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News UPDATE

Rodeo in town

The Professional Cowboy Association is holding a rodeo from 8-10:30 p.m. today and Saturday 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.

Hispanic Heritage Month program

The Hispanic Heritage Month command program is at 1:30 p.m. Sept. 22 in Alexander Hall.

The theme this year is "Hispanic Americans: Making a Difference in Our Communities and Our Nation." Guest speaker is Consuelo Castillo Kickbusch, a retired Army lieutenant colonel.

For information, call Staff Sgt. Steven Townsend at 791-2014.

OSC flea market

The Officers' Spouses' Club flea market is 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Oct. 2 at Barton Field. Vendor spaces are still available and cost \$25-\$45.

Space sales are available at the Post Exchange lobby from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. today, Saturday, Friday and Sept. 18, 24, 25, 29 and Oct. 1. Spaces may also be purchased at the Thrift Shop from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Sept. 21, 23, 28 and 30. For information call 791-2779.

Soldier show

The 2004 Soldier Show is 8 p.m. Oct. 9 and 6 p.m. Oct. 10 in Alexander Hall. Admission is free.

Signal Symposium scheduled

The U.S. Army Signal Center and the Augusta, Fort Gordon Chapter of the Armed Forces Communications Electronics Association host the Signal Regimental Symposium from Nov. 29 to Dec. 3.

The theme is "LandWarNet - Networking the Force in the Joint Fight."

For information contact Capt. Jonathan Stamborg at 791-7800 or Master Sgt. Derrick Taylor 791-2691.

POW observance

Fort Gordon observes Prisoner of War/Missing in Action recognition day 10 a.m. Sept. 17 at the POW/MIA monument at the intersection of Chamberlain Avenue and Kilbourne Street.

Ambushed

Soldier relives day of attack

Spc. Nicole Robus
Signal military editor

Spc. George Childs can remember it like yesterday.

"I was sitting in the rear of the last vehicle as we went under an overpass," he said. "The last thing I remember about that was this explosion to my left and it blew me into the front of the truck."

Childs is now recovering after sus-

taining injuries in August 2003 during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Childs received the Purple Heart in January 2004 at Edgefield Army in South Carolina for being wounded when his unit was ambushed.

"It was Aug. 28, 2003," he said, flashing back to that day. "We were attached to 3rd Infantry Division, and were conducting security for the bomb squad while on a reconnaissance operation when we were ambushed," said

Childs, a member of the National Guard now on active duty.

"We had received a little information that there was bombs and mines that needed to be defused. The first area we went to had some and they were disposed of.

"Then we went to another area and stayed there till 1 p.m. and we found some 'engineer killers' so they were disposed of.

"It was time to move on back to base. We were told 'alright all you guys know where you are at and who is on point.'

"At that time we loaded up and headed back to base."

That was when his unit ran into trouble.

After the blast, Childs said he yelled to the other guys because there were

still four more guys in the back of the truck.

"I seen blood on the bed and when I asked the guys who was wounded, they kept pointing at me," said Childs.

"I guess it was because my adrenaline was so high that I didn't even know that I had a hole blown in my left arm and that both of my knees were messed up," said Childs. "I was too busy being concerned about the other guys."

Immediately following the incident I had surgery in Iraq before leaving for Germany.

"I arrived at Fort Gordon to receive physical therapy at the Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Clinic Sept. 12, 2003. Also while at DDEAMC I received surgery on my left knee to repair a ligament," said Childs, a combat engineer.

"Then I was transferred to Fort Stewart where I continued with my physical therapy. While at Fort Stewart, I had to have outpatient surgery to remove a piece of shrapnel from my upper lip," he added.

"I then returned to Fort Gordon to continue my physical therapy. I was having problems with my ears and that is when the doctors found out that I had ruptured my left eardrum as a result of the blast of the explosion," he said.

The doctors here are really good at communicating, said Childs.

"My doctors told me that if I have any problems to let them know. They make sure we keep out appointments," added Childs.

The doctors keep the communication lines open and take care of the Soldiers at Eisenhower, he said.

Case managers are assigned to a Soldier the moment they arrive, said Jennifer Chipman, public affairs officer for DDEAMC. They are there for the Soldiers to manage health care and anything else the Soldier might need help with.

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Photo by Cpl. John Wright

Soldiers face the ever-present threat of an ambush while on patrol in Iraq. Here, 5th Cavalry Regiment Soldiers remain alert as they clear alleyways in Sadr City, Aug. 18. The regiment is supporting Operation Iron Fury in an attempt to maintain stability in the Sadr City region.

Severe weather safety

Pfc. Armando Monroig
Signal staff

Mother Nature is unpredictable and severe weather can strike at any time. Just ask the folks in Florida who, within the last few weeks, have experienced two major hurricanes as a third menaces in the Caribbean Sea.

Although those storms did not have the same impact on Georgia, remnants of the storms have had some effect on the local weather - most notably Hurricane Frances.

This was most evident Tuesday, when most of the day and evening was overcast with plenty of rain as well as tornado watches.

While it was just a taste of what Florida experienced, it is a reminder that severe weather can strike at any time and residents need to know how to handle themselves appropriately depending on the weather situation.

Steve Buzhardt and Russ Blandin, safety specialists at the installation safety office, offered tips about the precautions that should be taken under different weather situations.

These weather conditions can include slick roads from heavy rains, hurricanes, tornadoes, heavy fog, thunderstorms and lightning.

Both agree staying attentive to what's going on, such as through local forecasts on TV or the radio is one of the most important things.

It is important that people pay attention for when advisories might be given differenti-

ating between a severe weather watch and warning.

A watch is when severe weather could happen. A warning is when severe weather has formed and shelter should be sought immediately, said Buzhardt.

Buzhardt said storing drinking water and having an evacuation plan are just some of the things to do during a hurricane watch, adding that officials may also call for an evacuation.

But preparing for tornadoes is not as easy as with hurricanes because they are so unpredictable. They can disappear as quickly as they materialized. But there are some precautions that can be taken with tornadoes as well.

"Move to a shelter, like a basement," said Blandin. "If a shelter is not available, move to an interior room or hallway and get under sturdy furniture."

Stay away from windows, abandon vehicles, mobile homes, and watch out for flying debris. It is the cause of most deaths during a tornado, said the safety duo.

In addition to the damage hurricanes can cause, when the hurricane is downgraded to a tropical depression or a thunderstorm, danger still exists.

Lightning and flooding are two of the things associated with severe thunderstorms and should be avoided, said Blandin.

"Don't go outside if it is lightning and if you get caught outside when there are strikes, lay as low to the ground as possible, or seek shelter under

the shorter trees," said Blandin.

Seeking shelter in a sturdy building or car, getting out of boats and away from water, avoiding small isolated trees, avoid using electrical appliances, and avoid bathing and showering are just some of the safeguards against getting struck by lightning, said Blandin.

"If you are in an exposed area and you feel your hair standing on end, this is an indication that lightning is about to strike," said Blandin. "Drop to your knees, bend forward, putting your hands on your knees - making yourself the smallest target possible without lying flat on the ground or placing hands on the ground."

Avoid hilltops and high places (shelter in a flooding area), he said. Avoid flooded roads and watch for washed-out bridges. Avoid driving in flooded areas altogether.

Buzhardt said hydroplaning is a big safety concern when it comes to driving on wet pavement.

Hydroplaning is when the water in front of the tires on a vehicle builds up faster than the car's weight can push it out of the way. This causes water pressure to raise the vehicle up on a thin layer of water between the tires and the road.

The first thing, he said, is to prevent it from happening by adjusting to the wet road conditions. Drivers need to make sure tires are inflated properly and have adequate tread.

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Area leader to undergo lung transplant

On Tuesday, the Washington office of Rep. Charlie Norwood announced that the congressman will undergo a single lung transplant. It was also announced that Norwood was initially diagnosed with Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis six years ago. The only known treatment is a lung transplant.

Norwood has been on an 'inactive' transplant list for several years, with a transfer to an 'active' list in early July.

He will have the transplant at Inova Fairfax Hospital in Falls Church, Va.

Normal congressional duties would resume in three months following the procedure.

Norwood said he intends on following the path of his 'hero,' South Carolina Representative Floyd Spence, who served for 13 years following a more serious, double lung transplant.

Norwood is in his fifth term (Jan. 1995- present) representing Georgia's Ninth Congressional District. He is a U.S. Army veteran with a combat tour in Vietnam. A Valdosta, Ga., native, he has resided in the CSRA since his military discharge at Fort Gordon in 1969.

Norwood said he "expects to resume his duties with all the vim and vigor he has shown throughout his career."

Major Gen. Janet Hicks, U.S. Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon commanding general, the installation command staff, and the Fort Gordon community extend their best wishes and prayers for a complete and speedy recovery.

(Send get-well wishes to the congressman at getwellcharlie@mail.house.gov.)



File photo

Norwood, shown here during a January visit to Fort Gordon.

Ambushed

From page 1

Case managers and all the staff at Eisenhower are valuable assets and do a good job meeting the Soldier's needs, said Childs.

"Once a Soldier arrives here they are met and evaluated. After that point it is determined what medical care the Soldier needs making sure the Soldier sees the right doctors," said Chipman.

The goal is to bring the Soldier back to 100 percent and return to duty, said Chipman. If a Soldier cannot be returned to duty or are not fit for duty, the goal is to get them back to their best and medical board them out or medically retire them.

