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# The Signal



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## News UPDATE

### Resumix

Army Community Service Employment Readiness program will hold a Resumix workshop July 20 at Eisenhower Army Medical Center Computer Lab 12-C-20. For more information or to register call 791-3579.

### Changes of command

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.

The 551st Signal Battalion change of command ceremony is 8 a.m. Friday at Barton Field.

Lt. Col. Karla Donovan will relinquish command to Lt. Col. Michael Shillinger. Inclement weather location is Gym 5. For information call Master Sgt. Bruce Hayes at 791-6079/7767.

### Salsa night

The Gordon Club is having Salsa Night from 8 p.m.-2 a.m. Friday and July 23 and 30. The night features DJs The Rodriguez Brothers. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door. Call 791-2205 for information.

### 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.

### Comedy night

The Gordon Club hosts Comedy Night at 8 p.m. July 16. The show features Sean Larkins, R-Nesto and Cocoa Brown. Doors open at 7 p.m.; tickets cost \$10 in advance, \$13 at the door. For information, call 791-6780 or 791-2205.

### 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 information, call Augusta Red Cross at 724-8481 or Pamela Rachal, Child and Youth Services, at 791-1305/6495.

## Troops face Iraqi transfer of power

Master Sgt. Karen Petitt  
*Army News Service*

**BAGHDAD, Iraq** – Leading more than 127,000 U.S. troops through a transition of authority from Coalition forces to the Interim Iraqi Government is more of an art than a science says the commanding general for Multinational Corps-Iraq.

Lt. Gen. Thomas F. Metz said that art comes in the delicate balance of reassigning resources for changing priorities, providing security, and working with the Iraqis to rebuild their infrastructure. "For some of our troops the ... transfer of power will not change their day-to-day mission, but for others it will be a very visible shift in focus," he said. "We will definitely see an increase in our efforts to help Iraq become more secure and much of our effort will be behind the scenes. We're looking to the Iraqi people to take the lead in many areas, but it's not all going to happen by July 1. It's a capacity that we will have to grow over the next several months."

He said the transition means

that the Coalition force is now a partner to Iraq and that MNC-I will continue to conduct operations against anti-Iraqi forces. As time passes, the Iraqi Security Force will communicate their readiness to take the lead and Coalition forces will begin to draw back, he said.

While the command has been instrumental in restoring electricity, building sewage treatment facilities, re-opening schools and numerous other civic projects, its No. 1 concern is the security of Iraq.

"The biggest gain we'll have after the transition I believe will be the amount of human intelligence we're able to gather," said Metz. "With Iraqis taking the lead I think we'll see a greater amount of success in rooting out these thugs, criminals, former regime members and insurgents. Our ticket out of here is a safe and secure Iraq, and this transition brings us one step closer."

Joint Coordination Centers are being set up in provinces throughout Iraq, Metz said, and security committees will oversee the safety of their areas. There will be some Coalition presence in these JCCs, he said,

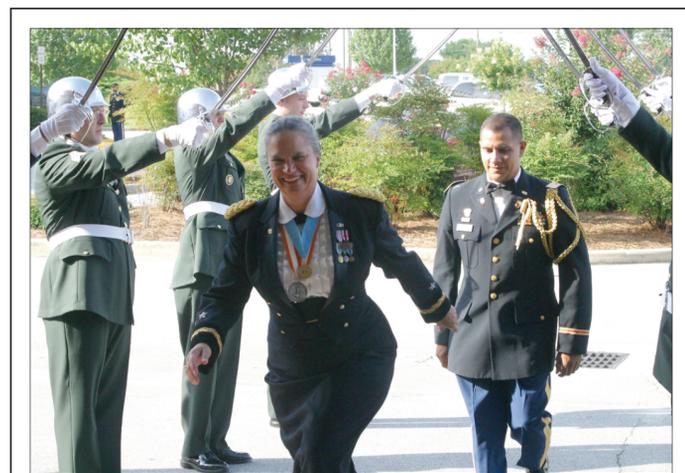


Photo by Marlene Thompson

## Happy birthday Signal Corps

The Signal Corps celebrated its 144th anniversary with the Signal Ball June 23 at the Gordon Club. More than 100 people gathered to wish the Corps a happy birthday.

but only for training and coordinating. Some forward operating bases will be realigned or closed, but the Coalition will always maintain the capability to re-enter an area full-strength should the need arise, Metz added.

One indicator of achieving a safe and secure Iraq will be if the national elections scheduled for January can be done without violence, Metz said. The general said having armed guards at every polling place as Iraqis scamper

in to vote is not a successful campaign. There needs to be security, yes, but it shouldn't resemble a battle zone, he explained.

"If we can achieve that right balance of security and freedom," Metz said, "then we have achieved success here. We will continue to stay as long as we're needed. As the ISF takes the lead, they're becoming victim to more attacks. We'll be here to help protect them until the threat is eliminated."

Metz, who took command of MNC-I May 15, said that he appreciates the hard work and dedication of Coalition members during this time.

"I'm proud of [the Coalition members] professionalism and discipline," he said. "We put you in complex situations and your work has strategic importance. Together we can accomplish this mission safely and ensure freedom prevails."

*(Petitt writes for Multinational Corps-Iraq Public Affairs.)*

## Cadets storm post

Denise Allen  
*Signal staff*

Gabrielle Moffitt felt like she was flying.

"It felt good," said the Lucy C. Laney High School student, after she got off the zip line.

Moffitt, who will be in 10th grade this fall, was one of about 240 JROTC cadets from 13 high schools from the eastern part of Georgia, who took part in a leadership program at Fort Gordon, called Camp Semaphore, June 21-25.

Local schools such as Laney, Evans, Harlem, Lakeside and Richmond Academy participated in the exercise as well as schools as far away as Elbert County High School in Elberton, Ga.

Each school brought about 20 to 25 students.

"We select the top students," said Lt. Col. Tom Taylor, who is with the Jackson County High School ROTC program.

Selection was based on academic success and leadership potential, he said.

During the week, the cadets learned leadership skills and trained in map reading, rappelling, swimming and drill and ceremony. Instructors from the Regimental Non-commissioned Officers Academy and some members of an Advanced Noncommissioned Officers Course served as instructors for the week.

First Sgt. Anthony Alford, branch chief of the ANCO, said that Camp Semaphore is a community service the instructors enjoy.

"The kids are excited and

motivated. They are up for the challenge, and they listen to everything we teach them," he said.

Cadets said they enjoyed their time at Fort Gordon and the training they received.

"It's fun. I like it a lot," said Christina Lacey, who will be in the 10th grade at Jackson County High School in the fall.

While the rappelling and riding the zip line were fun, Lacey said there was a greater reason for her being at the camp.

"I hope to gain leadership skills and confidence," she said.



Photo by Denise Allen

Clay Holton, a student at Hephzibah High School, rappels down a tower at Fort Gordon last week during Camp Semaphore. (For related stories and photos, see pages 14 and 20.)

## Post officer credited with saving life

Denise Allen  
*Signal staff*

Because Anthony Cobb, a Fort Gordon patrol officer, acted quickly on a hot summer day in 2003, a woman is still alive.

On Tuesday, the International Association for Healthcare Security and Safety honored Cobb's actions with a valor award at its annual meeting in Seattle. Robert O'Brien, chief of security operations at Eisenhower Army Medical Center, accepted the award on his behalf.

"Nobody can predict whether one's actions will lead to a lifesaving" situation, O'Brien said.

However, if Cobb hadn't been at his post in the hospital's parking lot Aug. 29, 2003, an elderly patient might have died. That day was a training holiday, and

most of the appointments had been cancelled. The elderly woman, however, did not realize hers had been cancelled and traveled to the hospital anyway.

The parking lot was sparse, and Cobb noticed the woman was having difficulty keeping her balance. She almost collapsed before Cobb reached her. Then he noticed the trachea tube and that she was having trouble breathing.

While a passerby got a wheelchair, Cobb radioed his dispatcher.

Officer Freddie Andrews called the emergency room staff to let them know Cobb would be bringing a patient to them. Andrews ensured the passageways to the ER were clear.

Cobb took the woman to the ER, where physicians took over.

*See Lifesaver, page 3*



Photo by Denise Allen

Anthony W. Cobb, a police officer at Fort Gordon, checks an ID at Gate 5. Working on the Eisenhower Army Medical Center security staff last summer, Cobb saved a woman's life and was recently honored with a valor award from the International Association for Healthcare Security and Safety.

# Exceptional is the word

## Exceptional Family Member Program provides families needed resources

**Pfc. Armando Monroig**  
*Signal staff*

Just as certain aspects of military life mirror civilian life, there sometimes comes a point where an individual may need a little bit more assistance than others.

In the civilian world, there are various organizations designed to provide that help.

For Soldiers, the Army has the Exceptional Family Member Program, a program designed to assist those with family members who have special needs.

The EFMP is a Department of the Army program that assists eligible family members of active duty or retired Soldiers, Department of Defense civilian employees, Army National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve.

"An exceptional family member is any family member, regardless of age, who has a disability that limits his or her ability to function on a daily basis and requires on-going counseling, training, education, therapy or treatment," said Amos Demps, EFMP manager.

Some examples of the disabilities covered under the EFMP are asthma, attention deficit disorder, emotional disorders, cerebral palsy, Down's syndrome, developmental delays, spina bifida, epilepsy, deafness, AIDS, speech impaired, leukemia, diabetes, autism, visual and hearing impairment, learning disabilities and more.

"It is a program to identify and enroll family members who have special needs," he said. "Whether it be physical, men-

tal or educational." The individual must have had the need for six months or more, he said.

The Army Community Service Center EFMP staff assists eligible family members by locating community support services.

Counselors provide family members with information, referral, crisis intervention and assistance to meet their individual needs.

"The Army attempts to assign Soldiers who have enrolled in the EFMP to installations where the needed medical and educational services are available," said Demps. "Also for (DoD) civilians who are going overseas."

Enrollment is mandatory for any active duty personnel with an exceptional family member. The condition must be updated with the EFMP every three years.

To ensure assignment considerations are based on accurate information, families are responsible for informing the Army of any changes in the EFMP's needs.

"While every effort is made

to find assignments that meet family members' needs, the needs of the Army come first," said Vanessa Stanley, ACS director. "Soldiers might have to serve unaccompanied tours if the Army needs their skills in locations where no services exist for their EFM."

The special needs of the EFM are factors considered by PERSCOM when a Soldier is scheduled for reassignment. Rank and military occupational specialty are also considerations.

**"An exceptional family member is any family member, regardless of age, who has a disability that limits his or her ability to function on a daily basis."**

**Amos Demps**  
*EFMP manager*

directory, resource library, workshops, relocation assistance and crisis intervention," said Stanley.

