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News UPDATE

'Passion of Christ'

Signal Theater will be showing "The Passion of Christ" May 8 and 9.

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.

OSC flea market/ Cinco de Mayo

Flea market space sales will be held in the Post Exchange main lobby, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. today.

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

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

Cinco de Mayo festivities will be held through Sunday from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. with a carnival on Barton Field. Activities include: a car show, pony rides, petting zoo, concessions, live music and a fireworks show at 10 p.m. Saturday. Cinco de Mayo is open to the public.

For information, call (706) 791-3639.

Relocation fair

Army Community Service will host a relocation fair Thursday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Darling Hall. This event will provide a better understanding of the relocation process for members of the military community. For more information, call Lanny Valentine, 791-4181

Water outages

The Directorate of Public Works and Logistics will be upgrading hot and cold water piping in Buildings 25707, 25708, 25709 and surrounding administrative buildings May 8 and 9. For information, call 791-3225.

Anniversary ceremony

General Dynamics Resident School anniversary ceremony will be 9:30 a.m., May 14 in Brant Hall, Building 25810.

Parking will be available in the parking lot located on the west side between Brant and Cobb Halls. For information, call 791-6444.

Law Day

Fort Gordon and Augusta Bar Association attorneys will answer questions during a Law Day event at Augusta Mall, lower level near J.C. Penney, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday. The lawyers will give general guidance as a community service for military and civilians, but will not take cases during the event. For information, call 791-3526.

Two-second lifesaver

Seatbelt use mandatory; army-wide 50 Soldiers died in POV accidents

Spc. Sam Smith
Signal staff

Even in a time of war more deaths in the Army last year were due to accidents than enemy attacks.

According to statistics compiled by the Army Safety Center, automobile fatalities accounted for 81 of the 126 accidental deaths Army-wide as of April 7. Fifty of these deaths were from privately owned vehicle crashes.

From 1992 to 2002, 26 Fort Gordon servicemembers suffered accidental deaths. Of those 26, 14 occurred from 1999 to 2002. All 14 of them were from POV crashes. Of all 26 of them, 20 were from POV accidents. Of those 20, 11 were operators of the vehicle. Five of those 11 weren't wearing their seatbelts. Of the five passengers who died, none were wearing their seatbelts. The last of 11 was a pedestrian run over.

"Seatbelts have been mandatory forever. They've been stressing seatbelts for about 25 years before a lot of cars even had them," said Russ Blandin of the Installation Safety Office. "I would hope things are getting better."

With "Click It or Ticket," the nation-

wide seatbelt initiative, and spot checks at the gates, it's easy for military police to issue tickets to violators. If these violators are military, the citation goes to his or her commander to handle.

According to Capt. Michael Pantone, the 442nd Signal Battalion's Headquarters and Headquarters Company and Company A commander, he would consult with his first sergeant and most likely would give the Soldier extra duty and a counseling statement on the Soldiers' first offense.

If the violator is civilian, a regular ticket with fine can be issued. According to Blandin, MPs have set up facing cars exiting post to catch people not wearing their seatbelts, and MPs will probably do this again.

Off-post is a different story. People cited for not wearing their seatbelt in Augusta-Richmond County have to pay a \$15 fine.

Servicemembers are required to wear their seatbelts at all times regardless of where they are in the world, where they're sitting in the vehicle, or if they're off-duty, on pass, or on leave. According to the Installation Safety Office, it's difficult for civilian law en-



Courtesy photo
On March 31, two Soldiers were involved in a two vehicle head-on accident near Fort Bragg, N.C. This head-on collision was at a combined speed of approximately 100 miles per hour. All occupants were wearing their seatbelts and sustained minor injuries.

forcement to strictly target military people and enforce military laws that may not coincide with state ones.

"Seatbelt use on post is good. It's off post where we get into trouble," Blandin said. "You see people in line at the gate putting their seatbelts on."

As with any public service announcement that we hear over and over again, it becomes hard to separate fact from myth, and the buckle-up mantra is no exception.

According to the website for Servicemembers' Government Life Insurance and Veterans' Government Life Insurance, one of the most common rumors is SGLI and VGLI don't pay members who die in automobile accidents. Fortunately, even if you don't wear your seat belt, SGLI or VGLI will pay your beneficiaries.

Unfortunately, if you don't wear your seatbelt, it's more likely SGLI or VGLI will be paying your beneficiaries.

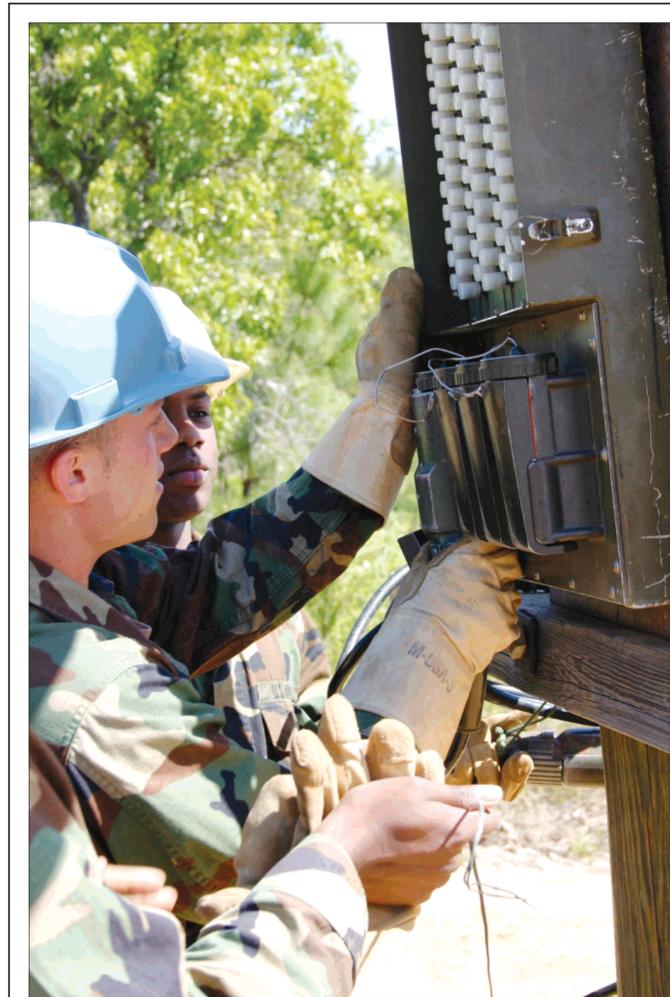


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Getting hooked up

Pvts. Brandon Warner (left) and Robert Graham, both of B Company, 369th Signal Battalion, work on a cable box as part of the 31L, wire system installer-maintainer, course at the Ponderosa training area. The Soldiers learn to properly lay cable, work with fiber optics, and climb a 30-foot pole to hook up communications lines in the 7-week course. Watch for next week's Signal for a story on the "Cable Dawgs."



Photo by Pfc. Armando Monroig

Horace Luke, Fort Gordon Water and Sewage department supervisor, tests water for chlorine, fluoride, PH and iron to make sure they are at normal levels.

Taking care of Mother Earth

Pfc. Armando Monroig
Signal Staff

Fort Gordon celebrated Earth Day in conjunction with Earth Week April 19-23.

Earth Day was April 22. Activities included informational displays and brochures at Darling Hall. The display included information on meteorology, air quality, household chemicals, soil and lawn care, water quality, and fish and wildlife.

People were able to bring in soil and water samples for testing. Soil testing checked for growth ability for planting in the soil, fungi and for acidity.

Water was tested for chlorine, fluoride, PH and iron to make sure they are at normal levels.

Earth Week activities were open to the Fort Gordon community which included military and civilian personnel.

"We want to raise the community's awareness level of their environment," said Stephanie Hadley, natural resources specialist and training coordinator for the environmental office for Fort Gordon. "Everything affects them."

Hadley said Earth Day and Earth Week are annual events on post and within the local community with different activities held throughout the week emphasizing important environmental concerns.

"We want to make people aware of environmental concerns and its effects on daily lives," added Horace Luke, su-

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Holocaust survivor recounts life as child during WWII

Sp. Sam Smith
Signal staff

A survivor of two ghettos, a concentration camp, and a death march spoke April 21 at Alexander Hall.

Tania Rozmaryn told the stories of her rough childhood as a Polish, Jewish girl caught in between Russia and Germany during World War II, and thanked the U.S. Armed Forces for what they did to liberate her.

"Your grandparents, they were there to elevate us to human beings, where the Nazis deprived us (of this status)," Rozmaryn said. "For this, I'm thankful to all American armed forces."

Of course, most of Rozmaryn's stories were tragic tales of a very trying childhood, but what she says is she's a survivor of the Holocaust not a victim like so many of her peers. To emphasize this, she showed a picture of her kindergarten class, a black-and-white photograph of about 20 Jewish girls. She pointed herself out in the picture as the only little girl not killed during the Holocaust.

The tragedies of the Holocaust not only affected her peers but also her family. Her father was the first from her nuclear family to be killed. He was shot by a SS, special police force in Nazi Germany founded as a personal bodyguard for Adolf Hitler in 1925, which also administered the concentration camps, mobile killing squad.

The next of her family to die was her 9-year-old brother



Photo by Marlene Thompson

Tania Rozmaryn signs a program after giving her speech about the Holocaust. Although the program says she's a Holocaust victim, she asserts she's not a victim but a survivor of the Holocaust.

Nathan. At the time her family was living in the Kovno ghetto. She was young, but worked in a labor camp. After returning from a day at the factory, she found out the Nazis came and killed all the elderly and young children, because they didn't work. Nathan was one of the kids drug into the woods and shot or bayoneted.

