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News

'Passion of Christ'

Signal Theater will be showing "The Passion of Christ" today and Sunday.

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.

Road closure

Rice Road will be closed on the west end of Darling Hall near B Street Monday through May 17 for ongoing infrastructure upgrades. Detours will be clearly marked.

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.

Donor awards

The Kendrick Memorial Blood Center will have its seventh Blood Donor awards ceremony and presentation Thursday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Gordon Club's Main Ballroom. For information, contact Erin Hamblin or David Willis at 787-1014.

Command program

The Asian Pacific American Heritage Month command program is 1:30 p.m., May 17 in Alexander Hall.

The guest speaker will be Dr. Madhavi Martin, a research scientist with Oak Ridge National Laboratory. Theme for this month's observance is "Freedom for All, A Nation We Call Our Own." Food samples will be provided.

Change of responsibility

The 297th Military Intelligence Battalion Change of Responsibility Ceremony will be May 19 at 10 a.m., on Barton Parade Field. Command Sgt. Maj. Clifford McGhee Jr. will relinquish responsibility to Command Sgt. Maj. Lloyd Thornton. For information call 791-8437.

Teen volunteers

American Red Cross is accepting applications for the Teen Volunteer Program for teens age 14 and up.

Applications may be picked up in the Red Cross Office in Eisenhower Army Medical Center, Room 3D-09 between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. For information call Linda Yehle at 787-6311.



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Signal chief gets second star

Brig. Gen. Janet Hicks, U.S. Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon commander, was confirmed for promotion to major general April 29. Gen. Kevin Byrnes, Training and Doctrine Command commander, will promote Hicks June 2. More information will follow.

Terry to Signaleers: Expect the unexpected

Staff Sgt. Stacy Wamble
Signal military editor

Being an NCO means taking care of Soldiers and accomplishing the mission, ensuring Soldiers have the proper training.

For the top Signal NCO, that mission takes him to the wherever Signal Soldiers may be. Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Terry, Fort Gordon and the U.S. Army Signal Center command sergeant major, recently returned from a trip to Afghanistan, Iraq, Qatar and Saudi Arabia to visit Signal Soldiers. Terry is currently in Europe visiting Soldiers.

On his trip to Southwest

Asia, Terry wanted to learn if there was any training that would be incorporated in the current Signal curriculum.

"Most of the NCOs say we are doing just fine," said Terry. "The ones that would like to see a little bit different training are our 31L, who lay our wire and cable. Most of what they are doing in Iraq is commercializing, and Afghanistan also. What they are doing is called installer work and most of (them) are not trained for that. The installer course is done at Fort Huachuca, Ariz."

The equipment the Soldiers are working on in that

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Keeping the Army connected

Pfc. Armando Monroig
Signal staff

The Army needs every Soldier it has to keep things running. Every Soldier plays a part in carrying out the Army's mission.

But this is especially the case for the 'Cable Dawgs.' Soldiers who keep the Army connected with their skills in laying cables that allow Soldiers worldwide to communicate with each other.

'Cable Dawgs' is a term given to the Soldiers who go through the wire system installer-maintainer course here. The term was given years ago to Soldiers in the field who work with cables.

The seven-week course is made up of two parts: the first part consists of training at a pole orchard. The second part consists of training at the Ponderosa, a training area lined with 30-foot poles, where Soldiers complete their 31L training.

At the Ponderosa the training consists of three parts called annexes: the digital group multiplexing annex, the fiber optics annex and the 26-pair annex.

Staff Sgt. Darnell Husband, instructor of the 26-pair annex assigned to A Company, 369th Signal Battalion, said they train regular Army, prior service, Reserve and National Guard Soldiers.

In the 26-pair annex, Soldiers are taught installation color coding. He said they're taught how to work with cables like the CX4566 cable, from reeling it out to installing it on the pole, in the four-day annex.

Husband added they learn how to troubleshoot CX 4566 using the AN/GTM 12 test set which enables them to detect faults.

This course provides 31L Soldiers with the knowledge needed to complete their mission no matter where they are stationed in the world.

"I just want to let everyone know, we are training," Husband said. "It's important, even paramount now that as instructors we provide what the Soldiers need and want - that's the best training possible."

He said it is especially essential because they may find themselves in an area of operation where there is a threat and need to know how to react appropriately and get the job done correctly.

One of Husband's peers is Staff Sgt. Carl Batchelor, annex leader for digital group multiplexing, assigned to A Company 369th. His job is to teach IET Soldiers to install CX11230 A/G cable.

This cable is typically used in the field to run from one 31R van to another, said Batchelor.

He said these lines are run as close as five miles or as far as 40 miles. They allow Soldiers in a battalion to communicate with each other.



Photo by Pfc. Armando Monroig

Pvt. Brandon Warner, B Company, 369th Signal Battalion, works on a cable attached to a 45-foot pole, during a segment of the 31L Advanced Individual Training course held at the Ponderosa training area on post.

This annex, explained Batchelor, is eight days long. In that time they also learn different types of ties such as basket hitch or weave ties.

He said they also learn how to install cable from air to ground and from ground to air.

In this annex, Soldiers learn how to operate the RL207 reel-in unit. This unit, Batchelor explained, is a motor-driven unit used to lay out or reel in cable.

Also in this annex, pole climbing is introduced and taught, an essential part of instruction required to perform tasks such as connecting wiring from pole to pole or the ground to a pole.

Batchelor said the first challenge with teaching this part of the annex is dealing with Soldiers overcoming their fear of heights - something Soldiers have no choice in once they climb up a 45-foot pole.

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Upgrades cause water outages, road closures

Pfc. Armando Monroig
Signal Staff

Water outages will be prevalent throughout post as the Department of Public Works and Logistics installs pipes on the installation.

DPWL has been upgrading hot and cold water piping on post the past several months.

As the project continues, those in the 15th Signal Brigade and surrounding areas, mainly the barracks, will feel the water outages.

In addition to water outages, the pipe installation project will cause road closures.

From May 17 through June 11, the area around 15th Signal Brigade Headquarters, 26th and 27th streets will be closed for pipe installation. There will not be any water outages at this time, only road closures.

27th Street between B Street

and Chamberlain Avenue will be closed June 26-28 due to pipe installations. Also on these dates Chamberlain Avenue between Brant Hall and the upper Signal Towers parking lot will be closed.

The main concern for most is disruption of service, of both warm water and road accessibility, but DPWL representatives said they are doing everything they can to make the upgrades with as little disruption of service as possible.

"It's a necessary requirement for the future," said Curtis Oglesby, chief of public works division. "We've got plans that have been here since the mid 60s and the pipes need to be replaced."

The Army has been looking at all of its infrastructure for the last few years and has determined some central energy plans are obsolete or beyond

repair and need to be replaced, according to Vincent Grewatz, director of public works and logistics.

Fort Gordon was selected in 1999 for modernization that will cost \$35 million for the three-year project that began November 2002, he said.

"What we've tried very hard to do is continue service," added Oglesby. "That's not always possible when you have to replace the one pipe that's providing the service."

The key, he said, is minimizing the impact. And they try to do so by getting the job done quicker, with contractors sometimes working 24 hours a day and on weekends.

Both Oglesby and Grewatz agree the main goal is to complete the project as soon as possible without affecting the Soldiers too much.

For example, they will do most of the heating work in the spring and summer, and most of the cooling work in the fall and winter.

Fortunately, Oglesby said, the only impact at this time of year is for heavy use of hot water for the showers in the barracks.

"Anytime we have a project like this, its going to affect so many users," said Grewatz. "There's a lot of moving parts on this installation."

"The service is going to be better in the future than it has been in the past," he said. "It (water outages) is an inconvenience. We do appreciate the patience of those on the installation."

The piping system upgrade is expected to go on for at least another year, said Oglesby although it is scheduled for completion January 2006.

Water outages

Through Sunday, Buildings 25707, 25708 in the 447th Signal Battalion area and surrounding administrative buildings.

May 15, Buildings 25715, 25716, 25718, 25720 and 25721 in the 73rd Ordnance Battalion area and surrounding administrative buildings.

June 11-13, 73rd Ordnance Battalion area.

Microchips, ID tags aid stray animal population reduction

Staff Sgt. Stacy Wamble
Signal military editor

They're cute and furry. They are man's best friends. They even have nine lives. The only problem is they have no home.

As summer approaches, the number of stray animals on post also increases, according to Capt. Rebecca Ball, Veterinary Treatment Facility officer-in-charge. The vet clinic always has a couple of stray animals, which were brought in by the military police, registered in its stray facility.

Once the animals are registered, they are kept in the facility for three days before being put up for adoption, according to Ball.