Monthly recreational outings for families such as bowling or the circus and support groups are also sponsored by the EFMP.

Two sign language classes were organized after it was

brought to Demps' attention that a hearing impaired child's caretakers were not able to communicate with the child.

Two new additions include the "Babies can't wait" and the "Elder Care" programs.

The "Babies can't wait" program focuses on assisting babies with special needs develop and help improve well being.

"This program looks at all high risk factors of having a child (infant mortality rate, low birth rate)," said Stanley.

The "Elder Care" program consists of assistance to aid servicemembers' care for their elderly family members that includes information on entertainment, healthcare, and general information for surviving at that age and the assistance available to them.

"The goal is to make sure that the parents of special needs children or the servicemember of a special needs spouse is aware that here to provide support," said Stanley.

And a recent campaign was a tool used just for that purpose.

"The 'family find' campaign's purpose was to identify and enroll family members who have a special, medical or educational need that are not currently enrolled," said Demps.

It is a resource Soldiers should take advantage of, he said.

"It's a benefit for wearing the uniform plus to the family and special needs individual, and overall well being for the community to have those in the community well cared for," said Demps.

EFMP enrollment can be updated by contacting the Eisenhower Army Medical Center EFMP clinic. Participants in the EFMP must be eligible and enrolled in the DEERS program as well.

For information about EFMP, call ACS at 791-4872 or 791-3579, or the EAMC EFMP clinic at 787-2247.

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Photo by Pfc. Armando Monroig

### Ooops

A motorcycle from a recent wreck on post is shown here atop a tow truck. The rider, who survived, suffered a mild concussion, swollen knee and road rash. Military police credited good protective gear for his not suffering worse injuries, and even possibly saving his life.

The Georgia Department of Motor Vehicle Safety offers beginner and advanced motorcycle rider's courses here. For information, call the safety office at 791-7233.



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# Leverage key to leadership

Denise Allen  
Signal staff

Retired Maj. Gen. Perry Smith spoke on leadership keys at a combined general membership meeting of the Fort Gordon Chapters of the Association of the U.S. Army, Armed Forces Communications Electronics Association and the Signal Corps Regimental Association Tuesday at the Gordon Club.

While donating platelets at Shepard Community Blood Center one day, Smith said he realized that donating the platelets was better than donating a pint of blood.

Although it took longer, more people could be helped and he could donate more often.

"I was leveraging my blood," he said. "I was getting the maximum value of the blood."

Leveraging is a key to leadership, said Smith, who is the author of six books including volumes on the principles of command and leadership. He recently edited the book "Medal of Honor: Portraits of Valor Beyond the Call of Duty."

Smith said there were four areas leaders should learn to leverage.

They should leverage their friends to build a "brain trust" so when a problem arose on their job, in the community, at their church or in their family, they'd have a place to turn.

Of that brain trust, there should be another 10 to 12 people who are a part of their

"ethics brain trust," people who are "really strong in their ethics, honor and integrity" that can be turned to in an ethical crisis.

He also told them to leverage their talents.

Lastly, he said they should leverage technology.

"Keep up with technology," he said. "If you don't have cable internet, get it...Make technology your friend."

After he spoke, Smith pre-

sented a seven-minute video on Congressional Medal of Honor winners.

Smith said he had looked for a common thread among the award recipients. He said it was summed up best by Col. Jack Jacobs, who after receiving severe head wounds causing bleeding that impaired his vision, saved the lives of 13 Soldiers and one advisor. He made repeated trips through a fire-swept open

rice paddy in Vietnam to pull out the wounded and their guns.

Smith said Jacobs had the words of an ancient Jewish philosopher running through his head. "If not me, who? If not now, when?"

In other business, the AUSA chapter voted to keep Bob Damen as its president for a third year, and the AFCEA chapter installed its officers including president Amy Tuschen.

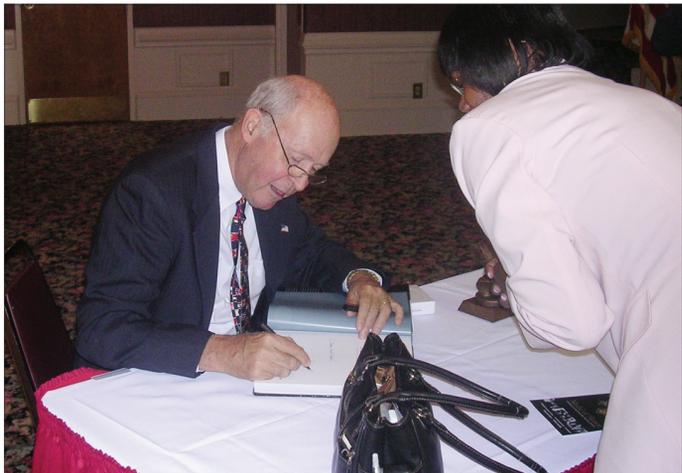


Photo by Denise Allen

Retired Maj. Gen. Perry Smith signs copies of some of the books he has written after the general meeting of the Fort Gordon Chapters of the Association of United States Army, Armed Forces Communications Electronics Association and Signal Corps Regimental Association. The luncheon was held Tuesday at the Gordon Club.

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# Lifesaver

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Cobb said the entire incident took about two minutes.

O'Brien surmised that if Cobb had not been attentive to the woman, she might have fallen between her vehicle and another and lost consciousness. Since there were few

people in the parking lot on the training holiday, she might have died before someone found her.

O'Brien said the hospital security department is a relatively new one.

"It was the CG's idea to ensure patients, staff members,

employees come to receive treatment in the safest environment," he said.

Officers receive training from the Southeast Region Medical Command's Healthcare Security Academy, an added expense that O'Brien said has proved it was

well worth it.

"They are nationally certified," he said. "I truly believe (training) led him to make the decision the elderly lady was in need of assistance. He maintained watch and saw her severe medical distress."

"The investment from the command — one human life has paid that forever," he said.

Cobb has since transferred to the post's police force.



Photo by Pfc. Armando Monroig

## Many thanks

Maj. Gen. Jan Hicks, U.S. Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon commanding general, presents Sgt. 1st Class Johnny Rodgers, RNCOA (ANCO), with a coin, for his and the other Soldiers hard work in support of the Afghan National Army in Afghanistan, during a ceremony held at Conrad Hall June 24. Also pictured (from left to right) are Sgt. Marquise Reddix, A Company 369th Sig. Bn., Staff Sgt. Freddie Suber, RNCOA, Staff Sgt. Jerome Harper, A Company 369th Sig. Bn., Rodgers and Capt. James Rigby, C Company 442nd Sig. Bn.

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# Camp out of this world

Denise Allen  
Signal staff

Jake Stapleton donned his rendition of a military uniform on a colonized Mars. "This is my military armor for military security," he said of his aluminum foil body wrap and milk carton helmet.

At the National Science Center's Fort Discovery summer camps, colonizing Mars was one of the themes explored.

As part of "Space and Rocketry," fourth and fifth graders were divided into smaller groups that had to build a necessary system on the colony. Using recycled materials and their creativity, they made schools, living space, a defense system and a theme park.

Daniel McWhorter was concerned with more pressing issues such as how to provide a constant oxygen source for the colony, and he created a model that would pump oxygen into the biosphere.

"We've got scientists in here. We've got astronauts," said Waymon Stewart education specialist who led the "Space and Rocketry" camp.

There were three separate themes at Fort Discovery last week.

In another room down the hall from the Martian colony, it was "Survivor" Fort Discovery style as children were "Shipwrecked" on an island.

They created useful devices such as a water clock and an anemometer which is a wind measuring device.

"It's been fun and educational," said Jeremiah Slaton, who attends Paul Knox Middle School.

Several sessions of camp have been planned for the summer for the science center which is the result of a partnership between the Army and the private sector.

"This fulfills our mission of providing informal education and making it fun and exciting for kids," said Kathi Dimmock, Fort Discovery's marketing director.

Fort Discovery will offer six additional sessions of camp.

During the week of July 12, there are three camps scheduled - "Robo-Tech" for sixth and seventh graders allows children to use "Legos and computers to design, build and operate your team's robot," according to the camp brochure.

Also that week is "Draw On Nature" for fourth and fifth graders. That camp includes trips to the Morris Museum of Art and the Audubon Nature Preserve.

"How Come?" for second and third graders answers questions such as "Why do some things float and other

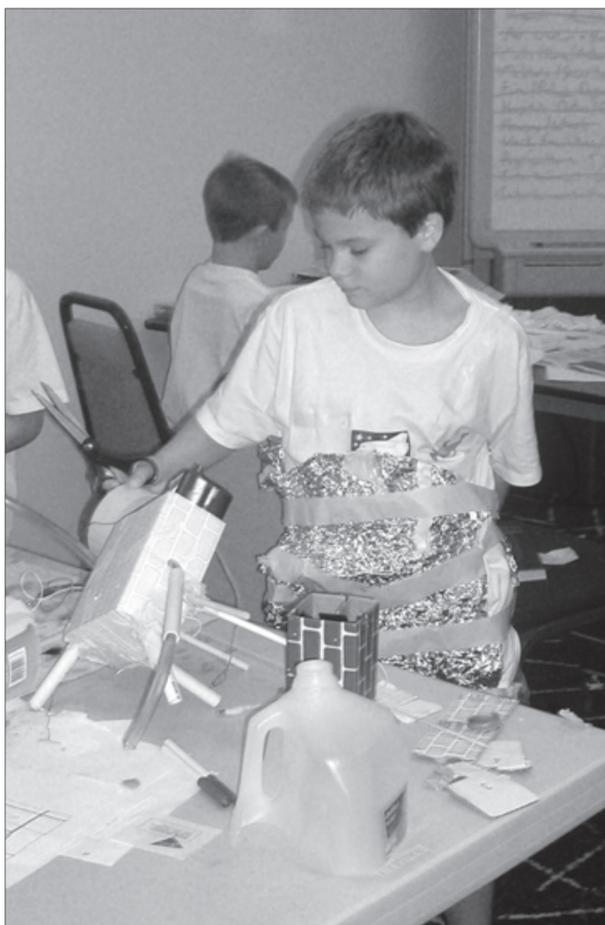


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**Jake Stapleton works on his military armor and defense system as part of a camp at the National Science Center's Fort Discovery. Campers in "Space and Rocketry" designed a colony on Mars and equipped it with schools, research facilities and a defense system.**

things sink? How are rocks different from minerals?"

Slots are available in those camps. They cost \$125 for Fort Discovery members and \$150 for non-members.

There are three different courses planned for the week of July 26;

however, two of them are filled. "Star Search" an astronomy based camp still has openings. That camp is for fifth and six graders.

For more information on Fort Discovery's camps, call Lisa Golden at 821-0646.

