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News UPDATE

Change of command correction

The Garrison Command change of command ceremony is 9 a.m. Thursday at the Signal Towers' flagpole.

The incoming commander is Col. Karen Adams, not Marilyn Quagliotti as previously reported. Adams replaces outgoing commander Col. Robert Henderson. We regret any confusion. For information, call 791-3702.

Voter registration

The installation Equal Opportunity Office is sponsoring a Voter's Registration Drive Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. as part of Women's Equality Day.

The locations are the Post Exchange, the PX-tra, EAMC, Darling Hall, Signal Towers, Commissary, and unit areas.

For information call 791-2014.

Bike race

The Fort Gordon Tour de Fort Bicycle race is Saturday. The race, hosted by the Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation features a family fun ride, 12-hour endurance road race, and family festival activities.

The rides begin at 15th Street and North Range Road. For information call William Wren at 791-2599.

Women's Equality Day

The Equal Employment Opportunity Office will sponsor Women's Equality Day with a breakfast at the Gordon Club at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday.

The Honorable M. Yvette Miller, the first African-American woman and the 65th judge to serve on the Georgia Court of Appeals, is the guest speaker. Tickets for the breakfast must be purchased by Aug. 23.

This year marks the 84th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, granting women the right to vote. For information, call the EEO Office at 791-4551.

Trash pickup changed

The schedule for bulk trash pickup has been changed. Bulk trash pickup in all housing areas is now the first and third Thursday of each month.

CFC kickoff

The 2004 Combined Federal Campaign kickoff is 2 p.m. Sept. 1 in Alexander Hall. There will be entertainment by the Signal band, door prizes and refreshments.

For information about CFC, call Pat Camacho at 791-2012.

New military traffic enforcement system implemented here

Terence Cleary
Office of the Staff Judge Advocate

The commanding general recently established a new program for adjudicating traffic violations allegedly committed by military personnel on Fort Gordon.

Under the Fort Gordon Uniform Military Traffic Enforcement Program, all servicemembers receiving traffic violations, DD Form 1408, will report to a traffic hearing at the time and date specified on the ticket. The procedure begins in September.

The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate will conduct hearings, assess traffic points, when appropriate, and recommend other administrative actions.

For example, serious offenses, such as reckless driving, speeding in a school zone and driving under the

influence normally subject the offender to UCMJ action. The Provost Marshal monitors the assessment of traffic points and, when appropriate, recommends the suspension of on-post driving privileges. Commanders will ensure that Soldiers show up for the hearings and enforce suspensions.

It is a violation of the commanding general's order to fail to attend the hearing or to drive on-post with suspended driving privileges. Personnel who violate the order are subject to UCMJ or adverse administrative action.

Civilians who receive traffic tickets on Fort Gordon will continue to be processed through the U.S. Magistrate Court in Augusta, where they may be assessed points against their

driver's license and well as monetary fines.

(Cleary is the chief of administrative and civil law for the OSJA.)

- Ticket sets the time and date of the hearing
- Hearings are held in Royal Signal Hall
- Hearings are conducted after duty hours
- Program will accommodate schedules of shift workers and students
- At first hearing, Soldiers may plead not guilty to the charged violation, and a hearing will be rescheduled to determine guilt or innocence
- Offender is not entitled to legal assistance or trial defense service lawyer
- Attendance is mandatory. Failure to attend subjects offender to UCMJ action for violation of a general order

ACS opens new outreach center

Denise Allen
Signal staff

Maj. Gen. Janet A. Hicks, U.S. Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon commanding general, issued an order of sorts Friday.

"It really takes a unit to come into it and make it a home," said Hicks, at the ribbon cutting of the new family outreach center. "Make this place welcoming and warm. Families, this is for you to start up and make yours. I want you to turn this house into a home."

The family outreach center is

located behind Woodworth Community Library and features two large meeting rooms, a kitchen, a computer lab, a 1,000 square foot playground and a 1,300 square foot covered patio with two large grills.

The center can be used for family readiness group gatherings or may become a centralized place for units to come together and form bonds with one another.

The building can also be a central location in the event of natural disasters or large deployments.

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Photo by Denise Allen

From left, Maj. Gen. Janet A. Hicks, Fort Gordon's commanding general, Vanessa Stanley, Army Community Services chief, and Command Sgt. Maj. Clark Dimery, Garrison command sergeant major, cut the ribbon of the new family outreach center.



Photo by Pfc. Armando Monroig

Movin' out

Soldiers from the 3297th U.S. Army Hospital stand at attention during a ceremony held in their honor at the U.S. Army Reserve Center Wednesday as they were mobilized in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Being mobilized are Maj. Boyd Dennis of Trussville, Ala.; Capt. June Duggan of Columbia, S.C.; Master Sgt. Norman Fountain of Columbia, S.C.; Spc. Gwendolyn Jackson-Edwards of Augusta; Spc. Eric Mack of Eastpoint, Ga.; Spc. Leslie Raymond of Chattanooga, Tenn.; and Maj. Zebbie Rosson of Atlanta, Ga. While mobilized, the Soldiers will be responsible for providing medical support for military operations at various medical locations.

RCI starts here soon

The Residential Communities Initiative is coming to Fort Gordon.

RCI, a program developed by the Army to address the housing needs of Soldiers and their families, uses public and private sector funding to satisfy family housing requirements. The program will construct, renovate and maintain military family housing and support facilities.

The Army currently operates and maintains about 90,000 family housing units at installation throughout the United States, 75 percent of which do not meet current Army housing standards. Despite this, the demand for military housing continues to grow at most installations.

Fort Gordon is one of the Army installations participating in the RCI program. The RCI is a multi-phase process that in-

cludes environmental analysis, identifying the needs of the community, designing family housing and support facilities and construction/renovation of houses and facilities. New and renovated housing is anticipated for post residents as early as 2006.

The environmental analysis phase of the RCI process here begins this month. Residents can expect to see civilian contractors in their neighborhoods beginning this coming week and Sept. 20-Oct. 8. These inspectors will assess housing units for their condition as part of the environmental analysis phase of RCI.

Residents wanting more information may call Larry Brown, Residential Communities Project, at 791-4302, or Dean Anderson, Housing Services Office, at 791-6559.

(From an RCI press release.)

Judge marks Women's Equality Day here

Fort Gordon marks Women's Equality Day Wednesday with a breakfast and guest speaker at the Gordon Club.

Judge M. Yvette Miller is the guest speaker for the breakfast.

Miller made history in the State of Georgia in July 1999 when she was appointed by then-Gov. Roy Barnes as the first African-American woman

to serve on the Georgia Court of Appeals.

In November 2000, Miller was elected statewide to the Court of Appeals without opposition. Prior to this appointment, she served on the State Court of Fulton County and was re-elected to the State Court bench in 1998. In 1992, she was appointed by then-Gov. Zell Miller as the first Af-

rican-American, the first female, and the youngest person ever to serve as director/judge appellate division on the State Board of Workers' Compensation. In 1989, Judge Miller served as an administrative law judge hearing workers' compensation cases.

Miller has lectured and written articles on various legal topics and has received numerous

awards and special recognitions for her professional and civic service. She was designated as one of the leading judges in the country in the 2001 Edition of Black Judges in America. Additionally, she was recognized for her numerous achievements in Who's Who in Black Atlanta in 2001 and 2002.

Miller currently serves as an honorary member of the Advi-

sory Board of the Girl Scout Council of Northwest Georgia, Inc., and as a member of the Mercer Law School Board of Visitors and of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill.

The breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m.; tickets must be purchased by Monday. For information, call the Equal Employment Opportunity Office at 791-4551.

Bush announces global posture changes over the next decade

John Banusiewicz
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The United States will redistribute forces now stationed at overseas locations “where the wars of the last century ended,” President Bush announced in Cincinnati Monday.

The president’s announcement came during an address to the national convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

“The world has changed a great deal,” Bush said, “and our posture must change with it for the sake of our military families, for the sake of our taxpayers, and so we can be more effective at projecting our strength and spreading freedom and peace.”

America’s current force posture in Europe, Bush explained, was designed to guard against Soviet aggression. “The

threat no longer exists,” he said.

The decision to redistribute forces comes after three years of study and consultations, Bush said. “We’ve consulted closely with our allies and with Congress. We’ve examined the challenges posed by today’s threats and emerging threats.” The result, he said, will be “a more agile and flexible force.”

As the new global posture takes shape over the next 10 years, Bush said, more U.S. troops will be stationed at, and deployed from, home bases in the United States.

“We’ll move some of our troops and capabilities to new locations so they can surge quickly to deal with unexpected threats,” Bush said. “We’ll take advantage of 21st century military technologies to rapidly deploy increased combat power.” The new plan, the president said, will

strengthen U.S. alliances and build new partnerships around the world, and will reduce stress on military people and their families.

“Although we’ll still have a significant presence overseas, under the plan I’m announcing today, over the next 10 years we will bring home about 60,000 to 70,000 uniformed personnel and about 100,000 family members and civilian employees.”

This, he explained, would give servicemembers more time on the home front, as well as more predictability and fewer moves over a career.