Rozmaryn and her mother spent a lot of time and effort trying to convince the Nazis she was not as young as she looked and she was strong enough to work. Her mother

put makeup on her and made a small mound of dirt for her to stand on when they were lined up for role call.

One of her many close calls was at the concentration camp, Stutthof. She was actually brought into the 'shower' rooms, where they gassed the prisoners. She said she found out later the only reason they didn't gas them was because they were too busy with all the people coming in.

From Stutthof, Rozmaryn was sent on a deathmarch. During the grueling march

with little food or rest in the freezing cold of that German January in 1945, she contracted typhus and fell unconscious.

When she awoke, she realized she had been liberated by the Soviet troops. Five years later she immigrated to the United States and soon achieved her dream of being a teacher.

After all Rozmaryn's been through she never lost faith.

"I would be giving Hitler a gift posthumously," she said, "if I lost my faith in God or loss my faith in humanity."

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Former football star, Ranger killed in Afghanistan firefight

Donna Miles
American Forces Press Service

He was so moved by the events of Sept. 11, 2001, that he turned down a \$3.6 million professional football contract to become an Army Ranger.

Spc. Pat Tillman, 27, who was deployed with the 75th Ranger Regiment from Fort Benning, Ga., was killed April 22 during a firefight in southeastern Afghanistan. The Defense Department confirmed the soldier's identity late April 23.

U.S. Central Command officials said Tillman was part of a coalition combat patrol that was ambushed near the village of Sperah, 40 kilometers southwest of Khowst. The patrol responded immediately with direct fire, and a firefight ensued before the enemy broke contact. Tillman and an Afghan Militia Force soldier were killed during the engagement, and two coalition soldiers were wounded, officials said.

Tillman and his brother, Spc. Kevin Tillman, made national news when they walked away from careers as professional athletes to join the Army. Pat Tillman played four seasons with the National Football League's Arizona Cardinals

before enlisting in May 2002. Kevin Tillman played minor league baseball in the Cleveland Indians organization.

Both brothers earned their place among the elite Army Rangers and served together in the same battalion during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Last July, the Tillman brothers also won the Arthur Ashe Courage award at the 11th annual ESPY Awards on ESPN. The award is presented to those who serve a greater good outside the sporting arena, officials said.

Officials said both brothers shunned publicity and maintained a low profile while they served. Army Lt. Col. Don Sondo, deputy commander of the U.S. Army Infantry Training Brigade at Fort Benning, Ga., told the Army News Service neither wanted special treatment for their celebrity status. The difference between sports and combat is the cost of being wrong, said Sondo. In a sport, you lose a game; in combat, you lose lives, he said.

Today the military and sports communities alike mourned the loss of a Soldier who made the ultimate sacrifice in the war on terror.

Cardinals vice president Michael Bidwell remembered Tillman's determination, focus and fierce sense of competition and called his death "a terrible



Spc. Pat Tillman

loss for the National Football League and the Arizona Cardinals." "In sports, we have a tendency to overuse terms like 'courage' and 'bravery,' and 'heroes,'" Bidwell said. "Then someone special like Pat Tillman comes along. And it reminds us what those terms really mean." Bidwell said the Cardinals and the NFL "were privileged to have Pat Tillman in its family and we are all weaker... following his loss."

The Cardinals announced the team is retiring Tillman's number 40, and that the perimeter of their new stadium, scheduled to open in 2006, will be named "Pat Tillman Freedom Plaza." The team also is joining with Arizona State University, where Tillman played his college football, to establish a scholarship.

ASU athletic director Gene Smith said the Sun Devils will retire Tillman's No. 42 jersey after the 2004 season. "Pat knew his purpose in life," said former Cardinals head coach Dave McGinnis. "He proudly walked away from a career in football to a greater calling, which was to protect and defend our country. Pat represents those who have and will make the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. I am overwhelmed with a sense of sorrow, but I also feel a tremendous feeling of pride for him and his service."

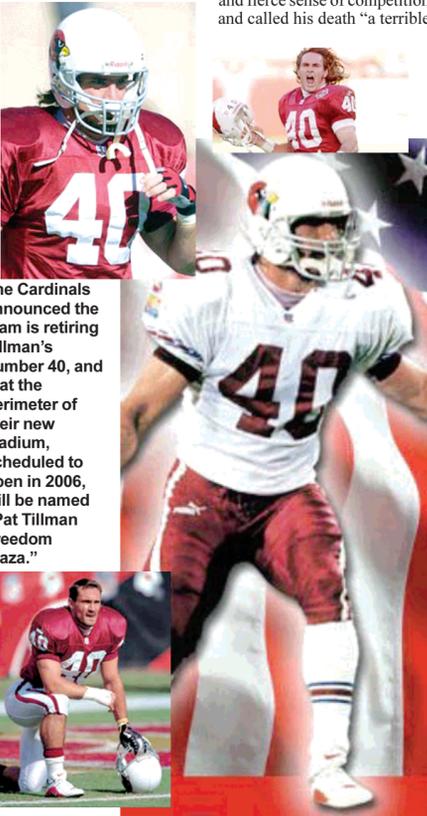
Pete Kendall of the Arizona Cardinals, Tillman's former teammate, said Tillman's loss underscores the sacrifices America's armed forces make on a daily basis during the war on terror. "My thoughts and my prayers go out to his wife, his brother, his family, and to all

the servicemen and women who are making this sacrifice for us every day," he said.

"Pat Tillman personified all the best values of his country and the NFL. He was an achiever and leader on many levels who always put his team, his community and his country ahead of his personal interests," said NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue. "Like other men and women protecting our freedom around the world, Pat made the ultimate sacrifice and gave his life in the service of our country."

White House spokesman Taylor Gross called Tillman "an inspiration both on and off the football field."

"As with all who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the war on terror, his family is in the thoughts and prayers of President and Mrs. Bush," Gross said.



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Earth Day

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pervisor of the water and sewage department on Fort Gordon, who performed the soil and water testing at Darling Hall.

Hadley said they always try to keep the community informed on environmental concerns such as with soil, water and wildlife but it's emphasized more during Earth Week activities.

"We want people to have a proper perspective of the impact they have on the environment. What we put back in the environment will determine water quality in the future," said Luke.

He said protecting surface water such as streams and ponds, and ground water is highly important.

"We need to make people aware of the environment and how they can protect it," said Luke. "We need to protect the earth's environment so that future generations can enjoy it."

On April 21 Ann Masey, a representative from the Atlanta Gas company, gave a presentation to a group of about 80 first through third-graders at Freedom Park Elementary school.

Hadley said this presentation was held to raise the kids' environmental awareness because it is just as important for children as it is for adults. She added that sometimes, they can get to the adults through the children.

"The main message is for you to be more in tune with what's going on around you and how it affects you environmentally," said Hadley, "and how we can take care of all of our resources,

preserve them and pass the message on to a different generation."

Although there was participation in Fort Gordon's Earth Day and Earth Week celebration, Hadley said it could be better.

"They need to be more knowledgeable about the organizations that exist within their community," said Hadley. "We try to make Soldiers aware."

Make them aware she said, of why it is important for them to be involved and informed about their surroundings such as the natural habitats within Fort Gordon with preservation being a key objective.

In addition to the events held on post, Earth Day events were held in the local community.

Phinizy Swamp Nature Park's, Augusta, Earth Day celebrations featured exhibits by local organizations and a Fort Gordon's Environmental and Natural Resources Management Office team.

A second Fort Gordon team manned displays at North Augusta's Earth Day celebration at Lions Field.

Wildlife, endangered and threatened species, that include plant species were also topics touched on during Earth Day events.

"Hazardous waste, how to handle hazardous chemicals when you are disposing of them," said Hadley is one of the areas of concern raised at Earth Day events.

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Aerial support

A Blackhawk from the 159th Aviation Regiment, 1st Bn., Fort Bragg, N.C., landed on Barton Field on April 23. Staff Sgt. Matthew Halstead's, a Signal Regimental Academy Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course student, unit came by Blackhawk to show their support at his graduation.

Officials warn service members against education diploma mills

Kara L. Motosicky
Army News Service

Expect to get promotion points for a college degree that requires no class work or tests? Think again, warn Department of Defense education specialists.

A diploma mill is a college or university that operates primarily to make money, often offering college credit for life experiences rather than any formal education.

The school isn't properly accredited and issues degrees without ensuring an education occurs. Diploma mills used to be the province of mail-order schools, but with the Internet, many more such schools are popping up.

The best defense against diploma mills for Soldiers is Army Education Centers according to one Department of Defense official.

"Before they make any contact, sign anything, they should visit their education

center," said the official "That way, the counselor can help them find out if the school's accredited."

"Our job is to help the Soldier define his educational goals," Nancy B. Adams, an education services specialist at the Fort Belvoir, Va., Army Education Center said. "If they have a school they're researching, they should bring it in to the office. We'll let them know if it's accredited."

Deployed Soldiers must be savvy, said the official.

"If Soldiers are deployed, you usually have an (education service officer), but they may not know which schools aren't accredited," said the official.

The Army will not recognize a degree from a non-accredited school, said Adams. For schools to be recognized as accredited by the US Department of Education they have to meet certain standards, including quality of education, library size and student/

faculty ratio said Adams.

Schools can be accredited regionally or nationally, but not all accrediting agencies are recognized by DoEd, she said.

One particular school, Trinity College & University, is actively pursuing the Soldiers in Iraq. The school, which is based out of Metairie, La., is not accredited by a recognized accrediting agency. The school, though similar in name, is also not affiliated with Trinity International University in Deerfield, Ill.

