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# TEAM LEE Battle Rhythm

## What does freedom mean to you?



*"Freedom is having the ability to choose what you're going to do for a living, and who and where you worship."*

Marine Sgt. Michael Dickey, Fort Lee Marine Corps Detachment



*"Freedom to me is being able to make choices and doing what you want to do in life."*

Staff Sgt. Thomas Harrison, Co. T drill sergeant, 266th QM Bn.



*"Freedom equals hard work, character and esprit de corps throughout both the military and civilian environment."*

Staff Sgt. Antrone Ballard, HHC, 244th QM Bn.

*"Freedom is what this country stands for. It's the greatest country in the world where a guy like myself can achieve anything through hard work."*

Retired Col. Clinton A. Hodder



*"You can choose whatever religion you'd like and you can choose your own political beliefs."*

Spc. Terra Bialas, 267th QM Co., 240th QM Bn.



*"Freedom to me is piece of mind and being able to sleep safely at night."*

Spc. Jeremy Poley, Company I, 262nd QM Bn.



Your opinion counts, keep a look out for a Traveller staff member wanting you to voice your "TEAM LEE Battle Rhythm."

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**"Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe, to assure the survival and success of liberty."**

— John F. Kennedy  
35th President

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For additional photos from the Fort Lee Fourth of July celebration, see Pages 5 and 20.

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# 240th QM Bn. gets new leader

By Spc. Jason B. Cutshaw  
Staff Writer

Lt. Col. Shawn Walsh relinquished command of the 240th Quartermaster Battalion, 49th QM Group, as he passed the unit colors to Lt. Col. Christopher Lamoureux in a ceremony on Sgt. Seay Field June 30.

Walsh will assume the position of the 49th QM Group's deputy commander.

"Take care of these Soldiers, they are our nation's greatest resource," Walsh said to Lamoureux as he left command. "I can assure you that they will be ready when called upon to fulfill our non-negotiable contract with the American people to fight, support and win our nation's wars."

Col Jack Vance, 49th QM Group commander, presided over the ceremony.

"Two short years ago, Lt. Col. Walsh assumed the reins of the 240th Quartermaster Battalion, not knowing what challenges were ahead of him and his units," Vance said. "Under Shawn's leadership, the 240th planned and executed one of the most challenging logistical feats ever attempted. The Soldiers of the 240th never wavered in their determination to ensure our combat operations were never restricted due to shortages of fuel."

Vance then welcomed the newest commander of the 240th and discussed the battalion's future.

"We are fortunate indeed to be welcoming another great officer and family into the group," Vance added. "Chris has a rich history of accomplishments in his Army career thus far. I am absolutely sure he and Cathy will carry on the fine tradition of leadership and caring for our 240th Quartermaster Battalion Soldiers, whether in peace or at war. We warmly welcome you into the fold and look forward to accomplishing even greater challenges, as we continue to support our nation in its fight in the Global War on Terrorism."

After Vance introduced the new commander, Lamoureux spoke to the Soldiers as he started the next chapter in his Army career.

"Soldiers of the 240th Quartermaster Battalion, thank you for your service, for your dedication and thank you for being there and keeping the wolf away from our door," he said as he stepped to the podium. "I promise to pledge my whole heart, might, mind and strength to you, your families and the mission."



PHOTO BY SPC. JASON B. CUTSHAW

## Lt. Col. Christopher Lamoureux, incoming 240th Quartermaster Battalion commander, receives the 240th colors from Col. Jack Vance, 49th QM Group commander.

Lamoureux was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Quartermaster Corps in 1983. His military education includes the Quartermaster Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Command and General Staff Officer Course and the Senior Service College. His foreign schools include the Canadian Joint Reserve Command and Staff Course and the Second Cycle of the Belgian Royal Institute for Defense Studies.

He has served in a variety of command and staff positions in the regular Army, Army National Guard and the Army Reserve. His last assignment was as the U.S. national Standardization Officer for the American, British, Canadian, Australian Armies' Standardization Program at Headquarters, Department of the Army. He is a Reserve officer and takes command as part of the Army's Active Component/Reserve Component Command and Staff Integration Program.

Lamoureux's awards and decorations include the Soldier's Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal and the Army Staff Badge.

He is married to the former Cathy Mitchell of Cedar City, Utah. They have seven children.

# German cadets become leaders

By Spc. Jason B. Cutshaw  
Staff Writer

Although far from their native land, six German military cadets were made to feel at home as they were commissioned into the German officer corps at the U.S. Army Combined Arms Support Command headquarters June 28.

Lt. Col. Hans-Joachim Unger and Sgt. Maj. Michael Heling, both from the German army, hosted the formal ceremony which advanced German cadets Marcel Borcherd, Jan Dirk Dingler, Daniel Hann, Anreas Loderer, Andy Hopfe and Christian Paul to the rank of second lieutenant.

The ceremony had an international flare to it as officers from three separate countries were there to congratulate the lieutenants and pin on their new rank.

Assisting in the promotion ceremony along with Unger and



COURTESY PHOTO

## Six German cadets were recently promoted to the rank of second lieutenant at the U.S. Army Combined Arms Support Command.

Heling, were U.S. Army Col. Steve Butler, U.S. Army Reserve assistant chief of staff; French Lt. Col. Thierry des Robert and Canadian Maj. Dave Yost, both liaison offices to CASCOM.

"To promote these candidates in

the U.S., one of the oldest friends Germany has around the world, is a deep, emotional event for me," Unger said. "It is also a unique event in CASCOM and Fort Lee. I am sure a German Soldier has never become an officer here."

## News Briefs

### Warrant Officer Branch Insignia Changeover Ceremony Friday

Quartermaster Warrant Officers will conduct a Warrant Officer Branch Insignia Changeover Ceremony Friday, 10 a.m. in the Lewi Auditorium at Mifflin Hall.

Beginning Friday, the warrant officer component will start integrating itself into the Army's officer corps by sporting their appropriate branch insignia on all uniforms.

