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News UPDATE

Signal anniversary

The 144th Signal Anniversary Ball is 6 p.m. **Wednesday** at the Gordon Club. Maj. Gen. James Bryan, commander of Joint Task Force-Computer Network Operations and director of the Signal Corps Transformation, is the speaker.

Uniform is dress blue, white mess/blue mess, or dress green with white shirt and bow tie, and suit and formal dress for civilians.

Dinner is a buffet and starts at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased from unit representatives or from Sgt. 1st Class Aaron Palmer at 791-3731.

Changes of command

Col. David M. King will assume command of the *513th Military Intelligence Brigade* at 9 a.m. **today** on Barton Field.

In case of rain, the ceremony will be held in Gym 3.

The *15th Regimental Signal Brigade* change of command ceremony is 8 a.m. **July 16** at Barton Field reviewing stand.

Col. Allen Woodhouse will relinquish command to Col. Lori Sussman. Inclement weather location is Alexander Hall. For information call Sgt. Ukema Moore at 791-7373.

FRG training

Quarterly "Operation Ready" Family Readiness Group Training will be held from 9 a.m.-noon **Wednesday** in Darling Hall. Call 791-3579 to register.

Retirement ceremony

There is a retirement ceremony and luncheon for Col. Michael Guthrie, Signal Center assistant commandant, **Thursday**. The ceremony is at 9:30 a.m. at the Signal Towers flagpole; the luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. at the Gordon Club (purchase lunch at daily lunch line, meet in North Ballroom by 11:45 a.m.)

For information, call Maj. Keith Perkins at 791-8681.

Farewell ceremony

There is a farewell ceremony for Maj. Gen. James Bryan at 8:30 a.m. **Wednesday** at the Signal Towers courtyard.

Bryan is director of the Signal Regimental Re-structure, Office of the Army Chief Information Officer. For information, call Sgt. 1st Class Darron Ison at 791-9536.

Concert tickets

The Directorate of Morale Welfare and Recreation presents Train in concert at 8 p.m. **today** at Barton Field. Tickets cost \$20 at the gate.

Army gets new combat uniform

Sgt. 1st Class Marcia Triggs
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Army will be fielding a new combat uniform designed by NCOs and tested by Stryker Brigade Soldiers in Iraq since October.

On the Army's 229th birthday Monday, senior leadership introduced the Army Combat Uniform during a Pentagon cake-cutting ceremony. Soldiers were on display, suited-up in the wrinkle-free uniform with a digitized camouflage pattern.

Three different versions of the ACU have been developed, and more than 10,000 uniforms have been produced and dragged through the sand in Iraq and at Army training centers. Even more are on American production lines to be issued by April 2005 to Soldiers in deploying units. Fielding to the total Army should be complete by December 2007, said officials from the Program Executive Office.

There were 20 changes made to the uniform including removing the color black and adapting the digital print from the Marine Corps uniform to meet the needs of the Army, said Sgt. 1st Class Jeff Myhre, the Clothing and Individual Equipment noncommissioned officer in charge.

Black is no longer useful on the uniform because it is not a color commonly found in nature. The drawback to black is that its color immediately

catches the eye, he added.

"The color scheme in the ACU capitalizes on the environments that we operate in," Myhre said. "The current colors on the ACU are green-woodland, grey-urban environments and sand brown-desert. The pattern is not a 100-percent solution in every environment, but a good solution across the board."

"This isn't about a cosmetic redesign of the uniform," said Col. John Norwood, the project manager for Clothing and Individual Equipment. "It's a functionality change of the uniform that will improve the ability of Soldiers to execute their combat mission."

Every change was made for a reason. The bottom pockets on the jacket were removed and placed on the shoulder sleeves so Soldiers can have access to them while wearing body armor. The pockets were also tilted forward so that they are easily accessible. Buttons were replaced with zippers that open from the top and bottom to provide comfort while wearing armor.

Patches and tabs are affixed with Velcro to give the wearer more flexibility and to save the Soldier money, Myhre said. Soldiers can take the name-tapes and patches off their uniforms before laundering, which will add to the lifecycle of the patches. Also the cost to get patches sewn on will be eliminated, he

added.

The ACU will consist of a jacket, trousers, moisture wicking T-shirt and the brown combat boots. It will replace both versions of the BDU and the desert camouflage uniform. The black beret will be the normal headgear for the ACU, but there is a matching patrol cap to be worn at the commander's discretion.

At \$88 per uniform, about \$30 more than the BDU, Soldiers will eventually reap gains in money and time by not hav-

ing to take uniforms to the cleaners or shine boots.

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Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Marcia Triggs

Sgt. 1st Class Jeff Myhre, the Program Executive Office NCOIC, sports the new Army Combat Uniform, the recently approved wear for Soldiers. It contains 20 improvements.



Photo by Jimmy Buffington

Army turns 229

Brig. Gen. Gregory Premo (left), U.S. Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon deputy commanding general, cuts the Army birthday cake Monday in Conrad Hall. Helping Premo are (left to right) 2nd Lt. Troy Mason, 442nd Signal Battalion, Pfc. William Forte, Company D, 447th Sig. Bn., and Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Terry, USASC command sergeant major. (See related story page 11.)

Medics hone skills at exercise here

Denise Allen
Signal staff

The Soldier arrived to the Army field hospital in an ambulance and was quickly transferred to the triage tent.

"He's a healthy American Soldier who was wounded in action," said 1st Lt. Kim Cleemann, as she relayed his injuries to another medic.

A projectile, presumably a bullet, had entered the "Soldier," played by a mannequin, in the buttocks and had lodged in his abdomen. He'd lost about four units of blood and was awaiting surgery.

From June 5 through today, Soldiers with several Army Reserves units including the 73rd Army Field Hospital from St. Petersburg, Fla., took part in the annual Golden Medic exercise on a remote training site here.

"This has been outstanding training," said Col. Candace Burns, commander of the 73rd. "This is as close to a real deployment as we've been able to provide."

The exercise featured a variety of mini-scenarios within the overall picture of American Soldiers in Iraq facing hostile action from Iran.

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Photo by Denise Allen

Medics remove a mannequin patient from an ambulance Saturday during the Golden Medic exercise here. The exercise for Army Reservists began June 5 and ends today. (See page 20 for a related story and more photos.)

Five points intersection closed

Pfc. Armando Monroig
Signal staff

Construction on the five-points intersection on post began Monday.

The intersection is where five roads on post met at one time: Rice Road, Avenue of the States, Lane Avenue and two roads that have been eliminated.

Rice Road is currently closed at Brainard Avenue, Lane Avenue at 31st Street, and Avenue of the States at 36th Street. Barricades have also been placed blocking off 32nd Street on both ends.

"We'll be widening the intersection on the Avenue of the States to incorporate a fourth traffic lane," said David Gaither, civil engineer working on the five-points project.

He said this will allow for a better flow of traffic from Avenue of the States to Rice Avenue.

Curtis Oglesby, public works division chief, said this is work that needed to be done for a long time.

"Cones are functional, but it doesn't look that good and is not as safe as we'd like it to be, so with the realignments, lane widening, new drainage and better striping, it will be a more functional intersection," he said. "We think it will improve the congestion and safety issues there."

Alternate routes to get around the construction include Kilbourne Avenue, Brainard Avenue, 36th Street, 31st Street, 3rd Avenue and the 3rd Avenue Bypass. The work should be done by June 30.

ACS says: Buyer beware

Denise Allen
Signal staff

When it comes to being a consumer, the best line of defense is a good education.

"A lot of the responsibility is with the consumer," said Diane Sarber, Army Community Services chief of financial, relocation and community services. "We don't want people to be victims, but nobody typically holds a gun to your head and makes you sign a contract."

For many businesses, Soldiers can mean good business. They have steady paychecks and job security.

"Soldiers are targets. A lot of merchants operate primarily with the military in mind," she said.

She and Lanny Valentine, consumer advocate coordinator, offer classes to educate consumers on issues ranging from balancing a checkbook to how to buy a car.

Sarber has plenty of advice for military consumers.

"Don't go and shop in your uniform," she said.

A savvy salesman can find out too much from a uniform. Insignia defining a rank can give clues to pay scale and the Soldier's last name.

Valentine teaches a car buying class; both he and Sarber have several car buying tips.

"A first-time or inexperienced buyer should take someone with you that you trust. If you can't, don't just sign and buy," Sarber said.

Never buy a car with no money down, Valentine said.

"When they go out with no credit, shaky or bad credit, they are leaving themselves open. Banks won't finance, and they need money to put into it. If they would save \$1,500, it would be a whole different thing. They would get much better financing," he said.

Don't feel pressured into having to make a deal right then. Unless you are "100 per-

cent convinced" it's a good deal with good terms, "walk away and come back. Many will be willing to negotiate," said Sarber.

When signing a contract, pay attention to add-ons and never tell a car salesman "what you want your payments to be," said Valentine.

"Most cars can be bought for \$500 over the (dealer) invoice," he said.

Car lots aren't the only place

Soldiers should be careful.

When buying furniture or electronics, Valentine and Sarber said they should be wary of "rent to own" businesses.

"Only a portion of what you're paying each month is going to the purchase price," said Sarber. The business has "built-in protection," and the consumer ends up paying two to three times the retail cost of the item.

A better plan might be to buy

the item on credit and repay it in a timely fashion.

A lot of times Sarber and Valentine only see Soldiers after they've made financial mistakes and may need to apply for Army Emergency Relief; however, they would like to help people from making those mistakes.

For more information on money management or car buying classes, call Valentine at 791-4181 or go to www.gordon.army.mil/acs.



Photo by Sgt. Sam Smith

Sworn

Maj. Gen. Janet Hicks, U.S. Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon commanding general, swears in Lt. Col. Maria Bezubic as the new inspector general June 9 in Hicks' office. Bezubic replaces Lt. Col. Kimberly Carden, who left in May to assume command of the 102nd Signal Battalion in Wiesbaden, Germany. Bezubic is the former deputy commander from the 15th Signal Brigade here.

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Safety comes first

Pfc. Armando Monroig
Signal staff

Representatives from the U.S. Army Safety Center in Fort Rucker, Ala., conducted a 45-hour safety course here June 7-10 at Moran Hall.

