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Asian Pacific celebration

An Asian Pacific Heritage Month celebration is 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. **Thursday** at the Reservist Center, Building 14407. The luncheon features Polynesian dancers, door prizes and more. Tickets cost \$5. For information, call 791-4991.

Road closures

With the ongoing infrastructure upgrades across post, several road closures are scheduled for May and June. Closures and detours will be clearly marked. All closures and detour information is also available on the command channel.

- **Now to Monday** - Chamberlain Avenue at the intersection with Rice Road and 8th Ave.

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

Train tickets

The Directorate of Morale Welfare and Recreation presents Train in concert at 8 p.m. **June 18** at Barton Field. Tickets cost \$15; \$20 at the gate. Advance tickets available at the Post Exchange, Aladdin Travel, the bowling center, Fort Gordon credit union and the dinner theater.

For information, call Steve Walpert at 791-4389.

Unit garage sale

The 93rd Signal Brigade Headquarters Company family support group is having a garage sale from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. **June 19** to raise funds for the FSG.

The sale is at World Class Fitness, 625 E. Robinson Ave. in Grovetown.

The group is also seeking donated items to sell. Any donated items that do not sell will be donated to Goodwill.

To donate items, call 2nd Lt. Daniel Rountree at 791-9412.

Organization day

The 93rd Signal Brigade holds its Organization Day from 6:45 a.m.-2 p.m. **Thursday** on Barton Field behind Building 25526, with games, lunch and an awards ceremony.

Soldiers of the 93rd Signal Brigade, their family members, guests, and honorary lieutenants of the Augusta in Army Boots Program are invited.

Orientation

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

New GRSOC slated for post

Fort Gordon will be the site of the new \$230 million Gordon Regional Security Operations Center.

U.S. Senators Saxby Chambliss, R-Ga., and Zell Miller D-Ga., made the announcement Wednesday.

The new GRSOC will be located approximately one mile from the existing facility, allowing for expansion and additional antiterrorism protection measures.

"As we continue the war against terror, collecting intelligence is absolutely essential in fighting terrorists and in trying to prevent their attacks," Chambliss said. "The new fa-

ilities will help the signals intelligence units operating at Fort Gordon to better fulfill their vital mission of protecting our national security."

The GRSOC replacement will be a state-of-the-art operations facility designed to allow improved coordination between other Regional Security Operations Centers and military and national-level decision-makers. The new GRSOC will be built to accommodate an expected increase of 500-750 Department of Defense civilians. The center will

The new GRSOC may add 500-750 Department of Defense civilians. The project should cost about \$230 million.

be located at Fort Gordon because the facility is currently the headquarters of a regional signals intelligence brigade with battalions located at Fort Gordon, as well as San Antonio, Texas, and Kunia, Hawaii.

"We have been working on this project for years and it is

great news that the National Security Agency has seen fit to fund this vital project," Miller said. "Having a state-of-the-art facility for our intelligence gatherers is absolutely critical to our success in the war against terrorism."

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will stage a competitive design and construction process for firms interested in the project. Construction will take place in two phases, beginning as early as 2006 for Phase 1 with occupancy beginning in

2008. Phase 2 construction is expected to begin in 2009 with occupancy scheduled for 2012. The overall project should cost \$230 million, Chambliss said.

"The men and women involved in signals intelligence have a difficult and complicated job as they help defend us against attacks and assist our armed forces in targeting our enemies," Chambliss said. "This is not only an investment in anti-terrorism and improved national security; it is an investment in the future of Fort Gordon."

(Information from a Chambliss/Miller press release.)



Photo by U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Reynaldo Ramon

Help on the way

Military personnel worked with the Southwest Alabama Disaster Medical Assistance Team to rapidly transport simulated injured patients by C-130's to their respective hospital locations during exercise Life Saver May 12-13 (see related story page 20). Life Saver 2004 is a homeland security exercise which integrates civilian and military systems from local agencies in nine states to transport and treat casualties that might result from a weapons of mass destruction attack. The exercise encompassed explosive and WMD scenarios, evaluation of local field response, and decontamination capabilities for first responders and hospitals.

JAG speeds along Soldiers' tax refunds

Sgt. Sam Smith
Signal staff

Even though the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate saw a decrease in the number of people assisted this tax season, the SJA still managed to increase the amount of returns people received.

According to Capt. James Richardson, an attorney at OSJA, last year about 2,300 filed their taxes through the SJA. This year that number decreased to 2,207 but despite the decline, clients still received about \$100,000 more this year from their returns for a total return of \$2.5 million.

"The tax season went very well. We looked at several dif-

ferent ways of doing it," Richardson said. "It went smoothly."

According to Richardson, this year, retiree-volunteers and unit tax representatives provided SJA with crucial assistance with clients.

This year, SJA filed about 87 percent of their clients' taxes electronically. When filing electronically, people received their returns within 7-10 business days, as opposed to mail which takes 2-3 weeks or longer.

In addition to the money from their returns and the time saved using electronic filing, the office provided more than \$300,000 worth of legal assistance to people filing their taxes through SJA.

FRG aids families, Soldiers during deployment

2nd Lt. Jordan Ordonio
67th Signal Battalion

CAMP NEW YORK, Kuwait - For family members with deployed loved ones, coping with the emotions that accompany a long separation can sometimes be hard.

Fortunately, family members of Company A, 67th Signal Battalion, have an avenue for their frustrations, problems and concerns, thanks to a consolidated effort to create a strong family readiness group.

The FRG is a volunteer organization comprised of spouses, boyfriends or girlfriends, and parents or relatives of Company A who willingly provide support and information to each other in the time of need, and especially during deployments.

Since Company A's deployment in early January in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, family members meet twice a month or as needed to talk and lean on each other for support and guidance. Sandra Christman, wife of company commander Capt. James Christman, heads the company's FRG.

"Our mission is to provide support and help to Soldiers, spouses, children and other

family members of soldiers of A Company, 67th Signal Battalion, regardless of rank," she said.

Since the deployment, she has organized FRG meetings to come up with ways to show the Soldiers of Company A that they are loved and appreciated. For Valentine's Day, the group sent a CARE package consisting of family pictures, Valentine's cards and candies as well as Girl Scout cookies and Easter goodies for each Soldier.

"It's good for the morale, especially the Valentine card from my wife," said Sgt. Santiago Delgado, a small extension node platoon team chief.

Even those Soldiers whose families are not involved in the FRG appreciate the moral support.

"It shows a great deal of support. The spouses and families are actively involved, keeping us in tune with their moral support for us back home and our culture, which is important for us Soldiers abroad," said Pfc. Marcus Smith, area node platoon radio operator.

Soldiers appreciate the value of the FRG because it allows them to remain focused on their current mission. Weeks

before the deployment, Pfc. Ted Hurst, cable installation and maintenance operator, had just moved to Augusta. He and his wife immediately joined the FRG and were greeted with open arms.

"The family readiness group was a good way for her and me to meet new friends and receive information on the Augusta area. This makes it easier for family members to find the information that they need, especially if they do not know where to begin to look," he said. "It keeps her up to date on our current situation so I don't have to explain (it). I don't worry as much about what she is doing because she is actively involved with the (FRG)."

The support group is also the perfect place to meet other military families and become acquainted with living a military



Photo by Sgt. Lyle Dillie

On May 12, Connie Jackson and 38 other military spouses received certificates of appreciation from Lt. Col. John Rutt, 63rd Signal Battalion commander, for their hard work in supporting families in the 63rd Signal Battalion while the battalion was deployed. "You all are our heroes," said Rutt. "You played such a critical role for us while we were deployed. We knew that there were folks back home taking care of our loved ones in all kinds of emergencies and have a dedicated shoulder to cry on." The 63rd returned from the Middle East in February.

life and the surrounding community. It provides families with the assistance to find jobs, relocation information, financial information and educational information.

"My wife didn't know many people around the area and now she has met a lot of life-long

friends," said Spc. John Sites, area node platoon switch operator. "I feel secure knowing she has someone to go to if she has a problem."

(Ordonio is a Small Extension Node platoon leader for Company A, 67th Signal Battalion.)

Doctor stresses differences at Asian Pacific command program

Denise Allen
Signal staff

For Dr. Madhavi Z. Martin, coming to the United States of America was a lesson in diversity.