"We try to do as much as we can with publicity to get the animals adopted. After that, the Richmond County Humane Society does take some of the animals to try to give them a little bit of extra time if they have room," said Ball. "If they don't have room, then we do have to euthanize some."

By way of publicity, the clinic sends messages on the Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center's administrative messages and the NAF website. The clinic also has a listing with the CSRA Humane Society as well as

starting a weekly submission with the *Signal*.

To reduce the stray population, Ball suggests owners microchip their pet or put an identification tag on the pet. Microchipping involves inserting a rice-size chip into the pet. Owners' names and addresses are registered with the chip manufacturer.

"(Microchipping) is the quickest way to get an animal back," she said. "We get a lot of animals with collars, but no tags on it. Microchipping and ID tags are the most useful ways to get animals back."

As to why there are so many strays, Ball could only guess.

"There's probably many reasons (for the large number of stray animals)," she said. "Animals being left outside without supervision can dig under fences or jump the fence, slip out doors when children open them, other animals just aren't appropriately monitored and they run loose. There are also cases where people just turn their animal loose because they can't take care of it anymore or they don't want it anymore."

If a pet owner no longer wants his pet, the owner should try to find another home or turn it in to a humane



Courtesy photo

Sandy, a spayed female adult chow, is currently up for adoption at the vet clinic. Also up for adoption are Max, a male neutered Great Pyrenees, two male orange kittens and one orange female kitten; Tom, an adult male cat; and Stanley, an adult beagle.

society or veterinary treatment facility. The Fort Gordon vet clinic will only take animals that are current on their vaccinations.

"We are not the first place that people should try to come to," she said. "If they need help finding homes, we are always more than happy to try to help people. There are lots of rescue groups out there that we can help people get in contact with."

For those interested in adopting a pet, the cost is \$60 which includes the first two distemper shots, a heartworm test for dogs and the first dose

of heartworm prevention, a Feline leukemia/Feline immunodeficiency virus test, a rabies shot, spaying or neutering, and de-worming.

The clinic, located at 500 North Range Road, is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. The clinic also has one evening and one Saturday clinic per month.

For more information, call 787-3815. To report a stray animal, call the MP station at 791-4380.

"It's dangerous for someone to approach an animal they don't know."

Health Services Auxiliary revamped

Denise Allen
Signal staff

As she looks over her first year as Health Services Auxiliary president, Leslie Wood feels good about the organization's accomplishments.

"I'm impressed with how everyone has pulled together. So much goes on behind the scenes. It's hard to give everyone credit," she said.

The auxiliary serves to "augment and enhance the lives of the patients and staff" at Dwight David Eisenhower Army Medical Center and its clinics.

The year started off with a bang in the fall with the largest membership drive to date, Wood said.

Diana Plowman, the group's last president, "gave birth to the group we have now," she said. "Her group was predominantly retirees, and she called us."

The new energy spilled into other areas of the organization.

One of the biggest projects this year was last month's golf tournament for the Fisher House. Since it began providing families of

servicemembers serving in Iraq and Afghanistan a free stay, the Fisher House has needed even more donations. The house has been at full occupancy for the past year.

For years, one volunteer spearheaded the tournament,

which usually brought in a few thousand dollars.

Wood said there were thoughts of scrapping the tournament; however, several volunteers chipped in their help, solicited businesses for donations and brought in the

most money ever.

More than \$11,000 was given to Fisher House.

Also this year, HSA members revamped a cookbook fundraiser, making over the book by adding new recipes.

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Motorcycle class available on post

Sgt. Sam Smith
Signal staff

May is motorcycle safety month, and a motorcycle safety class is required for all military members to be able to ride a motorbike.

The Georgia Department of Motor Vehicle Safety teaches the eight-hour, one-day course at Fort Gordon. They also teach a 15-hour, three-day course for beginning riders.

"Half of the people have never ridden before," Instructor Dean Graham said. "They pick it up well. It's well structured."

The beginners' course costs \$250 and is taught over the weekends. The first day of riding is meant to teach riders the four basic skills—straight line riding, turning, gear shifting, and braking, which, according to Graham, is tricky for a lot of beginners. The subsequent days teach the riders to study traffic, evade problems, and increase their comfort and smoothness when riding.

The advanced course is free, since it's required by Department of Defense policy, which applies to active-duty, guard, and reservists.

Both courses are available throughout the summer. All riders must bring their own bikes and wear the required gear—boots, pants, long sleeve shirt or jacket, reflective vest, helmet,



Photo by Sgt. Sam Smith

Beginning riders learn the basics of riding a motorcycle during a class Saturday in the Class Six parking lot. The beginner course costs \$250 and is taught over the weekends.

and full-fingered, leather gloves.

According to Russ Blandin of the Installation Safety Office, today's roadways are overcongested and no one is looking for bike riders, making motorcycle safety training essential for motorcyclists. Fort

Gordon recently had two motorcycle fatalities, one in 2001 and the other in 2002. One of the fatalities was a National Guardsman activated and assigned to Fort Gordon.

"People have to be careful (and) ride within their limits," Blandin said. "Weather, motor-

cycle limits, everything comes into play, and don't ride at all if you've been consuming alcohol, as was the case with one of our fatalities."

For more information for registering for either class, call the Installation Safety Office at 791-7233.

Terry

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region is not organic to the Army.

"The challenges they may have is there is a lot of commercial off-the-shelf equipment that we don't train at the schoolhouse," said Terry. "So, some of that they are having to learn as they go along. But if you put a piece of equipment in front of a Soldier with a set of instructions, he is going to make it operate."

The biggest challenge for the Signal Soldier is not the off-the-shelf equipment, but a change in tradition.

"The biggest challenge is, traditionally for Signal Soldiers when they set up a signal site, they have been provided infantry support for the site defense. That no longer happens. They are their own site defense."

"They are signed for weapons that traditionally Signal Soldiers don't have—the MK19 grenade launcher, the .50 caliber machine guns. So, they are training on that, manning those systems, and providing their own security."

In spite of this change, the Soldiers' morale is high.

"They are phenomenal," said Terry. "This is my second trip. It's just amazing how upbeat they are, and to hear the stories (from commanders) about what the Signal Soldiers and support troops do. "The things that they have accomplished and the things that they have done, which are historically not their roles, I'm amazed."

Those stories include one Signal Soldier who was manning a MK19 grenade launcher, providing suppressive fire for Special Forces Soldiers trying to get back into a compound.

"You kind of call that a heroic act. Standing up there and manning that piece of equipment and allowing those guys to get back in to safety." Signaleers are also manning guard shacks and watching for any type of aggression toward their compound.

In Kandahar, Afghanistan, Soldiers are installing concrete telephone poles and laying cable. To lay the cable the Soldiers are having to manually turn 15-foot diameter spools which were mounted on a trailer borrowed from the Air Force.

One day they pulled off almost 1100 feet of cable.

"I'm just floored at what they are able to do," said Terry. "They are all doing a great, great job."

For deploying Soldiers, Terry says to be flexible. "Don't expect the traditional roles of what you have been brought up to think as a Signal Soldier," he said. "Everybody is a Soldier first. That's why we tell them, that's why you went to Basic Combat Training first. It was not to learn a specialty or technical skill, it was to be a basic combat Soldier."

"You have to remember everything you're taught in basic combat training. You need to trust in your leadership and the different things that they tell you to do," said Terry. "Always error on the

side of safety. Just be careful.

"I would tell every other Soldier whether they are a Signal Soldier, support MOS or whatever it is, that Gen. (Janet) Hicks and I are just extremely proud of the job they're doing. Extremely proud."

Terry is planning another trip to Southwest Asia at Thanksgiving or Christmas to spend with troops.



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On a trip to Southwest Asia, Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Terry spends time with Soldiers discussing training and other Soldier issues.

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Lt. Col. Gordon Roberts, commander of the Troop Support Battalion, 1st Corps Support Command, Fort Bragg, N.C., speaks with 2nd Lt. Myesha DuBose, B Company executive officer, 73rd Ordnance Battalion, and Capt. Marcella Barnett, 73rd Ordnance Battalion chaplain, at the 73rd Ordnance Battalion graduation.

Soldiers first, says active duty MOH recipient

Sgt. Sam Smith
Signal staff

The last Medal of Honor recipient still on active duty spoke at a graduation ceremony for the 73rd Ordnance Battalion in the battalion classroom April 28th.

Lt. Col. Gordon Roberts, serving as a battalion commander at Fort Bragg, N.C., is not only the last one wearing a Medal of Honor on active duty but he's also the youngest alive to have the prestigious award. Most of his speech focused on the importance of the graduating ordnance Soldiers' role during our nation's trying times.

"As an old Soldier, I know little of the near rocket science you learned here," Roberts said. "(The Army) simply

could not be successful without your skills."

