aforementioned hat, but they helped out anyway when I needed to pay the rent.

After spending two years giving money to AER and wondering why I was doing it, two trips to the well have helped me realize that it doesn't matter how good you think you are with your money. We all need a little help some times, for a variety of reasons.

But beyond the fact that Soldiers should give to AER because they may one day need some aid themselves, they should do it because it's the right thing to do. Just as Soldiers look out for their buddy when we're down-range, we should look out for our buddies when we're at home. So when your unit comes to you asking you to put just a little aside each month for AER, do the right thing.

For more information on the AER campaign, call 791-1918.



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# Community Events

## Prayer breakfast

The quarterly Leadership Prayer Breakfast is 6:30 a.m. **Wednesday** at the Gordon Club.

Guest speaker is Maj. Jorge Berrios, 442nd Signal Battalion. Reservations required by calling 791-3874 or 791-5163. Suggested donation (at the door) is \$5.

## New hours

New Directorate of Information Management customer service hours are 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, and 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursday.

## Child care certification

Child and Youth Services will conduct Family Child Care certification training classes for family members living in government quarters who wish to provide child care in their homes. Registration is 9 a.m.-noon **April 1** and 2, and certification classes will be held 8 a.m.-5 p.m. **April 19-23**. Interested applicants should contact the Family Child Care office at 791-3993 or 791-4440.

## Records update

Eisenhower Army Medical Center is updating its medical data base system. Implementation of the new system is scheduled to be completed by the end of **May**.

Completion of the new database may cause some delays in getting routine patient appointments. Temporary measures are in place to ensure everyone receives timely medical care.

For information, call the patient representative's office at 787-7820/4656.

## Scholarship information

The Fort Gordon Enlisted Wives Club scholarship applications are in all area high schools; contact the counselors office. To be eligible, the applicant must be a graduating high school senior from a local area high school. The parent or guardian must be active duty or retired military, Reservist or National Guard and have a current military ID card. Applications must be completed and returned by **April**

30. For more information or applications contact Shirley Johnson, 796-3871; Louise Jones at 738-9944 or Rosemary Marshall, 791-2675.

## Open house

Camp Tanglewood is having an open house from 9 a.m.-noon **Saturday**.

The camp offers summer programs including swimming, archery, crafts, sports and more for girls ages 5-17. For information, call 774-0505 or go to [www.girlscoutscsra.org](http://www.girlscoutscsra.org).

## 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 by 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).

## 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.

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.

## 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. 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).

## 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).

## Surviving military separation

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

The class is held from 1-2:30 p.m. the first **Wednes-**

**day** of each month in Darling Hall, Room 367. For information call 791-3579/7557.

## Support group meeting

Operation Ready, "Building Your Family Readiness Groups" is 9 a.m. to noon, **Tuesday** in Darling Hall, Room 229-A. All FRG leaders and members are invited to attend. Call 791-3579 to register.

## Graduate course offered

The Signal Regiment Graduate Education Program is offering a resident Information Technology Graduate Seminar in partnership with the University of Maryland University College April 10 to June 12.

The courses are offered in an executive seminar format, consisting of 10 weeks of Saturday resident classes. Seminar completion results in six graduate credits toward several UMUC information technology masters degree programs. The program is open to all Fort Gordon personnel and is supported by tuition assistance for military members. Registration is through April 9. To register, contact ITGS Program Manager Maj. Pier Durst at 791-8182 or [pier.durst@us.army.mil](mailto:pier.durst@us.army.mil), or visit [www.gordon.army.mil/edu](http://www.gordon.army.mil/edu).

## Bible study

The Fort Gordon Family Life Center presents a Bible study for adults titled *Family Life According to the Bible* from 9:30-10:30 a.m. **Sundays** at the Religious Education Center, Building 39709. Other classes are available for all ages. For information, call 791-4703.

## Business advice

The Service Corps of Retired Executives provides counseling and mentoring to business people starting or expanding a business.

