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News UPDATE

Ribbon cutting

A ribbon cutting ceremony for the Family Outreach Center will be held at 11:30 a.m. today.

The facility includes training areas, classrooms, a full kitchen, covered area with grill and a playground.

The center is located at South Rice Road and Kilbourne Avenue. For information call 791-3880.

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, eyeglasses, hearing aids and medical power of attorney.

The final day of screenings will be held Saturday in the Internal Medicine Clinic. For information call 787-7300.

Supply workshop

The Supply Support Activity is sponsoring a workshop from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Thursday in the U-Do-It Classroom, Building 2222. All supply personnel who receive supply support from the SSA are encouraged to attend. Property book officers are also encouraged to attend.

Training includes SSSC, COCO Fuel Point, CIF/FMB, Hazmat, turn in procedures and more. For information call Evelyn Bobo at 791-4239 or Mavis Cupid at 791-3720.

Voter registration

The installation Equal Opportunity Office is sponsoring a Voter's Registration Drive Aug. 26 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.

Information briefing

The next monthly command information briefing is 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Gordon Club.

The meeting will provide information on community events and projects and will be open to questions and comments.

Future briefings are scheduled at the same time and place for Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17 and Dec. 15. For information, call 791-3639.

Police recognized

Decrease in crime attributed to MPs

Denise Allen
Signal staff

When residents and police work together, good things happen.

On Monday, two Department of the Army civilian police officers and six military police were recognized for their efforts to drastically reduce crime in the Gordon Terrace neighborhood.

"Well done to all of you," said Maj. Gen. Janet Hicks, U.S. Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon commanding general, as she presented them with citations.

Complaints ranged from loud music to car theft, but in only a few months,

through the work of investigators and police on a bicycle patrol, complaints have dropped 56 percent.

"It's the highest density of people living too close together," said Maj. Kendrick McCormick, provost marshal, of the Gordon Terrace neighborhood.

McCormick credits Col. Allen Woodhouse, former commander of the 15th Signal Brigade, with setting up town meetings to get the families involved.

Some issues, such as children breaking curfew or loud music, were then made chain of command issues, McCormick said.

Penalties got stiffer for repeat offenders and were en-



This is a drill

Photo by Pfc. Armando Monroe

Lt. Col. Michael Allen, 447th Signal Battalion commander, explains strategies and plans to be implemented as part of the Force Protection exercises on post held this week. A miniature Fort Gordon, made up of numbered boxes representing buildings and duct tape representing roads, served as the model for the drill.

forced. "Following it through to eviction - that gets people's attention," said Hicks.

McCormick said that their military police inves-

tigators worked with sheriff's deputies in Richmond and Columbia counties, and found that some of the problems occurring on post were also happening in

the local community. A string of auto thefts on post were related to thefts off post, he said.

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Photo by Denise Allen

Maj. Gen. Janet Hicks, Fort Gordon's commanding general, reads additional information about the incident leading to the presentation of the Army Commendation Medals to Sgt. 1st Class Jesse Price and his wife Staff Sgt. Tonya Price, as Brig. Gen. Eric Schoemaker, EAMC commanding general, listens.

Couple honored for interstate rescue

Denise Allen
Signal staff

Two noncommissioned officers' quick thinking helped save the life of a truck driver last December.

On Friday, Maj. Gen. Janet Hicks, U.S. Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon commanding general, and Brig. Gen. Eric Schoemaker, Eisenhower Army Medical Center commanding general, presented Army Commendation Medals to Sgt. 1st Class Jesse Price and Staff Sgt. Tonya Price.

"Soldiers are the kind of people you want living next to you, not because they are Soldiers but because they are good people," said Hicks.

Married with four children, the Prices were on their way to board a cruise ship to the Bahamas when they saw a tractor trailer accident ahead of them on Interstate 95 in Florida.

With little hesitation, the couple stopped to help the driver of the vehicle who was pinned in the truck.

"It was a scary moment," said Sgt. 1st Class Price. "We both had to make a decision. We have four

kids. There was smoke and debris. We didn't know the outcome."

He said he's often seen memorials on the side of the interstate and wondered if they represented someone who had died trying to save an accident victim.

A major fear the couple had was the diesel fuel catching fire and the truck exploding. Fortunately, an off-duty firefighter was passing by. He had a fire extinguisher in his vehicle and kept the flames at bay.

While Price worked to clear some of the debris and stabilize the man's head while clearing his airway, his wife returned to their vehicle to retrieve the first aid kit.

Price said another fortunate circumstance was riding in his wife's car, which was equipped with the first aid kit. Staff Sgt. Price works at the hospital as a mental health specialist.

The couple stayed at the scene for an hour. Sgt. 1st Class Price held the truck driver's head for 15 minutes until the paramedics arrived.

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Soldier receives Bronze Star Medal

Denise Allen
Signal staff

Staff Sgt. Ryan Yates, an instructor with the 73rd Ordnance Battalion, tried to downplay the moment.

After Maj. Gen. Janet Hicks, U.S. Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon commanding general, pinned a Bronze Star Medal to his uniform, Yates said he was just doing his job in Iraq, and there were plenty of others deserving of the honor.

"I'm not the only one, especially in this unit," he said. "It got to the point I'm not sure how it got this big."

As a platoon sergeant in Iraq from March to September 2003, Yates led more than 40 convoys of Iraqi prisoners of war and secret documents more than 1,500 miles without injury or loss of equipment.

"In three-hour convoys, one of the things you had to do was build up the convoys. If you showed the right presence, you wouldn't be messed with," he said.

The right presence meant having the

most firepower available and having the best available equipment. Also, it meant keeping one's guard up at all times.

Yates acted as a front man, going about a mile ahead of the convoy, checking for suspicious packages in the middle of the road or watching for people standing on overpasses.

There were plenty of times he radioed the convoy and told it to pull over. As time passed, he knew which routes would be the best and possibly the safest to take.

He was also among the first to be a part of a humanitarian effort in a local town.

His unit helped distribute food and supplies to the people of Al-Baghddadi. A team of flight surgeons went into the village to give medical care to the women and children there.

One of Yates' duties was to provide security for the mission.

He said the Iraqis were hesitant of the Americans when they first arrived.

"They liked the fact that we were trying to help," he said.

However, many were afraid of retaliation from the militants who hate Americans.

As they saw the humanitarian efforts continue, the Iraqis were more willing to accept help.

While Yates was modest about his contributions in Iraq, his wife, Charity, offered words of praise.

"I'm very proud of him no matter how much he just says 'It's my job,'" she said.

Yates has been at Fort Gordon since October and is a 35-Romeo instructor (avionics system repairer).

He said he takes every opportunity he can to tell the young Soldiers the lessons he learned while in Iraq.

"Most of these (Soldiers) are going straight over there," he said.



Photo by Denise Allen

Lt. Col. Wade Sokolosky (left) of the 73rd Ordnance Battalion, congratulates Staff Sgt. Ryan Yates who was presented Monday with a Bronze Star for his service in Iraq.

Youth get taste of salt in program

Spc. Nicole Robus
Signal staff

There is a unique program in the Augusta area for youth.

Although the U.S. Naval Sea Cadets corps has been in the area for more than four years, most people don't know about it.

The U.S. Naval Sea Cadet corps is a nationwide group dedicated to helping American youth realize personal success and achievement through a nautically oriented training program. Through Sea Cadets leadership, young Americans ages 13 to 17 develop interest and skills in basic seamanship and its naval adaptations, while learning the value of patriotism, courage, self-reliance, teamwork and accountability.

There is also a program called Navy League Cadet corps which is for youth who are 11 but not yet 14. Once a NLCC member reaches the age of 13 he may transfer to NSCC.

"Youth who wish to enter must be motivated with a military mind set. The Sea Cadets aren't for everyone," said Robert Riffe, Augusta Division U.S. Naval Sea Cadet, commander.

"Anyone who joins is expected to live up to military customs and courtesies," he added.

"There is no military service requirement of the cadets. It is a volunteer program," added Riffe.

The cadets wear modified navy uniforms with NLCC or NSCC patches, rank insignia and ribbons.

Sea Cadets are exposed to

a broad of subjects designed to develop the "whole person" concept and have many opportunities to participate in hands on training onboard Navy and Coast Guard ships and shore activities and training schools.

"All newly enrolled cadets must first attend a two-week summer recruit training," said Riffe.

The training is held at select Navy and Coast Guard recruit training commands and locations throughout the country.