The more light-hearted emphasis of Roberts speech was the importance of brevity. To illustrate this point he told the humorous fable of three Soldiers captured by the enemy, tried as spies, and sentenced for execution.

The three Soldiers were a general, captain, and command sergeant major. When presented with their fate, they were given the one last wish. The general asked to give one last, long, great, military speech. The captain requested one last great meal, and the sergeant major nothing except to be shot before he had to hear the general's speech.

"The only thing standing between you getting out of this

damn school is me," Roberts told the class. "I was just like you at Fort Benning, done with AIT and I couldn't wait to get out of that place, where, from what I thought the drill sergeants were just trying to harass me. I didn't take the time to thank them. When we were dredging up Hamburger Hill for 10 straight days, I learned to be thankful."

It was at Hamburger Hill then-Spc. 4th Class Roberts earned the Medal of Honor. On July 11, 1969, Roberts' platoon, a platoon in B Co., 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry, 101st Infantry Division, was pinned down by heavy fire from a hill while trying to maneuver along a ridge below. Roberts charged the closest

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Photo by Pfc. Armando Monroig

Brig. Gen. Janet Hicks, U.S. Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon commander, pins a Meritorious Service Medal to Staff Sgt. Clyde Page, Company A, 447th Signal Battalion.

Instructor's initiative honored

Sgt. 1st Class Tony Howard
447th Signal Brigade

Initiative is a word that would best characterize one of the instructor-writers of the microwave system specialist course.

Staff Sgt. Clyde Page, Company A, 447th Signal Battalion, wrote the presentation that brought more than \$200,000 worth of equipment purchases and engineering assistance from the Project Manager, Defense-wide Information and Transmission Systems to Fort Gordon. He was heavily relied upon for technical justification of Fort Gordon's funding request to Training and Doctrine Command for the 31P modernization.

For his efforts, Page was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal as lead engineer of the most ambitious modernization effort in the history of the 31P Course, according to course officials.

Page traveled to Washington to arrange for transfer to the 447th Signal Battalion, 15 semi-trailer loads of state-of-the-art telecommunications equipment scheduled to be replaced by Pentagon renovations made necessary by the events Sept. 11, 2001. His efforts saved the Army nearly \$7 million.

"There is absolutely no way in this world we could have done what we have done without the help of Staff Sgt. Page," said Wayne Peters, Switching Transmissions and Microwave Systems Division chief.

Page obtained from the Pentagon's

inventory enough switching equipment, equipment racks, data communications devices, and cabling to create four new stand-alone labs for the instruction of wide-area and local-area network switching, and enough of the same to modernize the course's four technical control facilities. He also conceived a trade with the Air Force that obtained *SmartForce* computer-based training software and Internet access for 31P students to augment their MOS training. His initiatives also benefitted the Directorate of Information Management, the Leadership College of Information Technology, the 31L and 31U Courses, and the Battle Lab.

The new labs feature state-of-the-art switching labs, Promina, newer desks and computers and ATM. Fiber optic cable has replaced much of the old copper wire.

In addition to the cosmetic makeover, the 31P course instructor-writers and Training Development personnel are about to begin creation of new lesson plans, practical exercises and exams. Ron Schumpf, 31P course chief for the strategic track, says the first of these new labs should be ready for training Soldiers in early FY 2005.

"He's been the chief planner, the lead engineer, and the primary point of contact to various equipment manufacturers and vendors who want to lend a hand to 31P Course development. And there's no calculating the number of extra hours this guy has put in," said Sgt. 1st Class Michael Chargualaf, Page's supervisor.



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Viewpoint

Information, Opinions, and Commentary

Celebrate military spouses

The Friday before Mother's Day each year has been set aside to honor military spouses.

The purpose of this special day is to thank military spouses for the support they give to their family and other military families. Military Spouse Day honors their contributions to the communities where they live and acknowledges the sacrifices they make every day in support of their military member and our country.

Whether wives or husbands, they are also the mothers and fathers who face the daily challenges of military life that often include deployments, family separations, and frequent moves. These spouses are the ones who remain and allow our military members to successfully complete their missions and not worry about their family at home.

The Silent Ranks
author unknown

I wear no blues, or Army greens,
but I am in the military
in the ranks rarely seen.
I have no rank upon my shoulder.
Salutes I do not give.
But the military world
is the place where I live.
I'm not in the chain of command,
orders I do not get.
My spouse is the one who does,
this I cannot forget.
I'm not the one who fires the
weapon,
who puts my life on the line.
But my job is just as tough,
I'm the one that's left behind.
My spouse is a patriot,
brave, prideful and grand.
And the call to serve our country
not all can understand.
Behind the lines I see the things
needed to keep this country free.
My spouse makes the sacrifice,
but so do our kids and me.
I stand among the silent ranks
known as the military spouse.

Improvements to LandWarNet will increase fighting power

Spc. Lorie Jewell
Army News Service

Lessons learned in Iraq and Afghanistan are quickly shaping improvements in LandWarNet, the networking system that connects Soldiers using technology to the information they need to better defeat enemies.

As the 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Ga., transforms into modular brigade-sized "units of action," new technology-enabled systems such as "blue force tracking" will be integrated, said Lt. Gen. Steven Boutelle, the Army's chief information officer/G-6, in a Pentagon media briefing. The units will be equipped with new communications satellite-based systems for supporting command and control, and logistics information systems. Delivery of the systems will start in August and should be complete by November, Boutelle said.

A limited number of units have been using blue force tracking, which gives Soldiers a clearer, more detailed picture of the battlefield, but in time, the technology will be standard for all fighting forces, Boutelle said.

The Army is also extending the bandwidth of the Global Information Grid, or GIG, the conduit that ties Soldiers and posts, camps and stations into information systems using satellites, teleports, standard tactical entry points and global broadcast systems positioned all over the world. The GIG also

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Lt. Gen. Steven Boutelle
Army's chief information officer/G-6

connects the Army to the network systems of other services, allowing for improved joint fighting capabilities.

Bandwidth determines how fast information is delivered. The expansion begins this summer and when complete, will be comparable to converting a 4-square-foot doghouse into a 26,400-square-foot mansion, Boutelle said.

The Warfighter Information Network - Tactical, or WIN-T, is also improving. WIN-T will give commanders and other network users the ability to exchange information with the most current technology. The Army currently has two contractors - Lockheed Martin and General Dynamics - that find and recommend commercial technology, but the Army is in the process of selecting and relying on one contractor, pending DoD approval, Boutelle said.

Improving the Army's information network is imperative in the global war on terrorism, Boutelle and other officials stressed. More

and more, the fight rests with smaller groupings of Soldiers in squads, platoons or companies. In the past, technology delivered information to division, brigade or battalion levels. Officials are now working to put information in the hands of individual Soldiers, Boutelle said.

"The focus now is getting information to the war fighter on the lowest level as quickly as possible," Boutelle said. "If we're going to win the war on terrorism, that's the way to do it."

And as delivery of technology improves, so does the training and organization of the Signal Regiment, said Brig. Gen. Jan Hicks, commander of the U.S. Army Signal Center at Fort Gordon, Ga.

The regiment will move from nine career management fields to four, which will require Soldiers to train in a variety of job specialties, Hicks said.

"We'll have automation specialists and radio operators that are going to have to know how to do each others' jobs," Hicks said. "We will have multi-functional signal Soldiers."

The main challenge to improving LandWarNet isn't the availability of technology. It's having enough money to get it, Boutelle said.

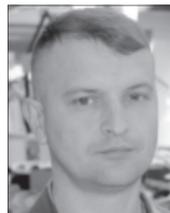
"A lot of the resourcing comes in supplements, so it becomes a scheduling issue," Boutelle said. "The challenge is getting the right amount of dollars in the right place. The focus right now is on units going into Iraq and Afghanistan."

(This article is part of a weekly series on the Army focus areas.)

Feedback

Sgt. Sam Smith

How does your spouse support your career?



She used to be in the Army. She brings me stuff when I'm on duty. She understands about long hours and field problems.

Staff Sgt. Charles Combahee

HQ and A Co., 442nd Sig. Bn.



When I was deployed she participated in Family Readiness Group (and sent) CARE packages. She understands because she's former military. She stays on me about PT and staying in shape.

Staff Sgt. Jason Norris

A Co., 73rd Ord. Bn.



(He) makes sure I'm doing what I'm suppose to be doing everyday. He keeps a balance between us, work, and home. He calms me down when I'm upset.

Capt. Melissa Carter

A Co., 551st Sig. Bn.



She's very supportive. I've been deployed twice in my career and she keeps me focused on mission. She sends me letters, packages, and anything else I need sent out to me. (She) paid the bills and said she's proud of me.

Sgt. Gerry Beaver

A Co., 206th MI Bn.