"The help is here. If there is something we can't for them; we will take them to where they can get help," said Chipman.

Soldiers that are here for treatment are considered on active duty and receive all the benefits of an active duty Soldier until boarded, retired or returned to duty," added Chipman.

Everyone is screened for combat stress counseling when they first get here, she said.

"I am going to counseling for combat stress. I have trouble sleeping and sometimes it seems as if I am still there replaying the ambush all over again," said Childs. "And seeing other guys with third degree burns hooked up to tubes who may never walk again. You are talking about 19 and 20 year olds compared to me - 46 - I feel sorry for them."

"I've talked to guys who were in Vietnam and they tell me that they deal with this every day," said Childs.

"And like the counselor told me 'you can't keep it inside; you have to talk about it' he also said if I keep it bottled in it creates problems," added Childs.

"The doctors tell me my career in the Army is done. My goal was 30 years. I made it for 24," he said. "I am looking at going back to my supervisory position that I held at City of North Augusta before I was called up to active duty."

From my experience in combat, I learned you have to do your job as a Soldier. It's a frame of mind that I live in everyday not just when I am wearing the uniform. My country needed me to go and that is why I

went. If I could go back I would," said Childs. Childs left DDEAMC Wednesday on his way to San Antonio, Texas, for a medical review board. Before he left, he imparted a few words of wisdom to other Soldiers.

"If I could tell any young Soldier who is coming in the Army - knowing they will be going to support Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom - I would tell them listen to their instructors and take it all in.

"They teach us everything we will need to know," he said. "Also, I would tell them always ask questions, some of the instructors have been in combat."

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Photo by Spc. Nicole Robus
Childs

IEDs claim 2 Soldiers' lives

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON - Improvised explosive devices killed two American soldiers in Iraq Wednesday, while U.S. 1st Infantry Division troops seized suspected insurgents in separate operations.

A 13th Corps Support Command Soldier was killed and another was injured when a convoy encountered an IED near Balad. In eastern Baghdad later in the day, an IED explosion killed one Task Force Baghdad Soldier and injured two others.

Soldiers with the 1st Infantry's 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, captured

Mahmoud al-Duri and Ahmad Shihab Ahmad al-Duri near Dwar Wednesday. During a second search operation conducted near Duluiyah, Soldiers detained Sabiah Quaddori al-Khazraji, who is believed to have attacked coalition forces July 21.

The three detainees were taken to coalition facilities for questioning.

On Tuesday, Iraqi security forces rescued a young Iraqi man who'd been kidnapped Sept. 5. Five anti-Iraqi-government members were captured during the operation.

(Compiled from Multinational Force Iraq news releases.)

Fewer troops won't reduce deterrence in South Korea

Kathleen Rhem

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON - Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld is "not one slight bit" worried that fewer U.S. troops in South Korea will mean a reduced deterrent capability on the peninsula.

U.S. officials have announced they plan to reduce the number of U.S. troops stationed in the Republic of Korea by 12,500 over the next several years, starting with 5,000 moving out by the end of 2004.

But officials have done careful analysis, and fewer of today's forces, with modern weapons systems, are just as capable as far superior numbers of yesterday's forces, Rumsfeld said in a Sept. 7 Pen-

tagon press conference.

"The important thing is, in the 21st century if one takes numbers (of forces) and tries to equate them with old numbers from the 20th century, they make a mistake because the implication is if the number is lower, that you're weaker, and it's simply not true," he noted. "The capabilities that we have there (today) are vastly more capable than the exact same number of people were five, 10, 15 years ago."

In response to a question from a reporter, Rumsfeld said the United States understands the threat posed by communist North Korea and has no intention of allowing a power vacuum to develop in the region. "And any suggestion to the contrary would be a fundamental mistake," he said.



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Post improves security following 9/11 attacks

Pfc. Armando Monroig
Signal staff

When the terrorist attacks occurred in New York, the Pentagon and Pennsylvania – it pretty much caught everyone by surprise.

Aside from Pearl Harbor, never before had there been a foreign attack on American soil.

Responding to the attack, military and other installations across the country quickly instituted improved security measures to prevent future attacks.

Since 9/11, officials in charge of Fort Gordon's security and force protection have taken measures to ensure that such attacks are prevented and if they do occur – are handled appropriately.

One of those officials is Tom Fitzpatrick, Garrison operations manager, the person responsible for current operations of the installation.

He serves as an interface with the rest of the Garrison staff as far as any major actions that occur on the installation and is responsible for force protection planning.

"First and foremost has been the awareness by the work force on Fort Gordon," said Fitzpatrick.

He said that not a month goes by where there is a report of some sort of suspicious behavior, submitted by a member of the Fort Gordon community.

"People are reporting those things," he said. "The fact people are looking and are aware of their environment is a big change."

Many of the physical improvements include those on the exterior perimeter of the installation and access control points such as the gates.

"Both in terms of procedure and infrastructure," said Fitzpatrick about access control. "You see the walls going up at the gates, lighting and additional guard forces and improved inspection areas."

One of the biggest changes made in security has been identification checkers at the gates, said Fitzpatrick, but added this was something that was implemented in July 2001, before the 9/11 attacks.

But within the last two years, contract guards have been hired to work the gates – something Fort Gordon didn't have prior.

In addition, Department of the Army police officers are being used. A new anti-terrorism



Photo by Pfc. Armando Monroig

Brick and earthen berms are one of the visible signs of increased security installed at Fort Gordon since the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

officer, whose sole job is to focus on refining a plan, learning about the enemy, and discussing with mission partners procedures and intelligence posture, has also been added, said Fitzpatrick.

Also, some of the gates have seen improvements that include new search areas, concrete barrier walls a few feet from the guard shacks, and pop-up bollard guards.

If someone tries to run from authorities on post or get on the installation by bypassing the gate, guards at the shack can manually activate the pop-up bollards and seal the gate.

The interior of the installation has seen changes as well with regards to security measures, said Fitzpatrick.

"We've established stand-off (areas) to our mission essential vulnerable areas," he said, that are represented in the berms seen surrounding certain buildings on post, such as Darling Hall, Eisenhower Army Medical Center and Signal Towers.

"We've channeled the traffic on key areas of the installation to make it more force protection oriented," Fitzpatrick said, "so that every place is not a free-drive zone."

That way, he said, traffic can be directed away from sensitive areas on post.

"We can tailor that based on the situation using the orange barriers," Fitzpatrick said.

There are other measures, improvements that can't necessarily be seen, that have been instituted, that can't be discussed for security purposes, he added.

These measures, along with having a good relationship with local officials in organizations such as the Federal Aviation Administration, the Joint Terrorism Task Force in Atlanta and the CSRA, the local Federal Bureau of Investigation, sheriff's department and the 902nd Military Intelligence Battalion, help add to the force protection effort, said Fitzpatrick.

"They have all been great partners with us," he said, "in identifying potential threats coming into the installation."

Fort Gordon's force protection exercise program has "become much more robust," said Fitzpatrick adding that they will conduct several of them each year. "There is more thorough planning, coordination, and multi-dimensional exercises."

And part of the Force Protection exercise was the use of the inner circle decals that identifies to post security officials who is authorized within the inner circle, or area of high security.

He said the command information process has also improved so that information gets out to the public making sure people that work and live on

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For your Health

EAMC offers prostate screenings

Jennifer Chipman
EAMC Public Affairs Officer

Eisenhower Army Medical Center will be offering free prostate cancer screenings, by appointment only, to its beneficiaries Sept. 17 in the Urology Clinic located on the first floor in the medical center.

"Prostate cancer has very few, if any, notable symptoms before it has spread beyond a curable stage," said Maj. B. Chase Griffith, chief of Urology Service. "A simple physical examination coupled with a blood test has allowed us to de-

tect cancers at a much earlier stage, therefore affording patients more options for treatment and a better chance of achieving long term cure from this disease."

The prostate is a walnut-shaped gland that wraps around the urethra, the tube that carries urine from the bladder. Cancer cells can grow inside the prostate and if left untreated, the cancer can spread beyond the prostate to nearby lymph nodes or other organs, and to the bones. The exact cause of prostate cancer is not known and early prostate can-

cer usually has no symptoms.

According to the American Cancer Society, more than 230,000 new cases of prostate cancer will be diagnosed in the United States, and almost 30,000 men will die this year. Prostate cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in men, second only to lung cancer for cancer-specific deaths in the United States.

"The lifetime risk of developing prostate cancer for a male in the United States is approximately 16 percent and the risk of dying from prostate can-

cer is approximately 3 percent," Griffith said.

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To schedule a prostate cancer screening, call 787-2862 or 787-2429.

Burn center restoring wounded troops' lives

Donna Miles
American Forces Press Service

FORT SAM HOUSTON, Texas – Army Staff Sgt. Michele Mitchell's journey here to the Defense Department's only center committed to treating burn victims began in late April, when she was riding in an up-armored Humvee near Baghdad as part of a five-vehicle convoy dispatched to pick up troops.

The 571st Military Police Company medic, who deployed to Iraq with her unit from Fort Lewis, Wash., recalls sitting in the back seat, directly behind the driver, "scoping" the area for aggressors as the convoy traversed through a series of checkpoints.

What Mitchell's scope didn't detect was a hidden improvised explosive device in the roadway that sent shrapnel blasting through her vehicle and caused it to burst into flames.

The explosion and fire mangled Mitchell's arm and left both legs with extensive burns. "It just ripped me up," said the veteran of 10 years, who said she "knew something was wrong" immediately but never actually saw her injuries until weeks after the incident.

