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# The Signal



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## News UPDATE

### Change of command

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

### Quarterly awards

The quarterly installation awards ceremony and the Newgarden/Morris award presentation will be held at 8:30 a.m. July 29 in the lobby of Conrad Hall.

The ceremony will honor the following individuals/organizations:

- Newgarden/Morris Award: Staff Sgt. Sara Smith (Company C, 551st Signal Battalion)

- Best Dining Facility of the third quarter: Dining Facility #4

- Personnel retention awards.

- Servicemember of the third quarter: Spc. Lora Pate (513th MI Bde.)

- NCO of the third quarter: Staff Sgt. Moises Robles (C Co, 551st Sig. Bn.)

- Cook of the third quarter, Spc. Keldric Kearse, (201st MI Bn.)

- Instructor of the third quarter: Staff Sgt. Joseph Taylor (Co. A, 447th Sig. Bn.)

- Civilian of the third quarter: Lynn Harshman (Army Community Service)

- Volunteer of the Month (April): Carrie Raney (Health Services Auxiliary)

- Volunteer of the Month (May): Shirley Kado (Chaplain's Office)

- Volunteer of the Month (June): Sgt. Maj. (retired) Freddie O'Neal (Chaplain's Office)

Everyone is encouraged to attend. For information, call Linda Means at 791-1871.

### Chaplain corps birthday

The Chaplain Corps celebrates its 229th birthday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday at Barton Field behind the Installation Chaplain's Office, Building 29601.

The day features games from 10-11:30 a.m.; opening and welcome from 11:30-11:55 a.m.; and lunch and more games from noon-2 p.m.

For information, call Staff Sgt. Benjamin Jones or Chaplain Terry Jarvis at 791-4863/6469.

### 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.

## Good Samaritan recognized

### Lodging supervisor comes to aid of stranded spouse

Spc. Nicole Robus  
*Signal staff*

A local government civilian employee was recognized for his good deed by the Fort Gordon Garrison commander Monday.

Willie Nero was presented a garrison coin by Col. Robert Henderson for stopping to help Silke Edwards and her family when they had a flat tire and were stranded on Gordon Highway recently.

Nero and his son Matthew were on vacation when they spotted Edwards and her two sons on the side of the road.

"I pulled over to help them. I did this for my son to show him some people you can help and should help,"

said Nero, a maintenance mechanic supervisor for Army Lodging here.

"It did my son proud to help a Soldier's wife while her husband was deployed," said Nero.

Edwards' husband is deployed to Iraq with the 202nd Military Intelligence Battalion.

"I don't know what I would have done without Mr. Nero's help. I had never changed a tire before. At the very least, my two sons and I were going to have to walk quite a ways in the hot afternoon sun to get some help. Mr. Nero's selfless act is something that I will always remember and be grateful for," said Edwards.



Photo by Spc. Nicole Robus

Col. Robert Henderson, Garrison commander, presents Willie Nero a garrison coin for coming to the aid of a stranded motorist. The woman, Silke Edwards, and her children, had a flat tire on their vehicle when Nero and his son stopped to change the tire. Nero is a maintenance supervisor for Army lodging here.

## Warrant officers focus on future

Sgt. Sam Smith  
*Signal staff*

In a multi-faceted ceremony Friday in Alexander Hall, the warrant officers at Fort Gordon celebrated the 86th birthday of their corps, promoted some warrant officers, and pinned on new insignias.

Warrant officers from the hospital, judge advocate general, quartermaster, corps of engineers, criminal investigations command, military intelligence, adjutant general, ordnance, and signal removed their "Rising Eagle" insignia and pinned insignia from their respective corps.

"This marks the full integration of the warrant officers into the officer corps," said Brig. Gen. Gregory Premo, U.S. Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon deputy commanding gen-

eral and guest speaker for the event, "making the warrant officers more ready and relevant for today's Army."

In addition to changing their insignia, some warrant officers also changed their rank during the ceremony. Some because they were being promoted, and some because their rank insignia also changed. The chief warrant officer five rank has changed to a silver bar with a single black stripe in the middle. CW5s had been wearing master chief warrant officer rank insignia created in the late 1980s.

Warrant officer candidates will still wear the old warrant officer insignia - a brass eagle standing on a bundle of arrows, enclosed in a wreath - as a means to honor the lineage and heritage of the Warrant Officer Corps, founded July 9, 1918.



Photo by Sgt. Sam Smith

Brig. Gen. Gregory Premo, U.S. Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon deputy commanding general, pins new rank on Chief Warrant Officer 5 George McGee during the Warrant Officer Corps' 86th birthday celebration Friday in Alexander Hall. See related story, page 9.



Photo by Sgt. Sam Smith

Lt. Col. Karla Donovan relinquished command of the 551st Signal Battalion Friday to Lt. Col. Michael Shillinger.

## Patriots watch, warn under new commander

Sgt. Sam Smith  
*Signal staff*

The 551st Signal Battalion had a change of command ceremony July 9 on Barton Field.

Lt. Col. Karla Donovan said goodbye to her battalion in a teary-eyed speech after handing over the guidon.

"I'll miss everyone - Sol-

diers, cadence calling, (physical training)," Donovan said. "I'll miss seeing new Soldiers become exceptional Soldiers for the operational force."

Now, it's up to Lt. Col. Michael Shillinger to see those new Soldiers become productive members of the operational Army. Shillinger is coming off assignment from Taegu, South

Korea, where he served as the director of Theater Network Operations and Security Center, 1st Signal Brigade.

Donovan will be retiring Oct. 28 after 20 years of service, to become a full-time mother to her five children. Donovan isn't, however, the only that will miss her being in command.

"I feel real sad about her leaving. She's a real positive person who really cared about Soldiers and civilians," said Regina Stevenson, Donovan's secretary. "She's just outstanding."

Donovan says she feels she has accomplished a lot in command of the 551st, not the least of which was getting door-

knobs put on one of her buildings; but her greatest accomplishments were with the Army's future singaleers.

"The brigade has achieved great strides in current training to meet operational force," Donovan said. "The 3,000 plus Soldiers we've sent out the door are our greatest achievement."

# Two Signal band Soldiers named SERO board runners up

Sgt. Sam Smith  
*Signal staff*

Two members of Fort Gordon's Signal Corps Band finished as first runners up in the Southeast Regional Office board.

It was the first time the board, held in May at Fort McPherson, Ga., has been convened.

Sgt. Shelley Terrill, a clarinet and bassoon player, and Spc. Duncan McGrath, a saxophone player, placed on the Soldier and noncommissioned officer boards respectively. The event will become an annual board for garrison Soldiers from all Army posts in the southeast region.

"It's more competitive because you're going against Soldiers from other posts, but it's a more relaxed panel," McGrath said. "Maybe because they're all sergeants major, they have nothing to prove. Not like the garrison board's very stressful, tight environment."

According to Terrill, the questions at the SERO board were more in-depth than the ones at the Fort Gordon boards. Both Terrill and McGrath won their garrison boards to qualify for the SERO board. Terrill also went on to win the Fort Gordon board.



Photo by Pfc. Armando Monroig

Sgt. Shelley Terrill (right) and Spc. Duncan McGrath (playing the saxophone) were runners up in the Southeast Regional Office board.

After qualifying for SERO, they had to send in a resume, essay, and full packet, which included their Army Physical Fitness Test scores, weapons qualifications and other information. This packet replaced the introduction board members typically give before the panel starts grilling them.

