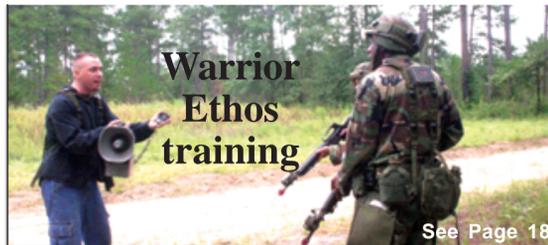




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News UPDATE

Road closures

The following roads will be closed as part of the ongoing Central Energy Plant modernization project:

- 25th Street will be closed between 8th Avenue and Chamberlain Avenue **today-Oct. 11**. During this time, access to Dixon and Cobb hall parking will be provided from Chamberlain Avenue.
- Chamberlain Ave at 25th Street will be closed **Oct. 8-11**.

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. 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.

Volksmarch

The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate is holding a Volksmarch through Freedom Park from noon-4 p.m. **Friday** as part of the Oktoberfest activities. The march starts at the Freedom Park gazebo, and walkers may begin as late as 3 p.m.

Cost is \$10 and includes the walk, a T-shirt and a coupon for lunch from the Gordon Club or Courtyard vendors (\$6 for walk and T-shirt only). Call 791-4421 to register.

Fishing tournament

The Sportsman's Club is holding their Kid's Fishing Tournament **Saturday** for National Fishing Day. The event is open to the public for children ages 3-15. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. and the event runs until noon. For information, call 791-5078.

School early release

Richmond County Elementary schools will release students at 1 p.m. **Tuesday** and **Wednesday**.

Golf tournament

The 93rd Signal Brigade is hosting a golf tournament **Friday** 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 **Thursday**.

For information, call Ashley Goodrum at 791-9322.



Photo by Marlene Thompson

We salute you

Fort Gordon paid its respects to prisoners of war Friday at the Signal Museum. As part of the ceremony, Maj. Gen. Janet Hicks, U.S. Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon commanding general, Pvt. Ryan Williams, Company B, 369th Signal Battalion, and Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Terry, Signal Center command sergeant major, placed a wreath in memory of all those listed as POW and missing in action.

Fall means time for Oktoberfest

Denise Allen
Signal staff

In the five days of Oktoberfest, there's something to please almost everyone.

"This is a great event," said Steve Walpert, Fort Gordon's entertainment director.

Although the opening ceremonies for Oktoberfest aren't until Thursday, the carnival will kick things off at 5 p.m. Wednesday.

Since the event is named Oktoberfest, there will be a definite German flavor to the weekend. German entertainment and food will abound.

Acts include Jake Herzog and the Bavarian Express and the German Friendship dancers. Also, the Signal

Corps Band will perform.

Mark Lippard, a juggler, stilt-walker and unicycle rider, will be on stage from 3:30 to 4:15 p.m. and again from 6 to 6:45 p.m. Oct. 2. In between those times, he will be "roving" through the crowds entertaining.

That Saturday has several added events including the annual Fall Officers' Spouses' Club's flea market from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The rain date is Oct. 3.

Also Saturday is the Better Opportunities for Single Servicemembers Car and Bike Show, which will feature several classes of vehicles.

Other highlights of the weekend include the Greystone animal exhibit with an array of snakes, tigers and other creatures.

There will be pony rides and crafters during the weekend as well.

Walpert said the event draws large crowds.

"People love the European flavor of this," he said.

Hours for the carnival are 5 to 10 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, noon to 10 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Oct. 2, and noon to 7 p.m. Oct. 3 at Barton Field.

Prices vary with several specials including \$1 ride night on Wednesday and a weekend warrior pass which allows for unlimited rides Friday, Saturday and Sunday for \$30.

Admission to Oktoberfest is free.

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

Captured

Former POW recounts story of being held prisoner by Chinese

Spc. Nicole Robus
Signal military editor

Tales of torture and terror dominated the recent Augusta chapter of the Military Officers Association of America monthly meeting and luncheon Sept. 17.

Former 1st Lt. William Funchess shared tales of his captivity at the hands of the communist Chinese during the Korean War, when he was held in captivity for more than 1,000 days.

"I was taken into captivity Nov. 4, 1950," said Funchess.

Funchess remembers the day he was captured as if it was yesterday.

"We were in a defensive position to allow the South Korean Army to pass through our lines when the Chinese Communist Army attacked us. At the time I didn't know that it was the Chinese Army," said Funchess. "They hit my platoon first. I was in the rear-most platoon in my battalion. The Chinese Army came around and circled from the rear. My platoon stayed and held ground long enough so that the rest of the battalion got out."

"During the ensuing battle, I was hit in the foot with a bullet from a tripod mounted machine gun. We were way up in North Korea and the weather was getting extremely cold but they had not issued any winter clothing because Gen. MacArthur had told us that we should be home by Thanksgiving."

After he was hit in the foot they were overpowered by 8,000-10,000 troops, and he was forced

to submit to his captors, he said. A Chinese officer who spoke English came up and was asking him some questions.

"I looked at his uniform and his soldiers' uniforms and I realized that they were not North Korean uniforms," Funchess said. I had all kinds of emotions at that moment. All these emotions rolled into one and it's impossible to explain the way you feel when you lose your freedom as a U.S. Soldier. I was also angry as well as terrified.

"My field jacket was torn off my back and thrown on the ground. Once my field jacket was off a soldier tied my hands behind my back with field telephone wire and marched us back toward the machine gun that was fired on us 30 or 40 minutes earlier."

Along the way he came across three or four of his men laying on the ground wounded, he said. The Chinese soldiers kicked them, prodding them to get on their feet, but they could not stand. They pushed him out of the way about eight or 10 feet, and then shot his men in the back of the head.

"Right then and there I made up my mind that regardless how badly my foot was injured I would keep going. I knew I would be killed on the spot if I was unable to walk and became a burden to the guards," added Funchess.

That night the march north started. Funchess removed his boot because his injured foot was swollen, leaving him with a pair of fatigue pants, a fatigue shirt and one boot.

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Army expands anthrax, smallpox vaccinations

Leah Rubalcaba
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Anthrax vaccinations have resumed for Soldiers whose series of injections were interrupted during the anthrax vaccine shortages of 2000-2001. The Army's immunization program has also expanded to include both anthrax and smallpox vaccinations for Soldiers assigned to 17 newly designated high threat areas.

Active-duty Soldiers and members of the Army Reserve and Guard who stopped getting vaccinated in the middle of their six-shot anthrax series have been directed to resume their vaccination schedules, at the point where they left off, no later than Dec. 31. The directive specifies that these Soldiers are not to repeat or receive extra doses of the vaccine — all earlier vaccinations count.

The Army's immunization program has expanded to require both anthrax and smallpox vaccinations for Soldiers assigned to the Korean Peninsula for 15 or more consecutive days. The directive also includes the vaccination of emergency-essential and equivalent civilian employees assigned

to Korea and DoD contractor personnel hired to carry out mission-essential services in Korea.

The vaccination of adult military family members in Korea is voluntary. Vaccinations are also voluntary for most Army civilian employees and their families and non-essential contractor personnel assigned to the region.

The immunization program was further expanded to include anthrax and smallpox vaccinations of all Soldiers serving in the Central Command and parts of the European theater. The expansion adds Afghanistan, Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Seychelles, Somalia, Sudan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan to the 15 previously designated high threat areas in CENTCOM and EUCOM. Emergency-essential and equivalent civilian employees and mission-essential contractors assigned to these areas are also included in the expansion.

"The Army vaccinates Soldiers to keep them healthy," said Col. John Grabenstein, deputy director for military vaccines at the Army Surgeon General's Office. "Vaccines offer the best round-the-clock protection

against infectious disease and help Soldiers come home healthy."

A policy revision released in August increased the pre-deployment administration window of the anthrax and smallpox vaccinations from 30 to 60 days before departure. According to medical officials, by beginning the administration of the vaccines 30 days earlier, more injections can be administered before deployment. This revision applies to any overseas movement to areas covered by the anthrax and smallpox vaccination program.

According to Department of the Army and Department of Defense officials, both anthrax and smallpox are counted among the top biological warfare threats to U.S. troops. Health officials say the vaccines provide Soldiers with an additional layer of protection, in addition to antibiotics.

"The Army has been giving anthrax vaccine for over seven years now and smallpox vaccine for two years. We continually review these programs to assure the highest quality standards," Grabenstein said. "We recently reevaluated the bioweapon threats to our forces and found that the threat continues. So we continue to vaccinate to protect the Force."



File photo

A technician at Walter Reed Army Medical Center immunizes a Soldier against smallpox in 2002 when the inoculation program began. The program has now expanded to require vaccinations for Soldiers going to 17 additional high threat countries.

NSC 'discovers' new funds

Steve Brady
Signal editor

A local surgeon helped keep Fort Discovery operating with a generous donation Sept. 16.

Dr. Joseph Still donated \$100,000 to the National Science Center. Still is a plastic surgeon and burn specialist at Doctors Hospital.

On hand to accept the donation were Lt. Gen. Steven Boutelle, Army chief information officer/G6, and J.B. Hudson, administrative assistant to the Secretary of the Army. The NSC is a joint effort with the Army, and the Army helps govern the center with Boutelle chairing the steering committee.

"The Army is committed to Fort Discovery and the things it does for young people," said Boutelle. "The kids of our nation are our greatest asset, and we need to invest in those children and invest in our nation, and we're very proud of our relationship," with the NSC, he said.

The mission of the NSC is to support improved math and science education and technological literacy in the nation, through educational outreach programs and interactive exhibits. A major focus of the NSC is to develop and implement programs in the areas of physical science, math, automation and communications technology.

"The importance of the Center is that it is dedicated to educating our youth," said Hudson. "As a country we cannot do without education, it's what made us a nation and will carry us into the next century, and if we can find a way to make learning interesting for our children, then they are going to be more qualified as adults to lead our country."