"I did not know about being a minority" in her native India, said Martin, who has lived in America since 1986. Martin spoke Monday at the Asian Pacific Heritage Month command program at Alexander Hall. The theme of the program was "Freedom For All, A Nation We Call Our Own."

A research scientist at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Martin came to the United States on a Rotary International Fellowship to study at an American university. She received a master's degree and a doctorate from UCLA in physics.

Coming to America was a culture shock for Martin, who once lived in a country of one billion people, of which 800 million were of the same race and religion.

While attending UCLA, of the 200 students in the physics department, less than 10 percent of them were women and less than 2 percent were of Asian Pacific heritage. In India, about half of those studying in the master's degree program were women.

Some of the customs that Martin had to learn included attitudes concerning those of a higher rank or age.

In India, a practice of respect was to bow low and touch the feet of their elders as a sign of respect, and not to make eye contact.

She learned at UCLA that she needed to have eye contact with her Nobel laureate professor. What she thought of as a sign of respect, Americans viewed as



Photo by Sgt. Sam Smith

Lt. Col. John Rutt, 63rd Signal Battalion commander, presents a gift to Dr. Madhavi Martin following the Asian Pacific Heritage Month command program Monday in Alexander Hall.

the mark of someone with something to hide.

While she has assimilated to American culture in the past 16 years, she still has retained some of her Indian values.

Children have very little choice in India, she said, and most marriages are still arranged by parents.

She's working to give her two sons, Neel, who is 10, and Samir, who is 8, a little more leeway than she received while growing up.

"I'm learning to be a good American mom," she said.

They get to choose whether they are going to do their science homework first or their social studies first, she said, and then laughed.



Photo by Denise Allen

Displays of items from Asian Pacific rim countries were on display in Alexander Hall during the Asian Pacific Heritage Program Monday.

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KMBC honors blood donors

Denise Allen
Signal staff

In Lt. Col. Dennis Eastmon's slides, Kendrick Memorial Blood Center's donors got to see how their donations saved lives.

Donated blood saved the lives of a Soldier who lost his arm, a Soldier who received a direct hit to the hip by a rocket-propelled grenade, and to a Soldier shot in the chest by an AK-47.

Eastmon, chief of cardiac surgery at Eisenhower Army Medical Center, was the deputy commander of the 21st Combat Support Hospital in Northern Iraq. He was one of the speakers at a ceremony honoring blood donors May 13 at the Gordon Club.

Blood center officials combined forces with Fort Jackson, S.C., and Marines at Parris Island, S.C., to double their intake of blood in 2003. Some of the blood stayed at EAMC, but other units were processed and sent overseas to hospitals just like the one Eastmon served in, according to Capt. Jose Quesada with Kendrick Memorial Blood Center.

While people often hear news about the number of deaths in Iraq, there's another number they don't often hear, he said.

As of April 16, there were about 4,000 wounded in action.

"They are the reason we need the blood," Quesada said.

Kendrick was the highest-collecting blood facility in the Army last year; a distinction Quesada said is owed to the partnership among the other locations.

"A key to our success is we continue to work together," he said.

As the war continues, blood is needed; however, many potential donors cannot give because of restrictions. Those who have been in other countries for significant lengths of time must wait before giving blood — the waits depend on what country the donor served in.

During the program, the following groups and individuals were recognized for their on-going support of KMBC:

ARMED SERVICES BLOOD PROGRAM AND KENDRICK MEMORIAL BLOOD CENTER COMMANDER'S AWARDS:



Photo by Marlene Thompson

Brig. Gen. Gregory Premo (right), U.S. Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon deputy commander, presents Col. John Wesley, deputy commander for Clinical Services, Eisenhower Army Medical Center, an award for supporting the Kendrick Memorial Blood Center blood program.

- Recruit Training Regiment, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island

- 15th Regimental Signal Brigade
- 1st Basic Combat Training Bde., Fort Jackson, S.C.

- 4th Basic Combat Training Bde., Fort Jackson, S.C.

- 120th Adjutant General Battalion, Fort Jackson, S.C.

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- 551st Signal Bn.

- 369th Signal Bn.

- 73rd Ordnance Bn.

- Eisenhower Army Medical Center

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RUNNERS-UP TOP BLOOD DONOR COMPANY
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- Co. E, 447th Signal Bn.

- Co. B, 369th Signal Bn.

- Co. C, 447th Signal Bn.

- Co. D, 369th Signal Bn.

- Co. A, 551st Signal Bn.

- Co. A, 73rd Ordnance Bn.

- Co. C, 73rd Ordnance Bn.

- Co. B, 73rd Ordnance Bn.

- Co. C, 369th Signal Bn.

- Co. E, 369th Signal Bn.

- Co. D, 551st Signal Bn.

- Co. A, 369th Signal Bn.

- 338th Training Squadron Detachment 1

- USMC Detachment

- Gordon Regional Security Operations Center

- Signal Officer Basic Course

- Regimental Noncommissioned Officers Academy

- Area Dental Lab

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- Sgt. Ryan Matson, HHC, U.S. Army Garrison

- Joseph Matosian, 116th MI Group

- Paul Robinson, 116th MI Group

- Patty Martino-Pearson, 116th MI Group

- Staff Sgt. Michael Grorich, 31 IS, USAF

- Senior Airman Melodi Ainsworthy, 31 IS USAF

- Staff Sgt. Norman Tatlock, Detachment 1, 338th TRS, USAF

- Staff Sgt. Confucius Hernton, Co. B, 369th Signal Bn.

- Gunnery Sgt. Tawanda Haynes-Lorminier, RTR, Parris Island

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- Sgt. 1st Class Patricia Murden, 551st Signal Bn.

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Procedures established for detainees

Kathleen Rhem
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – Nearly 600 enemy combatants being held at the U.S. detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, will now have an annual opportunity to petition for their release.

Defense officials have put into place an administrative review process to determine whether detainees should continue to be held, a senior defense official said at the Pentagon Tuesday.

The official explained the new procedures apply only to combatants detained in the Afghan theater and currently held at Guantanamo.

They provide for an annual review for each detainee, in which the detainee will "have an opportunity to appear before a review board and present his case for release, that he does not continue to pose a threat to the United States," the official said.

Each detainee will present his case before a panel of three military officers, and an officer will be appointed to assist in preparing his case. He also will have access to translator support as needed. Detainees' families and home countries will be invited to submit information to prove the detainee's position.

The review board will make recommendations to a senior Defense Department civilian who will then decide whether to release the detainee, continue to hold him, or transfer him to his home country for continued detention there.

The briefing official said it's important to note the U.S. government is not legally bound to provide these reviews.

"As a matter of policy, the department has adopted these procedures so as not to keep any detainee ... for whom the war is over, who is no longer a threat to the United States," he said.



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Commentary: Islam – Respect the faith, not the fanatics

Staff Sgt. Russell Bassett
Army News Service

Religion is never a very easy topic to talk about. It tends to divide more than it unites.

Religion gets to the heart of what we believe and what we value, and strong emotions are wrapped around those beliefs and values. Even atheists strongly defend their right not to believe in God.

Through history, religion has been used to justify great injustices, including war and genocide.

Today, one religion — Islam — is facing close scrutiny as its radical fringe terrorizes the world through violent attacks.

The White House has gone to great pains to ensure the War on Terrorism is not seen as a clash of religions. President George Bush made a point of praising Islam as "a religion of peace." He invited Muslim clerics to the White House for Ramadan dinners and criticized evangelicals who call Islam a dangerous faith.

One such evangelist, Franklin Graham, son of Billy Graham wrote, "Islam — unlike Christianity — has among its basic teachings a deep intolerance of those who follow other faiths."

That Islam has produced its share of fanatics should come as no surprise. Every religion has its extremists, and there can be no denying that militant Islam's rigid and intolerant orthodoxy is making the world a more dangerous place.

But is Islam itself the reason for

terrorism, or is it something else? Has the backlash against terrorism created intolerance for Islam? And are those of us in the military doing enough to ensure that Muslims in uniform are enjoying the same tolerance of their faith as those from different religions?

Islam is the second largest religion in the world, totaling more than 1.3 billion believers. Less than 20 percent of the Muslims in the world are Arab, and all Arab countries have populations that believe in other religions. Indonesia has the world's largest Islamic population — 88 percent of citizens are Muslim.