The boot camp curriculum includes naval history, customs, traditions, seamanship and navigation.

After a cadet finishes boot camp they are able to take advantage Naval Sea Cadet opportunities.

"The cadets are able to attend an advanced two-week training program aboard Navy and Coast Guard vessels," said Riffe.

Not only do cadets get to experience adventure and travel their fellow students only imagine, they get a head start on joining the military or going to college," according to a U.S. Naval Sea Cadet corps pamphlet.

Also from time to time guest speakers come in.

Saturday U.S. Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Lindon Haworth, Naval Mobile Construction Battalion, shared his experiences with the cadets of what happened to him in April during a mortar attack when he was hit along with other members of his unit.

(Information for this story was taken from U.S. Naval Sea Cadet corps pamphlets.)



U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Petty Officer 1st Class Ryan King, (left) is presented the Sons of the American Revolution Good Citizenship Award by Russell K. Brown.

Young cadet receives award

Spc. Nicole Robus
Signal staff

A U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Petty Officer 1st Class Ryan King was presented the Sons of the American Revolution Good Citizenship Award by Russell K. Brown, president of the Col. William Few Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, at the U.S. Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Center Saturday.

"It was a wonderful experience to come here and give this award to Cadet King. This was the first time we have given this award to a U.S. Naval Sea Cadet," said Brown.

The award is given to a cadet who has attained the rank of petty officer second class or above and is in good standing militarily and scholastically at the time of selection and presentation.

A cadet must demonstrate a high degree of merit with

respect to leadership qualities, military bearing and excellence in the performance of duties.

The cadet must also have the potential for greater leadership responsibilities.

"It feels great to be recognized for the things I have done and my accomplishments," said King, who was recently selected for promotion to chief petty officer.

King is the first cadet to reach chief petty officer in the Augusta Division. It is the highest rank a cadet can receive," said Robert Riffe, Augusta Division U.S. Naval Sea Cadets commander.

"King is also the first cadet to receive a trident from the SEALs. He attended the SEAL Team training and is looking forward to becoming a SEAL in the Navy after he graduates," said Riffe. "I believe King has what it takes to become a SEAL. I trained with him for six months preparing him for the school."

King is looking at a four year commitment with the Navy.



Clearing the Signal

Photo by Pfc. Armando Monroig

A group of Colombian officers recently received a tour of the training facilities in the Signal Integrated Branch located on Training Area 9. About 60 officers of the Columbian Army visited Fort Gordon Monday to see how the Signal Center operates, as part of a military installation tour. A second group of Colombian soldiers toured Fort Benning the same day.



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Single servicemembers cut loose for the day

Pfc. Armando Monroig
Signal staff

Single servicemembers got the chance to let their hair down as they participated in the annual Better Opportunities for Single Servicemember's Day Friday at the BOSS headquarters and across the street by the Navy barracks.

About 300 single servicemembers attended the event that featured a little bit of everything for everyone: music, food, games and prizes.

For those who wanted to enjoy the air-conditioning, the BOSS headquarters facility hosted spades, pool, dominoes and foosball tournaments.

For those who wanted to enjoy the warm, sun-shiny weather, tournaments were held for basketball and volleyball.

Also, a dunk tank was available giving those willing to take a seat in it the opportunity to cool off - while those with a good pitching arm helped them do so.

Food was grilled and served by 1st Sgt. Derrick Reid, HHC 15th Signal Brigade, and 1st Sgt. Danny Robinson, Headquarters and A Company, 447th Signal Battalion, 15th Signal Brigade. Sodas, water, fruit, popcorn, cotton candy and cake were available as well.

Ayanna Wiggins, BOSS program advisor, said this was a great way for servicemembers to get together and have fun.

"It's a day to say thank you to all our single servicemembers on Fort Gordon, allowing them to come out and have fun, mingle with friends," said Wiggins. "A day of unwinding."

She said it was also about familiarizing single servicemembers with the BOSS program.

"BOSS is the voice of the single servicemember," Wiggins said. "This program is designed to provide recreational activity for single servicemembers."

She added that they do a lot of community service and focus on well being issues.

Wiggins said she is thankful for all the support the BOSS program has received from the different units on post.

Sgt. Ukema Reese, 15th Signal Brigade, was a key organizer of the event.

"This is our grand event of the year, to let those single servicemembers that are not familiar with BOSS come out and become familiar with BOSS," she said.

Most importantly she said it is an opportunity for single servicemembers to get out, relax and have a good time.

"Bringing them together helps build single servicemember camaraderie and morale," said Reese.

Reese said BOSS is a program for single servicemembers but is open to geographical bachelors and single parents as well.

"When you have nowhere else to go, you can always come to BOSS and let your hair down," Reese said.

Sgt. Juan Almont-Done, C Company, 63rd Signal Battalion, said he enjoyed himself at the event.

"I've never been to the BOSS facility and I think it is a nice-looking place," he said. "I was able to eat a lot of food for a dollar and that was pretty cool."

Sgt. Latasha Benjamis,



Photos by Pfc. Armando Monroig
Sgt. Julian Logan, 93rd Signal Brigade (left), plays foosball with his buddy Spc. Notoane Russell, also with the 93rd, during BOSS's Single Servicemember Day.

63rd Signal Battalion, agreed. "I loved it. I think we should do this more often," she said of the first BOSS function she's attended.

Spc. Vivian Alvarez, pharmacy technician at Eisenhower Army Medical Center and BOSS rep, said she was very excited with the turnout at the event.

"It gives servicemembers something to do, more time to mingle with other servicemembers and do different productive things," said Alvarez.

Command Sgt. Maj. Demetrious Fields, 15th Signal Brigade command sergeant major, was on hand for the festivities.

"I think it is an excellent

event for the single servicemembers," he said. "It lets them know we appreciate them."

He said the BOSS program is very important for single servicemembers, and gives them an outlet and positive focal point.

Aside from events like single servicemember day, BOSS organizes other events such as trips, shows and parties.

For more information on the BOSS program, contact your unit BOSS representative or call 791-2035.

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MPs

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Not only were patrols increased, but the police worked at building relationships with the people in the community.

"Law enforcement was going into the community and finding out what their concerns were. It was not just

law enforcement, but they were assisting children in putting their bikes together," said Lt. Col. Richard Karlsson, director of public safety.

"People were more willing to come and talk."
Military Police investigators who

were honored include Staff Sgt. Tami Washington, Spc. Vanessa Khan, Spc. Justin Gentry, Staff Sgt. Mark Doran, Spc. Laurence Wiggins and Sgt. Lemuel Hashin. The two civilians honored were Cpl. Frank Lee and Sgt. Lee Birt.



Photo by Denise Allen

Two Department of the Army civilian police and six military police were recognized Monday for their efforts to reduce crime in the Gordon Terrace Housing area.



Photo by Sgt. Sam Smith

Blood letting

Erin Hamblin of Kendrick Memorial Blood Center, presents Air Force Maj. Richard Wilgos, 338th Training Squadron Detachment 1 commander, the Best Blood Donor Unit of the Month Award Tuesday in the Signal Theater. The Air Force training unit gave 84 units of blood in July.

Price

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The couple stayed another 45 minutes until the paramedics could free him from the wreckage and airlift him to a hospital.

He said the man recovered from his injuries which included bruises to his head and spine, and lacerations.

Price said she is glad they stopped. "It's an honor to be able to help someone," she said. "I never thought about whether we were going to miss the ship or not."

The couple made the sailing time for the cruise.



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Changes set stage for stronger, combat-ready force

R.L. Brownlee and Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The last few weeks have seen a lot of discussion — much of it confusing or inaccurate — about the condition and future readiness of the U.S. Army. We owe it to our men and women in uniform, their families, and our country to get the facts right.

No one disputes that there are currently strains on certain segments of our armed forces. A solution some offer is to increase the permanent end strength of our Army. But simply adding to the total number of people in uniform does not really get to the heart of the problem.

Let us explain. Today our Army has a total force of more than 1 million Soldiers. Yet the vast majority of our Army is not currently deployed. Approximately 123,000 — or less than 12 percent of the total force — support operations in Iraq or Afghanistan. In fact, 123,000 members of the 350,000-strong Army National Guard have not been called up.

Overall, 270,000 Soldiers are forward deployed in more than 120 countries, but with a total force in excess of 1 million, this should not stretch the force. Yet, it does. The strain on the force is caused by a force structure that was built for the Cold War. The solution to the problem is to create the right number of deployable Soldiers with the right skills in the right

component.