The NSC headquarters facility - Fort Discovery - is located in Augusta. The 128,000 square foot facility houses more than 250 interactive exhibits. Known as America's educational laboratory in math and science, it provides mobile classrooms,



Photo by Steve Brady

J.B. Hudson, administrative assistant to the Secretary of the Army, Joe Edwards, National Science Center CEO and chairman, and Susan and Joseph Still discuss NSC operations Sept. 16 at Fort Discovery. Joseph Still, a local surgeon, donated \$100,000 to the NSC.

portable planetariums and educational exhibits to students in all 50 states as well as the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa and others.

Its mission is to educate, which it does in a fun and interesting way.

"Nearly one-third of college freshmen need remedial classes before they can handle entry-level college courses," said Joe Edwards, CEO and chairman of the NSC. Edwards is a retired Naval aviator and former astronaut.

Without the partnership with the Army, the Center would have to wade through bureaucracy to offer its programs.

"Today, rather than the organization calling around the country to deliver products and services, they call us to bring specific programs," to the schools, Edwards said. "It's a very powerful concept."

The money will help the center through lean times. It was forced to cut operations after losing about half of its state funding. Since then the center has relied on increased donations to resume normal operations.

"Dr. Still has done a lot for Augusta in the field of medicine, and to have him see the worth of this organization affirms its mission," said Edwards.

The center's benefactor said he had several reasons for the donation.

"This year we've run into two problems: one is the war, which is very expensive; and the other is the economy which hasn't been doing well," said Still. "The place can't run without being funded. Hopefully this (donation) will give the government time to reconsider and put the tax money back, while allowing Fort Discovery to keep operating."

Science center adds second van

The National Science Center kicked off its 2004-2005 Mobile Discovery Center Van Tour with a new truck and new programs.

The MDC van program is the longest running national educational outreach program of the NSC. The MDC has traveled to every state in the union, except Hawaii and Alaska, providing science demonstrations for more than 400,000 students and visitors.

The MDC van program has proven to be so successful that a second van

was brought into service in January to meet the nationwide demand. The addition of the second van will allow the NSC to reach approximately 60,000 students annually.

The 2004-2005 tour will feature new additions to the science demonstration programs, an HDTV program delivery, and an artificial intelligence computer based "demonstrator."

However, the key components of the program will continue to be its live science demonstrators.

The NSC "Mr. Wizards" are two Army noncommissioned officers who deliver the fun, interactive, science programs that engage and entertain students all across the United States.

The National Science Foundation selected the MDC program as one of the 29 "Best" in the Country science programs in Washington during the March 2004 Excellence in Science, Technology and Math Education Week Conference Expo.

(From an NSC information release.)

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Photos by Capt. Gina Thomas
(Above) Staff Sgt. Travis Rodefer calls in a MEDEVAC request during the Eagle Warrior Lane training.

(Left) Headquarters and Company A Soldiers work to evaluate a casualty, Spc. Jason Ayotte.

Battle focused training

Pfc. Armando Monroig
Signal staff

Staying sharp, determined, disciplined and yes – focused, are all traits of a real Soldier.

To help Soldiers remain focused, the cadre of the 369th Signal Battalion held a situational training exercise Saturday at Training Area 9.

About 60 Soldiers participated in the training that consisted of basic, real, day-to-day scenarios that Soldiers may eventually face in a combat environment.

Staff Sgt. Michael January, instructor for the 31C course (single channel radio operator) assigned to Company A, 369th Sig. Bn., said the training "was a consolidation of battle drills rolled up into a scenario."

"More or less part of the walk and run phase of training," he said, adding that the training was "built on teamwork."

There were a set of required battle drills and training tasks and they've been training on them for the last two months.

The culmination of that training was this scenario-driven exercise with lanes with multiple points where Soldiers had to go through and properly execute the battle drills they've been trained on, and arrive back to the simulated base of operations – ending their mission.

The battle drills the Soldiers trained on included how to react to enemy contact, an ambush and a nuclear, biological and chemical hazard, as well as evaluate a casualty, evacuate a casualty and react to indirect fire.

Soldiers also utilized tactical movement techniques such as hand and arm signals and practiced radio procedures during the drills.

"They worked on all the fundamentals – shoot, move and communicate," said

January.

Staff Sgt. Tony Douglass, also an instructor for the 31C course assigned to Company A, 369th Sig. Bn., said this is the first time the training has been done as a cumulative task.

"We've done it week by week, one task at a time, and trained it during sergeant's time training," he said.

"This is the first time we've culminated a full-blown exercise that has everything wrapped up into it," Douglass added.

Douglass said the training is dictated by the Chief of Staff of the Army directing this type of training be a regular part of Soldiers' training - from Basic Combat Training to Initial Entry Training.

"In the future that same training is going to be continued through AIT when they do their field training exercises," said Douglass.

He said that as instructors they have to be qualified to do those tasks so that they can help train the Soldiers in the future.

"I believe without a shadow of a doubt that it builds team work," said January. "The success of one is the success of all. The failure of one is the failure of all."

He said it works on team, squad and unit cohesion. "Team work is a very important part of what we do, day in and day out," said January.

And it is because of the challenges Soldiers are facing in Iraq and Afghanistan that higher command wants Soldiers to have more of this type of training, added January.

"There are a lot of tasks that just aren't trained in the Army any more," he said. "A lot of people are not out there doing it."

He can't say for sure this is why there are so many

casualties in the war on terrorism, but believes this type of training builds confidence.

"It's battle focused – makes people alert, staying alert, staying alive," he said.

A member of the opposing force during the STX, non-IET Soldier Spc. Scott Prokop, Company A, 369th Sig. Bn., liked the training.

"It is definitely good training, things you'll definitely see down the road during a time of war," said Prokop.

Spc. Eric Hastings, Company A, 369th Sig. Bn., another non-IET Soldier, said it is certainly training that Soldiers can use.

"When I went through AIT the first time – they tended to focus on the technical side and not the tactical side," Hastings said adding that if felt good to play OPFOR because it helped contribute to helping the Soldiers maintain their proficiency.

He added that battle focused training as used in this exercise is important to all Soldiers, but especially to those Soldiers who are in AIT for a lengthy period of time.

"It tends to be so technical that Soldiers lose their basic soldiering skills," said Hastings, "and their common task training is neglected."

Staff Sgt. Marvin Phillips, instructor for the 31U (signal support system specialist course assigned to Company A, 369th Sig. Bn.), said that besides staying current on battle focus training, this was preparation for a battalion level exercise the unit will be participating in Oct. 17-19.

"I definitely think the Soldiers accomplished the goals they set out for themselves," he said of the Soldiers' performance in the STX.

Company A is going to be spearheading the training for the rest of the battalion, said Phillips, running the IET

Soldiers through the same type of training, only a little more advanced.

"It was good that we came out here and familiarized ourselves with what we'll be training these Soldiers on," added Phillips.

He said it was overall good training because it placed them in a realistic field environment to do things they don't do on a regular basis.

Phillips said nothing will prepare a Soldier for what it will be like when they are actually in a combat environment such as Iraq or Afghanistan, but this training will help.

Based on current deployment trends of all the units, the average time a Soldier will spend at their first unit before getting deployed will be 27 days, said Staff Sgt. Frank Hamard, non-IET platoon sergeant assigned to Company A, 369th Sig. Bn.

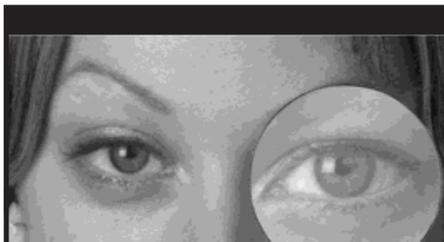
"But the better you prepare yourself, the better the outcome will be when you get there," Phillips said, adding that the training was as realistic as they could make it.

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Eating right, exercise key to heart health

Pfc. Armando Monroig
Signal staff

A spotlight was recently cast on heart disease following former President Bill Clinton's bypass surgery, spurring many to examine their diet and lifestyle.

After changing his diet and adopting an exercise routine, Clinton appeared to be in fine shape. But after experiencing symptoms that could have led to a heart attack, Clinton spent the Labor Day weekend in the hospital undergoing bypass surgery.

Maj. Robert Jeschke, director of the Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory at Eisenhower Army Medical Center, said heart disease is now at the forefront of news because of Clinton's health issues.

The former commander in chief appears to have had a good ending to his story, but for thousands of others Americans, heart disease remains the number one killer in America.

"Heart disease, as the majority of the public thinks about it, is a disease of the coronary arteries," said Jeschke, "the gradual build-up of plaque — calcium, cholesterol — that accumulates in the vessels that supply the heart."

These plaques can limit blood flow to the heart, resulting in patients experiencing symptoms such as angina (chest pain), heart failure and, if left untreated, may eventually lead to a heart attack.

Jeschke also stressed that heart disease not only refers to clogged arteries but also encompasses other large areas of cardiac diseases that include congestive heart failure (decreased pumping of the heart), problems with the heart valves, congenital abnormalities within the heart, and abnormalities in electrical conduction.

Heart disease has a "very broad range of diseases," Jeschke said. In addition there are "a broad range of common diseases that can increase the risk of heart disease," he said.

When talking about ischemic heart disease, Jeschke said the major causes or risk factors are elevation in cholesterol, hypertension, diabetes, tobacco use, age, gender and genetics. Despite these known risk factors "there is still a black box of risk factors that we haven't yet identified," he said.

For instance, he said it is possible to not have any of the previously mentioned risk factors and still have coronary artery disease.

When referring to valvular disease, there are certain valvular abnormalities that are congenital (inherited) and others that develop over time, Jeschke said. When the valves of the heart become leaky, or allow blood to flow the wrong way, patients can experience fatigue, decreased exercise tolerance

and shortness of breath.

In the case of electrical abnormalities, there are times when doctors don't know what causes specific electrical abnormalities such as heart blocks or arrhythmia problems, but many of the risk factors associated with ischemic heart disease apply to conduction abnormalities.

Unfortunately "people can start developing heart disease before they are even aware of it — this can happen relatively early on in life," said Jeschke.