“Our military spouses will have fewer job changes, greater stability, more time for their kids and to spend time with their families at home,” he added.

Taxpayers will benefit from cost savings realized by closing obsolete overseas bases and facilities, the president said.

‘Significant portion’ of troop shifts to be Europe-based forces

Gerry Gilmore
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — “A significant portion” of U.S. troop moves caused by a reworking of America’s global military posture “will come from Europe,” a senior Defense Department official said here today.

Any redeployment of U.S. troops from Europe to the United States or elsewhere, the official told Pentagon reporters, will involve heavy armor and infantry units now based in Germany.

As part of the realignment of U.S. forces around the world announced earlier today by President Bush, the official noted that an Army Stryker brigade would be sent to Germany, where the offi-

cial said a “very substantial” U.S. military ground presence will remain, to join a restructured 5th Corps.

The official said DoD wasn’t ready to discuss exact numbers of troops and units affected by realignments, saying that Bush’s mention of numbers would do for now.

In his morning address at the Veterans of Foreign Wars convention in Cincinnati, Bush said that over the next decade, about 60,000 to 70,000 uniformed personnel, and about 100,000 family members and civilian employees would be redeployed from overseas bases to the United States.

Plans to rearrange U.S. military force posture around the world, the senior DoD

official noted, have been in the works for the past three years.

Numbers of troops affected by force structure changes in the Pacific theater under the plan “won’t be very dramatic,” a senior U.S. State Department official noted at the Pentagon press briefing. U.S. forces in South Korea already are slated to move away from the demilitarized zone and out of the capital city of Seoul to locations further south.

The State Department official emphasized that any redeployment of U.S. troops in Europe is “not aimed at Russia.”

“It’s not our goal to have a shift of our forces to the east” from Germany, the senior DoD official explained,

noting that U.S. troops would likely rotate in and out of eastern Europe to conduct joint exercises with allied nations.

Any realignments from Germany are unlikely to occur until fiscal 2006, another senior DoD official said. The realignments, in conjunction with the upcoming base realignment and closure process, the official said, will improve America’s military power projection capabilities as well as ease the turmoil experienced by military families because of frequent change-of-station moves.

Senior DoD officials said the Defense Department also is deliberating which stateside military bases to recommend for closure or realignment under the Base Realignment and Closure Act of 2005.

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Vets make new VA friends

Denise Allen
Signal staff

Each Wednesday, the aromas of frying bacon and eggs and pancakes on the griddle fill the Jesse C. Lynch Memorial American Legion Post 71 in North Augusta, as legionnaires gather for a time of camaraderie.

Once a month, however, a special group of veterans joins their gatherings.

"Our goal is to interact with members of the post," said Gary

Lentz, a recreation therapist with the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, who works with a group of veterans in the mental health intensive case management program.

Each month, he brings about a dozen patients to the breakfasts.

Most of them are living in personal care homes or in residences with family members.

For Jeff Brown, it's a good opportunity for him to get out. "It's pretty good," said

Brown, a Vietnam War veteran, from Hephzibah. "I like it."

Lentz said the veterans have been attending the breakfasts for about six years.

The breakfast is free for the patients and the legion chips in money for gas for the van, said Mike Strauss, post commander.

Post members are able to relate to many of the experiences the other veterans have gone through. They have insights into the feelings of the patients that

no one else understands, he said.

"No one is going to laugh at them," he said.

Strauss said the patients seem to appreciate the breakfasts. Sometimes, they are quiet, but a good indicator of their thanks is the amount of food they eat.

The mental health program keeps the veterans out of the hospital, saving the Department of Veterans Affairs dollars and getting the veterans back into the community.

Lentz said there are about 70 patients involved in the program, and he takes different groups of veterans on different outings.

Patients are involved in activities such as swimming and tennis. They make regular trips to University of South Carolina-Aiken athletic events and visit a Veterans of Foreign Wars post.

Lentz said he hopes that American Legion members will get more involved with the lives of the veterans, possibly learning when their birthdays are and doing something special for them.



Photo by Denise Allen

At right, Red Martin prepares eggs for Ron Richard Wednesday at the Jesse C. Lynch Memorial American Legion Post No. 71 in North Augusta. Each month, veterans with a mental health program through the Department of Veterans Affairs are treated to a Southern-style breakfast at the post.

MI Soldier wins DA award

Special to the Signal

Staff Sgt. Alysha Hopkins is recognized for winning the 2003 Department of the Army Military Individual Award for Resource Management, below the MACOM level.

Hopkins was selected due to her outstanding performance while deployed to Kandahar, Afghanistan, from January 2003 to July 2003, serving as the NCOIC of Combined Joint Task Force 180, Kandahar Forward Comptroller Office. For the remainder of the year, Hopkins performed duties as the NCOIC for the 116th Military Intelligence Group Resource Management Office, supporting the Gordon Regional Security Operations Center here.

Hopkins was formally recognized for this accomplishment by Lt. Gen. Jerry Sinn, deputy director of the Army Budget Office, at the Military Comptroller professional convention in Cleveland, Ohio, June 2.

While deployed, Hopkins served as the NCOIC of the Combined Joint Task Force 180, Kandahar Airfield Forward Comptroller Office. During this time, she not only performed her comptroller duties but trained incoming personnel, served as the OIC during a month-long absence of the incumbent, and provided guidance to the Task Force-Dragon commander while maintaining responsibility for a \$133 million budget. Handling her duties in an exceptional manner in the midst of Kandahar's austere environment won her recognition from many of the units she supported.

Hopkins returned to the 116th MI Group in July to

oversee the budget, finance, accounting and travel requirements.

Deployments are a unique opportunity to give Soldiers skills and knowledge they might not get otherwise. Hopkins had concerns about deploying only months after arriving at the 116th.

"Looking back on my deployment, I realize that I needed the deployment to help further

shape me into the NCO that I am today. It helped me to see outside of the box; I realize that my simple inconvenience of deploying was nothing compared to the sights that I saw while deployed. I had the pleasure of meeting and working with some local Afghan citizens, Jordanian soldiers, Romanian soldiers, and our sister services of the Air Force and Marines."



Photo by Kathleen Haskell

New IG in town

Brig. Gen. Eric Schoemaker, Eisenhower Army Medical Center commanding general, swore in EAMC's new inspector general, Lt. Col. Beulah Nash-Teachey, Aug. 16.

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West Nile Virus season approaches

September peak month for disease in Georgia

Spc. Nicole Robus
Signal staff

While the West Nile Virus is mentioned on the news from time to time, how it is transmitted, the information behind the virus, or how to control the spread of the virus can be a mystery.

The virus has become more prevalent the last few years, with 55 cases being reported in Georgia in 2003 according to the Georgia Division of Public Health. Of those, four people died from complications related to the disease.

The West Nile Virus is a mosquito-borne virus that was first discovered in the United States in 1999. As of December 2002, WNV was documented in 42 states and the District of Columbia.

The virus was first identified in Georgia in 2001, and has been considered an epidemic in various parts of the United States as well as parts of Georgia.

HOW IT SPREADS
Mosquitoes become infected from biting an infected bird and then spreads the virus to other birds and humans. However, WNV is not a transmittable disease between humans, meaning one person cannot infect another person.

"WNV is contracted from being bitten by a mosquito in-

equine. Several companies are working on a (human) vaccine."

Once a person has become infected with WNV, they develop an immunity to contracting the virus again, but that immunity may decrease over time, said Boland.

PREVENTION
The most effective way to control mosquitoes around the home is to find and eliminate breeding sites. All mosquitoes pass through four life stages: egg, larva, pupa and adult. The first three stages must have water for development.

The best option for mosquito control is to target the larval stage. The larval stage develops in the water. "Targeting the larval stage can be done by emptying water from birdbaths, old tires, and other outdoor containers or debris," said Boland.

"Also done is larviciding, the placing of specific chemicals in places where mosquitoes lay eggs. It is an effective method of controlling the population of mosquitoes," added Boland.

To control mosquitoes once they have reached the adult stage, use insect repellents that have been approved by the Environmental Protection Agency. If working or playing in mosquito infested areas, Soldiers and civilians need to take prevention measures to keep from being bitten, said Boland.

For your skin, use a product that contains 20-35 percent DEET.

Use DEET sparingly on children, and don't apply to their hands, which they often place in their eyes and mouths.

For clothing, use an insect repellent spray to help prevent bites through the fabric. Use a product that contains either permethrin or DEET. Permethrin should only be used on clothing; never on skin.

For optimum protection, Soldiers should utilize the DoD Insect Repellent System. In addition to proper wear of the battle dress uniform, which provides a physical barrier to insects, this system includes the use of both skin and clothing repellents together:

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West Nile virus is only one

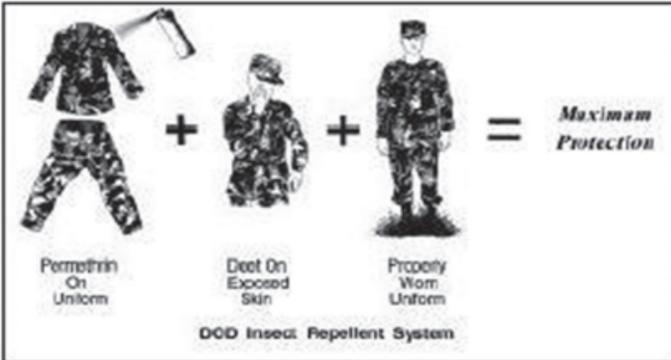


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Mosquitoes can spread the West Nile Virus from diseased birds to humans.