Besides the paperwork involved in preparing for the board, Terrill and McGrath had to do a lot of studying. They mostly focused on the All-Army Study Guide, but Terrill also went directly to the Army Regulations and Common Task Training Manual.

"Don't read the study guides word-for-word, but see the big picture, so you understand how it works," Terrill said. "It's one thing to know; one thing to do. (And) you can't get too stressed. They're not there to hurt you. They just want to (see) what you know."

McGrath also advised against letting nerves get the best of you when facing a panel.

"Don't be nervous, because when you're nervous you forget the answers to easy questions, because you're looking for the hard questions," McGrath said. "Be confident. If you show confidence...it shows a better presence. What I found out...it has to do with attitude and overall presence."

## Army doctors publish combat stress study

Courtney Hickson  
*Army News Service*

WASHINGTON – Soldiers deployed to the front lines of Iraq face a higher chance of developing post-traumatic stress disorder and other mental disorders than their counterparts in Afghanistan, a recent Army study reported.

The study, published in the July 1 New England Journal of Medicine, was led by Col. Charles W. Hoge, a medical doctor at the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Walter Reed Army Institute of Research. It surveyed members of three Army units and one Marine unit.

The study was conducted with service members who had various lengths of deployment. Some Soldiers were surveyed in January 2003 before a year-long deployment to Iraq; the second group responded to questions after a six-month deployment to Afghanistan; while a third group of Soldiers was surveyed after an eight-month deployment to Iraq. The Marines were surveyed after a six-month deployment to Iraq. All who were surveyed were involved in hazardous security duties.

There were 5,386 Soldiers and 815 Marines in the survey. Hoge said they focused exclusively on combat arms units

and Army Infantry during the initial invasions of Afghanistan and Iraq. This was done with the knowledge that these Soldiers and Marines would be more likely to have seen combat and have combat stress as a result.

"This is not generalized to all service members," he said. "The initial ground experiences may be different."

Hoge said the study puts numbers to what is already known.

"What is unique is this is the first time we have looked at this so close to combat deployment," he said.

Eighteen percent of the Soldiers who responded to the

survey questions after returning home from Iraq had PTSD, almost double the number, of Soldiers surveyed before deployment to Iraq. While only 11.5 percent of those returning from Afghanistan had the broad definition of PTSD. Soldiers in Iraq had a significantly higher exposure to combat than those deployed to Afghanistan.

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## Out with the old and in with the new Latest and greatest car wash now open

Denise Allen  
Signal Staff

As the crowd waited for the first car to emerge from the AAFES car wash on Lane Avenue, a rainbow reflected in the spray from the rinse cycle.

"This is the newest and latest and greatest car wash," said Nick Williams, Army and Air Force Exchange Service general manager, at the grand opening July 8.

The car wash replaces one originally built in 1971 with two refurbishments over the years.

It has one automatic bay, one recreational vehicle or large vehicle bay and three regular bays.

Brig. Gen. Gregory Premo, U.S. Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon deputy commanding general, said the opening of a new car wash is reflective of the many upgrades and changes made at Fort Gordon over the past few years.

"This is not your father's Fort Gordon," he said. "This is a new Fort Gordon. It's changing to adapt to needs."

Fort Gordon has a new sense of community among its residents, he said.

The car wash isn't the only new auto care service



Photo by Denise Allen

From left, Nick Williams, general manager at Army and Air Force Exchange Service, Brig. Gen. Gregory Premo, U.S. Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon deputy commanding general, and Command Sgt. Maj. Clark Dimery, HHC U.S. Army Garrison command sergeant major, cut the ribbon on the new car wash on Lane Avenue July 8.

that will be coming to Fort Gordon, according to Williams.

Firestone will be opening a service center next to the car wash.

Fort Gordon "is about the only military installation that doesn't have an AAFES

garage," he said.

The Firestone center would have every service offered at a similar business located in the civilian community such as "tires, oil changes, wheel alignments," he said.

The new center would

have 10 bays for service.

Williams said he expected the bids for constructing the facility would be in late fall and construction to begin in January 2005.

It should be open and operational around April 2005, he said.

## New UPS gives customers more options

Sgt. Sam Smith  
Signal Staff

A United Parcel Service store opened Monday at the Fort Gordon PXtra.

The grand opening for the store is slated for Aug. 1, but the store is now ready for business after contracting delays.

"Mostly it was phone issues," owner Irma Henline said. "It was the normal problems with opening a new store."

The UPS can already provide customers with post office boxes, shipping, and office supplies and services such as color copies and faxes. The mailbox area is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, since a security code will allow customers access to the store.

"Say you're out in the field and come in on Sunday night. You can still come in and check your mail," Henline said. "Plus, if you're not there to sign for a package we can hold it for you rather than have it sent back to some mailroom somewhere."

The UPS store will

probably add more services as the need arises.

"As Soldiers come to me to ask why don't we have this or that," Henline said,

"then we'll go about acquiring that service for them."

In addition to the standard shipping options, such as priority, overnight, and

international, UPS also packages items for shipping for their customers.

"This gives Soldiers a quick stop, where they can have items shipped, because they don't have bubble wrap and Styrofoam peanuts in their (billets)," Henline said. "It's a place where they don't have to have all the ingredients to the recipe to ship an item."

The store is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday.



Photo by Sgt. Sam Smith

Irma Henline, owner of the United Parcel Service store on post, sorts through office supplies. The store offers customers post office boxes, shipping, office supplies and other services such as color copies and faxes. The mailbox area is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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# The greatest show on Earth

Denise Allen  
Signal staff

Christy McDonald likens herself to Paul Revere.

"Two weeks ahead, I'm letting everyone know, 'The circus is coming; the circus is coming,'" said McDonald, an advance clown with the Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey Circus, who visited the National Science Center's Fort Discovery Tuesday with two 30-minute shows on the science of the circus.

"I do shows at schools and science centers across the country," said McDonald. "It's one-third educational, one-third circus, one-third fun."

In her act Tuesday, McDonald, who spent several years on the road performing with "The Greatest Show on Earth," showed off her juggling skills and talked about gravity, momentum and inertia.

And she talked about the importance of starting off with small steps before undertaking larger ones.

"When you read, you start with the ABCs, then 'See Spot Run,' then you can read the dictionary," she said.

The circus will be at the Augusta-Richmond County Civic Center July 28 through Aug. 1 in a new show called the "Hometown Edition."

"We just started it this year," she said. "We've gotten great response."

The "Hometown Edition" travels to smaller venues and is a one-ring circus instead of three rings.

"It pushes the envelope. We get the best of the best. It's trimmed down with fewer performers, but a higher quality of talent," she said.

The performers are multi-talented, she said.

The trapeze artists also perform a trampoline act.

The show has two elephants including Gunther, named after renowned animal trainer, Gunther Gebel-Williams, and his older brother, Doc. Gunther, a 2,500-pound two year-old who can paint, she said.

In addition, there's Hercules, the strongman, motorcycle acts and of course, clowns.

"The show has all the bells, whistles and costumes," she said.

Over the years, the circus stopped traveling to cities that could not accommodate its large show.



Photo by Denise Allen

Christy McDonald, a Goodwill ambassador for the Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey Circus, juggles at the National Science Center's Fort Discovery Tuesday. McDonald talked about the "science of the circus" in advance of the circus' arrival in Augusta July 28-Aug. 1.