In the United States, Islam is the fastest growing religion. There are currently five to seven million Muslims who are U.S. citizens.

There is also a substantial number of Muslims in the U.S. military: between 10,000 and 20,000 U.S. service members consider themselves followers of Islam.

In the U.S. Army, Muslims are afforded the same rights to worship as any other religion.

"The Army tries to accommodate different religions," said Col. Hanson Boney, Fort Eustis chaplain. "There have been Muslims in the Army for the past 40 years. There are times we can't accommodate religions, like in times of war, but Muslims have no harder time worshipping in the Army than any other religion."

Some Muslims are finding that the backlash against terrorism has made it harder for them to practice their faith.

Matthew Hicks, a Soldier in E

Company, 71st Transportation Battalion, said he was "jumped" after 9-11. "People get the wrong idea about Muslims," he said. "They think I'm a terrorist or going to blow something up."

In 2002, Hicks changed his name from Abdulaziz Gazah so he wouldn't have to face the prejudice associated with an Islamic name.

After joining the Army, Hicks also faced discrimination.

"When I was in basic," he said, "I told my drill sergeant that I wanted to attend Muslim service and he at first didn't believe me and then started ranking on me, so I stopped going to the services all together."

After that incident, Hicks decided he was not going to tell anyone he is a Muslim. He arrived on Fort Eustis two weeks ago and had not even told his battle buddy about his Islamic beliefs.

One of the five pillars of the Muslim faith is to pray five times a day. As an Initial Entry Soldier, it has been difficult for Hicks to find time to pray.

"I have had zero time to pray," he said. "But in the Islamic faith it is not so much that you have to pray, it's if you have the time or make the intent. It is all about your intent."

The Jacksonville, Fla., native who speaks Arabic said he joined the Army to work as a translator in the Persian Gulf.

"Most fights start from a misunderstanding," Hicks said. "I'd like to go over there and help clear up some of those misunderstandings."

Hicks, whose parents are from

Saudi Arabia, said he spent some time in that country growing up, but that he is "born and raised American."

"I am so loyal to the United States," he said. "My grandfather served in the U.S. (Army) Air Corps and even when I was in Saudi Arabia I told everyone I was American."

Spc. David Burgos, operations clerk for the 492nd Harbormaster Detachment, who has been an active Muslim for 25 years, said Islam helped give him direction and hope.

"I came from a broken home and when my parents divorced I became a ward of the state," Burgos said. "The path I was walking was one of crime and drugs and it was the light of Islam that brought me off that path."

Before joining the Army, Burgos faced prejudice because of his faith during the first Gulf War.

"There was a lot of backlash as a Muslim for me in the workplace," he said. "Co-workers would place notes that said, 'Go back to your own country' or 'Muslims are trouble makers.'"

Like Hicks, Burgos also did not mention his beliefs during Initial Entry Training. "I wasn't sure how it would be accepted," he said.

Since then, Burgos has spent eight years on Fort Eustis, and he said working here has enabled him to actively pursue his faith.

"My unit has always been accepting," he said. "They let me

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Feedback

Sgt. Sam Smith

Have gas prices changed your driving habits?



As long as (the prices) stay as they are on post it's good.

Sgt. 1st Class Danette Dinkins

Augusta Recruiting Company



Yeah, I used to go home every other weekend. The weekends I don't go home, (my wife) doesn't get to come see me. So, it cuts down on our time together and (my) time with the kids.

Sgt. Gregory Lawler

Eisenhower Army Medical Center



They haven't at all. I have to (drive). I complain but I have to get my gas.

Spc. Rhonda Pruitt

Eisenhower Army Medical Center



(I) can't drive as much. (I) cut back (because) I've got to save it for vacations. (I've) got to be conservative at this point.

Petty Officer 1st Class

Robert Knox
Information Systems Technician



CASCOM shifts in line with future force requirements

Sgt. 1st Class Reginald P. Rogers
Army News Service

FORT MONROE, Va. — As the Army changes the way it does business, the U.S. Army Combined Arms Support Command must also change in its mission to provide the materiel needed for sustainment, CASCOC officials said.

Task Force Logistics, in charge of the newest of the Army's 17 focus areas, includes logistician and support personnel from all branches of the military. CASCOC is a large piece of the TF Logistics puzzle and therefore plays a major part in the task of supplying the troops.

"Task Force Logistics was formed to review and redesign how a land-component commander is sustained," said Maj. Gen. Terry E. Juskowiak, CASCOC and Fort Lee, Va., commanding general. "The scope of this review extends from CONUS support to support of deployed forces; includes support to the Army, how the Army provides support to sister components once deployed; and how the Army will contribute to a joint logistics capability."

During the annual Combat Service Support Commanders and Command Sergeants Major Conference, held April 8-9 at Fort Lee, Va., Juskowiak pointed out that CASCOC is prepared for the changes that are taking place within the force.

According to a report by the Petersburg, Va. Progressive-Index, the increased use of computer technology in Army logistics is a very near possibility.

The report went on to say that commanders and sergeants major in attendance were told of the possibility of using computer simulations designed for military logisticians in the same manner that combat Soldiers use them to improve their fighting skills.

"(The conference) was a chance for us to review what happened, what went well and on what we need to put new emphasis," Juskowiak said following the conference.

He added Jointness and modularity present positive changes in the logistical spectrum, as all services and organizations will work together to ensure Soldiers' needs are met.

He explained if logisticians and battle commands are given the same "data points," such as where a hotbed of conflict is, the logistician could use the information to avoid sending a supply convoy through the middle of that battle scene. Or a petroleum shipment could be redirected to where it is more urgently needed.

"We're looking at how we do logistics from the foxhole back," Juskowiak said. "When I say back, I mean all the way back to the CONUS national level. What we do in the foxhole is very green, very Army-oriented. But as you go back, it becomes more and more purple — that is, more (of a) Joint (concept). That's because more joint aspects will be put into the force."

(This article is part of a weekly series on the 17 Army focus areas. This one focuses on "Logistics.")

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Food cart makes splash at EAMC

Denise Allen
Signal staff

As Ike's Healthy Heart Cart was readied for lunch on Wednesday, passersby stopped and checked the menu.

When two women saw that the Oriental chicken salad was only offered on Tuesdays and Fridays, they moved on. Others thought it was a hot dog stand, but no, the only items on this lunchtime food cart at Eisenhower Army Medical Center are low in fat and calories.

"The general (Brig. Gen. Eric B. Schoomaker) has a high priority for wellness," said Maj. Kim Thomsen, chief of production and food service branch for the Nutrition Care Division at EAMC.

Offering foods that are lower in fat and calories is one way to help hospital staff and patients achieve healthier diets. On April 29, the food cart opened for business.

"We've been getting lots and lots of traffic," said Thomsen. "We've increased the amount every day and are still selling out."

The cart is located near the elevators on the second floor in a high visibility area.

Each day, there are two salads and two sandwiches offered as well as baked potato chips, pretzels and fruit. Special salads include the Oriental chicken salad, which has become very popular in only a short time, and the cobb salad.

Convenience was another reason for the cart's development.

Each day between 1,200 and 1,500 people are served in the dining room.

"It's a contained space, and some people get turned off by that," she said.

People can buy healthy choices at the food cart without having to fight all the congestion in the dining room.

Thomsen has been work-

ing on the cart since about October. The cart had been purchased last spring, but those in charge moved to other duty stations, leaving the cart in limbo.

While there was some documentation on the cart, Thomsen said she basically had to start from scratch.

Because of Thomsen's commitment to nutrition education, she received the Georgia Dietetic Association's 2004 Emerging Dietetic Leader Award at the association's annual meeting at noon May 14 at the Radisson Riverfront Hotel.

Currently, the cart is open from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Thomsen said they are trying to work out a few kinks such as learning how much food to prepare on a daily basis so they don't sell out as quickly.

If the cart continues to be successful, there could be plans in the distant future for another one, she said.