Foul behavior begs correction

Bridgett Siter
The Bayonet

The other day, I found myself in the waiting room of a post clinic, surrounded by Soldiers, including a young man with one very limited vocabulary. He was peppering his conversation with words that would make a sailor blush.

I'd been there no more than five minutes when a civilian clerk leaned over the counter and barked at the young man, "Hey, you! You need to shut your mouth. Can't you see there's a lady present?"

I was reminded of another incident, relayed to me by a Soldier friend, who recently encountered a group of angry, young female Soldiers in a local restaurant. Apparently they became belligerent when a diner at the next table objected to the language they were using within earshot of her child.

She asked them to "keep it down," and they retaliated, upped the volume and increased the frequency.

My Soldier friend, dining across the restaurant with his family, stepped in to diffuse the situation. He made an on-the-spot-correction and took down their names and units. They were shocked, and the poor patron was grateful. But too late for the child, no doubt disillusioned, who will remember the behavior of the Soldiers in uniform long after he's forgotten the man who stepped in to straighten them out.

On-the-spot corrections were once practiced regularly by Soldiers who believed it was their responsibility to help maintain the integrity of the uniform. It was drilled in them in basic training: "If

The real measure of a Soldier's character is his willingness to speak out when the behavior of others threatens to jeopardize the integrity of the uniform they wear.

your buddy's jacked up, square him away. If you don't do it, someone else will."

These days, few Soldiers are willing to step outside their comfort zone outside the combat zone. And on-the-spot corrections are definitely uncomfortable for everyone involved, including those who observe the situation from afar.

As a young Soldier's wife, I used to cringe when my husband would get up from the table, cross the mall or - heaven help us! - stop the car to correct another Soldier for what I perceived to be minor infractions. 'Who's it hurting if his head gear's on wrong,' I asked. 'Who cares if their music's too loud? Don't make a scene. Let someone else handle it.'

These days, with the eyes of the world focused on America's military, I understand the importance of minding our manners, so to speak, here and abroad. Soldiers are ambassadors wherever they go, in uniform or blue jeans, whether they're lunching with friends or launching an attack on terrorists.

If it's true the real measure of a man's character is his behavior when no one is watching, it follows then that the measure of a Soldier's character is his behavior at home, at the clinic, at the restaurant or theater. And furthermore, the real measure of a Soldier's character is his willingness to speak out when the behavior of others threatens to jeopardize the integrity of the uniform they wear.



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Drill sergeant school, basic training affected by changes

Sgt. 1st Class Reginald Rogers
TRADOC News Service

Recent changes in the programs of instruction at the Army's drill sergeant schools and in basic combat training, as well as proposed changes in the Noncommissioned Officers Education System, are all an effort to produce better Soldiers to assist in the Global War on Terrorism.

Some of the recent changes to the DSS POI include a move toward incorporating Warrior Ethos and the Soldier's Creed into the instruction and a tougher physical-training program to help Soldiers better adjust to the rigors of deployments to Iraq or Afghanistan.

The changes to the BCT instruction program include a pilot program that features more hand-to-hand combat and other training to prepare Soldiers for situations that may occur during deployments. Some situations, based on lessons learned in Iraq and Afghanistan, include convoy protection, reacting to ambushes while traveling in vehicles and checkpoint duty.

Soldiers where Training and Doctrine Command is running BCT pilots have been introduced to hand-to-hand moves such as takedowns, chokeholds and grappling.

"With more urban combat, it's starting to be more of a reality than it used to be," said 2nd Lt. K.M. Johnson, executive officer for Fort Sill's Battery A, 1st Battalion, 79th Field Artillery. Johnson said he would like to see even more hand-to-hand combat training added to the BCT POI. "It's good training for them. They're going to need it."

Basic-training Soldiers must still qualify in basic rifle marksmanship, in addition to the new tasks implemented in the program.

Among other proposed changes are redesigning NCOES, according to TRADOC's sergeant major, Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony J. Williams. Although plans aren't final, Williams said the command's senior leadership is looking at integrating and migrating some of the tasks taught to NCOs in the Primary Leadership Development Course, Basic Noncommissioned Officers Course and Advanced Noncommissioned Officers Course.

Williams explained that he was given a tasking by TRADOC commander Gen. Kevin P. Byrnes to "see what you can in-

tegrate in the NCOES between right now (two months ago) and Oct. 1." This mission set the wheels in motion for the NCOES redesign.

"But what the NCOs are saying at the BNCOC level is 'OK, I got it, but give me some more of that ANCOC stuff a little sooner.' So redesigning the course means looking at what's being taught and see what you can migrate down. Or, see what is in each level that the NCOs are saying is not needed. Basically, it's looking for redundancy."

In redesigning NCOES, Williams said the first thing that needs to be done is to look at ANCOC and BNCOC and determine what doesn't need to be taught.

"The way you do that is to ask the Soldier," he said. "Part of what we did was we brought some guys in and asked them, and they told us what needed to be put in there."

According to TRADOC's Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Training sergeant major, Sgt. Maj. Michael T. Lamb, under the proposed plan NCOs will be able to take some NCOES courses, such as the common-core tasks, at their home station.

"Certain elements of the NCOES, common core being one of them, are to be delivered using today's technology at home station (via videoteleconferencing)," Lamb said. "(There are) several benefits for that. The first and foremost benefit is to the Soldiers in the units. Now the Soldiers can attain that training at home in two weeks, vs. almost three weeks of being away from home when you include travel time."

"The Soldiers, the unit and the family all gain from the fact that the Soldier is at home station receiving that training," Lamb added. "The experience of that training, those critical leader tasks taught in the common core, do not lose anything because of being able to be delivered in the same type of format by those same certified instructors over the telenet (via VTC)."

Lamb said each class is required to have an assistant instructor who has had a pre-trainup to make sure each student stays on course. He said this is a way of ensuring the standards are maintained.

According to both sergeants major, the plans should be final and approved by the Oct. 1, 2004, effective date.



Photo by Pfc. Armando Monroig

(From left to right) Pvt. Latoria Price, Sgt. Gari Harvey, and Pvt. Shonton Walker, of B Company, 369th Signal Battalion, perform a weave tie to start a tension bridge to provide slack, maintenance and testing of the cable during 31L training held at the Ponderosa.

Cable

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The next and final segment is the fiber optics annex, instructed by Staff Sgt. Sheldon Whitfield, senior instructor assigned to A Company 369th Signal Battalion.

In this segment, Whitfield teaches Soldiers the basic level of fiber optics communication. They are taught troubleshooting, installation of the fiber optics into a signal system, sub-station installation, aerial construction and surface installation.

This annex is five days long and includes Soldiers taking up to two hands-on tests and one written exam.

Whitfield said they show the new Soldiers what they can do so they are not behind the power curve when they get to their units.

He added it is important people have a clear view of how important Cable Dawgs are to the Army.

"They are the backbone of the Signal Corps," he said. "If they don't hook up, no one talks or communicates."

Pfc. Andrew Stafford, B Company, 369th Signal Battalion, commented on his

experience going through the 31L course.

"I knew I was going to be installing cables," he said. "Then I found out I was going to be climbing poles. I was a little excited about it."

He admits he was a little nervous about the heights but said he'd get over it. But feels confident the training he is receiving is going to help him if he gets deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan.

Pvt. Nathan Cypert, also

of B Company, 369th, agrees.

"Every single one of the instructors has been outstanding. They are very proficient in what they do," he said. "They live up to what they say, 'Cable Dawgs work smart, not hard.'"

To successfully complete the course, Soldiers must pass a hands-on test, troubleshooting test using the prescribe test set and written test, multiple-choice for each annex.

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● **May 17-24** - Chamberlain Avenue at the intersection with Rice Road and 8th Ave.

● **June 26-28** - Chamberlain Avenue between Brant Hall and the upper Signal Towers parking lot.

Prayer breakfast

The Leadership Prayer Breakfast is 6:30 a.m. **Wednesday** at the Gordon Club. Guest speaker is Chaplain (Maj.) Robert Lyons, ethics instructor/writer. Reservations needed. Call Staff Sgt. Rafael Lopez at 791-3854, or e-mail lopezra@gordon.army.mil. Suggested donation at the door is \$5.

Gift wrapping fundraiser

The Fort Gordon Enlisted Wives Club will host its annual Mother's Day Gift Wrap in the Post Exchange lobby **today** and **Saturday** to raise funds for its scholarship program. For information contact Rosemary Marshall at 791-2675 or Shirley Johnson at 796-3871.

Warrant officer recruiting

A warrant officer recruiting team from Headquarters, U.S. Army Recruiting Command, Fort Knox, Ky., will brief **May 20 and 21** at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. in the

Fort Gordon Army Education Center. The briefing will be on the qualifications and application procedures to applicants interested in becoming U.S. Army warrant officers.