About 44 Soldiers from different areas and occupations on post participated in the training.

Sgt. 1st Class Timothy Allen, Regimental Noncommissioned Officer Academy, said he learned a lot from the course that was being held on Fort Gordon for the second time.

He said he learned some of the main ways to prevent accidents and implement safety procedures and learn better ways to do his job as the designated safety officer for the training development section of RNCOA.

Allen said he also learned some of "the truths, myths of safety situations and violations of safety rules and regulations."

"It's one of the courses, if you get an F in it, the F would be not for failure, it'd be for fatality," said Allen.

He said many scenarios discussed during the course were of previous incidents Army-wide involving civilians, Soldiers and dependents.

Allen said the safety course is excellent and the instructors are very knowledgeable and professional.

1st Lt. Ina Jackson, C Company, 447th Signal Battalion executive officer, said she enjoyed the course.

She said it was a relaxed environment where attendees participated in discussions without being afraid to speak up and make suggestions.

"I've gotten a lot of useful information I can take back to my unit," said Jackson, adding it was also enlightening for her personally.

"I'll be more conscious of some of the decisions that I make as far as (privately

owned vehicle) safety and around my work place," she said.

Master Sgt. Paul Gilbert, U.S. Army Safety Center senior instructor for the mobile training team, said this is a program initiated by the Army chief of staff.

Along with Gilbert, Chief Warrant Officer Gary Notestine and Master Sgt. Marion Arnett are members of the three-person mobile training team, with each instructor teaching three to four classes a week.

The goal, he said, is to promote Army safety and train

safety officers for their responsibilities for their training program, in keeping with Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld's 50 percent accident reduction.

The course was broken down to a five-day instruction period with five hours of homework, culminating with a safety survey the students conducted at the 67th Signal Battalion motor pool.

There, students inspected the area for any possible safety violations or hazards so that they could be fixed.

On June 7 students were given an introduction about the

Army Safety Center and its program.

They were given a class on Accident Investigation and Reporting that taught students how to secure an accident site so they can properly handle the situation by investigating and reporting their findings.

Also, they were given an Accident Causation class, a class on the theory of causes or factors of accidents.

Following that, students were given the core classes that included risk management, Army motor vehicle training, the driver's program and the five-step risk management process.

Instruction also included tactical safety and a class about Occupational Safety and Health Administration rules. The OSHA class is a collateral safety class that familiarized the students with "staying in compliance with OSHA regulations."

Off duty safety and POV safety was also discussed.

"We really emphasized POV safety because it is the number one killer of Soldiers," said Gilbert.

Gilbert said one of the safety team's goals was to make sure students left the course with "safety eyes," and change the command climate as far as safety is concerned.

And he said he felt that was accomplished.

"We've got a group of leadership personnel that now have tools to go back and start applying safety as it's supposed to be according to Army Regulation 385-10," said Gilbert.

He said it is important everyone is aware of where the U.S. Army Safety Center is, that resources are available to make sure Soldiers are conducting training safely and are being brought home from Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom in a safe manner.

"Our number one responsibility is get our Soldiers trained properly, defend our nation and bring them home safe," he said.



Photo by Pfc. Armando Monroig

One of the safety class students points out a safety hazard during the survey portion of the class held at the 67th Signal Battalion motor pool. Students were to find as many safety hazards as they could and then give a presentation to the rest of the class on their findings.

Uniform

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Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth Preston is one of the ACU's biggest supporters. He said major command sergeants major had a chance to see the uniform and give advice toward the final version.

"We have not made a major change to our uniforms since the (battle dress uniforms) were introduced in the early 1980s," Preston said. "This new uniform performs well in multiple environments. Its new pockets and color designs are a result of feedback from Soldiers in combat. Every modification made on the uniform was designed with a specific purpose and not just for the sake of change."

Uniform changes include:

1. Mandarin collar that can be worn up or down
2. Rank insignia centered on the front of the blouse
3. Velcro for wearing unit patch, skill tabs and recognition devices
4. Zippered front closure
5. Elbow pouch for internal elbow pad inserts
6. Knee pouch for internal knee pad inserts
7. Draw string leg cuff
8. Tilted chest pockets with Velcro closure
9. Three-slot pen pocket on bottom of sleeve
10. Velcro sleeve cuff closure
11. Shoulder pockets with Velcro
12. Forward tilted cargo pockets
13. Integrated blouse bellows for increased upper body mobility
14. Integrated Friend or Foe Identification Square on both left and right shoulder pocket flap
15. Bellowed calf storage pocket on left and right leg
16. Moisture-wicking desert tan T-shirt
17. Patrol Cap with double thick bill and internal pocket
18. Improved hot-weather desert boot or temperate-weather desert boot
19. Two-inch, black nylon web belt
20. Moisture-wicking socks



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Viewpoint

Information, Opinions, and Commentary

Lead from the front

Do things right the first time, every time

Maj. James McClellan
100th Logistics Readiness Squadron

How many times have you heard someone say, "We need to do this right," or have had a supervisor counsel you on "doing the right thing?"

I have many times in my career, but it was not until recently that I took the time to find out what this often-used phrase means. Understanding the parts of the phrase, as well as the meaning behind them, is critical to being an effective leader.

Leaders need to be actively involved in their units and the first part of this phrase is all about action: "to do."

For a leader, the act of doing involves engagement with the troops, implies involvement in the key processes in the unit, and most of all, demands the leader be visible. More than likely, this means he or she must leave the comfort zone; get out from behind the desk, work

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a different shift and volunteer to lead additional duties.

A leader must be on point, out in front and active in the organization. But action is not enough; a leader must have a firm set of values and beliefs. This brings us to the second part of the phrase, "the right."

The right is a measure of an individual's set of values, beliefs and customs. Do you know the difference between right and wrong? Leaders are often asked to make decisions that have ethical implications. A firm foundation of institutional values and beliefs, like the Air Force

core values of "integrity first, service before self and excellence in all we do" should be our anchor, the foundation that leaders and followers alike require.

In an article titled "Air Force Standards and Accountability," former Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Ronald Fogleman stated it best. He said, "At the very foundation of those concepts must be standards that are uniformly known, consistently applied and nonselectively enforced."

Getting to the third and final part of the phrase, "the thing" is the actual act you are executing. This is the technical part. Leaders need to have a technical understanding of the processes they are charged to manage.

Of course, this is gained through experience and training in one's career field. I counsel the company grade officers in my unit to "walk the line." This is a phrase plucked out of my logistical experiences and refers to understanding the intricacies of fuel pipelines, valves and tanks in a typical fuels management flight. You have to walk the fuel lines to really understand how the entire system functions.

Leaders must take the time to "walk the line" every day to ensure they know their business like no other. After all, sound decisions start with a solid understanding of the thing you are doing.

The next time you say you're going to "do the right thing," think about the parts of that phrase and what it means to your followers, your unit and you. Don't let them down by not following through completely. Remember to implement the Air Force's core values at all times.



Courtesy photo

Last year, 113 servicemembers were lost to privately owned vehicle accidents. One third of all fatalities in fiscal year 2003 were not wearing seat belts.

Rumsfeld: We must stop this needless loss of life

Donald Rumsfeld
Secretary of Defense

We continue to lose servicemembers in motor vehicle crashes. Last year, we lost 113 servicemembers in private motor vehicle crashes between Memorial Day and Labor Day. We must stop this needless loss of life, and I want every commander and supervisor in the department to focus on this issue.

To that end, I expect everyone to:

- Enforce the use of seat belts. Almost one-third of vehicle fatalities in fiscal year 2003 were unbelted victims. Remind your people to wear seat belts when they are driving and tell them to make sure their passengers are wearing seat belts. DoD has joined the Click It or Ticket program for seat belt enforcement.

- Eliminate impaired driving. Over 20 percent of vehicle fatalities in FY 03 involved alcohol. Make sure your people know the danger and foolishness of driving drunk. We have joined the national program, "You drink & drive, you lose," to help prevent these fatalities.

- Insist on motorcycle helmets. We've seen a sharp increase in motorcycle fatalities. Be sure riding without an approved helmet is not being tolerated — on or off base.

- Talk to your people. Remind them about the risks and how to avoid those risks.

Enjoy the summer, but enjoy it safely.

Leaders need to step up, increase discipline

Sgt. Shawn Woodard
Fort Campbell Courier

Leaders in today's Army have forgotten what it means to mold young Soldiers to uphold the standards of the Army.

I'm sure there are several explanations for this lack of leadership.

I see it stemming from a vicious cycle of poor leaders being a product of their leaders.

As Soldiers climb the ranks, they encounter several leaders—some good, some bad.

At an early stage in their career, Soldiers are vulnerable to travel the wrong path, especially if their leaders are showing the way to substandard practices.

If leaders give Soldiers an opportunity to not uphold the standards, then I'm sure they'll do just that.

Throughout the Army, leaders are taking care of Soldiers.

Or are they? Let's suppose a leader instructs a Soldier who is new to the Army to go and conduct maintenance on a vehicle in the motor pool.

There is nothing wrong with allowing the Soldier to learn how to master a task that would be beneficial throughout their career.

The problem lies with the leader who failed to provide guidance or instructions on properly conducting maintenance.

A leader who properly trains, counsels and mentors his or her Soldier would make the time to go with the Soldier and explain the process step by step.

But, you will always have those leaders who simply hand a Soldier the technical manual and point to the direction of the motor pool, giving no other guidance than to figure it out for themselves.

Leaders cannot expect young Soldiers to perform to the right standard when they really aren't doing so themselves.

Leaders must understand that whenever they decide to cut a corner here and there in the interest of simplicity, they simply create a new standard for the Soldier to follow.

For example, leaders who allow their

Soldiers to call them by their first name have set a new standard.

Who can blame a Soldier for growing accustomed to calling their leader by a first name?

By doing this, leaders lose their power base because Soldiers then began viewing them as their peer.

Because leadership is somewhat being lacking within the ranks of our Army, Soldiers' discipline has also begun to deteriorate.

But, does the blame rest completely on the shoulders of our leaders?

I think not. From day one of basic training, Soldiers are taught the difference between right and wrong in the military.

During my tenure in the military, I've witnessed numerous Soldiers do things ranging from failing to report to formations to disobeying lawful orders.

