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**Installation News**



**Congressman visits wounded warriors**

Rep. John M. McHugh (R-NY) met recently with 15 Soldiers from Fort Drum's Warrior Transition Unit to discuss medical care provided to them and how to improve the Army's medical system. The unit, also known as 3rd Battalion, 85th Infantry Regiment, works to make sure Soldiers can focus on rehabilitation and the Army Physical Disability and Evaluation System process. McHugh, ranking member on the House Armed Services Committee's Subcommittee on Military Personnel, listened as troops discussed the quality of health care. **Article**

**Families weather challenges of military life**

Lisa Fedeson is getting a crash course in military lifestyle. After just six months of marriage, her husband, Spc. Bryan Fedeson, was sent to Iraq for more than a year with the 201st Military Intelligence Battalion. "We knew the deployment was coming. We actually moved our wedding up when we found out when he was going," Lisa said. With frequent moves, long separations and a wartime focus, military Families face unique and constant challenges and stressors, like deployments, and that's on top of everyday situations that can buckle even the strongest of relationships. **Article**

**Renovated Bamberg multiplex opening**

The renovated U.S. Army Garrison Bamberg JFK Gym is scheduled to open in March under a new name, the JFK Multiplex. The new multi-purpose program facility will transform the sports, fitness and recreation experience for children and youth of all ages. "This will be a multi-purpose facility and not just a traditional gym," said Liwliwa Markey, Bamberg Child and Youth Services coordinator. In less than a year, the morale, welfare and recreation facility underwent a \$1.3 million renovation to replace an entire roofing system and to remodel the interior, meeting the requirements of a certified CYS facility. **Article**

**Enrollment soars at Schinnen education center**

"Location, location, location." That may be the realtor's mantra, but it's also becoming the happy chant of folks at Schinnen's Education Center. Since the Education Center vacated rental space in the Brunssum suburb of Treebeek and moved onto the garrison last fall, the visibility of Schinnen's education programs has drastically improved. Chuck Hamilton, Education Center counselor, said walk in traffic is up by at least 20 percent. "People come to Schinnen for lots of things, and now they've noticed we're here too, so they stop in to see what we're offering," he said. **Article, pg. 5**

**In the Spotlight**



185 Warriors from across the Republic of Korea vie for a place in the Bataan Memorial Death March to be held on the White Sands Missile Range N.M., on March 30. Photo By Jim Cunningham.

**USAG Casey: New record set in Bataan Death March Memorial Qualifier**

Despite temperatures below freezing, more than 180 Warriors participated Feb. 23 in the 8th Army's Memorial Bataan Death March Qualifier. Maj. Arthur Mathisen of 121st Combat Support Hospital USAG-Yongsan set an all-time USAG-Casey course record of 1:35:50. The Bataan Death March Qualifier is an event held at USAG-Casey to qualify Soldiers and others participating, for the annual event at White Sands Missile Range, White Sands N.M., said Ron Fortin, recreation director for USAG-RC Family and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation. "We will be sending five men and five women plus a team to be selected today." **Article**



Hal Snyder, right, briefs a visitor on community programs at U.S. Army Garrison Schweinfurt. Snyder, the garrison Army Community Service director, has been named as a recipient for the U.S. Army, Europe Commanding General's Annual Incentive Award.

**Schweinfurt ACS director honored for innovative programming**

A member of U.S. Army Garrison Schweinfurt has been named as a recipient for the U.S. Army, Europe Commanding General's Annual Incentive Award. Hal Snyder, the garrison Army Community Service director, was recognized for establishing the "I can do it series" while serving as Schweinfurt's interim Morale, Welfare and Recreation director for six months in 2007. No one had heard of the program until last summer. And for good reason: it did not exist until Snyder had what he called "one of those three-o'clock-in-the-morning, can't-sleep ideas." **Article**

**Fort McPherson: Drugs, alcohol and service lend to director's passion to assist**

### ACS holds Army Family Team Building instructor training at Fort Stewart

Seventeen students graduated from the Fort Stewart Army Family Team Building instructor training course recently. Participants spent three days learning facilitation skills and classroom management techniques. The course culminated with individual presentations and a graduation ceremony. "I am really excited to have these instructors join our team," said Kara Casto, Unit Services Coordinator for Army Community Service, and manages the AFTB program at Fort Stewart. "We have several new classes scheduled this summer, including AFTB for teens and a class in Spanish. ..."

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### Fort Leavenworth selects top firefighters



Garrison officials honored two Fort Leavenworth Fire and Emergency Services firefighters, Capt. Santino Maestas and Lt. Kenneth Skaggs as the 2007 fire officer and firefighter of the year on Feb. 29 at Fire Station Headquarters. The annual awards are part of a Department of Defense program that recognizes excellence in individual firefighters, departments and programs. "It great," said Maestas, who has been with the department for six years. "We're very proud of the shift and I think it's a representation of the work they do."

