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ALL IN THE FAMILY

Brother and sister engineers will serve together in Iraq

BY 1ST LT. ANTHONY D. BUCHANAN
CRIER STAFF WRITER

Since the beginning of the war in Iraq, scores of Soldiers and civilians have contributed to the well-being of the Iraqi people. Lt. Cols. J.P. Moszer and Jan Carter, siblings assigned to the 34th Engineer Brigade, will soon get their chance to assist in the war effort along with other members of their unit.

The 34th Engineer Brigade, which is headquartered in Bismark, N.D., will be charged with making a difference in Iraq by assisting with the national reconstruction effort and helping the Iraqis take full responsibility for the maintenance and upkeep of infrastructure once U.S. forces leave Iraq.

"We will be administering contracts for the reconstruction, repair and the revitalization of the country of Iraq in separate sectors of the country," Moszer said. "We are doing the big picture stuff over there. A lot of people are under the impression that what we are rebuilding is from war damage. Actually, what we are rebuilding is from the neglect over the thirty years of the regime."

More than 1,000 years of military experience, combined with civilian expertise, will be the driving force for this unique unit that has an average age of 41.

"The youngest guy we have in our unit is 22," Carter said. "Most of the unit came together after the mobilization, but we have known of each other for a long time and I think we'll be just fine. Sixty percent of this unit works fulltime for the Guard."

The Moszer family has a long tradition of serving in the North Dakota National Guard. Moszer, Carter and their brother Rick are lieutenant colonels, Carter's daughter is a first lieutenant and her son is a specialist.

"We are a very tight knit family," Moszer said. "We have always stayed with family members in Bismarck on drill weekends."

Like almost every parent who has a child in the military, Moszer and Carter noticed a bit of concern coming from their parents.

"This deployment is probably going to be the hardest on our parents, but they believe that we are going to make a difference and our proud of what we are doing," Carter said. "Nobody wants to see their children in war, but they know it's the right thing to do. My kids are very supportive. They understand about the volunteerism and that you have to give back."

Moszer said even though Carter has always been his big sister looking out for him, he still has concerns about his older sister.

"I think she's very capable in her arena and she will do a fine job in Iraq, but it's that brother-sister worry now," Moszer said. "I'm the baby brother. She's always saying, 'I have to look after you,' and I thinking that I have to worry more about her. But I still need to stay focused on my job."

"The fulfilling part of this mission is that I get to leave something behind. My belief is that all humans have the right to sewer, water, septic and electricity. When it's all said and done, I will be able to look back and say I helped build this."



LT. COLS. J.P. MOSZER AND JAN CARTER, SIBLINGS ASSIGNED TO THE 34TH ENGINEER BRIGADE, TAKE A BREAK FROM TRAINING AT FORWARD OPERATING BASE WARRIOR ON CAMP ATTERBURY JOINT MANEUVER TRAINING CENTER.

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Commander's Message

Welcome to Camp Atterbury and Indiana

BY COL. BARRY RICHMOND

Welcome to Camp Atterbury, Muscatatuck and this month's Crier.

The Crier is bigger ... and so is Atterbury and Muscatatuck — there is just a lot going on this month. We will be busting at the seams, so bear with us as we work to serve you.

Welcome to the new mobilizing Commanders and Soldiers from California, Georgia, Illinois, North Dakota, Nevada, Texas and all places in between. I know you are not here by choice, but please know that you are always our primary focus and our main effort as you prepare for your duty to the nation.

Welcome to the participants and guests of Ardent Sentry and Vigilant Guard Exercises. These Northern Command (NORTHCOM) and National Guard exercises are the largest State and Federal Response combined exercise of its kind ever conducted. It involves hundreds of State and local first responders and thousands of National Guard Soldiers and Active Duty servicemembers from all branches. Hulman Air National Guard Base, Muscatatuck Joint Urban Training Center, and Camp Atterbury are honored to support and participate in this important exercise.

We have also sandwiched weekend and Annual Training into remaining space this month — welcome to Marines from Missouri, Explosives Ordnance Disposal, Airborne from Virginia, Infantry School by our Indiana National Guard Professional



RICHMOND

Education Center, Air Force Security Forces from Grissom, an Engineer Battalion from Illinois, Reserve Officer Training Command units ... the list goes on.

Thanks to the communities and businesses who surround and support Camp Atterbury and Muscatatuck. Our visitors and users recognize and comment on your support. We are partners — we could not be as successful as we are without you.

Thanks in advance to the Soldiers and employees of Muscatatuck and Camp Atterbury who work hard every day to make these installations premier training centers. It is You who have the opportunity and the legacy of providing selfless service to all of our users. An example is this: A couple of weekends ago I was here on a Sunday evening with a departure get-together for one of the mobilizing units. I was in King Hall when a Commander and First Sergeant stopped me and complimented Camp Atterbury on our support to them. They were a transportation company from Missouri just over-nighting here on their way home. Someone from the fuel point re-opened to get them gas, someone from billeting helped them secure quarters, and someone from food service guided them to King Hall — and, oh, by the way, it was steak night. They were "happy campers" for sure.

My point is this: As Martin Luther King, Jr. said: "Everybody can be great ... because anybody can serve."

Thanks to those individuals who go out of their way to help, or just do the good things they do here every day. I am glad Somebody steps up and does what Anybody

could do. You are great and you make us, collectively, greater.

My last message for May is — may we take time this month to remember?

On May 5, 1868, Gen. John A. Logan declared in General Order No. 11 that:

"The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country ... and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form of ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit."

First known as Decoration Day, in 1971 Congress set aside the last Monday in May as a day of remembering those members of the armed services who have died in service to our country. As you enjoy the Memorial Day weekend and festivities later this month, be safe. Treasure your families and friends. And, make it a point to think hard about the sacrifices of those who died to preserve and nurture our freedom. Take a moment or two to recognize the value of that gift of freedom — a gift that is the envy of most of the world and is, and should be, so very precious to us. In your own way, thank them. In Remembering ... We Honor.

Col. Barry Richmond is the commander of Camp Atterbury Joint Maneuver Training Center.

