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News UPDATE

Month of the military child

The month of the military child celebration is 10 a.m.-2 p.m. **Saturday** at the Youth Services Activity field.

Activities include face painting, arts and crafts, horseback riding, a rock climbing wall and more. All activities are free. For information, call 791-6500.

Volunteer luncheon

The Fort Gordon Volunteer luncheon will be **Tuesday** from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the North Grand Ballroom of the Gordon Club.

The event will recognize the installation's top 100 volunteers. The volunteers will be presented the Presidential Volunteer Service Award.

For more information, contact Lynn Harshmann, installation volunteer coordinator, at 791-3579.

Lifestyle seminar

Army Community Service, Mobilization and Deployment Program will present a day of workshops, tailored to assist Family Readiness Groups, commanders and first sergeants, spouses seeking employment, and active duty members preparing for retirement **April 27** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Pleasure Profile and Lifescaping Workshops will be in the Gordon Club, Victoria Room. The presenter will be Kathleen O'Beirne, who describes herself as an Army brat and a Navy wife, and author of books about the military lifestyle.

To register for the workshops or childcare, please call ACS, 791-3579/0795.

ID section closes

The ID Card Section, Military Personnel Division, will be closed to customers **April 26 and 27**. The section is undergoing a conversion and upgrade of equipment. The ID Card Section will reopen on April 28 at 7:30 a.m.

OSC flea market space for sale

Space sales for the semiannual Officers' Spouses Club flea market are being held at Thrift Shop behind the main Post Exchange from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., **Tuesday, Thursday, April 27 and 29**.

Flea market space sales will be held in the Post Exchange main lobby, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. **today, Saturday, Friday, April 24, 28-30**.

The flea market will be **May 1** on Barton Field from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. In the event of rain, it will be held **May 2** at the same time and place.

For information, call (706) 481-8065 or 791-2779.



Photo by Pfc. Armando Monroig

Lt. Col. Peter Armstrong, chief of peripheral vascular surgery (left), and Maj. Anthony Eclavea, chief of interventional radiology, check Barbara Walker's, cryoplasty patient, pulse during a clinical follow-up visit.

New treatment offers hope to heart patients

DDEAMC doctors perform pioneering procedure; first in Southeast region

Pfc. Armando Monroig
Signal Staff

Recently an alternate procedure to angioplasty was used to treat a patient at Eisenhower Army Medical Center, becoming only the third in the Department of Defense, first in the southeast region and Augusta, to perform this procedure.

On April 6, Barbara Walker, a military dependent in Augusta, underwent the fairly new procedure called CryoPlasty, to treat arterial ailments caused by her diabetes and high blood pressure.

Walker was treated two years ago with the more commonly used angioplasty.

"I am feeling great - 99 percent better than before the procedure," said Walker.

She said she didn't care how her problem was fixed so long as the doctors took care of the problem. And correct it they did.

Doctors went in and opened up a blockage during the two-hour procedure that is being done in only about 100 sites in the United States.

Walker said CryoPlasty, was more painful

initially but better in the long run.

"It took me two days to be able to walk but I still had to have support," she said of the old method.

Walker said the doctors who performed the procedure, Maj. Anthony Eclavea, chief of interventional radiology, and Dr. Peter Armstrong, chief of peripheral vascular surgery, did a fabulous job.

"I want to thank the doctors so very, very much," she said during a follow-up clinical visit two days after the procedure was performed.

"They saved my life. I was in bad shape."

Eclavea and Armstrong said Walker was doing great after her procedure.

As part of the clinical follow-up, Walker had her pulse checked on one of her ankles with an ultrasound instrument.

Prior to the CryoPlasty, there was no pulse. After the procedure she had a nice, palpable pulse or a pulse so strong it could be felt.

"Prior to this procedure she wasn't even able to walk very far," Armstrong said.

"The key thing is there is a palpable pulse," said Eclavea. "That's huge."

Eclavea added one of the pluses of this new technique is it helps a patient's artery stay open longer.

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PT program makes Soldiers fit to fight

Pfc. Armando Monroig
Signal Staff

The recent changes to the Army physical fitness program have gotten the attention of many people, specifically Soldiers.

The old Army physical fitness program which all Soldiers were accustomed to has been reviewed and revamped and looks nothing like it did before.

Currently the change only affects Initial Entry Training Soldiers but eventually will be

implemented Army-wide affecting permanent party Soldiers as well.

Col. Allen Woodhouse, 15th Signal Brigade commander, commented on the changes to the Army's physical fitness program and the effects on his unit.

He said the Standardized PT Program was officially implemented in his brigade April 1 although Soldiers began learning the new program in February.

The program consists of three conditioning drills.

Conditioning drill 1 consists of ten warm up and cool down exercises. The warm up exercises are followed by three Military Movement Drills which consists of three exercises: verticals, laterals, and the shuttle run.

"It is designed to dynamically prepare the body for more vigorous activities and develop

motor efficiency," said Woodhouse.

The cool down exercises are followed by the Stretch Drill which consists of five stretching exercises: the overhead arm pull, the rear lunge, the extend-and-flex, the thigh stretch and the single-leg over.

Conditioning drill 2 consists of five exercises that develop upper body strength, endurance, and mobility. The five exercises are: the push-up, the sit-up, the straight-arm pull (done on pull-up bars), the pull-up and the leg tuck.

"Conditioning drill 3 consists of five higher level exercises that develop more complex motor skills while challenging strength, endurance and mobility at a higher intensity," said Woodhouse.

The five exercises are the power jump, the v-up, the mountain climber, the leg tuck-and-twist and the single-leg push up.

"Each conditioning drill is supplemented with ability group runs, speed running, shuttle runs and foot marching," Woodhouse said. "The running duration is determined by time, not distance."

For example an ability group may run for 30 minutes, instead of a 2 or 3 mile run. The program provides a 14 week ability group chart that

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Col. Allen Woodhouse
15th Signal Brigade



Photo by Spc. Sam Smith

Farewell

Brig. Gen. Janet Hicks, commander, Fort Gordon and U.S. Army Signal School, speaks to the 82nd Maintenance Detachment, a general support maintenance unit, at their farewell ceremony Tuesday. The Georgia National Guard unit, based in Fort Benning, Ga., was deployed to Fort Gordon for six months as force protection augmentees supporting the 35th MP Detachment. The soldiers will demobilize at Fort Stewart, Ga., before going home.

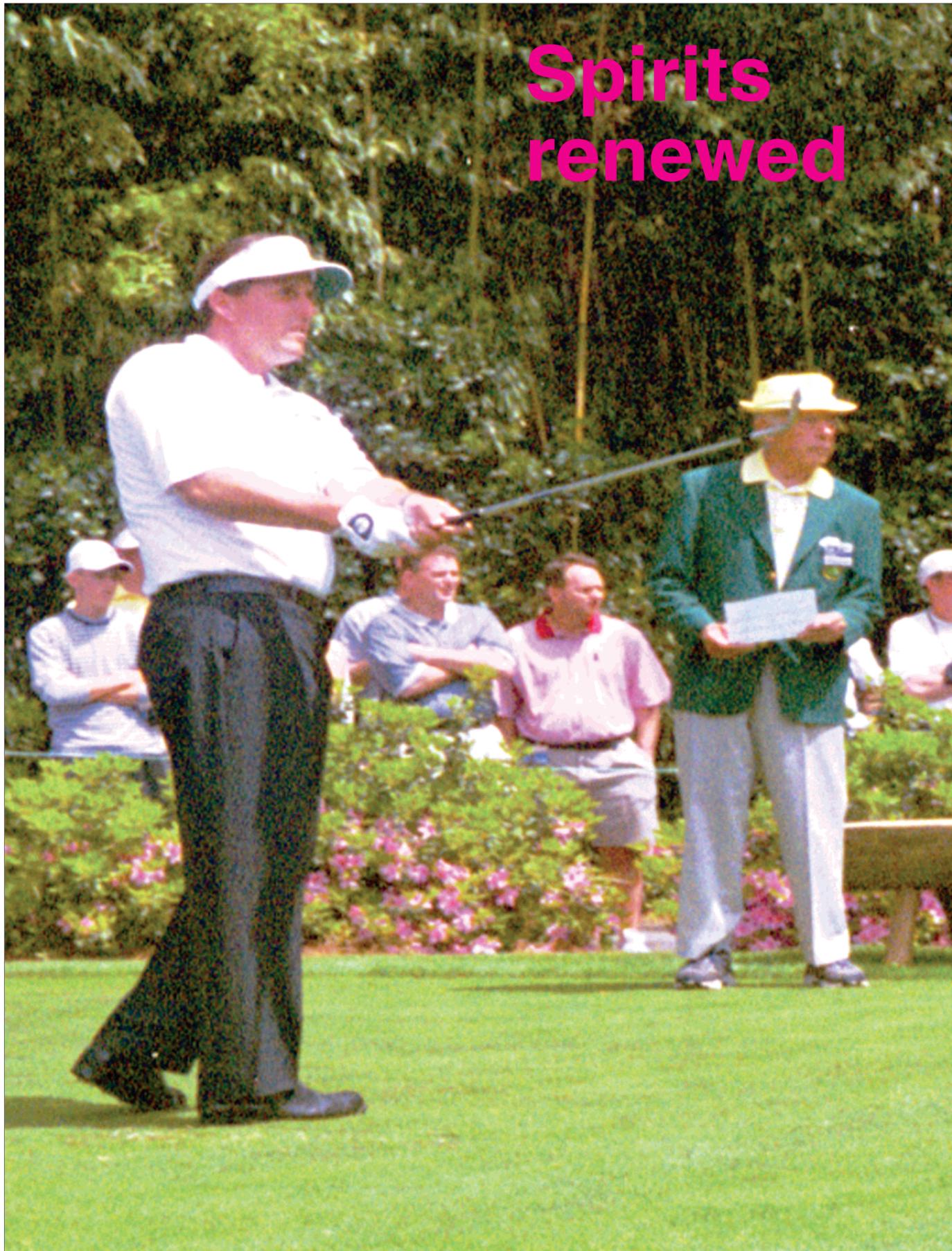
Quarterly awards ceremony set for Conrad Hall