SCORE is a non-profit, public service organization affiliated with the Small Business Administration; all services are free. For information, call 793-9998, 9 a.m.-noon Mondays to Fridays.

## CDC fashion show

The Child Development Center will present a fashion show featuring Fort Gordon children **April 9** at 11:30 a.m. Parents are encouraged to attend.

On **April 23**, CDC will

sponsor a military truck convoy.

For more information, contact Lorraine Willis at 791-2718.

## Bariatric support group

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

Call Florrie Cox at 595-8330 for information.

## Employment workshop

A weekly workshop, *Tools of Employment*, is held 9-11 a.m. **Monday** mornings to assist in resume writing, job searching and interviewing techniques. The workshop meets in the Community Life Building, 33512.

For information, call 791-3579.

## Comic at Gordon

Ron "Tater Salad" White will perform at 8 and 10 p.m., **March 26** in Alexander Hall.

Tickets are \$15, \$20, and \$25 and are available at the Fort Gordon Dinner Theatre, Gordon Lanes Bowling, Fort Gordon Federal Credit Union, [www.fortgordon.com](http://www.fortgordon.com), or call 793-8552 for telephonic reservations.

## Special Forces briefing

The United States Army Special Forces recruiting team will host a briefing **Wednesday** at 10 a.m. and noon in Room 307 Darling Hall. Special Forces is seeking professional enlisted and officer volunteers from all branches.

Active duty, regular Army combat and non-combat MOSs may apply. To learn more about Special Forces, call Sgt. 1st Class Steve Pumphrey DSN 870-0229 or commercial (912) 876-6225 or visit [www.stewart.army.mil/specialforces/index.htm](http://www.stewart.army.mil/specialforces/index.htm).

## Women's group meet

The Harlem area Aglow's regular monthly meeting is 10 a.m., **March 20** at the Harlem United Methodist Church. This month's speaker is June Smith, Aglow's Southeast Love Your Neighbor Coordinator. Smith will share tips and testimo-

nies on how to love our neighbors in simple and practical ways. For more information, call Elaine Rice at 556-1453.

## Spring yard sale

All Fort Gordon housing residents in all housing areas can participate in the Spring Edition of the Great American Yard Sale **March 27** from 8 a.m. to noon by selling items from their front yards.

There will be youth activities and food concessions at the Youth Activity Center from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Additionally, unit readiness groups will have group concessions. The marching band will host concerts through each housing area.

The public is invited to purchase items. The Installation Operations Center can be contacted at 791-9747/9746 for additional information.

## BOSS events

**3-on-3 Midnight Madness**--Better Opportunity for Single Soldiers is hosting games **March 19** at Gym 3. Each team should consist of four people, three players and an alternate. Registration is \$25 per team until **today**. Late registration is \$35 per team.

**Spring Ball/Fashion Show**--BOSS is hosting a formal, semi-formal show **April 10**. Cost is \$25 for couples, \$15 for singles. A photographer will be on site. There will be door prizes. Casting for models is 4 p.m., **Thursday** at Signal Theater. For information, contact Spc. Glenyatte King at 791-3051.

## Orientation

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

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- Acting Sec Army Brownlee visits Up-Armored Facility
- Convoy training for National Guard troops

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

The next *Fort Gordon Report* premieres **March 22**.

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

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**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.

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# Leish

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Laboratory, they didn't know just how big the problem was. Initially sent to look for weapons of mass destruction, Weina's team also looked for common diseases in the area, like leish, to see what risk they posed to warfighters.

By April 2003, fears were confirmed.

## It's leish

"We found sand flies in the area and started testing them and found some extraordinary infection rates in the flies," he said. "We expected to find maybe one tenth of one percent of the sand flies to be infected with leishmaniasis, and we were finding two percent of the sand flies were infected in some locations."