Often times, the Soldier is basically popped on the hand just as a toddler would be for disobeying his mother.

Therefore, these Soldiers begin to think they could possibly get away with almost anything without harsh repercussions.

It seems to be becoming more and more commonplace every day.

Their leaders allow these Soldiers to get away with substandard performance, which eventually lead to a negative pattern.

I've come to realize once Soldiers have gotten accustomed to this pattern, it's difficult for future leaders to correct their behavior.

Sadly, some never change. Although the Army has made several changes throughout the years, some things would have been better staying the same.

Some things, such as keeping Soldiers disciplined and up to the standards of the Army, are a must.

There are a lot of things that I have no control over, but I can do my job as a noncommissioned officer, which is taking care of Soldiers.

They will follow by example.

Feedback

Sgt. Sam Smith

How has your dad influenced your life?



Positively, (he) taught me to strive for goals and lead by example. A lot of things, even though he's not military, taught me military bearing.

Pvt. Christopher Beam
C Company, 73rd Ordnance Battalion



He retired here, spent 25 1/2 years in the Army, 3 1/2 years in (Vietnam). All his stories made me want to try (the Army.)

Spc. Thomas Gordon
434th Army Band



He was very happy, always looking on the bright side of things. His biggest influence was to look on the bright side of things.

Stacey Illenye
Family member



Being there while I was growing up making sure I'm out of trouble and staying involved with church functions and teaching me to be a man.

Sgt. Laron Newsome
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He's influenced me as far as me wanting to be a man. He's always been there ...and took care of his family.

Air Force Staff Sgt. Robert Thomas
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Fort pays tribute to Reagan

Denise Allen
Signal staff

A daily ceremony took on additional meaning Friday.

"Every day at 1700 hours, we lower our national flag in a simple, but meaningful ceremony. Today's ceremony has added importance and significance. Today we honor Ronald Reagan, a man who served with great distinction as our 40th president and commander-in-chief for eight years," said Col. Randy Mackey, Fort Gordon's acting chief of staff, at the retreat ceremony.

On Friday, an oversized American flag, used mainly on holidays, was taken down and folded while 50 blasts erupted from a string of 75-mm howitzers.

"Across the globe, other U.S. military installations and units of our armed forces will pay similar tributes," said Mackey.

Among those who came to pay their respects were uniformed troops and civilians.

Pfc. Geoffrey Noland, off-duty and wearing civilian clothing, paid his respects in a way he felt befitting the former president.

"Ronald Reagan acted in cowboy and western movies. I grew up watching them with my grandfather," said the 27 year-old, who wore a black cowboy hat to the ceremony.

Pvt. David Rosas, who attended the ceremony with Noland, said he also grew up watching the former president's films.

"I've seen all of them," said Rosas, who had met the former president more

than a decade ago in Chicago and wanted to honor his memory.

While the two young Soldiers primarily remember Reagan from his film career which preceded his political one, Mackey brought those attending the ceremony into remembrance of some of his other accomplishments.

"His legacy will be that he made America stronger and more proud. His leadership resulted in our armed forces

being more capable and more ready. That strength and readiness helped bring about what will be remembered as his greatest accomplishments – a victorious ending to the Cold War, the tearing down of the Iron Curtain, the end of Soviet domination of Eastern Europe, the reunification of Germany and the blessing of freedom to millions of oppressed people. It is only fitting that we pause to reflect on the achievements of this great patriot," he said.



Photo by Pfc. Armando Monroig

Soldiers stand ready to perform a 50-gun salute Friday in honor of former President Ronald Reagan, as the flag is lowered during Retreat. Reagan, who died June 5 at the age of 93, was buried Friday in California after a week-long national tribute to the 40th president of the United States.

GI Bill marks 60 years

For 60 years, the GI Bill has been available for American servicemembers to help ease the transition from military service to civilian life. Despite the fact that educational benefits are the most frequently cited reason for joining the military, nearly half of those eligible never use them. This is surprising, considering the fact that using the GI bill has never been easier. That is particularly true with the increasing array of adult non-traditional learning opportunities such as online, correspondence, and other distance learning programs.

Historically, America has compensated veterans for their services. Varying levels of benefits have been provided to veterans from colonial times through every major conflict. Education benefits for veterans began with the Rehabilitation Act of 1919. This law gave disabled World War I veterans a monthly education allowance.

On June 22, 1944, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the "Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944," or as it is more commonly known, the "GI Bill." This month will mark the 60th anniversary of that occasion. Although controversial at the time, the GI Bill has since been recognized as one of the most important acts of Congress. During the past six decades, the law has provided billions of dollars in education and training for millions of veterans.

In 1976, the Post-Vietnam Era Veterans' Educational Assistance Program was established. This was the first veteran's education requiring a contribution by the

servicemember. It was available to people who entered on active duty between Dec. 31, 1976, and July 1, 1985.

The Montgomery G. I. Bill - Active Duty Educational Assistance Program is the current education program for individuals entering active duty after June 30, 1985. The MGIB is also a contributory program. Basic pay is automatically reduced by \$100 per month for 12 months, unless the servicemember declines to participate at the time of enlistment.

To meet the basic eligibility requirements, active duty servicemembers must complete a minimum of two years of continuous active duty and have a high school diploma or equivalent.

Veterans must be honorably discharged. Discharges "under honorable conditions" and "general" discharges don't qualify for the MGIB or VEAP. Members must also have completed high school, or have an equivalency certificate, before they apply for benefits. In addition, veterans must have served at least two years on active duty.

Under the Montgomery GI Bill, full-time students, enrolled in a regionally or nationally accredited college or university, can get up to \$985 (non-taxable) a month to cover education costs. That can add up to a total benefit of more than \$35,000, and the benefits are increasing every year. This figure is based on the maximum benefit over a period of 36 months.

Many veterans don't realize that the GI Bill can be used for more than just getting a college

degree. The GI Bill also covers such things as vocation and technical training, licensing and certification, on-the-job training, apprenticeships and more. In fact, in recent years, the MGIB has improved by adding such programs as Active Duty Top-up, accelerated payments for high-tech courses, and the opportunity for active duty servicemembers to put in an additional contribution of up to \$600 to receive an additional \$150 a month in benefits. In addition, each year, the VA increases the basic "payment rate" that a full-time student is entitled to receive.

The Montgomery GI Bill also has a Selected Reserve Educational Assistance Program, which was designed to provide educational assistance to members of the Selected Reserve and National Guard. Like the MGIB, the MGIB-SR provides up to 36 months of education benefits for college, technical training and apprenticeship programs, and eligible members in most cases have 14 years to use their benefits.

Whether you are active duty, veteran, Guard, or Reserve, not taking advantage of the GI Bill in a timely manner can be costly, as the benefits are typically good for 10 years after the servicemembers' last discharge.

Since 1944, more than 20 million beneficiaries have participated in GI Bill education and training programs. The list includes an assortment of well known individuals including singer Tony Bennett; and actors James Whitmore, Bill Cosby, R. Lee Ermye, Clint Eastwood and Charles Bronson.

Extensive information on the GI Bill and tuition assistance, as well as a searchable database of hundreds of military-related scholarships and a comprehensive school finder, which includes information about degree programs, credit for military service, ACE, CLEP and DANTEs, is available at www.military.com. The site also offers tips on getting a college degree and financial aid. Go to www.Military.com/Education.

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OBC class helps 'Save the World'

For the second straight year, members from a Signal officer basic class took time from their busy schedule to help Save the World, Inc. with its annual charity adventure race.

SOBC 03-04 was instrumental in the success of the race which started at midnight June 5, but preparation began long before that. Twenty-seven members of the class gave generously of their entire weekend.

"The support from the class was even better than the year previous - I continue to get very positive feedback from the racers about the high quality of the volunteers," said Bill Werling, STW Adventure Race director.

The class participation was led by 2nd Lts. James Sanders and Tanya Flear. The class didn't know what was really expected of them but they were excited to help out for a great cause. The volunteers arrived at Baker Creek State Park around 9:30 a.m. June 5 eager to be briefed about the event. The volunteers started by helping set up obstacles for the race including marking off the transition area, setting up cones, and designing and building obstacles.

The race included a 16-hour advanced division race and a

six-hour sport division race. The advanced division race included rigorous night orienteering, mountain biking, canoeing, and special events like a one-rope bridge.

The sport division was similar to the advanced division race, but shorter and during the day.

"With both race divisions, nearly 100 racers and several thunder storms, the race would not have been possible if it were not for the initiative, independence, judgment and perseverance of the members of the SOBC 03-04," Werling said. One of the volunteers mar-

veled at the competitors.

"I was amazed at the age spread of the racers," said 2nd Lt. Dominic Notarione. One team consisted of a mother and her two children - one of them only eight years old, and many of the volunteers were impressed

how much heart the teams gave to the race, he said.

Course designer Rob Lord was equally impressed with the volunteers from SOBC 03-04. "These lieutenants are wonderful...we couldn't ask for anyone better. We only hope that we can get another class to volunteer next year because there is no way any other group could compare," he said. "Next year we would also

like to see racers from Fort Gordon in addition to the awesome volunteers," said Lord.

The race is designed to promote physical activity as well as raise funds for Save the World, Inc. The organization's mission is to transform communities worldwide to promote a better quality of life. STW assisted with the distribution of more than 1,000 wheelchairs to both Jamaica and Vietnam in the last several years, and is instrumental in working with youth in Columbia, S.C., to promote physical activity.

Werling said that obesity is becoming an epidemic in the United States and he wants to encourage healthy living at a young age in order to develop better habits.

More than 25 percent of the teams had at least one member on the team that is in the military. "The race is a perfect training ground for military members as it requires advanced navigation, route selection, critical thinking skills, great fitness and team work," said Bill Werling. "For those that want a race that is less than 16 hours, the sport race is perfect. We believe we have a race to suit everyone."

For more information about the next STW Adventure Race (May 1, 2005) or Save the World, Inc., go to www.s-t-w.org.

(From STW staff reports.)



Photo by Ken Flanagan

Volunteers from SOBC 03-04 build an obstacle for the Save The World, Inc. adventure race June 5 in McCormick, S.C.