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### Army helps protect Hawaii through the Army Compatible Use Buffer program

More than 100 people recently celebrated the permanent protection of a hidden realm in Hawaii, commonly referred to as Moanalua Valley. This area will be preserved indefinitely because of State, Trust for Public Lands (TPL) and Army efforts, among others. The Army's involvement in land preservation might come as a surprise to those who haven't heard of the Army Compatible Use Buffer (ACUB) program. ACUB addresses conservation and encroachment by investing in land preservation near Army properties.

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### Fort Gordon: Upgrades to improve quality of life for wounded Soldiers

Upgrades will improve the quality of life for members of the Warrior Transition Battalion at Fort Gordon. Lt. Col. Everett Sharpe, battalion commander, said the changes are due to the Army Medical Action Plan enacted about a year ago. "It took a look at how the Army was doing business and made sweeping changes," he said. Construction of six new buildings is underway on Eighth Avenue. The battalion's population fluctuates daily, but averages 254. Among the new employees will be five social workers.

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### Stuttgart AFAP seeks to improve quality of life

Martha Buttrill is an agent of change. As a delegate at the 2008 U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Army Family Action Plan conference held Feb. 12, she and 73 other delegates examined issues affecting the community and searched for solutions. "I'm an FRG leader. I get a lot of feedback from spouses and Soldiers," said Buttrill, Family Readiness Group leader for Stuttgart's 554th Military Police Company. "I wanted to take the initiative and try to make changes. I wanted to be able to say I helped." That's why this busy mom, who home schools her 10-year-old son, said she volunteered to participate in AFAP.

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### Fort Monmouth: Gate guards first line of defense



From the jungles of Vietnam to the front lines of any given Soldier's personal struggles with substance abuse issues, Moses Simmons Jr. has given 42 years of his life to serving his country and the military. "Where else can you get a job, and the military helps keep you healthy so that you can do your job?" Simmons thought. With that goal in mind, Simmons decided to pursue a career that would allow him to help Soldiers who struggle with addiction and decided to return to Georgia to be the director of the Wellness Center at Fort McPherson and Fort Gillem.

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### ACS director, Europe, invites Soldiers and Families to come and see all services available

"We challenge our community -- from the single Soldier, to the young married spouse, to that company commander -- to walk in the door and see for themselves everything ACS has to offer," said Lynn McCollum, ACS director of Installation Management Command-Europe. "The Covenant has given us the tools to serve them, but it takes that Soldier or spouse taking the time to walk in the door to open their eyes to the world of possibilities available to them."

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### Performance-based contract accelerates Alaska transformation

*(From AEC's quarterly Environmental Update)*  
Garrison Alaska found a new tool for mining its mountain of National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) paperwork in a performance-based contracting method available through the U.S. Army Environmental Command. The NEPA Performance-Based Contract (PBC) allows any Army installation to take advantage of pre-negotiated contract terms for the development of Environmental Impact Statements (EISs) or Environmental Assessments.

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### Fort Hood: Cheney welcomes home troops



Vice President Richard B. Cheney told Fort Hood troops they will go down in history as purveyors of democracy in Iraq during ceremonies held to uncasing III Corps colors and welcome home Fort Hood troops Feb. 26. At the III Corps uncasing, Lt. Gen. Ray Odierno, III Corps commanding general, and Command Sgt. Maj. Neil Ciotola, III Corps command sergeant major, uncased the III Corps colors, signifying their official return to duty at Fort Hood. They also added the Operation Iraqi Freedom 06-08 streamer to the colors and were presented the Joint Meritorious Unit Award for III Corps service in Iraq.

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### White Plume Awards go to Europe Managers

Two members of IMCOM-Europe have been honored for continually improving the quality of life for Soldiers and Families through their extensive experience and knowledge in the morale, welfare and recreation arena. Dan Gasparino and Mary Schweitzer each received a White Plume Award from Russell Hall, director of IMCOM-Europe, who jokingly said: "We don't give these things out just when you retire."

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### Fort Riley Main Post DFAC wins Connelly Award

What does it take to be one of the best Army food service facilities in the world? Good food? Sure. Good service? You bet. Cleanliness?



They're a force composed of combat veterans ranging from the Vietnam War to the current Global War on Terrorism as well as retired law enforcement officers and personnel from various security areas. That also makes the TW and Company, Inc. security gate guards of Fort Monmouth the first line of defense between the installation and the outside world. And therefore, they're the men and women Fort Monmouth personnel rely upon for protection. "We (TW and Company) are also responsible for numerous other military installations throughout the United States including the Air Force and Coast Guard," explained Anthony Pirone, chief of the guards. "And it's a mission we take very, very seriously." **Article**

### First IMCOM-Europe LSS green belt saves Garrison Hohenfels almost \$33,000

Bridy Godwin saved Garrison Hohenfels almost \$33,000 as part of LSS Green Belt Certification.