### New Cell Phone Law in D.C.

Anyone caught using a cellular phone without a hands-free device while driving in Washington D.C. will be fined \$100 and receive one point on their license.

This law applies to all drivers in the city, regardless of whether or not they live in D.C.

### Sick-Call Hours for Dental

Due to a temporary staff shortage, sick-call hours at Bull Dental Clinic are daily, 7 - 8:30 a.m.

Anyone who arrives after 8:30 a.m. may only be triaged, given an appointment or asked to return the following day for sick call.

Keeping sick-call during these hours offers more access to care for Soldiers having dental appointments already scheduled.

Until further notice, walk-in exams will only be available Monday - Thursday, 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.

### Fort Lee OCS Board

The Fort Lee Officer Candidate School Board will convene Nov. 17. Applications are due to the Strength Management Division, located in room 314 on the third floor of the Soldier One Stop, by Nov. 3, 4 p.m.

For information, call (804) 734-7778.

### Motorcycle Rider Safety Training Aug. 2 and Sept. 20

The Experienced Motorcycle Rider Safety Training available dates for this fiscal year are Aug. 2 and Sept. 20. The training will be conducted at Building 8037, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The free training is open to military, family members, Department of Defense civilians and contractors.

Motorcycle safety training is a mandatory one-time Army requirement. The class is four hours of classroom instruction and four hours of hands-on training.

For information and to register, e-mail pegrnm@lee.army.mil or call (804) 765-3161.

### Change in Running Time for Troop Formations

The Garrison commander has approved a temporary exception to Fort Lee Policy 15-96, Safety Precautions for Military Troop Formations and Change.

In order to help prevent heat injuries, Soldiers can use the running routes beginning at 4 a.m. rather than 5 a.m.

Therefore, vehicular traffic will not use the green roadways (B Avenue and Shop Road) Monday - Friday, 4 - 7:30 a.m.

# ALMC turns 50

By Spc. Jason B. Cutshaw  
Staff Writer

The U.S. Army Logistics Management College began celebrating a half century of training warrior logisticians with a ceremony July 1.

Highlights included a time capsule presentation, unveiling of a commemorative boulder and a ceremonial cake cutting before visitors toured ALMC's 179,000 square foot complex.

During the tour, visitors viewed school memorabilia in the ALMC library, historical and informative slide shows, the new Electronic Battle Classroom, the school's metals lab and various displays showing what the university does for the Army, joint services and nation as a whole.

"I hope visitors to the school will get a sense of what we do for the training of warrior logisticians and how we train to meet the needs of today and tomorrow," said Col. Robert McNeil, ALMC commandant. "The school has come a long way in 50 years, and we are showing no sign of slowing down."

"When people take a look at the humble beginnings of ALMC to where we are today, it will be clear to them the tremendous amount of growth we have taken," McNeil said. "I have a great appreciation of that, and when I look at the list of commandants who have come before me I feel quite privileged to have the opportunity to serve as the commandant in this period of growth."

During the anniversary celebration, former commandants reflected on how the times had changed and how ALMC has met those changes head on.

"I remember the days when I was here and yes, the times have changed," said retired Col. Nathaniel Young, ALMC's 18th commandant. "The new programs that have come online are the most modern in the world, and we have the best Soldiers to teach them to. Without our Soldiers we can teach all day and it will do us no good, so keep up the good work and keep looking to the future."

After Young spoke, the school's 21st commandant, retired Col. Samuel Jones III, took the time to remember the ones who came before and made it

possible for the day's events to happen.

"The school is here today because of the personnel that were here yesterday," Jones said. "The events today are special to me because I was a part of the first 50 years of this great institution. I hope the school expands as much in the next 50 years as it did for the first 50."

ALMC provides instruction to more than 30,000 students annually. The school not only teaches Army students, but students from all branches of the U.S. military, and more than 50 foreign nations have sent students to ALMC.

The college originated as a 12-week Army Supply Management Course established July 1, 1954 on Fort Lee. The first faculty and staff of ALMC consisted of 13 officers, one colonel and 12 lieutenant colonels, and 17 civilians. Their budget was \$99,788, of which \$21,363 was for supplies, materials and postage.

The first class was composed of 14 members of the staff and faculty and 20 other officers and civilians occupying key managerial positions in the Army's supply system. This course began in early October 1954, and ended three months later, on Dec. 22, 1954 with a graduation ceremony.

On May 1, 1956, Army General Order Number 15 established the Army Logistics Management Center. The same general order declared the Army Supply Management Course as a subordinate activity of ALMC.

"We are not just celebrating 50 years of a college's existence," said Barbara Mroczkowski, ALMC assistant commandant. "We are celebrating 50 years of dedication on the part of staff, faculty, sponsors, students and the entire Army and Department of Defense community who have supported the work of this college over the past 50 years."

In August 1962, during a reorganization of the Army, ALMC was placed under the command of the U.S. Army Materiel Command.

In January 1985, ALMC began operating the Department of Defense Satellite Education Network. The SEN continues to reside in the ALMC facility and currently has four television studios broadcasting to 73 Army downlinks and more than 1,200 additional federal government downlinks across the U.S.

In 1987, the school was re-designated as the U.S. Army Logistics Management College and became a U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command school in October 1991 under the command of the U.S. Army Combined Arms Support Command and Fort Lee.

Today, ALMC consists of two schools, the School of Systems and Acquisition Management and the School of Logistics Science.

"ALMC is fully committed and prepared to pro-



PHOTOS BY SPC. JASON B. CUTSHAW

(Left to right) Pete Adler, ALMC's most recent employee, Billie Faison, one of ALMC's first employees in 1954, and Col. Robert McNeil, ALMC's commandant, cut the 50th anniversary cake.

vide an excellent environment and opportunity for its students to join in the progress and the success of the college as it moves forward into the future," McNeil said.

The college employs nearly 200 full-time administrative, instructional and support staff. It includes classrooms with state-of-the-art automation, a metals laboratory, and television studios with the ability to broadcast to hundreds of students at once.