Photo by Pat Thomsen

Food for thought

Maj. Kim Thomsen (left), chief of production and food service branch for the Nutrition Care Division at Eisenhower Army Medical Center, receives the 2004 Emerging Dietetic Leader Award from Bethany Smith, incoming Georgia Dietetic Association president. Thomsen received the award at the annual meeting of GDA and the South Carolina Dietetic Association at the Radisson Riverfront Hotel Friday. Each year, the GDA recognizes a dietitian in Georgia who shows strong leadership potential, success in different types of jobs, contributions to national, state and local dietetics associations, and community involvement.



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Pouches change drinking practices for Soldiers

Soldier Systems Center news release

NATICK, Mass. – Pouches that can be resealed are changing the way troops drink.

Drink pouches developed by the Department of Defense Combat Feeding Directorate at the U.S. Army Soldier Systems Center in Natick, Mass., in partnership with packaging companies Pactech in Rochester, N.Y., and Kapack in Minneapolis, Minn., allow warfighters to pour water into a package holding a powder mix, shake and consume the beverage from the opening. If they want to save some for a little later, the plastic zipper seal holds it in.

Often they didn't bother preparing a beverage in a separate container. Field data showed that about half of the Soldiers are not consuming the Meal, Ready-to-Eat (MRE) beverage base mix because of the inconvenience of using and cleaning the canteen cup, said Lauren Milch, a physical scientist at Combat Feeding who managed package development. Pouring the mix into a canteen full of water is prohibited according to Army doctrine, so the packages are frequently thrown away unopened.

The 12-ounce beverage pouch is the first project of the Individual Combat Ration Team's Improved Packaging for Combat Rations program aimed at reducing packaging and increasing consumption, said Vicki Loveridge, a senior food technologist and project officer for improved packaging.

She said including a resealable plastic bag was a partial solution, but the drink pouch takes care of everything by replacing the current dry mix package with a disposable drinking vessel.

Originally intended to replace the MRE beverage base mix, the beverage pouches could be

used for any of the military ration beverages or liquid foods, such as dairy shakes. For hot cappuccino or cocoa, the pouch was designed to fit into the flameless ration heater.

In the last three years researchers developed prototype pouches with a non-reclosable tear-off spout, reclosable sports-type pull cap and a twist-off cap that were studied along with the final package design.

"We wanted something reusable, and they didn't want or need (a pouch) to stand up, just a way to set it down," Loveridge said. "The extra expense of a stand-up pouch was unnecessary, and it's a harder pouch to keep from cracking."

In the first evaluation with a twist-off cap pouch in 2001, 91 percent of the troops consumed their beverages, but the twist-off cap was too bulky and expensive. The latest prototype has a tear-off portion just above a resealable interlocking plastic zipper on top and slight hourglass shape for easy holding.

"What's very different from what you see at the grocery store is the zipper with a multi-laminate foil and three-year shelf life requirement," Loveridge said.

With four studies already showing substantial percentage increases in the number of troops using the beverage pouch, another field test is scheduled to determine how warfighter performance improves with increased hydration.

"The drink pouch is something they really need, and it's designed to add minimal cost," Milch said. "We hope it takes off in popularity like the mini bottles of Tabasco sauce and flameless ration heater."

For more information about the Soldier Systems Center, visit <http://www.natick.army.mil>.



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Wanna nap?

Milton is a juvenile male Siamese that was found on post and is available for adoption at the Fort Gordon Veterinary Treatment Facility. He is shy, but likes to be petted. Adoption fee is \$60 and includes all shots, spay or neuter, and microchip. The VTF is located at 500 North Range Rd., and is open Monday through Friday 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. For information about Milton or the other animals currently available for adoption, call 787-3815.

Islam

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go to Jumah (prayer) at 1300 on Friday and they always inquire about me during Ramadan, especially for PT (physical training). Since Ramadan is a time of fasting and no liquids during the day, they have allowed me to do PT later in the day."

Burgos said he experienced no discrimination or prejudice here, even after 9-11.

"The whole year after 9-11 I had people asking me questions about Islam, but I don't believe any of them were in a negative manner," he said. "Fort Eustis has been good for me as far as being Muslim and wearing the green uniform."

The United States has several allies among the Arab nations, and many Arab countries send their soldiers to the Transportation School for training.

Sebastian Velilla, international military student specialist with the T-School, helps ensure that Muslims who visit Fort Eustis to train are allowed to practice their beliefs.

"We have students from the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Lebanon and Egypt," he said.

"Next year we will have 223 Arab students."

Sgt. Maj. Alkheldaid Aazib, an aviation soldier from Saudi Arabia, said it has been "easy" to practice his faith since coming to Fort Eustis and that he has not faced any discrimination because of his beliefs.

"Because we are working with Americans here, they get to know us and we get along well," he said. "We are treated like equals."

Aazib stressed that Islam is a religion of peace.

"We believe in peace for every person and every country," he said. "You cannot be a Muslim and be a

murderer or killer."

Hicks and Burgos agreed.

"Islam is actually a peaceful religion," said Hicks. "When Muslims say hello we say, 'Peace be upon you' and when we return the greeting we say 'Peace be back to you.'"

Burgos said the Koran teaches peace and nonviolence.

"I have read the Koran several times and there," he said, "Islam teaches its followers to be peaceful. Islam is all about giving life, not taking it."

However, the question still remains: If Islam is such a peaceful religion, why then are there schools in such traditionally allied nations like Pakistan and Saudi Arabia that teach intolerance and hatred? And why do terrorists use Islam to justify their violent actions?

Hicks believes it has to do more with the political situation than the faith.

"(Terrorism) is not Islam," he said. "It's certain people with messed up ways. Bin Ladin's hatred comes from his hatred of the United States, not his religion."

Burgos agreed.

"Some people who call themselves Muslims are angry about what is going on in the politics of their region," agreed Burgos.

Despite a few isolated cases, Muslims who serve in the United States Armed Forces are proving their loyalty to this country. They should be afforded the same rights and privileges as non-Muslims.

As Americans, we set the example. Let's be sure that example is one that includes tolerance for people of all religious faiths.

(Bassett writes for the Fort Eustis Wheel newspaper.)

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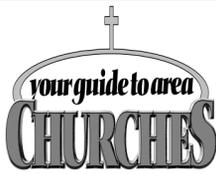
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Troops treat villagers near Iraqi post

Capt. Catherine Wilkinson
Army News Service

BALAD, Iraq – Civil affairs and medical personnel from Logistics Support Area Anaconda provided medical assistance to more than 130 residents of a nearby village May 12.

Soldiers and airmen combined forces to provide basic medical care for Bakra Village residents during a Medical Civil Action Project mission. A wide variety of medical professionals including doctors, optometrists, dentists, physical therapists and physician's assistants treated patients during the MEDCAP mission.

Residents began lining up for medical care as soon as the military convoy entered the village. Medics led them into a waiting area to be triaged and directed to the appropriate care provider.

The doctors provided basic medical care, evaluated individual health problems and distributed over-the-counter medicines to assist the villagers. Interpreters played a vital role during the mission, translating patient issues and the doctors' advice into both Arabic and English.

"It's a little overwhelming," said Tech. Sgt. Paula Edwards, a medical techni-

cian with the Air Force's Contingency Aeromedical Staging Facility, about the growing crowd that showed up to be seen by the doctors. "They just keep coming."

Most of the patients Edwards assisted needed routine medical care for ailments ranging from high blood pressure to arthritis and ear infections.

"I am surprised at how welcomed we are," said Air Force Maj. Kristina Miller, an administrator with the CASF. "The children really seem to love us and the patients are very gracious."

Spc. Elizabeth Jarry, a dental technician from the 118th Area Support Medical Battalion, taught more than 100 people proper oral hygiene techniques. "Preventative measures are very important. It's never too late to start," she said. Most of the patients Jarry saw were children under 10.

"I wish I could understand them so I could speak back to them," she added. Jarry relied on hand gestures and demonstrations to teach people how to properly floss and brush their teeth. Her station was so popular that she ran out of the toothbrushes she was handing out.

While patients were being



Photo by Staff Sgt. David Gillespie

Spc. Elizabeth Jarry, a dental hygienist at Balad Air Base, Iraq, shows villagers of all ages how to brush their teeth during a recent Medical Civic Action Project at a small village in Balad.

assisted inside the building. Soldiers from the 13th Corps Support Command, the 29th Signal Battalion and the 81st

Brigade Combat Team provided site security outside. Young children asking them questions in broken English

soon swarmed these Soldiers. "What is your name" and "give me chocolate" were heard frequently as the Soldiers interacted with the children outside.