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.

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The Garden City Music Festival 2004 is **Saturday** at the Augusta Common.

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

Musicians wanted

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Armed Forces Day

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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 Saturday; \$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 to 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.

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Applicants must be a child of an active duty military member, be enrolled in grades 6 through 9, submit an essay on why he or she should be selected to go to Space Camp, and submit two letters of recommendation. The deadline to fax or postmark essay to MCEC is **May 17**. Applications available at <http://www.spacecamp.com/spacecamp/>. Mail applications to: Military Child Education Coalition, ATTN: Space Camp, 108 East FM 2410 Suite D, Harker Heights, Texas 76548.

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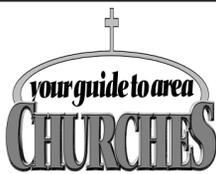
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Big rig honors those who perished September 11

K.L. Vantran
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – More often than not, as John Holmgren drives his big rig along the nation's roadways, he is greeted with honks, cheers and sometimes tears. It is not Holmgren's driving that riles emotion. It's his message. The truck driver from Shafer, Minn., has transformed his 18-wheeler into a rolling memorial for the victims of Sept. 11, 2001. "It's my way of showing that those who died aren't just a number," said Holmgren. "It's my way to say someone in America cares."

The rear of the trailer has a

picture of the Pentagon and the names of those who died there that day. The truck's side features the American flag, the World Trade Center towers and the Statue of Liberty on a sky-blue background, along with doves and spiritual hands as well as the names of those who perished. The truck cab has a large mural of a New York City police officer embracing a young child.

Holmgren said the semi, still a work in progress, could not have been created without the help of his friend and designer Arlee Simpson and Paul Kosinski, a mural artist. Kosinski had painted a smaller memorial mural on one of Holmgren's older

trucks.

One day Holmgren and Simpson were talking and putting some decals on the new truck when country singer Darryl Worley's song, "Have You Forgotten?" came on the radio.

"I said I thought it would be really cool if someone did a 9/11 truck," said Holmgren. Two to three weeks later, he said, the notion became a long-term project.

Holmgren said he's just a "blue-collar guy, working paycheck-to-paycheck" and didn't have the money to get the project started. He said friends like Simpson saw what he wanted to do and took a chance. After the design was worked out on a

computer, the images were transferred to the rig.

"I looked at the design on the computer several times, but when we started to put it on the truck it was totally different," said Holmgren. "That first day, it really hit me that what we were doing was important."

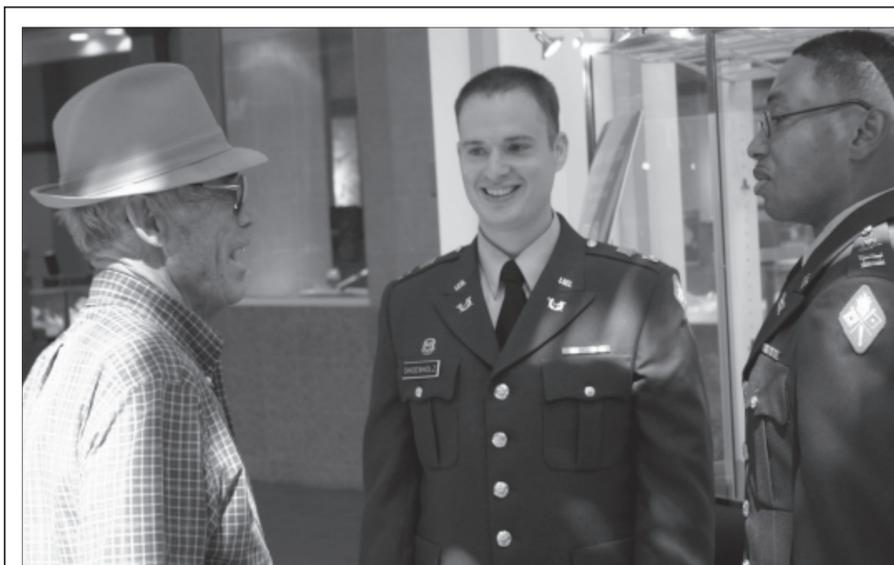
Although the project has cost tens of thousands of dollars and put Holmgren on what he calls the "I owe, I owe" plan, the trucker said he would do it all again.

"When people, even those who didn't lose a loved one, walk up to you with tears running down their face, I know that it has done what I wanted it to do," he said. "We have not forgotten."



John Holmgren's tractor-trailer honors those who perished in the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

Courtesy photo



Law Day

Harold Crim speaks to Capt. Jonathan Shoenholz (center) and Capt. James Richardson, Judge Advocate General Office, during Law Day at the Augusta Mall Monday. Fort Gordon JAG officers used the day to interact with the Augusta community and build their relationship with the Augusta Bar Association by meeting local lawyers.

Photo by Sgt. Sam Smith

Group to build homes for disabled troops

Donna Miles
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – Concerned about the welfare of troops returning home with disabilities from the war on terror, a new nonprofit group is raising money to build houses adapted to their needs.

Homes for Our Troops is the brainchild of John Gonsalves, a construction supervisor from Wareham, Mass., who said he was struck by television news accounts of a humvee driver in Iraq who lost two legs during a rocket-propelled grenade attack. "I remember watching that and wondering, 'What happens to him from here?'" Gonsalves said.

Gonsalves said that news story inspired him to volunteer his services to an organization that builds houses for disabled troops – but he couldn't find one. "That planted the seed for Homes for Our Troops," he said. "I knew that if I didn't get a group together and try to do this, it would haunt me the rest of my life."

When he launched Homes for Our Troops, Gonsalves admitted that he "knew nothing about nonprofits, but I did know how to build a house." He'd built houses adapted for people with special needs, incorporating ramps, wider doors and hallways, and lower sinks and counters, among other features.

Today, seven weeks after Homes for Our Troops began raising money, more than \$100,000 in donations has rolled in, as well as \$50,000 in labor and building materials. "Feedback has been phenomenal," said Gonsalves, who said he has received donations from all over the United States.

Homes for Our Troops hopes to break ground soon for its first project, a house for Sgt. Peter Damon, a Massachusetts National Guard Soldier who lost his right arm above the elbow and his left hand and wrist in Iraq when a Black Hawk helicopter tire he was changing exploded.

Gonsalves said he hopes to have several houses under construction by this

summer if fundraising continues at its current pace. "There's more than enough money in this country to do something like that," he said.

He encourages donors to give, regardless of the amount. "It doesn't have to be a large amount. It all adds up," he said.

Gonsalves said the program is a way for Americans – many of whom he said have gone on with their daily lives with little personal contribution to the terror war or awareness about how to make one – to help repay the debt they owe to the men and women in uniform.

"The war on terror is something the American people should all be a part of – not just the people on the front lines in Afghanistan and Iraq," Gonsalves said. "As Americans, we have a responsibility to do more for our veterans who are out there fighting every day and putting their lives on the line."

To make a donation to Homes for Our Troops, go to www.homesforourtroops.org, or write: Homes for Our Troops, Inc., P.O. Box 615, Buzzards Bay, MA 02532.

Ultimate self-help

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) James Snyder II

Chapel centers/religious activities

The current popular non-fiction book category is "self-help." There are books to help one have a better marriage, greater self-esteem, lower weight, stronger body, more money, less debt, and even find the inner animal within.

You can find advice to reach any goal. There are even books that promise if you say the right prayer you will prosper.

I am a born skeptic. I can't believe that all of these books can be right, particularly when many give conflicting advice (even opposite advice) to reach the same result.

The popularity of this genre of books seems to imply that many people believe that life would be nothing but sweet success if just the right self-help formula could be found.

On the other side is the feeling that trying anything is just a waste of time since circumstances have already dictated our future. I'm reminded of the story of a boy who came home with a bad report card. As he handed it to his father, he asked, "What do you think is wrong, Dad, my heredity or my environment?"

It is comforting when bad things happen to dismiss them as out of our control. Personal responsibility for negative consequences is not easily accepted.

When I first felt my call to be a minister, I was certain there were easy solutions to any problem of life. Now that I have ministered for 30 years, I find many of the problems of life are not quite so easily conquered by traditional problem solving.

The self-help books rely on hard work, diligence, careful-

ness, ingenuity and goal setting. All of these attributes and actions have their place in self-help. However the following story illustrates their limitations.

A young minister preached a sermon he titled "Rules for Raising Children." Then he got kids of his own and changed the sermon to "Suggestions for Raising Children." When his kids were teens he stopped preaching the subject altogether.

Maybe you can see where I am going with this. When I was young and new in the ministry, life seemed simpler. Any problem could be fixed with the right answer. Any goal could be accomplished with the right plan of action.