ALMC has taught students ranging from noncommissioned officers to general officers as well as civilians from the career intern level to executive service. ALMC serves all branches of military service, the Defense Logistics Agency, other government agencies, contractors and international officers and civilians.

"The Soldiers and civilian students who have graduated ALMC have been some of the best our country and other nations have to offer," McNeil said.

"ALMC has seen some of the best not only learning in our classrooms, but speaking here as well. We have had former President Gerald Ford speak here when he was a senator and other guests of that caliber to instruct our students."

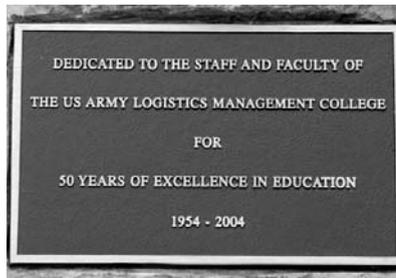
Since 1954, ALMC has successfully graduated approximately 1.2 million students.

To commemorate 50 years, ALMC has scheduled the following activities during the month of July.

- July 15 — ALMC Personnel Luncheon
- July 16 — Staff / Faculty Bowling Tournament
- July 22 — Staff / Faculty Golf Tournament
- July 30 — Dinner Dance



Retired Col. Nathaniel Young Jr., U.S. Army Logistics Management College's 18th commandant, speaks at the school's 50th anniversary July 1.



# Fourth at the Fort



(Left) Eleven-year-old Aaron Nelson keeps cool as the heat rises during the Fourth at the Fort activities on post Sunday. More than 2,000 visitors came out to see the fireworks, enjoy games and participate in several activities during the day.

(Right) Fort Lee Child and Development Center volunteer Sheneen Alexander helps 4-year-old Daylin Bresko create spin art during the July 4th holiday celebration on post.



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Mary Ann Wright helps keep the Soldiers fed as she serves a hot sausage to Pvt. Tanya Davis, Company V, 262nd Quartermaster Battalion, 23rd QM Brigade, during the July 4th festivities on post.

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The “Rock ‘N Roller” above is being recalled because of a defect.

## CPSC recalls ‘Rock ‘N Roller’ baby strollers

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission announces the following recall in voluntary cooperation with the firm below. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed.

**Name of product:** COSCO “Rock ‘N Roller” Baby Stroller

**Units:** 300,000

**Manufacturer/Importer:** Dorel Juvenile Group USA, of Columbus, Ind.

**Hazard:** If the stop pins are bent or missing or the seat is not fully attached, the seat can partially detach from the frame during use and the infant occupant can be injured in a fall.

**Incidents/Injuries:** There have been 77 reports of problems related to the stroller seats. Injuries included one child that fell and had a slight concussion and another child that cut his forehead and required stitches. Additionally, there were 46 reports of bumps and bruises.

**Description:** The COSCO “Rock ‘N Roller” strollers involved have seats that can be removed from the stroller frame. The detached seat can function as a bassinet, or be repositioned on the stroller frame facing front or back. The stroller has a dark blue or green metal frame with four wheels on the front and two wheels on the back. The side folding area of the frame has a white plastic cover that is labeled “Rock ‘N Roller” by Geoby COSCO. There is a label on the back of the frame containing one of the following model numbers: 01-654, 01-622, 01-624, 01-646 or 01-656. The seat cover is usually a dark blue or green printed fabric with “COSCO — A Dorel Company” printed on the footrest.

**Sold at:** Wal-Mart, Kmart, Sears, Toys R Us, Target, JC Penney’s, Service Merchandise and other toy and children’s furniture stores nationwide from April 1996 through August 2002 for between \$79 and \$179.

**Manufactured in:** China

**Remedy:** Consumers should stop using the recalled “Rock ‘N Roller” strollers with detachable seats immediately and call the firm to determine how to inspect the stroller for possible replacement.

Consumer Contact: Dorel Juvenile Group at (800) 711-0402, Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., or visit the firm’s Web site at [www.djgusa.com](http://www.djgusa.com) or e-mail [rnr@djgusa.com](mailto:rnr@djgusa.com).

— Provided by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov).

## 54th QM FRG Yard Sale

The 54th Quartermaster Company Family Readiness Group is having a yard sale on post at 1880 Harrison Court Saturday, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

The proceeds from the yard sale will go to support the FRG and Soldiers returning from Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

For information, call (804) 862-2761 or e-mail [goinsfamily2@verizon.net](mailto:goinsfamily2@verizon.net).

## PWOC Bible Study

The Protestant Women of the Chapel will not meet this summer. PWOC will begin again with a kick-off program at Memorial Chapel, located on the corner of Battle Drive and Sisisky Boulevard, Sept. 9, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Childcare will be provided.

For information, call (804) 452-4271 or 863-2409.

## AFTB Classes

The Army Family Team Building is hosting several upcoming classes at Army Community Service Building located on Mahone Avenue. All of the workshops listed below are free.

○ **Stop in the Name of Love;** Monday, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

○ **Teams — The Tools to Build Them;** July 19, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

○ **Why We Do What We Do;** July 26, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

○ **Navigating the Maze of Army Life;** Aug. 2, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

○ **New Kids on the Block;** Aug. 9, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

○ **Manage Life, Don't Let it Manage You;** Aug. 16, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Childcare can be provided, but is not free and must be arranged prior to class.

For information and to register, call (804) 734-6388 or 734-6539.

## Lee Playhouse Auditions

The Theater Company at Fort Lee is hosting auditions for "How to succeed in business without really trying" July 18 and 19, 7 p.m.

Auditions will be held at the Lee Playhouse located on Mahone Avenue.

The director is seeking 12 males and 12 females who are able to play ages ranging from 20 - 60.

Those auditioning must have a prepared song with sheet music, and an accompanist is provided.

All vocal ranges are needed, and those auditioning should be prepared to perform dance movements.

Performers are not paid, and rehearsals will start immediately after casting. The show will run Sept. 10 - 26.

For information, call (804) 734-6629.