"I went to one town where it hadn't been since 1920," she said.

The circus shows will be at 7:30 p.m., July 28, 29 and 30; 11:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. July 31; and 1:30 p.m. Aug. 1.

Ticket prices range from \$5.50 to \$26 with special group rates available.

Special military rates include \$15 lower level seats at 7:30 p.m. July 29; and 11:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. July 30. Upper level tickets are \$10.50 for military at 7:30 p.m. July 29; and 11:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. July 30.

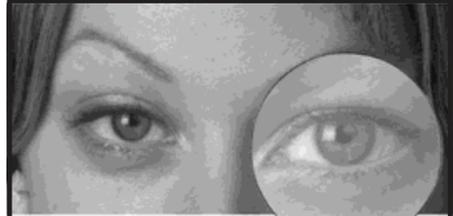
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Simmons, Lois Vann, Donell Walker, Lula Whitehead, Donna Woodard, and Craig Zimmerman.

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# Viewpoint

Information, Opinions, and Commentary

## Most Iraqis appreciate U.S. help

Bonnie Murphy  
Army News Service

**BALAD, Iraq** – I'm appalled at the "news" as it's reported from Iraq. Just as disturbing is the lack of knowledge a lot of people have about what's really going on, why we're there, and what it's really like. I'd like to set the record straight.

My job as an environmentalist is primarily the protection of the environment and the disposal of Department of Defense-generated hazardous wastes. I volunteered to go to Iraq, and last December I was selected to set up the first disposal operations in the forward deployed area.

I have been stationed at Balad Air Base, LSA Anaconda, since Dec. 28. On several occasions, my work has taken me to Baghdad. I extended my initial tour from 120 days to 155 days, and June 7 I went back to Baghdad for six more months.

Ninety-five percent of the Iraqi people want us there, and it's only a handful of insurgents with weapons who are attacking our bases, convoys and troops. The older generations say that although they may never see the freedoms we're trying to bring to their country, they know their

children will enjoy the rights that we take for granted in this country.

I've had the opportunity to meet and speak with day laborers coming on Anaconda. They are grateful for the work and pay they receive. Men have taken my hand with tear-filled eyes and thanked me because they can now provide for their families — something they couldn't do when Saddam was in power. I've met engineers, pilots and well-educated men who, for the first time since Saddam took office, are returning from self-imposed exile to their homeland and are able to find work on our many U.S. bases.

Before I left Balad, I was able to coordinate the donation of \$3,500 of hospital disinfectant and dental amalgam to the local hospital from the DRMS inventory of excess property. Our Balad team of doctors and medics make regular scheduled visits to the surrounding communities to provide medical care and assistance to the people and teach new technologies to Iraqi medical personnel.

People are being taught field sanitation and hand-washing techniques to prevent the spread of germs. About 400,000 children have now received up-to-date immunizations. And 100 percent of the existing

hospitals are now open and staffed, compared to 35 percent before the war.

On behalf of my organization, the Defense Logistics Agency, and its partner, Army Materiel Command, we're sponsoring a local secondary school. We've received \$65,500 of Saddam's money to completely rebuild the school. Our school is only one of 11 schools being sponsored by different units on LSA Anaconda. School attendance is up 80 percent, and for the first time girls are allowed to attend classes.

Our facility engineers and Seabees are rebuilding outdated sewer lines and constructing a new water treatment plant that will serve the entire area.

This is being done in every major city. More than 4.5 million people have clean drinking water for the first time.

We're updating and constructing new power plants throughout the country. Now the entire populace receives twice the electric power it did before the war.

More than 400,000 people have telephone service for the first time.

The port of Uhm Qasar was renovated so grain can be off loaded from ships faster. Farmers are being

educated on better methods, and new technologies are being introduced. Local contractors working on our bases are, for the first time, able to receive lubricant oils, and hydraulic and brake fluids for their equipment.

The newly formed Iraqi Civil Defense Force trains on LSA Anaconda. The teams work and learn side by side with our Soldiers, and they are proud to be learning from us and eager to help in the battle against the handful of insurgents making life miserable in Iraq. Every day our troops are finding buried weapons and chemicals that must be disposed of.

The dangerous chemicals pose a threat to the environment, health and safety of not only the Iraqi people but the world if they were to come into the wrong hands.

I've met some wonderful Soldiers serving in Iraq. As a nation, we should all be proud and supportive of the mission, Operation Iraqi Freedom.

I believe in my job, my country, and I want my grandchildren to always be able to enjoy their freedoms. That's why I'm going back.

(Editor's note: Bonnie Murphy is a Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service employee who volunteered to go to Iraq in December.)

## Feedback

Spc. Nicole Robus

### Do you think the War on Terror is succeeding?



To a point. There hasn't been much global stuff happening. It's more in Iraq.

**Sgt. William Robison**  
A Company, 878th Engineer Battalion  
Georgia National Guard



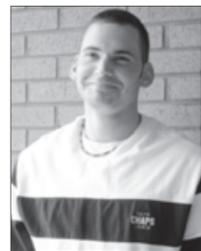
No, I don't see any results. I don't think that we could ever end terrorism.

**Staff Sgt. Kylie Hudson**  
73rd Ordnance Battalion



No, because terrorists are always going to be out there.

**Pvt. Dominic Gaymon**  
C Company, 551st Signal Battalion



Yes, but I don't think that we will see significant decreases (in terror) in the near future.

**Sgt. Jeremy Moore**  
35th MP Detachment

## Wolfowitz says patience key to success in War on Terror

By Jim Garamone  
American Forces Press Service

**OMAHA, Neb.** – What American soldiers are doing in the global war on terrorism is every bit as important as what their grandparents did in World War II, Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz said here July 9.

The deputy secretary did not mince words about terrorists. "Our forces today face the most recent evil mutation of totalitarianism. It's not religion; it's an evil."

Wolfowitz also told the Omaha Chamber of Commerce that America must be patient and stay for the long haul in Iraq.

As difficult as it is to be patient, "especially when American blood is being spilled," it will work to our advantage, Wolfowitz said. "Paradoxically, the more patience the enemy thinks we have, the sooner we will win," he said. "Their only hope is that they will somehow outlast us, that we will withdraw our support for the Iraqi people before they have the capacity to defend themselves and their new government."

Wolfowitz came to Nebraska for the change of command of U.S. Strategic Command at nearby Offutt Air Force Base.

He told the businessmen and women that American troops are helping transform two formerly totalitarian states into America's newest allies. Afghanistan and Iraq – both on the road to becoming free nations that respect the rights of all – could be "champions of moderation and freedom in the Muslim world."

Wolfowitz told the Nebraskans that Americans serving today are changing history in ways that will make the world safer.

Wolfowitz said the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, delivered a rude and bloody awakening to Americans. Following the attacks, America realized it was "in the middle of a war that had been declared on us some years before. We didn't go looking for this fight; it came to us."

The terrorist extremists who declared war targeted not only America but also any people who support the ideals of freedom, pluralism, democracy and economic development. "They declared war particularly on Muslims who don't share their twisted view of the teachings of that great religion," Wolfowitz said.

The deputy secretary said the global war on terrorism is an intelligence war, and rarely is it possible to get a perfect picture. He said U.S. leaders are not going to prove something beyond a reasonable doubt. "If we wait until (the terrorists') intentions are clear – clear beyond a

reasonable doubt – we will probably have waited too long," he said.

