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# Gleason takes command of 266th QM Battalion

By **Spc. Jason B. Cutshaw**  
Staff Writer

Lt. Col. Kenneth King relinquished command of the 266th Quartermaster Battalion, 23rd QM Brigade, as he passed the unit colors to Lt. Col. Scot Gleason in a ceremony on Sgt. Seay Field July 9.

King will continue working at Fort Lee with the U.S. Army Combined Arms Support Command's battle lab.

"Any success I may have had is solely due to the kindness and support of many others," King said to his Soldiers as he left command. "I could never have done this on my own, I am not that wise. I bid you all a safe and enjoyable summer. Never goodbye, just so long."

Col. Belinda Buckman, 23rd QM Brigade commander, presided over the ceremony.

"Whether in garrison or in the field at endless Logistics Warrior rotations, Ken King sets the conditions which allow instructors and drill sergeants to do their jobs," Buckman said as she bid farewell to the outgoing commander. "Ken King clearly understands an 'Army of One.' I know he understands it, as I watch the energy and effort that he has devoted day in and day out to training and taking care of an 'Army of One,' one Soldier at a time."

"You will always be welcomed back home in the 23rd," Buckman added.

Buckman then welcomed the newest commander of the 266th and discussed the battalion's future.

"We are very fortunate to welcome Lt. Col. Scot and Lynn Gleason and their daughters to the brigade," Buckman added. "Once again, the Army got it right. Scot is definitely the right leader to take command of this proud outfit."

"He clearly understands the tasks and conditions that we must employ as we train these warriors for success on today's battlefield," she added.

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

"In accepting the colors of the battalion, I stand proud to be part of the 'Providers' ranks. Together, we will face the challenges that lie ahead, and we will live up to the battalion's motto, 'We Are Providers,'" Gleason said.

Gleason was commissioned as a second lieutenant in 1986. His military education includes the Infantry Officer Basic Course, Quartermaster Officer Advanced Course, Petroleum Officer Course and Command and General Staff Officer Course.

He has served in a variety of command and staff



PHOTO BY SPC. JASON CUTSHAW

**Lt. Col. Scot Gleason, 266th Quartermaster Battalion incoming commander, accepts the units colors from Col. Belinda Buckman, 23rd QM Brigade commander during a ceremony July 9.**

positions in Fort Lewis, Wash., Fort Campbell, Ky., Fort Lee, the Pentagon, White House and Germany.

Gleason's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Army Achievement Medal with four oak leaf clusters, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Presidential Service badge, Expert Infantryman Badge, Senior Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, Parachute Rigger Badge and Brazil and Australian Parachutist Badges.

He is accompanied by his wife Lynn Zemaitis Gleason, of Leicester Mass., and their three daughters; Johanna, Josselyn and Eva.

## Army G3 gets fourth star, takes oath as Army vice chief of staff



PHOTO BY JOE BURLAS

**Gen. Richard A. Cody waits while his sons, Capt. Clint Cody (left) and Capt. Tyler Cody, both with the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), pin four-stars on his shoulders July 2 at the Pentagon Auditorium. Shortly thereafter, Cody was sworn-in as the 31st Army vice chief of staff.**

## News Briefs

### Blood Donors Needed

Company T, 266th Quartermaster Battalion, 23rd QM Brigade, is hosting a blood drive at the Post Field House July 22, 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. For information, call (804) 734-6685

### CASCOM and Fort Lee Retirement Ceremony

Combined Arms Support Command and Fort Lee will host a retirement ceremony at the Lee Playhouse July 30, 3 p.m.

### AFH Townhall Meeting

The next Fort Lee Family Housing Townhall Meeting is scheduled for Aug. 25, 6 p.m. at the East Community Center.

### Housing Recycling Program

Those living in post housing need to place their old recycle containers next to the curb on their next scheduled recycle pick-up date. Each resident will be issued a new container after the old one is picked up.

Glass can no longer be recycled, and should be placed into garbage.

### Dates and Times for Housing Refuse Service

The Mark Dunning Industries, Inc. is the new refuse/recycling collector for Fort Lee housing residents. Collections begin at 8 p.m. on the following days for each housing areas.

- **Monroe Manor and Madison Park;**  
Refuse service — Mondays  
Recycle service — Tuesdays
- **Jackson Circle, Harrison Villa and Jefferson Terrace;**  
Refuse service — Wednesdays  
Recycle service — Thursdays

Bulk items and yard waste collection will be accomplished on the same day as refuse collection in each housing area.

For information, call (804) 734-5023.

### 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.

# Post warrant officers add chapter to their history

By **Spc. Jason B. Cutshaw**  
Staff Writer

On the 86th birthday of the Warrant Officer Corps, Fort Lee participated in a ceremony to add another chapter in the history of the corps.

To commemorate this historic moment Friday, warrant officers were designated to wear their distinctive branch insignia and all chief warrant officer fives were authorized to wear the new chief warrant officer five rank.

With this action, the warrant officer component took another step toward better integrating itself into the Army's officer corps.

As of Friday, all warrant officers Army-wide replaced the "Eagle Rising" insignia on their left collar with their appropriate branch insignia.

"Today we recognize a historic milestone in the professional evolution of the U.S. Army Warrant Officer Corps," said Chief Warrant Officer Five Wilbert Watson, U.S. Army Combined Arms Support Command.

"The 'Eagle Rising' insignia, originally adopted in 1921, is emblematic of a time when the warrant officers' technical skills and duties could be easily transferred between service arms with little or no formal training," he added.

"The contemporary warrant officer of the present have very complex and specific technical skills and abilities honed through extensive technical training and applied to the mission of a single branch," Watson said.

"In recognition of the branch-focused roles as seasoned specialized technicians, warrant officers will



PHOTO BY SPC. JASON B. CUTSHAW

**Chief Warrant Officer Five Wilbert Watson, U.S. Army Combined Arms Support Command, has his new rank insignia pinned on by Thomas Edwards, CASCOM deputy director.**

wear the insignia of their individual branch," he added.