News Briefs

OCS alumni

An effort is being made to form a professional Indiana Military Academy Officer Candidate School Alumni Association. The association is assembling data on as many graduates as possible to compile a mailing list. Anyone who

graduated from IMA-OCS is eligible to become a member, regardless of current or past status. To have your name placed on the list, submit your name, address, phone number and class number to IMA-OCS Alumni Association, P.O. Box 5000, Camp Atterbury,

Building 5, Edinburgh IN 46142 or lawrence.j.powers@us.army.mil.

Case lot sale on post

Camp Atterbury and Harrison Village Commissary will conduct a case lot sale at Atterbury's JSTEC Complex on June 1-2. The sale is open to all DOD card holders.

Recruiters offer options, easy opponents for Job Corps kids

By Amy May
CRIER STAFF WRITER

The Indiana National Guard's recruiters provide students at Atterbury Job Corps with adult leadership and a way to explore whether they want to join the military.

The recruiters are also fresh meat for the corps' pick-up basketball team.

"They just kind of spank us like children, since we're all old and they're all young," said 1st Sgt. Mark Smith.

Even the younger recruiters, like Cpl. Nick Dilbeck and Spc. Austin Wethington, say the game is no contest.

"They really show us up," Wethington said.

The basketball game is more than just fun.

"It's team building and gives them some competition. But it's also like a Big Brother program or mentoring. Show them that they can grow up and do something with their lives," Wethington said.

It also benefits the recruiters, who get some exercise, Smith added.

"It gives us our PT (physical training) and it gives them someone to beat," he said.

The recruiters, who work from Greenwood to Seymour, an area that includes Camp Atterbury and Columbus, also work with a class at Job Corps for students who might be interested in the military.

The class is called MILCAP ... Military Careers Preparedness. It includes physical training, marching, military drill and ceremony, said Jim Hemmellgam, business and community liaison at Job Corps.

Jobs Corps has three goals for its students after they leave, he said. They can go into the career they are training for at the corps, go into advanced training or join the military.

"So, military enlistment is one of our preferred choices," Hemmellgam said.

Any student is eligible to participate in MILCAP, but a lot of the students are also interested in the security trades, he added. These are students who might become police officers,

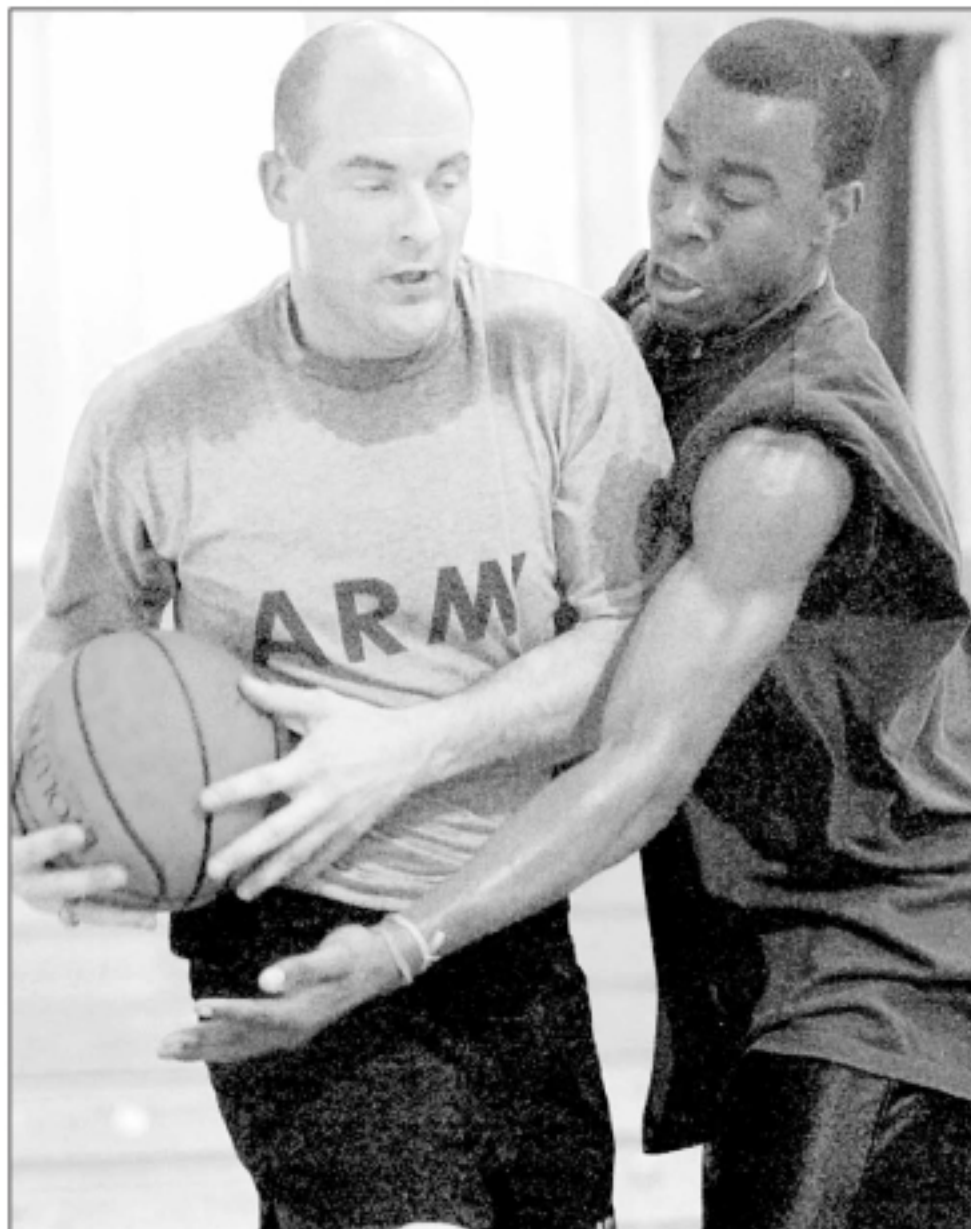


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Staff Sgt. William Martin, an Indiana National Guard recruiter, plays basketball with a Job Corps student. The recruiters also assist with the corps military careers class.

firefighters or security personnel. Many of the skills and discipline are the same.

One of Job Corps' goal is to get the students to explore various career options, so MILCAP

is a good way to see if the military is something that interests them, Hemmellgam said.

"The whole intent is to help the people learn more about the military without some of the

fables that go around," he said.

The class includes lots of guest speakers and instructors, but the Guard recruiters are the most active, Hemmellgam said.