The installation quarterly awards ceremony will be held April 29, at 8:30 a.m. in the lobby of Conrad Hall.

The ceremony will honor the following individuals: Servicemember of the 2nd Quarter, Fiscal Year 2004: Pfc. Adam Jones, Company A, 206th Military Intelligence Battalion; Noncommissioned Officer of the 2nd Quarter, Fiscal Year 2004 - Sgt. Shelley Terrill, 434th Army Signal Corps Band, Military Police Battalion; Instructor of the 2nd Quarter, Fiscal Year 2004: Sgt. 1st Class John Childers, Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course, Regimental Noncommissioned Officer Academy; Cook of the 2nd Quarter, Fiscal Year 2004: Spc. Brandon Moore, Company A, Eisenhower Army Medical Center; Civilian of the 2nd Quarter, Fiscal Year 2004: Judy Creer, Chaplain's Office; Volunteer of the Month - January 2004: Jean L. De Lucio, Officers' Spouses' Club; Volunteer of the Month-February 2004: Beth Varner, Chaplain's Office and Volunteer of the Month-March 2004: Ryan Yearicks, Signal Museum. The 2nd Quarter, Fiscal Year 2004 Best Dining Facility award will be presented to personnel of Dining Facility #8. Awards will also be presented to retention personnel.

Everyone is encouraged to attend and congratulate these individuals.

For more information, contact Linda Means, PAO, 791-1871.



Spirits renewed

Photo by James Hudgins

The 2004 Masters Tournament Champion, Phil Mickelson, watches the flight of the ball during after a swing during the Par 3 Competition. Mickelson finally achieved winning his first elusive major by beating Ernie Els by one stroke for the title.

(Left) A legend of golf's past meets with a legend of golf's future as Palmer and Tiger Woods take a few moments to chat during a break in Par 3 Competition action.

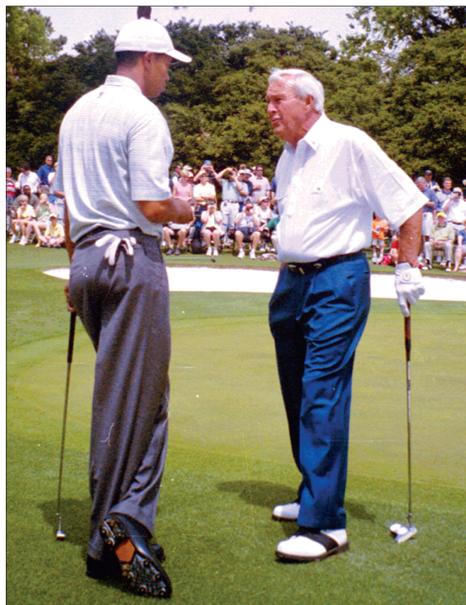


Photo by James Hudgins

Experienced spectator sees Masters through new eyes

James Hudgins
Fort Gordon Public Affairs Officer

It's impossible not to be just a little pleased with oneself when you're one of the privileged few able to walk through the hallowed gates of the Augusta National Golf Club to view and experience one of the world's greatest sporting events – the Masters.

It's especially meaningful since tickets to this spectacular are among the most difficult to gain, even if price were no object.

Most only wonder what goes on behind those heavily guarded gates before sitting in front of the television to view the action... without commercial interruption! To actually be allowed to watch the world's best golfers in the midst of one of the world's most beautiful settings is, well...humbling and inspiring.

Even so, it's only human nature to overlook the little things that make the Masters so awesome. Rushing to get to the 'Amen Corner' before the rest of the excited fans; dodging through the throngs congregating at the main scoreboard or on the promenade near the crowded gift shop; quickening your pace to cross the fairways before the marshals pull restraining ropes to keep the viewers from interfering with the golfers' play. The result is to

fall victim to the human foible of not taking the time to smell the roses and fully enjoy the experience.

This year, I had the pleasure of introducing a new member of our staff to his first Masters photo session. Seeing the grounds through the eyes of a first-time visitor reawakened and refreshed my senses to all that makes the Augusta National Golf Club such a unique place and unequalled venue.

This year, I again saw beyond the colors to see and smell the myriad of flowers and trees that possess those many vivid colors. This time, I again appreciated the pristine-to-a-fault condition of the grounds, with every blade of grass in place, every fairway and trap meticulously groomed, every person and thing in its place. The word 'green' does not do justice to the actual color of the playing surfaces.

I again marveled at the martial coordination of every action...rather than a sporting event, it was almost like a well-rehearsed ballet. Souvenirs were continually and quietly restocked; fresh sandwiches and pre-poured drinks were ever at the ready; galleries were moved like precision drill teams; scores were hand-posted to the scoreboards almost before the shots were completed.

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A view of the main scoreboard located near Augusta National's entrance greeted the thousands of fans who attended the 2004 Masters Golf Tournament. The event featured the world's greatest professional and amateur golfers. Practice rounds were held April 5-7, with the Par 3 Competition on the 6th. The actual competition began April 8 and concluded with an exciting finish April 11.

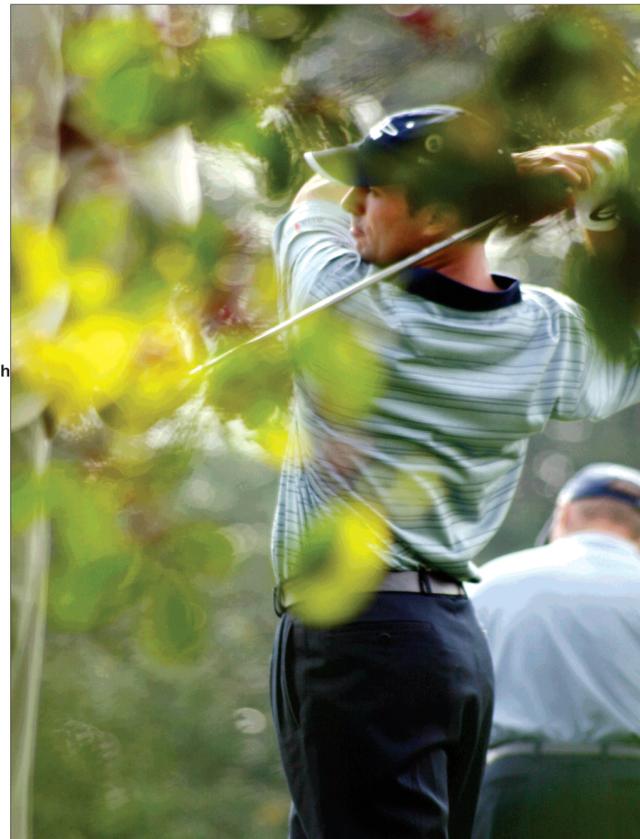
Photos by Pfc. Armando Monroig



Fans gather around a green waiting to see one of their favorite golfers attempt to drive on the next hole. Scenery decorates the greens all around the Augusta National Golf Club.



Vijay Singh of Fiji walks to his next practice hole as his caddy makes a few suggestions. Singh top 10 of the tourney.



Mike Weir, 2003 Masters Champion could not find his game in this year's tournament, not making the cut for the final rounds.