The certification is a distinction within the Lean Six Sigma business improvement model. A combination of the Lean Manufacturing and Six Sigma models, its goal is to improve a process within an organization -- uncovering where quality improvements, additional efficiencies or cost savings might lie. "This is really important in today's Army," said Godwin, "We like to try to do things better and find all the cost savings we can, so we can apply it in different areas." **Article**

### TV fitness guru urges crowd to give back



Television personality and fitness guru Harvey E. Walden IV addressed a Fort Hamilton audience during the Black History Month observance on Feb. 29. Walden, 41, readily admitted he is the product of great mentorship since his parents' divorce when he was barely six-years-old. He referred to them as his building blocks and stepping stones. "It's about having a great foundation and role models," he said. **Article**

### Virtual reality prepares Soldiers for battle

In July 2002, "America's Army" gaming software was created for the U.S. Army as a recruitment advertisement. The program was created for the purpose of recruiting highly qualified men and women into the Army while appealing to the current generations' love of computer-based games. "The 'America's Army' simulator helps students be more familiar and aware with troop leading procedures and tactical maneuvers in an urban environment. This allows the students to better understand the decisions they make and how it can affect the outcome of the whole squad," said Sgt. 1st Class Reginald Powell, instructor for Army Medical Department NCOA. **Article**

### British officers invade Kansas, train with American Soldiers

Now roaming the nation's heartland: British soldiers. But, like the Beatles four decades ago, these British invaders are friendly. Some 200 British Army and Royal Marine officers are currently in northeast Kansas, training and building relationships with American officers they are likely to see again. "It's all about developing skills, knowledge, attributes and motivation for the troops," said Maj. Jo Bell, spokeswoman for the British Defense Academy traveling with the officers. "It's all about building up their confidence." **Article**

### Wounded Soldier returns to basic training to give Soldiers advice: Pay attention

A former Sand Hill Soldier returned to his basic training unit recently with a message for trainees: Pay attention. Pfc. Chris Parish is assigned to the Warrior Transition Battalion, where he receives therapy for the

Absolutely. But most of all, it takes personnel willing to go the extra mile to take care of their customers. That's what the staff at Fort Riley's Main Post Dining Facility does on a daily basis, said Chief Warrant Officer Jasper Lee, Fort Riley installation food manager. This may be one of the reasons they recently received the highest award an Army food service facility can get -- the Connelly Award. **Article**



Yongsan: Garrison Commander Col. Dave Hall signs the Army Emergency Relief campaign pledge sheet. Looking on is Kimberly Cornelius, Yongsan's AER campaign coordinator, and Sgt. Carlos Gaines, campaign coordinator for Headquarters and Headquarters Company, USAG-Yongsan. U.S. Army Photo by Pvt. Lee Min-hwi

### Yongsan Commander writes article on the Army Emergency Relief Fund

Yongsan Commander COL Dave Hall writes: There is no greater duty we have than to ensure that Soldiers who volunteer to defend our freedom are afforded the best we can provide. When a Soldier needs help, we are there to support. We take care of our own! The Army Emergency Relief fund is the Army's own emergency financial assistance organization and is dedicated to the concept of "taking care of our own." The annual AER fund drive started March 1 and runs through May 15. I ask everyone to consider contributing to this fund that helps provide for the morale and welfare of our Soldiers and their Families; retirees; and widow and widowers of deceased Soldiers. ..." **Article**

### NETCOM Soldiers, civilians honored

Soldiers and civilians of NETCOM/9th Signal Command (Army) paid tribute to 68 other Soldiers and civilians in the command during a week-long, NETCOM Heroes Award Program with daily ceremonies, concluding with a final ceremony held recently, at the command's headquarters. The daily ceremonies were connected via video-teleconference with all the sub-commands under NETCOM located around the world, including several of the command's organizations in Washington D.C. The Hero Award is a special recognition award for meritorious service presented by the commanding general of NETCOM/9th SC(A) to a very small percentage of the total NETCOM force of 17,000 Soldiers and civilians around the globe. **Article**



Staff Sgt. Paul Menz, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command Band, Fort Monroe, reads to students at Booker Elementary School, Hampton, March 3 as part of the National Education Association's Read Across America Day program. A total of 22 military and government civilian employees from Monroe volunteered for the project. Photo by Patricia Radcliffe. **Read more from Fort Monroe**

### Hot Topics

#### IMCOM workforce hones skills at IMI training

The seventh annual Installation Management Institute was held Jan. 14-18 in Louisville, Ky. The event offered more than 1,500 employees a centralized skills training program on how to effectively use tools and techniques to accomplish IMCOM's mission. "IMI was truly a command-wide team effort," said Philip DeMarais, chief of IMCOM's Workforce Development Branch. "The track managers administered functional training for students that directly supported the workforce to complete the Army and IMCOM mission." **Article**

### Installation Paper of the Week

severe wounds he suffered to his left leg in Iraq last summer. The 25-year old Oklahoma native credits his battle buddy, Pfc. Jesse Garza, with saving his life. Garza's combat lifesaver training prior to his deployment with the 3rd Brigade Combat Team in March "kicked in" when he needed it most, Parish said. "If he hadn't paid attention during training, I wouldn't be standing here today." **Article**

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