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## Program designed to help all

Denise Allen  
Signal staff

With more than 600 job categories requiring regular mandatory drug testing, there are a lot of people on post who know about the employee assistance arm of the Army Substance Abuse Program.

But according to employee assistance program coordinator Keith Clum, there are still others who don't know that they may receive free help to address the problems that may lead to substance abuse.

"Department of the Army civilians, retirees and dependents - anyone in those three groups can come here," he said. "It's private, and it's confidential. Our role is to listen, give feedback and make referrals. A

lot of times, people are looking for someone to listen to them."

Figures from the Department of Labor show that \$100 billion is lost annually by American employers because of substance abuse through lost productivity, theft, accidents and additional health care costs, Clum said.

On Aug. 11 at 11:30 a.m. in Room 229 of Darling Hall, Clum will conduct a luncheon meeting for supervisors, offering tips on spotting substance abuse in their employees, and give options for dealing with the problem.

Parents might find this training helpful as well.

"Parents and supervisors end up being enablers. They help cover it up and make excuses as opposed to be-

ing tough," he said.

Employees using the program will find solutions based on their individual need.

Perhaps alcohol abuse stems from concern over financial issues, the employee might be referred to Army Community Service for some classes in financial management.

Sometimes, the chaplain service is called upon for assistance in other matters.

The trouble could stem from relationships between bosses and employees. There are other classes available through ACS as well, including anger management and other topics.

"Every case is tailored to the individual," he said.

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## CG sends Fourth of July messages about safety, independence and fun

On this Fourth of July, we rightfully celebrate the 228th anniversary of one of the most momentous and foretelling events in history – our Declaration of Independence and the birth of our great nation.

This, our nation's most important national holiday, celebrates the United States of America's standing as the world's oldest democracy.

We are a land of liberty and freedoms. Of that, we are proud.

For that, we are blessed and grateful.

The word "liberty" has special and personal meaning to every American.

Our founders used it as a rallying call for action to create a nation in which every one of its citizens has the right and encouragement to pursue his or her dreams.

Liberty is embodied in the statue that graces the entrance to New York Harbor.

It best symbolizes the meaning and importance of our nation and its noble goal to welcome all who seek freedom and to stand tall against those who would challenge or endanger freedom anywhere on our globe.

Protection and preservation of liberty and democracy have always come at a heavy price, a price being paid by members of America's armed forces this very day.

The special significance that the Fourth of July holds for those who have ever served or who are now serving in uniform gives added meaning to this holiday's observance.

America's men and women in uniform are once again in harm's way, fighting to protect liberty, freedom, and our national security.

So, as we celebrate the wondrous gifts we possess as a nation and as a people, let us never forget the sacrifices that have been made, and are being made on this very day, to keep us free to enjoy this day with hope and appreciation.

Ron, Jennifer, and I extend our sincere wishes for a safe and happy Fourth of July!

I thank every member of our Fort Gordon family for your support, your dedication, and your patriotism. Happy Birthday and God bless America!

*Janet A. Hicks*  
Maj. Gen. Janet A. Hicks  
Fort Gordon commanding general

The Fourth of July holiday is for celebrating the birth of our country and celebrating life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

We do not want this holiday marred by tragic accidents.

The privately owned vehicle (POV) is the number one cause of all deaths in the United States for ages 1-34.

Aside from combat, the road is the most dangerous place you can be.

Thirty years ago, our nation lost more than 58,000 servicemen and women in the Vietnam War; by comparison, our nation averaged 54,000 highway deaths each year over a 10-year period.

Currently, the National Highway Transportation and Safety Administration reports over 42,000 deaths for 2002 and over 43,000 for 2003. Major factors contributing to traffic fatalities include excessive speed, failure to wear safety equipment, failure to stay alert, use of alcohol, and driving while fatigued.

This holiday weekend will also bring an increase in recreational activities, to include water sports. Remember, drowning is the second

leading cause of accidental death. Unsupervised swimming, unsafe boating, and alcohol consumption often lead to tragedy.

Be aware of the hazards, take precautions, and use sound judgment in all your summer activities.

Accident prevention is both a command and individual responsibility.

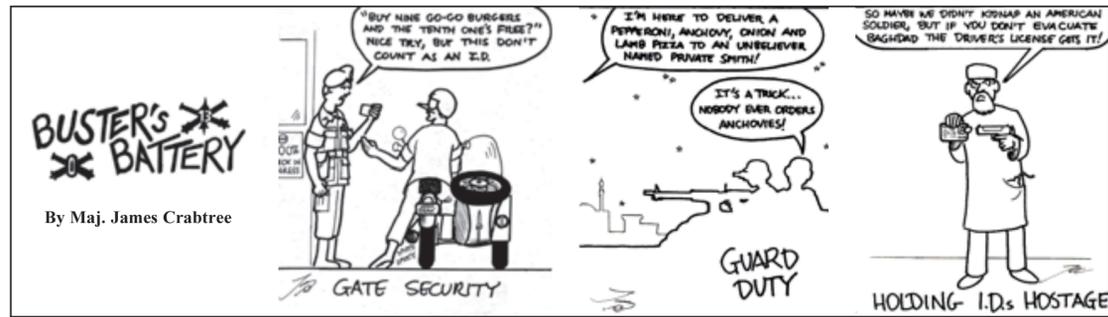
Commanders and leaders will ensure POV inspections and safety awareness briefings are conducted prior to the holiday.

Briefing materials on POV safety, motorcycle safety, water safety, and summer safety are available on Safety's Fort Gordon public folders.

Ensure all personnel view the "Be Safe" video and become familiar with the POV Tool Box; both are available at <http://safety.army.mil/home.html>.

I challenge each Soldier, family member, and civilian to keep this summer fatality-free. Enjoy the upcoming Fourth of July holiday. Be safe!

*Janet A. Hicks*  
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## Senior leaders cover War on Terrorism stats

The United States Army has much to be proud of, including a centuries-old heritage of service to the Nation that pre-dates the republic itself.

Those achievements are in large part the result of our country entrusting to the Army its most precious resources: its sons and daughters.

This long tradition of service continues today, with every Soldier a volunteer, and in full awareness of the risks that their military duty entails. As leaders we owe it to our fellow citizens to make best use of the people, materials, and funds the American people have given us to protect and defend our Constitution and our way of life.

Americans understand that in an Army at war, there will be unavoidable losses. What they, and we, are

unwilling to accept are losses from accidents, those deaths and injuries that are unnecessary and avoidable.

During our first year of operations in Iraq, 422 American Soldiers have died in country; of these, more than 26 percent were non-combat accidents. In the past 23 years over 7,500 Soldiers have died in accidents, compared to fewer than 600 in combat. Last year's total accidental death rate was the highest in ten years.

More than 55 percent of these deaths involved private automobiles and motorcycles.

Nearly all of them were preventable had the victims taken proper precautions or operated those vehicles in a safe manner.

The Army is now in the process of rotating forces on a scale unseen since

the Second World War. There will be vast movements of personnel and equipment, both within the United States and overseas. The potential is very high for serious accidents. We cannot accept this as a "cost of doing business."

Accordingly, the Department of the Army will implement a new Safety Campaign Plan effective immediately. Commanders and staffs at every level will operate within its framework, with the goal of reducing preventable accidents by at least 50 percent by the end of fiscal year 2005.

Our Soldiers are too valuable to the Army and their families to take any chances with their safety.

Each life saved, each serious injury avoided, and each piece of equipment undamaged may be the deciding factor

in a battle in the Global War on Terrorism.

We are counting on every member of the Army team to do his or her part in reducing preventable accidents. Every leader at every level is responsible for raising their units' level of safety awareness. This is a command function. Safety must be an integral part of every operation, on and off duty, tactical and administrative. The American people expect no less.

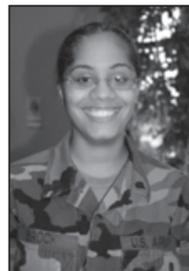
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## Feedback

Spc. Nicole Robus

### What is your favorite Independence Day pastime?



Lighting and watching the fireworks.

Spc. Voncile Brock  
252nd Signal Company



I enjoy watching the fireworks and barbecuing.

Spc. Michael Le Jeune  
206th MI Battalion



Barbecuing and spending time with my family and friends.

Spc. Phil Terrill  
252nd Signal Company



Watching the fireworks with family and friends.

Staff Sgt. Michael Sands  
A Company, 73rd Ordnance Battalion

# Post files annual water report

The following Consumer Confidence Report contains information about drinking water on Fort Gordon: its source, how it is treated, and most importantly, its quality.

While most of the content is required by regulation, also included is information that responds to typical questions asked about the system.

Every effort has been made to provide the information in a clear and useful format because we support the public's right to know the results of our water quality monitoring.

## WHAT IS A CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT

In 1996, Congress amended the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act. It added a provision requiring that all community water systems (serving at least 15 service connections and/or 25 people year round) deliver to their customers a brief annual water quality report. Consumer Confidence Reports summarize information that your water system already collects to comply with regulations. This CCR includes information on your source water, the levels of any detected contaminants, and compliance with drinking water rules; as well as some educational material. Fort Gordon is permitted by the state of Georgia as a public water system (permit number CS 2450028).

## WHERE DOES MY WATER COME FROM

Fort Gordon's drinking water is obtained from surface water in the Butler Reservoir, an impoundment on Butler Creek. The Butler Water Supply Watershed is located at the northeast side of Fort Gordon and covers 8,292 acres, including portions of Fort Gordon, Augusta - Richmond County, Columbia County, and the City of Grovetown. Fort Gordon has developed a Watershed Management Plan to protect water quality by the use of vegetative buffers. The development and review of the plan has been a joint process between Augusta - Richmond County, Columbia County, Fort Gordon, and the City of Grovetown. The Watershed Management Plan was developed to comply with environmental planning criteria for water supply watersheds under the Georgia Rules for Environmental Planning.