Recruiters go over there twice a week and teach the kids basic military skills, such as physical training and marching, and answer questions about military life. They work with the instructor, Lt. Sheila Hurtado, who is also in the Indiana National Guard, and retired military officer Bill Hall.

The students can sign up for the Guard if they are of legal age, but they are encouraged to continue with their education first, Dilbeck said.

In addition to the class at Job Corps, the students have the chance to sit beside some real recruits and go through the same pre-basic course.

The course, Recruit Sustainment Detachment, is taught at Camp Atterbury one weekend a month. It's designed for new National Guard Soldiers who don't have any military experience. Atterbury is one of nine national sites to offer the class.

"Some have been to basic (training), but none have been to AIT (Advanced Individual Training). It's like a pre-basic without the 4 a.m. wake-up," Smith said. "It gets them ready for basic training, so when they get there, it's not such a big culture shock."

Students who are interested in the military are allowed to join the class, which also includes some fun activities such as rappelling and paintball.

The kids also learn about the strict guidelines of military life, such as equal opportunity and sexual harassment standards, which are stricter than civilian standards, and rank structure, discipline and respect.

"Self discipline and respect ... a lot of the kids lack that before they go though the Job Corps routine," Smith said.

Dilbeck said the kids seem eager to learn.

"They want to be a part of it. They enjoy

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A look back in history

— By Jim West, www.indianamilitary.org

1942

May 1:

Carpenters building Camp Atterbury get union wages of \$1.30 per hour.

May 20: Engineers cut five feet off of all chimneys in camp to save one million bricks and the labor to lay them.

May 28: Col. Modisette, first post commander, arrives.

1943

May 1: 400 Italian prisoners of war arrive.

May 13: Farm near camp is accidentally bombed.

May 23: Workers building camp go

on seven-day week, 10-hour days.

1944

May 8: Station hospital renamed Wakeman General and Convalescent Hospital, in honor of Hoosier Col. Frank Wakeman; first German prisoners of war arrive.

May 24: Three Austrian Grand Dukes arrive at camp for formation of Austrian 101st Battalion

May 27: Congressional Medal of Honor presented at Camp Atterbury posthumously.

1945

May 1: 30th Division, which trained at Camp Atterbury, is cited as the

most valuable Infantry Division in the war.

May 23: 24 homeward-bound veterans, en route to Camp Atterbury for separation, are injured in train wreck near Piqua, Ohio.

1946

May 9: Camp Atterbury Personnel Center closes and inductions and discharges are set to cease July 31.

1951

May 26: Members of the 28th Division help put out huge fire at David R. Webb veneer plant in Edinburg.

1952

May 2: Members of the 31st Dixie Division arrive.

1954

May 11: Camp Atterbury removed from proposed list of sites for the USAF Academy.

Marines give Scouts rare chance to see weekend training

By 1st Lt. ANTHONY D. BUCHANAN
CRITER STAFF WRITER

The opportunity to see what military men and women actually do is rarely experienced by children in our country.

Twenty-three Boy Scouts of Boy Scout Troop 19 out of Fort Wayne and six adult chaperones came to Camp Atterbury to observe some of the common traditional training activities of the 4th Marine Division Communications Company headquartered in Cincinnati.

"They're going to get the opportunity to see everything we do on a weekend," said Maj. Patrick Allison, commanding officer of the 4th Marine Division Communication Company. "What we really wanted to do was get them integrated with the Marines and do coaching, mentoring, observation and training portion."

Boy Scouts were given the opportunity to negotiate the leadership reaction course, watch Marines go through the gas chamber and learn a little about NBC (Nuclear, Biological and Chemical) training and equipment.

"We are also doing a wide array of administrative traditions like re-enlistments, a hail and farewell and a retirement party," Allison said. "They're going to get a whole gamut of what we do here. They will even get to see a re-enlistment in the back of a seven-ton (vehicle) with dress uniforms. That doesn't happen every day. They picked a good weekend to come."

The leadership reaction course



A Marine assigned to the 4th Marine Division Communications Company explains what Marines experience in the gas chamber to Boy Scout Troop 19 of Fort Wayne at Camp Atterbury Joint Maneuver Training Center.

CRITER PHOTO BY 1ST LT. ANTHONY D. BUCHANAN

was the first event for the Boy Scouts. They started out a little rusty. But with the help of the Marines, they successfully completed many course events.

"They did a real nice job," said Steve Libbing, scoutmaster for troop 19 of Anthony Wayne Area Counsel in Fort Wayne, which is sponsored by St. John the Baptist Church in Fort Wayne. "The Marines did a much nicer job helping them through it. They made a few mistakes, but they eventually improved by watching the first one, second one and third one. They kind of got the idea that they need to do a little more thinking in advance, as opposed to just running into it."

The Boy Scouts do many typical scouting activities, but Libbing was intent on having his Scouts come to the military installation to view the activities of military personnel.

"I was approached by the Boy Scout troop leader out of Fort Wayne to see if we could come up with a session where we could integrate his Boy Scouts into a Marine training environment," Allison said.

"They've seen the Army and the Navy, but they have never had the opportunity to come to Marine training. I took the opportunity at that point and said, 'Camp Atterbury is a great place to bring you guys down.'"

"We talked about it a few years ago," Libbing said. "Maj. Allison said there may be an opportunity to come down. As soon as we heard that, we were all over it."

"Last year we were not able to do it because of deployment issues at the time, but we kept reminding him and we finally got our opportunity to come down. All hats off to Maj. Allison for giving us this opportunity. Thank you guys (Camp Atterbury) for taking the time to allow us to come on base. The guys are real excited about being out here."

His goal was to inform the Scouts of what Marines do and what it takes to be a Marine.

"I hope they learn a little more

respect for the military," Libbing said. "I would like to give them an idea of what you guys go through on a daily basis and make them realize what an honor it is to be a part of both organizations. A lot of times they don't recognize what people are doing behind the scenes for them."

"I'm trying to convince a lot more parents and kids that the skills you learn doing Scouting activities are going to be far more encompassing than the skills you learn on a sports team because you are not getting the broad range of activities like you find in scouting and this is a great example," Libbing said.

"You are not going to find this on your Little League team."

Recruiters

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having a military presence with them. Ninety percent of them plan to join the military," he said.

"They're pretty good kids," Wethington added. "They want to better themselves and they're willing to give service to their country."