After being airlifted to Logistics Support Area Anaconda, in Balad, Iraq, then to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany, Mitchell was quickly transferred here, to the U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research's Burn Center.

The center, which opened in 1947, treats burn patients from every military service, as well as veterans. And as the only burn center in central Texas, it



Photo by Donna Miles

Rumiko Cahill, a physical therapist assistant at the U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research's Burn Center, helps Staff Sgt. Michele Mitchell, left, stretch her fingers to increase their flexibility as she heals from injuries received in Iraq.

also serves as the regional burn center for civilian burn victims, explained Army Lt. Col. Lee Cancio, a surgeon at the center for the past 10 years.

But of all the center's patients – typically several hundred a year – Cancio said none pull at the center staff's heartstrings more than service members injured in the line of duty, particularly in combat. "We're here because we want to take care of our injured combat casualties," he said. "It's difficult work, both physically and emotionally, but the entire staff takes great satisfaction in being able to help these men and women who have served their country."

Since the start of the war on terror, 129 service members have been medically evacuated from Iraq and Af-

ghanistan to be treated for severe burns at the center. Nearly half have been accompanied during their flights to Fort Sam Houston by the burn center's five-person flight team, which ensures the patient is stable and begins lifesaving treatment immediately.

"The war has increased our workload quite a bit," said Cancio.

Initially, many burn victims from Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom were injured through preventable accidents, including those involved with burning human waste, he said. Later, after an aggressive education program helped reduce those injuries, Cancio said, rocket-propelled grenades became the No. 1 cause of burns in Southwest Asia.

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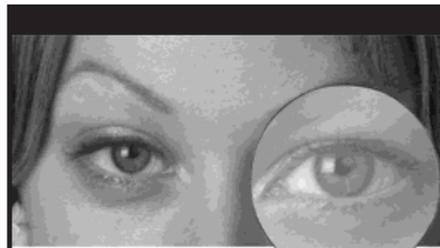
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Viewpoint

Information, Opinions, and Commentary

Commanding general sends ... *Remember Sept. 11, 2001, stay alert, be vigilant*

Maj. Gen. Janet A. Hicks
Fort Gordon and U.S. Army Signal Center
commanding general

"Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." American philosopher George Santayana (1863-1952).

Those famous words are traditionally quoted at annual 'Holocaust' observances across our nation to remind us that we cannot forget the horrors of Nazi atrocities committed during World War II.

On Saturday, this poignant quote is equally meaningful to Americans, as we approach the third anniversary of the terrorist attacks in New York City, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania,

on Sept. 11, 2001.

As time passes, human nature pushes us to suppress terrible memories and recollections. Although it has been only three years since that dark episode occurred, the day the evil face of terrorism was exposed, there appears, and perhaps naturally, to be less concern about the insidious threat it poses to democracy, freedom, and civilization.

Our nation is still at war and sacrifices are being made every day to protect our shores and our very way of life.

In our rapidly moving, 'soundbite' world, too many people focus on the inconveniences caused by the changes terrorism has created in our

country, and too few appreciate the sacrifices.

I send this message to urge all of us to think again of those monstrous events of September 11, to ensure we do not become complacent.

Complacency is a weapon, and terrorists count on us to use it against ourselves.

Terrorists see concern for our fellow man and our natural inclination to 'turn the other cheek' as weaknesses they can exploit. Because of this, we must stay strong. We must be vigilant.

As we collectively reflect on that day three years past, Americans gain strength from each other to preserve freedom and protect our people and our allies.

We must also keep our Soldiers and their families in our daily thoughts and prayers.

In doing so, we deter our enemy who hides in the darkness of hate and ignorance and violence.

Throughout America's history, there have been stirring rallying cries used to inspire Americans to stand together in times of crisis.

'Remember the Alamo' and 'Remember the Maine' are two such cries.

I ask that we 'Remember 9-11,' that we reawaken and recommit to the needs of our nation at war.

Stay alert...be vigilant!
And thank you for all you do for Soldiers, for Fort Gordon, and for our nation.



Maj. Gen. Janet A. Hicks

Feedback...

Photos by Sgt. Sam Smith

Where were you on Sept. 11, 2001? How did 9/11 affect you personally?



Sept. 11 has made my view of freedom a little more precious. My opened mindedness to what affects me is more clear, because that could happen to anybody.
Air Force Senior Airman Kamahl Rabsatt
31st Intelligence Squadron



I was in Birmingham recruiting. It really affected me because I was recruiting. It was on the news that people were coming in by the millions, but it was people who weren't qualified.
Retired Sgt. 1st Class Terrance Glenn



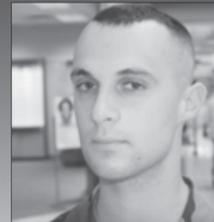
I was on Tybee Island. I hadn't thought either way of it. I just think we should keep our nose out of other people's business and it wouldn't have happened.
Beverly Maxwell



I was in high school. It affected pretty much that is why I'm here (in the Army). We have friends in New York.
Pvt. Ryan Smith
D Co., 447th Sig. Bn.



I was supposed to be in school but I had a this co-op job. I live in a big tourist town, and it's a big target to me, so who knows if someone would go after my town.
Pvt. Joe Sefton
D. Co., 447th Sig. Bn.



I was working at my student job while in college in Baltimore. I grew up in the suburbs of New York City and (Sept. 11) was one of the reasons I joined the Army.
2nd Lt. Adam Pappas
Signal Officer
Basic Course

Private Murphy

'The perfect concealment'

By Mark Baker



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Trio serve at Gordon more than 100 years

Honored at luncheon for 114 years of service

Denise Allen
Signal staff

More than a century of service left Fort Gordon last week, as Sheila Burnett, Joann Prescott and Linda Raborn retired.

On Sept. 1, family, friends and co-workers gathered to pay tribute to the three women who worked in a variety of offices during their time at Fort Gordon.

Each woman served more than 37 years and retired from the Installation Management Garrison Resource Management Office Friday.

"We've been blessed...having great people to come to work every day," said Vince DiGirolamo, of the Directorate of Resource Management.

Burnett was a 17-year-

old Butler High School graduate when she started her first job at Fort Gordon in the summer of 1967. She spent 32 of her 37 years and eight months with DRM.

"It's been a long and good career," said Burnett. "I could stand here for hours and share memories. Friends don't say 'goodbye;' they say 'see you later.'"

Prescott spent 38 years and two months at Fort Gordon.

She worked with the comptroller in several offices including the Directorate of Information Management, the Directorate of Personnel and Community Activities, and the Directorate of Training and Development.

She thanked her family and her co-workers who helped her get through

some of the tougher times in her life.

"The people I worked with gave me a lot of support," she said.

Raborn worked in the resource management offices of several departments including the Directorate of Personnel and Community Activities (now known as the Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation) and DOTD.

She thanked her family for all the support they gave her over the years.

While the retirees had a chance to say "thank you," so did some of their family members and co-workers.

Robin Lanton wrote poems about each of the women trying to capture some of the funny and memorable moments in verse.



From left Joann Prescott, Linda Raborn and Sheila Burnett were honored with a luncheon at the Gordon Club Sept. 1. The three retired Friday with a combined total of more than 114 years of service.

West Point's first female general takes command

Staff Sgt. Manuel Torres-Cortes
Army News Service

WIESBADEN, Germany — The first female West Point graduate to be promoted to general officer assumed command of V Corps' 3rd Corps Support Command in a ceremony Sept. 2 at Wiesbaden Army Airfield, Germany.

Brig. Gen. Rebecca S. Halstead, whose previous assignment was as deputy commander for U.S. Army Europe's 21st Theater Support Command in Kaiserslautern, Germany, pinned on her first star Aug. 31.

During the ceremony, Halstead accepted the COSCOM flag from V Corps Commander Lt. Gen. Ricardo S. Sanchez. She replaced outgoing COSCOM Commander Brig. Gen. Vincent E. Boles.

In his remarks at the event, Sanchez lauded the leadership and skill he says Halstead brings to the COSCOM and V Corps.

"The good news about any change of command is the arrival of an equally impressive leader and warrior, who is eager to maintain the standard as the organization takes on the challenges that lie ahead," said Sanchez.

Halstead is a graduate of the West Point Class of 1981, the second academy class to include women. She was one of 104 women to enter West Point in 1977. Four years later 63 women, the same number that graduated the first class in 1980, graduated in her class.

Halstead is one of six female members of the Class of 1981 still on active duty. She has served as a platoon leader, operations officer and an executive officer with the 69th Ordnance Company, 559th Artillery Group in Vicenza, Italy.

She later commanded Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 63rd Ordnance Company, and was the materiel officer for the 80th Ordnance Battalion, Fort Lewis, Wash.

Other assignments include being the support operations and battalion executive officer with the 526th Forward Support Battalion, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky.; commander of the 325th Forward Support Battalion, 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; commander of the 10th Mountain Division Support Command at Fort Drum, N.Y., and she was the executive assistant to the combatant commander, United States Southern Command, Miami, Fla., before becoming deputy for the 21st Theater Support Command.

Her military education includes completion of the Ordnance Officers' Basic and Advanced Courses at Aberdeen

Proving Ground, Md., and Redstone Arsenal, Ala. She also attended the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan., and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Fort McNair, Washington, D.C.

She holds a master's degree in military art and science from the Command and General Staff College and a master's degree in national resource strategy from the National Defense University at Fort McNair.