Tiger Woods, flocked by fans, takes a swing during the Par 3 Competition. Although he made it to the final rounds, Woods struggled through the tournament and could not seem to mount any serious threat against the likes of Ernie Els and Mickelson, who were ahead for most of the game.

Information delivery, communication common tie between signaleer, medic

Denise Allen
Signal staff

Whether it's on the battlefield or defending the homeland, the goals for the Signal Corps and the Medical Corps are similar—defeating time and distance to deliver information.

Brig. Gen. Eric B. Schoomaker, commanding general of the Southeast Regional Medical Command/Dwight David Eisenhower Army Medical Center, lead agent for the Department of Defense TRICARE Regions 3 and 15 and chief of the Medical Corps, spoke on "The Signaleer and Medic in Full-Spectrum Combat and Homeland Security Operations" at the April 12 luncheon of the Augusta-Fort Gordon Chapter of the Armed Forces Commu-

nications and Electronics Association.

"It may seem on the surface that the signaleer and the medic have very little in common," he said. "I hope you'll come to see they have more in common."

There are a few superficial commonalities such as the father of the Signal Corps, Albert J. Myer, being a surgeon, and the regimental coats of arms of the two organizations having many of the same elements.

However, the deepest thread running between the two pertains to delivery of information and communication.

Having the right information early could mean the difference in saving lives or having hundreds of casualties.

In the incidence of an an-

thrax epidemic delaying the use of antibiotics by just 24 hours could be catastrophic, he said.

Sensors to detect anthrax in the air would be needed as well as effective and timely communication of the intelligence.

Antibiotics must be administered in the first 24 hours to save lives, he said.

Having the information is as important as knowing what to do with it.

Training exercises such as the Consequence Management exercises that involve Fort Gordon and the entire region insure the region's preparedness and readiness. Other important training is done at the medical simulator lab, the first and now one of only two in the Army.

Medics work with lifelike

human models that breathe, blink, react to medication and can die if the proper care is not given.

"We are looked to as one of the region's and the nation's experts" in medical support of homeland security when it comes to "natural disasters and other large scale events," he said.

Not only is information vital in a large-scale situation, but it's important to have the right information when it comes down to a single patient.

Schoomaker talked about the Army's effort to have an electronic patient record base to get the right information at the right time.

Information, he said, results in the development of knowledge and results in the application of wisdom.

Well done

Monday Brig. Gen. Jan Hicks, commander, Fort Gordon and U.S. Army Signal School, expressed her gratitude to members of two Signal Mobile Training Teams who were deployed in Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. A third team is currently deployed to Afghanistan. The teams along with coalition forces instructed the Afghan National Army on the use of American and Soviet radio systems. Recognized were Maj. Mark Parker, Capt. James Bryant Jr., Staff Sgt. Tommie Ringo, Staff Sgt. Martin Phillips, and Sgt. Travis Rodefer.



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Actionable Intelligence relies on all Soldiers

Joe Burlas
Army News Service

Actionable Intelligence means providing commanders and Soldiers a high level of situational understanding, delivered with speed, accuracy and timeliness, in order to conduct successful operations, according to the charter of the focus area task force on the subject.

Actionable Intelligence is not perfect intelligence — commanders need to be trained on what intelligence can be reasonably delivered and what cannot, said the Army's top military intelligence planner and policy maker.

Lt. Gen. Keith Alexander, Army G2, gave members of the Pentagon press corps a snapshot April 8 of what Task Force Actionable Intelligence has found since it was created last fall and how its initiatives will transform the way military intelligence will operate in the future.

One of the ways the task force hopes to change in the Army is making every Soldier a sensor that

quickly reports the Soldier's slice of the battlefield into a digital network.

Combat Soldiers are trained to report what they believe to be critical information up the chain of command. However, that report takes time as it makes it through the chain, and the information that is reported is often filtered. By the time it makes it to where it might be acted on, it is often too late or incomplete, Alexander said.

A shared network, with each Soldier having a means of digitally inputting and sending what he sees, is where Army is heading, Alexander said. Progress in the area is being made, as he said his action officers are in close coordination with their counterparts in G6 to develop and implement the infrastructure, equipment, procedures and tools needed for that network.

Looking at lessons learned from Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and Operation Iraqi Freedom from the start of major hostilities through recent observations of current threats, the task force identified 127 issues that

needed to be fixed as soon as possible. Interim and permanent solutions for the majority of those issues have already been implemented, Alexander said. Some of those fixes have been changes to procedures, software updates and rapid fielding of new equipment.

One of the biggest intelligence shortcomings of both operations was the lack of human intelligence assets at the battalion and brigade level — something that is being addressed as returning forces reset into modular forces, Alexander said. Warfighting forces currently in the Central Command area of operations have been beefed up with a number of ad hoc tactical HUMINT collection teams as well.

The greater need for tactical HUMINT is because the threat has changed in our lifetimes, from facing a Cold War adversary armed with lots of tanks and artillery to an asymmetrical enemy, Alexander explained. The intelligence community is no longer just looking for a bunch of equipment to identify where the enemy is and determine

what his intentions might be; it is also looking for individual people, Alexander said.

The G2 said he is looking to industry and academia to help better organize and visually present information from multiple intelligence databases. The current system is much like an Internet search using a standard search tool that gives you thousands of hits. Refining your query until you get what you are looking for is time-consuming, Alexander continued.

There has to be a better way of getting the data you need than using a hierarchical Industrial Age process when we are living in the Information Age, Alexander said.

Situational awareness also means sharing information seamlessly across all levels — from national intelligence assets down to the Soldier on the battlefield. That will require a cultural change and a lot of training, Alexander said.

Editor's note: This is the 13th article in a weekly series on the 17 Army focus areas. This one focuses on "Actionable Intelligence."

Promotions, amenities perks of deployment

Capt. James E. Christman
67th Signal Battalion

Company A, 67th Signal Battalion has been at Camp New York, Kuwait for over 40 days. We have all adjusted to life on the base camp: getting dressed in the middle of the night to go to the port-a-john; walking outside to a shower trailer to shower, shave, and brush our teeth; and walking a half mile to the dining facility for meals, only to wait in line for 20 minutes to get in — just to name a few of the inconveniences

of life at this base camp.

Camp New York is a relatively barren plot of desert about six miles around. While it is mostly sand and fine dust, there are hints of vegetation, if only temporarily. This spring was unusually wet and produced an abundance of plants. Wild yellow and purple flowers grow where the desert remains untouched, and there is a large patch of grass and weeds growing along one of the berms. Last year at this time, there were very few plants growing and only a couple of weeds sprouted up

through the razor wire, the only place left untouched by Army boots and vehicles.

Berms, or piles of earth piled to form a barrier, surround the camp. These berms were surrounded with razor wire, to keep out intruders during the war. Now, the berms serve to keep out intruders, humans and animals. Earlier this month several camel herders grazed their herds very near the berm and gave our quick reaction forces, quite a workout. The QRF soldiers chased camels off the berm on several different occasions.

"The QRF chased camels and sheep off the berm on a daily basis. In fact, if the camels are angry at you they hiss and spit," said Spc. Jason Michalek. Michalek, 26, a switch operator for Company A, has been in the Army for three years, is married and has a daughter. This is the Michalek's first deployment with the Army, and as he terms it, "It is a definite learning experience. I like seeing how the Army works as a whole, and how our unit is put to use in a real world mission." Overall, Michalek has positive feelings about the deployment and concludes with, "We'll all leave here personally and professionally more mature. I feel like I'm a part of history, doing good for the world."

While there are drawbacks to living on a base camp in the middle of the Kuwaiti desert, amenities abound. The base camp has an AT&T

phone center, though the wait in line deters all but the hardest camp denizens. There are fast food restaurants just like back in the U.S., though they are takeout only. In fact, it's almost like the town square; Army and Air Force Exchange on one side of the square, Burger King, Subway, and the Barber Shop on the other side. The camp also has a Morale Welfare and Recreation tent filled with chairs and a large screen TV to watch movies. The MWR tent sees quite a bit of use every day, as Soldiers go there to unwind and take a break from the daily grind.

The Kuwaiti spring has been relatively mild to date, only climbing to the upper 90s on a couple occasions over the past few weeks. It is warm, but the constant breeze is welcome and makes the warm temperature bearable. Though the breeze is bearable now, very soon, possibly even as early as the end of this month, the pleasant breeze will turn to an effect very similar to standing in front of a large blow dryer. Pvt. Ronnie Blue terms it "surprising." He says, "It's not too bad. The surprising thing is going to be the heat. It's already hot, and I hear it's going to get hotter." Blue, 22, is a wire systems installer/maintainer for Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 67th Signal Battalion. He is currently with Company A, and has been in the Army for nine months. Blue feels that the deployment is a positive experience also, and said, "We all get to bond, and get to know each other a little bit better during this deployment." While he has positive feelings about the deployment overall, Blue's feelings are tempered with reality. As the rest of the Soldiers of Iraqi Freedom can attest, you never quite get used to walking to the shower, through the sand in sandals, only to return to your cot through the blowing sand. As Blue observes, "You walk back and forth in shower shoes, but by the time

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Feedback

Pfc. Armando Monroig

What makes military children special?