Soldiers who don't have access to an education center can go online to check a school's accreditation.

"It can be difficult to validate a school's accreditation," said the DoD official. "Many diploma mills bury their accreditations, if they have any, so deep in an official-looking Web site that they are impossible to find."

Do not discount all distance-learning schools.

"There are some very

reputable online schools out there," said Adams. "They're held to the same standards as a brick-and-mortar school, except they may have an online library."

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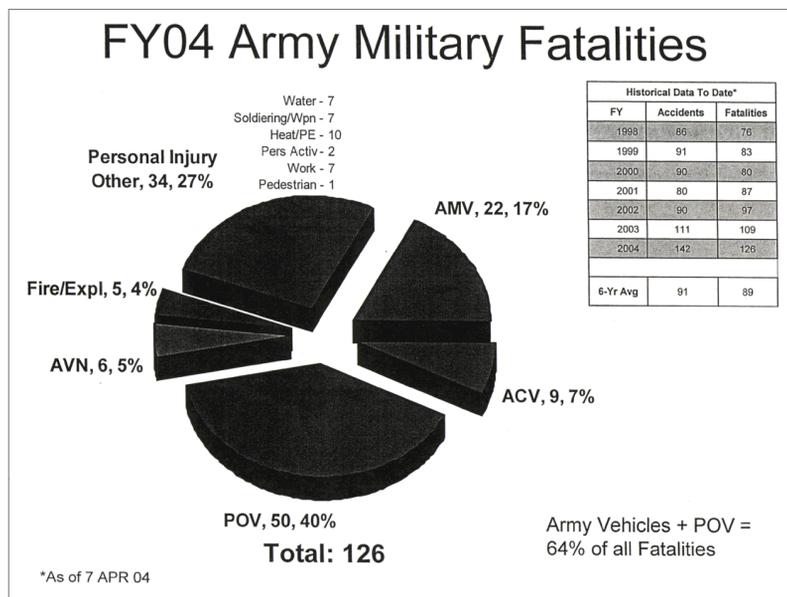
Last year 103 of our Army's Soldiers didn't make it home because of privately owned vehicle accidents. One hundred and three families—fathers, mothers, husbands, wives, sons, and daughters were told that their special loved one was not coming home. When a Soldier dies in a POV accident, it creates a hole in a formation that leaves fellow Soldiers and leaders asking themselves what they could have done to prevent the loss. And funeral wreaths hang where yellow ribbons were once displayed with pride.

This story happens all too often across our Army. To save Soldiers' lives, the Army is re-energizing its campaign to prevent POV accidents on several fronts. This campaign includes Army-level and major command tools and programs to help installations and units reduce accidents. The most critical element of the campaign is getting leaders to emphasize personal discipline and accountability.

The Army has several POV accident reduction tools and programs. They include Click It or Ticket, the ASMIS-1 POV Risk Assessment Tool, and Combating Aggressive Driving training. In addition, the U.S. Army Safety Center has begun deploying centralized accident investigation teams on selected fatal POV accidents. Also, USASC is providing information on post-deployment POV and motorcycle safety training, and distributing POV safety video clips featuring NASCAR drivers. Let's take a closer look at these tools.

Click It or Ticket

Army installations are working with local law enforcement to support the national Click It or Ticket campaign. Military Police and local law enforcement officers are conducting traffic stops, spot-checking drivers and passengers to ensure they're wearing their seatbelts, and issuing tickets to those who aren't. Department of Defense standards require all vehicle occupants on federal installations to use seatbelts. Traffic surveys have shown that this program can increase seatbelt



use to nearly 100 percent, potentially saving several Soldiers' lives annually. Seatbelts don't prevent accidents, but they save lives by reducing the severity of injuries when accidents do happen. Military Police enforcement, leader emphasis, and personal discipline are essential to increasing seatbelt use.

ASMIS-1 POV Risk Assessment Tool

This automated program was featured in the January 2004 issue of Countermeasure. The ASMIS-1 POV module is an automated risk assessment tool to help leaders and Soldiers identify risks and develop effective control measures for the trips Soldiers will be taking.

The goal is for Soldiers to understand the travel hazards of their trip and discuss with their first-line leaders how to reduce those risks. The program includes a summary of fatal accidents that have occurred under similar POV travel conditions. The program can be found at <https://safety.army.mil/asmis1/>.

Combating aggressive driving

The Installation Management Agency is providing this training at selected locations based on the population and recent accident trends. For example, have you ever had someone cut you off in traffic, tailgate you, or pass you on a double yellow line? Those are just a few examples of aggressive driving. The Combating Aggressive Driving program concentrates on recognizing aggressive driving and how to

deal with it. The program also teaches Soldiers to recognize when they are driving aggressively and ways to keep from being an aggressive driver. This program is an expansion of a pilot program tested by Forces Command at Fort Polk, La.

POV Centralized Accident Investigations

During October 2003, USASC deployed a CAI team to look into a fatal POV accident at Fort Lewis, Wash. The purpose was to better understand POV accident causes, identify effective prevention efforts for units and installations, and show how Army and unit leaders can be more effectively involved in reducing POV accidents.

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Initiatives improve education system that has served the Army well

Joe Burlas
Army News Service

Today's methods of training and educating the force and growing leaders are effective, but need tweaking to ensure continued success on tomorrow's battlefields, according to the findings of Task Force Leader Development and Education. Leader Development and Education is one of 17 focus areas directed by Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker to channel Army efforts in winning the global war on terrorism and increasing the Army's relevance and readiness.

"We have what I consider a world-class Army and world-class leaders today — you have to recognize they are products of the (education) system we have in place today," said Brig. Gen. James Hirai, deputy commandant, Army Command and General Staff College. "Recognizing that level of competence, we still need to grow. We need to anticipate and prepare for the unknown."

As part of its charter, the task force reviewed the findings from the officer,

warrant officer, noncommissioned officer and civilian Army Training and Leader Development Panel surveys conducted over the past few years. The task force validated the majority of those findings, he said.

The task force did not limit itself to just validating past studies. It took a broad look across the Army, Hirai said. He talked about what the task force has determined to date under several categories:

Lifelong learning

While the Army has long espoused a culture of lifelong learning in leaders of all levels, accountability for that lifelong learning has not been well defined. The individual Soldier, the organizations the Soldier belongs to during an Army career and the institution itself all have roles to play in that lifelong learning journey, Hirai said. Those roles need to be clearly defined and understood by

each player.

Additionally, there must be some form of formal standards-based assessment and feedback mechanism in place in order to determine if lifelong learning goals are being met and to adapt to changing learning needs or emerging technologies.

High-Payoff Initiatives

The task force is recommending that Army schoolhouses move toward a common scenario based upon today's asymmetrical threat.

Working off a common scenario may allow different career field training centers to build synergies in conducting collective joint exercises via linked simulators and computer networks, Hirai said.

Another high-payoff initiative the task force recommends is conducting a formal reoccurring training needs assessment across the Army, he said.

Education System

Task Force Leader Development and Education is also reviewing con-

tent delivery and timing of training. Part of that is determining when a Soldier should get resident training and the duration of that training.

"The question is what type and amount of training does the Soldier or leader need to be comfortable with in current and future operations," Hirai said.

Joint interoperability, joint operations (training), is not at the right level," Hirai said. "We are finding in the contemporary operating environment today that joint operations are done by junior leaders."

Not all institutional training may need to be done at the schoolhouse, Hirai said, especially with off-the-shelf technology that allows for more distance education than 10 years ago.

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Feedback

Pfc. Armando Monroig
What can be done to improve safety awareness?



Make sure everybody has their seatbelt on. I think the ones that come on base are pretty well aware of it. People we all know abide by the rules.
Elinor Hall
family member



People have the assumption that because you live on post crime doesn't happen. I think people should be made aware even though you live on a base — it's still not heaven. People will still break into your house and car.
Megan Jenkins
family member



More consistency with the speed limits. You have someone going a certain speed, especially during the morning rush people are trying to get to their work place.
Spc. Lamant Exum,
HHC, 63rd Signal Battalion



Make sure (traffic) signs are posted more visibly. Most people in the military are aware of the requirements on base. But you got visitors coming on and they're not. People riding bicycles need to be more aware, they should use common sense and stay closer to the edge of the road.
George Bell
retired Navy Vietnam veteran

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Quarterly awardees honored

Linda Means
Special to the Signal

The Servicemember of the Quarter is **Pfc. Adam Jones**, a signal intelligence analyst assigned to A Company, 206th Military Intelligence Battalion. A native of Newport News, Va., Jones joined the Army a year ago to serve his country, to travel and to obtain money to pay for college. His duties include listening to and intercepting foreign radio transmissions and relaying that information by producing combat, strategic and tactical intelligence reports. When he isn't working, he enjoys playing football and ultimate Frisbee and building model airplanes; however, his favorite hobby is eating and trying different nationalities of food. One day he hopes to become a gourmet chef, but that's after becoming airborne and air assault qualified. Prior to joining the Army, he attended Oral Roberts University and Virginia Commonwealth University for two and a half years, working towards his bachelor's degree in biology. He plans to complete his degree by taking correspondence courses in the near future. He is most inspired by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Jones of Newport News who serve as his role models and encourage him to persevere in life by their hard work and work ethics. Keeping their inspiration and encouragement in mind, Jones said he will be back as the Servicemember of the Year for 2004.



