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# The Signal



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## News UPDATE

### Gate construction

One lane of traffic at a time, inbound or outbound, will be closed at Gate 1 Wednesday to Friday for the installation of force protection measures. Work will be suspended during peak traffic times and delays are expected to be minimal.

For information, call Pat Arthur at 791-6183.

### Free classes offered

Army Community Health Nursing Service, Eisenhower Army Medical Center, can provide classes to units or groups on Fort Gordon who would like training in any of the following areas:

HIV Awareness, STD Prevention, Health Promotion, Personal Hygiene and Healthy Practices, Tobacco Awareness, Tuberculosis Awareness, Child Safety, Field Hygiene, Testicular/Breast Self Examination Awareness, or Prostate Cancer Awareness.

Contact Lt. Col. Sherri Baker or Capt. Jill Corson at 787-5354 for information or to request a class.

### Pet adoptions

The Fort Gordon Veterinary Treatment Facility is having an adopt-a-thon from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday in front of the Post Exchange.

For information, call 787-3815.

### Changes of command

The 551st Signal Battalion change of command ceremony is 8 a.m. today 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.

The 15th Regimental Signal Brigade change of command ceremony is 8 a.m. Friday 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.

### Babysitting class

The next American Red Cross Babysitting Class is 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday 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.

## New life for old buildings

### Reuse breathes new life into WWII buildings

Pfc. Armando Monroig  
*Signal staff*

There are some older buildings on Fort Gordon that need to be removed. But what would be the best way of doing so?

"They are not energy efficient, electricity is not up to the present-day code, they need repair, roofs are leaking, stuff like that," said Steve Willard, director of Fort Gordon's Environmental and Natural Resource Management Office.

The buildings to be deconstructed are World War II-era structures built in the 1940s located in the northwest corner of Fort Gordon. They could be demolished but Fort Gordon's Environmental and Natural Resource Management office has another idea they'd like to try out.

It's called deconstruction – a process of taking a building apart in reverse. And it is part of the government's facilities reduction action: the government has too many infrastructures that are old and not built to the standards of present day buildings.

It is an alternative to demolishing that has many upsides to it, said Willard.

The parts recovered from dismantling of a structure are sold and used again by other companies and organizations, he said.

Wood will be the primary item recycled but other material such as metal from pipes, ducts, valves, bricks, vinyl siding, roof decking and planking will be removed as well, said Pat Arthur, a facility manager for the Directorate of Public Works and Logistics.

Funds derived from the deconstruction project will go toward Fort Gordon's recycling program.

Willard added that non-recyclable materials will be used to fill land in areas of post that need to be filled in as opposed to being sent to a landfill, taking up space.

The concept of deconstruction is new to Fort Gordon but not to the Army. It's been done at Forts Knox and Campbell, Ky., with some success, said Mike Carnes of Solid Waste Solutions Corp., a waste and recycling consulting firm.

Currently "Row A" of the wooden structures located on Fort Gordon's northwest corner is slated to be the first to be removed by deconstruction.

Willard said there are three phases in the building deconstruction: the first one is clearing the structures of hazardous materials, the second is training on deconstruction, and third auctioning off the remaining bays of "Row A".

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Photo by Pfc. Armando Monroig

World War II-era buildings on post are slated for deconstruction beginning in July. Deconstruction is when an older structure is taken apart – not demolished – and the recyclable parts are sold. Whatever is not sold will be used as landfill on Fort Gordon.

will deconstruct two bays, 1800 square feet, in warehouse "Row A," which is 5400 square feet, the earlier part of July, said Arthur.

The remaining bays will be auctioned off July 17, contracts signed and the buildings taken down, said Willard.

He said one of the pros to doing deconstruction over demolition is that you are dealing with less material.

"If you look at it from how much it cost you to get rid of stuff," said Willard, "you are probably going to break even or make a little bit of money."

Another plus is that

deconstruction produces materials being put back into the market, where they can be used or sold to someone who can, in turn promoting business, he added.

Until deconstruction and demolition are compared though, Willard said it is hard to say exactly which method is better, but deconstruction looks promising.

Which is why this action is being monitored, he said. There's going to be measuring and weighing of materials, statisticians calculating figures to compare which method is truly best overall.

"It'll give 'em a good baseline study to go forward," said Willard.

But before the auction is the second part of the deconstruction project that involves the Pollution Prevention Assistance Division, part of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources.

Teresa Shiflett, sustainable building specialist, is the person in charge of P2AD's involvement in the project, which is running a two-day training event of deconstruction participants.

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## A place to huddle

### Construction continues; restaurant scheduled to open in early August

Denise Allen  
*Signal staff*

Steel shortages forced construction on Fort Gordon's Huddle House restaurant to come to a stop last month.

"They had to shut down for about three weeks," said Pat Buchholz, the installation's strategic management officer.

Now, construction is back underway; the concrete slab was poured around June 25, and steel beams and wood are going up.

The 24-hour sit down restaurant should be open for business the first week of August, depending on weather or other unforeseen events, she said.

Another new restaurant that scheduled to open its doors on Fort Gordon is a Godfather's Pizza, which will be located in an existing building on the corner of B Street and Rice Road.

The building will also house an Internet café and a coffee house, she said.

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Photo by Pfc. Armando Monroig

Work continues on the Huddle House restaurant across from Burger King. It is anticipated the 24-hour restaurant will open in early August.

## School screening program approaching

Starting July 31, Eisenhower Army Medical Center will launch its 2004 School Screening program for school age children eligible for care at EAMC.

The school screening is a state requirement for children entering Georgia Public Schools for the first time and includes vision, hearing and dental screening as well as an immunizations update.

The school screening is a one-time screening and does not include sport, cheerleader or band physicals. (A separate appointment with the primary care provider is required for sport, cheerleader or band physicals; call to schedule an appointment with your primary care provider.)

To schedule your child's school screening and receive instructions, call 787-7300 Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Screenings include grades pre-kindergarten through 12th grade, ages 5 through 19 (children must be at least age 4 on the day of screening). For entrance into the sixth grade in the state of Georgia, a child must have a second Measles, Mumps and Rubella immunization with documented proof.

South Carolina schools only require proof of current immunizations. The immunizations will be recorded on the Certificate of Immunization - Form 3231. The Varicella (chickenpox) policy requires either physician verification of a prior chickenpox episode or prior vacci-

nation with the Varicella vaccine.

Parents will have the opportunity to gather family health education material, talk with a dietician for nutritional information and receive guidance for dietary-counsel appointments. Information will also be available regarding benefits and TRICARE enrollment.

EAMC will host the "One-Stop, 4 Point" school screening clinic July 31, and Aug. 7 and 14.

Parents must bring the following:

- ID Card or current proof of DEERS registration
- Child's eyeglasses/hearing aid(s) (if applicable)
- Child's medical stamp card
- Child's immunization record ("Yellow Shot Record")
- Medical Power of Attorney (if applicable)
- Medical records (if not at EAMC)

On the day of your child's scheduled screening, please park in Eisenhower's main parking lot and proceed to the Internal Medicine Clinic (across from the Emergency Room entrance). From there you will be assisted through the various screening stations.

If you live in South Carolina or Georgia and have a completed immunization record that you want reviewed, call 787-7300 to schedule a "nurse appointment" for review of your child's immunization record.

(From an EAMC information release.)

# Peppers calls it 'quits'

## 15th Signal Brigade's senior NCO retires

Staff Sgt. Stacy Wamble  
*Signal Military Editor*

It took only one day to figure out that the Army fit and it took more than 29 years to say goodbye. Command Sgt. Maj. Reuben Peppers initially joined the Army with the idea of staying only two years, but all that changed his first day of basic training.

"I understood what was going on, and I accepted it," he said. "It was like it was made for me. I realized I was in the right place. I've only had one occasion where I contemplated getting out, and that was just a matter of miscommunication."

After 29 years of service and two and a half years as the brigade's top enlisted Soldier, Peppers bid farewell to the 15th Signal Brigade and the Army June 30.

"I've had great assignments. Every organization I have been in, growth has taken place," said Peppers. "I would say this one has probably been the most rewarding because of the impact you have on people."

His goal for the 15th Signal Brigade was "to make a difference not in just the (Initial Entry Training Soldiers), but in the NCOs. To make a difference in their lives; to make a difference in

their careers.