Life has taught me that it is much more complex than I can fully understand and much more difficult than what I can control. Then, is there really any ultimate self-help?

I believe that there is an ultimate self-help. The ultimate self-help does not come packaged in a set of comprehensive books with a limited number of steps to ultimate satisfaction.

Rather, ultimate self-help comes in answering four questions. These questions are: Who are you really? What do you really want to do with your life? Whom will you truly love? Lastly, and most importantly, What is your belief about ultimate reality (This is the God question)?

This is not quite so simple as five easy steps to financial independence or seven rules for a marriage that lasts. Rather, answering these questions will allow one to live a life that is by choice and not by accident. Life's complexity, unfairness, difficulty, and routine will seem less daunting when one can answer these four questions alone.

Chapel Call

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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

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For information call 791-3959

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Other Programs/Services
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Tuesday, 7:00 p.m., Protestant Women of the Chapel, Bldg. 28414
Bicentennial Chapel

Wednesday, 11:30 a.m., Devotional Luncheon, Bicentennial Chapel, Bldg. 28414
Wednesday, 9:30 a.m., Protestant Women of the Chapel, Bldg. 28414

Wednesday 11:45 a.m. EAMC Bible Study, DDEAMC Dir. Fac. Conf. Rm., 3rd floor
Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. Bldg. 39713, Faith Community Bible Study

Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Friendship Chapel Bible Study
Thursday, 11:30 a.m. 63rd & 67th SIG BN Bible Study, Contact Chaplain

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

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Signal leaders step back into history for insight

Steve Rauch
Command Historian

On April 22, Fort Gordon leaders held a staff ride to Charleston, S.C., to study the British invasion of South Carolina in 1780.

The British captured the capital city of Charleston, encouraged the native populace to restore order and security, and then transitioned to anti-guerrilla operations against American rebels to protect reconstruction efforts. Those challenges also included dealing with a diverse ethnic and religious native population, particularly the African-American slaves who were employed by both belligerents in direct or indirect military operations.

Finally, the participants examined aspects of American guerilla operations designed to disrupt reconstruction efforts of the occupying British army. As can be seen, some interesting parallels exist between the British attempt to restore authority to the colonies during the American Revolution and current efforts by the United States to restore order and authority to Iraq in 2004. Though the context of both events may be different in political terms, the challenges facing British military and civilian authorities then are quite similar to those faced by their American counterparts in the 21st century.

Staff rides have been used as an education tool in the U.S. Army since the early 1980s, when the concept was reintroduced at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Some objectives of a staff ride include exposing participants to the timeless human dimensions of warfare; provide case studies in joint operations; examine case



Photos by Steve Zimmerman

Craig Hadley, education director at Drayton Hall, explains how the mansion was used as British headquarters during the invasion and occupation of South Carolina in 1780.

studies in leadership; and encourage study of the military profession through use of history. A military staff ride consists of a detailed preliminary study of a selected historical campaign, an extensive visit to actual sites associated with that campaign, and an opportunity to integrate the insights and lessons derived from each element of study.

All participants were provided a packet with articles and information to read prior to the staff ride. In addition, each participant was assigned a key historical leader or aspect of warfare related to the campaign and then conducted a short presentation on site to enhance the groups' understanding of the events.

The staff ride began at 5:30 a.m. when more than 30 officers, senior NCOs and civilians boarded a bus for the three-hour ride to Charleston. Returning after 10 p.m. that

night, they spent a full day visiting historic sites including Old Fort Dorchester State Park, Drayton Hall plantation and downtown Charleston. At those sites, several experts in the Revolutionary War provided information on uniforms, equipment, and leaders of the armies involved in the campaign. More importantly, the participants walked the actual ground of operations that occurred almost 225 years ago.

The participants spent the day considering many aspects of the British operation as it related to current Army operations including:

- The British executed rapid and sustained conventional operations to seize Charleston in May 1780.
- The British restored loyalist government and relied upon sympathetic Americans to aid in restoring stability to the colony.
- Charleston became the base for British operations to

locate and destroy rebel forces who sought sanctuary in the backcountry of South and North Carolina.

• American rebels conducted guerilla operations against key population centers, including raids against lines of communication and ambushes of isolated British detachments.

• The British exploited an oppressed population by freeing slaves as a means to attack the economic structure of the rebellion.

Overall, the trip provided a day of professional development and critical thinking in addition to promoting camaraderie and esprit de corps. History is another form of experience and by studying historical campaigns such as Charleston; military leaders can gain unique insight into the challenges faced by leaders hundreds of years before, but provide enduring lessons for the 21st century.



Col. Mike Guthrie (center), U.S. Army Signal Center assistant commandant, discusses the role of American leader Brig. Gen. William Moultrie during the Charleston campaign. The statue commemorates the Revolutionary War.

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Soldier health, physical fitness top priorities for Army

Department of Defense release

Soldiers need to make informed decisions about the appropriate use of dietary supplements.

Dietary supplements include herbal preparations, vitamin and mineral supplements, amino acids, protein extracts, and various animal products (e.g., gland and tissue extracts and bee products).

Many dietary supplements touted as performance enhancing or weight loss aids provide little, if any, benefit beyond that attainable with safe, effective physical training and a healthy eating lifestyle.

Although products marketed as dietary supplements may be sold legally in the United States, this does not imply that they are effective as claimed or that they are without negative side effects. Just because a product is "natural" does not mean it is "safe." Many natural substances can cause harm. Soldiers must approach these products with a healthy skepticism and extreme caution.

Some dietary supplements may provide a health benefit to Soldiers, but many have dangerous side effects. Of considerable concern are products containing ephedrine alkaloids such as ephedra (ma-huang), ephedra, and sida cordifolia. These botanical ingredients may be associated with adverse side effects including rapid heart rate, increased blood pressure, and increased risk of heat injury, depression, agitation, muscle breakdown, heart attack, stroke, memory loss, convulsions, and death.

Furthermore, exercise, dehydration, caffeine, and some medications, to include over-the-counter medications, used in conjunction with ephedrine-containing products will increase the risk of these adverse side effects. The Food and Drug Administration recently banned the sale and use of ephedrine alkaloids in dietary supplements in the U.S. However, certain products containing ephedrine alkaloids may be available internationally. Soldiers and their family members should never use products that contain ephedra.

Many products are now labeled as "ephedra free," but contain ingredients that mimic the action of ephedra such as synephrine-also called citrus aurantium, bitter orange, or zhi shi, octopamine, yohimbe, yohimbine, hordenine, and high doses of caffeine. These products may have stimulant effects similar to ephedra in some

individuals and should be avoided. Soldiers and their family members, who are taking a blood pressure, cholesterol, or decongestant medication, or consuming high doses of caffeine, should never take these ephedra-like supplements.

Soldiers and family members are encouraged to consult with a health care provider prior to purchasing or using any dietary supplement or other self-care products. If you or your family member experiences an adverse side effect with one of these products, you are encouraged to report this information immediately to a health care provider, who will document the incident in your medical record and report the necessary information to the Food and Drug Administration. You may report adverse events to the FDA by completing the on-line reporting form at www.fda.gov/medwatch/how.htm or by calling the FDA Office of Emergency Operations at (301) 443-1240.

Reliable sources of information on dietary supplements include:

- Medical treatment facility personnel with expertise in dietary supplements including dietitians, pharmacists, and other health care providers.
- The following websites:

- Nutritional Ergogenic Agents, <http://www.usuhs.mil/mim/ergopam.pdf>
- U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, <http://chppm-www.apgea.army.mil/>
- Office of Dietary Supplements, National Institutes of Health, <http://dietary-supplements.info.nih.gov>
- Food and Drug Administration, <http://www.cfsan.fda.gov/~dms/supplmnt.html>

For information contact the Surgeon General Desk at (703) 693-4821, DSN 223-4821 or e-mail aadag@hqda.army.mil.

Roberts

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enemy bunker and silenced it. He continued his one-man assault on another and then another bunker, even after enemy fire knocked his rifle from his hands and forced him to take up a weapon dropped by a comrade. Cut off from his platoon, Roberts assaulted yet another bunker before fighting his way back to another 1/506th company, where he assisted in moving the wounded to an evacuation area before he returned to B Co.

In addition to the importance of the graduating Soldiers' military occupational specialty and the importance of being brief, Roberts emphasized the importance of Soldiering.

"Remember you're all Soldiers. True warrior training is the most important...range, (physical training)...Don't let your MOS distract you from that," he said. "You're a Soldier first, these skills are most important to know to you and the Soldier sitting beside you."