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Vets receive French Legions of Honor medal

French fly U.S. D-Day veterans to 60th anniversary

Joe Burlas
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Recalling the sacrifices of American troops who helped liberate Europe from the Nazi regime more than 50 years ago, the French government recently honored 100 D-Day veterans with its Legion of Honor and a trip to view the 60th anniversary D-Day commemoration ceremony in Normandy, France.

Just a few hours before a special Air France jet flew the veterans and their escorts across the Atlantic June 4, the French Embassy hosted the group for a farewell toast.

The 100 veterans were selected by the Department of Veterans Affairs to represent all D-Day veterans. They include servicemen from all the armed forces, races, and the majority of units that participated in the D-Day invasion on June 6, 1944. Other selection criteria included the ability to travel.

"These veterans liberated not only themselves, France or the United States, from tyranny, but the whole world," said Denis Pietton, French Embassy charge d'affaires. "For all the French people, you are true heroes. France knows what it owes the United States of America."

For Walter Goforth, a telephone lineman who parachuted into France June 5, 1944, with the 517th Parachute Infantry Regimental Combat Team, the trip will be the first time he has returned to Europe since the end of World War II. After the war, he used the G.I. Bill for medical school. For more than 40 years he served the Kingsport, Tenn., community the 82-year-old veteran now lives in as a doctor.

"I earned one Purple Heart while over there — that was for injuries I received after getting shot out of a tree I landed in the night before D-Day," Goforth

said. "I thought I would never go back, but now is the right time for me to go."

For others, the trip back to Normandy is getting to be old hat. "I was proud to go back for the 50th anniversary of the D-Day landing and proud to go back this time," said Earl Wilkerson, who landed on the Omaha Beach as a rifleman with the 116th Infantry Regiment, 29th Infantry Division on D-Day. Wilkerson retired from the Army as a master sergeant after a 23-year career — serving in combat in both World War II and the Korean War.

Wilkerson said he didn't recognize Omaha Beach on his last trip because of all the commercial shops now there. But, he said he will always remember the events of D-Day.

Memorialized by the movie, "The Longest Day," more than 150,000 Allied troops invaded France on June 6, 1944. More than 3,000 U.S. Soldiers never left the beach alive and about 9,000 were wounded during the day's heavy fighting.

The Legion of Honor is France's most prestigious award for valor.



Photo by Joe Burlas
Army veteran Earl Wilkerson and Navy veteran Clarence Goodall share D-Day experiences at a French Embassy Farewell Toast prior to their departure for a trip to France.

'Operation Purple' sends deployed servicemembers' children to camp

K.L. Vantran
American Forces Press Service

WERNERSVILLE, Pa. — Campers and counselors didn't seem to mind the scorching midday sun here June 15 as they joined hands and swayed to the patriotic tunes on the athletic field of the South Mountain YMCA.

The youngsters, military children representing all services including the Reserve and National Guard, helped kick off "Operation Purple," a program giving a free week of camp to children of deployed or previously deployed parents.

The program, which has given more than 150 kids the chance to enjoy camping here, would not have been possible without the National Military Family Association, the Sears American Dream Campaign and the Pennsylvania National Guard, said Janet Marquis, acting executive director, South Mountain YMCA.

John M. Molino, deputy undersecretary of defense for Military Community and Family Policy, who helped celebrate the kickoff, agreed.

He told campers the week they will have will be "truly magical," but wouldn't have been possible without the hard work, dedication and generosity of the NMFA, Sears, National Guard and volunteers.

Molino then addressed the children. "You are a source of inspiration to your parents," he told those sitting on the grassy field. "You may not realize it, but you're the reason they serve. You're the reason they continue to thrive."

Brig. Gen. Robert P. French, deputy adjutant general, Pennsylvania National Guard, told the children he knew they were proud of their parents for their service to the country. "They're helping keep America free so we can do camps like this," he added.

One of the goals of the camp, which was dubbed

"Camp Keystone Courage," is to give children a chance to sort through their emotions, said Julia Pfaff, NMFA executive director.

Since she is a military spouse and her children's father has been deployed, NMFA President Candace Wheeler told the campers she understands what they are going through, but that each person's journey is different. "It isn't easy," she said while encouraging the children to talk to each other and to share their feelings.

"I do hope this camp provides you the opportunity to go back (home) knowing you've made a friend who is going through something similar," she added.

Wheeler also introduced Operation Purple's spokeswoman, former Soldier and prisoner of war Jessica Lynch, who donated \$10,000 to the

program. "Her deep commitment of giving something back to military youth brought her here today," said Wheeler.

Lynch, a native of Palestine, W.Va., was a private first class in the Army during the first days of Operation Iraqi Freedom when her maintenance convoy was attacked in March 2003. She was taken prisoner and held captive for nine days.

"I've often said I miss the Army and serving," Lynch told the campers. By helping children deal with the stress of deployment through Operation Purple, Lynch said, she believes she is serving her fellow Soldiers.

"I think that the children of the men and women serving are serving our country as well by supporting their moms and dads," she added.

Bob O'Leary, senior vice

president for public relations and government affairs for Sears, Roebuck and Co., echoed others' sentiments in his brief remarks.

"I hope you have a great week," he said. "I hope you talk to each other about what special people you are and what special people your parents are."

O'Leary said Operation Purple is "exactly the type of thing" his company had in mind when it was searching for a corporate-citizen project. "When I walked around the corner here today and saw the Frisbees and footballs flying and everyone dancing, it wasn't about the money," he said. "It was pride. I get to go back and send the message to our 237,000 employees that their company is supporting the spirit of America. You are what this is all about."



Photo by K.L. Vantran
Operation Purple spokeswoman Jessica Lynch signs a camper's shirt. Lynch helped kick off the National Military Family Association program, which gives children of deployed or previously deployed servicemembers, a free week at camp. The program is running in 11 states and the U.S. territory of Guam.

Nine Medal of Honor recipients attend gala

Rudi Williams
American Forces Press Service

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — Ten Medal of Honor recipients from World War II and the Korean and Vietnam wars were expected here at the Marine Corps Law Enforcement Foundation's 10th Annual Invitational Gala Saturday, but only nine showed up — the 10th died five days before the event.

"One of our recipients who has been with us for the past 15 years passed away (June 7) — Marine Cpl. Richard E. Bush," Medal of Honor recipient retired Marine Corps Col. Harvey C. "Barney" Barnum Jr. told the gala attendees. "He received his medal for the Battle of Okinawa during World War II."

Barnum introduced the other American combat heroes, including himself, to the audience.

This marked Cavaiani's 18th year of

attending the annual gala. "I'm an honorary Marine," he noted. "I was made an honorary Marine on Jan. 1, 2000, by Gen-



Photo by Rudi Williams
Vietnam War Medal of Honor recipient retired Army Sgt. Maj. Jon Cavaiani, left, chats with Marine Corps Sgt. Maj. Mark Allen during the Marine Corps Law Enforcement Foundation's 10th Annual Invitational Gala in Atlantic City, N.J., Saturday.

eral Jones." He was referring to former Marine Corps Commandant Gen. James Jones, now NATO's Supreme Allied Commander Europe.

"It's an opportunity to get together with all my friends. Basically it's a camaraderie thing, and to find out how we're doing as a foundation," Cavaiani said. "Even the money from my coins (special Medal of Honor recipient coins) all goes to the Marine Corps Law Enforcement Foundation, even though I was Army."

"We've been trying to increase the number of Medal of Honor recipients who attend this event," Cavaiani said. "At one time, we had 14 (at this event). But our numbers have dwindled down to 130 recipients, so it's getting harder and harder."

For example, Cavaiani said Dick Bush had been attending the event for years. "He called on Saturday (June 5), and said 'I'm coming,' and he passed away on Monday (June 7)."

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63rd Signal Battalion

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That discovery reminded me that our great God is capable of loving each of his children totally without taking love away from his other children, for he loves each uniquely. Therefore, every believer who asks for God's help will receive it as completely as if there were no one else seeking his attention.

In Jesus' life and teach-

ings, we find ample evidence of this. In John 10, He declared that he is the good shepherd who calls, cares for, and knows his own sheep by name and is known by them. Jesus then likened this relationship between shepherd and sheep to the relationship he enjoys with his father, the Bible says in verse 15, "Just as the Father knows me and I know the Father — I lay down my life for the sheep."

This shows us how special we all are to God. He loves every one of us equally and fervently. How special we are to him! In answer to those who would warn us against acting as if the Lord has favorites, I once heard a preacher say, "Of course God has favorites! We're all his favorites! As his children, we can be sure of his attention and love."

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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
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Wednesday, 11:30 a.m., Devotional Luncheon, Bicentennial Chapel, Bldg. 28414
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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

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From Baghdad to Carson, Army celebrates 229th birthday

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — A steady stream of cadence calls filled the air at the break of dawn as the Soldiers of the 1st Cavalry Division hit the road in celebration of the Army's 229th birthday in Iraq.

There were no balloons, party hats or streamers in this celebration. Instead, the First Team's commanding general, Maj. Gen. Pete Chiarelli, led nearly 1,000 of his troopers on a three-and-a-half-mile loop around the man-made lake on his headquarters' base camp, Camp Victory North, Baghdad.

The division annually conducts a division run, with more than 15,000 participating last year at Fort Hood.

On the other side of the world, a group of more than 3,000 Soldiers gathered June 12 at the Phil Long Expo Center in Colorado Springs, Colo., to commemorate the Army's 229th birthday. Air Force Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the event's guest speaker, spoke of his appreciation for Soldiers' tireless resolve toward the accomplishment of the mission and the military's importance.

"We are a nation that is threatened in some ways like we never have been threatened before," said Myers. The military is an important element in combating the threat.

Across the country, at Long Pond, Pa., Jeff Gordon, representing NASCAR drivers, joined Lt. Gen. Anthony Jones and U.S. Army driver Joe Nemechek in a cake-cutting ceremony before Sunday's Pocono 500.

Celebrations like these dot the world in mid June to commemorate Flag Day and the birthday of the U.S. Army. This year, special emphasis is being given to deployed Soldiers.

"They made big, big sacrifices," said Myers of deployed Soldiers. Myers also said he was honored to be able to thank the Soldiers personally for their sacrifices at Fort Carson's Army Birthday Ball, its largest to date.