I think any child is special really, but what makes a military child special is his (or her) experiences, make him (or her) appreciate things more.

Spc. John Christopher,
HHC U.S. Army Garrison



They grow up understanding and respecting what the military is about. They grow up learning patriotism.

Col. Gerald Pounds,
Headquarters, Air Force Reserve command



They are more educated. The all-around moving from place to place, meeting different people, different schools they attend (is what makes them special).

James Pierson
Retiree



They learn more things, are more diverse, have more life experiences. I believe that they are well rounded. They get a little bit of everything. They are a closer knit family.

Jennifer Guigley,
Family member

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WHEREAS young people are the future stewards of our communities, nation, and world in critical times, and the present and future well-being of our society requires an involved, caring citizenry with good character;

WHEREAS scholars and educators agree that conscientious efforts must be made to help young people develop the essential traits and characteristics that comprise good character;

WHEREAS character development is, first and foremost, an obligation of families, though efforts by schools, youth, civic, and human service organizations play a very important role in supporting family efforts by fostering and promoting good character;

WHEREAS the Six Pillars of Character closely align with the Army Core Values of Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless-Service, Honor, Integrity, and Personal Courage and together strengthen the goal of character education;

NOW, THEREFORE the Commanding General of the US Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon hereby endorses the CHARACTER COUNTS program and urges all personnel to seek out opportunities to incorporate the core values into their work and encourages all citizens to model the traits of good character in an ongoing commitment to promote character development and ethical behavior in the youth of our community, and;

FURTHER, declares the Month of the Military Child Carnival commencing on the seventeenth day of April as the official kick-off of CHARACTER COUNTS, and calls on the people of Fort Gordon and interested groups to embrace this initiative.

Dated this 16 day of April, 2004



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you get back to your tent you have to clean yourself off again."

On the good news front, Company A witnessed the promotion of nine Soldiers during the last week of February and the first week of March 2004. The following Soldiers were promoted to specialist: Ruchan Akers, 25, radio operator; Anthony McMurray, 20, switch operator; Brandon Jones, 20, radio operator; Dean Stone, 20, radio operator; Jon Hurst, 19, radio operator; James Rouse, 20, radio operator. The following Soldiers have been promoted to private first class: Joseph Williams, 25, cable systems installer/maintainer; Marcus Smith, 29, radio operator; and Albert Runningbear, 20, radio operator. No promotion will evoke as many memories as getting promoted to the next higher rank in a combat zone.

And finally, the entire Company A family welcomes our relatively new arrivals from the 235th Signal Company. Our newest members are: Sgt. Stephen Carey, tactical satellite team chief, from the 235th Signal Company, Fort Gordon, Ga., Senior Airman Shannon Fromm, satellite communications technicians, from the 35th Communications Squadron, Misawa Airbase, Japan, Spc. Ryan Simms, tactical satellite operator/maintainer, also from the 235th Signal Company, and Airman 1st Class Travis Snyder, satellite communications technician, also from the 35th Communications Squadron. The 235th provides Company A satellite equipment to help us accomplish our mission here at Camp New York. Our new arrivals are a welcome and refreshing addition to the team, and add a joint flavor to our mission.

We sincerely hope all is well in the states, or wherever else you may find yourself. Don't worry about us, we'll continue to take care of each other and in no time we'll be planning for our return ceremony. Until next time, be safe, be happy, and keep all the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines of Iraqi Freedom in your thoughts and prayers.

Editor's note: Capt. James Christman is the commander for Company A, 67th Signal Battalion currently deployed to Kuwait.

Open house showcases medical simulators

Jennifer Chipman
Southeast Regional Medical Command Public Affairs Officer

The Southeast Regional Medical Command and the Research, Development & Engineering Command, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., hosted a Medical Simulation Open House showcasing the Combat Trauma Patient Simulator system at Fort Gordon.

The CTPS is a system of six individual high fidelity medical simulators linked together over a common computer network.

The human patient simulator is a full-scale, fully interactive simulator used to train healthcare providers in a variety of situations produced within the simulation. It trains medical first responders by simulating, replicating, and assessing injuries by type and category. These simulators can also be used to train first responders in reacting to chemical, biological, nuclear radiological and explosive events.

It can monitor the movement of casualties on the battlefield, capture the time of patient diagnosis and treatment and compare intervention and outcome results at various levels. This simulation can be used at all levels of medical training.

"The Army and the rest of the military figured out a long time ago simulation is the way to go," said Brig. Gen. Eric Schoomaker, commanding general, Southeast Regional Medical Command and Eisenhower Army Medical Cen-



Courtesy photo

Brig. Gen. Eric Schoomaker demonstrates the capability of the Combat Trauma Patient Simulator during a recent open house. The simulator trains personnel by simulating replicating, and assessing injuries by type and category.

ter. According to Schoomaker, the military has been using flight simulators, Apache, Bradley and Abrams simulators for years. The CTPS has been developed to meet the needs of the medical arm of the military.

The CTPS system was developed with congressional appropriations and managed by Medical Research and Materiel Command and RDECOM over the past 6 years. The Center for Total Access was chosen as the test site for these simulators because of the medical assets on and around Fort Gordon including the Regional Training Site - Medical, the Battle Lab and the Medical College of Georgia. To date over 1600 active duty and reserve military have been trained on

this system.

The open house provided an overview of the congressional effort, lessons learned and future of medical simulation with the military. Specifically, it highlighted the diversity of the CTPS simulation tool for disaster response and other military and civilian medical training partnerships. Having the simulators has allowed MCG and Kennesaw State University nursing students to train as part of existing partnerships.

Disaster training on the CTPS tool has also been used by an American Medical Association endorsed disaster medicine program, the National Disaster Life Support Program, with MCG emergency medicine instructors to train federal, state and local responders.

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Osmund Robinson removes a newly made training device from a mold. The Fort Gordon Training Support Center has been making training devices since World War II.

Real or training aid

Fort Gordon Training Support Center creates Iraqi training kit

Denise Allen
Signal staff

Work in some old warehouses on Fort Gordon may help save the lives of troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Additional temporary personnel have been hired because of a demand for the training aids made by the Training Support Center, including explosive devices used in Iraq.

"Units are finding these things. They need to know if they are already detonated and what their characteristics are to disarm them," said Craig Bannecke, TSC chief.

TSC is creating an "Iraqi kit" with several different types of mock explosive devices that have been fashioned after the real items. They are the same shape, size and color of the

real items.

In basic training, soldiers may receive some training on explosives, but the devices are all a baby blue color to show they are inert; however, the TSC pieces are painted and marked like those used in the battlefield.

TSC does add one other marking – a color band to signify any additional hazard such as a chemical or biological component troops may encounter.

Bannecke said the devices in the kit are made from pieces that have been recovered from Iraq or from photographs or detailed descriptions. A lot of the explosive devices were made in Italy.

Also in the kit are rocket-propelled grenades.

TSC has been making training devices at Fort Gordon since World War II.

For years, the enemy was Russia, and the devices and their placement, fortifying the borders of a community country, was more predictable.

But times have changed. "Things are constantly new. We are fighting an enemy that doesn't confront. In Desert Storm, we really saw explosive ordnances as a way of warfare," said Bannecke.

The Iraqi kit isn't the only explosive training device being created at TSC.

With information from an Israeli terrorist expert, TSC has put together a suicide bombers vest, according to Lynn Skinner, devices chief.

"From a description, we fabricated them. It got out on the Internet, and a sheriff's department from Colorado called us," he said.



(Above) These devices are among the items Soldiers are finding in Iraq and are being placed into a "kit" to better train them.

Because TSC is a government entity, it cannot deal directly with the civilian police forces, but training items go to all branches of the military and government agencies such as border patrol and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

The suicide bomber's vest training aid contains pockets with items that could be found at any local hardware store including nails.

Another device that uses everyday items is the briefcase bomb such as the one used to blow up the train in Madrid.

Pieces of metals such

as nuts line the pockets of the briefcase, which is set off by a call to a cell phone.

Skinner said a disturbing piece has been added recently to the briefcase – a package of HIV positive blood. Those ordering the training devices have asked for a packet of red fluid to be included.

Besides creating the

explosive device training aids, TSC makes items such as mock M-16 and M-4 for Soldiers. The mock M-16 costs about \$75 to make, whereas a real M-16 is about \$600, said Bannecke.