In keeping with the transformation, warrant officers will serve in the officer corps that will carry the Army into the 21st century.

"Warrant officers traditionally have not been treated as part of the officer corps. We've kind of been in this strange gray area between the noncommissioned officer and the regularly commissioned branch officer," said Chief Warrant Officer 5 Albert Eggerton, warrant officer personnel policy integrator for the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel.

"In the future, we see an increasing role in joint operations, and it would make it easier in the joint world to identify us correctly by wearing the same insignia that our sister services are wearing," Eggerton said.

Along with the transformation of all warrant officers wearing their new branch insignia, all chief warrant officer fives received their new rank insignia.

"On the advent of Army transformation and our leadership's focus to a modular, expeditionary ingrained as a member of the joint armed forces, brought the realization for the Army to adopt use of the Department of Defense approved chief warrant officer five rank," said Warrant Officer James Judd, Quartermaster Warrant Officer Basic Course student.

"This action reinforces the Army's commitment as a member of the joint forces team. Adoption of this rank will make it easier for those warrant officers who have reached the pinnacle of their profession to be recognized across all services with a common rank," Judd said.

The warrant officer rank was originally established for the Army Mine Planter Service.

They now serve in Army branches of Quartermaster, Adjutant General, Air Defense Artillery, Aviation, Engineer, Field Artillery, Judge Advocate General, Medical, Military Intelligence, Military Police, Ordnance, Special Forces, Signal and Transportation.

The Warrant Officer Corps represents more than 25,000 warrant officers, of which 1,300 are women.

## Tele-Promotion

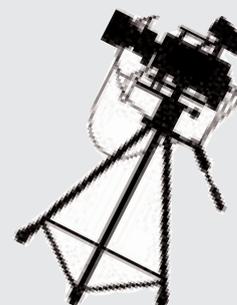


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Army spouse Joan Leardi and her son, Luke, wave at the camera during a Video Tele-Conference call between Fort Lee and Baghdad, Iraq where then Capt. Joe Leardi, Combined Arms Support Command, was promoted to the rank of major by Brig. Gen. Scott West, U.S. Army Quartermaster Center and School commanding general. The family was given the opportunity to witness the promotion of their loved one and share a few minutes "together" after the promotion.



Television screens show both video feeds captured via camera during the conference calls. Friends and family members gathered to witness the promotion and provide support for the Soldier and his family.



# Government enforcing Reservists' re-employment rights

By Kathleen T. Rhem

American Forces Press Service

Several government agencies are working together to aggressively defend the reemployment rights of Reserve-component servicemembers.

Under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994, Reserve and National Guard troops cannot lose their jobs or their benefits due to military service.

In other words, Reservists and Guardsmen who are deployed are guaranteed their previous civilian jobs or similar jobs with the same level of benefits when they return. Employers who fail to comply are in violation of federal law and can be sued by the U.S. government.

U.S. Special Counsel Scott J. Bloch is charged with prosecuting federal agencies that fail to comply with the tenets of USERRA. Bloch recently visited the Pentagon to pledge his vigilance in these duties. He signed a statement of support for the Guard and Reserves on behalf of federal employers.

Leaders of the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve and the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs spoke at the ceremony.

Assistant Defense Secretary for Reserve Affairs Thomas Hall compared the overwhelming support for today's troops with his own days as a sailor during the Vietnam era. Hall said that in 21 months in his current position, he has had the opportunity to speak to at least 120,000 people around the country and abroad.

"Everywhere I go, I find a different spirit than perhaps existed in my younger years in the Navy. ... Controversy rocked the country, and many of our young men and women who came back from Vietnam ... weren't welcomed," Hall said.

"But what is not lacking today," he continued, "is support from the rank and file, from the businesses and from the community."

ESGR's national director, Bob G. Hollingsworth, told those gathered, "America's employers have rallied around (the troops) in an incredible way." The employers realize "they are inextricably linked to the national defense of our nation," he said.

Hall explained in an interview that employers of Reserve-component troops are vital to the future of the National Guard and Reserves, and thus America's interests. "It's very key to young men and women having the confidence and their families having the confidence that when they go off to answer the call to colors, when they return they will have a job waiting for them," he said.

Bloch is especially committed to serving as an advocate for service members because his son, 19-year-old Marine Lance Cpl. Michael Bloch, is preparing to leave his home base of Twentynine Palms, Calif., for a second rotation in Iraq.

"As a member of the administration, I support USERRA," Bloch said before signing the statement of support. "But I also support it as a citizen and as a father of an active-duty Marine.

"Our commitment ... is the least that we can do to send a message to our wonderfully brave, talented and committed members of the military that we do support them and we do understand the sacrifices they're making," he said.

Bloch's organization, the U.S. Office of Special Counsel, recently brought a suit against a federal agency with the Merit Systems Protection Board on behalf of a reserve military member. He didn't say

which agency, but noted this is the first time a federal agency has been sued under the provisions of USERRA.

USERRA suits against civilian employers are brought by the Justice Department, but even those are rare. Bloch estimated roughly eight cases are referred to the Justice Department each year. Of

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*— Bob G. Hollingsworth  
ESGR's national director*

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those, perhaps five are litigated, he said.

With 1.2 million reserve-component servicemembers in the U.S. military, that shows a very low percentage of cases aren't resolved at the lowest levels, he said.

Hall explained that ESGR has 4,200 volunteers who work to educate employers throughout the country. Points of contact are posted prominently in all Guard and Reserve centers, and the names and numbers of state representatives are available on the organization's Web site.

In most cases, a phone call to an ESGR representative will solve a Reserve-Component servicemember's problem. The ESGR representative will meet with employers to explain the requirements mandated by USERRA.

USARRA is a law many employers are unfamiliar with, Bloch said. "That's just one they kind of overlook until it confronts them," he said. "Then, when they learn about it, generally they say, 'Oh, whatever we need to do, we'll do.'"