The United States and the anti-terrorism coalition must support Afghanistan and Iraq as those countries strive to build their new governments. The world is reaching out. In Afghanistan, there are 9,000 non-U.S. troops from more than 40 countries helping, Wolfowitz said.

The Afghans have adopted a constitution that gives equal rights to men and women and protects the rights of religious and ethnic minorities. "In another historic milestone, the country is looking to elections in the fall," Wolfowitz said. More than 6 million people have so far registered to vote, with 40 percent being women.

Wolfowitz said NATO has agreed to continue the International Security Assistance Force in Kabul and will beef up troop strength throughout the country as elections approach.

The deputy secretary said the same level of international assistance is visible in Iraq. Many NATO allies – albeit not under the NATO umbrella – are helping in Iraq. Many other countries are also providing troops. One hundred and twenty allies have been killed in these operations.

"Special forces from little El Salvador are in the fight, and military engineers from a country that didn't even exist 20 years ago, Kazakhstan, have cleared more than half a million explosives," Wolfowitz said.

The United Nations will soon move back into Iraq to provide election expertise and assistance as Iraqis prepare for the election of their first freely elected government, in January.

With the new Security Council resolution, Wolfowitz said, he hopes even more countries will contribute peacekeeping forces to Iraq. Still, he said, he is realistic. "With more than 30,000 coalition troops in Afghanistan and Iraq, and thousands more serving in Bosnia, Kosovo and peacekeeping efforts elsewhere, our allies are stretched thin," he said.

Afghans and Iraqis will make the most important contributions to the war effort.

Wolfowitz said the coalition has made great progress. In Afghanistan, German and U.S. officials have trained more than 19,000 Afghan police. The current strength of the Afghan National Army is more than 10,000 and growing.

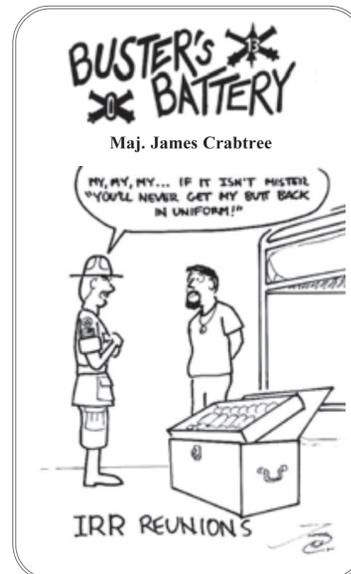
In Iraq, the return of sovereignty June 28 has clearly made a difference, he said. "Now that Iraq's future is clearly in their own hands, it is already making a big difference in how they see their future and the way they fight," he said. "The big challenge now will be to pull off

elections at the end of this year (and) the beginning of next in the face of an evil enemy, an enemy that is determined to stop progress in the country."

There are more than 200,000 troops in Iraqi security forces. "While those numbers are impressive for a force that didn't even exist more than a year ago, numbers alone are admittedly misleading," Wolfowitz said. "Iraqi forces still have shortcomings in training, equipment and leadership."

Recent battles in Fallujah and the militia challenges in Karbala and Najaf in April highlighted those shortcomings. Many Iraqi police ran; many simply didn't report; "but many others stood their ground and behaved credibly," Wolfowitz said.

The deputy said equipment is now "flooding" into the area. "With the equipment is a new sense of pride and self-confidence as the Iraqis see themselves fighting for an Iraqi government under Iraqi officers," he said. "They are no longer an occupied nation. I believe that makes a very big difference."



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# Vet clinic holds pet adopt-athon

## Veterinary Treatment Facility tries matching pets with would-be owners

Pfc. Armando Monroig  
Signal staff

Fort Gordon's Veterinary Treatment Facility held its first ever pet adopt-athon in front of the main post-exchange Saturday.

Representatives were on hand from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. talking to those interested in the many pets available for adoption through the Veterinary Treatment Facility.

Capt. Rebecca Ball, officer-in-charge of veterinary services at the clinic, said this was a great opportunity for members of the Fort Gordon community to take a look at many of the dogs and cats that need good homes.

The animals up for adoption are the stray animals from the

veterinary facility.

"We try to bring them out here to get some exposure and see if we can get so many animals adopted," said Ball.

A total of 10 animals were available for adoption that day, with animals being rotated between the Veterinary Facility and event site in order to prevent them from being out in the heat too long.

Ball said many of the animals are those that are lost, and having this adopt-athon may reunite them with their old owners or possibly find them a new one.

"We want exposure plus we need to get these guys homes because they're all very sweet dogs and cats and are looking for someone to take care of

them and love them," said Ball.

Ball said the adoption process includes screening potential adopters to see what kind of pet they are looking for and what their situation is.

"We try to match them up with the best animal," she said.

The adoption cost of \$60 includes initial basic medical care for the animal, as well as spaying or neutering.

Civilian or military, 18 years of age and older were eligible to make adoptions.

Ball said the event was a success.

Getting as many animals adopted as possible was the goal for the day, but even if only one was adopted, she said they accomplished their goal.

Thanks to the adopt-athon,

one lucky kitty found a new home Saturday and three other animals were adopted the day before.

"It was pretty good. We had a lot of interest," she said. "We had several calls."

And with the public's support many more needy animals will also find good homes and owners.

The vet center is located at 500 North Range Rd.

"We're there all the time," she said. "We always have animals down there."

She said they are going to bring out the animals more often and do more adopt-athons, but people interested in adopt-

ing don't have to wait until an event is held.

"People can come down there any time and adopt a pet," she said.

Animals that don't get adopted remain at the VTF as long as there is room to care for them. Also, the Richmond County Humane Society takes some of the animals if they have room.

The last resort, said Ball, is to have the animals put to sleep if they cannot find homes for them.

"I think it was really nice that they put up the dogs for adoption," said 10-year-old Siera Payne, who passed by

the adopt-athon while on her way into the PX with her aunt.

Although she didn't adopt one, she said her aunt was considering doing so.

Anna Bruening, a volunteer at the adopt-athon, showed Payne and her cousins one of the dogs there.

"She's real good with kids, a gentle dog," said Bruening of Sandy, a medium-sized, female, three-year-old, chow-golden retriever mix.

Another adopt-athon is planned for the fall, when it is a little bit cooler for the animals, said Ball.

For more information on adoptions, call 787-3815.



(From left to right) 10-year-old Siera Payne and eight-year-olds Davontae Blackshear and Tyrell Branch, pet Sandy, a chow-golden terrier mix, as Anna Bruening, a volunteer, watches. Sandy is one of the many animals brought out to the main PX Saturday as part of the Fort Gordon Veterinary Treatment Facility's adopt-a-thon.



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Tom was shy, shy, shy. He liked to hide in a box. But now he likes to be held and to purr. He is sweet, relaxed and snuggly, and available for adoption at the Fort Gordon Veterinary Treatment Facility along with Pinky, George, Dixie, Sandy and Doogie. For more information, call 787-3815 or drop by to see them Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at 500 North Range Rd. The adoption fee is \$60 and includes shots, spay or neuter, and a microchip.

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# I love you, you're perfect

Denise Allen  
Signal staff

Anyone who has ever dated, been married or had children can relate to the Fort Gordon Dinner Theatre's upcoming presentation of "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change."