He said that if you are genetically predisposed to ischemic heart disease and have multiple risk factors, you very well could be developing blockages within your coronary arteries in your teens and 20s.

It gradually develops over time, said Jeschke, and most people don't realize it until they are in their 30s and 40s when they begin to experience mild chest discomfort or angina.

"For some people, the first warning signal that you have ischemic heart disease is the first heart attack," he said. "The key is recognizing the known risk factors early in life and treating those appropriately."

Lifestyle, he said, also plays a role in fighting heart disease.

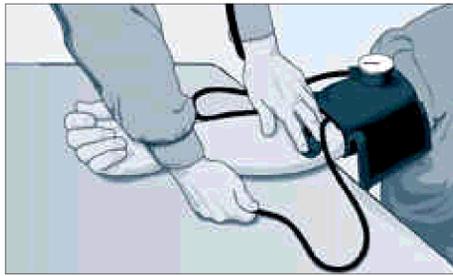
"Those at higher risk for developing heart disease are those individuals who have not been routinely screened by their primary care provider for the risk factors and subsequently fail to have those treated," said Jeschke.

"The key is prevention and diagnosis of risk factors early on," he said.

For example, millions of people go untreated with high blood pressure or high cholesterol. Combine that with casual smoking and it equals someone with most all of the classic risk factors, he said.

Another disease affecting millions of Americans is related closely with ischemic heart disease, peripheral vascular disease.

Peripheral vascular disease is a similar type of blockage that occurs with the coronary arteries but can occur in the arteries of the body including those of the neck, legs, arms, calves and arteries that supply the kidneys, he said. When these blockages occur in the legs, it can lead to claudication, or pain in the calf and legs when individuals walk. "This can be every bit as



debilitating as angina," he said. Blockages in the renal (kidney) arteries, can lead to severe high blood pressure and kidney failure. Blockages in the arteries of the neck, or carotid arteries, can increase the risk of stroke.

Some of these blockages, he said, can be treated with interventional or catheter-based procedures that use wires, balloons or stents to open up and support clogged arteries, eliminating the need of patients to undergo surgery. These procedures can vastly improve patients' quality of life, and decrease the risk of debilitating occurrences such as stroke or the need for limb amputation.

Within the last five years, doctors using these procedures have dramatically changed who needs

surgery and who doesn't, Jeschke said.

Once patients are diagnosed with heart disease or peripheral vascular disease, it is a diagnosis they live with for life, said Jeschke, with the key being regular follow-up visits with a cardiologist to prevent rapid advancement of the disease and to catch symptoms early enough when treatment options are not as limited, and hopefully allowing patients to live a long, healthy life.

Exercise, Jeschke said, is an-

other key to battling heart disease.

"The better cardiovascular shape somebody is in, the less their risk of developing significant coronary artery disease," he said. "But that's only part of the equation."

For example, a marathon runner can still develop heart disease, he said.

Jeschke said too often people don't take heart disease seriously until they are diagnosed with it as is the case with the nation's reaction as a whole to Clinton's heart disease.

But, he added, it is a good thing because it brings to light a very important health issue.

Bringing light to an issue that he said could be compared to a ticking time bomb, where heart disease, "can creep up on you,"

said Carden. The American Heart Association set a mark of 30 percent or less as a goal for a healthier diet.

The basis of a heart healthy diet goes back to something most people learned while in elementary school — the basic food groups.

"The food guide pyramid is a tool we use a lot to communicate the message of a low-fat diet," Carden said. "Everything at the bottom of that pyramid is all pretty much zero percent fat."

Those food groups include breads, cereal, rice, pastas, fruits and vegetables. Contrary to popular belief in this day of low-carb, high protein fad diets, this is the healthiest way to eat, said Carden.

He said some people may get results in the short term from low-carbohydrate diets such as weight loss and lowering of cholesterol levels, but in the long term it is not healthy. Low carbohydrate, high fat diets over a long period of time will eventually lead to high cholesterol levels, Carden said.

"If you want to achieve a low-fat diet, base your meal planning on the bottom of the food guide pyramid," said Carden, adding that this translates to a heart-healthy diet.

Label reading is important as well, he said. Read the labels on foods to determine the percentage of fat by looking at the total calories, he said. Compare the calories from fat to the total calories and you can determine a percentage and use the food label as a tool in making decisions to purchase foods when shopping.

A non-heart healthy diet is one that includes traditional fast foods such as burgers and fries, high sodium foods (for those with hypertension), higher fat foods, and many snack foods like candy, said Carden.

Along with a healthy diet, exercise has an impact on heart disease.

Many people wind up having to take medication to help control heart disease, but before they do Carden suggests that people give diet and exercise a try first. It is something that may be controlled without the use of medication.

"Exercise is a critical component to raising good blood fats or high-density lipoproteins (HDLs)," said Carden.

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The U.S. Air Force will hold community outreach meetings for the Airspace Training Initiative Environmental Assessment (EA) for Shaw Air Force Base (AFB), South Carolina. The initiative consists of creation and modification of training airspace and the development of training transmitter sites under and near current military airspace.

The purpose of this proposal is to establish realistic training conditions for Shaw AFB's 20th Fighter Wing and other military pilots. The EA will evaluate the potential environmental impacts associated with various alternatives of the initiative, including a no-action alternative.

Four public outreach meetings are scheduled in the vicinity of the initiative to provide interested citizens an opportunity to learn more about this proposal and the environmental impact analysis process. You are encouraged to attend and provide input. Please submit written comments at one of the meetings or mail them to the address below.

2004 Community Outreach Meetings - When and Where
5:30 - 7:30 pm

Monday, September 27	Manning High School Lecture Hall, Manning, SC
Tuesday, September 28	Kingstree Senior High School Cafeteria, Kingstree, SC
Wednesday, September 29	JB Beck Middle School Auditorium, Georgetown, SC
Thursday, September 30	City of Millen Community House, Millen, GA

To submit written comments or obtain additional information, please note the following:

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Why I serve: Reservists reflect on firefighting duty in Iraq

Master Sgt. Jack Gordon
Special to American Forces Press Service

BALAD, Iraq – “I always dreamed about being a firefighter, but I never actually thought I’d become one,” said Army Spc. Everad Lewis.

Lewis and another young Soldier here, Army Spc. Benjamin Siekawitch, are seeing their futures in today’s service as Army firefighters. And even through the smoke, both futures couldn’t be brighter.

A resident of Tacoma, Wash., Lewis is assigned to the 475th Engineer Detachment (Firefighting), from Creston, Iowa.

Lewis and Siekawitch were both assigned to the 907th Engineer Detachment in Yakima, Wash., before being individually mobilized and reassigned to the 475th here. Both see firefighting careers ahead of them once their service here is complete.

“I’m here for the experience,” Siekawitch said. “On this deployment I’m getting experience from the firefighting side that should help me get a job. It’s also going to get me more respect in my life.”

Lewis said he joined the Army Reserve to help his family and to serve and protect his country. “I started late in the military. I was 26 when I enlisted, but better late than never,” he added.

The Soldier said his family was “in denial” about his deploying to Iraq, but he knew he had to go. “I felt it in my heart,” he said. “And I felt it was time for me to serve my

country, and to be the man I needed to be and was supposed to be.”

A full-time student, Siekawitch said his long-term goal was to be a firefighter, and the Army Reserve helped him realize that goal.

So far, he said, life in Iraq isn’t quite what he expected. “I thought I was going to be dropped in the middle of a hot (landing zone) getting fired at and ducking for cover, but once I got here, I settled in. It’s a little different being a firefighter,” Siekawitch said.

The 475th is one of the elements of Logistics Support Area Anaconda’s Emergency Response Center here, which includes fire, military police, ordnance and medical assets. LSA Anaconda is host to some 23,000 U.S. and coalition service members and civilian contractors. The emergency-response Soldiers respond to various emergencies every day.

“It’s very hot here, so there are heat casualties. There are a lot of electrical problems (that cause fires), too. The buildings are concrete, so they hold up pretty well, but the tents are soaked in kerosene to waterproof them and help keep the insects away,” Lewis said.

“They can go up in about 30 seconds. We’ve had a couple go down,” added Lewis.

Siekawitch said the unit responds to a lot of trash bin fires and assists on medical calls. “Then there are the mortar attacks,” he added.

Mortar attacks are common here. While most are random and cause little damage, some have been



Courtesy photo

Army Reserve Spc. Everad Lewis said he’s always dreamed about being a firefighter. Serving in Iraq, he noted, has allowed “me to serve my country, and to be the man I needed to be.”

deadly. In June, a mortar attack on the post exchange killed two soldiers and wounded more than a dozen others.

“I came pretty close to an incoming round,” said Siekawitch. “I was getting in my Humvee and heard a round go off. We saw the explosion about 100 meters away. It was pretty crazy. It was a lucky day, because if I would have left a minute earlier the round could have been right on the Humvee. So, God was looking out for me.”

He said it’s hard to explain what it’s like in Iraq to his family and friends back home. “You don’t know unless you’ve been over here. What you see on the news isn’t exactly the truth,” he said. “The news makes things a lot worse than

what we’re getting here.”

But, he added, “We sure appreciate all the support from the States.” Siekawitch said his tour of duty has been a long journey so far, and he’s looking forward to going home. But in the meantime, he said, he’s proud to be serving among skilled and honorable fellow Soldiers.

“We’ve come together as a team,” he said. “And that makes things a lot easier.” And as far as working in air that’s superheated by the sun to temperatures hovering around 125 degrees every day, Lewis is OK with it.

“It’s cool,” Lewis said. “I’m working as a firefighter.” (Gordon is a member of the U.S. Army Reserve Public Affairs Acquisition Team.)

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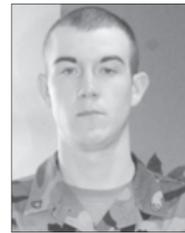
Spc. Nicole Robus

Should civilian contractors remain in Iraq after recent events?



By choice. They should thoroughly read through their contracts before signing them.