### Training Directorate Picnic

Combined Arms Support Command Training Directorate will celebrate its 10th anniversary Aug. 9, 11:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. with a fun-filled day at Hero Park for all current and former directorate employees and their families.

Those wishing to attend should call (804) 765-1273 by Aug. 6.

### Tri-City Toastmasters Club

The world's leading organization helping people hone their public speaking skills. Classes are offered the first and third Thursday of each month, 11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m., in CASCOT, Building 1109.

For information, call (804) 734-1412 or 734-1020.

### 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.

### 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).



### AFTB Classes

The Army Family Team Building is hosting several upcoming classes at the Army Community Service Building on Mahone Avenue.

All of the workshops listed are free. Childcare can be provided, but is not free and must be arranged prior to class.

○ **Teams — The Tools to Build Them;** Monday, 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.

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" Sunday and Monday, 7 p.m.

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

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

Those auditioning must have a prepared song with sheet music 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 age 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.

### 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, 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.

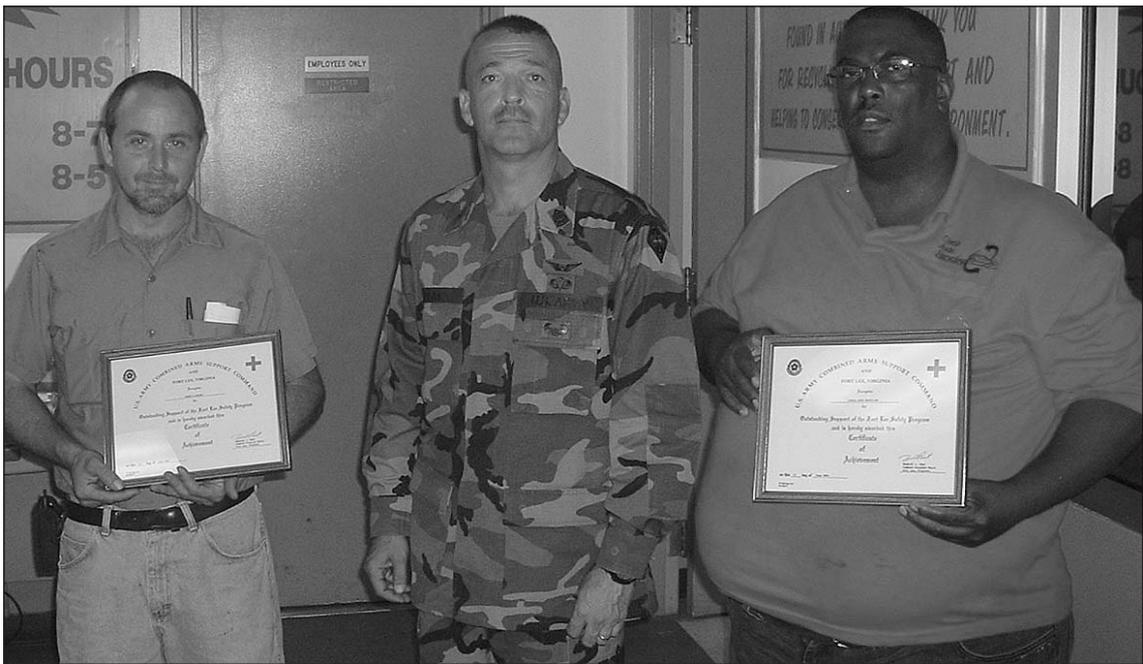
For information, call (804) 765-3852 or e-mail [rileys@lee.army.mil](mailto:rileys@lee.army.mil).

### 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).



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## TEAM LEE thanks community for supporting post's safety program

Command Sgt. Maj. Bradley J. Peat, Combined Arms Support Command and Fort Lee command sergeant major, recently presented Todd Steigleder of Trent's Towing and Linzy Watkins of Circle Auto Recycling with a Safety Award and command sergeant major coin for their outstanding support of the Fort Lee Command Sergeant Major Safety Action Council. The two have provided and transported wrecked vehicles (featured above) for the council's static displays on post for more than two years.

# FAMILY OF ONE

By Travis Edwards

Fort Lee Public Affairs

*"I do solemnly swear that I will support and defend ... that I will bear true faith and allegiance ... the orders of the officers appointed over me ... So help me God."*

The oath of enlistment echoed across the room as Capt. Maria Danielson, Company T commander, 266th Quartermaster Battalion, 23rd Brigade, enlisted her daughter, Pvt. Justina Kim into the U.S. Army.

These words are not unfamiliar to the young Soldier being enlisted, nor the commitment and dedication do they demand. These traits are common around her home; just ask her mother, Capt. Maria Danielson who administered the oath. Or ask her father, 1st Lt. Don Danielson, 300th Area Support Group, U.S. Army Reserves, currently deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

In 2000, the Danielson's took on the role of respite foster parents while stationed in Hawaii. They helped to care for foster children when foster parents had to leave the state for business.

"Don and I looked after older foster children because they seemed to us to need more care and support; and they're very fun to be around," Maria said. "We took them to luaus, and I usually got pedicures with the girls. We did things they didn't usually get to do at their 'permanent' foster home."

It was in Hawaii that the Justina met

the Danielsons, staying with them from time to time; and then eventually staying permanently.

Maria then received orders to report to Fort Lee for the Combined Logistics Captains' Career Course. The family, at Justina's request, organized for her to attend school in Hawaii and stay behind.

But fate would have its way, and Justina found her way "home" to Danielsons and Fort Lee.

"I think things really came together for us as a family when we all came to Virginia. It wasn't until then, that Justina told us she loved us, where she began trusting us," Maria said. "This is where we bonded as a family."

This is where Justina joined their family of one.

"I love her dearly. I've loved her from the start, only I don't think she believed us, or thought it was possible. I have wanted a child for so long, it didn't matter what size, age, color or shape," she said. "In the short time that she's been ours, it has been the most rewarding experience I've ever had. She has brought Don and I moments of extreme frustration and happiness, all in the same week."