This is why Army transformation is so critical. And so today, our Army is in the midst of the most sweeping transformation since World War II to significantly increase the number of deployable Soldiers and units available around the world.

Army transformation is proceeding along three main avenues.

First, we are restructuring the force into modular formations with the right capabilities for our current and future security environment. This restructuring increases the number of active-duty combat brigades from 33 to 43 or more, using a combination of new recruits and Soldiers drawn from other parts of our Army. Our goal is an Army with more cohesive and combat-ready formations.

Second, we are stabilizing the force with initiatives that will eventually allow most Soldiers to remain based at a single installation for longer periods of time. Stabilization will yield a more predictable lifestyle for our Soldiers and their families.

Third, we are rebalancing our force between the active component of the Army, the Army National Guard and the Army Reserve. This initiative will give our Army more troops available with the skills we need to fight the Global War on Terrorism.

The Department of Defense is expanding our active Army rapidly without sacrificing standards or quality, using emergency authorities. And we

plan to grow the active component of the Army by a total of 30,000 troops over the next three years. It is important to note the difference between growing our Army — a temporary measure granted under the Global War on Terrorism authorities and paid for with supplemental dollars — and increasing permanent end strength.

A mandated increase in permanent end strength means that the U.S. Army would be required by law to maintain tens of thousands of additional troops on the payrolls, regardless of the need or the cost, and pay for them out of the Army's core budget. A mandated increase in permanent end strength would take away dollars needed for current and future programs, and threaten our transformation.

We are already growing our Army about as fast as we can. Our Soldiers are highly skilled and well trained, and it takes time and a significant training base to develop them. This deliberate growth will allow us to transform our Army in a way that gets at the heart of the problem, relieves the stress on the force, and does not sacrifice our Army's future.

We are able to grow our Army today because retention and recruiting remain very strong. Despite the obvious dangers, hardships, and sacrifices, tens of thousands of qualified Soldiers choose to join or stay in the U.S. Army every year. In the active Army, Reserve and National Guard, we are meeting our retention goals for this fiscal year. We are also close to meet-

ing our recruitment targets, even as our Army increased those recruiting targets by several thousand this year.

Transforming the force while fighting in Iraq, Afghanistan and other theaters in the war on terror is a tough management and leadership challenge. It is not unlike tuning an engine while the car is moving — complex, and potentially dangerous.

But when large organizations face demanding new circumstances, they must change to meet those challenges. Our circumstances today, as an Army serving our nation at war, are providing a tremendous strategic opportunity. The convergence of our current momentum, our focus and the increased resources provided by Congress, over our core budget, in this time of war provide an opportunity for change that we cannot afford to miss.

Simply stated, we have an ambitious task ahead, but with the continued support of the American people, we will get it done. As we overcome these challenges, our all-volunteer Army of active, Reserve and National Guard Soldiers are serving with tremendous skill and courage around the world. We are honored to serve with each and every one of them.

Rest assured that our Army is not only taking actions to be successful today, but we are seizing an opportunity to remain relevant and ready tomorrow.

(Brownlee is the acting secretary of the Army. Schoomaker is chief of staff of the Army.)

Feedback

Sgt. Sam Smith

Does the Army need more Soldiers?



If we managed what we have more efficiently, (and) worked smarter, not harder, that would alleviate some of the stress we have. If we used our resources better that would help.

1st Lt. Bryan Miller
42nd Infantry Division
New York National Guard



Yes, we're stretched too thin due to the contingent operations we have worldwide.

Maj. Jacqueline Wild
442nd Signal Battalion,
Company C



Yes, we're stretched too thin. (Individual Ready Reserve) is a pool of resources that's available to the Army. The question is how effectively can the Army utilize IRR resources.

Chief Warrant Officer 2
Mark Tanin
81st Brigade
Combat Team, HHC



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2nd Lt. Stephen Babcock
134th Signal Battalion,
Minnesota National Guard
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Battalion, Company B

TRADOC Futures Center: building the Army's future force

Hugh Laughlin

TRADOC News Service

FORT MONROE, Va. — The U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command celebrated its 31st birthday here last month, with some significant milestones having taken place over the past year.

Many people would say the most significant of these was the creation of the Futures Center. But just what does the Futures Center do?

The Futures Center was established for one purpose: to build the Army's future force. Now, that's a pretty tall order for one organization, and it takes the work of many dedicated professionals to accomplish this monumental task.

The Futures Center is designed to bring ideas and concepts from the chalkboard, through development of capabilities, and integrates those ideas and systems capabilities into the current and future force.

You're probably saying, "It's going to do what?"

It all starts with an idea. You have an idea you think would be the future whiz-bang system for the Army. So, what do you have to do to get it to the Soldier? That's where the Futures Center goes to work.

To make sure your idea is viable, the Futures Center has a group set up to test the idea: the Concepts Development and Experimentation Directorate explores future concepts and ideas. They'll take your idea for a test drive.

What do you say we take your whiz-bang and put it into a wargame to see how it might perform in the future? The CD&E Directorate has a couple of divisions to help with this. Its Experimentation Division is where we can test-drive your system; and in the Wargame Division we can put it through its paces.

"That Experimentation Division is very important to use because we get effects and feedback

from them," said Bill Shugrue, deputy division chief for the Joint and Army Concepts Division, CD&E Directorate. Shugrue writes concepts for the future force and tests those concepts with others in his group. "We played with your concept; here are some good things; here are some things that didn't work."

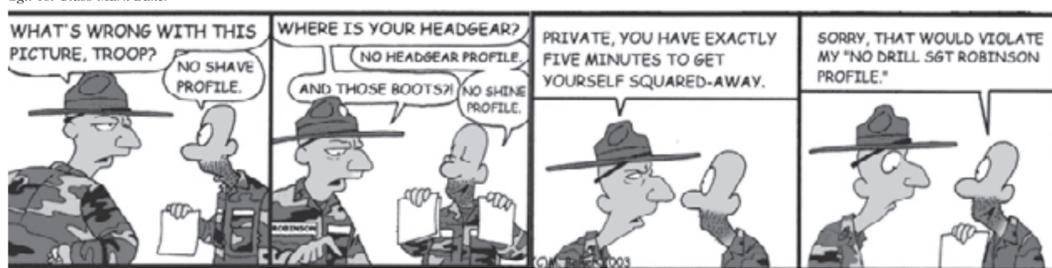
So far your whiz-bang idea is looking good. Now that they've taken your whiz-bang idea for a test drive, let's analyze how well it performed. Do you want to make any changes? You better do it now before you start building the whiz-bang.

"We can then take that concept to the next level. Create a higher level of resolution and detail for the concepts, and working the DOTMLPF solutions, we can work those, which will give us more bang for the buck," said Shugrue. "Through experimentation, it helps us figure out where to put our resources and energy, so the end result is you achieve

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Private Murphy

Sgt. 1st Class Mark Baker



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Tricare South begins transition Aug. 1

The Department of Defense recently announced the continuation of its transition to new military healthcare contractors and changes in regional areas of responsibility.

On Aug. 1, 2004, Tricare-eligible beneficiaries in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, eastern Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina and Tennessee transition to the Tricare South Region. These locations formerly comprised the Southeast and Gulf South Regions (Regions 3 and 4).

This is the third major transition to new regions and new contracts announced by the department, including the initial transition of parts of the West Region on June 1 and parts of the North Region on July 1.

"Through these new and competitively awarded contracts we offer our beneficiaries a suite of services that provide the highest quality of care and a high level of customer service," said William Winkenwerder Jr., assistant secretary of defense for health affairs. "These qualities of Tricare also make it a world-class, value-added benefit of military service."

Tricare benefits, costs and the enrollment process remain the same under the new regional contracts. Beneficiaries in the South Region who are not currently enrolled in Tricare Prime, but who are eligible and residing in a Prime area, will have the opportunity to enroll.

Humana Military Healthcare Services Inc. will provide beneficiaries information on enrollment, network providers, procedures for filing claims, and contacts for assistance in the South Region.

Beneficiaries in Arkansas, the remaining part of Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas, except for the far Western part of the state, will complete the Tricare South Region when they transition Nov. 1, 2004.

Military treatment facilities in all regions remain at the core of the military health system and will now schedule appointments for their beneficiaries. MTF locations are on the Tricare Web site at <http://www.Tricare.osd.mil/mtf/>.

