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News UPDATE

Quarterly awards

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

The ceremony will honor:
- 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. **today** at Barton Field behind the Installation Chaplain's Office.

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.

Call Staff Sgt. Benjamin Jones or Chaplain Terry Jarvis at 791-4863.

School screenings

Eisenhower Army Medical Center is having school screenings for students eligible for care at EAMC.

The screenings are a state requirement for children entering Georgia public schools for the first time and includes vision, hearing and dental screenings, and an immunization update.

Parents must bring their ID card, and their children's medical records (if not at EAMC), immunization record, medical stamp card, and, if applicable, eye-glasses, hearing aids and medical power of attorney.

Screenings will be held **July 31 and Aug. 7 and 14** in the Internal Medicine Clinic. To schedule a screening or for information, call 787-7300.

Troops must obey list

Denise Allen
Signal staff

Eight Soldiers from Fort Benning, Ga., made the news recently after being arrested for frequenting businesses on Benning's newly posted "off-limits" list.

While Fort Gordon doesn't have any local businesses listed, there are some businesses that may soon make the list said Lt. Col. Richard Karlsson, director of public safety.

Determining what businesses are "off-limits" is not usually a quick decision unless there is an emergency.

Businesses are placed on an "off-limits" list as a last resort after all other attempts to correct the situation are exhausted, he said.

The Armed Forces Disciplinary Control Board is the governing body that makes decisions on such a list.

"The purpose of the Armed Forces Disciplinary Control Board is to advise the commanders on situations which may adversely affect the health, safety, morale and discipline of their servicemembers," he said.

The board may take "appropriate action" against businesses on grounds such as

criminal activity, alcohol or drug abuse, discrimination or unfair businesses practices.

Karlsson said some businesses want to avoid being put on the list because it hurts their reputation while others don't respond. The board will issue letters and give business owners opportunities to meet with the board to correct situations.

In situations where there is criminal activity or drug involvement, Fort Gordon's military police will work with authorities in Richmond, Columbia or Aiken counties.

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Signal Soldier dies in accident

Spc. Marisa Lau, a Soldier with the 518th Tactical Installation and Networking Co. here, died Tuesday night from injuries sustained in an accident early Tuesday at Barton Field.

Lau, 25, a cable system installer, was injured when a 24-foot tall semaphore tower being disassembled fell. Lau was airlifted to the Medical College of Georgia. Lau, from New York, was recently married to a

fellow Soldier from the 93rd Signal Brigade.

Two other Soldiers were injured in the accident.

Sgt. Billie Taylor was taken to Eisenhower Army Medical Center where he is being treated for a fractured ankle.

Sgt. Cedric Maybank was treated and released with minor injuries.

(Information from a Fort Gordon Public Affairs Office press release.)

The AIDS Epidemic As STRONG as ever

Pfc. Armando Monroig
Signal staff

Since it reared its ugly head in the early 1980s, AIDS has become a word synonymous with death.

Despite advances in medicine and technology, millions of people worldwide are still dying of the disease caused by the Human Immunodeficiency Virus, better known as HIV, and AIDS.

The war against AIDS is not going as well as it should be, said Lt. Col. Sherri Baker, chief of Community Health Nursing in Eisenhower Army Medical Center's Department of Preventive Medicine.

"Worldwide there are individuals dying of AIDS because of lack of resources, treatments and access to health care," she said.

The United Nations

recently reported that "the world is losing the race against the AIDS virus."

According to the UN, five million people were

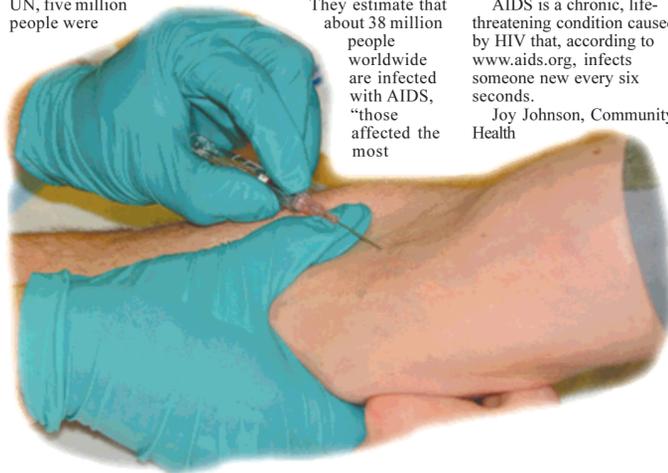
infected with AIDS last year and three million deaths were attributed to the disease.

They estimate that about 38 million people worldwide are infected with AIDS, "those affected the most

being from poor countries where there is a shortage of qualified health care workers."

AIDS is a chronic, life-threatening condition caused by HIV that, according to www.aids.org, infects someone new every six seconds.

Joy Johnson, Community Health



Nurse who works at EAMC preventive medicine, said once the HIV virus enters the body it attacks immune system cells called T-cells, which are cells that keep the immune system healthy.

It's with these T-cells, said Johnson that doctors can identify whether or not you have HIV or AIDS.

"Once those T-cells go down to 200 (or less) you are considered to have AIDS," she said. "A normal T-cell count is around 850 to 1,000."

"And you have an opportunistic infection," added Baker such as pneumonia.

"HIV is the virus that progresses to AIDS," said Baker.

The most common method of transmission of HIV and AIDS is through sexual contact with a person infected with the disease, by sharing needles for intravenous drug use and contact with contaminated blood.

Infected women can also pass the disease to their babies during pregnancy, child birth or breast feeding.

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Woodhouse's time at Fort Gordon ends

Pfc. Armando Monroig
Signal staff

It was the end of one era and the beginning of another during a change of command ceremony held at Barton Field Friday.

Col. Allen Woodhouse, the 15th Signal Brigade's outgoing commander, relinquished control to Col. Lori Sussman.

After almost two-and-a-half years of service at Fort Gordon, Woodhouse is headed to Washington to work on the Army Staff Chief Information Officer G-6 as the chief of the Battle Command Knowledge System.

Woodhouse leaves behind a legacy he worked hard to create. A legacy that involved taking care of Soldiers he was charged with, both cadre and Advance Individualized Training/Initial Entry Training Soldiers alike.

Command Sgt. Maj. Reuben Peppers, former 15th Signal Brigade command sergeant major, and Woodhouse's battle-buddy for the last two years, said taking care of Soldiers was

Woodhouse's priority.

"I think they will miss his personality. He's a people person," said Peppers. "He's al-

ways doing things for people. I think they will miss that personal touch."

Soldiers are told a battle-

buddy is there for safety reasons, which he said is true but added they are also there for moral support, a shoulder to

lean on when needed.

And Peppers said Woodhouse exemplifies that.

"He was a friend, a confidant," said Peppers. "He was, in my opinion, the true meaning of a battle-buddy."

He said Woodhouse is most certainly going to be missed by the Brigade, and he has found a life-long friend in him.

"He's a caring commander. He cares about his people," said Peppers.

The outgoing commander and 27-year Army veteran said this has been the best assignment he has ever had.

Woodhouse spent the first three years of his Army career as an enlisted Soldier and then decided to become an officer.

He was a medic in the 82nd Airborne Division in Fort Bragg, N.C., got out of the Army as a specialist, went to college, joined the ROTC program while there and then re-entered service.

Woodhouse said he initially joined the Army for college money so that he could study



Col. Lori Sussman, incoming 15th Signal Brigade commander, turns the guidon over to Command Sgt. Maj. Demetrius Fields, 15th Signal Brigade command sergeant major, during a change-of-command ceremony at Barton Field Friday, as outgoing commander, Col. Allen Woodhouse (right) looks on.

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Army completing largest move since WWII

John Randt and Patti Bielling
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — In coming weeks, the Surface Deployment and Distribution Command will complete the largest equipment movements in its 30-year history.

The SDDC coordinated more than 330 ship movements in the largest set of shipments the Department of Defense has had since World War II. Since December 2002, SDDC has moved nearly 59,000 containers of sustainment in support of operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

"We have moved the equipment from eight of nine Army divisions in support of these operations," said Brig. Gen. Mark Scheid, deputy commanding general and director of operations.

Moving the equipment by surface rather than by air results in significant cost savings to the taxpayer, Scheid said.

"We ship as much cargo as possible by surface," he said. "It costs about 10 times less than shipping by air."

The cargo sent to Operation Iraqi Freedom went through the port of Ash Shuaiba, Kuwait. The installation handled a record four large, medium-speed roll-on/roll-off vessels or LMSR and one fast sealift ship on March 2.