## WHAT SHOULD I KNOW ABOUT MY WATER

Sources of drinking water

## Web sites for information about drinking water and the environment:

- EPA Home Page - <http://www.epa.gov>
- EPA Office of Groundwater and Drinking Water - <http://www.epa.gov/ogwdw>
- EPA's Drinking Water and Health: What You Need to Know - <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/dwhealth.html>
- EPA Drinking Water Activities for Kids - <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/kids/index.html>
- United States Geologic Survey Water Resources Education - <http://water.usgs.gov/education.html>
- EPA Explorer's Club - <http://www.epa.gov/kids/>
- United States Drug Administration Water Quality Information Center - <http://www.nal.usda.gov/wqic/#3>
- International Bottled Water Association Website - <http://www.bottledwater.org>

(i.e., tap and bottled) include rivers, lakes, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the land surface or underground, it can dissolve naturally occurring minerals. In some cases, water can pick up radioactive material, or substances resulting from the presence of animals or human activity. Although our water supply may contain some of these contaminants, it is important to know that these substances are either removed completely or reduced to a safe level before water arrives at your tap. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment facilities, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which may be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming
- Organic contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic compounds, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and may also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses
- Radioactive contaminants, which may occur naturally or result from oil and gas production, and mining activities

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency promulgates regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water

systems. U.S. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

## HOW DO WE MAKE YOUR WATER SAFE TO DRINK

Prior to entering the Fort Gordon Treatment and Distribution System, raw water from Butler Reservoir flows through a series of bar racks and screens designed to remove large debris that can damage our treatment facility. Our plant uses a series of conventional water treatment processes including coagulation (causes contaminants to clump together), flocculation (increases the size of the clumps), sedimentation (settles the clumps from the water), rapid sand filtration (removes smaller particles and contaminants), and chlorination (disinfects the treated water). Our plant is designed to produce approximately 5.2 million gallons of water per day. The finished water is tested several times a day to ensure that pH and chlorine residuals are at appropriate levels.

In accordance with the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, we routinely sample for a variety of required drinking water contaminants.

Fort Gordon has been granted a monitoring waiver from the Georgia Environmental Protection Division for the monitoring of asbestos, dioxin, cyanide, and 28 synthetic organic compounds. The waiver was granted to Fort Gordon for complying with all of the baseline monitoring requirements for the parameters. Chemical analytical results of the system's water samples, and a vulnerability assessment prepared by Georgia EPD demonstrate that our drinking water complies with the chemical

monitoring requirements of the Georgia Safe Drinking Water Act. We are confident that we are providing you with the highest quality product available.

## DO I NEED TO TAKE SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS

Drinking water - including bottled water - may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as those who are undergoing chemotherapy, have undergone organ transplants, or contracted HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders; some elderly; and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. The above individuals should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

## WHAT'S REALLY IN MY DRINKING WATER

The EPA requires that water treatment/distribution systems must monitor for certain parameters, referred to as regulated contaminants. The accompanying table lists regulated contaminants that were detected in your water. All substances were detected in quantities less than the EPA's limits for safe drinking water. The presence of these contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk.

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## 'Principles of War Essay Contest' to award \$35K to top finishers

**John Runyan**  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON - An essay contest open to all interested individuals is asking applicants to reflect on the issues behind a "new kind of war."

The "Principles of War Essay Contest" will award \$15,000 to the writer who best answers the questions: "Have the principles of war changed? How are they changing? Or do

they remain valid?"

The second- and third-place finishers will also receive \$10,000 and \$5,000, respectively. All three top finishers will have their essays published in Proceedings. There will be five additional honorable-mention awards given out that will carry a \$1,000 prize.

All essays must be 3,500 words or less and turned in by Feb. 1. They should be sent to [principlesessay@](mailto:principlesessay@navalinst.edu)

[navalinst.edu](http://www.navalinst.edu).

The contest is cosponsored by U.S. Naval Institute, Johns Hopkins University, and Royal United Services Institute working in partnership with National Defense University, Army War College, Air Force War College, Naval War College, Office of Force Transformation, and the Department of Defense.

See <http://www.usni.org/contests/contests.html#list> for information.

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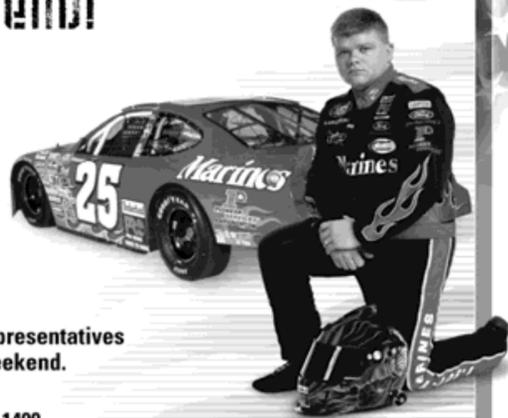
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# Water

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If you would like more information about contaminants and potential health effects, call the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

**MONITORING/REPORTING REQUIREMENTS NOT MET**

The Fort Gordon Water System exceeded the maximum contaminant level for Haloacetic acids for two quarters of 2002.

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

We conduct quarterly monitoring for Haloacetic acids. Two quarters of 2002 were above the MCL of 60 parts per billion. The second quarter was 64.6 and the third quarter was 60.8. The MCL currently established by the EPA is 60 parts per bil-

lion, based on an annual running average covering any four consecutive quarters.

Some people who drink water-containing HAA5 in excess of the maximum contaminant level over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

**WHAT SHOULD I DO**

There is nothing you need to do at this time. Residents should not be alarmed and do not need to seek alternative water supplies.

**WHAT HAPPENED**

The new Interim Enhanced

Surface Water Treatment Rule went into effect Jan. 1, 2002, limiting Haloacetic levels to 60 parts per billion. Chlorine is added to the water Fort Gordon draws from Butler Reservoir to eliminate disease-causing organisms.

Halogenated, organic, disinfection by-products are formed when natural organics in this water react with the chlorine. Necessary increased chlorine dosage last summer resulted in a slightly increased by-product formation, causing us to exceed the annual average by 0.5

parts per billion.

**WHAT IS BEING DONE**

In our ongoing effort to reduce HAA5 levels in the distribution system, we are planning to upgrade our water treatment plant's disinfection process. Through these progressive, disinfection process modifications we will attempt to lower chlorine levels without jeopardizing microbiological water quality.

Lowered chlorine byproduct levels are one of many new stringent requirements. It is Fort Gordon's goal

to work diligently to meet these requirements and still deliver safe water.

If you have any questions about this report or are interested in learning more about the drinking water system at Fort Gordon, contact John Wellborn, water program manager, Environmental and Natural Resources Office at 791-6237, or Lynn Grubb at the Environmental Protection Division, Georgia Department of Natural Resources - Drinking Water Program in Atlanta, at (404) 657-3189.

Type of Contaminant	Maximum Level Detected	Range	MCL	MCLG	Violation	Typical Source of Contamination
<b>Microbial Contamination</b>						
Turbidity (NTU)	0.3	0.03-0.3	TT	NA	No	Soil runoff
<b>Organic Chemicals</b>						
Haloacetic Acids (ppb) <sup>1</sup>	68.0	26.6-68	60	NA	No <sup>2</sup>	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Total Trihalomethanes (ppb) <sup>1</sup>	78.9	41-78.9	100	NA	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
<b>Inorganic Chemicals</b>						
Fluoride (ppm)	1.1	0.14-1.53	4	4	No	Additive used to promote strong teeth
Lead (ppb)	90% = 2.5	ND-16	AL = 15	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems and erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	90% = 130	ND-310	AL = 1300	1300	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems and erosion of natural deposits
Aluminum (ppb)	220	NA	NA	NA	No	Natural or background sources, or alum
Sodium (ppb)	2000	NA	NA	NA	No	Natural or background sources

**Footnotes:**  
<sup>1</sup> These entries are quarterly averages. We are in the process of adding new technology to our water system in order to consistently remain below the MCL for Haloacetic Acids.  
<sup>2</sup> MCL is based on an annual

average.  
*Terms and abbreviations used in the table:*  
 \* Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant which, when exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system

must follow.  
 \* Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available technology.

\* Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.  
 \* Nephelometric Turbidity Units (NTU): A measure of

cloudiness in water.  
 \* Not Applicable (NA): When NA is used in the range column, only one sample was taken, therefore, no range exists.  
 \* Not Detectable (ND): The contaminant is below the detectable limits of the testing method.

\* ppb: Parts per billion or micrograms per liter.  
 \* ppm: Parts per million or milligrams per liter.  
 \* Treatment Technology (TT): A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.



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# U.S., Kenyans partner to aid farmers

## Veterinarians help care for more than 56,000 animals

Cpl. Lane Miley  
Army News Service

**AMAIYA, Kenya** – Kenya's Great Rift Valley was filled with the sounds of hundreds of livestock as service members wearing Kenyan and U.S. uniforms worked side by side to continue bringing veterinary care to the animals, June 11.

Soldiers assigned to Delta Company, 412th Civil Affairs Battalion, alongside veterinarians from the Kenyan government and soldiers from the Kenyan Department of Defense, conducted a four-day Veterinarian Civic Action Program near the rural village of Amaiya, Kenya.

Delta Company is an element of Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa, based in Camp Lemonier, Djibouti, that has been conducting similar projects around the area for the past 18 months.

The task force conducts these projects to provide the farmers with additional economic stability, which in turn brings more security to the region, according to officials. Making the Horn of African regions more self-sufficient is one of the task force's weapons in the Global War on Terror.

In only four days, the team of coalition partners treated 56,318 animals, which included cattle, goats, sheep, camels and dogs.

"This eclipses any of the previous numbers and it's because of the partnering with the KDOD and the Kenyan veterinarians," said Maj. Steven B. Fabrigar, 412th Civil Affairs, of the project's success and the great partnerships it produced, as he rode along a dusty road to the VETCAP site.

Kenyan Lt. Col. Frank Nganga said the VETCAP has been very successful, both for the numbers of animals the soldiers have treated and the relationships it has fostered.

"This is fantastic. The cattle are their mainstay, so helping their cattle has improved their economy," Nganga said. "This is but a drop in the ocean [because] this is where three districts, the Turkana, the Samburu and the Pokot, meet, so it helps bring in their relationships."

Nganga said the farmers are all cattle people with something in common to share and the VETCAP gives them a place to talk that they would not have before.

"I think after the exercise, when we leave them, we will leave them better friends than they were before," Nganga said.

He said the VETCAP has also given the two militaries a chance to foster stronger partnerships.

First Sgt. Patrick Maley, the senior enlisted man assigned to Delta Company, said working with the KDOD has definitely contributed to the success in the rural village.

The KDOD helped the Soldiers choose the VETCAP site and then coordinated for support from the Kenyan veterinarians.

The soldier and farmer relationships are strong because the farmers realize how strong the desire to help is from the civil affairs soldiers. One thing that promotes that strength is the support the soldiers have received from the area's local government and non-government leadership.

**"This is fantastic. The cattle are their mainstay, so helping their cattle has improved their economy."**

Lt. Col. Frank Nganga  
Kenyan army



Photo by Cpl. Lane Miley

David Mubea, a Kenyan veterinarian, treats a sheep with the help of the local herdsman during the four-day Veterinarian Civic Action Program June 11 in Kenya. During the VETCAP, a team of Kenyan and U.S. Soldiers and veterinarians from the Kenyan government treated 56,318 animals.

Nganga said the district commissioners have shown their support by providing local security personnel as force providers for the VETCAP. He said the nearby villagers have also invited the Kenyan and U.S. soldiers to dine with them as a way to show their appreciation.