"Every chance I get I try to volunteer for security. I take a different group of Soldiers with me every time so we can get out and see what's really going on around here," said Sgt. 1st Class Patrick Bilon, a platoon sergeant with Company C, 29th Signal Battalion.

"It's nice to get out and help the community and see that these people are friendly to us."

"It's interesting to interact with the people and see how attitudes change and the good that's done," said Col. Nicholas Zoeller, the 13th Corps Support Command Assistant Chief of Staff (G5),

describing the good will created by civil affairs MEDCAP missions.

This MEDCAP mission is one way that the Coalition Forces are improving the quality of life for the Iraqi people so that when the coalition leaves Iraq, the citizens will have a higher standard of living, Zoeller said.

"We are making steady uphill progress in improving quality of life in Iraq," he added. To further that progress, Zoeller said he and his 13th COSCOM G5 staff plan to conduct more MEDCAP missions in the future.

"I'd love to come here every week," Jarry said. "I feel like I'm actually doing something to help the country." (Wilkinson is with the 28th Public Affairs Detachment.)

Personifying the three 'Rs'

Chaplain (Maj.) Mark Awdykowicz
Resource Manager

Reading, writing, and arithmetic – the "3 Rs" – were long considered essential subjects to master if a student's education was to serve them well.

During the late 1970s, a deviation from the reading, writing and arithmetic curriculum began in the public schools. After reaping the results of that approach to education, many public school systems today are beginning to return to the 3 Rs.

In a similar vein, numerous ideas flood the forum on effective living today. But in my opinion, none are more simplistic and effective than another set of 3 Rs.

Since people really don't care how much you know until they know how much you care, I believe that being real, relational, and relevant are the essential 3 Rs of effective living.

So what does it mean to be

real? It is a person who is secure enough to be honest, sincere, transparent and vulnerable, maintaining integrity and healthy boundaries, while avoiding deception, artificiality or shallowness of any kind. It's a person who has nothing to hide, nothing to lose, and surely nothing to prove.

A relational person places people above projects. This isn't a social butterfly who never completes the mission. This person operates by the Golden Rule, treating others as they want to be treated, laying a foundation for mutual respect and trust in the midst of performing to standard. It is a team approach to accomplishing the mission where the leader models servitude, and strives to foster a great attitude in everyone through personal example.

An authority structure is in place that is used effectively as well as efficiently. Power is seen as a means to influence others for their good, not to benefit selfish interests inflated by one's own ego. In

essence, you do well at getting along with others.

And then there is relevance. So what? What practical value is there in what you are saying or doing? With the current generation coining the phrase, "Whatever," it is imperative that relevance is communicated to our world. Good ideas by themselves aren't good enough.

If we can't give positive impetus to answering the question, "So What?" then whatever we are doing really doesn't matter. This is akin to what we call making a connection. In order to be relevant, a connection on some level must be made. A person of relevance looks for the common ground among people and drives in a deep stake of conviction, hoping to make a significant difference in the lives of others.

I suppose the 3 Rs of education served many of us well, but what about the 3 Rs of effective living? Would people who know us say that we are real, relational and

relevant? If not, why not?

Who personifies the 3 Rs? We may have both historical and contemporary examples. But in my mind, Jesus was the epitome of being real, relational and relevant. He knew who He was, where He had come from, and where He was headed.

Jesus was tempted in all points like us yet never sinned – He was real. He served others, even washing the disciple's feet when there was no one else – He was relational. And He loved all mankind, giving His life as payment for the sin of the world as He took on our sinfulness and gave His righteousness to those who genuinely place their trust in Him – He was relevant.

How are you doing? Are you personifying the three Rs? Are you real – nothing to hide, lose, or prove? Are you relational – do you serve and get along well with others? And are you relevant – do you connect with the world in which you live? Personifying the three Rs. Is that you?

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Catholic 101, or "Everything You Always Wanted to Know about Being Catholic but were Afraid to Ask," is being offered from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. **Sundays** at Shepherd Chapel.

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The "train" will run **June 8 and 10, and June 15 and 17**, at the Religious Education Center on 39th Street.

An orientation and workshop for all volunteers is 6:30 and 9 p.m. **Tuesday** at the center. For information and registration, call 791-4703.

Drill sergeant spotlight

Name: Staff Sgt. Beau Broussard
Unit: Company C, 551st Signal Battalion
Hometown: Loreauville, La.
Time at Fort Gordon: Eight months

What do you enjoy about being a DS? My brother came through AIT here six months ago and is in Iraq now. He's still alive right now because of the training that he received from drill sergeants. I'm honored to be a part of the community that is responsible for training today's civilians to become our nation's warriors. I know that my battle buddies and me give 110 percent in making sure that today's Signal Soldiers are ready for anything that the Army throws at them.

What do you want to accomplish in the Army? Be a successful drill sergeant, then make command sergeant major.



Staff Sgt. Broussard

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Soldiers back from OIF shine at Armed Forces Day event

Dennis Ryan
Army News Service.

WASHINGTON — The latest and greatest in military hardware stood on display along with war birds from earlier eras, but the most compelling stories at the Joint Services Open House, May 14-16, came from the men and women who fought in Iraq.

Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Richard Myers and Assistant Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz addressed the crowd at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., which included some service members back from Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"No military in history has fought so often for the freedom of others," Wolfowitz said at the opening ceremony for Armed Forces Day. "This country is more safe and secure when others are free. It was not a mistake to free the Iraqi people from one of the most oppressive regimes in history."

Airman 1st Class Scott Palomino of the 332nd Air Control Squadron came to the show from Walter Reed Army Medical Center, where he is recovering from losing a leg in Iraq. "I wanted to come out here," Palomino said before the Army Golden Knights parachute team jumped. "I love air shows."

Palomino was among a number of injured service members from Operation Iraqi Freedom who came to see the show.

"They're always an inspiration," Myers said after speaking with the recovering service members. "They know what this is all about. They understand the mission. God bless them."

Soldiers from the 101st Airborne Division, back from Iraq, displayed equipment and painted camouflage onto the faces of young children in



Photo by Dennis Ryan

Army Vice Chief of Staff Gen. George Casey speaks with Airman 1st Class Scott Palomino, who is undergoing rehabilitation after receiving a prosthetic left leg at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Palomino was injured in a RPG attack in Balad, Iraq.

Hanger 2 at Andrews.

The 299th Engineering Company out of Fort Belvoir, Va., brought one of their Zodiac boats and some bridging equipment to display. A map at their display traced the engineers' path from Kuwait to the far north of Iraq, Mosul.

The reservists moved right up to the Iraq border the day before the war and breached a lane through tank ditches, berms, concertina wire and other obstructions. They then marked the lanes with signs, "welcome to Iraq."

The unit traveled closely for four days behind the 3rd Infantry Division's 1st Brigade Combat Team with equipment. The men and women of the 299th said they knew they would probably have to prepare a bridge over the Euphrates River for the heavy tanks of the 3rd Infantry Division.

The unit's first objective was to build a fixed bridge section over a damaged part of a highway bridge, which was still

wired with explosives.

"We followed the 1st BCT through the Karbala Gap," Lay said. "We had 15-man assault boats, with two engineers in each boat."

Staff Sgt. Sammie Leonard, a postal employee in civilian life, took a platoon across the river on a zodiac.

"We got over there and started taking small arms fire," Leonard said.

The engineers ferried about 45 infantrymen to the other side while under fire from a building.

"We were getting shot at all this time," Leonard said. "They (the 3ID infantrymen) shot a guest house with a dragon and that cleared it."

The 299th also built a ribbon (portable) bridge across the Euphrates on the same night they worked on the highway bridge. The engineers thought they had received an NBC attack and worked part of the night in protective suits.

"When the sun went down

there were no bridges," said Lt. Michael Lay. "When the sun came up there were two bridges."

The engineers performed a number of tasks after major combat ceased. Some members were tasked with performing monitor duty and bridge repair on the river near Mosul, while others worked near Balad and Baghdad.

"We even found a restaurant we liked (in Balad) until the insurgents blew it up," Lay said. "We used to go there a lot."