Sgt. Ronaldo Branch
A Company,
369th Signal Battalion



No not really. They should stay in their countries until things settle down over there.

Pfc. James Cummings
Mississippi National Guard



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Master Sgt. Marcus Mason
116th Military
Intelligence Group



Contractors are there on a voluntary basis. You don’t have to be in the military to serve your country or rebuild a country. Loss of civilian life or military life is tragic either way.

Tammy Moehlman
Training Support Center

Senior leaders get involved with absentee voting

The deadline for absentee voting for the Nov. 2 General Election is fast approaching. Every leader must continue to emphasize the importance of voting throughout their command and ensure the availability of voting information and guidance. Over the last three months, the Army has conducted voting assistance operations in 120 countries and trained over 4,500 voting assistance officers. We have posted voting banners on Army Web sites, leave and earnings statements and various other sources emphasizing the need to register and most importantly vote.

Soldiers participating in the election should be receiving their absentee ballots from local election officials. Soldiers who want to vote must complete and mail them back promptly, in order to ensure they arrive in time to be counted. Leaders must pay close attention to this process. Any participating Soldier overseas who has not received their regular state absentee ballot by Oct. 8 should instead use the Federal Write in Absentee Ballot and mail it to their local election official by Oct. 11. The FWAB can only be used from an overseas location by a registered absentee voter

who has requested but not yet received their absentee ballot. We have ensured large quantities of the FWAB are available in overseas areas. In addition, the United States Postal Service has agreed to expedite the handling of absentee ballots going to and from overseas locations.

Rear Detachment Commanders must have access to voting information and materials in order to provide assistance to eligible family members of our deployed Soldiers. We ask Commanders to disseminate voting information through their Family Readiness Group channels. These voters are critical, and subject to the same deadlines.

Your personal involvement is needed for the success of the voting program and will ensure Soldiers around the globe are given the opportunity to influence the future of our country. It is the Soldier who gives us the freedom to vote. Make sure their vote counts.

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Keep pets protected year-round

Capt. Rebecca Ball
Veterinary Services

As fall approaches, many CSRA residents may be tempted to discontinue heartworm preventative for their pets.

But with the main heartworm season for Georgia beginning in the early spring and continuing through the early winter, that may not be a wise, or fiscally responsible, decision.

Animals should remain on heartworm prevention all year round due to the long heartworm season here -economically it is less expensive to maintain them on the prevention year round, than to take them off for three months and then re-test them before beginning the preventative again. Also, due to the warm weather in this region, the season for heartworm is not exact and may vary from year to year.

WHAT IS HEARTWORM DISEASE
Heartworm disease is caused by the parasite *Dirofilaria immitis* that is transmitted by mosquitoes. The prevalence of heartworm disease varies geographically, but is very

common in the Southeast United States.

LIFE CYCLE
Mosquitoes become carriers of heartworm disease by biting an infected animal. The mosquito picks up an immature form of the parasite and it develops inside the mosquito in about two weeks. The infected mosquito now can bite another animal and transmit the infection. Further development of the parasite occurs within the newly infected animal and eventually, adult worms are found in the pulmonary vessels of the animal. If an infection consists of both female and male worms, reproduction can occur and the baby worms (microfilaria) circulate throughout the blood of the infected animal. This animal now can serve as a source for transmitting the infection to the mosquito and ultimately to other animals.

CLINICAL SIGNS
The adult worms that live in the pulmonary vessels cause inflammation and scar tissue to form. This also make the heart work harder and can cause the heart to enlarge. Clinical signs result from the inflamma-

tion and the enlargement of the heart and can include coughing, exercise intolerance and weight loss. Some mild cases do not show any clinical signs. More severe infections may cause labored breathing and eventually heart failure and death. Heartworm disease is a fatal disease if left untreated.

DIAGNOSIS
The diagnosis of heartworms is made by testing the blood of a dog for antigens (a protein) that is produced by the female heartworm. This blood test only becomes positive after the animal has been infected for six months. Commonly, the baby form of the parasite (microfilaria) can also be seen on a small sample of blood.

TREATMENT
If your dog is diagnosed with heartworms, it is important that they be treated for them as soon as

possible, or the worms will result in such damage that your pet may die.



Prior to treatment, your vet may recommend basic laboratory testing and X-rays to determine the severity of the infection and to evaluate the general health of your pet. Based upon the clinical signs, physical

exam and laboratory exam findings, your vet will recommend a treatment protocol. The best treatment available today is melarsomine, an arsenic based medication. Depending on the severity of clinical signs, your vet may recommend that two doses of melarsomine be given 24 hours apart; or one dose of melarsomine is given, then two

doses, 24 hours apart are given one month later. The treatment for heartworm disease is a serious matter and can cause life-threatening complications exacerbated by exercise. It is imperative that pets be exercise restricted for four to six weeks after treatment.

PREVENTION
Heartworm disease is easily prevented. Preventive medications vary, but most are given as a once per month oral medication. Prevention should be started at 6-8 weeks of age and repeated every 30 days. If your dog has not been on preventatives, they must be tested by a blood test before starting prevention if they are over 6 months of age. The blood test can only show infections after the infection is more than six months old.

It is recommended that dogs be tested on a regular basis to be sure that the preventive medication is working properly.

The Fort Gordon Veterinary Treatment Facility has several brands of heartworm preventative available for purchase. For information, call the VTF at 787-3815.



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I need a home

Prissy, pictured here, and her sister Ryoko are just two of the many animals patiently awaiting adoption at the Fort Gordon vet clinic. Adoption fee is \$60 and includes shots, microchip and spay/neuter. For information about Prissy or any of the other animals available, call 787-3815 or stop by the vet clinic at 500 North Range Rd. from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday to Friday.

DoD employees, servicemembers need to heed Hatch Act rules

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – As the election season swings into high gear, the Office of Special Counsel has filed complaints against two federal employees deemed in violation of the Hatch Act.

The complaints address the use of "politically partisan electronic mail messages while on duty," according to a statement released by the OSC.

The Hatch Act regulates DoD employees' and servicemembers' participation in politics. The recent violations focus on e-mails sent to about 15 recipients in one case and more than 70 in the other.

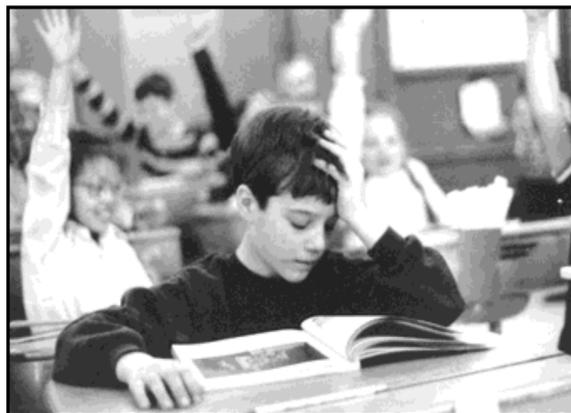
"The use of Internet and electronic mail is second-nature to

almost everyone and has become a favorite and effective campaign tool, even more so perhaps than four years ago," Special Counsel Scott Bloch said in the statement. "I want to remind federal employees to be vigilant about following the Hatch Act, because we will consider this activity a form of electronic leafletting and thus a violation of the prohibition on partisan political activity in the workplace."

Partisan political activity is defined as activity directed toward the success or failure of a political party or candidate.

In its essence, the Hatch Act prohibits federal executive-branch employees from engaging in political activity while on duty or wearing an official uniform, the statement said.

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Veterans remember POW, MIA

Sgt. Lorie Jewell
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Decorated World War II veteran and U.S. Sen. Daniel Inouye joined other veterans and dignitaries in remembering America's prisoners of war and missing service members for the National POW/MIA Observance at the Pentagon Sept. 14.

Inouye pledged to always work to ensure that the government continues to do everything it can to return those still missing.

"Your government won't rest until we bring them home," he said.

More than 600 people are constantly at work within the Joint Task Force Full Accounting, based in Inouye's home state of Hawaii, identifying and repatriating servicemembers who remain unaccounted for from previous wars. Inouye also said it's important for the men and women currently serving in uniform to know that should they be taken prisoner or become classified as missing in action, all efforts will be made to bring them back.

In Iraq, 75 warriors have been recov-

ered alive during the conflict there, Inouye said. Past conflicts remain a challenge, he added. While the remains of 730 servicemembers who fought in Vietnam have been identified and returned to America since that war ended, more than 1,800 remain unaccounted for, he said.

Inouye served with the 442nd "Go For Broke" Regimental Combat Team, consisting largely of Soldiers with Japanese ancestry, during World War II. The unit earned the distinction of being the most highly decorated unit of its size and length of active service in U.S. military history.

Now the American Samoa-based unit, the only Army Reserve ground combat unit, was recently activated for Operation Iraqi Freedom. It will deploy with the Hawaii Army National Guard's 29th Separate Infantry Brigade.

Inouye lost his right hand in an April 21, 1945 battle near San Terenzo, Italy, during which he led his platoon to capture a key ridge. Originally awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for his actions that day, it was upgraded to the Medal of Honor and presented to him by the president in 2000. His award citation de-

scribes Inouye crawling up a dangerous slope to lob two grenades at an enemy machine gun, destroying it, and then taking out a second gun nest. He was shot, but continued to fight until an exploding grenade shattered his right arm. Inouye refused to be evacuated until his platoon was in control of the area, the citation said.

Veterans who attended the ceremony, which also featured remarks from Air Force Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; and Paul Wolfowitz, deputy secretary of defense, applauded Inouye's inclusion in the event.

"They couldn't have picked a better speaker," said Les Jackson, executive director of the American Prisoners of War. "He wasn't one of us (prisoner of war), but he was darn close to it."

Jerry Wolf agreed. He was 18 when the B-17 he was flying over Germany was shot down in May 1944. A member of the 390th Bomb Group of the 8th Air Force, Wolf spent 11 months in captivity.

He never doubted he would make it home alive.

"I was an American. I never gave up," he said.