Hemmelgarn said Camp Atterbury has offered a great service to Job Corps by its willingness to help the

kids and share opportunities.

"The Indiana National Guard has been very, very supportive of the Job Corps. They do a great deal to encourage the youngsters," he said.

The camp has provided training grounds and real work assignments for students in the building trades classes and the office/clerical career track.

One student got an internship at Edinburgh Correctional Facility on Atterbury, and the facility liked her so much they hired her permanently,

Hemmelgarn said.

The mentorship of the Soldiers and employees is also important, he said. Opportunities to hang out and play basketball also help the kids.

"For some of our students, this is maybe the first time for them to recreate with someone a little older that's not an authority figure."

"We do it, too. But we're teachers, so it's not the same," he said. "The National Guard (Soldiers) have been great mentors to our kids."

Special pull-out section

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Welcome to first responders, military and government officials

BY MAJ. GEN. R. MARTIN UMBARGER

As the Adjutant General of Indiana, it is my distinct privilege to welcome you to Vigilant Guard/Ardent Sentry 07.

This is a vital unprecedented homeland security exercise featuring: civilian first responders, state and federal military responders and follow on support personnel from every level of government.



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This exercise also is a great opportunity

to showcase the world class training facilities available here in Indiana.

The Soldiers and Airmen of the Indiana National Guard are proud of their heritage and stand ready to answer the state or nation's call. We recognize we are not alone in those sentiments, our goal is to build good working relationships with the other first responders throughout the country.

Your efforts here represent the best that America has to offer. Each of you has asked the question "If not me, then who." That is the spirit of those who serve. That is the spirit of those who put others before

themselves. That is the spirit of America. Let me add my gratitude to the chorus of millions of Americans who so rightly thank you.

While you are here I encourage you to make the most of your stay. Enjoy our "Hoosier Hospitality." Engage these Soldiers and Airmen and learn who they are and what motivates them. I am confident you will understand why I go to work everyday believing that no one is more blessed than I.

The men and women of the Indiana National Guard are here to support. That is my expectation and that is their charge.

There are no insignificant matters when it comes to the welfare of visiting personnel. Please let my staff know how we can better support your training needs. Our goal is to enhance training opportunities and minimize distractions.

Finally, I'd like to thank those that will visit this exercise to observe and evaluate the way we prepare ourselves during these challenging times. It is through your advocacy that we are provided the opportunity to serve.

Maj. Gen. R. Martin Umbarger is the Adjutant General for the state of Indiana.

Camp Atterbury is key state, national training facility

BY AMY MAY
CRIER STAFF WRITER

Camp Atterbury was built in 1942 to train World War II Soldiers.

The sprawling post included a hospital complex and a prisoner of war camp.

After the war, the camp's size was reduced to 33,000 acres and was deactivated.

That changed after Sept. 11, 2001. The camp was activated and used to train reserve component Soldiers bound for overseas missions.

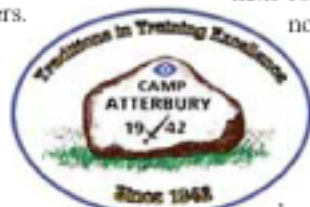
"It's an unprecedented use of the Guard. We've not been used this much since World War II. Of the 14,000 Soldiers and airmen in the Indiana National Guard, about 12,600 have been deployed

somewhere in the world since 9-11," said Maj. Gen. R. Martin Umbarger, the adjutant general of the Indiana National Guard. "The next 10 years, we will see nothing but continued growth in infrastructure at Atterbury."

In November, the camp was chosen to be one of six permanent mobilization sites in the United States for Guard and Reserve troops.

The designation is an honor and a compliment to the way the camp does its job, said Umbarger and Col. Barry Richmond, the camp's commander.

Those who train the Soldiers need to be innovative and

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Muscatatuck: Not your average training site

BY LT. COL. DEEDRA THOMBLESON AND
SGT. TOMMI MEYER
INDIANA GUARD PUBLIC AFFAIRS

In May of 2005, the Indiana National Guard took the first step toward creating the nation's premier urban training site at the official ribbon cutting for Muscatatuck Urban Training Center (MUTC) in Southeast Indiana's Jennings County.

The site is a secluded, self-supporting town complete with hospital, school, fire department, residential area, office buildings, power plant, and even a water treatment facility. Prior to 2005 it had been home to the Muscatatuck State Developmental Center for mentally and physically impaired Indiana citizens.

Now, nearly two years after the Guard stepped in, the new concept for MUTC is moving

forward at rapid speed, thanks to a comprehensive

funding package and partnership with Department of the Army.

"From the beginning, our vision has been to transform Muscatatuck into a national



center of excellence for urban training, one focused on honing our nation's capability to respond to crises, both abroad and here in the

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adaptive to create realistic training that prepares troops for current conditions in theater.

The camp's forward operating bases, for example, are copies of what Soldiers might encounter in a war zone. Soldiers leave the base and convoy through the camp. During their route, they are "attacked" by insurgents and roadside bombs.

Another exercise is the "Iraqi village." Iraqi immigrants work as actors to help the Soldiers adapt to situations they will likely face overseas.

Soldiers who have just returned from a mission are invited to stay and teach in the "Warrior Training Program." Deploying Soldiers can hear, firsthand, about the latest threats and enemy tactics and cultural changes the country has undergone.

It's a training environment that is not duplicated in any other state, Richmond said.

◆MUTC

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homeland," said Major General R. Martin Umbarger, the Adjutant General of the Indiana National Guard. "Now we can see that transformation move forward."

In its first two years of operation, the 1,000-acre site has been host to multiple training events, both civilian and military. Though the 70 existing buildings and surrounding infrastructure provided the backdrop for realistic and much sought after urban training, the future for MUTC is much more robust.

The \$97.3 million funding package and two-phase plan, includes infrastructure and building modifications, instrumentation and base operating costs. When fully operational, the site is expected to accommodate training for approximately 40,000 active and reserve component troops a year, while still supporting civilian training events. In 2006 the site

was utilized by a much smaller 19,000 total man-days of use.

The agreement between the Indiana National Guard and Department of the Army calls for the establishment of support staff that will include about 290 fulltime civilian and military personnel, a large increase from the current staff of about 70.

"Muscatatuck will now become a major contributor to our national security, and a major contributor to the economy of southern Indiana," said Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels.