So now the Danielsons had become a dual military family with child, one of the more complicated paths to negotiating Army life.

"Going through her ordeals like homecoming, learning to drive, graduation, cheerleading, swim practice, college applications and now enlisting in



PHOTO COURTESY OF CAPT. MARIA DANIELSON

**Pvt. Justina Danielson is sworn into the U.S. Army by her mother, Capt. Maria Danielson, Company T, 266th Quartermaster Battalion, 23rd Quartermaster Brigade. Justina recently graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, S.C. Her father, 1st Lt. Don Danielson, currently deployed to Iraq, is a member of the 300th Area Support Group, U.S. Army Reserve.**

the Army has enriched our lives. I can't remember how life was before Justina," Maria said.

Justina decided on her own to join the military and asked for her parent's support, which they promised, and together they began Justina's journey into the Army.

"She ran incognito as a Tango Tiger for physical training once before she left for basic training. She wore one of my uniforms and fell in with the

Soldiers. The drill sergeants gave her a taste of what Basic Combat Training would be like. They dropped her for wearing eye shadow during PT formation," Maria said.

Justina, a recent basic training graduate of Company E, 2nd Battalion, 28th Infantry Regiment, Fort Jackson, S.C., has now joined her family in the ranks of the U.S. Army and can now begin to forge a new family in the U.S. Army.



## Taking simple steps beforehand will ensure smooth move

By Michael Hanzel  
OSJA Legal Summer Intern

Joining the Army means seeing the world, never staying in one place very long and frequent moves. Because servicemembers move often, it is important that they take several steps to protect themselves when carriers arrive to pack household goods for shipment.

Andrea Wynn, however, learned the hard way.

"During one of my earlier moves, while they were packing my shipment, I did not check over my inventory sheet. I just signed it," Wynn said.

Once at her new location and in her new home, Wynn watched in horror as the packers unloaded all of her boxes — with nothing inside them.

"A lot of stuff came out with no inventory stickers," she said.

Because the packers failed to annotate her family's possessions on the inventory sheets, Wynn was unable to prove the carrier took possession of the missing items.

Her inability to prove receipt of the property by the carrier made it difficult for her to substantiate her claim for missing property when she filed her claim.

Wynn, now a transportation specialist at the Fort Lee Transportation Office, uses her experience to warn others about how to ensure they experience a smooth move.

"If I would have looked at the inventory sheet, it wouldn't have happened," she said. "That's the most important thing in the whole process — check over your inventory sheet."

Roger H. Rodman, a paralegal specialist who has handled Army move claims at the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate for more than 15 years, echoes this sentiment, and he said several other easy pre-move precautions will help servicemembers recover the value of lost or damaged items.

"For example, you should photograph or videotape valuable possessions before the movers arrive and pack your belongings so that you have an independent record of what you own. You might also want to get high-value, family-heirloom type items appraised, so you have a record of their value," he said. "You should never ship your proof of ownership documents, appraisals, personal photo inventories or proof of purchase receipts. Keep these documents with you during your move so that if the movers lose your personal property, you will be able to prove ownership and you can present evidence of your possession when filing a claim."

Rodman also suggested hanging onto small, valuable items such as money, credit cards and jewelry, as well as high sentimental-value items.

"If something is irreplaceable, such as wedding photos or family photo albums, nobody can pay you to replace these. They can't be replaced," he said. "My advice is, take it with you."

"Another good idea before your move is to get additional insurance coverage," Rodman said. "Not everyone needs it, but people with expensive items, such as televisions or stereo systems, will not be able to recover the full value of such items, should they be lost or stolen."

There are two reasons for this.

First, claims can only pay what an item currently is worth, and some items, like electronic equipment and clothing, depreciate very quickly.

"Take a three-year old television," Rodman said. "The Soldier wants what he paid for it, but by regulation, I have to depreciate this item by 30 percent."

Second, the claims office is bound by law to cap reimbursements for many items.

"The most it can pay for a single move is \$40,000," Rodman said, "but many individual items are capped, as well."

For example, the claims office can pay only \$4,000 for crystal, so if you have \$6,000 worth of crystal, one-third of its value will not be covered.

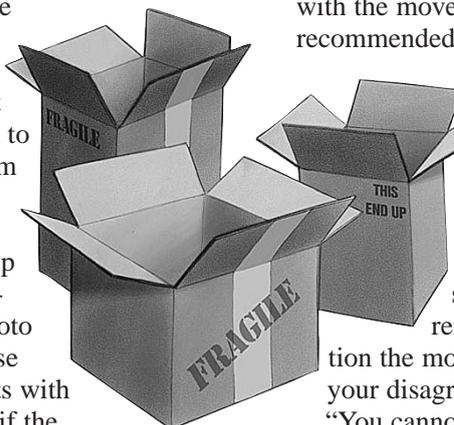
If servicemembers are interested in additional insurance coverage on their shipment, stop by the local transportation office, where outbound counselors are trained to explain what insurance options they have.

Finally, when filling out an inventory sheet, don't forget to list high-value items on a separate inventory, pay careful attention to pre-existing damage and note the codes at the top of the inventory sheet, which movers use to indicate damaged property.

Movers will tend to say that everything you own is scratched, broken or soiled. Getting into an argument with the movers rarely helps, however, and Rodman recommended writing objections on the inventory sheet. If there is a serious problem, call the transportation office for assistance while the movers are still at the home.

"To protect yourself, look at the inventory sheet and if an item's not damaged, there is a space above the signature on every inventory sheet for remarks. If you disagree with the condition the movers have recorded for any items, note your disagreement," Wynn said.

"You cannot control what your movers do, but taking precautions such as the ones listed here will ensure that, if you have to file a claim for your property, it can be taken care of smoothly," she said.