"It's a really fun time with a date or a spouse," said Kay Gross, one of seven actors in the ensemble cast of the musical comedy revue.

In its eighth season off-Broadway, the play is currently the longest running off-Broadway musical and chronicles male-female relationships from the awkward first date to finding romance in later years.

"It's good-natured adult humor," said Steve Walpert, the show's director.

The off-Broadway version of the play features four adults playing more than 60 parts in its fast-paced romp.

JoAnn Davis remembers seeing the dizzily fast comedy in New York. One of the actors had to make a fast change. As he was returning to the stage, his shoe flew into the audience. He'd say a

line then ask if anyone had seen his shoe.

After seeing the play, Davis said she knew she wanted to be in it if she ever had the chance.

Walpert has added three additional actors, but the pace is still quick.

"The singing is hard, and the quick changes," said Michael Dozier, a 2003 John S. Davidson Fine Arts Magnet School graduate, who is studying theater at the North Carolina School of the Arts. "I go from a pizza guy to a mass murderer to a clergyman" in just a few minutes.

With all the different characters and situations in the comedy, Walpert said it's easy for theater-goers to relate to someone. Either they know someone like the character or they can see themselves in the situation.

"I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change" will be staged July 30 and 31, and Aug. 6, 7, 8, 12, 13 and 14 at Fort Gordon's Performing Arts Center. Dinner begins at 7 p.m. with the show starting at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$33 for civilians, \$31 for senior

citizens 65 and older, Army retirees, Department of the Army civilians, active duty military E-8 and above; \$21 active duty military E-7 and

below; and \$16 for the show only.

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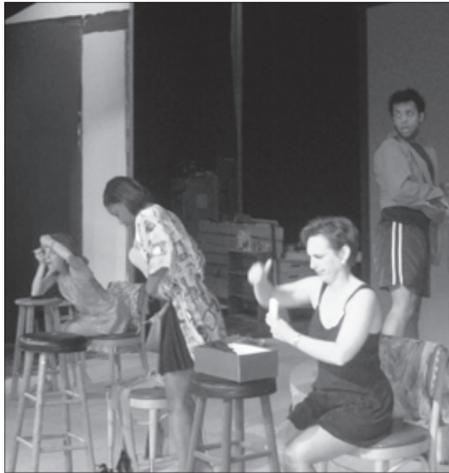


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(From left) Kay Gross, Cheronda Harris, Michael Dozier (background) and JoAnn Davis rehearse for the musical comedy revue "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," which opens at the Fort Gordon Dinner Theatre July 30.

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# Warrants don new insignia

Joe Burlas and Gary Sheftick  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON – As warrant officers across the Army celebrated the 86th birthday of their Warrant Officer Corps July 9, they removed the distinctive "Rising Eagle" insignia from their collars and replaced it with the insignia of the branches they serve.

Top warrant officers also received a new chief warrant officer 5 rank to wear – a silver bar with a single black stripe in the middle. Army Vice Chief of Staff Gen. Richard A. Cody pinned the new rank onto five chief warrant officers July 9 in a Pentagon ceremony, and then eight warrants had their new branch insignia pinned on their collars. Four donned adjutant general insignia, three aviation and one the ordnance branch insignia.

"These are two significant changes in the warrant officer corps that has served us so well" throughout the Army's history, Cody said. He explained that the changes are necessary as the Army moves toward a modular and more joint and expeditionary design and were recommended by a warrant officer leadership development study. The changes also bring the Army's warrants more in line with the other military services, he said.

The old warrant officer insignia – a brass eagle standing on a bundle of arrows, enclosed in a wreath – will still be worn by warrant officer candidates as a means to honor the lineage and heritage of the Warrant Officer Corps which was founded July 9, 1918, according to personnel officials.

Symbolism is important,

said Lt. Gen. F.L. Hagenbeck, Army G1, so much so that changing the insignia warrants wear should reflect a better integration of warrant officers into the Army. Neither enlisted, nor officer – warrants are often perceived as strange animals to the rest of the Army, he said.

Better integration into the Army and with the branches warrants serve was one of 63 recommendations of the Army Training and Leadership Development survey for warrant officers conducted in late 2001 and early 2002.

The ATLDP recommendation to roll back the warrant grade structure has also been implemented, said CWO5 Al Eggerton, G1 warrant officer personnel policy integrator.

The issue was too many higher-grade slots that were unevenly distributed, he said. The grade rollback allows for more consistent promotion opportunities across the warrant officer force.

On the issue of providing a single-source document that provides up-to-date career management and development information, Eggerton said Department of the Army Pamphlet 600-3 is currently undergoing its final edit and should be ready for publishing in the near future.

CW5s had been wearing master chief warrant officer rank insignia created in the late 1980s.

With an expanded Warrant Officer Corps supporting the Vietnam War, the Army first proposed the creation of CW5 and CW6 ranks in the early 1970s. While the proposal won Department of the Army staff approval, the force structure position changes for the new grades were not implemented at the time as the Army



Photo by Gary Sheftick

Army Vice Chief of Staff Gen. Richard A. Cody pins the new Chief Warrant Officer 5 rank onto Chief Warrant Officer 5 Charles Clayton of the Secretary of the Army's Office.

downsized immediately following the Vietnam War.

Selected CW4 were designated master chief warrant officers in 1988 and wore a new master chief warrant officer rank insignia. The CW5 grade was established in December 1991 with the master chief warrant officer insignia adopted as its rank insignia – four black squares with silver squares inside.

"Lots of times people called me a CW4," said CW5 Christopher Dodd, executive officer

to the G8 director of materiel at the Pentagon. The similarity between the two ranks sometimes "generated confusion," Dodd said, adding that the new rank should "make a difference."

Insignia for a CW6 rank was actually approved years ago – two stripes across a bar – even though promoting into that rank was never authorized by Congress, said CW5 Fred Hawn, assistant executive officer to the Army's vice chief of staff.

## PTSD

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PTSD is "a psychiatric disorder that can occur following the experience or witnessing of life-threatening events such as military combat, natural disasters, terrorist incidents, serious accidents, or violent personal assaults like rape. People who suffer from PTSD often relive the experience through nightmares and flashbacks, have difficulty sleeping, and feel detached or estranged, and these symptoms can be severe enough and last long enough to significantly impair the person's daily life," according to the National Center for PTSD Web site.

When asked if they have received professional help in the past months – which could have been help from a

mental health care profession, a general medical doctor or a clergy member – 11 percent of Soldiers returning from Iraq said yes. In the same group, more than 16 percent said they were interested in receiving professional help, while 19.5 percent had a perceived moderate or severe problem.

Many Soldiers, who need mental health care the most, said they are not seeking treatment out of fear of being stigmatized the survey reported. Of those meeting the screening criteria for a mental disorder, the largest perceived barrier – at 65 percent – was "I would be seen as weak." The next largest barrier was "My unit leadership might treat

me differently," at 63 percent.

Hoge said the perception of being stigmatized with a mental health disease is not unique to the military but there are some factors such as cohesion and leadership that are unique.

"They are perceived that they may be treated differently but that may not be the reality," he said. "But it could be enough to not want to seek help."

One of the challenges now is to find a way to reduce the stigma and encourage Soldiers to seek treatment, Hoge said.