## Summer Fun at Play Morning

The Army Community Service's Play Morning Program is held Tuesdays, 9:30 - 11 a.m. at the Youth Center Gym. The program is for infants to children ages 4, and their parents. There is no preregistration requirement.

For information about Play Morning or the New Parent Support Program, call (804) 734-6460 or 734-6388.

## Mobile Playground

Fort Lee Child and Youth Services' mobile playground will be at Hero Park Pavilion Mondays, 9 - 11:30 a.m. and at the Jackson Circle Pavilion Wednesdays, 9 - 11:30 a.m. The playground is for youth 5 - 12 years of age, youth younger than 11 years of age must be accompanied by a parent. The program is free, however, those interested must sign up.

For information, call (804) 765-3852 or e-mail [rileys@lee.army.mil](mailto:rileys@lee.army.mil).

## 1,2,3,4 Parents Workshop

The Fort Lee Army Community Service's TEAM LEE Academy is hosting "1,2,3,4 Parents" workshop at ACS, Building 9023, Wednesday and July 21, 11 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. The workshop focuses on all parents who have children up to 5 years of age.

For information, e-mail [Deborah.E.Riley@lee.army.mil](mailto:Deborah.E.Riley@lee.army.mil) or call (804) 734-6388.

## Cheerleading Camp

Fort Lee Child and Youth Services is hosting a cheerleading camp for youth 4 - 17 years of age. The camp will be held at the Hero Park Complex July 26 - 30, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. The cost is \$112 for a full day and \$65 for a half day.

For information, call (804) 765-3852 or e-mail [rileys@lee.army.mil](mailto:rileys@lee.army.mil).

## Youth Bowling Lessons

Fort Lee Child and Youth Services is offering bowling lessons for youth 4 - 17 years of age. The cost is \$30 per four-week session, each class includes two games with lessons and shoes.

The session is held Wednesdays, 11:30 - 1 p.m. The next session is Aug. 11 - Sept. 1.

For information, call (804) 765-3852 or e-mail [rileys@lee.army.mil](mailto:rileys@lee.army.mil).

## Basketball Camp

Fort Lee Child and Youth Services is hosting a basketball camp for youth 5 - 15 years of age. The camp will be held at the Post Field House Monday - 16, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The cost is \$100 for a full day, and \$75 for a half day.

For information, call (804) 765-3852 or e-mail [rileys@lee.army.mil](mailto:rileys@lee.army.mil).



# Army to call up 5,600 IRR Soldiers

By Joe Burlas

Army News Service

The Army plans to order 5,600 Soldier in the Individual Ready Reserve to active duty for possible deployment with the next Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom rotations.

Mailgrams notifying those Soldiers to expect mobilization orders within a week could hit their mailboxes this week, according to officials who announced the measure in Pentagon press briefing June 30.

Those Soldiers called up will have 30 days from the date the orders were

issued to take care of personal business before having to report to a mobilization site, officials said. The orders call for 18 months of active duty, but that could be extended for a total of 24 months if needed, they said.

The IRR call-up does not impact retired Soldiers, contrary to several civilian media reports on the subject that appeared on television and newspapers June 29 and 30.

"We're dipping into an available manpower pool," said Robert Smiley, principal assistant for Training, Readiness and Mobilization, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs. "This

is just good personnel management."

The IRR primarily consists of Soldiers who have served their contracted time on active duty or in an Army Reserve Troop Program Unit, but still have a military service obligation to fulfill, said Col. Debra Cook, commander for Human Resources Command — St. Louis, the Reserve's personnel management center.

Every Soldier, enlisted or commissioned, has an eight-year military service obligation when he or she joins the Army, Cook said. Often, that commitment is divided between active duty or a TPU assignment and the IRR.

"You might have one Soldier sign up

for four years on active duty, who then has a four-year IRR commitment, and another Soldier who signs up to serve with a Ready Reserve unit for six years and two years in the IRR — both have IRR commitments to meet their military service obligations," Cook said. "The enlistment contract spells out exactly what the division is between how long they serve on active duty or a Ready Reserve unit and how long in the IRR."

This is not the first time the Army has used the IRR to fill its manpower needs.

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During the Gulf War, more than 20,000 IRR Soldiers were mobilized and deployed.

Since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, the Army has called up more than 2,500 IRR Soldiers — the majority through IRR volunteers, though some have been involuntary call-ups.

Those who do not pass the readiness muster at the mobilization installation for reasons including anything from medical and legal reasons to physical challenges may be disqualified and sent home, Robinson said.

Those who pass the muster will be sent on to military occupational spe-

cialty schools to get refresher training, normally lasting between two to four weeks.