"The Kuwaitis worked with us extremely well on adjusting pier space for us," said Scheid. "This is just one example of the support they provide."

Dave Waers, a lead traffic management specialist at the SDDC Operations Center, helped manage deployment operations in the European and Central Command areas of responsibility.

"Within the Army, too, there was total involvement," he added. "The active-duty, Reserve and National Guard, civil service and contract employees all worked together to accomplish the mission."

Cooperation also was vital at the ports, said Lt. Col. Arthur Hedgepeth, commander, 1192nd Transportation Terminal Brigade, New Orleans.

Since the 1192nd mobilized in January 2003, its members have conducted operations at 15 U.S. ports, working more than 180 vessel loads and moving 22 million square feet of cargo.

While the SDDC continued to sustain the



An armored vehicle waits to be loaded onto an LMSR at a port. Courtesy photo

Soldiers, they also supported transitioning units.

The SDDC coordinated the transport of equipment of units deploying to Iraq, via Kuwait. After a short transition period, the equipment of the returning military units would reverse the process.

Commercial ships were essential in the moves, said Scheid, as well as all transportation carriers.

Through June 15, CSX Transportation, Inc., of Jacksonville, Fla., has moved 7,180 flatcars of equipment for SDDC this year, said Jon Meyer, senior account manager. The railroad moved a comparable figure of flatcars in the same period in 2003, said Meyer. Another industry contributor was American Roll On Roll Off Carrier LLC, of Montvale, N.J.

"We provided two vessels for charter to the Military Sealift Command—the Resolve and the Independence," said Jim Wells, executive vice president & chief executive officer of American Roll On Roll Off Carrier LLC.

"The Resolve was chartered for 120 days and the Independence was chartered for 60 days," he said.

Additionally, the firm maintained 10-day sailings to Europe every 10 days from the East Coast as part of Universal Service Con-

tract 04.

The 25th Infantry Division, in Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, was originally tasked to go to Operation Iraqi Freedom. Then new orders came down from the Army. The division would supply two task forces: one to Operation Iraqi Freedom and a second to Operation Enduring Freedom.

The equipment was moved by the USNS Piliilau, a Navy ship of the Military Sealift Command named for a Hawaiian man who was a Medal of Honor recipient in the Korean War.

Shipments to and from the ports were "non-stop" for six months, said Fran Willis, distribution manager.

In the first 24 days of May, Team Beaumont worked 11 different ships at the port, she said. Eleven vessels were offloaded and one was reloaded with new cargo.

"We moved 2,200 pieces of equipment from May 3-10," said Willis. "That was our surge."

Shipments for Operation Iraqi Freedom III begin in September.

(Randt is the SDDC public affairs officer and Bielling is a public affairs specialist for the SDDC Operations Center. The SDDC was formerly known as the Military Traffic Management Command.)

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Privatization to help DoD meet goal

Sgt. 1st Class Doug Sample
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — With funding levels making it increasingly difficult to maintain acceptable housing conditions at many military installations, the Defense Department in the mid-1990s turned management and maintenance of some 200,000 "below standard" quarters over to private firms.

"We knew that we would never be able to budget enough money to be able to fix all of that housing in any short time frame," said Joseph Sikes, DoD's director of housing and competitive sourcing, in an interview Tuesday with the Pentagon Channel and American Forces Press Service. "We originally estimated it would take about 20 years, based on the

amount of money we were budgeting for housing back in the middle '90s," he added.

Today, Sikes appears much more optimistic. He said DoD's plan for privatizing housing has meant that 95 percent of the department's inadequate housing will be fixed by 2007.

Sikes said Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld identified military housing as a top priority for the department and that President George W. Bush made privatization a key component of his management initiative.

Sikes said privatization went slowly at first.

"It was a big cultural change for commanders on bases — as well as the private sector — to actually own and maintain these houses on bases," he explained.

The first privatization projects

were at Fort Carson, Colo., and Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. He said both projects proved to be successful.

"After 1999, the projects really started coming in at a higher pace," he said. "And what we're seeing now is a result of that increase."

Sikes said that more than 70 percent of base housing is now privatized, and he expects that number to rise.

"After 2007, more and more bases will determine it's easier not to take care of the houses yourself," he explained.

According to Sikes, 32 projects have been awarded and \$581 million invested in the program. Meanwhile, private firms have invested some \$6.5 billion to improve living conditions and housing for servicemembers and their families, he said.

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Redefining battle-buddy

Sgt. Sam Smith
Signal staff

A pregnant Soldier went to an Augusta hospital early on the morning of Oct. 17, 2003, with pains she believed were contractions. After a few hours, however, the hospital sent her home — where she gave birth on her couch.

Spc. Carin Rhodes, 206th Military Intelligence Battalion, Headquarters and Headquarters' Company, went to the hospital in Augusta at 1 a.m., where she was treated for dehydration and sent home about 3:30 a.m. But by 6 a.m., with the help of a battle-buddy, she had given birth to a 5-pound, 14-ounce baby boy, Louis Rhodes III.

"She screamed for a while and held my hand during contractions...it all happened so fast," said Spc. Regena Fleming, 442nd Signal Battalion, S4, who was the only person with Rhodes at the time. "She said she had to use the bathroom, when she got back she said the baby was coming, her water broke and she had (him.) It took about 20 minutes (after she got back from the bathroom.)"

Fleming called her aunt at the hospital when Rhodes told her she was having the baby. Her aunt told her to time Rhodes' contractions and get some towels to wrap the newborn in when he or she came out. When Rhodes told her the baby was coming out, she pulled her sweatpants off and the baby was already sticking out. Rhodes says she got the baby out in three pushes.

The overall experience helped bring the good friends even closer.

"This made us real close. I made her the godmother of (both of) my children," Rhodes said. "She's good with my kids, whenever I need her to watch them, she'll do it."

When Rhodes was at the hospital she got a call from her husband, Louis Rhodes II, who was deployed with the 63rd Signal Battalion. When she got back she returned his call and told him

she was having the baby.

"He was surprised. He didn't believe me at first," Rhodes said. "He said get some rest, relax, but instead I had the baby."

Fleming called 911 when the baby was being born. By the time the paramedics arrived, she had the baby out and wrapped in towels. The paramedics cut the umbilical cord and took Fleming, Rhodes and the baby back to the hospital. Thankfully, neither Rhodes nor her child suffered any complications from the birth. Three days later, both

were released.

Rhodes had her first baby naturally and had planned to get an epidural, an anesthetic, for this one. She also wanted to get her tubes tied but didn't want to stay in the hospital a day longer because she was still slightly bitter about them sending her home in the first place.

"What if something went wrong, it would have been a bad situation," Rhodes said. "There's nothing Regena (Fleming) could have done. I thank God everyday that it worked out all right."

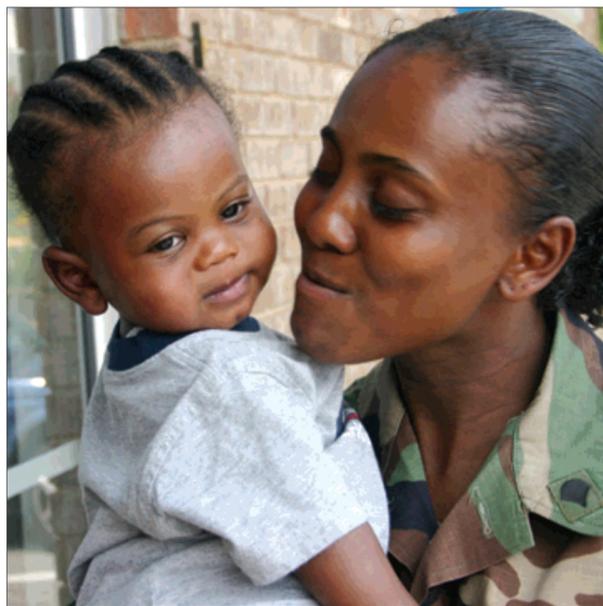


Photo by Sgt. Sam Smith
Spc. Carin Rhodes with her now nine-month-old son Louis Rhodes III. Rhodes gave birth in her home with the help of a battle-buddy, Spc. Regena Fleming.

'Mannequille' comes to life for training

Denise Allen
Signal staff

Mike Coleman jokingly calls it "Mannequille."

Inside a warehouse next to the Regional Training Site-Medical at Fort Gordon are hundreds of mannequins just waiting to be used to train medics.

"In some exercises, like Golden Medic, they work 24 hour shifts," said Coleman, RTS-Med clinical operations planner.