The new Tricare contracts build on the best aspects of a system developed

over the last 10 years, making a strong program even better and by providing incentives for improvements in quality care, access and claims payments.

The DoD also has awarded additional specific contracts for mail order pharmacy, retail pharmacy, retiree dental care, the Uniformed Services Family Health Plan, Tricare Global Remote Overseas, Tricare healthcare for Puerto Rico, marketing and education programs, information services, and national-quality monitoring, and claims processing for Medicare-eligible beneficiaries.

Humana Military Healthcare Services Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Humana Inc., has worked with the DoD as a Tricare regional managed care support contractor since 1996.

Under the next generation of Tricare contracts, Humana will provide healthcare services and support to the approximately

2.86 million beneficiaries in the new Tricare South Region. Beneficiaries in the South Region may access healthcare information by calling Humana at (800) 444-5445 or online at <http://www.humana-military.com/>.

For more information on the contracts and the transition schedule, go to <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/contractsimplementation/default.cfm>. Beneficiaries may access information on the Tricare benefit on the Tricare Web site at <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/>.

For more information, beneficiaries may visit Tricare online, <http://www.tricareonline.com/>, or contact Eisenhower Army Medical Center's Service Center/Health Benefits Center, located on the second floor of EAMC, from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday – Friday, or call 787-6261 or 787-6346.

(From a Department of Defense news release.)

Gulf War veterans can find oil well fire exposure information on web site

In addition to the risk of sustaining combat casualties, some of the U.S. troops deployed during the 1991 Gulf War were also exposed to the smoke from hundreds of oil well fires that burned out of control over a period of about nine months.

Depending on their proximity to the oil wells, veterans could have been exposed to varying levels of petroleum combustion pollutants. Now, Gulf War veterans can get an assessment of the health risks from their exposure to the smoke by going to <https://gulfwarfires.apgea.army.mil>.

To document the extent of environment pollution from the burning oil wells, the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine gathered air and soil samples in Kuwait and Saudi Arabia from

May 1991 until November 1991, when the last oil well was capped. By combining this data with troop location data, the personnel registry and meteorological models, USACHPPM can estimate veterans' exposure to oil well fire smoke and any health risk from that exposure.

By entering their social security numbers on USACHPPM's secure web site, Gulf War veterans can get personalized information about their exposure, including a map of their units' known locations in theater, their health risk associated with exposure to the smoke and USACHPPM's method of calculating health risk.

For more about the oil well fires set in Kuwait, go to http://www.gulfink.osd.mil/owf_ii/.

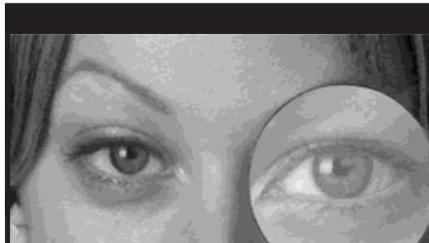
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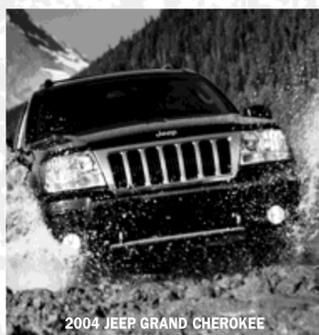
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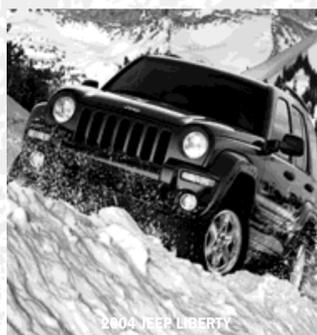


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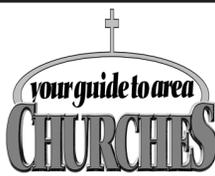


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'Operation Purple' camps meet critical military family need

Gerry Gilmore
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – The armed services offered a plethora of youth activities, but until recently there was a lack of programs that directly address children's anxieties when one or both parents are deployed overseas, a military family advocate said Aug. 5.

That's all changed, National Military Family Association Executive Director Julia Pfaff noted at the "Operation Purple" youth camp at Ellerbe, N.C. Camps, Pfaff noted, were held this summer in 11 states and Guam, and are co-sponsored by the Defense Department, the NMFA, and Sears, Roebuck and Co.

Citing results from a NMFA study conducted from Sept. 11, 2001, to March 31 of this year, Pfaff noted there were plenty of DoD youth programs for fun and entertainment, but none that helped military youth "deal with the stressors of deployment."

About 1,000 children participated in

this year's Operation Purple, according to a NMFA news release. About 50 children attended the weeklong camp at Ellerbe, which concluded Aug. 5.

A key purpose of Operation Purple, Pfaff explained, is to communicate with children of deployed servicemembers, assuring them, "if you're angry because your dad or mom is gone, it's OK. That's a normal feeling, but you have to channel that in a positive way."

Sears donated \$2 million to the NMFA to develop and enhance programs that address the unique challenges faced by military families, and the company will support an expanded Operation Purple for next year, Sears' senior public relations executive, Robert J. O'Leary, noted Aug. 5 at the Millstone 4-H camp in Ellerbe.

Operation Purple youth camps are cost-free, except for a small registration fee, for children of active, reserve, and National Guard members.

Besides group discussions led by motivational speaker Paul Vann, who'd

also worked at other Operation Purple camps, the Ellerbe camp also featured horseback riding, canoeing, archery, and more.

The Ellerbe camp featured participants from several states, such as Tye Gray, 16, from Waldorf, Md. Gray said his active-duty Army mother is now serving stateside. The camp, Gray said, provides a good service by providing servicemembers' children the opportunity to discuss their feelings about their military parents' deployments. "They get to meet other people with the same problem," Gray pointed out.

Chris Aubright, 15, said he remembers when his Navy corpsman father was deployed to the Middle East in recent years, noting he'd "had to help my mom out a lot" with additional chores. Aubright said it's important for family members to keep in contact with deployed military fathers or mothers because "it matters to them and it really helps them" perform their mission.

Aubright's father, Anthony, had stopped in Ellerbe to pick up his son. The Ellerbe 4-H facility, he said, "is a beautiful place," while noting his thanks for those who'd created Operation Purple.

Kim Durham's sons Michael, 15, and Kory, 11, attended the Ellerbe camp. Durham, a family readiness coordinator for the North Carolina National Guard's 1452nd Transportation Company in Winston-Salem, N.C., said her husband, Michael, has been serving in Iraq for the past five months.

Kim Durham recommended that wives or husbands "work out any differences" with their spouses before deployment. "Don't bog them down while they're there, because they lose focus" on the mission, Durham explained. "Then, that puts their life in danger," she concluded.



Photo by Gerry Gilmore

Jonathan Leist, 15, is mounted on "Dumpling," a quarter horse, as camp instructor Andrew Gore stands by Aug. 5 at the Millstone 4-H camp in Ellerbe, N.C., one of 11 stateside "Operation Purple" facilities run this summer.



Front row from left: Jasson Balboa, Ryan Vendrely, Tye Gray and Mike Bryant and (back row from left) Cecelia Wallace, North Carolina National Guard Youth Coordinator, Michael Durham and Jonathan Leist pose for a photo Aug. 5 at the Millstone 4-H camp in Ellerbe, N.C.

Don't let anger get the best of you

Chaplain (Lt. Col.)
Dan Payne
Chief, chapel centers and religious activities

"A soft answer turns away wrath, but grievous words stir up anger." *Proverbs 15:1*
Do you anger easily? Be careful because anger is just one letter from danger.

Not only is that true in spelling, but it's also true in practice. A study at Duke University has shown that students who scored high on a "hostility test" were in far greater danger of dying young than their peers.

The study further indicated that those prone to anger were in greater physical peril than those who smoked.

I'm not saying we should never be angry. There are times when

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I'm sure we've all said Control our anger and

we'll have no regrets.

● **TALK IT OUT.** Don't keep it in and let it fester. Talking it out will keep the lid on and help avoid the explosion. Talk is our "relief valve" that will reduce the pressure.

● **ACT ON IT.** Whatever it takes to resolve the situation...do it! Inaction can create a situation whereby we feel helpless, which can only cause more anger.

● **END IT.** There was a starting point for your anger so there must be an ending. Spend your energy seeking a solution to what caused your anger. When you make a decision to end your anger you will find yourself healthier and happier.

Remember, for every minute you're angry, you lose 60 seconds of happiness.