TSC also makes signs such as the gate signs on post. Although they look like wood, they are made of foam, said Bannecke.



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Mind over matter

Five Fort Gordon Soldiers complete Bataan Death March

Spc. Sam Smith
Staff Writer

The infamous Bataan Death March is remembered by at least one Fort Gordon Soldier not only for the significant sacrifice of its casualties but also as a personal rite of passage.

Sgt. 1st Class Jeffrey Buchanan, an instructor and noncommissioned officer in charge of the Joint Training Branch at the School of Information Technology, has a very personal reason for completing the White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico march.

"I'm probably the most broke person to go do this (march)," Buchanan said. "People say I'm too broke to do anything. (That's why I participated)—to prove to myself that I could do it and show them I could work in a tactical unit."

Buchanan is under two permanent profiles limiting his assignment options. One profile is for ligament damage to his right shoulder incurred during a deployment to Croatia, and the other a stress fracture to his left

foot, which underwent surgery around this time last year. Both of these injuries, especially the latter one, could make the already difficult 26.2 mile march even more problematic.

Buchanan participated in the light military division of the march, which requires a uniformed servicemember wear load bearing or carrying equipment with two canteens or a camelback. The other two divisions are heavy military, which requires a 35-pound ruck sack not including water, and civilian with no specific uniform requirements. All marchers also had to adhere to a rule that prevented them from changing boots from the 'hardball,' paved road, section of the march and the 'sand pit,' a 2.5 mile stretch of soft sand with an incline.

"That was the most difficult part for me physically," Buchanan said. "Mentally the most difficult was the last 2.5 mile straight stretch of road. It just looked like White Sands wasn't getting any closer."

Of course White Sands did get closer, and the

'broke' NCO successfully finished the course at 9:14:09. Of the over 3,000 who signed up only 1,386 finished.

As with any long road march, probably the most important miles walked are the ones in preparation. Buchanan started training for the event last Christmas when Sgt. 1st Class Ronda Mack, another instructor and the noncommissioned officer in charge of networking, spearheaded the idea to take a Fort Gordon team to New Mexico.

"It's a good challenge and a good story," Mack said. "I love the challenge and getting other people involved in it."

Although several members of the unit participated in the early morning training, only five from the school made it to the event. In addition to Buchanan and Mack, two other instructors, Staff Sgt. Perry Johnson and Staff Sgt. John Terry, and one cadre member, Spc. Richard Hernandez, made up the Fort Gordon team.

In addition to the personal rewards of completing the

arduous track, the march is meant as a way of remembering its namesake, the Bataan Death March. Several survivors of the march attend the ceremony and many, even in their 80s, complete the march.

The Army Reserve Officer Training Corps at New Mexico State University began the Bataan Memorial Death March in 1989. In 1992, White Sands Missile Range and the New Mexico National Guard starting sponsoring the march as well, and the event was moved to the missile range. The event was canceled last year due to Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The Bataan Death March started on April 9, 1942, when U.S. and Filipino forces had to surrender to the Japanese on the island of Luzon. The prisoners of war were forced marched to the other side of the island with thousands dying during the journey.

"People say we've lost our way when we remember history," Buchanan said. "(This march) is a way to remember that history."

Iraqi court convicts three for planting roadside bomb

American Forces Press Service

A three-judge panel of the Central Criminal Court of Iraq tried and convicted three Iraqi men Wednesday for actions against coalition forces, Combined Joint Task Force 7 announced in a news release.

All three were sentenced to

10 years each in an Iraqi prison.

The men were detained near Balad Nov. 20 after being discovered by coalition forces in the act of burying a homemade bomb—fashioned from 12 to 14 pounds of C-4 explosives in a coffee-can type of container—alongside

a road.

"The defendants were tried in an Iraqi court with a prosecutor and defense counsel," said Army Col. Dwight Warren, chief liaison officer to the Central Criminal Court of Iraq. "This marks another step forward in the establishment of an independent Iraqi judi-

ciary."

Warren said the soldiers' vigilance saved lives by ensuring the bomb never served its intended purpose. "Their apprehension of the three perpetrators will prevent these terrorists from attempting to murder other soldiers or civilians," he added.

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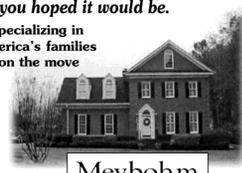
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CAS3 merges with officer advance courses

Gary Sheftick
Army News Service

The last class of the Combined Arms and Services Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., will graduate May 19.

CAS3 will be consolidated into the various branch officer advance courses, Army officials said. A one-week combined arms exercise will be added to those advance courses, which now last 18-20 weeks, depending on the branch.

The one-week exercise, officials said, will provide captains attending the branch schools with much of the combined-arms experience critical to CAS3, which now lasts just over five weeks.

Over the past 22 years, some instruction such as problem-solving or military decision-making has become part of the curriculum at both the advance courses and CAS3, said Col. David Thompson, CAS3 director at Fort Leavenworth. He said decision-making is then stressed again at a higher ech-

elon at the Command and General Staff College.

"Some repetition may be good," Thompson said, for the learning process. "What we're trying to do is eliminate any redundancy in instruction."

Eliminating redundancy was a suggestion resulting from the Army Training and Leadership Development Panel study, known as ATLDP, completed in May 2001. It was also examined under the Officer Personnel Management System XXI study about six years ago.

The change, planned as part of the Officer Education System transformation, was originally scheduled for fiscal year 2005, but is being moved up for operational reasons, Army officials said.

"With the Army at war, captains need to get back to their units," Thompson said, and the change will get them back to units almost four weeks earlier.

The change will affect about 3,100 captains annually. Active-duty captains have been attending the five-week CAS3 course at Leavenworth immediately

after finishing advance course at their branch school.

Army National Guard and Army Reserve captains may continue taking CAS3 at Reserve Forces Schools at least through the end of the fiscal year when existing courses finish. The reserve-component officer advance courses are shorter and do not include much combined arms curriculum, said Maj. Larry Mosely, a training officer at the U.S. Army Reserve Command in Atlanta, Ga.

Thompson said he envisions what is now the two-week resident phase of the Reserve Forces CAS3 becoming very similar to the combined arms exercise for active-duty captains. Mosely said the officer advance course for reservists may adapt into a two-week phase at a branch school, then a distance-learning course, followed by a combined arms exercise.

A one-week pilot for the combined arms exercise is planned for this summer at Fort Leavenworth. Then the exer-

cise may move to the combat arms branch schools, Thompson said.

"It's a compact course," Thompson said about the exercise being planned, adding that many important elements of the current CAS3, such as problem-solving, staff interaction and briefings will be part of the program.

"Many written requirements will fall to the wayside," Thompson said, such as formal memo assignments. "I don't think a captain in today's Army needs to know how many spaces to indent," he said.

The combined arms instruction will include either computer-simulated exercises, Thompson said, or scenarios with staff injects.

"My job here is to ensure we don't hinder the education of our captains," Thompson said.

"There should be little difference," Thompson said, between the knowledge base of CAS3 graduates and those who complete the new officer advance course with the additional combined-arms exercise.

Warrant officers to sport branch insignia

Sgt. 1st Class Marcia Triggs
Army News Service

Beginning this summer, the warrant officer component is taking another step toward better integrating itself into the Army's officer corps.

As of July 9 all warrant officers will replace the "Eagle Rising" insignia on their left collar with their appropriate branch insignia. The insignia will have to be purchased, it will not be issued.

Regular commissioned officers have always worn their branch insignia on their left collar, and this uniform change is a step toward the full integration into the branch-based systems of the larger officer corps, personnel official said.

"Warrant officers traditionally have not been treated as part of the officer corps. We've kind of been in this strange gray area between the noncommissioned officer and the regularly commissioned branch officer," said Chief Warrant Officer 5

Albert Eggerton, the warrant officer personnel policy integrator for the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, G1.

"When Congress and our own leadership look at initiatives for the officer corps, they tend to overlook us because we're so small," said Chief Warrant Officer 5 Andrew Barr, Signal Corps Regimental Chief Warrant Officer, U.S. Army Signal Center, Fort Gordon, Ga. "We make up less than 2 percent of the Army and less than 14 percent of the officer corps."

As the technical experts, the role of warrant officers will increase dramatically as technology drives the battlefield, said Barr.

Retiring the "Eagle Rising" insignia resulted from the Army Training and Leadership Panel - Warrant Officer Study. The study was the third phase in a four-phase Army-wide self-assessment directed by retired Gen. Eric Shinseki, former

chief of staff.

Forty-five initiatives came out of the study to include changing the chief warrant officer 5 rank to a silver colored bar with a black line in the center of the bar. The rank is currently worn by senior warrant officers in the Navy and Marine Corps, and was first approved in 1973.