Depending on the number of people going through training, some exercises may include live patients. Curren Jones and Victor Rivera apply moulage to the living models.

During Southern Medic earlier this week, Jones and Rivera pulled the mannequins from the hundreds of bags and loaded them into ambulances, taking them across the street to the field hospital set up for the 399th Combat Support Hospital.

From March through September, dozens of units come

to train at Fort Gordon. Army Reservists primarily receive training; however, this summer, Navy and Air Force units will receive training as well.

Units training at Fort Gordon will travel from destinations as far away as Great Falls, Mont., Salt Lake City, Utah, and Los Alamitos, Calif. About 50 units are expected this summer.

There are three RTS-Meds in the country — the other two located in Wisconsin and California.

They were developed after the first Gulf War to provide training primarily for Army Reservists, said Don Schaeberle, site administrator.

In addition to providing training in a field hospital setting, which is very different from a fixed hospital site, there is a clinical skills lab, where medics receive more focused training.

Some high tech items, such as automatic blood pressure machines, are not available in the field. Medics have to take blood pressure the old-fash-

ioned way with a cuff and a stethoscope, said Schaeberle.

At the skills lab, medics work with high tech mannequins, called Sim-Man, which make breathing sounds and bowel sounds and have pulses and heart rhythms. Sim-Man can have an IV if needed.

RTS-Med has eight Sim-Man models, said Coleman.

Injuries requiring amputation can also be simulated with the model, and Sim-Man can bleed if the training requires it.

Coleman said medics are working more with injuries to the arms, legs and head.

"With the body armor, their torsos are protected," but their limbs aren't, he said.

Lt. Col. Paul Astphan, chief nurse of the 399th, said the training his unit received during its two-week Southern Medic exercise was invaluable.

"This is better than anything we have at home," he said.

Besides the two-week Army Reserves exercises, RTS-Med provides other training throughout the year including more focused and

specialized training and advanced training. Other courses include trauma nurse care courses, advanced trauma life support and advanced burn life support.

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Sportsman's complex opening

Denise Allen
Signal staff

A grand opening ceremony and weekend of special events at Fort Gordon's new sportsman's complex is scheduled for Thursday.

The grand opening of a 2,800 square-foot Cypress log lodge begins at 3 p.m. There will be a barbecue and hash dinner.

From 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, there will be no fees for shooting on the range, and beginning at 8 a.m. Saturday, there will be a Commanders Cup Skeet Tournament. The cost is \$10 per person, five person teams. Pre-registration is required.

The \$392,000 complex will be a hub for outdoor activities on post.

An important part of the outdoor activities on post is the Fort Gordon Sportsman's Club "organized to provide the sportsman a safe hunting, fishing, archery, and recreational shooting venue; and to promote responsible fish and game conservation among all individuals of Fort Gordon and the Augusta community," according to a club newsletter.

The club meets on a monthly basis, and membership is available to active and retired members of the Armed Forces, De-



Photo by Denise Allen

Tucked into the woods near the skeet and trap range, the new sportsman's lodge is scheduled to open July 29.

partment of Defense civilians, and contractor personnel with contracts that exceed 90 days. Associate Memberships are now available to civilian residents of the CSRA community not affiliated with Fort Gordon. (associate memberships do not entitle members to Fort Gordon hunting and fishing privileges), according to the Fort

Gordon website, www.fortgordon.com.

"The Sportsman's Club is a valuable part of the Outdoor Recreation Program. The Sportsman's Club was formed in 1996 as part of the Fort Gordon Outdoor Recreation Program," said Fred Perry, outdoor recreation manager.

The sportsman's complex is

located near the skeet and trap range and shooting range. The 800-yard shooting range is open Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and three Saturdays per month from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The skeet and trap range is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. and every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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to become a history teacher when he got out. But it turns out he didn't enjoy teaching as much as he enjoyed the military, so he decided to come back in the Army.

He re-entered service in 1979 as a second lieutenant, saying it was the best decision he ever made.

"I found myself right here at Fort Gordon," he said.

After he finished the basic course he was stationed here as a training officer for one of the units.

"It was so motivating. It wasn't like work," he said. "I was having fun everyday going in, motivating Soldiers, running with them, using some of the things I learned as a Soldier myself."

Lessons that he hopes his Soldiers have taken to heart.

"I had the opportunity to command a company here, and command made me fall in love with the Army," he said, "and I've been in it ever since."

In addition to his assignment at Fort Gordon, Woodhouse has had assignments in Germany, Bosnia and Kosovo.

"But coming here - having the opportunity to touch so many young lives and help people decide what they want

to do in life - has been tremendously rewarding for me," said Woodhouse.

He said, "nothing so far as topped this and I don't think anything else will," of his experience at Fort Gordon.

Many people he has encountered up to this point in life have been a positive influence on him and his military career, he said, particularly noncommissioned officers.

He said when he was at Fort Gordon as a lieutenant, his former first sergeant, Johnny Lewis, now a retired sergeant major, "was the first one that had a significant impact on me as an officer."

"He showed me what selfless service was all about," said Woodhouse.

But he added that there have been many other great non-commissioned officers who have impacted his career and life as well, including his battle-buddy Peppers.

Another individual he credits for influencing him as a Soldier when he was a company commander in Germany was then Brig. Gen. Marvin Brailsford.

"He was the most professional, committed, and intelligent officer I had ever met at

that time, and I was enamored with his military bearing - everything about him just spelled the epitome of leader," said Woodhouse.

It was after contact with Brailsford that Woodhouse decided he wanted to stay in the Army and be that type of Soldier.

And he hopes that he had as much of an impact on those he commanded while here as those role models did for him in his earlier years in the military.

He wants them to realize as he did that "the most important resource that any com-

mander ever has are the people in the organization."

Woodhouse added that he hopes they know it "was genuine and not for any personal gain. I truly believe that people are our most important resource, and I hope that my actions demonstrated that."

As he moves on with his military career, Woodhouse wants to remind the Army's young Soldiers to, "remain focused, practice their craft, know their MOS, and be able to act decisively even with the absence of direct orders from their leaders."



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'We do not need a draft,' Rumsfeld says

Linda Kozaryn
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – "We do not need a draft," Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said in a July 16 interview with National Public Radio. The all-volunteer force "has worked brilliantly for our country."

Asked if he would rule out the idea of reinstating a draft, Rumsfeld replied, "I'm not the government of the United States. I am just one person. But if you ask me personally would I rule it out, the answer is 'absolutely.'"

Noting that there are a lot of inequities in any draft, he said, "I would argue vigorously against reinstating a draft."

The secretary pointed out that in the 1960s he was one of the first members of Congress to introduce

legislation to create an all-volunteer force.

The military's current recruiting and retention efforts are working well, Rumsfeld said. "The Air Force is way above where it should be and is in the process of trying to reduce some of their numbers," he said.

"The Navy's about where it wants to be and the Marines are where they want to be," added Rumsfeld.

There are one or two areas in the Army where retention "has not been as good as one would have anticipated," he said, and defense officials are carefully watching these areas. If necessary, he added, military officials can "increase incentives and reduce disincentives."

At present, Rumsfeld said, the armed forces have nearly 2.5 million

men and women: 1.4 million in the active force and the remainder in the National Guard and Reserves. He predicted that any recruiting and retention shortfall would be "in the low few thousands."

The secretary noted that the number of Individual Ready Reserve members called to active duty "is a very modest number."

Letters went out July 6 to 5,674 members of the IRR, soldiers who have completed an active-duty enlistment but still are within eight years of when they entered the military.

All enlistees agree to an eight-year commitment, usually served in a combination of active, reserve-component and IRR service.

Of those who received the letters, Army officials said, roughly 4,000 will be brought to active duty.



Honorable Donald Rumsfeld

Most of those will be in the specialties of military intelligence, engineers, truck drivers, and other combat service support forces.

Feedback

Cadet Kirk Harvey

Do you think the draft should be re-enstated?



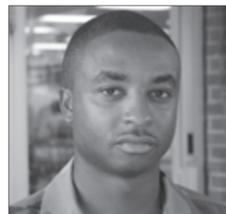
If they don't want to be (in the Army), the Army won't be as good as it is now.

Spc. Christopher Ford,
C Co.,
551st Signal Battalion



Having spent a lot of time in the military, I don't think it's a bad thing. It's a good thing for young men on the street to go in and grow up a little bit. They told me my draft number was about to be pulled and I said no thank you, so I joined the Air Force.

Retired Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Donnie Haire



I don't agree with it. I think it should be the choice of the individual, if (he or she) want(s) to join the Army or not. If we don't have a definite need, then it's good the way it is.