The unit suffered a bomb attack as they were leaving Baghdad to return home but the Soldiers only suffered minor injuries.

"We went over with 170," Lay said. "We brought back 170. It's always nice having the same number coming back."

(Ryan writes for the Pentagon newspaper at Fort Myer, Va. Justin Nieto from the Military District of Washington also contributed to this article.)

Roadside bomb releases Sarin in Baghdad

Donna Miles
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — A roadside bomb containing the nerve agent sarin — a substance Saddam Hussein's regime insisted it had destroyed more than a decade ago — exploded near a U.S. military convoy traveling near Baghdad, coalition officials said today.

Army Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt, deputy operations director for Multinational Force Iraq, told reporters in Baghdad a U.S. convoy found the 155-millimeter artillery round rigged as an improvised explosive device. The round detonated before the explosive ordnance team could render it inert, Kimmitt said, spewing a small amount of sarin gas.

The release caused two Soldiers to be treated for only "minor exposure," Kimmitt said, and the surrounding area

needed no additional decontamination.

Kimmitt said whoever rigged the device, likely from old regime stockpiles, probably did not realize that it contained the deadly nerve agent sarin.

The effect of the explosion was minimal because the agent was used in a roadside bomb rather than being fired by an artillery piece, Kimmitt said.

The type of round used, a "binary chemical projectile," has two chambers that keep the chemical components inside separate until they are fired by an artillery piece, Kimmitt explained. After firing, the rotation of the artillery shell in flight causes the barrier between the two substances to mix, creating sarin. The device releases the agent when it lands and explodes.

However, when the round is used in an improvised explosive device, Kimmitt said,

the chemicals don't properly mix, so they produce only "very, very small traces" of sarin gas. "When you rig it as an IED, it just blows up and you have ... minor amounts (of the chemical) going in different directions," he said. "It's virtually ineffective as a chemical weapon."

Kimmitt said the incident

does not pose a continuing threat. He said he would leave it to the Iraqi Survey Group to determine if the incident gives credence to charges that Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction.

"The former regime had declared all such rounds destroyed before the 1991 Gulf War," he said.

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Newest force protection system named for Greek myth

Spc. Lorie Jewell
Army News Service

WASHINGTON, D.C. — With a nod to Greek mythology, Army researchers and engineers touted the latest advancement in force protection in demonstrations on the Pentagon's parade field.

Cerberus is a tower-mounted sensor suite that uses several technologies to give those who guard installations, secure sites or tactical locations the ability to see and assess potential "beyond the fence" threats. In Greek mythology, Cerberus was a vicious beast with three heads of wild dogs, a serpent for a tail and the heads of snakes all over its back. It guarded the entrance to Hades.

"We didn't invent anything with this; what we've done is integrate several existing commercial and military technologies into one architecture," said Mike Jennings, deputy director for special products and prototyping in the Night Vision & Electronic Sensors Directorate of the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command at Fort Belvoir, Va.

The suite consists of a tower that can extend up to 50-feet high and a ground-surveillance radar; day and night camera; video motion detectors; video camera with an adjustable zoom setting or a bore-sighted day/thermal camera, and up to 16 unattended ground sensors. Information is collected and sent to a computer display by a wireless Local Area Network, giving a guard a complete picture of what's going on beyond

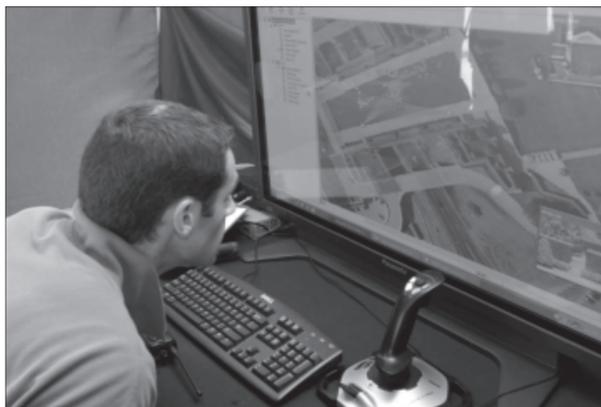


Photo by Spc. Lorie Jewell

Kyle McNiffe gets a "beyond the perimeter" view of the Pentagon parade field during a demonstration of Cerberus, the latest advancement in force protection. McNiffe is with the Night Vision & Electronic Sensors Directorate of the Army Research, Development and Engineering Command at Fort Belvoir.

the perimeter. Everything is mounted on a lightweight trailer, allowing for easy mobility.

"A commander can stand in one place now and watch the whole perimeter," Jennings said. "This will really come into play for CSS (combat support services) units having to provide their own force protection."

With reductions in the number of

serve-component Soldiers providing security at stateside military installations, Jennings and others see Cerberus as a way to boost protection resources.

Officials will start using Cerberus by June and continue fielding it through the year at eight chemical storage facilities in the United States, Jennings said. Eventually, he anticipates seeing it used by Soldiers in field environments.

XFOR platoon testbed for future cutting-edge equipment

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
TRADOC news service

FORT BENNING, Ga. — About two months ago the 29th Infantry Regiment stood up a new experimental force platoon. The platoon, known as the XFOR, works in conjunction with the Soldier Battle Lab and is responsible for testing cutting-edge, nonstandard equipment and new tactical formations and practices, said Edward Davis, Soldier Battle Lab vice deputy director.

"The experimental force is designed to execute live, virtual and constructive experiments in support of emerging Army initiatives," said Lt. Col. David Shepherd, 29th Infantry Regiment deputy commander.

Shepherd said the unit's mission is important because it "provides the Army with an enabling force to test and proof emerging initiatives."

Davis said the XFOR is designed to test and evaluate new equipment for actual line units, which, because of the current operational tempo, don't have the time to try out new gear and, when in a deployed status, need equipment that has already been fully evaluated and can be relied upon in a combat situation.

"If there is technology or a capability that needs to be looked at," Davis said, "it can be sent to the (battle lab). We can use the experimental force, run it through its paces and

then, if it is ready, we could actually put together the TTPs (tactics, techniques and procedures) and take it to a unit that is going to deploy to an operational theater or is actually in an operational theater, and XFOR will have done the work with it ahead of time.

"More importantly," he said, "if it doesn't work out, we can turn it back to whoever sent it, whether it was a contractor or program manager, and tell them it's not really ready for prime time and explain to them the problems and areas that need work."

The unit is also responsible for experimenting with new ways to organize units and forces, as well as new battle tactics and futuristic technology like robots, he said.

The XFOR uses a combination of high-tech simulations at the battle lab's simulations center and live iterations to evaluate these concepts and technologies and then provides feedback.

Davis said he is working to get the unit up to company level to make the unit organization and company-level combat tactics testing realistic and said the 29th Inf. Regt. had to internally reorganize just to field the single platoon.

The platoon currently consists of 44 Soldiers and one officer, but "the concept is for the platoon to eventually grow into a 158-Soldier company,"

Shepherd said.

Even as a brand new unit, the XFOR platoon has already played a part in two projects. They recently participated in the Chief of Staff of the Army's Leader to Led study, Davis said.

The unit also fired the prototype XM-8 assault rifle. "Next," Davis said, "we will be using the experimental force for the Land Warrior Analysis of Alternatives in July in support of the Land Warrior program manager."

He said the Land Warrior analysis will evaluate the performance of the Land Warrior system and test alternatives to the system. It will also provide an evaluation of the cost effectiveness of fielding the system compared to viable alternatives.

Davis said other innovations in the experimental force's future include the testing of a new Air Assault Expeditionary Force. The AAEF evaluation will also assess the effect of networking on Soldier lethality and survivability.

Evaluations like the AAEF and the Land Warrior analysis cost money, and Davis said the bills go to several different agencies. Some money comes from Training and Doctrine Command, the Department of the Army, the Joint community, various program managers and the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, a Department of Defense technology-

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Unmanned vehicles help save Soldiers' lives

K.L. Vantran
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – The Soldier touches the laptop screen, programming the route for an unmanned ground vehicle. Miles away, the vehicle begins its journey. As the robot maneuvers through the terrain, the Soldier watches its progress on his screen.