Jones

The Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter is **Sgt. Shelley Terrill**, who is assigned to the 434th Army Signal Corps Band as a bassoon player for the concert band. She also plays the clarinet for the pit, ceremonial and marching bands and serves a double role as the drum major for the Signal Corps Band. As if she doesn't stay busy enough with these duties, she serves as the supply and edu-



Terrill

cation noncommissioned officer, the barracks noncommissioned officer in charge, the assistant squad and unit prevention leader, the Consideration of Others facilitator and the mail clerk. A native of West Tarentum, Penn., Terrill initially joined the Army Reserve to obtain money to go to college, but she soon changed her military occupational specialty and switched to active duty because of her love for music. This love for music carries over into her hobbies where she enjoys making bassoon reeds, singing karaoke and working out. She is also an avid collector of Tigger, with her collection now numbering close to 30 items. Her future goals are to continue her education, to become a drill sergeant and a member of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club and to complete a 26-mile marathon in Atlanta this fall.

The Instructor of the Quarter is **Sgt. 1st Class John Childers**, who is assigned as a small group leader in the Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course of the Regimental Noncommissioned Officer Academy. He trains, mentors and provides leadership to senior noncommissioned officers. In the past year, approximately 80 service members have benefited from his instruction and leadership. Childers has been in the Army for 18 years, serving in Korea, Georgia, Maryland, Texas and Germany with deployments to Somalia, Turkey and Saudi Arabia. He feels his greatest accomplishments in his military career have been recruiting 81 people into the Army and earning the Army's gold recruiting ring for his efforts while serving at the Baltimore Recruiting Battalion. He has a bachelor's degree in organizational management from Voorhees College and is working towards his master's degree in instructional technology at Troy State University. When he retires from the Army, he hopes to obtain a job on Fort Gordon in one of the training departments, so he can continue to work side-by-side with service members. In his off-duty time, he enjoys watching football and participating in the singles and men's ministries at Beulah Grove Baptist Church.



Childers

The Cook of the Quarter is **Spc. Brandon Moore**, who is assigned to A Company, Eisenhower Army Medical Center as a nutrition care specialist. He works as a supervisor and shift leader for the Nutrition Care Division, ensuring the staff and patients of the hospital receive three nutritionally balanced meals daily. He supervises the preparation of over 4,500 meals each day in Ike's Café and is responsible for the control and reporting of all cash receipts, as well as the cleanliness of the facility. A native of Mobile, Ala., Moore joined the Army because he wanted a challenge and a better life. He has served in the Army for four years and has been stationed at Fort Gordon for the past seven months. His previous assignments include Womack Army Medical Center at Fort Bragg, N.C., and the 67th Combat Support Hospital in Germany. His career goals are to be promoted in May, to achieve the rank of sergeant major and to better himself by enrolling in Army education programs. When relaxing, he enjoys surfing the Internet, playing basketball and watching sports on television.



Moore

The Civilian of the Quarter is **Judy Creer**, who is assigned as the secretary stenographer for the Installation Chaplain Office. She has worked over 25 years in the federal government, serving 19 of those years in the Chaplain's Office under nine installation chaplains. Her job is to help the chaplains and chaplain assistants minister to soldiers, civilians, retirees and their families. Her secretarial duties include assisting callers and visitors, coordinating events and managing administrative actions and publicity. She also serves as the chaplain historian, Webmaster, alternate information automation systems officer, mail manager, printing manager and



Creer

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Awardees

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officer, mail manager, printing manager and social events coordinator. After retirement from civil service, she hopes to teach or possibly tutor children in reading. She feels her greatest accomplishment has been obtaining her bachelor's degree in English at age 50. In her spare time, she enjoys china painting, singing in the choir and cooking for her husband Jim. The Creers have two children, James and Wendy, and two grandsons with a granddaughter on the way.

Jean De Lucio is the Volunteer for the Month of January. A native of Union City, Ind., she has volunteered on Fort Gordon and in the Central Savannah River Area since 1999 in several capacities, including the Officers' Spouses' Club, Boy Scout Troops 99 and 447 and Davidson Fine Arts' Parent Teacher Organization. She is presently the chairperson for the Welfare and Services Committee of the Officers' Spouses' Club, which helps provide funds to needy area organizations. In this capacity, she handles the application process from beginning to end. She also works with the OSC flea markets and Christmas House, helping to ensure their success. She has held numerous positions with the Scouts to include being members of several committees and a merit badge counselor. She also organized many activities to help promote advancement of each of the Scouts. While volunteering and taking care of her husband, Capt. Raymond De Lucio, and their two sons, Andrew and Anthony, she found time to earn her master's degree in educa-



DeLucio

tion. One of her future goals is to obtain a career that will combine her education and speech communication training, but for now, she will continue to home school her youngest son and spend time reading, writing and playing with the family's pets.

The Volunteer for the Month of February, **Beth Varner**, has volunteered for more than 15 years across the United States, including Tennessee, Oklahoma, California, Virginia, Hawaii, Maryland, and Georgia. In the past year, she volunteered more than 350 hours with the Religious Education Program. As a member of St. Michael's Catholic Parish, she has been solely responsible for developing and implementing the Rite of Christian Initiation for Teens Program, a process that required hundreds of hours of research and development, as well as implementation. She is currently working with the High School Religious Education Program and is responsible for ongoing development of curriculum, lesson planning, teaching and continuing education. Varner also spends many hours volunteering as a Boy Scout leader for Fort Gordon's Troop 99. She enjoys spending time camping and attending soccer games with her family — Sgt. 1st Class Nathan Varner and children, James, Judith and Jeffrey. The Varner's oldest son, Airman 1st Class Jonathan Varner, is stationed at Charleston Air Force Base, Charleston, S.C. She is proud of the fact that she and her husband have raised all of their children to be respon-



Varner

sible and caring people through the Scouting program and by instilling volunteerism in them.

Ryan Yearicks is the Volunteer for the Month of March. He has volunteered in the Signal Corps Museum diligently, particularly in the last quarter of 2003, when he spent numerous hours installing an exhibit panel system, which has greatly improved the impact of the Museum exhibits. He assisted the museum staff with the restoration and revitalization of equipment and uniforms, freeing them up to do other work. He also dedicated his time to living history outreach programs, such as Retiree Appreciation Day, the Celebrate Freedom Festival, the Central Savannah River Area Veteran's Day parade, a Make-A-Wish Foundation visit and the Signal Symposium. In these programs, he served as a uniformed, living history interpreter who demonstrated the life of a soldier in World War II and Vietnam eras. Due to the limited staffing of the museum, such education outreach programs are only possible with volunteer hours provided by dedicated individuals such as Yearicks. He previously volunteered for almost four years at the 82d Airborne Division Museum. A native of Roswell, N. M., he spent 14 years in the Army and hopes to one day become a museum curator or work for the Center of Military History. He enjoys spending time with his wife, Sgt. Lani Yearicks, reading military history books and cross-stitching patriotic pieces.



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Schools

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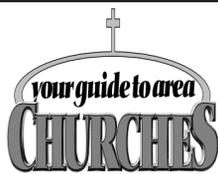
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Words of wisdom: forgive and remember

Chaplain (Capt.) Michael Zell
551st Signal Battalion

I have often heard it said that we, the people of God, are to "forgive and forget" when an injustice occurs or our friends and loved ones harm us in some way. The implication is that we have the power to forget and somehow wipe away the memory of the event. Let's see if this old saying lines up with reality.

Mothers, can you remember the birth of your first child? How about the difficulties of pregnancy? Fathers, do you remember the first time your child spoke those life changing words, "Da da", or "Dad can I have the keys." Soldiers, what about the first day at the Military Entry Processing Station, or when you raised your right hand and swore to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America.

How about that first day at a new job, or the first day of retirement? Is there any significant life event that you can't remember? What about those not-so-nice memories? The first relationship that ended badly? A broken promise from someone you loved? A harsh word or hasty judgment?

Now that you have an experience firmly in mind, forget it. Focus with all your strength and forget it ever happened. Work with me here. Is your mind clear? If I ask you about it again I am certain that the memory will still be there. Like it or not, we cannot forget. So what do we do with the memory, and how does forgiveness truly work? Forgiveness is hard work. It is not a passive dismissing of an offense, but an active process requiring a rightly focused heart.

Colossians 3:13 states, "You must make allowance for each other's faults and

forgive the person who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others."

Life is a contact sport and we need to understand that we may hurt others and get hurt as well. When this happens we must make room for the other person and apply as much understanding and consideration as possible.

But what about forgetting? Forgiveness is actually more about remembering than forgetting. You see, we must remember that as the people of God we have been forgiven. God knows our faults and still chooses to extend love, compassion and grace. In the same way we are to offer forgiveness to others.

Our world suffers from a terrible lack of forgiveness. We do not forgive ourselves when we fail, we surely do not forgive others when they fail us, and we never forget.

Each and every day I see the results of unforgiveness;

broken relationships, deep wounding and tremendous anger. Bottom line: until we forgive, we continue to be hurt mentally, spiritual and physically.

Here is what I would like you to do. Ask God if there are areas of unforgiveness in your life. With yourself. With others. Focus in on the pain and hurt that it brings, and then make a choice to surrender it to God. Literally take your hands and place it in the hands of God. Then, take a moment and ask that the forgiveness of God would flow into your life and bring the healing that we all so desperately need. Then, next time you are hurt and wounded, forgive and remember. Remember the forgiveness offered freely to you. *"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."* - 2 Corinthians 12:9 NIV

Retiring after 40 years of service

Denise Allen
Signal staff

Today is the last day a familiar face will be in her official post as secretary to the hospital's commanding general.

Martha Lutier, who has served under 10 hospital commanders including seven generals and three colonels, officially retires today after nearly 40 years of civil service.

"God has been so good to me. In my 40 years, I have not had a bad boss," she said.