"It was just to share all my experiences with them and the leadership here," said Peppers. "I personally feel that I have made a difference, but to what level I can not say."

"I figured after (being a drill sergeant and an instructor), all the places I've been and all the things I have done I could do something," he said.

As the top enlisted advisor to the 15th Signal Brigade commander, Peppers shares his experience with every new Soldier coming to the brigade.

"I see 200 Soldiers every Monday morning, and I put one hour of me into every Soldier coming in," said Peppers. "I probably won't reap the benefits of whatever I put in that one hour, but somebody will. They will take those words to a unit and share them with someone else."

"One of the biggest things is to know that at some point in time, I have had a positive impact on someone's life is the biggest success," he said. "The things we've done right we want to pass that on so that they can be carried on. The Army is an organization that thrives off of tradition and heritage."

"Though your name may

never be in anyone's book, may not be on anyone's front page, but to know that something you did or said had an impact on someone else is rewarding - there's no award, there's no accolade and there's no amount of money that can equal up to that.

"We have to share information to make everyone successful."

Peppers also advised the brigade's commander.

"He's perhaps one of the best noncommissioned officers I've ever had the opportunity to serve with," said Col. Allen Woodhouse, commander of the 15th Signal Brigade. "I've gotten sound advice whenever I've had to make decisions on enlisted matters."

"I attribute a lot of that to the fact that not only does he have a lot of experience but that he really and truly cares about Soldiers," Woodhouse said. "He cares about people in general and I think that is what makes him so good."

"He's my battle buddy. He's outstanding," he said. "He takes charge. He does not wait around for anything."

"I think he's built a great reputation with all of the NCOs and the officers in the brigade, that they will come to him if they have a question about a decision that they are going to make," he said. "I think he's just an outstanding leader. Everything about him spells leadership. He never quits. He never accepts defeats."

"All the things that are in

the Soldier's Creed and the NCO creed, he epitomizes, in my opinion," said Woodhouse.

Though Peppers has had many mentors, the one who has had the biggest impact on his life is his father.

"He's been behind me the whole time I've been in the military. He probably knows more about the military than I do," said Peppers. "He committed himself to his family and to his job to support his family. I've always tried to mirror my life behind him. He's been a big impact on me."

"He taught me a lot about being a man. He taught me a lot about being a godly man," he said. "My dad taught me about being a self-starter and doing what's right."

As Peppers leaves, his advice to NCOs and officers is "to recognize why they are here. Our job as leaders, in my opinion, is to develop other leaders," he said. "So if we aren't doing the right thing to develop young Soldiers into leaders of the future, we are doing a disservice to that individual, and we're doing a disservice to the Army and the country."

To young Soldiers who say they will always place the mission first he says, "to be true to that statement, you have to understand what the mission is. You have to know what the mission is and then you can say I will always place the mission first. You have to feel it in your heart." Peppers will initially retire here.

"I have had 29 years of fun. I think I have had a serious job, I have done a lot of serious things in my career but I have always found humor and joy in all of it," said Peppers about his career. "Will I miss it, yes. Will I have a hard time adjusting, no, because I have no regrets."



Photo by Pfc. Armando Monroig

Command Sgt. Maj. Demetris Fields, formerly the 447th Signal Battalion's command sergeant major, receives the guidon from Col. Allen Woodhouse, 15th Regimental Signal Brigade commander, as Command Sgt. Maj. Reuben Peppers, former 15th Signal Brigade command sergeant major, watches, during the 15th Signal Brigade change of responsibility ceremony Thursday at Barton Field. Peppers is retiring after more than 29 years of military service.

### ATTENTION VETERANS

If you are combat wounded you are invited to become an active member of the **MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART** of the United States of America. Our major objective is to work for your interest in every way we can toward the care and assistance of our fellow combat wounded and their families. **Local chapter located at 3846 Leigh Street, Martinez, GA**. The 3rd Saturday of each month at 1:30 PM. For more information 706-731-7210 • Commander William C. Ware. This is the only Veteran's Group in which membership automatically denotes combat service.

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# 3297th hospital Reserve unit celebrates homecoming

Soldiers of the 3297th U.S. Army Hospital, an Army Reserve unit here, were honored for their mobilization in support of Operation Joint Forge in a ceremony June 26 at the U.S. Army Reserve Center on Lane Avenue.

Approximately 50 Soldiers mobilized in July 2003 and reported to Fort McCoy, Wis. They later deployed to Bosnia for Task Force Med Eagle in support of the 334th Medical Group, Grand Rapids, Mich.

When not deployed the unit's mission is to augment the staff at Eisenhower Army Medical Center.

While deployed the Soldiers provided Level 3 and Level 4 care to the Soldiers of the 34th Infantry Division. The unit returned, incrementally, to the U.S. in February and March 2004.

Immediately following the ceremony, the unit traveled to nearby Mistletoe State Park in Appling, for a unit family day picnic.



Photos by 2nd Lt. Tracey Puig

Master Sgt. Michael Bryant, acting first sergeant, and Col. Carol Bowdoin, commander of the 3297th U.S. Army Hospital, served lunch for all the Soldiers and their families at the family day picnic June 26.

The unit demobilized at Fort McCoy, Wis., transitioning

back to the reserve component. (From an 81st Regional

Readiness Command news release.)

## Leaving children 'home alone'

Spc. Nicole Robus  
*Signal staff*

With the onset of summer, parents may have some questions about supervising their children and that is where the Family Advocacy Program comes into view.

The Family Advocacy Program is helping servicemembers and civilians to understand the guidelines for supervision of children in the Fort Gordon community.

"The policy is to provide clear guidelines that will increase the awareness of child supervision for parents and concerned citizens. This policy is in place to assure the safety of children, hold parents accountable for their children and their actions," said Gwendolyn Pugh, Family Advocacy Program manager.

The parents must consider the amount of responsibility their children can successfully assume before leaving them unsupervised. Chronological age should be the basic standard, not the sole determinant, of the level of supervision children require. The consideration of the total child is particularly critical when children have any special needs, according to the Garrison Commander's Policy Letter No. 19.

"Safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility. Parents, guardians and those individuals that are in a care provider's role should be educated regarding the amount of responsibility their children can successfully assume before leaving them unsupervised," said Pugh.

Children up to three years of age require direct supervision by an adult or baby-sitter at least 13 years old.

Children between the ages of four and six years old must receive monitored supervision in the form of being in visual contact and within vocal range of the supervisor (an adult or baby-sitter 13 years or older).

Children between seven and nine years of age must receive monitored supervision in the form of being in a designated area established by the supervisor in order for the supervisor to make regular checks on the child. The supervisor should instruct the child to notify them before changing locations. Children age nine and younger should never be left unsupervised or left in the sole supervision of a child under the age of 13.

This all differs from the Georgia policy that states that children under the age of nine should not be left alone.

Children who are 10 to 12 years of age may be left in an unsupervised domicile during waking hours for brief periods of time (two hours or less).

This is the same for citizens of Georgia. Children ages 13 and over may be left alone and may baby-sit younger children.

Children who are 13 years of age or older can provide self care for longer periods of times, not to exceed 12 hours, consistent with parental discretion and consideration of the child's emotional and physical capabilities.

"Handicapped children should never be left unsupervised," said Pugh.

When possible, parents or guardians are encouraged to provide periodic follow-up with the child by phone. Children should be provided with a key and telephone number where the parent(s) can be reached as well as numbers for the police, fire department and hospital.

The name and telephone number of a designated adult who can immediately be available in the event of an emergency must be provided to the child. The designated adult must be made aware of his/her responsibility by the parents.

Both parents and guardians are responsible for and should be aware of the safety conditions of their child(ren) when they are not with them.

Minors are prohibited from remaining in a public place on Fort Gordon between midnight and 5 a.m., except as specifically authorized in the Garrison Commander Policy Memorandum Number 11, Fort Gordon Curfew, dated July 25, 2000. Parents or legal guardians are responsible for the control of minors during curfew hours. Individuals seeking further clarification concerning installation curfew policy should contact the Directorate of Public Safety at 791-4397.

The Fort Gordon guidelines and policies reflect coordination with AR 608-10, Child Development Services; AR 608-18, The Family Advocacy Program and Department of the Army Guidelines, Out-of-School Home Alone Policy; Georgia Department of Family and Children Services Guidelines, and the Garrison Commander's Policy

Memorandum No. 11, Fort Gordon Curfew.