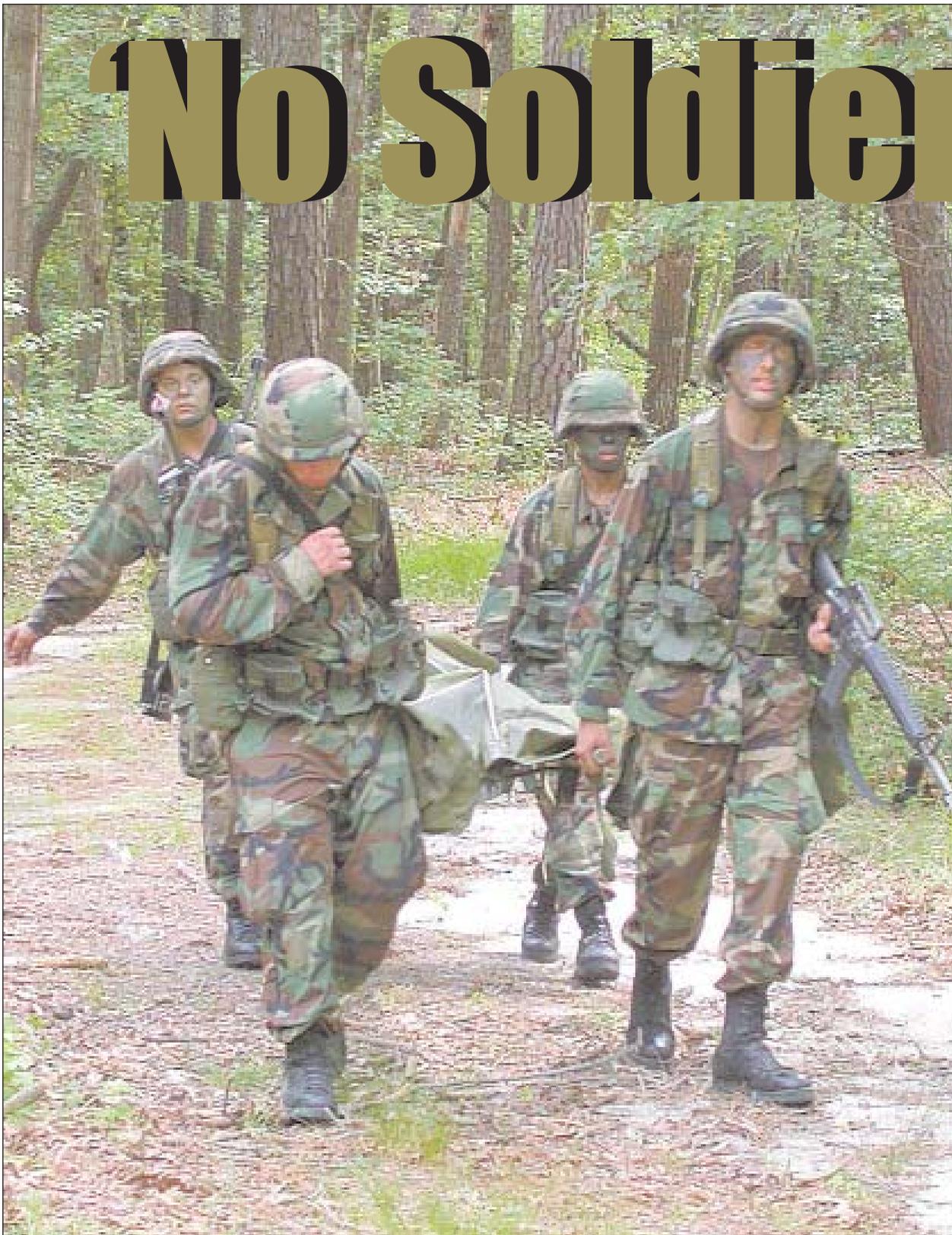
While the specific jobs the called-up Soldiers will fill are varied, Cook said the heaviest requirements include truck drivers, mechanics, logistics personnel and administrative specialists.

“We will not deploy any Soldier who is not trained or ready,” said Bernard Oliphant, deputy for the Army Operations Center’s Mobilization Division, G3.

As of June 22, the IRR contained slightly more than 111,000 Soldiers.

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## MAC trains joint f



(Above) Advanced Individual Training Soldiers carry the remains of a crash site victim during a simulated search and recovery operation.

Soldiers and Marines choosing a military occupational specialty of 92 M, mortuary affairs specialist, go through eight weeks of training that reflects the Dignity, Reverence and Respect instilled in all Soldiers in this MOS.

"These Soldiers are rarely recognized for what they do, but they have a very important job," said Staff Sgt. Wilfredo Buen, 92M instructor, U.S. Army Mortuary Affairs Center.

Mortuary Affairs dates back to the Revolutionary War when Soldiers killed in combat had to be identified by someone who knew them or saw them die. Many were buried in unrecorded graves. The majority of fallen Soldiers from those times remained unidentified.

"Today, our goal is to leave no fallen comrades behind," said Sgt. Maj. Alfred Grigler, MAC sergeant major. "Families don't have to wonder what happened to their sons and daughters, and why they don't come home from combat.

"Modern technology enables us to recover and identify fallen Soldiers and Department of Defense civilians properly so we can bring them home to their families and loved ones."

"I specifically picked this MOS because a lot of people who I've been close to have died, and I know what it means to have closure," said Pfc. Imelda Quiroz. "Being able to recover a family's loved one and bring them home will do just that. Being able to put closure to their grief is worth putting aside the sights, the smells and the emotions that come with the job. Knowing that I will help bring someone home to



(Above) Pfc. Jacleen Carter (left), Spc. Deisy Ferro and Pvt. Kent Gonzalez log and record specific details of personal effects recovered at a simulated crash site.



(Above) Staff Sgt. Wilfredo Buen, 92 M instructor, shows Marine Lance Cpl. Ryan Bandy to identify the sex of skeletal remains by examining the hip bone.

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## forces for identifying, bringing home fallen comrades

their family is worth every aspect that goes into this MOS."

During a course, Soldiers are trained and tested in skeletal identification, search and recovery, dental charting, internment, crime scene investigation and recovery, gridding and excavation, land navigation, and decontamination collection point operations.

In addition, students receive training on identifying remains at the state medical examiner's office in Richmond. On the third day of training, Soldiers visit the medical examiner's office for the first time. This gives them an opportunity to see and work with the deceased.

"For most of them, it is the first time they've seen corpses and human remains in various conditions," said Sgt 1st Class Randy Posey, 92M senior instructor, MAC. "We expose the Soldiers to this early on because it is the reality of what they will do as 92 Mikes, and bringing them there may be a deciding factor on whether or not they want to continue in this MOS," Posey said.

Soldiers return to the medical examiners office during the last week of a course for hands-on training in identifying and processing human remains, Posey said.

Mortuary Affairs Soldiers also participate in a weeklong logistical warrior exercise during the course. "In this war scenario, they learn and practice what they will actually do for a fallen comrade," Posey said.

"They practice with equipment, and learn just how meticulous coordination for returning a fallen Soldier home is," Posey said. "The exercises they participate in at LOG Warrior equip them with real life experiences they can utilize on their jobs in their assigned units when they deploy."

During the search and recovery portion of LOG Warrior, Soldiers participate in a scenario where an aircraft crashed. Their mission is to send out two search and recovery team to locate and evacuate two fallen Soldiers. In addition to search and recovery, the teams must also be ready for opposition from the enemy and use extreme caution.