Those in attendance in Colorado Springs let loose hearty cheers when Myers applauded Soldiers in Iraq.

One Soldier in Colorado Springs who was recognized for his effort was Cpl. Brian Wilhelm, who lost part of his leg in Iraq during a rocket-propelled grenade

attack on his unit. Wilhelm was able to break an old military tradition of the youngest Soldier at the ball getting to cut the cake by taking the honor with Myers, Maj. Gen. Robert Wilson, 7th Infantry Division and Fort Carson commanding general, and Command Sgt. Maj. Terrance McWilliams, 7th Infantry Division and Fort Carson command sergeant major.

In Baghdad, after the First Team's 30-minute jaunt, nearly 1,000 Soldiers lined up waiting to be treated to an Army birthday gift — a slice of cake to make all the sweat worthwhile.

After a 10-minute wait, however, the bad news came: the Army birthday

cake was Absent Without Leave.

"Commanders, take charge of your units!" Chiarelli finally shouted down the line of troops. "We can't find the cake!"

The cake later showed up at the division headquarters building, about an hour after the division was dismissed. It was a three-layered white sheet cake, 3-by-5-feet in dimension, with creamy frosting. It lasted about two hours in the foyer of the building.

(Article compiled by Justin Ward with contributions from Master Sgt. Dave Larsen, 1st Cavalry Division Public Affairs; David Ferroni of Army Racing; and Sgt. Chris Smith, Fort Carson Public Affairs Office.)



Maj. Gen. Pete Chiarelli and Soldiers of the 1st Cavalry Division begin the Army birthday with a run in Baghdad. Courtesy photo

Home tour benefits Fisher House

Denise Allen
Signal staff

A home tour will provide funds for a "home away from home" at Fort Gordon.

The Builders Association of Metro Augusta's 2004 Showcase of Homes, which runs June 18-20 and June 24-27, will help raise money for Fort Gordon's Fisher House.

"The Fisher House program depends on public donations to continue its important work," said Andrew Hines of Fort Gordon's Fisher House.

Since last year, Fisher House has waived its fees for families of Soldiers who were injured in combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan and are receiving treatment at Eisenhower Army Medical Center.

Each year, the Builders Association of Metro Augusta highlights homes by its member builders. Riverwood Plantation, off William Few Parkway in Evans, is the

site of this year's showcase. "We do it as a service to the community. It's a much anticipated annual event," said Dave Trotter, association president. "So many people actually look forward to it."

There are six homes, built by five different homebuilders, on the tour, he said. Area interior designers show off their abilities, as well, by decorating the homes on the tour.

This is the first showcase of homes for Bruce Hightower of B & B Creations. He recently relocated to the area from Washington, D.C.

From the paint colors on the walls to the floral arrangements, Hightower has decided on the details on the two houses built (except for one of the kitchens) by builder Vicki Blackburn.

"I love to show Augusta what I can do," said Hightower, who describes the style as "traditional on the edge."

"I love doing traditional but not frou-frou," he said.

Although next door to each other, Blackburn's two homes feature different floor plans and architectural styles, and Hightower's designs are different as well. One home features a more "old-style European" feel while the other is heavily influenced by an Asian style.

Bill Easler Builders, J.W. Ivey and Associates, Kevin R. Hefner Construction and Sand Hill are the other builders on the tour.

The tour will be from 1 to 4 p.m. today, Thursday and Friday; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and June 26; and 1 to 6 p.m. Sunday and June 27.

Tickets are \$7 with children 14 and under admitted free. Tickets are available at the tour site.

For directions or more information, visit the builders association's website at www.homebuildersaugusta.org or call 860-2336 or 860-2371.

Medics

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Incidents the Soldiers encountered included drive-by shootings, a mustard gas attack and embedded "foreign journalists" of non-friendly countries.

Because of the threat of insurgents, securing the hospital compound's perimeter was of added importance. A truck with insurgents hidden in the bed tried to push through the gate during the exercise as well.

The reserve training center's medical department "has been wonderful to work with and help make us successful," said Burns. "The whole purpose is to allow medics who don't work as medics in their civilian job to learn."

These medics have spent time learning smaller details such as suturing.

"There was a suturing workshop with pigs' feet," she said.

Although Georgia's humid heat offers a different challenge than the desert heat of Iraq, the weather also played an important role in the exercise.

"These are the conditions. We've got the heat, rain and mud. It helps develop the physical and mental hardness," she said.

Not only was the 73rd involved, but there were other Army Reserves units which took part as well.

There was a unit from Springfield, Mo., according to Lt. Col. Corinne Ritter, executive officer for the 73rd. The ambulance company was out of Kansas and another medical group was from Alabama.

The Air Force took part in the exercise as well. Stationed at Bush Field at the Augusta Regional Airport, the Air Force flew in patients.

Fort McCoy, Wis., also participated in the exercise.

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Gordon graduates 300

Denise Allen
Signal staff

When he retired a few months ago, Command Sgt. Maj. McKinley Curtis III said he wanted to further his education.

On June 9, he was one of about 300 who received degrees from nine college and universities at the installation's graduation ceremony at Alexander Hall.

"I finished it up in December," Curtis said of his bachelor of science degree from Southern Illinois University.

The university's program appealed to him because he could do much of the classroom work on Saturdays and Sundays, leaving him available to do his work as commandant of the Regimental Noncommissioned Officer Academy during the weekdays.

With the bachelor degree complete, Curtis is already working on another degree through Troy State University.

"I'm in my third semester," he said. "I'll finish that this December."

Unlike other graduations this

time of year, the Fort Gordon celebration is filled with non-traditional students such as Curtis who work on their degrees on weekends, week-nights, online and through independent studies.

Angela McCall, a military spouse and full-time working mom with the United Way of the CSRA, graduated summa cum laude with an associate degree in business administration from Georgia Military College.

"It's very flexible," she said of her quest to receive her education.

The associate degree is the first step, she said.

"Brenau University is the next step," she said.

Before receiving their degrees from their respective schools, graduates filed into Alexander Hall as the Signal Corps Band played the traditional graduation theme of "Pomp and Circumstance."

Dr. Larry Smiley, director of the master of science in administration program at Central Michigan University, one of the schools from which graduates received degrees, presented

the keynote address.

Knowing that "much of what I say will be forgotten tomorrow," Smiley told the graduates to "have some fun."

"You've worked hard to complete these degrees," he said. "Have some fun."

Smiley made three points in his speech.

He told the graduates that their education was something that no one could ever take away from them.

The experience of obtaining a degree "will continue to allow you to do and accomplish in the years ahead."

Secondly, he told them to let what they've just finished to be a beginning for them.

Third, he told them to give back to their community.

"More highly educated people in our society generally have a personal standard of giving something back to our society," he said.

For some, it's being a youth baseball coach and for others, it's serving on a city council or school board.

"Whatever you decide to do, build a bridge," he said.



Photo by Sgt. Sam Smith

Talking Tech

Leo Daniels explains SYSTIMAX Solutions 'patch boards' to a visitor at the Technology Exposition at the Gordon Club June 9. SYSTIMAX Solutions provides structured cabling solutions for audio-visual equipment.



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Graduates of Georgia Military College line up outside of Alexander and Olmstead Halls on June 9 for the installation's graduation ceremony. Nearly 300 people graduated from nine different colleges and universities.

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Grads join ranks of Army physicians

Hospital recognizes outstanding graduates

Sgt. Sam Smith
Signal staff

Dozens of medical intern and residency graduates received their diplomas June 11 at Alexander Hall.

The ceremony was part graduation and part award as several of the best graduates received awards for their academic performance.

Twenty-one Army doctors graduated from the one-year internship program at Eisenhower Army Medical Center in five different areas – family practice, internal medicine, general surgery, orthopaedic surgery, and transitional.

From the residency program, 26 Army doctors received their diplomas from eight different areas – family practice, internal medicine, general surgery, oral

and maxillofacial, surgical podiatry, clinical psychology, health care administration and clinical pastoral education.

One intern and one intern-instructor received awards. The Transitional Intern Research Award was given to the outstanding intern in the transitional program. Also, interns voted for instructor Maj. Stephen Conner to win the William L. Moore Award for Teaching Excellence.

Five awards were given to outstanding residents – Resident Research, Alton Peyton, Walter Moore, Frederick Garland, and Alexandria Xenakis. The Resident Research award went to Capt. Timothy Judge, the winner of the Annual Residents' Research Presentation Day competition. The Alton B. Peyton went to Capt. Patrick Raney, a family practice resident. Capt.

Mark Roschewski, an internal medicine resident, won the Walter Moore. The Frederick N. Garland was awarded to Capt. Michael DeVries, a clinical psychologist, and the Physician members of the Medical Center Education Committee voted for Capt. Eric Johnson to win the Alexandria S. Xenakis.

Brig. Gen. Eric Schoemaker, Southeast Re-

gional Medical Command and Eisenhower Army Medical Center commanding general, was the guest speaker for the ceremony. He spoke of the great accomplishment achieved by the graduates and how Army medicine must follow a practice which emphasizes precision of care over the mass number of patients provided care.



Brig. Gen. Eric Schoemaker, Southeast Regional Medical Command and Eisenhower Army Medical Center commanding general, was the guest speaker at the medical residents' graduation Friday at Alexander Hall.

Photo by Sgt. Sam Smith

Dental residents complete training

Sgt. Sam Smith
Signal staff

Residents of the Fort Gordon dental programs received their diplomas June 10 in Alexander Hall.

Soldier endodontic, periodontic, prosthodontic, and oral and maxillofacial surgery students completed their long, intense studies, and prepared for their future assignments.

The endodontic program is a two-year residency at Tingay Dental Clinic. Lt. Col. Kimberly Cater, Maj. Brian Barnhart, and Maj. Russell Eddy made up the endodontic class of 2004. Endodontics is the dental specialty that deals with injuries to or diseases of the tooth's nerve.

Maj. Michael Dinos, Maj. James Lyons, and Maj. Dong Park completed the three-year

periodontic residency at Tingay this year. Periodontics is the specialty which deals with and treats the gum tissue and bone that supports the teeth.

Prosthodontics is the third residency program at Tingay, and is a three-year program. Two of the graduates are Maj. Daniel Dunham and Capt. Todd Barsky, while the third grad is Canadian Army Maj. Duncan Chambers. Prosthodontics is the dental specialty dealing with the replacement of missing teeth and other oral structures.

The Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery residency had only one graduate, Col. Stevan Thompson. The four-year program teaches Army dentists surgery relating to the face and upper jaw. It is the only Fort Gordon residency program at Eisenhower Army Medical Center.

Rumsfeld addresses recent West Point crop

Irene Brown
Army News Service

WEST POINT, N.Y. – Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld gave the commencement address to 935 West Point firsties and thousands of family, friends and spectators May 29 at Michie Stadium.

Although the day brought cooler than normal temperatures, Rumsfeld received a warm reception from the graduation crowd. After a lighthearted moment of telling them President Bush was granting amnesty to minor offenders in the Corps, the defense secretary reminded all about the challenging days ahead.

"History may call upon you at a critical time, at a critical moment, and you will be prepared," Rumsfeld said.

Rumsfeld spoke about another West Point graduate called to serve: 1st Lt. K.C. Hughes, a member of the Class of 2001. Hughes, he said, was probably sitting in one of these chairs in 2001, pondering his future. Fast forward to Iraq, Rumsfeld added.

"Hughes was shot in the back and shoulder in Iraq, but refused to accept medical attention until his Soldiers had received care," Rumsfeld explained. The Army awarded Hughes the Bronze Star.

"The civilized world will win the war against terrorism because of people like Hughes and because of

people like you," Rumsfeld said. He also urged the graduates to get to know the Soldiers who will soon be in their care.

"Take good care of them, lead and respect them," Rumsfeld said. "Your love for Soldiers must be as unconditional as it is for your own families."

"Use the skills you learned here to bring out the best in them, including respect for others," he added.

The defense secretary also reminded the graduates of their obligation to live up to the motto: Duty, Honor, Country.

"Today, the duty to defend freedom falls to you," Rumsfeld said. "It will take you across the globe as well; and it will call upon you to live the lessons that you've learned here at the academy."

"I know that you will answer that call with courage and the spirit that is America. We are counting on you. Serve our nation well," he added.

(Brown is editor of the Pointer View newspaper at West Point.)



Photo by Vin Guariglia

Rumsfeld shakes the hand of a member of the West Point Class of 2004.

Army names its 'Greatest Inventions'

Army News Service

WASHINGTON – Ten teams will be recognized June 23 by the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command for the "Greatest Army Inventions" of the past year.

"The inventions submitted demonstrate the vast experience within the Army laboratory community as a sincere commitment of these laboratories to improving the readiness of our Army," said Lt. Gen. Richard A. Cody, the Army's deputy chief of staff, G-3 and the final selection authority for the program.

The BA-8180/U Zinc-Air Battery was developed by Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center, Integrated Battle Command Directorate, Fort Monmouth, N.J. The battery has an extended lifecycle that enables less batteries to be carried by Soldiers than other rechargeable or lithium batteries.

The anti-tank for confined space, also called the AT4 CS is the creation of the Armaments Engineering and Technology Center in Picatinny Arsenal, N.J. The AT4 CS is the Department of Defense's first large-caliber anti-tank capability that can be fired from an enclosed area. It is a light, recoilless, shoulder-fired, preloaded weapon used for

close-range combat. Designed for a single use, once the weapon has been fired the launcher is thrown away.

There is a counter mass container on one end of the AT4 CS that reduces overblast, debris and noise. This feature allows the weapon to be fired from inside a room, in a thick jungle or in front of an obstacle.

Nominations for the program were submitted from across the Army laboratory community and were evaluated by soldier teams from the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command and active U.S. Army Divisions, according to Gen. Paul J. Kern, commander of the U.S. Army Materiel Command.

Evaluators judged the entries based on their impact on Army capabilities, potential benefit outside the Army and their inventiveness.

Each of the winning teams will receive a glass trophy and a Department of the Army certificate during the June 23 ceremony at the Hilton in McLean, Va.

(Information provided by Larry McCaskill of the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command and summarized by ARNEWS correspondent Karla Gonzalez.)

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Future medical shelter set up at Fort Detrick

Karen Fleming-Michael
Special to American Forces Press Service

FORT DETRICK, Md.—A telemedicine test bed welcomed a new, green neighbor May 25 when a boxy prototype of the Army's Future Medical Shelter System arrived from Tennessee.

Encased in a standard shipping container, the 8-foot by 8-foot by 20-foot shelter essentially is a new operating room in a box for a combat support hospital that can be ready for patients in as little as a half hour, said Steve Reichard, program manager for the shelter at the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Development Activity here.

"This is a potential replacement for the ISO container portion of the DEPMEDES (Deployable Medical System) for the combat support hospital, which we knew we needed to replace," he said. "The whole concept here is you've got everything packed inside the ISO container, and you push a button, and it opens."

The container really does expand at the push of a button. After the power switch is hooked up to a 24-volt battery - which any standard military vehicle will have - and a green button is pressed, the container geometrically morphs into three shapes - a box, to a triangle to a rectangle - in one minute and 37 seconds.

Having a shelter set up that quickly is a real improvement over the current shelter that is contained in two ISO containers, Reichard said.

For that system to be operational, "you've got to manually unfold the existing container, which takes a fair amount of time, and then you've got to physically unload all of the stuff from one ISO container into one like this one," he said. "I'm not going to say that you can get everything that's in the support container into this new ISO container, but you can get a whole lot more in here than you can currently."



Photo by Karen Fleming-Michael

Terry Brown, an electrical engineer who worked on the Future Medical Shelter System prototype, hangs surgical lights in the ISO container that triples in size at the push of a button.

Prototypers from Y12 National Security Company at the Oakridge Reservation in Tennessee developed the ISO container.

"We started with a clean sheet of paper," said Duane Bias, the Tennessee project manager for the prototype since the program started in June 2000. "It wasn't like we could take an original design and modify it to suit our needs (and) then go on and build. We spent quite a bit of time just wrestling with requirements."

The new ISO prototype also offers users protection from chemical and biological agents, something the current DEPMEDES ISO can't offer without extra labor and supplies. "It's pretty tight once you get the environmental control units hooked up to it, and it uses positive air pressure to keep everything out," Bias said.

In addition to the Tennessee company, two others have taken on the task of creating their versions of the Army's

future mobile operating suite in an ISO container. Reichard said the final ISO container for the Future Medical Shelter System likely will be an amalgam of the three prototypes.

The improved surgical suite in the ISO container is one of three components that make up the entire Future Medical Shelter System program.

The other two are a vehicle the U.S. Tank-Automotive and Armaments Command is developing that can carry the container, and new tents that use air beam frames and are lighter and easier to set up.

Congress initially funded the program, and no additional money has been appropriated for the second prototype. If money does become available, Bias said, his team wants "to get the good, the bad and the ugly on this one" to make improvements.

(Fleming-Michael is a staff writer for *The Sentinel* at Fort Detrick, Md.)

Army, GM join forces for safety

Courtney Hickson
Army News Service

As Soldiers return home from deployments and begin driving their personal vehicles again, the Army Safety Center has partnered with General Motors Corp., to produce a video to help them adjust.

The video is supposed to be shown to all Soldiers by July 4 as part of the Army's "Be Safe" campaign, said J.T. Coleman, the command information manager at the U.S. Army Safety Center.

Motor vehicle accidents were the leading cause of non-combat deaths among Soldiers last year. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld has charged that the number of accidental deaths be cut by 50 percent for all of the armed forces by May 2005.

The Army turned to GM to help in getting a message of safe driving out to all Soldiers. The partnership with GM was created to get an aggressive message out to all Soldiers said Coleman. The video was exclusively made for the Army by GM. It was shot at Fort Campbell, Ky. and then the Army was presented with the video to make copies for all the Soldiers. It shows former Mississippi State Trooper Capt. Peter Collins speaking to Soldiers about how to be a safe driver.

So far more than 6,000 videos, primarily in DVD format, have been copied by the Army and sent out. It is being shown on transports returning from Iraq, at Army bases all over the world and is available on the Internet. Coleman said last week alone the Safety Center received 2,000 copies and had shipped out

1,700. The Internet version can be viewed in real time or downloaded and viewed at a later date.

It is also available to the spouses and children of Soldiers in an attempt to look at the whole Soldier and his or her family. The program considers all the aspects of a Soldier's life, Coleman said.

"Safety has to be personal," Coleman said.

The target of this campaign has been the 19- to 24-year-old male, but there is an attempt to reach all young Soldiers. According to Safety Center statistics, the time Soldiers are most at risk is the last 6-12 hours as they return from a three-day pass.

"We are trying to protect our most valuable asset, our sons and daughters, and have them realize the effect they have on others," he said.

Brig. Gen. Joseph A. Smith, the director and commanding general of the Army Safety Center, and members of his staff, visited with GM to learn more about their health and safety policies last week. They experienced the advanced driver training that GM offered. The program can be repeated at any Army base along with the Army's other safe-driving programs.

GM started a safe-driving program for its employees in 1995. It is geared towards high-lighting safe-driving practices, including wearing seatbelts, avoiding driving while intoxicated or while suffering from fatigue.

For more information on the "Be Safe" campaign, or to watch the video, go to <http://safety.army.mil>.

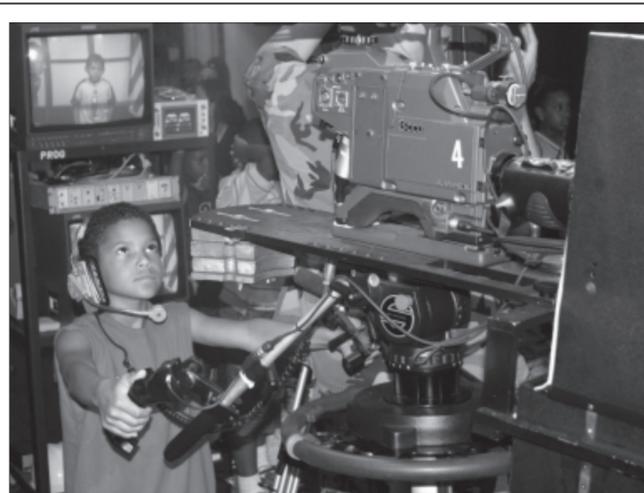


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Going live

Dary'n Jenkins, a student from Lewiston Elementary School, operates a television camera Wednesday in the Nelson Hall studio. Jenkins and other students got a tour of Nelson Hall's broadcasting studio and a chance to be on television as part of a school field trip.