Sunday School registration planned

Registration for the post-wide Protestant Sunday School will be held Aug. 21 at the Commissary, Post Exchange, and PXtra. Volunteers will provide information, answer questions and assist in completing the registration forms from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Registration will also be available Sunday and Aug. 22 following the 11 a.m. worship services at Bicentennial Chapel, Barnes Avenue Friendship Chapel and the Faith Gospel Service.

The Sunday School offers classes for all members of the family – preschoolers, elementary children, middle and senior high youth, young adults (college and young Soldier age) and adults.

Classes meet most Sundays throughout the year from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Religious Education Center on 39th Street near 7th Avenue.

The new church school year begins Sept. 12 with new course material for all ages. (There are no classes Sept. 5.) This is an opportune time to enroll and join current students who are moving to new classes.

The Protestant Sunday School is an inter-denominational program, as are most Protestant worship services

on post. The material is biblically sound and age appropriate, promoting the spiritual development and growth of each participant.

In addition to registration for the Protestant Sunday School, volunteers will also provide information on wor-

ship opportunities for all faiths. Anyone who misses these registrations may call the Religious Education Office at 791-4703 or come by Building 39709.

(Information provided by the Religious Education Office.)

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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Jewish Activities Center, Bldg. 38804
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For information call 791-3959

Islamic Services
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These are held in Bldg. 38804, Academic Drive.
For more information, call CPO (Ret.) Marshall Abuwi 772-4303

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

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

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

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

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

Wednesday, 11:30 a.m., Devotional Luncheon, Bicentennial Chapel, Bldg. 28414

Wednesday, 9:00 a.m., Protestant Women of the Chapel, Bldg. 28414

Wednesday 11:45 a.m. EAMC Bible Study, DDEAMC Din. Fac. Conf. Rm., 3rd floor

Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. Signal Theatre, Faith Community Bible Study

Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Friendship Chapel Bible Study

Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. 63rd & 67th SIG BN Bible Study, Contact Chaplain

Chapel Directory
Bicentennial Chapel, 791-3959

Good Shepherd Chapel (Catholic), 791-2945

Faith Community Chapel Activities 791-4703 (during duty hours)

Barnes Avenue Friendship Chapel, 791-2056

Eisenhower Army Medical Center Chapel, 787-6667

Religious Education
Protestant/Catholic Program, Mr. Randall Dillard 791-4703

For additional information, call 791-4683
the Installation Chaplain's Office, Building 29601

Drill sergeant spotlight

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Soldiers help restore cultural treasures in Iraq

Sgt. 1st Class Julie Friedman
Army News Service

MOSUL, Iraq – Two major historic sites in Mosul dating back to the 8th century B.C. are being restored with help from the 416th Civil Affairs Battalion.

Maj. Wayne Bowen, head of the 416th's Higher Education and Antiquities Team, is working with Ninevah Director of Antiquities, Muzahim Mahmood, to facilitate restoration projects at the Nergal Gate and King Sennacheribe's palace.

"The Nergal Gate is just one of 15 gates that surrounded the ancient Assyrian capital of Ninevah, but we decided to focus on this one first because it was in the best condition," Bowen explained.

The \$22,000 project, funded by the Commander's Emergency Response Program, includes repaving the ramp leading up to the gate using the authentic Assyrian cobblestone pattern, renovating the gate itself to provide museum displays in both wings and building roofs to protect the various statues and reliefs on the site.

Because most of the structure is still intact and there was historic documentation preserved over the years, the gate will soon look much as it did in ancient times.

"There are reliefs that show the gate at that time so they can fairly accurately recreate the site," said Bowen.

The second project involves restoring the site of King Sennacheribe's palace, which is strategically located high on a hill overlooking the Tigris River and was the seat of government in Ninevah during his reign in the early

8th century B.C. According to Bowen, the site had remained relatively unchanged for nearly 3,000 years, but in April of 2003 it was extensively looted and damaged.

"It's heartbreaking to see this palace," Bowen said, "but the multinational forces are committed to working with the Iraqi government to restore the site and recover the artifacts that were stolen."

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, known as UNESCO, had already certified the site as a cultural treasure prior to the war, and preliminary work such as building roofs over the reliefs and erecting a temporary fence has already been completed by UNESCO archaeologists. Security guards were also added for the first time in history.

The 416th is working with UNESCO to complete the second phase of the project, which will provide additional security with an improved fence and lighting, improve the road for better access and remove a large oil tank that was installed on the property during World War II.

Bowen hopes that once the site is restored and protected it will again be an important site for tourism, along with the renovated Nergal Gate.

"They are a part of the cultural heritage of Iraq and they belong to the people of Iraq, but they are also an essential part of the history of mankind," he said. "So much of what we know about the beginnings of civilization, culture and technology came directly from this region of the world."



Members of the 416th Civil Affairs Battalion tour the site of King Sennacheribe's palace on a hill overlooking the Tigris River valley and the city of Mosul.



Local workers painstakingly recreate the ramp leading up to the Nergal Gate using the authentic Assyrian cobblestone pattern.

Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Julie Friedman

Army engineers helping restore wetlands

Nani Gould
Army News Service

WASHINGTON – The Mesopotamian Marshlands, considered by many to be the cradle of civilization, were largely drained by Saddam Hussein's regime. Now the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is helping restore the historic wetlands.

Located between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers, the marshes were once among the world's largest wetlands. Within this 8,000-square-mile area, the 5,000-year-old culture of the Madan, or Marsh Arabs, developed the first alphabet.

Before their destruction, the Mesopotamian Marshlands spanned an area roughly twice the size of the Florida Everglades. They were known for their biodiversity and cultural richness. The marshes were home to millions of birds, fish spawning and nursery areas and various agricultural crops. The devastation seen under the hand of the former regime has been compared to the deforestation of the Amazon.

After putting down a rebellion by the Marsh Arabs at the end of the Gulf War, the Iraqi government set its full wrath upon the group, burning towns, killing livestock and making the drainage of the marshlands a top priority. An estimated 150,000 people were displaced

during this time; some were forced to relocate as many as 18 times.

By 1999, the marshlands had been reduced to 7 percent of their original state. Many endemic species were lost, a natural filter system for waste and pollutants into rivers and the Persian Gulf was devastated, and an entire culture rich in history was destroyed. The area was in dire need of structure and rebuilding efforts.

The U.S. Agency for International Development, or USAID, an independent federal government agency that funds development projects in many countries, is leading the effort to restore these marshlands.

USAID and the Iraqi Ministry of Water Resources, along with the Army Corps of Engineers, are developing a water management model that will aid efforts to reconstruct Iraq's historic water flow system and restore Iraq's marshes.

To help the remaining marshland population and support other U.S. efforts to secure Iraq's infrastructure, USAID turned to the Corps' Hydrologic Engineering Center for its expertise in modeling water management in large watershed systems. HEC is responding by developing a Reservoir-Simulation Model. This model will provide real-time simulation to help U.S. officials and the new Iraqi leadership

make smart operational decisions to maintain and update the country's complex system of dams and canals.

"After the invasion, Iraq's dam and infrastructure system was intact, but the institution was in disarray," said HEC Director Darryl Davis. "The Ministry of Water's headquarters

building was burned and their ability to manage the complex system of dams and barrages was significantly compromised. This model will provide modern technology for use in both day-to-day operation decisions, and long-term water resource management studies."

A training program between

HEC and the Ministry of Water Resources will integrate the model into Iraqi officials' decision-making process. Once put in place, officials said the timely data from the Tigris and Euphrates rivers it provides can be used by other organizations.

"We expect this model to have far-reaching impacts," said Dan Barcellos, chief of water management systems at HEC. "Not only will it support the restoration efforts in the Iraqi marshlands, but we anticipate its use to support water management operations and studies for water resources planning and development."

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Community Events

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.

ACS classes

Army Community Services offers several job search classes including:

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OPERATION READY FAMILY READINESS GROUP TRAINING
Operation Ready training will be held from 9 a.m.-noon **Tuesday**. Leaders and members are welcome to attend. Call 791-3579 to register.

RESUMIX
A resumix workshop will be held from 9-11 a.m. **Thursday**. Call 791-3579 to register.

Information briefing

The next monthly command information briefing is 11:30 a.m. **Wednesday** at the Gordon Club.

The meeting will provide information on community events and projects and will be open to questions and comments.

Future briefings are scheduled at the same time and place for Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17 and Dec. 15. For information, call 791-3639.