The enhanced site will host up to 10 major training events per year, with the first large-scale



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. MICHAEL KRIED
Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels speaks at the April 17 press conference announcing the Army funding for Muscatatuck Urban Training Center

exercises will be conducted in coordination with each other so as to replicate a real-world response to a major terrorist attack in the homeland. The scenario will be that of a simulated detonation of a nuclear device in a major metropolitan area with Muscatatuck replicating the targeted city.

Indiana National Guard's exercise, VIGILANT GUARD, will be the first to be executed,

event scheduled for May.

Events in May, actually a multi-faceted joint exercise, will involve local, state and federal civilians as well as National Guard and active component troops.

Two representing the National Guard's role as our nation's first military responder in time of domestic emergency. The exercise will involve the deployment of some 2,000 Guard Soldiers into the exercise area, employing their advanced terrorist response capabilities. The exercise will rigorously test their ability to support local and state civilian authorities, incident and unified commanders and the State Emergency Management Agency. As in a real-world response, the National Guard forces will be the first-in, last-out military response force in the combined exercise.

U.S. Northern Command's exercise, ARDENT SENTRY/NORTHERN EDGE 07, will replicate the federal military role in support of the lead federal agency, reinforcing the capabilities of the local first responders and those of the National Guard already committed to the simulated crisis.

For more information about MUTC or the upcoming exercises, visit the Indiana National Guard site at www.inang.org.

News flash: It really is safer to fly than it is to drive

By CW5 LARRY D. ANDERSON
STATE AVIATION SAFETY OFFICER

Army aviators are known to be a pretty wild bunch, at times. We do such things as low-level formation flying, drop water on raging forest fires with a water bucket slung under the aircraft, rappel troops to rooftops while hovering over the building and fly at night wearing night vision goggles while sling loading a Humvee!

So, how do you think the Indiana National Guard has lost the most aviation crewmembers over the past 20 years?

It was in motor vehicle accidents! Indiana Guard aviation has lost four people to automobile accidents, compared to one aircraft fatality accident in the past 20 years. There is a saying among pilots that the most dangerous part of flying is the drive to the airport.

For fiscal year 2006, the Army lost 242 Soldiers to all types of accidents. Of those, two percent were in Army combat vehicles, 14 percent were in Army motor vehicles, and 50 percent were in privately owned vehicles.

The reason that there are fewer aviation



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Don't let this be you. Watch your speed and pay attention when driving on and off post.

accidents compared to automobiles is that aviators intensively identify hazards, assess their risks, develop controls to mitigate hazards and implement controls.

This risk assessment process is now known as composite risk management (CRM).

In August 2006, the old field manual 100-14 was replaced by field manual 5-19, CRM. This manual institutionalizes the CRM process to be integrated at all levels

Arrive alive

These are some of the basics that all drivers should know and follow:

- Wear all of the appropriate protective gear you have available, for example: Kevlar in the Humvee.
- Wear seat belts at all times.
- Safety brief all convoys about the hazards along the route.
- While driving, do not allow distractions such as cell phone use, eating and drinking or personal audio devices. At Camp Atterbury and Muscatatuck, cell phone use is not allowed unless it is hands-free.
- Make sure driver seat and mirror adjustments are made before any convoy departs.
- Inspect vehicles daily. Military vehicles will only be backed up while using a ground guide (day and night).

of Army decision-making processes.

With the upcoming exercise, Muscatatuck Urban Training Center and Camp Atterbury Joint Maneuver Training Center will be very busy with large increases in both aircraft and motor vehicle traffic. Most commanders and the safety community are of the opinion that the biggest risks for this upcoming exercise are motor vehicle and convoy operations.

The Indiana National Guard's response to

hurricane Katrina is the latest event to date that compares in magnitude to this exercise. The accident experiences there validate most of these concerns. Those accidents were because of things like following too closely in a convoy, rearended the vehicle in front, backing up at a fuel point without the required ground guide and hitting another unseen vehicle.

Some accidents were caused by Soldiers being in the wrong place at the wrong time. This is where doing your part correctly can save everyone a lot of heartache.

During the following weeks, there will be a large number of people from many states, civilian and other government agencies involved in this exercise. Let us all strive to be the best professional, mission focused, and safety conscious Soldiers that we can be.

If you would like more information on any of the topics discussed here, see your safety officer/non commissioned officer, or go to <https://erc.army.mil/home>. Leaders at all levels should make full use of the CRM process to allow Soldiers to do all their assigned missions and still return home safely. Let's be careful out there.

Civil, military skills blended in exercise

Indiana National Guard's exercise, Vigilant Guard, will be the first to be executed, representing the National Guard's role as our nation's first military responder in time of domestic emergency. The exercise will involve the deployment of 2,000 Guard

Soldiers into the exercise area, employing their advanced terrorist response capabilities. The exercise will rigorously test their ability to support local and state civilian authorities, incident and unified commanders and the State Emergency Management Agency.

As in a real-world response, the National Guard forces will be the first-in, last-out military response force in the combined exercise.

Some of the units involved:

- The Civil Support Team identifies CBRNEs, assesses consequences, advises on response measures and assists with requests for additional support. The CST is on standby 24 hours a day and is mandated by law.

- The Civil Enhanced Response Force Package is comprised of a search and extraction team, a decontamination team, a medical team and command and control to respond to a CBRNE attack.

- National Guard Reaction Forces are tasked to deliver a



combat arms force of 75 to 125 Guard personnel within four to eight hours and up

to 375 Soldiers in 24 to 36 hours. The NGRF rotates between units and is commanded by the governor of its home state. The unit provides site security, roadblock or checkpoints as needed, assists civil authorities and protects government-owned infrastructure.

- The Emergency Management Assistance Compact is a national mutual aid partnership agreement that allows state-to-state assistance during certain emergencies.

When a state's resources are overwhelmed, National Guard units nationwide can fill shortfalls. Hurricanes Katrina and Rita showcased the largest aid in history, with 54 states and territories sending Soldiers to the affected areas.