Failure to supervise and/or safeguard children or comply with this memorandum may result in a finding of neglect or violation of Article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice (Failure to Obey an Order or Regulation). All allegations of child neglect and/or abuse will be reported to the Department of Social Work Service at 787-3656 during duty hours and 787-5811 after duty hours and weekends.

Repeated incidents could result in the families losing on-post housing privileges, said Pugh.

(Information for this story came from the Garrison Commander's Policy Letters No. 11 and 19.)

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# Signal embraces transformation

Denise Allen  
Signal staff

The Signal Corps is doing its part in Army transformation. The concept of lifelong learning, and the University of Information Technology have been in the works for a while, but the Signal Corps gained the attention of the entire Army last fall when Maj. Gen. Janet Hicks, U.S. Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon commanding general, became the executive agent for the project of lifelong learning. Because of that, Fort Gordon is developing a standard for all Army schools. "Everyone has been working at this idea. All of the schools

have dabbled at it some," said Barbara Walton, chief of the University of Information Technology Division of the Directorate of Training. Over the past few years, UIT has snowballed with a growing staff devoted to its success. The applications include video simulations which facilitate a concept called assignment-oriented training - Soldiers receiving training based on their next assignment instead of receiving a lot of training at the beginning of their careers and leaving a gap of several years until they receive more training. And there's the distance learning component, in which students can take the same

courses they would at Fort Gordon without ever coming to the installation. Many courses have been videotaped so long-distance learners receive the same information from Fort Gordon instructors. Video simulations were tested as Signaleers headed to fight the war in Iraq and were faced with the Force XXI Battle Command, Brigade-and-Below (FBCB2) "A number of users had never heard of it," said Jake Pennington, director of the lifelong learning center, who learned how to use the system through simulation. The UIT website is filled with other helpful information

such as message boards and streaming video of events such as Hicks' June promotion. The website has become increasingly popular. From last year's Signal Symposium to June, the number of users doubled to more than 15,000. Not only is the Army looking at what Fort Gordon has done, other branches of the military have expressed an interest in learning more. "We fight joint; we have to train joint," Pennington said. Walton said the Marines want to get information on Fort Gordon's system to enhance what they are doing. Officials said they only see the possibilities of the system growing in the future.

## Huddle

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The Godfather's is expected to open the week of Aug. 23. The two restaurants will be opening about the same time Burger King will close for extensive renovations. Bids on the renovations for the Burger King are due in by the end of the month. Once renovations begin in mid- to late- August, it will take about three months for them to be completed. Buchholz said Burger King would be completely overhauled inside and out, and a playground will be added. She said she hopes the addition of the two restaurants would please those who work and live at Fort Gordon. Recent surveys have indicated that people are always looking for other dining alternatives. Also, those who work at Eisenhower Army Medical Center and other spots on post with 24 hour missions will benefit from the 24-hour Huddle House operation. "I think everyone is going to enjoy it," she said. Buchholz said she did not know the hours Godfather's would be open.



Fun at the fort

Photo by Pat Buchholz

Soldiers from Company D, 369th Signal Battalion, share their good fortune with children attending Fort Gordon's Independence Day celebration July 1. The Soldiers had won prizes at the carnival games on Barton Field and stopped the kids to give them their prizes. Unbeknownst to the Soldiers, the kids were the grandchildren of Larry and Pam DeMyers (pictured). Larry DeMyers is the head of the CSRA Alliance for Fort Gordon.

## Deconstruction

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"Were going to have some actual hands-on exercises for the participants," she said. "They'll do some assessments of the deconstruction here so they can learn and take it back to their own installation." The first day of training consists of classroom instruction on safety, planning and packaging of materials - basically, how to properly bring down a building safely. Carnes will demonstrate tool use during the class segment. The second day consists of the hands-on work on a building that participants can practice on. The training is slated to take place Wednesday and Thursday. The instructor for this training is Brad Guy, director of operations for the Hamer Center for Community Design Assis-

tance, School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture at Penn State University. Guy developed a model for deconstruction while he was at the University of Florida. "It's a learning experience," said Willard. All officials participating in the deconstruction project agree that aside from saving money, such as the diverted cost for landfill, other intangibles such as creating jobs, working with organizations

like Habitat for Humanity, and extending the usefulness of landfills are definitely good things to come from this endeavor. Reclaimed materials that are not sold will then be given to Fort Gordon's Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation, and they will handle the remaining materials, said Arthur. For more information on deconstruction, call 791-2403 or go to [www.wasteaudit.com](http://www.wasteaudit.com).

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# Viewpoint

Information, Opinions, and Commentary

## Command sergeant major tells his story

**Command Sgt. Maj. Nicolino Parisi**  
67th Signal Battalion

I am proud of all the Soldiers and Airmen assigned or attached to the 67th Signal Battalion during Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom (OIF 2) and OEF 4, 2004.

They have performed their duties in an extraordinary manner.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve with these great Americans.

The road was not an easy one. This deployment has been one of the most challenging and rewarding times of my military career.

Our unit's motto is "Rapid, flexible reliable."

We have demonstrated our motto time and time again.

We have accomplished many missions and tasks, often times on short notice, with changing conditions.

As the battalion command sergeant major, I have been able to watch our great accomplishments unfold, and have gotten to share in the satisfaction of accomplishing many tough missions on time and to the standard required.

All of the events that took place during all phases of OIF 2 and OEF 4 were a success because of the leadership and accomplishments of the outstanding Soldiers of this battalion.

The courage, determination, selfless service and team cohesion has been absolutely incredible.

We are the most dispersed signal unit deployed supporting Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom simultaneously.

Soldiers provided outstanding Communications and Combat Service Support from Kuwait, Afghanistan and Iraq, while deployed to Camp New York and Camp Doha Kuwait, Camp Bucca, Basrah, Balad, Adder, Cedar, Victory, Tikrit, and Kirkuk in Iraq, and Kandahar, Bagram, Kabul, and Karshikahnabad in Afghanistan and Uzbekistan.

TF-67 quickly became a combat multiplier and performed beyond what was expected in every location.

Our success is largely attributed to the outstanding support that we received from the rear detachment, our families, friends, and both the 7th and 93rd Signal Brigades.

I thank God for our loved ones and I am grateful to them for the sacrifices they have endured during this deployment.

The magnificent Soldiers and Airmen of TF-67 could not have possibly mustered the strength and focus that carried them throughout this mission without the love, caring, and support they received from home. It is with great pride and reverence that you are also recognized for the hardships you had to



Parisi takes time to greet a pair of Afghan children. Courtesy photo

bear and your unselfish contributions to our nation.

Winston Churchill said of duty: "We give thanks to God for the noblest of all his blessings, the sense that we had done our duty."

Whether you are a church-going individual or not, you can appreciate and find truth in this statement.

The greatest of all his blessings is when we as Soldiers perform any task that we are given, regardless of how complex.

The driving force behind our accomplishment of the task is our devotion to duty.

And afterward, as we reflect on what we have accomplished, we should be proud, confident, and thankful because we have done extremely well.

I am in awe every day at the Soldiers of this command.

The sense of duty in this battalion is enormous.

The Soldiers in this unit and the 235th have performed the most miraculous tasks in the name of duty and should hold their heads high and feel good about themselves for the accomplishment of their duty.

I am extremely proud of them.

## Suicide prevention and lessons learned

The taking of one's own life is always a tragic occurrence. Command emphasis on suicide prevention, combined with appropriate training and clinical intervention, will continue to ensure early identification and appropriate treatment of Soldiers at risk.

While improvements in Training and Doctrine Command's suicide prevention program are significant, and many initiatives have saved lives, suicides still remain a serious problem for TRADOC. Over the past four years, 43 percent of TRADOC's suicides occurred during the June through September time period.

Actual reasons for this increase are unknown, but we do know there are increased risk factors during the summer months: permanent change of

stations, hold-unders awaiting training and activities that may include the consumption of alcohol.

Soldiers enter the service with varying degrees of coping skills and they may not demonstrate indicators of personal problems or communicate the depth of their issues. Leaders at every level must have good situational awareness of the behaviors of troubled Soldiers. Leadership and mentorship are the two most effective resources in preventing suicide. TRADOC reviews and analyzes all TRADOC Soldiers suicides. Below are post-suicide lessons learned from various installations.