Lendopito Mackenzie, a cattle farmer who brought about 30 head of cattle out for treatment, said he heard from other people in the region to bring his animals to the site for free assistance. He said they passed the word down from the district commissioners and village chiefs.

Mackenzie knows the work the two governments are doing is helping his animals and him. He said selling healthy animals will help him make more money.

Rafael Lekuna, who brought 180 goats and 10 head of cattle, said he is extremely grateful for the help and would like to continue the relationship in the future.

"We feel very happy for the exercise. We like them very

much because they care about us," Lekuna said of the American and Kenyan governments.

Lekuna and other cattle farmers corralled their herds and directed them through a chute, at the end of which a Kenyan veterinarian was standing by to inject the animals with vitamins and a de-worming medication.

"We are very happy to help them again and again, whenever they come," said Lekuna.

Word of the work the combined group was doing in this region has gotten out to other areas in Kenya and aroused the interest of the members of parliament for those regions, the Kenya/U.S. liaison officer said.

Nganga said the Soldiers are gaining a lot of ground because the leaders from other districts are calling to see when they can receive a VETCAP.

Along with gaining interest in other regions, the Soldiers said this VETCAP has been their most successful to date.

"Things are going really well. This is our most successful

VETCAP in the Horn," said Maj. William B. Finney, the commander for Delta Company.

"We're shattering all our previous high-water marks so far. We've seen more animals in the first two days than in all of the other VETCAPs."

Finney said what is surprising about this VETCAP is the lack of disease, and the size and healthiness of the animals.

He said the livestock all still received the standard dewormer, to ensure their health continued. One thing Finney said is important about the medication is the fact that the Kenyan government is starting to implement injections for the animals to prevent diseases such as foot and mouth.

The civil affairs soldiers also held a Medical Civic Action Program in the village center to improve and maintain the health of the farmers and their families.

(Miley is the Public Affairs Chief of the Combined Joint Task Force in the Horn of Africa.)

## Iraqis learn it 'pays' to hand over arms

Staff Sgt. Tony Sailer  
Army News Service

**KARBALA, Iraq** – Dozens of Iraqis traded weapons for cash in the city of Karbala, Iraq, in early June as part of the Army's Weapons Reward Program.

The weeklong program was started by a Polish Army psychological operations team to get weapons off the streets and put money in the pockets of citizens, thereby stimulating the local economy.

More than \$30,000 was given out, said 1st Lt. Eric Iliff, a fire support officer with C Company, 1st Battalion, 36th Infantry Regiment,

Task Force 1-37 Armor, 1st Armored Division. Soldiers from that unit, along with other Soldiers from the task force, manned the buy-back program at the Police Academy in southern Karbala from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day.

"The prices (we offer) are pretty competitive," said Iliff. "We have had very few people complain." The complaints they received came from those trying to sell inoperative weapons.

"They want to get the full price but for a broken AK," Iliff said. "We are only going to pay a small percentage of what we pay for a functional weapon." A wide variety of weapons

and ammunition were collected, including dozens of rocket-propelled grenade launchers, assault and other types of rifles, hundreds of hand grenades, and other explosives.

"We have done well considering this is just the first couple of days doing this in Karbala," Iliff said. "Another unit did the same program down in Najaf. They started off a little bit slow. After a couple of days the people began telling their neighbors and friends."

Iliff said that as word got out, other residents started saying, "Hey, the Americans are giving good prices for buying back these weapons.

Since we are not fighting anymore let's sell them back."

After gathering the weapons, Coalition forces will turn these weapons over to the Iraqi Civil Defense Corps, Iliff said. "That way the new Iraqi government doesn't have to buy all new weapons to equip their Soldiers. [The weapons] are already here in the country. We just put them in the right hands."

The ones that don't work will be destroyed.

The sellers received the going rate for the class of weapon they brought in. Some weapons were worth \$300.

(Sailer is with 1st Armored Division Public Affairs.)

## Chapel Call

### Collective Protestant Services

#### Sunday

9:00 a.m. • Liturgical Service, Bicentennial Chapel  
9:00 a.m. • Community Contemporary Soldiers Service, Friendship Chapel  
10:30 a.m. • Eisenhower Army Medical Center Chapel  
11 a.m. • Gospel Service at Signal Theatre  
11 a.m. • Bicentennial Chapel  
11 a.m. • Friendship Chapel

#### Catholic Services

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

#### Sunday Masses

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

#### Jewish Activities

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#### Denominational Services

LDS Service - Sunday 2 p.m., Barnes Avenue Chapel  
Samoa Service, Sunday 1 p.m., Bicentennial Chapel, Bldg. 28414

#### Religious Education

Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Protestant Sunday School, Religious Education Center  
Sunday, 11:00 a.m., Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) Classes, Religious Education Center (Sept. thru May).

#### Other Programs/Services

Episcopalian Soldier Representative is Kurt Miller at 791-0213  
LDS representative is Sergeant 1st Class (retired) Scott Robison, 533-0376. Apostolic Pentecostal's representative is Chaplain Snyder, 791-4683.

#### Bible Studies

OCF Bible Study - Monday 6:30 a.m., Officer Christian Fellowship Bible Study, Friendship Chapel, 791-2056. Friday evening OCF POC is Col. Hook, 863-8231, or Capt. Craft, 364-5144.

Tuesday, 7:00 p.m., Protestant Women of the Chapel, Bldg. 28414  
Bicentennial Chapel  
Wednesday, 11:30 a.m., Devotional Luncheon, Bicentennial Chapel, Bldg. 28414  
Wednesday, 9:30 a.m., Protestant Women of the Chapel, Bldg. 28414  
Wednesday 11:45 a.m. EAMC Bible Study, DDEAMC Din. Fac. Conf. Rm., 3rd floor  
Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. Signal Theatre, Faith Community Bible Study  
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Friendship Chapel Bible Study  
Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. 63rd & 67th SIG BN Bible Study, Contact Chaplain

#### Chapel Directory

Bicentennial Chapel, 791-3959  
Good Shepherd Chapel (Catholic), 791-2945  
Faith Community Chapel Activities 791-4703 (during duty hours)  
Barnes Avenue Friendship Chapel, 791-2056  
EisenhowerArmy Medical Center Chapel, 787-6667

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For additional information, call 791-4683  
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# A new 'leash' on life

Denise Allen  
Signal staff

The cat tried to stand in the cage. Too groggy from its anesthesia, it curled into a ball and went back to sleep.

Someone had thrown the feline out of a vehicle. A kind passerby picked it up and brought it to the Fort Gordon Veterinary Treatment Facility. Its tail was severely damaged and had to be amputated.

Fortunately for the cat, the passerby has offered to give it a home once it recovers from its road rash and tail amputation, but there are other pets at the facility that are still waiting.

Some of them are just waiting for their owners to come and claim them.

"People lose animals with a collar and a leash, and nobody bothers to call," said Capt. Rebecca Ball, veterinarian at the facility.

She said she checks the animals for microchips but often doesn't find any.

Ball said she wonders if people don't realize there is a veterinary facility on post and that their missing pets could be there.

Sometimes, animals belonging to people who live off-post wander on Fort Gordon grounds and wind up at the vet clinic, which is located at 500 N. Range Rd., near Hilltop

Stables and next to the military working dog kennel.

Civilians and military personnel can adopt pets from the facility. There are dogs and cats available for adoption.

Ball said they aren't having problems adopting the cats, but there are several big dogs, in-

cluding a chow mix and a golden retriever, needing homes.

Adoptions cost \$60 which includes some veterinary services on an as needed basis such as shots, a microchip and sterilization.

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## Bundle of energy

Chopper is an attention-loving, adult, female beagle/hound mix. She's medium size with a big heart and is available at the Fort Gordon Veterinary Treatment Facility. Adoption fee is \$60 and includes shots, spay or neuter, and microchip. The VTF is located at 500 North Range Rd., and is open Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. For information about Chopper or other animals available for adoption, call 787-3815.

# Benning unit tests new robot system

Spc. Nikki St. Amant  
TRADOC News Service

FORT BENNING, Ga. — The 29th Infantry Regiment's new experimental force platoon put a new advanced robotics controller system through the paces the week of June 18 at the McKenna Military Operations in Urban Terrain site.

Rapid Equipping Force personnel, along with Soldier Battle Lab representatives and a team from Exponent, a defense contractor specializing in failure and success analysis, oversaw the testing, which ended today.

The system, which is also being analyzed in select units on the ground in Afghanistan, is designed to increase situational awareness and lethality, said SBL project manager Capt. Joshua Stiltner.

The \$10,000 ARC system is a multipurpose system that allows the remote control of several different types of unmanned robotics elements and exponentially expands the communication capabilities from firing teams to higher echelons, Stiltner said.

The Sensoria radio, which is powered by the same battery as the widely used Single-Channel Ground and Airborne System radio, has a 400- to 600-meter, line-of-sight range, Stiltner said. But it is set up like a wireless network, where transmissions are carried along from user to user, making the actual range hypothetically endless.

The system also includes an individual Soldier personal digital assistant with global positioning capabilities, Stiltner said.

Once Soldiers are logged onto the system, their positions are available in real time to all the other authorized users on the network.

"This gives you a far more accurate view of the battlefield and establishes pinpoint minimum safe distance for accurate indirect fire," said Stiltner.

REF assistant program manager Maj. Kevin Nash

said one of the strongest qualities of the system is its simplicity.

"It's a real user-friendly system," said Nash. "With one day of classroom training and one day of hands-on field training, a unit can be sufficiently trained on the communications system. This is a developmental project, and it's up to the unit commander to decide when his unit is proficient, but it is very simple."

Robotics control comes into play when a joystick adapter is added to a Soldier's system, giving him control of any one of many different models of robots and vehicles, depending on the mission requirements, Nash said.

The robotics control adds at least a day to classroom training and a few more to the hands-on training experience,

but Nash said overall the training is still relatively quick.

The model tested at the MOUT site is the \$42,000 PackBot. Without modifications, the PackBot

weighs about 40 pounds and is propelled by heavy-duty tracks and rotating, tracked arms that assist in propulsion and negotiation of obstacles. In combat, the PackBot would be equipped with a pump-action shotgun system able to recycle itself and fire remotely, Stiltner said.

Streaming video from a front-mounted camera is transmitted to the controller's PDA, which is plug-and-play connected to a joystick adapter, giving the controller a first-person view of whatever the robot sees.

The PDA screen, when in controller mode, displays battery-power level, heading and both pitch and yaw readings to assist in navigation of difficult terrain.

The PackBot also comes equipped with a nuclear, biological and chemical sensor package capable of detecting a wide range of NBC contaminants.

An infrared camera lens enables the robot to operate in low-light conditions as well, Stiltner said.