Lutier started her career at Fort Gordon in June 1965 in a temporary position as a clerk/typist. She soon moved to a permanent position in the old wooden hospital building.

"In 1965, it was the best paying job around," she said. Over the years, her hard work and determination paid off as she moved through different positions before becoming the secretary to the commander of Dwight David Eisenhower Army Medical Center in November 1986.

"I don't think I've ever gotten home from work on time. I stay until the work is done. I think so much of my success is my mentors knew what a hard worker I was," she said.

Brig. Gen. Eric Schoomaker, commanding general of the Southeast Regional Medical Command and Dwight David Eisenhower Army Medical Center, lead agent for the Department of Defense TRICARE Regions 3 and 15 and chief of the Medical



Martha Lutier

Corps, said Lutier will definitely be missed.

He compared her steadfastness to Mount Rainer in Washington, a constant in the horizon near Fort Lewis.

"We knew it was there. We took it for granted," said Brig. Gen. Schoomaker. "In the same degree, Martha and others like her whose service is loyal are Mount Rainiers. We depend on them."

Lutier, who has been married to her husband, Eddie, for 39 years, said she's looking forward to spending time with her three grandchildren, Chelsea Brown, 11, Kendal Brown, 9, and Corbin Lutier, 8, after she retires.

She said she also plans to spend more time getting involved with activities at Kiokee Baptist Church in Appling.

Lutier said as she looks back over her career, she hopes that she has made a positive difference in the lives of others she has been in contact with.



Photo by Maj. Tina Shreiner

There's more to this rubberband...

Dr. Kent Hovind explains to Spc. Joseph Martinez, HHC, 63rd Signal Battalion, the science of rubberbands, as an icebreaker for his lecture. Dr. Hovind gave a "Creation Seminar" to many soldiers and families on April 26 at the 93rd Signal Brigade's Bicentennial Chapel on Fort Gordon. Hovind, a high school teacher for 15 years, is considered by many to be one of the foremost authorities of science and the bible.

Southern comedy plays on post

Denise Allen
Signal staff

While it is called a "Southern comedy," "Second Samuel" has an appeal for all audiences.

"It is a very accessible play," said Steve Walpert, director of the play, which will be staged at the Fort Gordon Performing Arts Center May 7, 8, 14, 15, 20, 21 and 22. "You don't have to be Southern to enjoy it." Set in the town of Second Samuel, so named because Sherman burned the first town named Samuel, in the late 1940s, the story revolves around the main character B-flat, a man who is a little slow, but shows great wisdom said Walpert.

The women of Second Samuel spend their days at The Change Your Life Hair and Beauty Emporium while the men spend their free time at the Bait and Brew, a place where patrons can get their "red-eye and red wigglers" at the same time.

Toward the end of the first act, the residents of this sleepy Georgia town learn a shocking secret.

"It throws the town into a frenzy, and the residents learn a lot about tolerance and understanding" as the play progresses, said Walpert.

Written about 15 years ago by Pamela Parker, "Second Samuel" received a Pulitzer Prize nomination. Parker has been compared with other great Southern writers William Faulkner and Carson McCullers.

When it was performed at the Piccolo Spoleto Festival in Charleston, S.C. in 1994, "Second Samuel" was one of the big hits of the festival.

While it has received critical acclaim, not many of the actors had heard of it before the audition; however, it seems to have endeared itself to them.

"I think what I like is it's a heartwarming show," said Michael Bethune, who plays the town's mortician. "There are poignant moments mixed with issues of love and acceptance."

"It has an intense message, but we relay that message simplistically," said Dana Hughes, who plays Marcella. Walpert said the play will bring plenty of laughs, but there may be moments to shed a tear as well.

Dinner is served at 7 p.m. with the play following at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$32 for civilians, \$30 for seniors (65 and older), retirees, Department of the Army civilians,



Photo by Denise Allen

Dana Hughes (seated) and Ann Beth Rutkowski rehearse a scene of "Second Samuel," which will be presented at Fort Gordon's Dinner Theatre beginning May 7.

active duty E8 and above, \$20 for active duty E7 and below and \$15 for the show only.

For reservations, call 793-8552 or buy tickets over the Internet at www.fortgordon.com.

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Volunteer efforts with AFTB take local woman to South America

Denise Allen
Signal staff

When she first saw the e-mail, Gail Fitzpatrick waited a few days before responding.

"It was from the Department of the Army wanting Spanish speaking master trainers," she said.

With only five Spanish speaking master trainers in the Army Family Team Building program, Fitzpatrick wanted to see if anyone else would reply. She said she thought if no one else would step up, then she would.

Saying yes to that email has taken Fitzpatrick, wife of garrison operations manager Tom Fitzpatrick, to places she never dreamed her volunteer efforts would go.

The Army has been working with Colombia's Armed Forces to develop an Army Family Team Building in that country.

Since November, Fitzpatrick has traveled to Colombia, South America, twice and then to Southern Command in Miami about two weeks ago to champion the program.

Fitzpatrick has been with Army Family Team Building

since it started in 1994. Her husband is a retired colonel. She is one of 70 core instructors for the program in the world.

"It empowers family members to deal with everyday problems with resources in the community," she said.

Some of the benefits of the program have included Soldiers staying in longer because "they don't have to worry about their wife and family," she said.

Soldiers know that when they deploy systems are in place to take care of their families.

Fitzpatrick and others speaking with officials in Colombia has caused them to embrace the program and make changes there.

Until recently, spouses and family members didn't travel with the service members.

Fitzpatrick said they were surprised to hear that American spouses and families moved when their service member did and that the Army paid to move them.

On her recent visit to SOUTHCOM, Fitzpatrick received another surprise.

She was asked to speak to a group of people from South America, and when she



Gail Fitzpatrick

stepped into the room, there were ministers of defense from six different countries waiting to hear her.

"El Salvador and Chile have expressed an interest" in the program, which could mean visits to those countries as well, she said.

Fitzpatrick, who was recently honored with the lifetime Presidential Volunteer Service Award, said she owes a debt of thanks to Lynn Harshman and Vanessa Stanley at Army Community Services.

"They give me whatever I need to do this," she said.

Also, her employer, St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church, is very supportive of her volunteer service to the Army.

Web site allows Soldiers to volunteer for 'units of action'

Army News Service

A new online feature will allow Soldiers to volunteer for "units of action" at Fort Campbell, Ky., and Fort Drum, N.Y., for at least three years beginning May 1.

U.S. Army Human Resources Command, formerly Personnel Command, spent nearly five months developing the Personnel Lifecycle Unit Selection System, known as PLUS2. It was designed to reduce non-volunteer permanent-change-of-station moves and provide an easy method of requesting assignments.

"Our ultimate goal is to give privates straight out of basic training the same ability to request units as officers with several years in service," said Col. Nick Miller, deputy director, Enlisted Personnel Management, HRC.

The 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum and the 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, will be the first units to use PLUS2. The 3rd Infantry Division, based in Georgia, is already transforming into various units of action. Next in line to use PLUS2 will be select elements of 4th Infantry Division, based at Fort Hood, Texas.

Miller said the system is simple: a Soldier goes to the HRC Web site, and clicks on the PLUS2 logo - a Soldier wearing a Kevlar helmet. The site then offers two options, one for enlisted Soldiers and the other for officers. The officer option will begin May 28.

Soldiers may then fill out the form that follows and submit it as a requisition for assignment or re-assignment to either Fort Drum or Fort Campbell.

"During the first open window period, which is May 1-31, there will be approximately 1,000 requisitions available," said Shannon Brown, a representative for Brig. Gen. Rhett Hernandez, director of the Officer Personnel Management Directorate.

Miller said just because a Soldier submits a

requisition through PLUS2, it doesn't mean he or she will be approved automatically.

"An assignment manager will look at the requisition," he said. "If the Soldier meets the qualifications and (the assignment) meets the Soldier's personal development, we will send him an e-mail saying he has been approved."

Soldiers with less than three years of active-duty service remaining must re-enlist or extend to qualify, Miller said.

"In two years, we want every unit of action in the Army to be using PLUS2," Miller said.

As the Army transitions to the new units of action, there will be opportunities for Soldiers to volunteer to stay with, or come to, certain Army divisions, Miller said. If Soldiers want to stay at Drum, they will have a chance to stay there, he said. It's similar to a force-stabilization initiative, he added.

Prior to PLUS2, many Soldiers used another online feature, Assignment Satisfaction Key, to request their next duty station. This feature, however, gave only the option of choosing Army posts. PLUS2 is the first online method to offer Soldiers a chance to elect specific units within a post.

Previous methods, such as ASK, will remain available.

"Basically, we want more Soldiers to be where they want to be," Miller said. "There are 74,000 new privates that join the Army every year, so it's impossible now to place every Soldier exactly where they want to be."

To access the feature, visit <https://hrc.army.mil>.

Editor's note: This article is a combination of articles submitted by Spc. Wes Landrum, from the 10th Mountain Division and Pfc. Chris Jones, from the 40th Public Affairs Detachment at Fort Campbell, Ky., and compiled by ARNEWS senior correspondent Sgt. 1st Class Marcia Triggs.

SMA promotes safety, recognizes Soldiers who curb accidents

Sgt. Carmen L. Burgess
Army News Service

SEOUL, South Korea—Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth O. Preston presented, for the first time, two Army safety awards bearing his name.

Staff Sgt. Edward D. Mills, a master driver, and Sgt. 1st Class Charles R. Ryan, the safety noncommissioned officer for his command, received the Sergeant Major of

the Army Safety Award for their efforts in creating initiatives that stress the importance of safety to Soldiers.