Staff Sgt. Chauncey Reed,
A Co., 297th MI Battalion



My question is why. Since we have so many people volunteering as is, why do they need the draft? We don't need it.

Spc. Matthew Wallace,
C Co.,
551st Signal Battalion

Iraqi National Guard members are true heroes

U.S. Marine Corps Maj. Steve Danyluk

CENTRAL SOUTH AREA OF OPERATIONS, Iraq – I'm serving outside the Iraqi town of Hilla, in the central South, with a small detachment of U.S. Marines. A couple of days ago we drove up to Baghdad on the main supply route, "MSR Tampa" — basically a six-lane highway.

Since April it's been closed to civilian traffic because a half-dozen bridges were blown up along the route.

Driving on it you feel as if you're a cast member in a remake of "Mad Max" — "Where are all the people?"

On the way we came across a semi-trailer that about 50 Iraqis were in the process of looting. As they saw us approach they scattered.

I told the sergeant driving me that by the time we drove by later in the day the semi would be nothing more than a shell. I'd seen this often.

Four hours later we drove by and the site was secured by the Iraqi National Guard; no looters were in sight. Apparently the guard was even involved in a firefight protecting the property. Maybe the Iraqis are getting fed up with the lawlessness and the anarchy and are beginning to take matters into their own hands.

Still, it will take time.

Some units in the guard are good, some not so good. Standardization is a problem across the board, but the biggest obstacle to overcome will be that of the traumatized mind-set of the Iraqi people.

For 30 years Iraqis were brutalized by a tyrant.

The collective psyche of the Iraqi people is akin to that of a battered wife whose oppressor has finally been removed from the household.

They're far better off with the batterer gone, but they're scared, confused and lacking the confidence to go it on their own just yet. It will take continuous mentoring, counseling and a lot of time.

Our Marines are doing these things with great skill and patience.

The sooner we fix it the sooner we can come home.

I've become friends with a lieutenant colonel in the Iraqi National Guard here. Real bright guy, speaks good English, lived in Europe for five years.

He makes \$250 a month, doesn't own a car, rides a bus for two hours to get to work and lives in constant fear that his family will be targeted because he is in the guard.

"Why do you do it," I asked him, knowing he could make five times that amount as a translator or a contractor here on the base. His response was that doing nothing is not an option. If you ask me, guys like him are the true heroes over

here. "Is there hope for this place?" I asked. "No, there is no hope," he responded sardonically. Again, "Why do you do it," and again the answer: You can't just do nothing.

Our Marines are getting so much support from back home and so many "care packages" that I've decided to start asking people to send those packages instead to my Iraqi friend, packages that he can then hand out and distribute to his troops and their families. We have so much, and they have so little.

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Iraqi National Guard graduates first basic training class

Sgt. Roland Walters
Army News Service

TIKRIT, Iraq – The 1st Infantry Division hosted a ceremony July 10 for the first class of Iraqi National Guard soldiers to graduate from the ING Training Academy here.

In the past, training was done "in house" by the separate ING battalions. The 309 graduates completed the 20-day course taught by both coalition and Iraqi instructors.

Maj. Gen. John R. S. Batiste, 1st Infantry Division commander, addressed the students: "The graduation is a major milestone in your life and for the sovereignty of Iraq."

The course is designed after United States Army basic training.

ING recruits are instructed on wear of the uniform, military customs and courtesies, drill and ceremony as well as basic rifle marksmanship, said Maj. Scot R. Bemis, ING Training Academy commandant.

However, instruction is based on the Iraqi Army's marching, saluting, and even weapons familiarization on the AK-47, he said.

Recruits are also taught first aid, personnel



An Iraqi National Guard recruit demonstrates individual movement techniques while an ING drill instructor shouts words of encouragement July 6 at the ING Training Academy in Tikrit, Iraq.

and vehicle search as well as Individual Movement Techniques.

The soldiers are recruited by separate battalions throughout the Big Red One's area of responsibility. Each battalion is allocated a certain number of slots per class.

(Information provided by Task Force Danger public affairs.)

Private Murphy 'Sharp Shooter'

Mark Baker



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DoD standardizes HIV test interval across all services

Gerry Gilmore
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Military members are now required to be tested for HIV every two years, according to a Defense Department health policy change implemented March 29.

The Armed Forces Epidemiological Board recommended the change, which standardizes the HIV testing interval across the services, according to Dr. David N. Tornberg, deputy assistant secretary of defense for clinical and program policy, during a May 20 interview.

DoD requires HIV testing, Tornberg explained, because it is responsible for maintaining the health and well-being of all servicemembers.

Previously, Tornberg noted, HIV testing intervals varied among the armed services. The military

began testing servicemembers for HIV, he said, in the mid-1980s.

Today, "we're optimizing testing," Tornberg explained, citing medical studies that show very few people with HIV become sick with AIDS within two years of being infected.

Therefore, servicemembers who test HIV positive under the new two-year interval, he noted, are most likely to benefit from anti-viral drugs and other treatments that help keep the disease at bay.

"We're looking to protect the individual," Tornberg said, noting that HIV-positive service members are not automatically discharged and may continue on with their military careers.

The two-year interval also enables DoD to consolidate HIV testing for deployments. For example, he noted, Guard and Reserve members are now to have been

tested for HIV within two years of a mobilization of more than 30 days.

Tornberg pointed out that both male and female servicemembers could acquire HIV, which can be transmitted sexually, through intravenous drug use, or via blood transfusions.

People can help protect themselves from being infected with HIV, Tornberg observed, by employing safe sexual practices, including having monogamous relationships, and by not engaging in drug abuse practices.

The HIV infection rate across the military is about two out of every 10,000 service members, Tornberg said, which is equal to or lower than the civilian population in the United States for the same age and gender.

"Our service people can avoid HIV infection, as can all individuals," he concluded.



Photo by Marla Greene

Lay down

Dixie is a southern belle as sweet as southern sweet tea. She and other homeless animals can be adopted from the Fort Gordon Veterinary Treatment Facility located at 500 North Range Rd. Adoptions are open to civilians, also. The VTF is open Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., or call 787-3815. Adoption fee is \$60 and includes shots, spay or neuter, and microchip.

AIDS

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It is also estimated that 2.5 million children under the age of 15 are infected with the disease. The epidemic is spreading quickly through parts of the world like Russia, Eastern Europe, India, Indonesia, China and Central Asia.

In the United States alone, it is estimated that 850,000 to 900,000 Americans live with HIV or AIDS.

And while advancements in medicine have prolonged the life expectancy of those living with AIDS, new drug-resistant strains of HIV may eventually create set-backs in the fight against the disease.

"The virus mutates, it changes and that is the challenge for finding a cure for HIV," said Baker.

"Also, everyone's body is different," said Johnson, adding that everyone has a different ability to fight off infection, therefore some drugs will work for some people and not for others.

Another huge problem in combating the epidemic is the fact that many people do not take the disease seriously.

According to research, nearly a third of the people living with HIV don't know they are infected, which contributes to the spread of the disease.

Carriers of the disease can go for years without experiencing symptoms, but some individuals develop symptoms early on.

Members of the Augusta

community are doing their part in fighting HIV/AIDS by participating in the Augusta/CSRA AIDS Awareness Week Monday through Saturday.

The event will be held to inform the local community of the risks concerning the disease. Visits to local schools and community meetings are part of the weeklong event that ends with a youth campaign/concert at the Augusta/Richmond County Civic Center.

"Education is truly the key to preventing the spread of HIV," said Baker. "It's important to get information to people in terms of measures they can take to protect themselves."

Johnson agreed by saying education is the key to successfully combat this disease.

They both stated it is a disease that can be prevented with education and if individuals are willing to change their behavior.

They said anyone who engages in high risk behavior has the potential for exposure to HIV, risky behavior which includes unprotected sex, sharing needles, and excessive drinking which contributes to impaired judgement.

"It's your behavior that puts you at risk for HIV," said Johnson.

Johnson and Baker both agree that being educated in HIV/AIDS is not enough — people have to apply that knowledge.

Community Health Nurses do their part in helping to educate Soldiers on HIV/AIDS, with classes they offer on post.

The purpose of the class is to provide education on HIV/AIDS prevention, the disease process, what it means to be HIV positive, and the Army Regulation on AIDS (AR 600-110).

Currently Soldiers are required to test for HIV every

two years. If a Soldier tests positive for the disease, that doesn't necessarily mean the end of that person's military career.