"In the future we see an increasing role in joint operations, and it would make it easier in the joint world to identify us correctly by wearing the same insignia that our sister services are wearing," Eggerton said.

A recommendation has been approved for a pay table reform for warrant officers. The proposed pay raise is to counter the targeted raises NCOs received in 1999-2001. It is now less attractive for NCOs to become warrant officers because there is a much smaller pay differential, Eggerton said.

Currently the monthly base pay for a staff sergeant with eight years in the military is

\$2,516. The monthly base pay for a warrant officer 1 with eight years is \$2,928.

Other changes in the process of being reviewed for approval are combining the warrant officer education system with the officer education system, and getting warrant officers commissioned at warrant officer 1 rank instead of warrant officer 2, said Eggerton.

When Congress approves initiatives that will affect lieutenants, warrant officers 1 aren't affected, Eggerton added. With the change, such laws would automatically include warrant officers, he added. However, Eggerton added, the change is tentative on congressional approval and if the Navy or Marine Corps have any objections.

Most of the changes that will be implemented from the ATLDP study will take a lot of time to implement, Eggerton said. The process of change will be ongoing throughout the next decade.

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Members of the 8th Signal Battalion, 8th Infantry Division who were stationed at Rose Barracks, Bad Kreuznach, Germany, are invited to the second annual friendship reunion **May 20-23** in Augusta. For information go to www.8thsig.org.

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.

ID section closes

The ID Card Section, Military Personnel Division, will be closed to customers

April 26 and 27. The section is undergoing a conversion and upgrade of equipment. The ID Card Section will reopen on April 28 at 7:30 a.m.

AUSA golf tourney

The annual Association of the United States Army golf tournament is **May 14** at the Gordon Lakes golf course.

Registration is 10 a.m.-12:15 p.m., followed by a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. A barbecue lunch will be served from 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Entry is \$49 for non-members of Gordon Lakes, \$39 for members.

Pre-register now by calling Cathi Murphy at 791-6429 (cathi.murphy@gdc4s.com) or Jenny Morris at 791-2955 (jennifer.morris@gdc4s.com) by May 7.

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 coping with the stress associated with the servicemember's absence. The class is from 1-2:30 p.m. the first **Wednesday** of each month in Darling Hall, Room 367. For information call 791-3579/7557.

Month of the military child

The month of the military child celebration is 10 a.m.-2 p.m. **Saturday** at the Youth Services Activity field.

Free activities include face painting, arts and crafts, horseback riding, a rock climbing wall and more. For information, call 791-6500.

The Fort Gordon Child Development Center has the following activities planned:

Fort Gordon REPORT

COMING UP

The newest edition of the *Fort Gordon Report* premieres Monday and includes the following stories:

- 82nd Maintenance Awards
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The next *Army Newswatch* premieres April 26.

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Thursday - Join your child from 3-4 p.m. for fun learning activities in their classroom.

Friday - Military Day from 10-11:30 a.m. featuring military vehicles and a fire truck display in the CDC parking lot.

April 29 - A parade celebrating the military child.

For information, call the CDC at 791-2701/6761.

Armed Forces Day

The Georgia Golf Hall of Fame's Botanical Gardens is celebrating Armed Forces Day with free admission for servicemembers and their families from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. **May 15.** For information, call 724-4443.

APUS and American Military University

Floyd Maertens, a professor of Marketing and field representative for the American Public University System, will be available **Thursday** at the Education Center, Bldg. 21606, from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. to discuss distance learning programs offered.

All servicemembers, retirees and civilian employees and their dependents are invited to attend.

For information contact Maertens at (803) 865-9786 or fmaertens@apus.edu.

Recruit the recruiter

The Recruit the Recruiter Team from Headquarters, U.S. Army Recruiting Command, Fort Knox, Ky., will brief on the challenges, benefits and opportunities to become recruiters. Briefings will be held at Studio B, in Nelson Hall on **May 4** at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and at

Olmstead Hall on **May 5** at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Attendance by all NCOs is highly encouraged. This briefing in no way obligates you for recruiting duty, a personal interview following the briefing will determine qualifications. More information can be found at web site www.usarec.army.mil/hq/recruiter or contact Sgt. 1st Class Mumpfield at (502) 626-0210 DSN: 536-0210.

For information, contact Master Sgt. Timothy Brock at Post Retention 791-7387.

Holocaust program

The Regimental NCO Academy's Advanced NCO course will host a Holocaust: Day of Remembrance program noon, **Thursday** in the Gordon Club's North Room.

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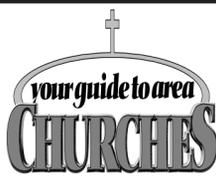
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The sun also rises

Servicemembers, civilians and their families gathered together to take part in Fort Gordon's Easter Sunrise Service held at Freedom Park Sunday from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. Worshippers sang hymns and listened to scripture reading. In addition they listened to guest speaker Brig. Gen. Jerome Haberek's, deputy chief of chaplains, sermon.

PT

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specifies the run times for 4 ability groups, said Woodhouse.

The goal of the PT Program, Woodhouse said, is to improve and/or maintain physical fitness while controlling injuries.

"The Standardized PT Program is very challenging and exercises muscles that our regular PT Program does not," said Woodhouse.

With the new program there is no rest time between exercises and the majority of the exercises are conducted at a slow cadence.

"The leadership (to include drill sergeants) believes that it is effective and a good program. Like all changes it took a little time to understand and accept, but now that the concept and intent is fully understood we are far beyond any resistance," said Woodhouse.

"I like it. This (PT program) let's us go from a moderate tone and builds us all the way up to a hard-core tone," said

Pfc. Adam Graves, B Company 369th Signal Battalion, 15th Signal Brigade. "I really like that. I feel a whole lot better about myself. I'm not as tired during the day. It makes me feel a whole lot better — energized."

On a one to five scale, Graves gave the new program a five and the old one a two.

"I can see more physical changes with this program than I did with the old program," he said. "I think it sculpts you up and gets you more physically fit a whole lot better than what the old program did."

Pvt. Christina Thompson, B Company 369th agrees.

"It stretches you a lot better and works you to prevent injury," she said. "I like it. I prefer it."

Woodhouse said the change in the PT program has been a good one, adding that although the PT program itself has changed, the Army Physical Fitness Test has not.



Photo by Pfc. Armando Monroio

Soldiers from the 15th Signal Brigade conduct physical fitness training on Barton Field Wednesday. The new PT program was implemented April 1 for initial entry soldiers. Eventually all Soldiers will participate in the program.

Religion? No thanks

Chaplain (Maj.) Mark Awdykowyz
Chaplain Resource Manager

What is it about religion that creates either deep conviction or gross apathy?

We live in a society where a person can choose to either be religious or agnostic and still be right. I'm not sure how that works out in reality, but it makes living in community interesting. Just try talking about religion in a pluralistic setting such as the military.

A person's faith can be in Christianity, Islam, Satanism, reincarnation, or nothing, and still be right. Now I become very confused when people discuss religion, everyone disagrees, and no one is wrong. Maybe by the time I'm eligible to collect Social Security the wisdom of age will enlighten me to this unusual phenomenon.

But what if you were to consider one of these faith practices? Would it be believable? If any of you have ever talked to a Christian, it is amazing what they tell you.

The televangelist on TV promises everything from abundant material blessings to divine physical healing, and all in the name of Jesus. Recently, I heard a man on TV promise me new power in my life to overcome any and all of my problems. A \$200 donation to his ministry was all that was needed. Wow!

Just \$200 for complete deliverance! What a deal! But there is just something in me that agrees with what my father said, "If it sounds too good to be true, then it's too good to be true."

Now a lot of Christians in America really don't buy into the "health and wealth" gospel. Most Christians in America believe that God wants to save them from hell, forgive their sins, and provide them with a great life now. Just believe in Jesus and your life will become brand new. Go to church, read and study your Bible, pray earnestly, and tell others about Jesus. Yes, do these things and God will certainly bless your life beyond your wildest expectations. You hear these things every Sunday at church. And so you conclude, "If the preacher says it, then it must be true."

For your entire life you do all these things that other Christians have told you and what you've heard from the preacher. But life just isn't working well.

Your marriage is either over or it bores you to tears. Your military career didn't progress well. The kids have their own lives and you aren't really included very much. Your health is waning, and you don't have anyone with whom you can share your burdens. Friendships are

nothing more than polite, casual acquaintances that are an exercise in cool aloofness.

So is it any wonder that religion has such a broad diversity in its populace? When the religion of America's founding fathers leaves us with greedy televangelists and broken promises, where is the kindness and love of God in Christ Jesus? Is it any wonder that some people aren't interested in Christianity?