A search and recovery team consists of 12 people, including those specializing in explosive ordnance, linguists in foreign areas, life support to identify wreckage parts, a medic, a communications specialist, two mortuary affairs specialists, and a supply specialist. In addition a 360 degree perimeter must be set up to secure the area at all times. Depending on the density of the area, they use different types of search techniques to comb a location, Posey said.

Different flags are used for different elements that are being recovered, including vehicle parts, personal effects, human remains and ordnance. Every single piece of a wreckage site has to be collected and annotated on forms, said Staff Sgt. Wilfredo Buen, 92M instructor. All personal effects, such as jewelry, mail or any item that was on a fallen comrade, are identified, inventoried and recorded. All of these items are placed in a personal effects bag to be returned to the fallen Soldiers next of kin, he said.

"I've wanted to do this since I was little. I always watched television shows about crime scenes, and medical examiners," said Pvt. Jacklyn Sosa, 92M student. "When I first looked through the book of MOSs with the recruiter, I wanted to be an MP, but when I saw this MOS I knew that it was my calling."

"There is a big misconception that 92Ms just pick up bodies," Sosa said, "but there is so much work and emotion that goes into accounting for personal effects, logging and processing paperwork, and identifying remains and transporting comrades who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for our country"

"Realistically, these students can be deployed after graduating from this class," Posey said. "It is our goal as instructors to help them understand how to do their jobs with dignity, reverence and respect.

"It's equally important to teach them to speak up if they need a break to take time to clear their minds and relax," Posey said. "Sometimes, you have to physically separate yourself from the job for a few hours. Leaders have to take care of and teach this to young



(Above) Mortuary Affairs students review and mark items recovered during a crime scene investigation simulation.

Soldiers. When they walk across the stage at graduation, I feel good knowing we've trained them to do their jobs, and that they are ready and capable."

"What has touched me the most in training for this MOS is the respect I've grown to feel in what I'm doing," said Pvt. Michael Ramos, 92M student. "At first it can seem sad and depressing, but then you start respecting yourself and your job because you know you are helping someone's family."

"This MOS is so important because we as 92 Mikes are acknowledging and honoring a person from death to internment. It allows their family to know where they are and not have to worry about what happened to their son or daughter," said Spc. Deisy Ferro, 92M student. "It takes a person with a lot of heart and soul to do this ... and we have that."

The majority of active-duty graduates from the Basic Mortuary Affairs Specialist Class are stationed here with the 54th Quartermaster Company. The 54th QM Co. is the only active-duty MA unit in the Army.

(Left) Mortuary Affairs students suit up for decontamination collection point operations.

*Story and photos by Amy Clement*



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(Left to right) Johnnie Durant, installation food advisor; Herschel Walker, retired football player and owner of Famous #34; Col. John Angevine, Fort Lee garrison commander; and Annette Tomes, dining facility manager officially open the kiosk.



(Above) A Soldier asks Herschel Walker for some barbecue wings from the Famous #34 chicken kiosk June 29.



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(Above) Heisman trophy winner and food service entrepreneur Herschel Walker peers through the new chicken kiosk while serving Soldiers at Fort Lee June 29.

# 'Famous #34' kiosk arrives

## Post, Herschel Walker promote new food initiative

By Travis Edwards  
Staff Writer

*"Mr. Herschel Walker, Heisman Trophy winner and all around great athlete, sir, I'll take two of the barbecue wings and several of those ones on the end."*

Requests like these and others filled a Fort Lee dining facility June 29 as the food service entrepreneur Herschel Walker served Soldiers and civilians from the Army's first "Famous #34 Chicken Kiosk."

"We've decided to consolidate the Famous #34 products the Army purchases and highlight them in a kiosk to better serve our customers. This provides an even larger selection of food to the Soldiers who eat in the facilities," said Johnnie Durant, installation food advisor.

In front of a hungry crowd of Soldiers and Fort Lee employees, the kiosk was officially opened with a ribbon cutting ceremony with Col. John Angevine, Fort Lee garrison commander, Herschel Walker, retired football player and owner of Famous #34, Johnnie Durant, installation food advisor, and Annette Tomes, dining facility manager.

Kiosks will be setup in every Fort

Lee dining facility as the new food initiative spreads across post and even other post have begun to work on implementing the program at their post as well, military officials said.

"For me to be able to provide something new and different to the Soldiers and Marines here at Fort Lee means a lot to me. I wanted to be a Soldier when I was in college, but God steered me on a different path," said Walker who won the Heisman Trophy in 1982 while playing for the University of Georgia and went on to play in the National Football League.

"After leaving football, I began to look for ways to help my family stay active and secure. So, I marketed my family's chicken and sauce receipts," Walker said. "This is a company I believe in very much, and I get to see it provide for Soldiers at the same time. You can't ask for more."

"This is great food, and it really feels like a restaurant in here," said Spc. Dieshell Dunn, Headquarters and Headquarters Command, U.S. Army Garrison - Fort Lee. "The chicken provides an even bigger variety for those of us who eat here everyday."

"I think everyone will like the food products," Walker said. "Everyone loves chicken."

# New law locks out drunk drivers

Getting back behind the wheel will soon be considerably more difficult for first-time drunk driving offenders who are caught with high blood alcohol levels.

Because of the law that went into effect July 1, DUI offenders whose BAC was 0.15 percent or higher will be required to have an ignition interlock device installed on any vehicle they own or co-own as a condition of a restricted license.

Previously, ignition interlock could be ordered by the court for first offenses, but was not required.

"This law sends a message to drivers that Virginia won't tolerate drunk driving — not even once," said Debra Gardner, executive director for the Commission on Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program. "At the same time, the interlock program provides a sanction that allows individuals convicted of drunk driving to remain productive members of society while addressing their alcohol issues."

The ignition interlock is a breath analysis device that is installed in a motor vehicle.

The driver is required to perform a breath test before starting the vehicle.

If any alcohol is detected on the driver's breath, the vehicle will not start.