Finding that many infected sand flies meant a huge increase in the potential number of cases, so Weina and his team went into full prevention mode.

"We went to units and talked to everyone from the commander on down to the private. They needed to know that the best thing to do with this disease was to prevent getting it in the first place," he said. "We did everything from stand-up comic routines out in an opening in the middle of tents, all the way to full briefings in conference rooms."

Though travel was hazardous, Weina's message to the audiences he reached was simple: Wear DEET insect repellent so sand flies don't bite; use permethrin, a pesticide, on uniforms to keep sand flies away; and sleep under mosquito nets that have been treated with permethrin. The discovery of the leish problem coincided with the war, so getting the word out on the disease wasn't easy, Weina said.

"I tried to get the attention of the brass above me ... but their concerns weren't about the guys sleeping under bed nets but making sure they weren't going to get killed."

He and his team also talked to the medical professionals in the area so they'd be on the lookout for leish. "The problem is that some (lesions) look like any other type of sore that you may have with a bacterial infection, but they just don't get better," Weina said. "We treated with antibiotics first. Then if the antibiotics failed, we considered leishmaniasis."

## Many cases

So far, more than 500 cases of leishmaniasis have been diagnosed. Magill said he hedges when he's asked how many

total cases to expect.

"The simple answer is: I don't know. But if you extrapolate, you're probably looking at the 750 to 1,250 range. It could be higher."

Because the disease is difficult to diagnose without a lab and experts equipped to look for it, all leish smears are currently sent to the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research for confirmation. The institute, in fact, has the only leishmaniasis lab in the country that is accredited by the College of American Pathologist and is operated in accordance with the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Act.

The ability to deliver a diagnosis lets the lab cross the boundary that typically exists between research and health care, Magill said. "Though the (institute's leishmaniasis) research program was eliminated (in 1996), the lab was maintained for just the scenario being played out today," he said.

## Care

Many of the leish researchers, like Weina and Magill, are also caregivers at the only U.S. military hospital where the treatment for leish can be offered, the Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Because the drug of choice used to treat the most severe cases was never submitted to the Food and Drug Administration for its approval, the drug must be offered as an investigational new drug, which means following strict research protocols and keeping meticulous records when the drug is given. The drug, sodium stibogluconate (Pentostam), is hardly "new," as it's been used for over 50 years to successfully treat leish.

Treatment typically consists of an outpatient regimen of receiving the drug intravenously daily for 20 days, though the type of leish acquired in Iraq, leishmaniasis major, responds in 10 days.

The volume of patients who need treatment has challenged both the institute and the hospital named after Walter Reed, Weina said.

"This is really the largest outbreak in the history of the military since World War II. I know for a fact that Colonel (Naomi) Aronson (the doctor who kept the hospital's IND current) has brought her sleeping bag to her office so she can sleep there if she needs to," he said. "We've never been set up to be able to treat this many cases."

To put the current leish out-



Courtesy photo

A parasite in sand fly bites causes cutaneous leishmaniasis. The weeping sores, above, can take up to a year to heal if left untreated.

break into perspective, Magill said that for Operations Desert Shield and Storm, the official number of leishmaniasis cases was 32.

## Returning troops

"When you're treating 30 to 40 cases a year at the most, it's no big deal having the patients come to Walter Reed Army Medical Center to be treated," Weina said. "But having 400 in a couple of months, now there's a problem."

Weina and Magill are traveling to posts with large numbers of returning troops — like Fort Campbell, Ky.; Fort Hood, Texas; and Fort Carson, Colo. — to let the troops and the medical professionals there know what to look for.

"The only problem is, like with most of tropical medicine, the expertise to make the diagnosis is not well distributed. To physicians and lab technicians at Fort Campbell, this is not something many of them have seen in their entire careers," Magill said.

## New treatments

The leish experts are also looking at other treatment options for patients, including freezing the lesions or using a device that uses heat to kill the parasite.