"This is an awesome responsibility, honor and privilege to lead and serve with 3rd COSCOM," said Halstead.

Boles passed on the flag of 3rd COSCOM a year after becoming its commander on a parade field at Logistic Support Area Anaconda in Balad, Iraq, while the unit was deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

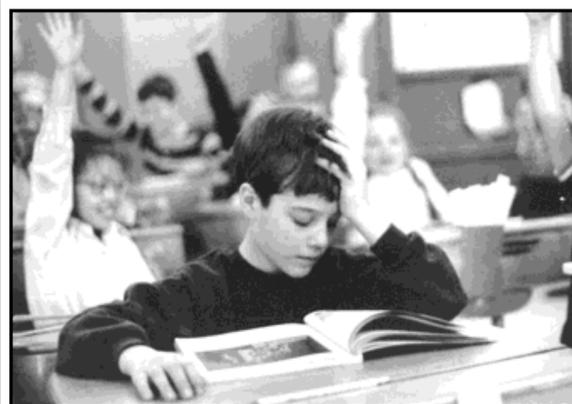
"I charged (Boles) with one task," said Sanchez. "That was never to cause a maneuver commander to look back because of a logistical issue, and you lived up to your motto, 'Sustaining the Line,' and you did it superbly."

Before the ceremony, Sanchez awarded the Meritorious Service Medal to Boles for his contributions to the COSCOM. He then presented Boles' wife Cheryl with a Commander's Award for Public Service for her contributions to the COSCOM, and a Heart of Victory Award for her volunteer and quality of life projects.

Boles' next assignment will be as commander of the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

(Torres-Cortes serves with V Corps Public Affairs Office.)

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Dinner theatre stages Neil Simon comedy

Denise Allen
Signal staff

If Fort Gordon Dinner Theatre is staging a Neil Simon comedy, chances are Carolyn Sullivan will be in it.

"I was in 'Laughter on the 23rd Floor,' and it was so much fun. I did the 'Odd Couple,' said Sullivan, who plays the role of Corie Brater in "Barefoot in the Park," which opens Friday.

"I get to cry, laugh, be stupid, run around and fall," she said of the role.

It's been many years since the play was brought to Fort Gordon's performing arts theater, but Neil Simon's plays are always a dinner theater hit.

"It has some very funny lines," said director Steve Walpert. "It's one of his earliest comedies; some say it's his best. It has an air of innocence about it."

"Barefoot in the Park" is about a newlywed couple, Corie and Paul Brater, who return from a six-day honeymoon and move into their first apartment with no heat, a leaking skylight and a hefty five-flight walk up the stairs.

Throw in an outlandish gourmet and Corey's mom, played by veteran

Augusta actors, Jack and Barbara Lynne Feldman, and a funny-yet-wise telephone repairman, played by Michael Bethune, and the play is non-stop laughs according to reviews it received in the New York Daily News.

Staff Sgt. Joseph Madison, the noncommissioned officer in charge of the outpatient behavioral health services at Eisenhower Army Medical Center, plays Sullivan's on-stage husband.

Madison was scheduled to be deployment, but when that didn't happen, he decided to try out a little dinner theater.

"I haven't been on the stage in 15 years," said Madison, who had stage managed the play elsewhere. "I thought it would be fun."

"Barefoot in the Park" will run for three weekends, Sept. 17, 18, 24, 25 and 30, and Oct. 1 and 2. Dinner begins at 7 p.m. followed by the show at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$33 for civilians; \$31 for senior citizens 65 and older, retirees, Department of the Army civilians, active duty E8 and above; \$21 for active duty E7 and below; and \$16 for the show only.

For reservations, call 793-8552 or buy tickets online at www.fortgordon.com.



Photo by Denise Allen
From left, Staff Sgt. Joseph Madison and Carolyn Sullivan rehearse a scene from "Barefoot in the Park," which will be presented by Fort Gordon Dinner Theatre beginning Sept. 17.



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Air Force provides aid to Russian terrorism victims

Air Force Master Sgt. Jon Hanson
Special to American Forces Press Service

VLADIKAVKAZ, Russia — Two C-130 crews from the 38th Airlift Squadron at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, flew medical and humanitarian supplies here Monday.

The crews delivered about 36,000 pounds of medical and humanitarian supplies for use in the treatment and support of hundreds of victims of the recent terrorist act in Beslan, Russia. The Russian government re-

quested assistance after the United States offered support.

"I spoke to the Russian interpreter, and he was very thankful that we made the journey over here," said Air Force Lt. Col. Richard Galante, 38th Airlift Squadron commander, a reservist out of Youngstown, Ohio. "I could see some of the other Russian officials were really teary-eyed and really appreciated the support, ... that we brought in these medical supplies and other equipment that they need so badly."

"They said it was nice that our countries were in such com-

munity with one another, ... that we were living like brothers in the midst of tragedy," said Air Force Staff Sgt. Clayton Bronnee, a Russian linguist with the 426th Information Operations Squadron. "They said they felt very bad for us when 9/11 happened, and they appreciate our help and support now that this tragedy has befallen them."

The humanitarian supplies included sheets, blankets, medicine, burn kits, bandages and dressings, as well as specialized medical equipment.

(Hanson is assigned to the 435th Air Base Wing.)

Push to register Soldiers during Armed Forces Voters Week

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Armed Forces Voters Week, Sept. 3 - 11, is being viewed by Army officials as yet another chance to register Soldiers to vote and receive absentee ballots.

"We're just making sure that each Soldier has the opportunity to register to vote," said Jim Davis, the Army's voting action officer.

Davis estimates that 97 percent of all Soldiers have already been offered the opportunity to register, because it was part of last month's Personnel Asset Inventory in which all Soldiers were required to participate. **100-PERCENT CONTACT**

The goal of Armed Forces Voters Week, though, is for voting assistance officers to attain 100-percent contact with service members and personally hand them the Federal Post Card Application to register, the Standard Form-76.

DoD voting officials said this week is the "last really safe week" to submit an SF-76 application to register and request an absentee ballot.

In fact, the Army's original

goal was to help Soldiers register by Aug. 15. But Davis said that date was recommended by postal officials to absolutely ensure that the applications could be delivered to precincts in time for the absentee ballots to be mailed overseas, completed by Soldiers and returned. He said Soldiers who register this week or next should still be able to receive their ballots in time to vote, as the Postal Service is making a big effort to speed their delivery. **NEXT PUSH: OCT. 11 MAILING**

Once absentee ballots are received, the Army recommends Soldiers complete them and place them back in the mail by Oct. 11 in order to reach their home states by election day, Nov. 2, said Davis.

If Soldiers located outside the United States send in their request for an absentee ballot in sufficient time and don't receive their ballot, they can use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot, Davis said, which allows them to write in their votes and send it. In some cases, ballots can also be faxed to local voting officials.

All but three states require absentee ballots by close of business the day of the election. Louisiana requires the ballots to be in by midnight before the election. New York absentee ballots need to be postmarked the day before the election. North Carolina requires the ballots to be in by 5 p.m. the day before the election. **VOTE FOR YOUR FUTURE!**

Armed Forces Voting Week will also be used by some officials to conduct voting workshops and registration drives, not only for service members, but for their families as well.

Voting assistance officers at some installations are asking for support from organizations such as wives clubs, family services, boy/girl scouts and other groups to help get out the vote and coordinate voter outreach events. The slogan this year is: "It's your future, vote for it!"

For more information on federal voting policies, go to the Federal Voting Assistance Program's Web site at <http://www.fvap.gov/>.



Photo by Pfc. Armando Monroig
Anne Harrison, installation deputy voting assistance officer, answers questions and helps Capt. Malcolm Bush, Company C, 442nd Signal Battalion, figure out where he needs to mail his absentee ballot, Tuesday at Darling Hall.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES



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Best in the yard

The August Yard of the Month winners were recognized Tuesday in Darling Hall. Pictured are (left to right) Col. Richard Doerer, 551st Signal Battalion (Maglin Terrace); Capt. Charles Gaines-Hager, 442nd Sig. Bn. (McNair Terrace); Command Sgt. Maj. Floyd Thomas, Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security; Sgt. 1st Class Julius Harris, Company B, 442nd Sig. Bn. (Gordon Terrace); Sgt. 1st Class Angelia Hunter, Company E, 369th Sig. Bn. (Gordon Terrace); and Staff Sgt. Tonja Mertz, Company B, Eisenhower Army Medical Center (Gordon Terrace). Other winners not present include Staff Sgt. Eric Newsome, 338th Air Force Detachment (Gordon Terrace); and Sgt. 1st Class Keith Milsapp, Headquarters and Company A, 447th Sig. Bn. (Olive Terrace).

Progress made in restoring electricity

Mitch Frazier
Special to American Forces Press Service

BAGHDAD, Iraq—Rusted access panels rattle as a rehabilitated electricity generator in a northern suburb here belched hot exhaust into the Iraq sky for the first time in years.

The revamped 17-megawatt generator came on line in the early morning Sept. 6, producing enough electricity to fuel 51,000 Iraqi homes.

"This is a very important step in overcoming the power shortage across the country," said Raad Shalal, a senior Iraq Ministry of Electricity official. "This will help us reach our goal of increasing power across the country."

Electricity production in the country averages about 5,300 megawatts, a total that services an estimated 15.9 million Iraqi homes and exceeds the pre-war level of 4,400 megawatts.