In addition to Hoge, Army and Navy doctors performed and wrote study results. It is part of a larger ongoing study, which will be reported on in the future.



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# Airmen share donations, song with South Africans

**Air Force Capt. Heather Healy**  
Special to American Forces Press Service

**DITHOLO, South Africa** – The road to Kgautswane is dusty and disheartening.

Fifty Airmen participating in exercise MedFlag 2004 at South African Air Base Hoedspruit learned this fact as they rode down the remote rural road July 10, covering their noses and mouths with their hats to breathe as a brownish cloud filled the bus.

"It's easy to see how most of the children we've seen at the clinics have respiratory problems," said Capt. Angela Mongillo, a 48th Medical Group pediatric nurse, who has spent most of her days in South Africa treating children in several humanitarian-assistance sites near Hoedspruit. When the dust settled, many Airmen were shocked at the sight.

"It's kind of emotional," said Tech. Sgt. Roderick Soares, a member of the Air National Guard's 143rd Airlift Wing from Quonset Point, R.I. "This isn't what I expected."

The bus rolled to a stop in front of a Coca-Cola sign that read "Welcome to Kgautswane Community Development Center."

According to the U.S. Embassy in Pretoria, Kgautswane is well known for its efforts in taking care of abandoned children and for its adult center that teaches men and women how to cook, garden, sew, make crafts and develop computer skills.

Members from the 48th Medical Group, deployed from the Royal Air Force base at Lakenheath, England, had spent months gathering donations to give to a worthy cause while participating in MedFlag 2004, and now it was time to deliver.

But before the donations could be offloaded, the U.S. Air Force personnel had to meet



Photo by Air Force Master Sgt. Doris Libby

**U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Victor Grubbs, a member of 3rd Air Force from the Royal Air Force base at Mildenhall, England, leads and teaches a spiritual song to the children of the Kgautswane Community Development Center in Kgautswane, South Africa, July 10. Air Force personnel, deployed to South Africa for MedFlag 2004, assisted in delivering donations to the children of the Kgautswane Community Development Center. Members of the 48th Medical Group collected donations before deploying in early July.**

Chief Lekgala, leader of the village, and its 95,000 inhabitants, said Clera Masilela, the director of the center.

"You are welcome here. We are grateful to be meeting people from the United States of America," said Chief Lekgala. "Please be at home. You coming here will bring good things."

The Airmen weren't the only ones with good things to give. Upon arrival, the group was immediately greeted by smiling children singing songs in their native language.

"I don't know how you put it into words," said Maj. Randall Ashmore, 48th MDG. "I was very touched, humbled and very grateful that we were able to make a difference in those kids' lives. I was amazed at what (the center) had done with those children. They had a spirit and an energy about them. It was amazing."

When the children were done singing, there was a group of nearly 100 women, men and children crowding near the Airmen asking for a song in return.

Not surprisingly, no one had prepared for a musical performance; however, talent quickly emerged from the crowd when Tech. Sgt. Victor Grubbs was called to the front of the group.

"There are three words to this song," said Grubbs. "Amen, Amen and Amen."

With his soulful voice, Grubbs led the U.S. Airmen, and eventually the entire village, in a sing along that rivaled any gospel session across the world.

After the sing-along, the Airmen filed into lines to unload the 4,000 pounds of donations. Bag after bag of shoes, clothing, and toys came off the truck and were passed into the community center.

The road away from Kgautswane is still dusty, but it was also enlightening to the Airmen.

"I look at it from my perspective, being an African American, and I realize how blessed we are as Americans," said Tech. Sgt. Paul Thomas, a 48th MDG laboratory technician. "It's opened my eyes and touched me more than words can ever explain."

"The villagers are content with their lives," Thomas continued. "They press on with life as is. I'm never, ever going to complain about my situation or what I do or don't have ever again. It's been a true revelation. I hope everybody keeps what they saw today in their hearts. I thank God and the Air Force for letting me experience this."

(Air Force Capt. Heather Healy is assigned to MedFlag Public Affairs.)

# Troubled waters

**Chaplain (Capt.) Terry Jarvis**  
513th Military Intelligence Brigade

On a recent white water rafting trip, I found myself out of the boat and in the churning waters of the Chattooga River.

One moment I was in the boat going over a seven-foot waterfall, and the next thing I knew I was in the water.

I found myself under a cliff being pulled down by the churning waters. The shoes I was wearing were literally pulled off my feet by the raging water. I knew I was in dire distress and I knew that I had to pop up to get some more air.

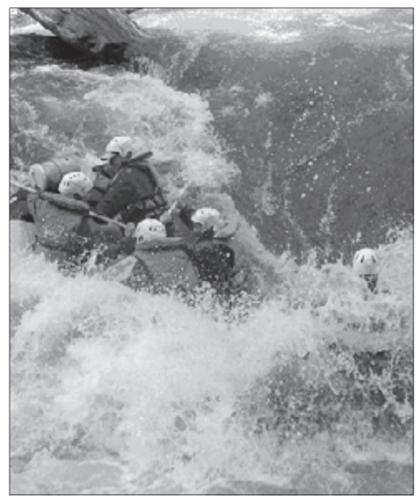
Having held on to my oar, I was able to use it to push myself away from the underwater cliff and pop up for some much needed air. I continued to go up and down for what seemed like an eternity, and eventually, I popped up and was rescued.

Many people were all around me watching me bob up and down. Our photographer for the day was able to take 15 photos of my unique experience. Some were oblivious to what was happening and others were trying to help me. Others simply watched in disbelief as a near tragedy was nearly unfolding before their eyes.

When troubled waters come your way, what do you do? Are you oblivious to it, do you just sit back and watch, do you stand there and take pictures, or are you one of the ones who jumps in and tries to help?

Troubled waters will always find us every now and then, and when they do, we need to remember to ask God for help. He is always there ready for us to seek Him.

I asked for His help and He was there to rescue me. Trust in Him and He will be there for you when you need Him.



Courtesy photo

## Writer credits Marines for maturity lesson

**Gerry Gilmore**  
American Forces Press Service

**WASHINGTON** – Jamale Jones, a fledgling author of poems, fiction and non-fiction writing, credits the Marine Corps for whipping his bloated ego into shape.

Now a manager of Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard military tour guides at the Pentagon, the 23-year-old Marine corporal said he's always admired the work of Edgar Allan Poe.

Gaining fame in 1845 for his poem, "The Raven," Poe, who had once attended West Point, wrote remarkably descriptive verse that painted vivid images in the reader's mind.

Before joining the Marine Corps at age 17, Jones noted he'd carried a heavy literary chip on his shoulder. He'd dismiss others' efforts, he explained, while simultaneously insisting to teachers that his work surpassed the master's.

"I had an ego back then," Jones

recalled, adding, "I used to always say I was a better writer than anyone – even Edgar Allan Poe."

Although his work has not yet been published, Jones noted some has appeared in local newspapers in his hometown of Cincinnati. As he neared graduation from high school, Jones said he turned to the military to broaden his horizons. The Marines, he noted, seemed a perfect fit.

"I had an attitude problem in high school," Jones acknowledged. The Marines' famous image and discipline provided the impetus he needed to change.

After his hard-earned graduation from Marine boot camp, Jones noted, "You actually feel like you're a part of something, and it makes you want to become something, and it makes you want to change." Jones also noted he has traveled during his time in the Marines, pointing to a previous stint in Okinawa, Japan.