A map details known cases of West Nile Virus in Georgia.



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Fort Gordon exercise was necessary

Maj. Gen. Janet Hicks

U.S. Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon commanding general

On Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 11-12, Fort Gordon conducted a much needed Force Protection exercise.

I knew the exercise would inconvenience many, including Soldiers and the civilian workforce coming to work, teachers coming to school, delivery trucks and individuals coming to hospital and other appointments.

We deliberately chose a day that had few major events, keeping in mind that there are almost always a couple of big ones each day, and applied our entire law enforcement body, plus augmentation Soldiers from across the many commands on the installation, to the exercise.

It's been almost three years since the tragedies of Sept. 11, 2001, and while our nation is safer that it was on that day, we have many in the world that would do us harm.

It is my responsibility to make Fort Gordon safe for all residents, workforce and visitors, and I believe we learned a great deal from this Force Protection exercise that will make us more effective, while at the same time enable us to justify additional resources should we have to sustain such an increased security posture over time.

I'm sorry for your delays, and I deeply appreciate your patience and steadfast support of Fort Gordon and the mission of America's armed forces.



Photo by Spc. Nicole Robus

Members of the Fort Gordon Fire Department help one of the HAZMAT members suit up. The Fire Department and HAZMAT team were called in after "terrorists" came on post through Gate 3 and detonated a simulated NBC device. HAZMAT's mission was to go into the area and run tests.

Fatigue factor in tragic automobile accidents

Hugh C. Laughlin

TRADOC News Service

FORT MONROE, Va. — It's 3 o'clock in the morning, you have the radio cranked up all the way, the windows are open and the air conditioning on full, your eyelids are heavy and your mind is wandering. A car suddenly appears in front of you — where did he come from? That's the time to get off the road!

"The problem is, Army-wide, 23 percent of the fatal automobile accidents are from fatigue or some form of impairment, yet it's one of the most preventable types of accidents there are," said Dave Prentice, deputy director for safety at U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command.

This year there have already been 12 fatal automobile accidents for TRADOC, and 17 percent of those are directly attributed to driver fatigue. For the past five years, fatigue has been the reason for 27 percent of fatal automobile accidents for TRADOC personnel.

"It isn't just fatigue, it's also highway hypnosis," Prentice said. "You drive along and you are not concentrating on the act of driving, and your mind is somewhere else. Next thing you know, you have driven three miles without awareness. You might as well have closed your eyes."

According to Prentice, you need to set realistic restrictions on yourself. "How far can you go?" he asked. "You need to make sure you are nourished. Sodas and coffee are good, but you also need high-energy drinks like juices. You need to keep

your energy up."

There are some things you can do to help counter the effects of driver hypnosis and fatigue. For starters, you need to stop every couple of hours. "You need to stop and eat along the way," said Prentice. "(Take) periodic rest stops every two hours. Take a deep breath, get out of the car, walk around, get some fresh air, stretch your legs. This will help keep the blood flowing and keep you more alert.

"The bottom line is, at a certain point in time, your body will demand rest, and your senses will not be as responsive to your surroundings," said Prentice. "It is not that you don't see things happening; it's that you don't process the information as rapidly and react to the situations, and this is what gets a lot of people into trouble. Not just falling asleep. You can be awake but not alert to the conditions until it is too late — until your tires are off the road and you overcorrect and lose control."

Our leaders need to understand they have the authority to intervene. "As supervisors and leaders, we need to be aware of what our people's intentions are. If they are getting ready to do something that is

unsafe or dangerous, we can stop them," Prentice stated. "We can tell them that isn't appropriate — develop another course of action."

You affect change through intervention, said Prentice. "We need to make sure our junior leaders are aware of their prerogative and authority. They do have the authority to intervene. They do have the authority to tell a Soldier that if something is unsafe to reconsider the action."

Almost 60 percent of the accidents are occurring more than 50 miles away from the Soldier's installation.

"It's the Soldiers departing the area and traveling who are involved in the fatal POV accidents," said Prentice. "You know when your mind starts to wander from the task at hand. One of the dead giveaways is when you can't remember the last mile you

drove."

You get behind the wheel of 4,000 pounds of steel, glass and rubber and propel it down the highway at 60 miles per hour — sometimes within inches of another 4,000 pounds or even a 10,000-pound truck — and don't think anything of it, Prentice said.

"Stop and think about it," he said. "On a two-lane road, when

you are passing a semi-truck at 60 or 70 miles per hour, (you are) within two feet — 24 inches — between you. That doesn't leave a lot of room for error. If you are off a little bit on your judgment and he is off a little on his judgment, the potential threat is staggering."

You have to remain conscious of your own capabilities. Just because you are 19 or 20 years old, you are not invincible, you are not bullet-proof, said Prentice. "If you don't give your body adequate rest, the first thing that goes is your mental acuity, reaction time and judgment. The worse your judgment gets, the greater the hazard you are. You are not going to do the right thing, so just stop."

When you are behind the wheel of an automobile, "You are responsible not only for your own life and that of your passengers, but for everyone else who is on the road," said Prentice. "If you are involved in an accident, the pain you cause goes far beyond you as an individual. It goes to family, to friends. There are readiness issues for the organization. It is not as simple as 'it only affects me.' There is nothing we do in the Army that only affects you as an individual. So when you make a decision to push the envelope, and make a decision that is counter to good judgment, you are taking risks that exceed your authority."

"The chances of being involved in a terrorist incident are remote at best," said Prentice. "We kill 120 people a day in the United States in motor vehicle accidents. Where do you think your risks lie?"

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Dave Prentice
Deputy director for safety,
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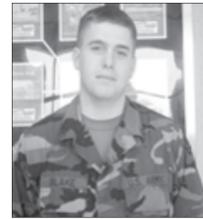
Cadets BreAnna Pugmire and Brittany Miller

Should we redeploy troops from Europe and Asia back to the United States?



Yes, considering the circumstances in other regions. It would cut down on the same units or Soldiers doing back-to-back rotations, giving the families enough time together and preparation time for deployments making our country safer at the same time.

**Sgt. 1st Class
Danny Barnes**
Company E,
447th Signal Battalion



Yes, that way Soldiers will be with their families and it would be easier to deploy.

Pfc. Roger Blake
B Company,
369th Signal Battalion



Yes, due to the change in mission, changing from Cold War strategies to the Global War on Terrorism

Maj. Steven Silva
116th MI Group



I think it's best for the troops to stay in place.

**Sgt. 1st Class
Allison Badall**
Medhold Company D

Private Murphy 'Spirit of the Bayonet' Mark Baker

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Post firefighter blazes way to combat challenge award

Sgt. Sam Smith
Signal staff

A Fort Gordon firefighter who recorded the best time in the over 40 category for the Department of Defense in a firefighter competition last year will soon be recognized for his effort.

Matt Williams, assistant fire chief, finished the Scott Firefighter Combat Challenge at Winston-Salem, N.C., in 2 minutes, 24 seconds.

The challenge is a firefighter race, which tests the physical fitness of the competitors. The Fort Gordon Fire Department competed in five of these competitions last year.

"When you get awards like this, it's not just the individual, it's the whole department," Williams said. "A person goes up there and runs the best time. He can't do it without someone filling in for him (back at the department)."

It's a small team of firefighters that compete in these challenges. They train together at the department on a mock course similar to the one they face in competition.

According to Williams, the challenge tests the physical fitness of the firefighters and increases their camaraderie.

"(The competition) promotes firefighter physical fit-



Courtesy photo

Matt Williams, assistant fire chief, completes the hose advance event of the Scott Firefighter Combat Challenge in September 2003 at the course in Winston-Salem, N.C. Williams recorded a Department of Defense record time at the competition in the over 40 category.

ness, it's good for the department to get noticed at a national event and it promotes pride within the department," said Williams.

The race itself, called the toughest two minutes in sports, includes climbing five flights of stairs with a 42-pound hose, then pull another 42-pound hose to the top of the tower with a rope. After racing back down the tower, they must move a 160-pound beam five feet by striking it with a nine-pound mallet. Then they drag a charged hose 75 feet to spray a target, before finishing the race by dragging a 185-pound dummy 100 feet. For the individual competition, all of this is done in full gear while breathing through a mask from an oxygen tank.

Five Fort Gordon firefighters plan to compete in three regional competitions and the world championships this year.

"By (the end), men are helping you take off your equipment because you're so tired, and that's if you don't need medical assistance, which is also (available) right there," he said. "The bottom line is - it's tough."

Williams received a DoD award Wednesday in New Orleans at the DoD fire chief's conference.

Department of Army orders ethics training for all Soldiers, civilians

On April 9, the Acting Secretary of the Army directed face-to-face ethics training for all Army personnel.