"The award program was designed to showcase unit leaders who have established a program and made a difference in curbing the number of deaths and accidents that occur Army-wide," said Preston during a visit to Korea April 17-24.

"I want to recognize those leaders who have made ex-

traordinary efforts to make a difference and set their unit apart."

Mills, who has been assigned to the 2nd Infantry Division since September, has led a weekly Master Driver Program, training more than 1,100 Soldiers in a multitude of safe driving practices from operating vehicles to practicing rollover drills.

"His unit recognized him because of the large number of

Soldiers he has impacted in a short period of time," said Preston. "This program has had a significant impact on his unit and is now being shared throughout the division."

The master driver is quick to deflect the focus of the award from him to those who helped facilitate the program.

"I may have received this award on an individual basis, but it was earned as a group," Mills said.

Ryan serves as the safety NCO in charge for the 19th Theater Support Command. Although he has held the position for only four months, he has instituted numerous safety programs impacting units throughout the command. He has created monthly public service announcements, new safety vests and an off-duty risk assessment plan used by leaders to counsel Soldiers.

"For individuals to embrace

safety, it has to be a very personal matter," said the sergeant major of the Army. "Only through our continued aggressive actions as leaders will we reduce the incidence of accidents and negligence. It is up to our leaders to support programs by making the resources available."

Nominations for the SMA Safety Award can only come through the major command's sergeant's major office.

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Soldiers extended in Iraq get extra \$1K monthly

Gary Sheftick
Army News Service

About 20,000 Soldiers who have been involuntarily extended beyond their expected 12 months of duty in Iraq or Kuwait will be eligible for extra pay of \$1,000 a month.

The incentive package includes an additional \$200 in hardship duty pay (above the \$100 already being received) and \$800 monthly in Assignment Incentive Pay, or AIP. This pay will be available to Soldiers in 42 units required to stay in theater past their expected rotation date due to operational needs, officials said.

Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld announced the unit extensions April 15, saying the period would be for up to 90 days in Iraq plus another possible 30 days in the-

ater before redeploying home.

The extra pay will only be available once a Soldier exceeds 365 consecutive days in the Central Command theater. That's 12 consecutive months or 365 days out of a 15-month period, explained Lt. Col. Gerald Barrett, chief of Compensation and Entitlements, G1.

"This is the Department of the Army's way of providing for Soldiers in the identified units who were promised that they were leaving at a certain time, but because of operational requirements, they were required to stay longer," Barrett said earlier this year when the incentive-pay program actually began.

The program began in February when about 1,500 Soldiers from 12 units were required to stay in Iraq longer than their expected 12-month

rotation. Then the Army offered the \$200 hardship duty pay and either the \$800 Assignment Incentive Pay or a guaranteed stabilized assignment once they redeployed. If they opted for the stabilized tour, Soldiers were guaranteed to spend at least the same amount of time at home station as they did in theater.

No one opted for the stabilized tour, though, said Deborah Holman, a senior compensation analyst for the Army's G1.

Barrett said the old stabilization option would no longer be offered. He said this is contrary to what was misreported in the Army Times. Only the extra pay will be offered to troops recently extended.

In order to receive the \$800 AIP, extended Soldiers must sign a DA Form 4187, person-

nel action form, recognizing that their extension was involuntary. The signature is necessary because, by law, AIP must be based on a written agreement between the secretary of the Army and the Soldier, Holman said.

This is only the third time the Army has ever offered Assignment Incentive Pay, Barrett said. He said the Navy first used the special pay for a number of specific "hard to fill" assignments.

In February, the Army offered AIP for the 1,500 Soldiers extended in Iraq. Then in March, the Army offered AIP in the amount of \$300 per month to Soldiers who extended in Korea for an additional year, volunteered for a two-year unaccompanied or three-year accompanied tour in Korea. Originally, the AIP program for Soldiers in Iraq

was to expire June 1, but now has been extended.

"In order to maintain equity, we will apply the involuntary extension incentive to this group also," Barrett said referring to the 20,000 troops just extended. "We want to be fair to Soldiers."

The \$200 extra hardship duty pay and \$800 AIP will both be given to Soldiers who serve in theater any amount of time past 365 days.

"It will not be pro-rated," Barrett said about the extra pay. He explained Soldiers who serve one day of the extension period will receive the extra pay for the entire month.

The pay will also be provided for time Soldiers spend in Kuwait after departing Iraq, Barrett said. It will be paid as long as "boots are on the ground" in the Central Command theater, he said.

When Soldiers are calculating time on the ground, they should not subtract the time spent away on emergency or R&R leave, Holman said.

Units extended in Iraq include two brigade combat teams from the 1st Armored Division based in Germany, the 2nd Cavalry Regiment (Light) from Fort Polk, La., the 514th Maintenance Company from Fort Drum, N.Y., the 57th Air Ambulance Company from Fort Bragg, N.C., and the 98th Combat Stress Center Medical Team from Fort Lewis, Wash.

In addition, 21 Army National Guard units and 16 Army Reserve units were extended.

Editor's note: Sgt. 1st Class Marcia Triggs contributed to this report through an earlier article about the pay program.

Thrift Savings Plan: good way to increase wealth, executive director says

Rudi Williams
American Forces Press Service

Defense Department officials want thousands more service members to invest in their future through the Thrift Savings Plan, or TSP.

And now is a good time for service members to start paying themselves. The current TSP open season started April 15 and runs until June 30. This is the time service members can start or change their contributions to their TSP account.

Service members can contribute up to 9 percent of their basic pay each month, and up to 100 percent of incentive pay and special pay, including bonus and combat pay. But their total contributions from taxable pay may not exceed the Internal Revenue Service limit of \$13,000 for 2004.

"You're never too young or too old to start a savings account in TSP," said Gary A. Amelio, executive director of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board and chief executive and managing fiduciary of TSP for federal employees. "The tax deferral benefits are excellent and compounded earnings are simply a phenomenal way to increase your wealth."

TSP assets total more than \$110 billion. The plan maintains retirement savings accounts for more than 3 million participants. This includes federal civilian employees in all branches of government, U.S. Postal Service employees and members of the seven uniformed services.

Created by the Federal Employees' Retirement System Act of 1986, TSP is a tax-deferred savings option and lowers the taxable income for participants in the 2004 tax year. The savings plan is similar to 401k plans offered by many private employers. It's separate from and in addition to the military retirement system, which is based on years of service and rank.

Administered by the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, TSP was available only to civilian employees until October 2001, when the program was extended to active and reserve component service members, including the Coast Guard. The program also was extended to members of the Public

Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Members of the National Guard and Reserve who are also federal civilians are allowed to have both a military and civilian TSP. "If you're part of both work forces, you can have two different accounts," Amelio noted. "And you can combine the accounts after you separate from either service."

But Amelio said if TSP participants with military and civilian accounts exceed the IRS limit of \$13,000 before the end of the calendar year, the plan will return the excess contributions.

The government gives matching funds to Federal Employees' Retirement System TSP participants. Uniformed services and Civil Service Retirement System participants normally don't receive matching funds, but the service secretaries can authorize matching funds for service members in critical military occupational specialties.

He also pointed out that CSRS and military participants are limited to contributing up to 9 percent of their base pay, while FERS members are allowed to contribute up to 14 percent of their base pay.

When service members leave active duty, they have several options. They can leave their money in TSP, allowing it to continue to grow, take a partial or full withdrawal, roll the money into another plan or an Individual Retirement Account, or purchase an annuity. They also could choose to make periodic distributions to themselves, Amelio said.

Amelio attributes the increase in participation to knowledge, familiarity and comfort.

TSP has investment funds, which vary in risk and investment mixture: government securities investment (G fund); fixed-income investment (F fund); common stock index investment (C fund); small capitalization stock index investment (S fund); and international stock index investment (I fund).

TSP enrollment can be done online through the MyPay Web site, www.mypay.dfas.mil, or by completing a TSP enrollment form (TSP-U-1) and turning it in at the local pay or personnel office. Enrollment forms are available online at the TSP Web site, www.tsp.gov.

Education

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Leveraging Technologies

Leveraging technologies includes distance learning via linked simulators and distance learning via the Web, and more.

"We are looking at the human dimension — how people learn," Hirai said. "It's about identifying what leaders and Soldiers have to do and how to most effectively deliver the training they need to do those tasks."

Single Education Proponent

Agreeing wholeheartedly with the Civilian Army Training and Leader Development Panel finding, the task force is recommending a single education proponent for all Soldier and DA civilian training.

Under the current system, civilian training is managed through the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, G1, with major commands footing the bill. Soldier training management is an Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, G3, responsibility, with the Human Resource Command paying travel and other costs.

Hirai said he envisions a single organization responsible for managing the training of both the military and civilian workforces. Whatever that organization ends up being, it would still need to coordinate with G1 and G3 to ensure legal mandates are met.

As far as civilian leader development, Hirai said there are many courses out there, but

none tied to career progression. The recommendation is for the Army to establish a civilian leader development program.

Integration

The Leader Development and Education Task Force has been in close contact with the other area task forces, Hirai said, as what each finds often impacts other areas.

When one of the other task forces recommends a new piece of equipment or process, Army training will play a role in ensuring Soldiers know how to use that equipment or procedure, Hirai said.

"Current and past leader development and education programs have served our nation very well," Hirai said. "Our leaders, in fact, have been pretty well prepared to plan and execute complicated operations in combat. We are building on success."

Editor's note: This is one article in a weekly series on the 17 Army focus areas. This one focuses on "Leader Development and Education."

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POV

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All POV accidents where Soldiers are injured or killed must be reported to USASC, which will send CAI teams to selected accidents.