Maybe you're one of those people that trusted God, was always left wanting more, and yet nothing you did in or outside the church ever brought you the deep fulfillment you expected from God.

Well, my fellow traveler in this journey called life, you are not alone. You see, religion is mankind's attempt in trying to manipulate the Almighty—our attempts to orchestrate a change in our circumstances rather than asking God to change us.

In reality, God has given us a hunger for heaven, wanting us to experience a level of intimacy with Him that this life can only taste, but never savor completely. God pursues us so we might love and enjoy Him for who He is and not for what He can do for us.

When our yearning for heaven and intimacy with God becomes the burning fire in our belly—the consuming passion of our soul, regardless of circumstances, then we will truly understand the difference between a life hidden in Christ and religion.

Royal Star helps local charity



Photo by Spc. Sam Smith

JoAnn Hawthorne, a head cook, prepares to baste some prime rib at the Gordon Club.

Spc. Sam Smith
Staff Writer

The Gordon Club's catering company, Royal Star Catering, participated in an auction for the March of Dimes at the Radisson Riverfront Hotel last month.

The catering company auctioned \$200 worth of prizes for \$450 and also provided food for the event. Most of the prizes were passes to the Gordon Club, Bingo Palace, Gordon Lanes, and the Courtyard. The star of the catering show was a pineapple tree, a fancy display made of fresh fruits, according to Lawrence Jackson, general manager of the Gordon Club.

"We did this to showcase what the Gordon Club could provide as far as catering," said Jackson, "and to show the Augusta community that Fort Gordon is appreciative of them, and we thought it would enhance the relationship between Fort Gordon and Augusta."

The Gordon Club formed the Royal Star Catering to attract more business from the Augusta community. This event provided a chance for the company to get its name out to the community and support a worthy cause.

The March of Dimes is a nonprofit organization dedicated to preventing threats to newborns' health—prematurity, birth defects, and low birth weight.

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9:00 a.m. • Liturgical Service, Bicentennial Chapel
9:00 a.m. • Gen "x" Soldiers Service, Friendship Chapel
10 a.m. • Eisenhower Army Medical Center Chapel
11 a.m. • Gospel Service at Signal Theatre
11 a.m. • Bicentennial Chapel
11 a.m. • Friendship Chapel

Catholic Services

11:45 a.m. Monday thru Friday, Eisenhower Army Med Ctr. Chapel
12:00 p.m. Monday thru Thursday, Good Shepherd Chapel
3:30 p.m. Saturday, Confessions, Good Shepherd Chapel
5 p.m. Saturday, Vigil Mass, Good Shepherd Chapel

Sunday Masses

8:30 a.m., 10 a.m., Good Shepherd Chapel
11:45 a.m. Eisenhower Army Medical Center Chapel

Jewish Activities

Holy Day Services, Announced
Jewish Activities Center, Bldg. 38804
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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

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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
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Bible Studies

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

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Sports

UPDATE

Sports news

Unit Level Softball – The Unit Level Men's Softball Program is **May 4 to July 4**. The Unit Level Women's program is **May 4 to June 4**.

Track and Field Championships – Fort Gordon 2004 Unit Level Men and Women Track and Field Championships will be held **Monday through April 30**. All competition will be held on the Barton Field quarter mile track. The evening championships will start at 4:45 p.m.

Battalion Basketball Championships – Fort Gordon 2004 Battalion Basketball Championships will be **Monday through April 29** in Gym 3. All teams that participated in the battalion league with the exception of EAMC will be in the championships. Coaches may pick-up championships bracket from the Sports and Fitness Office, Bldg. 29719.

For information, contact Al Robinson at 791-1142 or robinsona@gordon.army.mil.

AUSA golf tourney

The annual Association of the United States Army golf tournament is **May 14** at the Gordon Lakes golf course.

Registration is 10 a.m.-12:15 p.m., followed by a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m.

Entry is \$49 for non-members of Gordon Lakes, \$39 for members. Pre-register by calling Cathi Murphy at 791-6429 (cathi.murphy@gdc4s.com) or Jenny Morris, 791-2955 (jennifer.morris@gdc4s.com) by May 7.

OSC flea market/ Cinco de Mayo

Space sales for the semiannual Officers' Spouses Club flea market are being held at Thrift Shop behind the main Post Exchange from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., **Tuesday, Thursday, April 27 and 29**.

Flea market space sales will be held in the Post Exchange main lobby, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. **today, Saturday, Friday, April 24, 28-30**.

The flea market will be **May 1** on Barton Field from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. In the event of rain, it will be held **May 2** at the same time and place.

For information, call (706) 481-8065 or 791-2779.

The flea market is part of Cinco de Mayo festivities that begin **April 29** from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. with a carnival on Barton Field. The festival ends 7 p.m., **May 2**. Other activities include: a car show, pony rides, petting zoo, concessions, live music and a fireworks show at 10 p.m. **May 1**. Cinco de Mayo is open to the public. For information, call (706) 791-3639.

SCRA run

The Signal Corps Regimental Association is having its 12th Annual SCRA Spring Challenge 10K Run and 1 Mile Kid's Run/Walk at 7:30 a.m. **May 15** in front of the Regimental Noncommissioned Officer Academy. Registration is \$15 before May 8; \$18 after; \$20 day of race; kid's run registration \$8. Register at www.signalcorps.org or call Kim Lyons at 791-6234.

The ambiance says it all

Pfc. Armando Monroig
Signal staff

I was lucky enough to be given the assignment of covering the Augusta National's 2004 Masters Golf Tournament.

I had heard of it before. Who hasn't? It is one of the biggest sporting events in the world. Yet, I am not really a big golf fan.

But I was curious. I wanted to know what all the big deal was about.

So, April 5 my boss and I went to the Augusta National to orient me to the big production that is the Masters.

I got there about 10 a.m. and found the atmosphere buzzing with excitement. And this was only the first day of practice!

So, I pulled out my camera the minute I got there, just in case I got a glimpse of someone famous like Tiger Woods, Vijay Singh or Arnold Palmer.

I was in awe seeing so many people already there. It was like a huge block party, literally a sea of people covering the beautiful, vast and lush greens.

The weather was perfect, a great beach, or in this case, golf day.

And so I began my tour of the Augusta National grounds with Mr. James Hudgins, Fort Gordon Public Affairs officer, as my tour guide for the day.

He took me from green to green, highlighting the key spots and changes that have been made on the course in recent years.

I came across famous Amen Corner, with its beautiful landscaping – pink, purple and red flowers, ponds, and grand trees.

It felt as though I was in a huge park or a nature sanctuary: birds chirping, sun shining, the reflection of all the nature around me from some of the ponds spread out through the 18-hole course.

The grass didn't even appear to be grass. It looked more like a soft green carpet – even felt as such. I wondered, "The maintenance it must take for the course to look this nice...incredible!"

And that was just the course itself that had me transfixed. The closest thing to golf I ever knew until then was miniature golf.

On top of being in awe of Augusta National's vast



Photo by Pfc. Armando Monroig
Arnold Palmer chats with a caddy and fellow golfer Craig Stadler during the 2004 Masters. This was Palmer's 50th and final Masters.

beauty, I was given the opportunity to photograph and chronicle some of the world's best professional and amateur golfers.

Like I said before, I am not a golf fan, but I thought, "Man, I am going to get to see Tiger Woods in person!"

My luck, the very first golfer I saw was Mike Weir, the 2003 Masters Champion, practicing his driving.

Then when I saw Arnold Palmer taking practice swings in the driving range, I was like, "Whoa, that's *the* Arnold Palmer, the legend!"

Towards the end of my first day at the Masters, Mr. Hudgins and I were leaving when we got caught in one of the crosswalks while it was being roped off to allow the golfers to get by.

I was on one side of the crosswalk while he was on the other. There was a crowd of golf fans lining both sides of the crosswalk, with pens and props like hats and flags in hand ready for

signing.

Then they started coming by, one by one: Angel Cabrera and Davis Love just to name two.

Then we saw Ernie Els casually walking toward the clubhouse, probably going for some lunch, signing a couple of autographs as he passed by.

It was an awesome experience. And that was just my first day! And what great pictures I got: Vijay Singh practicing his drives, Phil Mickelson practicing his putts, golfers relaxing, having a good time.

To my surprise, the best was yet to come. My next day at Augusta National was April 7, the Par 3 Competition.

This truly was an exciting day for I spotted the elusive tiger – Tiger Woods that is.

I got a front row seat to the Arnie and Tiger show as they opened up the Par 3 Competition. Mark O'Meara also played in the threesome.

Palmer had already been at the first tee box when Woods arrived, but stayed close to the sidelines talking to fans and out of Tiger's view.