"We continue to work in partnership with the Ministry of Electricity and the Iraqi people to bring the country more electricity," said Maj. Erik Stor, the operations officer for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Restore Iraqi Electricity Directorate. "We know how important electricity is to the safety and security of the Iraqi people, and we continue to work on their behalf with the ministry to bring the country additional electricity."

Since Saddam Hussein's ouster, much has been made of the availability of less power in the capital city compared to that of pre-war levels; however, that comparison of service is a poor indicator of success, Stor said.

"It is important to remember that Baghdad was one of few cities across this nation that had electrical service prior to the regime change," he said. "Within months of freeing the Iraqi people from the Saddam rule, power was redistributed

to help build a fair and equitable national power system for Iraq and its future."

Despite the addition of power to the country's national grid, the demand for electricity in Iraq continues to grow, according to a fact sheet published by the Iraq Ministry of Electricity.

"With more than half a million new jobs created, new industries and new factories coming on line and with the sale of thousands of washing machines and air conditioners, Iraq

has experienced a rapid increase in electricity demand," the fact sheet reads. "The increase in demand is a good sign of a thriving economy emerging from three decades of isolation."

Since beginning its work in the country nearly a year ago, the Corps of Engineers has added an additional 1,597 megawatts to the Iraqi national grid.

(Frazier is assigned to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Gulf Region Division.)



Courtesy photo

A revamped 17-megawatt generator came on line north of Baghdad on Monday, producing enough electricity to fuel 51,000 Iraqi homes.

Therapy

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But today, roadside bombs like the one that Mitchell said left her legs looking "like burned hamburger meat" are the leading cause of severe burns in Iraq.

Regardless of their cause, burns inflict tremendous damage to the body. Infection threatens exposed tissue. Skin can't retain fluids, sometimes threatening to shut down the kidneys. Body temperatures plummet, causing patients to shiver from cold, even when under heat lamps. Lungs often are damaged by fire, smoke and chemicals.

"This is probably the worst kind of injury a person can endure," said Army Staff Sgt. Dave Waymon, a licensed vocational nurse at the center for almost five years. "The treatment is long, extensive and painful for the patient."

And while the pain of the injury can be unbearable, the treatment can sometimes feel worse. Staff members at the center say the hardest part of the job isn't working 12- or more-hour shifts in wards heated to 85 to 100 degrees. Nor is it not having to scrub up and don a mask, gown, gloves and boots every time they come near a patient. It's not treating patients so deformed that they're unbearable to look at.

It's knowing that everything they do for a patient, however therapeutic, inflicts even more pain. Dressing changes, dead tissue removal, antibiotic cream applications and skin grafts — all necessary to fight infection and speed up healing — can be unbearable. Spray from a shower nozzle can feel like bullets against charred flesh. Physical therapy exercises, critical to keeping a patient's muscles from tightening as they heal, can be torturous.

When a new patient is admitted to the center, one of the first steps is to remove any dead skin or hair from the wound that can harbor bacteria and lead to infection, Waymon explained. That requires a thorough scrub-down that some burn patients, like Mitchell, say they're so medicated they don't remember — and that those who do remember wish they could forget.

"The whole time they're here, that initial bath or shower is the most painful," Waymon said. "I explain to (the patients) what I'm going to do and why I have to do it, and tell them that I will give them pain medicine and do my best to minimize the pain."

Treatment for burn victims generally takes far longer than for other trauma patients — typically one to two days for every

1 percent of the body burned, according to Maj. Louis Stout, head nurse at the center. For some patients, hospital stays can last months.

Five months after her injury, Mitchell is well along the path to recovery, but still undergoing treatment at the burn center. "Laughter and a lot of prayer got me through" the most difficult days, she said. "You learn just how strong you can be, and your patience increases because healing doesn't happen overnight."

Recovering from severe burns, she said, "is like going through a tunnel. If you realize you're simply going through it and that it's not a permanent stay, you'll make it."

Army Sgt. Joshua Forbess, one of just five soldiers who survived a fiery Black Hawk helicopter crash last November in Mosul, Iraq, credits the staff at the burn center with pushing him to recover from his serious burns. "The staff here is amazing. They really motivated me," he said. "And they impressed on me that you have to push yourself, too."

Despite the physical and emotional demands of the duty, Cancio said duty in the burn center has a lot to offer military medical professionals.

"Some people are reluctant to come to work in the burn center because they know it's extremely hard work in very difficult circumstances," he said. "But the folks here are delivering top-notch care in a state-of-the-art facility. If you want a place to learn cutting-edge combat-casualty care, this is the place to do it."

The center staff say the job brings tremendous personal gratification as well. "One of the satisfactions is telling a patient, 'You're fine. Go back to your unit and have a good life,'" Cancio said.

Of the 129 servicemembers admitted to the unit with burns received in Iraq and Afghanistan, all but 15 are back on active duty, although some are still on convalescent leave or have duty restrictions. Cancio said a new outpatient burn clinic at Brooke Army Medical Center here opened in May and provides long-term follow-up care for patients.

Love languages

Chaplain (Capt.) Brian Keel
297th Military Intelligence Battalion

Recently, I was afforded the privilege of hosting a marriage enrichment event to St. Simon's Island, Ga.

The event was a smashing success. The couples were trained from the book, "The Five Love Languages," by Gary Chapman.

The premise of this book is that God has made all of us with different needs, desires and modes of communication that convey love to our spouses. The five languages are: Quality Time, Words of Affirmation, Acts of Service, Physical Touch, and Receiving Gifts.

The author's theory is that we all need to receive love in one of these languages in order to experience "love" properly.

Many times couples communicate love to their mates in their own love language and don't receive a positive response. When this is done consistently in a marriage the persons in the marriage feel unloved.

We spent the weekend of July 16 actively trying to identify our spouses' love language so we could accurately and actively

communicate love to them.

During the weekend, many of the couples identified their spouses' primary and secondary love language. As a result, the couples were empowered to experience greater intimacy with their spouses.

It is amazing how powerful clear communication coupled with a willing heart to meet the needs of our spouses can make such an outstanding impact.

God has designed marriage to be a wonderful institution where all our needs and desires are fulfilled.

God intends for us to experience his unconditional love through our marital relationships. In order for us to accomplish this purpose, we must give ourselves to learning and studying our spouses so we can more effectively communicate in their language.

Clear, consistent communication promotes intimacy, intimacy brings about connection, and connection brings a deep sense of love and fulfillment.

If you want your spouse to feel loved, communicate in their language, and watch your relationship blossom.

Tricare officials offer tips for contract transition

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON—Some beneficiaries of the military's Tricare health care system may experience long wait times when calling their new regional contractors.

But the transition to new contracts "will make a strong program better and ultimately result in higher patient satisfaction," Tricare officials said.

Officials suggest conducting business online whenever possible, calling during nonpeak hours and visiting Tricare service centers for face-to-face assistance as ways to beat phone congestion during the transition.

Beneficiaries still may call their regional contractor, of-

officials said, but should understand they might experience longer wait times due to high call volume during the transition. Officials suggest that since more people call on Mondays than any other day, beneficiaries should try to call on other days if they can. Thursdays and Fridays have the least calls, officials said, making these days the best chance for gaining quick access.

The toll-free regional telephone numbers are:

- Tricare North: (877) TRICARE (874-2273).
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(Compiled from a Tricare news release.)

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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

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

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

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

Other Programs/Services
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Bible Studies
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Tuesday, 7:00 p.m., Protestant Women of the Chapel, Bldg. 28414
Bicentennial Chapel
Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. Devotional Luncheon, Bicentennial Chapel, Bldg. 28414
Wednesday, 9:00 a.m., Protestant Women of the Chapel, Bldg. 28414
Wednesday 11:45 a.m. EAMC Bible Study, DDEAMC Din. Fac. Conf. Rm., 3rd floor
Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. Signal Theatre, Faith Community Bible Study
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Friendship Chapel Bible Study
Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. 63rd & 67th SIG BN Bible Study, Contact Chaplain

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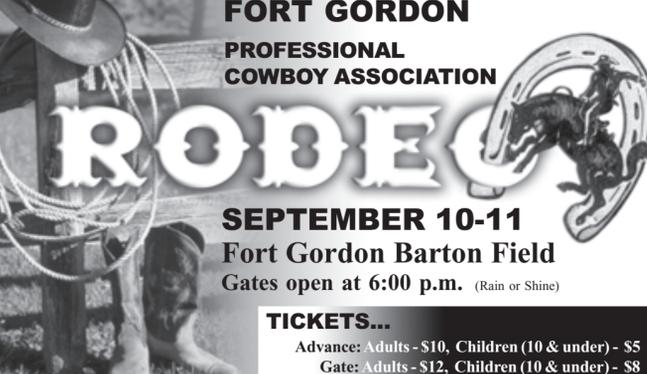
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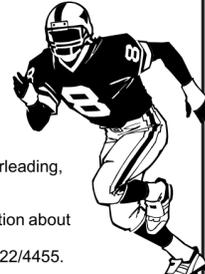
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This counseling, which must take place no later than 90 days prior to separation, covers available transition assistance services, rights and benefits.

To schedule an appointment, call 791-7333. Additional information can be found at www.gordon.army.mil/dhr/ACAP/acap.htm.

Greyhound adoptions

Greyhound Lifesavers is having an informational meet and greet from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. **Saturday** at the Augusta PetsMart.

The non-profit group finds foster and permanent homes for retired racing dogs from Florida.