The underlying principles of these lessons learned are clear. Leaders must be trained to identify the signs of stress and those Soldiers at risk for suicide; and Soldiers must receive timely

and appropriate help.

Commanders are reminded of installation level support services available to leaders and Soldiers: chaplains, financial counselors, Army Emergency Relief, Alcohol and Substance Abuse Program counselors, and mental health professionals stand ready to help TRADOC leaders care for their Soldiers.

TRADOC's point of contact for suicide prevention is Dr. Carole Van Aalten, TRADOC Risk Reduction Manager, 757-788-4126, or carol.vanaalten@monroe.army.mil.

Gen. Kevin P. Byrnes  
TRADOC Commander

### Lessons units learned

Soldiers with previous suicide attempts, a family history of suicide, poor coping skills, ongoing psychiatric problems, alcohol abuse and feelings of hopelessness are at a high risk for suicide.

Soldiers experiencing disciplinary action, financial problems and multiple personal and professional stressors pose an increased risk for suicide. Often these Soldiers feel embarrassed, experience a loss of self-esteem and status, and are isolated from their family, friends, and other support systems.

Commanders set the stage for success in suicide prevention through leading by example and creating a supportive command climate.

Encouragement of non-attributional self-referral to mental health specialists and chaplains allows the Soldier to maintain control, and increases their motivation to change and resolve their problems.

Commanders should encourage leaders to attend Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training to enhance important risk identification skills. Leaders at all levels should strive to maintain clear situational awareness and monitor their Soldiers for signs of stress and crises.

Initial entry training commanders

have identified the requirement to have an officer and noncommissioned officer and professional development program that insures initial military training cadre can recognize the signs of stress and poor coping skills in new Soldiers.

Performance counseling of NCOs and officers should periodically include the following as leaders mentor their subordinates: (1) the need to reduce the stigma associated with seeking mental health treatment; (2) a discussion of suicide risk identification in Soldiers, and (3) appropriate unit and installation level interventions available to care for Soldiers.

Commanders should consult metal

health professionals when considering placing a Soldier on Unit Watch. Periods of vulnerability are during transition from training events to appointments, and require positive control and supervision. Those entrusted as Unit Watch escorts will be thoroughly briefed on the importance of physically being with the Soldier at all times.

Commanders are reminded of the regulatory requirement to register privately owned weapons, and the requirement for securing weapons when Soldiers are dependent, show suicidal tendencies, or have attempted suicide.

"Private Murphy"  
by Mark Baker



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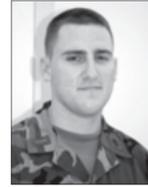
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## Feedback

Pfc. Armando Monroig

**Would you go see Fahrenheit 9/11? Why or why not?**



I wouldn't go see it because of Michael Moore - I don't like him.

2nd Lt. John Acosta  
442nd Signal Battalion



I would go and see it. I think it's important to get as many different opinions as possible to make an informed decision.

2nd Lt. Shannon Lardizabal  
B Company,  
442nd Signal Battalion



Yes (I would). I am curious about all the hype about it (the film).

David Masterson  
AAFES concessionaire



I think I would because one of my friends went and saw it and said it was interesting. The trailer was made so profoundly that it really brings you to want to see it.

Micheal Carey  
AAFES concessionaire



I think it'd be a good movie to get answers on why some of the decisions were made.

Spc. Alejandra Ortiz  
A Company,  
442nd Signal Battalion

# 235th lives up to motto 'Above the Best!'

## Company participates in 93rd Signal Brigade training exercise

1st Lt. Claudis Dalcour  
93rd Signal Brigade

From June 16-24, the 235th Signal Company provided successful satellite communications in support of the 93rd Signal Brigade Situational Training Exercise 2004.

Despite heavy showers and thunderstorms, satellite teams of the 235th worked diligently to provide the backbone for the designed network. Satellite teams of the 235th were an integral part in allowing the brigade to successfully install, operate, manage, maintain and defend a reliable communications network providing DSN, long-local telephone services, secure voice and fax ca-

pabilities, NIPR, SIPR and VTC to subscribers.

Satellite teams of the 235th had the opportunity to display their technical expertise by successfully transmitting and receiving with their assigned distant end and assisting with the troubleshooting of their attached data package.

The satellite teams exceeded all required brigade certifications for system integration, site selection, and site defense with speed and efficiency.

The 235th, commanded by Capt. Eric Petersen, continues to provide successful multi-channel satellite communications in optempo conditions.

Soldiers have been very busy providing services in support of USARSO and SOUTHCOM. Currently, the company is providing satellite teams that are integrated in concurrent missions supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom (235th Signal Co. FWD) and tasking from the 93rd Signal Brigade in support of various Homeland Defense missions, Humanitarian/Disaster Relief exercises, and real-world missions in the United States, and Central and South America.

Satellite teams from the 235th are currently assisting in providing reliable communications all over the world. The 235th Signal Company continually supports the 93rd Signal Brigade motto of being "Ready, Rapid, Reliable!" by being an integral part in providing a reliable communications network anywhere in the world.



Photo by 1st Lt. Claudis Dalcour  
235th Soldiers assemble a tactical satellite antenna during the 93rd's training exercise.

## Troops uncover Baghdad bomb factory, weapons caches

Gerry Gilmore  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON—U.S. soldiers in Iraq discovered an apparent bomb-making facility and several weapons caches, senior U.S. military officials announced Saturday at a Baghdad news briefing.

Army 1st Cavalry Division troops found the site in Baghdad recently, the official told reporters, noting the makeshift factory seemed to specialize in outfitting vehicles with explosives.

He explained that four vehicles were being outfitted as VBIEDs, shorthand for "vehicle-borne improvised explosive devices." Baghdad and other areas in Iraq have been hit recently by such car bombings.

The military official added that the Soldiers also discovered 12 million dinars in Iraqi currency at the site.

According to a U.S. Central Command press release, the U.S. Soldiers also found other ordnance at the bomb-making facility, including five AK-47 assault rifles plus 500 bullets, various timing devices, computer boards, wires and one sight for a rocket-propelled grenade launcher. American troops also detained three individuals there for questioning, according to the release.

Other U.S. troops in Baghdad, the release said, recently found several weapons caches. One cache yielded partially assembled improvised explosive devices, RPG launchers, eight rocket rounds, 50 pounds of C-4 explosives, TNT, five blasting caps, one detonator and various other munitions. Thirty individuals at the cache site were brought in for questioning.

During interrogations, detainees identified eight more suspected insurgent operations sites. At one site, U.S. troops found three assembled IEDs, and 18 more suspects were detained and brought in for questioning.

"Denying the enemy of the Iraqi people the weapons he

uses to kill Iraqi civilians is always a remarkable success," 1st Cavalry Division spokesman Lt. Col. James Hutton noted in another news release. "These discoveries deal a blow to anti-Iraqi forces."

The situation in Iraq has been relatively quiet after the June 28 handover of Iraqi sovereignty, a senior U.S. military official noted at today's Baghdad briefing.

It's apparent, the official said, that the insurgents in Iraq "are taking a very careful look at this new (Iraqi) government" and how coalition troops operate after the transfer of sovereignty.

Therefore, the official noted it'll likely take a week or so until U.S., coalition and Iraqi officials can ascertain if insurgents will increase or decrease their anti-government efforts.

For now, "we continue our long-term plan of transferring the responsibility to Iraqi security forces, as and when that capability occurs," the senior U.S. military official pointed out.

The official predicted it would likely take "months and years" until Iraqis are ready to assume complete responsibility for their security.

The rules for engagement

and the use of force for U.S. and coalition forces in Iraq remain in effect, just as they were before the sovereignty handover, the official pointed out.

He also noted that U.S. and coalition officials have been meeting with senior Iraqi government authorities daily since the transfer of power to coordinate anti-insurgent military activities.

"Any insurgent that somehow thinks that after June 28 we're going to be pulling back into the base camps will be disappointed," the official noted.