All of a sudden someone yelled, "Hey Tiger!" It turned out to be Palmer jokingly getting Woods' attention. And so the Par 3 kicked off to a jovial and friendly start.

It was awesome seeing the past and present legends of golf playing side by side.

I followed them around every hole of the Par 3 Competition, running ahead of them as they moved on, trying to keep up and get a good spot for a photo along with the thousands of golf enthusiasts present.

How lucky was I to be able to capture these moments in pictures?

As excited I was taking the photos, I was just as excited to get to the office and take a look at the pictures I took.

Seeing the players drive

the ball as far as they did, with the accuracy they did, was totally astonishing to me. I saw firsthand why people are so drawn to this sport and to this golf tourney.

After seeing Palmer, Woods and O'Meara finish, I set my sights on some of the other golfers as they finished the course.

I stood by the 7th hole crosswalk hoping to see some of the golfers as they moved to the next tee. And I lucked out.

I snapped some shots of Jack Nicklaus, Gary Player, and Fred Couples as they putted out.

Though these days were only the practice rounds and friendly competition, for me it was a great introduction to the world of golf and truly an awesome experience.

The actual days of competition were even more exciting.

I caught some of the action at home from the television broadcast but the final day I had the great opportunity to see it in person – not as a reporter, but as a spectator.

It was great. A close competition arose between Phil Mickelson and Ernie Els, with each golfer taking the lead several times throughout the course of the day.

I spent most of the day following Mickelson who struggled at times but still stayed in the game. The crowd of fans who followed him throughout the course no doubt added some support with their cheers of "Go Lefty!" and "You the man, Phil."

Els had the lead for most of the day, but in the end Mickelson took the championship home when he birdied the final hole.

As he stood at the 18th hole, you could hear a pin drop as every single soul around that green seemed to hold their breath in anticipation of what they hoped to come: Mickelson making his final putt.

He did. And with that the crowd threw up their hands and erupted with cheers of jubilation for their golfer -- Phil Mickelson -- the 2004 Masters Golf Tournament champion!

Finally Mickelson achieved triumph in the Masters and won his first major championship that had eluded him for so long. Way to go Phil!

No rain check for new soccer champs

Spc. Sam Smith
Staff writer

The 2004 Morning Soccer Championship ended in a rainy day shut out late Tuesday morning.

C Company, 73rd Ordnance Battalion beat B Company 447th Signal Battalion, 2-0, on a wet and muddy Barton Field. Any good championship game challenges both team, but especially if the weather is working against them.

"I had to play without my glasses a couple of times (because of the rain), but I know my team was there," said Spc. Cesar Morales, the C Company, 73rd goalie. "They backed me up all season."

Pvt. Nicholas Rarick scored

early in the game to give C-73rd the lead they never gave up, but he never conceded the victory was an easy one.

"The field conditions were a challenge, (and) the other team was a good team," Rarick said. "They were talented."

In the end the muddy, sweat and rain soaked team received their well deserved trophy. Things didn't wrap up as easily in the evening competition.

Alpha team Eisenhower Medical Center defeated D Company, 369th Signal Battalion, 1-0, Monday evening in a lot nicer weather conditions. Since D-369 was previously undefeated and A-EAMC lost earlier in the double-elimination tournament, this takes their championship to an 'if' game.



Photo by Spc. Sam Smith
Staff Sgt. Jimmie Sanders, a drill sergeant playing for B-447, takes a practice shot while warming up for his team's championship game.

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Cryoplasty

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Armstrong and Eclavea displayed images of what Walker's artery looked like before and after the procedure, showing the dramatic difference. The before image, showed almost no signs of an artery. The after image showed a wide-open, smooth artery.

Armstrong used I-20 and county roads as an analogy to explain the problem they corrected in Walker's artery.

He explained it is like I-20, the main artery, being clogged and traffic going around using the county roads or smaller arteries. It is slower and more congested.

Once they cleared the passage, the main "highway" is open with blood flowing smoothly remedying the problem.

The before and after images, and strong pulse are proof enough, said Eclavea, this procedure works.

He added Cryoplasty is a mini-invasive procedure with faster recovery time for the patient and low complication rate. Simply put, it is a modification of angioplasty that allows a patient to walk after only six hours following the procedure.

Eclavea said this procedure may eventually allow millions of people to be more productive and faster, adding it has a huge economic difference in the United States and the world.

He added this procedure is in its preliminary stages but said this is where treatment is headed and it is very encouraging.

According to a press release by Boston Scientific Corporation, the company which distributes the PolarCath Peripheral Dilatation System used to provide this procedure, Cryoplasty will aid many patients like Walker.

"It is estimated that nearly 12 million Americans suffer from Peripheral Vascular Disease or PVD for short. It causes the blood vessels in the legs, abdomen, pelvis, arms or neck to become narrowed or blocked," stated the release.

The major cause of PVD is atherosclerosis – a build-up of fat, calcium and other substances under the inner lining of the artery.

"This disease can severely restrict a patient's lifestyle and may lead to amputation," according to the information from Boston Scientific.

The usual treatment for this type of disease consists of angioplasty and stenting. Angioplasty is a procedure commonly used to open clogged arteries with pressure from an inserted inflated balloon.

Although angioplasty initially works well, according to Boston Scientific it may cause an inflammatory response that leads to re-clogging of a previously opened vessel and the need to repeat the procedure.

"The PolarCath system is exciting for physicians because it provides another option to treat patients with even the most challenging clinical cases," said Eclavea. "For patients the benefit is even more exciting – elimination of pain and potentially fewer visits to the hospital to treat recurrent disease of the vessel."

Both Eclavea and Armstrong agree this procedure is a combination of cutting edge technique, creativity and technology.

With Cryoplasty, Boston Scientific stated, the angioplasty method is taken a step further.

"In Cryoplasty, a balloon is filled with a liquid nitrous ox-



Photo by Pfc. Armando Monroig

Lt. Col. Peter Armstrong, chief of peripheral vascular surgery at Eisenhower, checks Barbara Walker's, pulse in her ankle at a follow-up visit.

ide, which evaporates into a gas upon entering the balloon, causing the balloon to inflate and cool to minus 10 degrees Celsius," according to Scientific's information.

"This in turn is believed to prompt several physiological reactions that open up the artery while doing less damage than standard interventional therapies," it stated.

The vessel opens more uni-

formly due to the arterial plaque cracking when it freezes.

Another positive side-effect of this method is apoptosis – a natural occurrence that minimizes the growth of new tissue that may result in restenosis.

According to test results from a CryoVascular study, 85 percent of treated leg arteries remained open after treatment with Cryoplasty.



Photo by Maj. Tina Shreiner

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Headquarters, Headquarters Company, 93rd Signal Brigade, hosted an M-16 zero and qualification range on April 9 for the 63rd Signal Battalion which returned from Operation Iraqi Freedom in February. "This range is very important to 63rd. We did not get to qualify while deployed for over a year," said Sgt. Lyle Dillie, multichannel transmission systems operator.

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Arnold Palmer blasts one from the tee box during the Par 3 Competition as fans surround him and follow the flight of the ball. This was Palmer's 50th and final Masters tournament. Although he did not make the cut for the final rounds, Arnie still proved to be a fan favorite as he received an ovation wherever he traveled on the golf course. As shown above, the 74-year-old still has what it takes to send one flying.



Photo by James Hudgins

Mickelson selects a club from his caddy Jim "Bones" MacKay, an Athens, Ga., native who's been with Mickelson since going pro.

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I also rediscovered some favorite spots to watch the action...especially in the valley below the elevated tee for the short par-three, sixth hole. You can actually see the sixth green, the 16th green and the 17th tee from this one spot. I had almost forgotten what it felt like to step back from the crowd, find a bit of elevation, even a tree root will do, and watch my favorite players celebrate the good shots and suffer the bad ones. I re-experienced the thrill of Masters play at Wednesday's traditional 'par three' tournament. It may be even better than the actual tournament since viewers can get really close to the players and take photos that are not allowed during the actual competition.

Finally, what made the 2004 Masters even more special was Arnold Palmer's competing in his

50th and final Masters. Whether a golfer or someone who appreciates American sports history, it was awe-inspiring to see Palmer receive the accolades and affection he's earned from his fans. The man who made professional golf the popular national sport it is did not make the cut, but he added to his legacy with his accessibility and genuine love of Augusta and the Masters. Also, having Phil Mickelson finally win a major tournament with a heroic charge down the 'back nine' Sunday added to the luster of this week.

The 2005, and future tournaments will be hard pressed to top this year's Masters. But I wouldn't put it past Tiger, Sergio, Vijay, Bernhard, Ernie, Phil and the rest to do just that!

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