The training must be conducted by Army ethics counselors; it must include all military and civilian personnel, regardless of grade, rank or position; and it must be concluded by Dec. 31. It is the responsibility of commanders and supervisors to ensure all their personnel attend.

The Offices of the Signal Center and Fort Gordon Staff Judge Advocate, the Eisenhower Army Medical Center Judge Advocate, and the 513th Military Intelligence Brigade Judge Advocate, will

conduct training.

The judge advocates for EAMC and 513th MI Brigade will conduct training within their organizations. OSJA trial counsel will conduct training within the military units they support. OSJA will conduct training for directorates and other Signal Center organizations.

The Directorate of Plans, Training, and Mobilization will coordinate with directorate training officers to schedule the training.

OSJA will also conduct periodic training later in the year for those personnel who missed training with their organizations.



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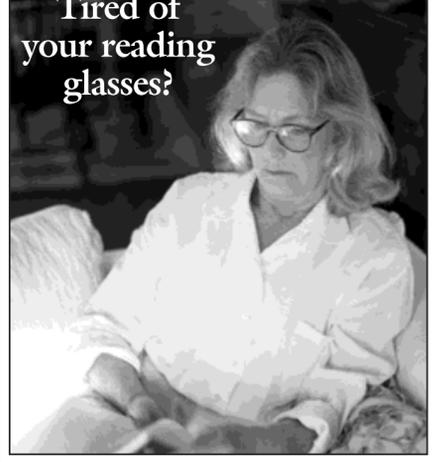
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Army eliminates senior rater profile on company-grade OERs

Joe Burlas
Army News Service

WASHINGTON – Senior raters evaluating lieutenants, captains and warrant officers 1 and 2 will change the way they compare the rated officer with his or her peers in the active Army after Oct. 1.

Specifically, the change eliminates the use of block 7b of the Officer Evaluation Report, Department of the Army Form 67-9, for company grade officers and warrant officers 1 and 2.

The current senior rater profiling contains four ratings: above center of mass, center of mass, below center of mass and below center of mass do not retain. With Human Resources Command input, it reflects where the senior rater has rated other officers of equal rank in the past and where the senior leader thinks the rated officer falls in a direct peer-to-peer comparison.

Senior rater profiling will be retained for use in rating majors and above, and warrant officers 3 and above.

"We're getting away from that competitive peer-to-peer comparison at the company grade and lower warrant officer level to allow more leader focus on developing leaders and fostering closer unit cohesion," said Maj Gen Dorian T. Anderson, Human Resources Command commanding general.

Along with the end of peer-to-peer comparison at the company level, the Army will also expand developmental plans and counseling requirements beyond junior officers to include captains and warrant officers 2 in the active Army effective Oct. 1. Future version of DA Form 67-9-1a, Junior Officer Developmental Support Form, will have the word 'junior,' deleted to reflect the inclusion of more senior officers and warrants.

The OER enhancements will eventually be made in the Army Reserve and National Guard, but each has its own unique requirements and timeline, officials said.

"Evaluations have to do two things: provide good solid feedback to the rated individual for development and it has to provide information for the system to use to select those qualified individuals for promotion to the next higher grade," Anderson said. "The challenge is to find the balance between feedback for individual development and the information promotion boards need for selections. The enhancements of eliminating senior rater profiling, and at the same time requiring more senior involvement by raters in counseling and mentoring process, allows company grade officers to get more useable feedback about how they are doing in their job."

Company grade officers identified the lack of useful and ongoing feedback via

OER requirements, and a "zero-defects" environment perception fostered by the OER process as major concerns during an extensive look at the Army's methods of growing and developing leaders. The Officer Army

ment junior officer development system, company commanders create plans for their lieutenants and battalion commanders review them.

"The OER enhancements that we are talking about – expanding the requirements of

leaders to focus on the real development of their junior officers," said Anderson. "What we want to do here is ensure that our junior leaders are given the opportunity to be sufficiently mentored as future joint and expeditionary leaders and warriors."

An Army Knowledge Online mass mailing to all active Army officers went out Aug. 16 explaining the OER enhancements in greater detail. In addition, a HRC Military Personnel Message giving implementing instructions was sent the same day to all Army personnel activities.

Officers can provide feedback on this subject via e-mail to arnews@hqda.army.mil.

For more information on the OER enhancements, go to www.perscomonline.army.mil/tagd/msd/msdweb.htm.

As far as the last OER enhancements go, they are "in keeping with the Army's spirit of transformation."

George Piccirilli
Evaluation Systems chief

Training and Leader Development Panel results that identified those concerns were released in May 2001.

In 2002, the Army moved to mask, or remove to the restricted file, all lieutenant OERs once the officer reached the rank of captain in order to address part of the panel's findings.

The decision to mask those OERs at the rank of captain was to allow junior officers more room to grow, ease the zero-defects perception and effectively remove comments from a junior officer's file that may be a reflection of an initial learning curve, said George Piccirilli, Evaluation Systems chief.

As far as the last OER enhancements go, Piccirilli said they are "in keeping with the Army's spirit of transformation – we are truly focusing on leader development."

To those who might think that the elimination of senior rater profiling is a ploy to retain more company grade officers in the Army, Anderson said that assumption couldn't be further from the truth as promotion selection rates are the highest they have been in decades. The selection rate of captain promotion board over the past six years has been consistently more than 90 percent. The selection rate of the last captain board, held last fall, was 92.3 percent.

"There is a perception among officers in the field that they can make no mistakes – that if they do, they will get a senior leader middle box check and that means they're not going to be promoted," Anderson said. "The truth is that the promotion system picks up plenty of officers with center-of-mass ratings. The current enhancements allow for more interactive and ongoing discussions between the rated officer and rater about how the officer is doing and allows for timely correction of errors along the way."

The enhancements will also bring deeper depth of experience and knowledge into the mentoring process, as brigade commanders will have to review the development plans battalion commanders create for their captains, Anderson said. Under the cur-

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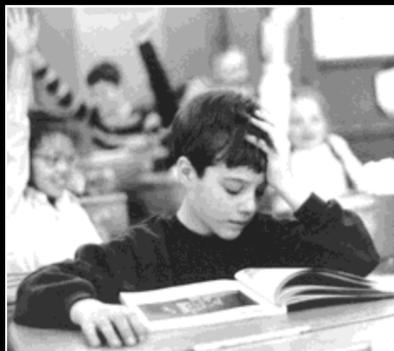
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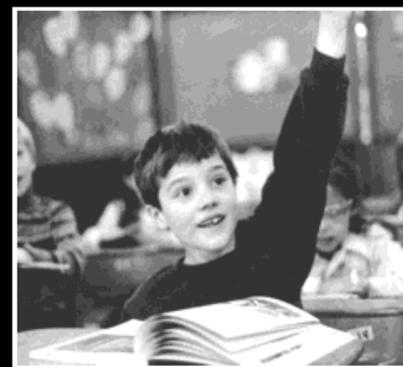
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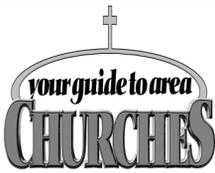
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AAFES rounds up troops for rodeo

Staff Sgt. Monica Garreau
American Forces Press Service

FORWARD OPERATING BASE ASADABAD, Afghanistan – Mention the word “rodeo” and most would think broncs, bulls and buckles. But mention rodeo at many forward operating bases in Afghanistan, and the faces of the coalition members serving there light up with anticipation.

Just ask the service members assigned to Forward Operating Base Asadabad. The rodeo to them is the Army and Air Force Exchange Service Rodeo conducted here every month. Although no one knows the origin of the title, the importance of the event is the same.

Since those stationed at these remote bases rarely have the opportunity to shop for personal items – such as snacks, hygiene products and entertainment – at their locations, AAFES brings the store to them.

“They’re glad the rodeo is here,” said Marine Cpl. Jeshua Rios of his fellow service members during the AAFES Rodeo here in mid-July. As a forward base cook, Rios sees most of the service members assigned here every day in the chow hall and can tell when their spirits are raised.

“This is a real booster for everybody here,” said the Marine from Headquarters and Service Company, 3rd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment.

The monthly visit generates a lot of anticipation. “We look forward to (the rodeo),” said Army Spc. Antonio Gordon, 2nd Battalion, 265th Air Defense Artillery Regiment. “It’s a nice way to be able to get the things we need.”

But it’s not just the opportunity to buy junk food that lifts the troops’ spirits. Representatives from the Bagram Air Base Post Office come to process packages being sent home, fi-

nance clerks cash checks and dispense cash, and a legal-services Soldier answers questions and processes paperwork such as powers of attorney.

Representatives from the Army Reserve Affairs, retention and the Army Continuing Education System offices are also on hand to answer any questions the service members might have.

With all these services available, the rodeo doesn’t just provide a huge morale boost to the troops. It also helps their leaders. “Having all the assets come out here to us makes my job a lot easier,” said Marine 1st Sgt. Anthony Page, Company K, 3rd Battalion, 6th Marines.

When his Marines have a need that might require them to fly to Bagram Air Base, he can

usually tell them to wait for the rodeo to come “and (everything’s) all right here.”