If contraction of the disease occurred prior to entering the Army, the Soldiers will be discharged. But if it occurred after beginning service, that Soldier will not be separated from military service.

Once the illness affects health and performance suffers, then the individual will be medically boarded.

There are restrictions though, such as being non-deployable, and ineligible for schools like Airborne or Ranger. Some Soldiers may have to reclassify into another military occupational specialty.

Both Johnson and Baker agree a risky lifestyle is the major cause for infection.

"Practicing safer lifestyles decreases risk," said Johnson referring to risk of infection and risk of declining health after contraction.

AIDS is not an immediate death sentence, and Baker and Johnson said there is hope for those with HIV/AIDS to live longer healthier lives.

But the goal, it is agreed that personal responsibility and taking care of ones health is the goal in preventing HIV infection.

For more information about the HIV/AIDS class, contact Army Community Health Nursing at 787-5354.

HIV-positive Soldier in custody

A Fort Jackson sergeant, previously diagnosed as HIV-positive, has been placed in detention at the Fort Jackson Law Enforcement Activity while authorities investigate allegations that he know-

ingly had unprotected sexual contact with others.

An active investigation is in progress, and formal charges have not yet been preferred.

(From a Fort Jackson press release.)

Christmas in July

Fort Gordon's Christmas House program has begun its annual search for community sponsors and volunteers.

A lot of coordination and community involvement is required to ensure that all of Fort Gordon military families are able to celebrate the winter holidays. Deployments and expenses incurred from frequent moves and lengthy separations often make this an especially challenging time.

The holiday program began during the Vietnam conflict in 1966 by a group of hospital nurses. They knew that many families were facing another lonely Christmas, and for some, there would be no presents for the children to open. The nurses sponsored a teddy bear drive, delivering the furry companions just days before Christmas.

With help from the community, the scope of the program has expanded since then. Program recipients now receive toys and a gift certificate to purchase all of the trimmings for a holiday meal.

There are many ways to support the program. Monetary donations are accepted year 'round. The value of the toys purchased and the amount of the food gift certificates depend entirely on the monetary donations made to

the program.

While most of the money comes from fund raising activities supported by Soldiers and civilians on post, local merchants, organizations and individuals have contributed as well. Still others have donated to the program in lieu of giving flowers during retirement and change of command ceremonies.

Due to the generosity of the community, last year almost 300 families (and more than 600 children) received assistance. Parents selected three toys per child and the family received either a \$50 or \$100 gift certificate. The amount of the certificate was determined by the rank of the Soldier and the number of children in the family.

Still others support it by volunteering on one of eight Christmas House committees. Each committee is chaired by a volunteer and is responsible for one aspect of the program. Some of the committee responsibilities include decorating, shopping for toys, keeping an inventory of donated items, planning distribution of the toys and gift certificates, and reviewing applications.

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SafeKids of Georgia, the Regimental Noncommissioned Officer Academy and the Installation Safety Office is having a child safety seat checkup in the commissary parking lot from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. **July 31**. Inspections are free.

Showtime

Better Opportunities for Single Servicemembers presents Showtime at Fort Gordon 6:30 p.m. **Aug. 18** at Alexander Hall. Admission is \$2 per person.

Auditions are 6 p.m. **Wednesday** and 9 a.m. **Aug. 31** at BOSS headquarters. For information, call 790-7373.

Airborne convention

The 101st Airborne Division Association National Convention will be held in Hampton, Va., from **Aug. 4 to 8**, at the Hampton Holiday Inn and Convention Center.

This is the 59th annual reunion and features various activities around the Hampton Roads/Tidewater area. For information, call Jim Shamblen at (757) 838-5654 or e-mail slick77@cox.net.

Auditions

Auditions for Neil Simon's Barefoot in the Park are 7:30 p.m. **Aug. 9** at the Fort Gordon Dinner Theatre.

Parts are available for four men and two women ages 25-60. Backstage help for set construction, lighting and crew is also available.

Show dates are Sept. 10-25. For information, call Steve Walpert at 791-4389 or go to www.fortgordon.com.

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.

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.

Change of command

The 63rd Signal Battalion is having a change of command at 8 a.m. **today** 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.

Reducing back to school stress

The Family Advocacy Program of Army Community Service offers parenting classes 9:30-11:30 a.m. **Aug. 11, 18** and **25** at Darling Hall, Room 229-A. Free childcare will be provided for those who register by July 30.

Learn how to deal with getting you and your child back into the routine of getting up early after the long days of summer, and how to communicate with teachers and battle homework issues.

For information, call 791-3579/0794.

Salsa night

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

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.

Story hour

Celebrate summer at the Woodworth Library from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. **Wednesday**.

The library hosts Reading Magic with magician and storyteller and magician David Ginn. For information call 791-7323.

New parent support group

The Family Advocacy New Parent Support Program is recruiting new members to participate in a playgroup.

The groups meet from 10-11:30 a.m. **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** in Youth Services, Building 45400.

We are also recruiting parents who are interested in participating in the infant group (two months to 15 months of age).

Registration is required and parents must provide a copy of each child's immunization record. For information, call 791-3579/0794.

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.

Bariatric support group

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

Call Florrie Cox at 595-8330 for information.

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 24.) Children 12 and over and all adults are \$3. Children 6-11 are \$1.50. Children under 5 are free. For movie listings and times, call 791-3982.

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Coalition helps Afghan women

Sgt. Stephanie Carl
Army News Service

KONAR PROVINCE, Afghanistan – After 25 years of turmoil, the people of Afghanistan are working to rejuvenate their country and part of this revival is a stronger role for women within the government and the communities.

The Konar Provincial Reconstruction Team is assisting the women there. One project, a women's center, is in the planning phases.

"We've already had the plans drawn up by a local contractor," said Maj. Seth Hoffer, a member of the PRT who is helping coordinate the project. He explained that the project is in the approval process, and that construction can begin two weeks after it has been approved. "It will be on the grounds of the girls school, and will give the women a place to gather and learn different skills."

By learning these different skills, the women will have a craft they can sell for a profit at the bazaar.

"We would be happy just sewing clothes or rugs or making beaded jewelry," said Rahila.

The women aren't just seeking a voice in government; they are looking for ways to provide for their families.

"During 25 years of war, we didn't have jobs for the men, let alone the women," said Shoila. Shoila – the head of the women's shura, a group that addresses women's issues – represents the other women of her province before the gov-



Photo by Sgt. Stephanie Carl

Lt. Col. Jennifer Caruso (right) shares a laugh with a group of Afghan women during a visit to Asadabad June 24.

ernment.

Now, one of the biggest issues Shoila and the other women of Konar are facing is the poor state of the economy.

"Many of the women here are widows," she said. "Their husbands were killed during the wars, and they were left to take care of the children."

Still more of the husbands returned home disabled, with no way of caring for their families. This left even more of the fiscal responsibility to the women of the household.

The population of females well exceeds the males in Konar Province. This allows the women to play a more active role in society, particularly

in the capital, Asadabad, said Wajma, a Coalition interpreter working in the province.

Many of the women already have the ability to make products – what they don't have is the initial financial support they need to get started.

"If we could just provide them with the initial materials they need or with a loan to purchase these materials, they would be able to start turning around a profit," said Lt. Col. Jennifer Caruso, Combined Joint Task Force-76 Equal Opportunity program manager.

Caruso leads a group of female Soldiers from CJTF-76 who are currently evaluating women's roles throughout Af-

ghanistan and looking for ways the Coalition can support efforts to expand these roles.

"We are willing to do whatever it takes to help our families," said Shoila. "We just need some help getting started."

Members of the Coalition are also focused on helping the families, as well as Afghanistan in general.

"We want to provide security and peace in Afghanistan," said Wajma. "Most importantly, we're here to help provide a future for the children of Afghanistan."

(Carl is a member of the 17th Public Affairs Detachment.)

And then some

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Dan Payne
Chief, Chapel Centers/
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Wouldn't it be great if there were a simple formula for success? A simple strategy that said: "Follow these steps and you'll be successful in your job, as a parent, as a student or in any endeavor you attempt."

I recall reading about a successful businessman who had been selected businessman of the year. After the award presentation a reporter asked him to what he attributed his success and prosperity.

The man said, "Five things contributed to my success. First, I always treated people fairly. Second, I always offered a fair price for a good product. Third, I was always honest and dependable. Fourth, I was always generous with my employees. And fifth, my Aunt Emma died and left me two and a half million dollars."

What a way to be successful! Certainly, the top four items on his list are worth following, though they are no guarantee for success. Often, reasons for our success or failure are outside our control (like Aunt Emma). Some of the best

advice I've read on the subject of success comes from a professor who taught at Bowling Green University. He said that what will often set a successful person apart from others are three little words: "and then some."