"There's a good biologic rationale for it (heat therapy) to work and some data that we've seen that says it works, but we are reluctant to recommend a treatment when there's been no experience." Fifteen patients at Walter Reed are currently enrolled in a study to see if the thermal device works, and results should be available this month.

At the hospital, Magill has seen patients who have more than 30 lesions, patients with lesions up to 3 inches in diameter and patients with nodular

lesions that look like tumors. The good news, he said, is the lesions do heal, even without any treatment. The bad news is healing can take up to a year without effective treatment.

"In the natural history of these lesions, if you do nothing, even for the worst lesions, they will get better," he said. "But cosmetically this is very damaging. If you're walking around with some of these big lesions on your face, psychologically there's a big impact there. This is an operationally acquired disease, and it's our job to address that."

Treating the lesions is important to the troops and their families, Weina said. "The American public sees Johnny come marching home from the war, and Mom and Dad aren't thrilled about this nasty weeping lesion that's on his face that might be there for a year. They want it to go away," he said. "Even though it's not contagious, it's still a stigma that they'd rather not have."

(Fleming-Michael is a staff writer for the Fort Detrick, Md., Standard newspaper.)

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# Police

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Afghanistan," said Maj. Wajma Safi Samin, 9th District Kabul Police, traffic policewomen.

A 25-year police veteran prior to the Taliban's reign, Samin, a mother of five, said she is optimistic for Afghanistan's future.

"One day we will have a police force like all of the other countries," she said. "We'll have other police women, facilities and equipment like them. The future is very bright for us."

The Afghan police academy is an eight-week course featuring a range of academic and physical fitness courses, with about a 10-percent attrition rate.

A police officer generally earns US \$50 to \$80 a month.

The U.S. Department of Justice funds the site, and although the coalition is in charge of setting up the Kabul police academy & training center, the mainly Afghan instructors with 22 international instructors.

The Afghan Ministry of the Interior's goal is to have 52,000 police officers trained and fielded by 2005. Seven additional regional police training centers are being developed throughout Afghanistan to include: Gardez, Kandahar, Mosar Sharif, Konduz, Jalabad, Herat and Bamian.

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An encourager sometimes takes on the role of a mentor. We help others when we are discerning enough to look beyond a person's traits and see their potential. Sometimes it's the person who everybody else rejects because of what they used to be. The Bible records the life of a man named Barnabas, who was a great encourager. Barnabas took Paul in at a time when everyone else suspected and rejected him because of his past as a persecutor of Christians.

Barnabas did the same thing with Mark. Even though Paul had written Mark off, Barnabas became his mentor. The encouragement of Barnabas was confirmed by Mark's eventual fruitful ministry. A great mentor doesn't always pursue the winners but rather sometimes turns losers into winners. We always need individuals with the vision and commitment to mentor others through relationships. We are to build relationships that help others grow. Leaders are encouraged to develop relationships where persons become more active and, as a result, new

leaders are born.

Our relationships must be full of forgiveness and acceptance. The person you are mentoring may make mistakes and disappoint you. As believers, Christ wants to work through us to remove barriers created by those mistakes, so that we can provide the support needed to encourage one who has fallen. This is through true forgiveness, which means that we treat the one we've forgiven as we would want to be treated. We have to be able to create an environment in which people are allowed to fail but can still progress.

God does that with us. Peter is an example of one who denied Jesus three times. Not only did Christ forgive him, but also he used him powerfully.

God allows us room to fail but then permits us to get back up and still be used by him. God expects us to extend the same mercy to others so they can be useful for His kingdom.

Your ability to promote and nurture healthy relationships means the difference between success and failure. Take the time to mentor someone and establish a relationship that will develop memories for a lifetime. At the end of their lives, the things that people generally regret have far more to do with unfinished relational business than with uncompleted tasks.

What must you do now to look back at the end of your journey with no regrets? The one who wins in life is not the one who has the most successes, but the one who has the best relationships. Let us all take a look around and see how a little bit of encouragement can go a long way toward motivating someone around us. Take time to be an encourager.