# Soldier Show brings 'Heart

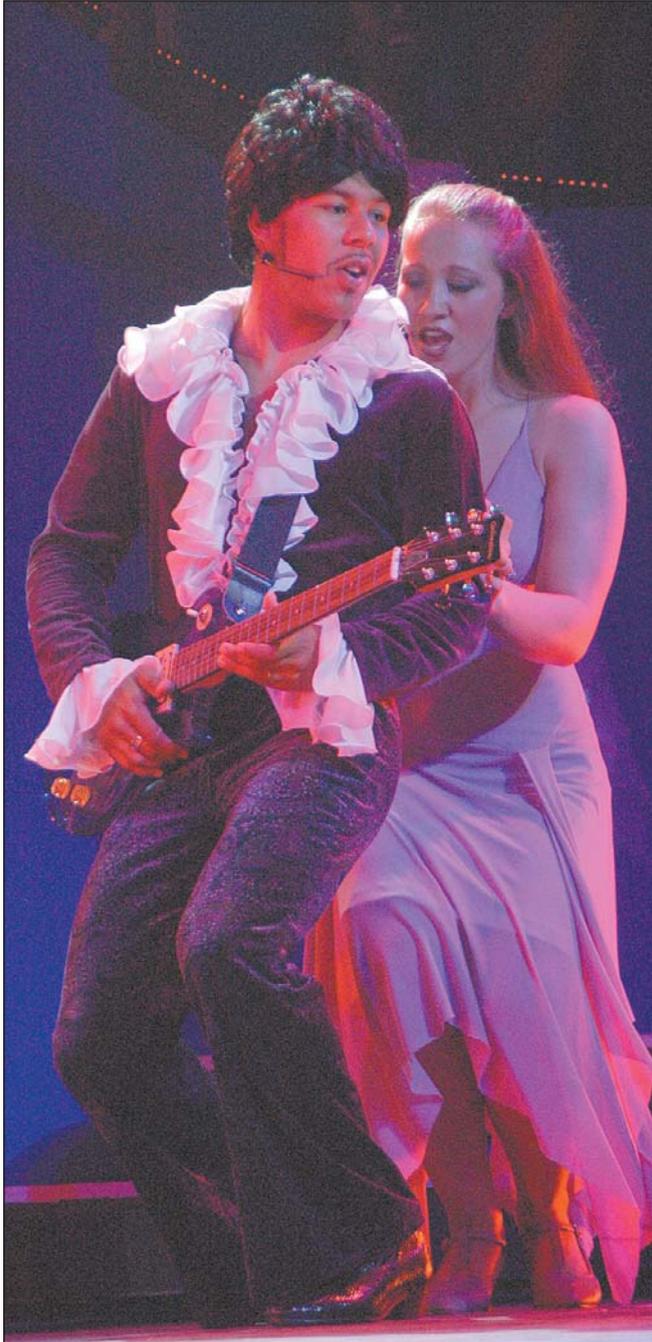


The cast of the 2004 Soldier Show performed songs for this year's theme "The Heart of a Soldier" at the Lee Playhouse.



(Above) Members of the Soldier Show pay tribute to American Bandstand by performing several songs from the 1960s, 1970's and 1980's. During their 90-minute show, cast and crew members changed sets more than 10 times to accommodate their various routines.

(Right) Pfc. Clarence Reeves III and Spc. Emily Plasterer get funky as Reeves performs Prince's classic song 'Kiss' during the 2004 U.S. Army Soldier Show at the Lee Playhouse.



Spc. James Becton is wrapped in with music and dance.

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# Heart of a Soldier to Fort Lee

The Fort Lee community welcomed one of its Soldiers home when the Army Soldier Show played shows July 6 and 7 at the Fort Lee Playhouse.

The theme of this year's show is "The Heart of a Soldier." During the show, performers present an emotional song and dance that displayed how they keep in contact with the people they love back home while they are deployed during the Global War on Terrorism.

Diverse musical styles are performed during the 90-minute show; including gospel, country, rock, pop, and blues and other musical styles are played during the show. Artists such as Prince, Abba, and Rascal Flatts are some of the many influences on this year's show.

More than 125 Soldiers auditioned for the show, only 10 performers, six technicians and five drummers were selected as part of the show. They will perform more than 20 shows in 21 states, Germany, Cuba and Washington D.C. in the next six months.

The 19 Soldiers who were selected for this year's show endured six weeks of intensive rehearsals before going on tour for six months. Once on the road, the group spends an average of 14 hours a day, seven days a week to entertain military posts worldwide.

Since the debut of the first Army Soldier Show in 1918 and the modern version now in its 18th year, the Army Entertainment Production has traveled the world performing its brand of "entertainment by the Soldier, for the Soldier."

One of the few Soldiers chosen was Fort Lee's very own Sgt. Kevin Cherry, a member of 392nd Army Band. Cherry was a drum major for Grambling State University's marching band before joining the Army and playing saxophone in the Fort Lee Army Band.

"This has been a dream come true for me to join the Soldier Show," Cherry said. "I always wanted to perform in front of people, and I got to while in the Fort Lee Army Band. No one in the band was selfish, and they pushed me to perform whenever possible. They were all very supportive and made me

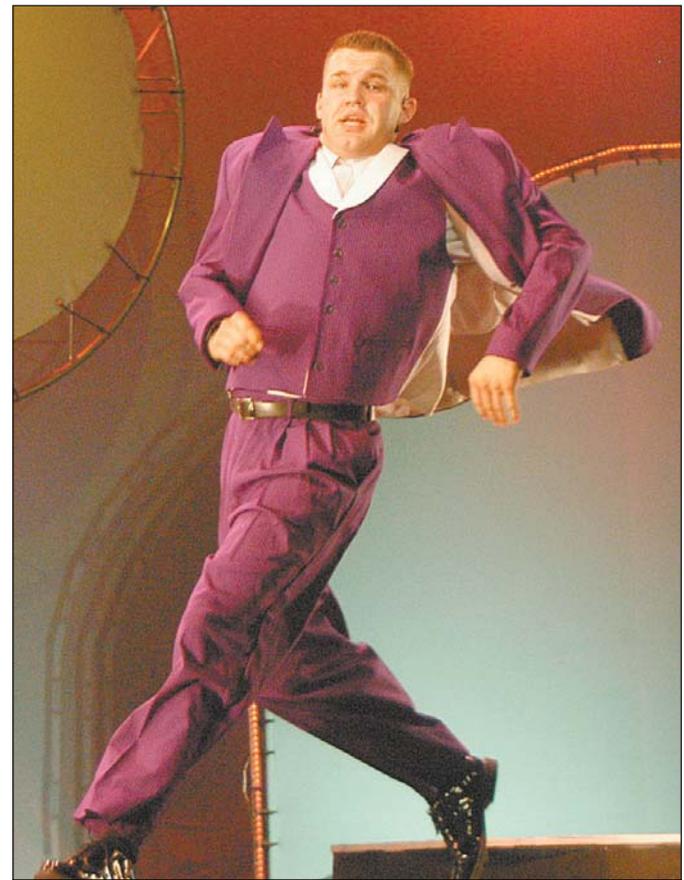
believe I could perform at this level."