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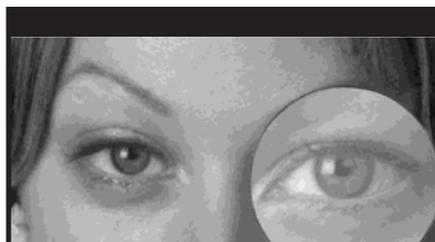
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## Job fair

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For information, call 790-8500.

## Changes of command

The **551st Signal Battalion** change of command ceremony is 8 a.m. **today** 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.

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.

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

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Jacqueline Garrelts  
Army News Service

**WASHINGTON** – For the first time in a 38-year tradition, the 3rd U.S. Infantry, (The Old Guard) Fife & Drum team and Colonial Color Guard participated in the Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution traditional "Let Freedom Ring."

"Let Freedom Ring," has been held every July 4 since 1966 in Philadelphia, Pa., to celebrate the birth of the nation. This year marks the 228th birthday of the United States, the day the 13 original states signed the Declaration of Independence.

A series of patriotic events were held in the Independence Hall area, where the Liberty Bell is located. At 2:00 p.m., EST, the Liberty Bell along with bells all over the nation rang simultaneously to signify the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

The Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution invited the Old Guard to attend and represent the Army. The Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps and Color Guard participated by presenting the colors at the event. They marched the colors on, presented them as the Pledge of Allegiance was read, then marched the colors off.

"To have the opportunity to represent the Army, the city of Philadelphia and the United States is an honor," said Pfc. Justin Schoop, CCG, Old Guard, Honor Guard Company.

"The long range benefit of this event is that the City of Philadelphia wants to use the "Let Freedom Ring"

as a commemoration of the 230th birthday of the Army in 2005, since the Army was established in Philadelphia," said Col. Richard Breen, chief of Army Public Affairs community relations and Outreach Division.

The Old Guard Fife and Drum teams perform at different ceremonial events over the 4th of July holiday weekend. "If Military District of Washington says we will support the event, we go," said Staff Sgt. Charla Owens, a fifer for the Old Guard.

Other members of the Fife and Drum team participated in the D.C. parade at noon and the White House picnic.

Preceding the colors being marched off was a patriotic music selection, readings from selected parts of the Declaration of Independence, and the tapping of the Liberty Bell.

Four young descendants of the signers of the Declaration of Independence tap Philadelphia's famous Liberty Bell, setting off the chimes of freedom from bell towers throughout the country, according to the official "Let Freedom Ring" Web site.

Before presenting the colors, a guest at the ceremony came up to the Old Guard and thanked them for what they were doing for our country.

"Her thanking us for what we do, makes the job worthwhile," Schoop said. "It's one of the main reasons we carry out the job."

Schoop carries on the Army tradition in his family by presenting the colors on Army missions. Schoop's father was a military policeman, for the Old Guard, and his younger



Photo by Jacqueline Garrelts

Members of the Old Guard Colonial Color Guard and Fife and Drum team, march the colors off at the "Let Freedom Ring" event held in Philadelphia Sunday.

brother, in the Airborne Corps, just returned from Afghanistan and will deploy to Iraq in January.

"There always that pride factor to continue a family tradition and repre-

sent your country at the same time," Schoop said.

The Old Guard Color Guard has presented the colors at many national events including NASCAR races and

Super Bowls. Additionally they present the colors at a range of events including retirements, company events and wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

## EAMC tech hits road

Denise Allen  
Signal staff

Each day Chris Frayne, lead mammography technologist at Eisenhower Army Medical Center, helps in the fight against breast cancer; however, she wants to do more.

At the end of this month, Frayne will participate in the Breast Cancer 3-Day walk, a breast cancer fundraiser for the Susan G. Komen Foundation. From July 30 through Aug. 1, Frayne will walk 60 miles around Boston.

"I was going in and looking at different (web) sites. A lot of them were runs. I don't like to run. I'm used to walking," she said.

She also wanted to support an organization that focused solely on breast cancer. Other organizations, such as the American Cancer Society, which has an annual walk called Relay for Life, support research for all kinds of cancers.

When she found out about the Komen walk, she began to think "There's no reason why I can't do this. I went from 'I'd like to do this' to 'I'm healthy, and I can do it,'" she said.

To train, Frayne has been walking around her Grovetown neighborhood. She usually walks three miles each afternoon, saving the long haul for Saturday when she walks 13 miles in about four hours.

Participants must raise at least \$2,000 to enter. So far, she

has raised nearly \$3,000. Donations can be made online at [www.the3day.org](http://www.the3day.org) and searching for Frayne's name. Also, a donation sheet may be printed from the website, and donations mailed.

Frayne said she is looking forward to the event.

"I'm getting excited. It's an exciting thing to do. I think it's going to be fun," she said.

In an effort not to squelch that enthusiasm, she tries not to think about the actual distance of the walk.

"It's like walking from here to Columbia," she said.

But she is not intimidated by the distance.

"It will just be neat. I've never done something like this before," she said.



Photo by Denise Allen

Chris Frayne, lead mammogram technician at Eisenhower Army Medical Center, is participating in a three day 60-mile walk to raise money for breast cancer research.

## Drill sergeant spotlight

**Name:** Sgt. 1st Class Derrick Samuels  
**Unit:** Company B, 369th Signal Battalion  
**Hometown:** Manning, S.C.  
**Time at Fort Gordon:** Four years

**What do you enjoy about being a DS?** The opportunity to mentor young Soldiers, to make a difference in their lives, and to help them instill pride in themselves and in the Army while becoming professionals.

**What do you want to accomplish in the Army?** I'm currently pursuing a bachelors degree in government.



Sgt. 1st Class Samuels

## Army opens education center in Afghanistan

Barbara Sellers  
Army News Service

**FORT LEWIS, Wash.** – About 400 Soldiers a day are now using the 27 computers and other services available in the Army Education Center that opened in May at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan.

"The Command is happy we're here, and the Soldiers are so excited because they were waiting for us to come," said Connolly, a civilian education services officer for Afghanistan and Uzbekistan.

Connolly arrived May 7 at Bagram Air Base, and has been working 12 hours a day, seven days a week, ever since. Before volunteering for duty in Afghanistan and Uzbekistan, she was an education services officer from Fort Lewis, Wash.

"We opened the Bagram Army Education Center, we established the testing centers and we opened the computer lab," she said in a telephone interview. "We also have some leader development classes started that are taught by our sergeants major from Bagram."

The computer lab now stays open 18 hours a day, from 6 a.m. to midnight, seven days a week, and in a few weeks it will remain open 24-hours a day, Connolly said.

"We have five computers that are strictly for educational purposes, and 22 computers that are open for anybody to walk in and use," she said. "We probably see about 400 Soldiers a day in the computer lab, and that includes our sister services."

The education center provides services to members of the coalition forces, contractors and Department of Army civilians, too, she said.

"Luckily, I had some laptop computers because all of the equipment and furniture had not arrived yet," Connolly said. "Now we have office furniture, but we don't have classroom furniture, so we are still getting implemented."

The center also helps in other areas.

"We are continually helping Soldiers with tuition assistance,"

Connolly said. "We are getting a lot done, but we still have a lot more work to do here."

Fortunately, Connolly said she has a good team of contracted people to help deliver the educational programs and services. Central Texas College delivers the programs and services there, as well as at Fort Lewis, she said.

"It's definitely a team effort," Connolly added. "Everybody here is truly professional. They love their jobs and they all have been more than helpful."

(Sellers writes for the North-west Guardian newspaper.)

## Chapel Call

### Collective Protestant Services

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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

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For more information, call CPO (Ret.) Marshall Abuwi 772-4303

**Denominational Services**  
LDS Service - Sunday 2 p.m., Barnes Avenue Chapel  
Samoan Service, Sunday 1 p.m., Bicentennial Chapel, Bldg. 28414

**Religious Education**  
Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Protestant Sunday School, Religious Education Center  
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LDS representative is Sergeant 1st Class (retired) Scott Robison, 533-0376. Apostolic Pentecostal's representative is Chaplain Snyder, 791-4683.

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Tuesday, 7:00 p.m., Protestant Women of the Chapel, Bldg. 28414

**Bicentennial Chapel**  
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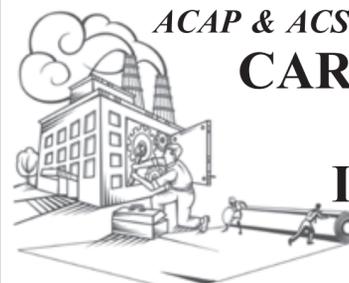
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# New West Point commandant named

Master Sgt. David Melancon  
Army News Service

**BAGHDAD, Iraq** – Guiding a large portion the future of the Army's leadership has fallen to the shoulders of Brig. Gen. Curtis M. Scaparrotti.