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Community Events

Signal anniversary

The 144th Signal Anniversary Ball is 6 p.m. **Wednesday** at the Gordon Club.

Maj. Gen. James D. Bryan, commander of Joint Task Force-Computer Network Operations and director of the Signal Corps Transformation, is the guest speaker.

Uniform is dress blue, white mess/blue mess, or dress green with white shirt and bow tie, and suit and formal dress for civilians.

Dinner is a buffet and starts at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased from unit representatives or from Sgt. 1st Class Aaron Palmer at 791-3731 or 284-8776.

Six Flags free

Six Flags Over Georgia is holding Salute 2 America, a week-long celebration leading up to Independence Day.

From **June 26 to July 4**, active members of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Coast Guard can receive half price admission. To redeem this discount simply present a current military ID at Six Flags Over Georgia to receive tickets for themselves and immediate family at a discounted rate of \$22.95 plus tax.

In addition to this week-long discount program, Six Flags Over Georgia will be holding select free admission days for each branch of service. During each service day, members of that particular branch of the armed forces may receive free admission for themselves and immediate family members (up to five tickets total).

Individual service days are: Army Day June 28; Marine Corps Day June 29; Navy and Coast Guard Day June 30; and Air Force Day July 1.

For more information go to www.sixflags.com or call (770) 948-9290.

Support group

The CSRA Parkinson Disease Support Group meets at 6 p.m. **Tuesday** at the St. John Tower's dining room, 724 Greene St. For information, call 855-7690.

Scholarships available

The Sergeants Major Association of Fort Gordon is offering scholarships for the graduating class of 2004. Applicant must be a legal dependent of an active, reserve, retired, or deceased military person living in the CSRA.

Applications are available at Army Community Services and are due **Tuesday**. For information, call Christine Hernandez at 791-0792.

Braves trip

A bus trip to the Atlanta Braves-Boston Red Sox baseball game is **July 3**.

Cost is \$60 and includes transportation and lower level seats. Bus leaves the Target shopping center at 3 p.m.; limited seats available.

For information, call Patty at 771-0089.

Unit garage sale

The 513th Military Intelligence Brigade Headquarters Company family support group is having a garage sale from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. **Saturday** to raise funds for its FSF.

The sale is at 625 E. Robinson Ave. in Grovetown.

For information, call 2nd Lt. Daniel Rountree at 791-9412.

Independence Day

Fort Gordon's annual Independence Day celebration is 3-10 p.m. **July 1** at Freedom Park and Barton Field.

The celebration includes carnival games, live music, a petting zoo, kid's games and rides, and a fireworks and laser show at 9:45 p.m.

The celebration is free and open to the public. For information, call 791-6779.

Changes of command

Col. David M. King will assume command of the **513th Military Intelligence Brigade** at 9 a.m. **today** on Barton Field.

In case of rain, the ceremony will be held in Gym 3. The **15th Regimental Signal Brigade** change of command ceremony is 8 a.m. **July 16** at Barton Field reviewing stand.

Col. Allen Woodhouse will relinquish command to Col. Lori Sussman. Inclement weather location is Alexander

Hall. For information call Sgt. Ukema Moore at 791-7373.

Retirement dinner

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

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

FCC certification

Child and Youth Services will conduct Family Child Care certification training for family members living in government quarters who wish to provide child care in

their homes.

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.

Employment workshop

Beginning in June, Tools of Employment will be held from 9-11 a.m. the first and third **Monday** of each month in Darling Hall.

Tools of Employment covers the three facets of seeking employment; resume writing, job searching and interview skills. Call 791-3579 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 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.

Sunday brunch

The Gordon Club serves brunch each **Sunday** from 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Cost is \$12 for adults; \$7 for children ages 5-10; and \$3 children 4

and younger. For information, call 791-6780.

Bible study

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

For information, call 791-4703.

At the Movies

The Signal Theater is open Thursday-Sunday. Shows begin at 6:30 p.m. The late show on Saturday begins at 9:30 p.m.

Children 12 and over and all adults are \$3. Children 6-11 are \$1.50. Children under 5 are free.

For movie listings and times, call 791-3982.

June 18-24

Friday – Man on Fire (R)

Saturday – 13 Going on 30 (PG-13)

Saturday – Man on Fire (R)

Sunday – Laws of Attraction (PG-13)

Thursday – 13 Going on 30 (PG-13)

Note: Attendance at Fort Gordon's movie theater is strictly limited to authorized Post Exchange patrons.

Fort Gordon REPORT



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- Civil Affairs delivers supplies to Afghanistan
- Medevac pilot in Iraq
- 2ID Brigade to deploy to Iraq

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The next edition of *Fort Gordon Report* premieres **June 28**.

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Sports & Leisure

Sports UPDATE

Game cancellation

All games on Fields 3 and 4 will be cancelled through Monday due to a concert today. These games will be rescheduled at a later date. Teams will resume regular scheduled play June 22 on those fields.

Call Al Robinson at 791-1142 for information.

Educational opportunities

The following briefing will be held at the Education Center, Building 21606, Barnes Avenue:

Melissa Hudson from Southern Wesleyan University's Adult and Graduate Studies program will hold office hours at the Army Learning Center July 6 from 8 to 11 a.m.

Classes starting this summer: Associate of Science in Business, Bachelor of Science in Management, Master of Science in Management, Master of Education and Master of Business Administration. There will be no application fee for active military personnel or spouses.

Service members, veterans, and members of their families can now search for education scholarships that fit their particular needs at <http://www.military.com/Education/ScholarShip/newsearch>. The improved Scholarship Search system contains over 1,000 scholarships worth millions of dollars, and includes details on individual scholarship eligibility, monetary amount, and deadlines.

For more information, call the Education and Career Development Division (706) 791-2000.

Golf tournament

A farewell golf tournament for Col. Allen Woodhouse is July 8. Registration is from 10 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. with a start time of 12:30 p.m.

The registration fee is \$40 per person; \$35 if registered before June 25, and includes cart fees. Half of all proceeds will go to the Fort Gordon Fisher House.

To register contact, Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Menna or Sgt. 1st Class Felonie Wellons at 791-1197/9755. Participants can register via e-mail at mennajm@gordon.army.mil.

ACS/FRG training

The quarterly "Operation Ready" Family Readiness Group Training will be Wednesday in Darling Hall from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

"Tools Of Employment" workshop is held the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. in Darling Hall. Call to register 791-3579.

Babysitting class

The next American Red Cross Babysitting Class is 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. July 10 at the Fort Gordon Child Development Center.

Cost is \$25 and can be paid by check, cash or credit card.

For more information call Augusta Red Cross at 724-8481 or Pamela Rachal, outreach services director for Child and Youth Services, at 791-1305/6495.

Recreational activities abound

Many commercial operations are offering free or substantially discounted opportunities for travel to Soldiers. Below is a listing of some of the opportunities available:

Shades of Green: Shades of Green is offering U.S. Armed Forces members serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom 4- to 8-night packages at 30 percent off regular prices.

Packages include accommodations and daily breakfast and dinner buffets. Meals will be provided in the Garden Gallery. Attraction tickets can be purchased upon arrival at Shades of Green at an even greater discount.

Guests must provide a valid leave form at the time of check-in to receive the discounts. The leave form must indicate this is a leave from OIF or OEF duty.

Packages prices apply to service members and immediate family members.

Six Flags Over Georgia: Six Flags Over Georgia is preparing to make a special salute to our nation's armed forces with a week of deep discounts and free admission for active service members and their families. This special promotion coincides with Salute 2 America, the parks' week-

long celebration leading up to Independence Day.

From June 26 to July 4, active members of the Armed Forces to include active reserves and the National Guard will receive half off the one-day admission to the park. To redeem the discount, active service members or spouse must show a current active identification card beginning June 26. The program ends after admission on July 4. The tickets will be \$22.95 plus tax for the active member and immediate family members for the period.

In addition to the week-long discount program, Six Flags Over Georgia will be holding select free admission days for each branch of the armed services. During each service day indicated, members of that particular branch of the armed forces will receive free admission for themselves and immediate family members (up to five tickets total). The individual service days for the free admission are: Army Day, June 28; Marine Corps Day, June 29; Navy and Coast Guard Day, June 30; and Air Force Day, July 1.

Active service members, reservists, National Guard or spouse of same may show a current military identification card at the Six Flags Over



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Georgia ticket booths to receive up to five free tickets total on their select day.

These special tickets are not available at any MWR facility. This offer is not valid for White Water. For further information/clarification of the offer regarding the Salute 2 America celebration call Six Flags Over Georgia at 770-948-9290.

Substantially discounted tickets are available at area ITR and ITT offices for other family members, retired military, and Department of Defense civilian personnel not included in the Salute 2 America promotion.

Busch Entertainment: The Busch Entertainment Corporation is offering Operation Homecoming and Military Appreciation Days for Soldiers assigned in support of Operation Iraqi and Enduring Freedom, who were unable to take advantage of last year's free admission offers. The programs are intended to recognize and thank the military personnel and their families for their service and sacrifice.

Under Operation Home-

coming, any U.S. or Coalition service member who can provide a valid Department of Defense ID and proof of overseas service between May 26 and Nov. 11, 2003 are entitled to a single day free admission to any one of the six participating Anheuser-Busch Adventure Parks for themselves and for as many as four direct dependents. The program includes foreign armed services members serving with U.S. units. The offer is valid for one day and one park only. The participating Busch Adventure Parks are: Sea World Parks in San Diego, San Antonio, and Orlando; Busch Gardens in Williamsburg and Tampa; and Sesame Place in Langhorne, Penn.

The Operation Homecoming and Military Appreciation Days run through Nov. 11.

Personnel can register online, print the form, and bring it to the box office on the day of their visit to expedite the admission process. To access the registration form, visit <http://commerce.4adventure.com>.

Military Appreciation Days tickets offering special savings may be

purchased only at participating military base ticket offices. These tickets will not be available at park ticket windows and the discounts apply to single day tickets only.