Adoption fee includes a full medical exam, heartworm test, current shots, teeth cleaning, spay or neuter, and microchip.

For information call Jeanne McGee at 796-1708, or go to <http://greyhoundlifesavers.org/>.

Support group meets

The Gordon Regional Security Operations Center family support group meets from 10-11 a.m. and 5:30-6:30 p.m. **Thursday**.

The meeting is about how to cope with family separation, offer personnel support services assistance and voice any concerns. It is an opportunity to meet with other deployed servicemembers' family members and enjoy refreshments.

Children are welcome and the movie "Finding Nemo" will

be shown.

The meeting will be held at the 116th Military Intelligence Group conference room, Building 21720. For information, call Chap. (Capt.) Owen Richardson at 791-0969 or Maj. Wanda Chatman at 791-0975.

Job preparation

Enhance your opportunities of employment and attend the Job Fair Preparation Workshop from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. **Sept. 21 and 23** at ACAP, Bldg. 28320. Call 791-7333 to register.

Spouses class

Army Community Service offers You're in the Army Now!, a new program for military spouses sponsored by Army Family Team Building, from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. **Sept. 23**.

The program allows family members to spend a typical day as a Soldier, eating and training with members of the 93rd Signal Brigade. Free childcare available for those with confirmed reservations.

To register or for information, call 791-3579 or 791-3880.

Dinner theatre

The Fort Gordon Dinner Theatre presents Neil Simon's Barefoot in the Park **Sept. 17, 18, 24, 25 and 30, and Oct. 1 and 2**. Dinner begins at 7 p.m.; the show at 8 p.m.

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

For tickets or information, call 793-8552 or go to www.fortgordon.com.

Commander's course

The commander/first sergeant orientation course is Oct. 18 to 22 in Darling Hall, room 229B.

Start time on Monday is 8:45 a.m. and 9 a.m. Tuesday through Friday.

The criteria for this course is any commander or first sergeant who has just assumed command; has been serving in the position six months or less; or are about to take command. Registration deadline is **Sept. 24**.

For more information contact Sgt. 1st Class Darron Ison at 791-9536 or isond@gordon.army.mil.

Arts festival

The 24th Annual Arts in the Heart of Augusta festival is **Sept. 17-19**.

The festival features more than 70 artists and craftsmen, a children's art area, ethnic foods, musicians and more. Hours are 5-9 p.m. **Sept. 17**, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. **Sept. 18** and noon-7 p.m. **Sept. 19**.

Admission is \$5 for the weekend; children 10 and younger free.

For information go to www.artsintheheart.com.

MOAA meeting

The Augusta Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America is holding its monthly meeting/luncheon at 11:30 a.m. **Sept. 17** at the Gordon Club.

The guest speaker for the luncheon is former Lt. William Funchess, who will describe his experiences as a POW of the Communist Chinese during the Korean War. He was held in captivity for more than 1,000 days.

For information call William Mannel at 854-0895.

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 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 Monday and can be made by calling (404) 464-6713 or go to www.afcea-atlanta.org.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Pam Lyons

Voluntarily

Ken Warner (*right*) and Lynda Hand, present the Augusta Recreation and Parks Department Volunteer of the Month award to Sgt. 1st Class Lucas Reid **Sept. 2** at the Regimental Noncommissioned Officers' Academy. Reid accepted the award on behalf of ANCOG class 31S/P 016-04, for volunteering at the parks department's Family Funfest in July.

Classes begin

Paine College Fort Gordon campus begins Term II classes **Oct. 12**. Late registration held Oct. 12-14. For information, call 791-7979.

Volunteer drive

A Volunteer Drive is scheduled from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. **Tuesday** 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.

Life insurance elections

The Federal Employees' Group Life Insurance Program, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the FEGLI program, is conducting an Open Season through **Sept. 30**.

The effective date of coverage is delayed until the first day of the first pay period that begins on or after **Sept. 1, 2005**.

Election of coverage must be completed through the

Army Benefits Center; no paper election will be accepted. For information, contact Karen Ellis at 791-4179.

Family child care homes off post

The Fort Gordon Family Child Program is currently seeking qualified active duty and retired military spouses to provide off post child care.

For more information contact the FCC office at 791-3993 or 791-4440.

At the Movies

The Signal Theater is open Thursday-Sunday. Shows begin at 6:30 p.m. The late show on Saturday begins at 9:30 p.m.

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.

Sept. 10-16
Friday - Harold and Kumar go to White Castle (R)
Saturday - I, Robot (PG-13)
Sunday - Harold and Kumar go to White Castle (R)
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TRADOC News Service

FORT BENNING, Ga. — 2nd Lt. Scott Lathrop just improved his chance of earning a Ranger tab. He showed up for Pre-Ranger.

Lathrop, an Alaskan Guardsman with a long-range surveillance unit, knows the numbers: nearly 70 percent of the students who pass the National Guard Pre-Ranger Course will graduate Ranger School.

"This is a set-up for success," Lathrop said Aug. 23, three days into the 14-day course. "They model this (Pre-Ranger Course) after the Darby phase of Ranger School. That's the first phase, and in my mind, the toughest. Everything after that is a gut-check."

If he can make it through the Darby phase, he can make it through Ranger School, Lathrop said. And if he can make it through Pre-Ranger, he can make it through the Darby phase.

Simply put, "this is necessary," Lathrop said, referring to Pre-Ranger.

The 12-man cadre of the National Guard Pre-Ranger Course, housed at the Warrior Training Center near Harmony Church, conduct eight two-week classes of Pre-Ranger each year. They've been doing that in one form or another and in various locations since the course was developed a decade ago.

Prior to its inception, National Guard Soldiers were failing Ranger

School at a rate of 70 percent. That number has flip-flopped in 10 years, with Ranger School graduation rates hovering between 63 and 68 percent for students who pass the Guard's Pre-Ranger Course.

And notice the use of the word "students" as opposed to Guardsmen. That's because half the students who attend the Guard's course are not Guardsmen. The 3rd Infantry Division frequently sends Kelley Hill Soldiers, and the Marine Corps and the International Student Training Detachment each account for 10 percent of the population.

Most major commands — the 101st, the 82nd, 75th Ranger Regiment and 10th Mountain — conduct their own Pre-Ranger classes, each with moderate success. But it's the Guard's program that's caught the eye of Fort Benning's commanding general, who tasked school cadre to increase the number of classes each year and double the number of students — from 30 to 60. Eight new instructors will be assigned to the Warrior Training Center in October to help bear the load.

"We're excited about that," said Capt. Shawn Gardner, the Pre-Ranger company commander. "Any time someone says, 'We want more of what you're offering,' we take that as a compliment."

And the Guard's success has not gone unnoticed by the cadre of other Pre-Ranger courses. Instructors from



Courtesy photo

Pre-Ranger school sets Soldiers up for success at Ranger School.

Fort Benning will travel to another post to evaluate and offer insight into a course curriculum that's struggling with a flagging graduation rate. Officials at that course have asked not to be named.

"We sent 15 to the last class, and only one graduated," said a senior instructor from that course. "I want someone from (the National Guard Pre-Ranger Course) to look at our

program and see how we're doing and what we can do better. We need a better turn-out ratio."

Proof of the Guard's success can be found in statistics from 2002, when the Pre-Ranger Course was cancelled temporarily. Of the 27 National Guard Soldiers who were sent to Ranger School during that time, only two passed.

"That says to me we're setting our

Soldiers up for success at Ranger School," Gardner said. "Weeding them out is not our goal. We focus a lot on mentoring and coaching.

"We teach the same classes they'll get in Ranger School," he said. "We want to make sure our students are physically and mentally prepared for what's ahead so they're not wasting their time or someone's money."

Though it varies from unit to unit and state to state, it costs about \$500 — minimum — to send a Soldier to the National Guard Pre-Ranger Course. That's why some units conduct their own and some Soldiers opt to skip it completely.

But that's a drop in the bucket compared to the cost of Ranger School, though no one can say just how much that is. Gardner figures the cost of Pre-Ranger is money well spent. It's a wise investment, even if a student fails.

Better to lose the lesser amount if a Soldier can't make it through Pre-Ranger. And if he does, he's "set up for success," said Gardner.

"We're in the business of building warriors for the National Guard and active duty," he said. "That's what we do. Other schools build professional Soldiers, and that's all well and good. We need professional Soldiers."

"But at a time like this, right now, we need warriors. That's what they do at Ranger School, and that's what we do here," he said.

(Siter is a writer for the Fort Benning Bayonet newspaper.)

TRADOC earns best practices award for readiness system

Hugh Laughlin
TRADOC News Service

FORT MONROE, Va. — The U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command was presented the Strategic Readiness System Best Practices Award here Aug. 2 for setting the standards by which the rest of the Army is being measured.

"The SRS is a Chief of Staff of the Army enterprise-wide management tool that permits senior Army leadership to manage and evaluate the readiness of the Army on a strategic level," said Pam Harrison, the lead action officer for SRS at TRADOC's office of the deputy chief of staff for operations and training. "It is real-time, on-line and allows the CSA to make informed decisions that affect the future readiness of the entire force."

"From the SRS system, strategic decisions are being made about the current and future readiness of the Army, and this affects every Soldier. The entire system is built with a bottom-up perspective," Harrison said. "And at the baseline of the entire system are our resources, our people. It is sound business practice to consider our most important resource, our Soldiers, and build on that."