As the next Commandant of Cadets at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., Scaparrotti, who is currently assigned to Task Force 1st Armored Division Assistant Commanding General for Maneuver, said one of his goals will be to help the cadets understand the meaning of "Duty, Honor, Country" and learn how to incorporate the academy's motto into their daily behavior at the school and as leaders.

This is not the first time Scaparrotti has been assigned to West Point, in addition to being a graduate he was also assigned to West Point as a tactical officer and the superintendent's aide-de-camp in May 1985. He graduated from the academy in 1979.

"The motto is the spirit of our profession," he said. "These values not only represent what we should strive to be and do as Soldiers, they also provide the core values that guide our Army today and into the future."

Scaparrotti said Soldiers should expect a lot from West Point's graduates.

"Soldiers should expect them to set the standard," he said. "They should expect them to live the motto 'Duty, Honor, Country,' and they should expect them to know and care for the Soldier."

Scaparrotti said he will also use what he's learned from the task force's experiences in Iraq and from its Soldiers to prepare cadets for their future roles as combat leaders.

"I've been collecting stories of Soldiers' actions and statements during this combat experience," he said.

"I can share these experiences with cadets and explain to them who they will lead one day – probably in combat."

In addition to his personal experience, Scaparrotti said he will also bring after-action reviews and other materials to incorporate into the cadets' education.

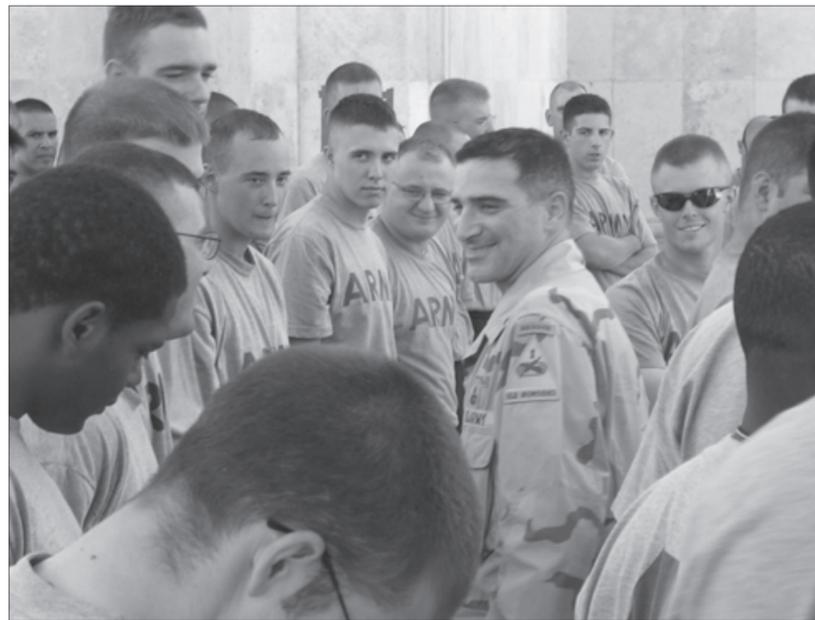
While preparing future officers for a lifetime of service is West Point's focus, learning about Soldiers, who they are, their talents and skills is important, he said.

"Our nation produces great young men and women – good people who respect other people, who are generous and talented and brave," Scaparrotti said. "I want them to understand the human dimension of this profession. A cadet's focus should be to use the cadet experience to prepare to lead these great Americans. Soldiers deserve nothing but the best leadership."

TF 1st AD Soldiers honored Scaparrotti's service during a twilight tattoo ceremony July 2 at the Baghdad International Airport. Twilight tattoo is a tradition dating back from the 17th Century, when a bugle would be played to have the Soldiers return to their quarters from the taverns. At that point in the night they would "tap to" the kegs, or shut them off, which over the years has been changed into tattoo. When sounded today it is done in the tradition of the military.

After serving with the "Old Ironsides" Division during Operation Iraqi Freedom, Scaparrotti will assume his duties as the commandant of Cadets at the academy later this summer.

Scaparrotti's decision to join the Army was a natural one, he said. His father retired from the Army as a first sergeant and two of his uncles served in the Marine Corps and another in the Navy.



Brig. Gen. Curtis M. Scaparrotti, Task Force 1st Armored Division assistant division commander for maneuver, talks with Soldiers from the Second Armored Cavalry Regiment during a recent visit. The 2nd ACR was part of the task force during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"It was my calling. My father was an NCO in the Army," he said. "He believed that every citizen had an obligation to serve our great country. As a result, I think that I loved the Army even before I joined it."

Choosing to enroll at West Point was almost a matter of luck, however.

"I picked up a West Point recruit-

ing booklet in my father's orderly room when I was about 13 years old. For some reason, it had a significant impact on me. That is when I set a goal to attend West Point. I still have that booklet."

It all comes down to the Soldier; Scaparrotti said, and on the grounds of the Academy, there stands a reminder.

"There are many statues on the

grounds at West Point. My favorite statue is dedicated to the American Soldier. The inscription on this statue speaks to their (officers') role and the trust that this country has placed in them: 'The lives and destinies of valiant Americans are entrusted to your care and leadership.'"

(Melancon is from the 1st Armored Division Public Affairs Office.)

## Marines, Soldier added to death toll in Iraq

American Forces Press Service

**WASHINGTON** – Four U.S. Marines and a soldier were killed in two separate incidents in the past 48 hours, military officials reported.

The Marines, assigned to the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, were killed during an attack while conducting security and stability operations in Iraq's Anbar province July 6, according to a press statement.

A soldier assigned to the 13th Corps Support Command was killed and four others were injured in a vehicle accident near Ramadi today. The injured soldiers were taken to a military medical facility, a press release stated. Two were scheduled for further evacuation to a higher-level medical facility. No details of what caused the ac-

cident were made available. The accident is under investigation.

The Marines' and soldiers' names are being withheld pending next-of-kin notification.

In other news, Iraqi soldiers have begun intervention patrols in Baghdad to help provide better security in the streets.

This week, soldiers from the new Iraqi Intervention Force, 2nd Battalion, began the first joint security patrols between the Iraqi army and Iraqi Police Service.

In its first mission, the unit conducted two foot patrols down the crowded streets of Baghdad's troubled southern district of Abu Deshir.

According to U.S. military officials, in coming weeks, other elements of the 2nd Battalion and parts of the Intervention Force's 4th Battalion also

will conduct patrols.

In Fallujah, a U.S. Navy construction battalion is working to improve the city's infrastructure and helping to train Iraqis to do such work in the future. The work includes restoring and expanding structures, improving their appearance, and building security structures. By the end of June, \$100 million in contracts had been allotted for improvements in the city.

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 74 is supporting the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force mission, as is the 1st MEF Engineer Group. Navy personnel also are helping to train young Iraqis. Through the Iraqi Construction Apprentice Program, sailors are providing hands-on training in carpentry, plumbing, electrical and many other crafts.



### Afghan actions

Special Forces Soldiers and a Marine Corps contingent maintain security as a medical evacuation helicopter lands to evacuate wounded Coalition personnel after a combat action south of Camp Blessing, Afghanistan. The Army is working with other services to defeat terrorism in Afghanistan.

Department of Defense photo

## Group sends CARE packages, support to troops

Donna Miles  
American Forces Press Service

**WASHINGTON** – It all started when Army Spc. Robert Collins called his mother from Afghanistan to thank her for his CARE package and ask that she send more for some of his buddies who weren't getting goodies from home.

Horrified that a deployed U.S. service member might feel forgotten and unappreciated by the American public, Gladys Walker started what has snowballed into the Have a Heart/Adopt a Soldier organization.

First, Walker started assembling a few extra packages. Then she and her husband began dipping into their retirement savings to fund their increasingly frequent shopping ventures for the troops. Soon letters from military chaplains started pouring in, with lists of servicemembers in their units who were getting nothing from home: no letters, no goodie boxes, no reminder of America's gratitude for their service.