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.

Bike race

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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. **Aug. 25**.

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 Equal Employment Opportunity Office at 791-4551.

Change of command

The Garrison Command change of command ceremony is 9 a.m. **Aug. 26** at the Signal Towers' flagpole.

Incoming commander Col. Marilyn Quagliotti replaces outgoing commander Col. Robert Henderson.

For information, call 791-3702.

Showtime

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Dinner show

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Appreciation barbecue

The Augusta-Fort Gordon Chapter, Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association, will hold its annual membership appreciation barbecue at the home of Amy and Bryan Tuschen, 4570 Dewey Dr., 2 to 6 p.m. **Saturday**.

All members and those interested in joining AFCEA are invited.

There will be swimming, horseshoes, fishing and volleyball.

Hotdogs, hamburgers, chips and sodas will be provided.

Those attending should reply to afceafg@knology.net or call 793-3500 or 791-7815 for information.

Obedience classes

The Augusta Humane Society offers a dog obedience and puppy socialization course. Registration is 6:30 p.m. **Aug. 25** 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.

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 to request a class.

Applied Suicide Intervention Skills training

A two-day workshop for suicide intervention is scheduled for **Tuesday** and **Wednesday**.

The class gives practical help for caregivers seeking to

prevent the immediate risk of suicide.

The class includes teaching, discussion, videos and skills practice.

The class is offered to those who work with persons at high risk such as drill sergeants, supervisors, first sergeants, school teachers, commanding officers or mental health workers.

There is no cost, but registration is limited. Uniform is civilian clothes. The location is yet to be determined.

To register or for more information call the chaplain's office at 791-7421.

Orientation

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

For more information call 791-3579.

Reducing back to school stress

The Family Advocacy Program of Army Community Service offers parenting classes 9:30-11:30 a.m. **Wednesday** and **Aug. 25** at Darling Hall, Room 229-A.

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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.

MCG offers free classes

The public is invited to participate in a Medical College of Georgia Mini-Medical School to learn more about science and medicine.

MCG Faculty will teach courses on obesity, pain management, joint disorders, the heart and cardiothoracic surgery, urology and endocrinology.

Courses are free and will be held **Tuesday** evenings **Oct. 12-Nov. 16**, from 7-9 p.m. in the MCG School of Dentistry auditorium. Advance registration is encouraged.

Online registration is available at <http://www.mcg.edu/ce/med.html>. For information call the MCG Division of Continuing Education at 800-221-6437.

At the Movies

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.

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Robots help Soldiers patrol Iraq

Sgt. Christina Rockhill
Army News Service

BAGHDAD, Iraq—Soldiers from the 1st Cavalry Division are using robots from the Rapid Equipping Force to help them on their patrols.

Soldiers of Company A, 91st Engineer Battalion have been using the multi-functional advanced remote control or MARC Bot on their daily patrols to sweep the streets of Baghdad for improvised explosive devices.

The MARC Bot, which resembles a large remote controlled car, has all-terrain

wheels and a retractable arm with a wireless camera attached to it. The operator of the robot uses the remote control to navigate the MARC Bot closer to a possible IED. Then by watching a monitor on the controller, he can determine whether or not it is an IED.

Sgt. 1st Class Chad Carpenter, of Rapid Equipping Force, said the increased distance between the Soldier and the IED is an obvious advantage when dealing with explosives.

"It allows stand-off from IEDs, for Soldiers to go ahead and detect them, which does two things," he said. "Number

one it helps save their lives in case the thing goes off, and number two, if it's not an IED it will allow them to go ahead, get it off the road and continue the mission rather than blocking (the road) off and waiting for (an explosive ordnance disposal team)." Spc. Randall Archie is the MARC Bot operator for Company A, 91 ENG, and said that the MARC Bot not only saves lives, it also saves time and embarrassment.

"It's kind of embarrassing whenever you call EOD and sit around blocking off a main road for an hour or two hours waiting for them to get out there, and then they show up and it's just a bag of trash," he said. Archie said even though his crew hasn't found any IEDs with the robot, he said it's more effective than the usual tools they use.

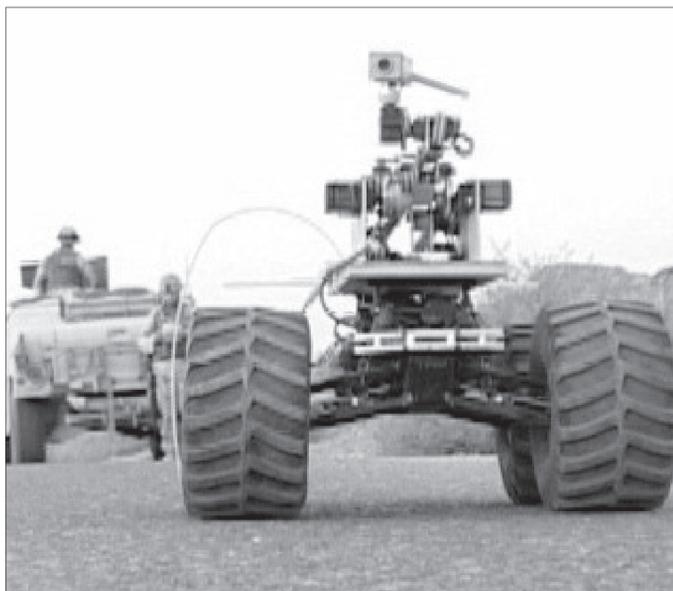
"It allows us to get eyes on," he said. "You can see a lot with (binoculars) and everything else, but with this you're right on it. It makes it a lot nicer."

Sweeping the streets for explosives with a robot can be a daunting task.

"It's kind of weird at first but once they get used to it they love it," Carpenter said.

Maj. Carlos Munson, the 1st Cav. Div. Rapid Equipping Force Liaison, said the \$3,000 MARC Bot is operator friendly and easy to use.

"Initially (the Soldiers) are a little nervous because the robots are expensive, but once they got the tactics, techniques and proce-



Photos by Sgt. Christina Rockhill

The multi-functional advanced remote control, or MARC Bot, is used by a Soldier of Company A, 91st Engineer Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division as they patrol the streets of Baghdad for improvised explosive devices. The \$3,000 robot has all-terrain wheels and a retractable arm with a camera.



Spc. Randall Archie, Company A, 91st Engineer Battalion, uses a remote control to navigate the MARC Bot. A monitor on the remote control shows Archie what the robot encounters, allowing him to decide if there is a threat of an improvised explosive device.

dures down for utilizing a robot, the patrols tend to be more confident and able to identify a suspect IED," he said.

Munson said they have only lost a couple of robots from explosions, but said it's better than losing a couple of Soldiers.

"In the past, a lot of Soldiers have gotten injured by walking up on suspect IEDs to check them out," he said. "This way if the IED blows up, the only thing that's hurt is the robot and we can easily replace a robot."

(Rockhill serves with 1st Cavalry Division public affairs.)

Future

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progress toward that future force in an effective manner."

So, you've made some modifications. Do you think it's a better whiz-bang now? Let's take it for another test drive and see how it does this time. Then we are going to ask you some more questions about your whiz-bang.

This is where another group at the Futures Center comes into play. The Capabilities Development Directorate is set up to work with your idea and other concepts developed at the CD&E directorate. Their job is to help get your whiz-bang to the Soldier, but they are going to see if we can't do this with what we currently have. And if we can't, they will help identify what we don't have and what we will need for your whiz-bang.

"CDD builds on the work done in concepts and experimentation, and they are focused on the systems in particular, and how we get the systems necessary to support the future force and Joint forces," Shugrue explained. "CDD is real important when you start writing things and start talking about them. We start doing some seminar wargames to get some interchange from those people who have some experience in doing these operations."

Is there something in your whiz-bang we can't do right now with what we currently have? You probably would not have developed your whiz-bang if you thought we could do this now, but let's look at what we have and see if we can make your whiz-bang work. Can we change something else to get the same results your whiz-bang will give us? What about changing how we do something rather than building something new?

These are the types of questions the CDD people are going to ask. They will work through the whole DOTLMPF solution set. The DOTLMPF looks at doctrine, organization, training, leadership development, materiel, personnel and facilities to see if we can't change one of these other items to get your whiz-bang to work.

Ben Hammond is the deputy

division chief and senior analyst for CDD's Force Application Division.