POW

From page 1

Snow began to fall on the second day of the march north, making walking especially difficult because of his one bad foot.

During the march, Funchess said he fell hundreds of times.

"I bruised and had scars for years on both knees and elbows."

Funchess said every North Korean village they passed through, civilians would line both sides of the path and would spit and hit them with sticks, throw stones and strike them with their shoes.

"It was several days after I was captured that I received my first meal and it was dried field corn that had been soaked in water. And there was absolutely no water to drink," he said. "They did not give me a drop of water to drink for the next three weeks. I ate snow to quench my thirst."

During his time as a prisoner he was at various POW camps.

His first experience was being pushed into a room, which was about nine miles outside Camp Pyoktong, with other wounded American Soldiers. The room was about nine feet by nine feet. The walls and floor were made of mud, and the ceiling was so low they could only stand up in the middle part.

They had no bedding and slept on the floor. There was no heat or any lights in the buildings. Funchess stayed there for three months.

During his stay there the temperatures got to 20 and 30 degrees below zero, causing frostbite for many of the men. Despite the cold weather injuries, Funchess said there wasn't any medical attention during the three-month stay, nor any medical attention the entire three years he was held captive.

"After the three months in the valley, they moved us to Pyoktong. There were stacks of bodies on the snow in

Pyoktong. The bodies were stacked like cordwood, four feet high, and there were several such stacks at all times," he said.

"Thirty or 40 men died on many nights during that time. I then realized how close death was. All in all there were more than 1,000 to die at Pyoktong while I was there," said Funchess.

During his captivity, Funchess said he was subjected to brainwashing.

"While I was in Camp 5 the brainwashing began. It was extremely intense. They were serious about this type of brainwashing. They brought in a tough Chinese general out of China who had been fighting the Japanese. Through the interpreter the general said 'If you Americans give us any trouble, we will kill you and will bury you in a hole 30 feet deep so you don't stink up Korea,' and I really believe he meant it," said Funchess.

"I accused the Chinese of lying from time to time and all that built up and I ended up spending 13 days in a hole in the ground. On another occasion they kept me in isolation for 30 days with my own armed guard. Then the last year I received no mail and none of the mail I wrote got home."

Funchess believed his captivity was coming to an end in July 1953.

"They told us on July 27, 1953, that the war was over with. They also announced that there would be a prisoner of war exchange," Funchess said. "They told us that the POW exchange would end on Sept. 5."

"Sometime later we were put on trucks and then put on cattle cars and moved to the exchange point. After we got the exchange point, which was somewhere north of the area of Panmunjon, they would call a list of POWs that were to be released that day, and everyday I would listen

and the truck stopped. The Chinese officer said 'get off.' I got off the truck. He said 'do you see that path? Walk down that path. If you step off that path you will be killed.'

"The path was about 12 inches wide, I think I hesitated a moment then he said 'move!' and I think that was the last word ever spoken to me by a Chinese communist official," said Funchess.

"I walked down the path and I was really careful not to step off the path. I was sure not to step off the path because I thought it to be mined, even though I didn't see any mines. I guess I walked a quarter to a half mile and the path began to widen and I thought I saw a vehicle ahead," said Funchess.

As Funchess got closer, he saw that it was an ambulance and saw a white star, so he knew it was an American ambulance.

As I got closer a major

asked me 'are you Lt. Funchess?' I told him yes. He said 'come on.' As I got even closer he said 'lieutenant, you don't know how lucky you are to be here today. They were holding you and some others as war criminals and we figured they might pull a trick like that so we held war criminals also. Last night both sides agreed to release war criminals,'" Funchess recounted.

"So I got in, the doors closed and we headed south, and at that time I realized that my war, the forgotten war, finally came to an end on Sept. 6, 1953," said Funchess. "The pain and misery I suffered at the hands of my communist captors ended after 1,038 days of torment."

Following his talk and the luncheon, Funchess signed copies of his book — "Korea P.O.W. A Thousand Days of Torment."



Photo by Spc. Nicole Robus

Former 1st Lt. William Funchess was the guest speaker for the Military Officers Association of America luncheon Friday. Funchess was held in captivity by the Chinese for more than 1,000 days during the Korean War.

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Evening Worship 6:00

Army announces NCO, Soldier of Year

Sgt. Reeba Critser
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — After a week of enduring physical and mental anguish, Staff Sgt. Andrew Bullock and Spc. Wilfredo Mendez took home the titles of 2004 Department of the Army Non-commissioned Officer and Soldier of the Year in a Sept. 17 ceremony at Fort Myer, Va.

"Never quit" was a motto instilled in the 20 candidates representing 10 major commands. But there could only be one winner.

Bullock is a Ranger instructor with the 5th Ranger Training Battalion, Fort Benning, Ga., and he represented Training and Doctrine Command in the competition.

Mendez is a signals intelligence analyst with Company A, 3rd Military Intelligence Battalion, Camp Humphreys, Korea. The 3rd MI Battalion is part of the 501st MI Brigade under the U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command.

"From the bottom of my heart, it's an experience of a lifetime," said Sgt. Russell Burnham, the 2003 Soldier of the Year. "It's demanding at times, but I wouldn't trade it for anything. There are no words to describe the oppor-

tunity or experience I had. It's a shame only one person can have it."

"It's a great opportunity and a chance to meet many Army leaders and make life-long connections," said his wife, Elizabeth Burnham.

During the week-long competition, which started Sept. 12, Soldiers competed in the Army Physical Fitness Test, written exam and essay, day and night navigation, warrior task testing, day and night weapon qualification, a six-mile road march, NBC fire and other events at Fort Lee, Va.

Then the Soldiers completed the last leg of the competition Sept. 16, in Crystal City, Va. — the board, which was presided over by Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth Preston.

While waiting for the results, the Soldiers toured Washington, D.C., and attend a Spirit of America show at the MCI Center.

Then the time came to announce the winner at Fort Myer.

"All the competitors are here because they know what it takes to be a winner," Preston said before he announced the winners. "Take what you've learned in the past week and getting up to the event and apply it to your daily life."

Both the winners said they felt re-

lief when their name was called.

NCO winner Bullock is a native of San Diego, Calif. He has deployed to Kosovo, Egypt and various rotations to the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, Calif.; and the Joint Training Readiness Center, Fort Polk, La.

Mendez is from Rio Grande, Puerto Rico. He is working toward a bachelor's degree in business administration, and is a graduate of the Combat Life Saver Course and Airborne School.

Still limping from the road march at the award ceremony, Mendez said, "the whole week has been a perfect challenge. The battlefield replications and timed events are there to show you what you're made of."

"It's an extreme privilege to represent NCOs, especially those who are deployed, because I'm sure there are NCOs who wanted to be here but couldn't," Bullock said.

The next step for these winners is to accompany Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth O. Preston in various travels as spokespersons for the Army.

"I'm looking forward to going with the sergeant major of the Army overseas and visiting troops," Bullock said. "They deserve more accolades — by far more — than I did here. They're putting their lives on the line."



Photo by Sgt. Reeba Critser
Spc. Wilfredo Mendez accepts the award and title of 2004 Soldier of the Year from Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth Preston Sept. 17, at Fort Myer, Va. Mendez represented U.S. Forces Korea in the competition.

Women's memorial honors Native American women

Rudi Williams
American Forces Press Service

ARLINGTON, Va. — Ernest Wahatomy, a Shoshone-Bannock Indian, performed drumbeats and vocables while champion Indian dancers twirled during a special program Monday at the Women in Military Service for America Memorial.

The program, titled "Voices: Native American Women in the U.S. Army Forces," highlighted the opening of a special exhibit Native American

Women in the Armed Forces. The Women's Memorial opened the exhibit to celebrate the dedication of the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian.

Thousands of Native Americans from across the country flocked to the nation's capital to celebrate the opening of the long-awaited museum on Washington's National Mall.

Wahatomy's drumbeats and vocables, a word regarded as a unit of sounds, not meaning, echoed through the memorial

theater as champion dancers of Shoshone-Bannock and Dakota-Maricopa heritage performed a variety of tribal dances, including powwow dancing and the men and women fancy dance, jingle dress dance, and grass dance.

Attendees were also treated to a sneak preview of the film, "Navajo Women Warriors: Sani Dez-Bah," a documentary about American Indian women's service in the armed forces. The film was co-produced by the Women's Memorial and ArtReach International.

One of the women in the film, Navajo Indian Angela Barney-Nez, said the most important thing about the film was "that we were able to tell that story ourselves. It wasn't an interpretation by somebody from the outside."

"The women that spoke in the film really spoke from the heart," said Barney-Nez, a former Army specialist five who was a transportation specialist at the end of the Vietnam War. "I think all of us that were in the film were first Navajo speakers before we learned English."

This marks the second phase of a two-part exhibit, which initially opened on Memorial Day 2003 with a special tribute to Operation Iraqi

Freedom hero Army Spc. Lori Piestewa. Piestewa was a Hopi woman and the first known Native American military woman killed in battle.

Besides Piestewa, five other Native American women were featured, as well as a host of artifacts and memorabilia related to Native servicewomen. Phase II enhances the original exhibit with more women's stories, rare artifacts — like a Creek servicewoman's World War II scrapbook — and other unique items. The exhibit will be on display until the end of the year.

The program was a special treat for Ilka Hasselmeyer, of Buesum, Germany, and Annette Meyer of Hildesheim, Germany. Members of the Native American Association of Germany, the two women planned their vacation to the United States to coincide with the opening of the museum.

"I was positively surprised about the activities at the Women's Memorial," said Hasselmeyer, a marine biologist. "It was a very different experience to look at everything from the women's side. Our association does powwows with different dancing categories. What impressed me most were the grass dancers. Our grass dancers in Germany are not that good." Hasselmeyer said the National Museum of the American Indian was long overdue. "They even had a little five-minute presentation about it on German TV," she noted. "I was really impressed by the thoughts behind it and that it was very carefully built and decorated."