A self-described people watcher, Jones said he enjoys interacting with the public

and coworkers as part of his work at the Pentagon.

"I've met a lot of interesting people," he said, noting the sharply dressed, knowledgeable Pentagon tour guides are ambassadors to the public who can help dispel misconceptions about the military.

And, Jones noted, tour participants most often leave the Pentagon with a more positive impression of the Marine Corps and the other armed services.

Whether traveling in uniform in the Pentagon area or near his home in Annapolis, Md., Jones said he enjoys being hailed by strangers for his military service.

Veterans "will come up to me out of nowhere, shake my hand, and say, 'Thank you for serving our country,'" he said. It's "things like that," Jones remarked, that makes him consider making the military a career.

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## Drill sergeant spotlight

**Name:** Sgt. 1st Class Lewis Stanley  
**Unit:** Company E, 369th Signal Battalion  
**Hometown:** Conway, S.C.

**Time at Fort Gordon:** Two years  
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**What do you want to accomplish in the Army?** To attain the prestigious rank of command sergeant major.



Sgt. 1st Class Stanley

## 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

Holy Day Services, Announced  
Jewish Activities Center, Bldg. 38804  
Daily and Sabbath service available off-post for Jewish personnel  
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Jumah Prayer Service on Fridays Oct-Apr at 1245-1:30, and Apr-Oct from 1:30-2:30.

These are held in Bldg. 38804, Academic Drive.  
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  
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, 9:00 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  
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For additional information, call 791-4683  
the Installation Chaplain's Office, Building 29601

# Sports & Leisure

## Sports UPDATE

### Free golf lessons

Gordon Lakes Golf Course offers free 10-minute golf lessons the third **Wednesday** of each month through October.

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**.

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

### Salsa night

The Gordon Club will host Salsa Night **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.

### 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 **Sunday**. 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.

### Horse camps

Hilltop Riding Stable offers riding lessons for ages 6-13 **Monday** through **Friday** from 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. Reservations taken 30 days prior to camp start dates, and camps are open to the public. Cost is \$125 for sponsored youth and \$150 for unsponsored youth. Call 791-4864 for information.

### Movie night

The Gordon Club has Pizza and a Movie from 4:30-6:30 p.m. **July 27** featuring the movie "Brother Bear", rated G. Admission is \$3 for the pizza buffet from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Price includes pizza, drink, popcorn and movie. The movie begins at 5:30 p.m. Children must be attended.

## Tourney bowls 'em over

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

The fourth annual Fort Gordon Professional Bowlers Association Southern Regional Pro-Am Tournament was held Friday and Saturday at the Gordon Lanes Bowling Center.

Professional bowlers from Florida and North Carolina, just to name two, participated in the event to win a title and cash prizes.

Some of the pros included Jason Hurd, national champ out of Titusville, Fla., and Jason Couch from Clermont, Fla., who has won this tournament three times, in addition to this year's tournament.

Events got started early Friday at Gordon Lakes Golf Course where bowling enthusiasts were able to play golf with the pro bowlers.

Then later Friday 124 amateurs got to bowl with the pros during a few games of Pro-Am action. Junior bowlers got in on the action as well. Everyone was also treated to a free barbecue dinner.

"(We) try to make everybody feel like they're at a family picnic," said Tim

Stancil, manager of Gordon Lanes, who was at the grill cooking the food himself.

Saturday brought more pin-downing action with Brig. Gen. Greg Premo, U.S. Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon deputy commanding general, giving the PBA members a welcome that kicked off the eight-game qualifier, where bowlers bowled eight games straight with no breaks in between.

Sunday consisted of the semi-finals, finals and presentation of trophy by Premo to the big winner, Couch. Premo also addressed the crowd of about 100 in attendance and thanked them for supporting Gordon Lanes and the Augusta community.

The top one-third of the field came back to bowl five games which led up to match play where bowlers competed against one another in one-on-one, best three-of-five competition.

Eventually the pack was narrowed down to the top four who competed for the title and a \$2500 cash prize.

The final four included Couch, Lee Vanderhoef from Rising Sun, Md., David Hungate from Hardy, Va., and Randy Weiss from Irmo, S.C.



Photo by Pfc. Armando Monroig

**Bowlers take to their lanes as they participate in the practice session during Friday's portion of the 4th Annual Southern Region PBA Open and Pro-Am Tournament, that boasted participation of 124 amateur bowlers and 23 professional bowling champions.**

Couch defeated Hungate while Vanderhoef defeated Weiss. In the final match it was Couch over Vanderhoef.

Stancil said this was a great community event that everyone could participate in and have some fun doing together.

One of the participating pro bowlers at the event was Wayne Autry from Vidalia, Ga., a third year pro who started his career at Gordon Lanes. Autry finished in 35th place.

"It's a real nice event and place to bowl, and real nice

people," said Autry, adding that the competition was tough which made for a good tourney.

Another one of the pro bowlers participating was Ray Baumbach of Largo, Fla., a first-timer at this tourney.

He said it was a great way for him to get some experience under his belt adding that it was an enjoyable experience.

"Everyone here has been top-class, 'A-plus,'" he said. Baumbach finished in 54th place of B squad.

Harry Oneale, PBA tournament director, was enthusiastic about having this event at Fort Gordon again.

"(The tournament) gave the local people a chance to bowl with some of the best bowlers in the world," said Oneale. "And it brings top quality bowling to this center."

He said Fort Gordon is a good geographical location to have this tournament, adding that bowlers from Georgia, South Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee, Mississippi and Alabama also participated in the event.

Oneale said there was a great turnout of champions at the event - about 23.

For additional information go to [www.PBA.com](http://www.PBA.com).



Photo by Pfc. Armando Monroig

### Caliente!

**Couples dance to the rhythm of a hot merengue tune during the Gordon Club's Salsa Night Friday. The event, sponsored by Fort Gordon's Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation also featured salsa, bachata and reggaeton music. It was open to the public and will be held again July 23 and 30. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door. For more information call 791-2205.**



Photo by Pfc. Armando Monroig

### Headed for home ...

**Sgt. 1st Class Georgette Greene, Number 34 and member of the 252nd Signal Company softball team, hustles toward third base as Airforce 338 TRS outfielders hurry to get the ball to the bases during softball action at Field 3 July 8. The 252nd won the game 13 to 7. For information on team records see the softball standings on this page.**

### Softball standings

As of July 12

Team	Won	Lost
<b>Blue Division</b>		
B-447	17	2
D-447	16	5
C-73	13	6
E-447	13	6
B-551	11	8
C-369	11	9
D-369	8	11
C-551	8	12
D-551	7	13
B-73	3	16
E-369	0	20
<b>Green Division</b>		
BNCOA	16	2
A-297	17	2
252	10	5
518	12	6
A-201	8	7
338TRS	10	10
C-63	9	9
HH-116	6	11
A-63	7	13
HH-63	4	16
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	16	2
A-442	15	2
ANCOA	11	6
A-206	12	7
A-551	12	7
EAMC	9	6
A-73	10	7
35 MP	6	12
NSGA	4	16
ADL	3	17
249	2	18
<b>Women's Division</b>		
C-369	5	1
EAMC	5	1
D-447	0	8

# Community Events

## Dinner show

The Fort Gordon Dinner Theatre presents "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change" **July 30 and 31, and Aug. 6, 7, 12, 13 and 14.** Dinner begins at 7 p.m., the show begins at 8 p.m.