Walker catapulted into fifth gear, devoting 20 hours a day to fundraising, recruiting sponsors and volunteers, purchasing goodies ranging from baby wipes to chewing gum, and wrapping and shipping packages for troops in Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere in Southwest Asia. Her latest venture, custom-designed bumper stickers, is expected to raise more money to help fund the enterprise, along with current sales of car magnets, T-shirts and other items and fundraisers ranging from bake sales to walkathons.



Gladys Walker prepares to make a run to the post office to ship CARE packages to the troops through the Have a Heart/Adopt a Soldier organization.

"The response has been overwhelming," she said. From around the country, checks, items for CARE packages and letters for the troops

continue to roll in to Walker's Malone, N.Y., home.

On a given week, Have a Heart/Adopt a Soldier ships about 200 CARE

packages to deployed troops. Along with comfort items like bug spray and treats like beef jerky, she tucks inside as many boxes as possible what she considers the most important item of all: letters of encouragement. "What our troops need the most is to know that the American people haven't forgotten about them and support them," she said.

Yet the need continues. Walker said she has a list of 100 deployed troops in need of sponsors.

"I wish you could see the faces of the Soldiers who receive these packages," a chaplain wrote Walker. "It truly makes their day."

Just as the donations and requests for CARE packages roll in, so, too, do the thank-you notes, she said. Most servicemembers who write tell Walker they're proud of what they're doing. Some lean on her shoulder, admitting that they're sometimes scared, particularly when they hear mortar fire.

But all tell Walker how much it means to them to know that the American public is behind them.

"It has to be terribly hard, being in a foreign land, in the heat, with bullets flying past you," she said. "It's not the individual items we're sending that mean the most. It's what they communicate: that the American people believe in you and thank you for your service," she said.

For more information about Have a Heart/Adopt a Soldier, go to <http://usahelp.us/>, e-mail [soldier2@localnet.com](mailto:soldier2@localnet.com) or call (518) 481-5126.

## Mosul police receive body armor vests

Army News Service

**MOSUL, Iraq** – Iraqi police from the Mosul area received 2,000 vests with protective plates June 25.

The vests were given to them by Coalition forces as part of a contract with the Office of Security Cooperation to ensure the safety of Iraqi security forces while they are protecting the local citizens.

There are about 8,870 police working in the Mosul area. Previously, Coalition forces donated almost 700 vests to the Mosul police. The 2,000 additional vests are part of an ongoing plan to provide the area security forces with the protection they need to do their jobs safely.

The armor was given to the Iraqi police as soon as it arrived in the event of another outbreak of violence in the days leading up to the transfer of sovereignty June 30.

"This equipment will have a great psychological impact for the police," said Lt. Col. Hillary Baxter, the Task Force Olympia provost marshal. "We want them to also have the proper equipment to do their jobs safely."

"We have had to work hard to rebuild the police force in Ninevah," said Maj. Abd Al Hameed Thair, Mosul police chief of staff. "I think our policemen have become an example for all the police in Iraq."

(Information submitted by Task Force Olympia public affairs.)

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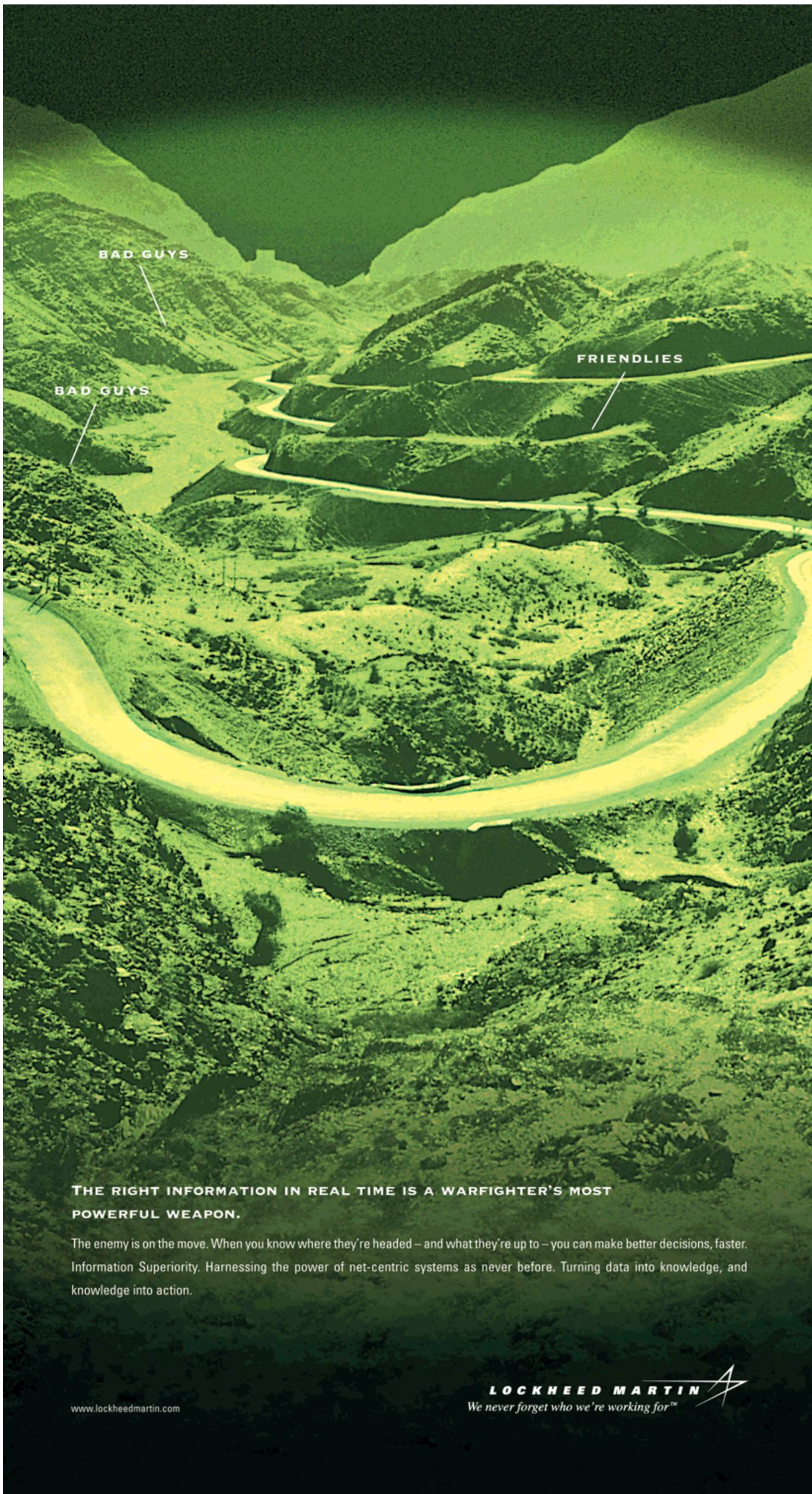
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# Sports & Leisure

## Sports UPDATE

### Free golf lessons

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For information, call 791-2433 or stop by the Pro Shop to sign up.

### 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.

### 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 **today** 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 **today-Sunday**.

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

### 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.

### Ranges

Range 14 and 20 targets will be open to the public **July 18**. People age five to adult may participate. First, second and third place trophies will be awarded in 12 different classes. Registration begins at 10 a.m., shooting begins at 11 a.m. Registration ends at 2:30 p.m. \$10 per person or \$5 for Fort Gordon Sports Club members. For information call 791-5078.

## Army sponsors eCybermission contest for kids in math, science and technology

John Runyan and Justin Ward  
*Army News Service*

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Future scientists and engineers abounded as finalists for this year's eCybermission program showcased projects they have worked on for the better part of a year in Washington, D.C.

The second annual eCybermission program, an Army-sponsored, Web-based science, math and technology competition for sixth-through ninth-grade students, is conducted to encourage American youth interest in those subjects.

Although the idea originated with the Army, eCybermission's goal of maintaining "strategic, long-term global technological and economic superiority" was not directly related to the military. Despite this, many of this year's finalists examined projects of interest to the military. The projects included examining thwarting hijackings with the help of heart rate monitors and studying the safe, environmental removal of oil from the USS Arizona, a sunken Navy battleship in Pearl Harbor, which still leaks oil.