After returning from a month-long tour with the 392nd at the beginning of the year, Cherry said he had about two days to get his things together to audition for the Soldier Show.

"Being in the band and performing on the road helped me prepare for the schedule I have now," he added. "I was worried I wouldn't make it, but I have been blessed and now I get to go out and entertain the Soldiers who do so much for the country. It is an honor to be here."

Before leaving post to head for another show, Cherry showed his appreciation to the post which helped him make his dream come true.

"I can't thank the people of Fort Lee enough for their support and prayers," Cherry said. "When I came out and performed here, the energy I received elevated me to perform on a higher level than ever before. It felt good to be home and one day I will return. Until then I will never forget the Fort Lee community and the love I have for everyone here."



**Pfc. Kevin Allen, a member of the 2004 cast, performs gospel songs for Fort Lee during the Soldier Show at the Lee Playhouse.**



**On a large scarf as he sings and performs an interpretive dance while other members of the Soldier Show support his movements.**

# Youth sports ends summer season



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**Jarius Moore, of the 9 - 12 years of age Little League Pirates team, stands in a perfect hitting stance in a game during the summer season.**



**Trey Sapp, of the 9 - 12 years of age Little League Pirates, pitches during a game.**



**By Spc. Jason B. Cutshaw**  
Staff Writer

The Fort Lee Youth Sports Program wrapped up another successful season in time for families to head off on vacation.

Numerous Fort Lee youth joined several teams to learn teamwork and build character in their early years.

"Through our Youth Sports Program (baseball, soccer, cheerleading, tackle football, flag football and basketball) with our volunteer coaches we are about learning, playing and having fun first," said Dennis Posey, Fort Lee Child and Youth Sports and Fitness director.

After teaching the basics, then come the fundamentals like discipline, sportsmanship, teamwork and building self-esteem that children learn from playing team sports, he added. "Hopefully this will make our kids better community citizens," Posey said.

While instructing the children, the coaches learned about themselves as well as teaching the children.

"I learned that coaching the children was the easiest part about being a coach. The parents, on the other hand, are difficult at times, but everyone enjoys the children's sportsmanship," said Staff Sgt. Victor Wolfe, head coach of the Diamondbacks under 6 T-Ball team. "One thing I learned, is that I was truly a role model and an important figure in the lives of these children for a short period of time."

"It is kind of like when a platoon sergeant is addressing his Soldiers but the total dependency is not there because they are adults," Wolfe added. "But with children who are learning and having fun it is a total different and gratifying experience for me."

Teams didn't keep score, and it was fun because players who couldn't hit off of a tee in the beginning were hitting balls pitched to them at the end of the season, he said.

"I really enjoyed playing T-Ball this year," said 6-year-old Theanna Drennon, a member of the Orioles T-Ball team. "This has been really fun, the coaches were good to us and I am ready to play again next year."



**Members of the 4 - 6 years of age T-Ball teams the Rattlers (darker uniforms) and Orioles congratulate each other after a game.**

(Left) Members of the 9 - 12 years of age Little League baseball team, the Pirates, round the bases during a game. (Right) Coach Karyn White instructs Christopher Moore, 4 - 6 years of age T-Ball Rattler team member, on the proper methods of playing T-Ball. The summer sports season started shortly before the summer began and ended in early July.



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# Soldiers preparing to compete in 2004 Olympics

By Paula J. Randall Pagán

U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit Public Affairs

When the Olympic torch lights the flame at the 2004 Games in Athens, Greece, eight U.S. Army marksmanship unit Soldiers and four other current and retired servicemembers will be there to see it.

Seven shooters and a gunsmith from the Army Marksmanship Unit will march with the U.S. Olympic Team in the opening ceremony Aug. 13 at 2 p.m. Athens time.

USA Shooting conducted Olympic selection matches on Fort Benning, Georgia's Hook Range, Phillips Range and at the Pool International Shooting Complex Sept. 21 - 29, March 17 - 27 and May 20 - June 3. Seven Fort Benning Soldiers won 10 slots on the U.S. Olympic shooting team.

This will be Maj. Michael E. Anti's third Olympics. The 39-year-old will compete in the men's three-position free rifle and prone rifle competitions. He shot in the 1992 and 2000 Olympics, finishing in ninth place in 2000 in the three-position rifle competition and in 18th place in 1992 in the prone rifle event. He won a 2004 Olympic quota slot in three-position free rifle for the United States at the 2002 world championships.

"I have been to the Olympics before, so I know what to expect," Anti said. "If I stay focused and shoot my match, I will be successful.

"You can never fully prepare yourself for your first Olympic experience," he added. "It is bigger than I could imagine; there is electricity in the air I cannot explain."

Anti, an infantry officer, is attached to the USAMU through the World Class Athlete Program.

Sgt. 1st Class Jason A. Parker, 30, will compete for the second time in the Olympics in men's air rifle. The infantryman finished fifth in the 2000 Olympics, barely missing a medal by seven-tenths of a point.