Page said he sees the difference the four-hour event makes in his Marines. “This is something good for the Marines, good for their morale,” he said. “They look forward to this once a month, especially some of the guys we have on the outer posts.”

The event is coordinated by representatives from the Combined Joint Task Force 76 personnel section and stops at forward bases in Salerno, Gardez, Tarin Kowt, Jalalabad and Asadabad once a month, said 1st Lt. Linda North, CJTF 76 personnel chief of operations.

To ensure as many service members are being touched by the rodeo as possible, North

explained that she is constantly working on ways to improve the program. “Starting in August we’re looking at expanding to more forward sites,” she said.

But for now, it’s a sure bet those who were touched by the rodeo at FOB Asadabad were happy as they filed out, their shopping bags full with CDs, food, fitness supplements and entertainment accessories.

The only complaint of the day: “They need more junk food,” said Gordon, who was unable to find any snacks when he arrived. Eager to provide an explanation for the disappointment, he added with a laugh, “But I got here late.”

(Garreau is assigned to the 17th Public Affairs Detachment.)



Photo by Staff Sgt. Monica Garreau
Marine Lance Cpls. Eric Smith, left, and Michael Williamson, Company K, 3rd Battalion, 6th Marines, discuss diet supplements while shopping at the Army and Air Force Exchange Service Rodeo in mid-July at Forward Operating Base Asadabad, Afghanistan.

Run steady

Chaplain (Capt.)
W. B. Tripp
447th Signal Battalion

I noticed the other day my running shoes seem to get heavier as they age.

It occurred to me that this was perhaps caused by two separate, unrelated factors. First, because from the looks of them, I take a tiny portion of Barton Field’s clay home with me every day (the shoes have in fact turned orange).

Second, there is at least the possibility that my shoes get heavier as they get older – because I do.

This led me to think about the number of miles I run each week, and in turn, each year. In the average week I log between 25 and 30 miles, which means I run about 1400 miles each year. I never really thought about it quite like that.

That’s 700 laps around Barton Field, well over 5,000 on the quarter-mile track. Have you ever heard that cadence “I could run to (wherever) just like this?” For that distance, I could have run from Atlanta to Denver, or all the way to Chicago and back. And sometimes, lately, after PT, it feels like I did.

It’s amazing to think of starting a journey like that. If you knew you had that far to go, you wouldn’t try it, would you? Yet it doesn’t seem so bad taking it in four or five mile chunks a few times per week over the course of a year, does it?

And there is the life lesson. It seems that we spend much of our lives waiting for that next big change, the next assign-

ment, graduation, promotion, school, marriage or whatever, to start something.

The Bible speaks of this same idea quite a bit. Many verses point to getting started on the journey, keeping our patience and faith, “staying the course,” and keeping our “eyes on the prize.”

One of my favorites is often recited just before a jump: “But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength: they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.” (Isaiah 40:31 KJV).

The Apostle Paul writes that we should “...Run in such a way as to get the prize.” (1 Cor. 9:24, c. NIV). King Solomon in the Book of Ecclesiastes tells us that “The race is not to the swift or the battle to the strong...” (9:11, b. NIV).

These with the obvious presumption we actually got started.

This should be our outlook on life. Things change, and we should trust in God to take care of those changes, letting Him direct our steps.

Start running the race of life, and run so as to win the race, not just the first lap. As the writer of the Book of Hebrews puts it, “... let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.”

Or, in the modern English quote, “We may not know what the future holds, but we know Who holds the future.”

Get started, and run steady.

DoDEA keeps improving schools

Samantha Quigley
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – As the Department of Defense Education Activity prepares for the coming school year, DoDEA’s director said efforts are under way to make DoD’s good schools even better for the families of military people.

Joseph Tafoya said a primary focus this school year would be curriculum and staff development.

“We have very high reading scores. We have very good math scores,” Tafoya said. “This is the first place I’ve worked where the math scores are a little lower than the reading scores.”

DoDEA’s response to this, he said, is to work to reinforce its already excellent literacy program with a much stronger math program. In its second year of a program called “Math Matters” that started in the high schools, DoDEA is looking very carefully at the curriculum and how it is taught.

Other efforts may not be so obvious to parents and students.

Tafoya said some less visible changes would focus on curriculum and how to deliver staff development to employees scattered around the world. He added that it’s difficult to ensure that every school is getting the same kind of training. “But we’re trying to be very creative in how we help teachers teach better,” he added.

“My comment to staff at the beginning of the year,” he said, “(is) that we need to continue to analyze how we teach, but more importantly, to continue to analyze how students learn.”

The process of analyzing how students learn has paid off for DoDEA schools. DoD students’ fourth- and eighth-grade scores are consistently near the top of the National Report Card, an annual ranking of schools nationwide based on several criteria.

Keeping the students at the top of their academic game, however, some-

times requires extra help. In high school, it’s very easy to schedule students with academic problems into a support class to bolster their learning in a particular subject. This same assistance is not so easily achieved in elementary school, Tafoya explained, where scheduling a support class may require pulling a student from a lesson in another subject.

“It is much easier to address individual student needs at the high school and middle school level from a scheduling standpoint,” he said. “What we’ve got to do is find a way to do it better at the elementary school, without interrupting the regular program.”

Initiatives introduced in DoDEA high schools several years ago will now be broached at the elementary and middle school levels. Committees will address whether staff levels are sufficient to meet objectives and whether the most positive learning environment is being provided.

See DoDEA page 11

Drill sergeant spotlight

Name: Staff Sgt. Jamaria Frederick
Unit: Company E, 447th Signal Battalion
Hometown: Cincinnati, Ohio
Time at Fort Gordon: 10 months

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Staff Sgt. Frederick

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11 a.m. • Friendship Chapel

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Youth Challenge cadets go 'camping'

Cadet BreAnna Pugmire
Youth Challenge Academy

Excitement filled the stomachs of many Youth Challenge Academy cadets at the thought of going to Boy Scout camp May 16-21.

For some this would be their first time camping in the woods. For others, it was like a home away from home.

1st platoon was packed and ready to go that Sunday morning, eager and ready for whatever may come. With no clue of what was headed their way, they had to prepare themselves for whatever obstacles were to be tackled.

When the cadets arrived, their journey began with the low course. Singly, they weren't that motivated, but as

a whole they found the strength to pull together. Cadets learned how to trust those who they didn't think they could, reinforce teamwork, and learn how to relate the tasks given to real life situations. It lifted cadet's spirits and started the week off with a positive outlook.

As each day went on cadets participated in different activities. The high course was a definite challenge. Even though some didn't finish, they at least put forth the effort and tried, which should make anyone proud.

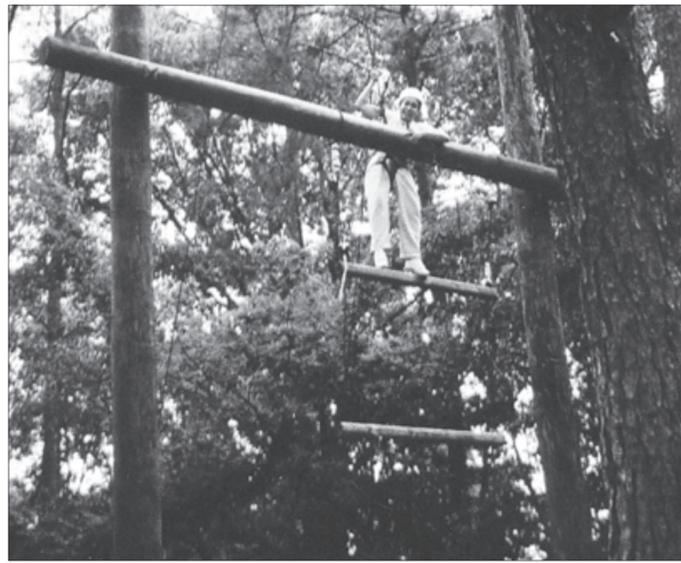
Cadets were also given the opportunity to go on an adventurous nature trail, learning about the wildlife atmosphere. The also released weather balloons, with their addresses at-

tached, to research the weather's effect on its travel.

Cadets were given the chance to practice rifle and archery marksmanship. They learned new techniques while keeping safety first. The YCA cadets' last day at camp was spent by a pond canoeing and swimming - and evening out tans.

Youth Challenge's week at camp was an enjoyable time. It gave the cadets the chance to be able to have fun, bond with one another and learn valuable team-building skills, not only with fellow cadets, but also with their cadre, teachers and other YCA staff.

(Pugmire is a YCA cadet and is currently job shadowing at the Fort Gordon Public Affairs Office.)



Courtesy photo

A Youth Challenge Academy cadet climbs a tower as part of an obstacle course at the camp. The course was designed to instill confidence in the young cadets.



Courtesy photo

Not a Muppet

Miss Piggy is a beautiful, white, young short-hair with one blue eye and one yellow. She and other loving animals are available for adoption at the Fort Gordon Vet Clinic, located at 500 North Range Rd. Adoption fee is \$60 and includes shots, spay or neuter, and microchip. The clinic is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., or call 787-3815 for information.

Military commissions to begin at Guantanamo

Kathleen Rhem
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON - The first four enemy-combatant detainees held by the United States at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to be charged with war crimes will make their first appearance before a military commission when preliminary hearings begin there next week.