Controlling asthma leads to healthier, longer life for patients

Janet Manning
EAMC Nurse Case Manager

World Asthma Day was Tuesday. Asthma is a serious lung disease that affects about 20 million Americans. It is the leading cause of long-term illness in children but affects adults as well.

During an asthma attack the airways in lungs become narrow which makes it difficult to breathe. Symptoms of asthma include wheezing, shortness of breath and coughing. If symptoms are severe, asthma can even cause death.

Asthma can be controlled with medication, changes in the patient's environment and changes in their lifestyle. High levels of air pollution can also cause symptoms of asthma. Five of the most common asthma triggers found in the home are second-hand smoke, dust mites, pets, molds and pests.

An asthma attack can be provoked by smoke from a burning cigarette, pipe, cigar, and the smoke breathed out by a smoker. It is not good enough to "smoke outside the home." The smell of smoke found in clothing, furniture, furnishings can aggravate the asthma condition. Do not allow anyone who has asthma to be exposed to smoke.

Elements in your home can contribute to triggering asthma attacks.

Found in every home are dust mites. They are very small and live in mattresses,



Courtesy photo

Staff Sgt. Donnie Stubbs, NCOIC of the Pulmonary Clinic and Kizzie Pugh, Asthma Center coordinator, man the resource center where patients can receive asthma education.

pillows, carpets, fabric-covered furniture, bedcovers, clothes, and stuffed toys. To control the number of dust mites, bed linens should be washed in hot water at least once a week. House dust on furniture should be removed with a damp cloth.

Carpet and fabric-covered furniture should be vacuumed frequently to reduce the build-up of dust. Make sure stuffed toys are washed in hot water and dried thoroughly. Mattresses and pillows can be covered with 'dust proof zippered covers' to help reduce the growth of dust mites.

Pets can also trigger asthma attacks. A pet's skin flakes, urine, and saliva can cause breathing problems for a person with asthma. Pets should be kept outdoors. They should not be allowed in the bedroom and other sleeping areas.

Asthma can be triggered by exposure to molds. Molds are found in dark moist areas

in and outside of the home.

To control mold, moisture must be controlled. If mold is found in the home, the area should be cleaned. Sometimes tiles or carpet that has mold will need to be replaced. Fix leaky plumbing. Reduce moisture in the home by using exhaust fans, opening windows in kitchens, bathrooms when showering, cooking or using the dishwasher.

Indoor humidity should be kept between 30-50 percent. Hygrometers, which measure humidity levels, can be purchased in hardware stores.

Droppings or body parts from pests such as cockroaches or rodents can trigger asthma attacks. Make sure food or garbage is not left out because it can attract pests. Clean all food crumbs or spilled liquids right away.

Sometimes poison baits, traps or pesticidal sprays need to be used to control pests. These products need to

be used with care.

Eisenhower Army Medical Center is fortunate to have an Asthma Resource Center. The patient learns:

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- 3) How and when to use the medication properly that has been prescribed for the treatment of asthma.
- 4) How to do peak flow meter readings, what the readings mean and how the readings help the patient manage their asthma.

Classes are held weekly. Beneficiaries may call central appointments (706) 787-7300 at DDEAMC to make an appointment in the Asthma Resource Center.

(Information for this article came from <http://www.lungusa.org/asthma> and <http://www.epa.gov/asthma>.)

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Sports UPDATE

Sports news

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

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

Paintball

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 information contact Staff Sgt. Calvin Cameron at cameronc@gordon.army.mil.

Swimming lessons

Registration for swimming lessons at the indoor pool for lessons on June 7-10 are now being accepted. 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 eight students. No refunds unless TDY or PCS move.

Day camps

The Girl Scouts' summer day camps at Camp Tanglewood are 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 to 7:30 p.m. The costs 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.

AUSA golf tourney

The annual Association of the United States Army golf tournament is Friday 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.

Register by calling Cathi Murphy at 791-6429 (cathi.murphy@gdc4s.com) or Jenny Morris at 791-2955 (jennifer.morris@gdc4s.com).

Golf tournament

The 35th Military Police Detachment is having a golf tournament at 8:30 a.m. May 21 at Gordon Lakes Golf Course.

Cost is \$40 per player; two mulligans available for \$5. Proceeds benefit the Boys and Girls Club of Augusta. Lunch is included following the tournament.

There will be a raffle at the end of the tournament, and prizes awarded for closest to the pin and longest drive.

To register call Sgt. Jeremy Newman or Pfc. Danielle Nixon at 791-2882, or e-mail newmaje@gordon.army.mil or nixond@gordon.army.mil.

Opera performance

The Augusta Opera presents Verdi's "Rigoletto" at 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and 3 p.m. May 16.

For ticket information, call 826-4710 or go to www.augustaopera.com.

Aliens invade Fort Discovery

Denise Allen
Signal staff

Aliens have invaded the National Science Center's Fort Discovery.

From the "As Seen on TV, genuine fake alien" in its life-support tube to robotic conceptions of what aliens may look like, the "Aliens: Worlds of Possibilities" exhibit opens to the public Saturday.

"Aliens are just part of it," said Kathi Dimmock, the center's marketing coordinator. The exhibit also explores "how scientists search for life on other planets" and it provides a lot of information on our own solar system, she said.

Developed by the Pacific Science Center in partnership with the Search of Extraterrestrial Intelligence Institute, the exhibit is fun yet educational, she said.

"Joe's (Edward, the center's president) philoso-

phy is dinosaurs, sharks and aliens are what people are interested in," she said.

Last year's interactive robotic dinosaur exhibit was tremendously popular, she said, and she thinks the alien exhibit will be as well.

Other "fun" pieces in the exhibit include posters from cheesy alien movies, depicting people's views of what aliens might look like, and a center for small children to put together their own alien.

Large animated robots in the exhibit were created



"As Seen on TV," this "genuine fake alien" is one of the items on display in a new exhibit at the National Science Center's Fort Discovery.

Photos by Denise Allen

from suggestions made by fourth graders who attended a camp at the Pacific

Science Center. They came up with their ideas of what an alien might look like based upon the planet's atmosphere and other scientific data.

Concerned about your weight prior to a physical? Step on the scales and you might find that if you lived on another planet, your weight would significantly change.

While there are fun aspects of the exhibit, the goal at Fort Discovery is science learning.

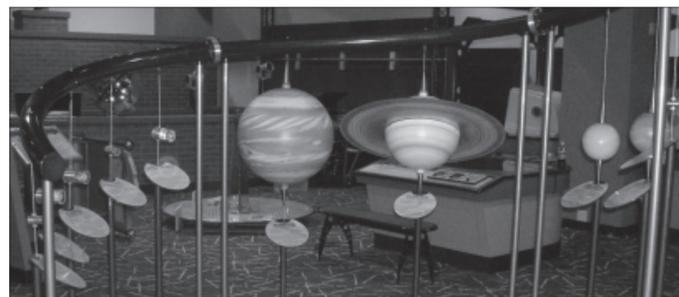
Officials attend education conferences in Georgia and South Carolina and try to tailor exhibits to fit educational standards set forth by both states.

"This will bring kids and adults so much education," said Victor Morales, director of exhibit maintenance, about the Aliens exhibit. "If you leave out of here without learning, there's something wrong."

The Aliens exhibit will run through Labor Day. Special camps and other activities will be held during the summer featuring the exhibit.

The National Science Center, headquartered at Fort Discovery in Augusta, is a partnership between the private sector and the Army.

For more information about the science center, call 821-0200 or go to www.nationalsciencecenter.org.



This model of the solar system is part of a new exhibit at the National Science Center's Fort Discovery. Titled "Aliens," the exhibit explores the possibility of life on other planets and investigates the solar systems and its planets.

Johnson to coach rifle team at '04 Olympics

Tim Hipps
Army News Service

ALEXANDRIA, Va. – Army Reserves Maj. David Johnson, a member of the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program at Fort Carson, Colo., will be the rifle coach for Team USA in the Olympic Games at Athens, Greece, this summer.

Johnson, 40, a native of Mount Holly, N.J., has been a member of the U.S. National Rifle Team for 15 years. He competed in the 1992 Olympic Games at Barcelona, Spain, where he placed 11th and 21st in air rifle and three-position shooting respectively.

Johnson began shooting in 1972 at the Langley Junior Rifle Club in Virginia. A 1982 graduate of Hampton High School, he holds a

bachelor's degree in finance from West Virginia University.

In 2000, after leaving active duty and joining the Army Reserves, he took the job as rifle coach at the University of Alaska Fairbanks and led the Nanooks to three individual and two team NCAA championships.

In June of 2002, he returned to active duty and was assigned to WCAP and selected as rifle coach for the U.S. National Team.

"The World Class Athlete Program is important to me because I will be able to represent the USA in the Olympic Games as a coach," said Johnson, an infantry officer who joined the Army in May of 1986 and was attached to the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit at Fort Benning, Ga. "I joined the Army because my dad was in the military and I wanted to serve also."