Introducing Native American culture to the German public is the aim of the Native American Association of Germany, she explained. "We'd also like to be a place where Native Americans that

are stationed in Germany can go and live their culture and also teach other people their culture (and) their differences," Hasselmeyer said.

"Most of the Native American members of our association are in the American Army or they're retired from the Army and are living in Germany," Hasselmeyer noted. The group's chairman, Lindbergh Namingha, is a Hopi Indian who joined the association when he was a military member stationed in Germany. Namingha married a German woman, and they moved back to Germany after his retirement, Hasselmeyer said.

Meyer said she has been interested in American Indian culture since she was 5 years old. Hasselmeyer said it was Meyer's lifelong dream to come to the United States. "Our visit coinciding with the opening of the museum is a special treat for both of us," she said.

Nancy Nacki, of the Shoshone tribe from Fort Hall, Idaho, served as the mistress of ceremonies. "As this country is based on prayers and visions, the outfits we're wearing were visions of the people who prepared them for us," Nacki said. "The people who prepared them for us had visions of us and prayers to continue on the ways of our ancestors and our people."

"The creator created people different all over the world," she continued. "He gave each group of people a glory that sets us apart and makes us different from the next tribe or people." Her daughter, Hovia Edwards, played the flute during the program. Edwards is the youngest recording flute player in the country, according to her mother. "She played during the opening ceremonies of the Olympics at Salt Lake City, Utah, in 2001," said Nacki.



Photo by Rudi Williams
Men's fancy dancer Hunter Osborne performs during the "Voices: Native American Women in the U.S. Armed Forces" program at the Women in Military Service for America Memorial.



Photo by Air Force Staff Sgt. Shelley Gill

Sling load

Soldiers from a vertical replenishment team hook a sling load of water to a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter for airlift from Lakeland Linder Airport, Fla., to distribution points around the state of Florida following Hurricane Frances Sept. 9. The team is from the Florida National Guard, 53rd Combat Support Battalion and the Blackhawk is from the Alabama National Guard.

Chapel Call

Collective Protestant Services

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

Catholic Services

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

Sunday Masses

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

Jewish Activities

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Islamic Services

Jumah Prayer Service on Fridays Oct-Apr at 1245-1:30, and Apr-Oct from 1:30-2:30.
These are held in Bldg. 38804, Academic Drive.
For more information, call CPO (Ret.) Marshall Abuwi 772-4303

Denominational Services

LDS Service - Sunday 1:30-3:30 p.m., Barnes Avenue Chapel
Samoan Service, Sunday 1 p.m., Bicentennial Chapel, Bldg. 28414

Religious Education

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

Other Programs/Services

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

Rosh Hashana (Sept. 16-17)

Sept. 15: Evening service & dinner 6:45 (please RSVP for dinner)
Sept. 16: 9:30 a.m. Services • 7:00 p.m. Mincha & Tashlich
Sept. 17: 9:30 a.m. Services

Yom Kippur (Sept. 25)

Sept. 24: 6:45 p.m., Kol Nidrei • Sept. 25: 9:30 a.m. Services, (fast ends at 7:58 p.m.)

Sukkot (Sept. 30-Oct. 6)

Sept. 29: 7:15 (first night)
Sept. 30: 9:30 a.m. services

Oct. 1: 9:30 a.m. services

Shemini Atzeret-Simchat Torah (Oct. 7-8)

Oct. 7: 7:00 p.m. services
Oct. 8: 9:30 a.m. services

Bible Studies

OCF Bible Study - Monday 6:30 a.m., Officer Christian Fellowship Bible Study, Friendship Chapel, 791-2056. Friday evening OCF POC is Col. Hook, 863-8231, or Capt. Craft, 364-5144.
Tuesday, 7:00 p.m., Protestant Women of the Chapel, Bldg. 28414
Bicentennial Chapel

Wednesday, 11:30 a.m., Devotional Luncheon, Bicentennial Chapel, Bldg. 28414
Wednesday, 9:00 a.m., Protestant Women of the Chapel, Bldg. 28414
Wednesday 11:45 a.m. EAMC Bible Study, DDEAMC On-Fac. Conf. Rm. 3rd floor

Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. Signal Theatre, Faith Community Bible Study
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Friendship Chapel Bible Study

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

Chapel Directory

Bicentennial Chapel, 791-3959
Good Shepherd Chapel (Catholic), 791-2945
Faith Community Chapel Activities 791-4703 (during duty hours)
Barnes Avenue Friendship Chapel, 791-2056
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Afghan Army stands up Kandahar regional command

Col. Randy Pullen
Army News Service

KABUL, Afghanistan – The Afghan National Army established its first regional command headquarters outside the Kabul area in Kandahar Sunday.

Standing up the regional commands of the Afghan National Army is a milestone step for the general security of Afghanistan and for the strengthening of the Afghan government, officials said.

The establishment of this regional command and the ones to be established in Gardez, Mazar-e-Sharif, and Herat, marks the permanent Afghan National Army presence in the four regions of Afghanistan.

The Kandahar Regional Command has been designated 205 Corps and will be called Atal (Hero) Corps. Its commander is ANA Maj. Gen. Muslim.

Among the dignitaries attending the stand-up ceremony were Afghanistan's Minister of Defense Fahim Khan; Kandahar Governor Yousef Pashtoon; Deputy Minister of Defense Rahim Wardak; Japanese Ambassador Norihiro Okuda; Gen. Bismullah Khan, chief of the General Staff; Lt. Gen. Shir M. Karimi, chief of Operations for the General Staff; Maj. Gen. Craig P. Weston, U.S. Air Force, the chief of the Office of Military Cooperation – Afghanistan (OMC-A); and Maj. Gen. L. Van Den Born, Royal Netherlands Air Force, the deputy commander of the International Security Assistance Force.

At the beginning of the ceremony, the defense minister presented the Afghan national colors and the corps flag to the commander and his deputy, who then paraded them past the assembled troops. As the colors passed them, the soldiers repeatedly shouted "God is great!"

"This grand opening of the



Photo by Maj. William Wynn

Afghan Defense Minister Fahim Khan (right), accompanied by Kandahar Governor Yousef Pashtoon (in light suit) review the troops of the Afghan National Army's 205 Corps prior to the beginning of the ceremony establishing the Kandahar Regional Command.

Atal (Hero) Corps is a sign of great success in the Afghan National Army," Fahim Khan said. "Following the opening of the Central Corps, this demonstrates the vigorous progress of the ANA."

Khan said that following the destruction of the army by the Soviets and the Taliban, building a new, national army seemed to be only a dream.

He said thanks to the wise management of President Karzai and the great assistance and cooperation of the coalition, especially the United States, that dream is now a reality.

"Now that the Central Corps has been completed at Kabul, there will be regional commands in four of Afghanistan's provinces," Khan said.

"The Kandahar Regional Command is the first. I am very proud of this grand opening today and of the other three that will be taking place soon."

Representing the Combined Forces Command – Afghanistan coalition and the

United States at the ceremony, the chief of OMC-A said that the opening of this regional command was one more step in leaving the bad times behind and moving forward to a democratic, prosperous, and peaceful future for Kandahar, this region and Afghanistan.

"The opening of this regional command, the building of this permanent base and the permanent assignment of a 3,000 man brigade will provide the security foundation for this region," Weston said, "making it possible for the people of this area to unite, rebuild and move forward into a better future."

From now on the green berets of the ANA soldiers will be a permanent presence in this area, Weston said. He said those green berets mark a professional, disciplined army that will defeat the threats to Afghan freedom.

"The green berets are a symbol of the future of Afghanistan," he said.

A contingent of about 150 soldiers wearing those green berets was present at the ceremony.

They are the first of what will ultimately be a 3,000-man brigade.

"Today is not an ordinary day," said Kandahar's governor. "After 25 years of war, we have been able to set up our military units and corps to safeguard the identity of our nation and to defend our people."

"This great day just didn't happen," Pashtoon continued. "We came to this successful day through the best plans of our government and with the ample assistance of the coalition and especially the U.S. Army."

As the last speech ended, the defense minister walked over to the camp flagpole and raised the flag of Afghanistan over the temporary buildings that make up the regional command's garrison site for now.

Permanent structures will be started soon and are due to be completed early next year.

(Pullen is the Public Affairs Officer for the Office of Military Cooperation – Afghanistan.)



Courtesy photo

New troop command at EAMC

Eisenhower Army Medical Center held an assumption of command for Troop Command Sept. 7 in the EAMC auditorium. Lt. Col. Rick Gullickson assumed command from acting commander Maj. Bret Goodwin. Goodwin took command of Troop Command when Col. John Giddens left to be part of the Joint Readiness Training Center exercise at Fort Polk, La.

Pictured (left to right) are Command Sgt. Maj. Sloan, Troop Command, Gullickson, Goodwin and Brig. Gen. Eric Schoomaker, commander, EAMC and the Southeast Regional Medical Command.

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- Chamberlain Ave at 25th Street will be closed **Oct. 8-11**.

Girl Scout news

Girl Scout troops are organizing now in the CSRA for girls 5-11 and STUDIO 2B groups are organizing for girls 11-17. For membership information, call Girl Scouts, Central Savannah River Council at 774-0505 or (800) 997-2472.

If you are 18 or older and would like help girls grow into strong, competent young women, call the Girl Scouts at 774-0505.

Red to Green

Kendrick Memorial Blood Center and the Fort Gordon Federal Credit Union are again teaming up this year for the fifth annual Red to Green campaign.

For each blood donation at a Red to Green drive, FGCU will donate \$5 to Christmas House.

Signal Towers is hosting a Red to Green drive from 5:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. **Oct. 21** in the basement. For other dates, call KMBC at 787-1014.

Auditions

The Fort Gordon Dinner Theatre is holding auditions for the comedy "Caught in the Net" at 7 p.m. **Sept. 27-28**.

The show plays in November. Call 791-4389 or e-mail walpers@gordon.army.mil for information.

Dental clinic hours

The U.S. Army Dental Activity has reduced staffing from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. **Oct. 7** for Organization Day activities. Snyder Dental Clinic will remain open for sick call. Patients can either stop by the clinic or call the front desk at 787-7050.