From among the Guantanamo detainees, President Bush has designated that 15 individuals be tried for war crimes by a military commission. Prosecutors have prepared cases against four of them.

John Altenburg Jr., appointing authority for the Defense Department's Office of Military Commissions, explained in a Pentagon press briefing Aug. 17 what is likely to happen when the military commission is in session.

Altenburg stressed the events of the week of Aug. 23-27 will only include preliminary hearings. He could not say when actual trials might occur or even when they might be scheduled. To get a pic-

ture of the types of motions involved before a case gets to trial, he suggested reporters consider what happens in high-profile trials in the United States.

When trials do get under way and throughout the preliminary-hearings phase, the military commissions will appear similar to proceedings in any American court. The main difference, he said, will be that a panel of six officers will preside instead of a single judge.

"But other than that," Altenburg said, "the prosecution will do what you've seen prosecutors do in trials, and the defense will do what you've seen defense lawyers do in trials."

He laid out several areas in which the military commissions proceedings will be identical to those in civilian U.S. courts.

- There is a presumption of innocence;
- Each charged detainee has been appointed a defense counsel for free and is allowed to obtain his own civilian counsel;
- The accused cannot be required to make a statement;

- Prosecutors must establish proof of guilt beyond a reasonable doubt; and

- Defense counsels have the ability to cross-examine witnesses, to challenge the government's evidence, and to present evidence and call witnesses of their own.

Altenburg noted this is the first military commission formed since the end of World War II, and he stressed many details are being worked out as the process progresses.

He acknowledged one problem already has been a shortage of translators available, particularly to defense attorneys for meeting with their clients. But, he stressed repeatedly, officials are committed to ensuring defense teams have adequate resources.

"I think that their concern is legitimate. They should have had interpreters sooner," Altenburg said. "There are many reasons involved in why that didn't work out. And all I can tell you is that we're taking every step we can to make sure they get (what they need)."

Center

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Hicks said she was pleased with the new center, something she and others had pushed for after a visit last year to Fort Hood, Texas.

Built in 1941 by the Army Corps of Engineers, the building formerly served as the Red Cross office; once heated by coal and cooled with 22 fans, it has central heating and air conditioning now. Not only will it be a site

for family groups to gather, but it will be a place for Army Community Service to hold workshops and seminars. Christmas House will be located there as well.

ACS has had a tradition of more than 38 years of serving Army families, said Vanessa Stanley, ACS chief.

"This is one more way to provide that service," she said.

DoDEA

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One committee will examine practices at the elementary level, and another will do the same for the middle school level. The initiative will involve teachers, principals and administrators, parents, and command representatives, Tafoya said.

The year-end goal of the initiative is a K-12 program that spells out what is offered in all of the schools.

Though there is no legal obligation for DoDEA to adhere to the letter of the "No Child Left Behind" law,

Tafoya said the agency is following the law's spirit. He feels sure, he added, that DoDEA will be in full compliance with the law by 2007, a full six years ahead of mandatory civilian school compliance. Science standards are the only reason DoDEA hasn't yet attained full compliance, and officials are reworking them, Tafoya said.

"We feel very comfortable about (the level of compliance)," Tafoya said. "The last time we looked at our data, every single ethnic group,

boys and girls, whatever category you want to separate, our average test scores are above the 50th percentile for all students."

Such success is not accidental, Tafoya said, noting a combination of factors that contribute, including DoD teachers being "part and parcel" of the missions that affect their bases as well as being open to change and new ideas.

When he's confronted with the question of what makes DoDEA schools dif-

ferent, his answer is simply "support."

"I am just blown away by the level of support (from the parents and the military)," Tafoya said. "That's our advantage."

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Community Events

Military homecoming

The City of Augusta and the Metro Augusta and Columbia County chambers of commerce hosts "CSRA Salutes Our Military" to welcome back active duty servicemembers and National Guard and Reservists from the CSRA who recently returned from deployments.

The salute will be held **Aug. 28** at Olmstead Stadium before a Green Jackets game. The program begins at 6:30 p.m.; the baseball game begins at 7:10 p.m.

Admission is free to active duty military who deployed in the past 18 months, and their family members. For information, call Pat Buchholz at 791-3752.

Signal Corps Regimental Ball

The Atlanta Chapters of the Signal Corps Regimental Association and the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association host the Greater Atlanta Signal Regimental Ball **Sept. 17** at the Commons on Fort McPherson, Ga.

The reception starts at 6 p.m.; dinner begins at 7 p.m. Dress for military personnel is Dress Blue, Dress Mess or Dress Green, with formal attire for civilians. Tickets cost \$30 per person for the buffet dinner.

The deadline for reservations is Sept. 13 and can be made by calling (404) 464-6713 or go to www.afcea-atlanta.org.

Welcome coffee

The Eisenhower Army Medical Center Health Services Auxiliary is having a Welcome Coffee from 10 a.m.-noon **Sept. 10** at 6 Boardman Lake.

RSVP to Lauren Parker at 922-9993.

Babysitter training

The American Red Cross of Augusta is offering Babysitter's Training at the Child Development Center from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. **Aug. 28**. Cost \$25.

The course will provide individuals, ages 11 to 15, with the information and skills necessary to provide safe and responsible care for children in the absence of parents or adult guardians.

For information and registration call 724-8481.

Special Forces recruiting

The Special Forces Recruiting Team will have briefings at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. **Aug. 26** in Darling Hall, room 307.

The briefings are open to all active duty Soldiers E-3 to E-6, officers from year group 2002 and 2003, and their family members. This is an unclassified briefing. For information contact Sgt. 1st Class Steven Pumphrey at usarc.pumphrey@usarc.army.mil or (912) 876-6272.

Become ASE certified

The Education Center will offer the Automotive Service Excellence examinations on **Nov. 9, 16 and 18**; register by Sept. 8.

All candidates must pay a \$31 registration fee. Credit may be used for academic credit or promotion points.

The latest ASE preparation guide can be found at <http://www.ascert.org/>.

For information contact or visit the Education Center, 741 Barnes Ave., Bldg. 21606, phone 791-2000.

Trash pickup changed

The schedule for bulk trash pickup has been changed. Bulk trash pickup in all housing areas is now the first and third Thursday of each month.

CFC kickoff

The 2004 Combined Federal Campaign kickoff is 2 p.m. **Sept. 1** in Alexander Hall. There will be entertainment by the Signal band, door prizes and refreshments. For information about CFC, call Pat Camacho at 791-2012.

PWOC events

The Protestant Women of the Chapel is having its Fall Kickoff at 9 a.m. **Sept. 1** at Bicentennial Chapel (Building 28414 on Brainard).

The theme for the year is "Delight in the Lord: My Heart's Desire" (Psalm 37:4). The Fall Kickoff will include the program, food, fun and fellowship. Sign up for the Fall Bible Studies to be held at 9 a.m. Wednesdays and 7 p.m. Tuesdays.

For information call Gwen Chandler at 869-1930.

Volunteer drive

A Volunteer Drive is scheduled from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. **Sept. 14** in the Dinner Theatre, Building 32100.

The event will provide an opportunity for programs and services on Fort Gordon to recruit and develop a volunteer database.

For information call Lynn Harshman at 791-3579.

Lawyers wanted

The Office of The Judge Advocate General is now accepting applications for the Army's Funded Legal Education Program. Under this program, the Army projects sending up to 15 active duty commissioned officers to law school at government expense if funding permits. Selected officers will attend law school beginning the fall of 2004 and will remain on active duty while attending law school.

Interested officers should review Chapter 14, AR 27-1 to determine eligibility. This program is open to commissioned officers in the rank of second lieutenant through captain. Applicants must have at least two but not more than six years of total active service at the time legal training begins. Eligibility is governed by statute (10 U.S.C. 2004) and is non-vaivable.

Eligible officers interested in applying should immediately register for the earliest offering of the Law School Admission Test. Applicants must send their request through command channels, including the officer's branch manager at HRC, with a copy furnished to the Office of The Judge Advocate General, ATTN DAJA-PT, 1777 North Kent Street, Rosslyn, Va. 22209-2194, by Nov. 1.

For information call SJA at 791-3148.

Obedience classes

The Augusta Humane Society offers a dog obedience and puppy socialization course. Registration is 6:30 p.m. **Wednesday** at the Julian Smith Casino on the corner of Broad Street and Milledge Road. Bring proof of vaccination, but do not bring dogs.

Cost is \$50 for a 12-week course, or \$40 for an eight-week course. For information, call 736-0186.

Signal reunion

The 17th Signal Battalion association is having its 10th reunion **Sept. 16-19** in San Antonio, Texas.

For information, call Henri Vellmure at (561)750-0371 or e-mail vellmurehjf1@att.net.

Rodeo coming

The Professional Cowboy Association is holding a rodeo from 8-10:30 p.m. **Sept. 10-11** at Barton Field.

The rodeo features bareback riding, roping, steer wrestling, saddle bronc riding and more.

Advance tickets cost \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 10 and younger. Tickets available at area Papa John's locations, Fort Gordon Federal Credit Union and Gordon Lanes.