In classroom instruction Tuesday morning, REF personnel taught the simple assembly of the robot, battery-recharging procedures, navigation, firing procedures and fielded questions from the EXFOR Soldiers that mostly covered possible modifications to the system.

During hands-on training, most of the Soldiers were relatively comfortable with the navigation of the PackBot through urban terrain that included the ascent and descent of stairs with obstacles in place, navigating around corners and furniture and flipping the robot over.

Cyle Fina, an Exponent military adviser, explained several possible uses for the PackBot to the EXFOR Soldiers, including the transport of up to 30 pounds of munitions or medical supplies to personnel trapped under fire, surveillance capabilities and tunnel-rat missions reminiscent of the Vietnam War era, which are still executed in cave searches in Afghanistan.

"You have to think of the PackBot as a combat multiplier," Fina said.

EXFOR platoon member Pfc. Andrew Hasbrouck said the REF personnel were right about the simplicity of the system.

"We are the video-game generation," Hasbrouck said. "It's just like a video game. If you can maneuver through Halo, you can do this."

Nash said REF expects to have ARC systems on the ground in Afghanistan with the 25th Infantry Division by mid-July.

(St. Amant is a writer with Fort Benning's newspaper The Bayonet.)

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# Community Events

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

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.

## Changes of command

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.

The **551st Signal Battalion** change of command ceremony is 8 a.m. **Friday** at Barton Field.

Lt. Col. Karla Donovan will relinquish command to Lt. Col. Michael Shillinger. Inclement weather location is Gym 5. For information call Master Sgt. Bruce Hayes at 791-6079/7767.

## Salsa night

The Gordon Club is having Salsa Night from 8 p.m.-2 a.m. **Friday and July 23 and 30**. The night features DJs The Rodriguez Brothers. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door. Call 791-2205 for information.

## Comedy night

The Gordon Club hosts Comedy Night at 8 p.m. **July 16**. The show features Sean Larkins, R-Nesto and Cocoa Brown. Doors open at 7 p.m.; tickets cost \$10 in advance, \$13 at the door. For informa-

tion, call 791-6780 or 791-2205.

## 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. **Friday** 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.

## Bariatric support group

The Bariatric Support Group meets at 6:30 p.m. the **second Tuesday** of each month at Eisenhower Army Medical Center in the hospital auditorium on the first floor; the meeting begins at 7 p.m. The group is open to pre-op and post-op patients, and anyone interested in learning about the surgery.

Call Florrie Cox at 595-8330 for information.

## Separating service members

Service members within one year of separating or two years of projected retirement from the military may contact the Army Career and Alumni Program for assistance.

All service members leaving active duty with more than 180 days of active service, must receive the congressionally mandated pre-separation counseling. Counseling must take place no later than 90 days prior to separation and covers available transition assistance services, rights and benefits. To schedule an appointment, call 791-7333, or go to [www.gordon.army.mil/dhr/ACAP/acap.htm](http://www.gordon.army.mil/dhr/ACAP/acap.htm).

## Business advice

The Service Corps of Retired Executives provides counseling and mentoring to business people starting or expanding a business.

SCORE is a non-profit, public service organization affiliated with the Small Business Administration; all services are free. For information, call 793-9998, 9 a.m.-noon Monday to Friday.

## Orientation

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

## Resumix

Army Community Service, Employment Readiness program will hold a Resumix workshop **July 20** at Eisenhower Army Medical Center Computer Lab 12-C-20. Disks will not be supplied. Participants are asked to bring one to copy your information. For more information or to register call, 791-3579.

## Graduate courses

The Signal Regiment Graduate Education Program is offering a resident Information Technology Graduate Seminar in partnership with the University of Maryland University College.

The next ITGS is **July 10 to Sept. 11**. Registration is currently ongoing through 9 July 2004.

This program is open to all Fort Gordon personnel (military permanent party and students, civilians, and family members) and is supported by tuition assistance for military members.

The courses are offered in an executive seminar format, consisting of Saturday resident classes for 10 weeks. Completion of the seminar results in six graduate credits toward several information technology master's degree programs offered by UMUC.

To register, contact the Fort Gordon ITGS Program Manager Maj. Pier Durst at 791-8182/6627 or [pier.durst@us.army.mil](mailto:pier.durst@us.army.mil), or visit [www.gordon.army.mil/edu](http://www.gordon.army.mil/edu).

## 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 information, call Augusta Red Cross at 724-8481 or Pamela Rachal, Child and Youth Services, at 791-1305/6495.

## Pro Am tourney

Gordon Lanes Bowling Center will host the 4th Fort Gordon PBA Southern Regional Pro Am Tournament **July 9-11**.

All Pros and Pro Ams are invited. The event is open to the public. For information call Tim Stancil at 791-8661 or Jim Neal at 791-3446.

## 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.

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- **Army combat uniform revealed**
- **Old Guard honors President Reagan**

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Photo by Pfc. Armando Monroig

## Steady

Sgt. 1st Class Jack Munoz, HHC, U.S. Army Garrison, gives Spc. Katrina Nichols, HHC USAG, pointers during weapons training at Range 7 Friday. The pair are part of Fort Gordon's Quick Reaction Force, a team developed to quickly respond to emergencies on post.

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# Infantry brigade faces reaction course challenge

Spc. Eliamar Castanon  
TRADOC News Service

**FORT BENNING, Ga.** – The Soldiers of A Company, 1st Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment, were thinking hard June 8 as they tried to successfully complete the obstacles of the Leaders Reaction Course on Main Post.

“Today’s mission was to come out and execute the Leaders Reaction Course to teach these young Soldiers team development toward accomplishing a certain task,” said Capt. Joel Benefiel, A Co. commander.

The Soldiers were given ammunition boxes, ropes, pipes and wooden planks to help tackle each obstacle, which required them to get their squad from one side of a mine field to the other without losing or injuring any Soldiers.

The LRC is not the first obstacle course the Soldiers of A Co. have taken on.

“We’ve been to the confidence course and the Eagle Tower obstacle

courses on Sand Hill,” said Pvt. John Ingle, a 3rd Platoon Soldier. “They want us to learn to work cohesively; they want us to work as one.”

The 17-lane obstacle course had the Soldiers climbing walls, jumping on ropes, walking on wooden planks and working together to get to safety.

The Soldiers waiting their turn to tackle the obstacles were actively involved in common task training, which included a review of first-aid, U.S. weapons, nuclear, biological and chemical warfare, map reading and camouflage, Benefiel said.

“It’s concurrent training, which is additional training on areas that the Soldiers have covered throughout the cycle. The purpose of this training is to keep them current on their training so they do not forget it in between their phase testing,” said Staff Sgt. Donovan Malcolm, 3rd Platoon drill sergeant.

As Pvt. Jimmy Torries, a 2nd Platoon Soldier, struggled to position his buddy for a fireman’s carry during a

first-aid exercise, he recognized the importance of the company’s overall training.

“This type of training ensures that we know what we have to do if we’re in a combat situation and we have to save our buddy’s life,” he said.

Another Soldier, Pvt. DeAndré Henderson, 1st Platoon, said this type of training helps all Soldiers know how to take charge if they are caught in a situation where their leaders are taken out.

“If we all know how to lead, any one of us will be able to get our platoon or squad to safety,” Henderson said.

“We’re not only building individual Soldiers, we’re building future leaders,” Benefiel said.

The A Co. Soldiers have been in training for three weeks and moved on to Phase II of their training Thursday. The company is scheduled to graduate Aug. 27.

(Castanon is a writer with *The Bayonet*.)



Photo by Spc. Eliamar Castanon  
**Soldiers from Company A, 1st Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment, pull their buddy over a wall at an obstacle in the Leaders Reaction Course at Fort Benning June 8. The 17-lane obstacle course tested the Soldiers’ abilities to work as a team. The infantry Soldiers took on the course as part of their first phase of training.**

## Coalition transfers legal custody of Saddam Hussein

Donna Miles  
American Forces Press Service

**WASHINGTON** – The coalition officially transferred legal custody of Saddam Hussein and 11 other high-profile detainees to Iraq Wednesday.

Iraqi Prime Minister Iyad Allawi requested the transfer Tuesday, calling it an important step as Iraq takes control of its affairs after gaining sovereignty from the Coalition Provisional Authority Monday.

“We Iraqis believe that to truly be in control of our affairs and our own future, we must be in control of the destiny of the people we believe most responsible for so much of the suffering the Iraqi people endured over the past 35 years,” Allawi said.

Saddam was expected to be charged by an Iraqi investigative judge Thursday. Salem Chalabi, head of the Special Iraqi Tribunal, said Saddam and the other detainees will physically remain in U.S. hands until Iraqi correctional service is ready to accept them.

Allawi said the accused will be “afforded rights that were denied by the former regime” as their cases are heard by an independent judiciary. “The accused will have access to legal counsel, and they will have the right to appoint legal counsel,” he said.

Saddam and the other detainees “may not be compelled to testify against themselves and may remain silent” during their legal proceedings, Allawi added.

Although legal proceedings are under way, Allawi acknowledged that the judicial process “will take some time,” likely not beginning “for a number of months.” But he assured reporters that the process will be fair and open. “Justice will be done, however, and the process of these cases will be open for all to see,” he said.

Allawi said transfer of legal custody of Saddam and others of the “most notorious and

high-profile detainees” to Iraq represents a big step as Iraq enters “a new era” – its second within the past 14 months.

“Last April, Iraq began an era free from Saddam Hussein,” he said. “We Iraqis are grateful for the coalition action that liberated us from the former dictator’s tyrannical grip.”

With the Monday sovereignty transfer, Allawi said, Iraq has entered yet another new era that includes bringing those responsible for past atrocities to justice.

“More than one million Iraqis are missing as a result of events that occurred during the former regime. Hundreds of thousands of Iraqis of all religions and ethnic groups are believed to be buried in mass graves,” he said.

“Those we believe most responsible for Iraq’s suffering will face Iraqi justice,” Allawi continued. “I know I speak for my fellow countrymen when I say I look forward to the day former regime leaders face justice, God willing.”

## Transfer won’t immediately stop violence, Rumsfeld says

Donna Miles  
American Forces Press Service

**ISTANBUL, Turkey** – The transfer of sovereignty to the interim Iraqi government Monday probably won’t bring an immediate stop to terrorism plaguing the country, but it’s likely to succeed over time as the Iraqi people support their new government, Defense Secretary Donald H.

Rumsfeld said.

The secretary, in Turkey for the NATO Istanbul Summit, said the terrorists in Iraq were determined to prevent the handover of power from happening.

“A successful Iraq that is peaceful and democratic and respectful of all the religious and ethnic groups in that country is exactly what the terrorists don’t want,” the secretary said. “And therefore, they will

continue for awhile to try to stop it.”