"Everything starts off with a future concept," said Hammond. "After they get that written, there is some analysis that has to be done on those concepts to determine if there are capability gaps that exist in the concept that would keep us from executing the concept the way it is described."

Once those gaps are identified, there is more analysis to figure out what solutions we need to fulfill those gaps, Hammond said. In other words, will your whiz-bang idea fill the void of one of those capabilities gaps?

Remember, a solution for filling those gaps could come from doctrine, organization, training, leader development, materiel, personnel solutions, or a combination of those. "We get involved in that process of doing that analysis to, one, determine if there is a capability gap and, two, how to fill that gap," Hammond said.

According to Hammond, the good thing with the Futures Center is you have more emphasis on the Joint aspect of materiel and development. This is important because maybe the Navy or Air Force has the same idea for your whiz-bang. They might even be able to help us develop your whiz-bang to do more.

"Materiel solutions are supposed to be the last resort, but many times you just can't do it without the materials," Hammond said.

What's next? This is where Col. John Wiseman comes in. He is the deputy for the Futures Center's Requirements Integration Directorate, which will integrate your idea with a lot of other folks' work. In the end, his group will work your whiz-bang idea into an eventual solution for fielding to Soldiers.

"We are involved in the early concept work. We support the experimentation work. We provide studies and analysis support to that front end (CD&E Directorate)," said Wiseman. "We support the capabilities guys with some pretty good

analysis and support as we try to verify solutions."

According to Wiseman, at the end, "we are the ones who are pulling together the organizational construct to make sure you have a complete package."

The folks in his group are going to ask you questions about the organizational design to support your new whiz-bang. "Have you provided doctrinal tools that can be used to develop the training tools? What kind of Soldiers will you need in that organization?" Wiseman asked.

The Futures Center is set up so people from each directorate are involved early in the development of new concepts like your whiz-bang. "(Everyone knows) what the concept was developed to do, so if there were changes in the acquisition program, or any other part that may impact the ability to execute the concept the way it was designed, they are the ones that stand up and let it be known, or get it fixed," explained Wiseman.

However, according to Wiseman, at the end of the day, RID is still responsible for making sure it is complete when you go to field something.

So, you've come up with the idea for the whiz-bang. You've tested your idea and experimented with the whiz-



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Sports & Leisure

Sports UPDATE

Free golf lessons

Gordon Lakes Golf Course offers free 10-minute golf lessons the third **Wednesday** of each month through October. For information, call 791-2433 or stop by the Pro Shop to sign up.

Paintball

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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Archers test their hunting skills in tournament

Pfc. Armando Monroig
Signal staff

Archers from around the state converged on Fort Gordon for the state 3-D archery tournament at the Tactical Advantage Sportsman's Complex located on Range 14, Saturday and Sunday.

About 20 participants competed for bragging rights of who was the best archer in the two day tournament, the second of its kind on Fort Gordon.

On Saturday, two groups of competitors took to the 40-target course that consisted of three dimensional targets, with one group starting at 9 a.m. and the other at 1 p.m.

Archers went through the course in teams of no less than three competitors. Each participant took a turn shooting then would check the target to see how they scored.

A 3-D target is a life-like, life-size target, shaped and colored like different animals such as turkeys, bear, deer, and alligators, which makes the shooting as realistic as possible.

A 'kill-shot' would be an arrow that hit a bulls-eye on the target, counting as 12 points, with each ring farther from the center counting 10, 8 and 5 points.



Photo by Pfc. Armando Monroig

Aiming carefully and focusing on a wild boar target, Jesse Landrum, 3-D Tournament participant, readies to fire an arrow for a kill shot during the first portion of competition Saturday at the Tactical Advantage Sportsman's Complex on Range 14.

Hooves, antlers or the base of the animal did not count as a hit.

Twenty targets made up the unknown distance course which most completed Saturday, while the remaining 20 targets made up the known distance course which most completed Sunday.

"That is more difficult because the archer has to judge, more or less, the

distance of the target by eye sight," Sgt. 1st Class Johnathan Landrum, A Company, 447th Signal Battalion, said of the unknown course.

There were different categories of competition as well which included adult, children, pee-wee and cubs.

There were different shooting distances for adults and for children.

Some participants shot using bows that looked like something out of a Rambo movie, with sights and release buttons, while others used simpler bows that looked more like those used by Robin Hood.

Earl Watts, state president of the Georgia Bow Hunter Archer Association and state director of the National Field Archery Association, said Fort

Gordon is a beautiful location to hold this tournament.

"Any time people go to new places so they don't get tired of shooting at the same place all the time," is a good thing he said, adding that the new sportsman's complex is a fine facility that adds to the prestige of coming to Fort Gordon to participate in events like this tournament.

"It's a wonderful place for it," he said adding he was pleased with the turnout but would like to see more participation in future events.

"This gives members of Fort Gordon and the Augusta community a chance to come out and compete against their peers, hone their skills and prepare for the hunting season, to make sure they have a more ethical shot when it comes down to the animal," said Landrum.

Mark Wiley, tournament competitor from Savannah, said Fort Gordon was a beautiful place to compete and that he would be back in the future.

"It's nice. Got good groups, good people, everybody seems to be real polite," he said. "I'll be back up here."

The event ended Sunday with an awards presentation.

For more information on archery on Fort Gordon, call the Sportsman's Complex at 791-5078.

Soldiers aim for gold in Athens

Tim Hips
Army News Service

Eighteen Soldiers and four competitors from other U.S. military branches will represent Team USA in the Summer Olympic Games at Athens, Greece, Friday through August 29.

The U.S. Army is providing eight shooters, two modern pentathletes, a race walker, a rower, a wrestler, a marathoner who may double in the 10,000 meters, a head coach for boxing, a Greco-Roman wrestling coach, a rifle coach and a gunsmith for the world's largest sporting event. The Air Force will be represented by a hammer thrower, race walker and fencer. The Navy will provide a rower.

First Lt. Chad Senior, a member of the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program, will compete Aug. 26 in modern pentathlon, a five-sport event that includes pistol shooting, fencing, swimming, equestrian riding and cross-country running.

Senior 29, of North Fort Myers, Fla., finished sixth in the event in the 2000 Olympics at Sydney, Australia. He was leading after three events before a skittish horse refused two jumps in the equestrian event, ruining his golden moment.

"I don't think the same thing can happen now; I'm a much stronger rider than I was in 2000," said Senior, who returned to the sport after 18 months of soul searching following his heart-breaker in Australia. "I just hope I can have the same day I had in Sydney, aside from the ride."

One day after Senior's grueling event, Army Capt. Anita Allen, 26, of Star City, Ind., will compete in the women's modern pentathlon.

Sgt. Oscar Wood, 29, an Army WCAP wrestler from Gresham, Ore., defeated five-time national champion and 2000 Olympian Kevin Bracken of New York Athletic Club in the finals of the 66-kilogram/145.5-pound Greco-Roman division of the U.S. Olympic Wrestling Team Trials to earn an Olympic berth.

Wood, who will wrestle Aug. 24 and 25, will have another Soldier in his corner. Staff Sgt. Shon Lewis, 37, of Oakland, Calif., is one of three Greco-Roman coaches for Team USA. He has led All-Army wrestlers to three of the past four Greco-Roman national team titles and twice been named Greco-Roman Coach of the Year by USA Wrestling.

Army Staff Sgt. Basheer Abdullah, 41, of St. Louis, is the head coach for Team USA's boxers. He served as technical coach in the 2000 Sydney Games and will be assisted in Athens by Newport News, Va.'s, Anthony Bradley, a retired Army master sergeant and former WCAP coach who handled Abdullah during his career in the ring.

Capt. Matt Smith, 26, an Army WCAP rower from Woodbridge, Va., will team with civilians Steve Warner of Livonia, Mich., two-time Olympian Paul Teti of Upper Darby, Pa., and Cincinnati's Pat Todd on Team USA's lightweight four that begins rowing Sunday with a chance to compete again Tuesday, Thursday and Aug. 21 in the B final or Aug. 22 in the A final.

"I hope to succeed on the water but also to represent the Army, MWR and WCAP in a positive light and show the world that the U.S. is one of the

better countries out there in rowing and in general – to show what freedom will do for you," Smith said. "It allows you to succeed."

Team USA also will feature Navy Ensign Henry Nuzum, 27, a two-time Olympian from Chapel Hill, N.C., who will team with Aquil Abdullah of Washington, D.C., in men's double sculls. They begin rowing Monday with the A final Aug. 22.