# First lady thanks Army spouses for sacrifices

**Mollie Miller and Emily Howard**  
Army News Service

**FORT HOOD, Texas** – The surprise was hard to hide on the faces of more than 200 military spouses Friday as America's first lady, Laura Bush, stepped to the podium at Fort Hood's annual Women's Conference.

With thunderous applause ringing throughout Fort Hood's Comanche Chapel, Bush made a speech highlighting the military spouse and thanking those women present for their sacrifices in these times of war.

"Today, we celebrate the spirit of... the elite special forces who don't wear uniforms or fly Black Hawks or carry weapons," Bush said. "(Today we celebrate) the sisters who support their loved ones and each other so that America remains a land of freedom."

Bush, whose surprise visit was kept secret until nearly the hour of her arrival, said she came to thank the women who help keep America free.

"I know about having your life turned upside down because the man you love wants to serve the country, and I know that many of you make sacrifices to help your spouse fulfill his dreams," Bush said.

Bush's visit came as a complete shock to most attendees of the conference.

"I wasn't expecting her," said Amanda Roybol, who rushed to a gas station next to the chapel to buy a disposable camera when she heard Bush would be speaking. "When she walked in, I just started shaking—I couldn't believe that she had come."

"She didn't even have to speak," one spouse of a deployed 4th Infantry Division Soldier said. "Just having her here and knowing she supported us and understood the sacrifices we are making was enough."

Bush also commended those Soldiers currently deployed and deploying in support of Opera-



Courtesy photo

First Lady Laura Bush signs autographs for Soldiers' wives during a surprise visit to a Women's Conference at Fort Hood Friday.

tion Iraqi Freedom.

"Our troops are involved in the historic task of building democracies and in the true American spirit, they are building hope one heart at a time."

A testament to the purpose of the eight-year-old women's conference, Bush's remarks served to uplift, enlighten, motivate and strengthen the military spouses in attendance at the two-day event.

With her husband's 13-15 month deployment stretching out ahead of her, Gloria Elder, wife of Fort Hood's 13th COSCOM Command Sgt. Maj. Daniel Elder, said that with support like this, the long days of waiting might be less difficult.

"All we ever say is that we'll take (the deployment) one day at a time," said Elder. "With support like this, though, it makes those days much easier—that's for sure."

Bush concluded her speech by saying, "All of those who

serve in our military deserve our utmost respect and so do those who serve well behind the front lines."

She remained at the chapel after her speech to express her gratitude personally by shaking

hands, signing autographs and posing for pictures with Fort Hood's military spouses and female Soldiers.

(Miller and Howard write for the Fort Hood Sentinel newspaper.)

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11 a.m. • Bicentennial Chapel  
11 a.m. • Friendship Chapel

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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. Conf. Rm., 3rd floor  
Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. Bldg. 39713, Faith Community Bible Study  
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Friendship Chapel Bible Study

Thursday, 11:30 a.m. 63rd & 67th SIG BN Bible Study, Contact Chaplain

#### Chapel Directory

Bicentennial Chapel, 791-3959  
Good Shepherd Chapel (Catholic), 791-2945  
Faith Community Chapel Activities 791-4703 (during duty hours)  
Barnes Avenue Friendship Chapel, 791-2056  
Eisenhower Army Medical Center Chapel, 787-6667

#### Religious Education

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

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

## Drill sergeant spotlight

**Name:** Staff Sgt. Phillip Abenes  
**Unit:** Company C, 447th Signal Battalion  
**Hometown:** Montclair, Calif.

**Time at Fort Gordon:** Eight months  
**What do you enjoy about being a DS?** Picking up trainees on their first day of training wide-eyed and lost and watching them graduate, proud and confident.

**What do you want to accomplish in the Army?** Nothing, work each assignment the best I can and accomplishments are automatic.