Post-deployment POV safety training

Soldiers returning from the desert to their home station might be a bit rusty on their POV driving skills. Without specific leader intervention, these reduced driver skills combined with leave, celebrations, and extended travel plans can lead to an increase in POV accidents. Soldier and unit reintegration planning must include a review of accident avoidance techniques. Retired Mississippi State Trooper Capt. Pete Collins, spoke to a group of Soldiers at Fort Campbell, Ky., and shared his 30 years' experience in dealing with POV accidents. A video of that presentation will be available for redeploying units in the near future.

Motorcycle safety training

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service reports that nearly 6,000 deployed Soldiers will return to home station and take delivery of brand-new motorcycles. New riders are at the greatest risk of being involved in accidents. Motorcycle safety training improves a rider's chances of avoiding a collision or surviving an accident. Motorcycle safety training also is required by Army regulations for anyone registering or riding a motorcycle on post. The Motorcycle Safety Foundation will be working with the IMA to provide additional motorcycle safety training courses to meet the anticipated demand. Also, FORSCOM has coordinated with AAFES to offer motorcycle safety training to those who purchase their new bikes through AAFES.

NASCAR videos

NASCAR has teamed up with USASC to produce several short public service traffic safety messages.

Several NASCAR drivers will be seen in the public service announcements in AAFES theaters. The messages will address relevant safety topics such as seatbelt use, speed, fatigue, and alcohol.

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For information contact Deborah McWaters or Ronald Wright at 791-4776/6219. Information can also be found at www.usarec.army.mil/hq/warrant or e-mail marcelino.marales@usarec.army.mil.

Teen volunteers

American Red Cross is currently accepting applications for the Teen Volunteer Program for teens age 14 and up. Applications may be picked up in the Red Cross Office located at Eisenhower Army Medical Center, room 3D-09 between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For more information contact Linda Yehle at 787-6311.

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The Fort Gordon Veterinary Treatment Facility is holding a microchip clinic **Wednesday**. The clinic will feature special discounted prices.

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Second Samuel at Dinner Theater

The Fort Gordon Dinner Theater presents Second Samuel, a Southern comedy by Pamela Parker.

Set in the late 1940's, the inhabitants of this southern town prepare for the funeral of one of their most beloved citizens. But their serenity is shattered when dark secrets are revealed and the citizens of Second Samuel are in for

a summer no one will ever forget.

The play will run **May 7, 8, 14, 15, 20, 21 and 22**. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. and the show will begin at 8 p.m.

Ticket prices are \$32, for off post civilians; \$30 for seniors 65 and over, retirees, Department of Army civilians and active duty military in the rank E-8 and above; \$20 for active duty E-7 and below; and \$15 for the show only.

Call 793-8552 for reservations and information or go online to www.fortgordon.com. Bring photo identification to enter Fort Gordon.

Volunteers wanted

The Garden City Music Festival 2004 is looking for volunteers to help with the **May 8** event at Augusta Common.

Available shifts are **11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.**, **2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.**, **5 p.m.-8 p.m.**, **7:30 p.m.-11 p.m.**, and **11 p.m.-1 a.m.**

Volunteers are needed to sell tickets, sell food and concessions, to work as security and stage hands, and to setup and breakdown.

The event will feature 15 bands on 2 stages. Bands include: Wycliffe Gordon, The Reggae Cowboys, Stewart & Winfield, Cadillac Jones, Pat Blanchard Band, Redbelly, and others.

For information, e-mail coco@soulbar.com

Job fair

The Georgia Department of Labor's Augusta Career Center and other organizations will host a job fair for veterans, active duty military and their dependents, and other job seekers **Tuesday** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Army Reserve Center on Fort Gordon's 15th Street.

Local, state and national employers will be on hand to recruit full and part time jobs, as well as entry level, supervisory, and manage-

ment positions.

Applicants should bring copies of their resume and work history, dress appropriately for the type of job they are seeking, and be prepared to fill out applications and interview for jobs.

The event is open to the public. For more information, call 721-3131.

'The Wiz'

Imperial Theater and the Augusta Players will feature "The Wiz" **today and Saturday** at 8 p.m. and **Sunday** at 3 p.m.

For tickets, call 826-4707 or visit www.augustaplayers.com.

Musicians wanted

The Signal Corps Band is looking to fill the following positions: vocalist, announcer (only for performances), trumpet player, clarinet player and French horn player.

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.

SCRA run

The Signal Corps Regimental Association is having its 12th Annual SCRA Spring Challenge 10K Run and 1 Mile Kid's Run/Walk beginning 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. The first 850 registrants will receive a T-shirt.

Register at www.signalcorps.org and follow the link on "SCRA

Run".

Signal reunions

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.

Surviving military separation

Army Community Service offers a support group for deployed Soldiers' spouses. The class is from 1-2:30 p.m. the first **Wednesday** of each month in Darling Hall, Room 367.

This is an opportunity for spouses to share ideas and strategies coping with the stress associated with the servicemember's absence.

For information call 791-3579/7557.

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 **Tuesday** at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and at Olmstead Hall on **Wednesday** at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

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.

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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.

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Fort Gordon Pre-K registration

Registration for the Fort Gordon Pre-K program will be **Tuesday** from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Building 40200, 42nd Street.

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Sports & Leisure

Sports UPDATE

Sports news

Unit Level Softball – The Unit Level Men's Softball Program is **Tuesday to July 4**. The Unit Level Women's program is **Tuesday to June 4**. For information, contact Al Robinson at 791-1142 or robinsona@gordon.army.mil.

Law Day Volksmarch

A five kilometer walk around Freedom Park Trails is going on **today** from noon to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Winship Hall, Room #162 or #163.

Call 791-3526 or 791-3015 for more information.

OSC flea market/ Cinco de Mayo

Flea market space sales will be held in the Post Exchange main lobby, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. **today**.

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

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

Cinco de Mayo festivities will be held **through Sunday** from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. with a carnival on Barton Field. Activities include: a car show, pony rides, petting zoo, concessions, live music and a fireworks show at 10 p.m. **Saturday**, Cinco de Mayo is open to the public. For information, call (706) 791-3639.

Paint Ball

BOSS is throwing a splat party in the paintball field behind the Courtyard **May 22** at 9 a.m. The \$25 fee includes everything. For more information contact Staff Sgt. Calvin Cameron at cameronc@gordon.army.mil.

Swimming lessons

Registration for swimming lessons begins Apr. 19 at the indoor pool for lessons on **June 7-10**. Lessons are open for active duty, retirees, DA civilians and family members ages 6 months to 18 years. Lessons are \$50 per student with most classes limited to 8 students. No refunds unless TDY or PCS move.

Day Camps

The Girl Scouts' summer day camps at Camp Tanglewood will be in **June 7-11** and **June 28-July 2** from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The camp costs \$80 for Girl Scouts and \$90 for other girls.

For ages 5-11, the day camp will be **June 21-25** from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$35 for Girl Scouts and \$45 for all other girls.

Spaces are limited and pre-registration is required. Call (706) 774-0505 to register.

Relocation fair

Army Community Service will host a relocation fair **Thursday** from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Darling Hall. This event will provide a better understanding of the relocation process for members of the military community. For information, call Lanny Valentine, 791-4181

Soldier volleys for team spot

Pfc. Armando Monroig
Signal staff

Soldiers train in many different ways on a variety of skills and topics. Some train on high-tech equipment. Others train on combat first aid.

Whatever the training, many Soldiers partake in other types of training on their down time as well.

That is the case for Spc. Pirtpal Dhillon, a signal intelligence analyst for D Company, 201st Military Intelligence Battalion.

Dhillon trains, practices and plays volleyball and has been selected to try out for a spot on the All-Army Volleyball team for the second consecutive year.

Originally from Sanger, Calif., Dhillon has been in the Army for two-and-a-half years, more than half way through his four-year enlistment.

"He's the Soldier's Soldier. Loves everything Army from cadences to the chow hall," said Spc. Michel Taranto, one of Dhillon's coworkers and teammate on the brigade volleyball team.

"I think he deserves a spot on the team because he has the motivation and desire that it takes, along with the skill, to be a team player," he said of his friend of two-and-a-half years.

The 21-year-old had a variety of reasons for joining the Army in 2001.

"Patriotism, benefits such as working in the MI field, getting security clearances," said Dhillon, "getting a lot of training that'll help me out later on in life."

Dhillon said his job is to analyze intercepted communications.

The 6-foot-2-inch specialist began playing volleyball when he was in eighth-grade.

"It's just a fun game," he said of his favorite athletic activity.

He grew up playing

basketball as well, but took to volleyball due to the great popularity the sport had in his home state of California.

"I was fortunate enough that schools in California have volleyball teams. So, I tried to play both sports," he said. "After a while I just found volleyball more interesting, so I stuck with it."

Dhillon realized he was pretty good at playing volleyball when he honed his skills as a freshman in high school.

He heard about the All-Army program from one of his battle buddies while attending basic training. He filled out an application and was selected on his physical abilities and prior accomplishments, to try for a spot on last year's team.

Once a player is selected, he or she goes to a three-week training camp where the group of contenders is narrowed down to the select few who will make up the All-Army team.

Dhillon tried out and played on last year's All-Army team – and hopes to make it through the annual process of applying and playing for the team.

Setting goals for himself are an important part of being a Soldier and a volleyball player, said Dhillon.

"As a Soldier, to be the best 98C I can be, be a real asset to my unit, work hard at what I do," he said. "As a volleyball player – I just want to see how far my skills can take me."