People who achieve what they want from life do what is expected of them – and then some. They are thoughtful to others – and then some. They meet their obligations and responsibilities fairly – and then some. They are good friends to their friends – and then some. They can be counted on – and then some.

Every day they demonstrate their desire to do their best and to be their best. They do this by going beyond the expectations of others. They may fail, but in the end they can be counted on to pick up the pieces and move on.

The spiritual principle here is that we are to be doing more than others. We are to go the second mile...when you're asked for your coat, give your shirt also...and be willing to forgive 70 times seven.

Do you want to be successful? Do you want to be known as someone who can be counted on? Then remember those three little words.

Army engineers renovating bases for Iraqis

Mitch Frazier
Army News Service

BAGHDAD, Iraq – Mud huts and bomb-broken buildings dot the sandy barren horizon near Mosul, Iraq. Like much of the country, decades of war left a wake of rubble and looted buildings at the former Al Kasik Iraqi Army Base here.

The base, which sat tattered and empty for more than a decade, stood as only a shell of concrete, broken tile floors and cracked plaster not long ago. Yugoslavian contractors abandoned the base's partially constructed barracks, dining facilities and motor pools in 1991 as tensions in the area skyrocketed in the days before Operation Desert Storm.

Today the broken floors have been replaced with new; cracked plaster has been patched, and new electrical wiring brings light to what has been dark for so long.

The renovation and construction is part of a \$43 million reconstruction project managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers that will create barracks space, motor pools, shopping exchanges, dining facilities and firing ranges for nearly 11,000 new Iraqi army soldiers.

"We are essentially building a city," said Mike Cirian, the

Corps' top engineering construction manager for the northern half of Iraq. "When it is complete in September, this will be a complete city with its own water and waste water treatment and power generation and will help bolster the country's security."

Cirian, a civil engineer and father of three from Madison, Wis., deployed to Iraq in late April to spearhead the reconstruction efforts. Since, 12- to

16-hour days are the norm, managing the construction and rehabilitation of two new Iraqi army bases in the north and a host of other infrastructure improvement project designed to give Iraq what Cirian calls "a new start."

"This is brand new to them," he said. "Before (the multinational force) arrived, these people were shepherds. They knew nothing about construction nor were they equipped to

do the work."

Hammers fashioned from scrap steel and wood and drills made from hand-bent rebar were the only "tools" onsite when Corps project managers and engineers arrived to the base in February. But the Corps, along with its contractor Shaw Environmental Infrastructure based in Dubai, was adamant about employing local Iraqis in the construction.

"This is their country, and

we need to help them learn skills they need to be successful and to have a hand in rebuilding their country," he said. "We also need to give them the infrastructure they need for their nation's security."

While multi-story barracks construction and elaborate water treatment facilities were far from the mud huts

and water buckets traditionally used by the locals, the Corps and its contractor have been able to construct the facilities on schedule and at the same time teach hundreds of Iraqis basic construction skills.

(Frazier writes for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Gulf Region Division.)



Courtesy photo

Col. Kurt Ubbelohde, commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Gulf Region North District, explains to Brig. Gen. Thomas Bostick, commander of the Corps' Gulf Region Division, the status of the construction of the new Iraqi Army Base.

Chapel Call

Collective Protestant Services

Sunday

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

Catholic Services

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

Sunday Masses

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

Jewish Activities

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For information call 791-3959

Islamic Services

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

Other Programs/Services

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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

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Bicentennial Chapel, 791-3959
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the Installation Chaplain's Office, Building 29601

Drill sergeant spotlight

Name: Staff Sgt. David Gurr
Unit: Company E, 369th Signal Battalion
Hometown: Albany, Ga.

Time at Fort Gordon: Nine months

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Sports UPDATE

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

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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.

Salsa night

The Gordon Club will host Salsa Night **today** and **Friday** 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.

Movie night

The Gordon Club has Pizza and a Movie from 4:30-6:30 p.m. **Tuesday** 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.

Softball

The Fort Gordon 2004 Unit Level Softball Championships are being held at Fields 2 and 3 through Thursday. For more information call 791-1142.

Block party

Single Servicemember Day 2004 is **Aug. 6** from 11 a.m.- 5 p.m. Basketball, spades, dominos, volleyball, pool, foosball and ballroom boxing tournament. Cost is \$1. For information call 791-7373.

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Total body workout. Thirty-minute cardio workout and a 20-minute upper-body workout. Bring hand weights, a towel and water bottle. Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 p.m. until completion at Gym 6. For information, call 791-4300.

Kids' night

Enjoy Kids' night at the Courtyard **Aug. 9** from 5-8 p.m. Cost is \$3 per person and includes food, cartoons and games. For information, call 791-5892.

Horse camp at Hilltop a 'hoot'

Denise Allen
Signal staff

Sean Tillman has spent most of his summer at Hilltop Riding Stables.

"I've been to all of them except two," the 10-year-old Riverside Middle School student said about Horse Camp at the stables. "I like interacting with the horses."

That love of horses drives the campers to participate in activities they might not otherwise be interested in, such as cleaning out the stables.

"We teach them everything there is to know about having a horse," said Sasha Vernon-Earnest, a recreation assistant at the stables.

Days at horse camp are filled with activities such as riding, horse grooming and learning to saddle a horse.

Campers often get to see how a horse's hoof is filed and cleaned.

Farrier Matt Cooper was at camp earlier this week taking care of the horses' hooves.

"They like to watch the farrier," said Vernon-

Earnest. "They like to take a piece of the hoof home."

Other camp activities include swimming.

Camp has filled fast this summer. Because of safety concerns, trained adults must attend the children. There could have been more slots available for campers; however, there were not enough qualified trained adults to supervise the children, said Heidi Mohr, facility manager.

Summer isn't the only time of the year when things are happening at the

stables.

Next month, a new instructor is expected to be hired and will offer lessons at the stables, and during the fall Mohr expects there to be horse shows in the riding arena.

Although it's an open arena now, the arena should be covered probably in 2006, she said.

Other improvements to the stables include a new trail which is under construction. Other trails have washed out, Mohr said, and the lakeside ride-outs, which

have been on hold as some construction has occurred near those trails, should resume in the fall.

Mohr said they will be doing a volunteer training in September.

Volunteers receive two days of in-house training, take a test and go through a CPR and first aid class before they can work at the stables.

For more information about the programs at the stables, go to www.fortgordon.com or call 791-4864.



Photo by Denise Allen



Horsin' around ...

(Above) Jade Ergle, 11, climbs into the saddle, as Mary Olsen holds George. (Left) Farrier Matt Cooper cares for the horses' hooves at Hilltop Riding Stables. Campers at the stables learn about all aspects of horse care.

Softball standings

As of July 15

Team Won Lost

Blue Division

B-447	18	2
D-447	16	4
E-447	14	6
C-73	13	7
B-551	11	9
369	11	9
D-369	9	11
C-551	8	12
D-551	6	14
B-73	4	16
E-369	0	20

Green Division

A-297	18	2
BNCOA	18	2
252	12	8
518	12	8
C-63	11	9
338TRS	9	11
A-201	9	11
HHD-116	8	12
A-63	7	13
HHC-63	4	16
Co D Mar	2	18

Morning Division

B-447	11	1
E-447	9	3
C-369	4	8
D-369	0	12

Red Division

A-442	18	2
31 IS	17	3
A-551	13	7
ANCOA	13	7
A-206	12	8
EAMC	11	9
73	10	10
35 MP	7	13
NSGA	4	16
ADL	3	17
249	2	18

Women's Division

C-369	5	1
EAMC	5	1
D-447	0	8

Soldier qualifies for Olympic 10K race



Photo by Tim Hipps

Oregon National Guard Capt. Dan Browne, a former member of the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program, secures his second Olympic berth with a third-place finish in the 10,000 meters with a 28:07.47 clocking in the 2004 U.S. Olympic Track & Field Team Trials at Sacramento State University. Earlier this year, Browne qualified for the Olympic marathon. Browne, a 1997 graduate of West Point, hasn't decided yet if he will compete in both events in Athens.

Tim Hipps

Army News Service

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – Oregon National Guard Capt. Dan Browne has earned a berth on Team USA for the 10,000-meter race in Greece by placing third in the event at the U.S. Olympic Track & Field Trials.

The only other military athlete to qualify for the USA Track and Field Team so far this week was Air Force 1st Lt. James Parker, who won the hammer throw July 12 with a hurl of 77.58 meters/258 feet. The track and field trials at Sacramento State University run July 9-18.