In previous competitions, Johnson won a silver medal in air rifle at the 2000 National Championships. One year earlier, he took second place in prone competition at nationals.

In the 1995 Hiroshima World Cup, Johnson placed third in the three-position event. He also won a silver medal in three-position in the 1995 Pan American Games at Mar de Plata, Argentina.

Johnson is the third WCAP coach to be selected for the 2004 Summer Games. Staff Sgt. Basheer Abdullah is head coach of the U.S. Olympic boxing team and Staff Sgt. Shon Lewis is one of three Greco-Roman wrestling coaches.

(Hipps is a member of USACFSC Public Affairs.)



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Army Reserves Maj. David Johnson (left), a member of the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program at Fort Carson, Colo., coaches Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Leone. Johnson will coach Team USA's rifle marksmen in the Olympic Games this summer at Athens, Greece.

Tamas wins World Cup Silver Medal

Paula Randall Pagan
Army News Service

ATHENS, Greece – A Soldier with the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit of Fort Benning, Ga., took silver at the International Shooting Sport Federation World Cup April 26.

Sgt. 1st Class Thomas A. Tamas finished second by less than 2 points only to Guy Starik of Israel and in the Men's 50-Meter Prone Rifle competition.

After getting 597 points out of a possible 600, Starik shot a 104.7 out of a possible 109 points and won the Gold Medal with the total score of 701.7 out of a possible 709. Tamas shot a 596 and got a 104.1 in the finals for a total of 700.1. Chrisitan Lusch of Germany took the Bronze after shooting for a 699.8 total.

Raised in Columbus, Ga., Tamas started shooting in 1978 with the Fort Benning Junior Rifle Team and graduated from Kendrick High School in 1983. He joined the Army in 1986 and was assigned to the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit after he completed Basic and Infantry Training.

Tamas served with the Army Marksmanship Unit for seven years before being assigned to the 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment, in Korea in 1992. After his overseas tour, Tamas returned to Fort Benning and Marksmanship Unit in 1993.

Tamas is a two-time Olympian. In 1992 he did not get to compete in the

Olympics because he was an alternate, and in 2000 he placed 13th in Prone Rifle at the Olympics in Sydney, Australia. Tamas set the Prone Rifle World Record of a perfect 600 points and was the 1998 Prone Rifle World Champion.

Last year, he won the Gold Medal and an Olympic Quota Slot for the United States at the Pan-American Games. He will be competing for one of two slots on the U.S. Prone Rifle Olympic Team at the Olympic Selection Matches, which will be conducted at Fort Benning May 25 to 27.

Formed in 1956 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower to raise the standards of marksmanship throughout the U.S. Army, the Army Marksmanship Unit is assigned to the Accessions Support Brigade of Fort Knox, Ky., which is under U.S. Army Accessions Command, of Fort Monroe, Va. Accessions Command is charged with overseeing recruiting and training of the Soldiers.

The Marksmanship Unit trains its Soldiers to win competitions and enhances combat readiness through train-the-trainer clinics, research and development. The world-class Soldier-athletes of the USAMU also promote the Army and assist recruiters in attracting young Americans to enlist in the Army.

For more information on the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit, visit the unit's homepage, www.usarec.army.mil/hq/amu/.

(Pagan is the public affairs officer for the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit.)



Two-time Olympian Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Tamas.

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Fort Gordon Celebrates Cinco de Mayo

Photo by Pfc. Armando Monroig

Fort Gordon celebrated its first ever Cinco de Mayo festival at Freedom Park and Barton Field April 30 through Sunday. The 4-day-long festivities commemorated the anniversary of the victory of Mexican forces against the French Army on May 5, 1862. Members of the Fort Gordon and Central Savannah River Area communities participated in the festivities which included a carnival, live Latin bands, traditional Mexican music, food and display of clothing, an F-18 flyover, crafters, vendors and fireworks display.

Pfc. Armando Monroig
Signal Staff

Fort Gordon got in the partying mode celebrating its first ever Cinco de Mayo festival, April 30 through Sunday at Fort Gordon's Freedom Park and Barton Field.

Brig. Gen. Janet Hicks, U.S. Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon post commanding general, officially opened the festivities.

"Bienvenidos al festival de Cinco de Mayo. Espero que ustedes gocen de las actividades que hemos planiado," said Hicks in Spanish.

"Welcome everybody to Fort Gordon," said Hicks, repeating in English what she had just said in Spanish. "We are so happy to have you here."

She said celebrating Cinco de Mayo gives the Fort Gordon community an opportunity to bring everybody together to celebrate the contributions of the Hispanic-American community.

Hicks introduced Marisela Quijano, deputy counsel for the consulate general of Mexico from Atlanta, who was on hand for the festivities and said a few words.

"It is a pleasure for me to be invited to Fort Gordon," said Quijano who gave a brief history lesson behind Cinco de Mayo to those in attendance. "I want to thank you for sharing with all Mexicans, this celebration."

Hicks participated in the festivities by taking a swing at one of the candy, money and prize-filled piñatas. And one swing was all she needed to spill its contents onto the floor as children rushed to grab as much as they could.

Spc. Veronica Jimenez, HHC, U.S. Army Garrison, originally from California and of Mexican descent, was at the festival and commented on the festivities.

"I think it's really good. It's good for all the Mexicans that are out here and for all the other minorities," said Jimenez. "It gives them a taste of the Mexican

heritage."

That heritage was displayed when traditional Hispanic clothing was worn by young Hispanic girls and women from the community.

Although the emphasis of Cinco de Mayo is on Mexico's celebration of victory over Napoleon Bonaparte's French Army on May 5, 1862, other Hispanic cultures were celebrated as well during Fort Gordon's celebration.

Countries such as Columbia, Ecuador and Puerto Rico, just to name a few, were represented in the celebration of diversity and culture – shown through the distinct food, music and clothing of each country.

The Gordon Club, Courtyard and Sportsman's Clubs had booths set up as well as local vendors selling anything from Mexican tacos and burritos, arroz con gandules, a Puerto Rican specialty, and Pakistani curry chicken to barbecue, pizza, and hotdogs and hamburgers.

The band Mariachi Juvenil America, dressed in traditional Mexican mariachi costumes, performed classic Mexican tunes for the many individuals enjoying the food, atmosphere and beautiful weather.

The party continued Friday beginning at noon with a 5K Volksmarch.

The live Salsa/Merengue band Orquesta Taboga, filled the air with up-beat Latin dance music for those who wanted to strut their stuff on the dance area under the main tent area.

Hilltop Riding Stables offered pony rides, and a petting zoo was available for children, while crafters and caterers were on-hand for everyone's enjoyment.

A rock-wall was available for those who were daring enough to brave the heights of the 30-foot structure.

Attendees were also treated to a sonic fly-over by two F-18 Hornet jet fighters.

Saturday had more of the same fun-filled atmosphere to offer.

Better Opportunities for Single Servicemembers organized a car show that featured categories such as

best motorcycle, best truck and best car.

The Officers' Spouses' Club organized a flea market that stretched across Barton Field, where sellers displayed anything from DVDs, bicycles and clothes, to golf bags and golf clubs.

Patrons partied to the music of Salsa/Merengue band Rumba Brava, ate the great catering of local vendors and enjoyed a dance routine by a local dance studio until 10 p.m., when they were treated to a fireworks display.

Festivities continued Sunday as Fort Gordon wrapped up the final day of Cinco de Mayo celebrations.

"I had a real good time. I have four daughters. It's an easy way to bring them on post and have some fun but not spend a lot of money doing it," said Capt. Don Houghton, A Company, 297th Military Intelligence Battalion. He said holding events like the Cinco de Mayo festival on post shows military and Department of the Army civilian employee families that the command cares about them.

"The biggest thing about having Soldiers is their families," said Houghton. "If you don't take care of the families the Soldiers go away."

The person in charge of organizing this event was Stan Simmons, chief of plans and programs division for the Directorate of Morale Welfare and Recreation.

"We want to do something like this in the spring to show the community how much we love and want to entertain them – do something for our Soldiers and their families," said Simmons.

He added it was also a great opportunity for the CSRA community to partake in festivities with the Fort Gordon community.

"We have a plan for entertainment and we recognize all the different kinds of people in the area and try to bring in things that will entertain all the different people that live, work and play on Fort Gordon and the CSRA," he said.



(Above) A young girl models a traditional Hispanic dress.



(Left) A couple looks at one of the BOSS car show entries.

(Below, left) Capt. Don Houghton, A Co., 297th MI Bn, goes down the slide with his daughter.

(Below) Mariachi band members play Mexican tunes.