Rumsfeld said the coalition agreed that it was “a good idea” to transfer sovereignty when the Iraqis were ready rather than waiting for the anticipated June 30 handover date. “And it turns out, they were ready a couple days before the 30th, which is a good thing,” he said.

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# JROTC: No loafers allowed

## Atlanta's inner-city cadets accept camp challenge

**Bridgett Siter**  
TRADOC News Service

**FORT BENNING, Ga.** — At 5 feet, 2 inches and 105 pounds, with laughing brown eyes and an engaging grin, 16-year-old Norris Williamson does not strike an imposing figure. But he's a giant among his peers — more than 400 students in the junior class at Benjamin Mays High School in Atlanta.

Lt. Col. Grandvial Quick singled Williamson out during the annual JROTC summer leadership camp for Atlanta's inner city schools June 21-25. Quick said the third-year cadet is a fine example of what the corps can do for teenagers.

"He's a leader," said Quick as Williamson volunteered for a second go at the Ranger rappel tower. "These kids come here and do things they never thought they could do, and they leave wanting to do it again. It gives them confidence, and it takes confidence to be a good leader."

JROTC has long been recognized in Muscogee County and the surrounding areas as a worthy program, given the proximity to Fort Benning and strong local ties to the military. But inner-city kids like Williamson and his classmates stand to gain a lot more from the corps, said Lt. Col. Nicholas Burke, a senior JROTC instructor.

They might not be able to articulate — or even recognize — the need for structure and discipline in their lives, Burke

said, but JROTC "fills that void." "Most of them come from a different environment than you see around here, and (JROTC) gives them a place to fit in," he said. "No one's wearing \$300 loafers in JROTC. It's an even playing field. Anybody who wants to succeed can succeed. Every kid can't be a football player, but every kid can be in JROTC."

Lt. Col. Tom Torbert, the deputy director of Army instruction for Atlanta schools, said the cadets typically experience "a degree of culture shock" when they enter the program — "We don't put up with nonsense."

And though the corps models West Point's policy of student leadership, the cadets ultimately look to the cadre for guidance.

"If they're doing PT, we're doing PT. They're watching us," Torbert said. "They want someone who's really going to walk the walk."

The results speak for themselves, Burke said.

"The difference between these cadets and other students? They're focused," he said. "They graduate."

As for the weeklong camp, which emphasizes leadership and teamwork, Burke said nothing the corps does during the school year can compare to the week at Fort Benning.

"You've gotta realize, most of these cadets have no ties to the military whatsoever. This is their first time on a military installation and their first



Photo by Bridgett Siter

Activities at the annual JROTC summer leadership camp included rappelling at the 4th Ranger Training Battalion's tower. The camp ended with a picnic at Flat Rock Park in Columbus.

time doing a lot of these events," he said. "Fort Benning is the nearest place in the world. You can't get this kind of training anywhere else."

Williamson agreed. He came away from the experience believing "I can do great things."

"The obstacle courses totally blew me out," he said. "I was hyped. It's

like, wow, I completed this basic-training course many grown men can't complete. It was exhilarating. It motivates you to want to do more."

Williamson ranks in the top 10 percent of his class academically. He's the vice president of his church youth group and second in command on the school's drill team. He owes much of

his success to JROTC, he said.

"It changed me from this shy kid who didn't say much to this whole different person," he said. "Now I'm boisterous. My favorite thing to do is call cadence. People say, 'Boy, you've got a big mouth to be so small.'"

(Siter is with the Fort Benning newspaper *The Bayonet*.)

# Airborne: A leap of faith

## Paratroopers go feet-first

**Spc. Eliamar Castanon**  
TRADOC News Service

**FORT BENNING, Ga.** — The Soldiers of D Company, 1st Battalion (Airborne), 507th Infantry, were falling out of the skies over Mann Field Tuesday as part of Airborne School's ground week.

During the first phase of airborne training, or ground week, Soldiers are taught the fundamentals of military parachuting, how to exit an aircraft and how to land safely, said Staff Sgt. David Rowan, D Co. operations noncommissioned officer.

The company picked up 487 Soldiers for training June 11. Tuesday, 74 Soldiers had already been dropped because of the PT test.

"(Soldiers) must be in good health and meet physical-fitness requirements, since more than 90 percent of the training is strenuous and involves bodily contact with the ground," Rowan said.

Before Soldiers are allowed to train, they must pass a physical-fitness test to ensure they can endure the three weeks of training. The Soldiers must pass the test at the 17- to 21-year-old standard with a flexed-arm-hang event.

"They're required to do one pull-up and hold themselves up for 10 seconds," Rowan said. "The flexed arm hang is supposed to demonstrate the Soldier's (ability) to manipulate (an open) canopy."

Once the Soldiers take the PT test, they move on to the

first portion of airborne training — ground week, which is the phase D Co. is currently in. Tuesday, they learned the proper form for exiting an aircraft by jumping out of a 34-foot tower.

"We ensure they exit with a good and tight body position," Rowan said. "They have to get at least four consecutive satisfactory exits, or they may get dropped from the class."

Pvt. Ashley Cairns said she's afraid of heights but still had fun when she jumped out of the 34-foot tower.

"The hardest part is running everywhere in boots," she said. "Sometimes I want to quit, but I'm going to make my dad proud."

"Paratroopers historically run everywhere," said Staff Sgt. Samuel Baugh, D Co. instructor. "As soon as we land, we have to run for cover, so the Soldiers do the same here. It's 60 years of tradition; we don't make these things up."

Pfc. William Wilhite said he has no desire to quit, and seeing people "fall out" motivates him to continue.

"It's one thing for Soldiers to fail or get hurt and have to be dropped," Baugh said. "But if you quit, you'll be a quitter the rest of your life."

Most airborne classes start with an average of 420 Soldiers and graduate more than 300. Most drops are related to lower body injuries, such as stress fractures and sprained ankles, Baugh said, but heat casualties are common, too.

"There isn't enough time

to acclimate the Soldiers to the weather, but we're constantly ensuring that they hydrate," he said.

During ground week, Soldiers also learn to land on their "five points of contact": the balls of the feet, the calf of the leg, thighs, the buttocks and the "pull-up" muscle.

"A paratrooper descends at a rate of 18 to 22 feet per second and may carry more than 100 pounds of combat equipment," Rowan said. "To minimize the risk of injury, we teach them to land on the fleshy parts of the body."

Next week, the Soldiers will move on to tower week, when they'll receive additional training in the fundamentals of parachuting, maneuvering the parachute canopy and mass-exit techniques. They'll learn to move inside an aircraft and exit an aircraft with other paratroopers in tow.

To learn these techniques, Soldiers use the suspended harness, which is designed to give them a feeling of maneuvering a canopy, Rowan said. Soldiers also learn what to do if their parachute malfunctions.

The third week is the testing week. Soldiers do five jumps before they graduate. The first jump has 15 jumpers exiting the aircraft one at a time. The second jump has 10 jumpers exiting the aircraft from two doors with combat equipment. The third, fourth and fifth jumps have 15 jumpers exiting the aircraft with one-second intervals at the same time.

The Soldiers graduated training July 1.

## Warrant Officer Insignia ceremony

Warrant officers will discontinue wearing of the 'Eagle Rising' insignia and will begin wearing their respective branch insignia. The event will take place as part of the 1:30 p.m. ceremony Friday in Alexander Hall, marking the 86th anniversary of the Warrant Officer Corps. This change is only one of many initiatives planned for the Warrant Officer Corps to remain relevant and support the overall needs of the Army. All assigned active duty warrants are expected to attend the ceremony. All retirees and reserve warrant officers are invited to attend. Contact Chief Warrant 5 Andrew Barr at 791-5771 for further information.



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### Paintball

The Fort Gordon Paintball Field is offering the following specials for a limited time:

**Saturday Special**—\$30 includes 500 rounds, gun, mask, field and lunch from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Sunday special**—Buy one \$30 package and get the second package at half price. Price includes 500 rounds, gun, mask and field.

Unit commanders can earn free paintballs for Common Task Testing training or as a fundraiser.

The field, located behind the Courtyard, is open **Wednesday** from 3-8 p.m.; **Saturday** and **Sunday** from 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Call 294-7475 Monday through Friday for reservations or information.

### 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 information, call Augusta Red Cross at 724-8481 or Pamela Rachal, Child and Youth Services, at 791-1305/6495.

### Sports news

**Battalion softball**—The Battalion Level Softball Program will be **Aug. 2-20**.

Individual registration will be accepted from members of units that do not have an organized team. The Sports Office will make assignments. Battalions desiring to enter a team must submit their Memorandum of Intent by July 14 to the Sports Office, Building 29719.

For information, contact Al Robinson, e-mail at [robinsoa@gordon.army.mil](mailto:robinsoa@gordon.army.mil) or 791-1142.

### Salsa night

The Gordon Club will host Salsa Night **Friday** and **July 23** and **30** from 10 p.m.-2 a.m.

DJs for the event are the Rodriguez Brothers.

Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door, and is open to the public. Call 791-2205 for information.

### Pro Am tourney

Gordon Lanes Bowling Center will host the 4th Fort Gordon PBA Southern Regional Pro Am Tournament **July 9-11**.

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### Outdoor recreation

The Army's Clark Hill Recreation Area offers camping, water skiing, fishing, hiking, biking and more. Located just 25 miles from Fort Gordon, the area is open to all ID card holders. For information, call 541-1057.

# Military soccer fans soak up appreciation and a win

Spc. Lorie Jewell  
Army News Service

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**—A year ago, Sgt. Timothy Abele, Cpl. Dwayne Frost and Spc. Antoinette Scott were in Baghdad, ferrying troops and supplies to and from destinations throughout Iraq.

The trio, members of the D.C. National Guard's 547th Transportation Company, stood centerfield in RFK Stadium June 19, taking in thunderous applause from more than 17,000 soccer fans as they accepted lifetime memberships into the Military Order of the Purple Heart. The Soldiers also helped start the competition with ceremonial kicks of soccer balls.

"It's so overwhelming," Scott said after the presentation. "It's a good feeling to be recognized for what you do. To me, I was just doing my job. And I would do it again."

Scott was driving a five-ton truck to Baghdad Airport Nov. 14, transporting several Soldiers who were flying out for rest and recuperation leave or transfers to new duty assignments, when the vehicle was hit by an improvised explosive device. Shrapnel went through the left side of her face, breaking her jaw and a main blood vessel to her brain. Scott managed not only to keep the truck upright and moving, but she was able to get the Soldiers to their destination before seeking medical treatment.

"There was no time to think. I just knew I had to move and move fast," Scott recalled. "I was making sure I had my weapon close and that it wasn't on safe, plus trying to do a head count to make sure everyone was OK. That's when I realized I was bleeding."