The Demo III robot is the Army Research Lab's newest experimental unmanned vehicle. The XUVs are a test bed for autonomous mobility research and experimentation directly relevant to military transformation efforts, according to Army Master Sgt. Frank French, a research, development, testing, and experimentation noncommissioned officer for the lab who also is a tank crewmember.

The goal in this case, French noted, is for the vehicle to serve as a scout and conduct route reconnaissance. As the Demo III rolls through the terrain, it gathers data on its surroundings.

"The Soldier plans a mission for the robot through the operator control unit (computer)," said French. "If the vehicle runs into trouble, it can send a message back that it needs help. The Soldier can then turn on the cameras (mounted on the vehicle), take a look around, execute a plan, and the robot will resume its mission."



Photo by K.L. Vantran

The Demo III is the Army Research Lab's newest experimental unmanned vehicle. It is often sent instructions from an operator control unit that is housed in a Humvee.

Since 1998, the lab's robotics program has been developing advanced technology for early insertion into the current and future force. Live experiments with the unmanned vehicles are part of the robotics program. These tests have given Soldiers hands-on experience with the technology of autonomous mobility and provided researchers with invaluable feedback about human fac-

tor issues and user needs, as well as ideas for advancing the technology.

The first two unmanned vehicles were rolled out in September 1999 during troop exercises at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. The following year, troops at Fort Knox, Ky., put the vehicles to the test during day and night operations. The most recent testing, last month, examined advances in

tactical and cooperative behaviors of unmanned vehicles.

The ultimate goal is to save lives, said French.

"Many missions are extremely dangerous," he added. "If we can proficiently send a system (into a dangerous area) - regardless of what it is - and it helps achieve the goal, we've reduced the threat to the individual Soldier, which is extremely beneficial."

Army Suggestion Program goes online

Joe Burlas
Army News Service

WASHINGTON – Soldiers and Department of the Army civilians can now go online to offer Army suggestions – and possibly win some cash.

The Army Suggestion Program, <https://armysuggestions.army.mil>, went online Monday. Logging on requires an Army Knowledge Online user name and password.

While there are several advantages to an Army central online program, the biggest plus is anyone with access to the Web can make a suggestion in a timely manner – no matter where they are, said Brenda Scott, a Suggestion Program official with the Office of the Chief of Staff Strategic Management and Innovations Division.

In the past, deployed Soldiers who came up with good ideas when away from home station would often wait to submit that idea through channels until they returned home, Scott said. The reasons for the wait, she said, were

several: getting a copy of Army Regulation 5-17 that outlines submission requirements, keeping the hardcopy submission form clean in the field while filling it out and lack of research resources.

"We have more than 100,000 Soldiers deployed overseas right now and thousands more DA civilians with them," Scott

said. "Any one of them with a suggestion can now go online and submit their ideas without fear of getting the paperwork dirty, and there are links on the page that give lots of research material."

The site also has a link to AR 5-17. There is even a save function that allows suggestors to fill out the submission packet over a period of time rather than during just one session.

The program seeks suggestions that improve work methods, materials, processes, equipment, logistics, utilities or tools that will benefit the Army. Implemented suggestions that save the Army money are often eligible for a cash award. The more money saved, the larger the potential award.

The suggestion must present a problem or situation, propose a solution and state the benefit to the government.

The new Website also allows supervisors to nominate a suggestor for recognition as the top suggestor of the year in Soldier and DA civilian categories during the annual Secretary of the Army Awards ceremony.



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For information, call Steve Walpert at 791-4389.

Road closures

With the ongoing infrastructure upgrades across post, several road closures are scheduled for May and June. Closures and detours will be clearly marked. All closures and detour information is also available on the command channel.

- **Now to Monday** - Chamberlain Avenue at the intersection with Rice Road and 8th Ave.

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Town Hall meeting

The next Gordon Terrace Town Hall meeting is 6-8 p.m. **June 15** at Freedom Park Elementary School.

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Orientation is 9-10 a.m. July 9 in Building 45400. The certification classes will be held from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. **July 12-19** in the same building. Register from 9:30 a.m.-noon July 7-10.

For information call the FCC office at 791-3993.

Changes of command

The 447th Signal Battalion is having a change of responsibility ceremony at 8 a.m. **Monday** in front of the Barton Field reviewing stand.

Command Sgt. Maj. Demetris Fields will relinquish responsibility to Command Sgt. Maj. Lucille Crutcher. A reception will be held at the 447th Signal Battalion classroom Building 25601 immediately after the ceremony. In case of inclement weather the ceremony will be held at Gym 5. For information call Sgt. 1st Class Willie Warren at 791-6420.

Company A, 63rd Signal Battalion is having a change of command ceremony at 10 a.m. **Wednesday** at Barton Field.

Capt. Michael Mitchell relinquishes command to Capt. Lincoln Williams. The ceremony will be held in Gym 3 in case of inclement weather. For information, call Spc. San Juanita Stanfield at 791-8059.

The 206th Military Intelligence Battalion hosts a change of command ceremony at 8 a.m. **June 4** at Barton Field.

Lt. Col. Paul Nakasone will relinquish command to Lt. Col. Robert Quinn. A reception at the Gordon Club follows the ceremony. In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will be conducted at the Reserve Center.

For information, contact Capt. Eric McNair at 791-9179.

Unit garage sale

The 93rd Signal Brigade Headquarters Company family support group is having a garage sale from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. **June 19** to raise funds for the FSG.

The sale is at World Class Fitness, 625 E. Robinson Ave. in Grovetown.

The group is also seeking donated items to sell. Any donated items that do not sell will be donated to Goodwill.

To donate items, call 2nd Lt. Rountree at 791-9412.

Second Samuel at dinner theater

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Civilian of the Quarter

The nominations for the Fort Gordon Civilian of the Quarter



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Joshua Hart

Just in case

Vicki Lovegrove and daughter Abigail of Greenwood, S.C., shop for bargains during the May 13 case lot sale at Fort Gordon's Commissary. Vicki's husband, Spc. Garry Lovegrove, is a member of the South Carolina Army National Guard's 111th Signal Battalion. The next sale is currently slated for September.

for the quarter ending June 30 must be submitted by **June 15** to DHR, CPAC, ATTN: Mary Reid, or to reidm@gordon.army.mil. Narrative should not exceed two pages. Nominations are being accepted for GS 9-11, NL 14-15, NS 12-17, WG 8-12, WL 7-10, WS 3-7, and NF 4.

Organization day

The 93rd Signal Brigade holds its Organization Day from 6:45 a.m.-2 p.m. **Thursday** on Barton Field behind Building 25526, with games, lunch and an awards ceremony.

Soldiers of the 93rd Signal Brigade, their family members, guests, and honorary lieutenants of the Augusta in Army Boots Program are invited.

ACAP program

The Army Career and Alumni Program and Army Community Service will have a foreign service speaker from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. **June 7** at ACAP, Building 33800/

Ambassador James Ledesma, Diplom-in-Residence, Morehouse College, will speak as part of the State Department's initiative to attract talented men and women. Ledesma will provide information about career opportunities in the Foreign Service. Call 791-7333 to register.

Story hour

Woodworth Library hosts story hour **Wednesdays** from 11 a.m.-noon.

Children of active and retired military, and DoD civilians are invited to participate. The program is designed for

children ages 2 through 5.

Volunteer readers are also needed for story hour. For information, call Liz Knight or Joyce Daniels at 791-7323.

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.

Retirement dinner

There is a retirement dinner for Command Sgt. Maj. Ruben Peppers, 15th RSB, at 6:30 p.m. **June 30** at the Gordon Club. The dress is business casual and the cost \$25.

For information, call Sgt. 1st Class Wilease Buggs at 791-6079/4298.

Employment workshop

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

For information, call 791-3579.

Fort Gordon REPORT

COMING UP

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

- ACS Relocation Fair
- Blood donor awards
- AUSA golf tournament

The *Fort Gordon Report* and *Army Newswatch* alternate weeks on Charter Cable Channel 13 on:

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The next edition of *Army Newswatch* premieres May 31.

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For movie listings and times, call 791-3982.

May 21-23

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Sports news

Uniform policy – All teams are required to wear the same color jerseys during softball games. Teams can obtain their own jerseys or get them from Sports and Fitness Supply, Building 29719 or call 791-7857.