Staff Sgt. Abenes

# First sergeant, commander found guilty of mailing war trophy

**Staff Sgt. Nate Orme**  
Army News Service

**IRAQ** – Two soldiers deployed in Operation Iraqi Freedom have been found guilty under the Uniform Code of Military Justice of conspiring to mail an automatic pistol through the military mail system and knowingly providing a false statement.

One soldier – a first sergeant – received a Field Grade Article 15 and was ordered to forfeit half-a-month's pay for two months, totaling \$4,314.30.

The other Soldier – a commander – has been recommended to receive a General Officer Article 15, a Relief from Cause Officer Evaluation Report, and

removal from his company command. His fine is yet to be assessed.

Firearms are among a list of items prohibited to be mailed from or into the OIF theater. The item was detected by X-ray while in route to the United States.

The two Soldiers from the National Guard 122nd Engineering Battalion, McCormick, S.C., further incriminated themselves by denying in sworn statements involvement in mailing the pistol, officials said. The statements were subsequently proven by investigators to be false, an offense under UCMJ Article 107 – False Swearing.

While out of theater on leave, the captain had the first sergeant mail the pistol to his home address in South

Carolina. The actions of the two Soldiers resulted in a charge under UCMJ Article 81 – Conspiracy.

An Article 15 is a non-judicial measure taken by commanders that warrants more than administrative corrective measures but not a trial by court-martial. A Field Grade Article 15 is imposed by a commander who is a major or higher and punishment is limited to 45 days extra duty, 60 days restriction, forfeiture of one-half month's pay for two months, reduction to the lowest enlisted grade for E-4 and below or reduction by one grade for E-5 and E-6. A General Officer Article 15 has similar penalties, but is imposed by a brigadier general or higher rank.

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Fort Gordon Gym #5

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Daytime Karate Tournament - "A-K Challenge" - Presented by Augusta Tang Soo Do-will begin at 9 a.m. with a Weapons Division, Traditional Kata Division, Continuous Sparring Division, and a Grappling Division.

For information on the event please check [www.augustamartialarts.com](http://www.augustamartialarts.com).

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## Handling Hazardous Material



Photos by Spc. Sam Smith

Two Fort Gordon firefighters in Level A hazardous material suits try plugging a hole in a tanker during hazardous material spill simulation while conducting a HAZMAT training exercise Friday.



Firefighters take a closer look at the point of impact where a suspected leak is found.

**Spc. Sam Smith**  
*Signal staff*

The Fort Gordon Fire Department conducted a hazardous material, or HAZMAT, field training exercise Friday at their training area.

The exercise was a simulation of an automobile accident involving a tanker carrying hazardous materials and three casualties. Firefighters had to assess the situation and react to it in two-person teams wearing the full-body Level A HAZMAT suit.

As with any good field training exercise, real-

ism was the focus.

"Given the current real-world situation," said Lt. Col. Richard Karlsson, director of public safety, "it's important [firefighters] keep trained to what they could find."

According to Karlsson, the training went well. Firefighters experienced problems plugging some of the holes in the tanker, but those are the types of problems encountered in real life, Karlsson said.

"If you don't train on this real world stuff," said Master Sgt. Michael Oliver of the 315<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineering Squadron

out of Charleston, S.C., "you lose the attitude [needed to deal with realistic situations.]"

The HAZMAT course was not only an opportunity for Soldiers like Oliver to either gain or renew their HAZMAT certification, it was an opportunity to test the unit's new Mobile Decon Unit, a high-tech trailer which serves as the command center for HAZMAT accidents in the field.

The training was a culmination of the two-week course firefighters underwent to renew or gain their HAZMAT certification.



(Above) One of the firefighters tries hammering in a plug to stop the simulated hazardous material leak.  
(Right) A firefighter in a HAZMAT suit with equipment in hand, approaches the 'crash scene' to assess the situation.