Tickets cost \$33 for civilians, \$31 for seniors, retirees, DoD civilians, and E-8 and above, \$21 for E-7 and below, and \$16 for the show only.

The show contains some adult humor and is not recommended for ages 16 and younger.

For reservations or information, call 793-8552 or go to [www.fortgordon.com](http://www.fortgordon.com).

## Spanish Catholic Mass

The Good Shepherd Chapel is having a Catholic Mass in Spanish at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, followed by a pot luck dinner. The service is open to everyone who wants to participate, particularly the Spanish speaking community.

For information, call Maj. Jorge Berrios at 791-5500 or Father (Capt.) Alan Irizarry at 791-5364.

## 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.

## Changes of command

The 15th Regimental Signal Brigade change of command ceremony is 8 a.m. **today** 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 63rd Signal Battalion is having a change of command at 8 a.m. **Friday** at Barton Field. Lt. Col. John Rutt will relinquish command to Lt. Col. Robert Barker.

Inclement weather site is Gym 3. A reception follows at the Gordon Club. For information, call 791-2629.

## Resumix

Army Community Service, Employment Readiness program will hold a Resumix workshop **Tuesday** 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.

## Employment workshop

Tools of Employment is 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.

## Salsa night

The Gordon Club is having Salsa Night from 8 p.m.-2 a.m. **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. **today.** 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.

## 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.

## 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 servicemembers 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.

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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.

## 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.

## 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. (No late show July 17.) 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.

**July 16-22**

**Today** – The Chronicles of Riddick (PG-13)

**Saturday (2:30 p.m.)** – Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban (PG)

**Saturday** – The Stepford Wives (PG-13)

**Sunday** – Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban (PG)

**Thursday** – The Chronicles of Riddick (PG-13)

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

## Fort Gordon REPORT



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- Warrant officer insignia ceremony
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# Benning drill sergeants return from Iraqi deployment

Melissa House  
TRADOC News Service

**FORT BENNING, Ga.** – The foyer of Hanson Barracks at Sand Hill was decked out in red, white and blue July 1 as families waited to start their Independence Day weekend with a bang.

Eight drill sergeants from B Company, 2nd Battalion, 47th Infantry Regiment, returned from a six-month deployment to Iraq, where they plied their trade training Iraqi soldiers.

The men missed birthdays, anniversaries and crises. And many of the wives had to deal with a deployment for the first time.

Tiffany Cox kept in touch with her husband, Sgt. 1st Class Antonio Cox, by phone and e-mail and said a close group of wives helped her get through the deployment.

"We prayed for each other," Tiffany said. "And when we heard from one husband, we'd

call each other to share the news."

She admitted the hardest part was not knowing when the men would come home, and she preferred not to know exactly what her husband was doing.

Her friend, Cheryl Harstad, took a different approach. She wanted to know exactly what the drill sergeants were doing.

"At times, there was stuff they were in that really scared me," Cheryl said, "but I just had a feeling they would all come home."

Cheryl has learned to trust those gut feelings. Her son, Eric, 8, has beaten cancer, like she knew he would, and Sgt. 1st Class Lars Harstad walked up the sidewalk, just as she planned.

Sixth-grader Rylleigh Harstad said her father's deployment went by faster than she anticipated, although she really missed having him throw her around their pool. She saved pictures from art class to show him and

played games with her three younger siblings to take their minds off missing their dad.

Almost 10 minutes after hugging her dad for the first time, Rylleigh was crying in Cheryl's arms as her dad gave an interview.

"She didn't realize how hard it was until now," Cheryl said.

Brandon, Thomas and Josh Wright were a little more stoic, but no less excited. The teens waited patiently for their dad, Sgt. 1st Class Hubert Wright, who had been deployed to Iraq several times before. The boys said this deployment was easier than the first, but they had a few anxious days when they were told their dad was missing.

"Their communication satellite got blown up," Brandon said, "and they moved to a new place so he wasn't able to tell us that he was moving."

Thomas, 15, admitted that he was worried about his father the whole time he was in Iraq. Now that he's home, the boys have a few plans for him.

"We'll let him relax for a few days," Thomas said, "and then we're looking forward to beating him down."

Lt. Col. Jesse Ward, battalion commander, stepped in a few minutes after his Soldiers had been reunited with their families.

"There'll be no speech," Ward said. "I'm glad to see you home."

Antonio Cox said it was wonderful to be home and was ready to get reacquainted with his wife and 4-year-old daughter, Taylor. He said morale for the drill sergeants was high during the deployment.

"We knew we would be able to help the Iraqis learn to defend their own country," Antonio said.

Lars Harstad said he was

confident the Iraqis would do well with the training they had given them. One man they trained, he said, had fought in the Iran-Iraq War.

"He told us he no longer fought for one man (Saddam Hussein)," Lars said. "Now he fought for all men."

The company commander, Capt. Chris Colster, said the Soldiers would have several weeks of leave before returning to work. Those who stay on at Sand Hill, he said, would be spread throughout the battalion.

(House is with *The Bayonet* newspaper.)



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Sgt. 1st Class Lars Harstad, a drill sergeant with 2nd Battalion, 47th Infantry Regiment, shares a moment with his daughter, Emma, 3, after returning home from a deployment to Iraq July 1.

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## Sweating it out Playing Soldier for a day

Photo by Staff Sgt. Stacy Wamble

Terry Smith, deputy Garrison commander, waits intently for the enemy during the force-on-force operations training part of Garrison Civilian Activity Day July 7.

**Staff Sgt. Stacy Wamble**  
*Special to the Signal*

Fifteen Fort Gordon Department of the Army civilians and senior Garrison leaders got a glimpse of what it was like to be a Soldier when they participated in the Garrison Civilian Activity Day July 7.

The event was staff training and a team building effort for the senior leadership, according to Terry Smith, deputy Garrison commander. The event was designed to

give civilian employees a glimpse into the life of Soldiers so they have a "better understanding of what their life is like."

Smith likened the event to the Augustans in Army Boots program sponsored by the 93rd Signal Brigade.

Augustans in Army Boots allows Augusta community leaders to participate in various military activities over a two-day period.

"It's kind of what we did. We got out there and got our feet dirty," said

Smith. "It was hot, but it was not as bad as I thought it would be."

"It's been a real shot in the arm as far as the cohesiveness of Garrison," Smith added.

The participants were able to fire the M16A2 rifle, throw grenades, participate in a force-on-force exercise, and go through the Nuclear, Biological and Chemical chamber.

"I loved it," said Smith. "It was an experience of a lifetime."

"I did it all," said a

proud Smith.

Smith, who has been working with the Army for 33 years, said he would have joined the military when he was younger but was prevented from doing

so because of bad hearing.

Being able to participate in this event, to fire a weapon and wear a Kevlar helmet, was "just a tremendous experience."

The event has also had

a positive effect on the Garrison staff.

"It was a very worthwhile effort," said Smith. "I think it will pay dividends in the long run. It was great."



Photo by Staff Sgt. Stacy Wamble

(Above) Joe Governski, Commissary officer, practices throwing a grenade. (Below) Civilian participants experience the Nuclear, Biological and Chemical chamber.



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A Soldier from the opposing force sneaks in behind one of the civilian participants looking out the window of a building, during part of the force-on-force exercise.