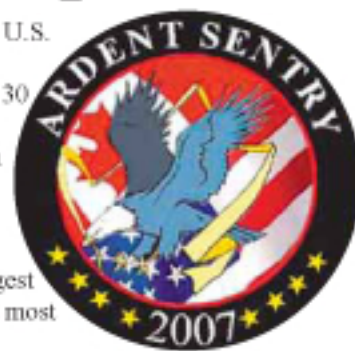
- A Department of Defense asset, the Joint Task Force Civil Support works with the Department of Homeland Security or another Lead Federal Agency in the event of a national emergency, such as a chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear or high-yield explosive (CBRNE) attack. The JTF-CS integrates the Department of Defense forces for consequence management support to civil authorities.

Ardent Sentry Northern Edge 07 includes two nations, multiple states

Ardent Sentry-Northern Edge 07 is a Joint Chiefs of Staff-directed, U.S. Northern Command sponsored homeland defense and Defense Support of Civil Authorities exercise that is taking place 30 April 30 through May 17.

The Homeland Security Council has designated Ardent Sentry-Northern Edge and associated exercises (Vigilant Guard, Alaska Shield, Indiana Sentry, Blue Flag, Positive Response and the 2007 National Hurricane Preparedness Exercise) as a National Level Exercise for 2007.

This exercise includes Canada Command as a full partner and is the largest (number of personnel, length of exercise, number of venues and cost) and most complex exercise undertaken in the exercise series.



The National Response Plan

The National Response Plan establishes a comprehensive all-hazards approach to enhance the ability of the United States to manage domestic incidents.

The plan incorporates best practices and procedures from incident management disciplines — homeland security, emergency management, law enforcement, firefighting, public works, public health, responder and recovery worker health and safety, emergency medical services, and the private sector — and integrates them into a unified structure. It

forms the basis of how the federal government coordinates with state, local, and tribal governments and the private sector during incidents. It establishes protocols to help:

- Save lives and protect the health and safety of the public, responders, and recovery workers
- Ensure security of the homeland
- Prevent an imminent incident, including acts of terrorism, from occurring
- Protect and restore critical infrastructure and key resources
- Conduct law enforcement investigations to resolve the

incident, apprehend the perpetrators, and collect and preserve evidence for prosecution and/or attribution

- Protect property and mitigate damages and impacts to individuals, communities, and the environment
- Facilitate recovery of individuals, families, businesses, governments, and the environment

For additional information or to obtain copies of the National Response Plan, call (800) 368-6498 or visit www.dhs.gov

Homeland Security Advisory System

The Homeland Security Advisory System is designed to guide our protective measures when specific information to a particular sector or geographic region is received. It combines threat information with vulnerability assessments and provides communications to public safety officials and the public.

Homeland Security Threat Advisories contain actionable

information about an incident involving, or a threat targeting, critical national networks or infrastructures or key assets.

They could, for example, relay newly developed procedures that,

when implemented, would significantly improve security or protection.

They could also suggest a change in readiness posture, protective actions or response.



Want to join?

- For opportunities in the Indiana National Guard, contact: (800) 522-6546.

- For opportunities with the Operation Warrior Trainer program, contact: (317) 247-3300 ext. 2162.

- For opportunities with the 205th Infantry Brigade, contact: (317) 247-3300, ext. 2486.

- For opportunities with 100th Division in Bloomington and Atterbury, contact: (812) 333-0598.

Policy change opens GI Bill to some Guard, Reservists

By GERRY J. GILMORE
ARMED FORCES PRESS SERVICE

A recent Defense Department policy change widens the eligibility window for some reserve-component troops who want to use their Montgomery G.I. Bill education benefits, a senior DOD official said.

The DOD policy now aligns with Department of Veterans Affairs rules, which say National Guard members and Reservists are eligible to receive Montgomery G.I. Bill education benefits for the period covering the amount of time they served on active duty, plus four months, said Tom Bush, principal director for manpower and personnel within the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs.

"The change, from the DOD perspective, is that the benefit now can be used by somebody who leaves the Selected Reserve for the amount of time that they've served on active duty, plus four months," Bush said. Guard and Reserve members who attend regular drill training and meetings are considered part of the Selected Reserve.

The total amount of G.I. Bill coverage for reservists is still 36 months, Bush said. "So, if you've used part of that (G.I. Bill benefit) it may eat into that 36 months," he noted.

Bush said Reservists normally

have 14 years to use their Montgomery G.I. Bill benefits. However, that time might also be extended by the amount of time Guard or Reserve members serve on active duty, plus four months.

Senior Guard and Reserve officials and demobilization sites have been alerted to the policy change, Bush said.

About 370,000 Guard and Reserve members on active-duty status have signed up to use Montgomery G.I. Bill benefits since Sept. 11, 2001, Bush said.

The Reserve Education Assistance Program, established by the 2005 National Defense Authorization Act, is another DOD education initiative for members of the Guard and Reserve, Bush said. To be eligible, service members must have served at least 90 consecutive days of active service after Sept. 11, 2001, in response to a presidential or congressional call-up of military forces for wartime or other emergency service.

Guard and Reserve members who served for two continuous years on active duty in support of a contingency operation would qualify for both the Montgomery G.I. Bill and REAP and could select which program they want to use, Bush said.

Service members can determine if they qualify for the Montgomery G.I. Bill and REAP by contacting their local education office.

Local heroes save man from burning truck

By 1st Lt. ANTHONY D. BUCHANAN
CRIER STAFF WRITER

Anything can happen in a moment's notice, as one construction worker learned. On March 20 at 4:15 p.m. on the grounds of Camp Atterbury Joint Maneuver Training Center, something happened to James Jones that will remain in his memory for a lifetime.

"I was spreading gravel at the base and just finished with my spread and was letting down my bed when I heard explosions and blinding lights and knew instantly what had happened," Jones said.

Jones' truck had come in contact with a power line, causing his truck to die and catch fire instantly.

"I could not touch anything in my truck because it was alive with electricity," Jones said.

Jones had an angel by his side that day: Spc. Jed Ness, a heavy construction equipment operator at Camp Atterbury.

"I noticed Spc. Jed Ness yelling and motioning for me to stay put and not touch anything," Jones said. "I was in my truck for at least 10 minutes, but Spc. Ness kept me calm by telling me to stay put, which was very hard because the truck was also on fire and exploding."

Sgt. 1st Class Richard Webb was also there. Webb, who was behind the vehicle, saw the truck burning and knew Jones was in it. From his location, Webb had no idea what caused the fire or that the truck was flowing with electricity. Ness saw Webb attempting to help Jones from the burning vehicle and took action immediately.