After presenting their projects on June 28 at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in front of an audience including judges, the contestants gathered July 1 at the J.W. Marriott in downtown Washington, D.C. for the awards ceremony. An overall winner in each grade and each member of those teams received a \$5,000 savings bond, a medal and a plaque.

In the sixth-grade division the "Terrific Tamers" from St. Clair Shores, Mich. made up of Evan Wronikowski, Tim Jung, Paige Bercik and Trisha Umpfenbach took top honors.

Their project featured bat houses that encourage growth in bat populations and consequently eliminate potential West Nile Virus carrying mosquitoes.

The "Blue Starz" captured the seventh grade crown by

coming up with a system to determine the number of burrows for gopher tortoises using surveying techniques and GPS to determine how they could save the declining population by introducing more gopher tortoises into a sanctuary. The group out of Coral Springs, Fla. consisted of Alyana Samai, Gaetano Bartoli, Gabriela Barrios and Farah Abifaraj.

The eighth-grade competition saw the "Cookiemonsters" from Sanford, Fla. take first. Malika Jafferjee, Arianne Moffat, Ahanti Smith and Raschel Stanulis created a program to help increase reading levels with physical activity. They designed an experiment with four movement tests, and found that there was a correlation between these physical exercises and improvement in reading levels among those participating.

Exploring the causes of substandard drinking water vaulted the "Dominators" from McClellanville, S.C. into first place amongst the ninth-graders. Harold Smith, André Griffin and David Gibbs found that presence of Coli form bacteria in the water hurts the quality of the water.

On top of sponsoring the event, the Army is involved in the program in several other ways as well. Army personnel serve as ambassadors to promote the contest locally and as cyberguides to assist competitors conduct online research into their projects.

Kelly Stratchko, program manager of eCybermission, said the cyberguides were a heavily used resource.

Army scientists were not the only cyberguides answering students' questions online. Stratchko said there was even one Soldier deployed in Iraq that would answer questions when he had a chance to get to a computer.

"This is an Army-wide program," Stratchko said.

In the online program, three- or four-person teams chose a "mission" in one of four areas: arts and entertainment, the environment, health and safety, and sports and



Photo by John Runyan

The "Terrific Tamers" conclude their presentation that won them first place in the sixth-grade division of the eCybermission national finals. Members included (left to right) Paige Bercik, Tim Jung, Evan Wronikowski and Trisha Umpfenbach.

recreation. Students then developed a solution, conducted experiments and submitted their findings in a detailed "Mission Folder" via the eCybermission Web site, [www.eCybermission.com](http://www.eCybermission.com).

The program began in October 2002 and expanded its applicant pool to include sixth- and seventh-graders this year.

Because of this change and the popularity of last year's program, entries into the program have nearly doubled, from 442 projects in 2002-2003 to 833 this year.

The submitted projects were grouped into four regions, including U.S. territories and Department of Defense Education Activity schools around the world.

Evaluation was weighted in math, science and technology, but consideration was also given to innovation, originality and creativity; team collaboration and communication; and benefit to the community.

Each region had four criteria winners, including an overall winner and runner up for each grade.

Members of each of the 16 overall winning teams were awarded a \$3,000 savings bond and provided

transportation to Washington, D.C., where they presented their projects, toured the Army's research lab and attended the awards presentation.

Stratchko said the visit to the research lab was one of the most popular aspects last year.

"(The kids) like learning about what the Army does," Stratchko said.

Dr. John A. Parmentola, director for Research and Laboratory Management at the office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology, said the Army is also interested in what these kids are doing. He called the projects outstanding, saying many of the ideas that the kids came up with are issues the Army is currently addressing.

"It is remarkable that (these kids) are able to come up with these ideas and produce these results," Parmentola said.

This included the project regarding preventing future hijackings from the group of sixth-graders from a DoDEA school in Heidelberg, Germany. The group, calling themselves "Soon to Be Rich," devised a system that would monitor pilots' heart

rates from the ground and have the potential to control the planes by remote control if there were adverse conditions detected.

Bryce Edwards, Cody Dowd, Blake Billmaier and Vernon Miles are all interested in safer travel due to their location in Germany. They said they usually travel back and forth to the states twice a year and also on vacation in Europe. They felt their idea would make that frequent travel a lot safer.

Other contestants were more concerned with saving a headache for the community. Ninth-graders Justin Boitnott, Elijah Ammen and Wolfgang Chenault of the "Readneks" group from Roanoke, Va. created an inexpensive, sturdy, portable launch ramp to be used for biker motocross riders like themselves.

The new ramp will allow BMXers to ride in more convenient places like their neighborhood.

Registration for next year's eCybermission competition will start Sept. 1 and go through Dec. 13. To register a team or volunteer as a judge, ambassador or cyberguide visit [www.ecybermission.com](http://www.ecybermission.com).

## Marksmanship unit dominates National Championships

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit Soldiers flexed their muscle taking 16 medals at the USA Shooting Running Target, Rifle and Pistol National Championships June 16-30 at Fort Benning, Ga.

The running target championships saw the USAMU team sweep the 10-Meter 30 plus 30 and 10-Meter Mixed Runs National Championships.

Staff Sgt. Armando R. Ayala won the gold medals, Spc. Henry L. Gray received the silver medals and Staff Sgt. Christopher S. Hatcher took the bronze medals.

USAMU international rifle shooter Maj. Michael E. Anti dominated the rifle championships, winning gold medals in the Free Rifle Prone and Three Position National Championships, while USAMU Deputy Commander Robert W. Aylward won the Senior Divisions.

Spc. Mary K. Elsass got the bronze medal in the Sport Rifle Championship.

Elsass also tied for second place in the Women's Prone Rifle Championship; however after the tie-breaker, she ended up in fourth place.



Courtesy Photo

Staff Sgt. Armando R. Ayala takes aim in the USA Shooting, Running Target Rifle and Pistol National Championships June 16-30. Ayala took a gold medal in the two running target events as the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit swept the medals in both.

In the pistol championships, international pistol shooter Sgt. John C. Ennis won gold medals in the Free Pistol, Air Pistol and Center Fire Pistol National Championships. Ennis also won the silver medal in the Rapid Fire Pistol National Championship.

Staff Sgt. Adam J. Holloway received the silver medal in the Air Pistol Championship and the

bronze medal in the Free Pistol Championship.

Staff Sgt. Robert M. Mango got the bronze medal in the Air Pistol National Championship.

For complete results visit <http://www.usashooting.com/results/Results.cfm>

(This story was compiled from a U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit press release.)

### Unit sports standings

As of July 1		
Team	Won	Lost
<b>Blue Division</b>		
B-447	16	2
D-447	15	5
E-447	12	6
B-551	11	6
C-369	11	7
C-73	10	7
D-369	8	11
C-551	7	10
D-551	7	12
B-73	4	15
E-369	0	20
<b>Green Division</b>		
BNCOA	13	1
A-297	11	2
518	9	5
A-201	5	4
252	6	5
338TRS	7	7
C-63	8	8
A-63	5	7
HHD-116	6	10
HHC-63	4	9
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	11	2
ANCOA	10	4
A-206	10	5
EAMC	7	5
A-551	8	7
A-73	8	7
35 MP	3	9
ADL	3	14
NSGA	2	14
249	2	12
<b>Women's Division</b>		
C-369	5	1
EAMC	5	1
D-447	0	8

# Spectrum



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Kids participate in the Fort Gordon Hilltop Riding Stables pony ride that was part of the post's Fourth of July Celebration held at Barton Field and Freedom Park July 1. The event featured carnival games, live bands including the Signal Corps Band, a petting zoo, kids' games and rides, and as the finale a fireworks and laser show.



## Fort Gordon opens gates for Independence Day Celebration



Five-year-old Michael Paulis from Harlem throws a dart at a balloon in hopes of winning a prize at one of the game booths during the post's Independence Day Celebration July 1.



(Above) Two 3FA-18D Hornets perform a fly-over as part of the festivities. (Below) Children dance to the tunes played by one of the bands that performed at the bandstand. The Signal Corps Band, Tony Williams and the Blues Express, and the Shiloh Band performed at the event.



Ten-year-old William Castro Jr. climbs the hardest side of the rockclimbing wall July 1. This was just one of the many attractions at the Independence Day Celebration.