Oregon National Guard Capt. Dan Browne, 29, of Portland, Ore., qualified for the Olympics by finishing third in the U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials with a time of 2 hours, 12 minutes and 2 seconds. He will run the marathon, the final competitive event of the Games, Aug. 29.

Browne, a West Point graduate and former member of Army's WCAP, secured a second Olympic berth by finishing third in the 10,000 meters with a time of 28:07.47 in the U.S. Olympic Track and Field Team Trials at Sacramento, Calif. Should he decide to double in Greece, Browne will run the 10K Aug. 20.

Army Sgt. John Nunn, 26, of Evansville, Ind., earned an Olympic berth with a second-place finish in the 20-kilometer race walk with a time of 1:26:23 in the U.S. Track and Field Team Trials. Air Force Capt. Kevin Easter, 26, a missile combat crew commander stationed at F.E. Warren Air Force Base in Cheyenne, Wyo., also made the team by finishing third in 1:28:49. They will compete Aug. 20.

Also in track and field, Air Force 1st Lt. James Parker, 28, a native of Great Falls, Mont., stationed at Malmstrom Air Force Base in Montana, will throw the hammer in qualifying rounds Aug. 20 with the final Aug. 22. Parker won the event in the U.S. Track and Field Team Trials with a throw of 77.58 meters/254 feet, 6 inches and will be the only American in the field.

Air Force 2nd Lt. Weston "Seth" Kelsey, 22, of Santa Monica, Calif., will fence in men's individual epee Tuesday and team epee Aug. 22. Kelsey, a 2003 graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy, is a two-time national champion.

Army Reserves Maj. David Johnson, 40, a native of Mount Holly, N.J., who lives in Colorado Springs, Colo., is a WCAP shooting coach and 15-year member of the U.S. National Rifle Team who competed in the 1992 Barcelona Games. He will serve as Team USA's rifle coach Saturday through Aug. 22 at Markopoulo Olympic Shooting Centre.

Four-time Olympian Sgt. 1st Class James "Todd" Graves, 41, of Laurel, Miss., became the first U.S. men's skeet shooter since 1984 to win an Olympic medal with a bronze in the 2000 Sydney Games. He will compete Aug. 22.

"I'm doing this for my family in green and I've decided that if I get a medal this time that I'm going to dedicate it to the troops," Graves said. "Every time I break a target or stand on a podium to get a medal, I'm dedicating it to all those guys and gals over there. That's the least I can do."

Sgt. 1st Class Shawn Duloher, 39, a world champion from Lee's Summit, Mo., downed 25 consecutive targets in the final round to edge Graves in the men's skeet competition in the U.S. Olympic Shotgun Team Trials at Fort Benning, home of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit.

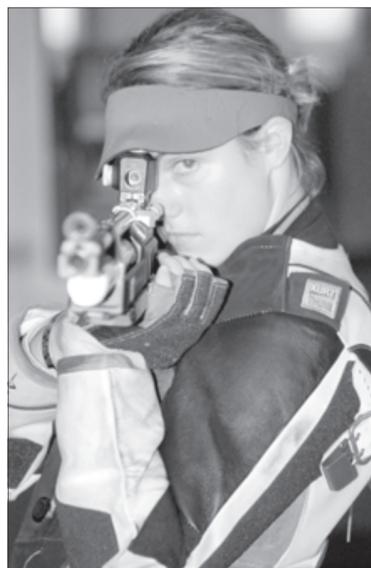


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Spc. Hattie Johnson, a member of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit, will compete Saturday in 10-meter air rifle shooting in the Summer Olympics at Athens, Greece.

"Hopefully in Athens, we'll both bring something of color home," Duloher said. "Just going through it together is going to be a big plus."

Two-time Olympian Sgt. 1st Class Bret Erickson, 43, of Bennington, Neb., will compete in men's trap and double trap shotgun shooting Saturday and Tuesday respectively.

Sgt. 1st Class Jason Parker, 30, a world record-holder from Omaha, Neb., finished fifth in air rifle at the Sydney Games, missing a bronze medal by seven-tenths of a point. He seeks redemption Monday.

Maj. Michael Anti, a USAMU member attached to WCAP who recently won a national championship, will compete in 50-meter prone and 50-meter three-position rifle shooting Aug. 20 and 22 respectively.

Three-time Olympian Army Reserve Staff Sgt. Elizabeth "Libby" Callahan, 52, of Upper Marlboro, Md., will compete Sunday in 10-meter air pistol and Wednesday in 25-meter sport pistol. She is the oldest member of Team USA. Spc. Hattie Johnson, 22, of Athol, Idaho, will compete Saturday in women's 10-meter air rifle, the first event of the Games. Sgt. 1st Class Daryl Szarenski will compete later that day in men's 10-meter air pistol shooting. Army Sgt. 1st Class Charles Gartland, 39, of Bardstown, Ky., will serve as Team USA's gunsmith.

(Hips writes for the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center and is now on his way to Athens to cover the Olympics.)

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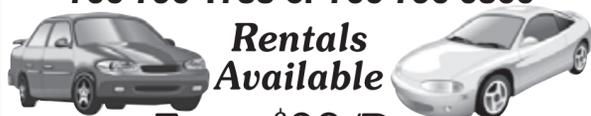


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Spectrum



School age children enjoy an amusement ride at the Back to School Blast Aug. 6. This was only one of many different attractions at the blast for the children. More than 600 families attended the event. Photos by Pfc. Armando Monroig

Kids find going back to school a blast

Pfc. Armando Monroig
Signal staff

Children, parents and teachers gathered for a "Back to School Blast" at Freedom Park Elementary School Aug. 6.

The event lasted from 3 to 8 p.m. and gave a festive atmosphere to what many children find to be a dreaded occasion — going back to school.

The event was a partnership between Fort Gordon's Child and Youth Services and the school's open house.

More than 600 families attended the event that involved games, food, free rides, free school supplies, toys, face painting, music and much more.

Maj. Gen. Janet Hicks, U.S. Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon commanding general, was present at the school, speaking to the crowd of parents, students and teachers before the students were released to the classrooms to meet their teachers for the first time this school year.

Mary Crowder, chief of Child and Youth Services, spoke about the event and what it was all about.

She said the purpose of the Back to School Blast was to launch a new partnership between CYS and Freedom Park Elementary School.

The partnership is called the Eagle Ambassador Program, a youth sponsorship program similar to the military sponsorship program.

When a new student arrives and PCSs into the community, that student gets matched with another child in a buddy system type of program.

The student then shows the newcomer around the facility.

As part of the program, services include a free movie and dinner, and free monthly dance for those children registered with CYS.

Crowder said it is an Army initiative to help children feel comfortable when they move into a new environment, a new school

or PCSing to a new military community.

She said it affords children an atmosphere of comfort and relaxation, so their social skills can continue to develop and they won't become stressed out.

She said there are plans to expand this program to Richmond County schools that military children attend.

Staci Hill-Good, school liaison officer, said this is a great program for children and the blast was a good ice-breaker.

"It gave them an opportunity to connect with their school," she said.

"They became familiar with their schools, teachers, CYS and the programs we offer," she added.

She said this helped to ease the stress children went through the first day of class.

Hill-Good added it was also important for the parents to meet the teachers who were going to be spending so much time with their children on a daily basis.

It was also a good way for parents to get actively involved in their child's education for the new school year, she said.

Staff Sgt. George Isla, a drill sergeant assigned to B Company, 447th Signal



A student asks a clown for assistance in making a balloon figure at Freedom Park Elementary.

Battalion, was on hand at the event with his two children.

"It was nice. It was a different kind of open house that I've ever gone to," said Isla.

"It was a good way to get them back to school and they got to see all their friends," added Isla.

He said it helped get his kids "back in the swing of things," when it came to

school.

Pvt. Angela Long, Company A, 63rd Signal Battalion, was there with her daughter who started kindergarten Monday.

"It was an awesome way for them to kick off the school season," said Long.

"The kids got to meet other kids they were going to go to school with and got to meet the teachers,"

added Long.

She said this event let the kids know that school is fun.

For additional information on the Eagle Ambassa-

dor program or CYS, call 791-6494.

The annual registration fee for CYS is \$18 per child, \$36 for two children, or \$40 for the entire family.



Students get the opportunity to operate remote control robots while their parents and peers look on.



Brandon Kelly, son of Sgt. Daryl Kelly, has his face painted during the Back to School Blast festivities.