"Spc. Ness also kept Sgt. 1st Class Webb from coming into contact with my truck by yelling and motioning and throwing rocks at Sgt. 1st Class Webb to keep him away because Sgt. 1st Class Webb was trying to help me also from behind but could not see the electric lines from his position," Jones said.

After preventing Webb from coming into contact



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. JOSEPH WATKINS

James Jones' truck, still in contact with the power line, burns on at Camp Atterbury on March 20.

with the vehicle, Ness moved his attention back to Jones, who was sitting motionless in his truck because the slightest contact with the voltage-transmitting vehicle could be his last.

"Spc. Ness finally told me and motioned for me to get out and not make contact with the truck and ground at the same time, by jumping out and keep my feet together and hopping as quickly as possible, which I did," Jones said.

Elated to be alive and that he will be able to see his wife and kids everyday, Jones said he could "never repay such action as was taken on that day under those circumstances."

"There are not enough words to describe the bravery and valor these two Soldiers showed that day for saving my life. I wish them the best in all life and thank them more than words can say."

Educational opportunities

2006-2007 post program graduates

Master Sgt. Kevin Bateman, Sgt. 1st Class Michael Barnett, Staff Sgt. Frankie Smith, Sgt. Rachel Roseberry, Spc. Edward Hurt Ret. Sgt. Stanley Sosnicki, Melissa Hommel-Collins.

Educational opportunities

• Indiana Military Apprenticeship Program is available to all Soldiers and is a free program that will earn you a federally recognized certificate of completion in your field of expertise.

• Vincennes University summer

2007 semester begins May 30

Available classes:

Monday - LAWE106 Intro to Traffic

Control

Tuesday - ENGL101 English

Composition I

Wednesday - PSYC142 General Psychology

Thursday - MATT103 Consumers Arithmetic

MIL1 100 classes offered upon request.

• Oakland City University offers a Bachelors Degree of Science in Human Resources/Organizational Management and a Masters Degree of Science in Management.

• West Virginia State College is offering technology classes in the rapidly growing field of telecommunications.

— P.O.C. Melissa Hommel-Collins, Education Director

Information:

www.campatterbury.org/education.htm or call, off post, (800) 237-2850 ext 2575; on post, ext. 2575

First Army CSM takes top enlisted job in Iraq

By SGT. 1st CLASS GWENDOLYN COLEY MAY
FIRST ARMY PUBLIC AFFAIRS

When Command Sgt. Maj. Marvin Hill became First Army's top NCO in 2005, he succeeded Jeffrey J. Mellinger, who had become the senior enlisted adviser for Multi-National Force-Iraq.

Now, as Hill prepares for deployment in Iraq, First Army's top NCO will again become the senior enlisted adviser of MNF-Iraq, which is divided into six major areas of responsibility maintained by forces from 26 countries.

"The fact that two First Army command sergeants major in a row have left this command to take over the top NCO position for our military's top priority mission in Iraq speaks very highly of the quality of leadership this command has enjoyed for the past several years," said Lt. Col. Richard Steele, First Army's public affairs chief.

Both command sergeants major helped ensure that First Army consistently trains its Soldiers like they will fight, Steele said.

"Their extremely high standards live on as First Army continues to prepare our nation's sons and daughters for war," he said. "The only mission more important than that is the actual conduct of the war on the ground in theater, and we are very proud of and grateful to Command Sgt. Maj. Mellinger and Command Sgt. Maj. Hill for doing both."

Deploying to Iraq and working with Gen. David Petraeus is not new for Hill, a Memphis, Tenn., native. He served as Petraeus' senior enlisted adviser as the 101st Airborne Division command sergeant major at Fort Campbell, Ky. From 2003 to 2004, Hill was deployed in northern Iraq, along with more than 20,000 Screaming Eagles of the 101st. The unit liberated the holy city of Najaf and its sister city, Kufa, in the first significant combat action in Iraq.

Petraeus, the MNF-Iraq commander, said he

welcomes the reunion.

"Marvin Hill was an awesome division CSM in combat as well as back home," said Petraeus in an e-mail message from Iraq. "I cannot imagine a better air assault buddy. He was a tremendous wingman, a CSM who was also out with our troopers, sharing hardship and risk with them, and providing them a terrific example and lots of energy."

"He was one of those great senior NCOs, in fact, who makes things happen. And he did that repeatedly as the 101st Airborne Division's CSM during the fight to Baghdad and our subsequent stability operations in northern Iraq. He'll be a tremendous MNF-I CSM!"

During a speech at his change of command ceremony in February, Petraeus acknowledged that the situation in Iraq is exceedingly challenging and that the stakes are high.

"Our job in the months ahead, supporting and working with Iraqi forces, will be to improve security so that the Iraqi government can resolve the tough issues it faces and so that the economy and basic services can be improved," he said. "These tasks are achievable. This mission is doable."

Hill said that his work at First Army helped prepare him to be the MNF-Iraq command sergeant major.

"The First Army CSM position is a unique position in that it exposed me to many unfamiliar areas of Army Operations and procedures, in particular when it comes to our National Guard and Army Reserve forces," he said. "It rounded me out as a Soldier and senior leader. I am sure that my predecessor can attest to the same."

"Command Sgt. Maj. Hill's first thought is taking care of Soldiers," said Lt. Gen. Russel Honoré, First Army commander and Hill's boss since 2005. "He will be seeing the fruits of his labors when he visits Reserve Component troops in Iraq that were trained by First Army."



HILL

New name reflects new dangers for transportation units in Iraq

By AMY MAY
CRIER STAFF WRITER

Convoys in a war zone have a new name, said Capt. Thomas Sullivan of the 773rd Transportation Co., a Reserve unit based in Queens, New York.

"Combat Logistical Patrols" better reflect the skills of the Soldiers and the importance of the job.

"This is not a typical war. There is no linear battlefield," Thomas said. "We go out and the enemy is looking for us. We're very vulnerable in the large, unarmed trucks. They can't turn around."

As vulnerable as the trucks are, the delivery mission is absolutely necessary.

"They say for every combat Soldier, you need seven or eight people to feed, clothe and supply him."

The 163 Soldiers delivered fuel, water and other items throughout the northern region of Iraq for 11 months in the big 915 semi trucks. They trained for their mission at Camp Atterbury.