Eventually he hopes to play for a college team, preferably back home in California. Although he loves volleyball, he doesn't foresee himself playing professionally citing a lack of popularity in the sport and not feeling as though he is skilled enough to play at that level yet.

But he won't rule it out as a possibility though and does offer some words of advice for young aspiring volleyball players.

"The majority of the game is fundamentals," he said. "I would advise they get around a few good players, a good coach who could teach them the fundamentals of the game."

But most importantly, practice, practice, practice, he said, is what will help a person improve their skills.

Although he no longer plays competitive basketball, he does so recreationally and compared the two distinct sports.

He said the biggest difference is there is less contact in volleyball than in basketball. But the ability to jump, the requirement for upper body strength, how hard one attacks the ball, for instance in rebounding or spiking the ball, are similarities among both.

"It is a common fact that a lot of basketball players play volleyball in the off-season to stay in shape," Dhillon said.

Dhillon is currently playing for HHC 513th MI Brigade's volleyball team that ended the regular season with a 9-2 record and is seeded third in the post playoffs, which began Monday.

Although he is receiving a lot of attention for being selected to try out for the All-Army team, Dhillon gives a lot of credit to his command.

He said during last year's training camp at Fort Dix, N.J., he learned the other selected Soldiers didn't all receive the same support from their unit as he did from his.

"They had to fight tooth and nail to get released from their unit for one month. My command was completely behind me. Same thing this year," he said. "I would like to thank everyone who helped me get through the process."

Dhillon left April 28 for Fort Lewis, Wash., for the

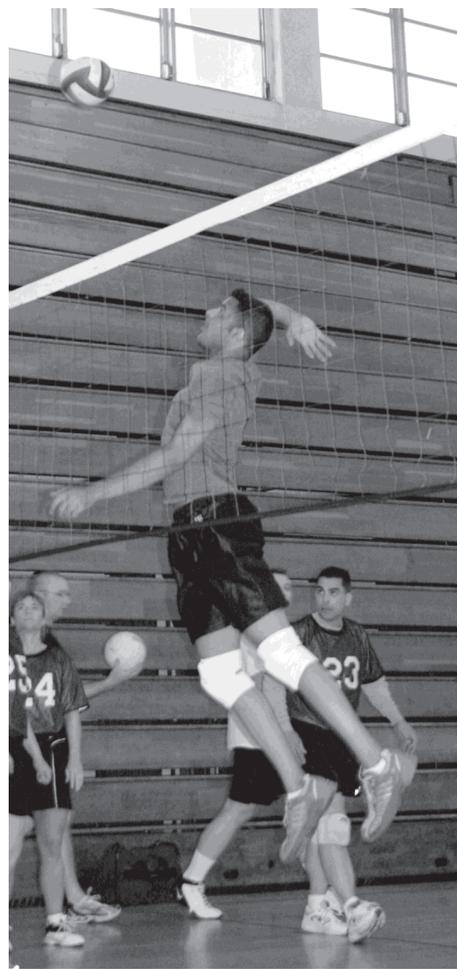


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Spc. Pirtpal Dhillon, D Company, 201 Military Intelligence Battalion, prepares to spike the ball during practice before the last volleyball game of the regular season April 20 against B Company, 551st Signal Battalion. Dhillon, who plays for the 513th MI Brigade team, was selected All-Army in volleyball. The 513th MI Brigade won 2-0.

All-Army volleyball team tryouts where 17-21 Soldiers will be competing for one of 12 spots on the team.

After three weeks, they will train by playing against other club teams and eventually compete in a week-long tournament.

Ultimately the best of the best will be placed on a joint forces team which will include players from all branches, to

compete as the Armed Forces team in a tournament in Kingston, Canada, to play against the best military teams from other countries.

Taranto has no doubt he can achieve his goals. "His passion for the sport places him above other players," he said adding, "He is a great team player in everything he does who represents his unit well."

447th takes IET Challenge crown

Pfc. Armando Monroig
Signal staff

Life is full of challenges. How you make it through those challenges is up to you. I saw that, firsthand, during the first ever IET "Warrior" Challenge held on Fort Gordon Saturday.

It was highly motivating and refreshing to see young Soldiers work so hard, and be so united, in representing themselves and their unit during the nine-event competition.

It was a hot spring day with the temperature in the low 90s, adding to the already challenging events they would face throughout the day at various locations on post.

After all the dust settled, 447th Signal Battalion claimed the title for first place in the 15th Signal Brigade by winning five events.

"Who's going to win overall today, hooah?" shouted Col. Allen Woodhouse, commander of the 15th Signal Brigade, as he spoke to about 2,900 Soldiers before the competitions.

They replied with a loud boisterous roar letting him know they were ready to compete. About 350 Soldiers were geared up, ready to represent their unit.

"I know you're pumped up, ready for it," said Woodhouse as he reminded them there could only be one overall winner but added, "I want you to know that all of you are winners."

It all kicked off with the Iron Soldier competition, held at the quarter-mile track on Barton Field.

The event consisted of two Soldiers from each battalion (one male, one female), participating in an Army Physical Fitness Test-push-ups, sit-ups and two-mile run.

The winners were both from the 369th Signal Battalion – Pvt. Nick Shearer won the top male competition while Pvt. Stephanie Souto won top female – winning by a combined average of 374.



Photo by Pfc. Armando Monroig

IET Challenge participants compete during the 3rd place game between the 369th Signal Battalion and the 73rd Ordnance Battalion at Gym 3 Saturday. 447th took the basketball trophy.

At the same time, Soldiers represented their units during softball and obstacle course competition with the 73rd Ordnance Battalion winning both events.

Basketball, volleyball and swimming action was also in high gear at Gyms 3, 5 and the indoor swimming pool respectively, with 447th coming out

on top in all three events.

After a brief lunch break, action resumed at the quarter-mile track for the two-mile, 8x1 relay.

It was no contest as the clear winner of the race was again 447th.

See *IET Challenge*, page 18

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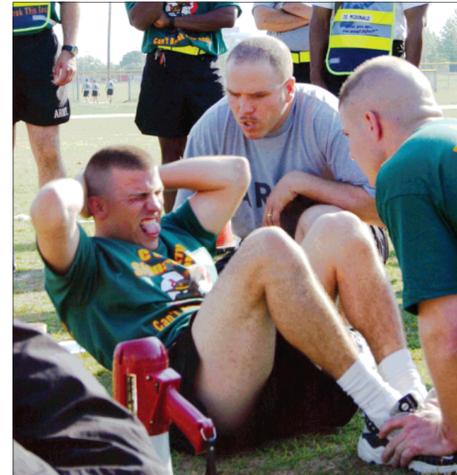
Spectrum



Members of 551st Signal Battalion's tug-of-war team pull as hard as they can during part of the IET "Warrior" Challenge held on post Saturday. 551st beat 447th in this event. Photos by Pfc. Armando Monroig



73rd Ordnance Battalion squares off against 447th Signal Battalion during softball championship action.



A Soldier cranks out sit-ups during part of the Iron Soldier competition.



Braving the hot weather, Soldiers try to make the fastest time on the two-mile run event.

IET Challenge

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Next, was the good, old-fashioned test of strength and fortitude – the tug-of-war.

In the final match, it was 551st against 447th. The mighty 447th almost took this one, but the Patriots gave a little bit more and came back after narrowly getting tugged out of the war.

Somehow they managed to pull their way back from certain defeat.

Spc. Matthew Blair, D Company, 551st, competed in the tug-of-war event along with his teammate Pfc. Brian Goessens, C Company, 551st.

"I thought they were stronger but we were digging deep," he said. "Our colonel is all about that: never give up."

"I think they just got tired," added Goessens.

Blair said he enjoyed

competing in the IET Challenge because it was challenging. Goessens said it was all about esprit de corps and camaraderie.

After a grueling, hot day only one event was left – the Razzle-dazzle, a non-traditional drill and ceremony competition where Soldiers and drill sergeants displayed creativity along with basic movements and formations.

They certainly saved the best for last with every unit giving an incredible performance.

551st came out dressed in New England Patriots jerseys and hats adding some flair to their already exciting demonstration that included tossing mock M-16A2 machine guns. 551st won this event.

369th Signal Battalion exhibited great choreography in a routine that included a

breakdancing sequence. 73rd had flawless sequences and form with just about every movement made in unison without any cadence calling by their drill sergeants.

447th couldn't go the distance in this event though, as their group's routine – although entertaining with its funky, bumping hip-hop music – seemed too short.

Nevertheless, 447th was crowned IET Challenge winners having won many of the events convincingly.

"They did fantastic. I couldn't be more proud of them," said Lt. Col. Mike Allen, 447th Signal Battalion commander, of his troops.

"The Soldiers are so pumped up and motivated when they come out and do these kinds of things," said Woodhouse of the response from Soldiers on the day's

events. "They loved it. You saw it in their morale and motivation throughout the day."

15th Signal Brigade Command Sgt. Maj. Reuben Peppers, agreed and added it was good, old-fashioned fun competition.

"They get to compete with one another and it's all in fun," said Peppers. "That's the biggest thing, whether they win or lose – it's about having fun."

He said it was an opportunity for the IET Soldiers to be in a more relaxed atmosphere with their battle buddies and feel comfortable around their leaders.

Peppers added this event helps solidify the Warrior Ethos mentality in the young Soldiers, keeping in the back of their minds that no matter how hard something is, never quit.

Pfc. Jamie Johnson, D Company, 447th Signal Battalion, competed in the 800-meter relay, swimming event.

"This competition was a

lot of fun because I love to swim," she said, adding it was great to meet Soldiers from the other battalions and

brought her unit closer together.

"One team, one fight," she said.