In 2001 the Army War College conducted a study to discover how the Army was reporting on its strategic readiness and found there was no such system in place.

"There was nothing prior to SRS," Harrison said. "The War College found out we did not have a process for reporting on (readiness)."

According to Harrison, the difference in readiness is now being looked at strategically rather than on a day-to-day basis. The CSA and Army leadership are using this system to make readiness decisions affecting personnel and budgeting.

SRS is actually leveraged through what is called a balanced scorecard, according to Harrison. It starts off with a strategy map, which is a picture of the TRADOC mission and vision. On that map it has what TRADOC's strategic objectives are and our core competencies. "It shows our vision of the future," Harrison said.

The scorecard is a bottom-up approach with built-in perspectives, Harrison said. "Your first and fundamental perspective is your resources, which includes your funds, people, equipment and your facilities," she said. "Upon that, you build learning and growth perspectives, which again focuses on

your people. Then the next level or perspective is your internal processes, where you apply sound business practices to achieve aims within the strategic objectives. Those strategic objectives help you attain your highest perspective, which are your core competencies. Your core competencies are based on your mission, vision and strategic destination."

SRS breaks down in detail the strategic objectives. "Our strategic destination is a combination of our objective description, our measures, our targets and how we weight those in importance," Harrison said. "The SRS system shows the building blocks on how we are going to achieve our strategic destination."

"SRS is basically the link between strategy and the actions we need to take for both our current and future force readiness," she continued. "So it is important to keep the strategic measures, goals and targets in that system up to date."

The process for making changes in SRS for each organization's strategic objectives happens during a set timeframe once or twice a year, called a change window, according to Harrison. "It is the only time when we are allowed to change strategic objectives,

objective description, targets, and weighting and prioritization of those targets," she said.

Part of what TRADOC has done with SRS is set the standards for the change window and "successfully align our strategic objectives with DA and the Army Campaign Plan; with Level 2 organizations or subordinate commands, and with other (major commands)," Harrison said.

"TRADOC was the first major command to actually have a change window," Harrison said. "Not only did we have a change window for TRADOC but for all 30 subordinate commands at the same time, during the same week."

Having that many participants making changes at the same time without having a single glitch was a great accomplishment for TRADOC and for the Army.

"Everything came together, and DA has recognized TRADOC as setting the standard to implement the change windows," said Harrison.

"The great thing about SRS is it provides a tool not only to report your readiness posture, but also to manage it," Harrison said. "So if your reported measure is not green, if it is amber or red, then it gives you the opportunity to further focus on that objective to see what kind of ac-

tion needs to be taken to improve that level of performance. It is actually a tool to measure and improve performance."

One of the things SRS allows the Army to do is to identify these performance gaps. "Through initiatives the TRADOC command pursues, we are able to close those performance gaps," Harrison explained. "We are the first MACOM to actually develop an initiative process which will be used by the entire Army."

"We want people to understand how important these initiatives are," she said. "We need to not only report but manage our performance."

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Sports UPDATE

Aerobathon

Fort Gordon's Physical Fitness center Gym 4 is holding an aerobathon from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. **Sept. 18.**

Sponsored by the Sports & Fitness department, the five hour event will include HI/LO impact aerobic, step aerobic, kickboxing and an abdominal workout. The cost is \$2 per person.

Pre-register from 5:30-9 a.m. or 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Sept. 17 at Gym 3. For information call Lula Ray at 791-2864.

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.

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 workout. Bring hand weights, a towel and water bottle. **Tuesdays and Thursdays** from 5:30 p.m. until completion at Gym 6.

For information, call 791-4300.

Rodeo

A rodeo will be held at Barton Field from 8-10:30 p.m. **today and Saturday.** 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.

Golf tournament

The 93rd Signal Brigade is hosting a golf tournament **Oct. 1** at the Gordon Lakes Golf Course. Cost is \$40 for each participant. All proceeds will be donated to the Fort Gordon Christmas House. All proceeds need to be submitted through the battalion representatives by Sept. 23. For information, call Ashley Goodrum at 791-9322.

Bicycle riding group

A bike riding group meets **Tuesdays and Thursdays** at 5:30 p.m. at Signal Towers for a 28-mile loop to Leitner Lake. For more information, call Maj. Dave Simmons at 791-8087.

Permits

The Hunting and Fishing Permit office has moved from Ring Hall to the Tactical Advantage Sportman's Complex on Carter Road (past the Gordon Lakes Golf Course on right) Hours for selling permits are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday - Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays.

Soldier finishes 13th in Olympic pentathlon

Tim Hipps
Army News Service

ATHENS, Greece – First Lt. Chad Senior saved his best for last, but it wasn't nearly enough as he finished 13th in men's modern pentathlon Aug. 26 in the 2004 Summer Olympic Games at Goudi Olympic Complex.

Senior, 29, a member of the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program from North Fort Myers, Fla., finished second in the 3,000-meter cross-country run with a time of 9 minutes, 35.76 seconds. It was the last of five events that included pistol shooting, fencing, swimming and equestrian riding.

In the 2000 Summer Olympic Games at Sydney, Australia, Senior was leading after three events. On this day, his medal hopes were dashed before he mounted Guelfo Del Belagio for a ride to a 22nd-place finish in show jumping.

Russia's Andrey Moiseev won the gold medal with 5,480 points. Lithuania's Andrejus Zadneprovskis took the silver medal with 5,428 points. Czech Republic's Libor Capalini claimed the bronze with a 5,392 total.

Team USA's Vakhtang "Vaho" Iagorashvili finished ninth with 5,276 points.

Senior, who stumbled out of the blocks by finishing 18th in 10-meter air pistol, finished the grueling day in 13th place with 5,192 points. He buried himself deeper with a 26th-place finish in epee one-touch fencing.

Senior came splashing back with a fourth-place finish in the 200-meter freestyle in 2:02.39. But on the equestrian ride, his horse kicked no less than five rails to the ground, leaving Senior in 22nd place in the event and 20th overall entering the run. He passed seven runners



Photos by Master Sgt. Lono Kollars

1st Lt. Chad Senior, a member of the U.S. Army's World Class Athlete Program swims the 200m Freestyle event of Modern Pentathlon during the 2004 Olympics at the Goudi Sports Complex in Athens, Greece.

to finish 13th. Capt. Anita Allen, another member of the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program, will compete in the Olympic women's modern pentathlon Aug. 27.

"I wish it would've worked out differently," said Senior. "It's hard for an athlete to say you did your best because usually you can always pick apart where you didn't. I can honestly say effort-wise, I left absolutely nothing on the table, and I don't know how many times in my life I could actually say that – very few times."

(Hipps is a member of the Community and Family Support Center Public Affairs.)



Senior fences in the Individual Epee event.

Soldier's Olympic wrestling ends with technical setback

Tim Hipps
Army News Service

ATHENS, Greece – Sgt. Oscar Wood bolted out of Ano Liossia Olympic Hall as quickly as he was handed a technical superiority setback by the rugged hands of two-time world champion Mkkhitar Manukyan of Kazakhstan.

Wood, 29, a member of the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program from Gresham, Ore., was over-matched in the 66-kilogram Greco-Roman wrestling tournament in the 2004 Summer Olympic Games.

Earlier in the day, he lost 9-3 to Greece's three-time Olympian Konstantinos Arkoudeas, 31, and 5-2 to three-time World Championships contender Jannis Zamanduridis, 38, of Germany.

Against three-time Olympian Manukyan, 30, Wood fell behind 8-1 in the first 88 seconds.

At the 2:33 mark, the match was stopped because of the 10-point differential between the two wrestlers.

"This is the deepest, toughest, most-competitive sport in the Olympic Games, and I'm proud of him," said Staff Sgt. Shon Lewis, Wood's WCAP coach and one of three

coaches for the United States' Greco-Roman wrestling team.

"He's young and this is the first international stage he's been on," Lewis.

"This is a big one to come to for your first time," he added.

Wood later returned inside the arena and talked with reporters.

"Obviously there a lots of things that I can improve on," he said.

"I have to find something positive to take from this experience, otherwise it's all for nothing. I'll go home and try to figure out some of the things that went wrong."

Wood said this is not the end of his competitive career.

"I still love wrestling and I'm a long ways from being my best," he said.

"I love to wrestle and I love being in the military, so it's a perfect combination. I'm not to the point where I'm taking it year to year; I'm definitely thinking four years," said Wood.

"I've only had a couple of international tournaments and my experience really showed today," added Wood.

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



Photo by Tim Hipps

Sgt. Oscar Wood is swept off his feet by Mkkhitar Manukyan of Kazakhstan. Wood lost to the two-time world champion in the 66-kilogram Greco-Roman Wrestling tournament in the 2004 Olympic Games. At the 2:33 mark of the match, it was stopped because of the 10-point differential between the two wrestlers. "I still love wrestling and I'm a long ways from being my best," Wood said.

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Coalition helps build Afghanistan's 'West Point'

Lt. Col. David Wallace
Army News Service

KABUL, Afghanistan – Teams of officers from the United States are working closely with their Afghan counterparts to establish the National Military Academy of Afghanistan, modeled after West Point.

The purpose of the NMAA is to provide the Afghan National Army with professional officers who support and defend the Constitution of Afghanistan, officials said.