Teams have until June 1 to comply with this policy. If a team shows up to play June 1 or after without like jerseys, the team loses by forfeit. Teams are subject to removal from the softball league after two forfeits.

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 at 9 a.m. **Saturday**. 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 being accepted. Lessons are open to 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. For information, call 791-3034.

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.

Army Hooah race

The third annual Army Hooah Race is 7:30 a.m. **June 5** in the metro-Atlanta area. The race is one of several events planned during a week-long celebration of the Army's 229th Birthday.

Race events include a five-kilometer and 10-kilometer course as well as a 100 Yard Tot Trot (ages 10 and younger). Runners wishing to participate in the awards competition can receive a T-shirt and a certified race time on the USA Track & Field-certified course by registering for \$10.

The cost for online registration is \$12. To submit a registration online go to <http://www.active.com>. Online registrations will be accepted until 11 p.m. **Sunday**.

For information about the race contact Maj. Laurian Cuffy at 464-8017.

Track upgrade

Work has begun on the resurfacing of the 1/3 mile track near Darling Hall. This project will take between 60 and 90 days pending the curing process for the new surface.



Photo by Cpl. Matt Millham

Steer wrestler Luke Branquinho, one of eight Army-sponsored cowboys in the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association, leaps off his horse and onto a steer at the Pace Picante Pro Rodeo Chute Out in Las Vegas May 15. Branquinho won the steer wrestling competition and took home more than \$20,000 from the rodeo.

Army partners with cowboys

Cpl. Matt Millham
Army News Service

The U.S. Army and the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association announced a partnership April 15 that makes the Army the official military partner of the PRCA.

As part of the partnership the Army is sponsoring seven cowboys and a cowgirl to represent the Army in hundreds of rodeos throughout the United States and Canada.

The partnership with PRCA will allow the Army to reach out to a segment of Americans "that we were certain we were missing," said Maj. Gen. Michael D. Rochelle, commander of U.S. Army Recruiting Command.

The partnership, which will run through the end of this year with an option to renew for 2005 is "part of the overall Army team," which includes partnerships with NASCAR, Professional Bull Riding and the Arena Football League among others. But, said Rochelle, "What we are doing is, more than anything, in support of" the

troops overseas.

Steven J. Hatchell, commissioner of the PRCA, expects the partnership to be a boon to his organization as well as to the Army because, he said, traditional rodeo sponsors like alcohol and tobacco companies made televising the events problematic. "We are a television society and this helps us with television in a significant way," Hatchell said.

Hatchell said that with the Army partnership the PRCA is planning an expansion that will lead to increased television exposure similar to that of the Professional Golf Association. Already, he said, rodeo is seventh overall in attendance for all sports and saw an increase in attendance of four percent last year – the highest of any sport.

An estimated 23 million people attended the PRCA's roughly 700 sanctioned rodeos last year. The PRCA's premier events appear on CBS, ESPN, ESPN2 and Outdoor Life Network.

The announcement of the partnership came against the backdrop of

one of professional rodeo's biggest competitions, the Pace Picante ProRodeo Chute-out at the Orleans Arena in Las Vegas, where \$500,000 in prize money was up for grabs. Three of the Army's newly-sponsored cowboys competed in the three-day event that ended May 15.

All three of the Army's competitors made it to the semifinal round, but only one, steer wrestler Luke Branquinho, made it to the final round of the rodeo. The PRCA has renamed the final round of its rodeos the U.S. Army Championship Round for all future rodeo events as long as the Army partnership lasts. Branquinho won in the final round and took home more than \$20,000 in prize money.

The Army's other rodeo competitors are:

Trevor Brazile, who competes in tie-down roping, steer roping and team roping, won back-to-back all-around world titles in 2002 and 2003 at the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo. He was the first cowboy ever to qualify for the Wrangler NFR in four events.

Fred Whitfield has a total of seven world titles — six in tie-down roping and one all-around. He will be inducted into the Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame in August.

Andy Bolich, a bareback rider, has won titles in Kalispell, Mont., and Omak, Wash.

Wayne Folmer, a team roper, is a three-time Wrangler NFR qualifier and was fourth in the world in 2003.

Cody DeMoss, a saddle bronc rider, qualified for his first Wrangler NFR and was 12th in the world in 2003. He is in second place this year and has a shot at winning the saddle bronc title.

Brittany Pozzi, a barrel racer, became the first rookie to qualify for the Wrangler NFR at the top of the standings in 2003. She finished seventh overall in her first PRCA season.

Zack Oakes, a bull rider, won RodeoHouston and the PRCA's Xtreme Bulls in Clovis, N.M. earlier this year.

(Millham is a member of the 14th Public Affairs Detachment.)



Graphic by Spc. Katrina Nichols



Graphic by Spc. Junius Stone



Photo by Staff Sgt. Stacy Wamble

Sports snapshots

(Top left) The Association of the United States Army held its annual golf tournament Friday at Gordon Lakes Golf Club. The Augusta Soap Box Derby Association's annual soapbox derby was held Saturday on 3rd Avenue. The Fort Gordon Marine Corps Detachment got in a total body workout with refresher and advanced martial arts Friday on Barton Field. For more on the Marine Corps Martial Arts program see the next edition of the *Signal*.

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CASA VOLUNTEER TRAINING The Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program of Child Enrichment, Inc. is looking for volunteers, 21 and older, to advocate for abused and neglected children in the juvenile court system. Volunteers need no experience and will be provided with specialized training from local professionals in the social service field. Participants will learn courtroom procedure and advocacy skills necessary to become a CASA volunteer. For more information on becoming a CASA volunteer, please call 706-737-4631.

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HELP FOR ABUSED INDIVIDUALS A support group that practices anonymity in helping individuals whose life is affected or has been affected by another individual who is using or has used drugs or alcohol. For more information call 706-860-0302.

OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH at 402 Aumond Road, Augusta, will have Vacation Bible School on June 7-11, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, for ages three years through 5th grade completed. You may register anytime by calling the church office at 706-733-6076.

THE AUGUSTA CONCERT BAND presents the 13th Annual "All American" Memorial Day Concert on Monday evening, May 31 at 7 p.m. at the Jesseje Norman Amphitheater. For more information, visit the band's web site at www.augustaconcertband.org, email at bandforaugusta@aol.com or call 706-722-0077.

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DMAT and SMART medics tend to a moulaged patient on a litter at Hunter Army Airfield.

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Training SMART

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The Fort Gordon Special Medical Augmentation Resource Team participated in a mass casualty exercise May 13 at Hunter Army Airfield, Ga.

The SMART, along with medics and other Soldiers from Fort Jackson, S.C., and Fort Stewart, Ga., supported the Georgia Disaster Medical Assistance Team in airlifting casualties from a makeshift treatment facility at the airfield to Bush Field and Columbia, S.C., for further evaluation before being sent to a medical center.

"What I envision as the goal of this exercise is to get out into the community and work better with (our) civilian partners," said John Donohue, Southeast Regional Medical Command Homeland Security coordinator. "This gives us a chance to learn how to work together."

"Doctors are doctors, (and) nurses are nurses, but in a disaster, in the military we're used to taking care of mass casualties and DMAT's used to taking care of mass casualties, but blending equipment, knowing what each other brings to the table (makes it) a good thing to train."

The exercise was part of Lifesaver '04, one of the largest medical exercises in the United States to date moving about 1,000 patients day and night. The exercise at Hunter Army Airfield moved about 100 patients, 70 human and 30 mannequin.

Most of the patients were airlifted using a C-130 from Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., from Hunter to Bush Field, where patients received further medical evaluation before being transported to Eisenhower Army Medical Center.

The DMAT participating



(Above) Medics remove a moulaged patient from a UH-1 "Huey" at Hunter Army Airfield. (Above right) Ambulatory patients disembark a C-130 at Bush Field. (right) Medics load litters onto a C-130 at Hunter Army Airfield. (Below right) Medics carry a litter patient across the flightline of Hunter Army Airfield.



in this exercise was made up of volunteers from Atlanta and Augusta area hospitals. The Federal Emergency Management Agency dictates which emergencies DMAT responds to. This exercise was a simulation of this kind of emergency.

"It gives us a more real-world experience as to what happens in these (type of) situations," said Capt. Paul Jones, SMART executive officer. "It lets us prepare, and gives us practice in this kind of thing."