Abele and Frost were also driving 5-tons when they were injured. Abele was in a convoy heading into Fallujah when his vehicle hit an IED on Sept. 22. Shrapnel peppered his face,

missing his left eye by a half-inch. He was treated on the spot, completed his mission, and returned to duty. Frost was on an evening mission in downtown Baghdad July 22, the same day Saddam Hussein's sons were killed, when insurgents in a Jeep Cherokee barreled into his vehicle head-on, flipping the 5-ton. Despite shrapnel burrowing into his legs, Frost and several other Soldiers took up their weapons and fought their way to safety. The insurgents were arrested, Frost said, and he returned to duty after being treated for his injuries.

Both returned to D.C. in April with their unit. Scott was flown out of Iraq to Germany soon after the attack on her vehicle, where she spent about eight days before arriving at Walter Reed Army Medical Center for another nine weeks of recovery. A thick scar along her jaw line is a lingering reminder of her scrape with death.

She was all smiles in her Class A uniform, though, as she stood at attention beside Abele and Frost for the induction ceremony by Military Order of the Purple Heart officials Richard Spinelli, Richard Gallant and Ransom Jordan.

The ceremony was a featured event in the D.C. United soccer organization's fifth-annual Armed Forces Appreciation Day. The team paid tribute to the service and sacrifices of military members with discounted admission to the game against the Columbus Crew, entertainment and interactive soccer activities for children prior to the game. They also donated a portion of ticket sales to the USO to assist the organization's efforts in sponsoring entertainment and assistance programs for the military.

Service members from all branches played an active role in pre-game and half time proceedings, from a joint color guard and F-16 flyover to Navy Chief Kevin C. Macey singing



Photo by Spc. Lorie Jewell

**D.C. United team captain Ryan Nelsen greets Cpl. Dwayne Frost, Spc. Antoinette Scott and Sgt. Timothy Abele before the team's match June 19 against the Columbus Crew. The Soldiers are members of the D.C. National Guard's 547th Transportation Company who were inducted into the Military Order of the Purple Heart as part of the team's annual Armed Forces Appreciation Day for their efforts during Operation Iraqi Freedom.**

the National Anthem and a presentation by the Marine Corps Silent Drill Team. Operation Tribute to Freedom, a year-old program that supports and assists efforts to honor the military, worked closely with D.C. United to organize military participation in the event.

"We thought it was a fantastic evening," said Doug Hicks, vice president of communications for the team. "We felt everything that was done properly honored the military." Greg Davis, a Navy lieutenant commander, agreed. He said he appreciated the recog-

nition from D.C. United and an opportunity to enjoy several hours of inexpensive fun and entertainment with his wife, Lori, and 3-year-old son, Cameron. The couple escorted their son through several interactive play stations in the Soccer Celebration area before game time, where he bounced through an inflatable soccer field obstacle course, kicked a few soccer balls, and played goalie.

"It's great to get all this attention out here," said Davis, who works in public health service. "And for the price, you absolutely can't beat it."

Marine Lance Cpl. Brian Smith is an avid soccer fan. He's been to many D.C. United games and normally roots for the team. Being from Ohio, though, he felt obliged to cheer on Columbus.

"Being a soccer fan, you gotta choose a team," Smith said, grinning. "But really, it's all about the sport."

On this night, it was about much more. There were thank-yous for selfless service, proud displays of military showmanship and skill — and victory. D.C. United beat Columbus Crew, 3-1.

## Unit Sports Standings

AS OF JUNE 28

Team	Won	Lost
<b>Blue Division</b>		
B-447	16	2
D-447	14	5
E-447	12	5
B-551	11	6
C-369	11	7
C-73	9	7
C-551	7	9
D-369	8	11
D-551	7	12
B-73	4	15
E-369	0	20
<b>Green Division</b>		
BNGOA	13	1
A-297	10	2
A-201	5	3
518	8	5
252	6	5
C-63	8	7
338TRS	6	7
HHC-116	6	9
A-63	4	7
HHC-63	4	8
Co. D, MAR	2	18
<b>Morning Division</b>		
B-447	11	1
E-447	9	3
C-369	4	8
D-369	0	12
<b>Red Division</b>		
31 IS	15	1
A-442	10	2
ANCOA	10	3
A-206	9	5
EAMC	6	5
A-551	7	7
A-73	7	7
35 MP	3	9
ADL	3	10
NSGA	2	13
249	1	11
<b>Women's Division</b>		
C-369	5	1
EAMC	5	1
D-447	0	8

## What a catch

**Jesse Landrum, Sgt. 1st Class John Landrum's son, shows off his recent big catch that he caught during a Father's Day fishing trip with his dad at Lower Leitner Lake. The big bass was 25 inches, and weighed 8 lbs 5 oz. The fish is being mounted and will be on display in the new Sportsman's Club lodge at the Tactical Advantage Sportsman's Complex (Range 14) that opens later in July.**



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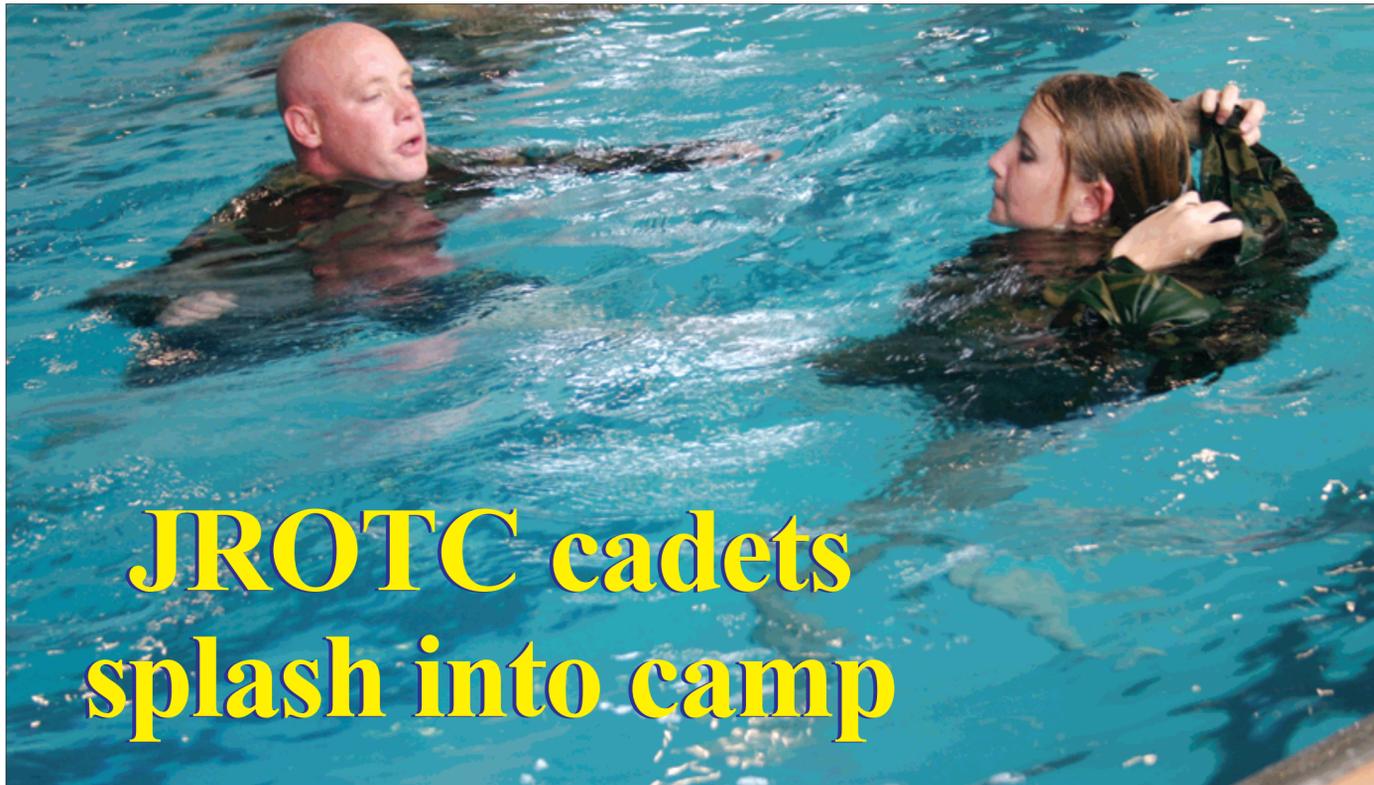
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## JROTC cadets splash into camp

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**Sgt. Sam Smith**  
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JROTC cadets from around the state gathered here for the annual Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps' Camp Challenge 2004 June 21-25.

The camp was an opportunity for high school students from Georgia and South Carolina to interact with Fort Gordon Soldiers in a training environment.

More than 230 students from 15 schools participated in the summer camp, which was run by the Regimental Noncommissioned Officers' Academy. Advanced and Basic Noncommissioned Officers' Course students and small group leaders taught the high school students to negotiate obstacles, land navigation, first aid, waterborne safety, and drill and ceremony.

"We love working with Soldiers," said Sgt. Roscoe Archer, a BNCOC student and site commander for the one-rope bridge. "(This) puts things in a different perspective, working with high school students. It tones us down because they're not military, so we can work on our people skills."

According to Archer, it

also allowed the Soldiers to have some fun working with the community. For Archer, one of the highlights of the summer camp was performing in an air assault skit as double zero, a slap-stick, fall-guy character.

One of the things different about this year's Camp Challenge is the new barracks the cadets stayed in. "The barracks are excellent and the food is great, better than I expected...and I came here last year," said Charles Davis, who's entering the 11th grade at Hephzibah High School this fall. "The only problem is waking up at 5 in the morning."

Early wake-ups are something Davis is going to have to get used to, if he goes through the early commission program at East Carolina, as he plans. Of course the main purpose of the JROTC program is to get high school students interested in the military, and Camp Challenge is a part of that mission.

"They see how we act and react to them," Archer said. "Most of them will join the Army when they graduate. It would be nice if all of them did, but I'd say about 60 percent of them (will)."

Staff Sgt. James King, Company B, 442nd Signal Battalion, teaches Danielle Moore, a cadet at the Academy of Richmond County, waterborne safety at the indoor pool. The technique she's practicing involves trapping air in a pair of battle dress uniform pants and using them as a flotation device.



(Above) Sgt. Roscoe Archer, a BNCOC student, teaches cadets the proper way to tie their Swiss seats. (Left) Natasia Horton, a cadet from Hephzibah High School going into the 11th grade in the fall, gets off the zip line by Brems Barracks. (Below) Sgt. 1st Class Derrick Martin, a Basic Noncommissioned Officer's Course small group leader, times cadets putting on a Swiss seat.