"The Olympic competition experience gave me the confidence to shoot good scores anywhere in the world," Parker said. "The highlight was making the Olympic finals. Unfortunately, I only placed fifth. I will train harder and smarter to be at my peak performance at the 2004 Olympics."

Parker went on to win the 2002 air rifle world championship — a title he still holds — and an Olympic quota slot, and he set a world record with his gold-medal win at the 2003 Munich World Cup.

Spc. Hattie J. Johnson, 22, will compete in women's air rifle in Athens. She is a six-time Idaho and Washington state sport rifle and air rifle champion and the 2002 300-meter sport rifle three-position and prone interservice champion. Johnson joined the Army in 2000 right out of high school and is a combat medic.

"Match jitters will definitely be the hardest part for me," she said. "I have only competed in a world cup once, so this, by far, will be my biggest competition ever. To achieve my goal, I need to train hard, stay focused and have confidence."

A first-time Olympian, Johnson is the only female active-duty Army shooter on the Olympic team.

This will be the second Olympics for Sgt. 1st Class Daryl L. Szarenski, 36. He will compete in both men's air pistol and free pistol.

The infantryman finished 25th in free pistol in the 2000 Olympics and won an Olympic quota slot in air pistol at the 2002 World Championships.

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# Why is bicycle safety so important?

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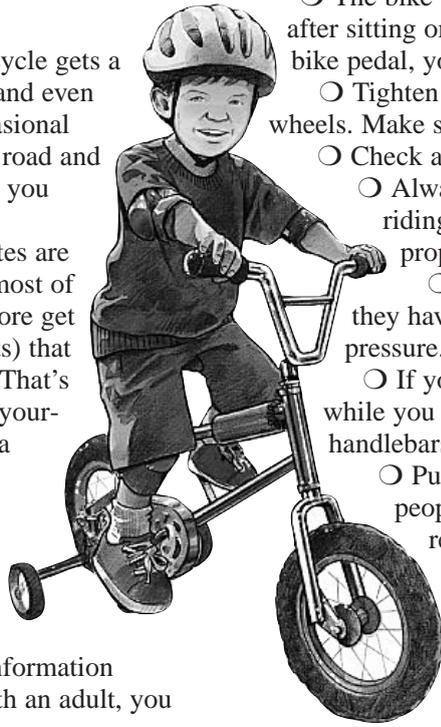
Just about every kid who rides a bicycle gets a scraped knee or elbow at some point, and even the most careful rider can take an occasional tumble. Still, knowing the rules of the road and other issues of bicycle safety can keep you from getting hurt.

About 800 people in the United States are killed in bicycle accidents each year, most of them from head injuries. And many more get injuries (like broken bones or deep cuts) that require emergency medical treatment. That's why it's so important that you protect yourself with the right equipment, such as a bike helmet.

## **Bicycle Safety Checklist**

There are many things you can do to make sure your bicycle is safe to ride. Your bicycle manual (the book that came with the bike) has a lot of information about the kind of bicycle you ride. With an adult, you should check for the following:

- Make sure your bicycle is the right size for you. When you are on your bicycle, stand straddling the top bar of your bike so that both feet are flat on the ground.
- There should be 1 to 3 inches (2.5 to 7.6 cen-



timeters) of space between you and the top bar.

- The bike seat should be adjusted so that after sitting on the seat with your foot on the bike pedal, your knee will be slightly bent.
- Tighten your bike's seat, handlebars and wheels. Make sure the wheels are straight.
- Check and oil your chain regularly.
- Always check your brakes before riding to make sure they are working properly and do not stick.
- Check your tires to make sure they have enough air and the correct tire pressure.
- If you'll need to carry something while you ride, attach a basket to your handlebars or a rack over your rear tire.
- Put reflectors on your bike to help people see you. You should put a red reflector, 3 inches across, behind your seat.

There should also be a white reflector in front of the handlebars, and other reflectors in the spokes of both wheels.

## **What to Wear While Riding Your Bike**

The most important thing you need to wear goes on your head — a helmet. A helmet will protect your head, and most importantly your brain, in case you fall off your bike. Look on your helmet for a sticker

that says the helmet meets safety standards set by the Consumer Product Safety Commission. The CPSC is a part of the United States government that sets safety standards for lots of things people use; the bike helmet standards were introduced in 1999.

If your helmet was made before 1999 (look inside your helmet to see what year it was made), you should replace it with a newer helmet that has one of these two safety standards.

A helmet usually comes with a set of foam pads that you can stick on the inside to help it fit your head. As your head grows, you can change the pads so it will still fit properly. Always be "head smart" and never ride without your helmet. Three out of four bike accidents involve an injury to the head.

You might think you don't look cool with a helmet, but you definitely won't look cool if you crash on your bike and do permanent damage because you didn't wear one. Today's helmets for kids are actually very lightweight and comfortable. Decorate your helmet with cool fluorescent, reflective stickers or pick a really bright color so that everyone on the road can see you.

Make sure your helmet has the correct fit and adjustments. Any bike store can help you adjust your helmet just right. A helmet should:

- Sit level on your head — not tilted forward or backward. (Do not wear a hat under the helmet.)

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pistol at the 2002 World Championships.

"The hardest part of the Olympic competition was shooting against the greatest shooters in the world and trying to have an excellent performance," Szarenski said. "I did not know what to expect. My whole Olympic experience was like no other match I had ever shot; everything was new."

Sgt. 1st Class Bret E. Erickson, 43, made both the men's trap and men's double trap teams. He was a 1992 and 1996 Olympian in trap. The mortorman came in 20th in 1996 and 16th in 1992 in the trap competitions.

The third time shooting skeet in the Olympics resulted in a bronze medal in 2000 for Sgt. 1st Class James "Todd" Graves, 41. He finished 15th in skeet

in the 1996 Olympics. In the 1992 Olympics, he took 11th place in skeet and 29th place in trap. He was the first shooter to earn Olympic slots on both the skeet and trap teams.

"I owe everything to the Army and the unit," Graves said. "I could not have done it without them or my wife for making me work hard."