Vail resorts: Vail Resorts in Colorado is offering 1,000 free nights to servicemembers who served in Iraq and Afghanistan, as part of "Operation Freedom Lodging."

Members from any branch of service serving 30 or more days in these countries are eligible for up to three consecutive nights of lodging at Vail Resorts-owned and operated hotels in Breckenridge and Keystone.

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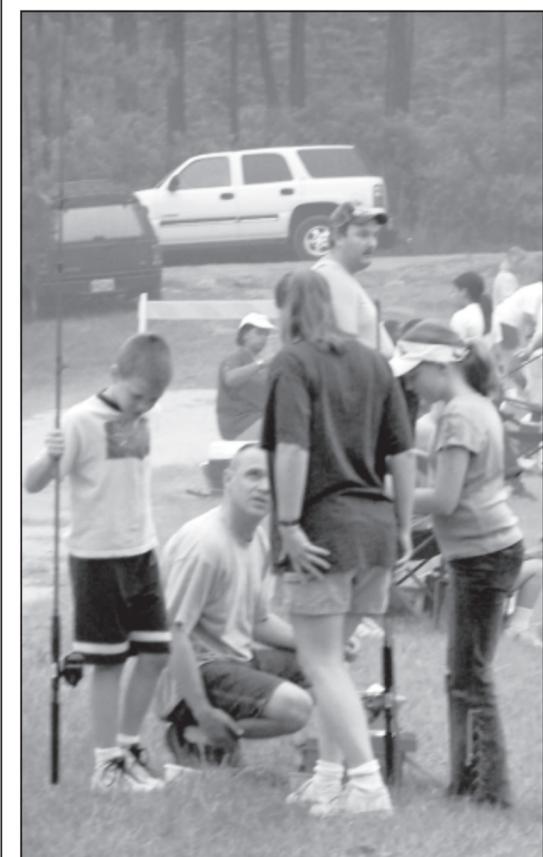
For more information on the verification process, call Fort Carson Morale, Welfare and Recreation at DSN 691-2083 or (719) 526-2083.

OffDutyTravel.com will list these opportunities as they become known.



Busch Entertainment photo

Sea World Parks in San Diego, San Antonio, and Orlando; Busch Gardens in Williamsburg and Tampa; and Sesame Place in Langhorne, Penn., are providing free admissions to service members assigned in support of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom.



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Angler activity

A Kids' Fishing Derby was held June 5 at Fort Gordon's Claypit Lakes with 160 children enjoying the day and fishing for fun and prizes. At the end of the derby, 656 fish were weighed in. Thirty door prizes, including rods and reels and tackle boxes, T-shirts, hot dogs, potato chips and soft drinks were provided for all the young anglers. Trophies were awarded to the first, second and third place winners in four age groups for the most pounds of fish caught.

Winners were:
5 and younger: first place, Michael Edwards, 7 pounds, 12 ounces; second place, Corey Yaden, 3 pounds, seven ounces; third place, Dylan Hayes, 2 pounds, 11 ounces
6-8 years: first place, Jacob Gibson, 12 pounds, 12 ounces; second place, Austin Skeens, 11 pounds, six ounces; third place, Alysa Pierce, 9 pounds, 2 ounces
9-12 years: first place, Aman Jones, 7 pounds, 2 ounces; second place, Dalton Casey, 4 pounds, 13 ounces; third place, Sterling Banks 4 pounds, 8 ounces
13-15 years: first place, Cedric Scott, 34 pounds, 1 ounce, second place, Shelvy Smith, 14 pounds, 11 ounces, third place, Vashti Self, 14 pounds, 11 ounces

Unit Sports Standings

As of June 11

| Team | Won | Lost |
|-------------------------|-----|------|
| Blue Division | | |
| B-447 | 9 | 2 |
| D-447 | 9 | 2 |
| E-447 | 9 | 3 |
| C-369 | 8 | 3 |
| B-551 | 7 | 4 |
| C-73 | 7 | 4 |
| D-369 | 6 | 5 |
| B-73 | 4 | 8 |
| C-551 | 4 | 8 |
| D-551 | 4 | 8 |
| E-369 | 0 | 20 |
| Green Division | | |
| BNCOA | 12 | 1 |
| A-297 | 8 | 2 |
| 252 | 6 | 3 |
| A-201 | 4 | 2 |
| 518 | 7 | 5 |
| 338TRS | 6 | 6 |
| C-63 | 5 | 6 |
| HHC-63 | 4 | 5 |
| A-63 | 4 | 6 |
| HHD-116 | 4 | 8 |
| Co. D, USMC | 2 | 18 |
| Morning Division | | |
| B-447 | 10 | 1 |
| E-447 | 8 | 3 |
| C-369 | 4 | 6 |
| D-369 | 0 | 12 |
| Red Division | | |
| 31 IS | 11 | 0 |
| A-442 | 7 | 2 |
| ANCOA | 7 | 3 |
| A-206 | 6 | 3 |
| A-551 | 6 | 5 |
| A-73 | 5 | 5 |
| ADL | 3 | 6 |
| EAMC | 2 | 4 |
| 35th MP | 2 | 7 |
| NSGA | 2 | 8 |
| 249 | 1 | 9 |
| Women's Division | | |
| C-369 | 5 | 1 |
| EAMC | 5 | 1 |
| D-447 | 0 | 8 |

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225 COMMUNITY EVENTS

BOY SCOUT TROOP 447 meets on Monday nights (Tuesdays starting June 1) from 7 to 8 p.m. on Fort Gordon. This is a program for boys 11 through 17 designed to achieve the aims of Scouting through a vigorous outdoor program and peer group leadership with the counsel of an adult Scoutmaster. If interested please call Jean De Lucio at 706-792-9795.

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.

GOOD HOPE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH ANNUAL 1ST MEN'S Conference will be held Thursday, June 17 at 6:45 p.m. thru Saturday, June 19 beginning at 9 a.m. For more information call 706-722-1031.

GOOD HOPE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH is now offering GED Classes to the general public. Monday thru Thursday, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. For more information call 706-722-5317.

GOOD HOPE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH ANNUAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will begin Sunday, June 13 5 p.m. - Wednesday, June 16, 6 p.m. For more information call 706-722-1031.

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 have used drugs or alcohol. For more information call 706-860-0302.

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MOTORCYCLE BENEFIT RIDE for a local young mom with cancer. Saturday, June 19. Registration begins 8 a.m. in the Regency Mall parking lot on Deans Bridge Road/Highway 1 in Augusta. For more information call 706-373-9264.

THE UNITED METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME OF THE NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE through its office in Augusta is looking for energetic families who have a desire to share their homes full time with babies, children or teenagers who cannot live with their own biological families. For more information call Tosha Moore, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 706-722-8669.

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Golden Medic... ...trains medical reservists for combat

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More than 660 Army Reservists from around the country gathered here June 6 to 19 for the annual Golden Medic exercise. The exercise gives Army reservists a chance to refine both their medical and Soldier skills.

In addition to setting up field hospitals, medics trained in operational security while facing off against an opposition force team. Observer-trainers followed both OPFOR and the medics, dubbed the Blue Force, to access the training and provide feedback.

"They did very well with perimeter defense. On Friday (June 11), when we started, they had some rough edges," said Command Sgt. Maj. John Douthirt, an exercise observer and trainer. "They learned from their mistakes and were good about doing (after action reports) about improvements after every scenario."

Monday night, medics from the 313th Hospital from Springfield, Mo., played OPFOR for medics to face off with. First, they convoyed to a field site facing several obstacles along the way - sniper ambushes, artillery simulators and improvised explosive devices.

Once BLUFOR reached their rally point, they had to create perimeter security and exercise good sound and light discipline in an effort to thwart the OPFOR.

The obstacles BLUFOR faces on the road and in the field are meant to simulate the kinds of things Soldiers are facing in Iraq, said Douthirt.

"If they're under attack, they will be better prepared to handle it," he said. "Instead of learning it for the first time over there and making the same mistakes they made here."

Golden Medic is the largest peacetime medical training exercise in the Army Reserve. It's simultaneously held at Fort Gordon and Fort McCoy, Wis. To simulate a real-world joint and coalition environment during the exercise, members of the Air Force Reserve and officers from Bulgaria, Austria, and the Netherlands were included in the exercise this year.

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Col. Jerri Wible, a doctor with the 313th HUS, instructs Pfc. Sophia Mancero, a 73rd medic working in the intensive care ward, on proper suture techniques on pig's feet. This was one of the many tasks performed by Reservists during Golden Medic Training held on post June 6-19.

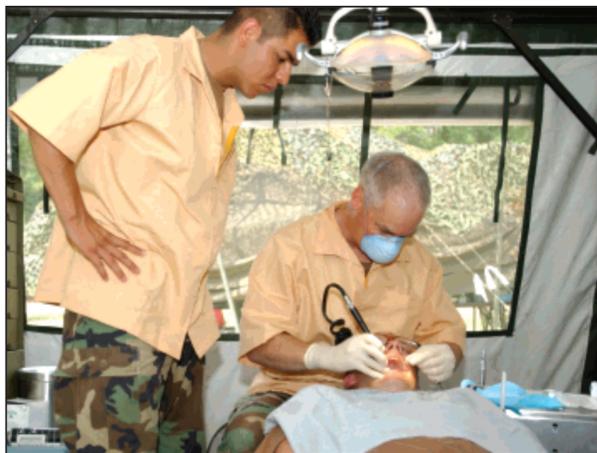


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(Above) 1st Lt. Kim Cleman tightens lines for a tent that will become part of the 73rd Combat Support Hospital.

(Left) Spc. Ashley Crawford, a respiratory therapist with the 73rd CSH sets up an oxygen mask for a casualty during pre-op.

(Bottom) Pfc. Lucien Nevatt, a medic with the 313th HUS (left), and Pfc. Brian Owens, a 469th medic, move a patient onto an ambulance.



(Left) Lt. Col. Patrick Foley, a dentist with the 919th Medical Company, performs a cleaning on a Soldier while Pfc. Carlos Pineda, a 919th dental assistant, observes.

(Right) Maj. Judy Krill, flight nurse and Medical Crew director for the Air Evacuation Squadron, takes Sgt. Josh Allen's blood pressure and pulse.



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