The effort began in August 2003 when Maj. Gen. Karl Eikenberry, then chief of Office of Military Cooperation – Afghanistan, sought the assistance of the United States Military Academy in establishing a National Military Academy of Afghanistan. Lt. Gen. William J. Lennox Jr., USMA superintendent, sent Col. George B. Forsythe, USMA vice dean for education, and Lt. Col. Casey Neff, special assistant to the commandant for systems and planning, to assist with the efforts of establishing the military academy.

For a six-week period starting in October 2003, Forsythe, Neff and other international officers joined a working group from the Afghan Ministry of Defense to work in Kabul, to produce a concept plan that would serve as the blueprint for the new military academy.

The plan outlined the NMAA's mission and purpose, the three developmental pillars of the NMAA, a cadet leader development system, an honor code, and much more.

The concept plan envisions a rigorous four-year program which should prepare professional officers for service in the ANA and to the Afghan nation. Much like West Point, the NMAA will have three developmental pillars – academic, military and physical.

The academic program is designed to establish the intellec-

tual foundation for service as a commissioned officer.

Moreover, the plan explains how academic study develops in NMAA cadets, the knowledge and skills necessary for service and continued growth as an officer. During their first year at the NMAA, cadets will take courses in chemistry, information technology, composition, calculus, world history and introduction to the military profession.

Under the concept plan, the NMAA's military program will provide an organized framework for the sequential and progressive military training and leadership development.

The ink hardly dried on the concept plan before a second team arrived from West Point to begin working on implementation.

Lt. Col. Donna Brazil and Maj. Bill Caruso, both from the Behavioral Science and Leadership Department, made significant progress in making the NMAA a reality.

Among other things, they developed a detailed implementation plan and identified a temporary site for the new academy. Additionally, they screened a pool of Afghan candidates for the USMA Class of 2008.

The current West Point team came together and hit the ground running.

Col. Barry Shoop, who is the chief of the current team, is a professor of electrical engineering and Electrical Engineering program director at West Point.

The other member of the current team is Lt. Col. David Wallace, a faculty member in the Department of Law.

"The work we are doing here in Afghanistan is important to the future success of the army and the nation," Shoop said.

"A national military academy will teach a nascent Afghan National Army officer corps about their new constitution, civilian leadership of the military, what it means to be a member of the profession of arms, and to instill



Photo courtesy of ARNEWS
The Military Academy Implementation Support Team conducts a candidate interview with Shoaib Yosoufzai, who was selected for the West Point Preparatory Scholarship Program.

the values of duty, honor and country, and of selfless service to the nation," added Shoop.

During the most recent term, much has been done to move the NMAA toward its opening in February 2005.

For example, the selection process for the NMAA's key leaders moved forward. Within a relatively short amount of time, the Afghans will move forward with the board selection process and appointment of the NMAA's key leadership.

Additionally, the Afghan minister of defense formally designated the former Air Academy in the vicinity of Kabul Airport as the temporary site of the NMAA. While this establishes the site for the NMAA, renovations to the facility are scheduled to begin soon.

The team developed and

provided department head duty descriptions and credentials, faculty recruiting, a faculty development program and a computer network architecture.

Finally, the team worked hard on the admissions process for the new military academy outlining key considerations for the first class and beyond.

The first entering class for the new academy is projected to be 100 students. Most of the students will likely come from the Kabul Military High School.

In addition to the specific work on the NMAA, the current West Point team also screened and interviewed six Afghan candidates for admission to the United States Military Academy.

One candidate, Shoaib Yosoufzai, has been selected for a West Point Preparatory Scholarship Program.

He will study at a civilian university in the United States for a year to better prepare him for possible admission to the United States Military Academy next year.

Col. James Wilhite, U.S. Army Reserve, has been assigned to lead the NMAA implementation effort for OMC-A.

Wilhite, a lifelong educator and Soldier, is a professor at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Okla. He will provide continuity for the teams of West Point officers that will continue to come to Afghanistan to support the NMAA.

"History is when a significant event happens at any one time and place," he said. "I believe we are on the verge of making such history in the establishment of the NMAA."

(Wallace serves with the Office of Military Cooperation – Afghanistan.)

Coalition relinquishes control of Baghdad International Airport

Spc. Crista Birmingham
Army News Service

BAGHDAD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, Iraq – The Bradley armored fighting vehicles rolled away from the gate Aug. 25, signifying a final transition of control from Coalition forces to the government of Iraq at Baghdad International Airport.

"Once the tanks roll away, the airport belongs to the government of Iraq," Col. Chuck Betack, chief of maneuvers, Multi-National Force – Iraq, said. Betack was on site to witness the final changeover.

"The transfer is done. The airport now belongs to the Iraqi government, with the exception of the small pieces of the airport they are allowing us to occupy," added Betack.

The three-month process started June 15, with a turn-over of the air traffic control tower, and checkpoints, to a final exchange of the main gate.

Prior to the exchange, the airport was controlled completely by the Coalition, Betack said, and therefore, very limited in commercial traffic.

The only flights at BIAP were military and charter.

"This turnover is the first step towards re-establishing an air international hub back into Iraq," Betack said.

"Now the airport belongs to the Iraqis, so you'll see more forms of transportation, with the Iraqis trying to set up their

own commercial airlines at this time, so it will be a great morale boost for the entire economy, as well as for its people," added Betack.

"This allows them to become a prominent nation once again, to get back into the proper levels of commerce, trade, and international travel," he said.

Gate security is being run by Global Security, an Iraqi-hired company that does not train with the Coalition.

"The training of Global Security employees is separate by that organization," Betack said.

"There was a security assessment made however, and all security recommendations have been addressed."

Deployed military need not worry about getting home, officials said, since a small portion of the airport has been held for military flights.

"We have an agreement with the Ministry of Transportation to allow us to



Photo by Spc. J. Tashun Joyce
A Bradley Fighting Vehicle rolls out of entry control point one, the main entrance to Baghdad International Airport, marking the official turnover of force protection duties to Global Security forces.

occupy a portion of the airport to allow us to bring in military aircraft," Betack said.

"We have a security perimeter around the airport by coalition forces, and the

Iraqi government has hired a private security firm to put checkpoints and security on the airport," added Betack.

(Birmingham serves with Multi-National Corps – Iraq Public Affairs.)



Big guns

An anti-aircraft gun is part of the weapons found by U.S. Marines in a parking garage near the Imam Ali Shrine in An Najaf, Iraq, on Aug. 26. Weapons and munitions were also part of the find.

Photo by Marine Cpl. Daniel Fosco

Weather

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He also said that drivers should proceed with caution when roads are wet and avoid puddles, adding that they should try driving in the tire tracks left by the vehicle in front of them.

"Drive slowly and carefully, especially on curves," he said. "Steer and brake with a light touch."

He said it is important to remember to not brake hard or lock the wheels, as this will cause a skid. Instead, maintain mild pressure on the brake pedal.

If you find yourself in a skid, Buzhardt said, the best thing to do is to remain calm, ease your foot off the gas, and carefully steer in the direction you want the

front of the car to go.

Another weather hazard people need to take into account is fog, said Blandin.

"One of the biggest hazards drivers and pedestrians face is dense morning fog," he said. "Especially like we saw mid-week, last week."

Blandin said following a few safety precautions enables drivers and pedestrians to reach their destination safely.

Checking the weather forecast for road conditions, cleaning headlights and clearing windows from fog, using safety belts, reducing driving speed when there is reduced visibility, using low beam headlights, and increasing distance be-

tween vehicles while driving to allow for safe stopping distance are just some of those precautions, said Blandin.

But most importantly, said Blandin, especially on Fort Gordon, staying alert for pedestrians and troops crossing roads is of the utmost importance.

This is something that applies to pedestrians as well, said Blandin, adding that they should cross roadways at marked pedestrian crossings, ensuring there is eye contact with all motorists before crossing.

Making sure they are visible, said Blandin, will ensure that pedestrians make it safely to their destination.

Spectrum



Learning
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Courtesy photos

One of the summer camp participants dons antique military gear. The camp focused on World War II with a different subject, such as life on the home front and life in the Army, highlighted each day.

Denise Allen
Signal staff

The staff at the Signal Corps Museum lent their historical expertise to enrich a summer camp for children in June.

"We've been working with them about four years," said Robert Anzuoni, museum director.

The Raleigh, N.C., State Museum of History held the camp for children between the ages of 8- and 12-years-old.

The camp focused on World War II with a different subject, such as life on the home front and life in the Army, highlighted each day. The camp offered hands-on activities for the children that were related to the daily topic, he said.

Part of the week was spent on the importance of the Signal Corps regiment and its role in advanced technology of the day.

Anzuoni said they discussed code talkers and v-mail, which was developed

by the Signal Corps.

Traditional letters in envelopes can be bulky.

To reduce the amount of space the mail would take, letters were photographed and placed on microfilm. They were later developed and the "letter" was delivered.

"There was a lot less volume," he said.

A favorite of the campers was the signal light.

"It looks like a ray gun," he said. "They think it's the coolest thing."

Not only did the Signal Corps Museum help campers out of state, there was a group associated with University Hospital that visited the museum.

Anzuoni said he would like to see more outreach programs involving the museum.

"We're looking at running a camp ourselves," he said.

With school underway, he said the museum would like to get more involved with Freedom Park Elementary School.



Anzuoni and camp participants pose for a group photo.



(Left) Robert Anzuoni, Signal Corps museum director, wearing a period uniform, interacts with summer camp participants during an activities session.

(Below) A volunteer, in a World War II uniform, poses for the camera.



"Soldiers" dressed in World War II-era uniforms during the camp.