The Dental Activity Headquarters, Tingay Dental Clinic, and hospital dental clinic will close at 9 a.m.

Golf tournament

The Augusta Veterans Association is hosting a golf tournament beginning at 12:45 p.m. **Oct. 11** at Gordon Lakes Golf Course.

Registration opens at 10 a.m.; lunch is served at 11 a.m. The cost of the tournament is \$30 for members and \$40 for all others.

Price includes golf and cart, lunch buffet and a chance to win door prizes. Proceeds from the tournament help fund the annual Augusta Veterans Day Parade. Sign up by calling 791-2433 or contact Sgt. 1st

The School Yard

Early release

Richmond County Elementary schools will release students at 1 p.m. **Tuesday** and **Wednesday**.



CYS meeting

A Child and Youth Services Parent Advisory Council meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. **Oct. 20** at the Youth Services Building.

For information, go to www.gordon.army.mil/liasvc

Class Thomas Millward at 791-2194, e-mail millward@gordon.army.mil.

Octoberfest slated

Octoberfest 2004 opens **Thursday** at Barton Field with German music and food, carnival rides, a craft show, flea market, a car show, pony rides and more.

The activities run through **Oct. 3**. Hours are 5-10 p.m. **Thursday**; noon-10 p.m. **Friday**; 11 a.m.-10 p.m. **Oct. 2**; and noon-7 p.m. **Oct. 3**.

The carnival opens **Wednesday**, from 5-10 p.m.

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

Oliver Hardy festival

The 16th annual Oliver Hardy Festival begins at 9 a.m. **Oct. 2** in Harlem, Ga.

The day starts with a parade followed by skits, musical entertainment, contests and more.

For information call 556-0401.

Greek festival

The 2004 Greek Festival is **Friday** to **Oct. 3** at the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 953 Telfair St.

There will be live music, a bazaar, Greek food and more. Admission is free. For information, call 724-1087.

Coin show

The next CSRA coin show is 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. **Saturday** at the H. Odell Weeks Activity Center in Aiken. Admission is free. For information call 644-0761.

Golf tournament

The 93rd Signal Brigade is hosting a golf tournament **Friday** 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 **Thursday**. For information, call Ashley Goodrum at 791-9322.

Volksmarch

The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate is holding a Volksmarch through Freedom Park from noon-4 p.m. **Friday** as part of the Oktoberfest activities. The march starts at the Freedom Park gazebo, and walkers may begin as late as 3 p.m.

Child Development Center.

Cost is \$25. Make checks payable to the American Red Cross Augusta Chapter. For information, contact Pamela Rachal at 791-1305.

Life insurance elections

The Federal Employees' Group Life Insurance Program is conducting an Open Season through **Thursday**.

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, call Karen Ellis at 791-4179.

Separating servicemembers

If you are within one year of separating or two years of projected retirement from the military, contact the Army Career and Alumni Program.

All servicemembers leaving active duty, with more than 180 days of active service, must receive the congressionally mandated pre-separation counseling.

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.

Family child care homes off post

The Fort Gordon Family Child Care 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.

Story hour

Woodworth Library is having a Pre-school Story Hour from 11 a.m.-noon each **Wednesday**.

Story hour features a series of fun and encouraging educational activities for children ages 2-5.

Volunteers are welcome. For information, contact Joyce Daniels or Jean Ballejo at 791-7323.

Orientation

A newcomer orientation is held **Tuesdays** and **Fridays** at 1 p.m. in Room 367, Darling Hall. For more information call 791-3579.

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Sept. 24-30

Friday - Collateral (R)

Saturday (2:30 p.m.) - The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement (G)

Saturday - YU-GI-OH (PG)

Sunday - The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement (G)

Thursday - Collateral (R)

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Sports UPDATE

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Cost is \$10 and includes the walk, a T-shirt and a coupon for lunch from the Gordon Club or Courtyard vendors (\$6 for walk and T-shirt only). Call 791-4421 to register.

Fishing tournament

The Sportsman's Club is holding their Kid's Fishing Tournament **Saturday** for National Fishing Day. The event is open to the public for children ages 3-15. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. and the event runs until noon. For information, call 791-5078.

Volunteers wanted

Volunteers are wanted for the Ladies' Professional Golf Association Asahi Ryokuken golf tournament.

The tournament is Oct. 7-10 at Mount Vintage Golf Club in North Augusta, and they need individuals to serve as standard bearers **Oct. 7-8**. Each volunteer will receive a free polo shirt, coupons for lunch, two passes for the entire tournament and a coupon for a free round of golf.

Volunteers must be physically fit and capable of walking five miles each day; contact Patty Waggy at 650-4785 or e-mail pwaggy@aug.edu for details.

Adventure race

The Savannah River/Augusta Canal Adventure Race will be held at 8 a.m. **Oct. 2** at the Savannah Rapids Pavilion.

Racers will explore the banks of the Savannah River and Augusta Canal on foot, bike and canoe, all while overcoming strategic obstacles and orienteering challenges.

Online registration is available at www.active.com. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Augusta VA Hospital. For information call (803)258-1370.

College basketball tip-off luncheon

The Greater Augusta Sports Council "tips-off" the college basketball season with a luncheon at noon **Oct. 11** at the Radisson Riverfront Hotel.

The program features keynote speaker Jim Calhoun, head coach at the University of Connecticut, the 2004 National Champions. More than a dozen college basketball coaches from Georgia and South Carolina are also expected to attend.

Tickets are \$25 for GASC members, \$35 for non-members. Call 722-8326 for information.

Golf tournament

The 93rd Signal Brigade is hosting a golf tournament **Friday** 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 **Thursday**. For information, call Ashley Goodrum at 791-9322.

ESPN broadcasts SportsCenter live from Kuwait

Spc. Curt Cashour
Army News Service

CAMPARIFJAN, Kuwait – ESPN brought SportsCenter to Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, for a week of live broadcasts beginning Sept. 11 to chronicle the lives of deployed American troops.

A flurry of last-minute activity was needed to prepare the set, in a warehouse at Camp Arifjan, for the live broadcasts.

Soldiers hurriedly added sandbags to a bunker, while several others made last-minute adjustments to the camouflage netting covering a tent. As the project neared completion, a sergeant major and a few officers stood in the middle of it all plotting the next move.

A week earlier, the building housing the tent and bunker was a half-empty warehouse containing nothing but a few hundred vacant bunk beds. Now it's the provisional home to one of cable television's most popular shows.

The announcement in late August by ESPN officials to bring SportsCenter to Kuwait put network employees in a crunch for time, shortening a shipping process that usually takes a couple months into only two-and-a-half weeks, Mike Armatta, ESPN technical Manager, said.

The first pieces of equipment began arriving at the show's temporary studio at Camp Arifjan's Building 511 Sept. 4, with the set-up process scheduled to begin the following day. The arrivals, however, merely marked the start of a days-long waiting game with Kuwaiti customs.

The network had to clear through customs a collection of cameras, monitors, lights and other equipment brought in from several countries in more than 800 boxes with a combined weight of nearly 22 tons.

Little by little, equipment trickled in, but construction on the set could not begin until an instrumental piece—the truss system—arrived.



Photo by Spc. Curt Cashour

Blitz Lighting, Sound and Video employee Ross Baker rigs cables for a projector ESPN is using this week for its live SportsCenter broadcasts from Camp Arifjan, Kuwait. ESPN brought SportsCenter to Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, for a week of live broadcasts beginning Sept. 11, to chronicle the lives of deployed American troops.

The system is basically the infrastructure of the set. It hangs from the ceiling and holds the combination of lights, cables and projectors needed to put on a live show. Without it, the set would have to wait.

As crew members waited, service members and civilians from various units and organizations sprung into action, helping transform the sprawling warehouse into something a little more broadcast friendly. Troops and civilians used a mix of elbow grease and creativity to meet ESPN's needs and solve problems on the spot.

"To save money, we tried to utilize as many military resources and supplies as we had," Army Maj. Larry Crowl, operations and plans officer for the Coalition Forces Land Component Command Public Affairs Office, said.

The work varied in scale

and scope and included everything from arranging for high-speed internet and phone service, to making sure ESPN would have enough electricity to power its army of equipment.

Using items from closed-down camps and Patriot missile sites around Kuwait, workers with Arifjan's Directorate of Public Works outfitted the building with a completely new electrical system, said Al Cottone, DPW's electrical engineering technician.

"It's basically like building a power cell to run the equivalent of a city block in a week's time," said Army Sgt. Stephen Miller, DPW's lead electrician.

In case of a power outage, Cottone and Miller have two massive 400 kilowatt generators on standby. According to Miller's estimates, the two generators are capable of providing enough electricity

to power approximately 26 large Army tents.

Meanwhile, members of the Army's 854th Engineer Detachment worked to customize four modified shipping containers into rooms for tasks such as editing and applying graphics. The Soldiers even outfitted the containers with air conditioners to cool those working in them and their equipment.

At about 9 p.m. Sept. 7, the truss system finally arrived. Crew members from ESPN and three companies the network hired to assist with technical operations, Vertigo Rigging, Charter Broadcast and Blitz Lighting, Sound and Video, worked until about 2 a.m. the next morning mounting the system and rigging it with the four projectors and 140 different lights to be used during the broadcasts.

By the time network satellites beamed the first live

images of Camp Arifjan back to the United States Sept. 11, more than 250 service members and civilian employees from various units and organizations had assisted ESPN and its crew with nearly every aspect of the visit.

The cooperation of the troops seemed to impress many among the ESPN crew, including Mike McQuade, SportsCenter's senior coordinating producer.

"In many instances we pay to broadcast from places and don't get the kind of cooperation we've gotten here," he said. Crowl cited a simple reason for all the activity and support.

"Why are we putting in all this work? Because we're not only Soldiers, we're sports fans," he said.

(Cashour writes for the *Desert Voice* newspaper and *CFLCC Public Affairs*.)