Retests are randomly required while the vehicle is on. If the driver refuses to take a retest or fails the retest, the vehicle's horn will sound and lights may flash until the breath test is passed or the vehicle is turned off.

The interlock system contains a small computer that records all start attempts, the results of all tests, and the results of all rolling retests.

The data is used to monitor compliance with the interlock program.

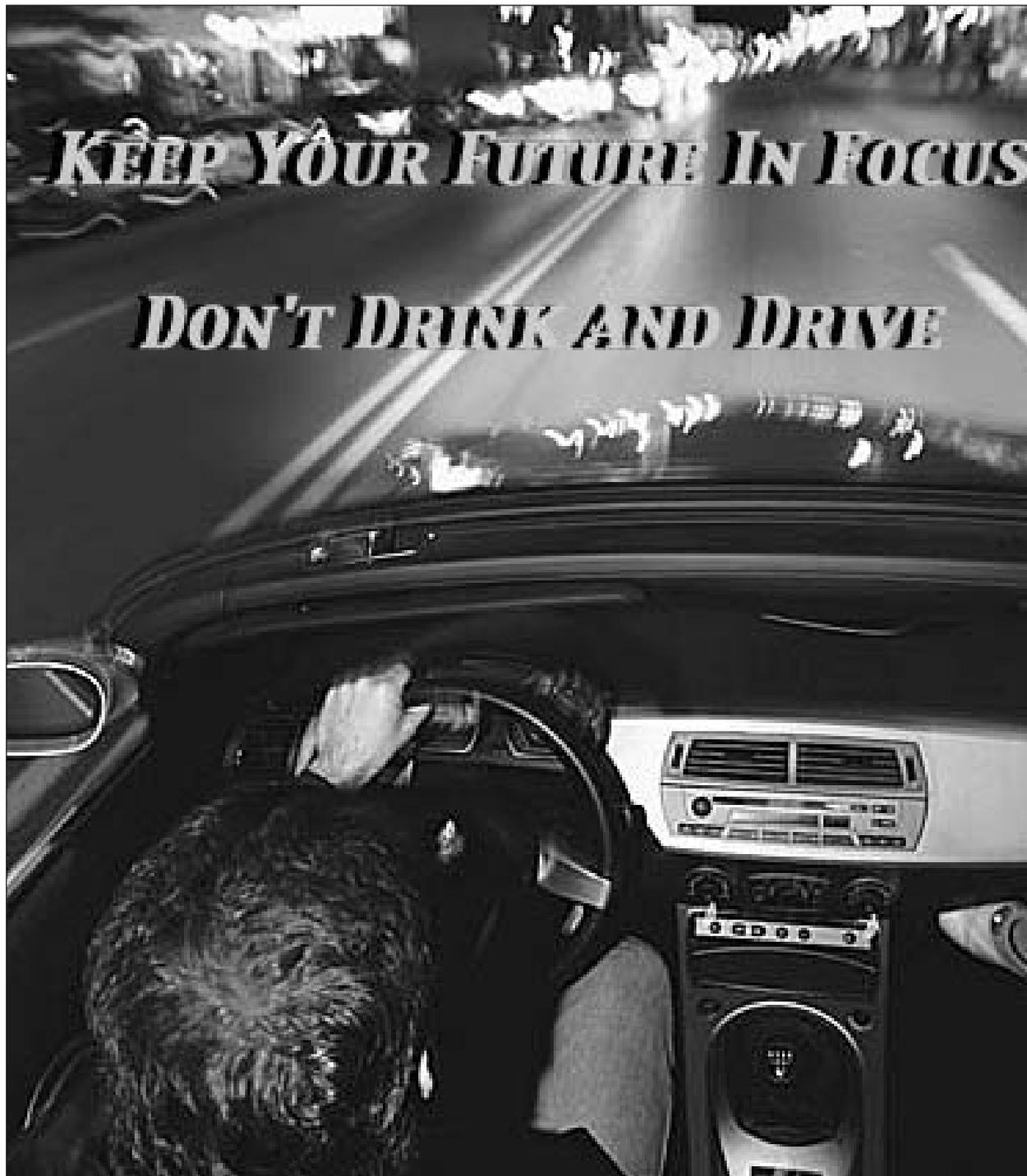
Drivers are required to have their interlock device monitored at a service center every 30 days.

If they fail to do so, their vehicle will "lock out" and not allow them to drive it.

The ignition interlock program is administered by VASAP. DUI offenders pay the \$65 installation fee and the \$65 per month fee for lease, taxes and administrative costs.

"We hope this will prevent people from ever driving drunk. But, if they do, ignition interlock will make it much more difficult for them to become a repeat offender," Gardner said.

— Provided by Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program



# Soldier travels three continents to join Army

By Capt. Karen Pinkett

Company A Commander

Lessons in history are not always best taught in the classroom or from reading books.

Sometimes the most valuable learning experiences are provided by individuals we talk to on a daily basis.

Today's Army provides all Soldiers with an exceptional learning environment since its members come from a variety of countries around the world.

While exploring the cultural diversity of the Advanced Individual Training population at Fort Lee, I uncovered a Company G Soldier who is a Rwandan citizen.

Pfc. Class Michel Rudatsikira was born in Burundi, but is a Rwandan citizen since both his parents were born there. His family decided to flee Burundi for the United States in 1993, just two months after the Burundi-Rwanda civil war began.

Rudatsikira's journey from Burundi took him to Ethiopia, then to Germany and finally California, where he has lived for 10 years.

"My first impression of the United States - was that it looked different, no old cars, no homeless people and no rundown neighborhoods," Rudatsikira

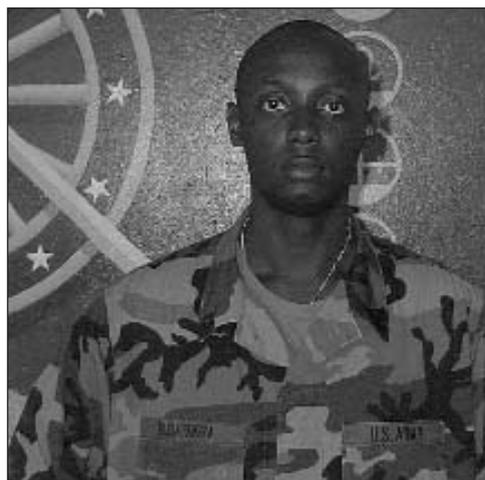
said. "But after living here, I've found it's beautiful. There's a mixture of people who are mostly nice and friendly."