The infantryman will compete in skeet again in Athens.

Sgt. 1st Class Shawn C. Dulohery, 39, will compete in skeet in the 2004 Games. This will be the first Olympics for the infantry Soldier, who won the skeet world championship and an Olympic quota slot in Cairo, Egypt, in 2001.

"The highest level an athlete can achieve is the Olympics," Dulohery said. "Being an Olympian is an honor, knowing I will represent not only myself but

the country and the flag as well."

Sgt. 1st Class Charles P. Gartland, 39, a USAMU gunsmith, was chosen by USA Shooting to be the official gunsmith for the 2004 Olympic Games. Also, Staff Sgt. Elizabeth "Libby" Callahan, 52, of the U.S. Army Reserve made the Olympic team in sport pistol and women's air pistol. The retired Washington, D.C., police officer is part of the Army World Class Athlete Program.

Army Reserve Maj. David Johnson is the U.S. Olympic rifle team coach, and retired Master Sgt. Erich Buljung is the U.S. Olympic pistol team coach. Both are former U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit members. Retired Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Lloyd Woodhouse is the U.S. Olympic shotgun team coach. Thirteen civilians also made the U.S. Olympic shooting team.

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- Have strong, wide straps that fasten snugly under the chin.
- Be tight enough (with straps fastened) so that no sudden pulling or twisting can move the helmet around on your head.
- Always be fastened while riding.
- Be replaced every five years — and immediately if you have a hard fall and hit your head while wearing the helmet.

○ Never be worn on a playground. It should only be worn during biking, in-line skating or while using your scooter.

What you wear is also very important while riding your bike. Wearing the right clothes can keep you safe.

Here are some tips to follow:

○ Fluorescent-colored clothes help people see you better. Stay away from dark clothes like black, brown, or navy, especially when biking, if it's getting dark outside.

○ Wear light-weight clothes to avoid becoming overheated, especially in the summer months. Be sure to bring plenty of water to drink.

○ Make sure your pant legs are not so loose that they get caught up in the chain.

○ Riding gloves can protect your hands, especially if you do off-road biking, and can be purchased from any bike store.

○ If you carry a backpack, make sure the straps are tied so they do not become tangled up in the spokes of your bike wheels. Better yet, tie your bag in a basket or strap it to a rack.

○ Wear shoes that grip your bike's pedals. Never wear cleats, shoes with heels or shoes that can easily slip off the pedals.

### Riding Safely: The Rules of the Road

Here are some important things to know about



keeping safe on the road, especially, when there's traffic on your neighborhood's busiest streets:

- Always ride on the right-hand side of the street in the same direction as cars do. Never ride against traffic.
- Use bike lanes or designated bike routes wherever you can — never ride on the sidewalk.
- Always stop and check for traffic in both directions when leaving your driveway, an alley or a curb.
- Watch traffic closely for turning cars, or cars leaving driveways.

○ Don't ride too close to parked cars — doors can open suddenly.

○ Stop at all stop signs and obey street lights just as cars do. Be careful at intersections.

○ Always walk your bike across busy intersections using the crosswalk and following traffic signals.

○ It's fun to bike with your friends, but always ride single file on the street. Bike riding side-by-side in traffic or on the street is dangerous for both bikers and people in cars.

○ When passing other bikers or people on the street, always pass to their left side, and call out "On your left" so they know that you are coming.

○ Never change directions, or changes lanes, without first looking behind you, and using correct hand signals. That way everyone knows where you're going.

○ Know your hand signals. Use your left arm for hand signals:

○ Left turn: look behind you, hold your arm straight out to the left and ride forward slowly.

○ Right turn: look behind you, bend your elbow, holding your arm up in an "L" shape, and ride forward.

○ Stop: look behind you, bend your elbow, pointing your arm downward in an upside down "L" shape and come to a stop.

○ If you ride your bike in the evening, or when it's getting dark, be sure to have reflectors on your

bike and a battery-operated headlight.

○ Only one person should be on your bike at a time — this means not having your best friend sitting on the back of your seat or on the handlebars. You could easily lose your balance and fall over with the bike, or suddenly swerve into the path of moving cars while riding.

○ Never wear headphones while biking — you need to be able to hear everyone else on the road at all times.

### Bumps in the Road

It's a good idea to watch out for certain things in the road that could cause you to lose control of your bicycle. These things to look for include:

- wet leaves
- large puddles
- changes in the road surface
- storm grates
- rocks

○ any other stuff you might find on the sidewalk or road where you are riding.

Paying attention to people walking and younger children playing is also a wise idea. Just as a car can unexpectedly pull out of a driveway, a child might chase after a ball that rolls into the street.

When you follow these rules for bicycle safety, you're helping to make the sidewalks, park trails and neighborhood streets safe for everyone. So strap on your helmet and enjoy the ride.



### Military Appr. Night

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

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.

### Busch Gardens' Military Appreciation Days

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.

### Baltimore Harbor, Aquarium Trip

The Fort Lee Civilian Welfare Fund is hosting a bus trip 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.



### Shockoe Tomato Festival

The seventh annual Shockoe Tomato Festival will take over the 17th Street Farmers' Market July 24, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Admission is free.

The event will feature a variety of food, and arts and crafts vendors.

There will also be several activities for children.

For information, visit [www.17thstreetfarmersmarket.com/shockoe\\_tomato.php](http://www.17thstreetfarmersmarket.com/shockoe_tomato.php).



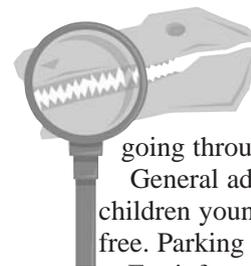
### Dinosaurs Take Over Children's Museum

Discover a magical world of exploration at the Children's Museum of Richmond featuring "Dinosaurs of China."

The exhibit is on going through Sept. 6.

General admission is \$7, and children younger than one enter free. Parking is free.

For information, call (804) 474-2667.



### 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.



### 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.