Photo by Pfc. Armando Monroig

Follow the bouncing ball...

Moving to the beat of the music, aerobathon participants exercise during the fit-ball portion of the cardiovascular and muscular workout at Gym 4 **Saturday**. The segment focused on conditioning and strength training of the core muscles and also balance. The group of 50 participants is being led by Jackie Dennis, certified aerobics instructor. The Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation event was organized by Lula Ray, Gym 3 manager and was sponsored by GNC. The five-hour aerobathon included hi-lo impact aerobics, step aerobics, kickboxing and an abdominal workout. The \$2 cost included the workout, a bottle of water, a GNC water bottle, free T-shirt for first 50 participants who signed up, a protein bar sampling, and nutritional information. Two GNC gift packs were also given away.

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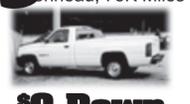
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First Army stands up Crisis Action Team for hurricane

Army News Service

FORT GILLEM, Ga. — First U.S. Army has activated its 24-hour Crisis Action Team to help provide support to areas hard hit by Hurricane Ivan.

A small team of Soldiers have also been sent to coordinate possible Department of Defense support at emergency operations centers in Alabama, Georgia and Florida. In fact, the Florida team has been in place since Hurricane Charley hit the state in mid-August.

For Hurricane Ivan, logistical staging areas, or LSAs, have already been identified to store donated supplies to provide humanitarian assistance to areas without drinking water or electricity.

More than 7,000 National Guard Soldiers have been brought on duty in Florida, Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana and Mississippi to deal with the aftermath of the hurricane. States have reciprocal agreements to help each other with National Guard troops when

disasters hit, explained a First Army spokesman.

During natural disasters, First Army's mission is to help Northern Command coordinate DoD support to civil authorities as requested by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and approved by the Secretary of Defense.

"FEMA and state and local officials are clearly in the forefront, and we support them by providing our unique assets," said Lt. Col. Ronald J. Rose Jr., First U.S. Army

chief of operations.

Operating under the Federal Response Plan, officials said a small military team of specially trained experts always work to quickly meet demands surfacing in the wake of a disaster.

First Army has 23 pre-designated colonels stationed throughout the eastern United States who are trained in disaster relief coordination and who are ready to assume the duties of a Defense coordinating officer.

After Hurricane Charley hit Florida Aug. 13, First Army coordinated military airlift, medical assistance and assessment overflights.

Col. Damon C. Penn — with his cell of Soldiers and emergency preparedness liaison officers from the Army, Navy and Air Force — were part of the FEMA team seeking the best answers to aid the state's recovery in areas stricken by Hurricane Charley.

Florida National Guard Soldiers have been working throughout the devastated areas providing relief services to the stricken population.



Courtesy photo

Seventy TH-67 Creeks fit nose-to-nose in a hangar at Cairns Army Airfield, Fort Rucker, Ala., in anticipation of Hurricane Ivan's arrival. Some of Fort Rucker's aircraft were stowed at airfields around post, including 175 TH-67s, while the rest of Rucker's modern helicopter fleet — which includes more than 150 AH-64D Apache Longbows, CH-47 Chinooks, UH-60 Black Hawks and OH-58D Kiowa Warriors — were relocated Sept. 14 to Fort Stewart, Ga., which is outside of the hurricane's path.

Florida Guardsmen provide Hurricane Ivan relief

Senior Airman Thomas Kielbasa

Special to American Forces Press Service

PARKER, Fla. — Although the western tip of the Florida panhandle took the brunt of damage from Hurricane Ivan, some communities further east were ravaged by tornadoes accompanying the storm.

In some of these communities, including here, Florida National Guard Soldiers are distributing needed supplies to those without electricity.

On Friday more than 30 Soldiers from the Daytona Beach-based Battery C, 2nd Battalion, 265th Air Defense Artillery Regiment were in Parker helping to distribute ice and water to residents of the area affected by the hurricane.

Although Ivan made landfall in Alabama as a category 3, heavy winds, rain, tornadoes and storm surge along the northeast side of Ivan left much of Pensacola, Fla., and some of

Florida's panhandle, in ruins.

According to Parker Police Chief Charles Sweatt, the National Guard contingent was badly needed in his city, where between 5,000 and 6,000 residents were still without power as of Friday.

"We're probably looking at 70 percent of our population currently without any form of power," Sweatt said. According to Sweatt and members of the local fire department, several tornadoes tore through Parker late Sept. 15, wrecking some structures and bringing down trees and power lines.

"We utilized the National Guard right after the storm passed through in our traffic-control operations and security details in our most damaged areas," Sweatt explained. "We couldn't have done it without them — it was just overwhelming. We're a small city ... and when you get hurricane-force winds like this, you need all the help you can get."

While electrical-repair crews

were pouring into Parker to re-establish power, the Florida National Guardsmen at the supply distribution center were serving a steady stream of residents seeking clean water and bags of ice.

"Thank you and God bless," an elderly woman said to Staff Sgt. Harold Simpson and Sgt. Jerome Hope, both of C Battery, after they loaded bags of ice into the back of her battered pickup truck.

Sweatt said the distribution center was also serving residents from other local areas without power.

On Friday, the Guardsmen unloaded and distributed two tractor-trailer trucks and a smaller cargo truck of ice, and one truck full of bottled water.

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SOBC field training exercise emphasizes Warrior Ethos

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Seventy-five students from the Signal Officer Basic Course left the classrooms last week to get a hands-on feel for what they had learned.

"The training provides us an opportunity to take what we learned in the classroom and implement it in a real world scenario," said 2nd Lt. Michael Wieland. "Taking in the training and learning as much as we can with the platoon while dealing with the real world training is a great experience."

The training was a capstone five-day field training exercise followed by Signal Stakes, a one-day field navigation/signal and common task round robin training. The training culminated with the regimental induction for the Signal Officer Basic Course lieutenants, said Capt. Jaime Evans, Company B, 442nd Signal Battalion commander.

The students are trained in a variety of areas including installing, operating and maintaining a mobile subscriber equipment network, force protection, site security, communications and automations training; nuclear, biological and chemical training, convoy training and leadership training.

"As signal officers we will be involved in all aspects of network installation and management," said Evans. "It is fundamentally sound to be exposed to the operations that you or your Soldiers must manage to install and manage a network."

The FTX provided the opportunity for the officers to achieve this, said Evans. Coupled with realistic opposing force aggression, leadership scenarios, and battalion operations and training system control operations, the lieutenants were placed in a stressful environment that attempts to mirror the challenges they will face in their next assignments as platoon leaders and signal officers.



Members of the quick reaction force hold their weapons at the ready as civilian protestors attempt to negotiate to get medical supplies for their pregnant sister. The scenario was part of an SOBC FTX that ended Monday.

Twenty-seven permanent party Soldiers accompanied the students on the training.

"Regardless of rank, each of the enlisted Soldiers served as an instructor or a mentor to us," said Wieland, "as well as giving us guidance on how to set up a site and ensuring it runs according to standard."

"We are doing what our Soldiers will be doing in a real world environment. Working with the enlisted Soldiers and doing what they would do gives us a better understanding of what the Soldiers will be

doing when we lead them," said Wieland.

The training is as realistic as it can get without being shot at, said Sgt. 1st Class Darnell Thompson, a site NCOIC for the FTX.

The real world can vary so much that the students are taught the basics they will need, added Thompson. Also, if the students believe in what they are doing, the training will be much more effective.

The training is more realistic with the OPFOR playing in the scenarios. This

type of training lets the students make mistakes and learn from them, said Houston.

"The students are also given support with combat lifesavers. They learn how to deal with sleep deprivation and fatigue and how to work under stressful conditions," added Houston.

Lt. Col. Rosemary Carter, 442nd Signal Battalion commander, has molded and changed the SOBC FTX into a realistic, challenging, and stressful scenario that trains the Army's future signal

platoon leaders and officers.

The five-day FTX prepares SOBC students for the challenges to come in their next assignments by OPFOR attacks during convoys and site set up, civilian's on the battlefield, rules of engagement, battalion SYSCON battle update briefs, IOM MSE network, and rotating all lieutenant's through leadership positions, said Evans.

"I went through the training in 1998," said Evans. "The

training is much more realistic, stressful, and challenging now than it was then."

The training focuses on equipment readiness.

"We actually jump the network several times and now have the battalion S3 SYSCON managing the network," said Carter.

These elements of realism, stress and challenge were not stressed in 1998; Carter has helped change the FTX to incorporate a Warrior Ethos mentality.

"The training is pertinent for what I am going to do," said 2nd Lt. Christopher Thomas. "I am going to Kuwait, and then going into Iraq. I am going to be working with contractors and with senior NCOs. I will be building communications networks for the Iraqi citizens," added Thomas.

"I am proud of Company B, MSE platoon and their proud tradition, expertise, and professional training they provide to the Signal Officer Basic Course, Signal Captain's Career Course, RNCOA, and adopt-a-school Barton Chapel Elementary," said Evans.

"I have great noncommissioned officer leadership and exceptional Soldiers who are responsible for training the future of the Signal Corps," added Evans.

"1st Lt. Mickey Pletcher, MSE platoon leader, and Sgt. 1st Class Franco Houston, MSE platoon sergeant, and the mighty fine MSE platoon take this mission seriously.

They consistently provide what right looks like, mentorship, and a professional work ethic to the future of the Signal Corps. I consistently have requests from SOBC lieutenants that they wish they could take MSE Soldiers with them to their next duty locations," said Evans.

"The training that we receive is a good foundation to prepare us to deploy to units of action," said Wieland.



A protestor pretending to be pregnant tries to negotiate her way into the camp on the basis that the father of her baby is stationed there.



2nd Lt. Christopher Thomas pulls security on the perimeter of the training area. Security shifts were two hour rotations.



SOBC students chase down a civilian protestor as she tries to get past the perimeter of the camp during the SOBC FTX.



Pfc. Tim Peterson, Company B, 442nd Signal Battalion, turns a crank to raise a 15-meter mast antenna during the SOBC FTX.

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