They drove more than 740,000 miles over 213 missions. Most of the missions were at night to reduce contact with the local people.

The biggest challenge was the improvised explosive devices. The 773rd lost a Soldier, Sgt. Jose Velez, in an IED attack on June 8.

Velez was nicknamed "Java Joe" because he liked to make his own coffee.

"(IEDs) were our No. 1 hazard," Thomas said.

The IED scenarios at Atterbury helped prepare the Soldiers for the mission, but nothing can copy a real attack.

"You can't replicate what's out there (in training.) There's no fear. You know it's not going to kill you," he said.

The training does help instill the discipline if there is an attack.

"You don't stop the whole patrol. You're most well protected in the vehicle," Thomas said.

This was the 773rd's second tour in Iraq. About 32 members did the same mission in 2002.

The unit earned a Meritorious Service Award on its first mission.

Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Local Happenings

Go to www.campatterbury.org

Physical Fitness Center

Building 329, Seventh and Eggleston streets
Hours: Daily, 0630-2200 hrs
Phone: 526-2309

MWR Center

Building 328T, Seventh Street
Hours: Monday-Friday, 0730-1600 hrs.

Phone: 526-1263
Athletic equipment for golf, basketball, baseball, softball, volleyball, football, racquetball, tennis and horseshoes can be checked out. Boats, canoes, barbeque grills and tents available. Use of recreation areas should be scheduled through MWR center.

Chapel

Building 327
Hours: Daily, 0800 to 1600 hrs.
Phone: 526-1151
Sunday Services: Protestant – 0800 and 1800 hrs.; Catholic services in Edinburgh, Saturday, 1830, Sunday, 0930 (transportation will leave post chapel 30 minutes before service)

ATMs

Building 613 – (laundry)
Building 330 – (All-Ranks Club)
Hours: Open 24 hours, daily

Laundry

Building 613, Gatling Street
Hours: Open 24 hours, daily

Subway

Hours: Daily, 0900-2100

Post Exchange

Building 611, Gatling Street.
Hours: Monday through Friday, 0900 to 1900; Saturday and Sunday, 1000 to 1600. Phone: 526-1140

Phone Center

Gatling Street, next to PX
Open 24 hours, daily

Atterbury Museum

Building 427, Eggleston Street, near entrance to post
Hours: Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays, 1300-1600 hrs.
Phone: 526-1744

Swimming pool

Building 231
Opening Memorial weekend
Use of pool for military training or special events should be scheduled through Sgt. Purvis at 526-1149

Officers Club

Temporarily closed

All Ranks Club

Temporarily closed

Outdoor Veterans Memorial

West of main entrance at front of post. Hours: Open to public and Soldiers during daylight hours.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Contact Kevin A. at (317) 604-8217

Concessions Stands

Located on Fairbanks Street and other locations; hours posted

Internet Cafe

Building 332
Hours: Troop use: Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 0800-1200 hrs. and 1600-2200 hrs.; Tuesday and Thursday, 1600-2200 hrs.; Saturday and Sunday, 1700-2200 hrs.
Unit administration use only: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 1200-1600 hrs. Phone: 526-1715

Library Services/ Internet Services

Building 329L (across from 337)
Hours: Monday through Friday, 0800-2200 hrs.; Saturday, 0900-2200 hrs. Closed 1200-1300, 1800-1900 every day. Phone: 526-1499, ext. 2461

The House

Building 502
Hours: Monday through Friday, 0800-1800, Saturday and Sunday, 0800-1300
Phone: 526-1342

Military Family Life Consultants

Building 501
Phone: (317) 370-1747
Provide brief consultation, support and problem-solving to troops, families and civilians relating to deployment and re-integration.

‘No’ means ‘no’: protect yourself from sexual assault

By ELAINE WILSON
FORT SAM HOUSTON PIO

Women are taught to avoid dark alleys and dimly lit parking lots to avoid “stranger danger.” But they’re not taught to avoid the offenders who may be a friend, boyfriend or even a relative. Rape by a stranger can happen, but it’s much more likely to be a date or acquaintance. According to the Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network, about two-thirds of sexual assault victims in the United States knew their assailants.

And, it is predicted that one in seven college women will be raped before graduation and 90 percent will know their attacker, according to the University of Texas at Austin Counseling and Mental Health Center Web site.

Sexual assault is intentional sexual contact, characterized by use of force, physical threat or abuse of authority or when the victim does not or cannot consent, according to the U.S. Army Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program Web site. The

term includes rape, nonconsensual sodomy, whether oral or anal sex; indecent assault, which is unwanted and inappropriate sexual contact or fondling or attempts to commit these acts.

Bottom line for potential offenders is “no” means “no,” whether the victim is making out with them, had sex with them in the past or is dressed provocatively.

While sexual assault can’t always be avoided, there are steps you can take to prevent from becoming a victim. The Army’s SAPR Program Web site recommends people be assertive; travel with a friend; stay sober; and if you sense trouble, get to a safe place as soon as possible.

According to the Acting Secretary of the Army’s Task Force Report on Sexual Assault Policies, from 1999 to 2004, 67 percent of the sexual assaults involving Army personnel occurred on post. Call the police if you see any unauthorized or suspicious people in the barracks.

Sexual assault is a criminal offense punishable under the

Uniform Code of Military Justice, as well as the federal and civilian legal systems. It is also the most under-reported crime in society and in the military. If that trend continues, offenders will never be brought to justice and they will find another victim.

In many cases, the blame is misplaced on the victim for putting oneself in a bad position or dressing a certain way. If you know someone who has been sexually assaulted, be a friend. Encourage the victim to report the crime and seek help. In the military, servicemembers have restricted and unrestricted reporting options. With restricted reporting, victims can seek help without launching an investigative process.

If the victim was you, remember: you are not to blame even if you were drinking or you were with someone you know. Seek help so you can start the healing process.

For more information, visit the SAPR Program Web site at www.sexualassault.army.mil or call (317) 752-2487.

Inspirational moment

Contact the chaplain's office for spiritual or counseling needs at Ext. 2327

This past week has been an incredibly busy news week; human tragedy abounded. We wept, we felt compassion, and yet strangely, such times not only helps us to feel for one another it also helps us keep things in perspective. Life for us, when all is said and done, is not so bad after all. Prayers for those who are hurting and thank you God for life.

— CH (MAJ) Doug Brown