For information, call 791-6779 or go to www.fortgordon.com.

Orientation

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

For more information call 791-3579.



The Signal Theater is open Thursday-Sunday. Shows begin at 6:30 p.m. Children 12 and over and all adults are \$3. Children 6-11 are \$1.50. Children under 5 are free.

For movie listings and times, call 791-3982.

Aug. 20-26
Friday - King Arthur (PG-13)
Saturday - Anchorman (PG-13)
Sunday - King Arthur (PG-13)
Thursday - Anchorman (PG-13)

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



Fort Gordon REPORT

COMING UP

The newest edition of the *Fort Gordon Report* premieres Monday and includes the following stories:

- 73rd Ordnance Battalion Soldier receives Bronze Star Medal
- Back to school bash
- Gordon Terrace MP operation

The *Fort Gordon Report* and *Army Newswatch* alternate weeks on Charter Cable Channel 13 on: Mondays and Thursdays at 7:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Fridays at 7 a.m., 12 p.m., 5 p.m., 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., Wednesdays at 6:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 4:30 p.m., 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays at 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

The next edition of *Army Newswatch* premieres **Aug. 30**.

Catch the newest *Fort Gordon Report* on Comcast Cable Channel 66 on: Mondays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays at 9:00 p.m., Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 8:30 a.m.

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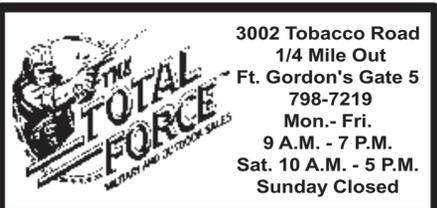
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Sports UPDATE

Free golf lessons

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Outdoor recreation

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

For information, call 541-1057.

Aerobics

Total body workout. Thirty-minute cardio workout and a 20-minute upper-body work-out. 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.

Bike race

The Fort Gordon Tour de Fort Bicycle race is **Saturday**. The race, hosted by the Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation features a family fun ride, 12-hour endurance road race, and family festival activities.

The rides begin at 15th Street and North Range Road. For information call William Wren at 791-2599.

Rugby

The Augusta Rugby Football Club invites Fort Gordon military and civilian members to join their club. The club fields senior, men's and women's teams for matches and tournaments around the southeast, and occasionally outside the country.

The club practices 6:30 p.m. on **Tuesday** and **Thursday**, at the Richmond Academy practice field.

Players and coaches with years of experience are available to teach the finer points of rugby, so no experience is required. For information, call Tim Landreth at 394-0379, or e-mail the club at playrugby@augustarugby.org.

Match schedules and additional information can be found at www.augustarugby.org.

Rodeo

To be held at Barton Field on **Sept. 10 and 11**. Gates open at 6 p.m. Events include bareback, saddle bronc and bull riding, calf roping, steer wrestling and more.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 10 years old and under, in advance, and \$12 for adults and \$8 for children 10 years old and under, the day of the event. For more information, call 791-6779.

Salsa nights

The Gordon Club is having its Salsa Night Friday with a free buffet and a pajama party **Aug. 27**, featuring DJs The Rodriguez Brothers.

Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door. Doors are open from 9 p.m. until 2 a.m. and is open to the public. For more information call 791-2205.

Soldier goes for All-Army Tae Kwon Do team slot

Pfc. Armando Monroig
Signal staff

Being a Soldier affords many opportunities – see the world, try new things, meet new people.

It allows Soldiers to continue their education, improve physical fitness, learn Soldier skills, and engage in pastimes such as joining a soccer or softball team.

For one Soldier, playing for a unit basketball team was his lot in life, until a knee and ankle injury in 1995 kept him from playing the sport he loved while at Fort Hood, Texas.

But, in an ironic twist of fate, he got himself involved in another sport that he not only grew to love, but excelled at.

Staff Sgt. Kevin Williams, rear detachment, 67th Signal Battalion, adopted the sport of Tae Kwon Do and is now on a quest to be number one in the heavy weight division at the 2004 All Army Tae Kwon Do competition.

Williams, who has been at Fort Gordon since March, said Tae Kwon Do is something he discovered while recovering from his injuries.

He was sitting at his home one day reading a newspaper article on Olympic-style Tae Kwon Do that sparked his interest.

"I went and checked out the Tae Kwon Do school on post," he said. "That's where I found out about the Fort Hood Tae Kwon Do team."

And he's been involved in the sport ever since.

"Tae Kwon Do has similar values as the Army – it's real disciplined," he said.

He said being a Soldier has helped him become a better Tae Kwon Do practitioner because of the discipline the Army has instilled in him.

And just like the Army, he said Tae Kwon Do builds leadership skills in an individual.

"As an athlete you have to be dedicated to your sport and disciplined," said Williams. "Especially if you go to international level competition."

He said it is important for him to stick to his training regiment and maintain a high level of morale.

Being number one feels good Williams said, adding that his dedication is what separates him from the rest of the competitors.

"There are certain things that put you above the rest – training habits, who wants it the most, who's willing to train those extra hours on Saturday, Sunday," he said.

The 11-year Army veteran has been involved in the sport for nine years, and considering most of his opponents have been practicing the sport for most of their lives, he can defeat most of them.

Sgt. 1st Class Charles Miller, HHC 67th Rear Detachment first sergeant, said Williams always accomplishes what he asks of him and makes things happen.

"Mentally I think he is strong enough to do well," said Miller.

Sgt. 1st Class Michael Wheeler, HHC 67th Rear



Courtesy Photo
Staff Sgt. Kevin Williams (right) winds up for a kick during one of many Tae Kwon Do competitions.

Detachment, said Williams is a good person, friendly, easy to talk to and a straight forward individual.

"As a Soldier he's a take charge individual," said Wheeler, adding that Williams' character will help him succeed in the trials.

"He has a lot of confidence in himself and everything he does," he said of Williams. "I'm pretty sure that will carry over to the martial arts competition."

The Army brat, who's father was in the service for 20 years, said he enlisted to follow in his father's footsteps.

Although Williams didn't plan on staying in the service as long as he has, he said he plans on doing his 20 years and retiring.

Williams, whose military occupational specialty is 31L, cable systems installer-maintainer, or better known as "cable dawgs," said, like

the Army, being involved in Tae Kwon Do has given him new opportunities.

"Meet new people, go to different countries, meet different athletes," he said of the many things he's been able to do because of his involvement in the sport.

But the thing he loves the most about the sport is the competition. Aside from the competitiveness, he said Tae Kwon Do helps him relax and is a good aerobic exercise that he would encourage anyone to try.

Williams is one of 25 competitors from Soldiers stationed around the world who have been selected to attend the 2004 All-Army Tae Kwon Do Trial Camp at Fort Indiantown Gap, Pa., Sept. 9-22.

At the end of this trial, there will be a fight off, for the number one spot in that particular weight class, where two to four people in each weight class fight for a

position on the All-Army team – eight men's and eight women's slots.

If selected he will then move on to the All-Army Tae Kwon Do Invitational Sept. 22-29, also held at Fort Indiantown, where he will represent the Army in the Armed Forces competition against the best of all branches of service.

From there, if he advances, he will then attend the CISM World Military Tae Kwon Do Training Camp and Championship from Sept. 22 through Oct. 11, held at Fort Indiantown and also Warendorf, Germany, representing the Armed Forces team. Finally, if he goes all the way he will attend the U.S. Tae Kwon Do Union National Championship held Nov. 4-7 in Colorado Springs, Colo.

This former World Class Athlete Program member (1998-2000) said no matter how good he is as an athlete, his job in the Army comes first.

"We're a Soldier first, athlete second," Williams said, adding that no matter where they compete they carry themselves as such, representing the Army proudly. Williams has had the number one spot in his weight class in the All-Army team since 1996 and Armed Forces teams since 1998.

He has also been to the Olympic qualifier, but did not make the team because his weight class was eliminated in the 2000 Summer Olympics.

His ultimate goal is to take what he has learned, both as a Soldier and Tae Kwon Do practitioner, and teach it to others – hoping to one day coach someone to the Olympics.



File photo

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Participants ready for Tour de Fort race

Denise Allen
Signal staff

Terry Smith has this weekend planned.

"I've already paid to do it," said Smith, deputy garrison commander, who will ride an 11-mile course from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday as part of the installation's Tour de Fort bicycle weekend.

Last year, he participated in the first Tour de Fort with his wife and one of his daughters.

"It was great," he said. "There are a few hills you have to deal with."

The 11-mile ride is only one of several events held during the bicycle weekend.

The largest portion of the event is the 12-hour endurance race, which covers a 15-mile loop on Range and North Range roads from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday.

Smith said most of last year's registrants for the 12-

hour event didn't sign up until the day of the race, so it is hard to predict how many will show up. Last year, there were between 40 and 50 professional bikers, he said.

"We had some really incredible riders last year," he said. "The pace these guys go after is incredible."

Smith said the Tour de Fort is one of the few on-road endurance races in the area. Many are off road.

"I'm really thinking as this event matures, maybe in three years, we'll have 150 bicyclists. We'd like to make it a national event," he said.