Browne, a 1997 graduate of West Point and former member of the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program, finished the 10,000 meters in 28 minutes, 7.47 seconds on opening night July 9. Meb Keflezighi of Mammoth Lakes, Calif., won the race in 27:36.49.

Browne, who earlier this year qualified for the Olympic marathon, said he hasn't decided yet if he will compete in both events in Athens.

"I'm going to run the marathon, that's for sure, but the 10K is a great precursor," he said. "I need to sit down with [Coach] Alberto [Salazar] and talk it over."

Capt. Ryan Kirkpatrick, a WCAP distance runner, also competed in the 10,000 meters but dropped out around the midway mark to

conserve energy for the 5,000 meters July 12.

"I was really feeling fatigued at about 3,000 meters into the race," he said. "Then the pace really sped up and I felt the effort was way too much."

Three nights later, Kirkpatrick was running on the leaders' shoulders until the final three laps when he faded to a last-place finish in 14:08.82 in the second semifinal heat of the 5,000.

Sgt. Sandu Rebeciuc finished the second heat of the 3,000-meter steeplechase semifinals July 12 in fourth place with a personal-best time of 8:30:45 that propelled him into the final heat scheduled for the evening of July 15.

"It was a [personal record] by only two seconds, but it was a different kind of PR," Rebeciuc said. "I came in strong at the end, looking back, not even pressing that hard. I never really kicked."

A native of Romania, Rebeciuc defected in 1988 and came to the United States in 1990. He joined the U.S. Army in 1998 and entered WCAP one year later. He competed in the 2000 U.S. Olympic Team Trials but failed to reach the final.

"There are a few guys in there who are really, really tough to beat, but they could have a bad day and then it's anybody's run," Rebeciuc said about his upcoming chance to make Team USA.

Army Spcs. Regan Nichols and Quinton Milner reached the 400-meter semifinals but did not advance to the final. Milner finished seventh in the first heat in 51.28 seconds. Nichols was fifth in the second heat in 49.60.

Spc. Lakeisha Backus advanced from the first round of the women's 100 meters but was eliminated in the semifinals with a time of 11.52 seconds.

Spc. Pamela Simpson finished 12th in the first flight of the women's long jump qualifying round with a leap of 6.05 meters/19 feet, 7 inches and failed to reach the final.

Capt. Michael Mai, a 2000 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., and member of WCAP, fouled on two of his first three attempts in the hammer throw but launched the other 68.41 meters to grab the final of eight spots in the second round of the hammer finals. He finished eighth with a throw of 68.86 meters/225 feet, 11 inches.

Staff Sgt. Tonyo Sylvester finished eighth in the shot put with a heave of 19.57 meters/64 feet, 2 1/2 inches. U.S. Olympic Trials record-holder Adam Nelson won the event at 21.64 meters/71 feet.

(Hipps writes for the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center.)

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This five day sales event will run between Thursday July 22nd and Monday July 26th. It will be advertised and open to the public, and promises to be one of the biggest automotive events the Thomson area has ever seen!

Early attendance is suggested due to the limited number of

vehicles earmarked for immediate disposal. During this one time event, cars, trucks, and vans that

normally sell for ten thousand to sixteen thousand dollars will be sold for four to seven thousand dollars. Some cars will be sold for as little as \$900. Bank representatives will be on hand to help pre-approve before the sale. Even if you have had slow pay or bad credit, the banks will bend over backwards to make loans with good people with past credit problems, provided you are currently employed.

This type of sale may never be seen again in the CSRA. Some vehicles left after this sale ends at 8:00p.m. on Monday, July 26th, will be sent to the auction houses as usual. Questions can be directed to (800) 533-7243. This sale is located at 2158 Washington Road off I-20 exit 172 in Thomson, Georgia.

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'Military One Source' helps solve servicemember problems

Rudi Williams
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – The Defense Department has established a "one stop" place to go whenever service members or family members need assistance with any kind of problem.

It's called "Military One Source," and is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year, according to John M. Molino, deputy undersecretary of defense for military community and family policy.

"Military One Source is a revolutionary augmentation to the family services we currently have on military installations around the world," Molino explained during an interview with the Pentagon Channel and American Forces Press Service.

Each service had its own One Source program, and now DoD is bringing them together and calling it Military One Source, Molino noted.

He noted that it's intended to complement assistance offered to military families by the services. Molino said Military One Source "leverages technology and enables DoD to provide assistance to families and service members via the Internet or a toll-free telephone number."

The services include everything from common, everyday difficulties that might face a family to life's most complicated situations, he noted.

Molino said Military One Source is available 24 hours a day around the country and around the world. "It's a remarkable way to ... step forward into a new generation of providing services," he said. "It's a place where

no matter when that situation occurs, the military family member or service member could make a phone call or go on the Internet and begin to get some help."

The military services provide a lot of family services on installations, but Molino pointed out that about two-thirds of military families live off base.

"The people who are off the installation tend to be the most junior folks," he added.

"They may not have the financial resources to have two cars, or to get themselves back and forth to the installations to get those services," Molino continued. "So what One Source does is provide the opportunity to make that phone call and let us bring the services, literally, figuratively and electronically, to your home."

When someone calls Military One Source for help, the person answering the phone has at least a master's degree in social work or some kind of counseling service, Molino noted. "That person is trained specifically to deal with military issues – issues that complicate military life. So they're very sensitive to what you ask," he said.

"Some people think they're the only people who ever experienced whatever their problem is, and, of course, they're not," Molino emphasized. "Most everyone goes through different phases and different cycles."

The voice on the other end doesn't make judgments about situations, he noted.

"They're there to listen to what you have to say, evaluate it, and give you the beginnings of an answer or actu-

ally the answer to your question," Molino said.

Military One Source runs the gamut of situations: from needing a plumber in the middle of the night to fix a broken pipe, to needing veterinary service for a sick dog. It also handles things like helping families new to an area find childcare, or information about the school system, summer jobs - whatever is needed.

"One Source can get all that information and provide it to you in a most efficient manner, whether it be electronically or getting back to you on the telephone," Molino said.

People shouldn't be afraid or embarrassed to seek help from Military One Source, he said, but he acknowledged some people may be reluctant to ask for help. "You try to convince people that the person at the other end of the phone isn't going to be judgmental about your situation," he said.

Word of mouth is the best way to get the word out about Military One Source within a unit, he noted. For example, Molino said, "If I'd made a phone call and had a positive experience, I can tell you about it. I can say, 'You know, I tried One Source one time, and it worked for me. You ought to give it a shot.'"

Asking for help isn't a sign of weakness; it's really a sign of being smart – it's a sign of smartness," Molino said.

What bothers Molino is when people say they don't need help from Military One Source because of their unit assignment. "I heard that in some units they say, 'We're

in an Army Ranger unit,' (or) 'We're in a Navy SEAL unit, and we don't need that kind of support,'" Molino said. "That's utter nonsense! If the pipe breaks in the middle of the night in the home of a Navy SEAL, you need a plumber just as badly as somebody else."

"When you figure out that this is a great resource that provides help, you ought take advantage of it," Molino said.

He pointed out when servicemembers are deployed, they can put their minds at ease knowing that if their family needs help, it's only a phone call away.

Putting himself in that position, Molino said, "I would find it very comfortable to know that my family back home has that option, that service available. And they don't have to wait for the family center to open. They don't have to find a way to get to the family center. My wife wouldn't have to find a way to have the children taken care of."

"We can do things instantly, any time of the day or night," he continued. "If there's a language problem, One Source is able to provide services in more than 100 languages, usually in less than a minute's delay."

Military One Source also can be helpful to active duty service members. They don't have to take time off from work or training to solve a problem. All they have to do is call Military One Source, Molino noted.

He emphasized that Military One Source counseling service isn't mental health counseling, or counseling for

an illness that might be burdening somebody.

"We have a health care system that provides that service," he noted.

"This is a different kind of counseling. It's for folks that experience difficulties day to day. Let's say a service member has been deployed. The family has adjusted to his or her absence. Somebody is walking the dog, taking out the garbage. When he comes back, he has to fit back into the family. Others had performed those roles that he traditionally performed. Sometimes that creates friction."

All families have some degree of difficulty, and most of them manage to work through the problem. But sometimes they need a little assistance, and one toll-free phone call can get them that kind of counseling, Molino said.

Military One Source also is available to National Guardsmen and reservists being called to active duty for Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

"We found that it works as well for guardsmen and reservists, especially because they tend not to be close to military installations," Molino said.