Rudatsikira said his country was just as beautiful as the United States before the civil war. "There were beaches, lakes and restaurants, and we always played soccer," he added.

Rudatsikira said the environment was different during the war. He could hear tanks and guns firing all night. During the day, his family would buy as many supplies as possible in case they were unable to go outside during the fighting, and there were many times where he was unable to go to school.

Rudatsikira's family applied for asylum prior to leaving Burundi and have lived in the United States ever since.

Rudatsikira started school in California which was



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**Pfc. Michel Rudatsikira, an international traveler, a logistician and an American Soldier.**

not task since he could not speak English. He now speaks three languages including English, French and Kinyarwanda.

Since he decided to join the Army in 2003, Rudatsikira's journey around the world hasn't stopped.

He attended Basic Combat Training at Fort Jackson, S.C., and arrived at Fort Lee in March 2004.

Rudatsikira said he joined the Army because it offered a variety of benefits to include travel opportunities, college assistance, and many chances to meet new and interesting people.

He enjoys the Army because of the discipline and organization it provides, he said, but the most

challenging experience is not getting the amount of sleep he's used to.

Rudatsikira's future plans include finishing his degree in hotel and restaurant management, and traveling back to his native country.

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"I was delighted about the participation of the CASCOM family and how they supported this event from the very beginning," Unger added. "Serving and living in another country helps to understand the culture and is an investment for a better future.

After the German leader spoke, one of the newly appointed lieutenants thanked Unger for his support while stationed in America and the opportunity to serve at Fort Lee.

"It has been an honor serving here in America and at Fort Lee," Hopfe said. "We have learned a lot about dealing with Soldiers from different

countries, and I can't think of a better place to have served than at CASCOM."

According to Unger, for German Soldiers to become officers, they first start at the same level as volunteer and drafted Soldiers in Germany and experience the basic training. During this period, they assume some special duties while attempting to work harder than the other guys to learn their skills.

After the taking part in the German version of Basic Training and Advanced Individual Training, and with additional training programs during this time as well, the German Soldiers also get their truck driver

license in this period and will serve in a battalion.

They will then go to the school and learn group leader level tactics. After that, they serve again as a group leader in a battalion, Unger said. Following their time in the battalion, they will then go back to school for platoon leader level courses and additional combat training at an officer school and then serve as a platoon leader.

Normally their training will last for three years. Afterward, the new lieutenants will go to a university to study for additional three to four years. According to Unger, Germany has a draftee system for all adult male and a volunteer system for adult

female citizens. Women can join all branches of the German forces, and there are no overall exceptions.

In 2004, Germany had about 50 cadets in the U.S., Germany also had cadets in more than 14 countries around the world, he added.

"These Soldiers serve for a short time in foreign armies to get new ideas and an understanding of cultural differences, as well as take part in military training to get an understanding of how other forces operate and to remain friends over the years," Unger said.

"Work together, train together, help each other, fight together and stay in friendship. I think these words say everything," he added.

### Busch Gardens' Military Appreciation Days Tickets

The Travel Agents International Office, located in Building 9025 on Mahone Avenue, has "Military Appreciation Days" tickets for sale.

The tickets cost \$34 for a one-day admission.

The office also has Water Country discount tickets for sale. Tickets for adults cost \$30 and children (3 - 6) cost \$24.

Season passes are also available for Water Country and Busch Gardens, Williamsburg.

For information, call (804) 734-6255.

### Military Appreciation Night

The Petersburg Generals baseball team will hold Military Appreciation Night at the Petersburg Sports Complex July 16.

Game time is 7:05 p.m.

Admission is free for all servicemembers with identification cards. Admission for family members is \$1 and children younger than 12 are admitted free.

The complex is located on Johnson Road in Petersburg.

### Bowling Center's Summer Hours

The Fort Lee Bowling Center's summer hours of operations are:

Monday, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Tuesday, 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Wednesday, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Thursday, 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. - midnight

Sunday, 11 a.m. - 10 p.m.

For information, call (804) 734-6860.



### Baltimore Harbor, Aquarium Trip

The Fort Lee Civilian Welfare Fund is hosting a bus trip up to the Baltimore Harbor Aug. 21, 7:30 a.m. - 7 p.m. The trip includes a visit to the National Aquarium.

Prices for adults are \$51, seniors cost \$48, students are \$46 and children cost \$44.

Those taking the trip will meet in the parking lot of the Fort Lee Post Office.

For information, call (804) 734-1891.



### Military Discounts for Florida Attractions

The Travel Agents International Office, located in Building 9025 on Mahone Avenue, has military discount tickets available for Florida attractions to include Disney, SeaWorld and Universal Studios.

For information, call (804) 734-6255.

SeaWorld tickets for adults cost \$57.46 and children's tickets cost \$47.87.

The military discount tickets for SeaWorld cost \$42 for adults and \$40 for children.

Universal Studios tickets for adults cost \$57.46 and children's tickets cost \$47.88. The military discount tickets for Universal Studios cost \$49 for adults and \$40 for children.

Disney four-day hopper passes cost \$233.24 for adults and \$187.44 for children.

The military discount four-day hopper passes cost \$200 for adults and \$160 for children. There are also five-day hopper passes and five-day hopper plus passes available at a discount.



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# Celebrating Freedom

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Children of the Fort Lee community enjoy playing in suds to cool off from the heat at the Fourth at the Fort Sunday.



The rockets red glare was in full force as the post displayed its annual Fourth of July celebration Sunday.



Devin Litman creates artwork as he paints on 4-year-old Shanya Bland during the Fourth at the Fort celebration Sunday on post.

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