The cycling weekend has events for all ages and for non-cyclists as well.

There will be a one-mile family walk and kiddie ride, and children's activities from 3:30 to 6 p.m.

Applications are available online or for more information, call 791-4300 or 791-6099.

The Augusta Rugby Football Club

Below is the fall season schedule:
Aug. 28 Mad Dogs at Statesboro vs Georgia Southern and Statesboro Blues (two matches)
Sept. 18 Mad Dogs at Atlanta vs High Country (tentative)
Oct. 2 Mad Dogs at home vs Greenville and Old Boys vs Greenville Old Guard
Oct. 8 Mad Dogs at the University of Georgia
Oct. 15 Mad Dogs at Statesboro vs Savannah
Oct. 23 Mad Dogs at home vs Myrtle Beach



Photo by Pfc. Armando Monroig

Pumping iron

Franklin Hudson, an eight-year Army veteran from Augusta, cranks out a few reps on the bench press during part of his work out recently at Gym 6.

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225 COMMUNITY EVENTS

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FIRST MOUNT CARMEL BAPTIST CHURCH Appling, GA will host Military Appreciation Day, Sunday, August 29 at 10 a.m. Wear your BDJ's or DCU's, bring your family and friends. Dinner will be served. For more information call 706-798-6449.

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225 Community Events

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SAINT MARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 1296 Marks Church Road, Augusta, will celebrate its 123rd Homecoming on Sunday, September 12, 2004, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Revival will be held each night at 7 p.m. For more information call 706-733-3194.

THANKFUL BAPTIST CHURCH will celebrate its 164th Church Anniversary on Sunday, August 22, at 11 a.m. Dinner will be served following the service. For more information call 706-790-9230 or 836-9021.

THE FRIENDLY CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST is having their Annual Women's Day Program August 29, 3 p.m. The church is located at 1115 Carrie Street, Augusta.

290 MISCELLANEOUS

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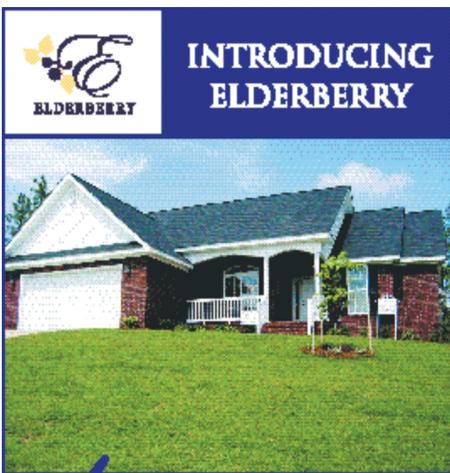
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3-D models changing face of Army medicine

Michael Dukes
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Faced with an increase in complex head injuries, caused mostly by improvised explosive devices, surgeons turned to Walter Reed's new 3-D Medical Applications Center for help.

With a computerized tomography scan of a patient, the center produces 3-D medical models of the shattered faces and skulls. Armed with this tool, surgeons can better analyze a patient's injury and better plan their treatment approach.

"We were finding that the pieces were so far distracted that using these models would help us to get more precise re-approximation for the realignment of the fracture lines," said Col. John Casler, Walter Reed's otolaryngology consultant to the Surgeon General of the Army.

"One of the things this has allowed us to do is actually reduce the fractures on the models first; get an idea how they fit before getting to the operating room," he explained. "It also gives us the opportunity to fit plates and reconstruction bars on the models first. To model it perfectly on the model first, reduce the fractures with a perfectly shaped reconstruction bar and sterilize that reconstruction bar, then use it on the patient knowing that the alignment would be perfect."

Before 3-D models, surgeons used two-dimensional CT images. "We would use CT scans or other radiologic tools to try to get an idea of where the fractures were and how they should go back together," Casler said. But this method wasn't as accurate and left some guesswork or estimation. "Some of the patients we had

coming back from operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom have such severely displaced fragments that ordinary techniques were not as helpful in terms of knowing where the pieces should go when we put them back together.

Casler said that before having the 3-D option, he had a patient with a gunshot wound through his lower jaw. "He had a severely fragmented mandible. It took us about six hours to do his reconstruction and reduction of his fractures. We had to bring the plates in and out of the OR."

"I had an almost identical patient who came in with the same injury, and we used the 3-D models. I reduced the fractures on the models first and was able to do his surgery in about two and a half hours," he said. "It was an almost identical injury, the only difference

was that we knew exactly where the fractures were and exactly where the pieces went and we were able to mold the reconstruction plate ahead of time. We saved a considerable amount of time, and I feel that we got excellent reduction of the fracture as well."

"I had a case of a gentleman who had complete fractures across his mid-face, and was missing most of his jaw bone," Casler said. "We were able to work on him in stages. In one, we put his mid-face back together; in another stage, we did the reconstruction of his jawbone. So we were able to use the models to form a reconstruction bar and have the right contour."

To replace the jawbone, he requested a model of the patient's hip so the surgical team could approximate what needed to be done. Once satisfied, they duplicated the bone graft in the OR. "We probably saved five to six hours with him by doing everything ahead of time," Casler added.

Lt. Col. James Ecklund, Walter Reed's neurosurgery chief, also takes advantage of this technology. "This is exceptionally helpful in the war," he said. Once the infections clear after a head trauma, his department uses the models to create custom-fitted replacements for missing parts of a patient's skull.

Col. Michael Will estimates a 20-percent time savings in

cases where he uses a model to help prepare for the surgery. Besides shorter visits to the OR, the Walter Reed oral and maxillofacial surgeon said "Using this technology helps achieve a more appropriate anatomic and functional utilization after reconstruction."

"I don't think they can get any better care in the world based on this type of surgery," Casler said.

For more information about the 3-D Medical Application Center go to <http://www.wramc.amedd.army.mil/departments/>

(Dukes writes for the *Stripe* newspaper at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.)



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Walter Reed otolaryngologist, Col. John Casler, references a 3-D model of the patient's skull during reconstructive surgery.

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A Soldier puts together an antenna as part of the 31C (radio operator-maintainer) training course the 369th Signal Battalion holds at their section of the Willard Training Area on post. Four other units have training there as well.

Can you hear me now?

Pfc. Armando Monroig
Signal staff

Soldiers have likely run around it while doing company physical training. Through the woods behind Saltzman Hall and down the big hill towards Gordon Highway, around a fenced-in training area.

Many signal Soldiers will immediately recognize the directions to Willard Training Facility, but for those in a non-signal related MOS, the enigmatic area remains a mystery.

Willard Training Area is an area of land where signal Soldiers go to cut their teeth assembling antennae and training with other related Signal equipment.

The training area is divided into five different sections with each section occupied by a different unit: 369th Signal Battalion, 551st Signal Battalion, 447th Signal Battalion, 93rd Signal Brigade, and the Basic Noncommissioned Officer and Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Academies.

Carlton Gunn, branch supervisor for the 369th Signal Battalion 31C course, said when the students get to their part of the training area, they are in the last four weeks of their training.

In those last four weeks, the students are taught how to set up antennae, learn about radio wave propagation, and how to construct AM and FM antennae, as well as putting their signal knowledge to use with HF data systems.

"They also learn how to op-

erate and install generator sets," he said, "and they do a tactical systems operation where they take SINCGARS radios and put them in a net operation," said Gunn.

Staff Sgt. David McLaughlin, Company A, 447th Signal Battalion, and 31R instructor-writer, talked about what his unit teaches at Willard Training Area.

"We have 31Rs and 31Fs that train out here," he said. "This is the last bit of the training they do before they graduate."

For the 31Rs it is their last two weeks – one week of antenna training/SINCGARS training, and the second week they complete a field training exercise.

"They come out and put systems in," McLaughlin said of the exercise.

The 31Fs come out in their last week of training and perform a field training exercise as well.

The Soldiers come out and put in networks as well as links, said McLaughlin.

He explained some of the equipment the Soldiers train on.

"They are all the same antenna system – 15-meter antenna – but they have different heads on top of them," he said.

They work with UHF, SHF (omni directional antenna), which are used for line-of-sight transmission of signal to different types of shelters, such as B1, B2, B3 or B4.

Shelters, the small box-like units with computer instrument panels, wire and phone con-

nections, are where Soldiers receive and transmit communications.

One of those shelters used is a Small Extension Node, or SEN, that basically works as a small switchboard for a unit.

Another one of the shelters is called a Radio Access Unit.

"The commanders, when they pick up their phones, the signal goes to their radio that sends a signal out in a 15-meter footprint that gets picked up by



369th Signal Battalion Soldiers enter coordinates on a PSC-5 Tactical Satellite Radio.



Soldiers erect an OE-254 antenna in 15 minutes. The antenna is used for most tactical radios.



Civilian instructor Angel Ortiz shows several 447th Signal Battalion Soldiers one of the different antenna heads.

one is for the troops in the field.

"Willard training area is important to the units as a tactical training area," Gunn said. "What they learn here is what they will be doing when they deploy."

an antenna, that goes to one of these radios and gets routed to the node center and goes where it needs to go," said McLaughlin.

He compared it to a cell tower in the civilian sector, only this