"They can get that kind of support through the army. The Guard and Reserve components initially went in a different direction with a different provider."

Then they realized that One Source actually was the gold standard, and they shifted over after about six months."

Call Military One Source toll-free in the United States at (800) 342-9647.

Special Ops workload 'difficult, but manageable'

Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – Special operations forces are deployed worldwide, but changes have made the operations tempo for those forces "difficult, but manageable," officials said before Congress today.

Army Col. Kenneth J. Cull, the personnel chief at U.S. Special Operations Command, told the House Armed Services Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee how the command is working on the optempo problem.

Cull said the special operations forces are deployed throughout the world on a scale not done before. The forces are the poster child for low-density, high-demand forces, meaning there are few forces and a lot of need for the specialties.

The Army has the greatest number of special operations forces, followed by the Air Force and Navy. U.S. Special Operations Command, based at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., is in overall command of these forces.

Special operations forces are particularly well-suited for the global war on terror. They are a precious resource – it takes on average two years to train

special operators to their entry-level standard, officials said.

In many cases, the troops have spent long years understanding the languages and cultures of the areas they specialize in, but that time has reduced to relieve the operation tempo on the forces. The Army's 5th Special Forces Group, based at Fort Campbell, Ky., specializes in the U.S. Central Command area. They were among the first on the ground in Afghanistan.

"Traditionally we orient our Green Berets to a specific area of the world," Cull said. "Today, however, with approximately 75 percent of our deployment going to Iraq and Afghanistan, the Army Special Operations Command has found it prudent to sustain that force by using other Special Forces groups, including two excellent National Guard units in the U.S. Central Command (area)."

He said commanders lose some valuable cultural and linguistic expertise. But the Army gains through "the accumulation of vast operational experience for the designated units as well as the requisite opportunity to recuperate the 5th Special Forces Group" normally assigned to this region.

The overall capability will grow slightly in the future. "The

current plan is to add about 2,700 personnel to the force over the next five to seven years," Cull said.

He said the command is working with services to add a limited number of active duty units to the Special Operations Command "to supplement our most stressed specialties," including civil affairs and psychological operations units. This will also include aviation units and trainers at the special operations schoolhouses.

Cull said another effort is to ensure the right mix of active and reserve forces in U.S. Special Operations Command. Currently the reserve components make up one-third of the command. In some specialties – such as civil affairs and psychological operations – almost all of the capability is in the Reserves. Right now, there is no recruiting or retention problem with these units, officials said.

Cull said the command will look at ways to give reserve service members more predictability, and that the command possibly will redirect a portion of the reserve component's capability to the active component.

The command also has focused its special operations capabilities. Officials said deployments are limited to areas where special ops capabilities truly are needed, and not just to demonstrate American military presence.

By doing this, the command has been able to decrease the percentage of special operations forces deployed by 13 percent over the past year, Cull said.



Photo by Pfc. Armando Monroig

Digging in

Attendees of a special Spanish Catholic Mass Saturday dig in to a traditional Hispanic meal after the mass at Good Shepherd Chapel on Barnes Avenue. The mass is held monthly and is open to everyone. For information call Maj. Jorge Berrios at 791-5500 or Father (Capt.) Alan Irizarry at 791-5364.

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Several years ago, there was a problem with underage drinking at local bars, said Beth Loftis, who has handled the board's records for years.

She said local sheriff's departments began to crack down on the problem.

Recently, there were different problems with another bar, Karlsson said.

The bar offered to hire more off-duty deputies to patrol the business as a way of complying with the board. When it was discovered more deputies were hired, it kept the bar from being placed on the off-limits list.

Loftis said there were several hotels that were

put on the list several years ago.

They were placed on the list because of unsanitary conditions. Richmond County's health department stepped in and shut them down. The buildings were later torn down.

Sometimes, local authorities will pull business licenses before the board makes a recommendation to place the business off-limits.

Once a business is placed on the list, the list is passed to commanders and others to make sure the word gets out.

Soldiers violating the off-limits list can be charged with violating a lawful order.

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RTS-Med ... Taking medical combat training to a new level



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Maj. Gary Gillenwater, an observer trainer with the Regional Training Site-Medical, holds a patient as Spc. Brett Levangie places a backboard under him during

Southern Medic. About 125 members of the 339th Combat Support Hospital from Taunton, Mass., participated in the two-week long exercise here.

Denise Allen
Signal staff

On Monday, casualties from a truck accident began arriving at the 339th Combat Support Hospital's field hospital.

Soldiers in the back of a truck were injured when the truck rolled over on them. Many of the wounded had "blunt force" injuries. One complained of back pain.

In the triage area, Spc. Brett Levagnie talked with Maj. Gary Gillenwater about the man's injuries and determined to secure the patient's head and put him on a back board.

Each "patient" arriving at the field hospital came with a prescribed set of injuries and a flow chart to show what would happen to the patient if certain procedures are

followed.

In the case of the patient with back injuries, if he was not attended to promptly, he would become a paraplegic; however, he was taken into the hospital quickly, where back X-rays were performed.

About 125 members of the 339th Combat Support Hospital from Taunton, Mass., participated in Southern Medic, a two-week long exercise at Fort Gordon's Regional Training Site-Med. The exercise is scheduled to end Saturday.

While they were settling in with the nine patients, RTS-Med employees were readying a set of burn victims for another wave of casualties.

An RTS warehouse is filled with hundreds of the mannequins bagged and tagged with certain types of injuries according to Mike Coleman,

RTS-Med's clinical operations planner.

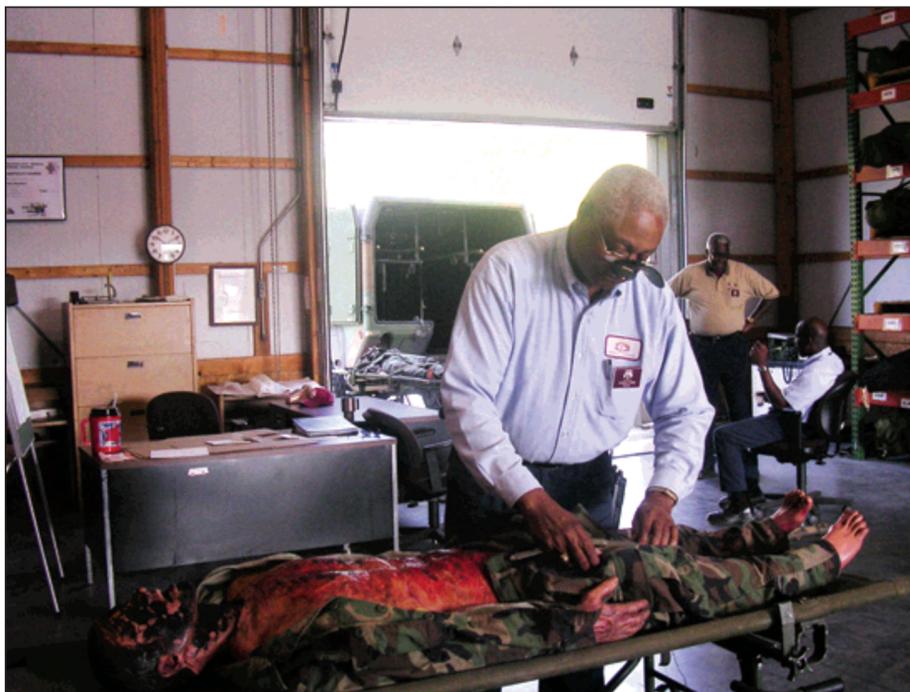
More patients would be on the way throughout the day.

"We'll have three live patients who are POWs. One is wounded bad. One has a hand grenade on him. Hopefully, they will catch it," he said. "That has happened in Iraq."

Also, during the two-week exercise, the Reservists practiced on convoys and in force protection.

Most of the members of the 339th are medical professionals in their civilian careers, said Lt. Col. Paul Astphan, 339th's chief nurse, and many have already been deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan.

"The training facility and skills lab at RTS-Med are superb," he said. "It allows Soldiers to train on high tech mannequins. It's invaluable."



(Top) Inside the field hospital, medics work on a patient. Each "patient" arriving at the field hospital came with a prescribed set of injuries and a flow chart to show what would happen to the patient if certain procedures are followed. (Above) "Mannequinville" houses hundreds of mannequins with a variety of injuries from burns to blunt trauma. The mannequins are used as training devices at RTS-Med. (Left) Currant Jones, an employee at RTS-Med, prepares another mannequin patient for transport to Southern Medic.