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MEMORANDUM FOR SOLDIERS, CIVILIANS, AND CIVILIAN CONTRACTORS

SUBJECT: Columbus Day Holiday Weekend Safety

1. We will soon have another holiday weekend as we observe Columbus Day on 11 October 2004. Keep safety an integral part of your holiday planning.
2. Be a defensive driver. Always buckle up and ensure everyone in your vehicle is buckled up as well. If you have children who are small enough to be in child safety seats, make sure the seats are installed properly. Statistics show that parents are not properly installing their children safety seats. If you have any questions on proper installation of safety seats, you can contact the Safety Office or the Provost Marshal Office.
3. Don't drink and drive, speed, or drive while fatigued. The best defense you have against potential vehicular accidents is your own ability to remain alert while driving. That is why alcohol, drugs, or other medications can be lethal when you drive. They affect your ability to concentrate and severely impair your reaction time that can lead to injury or death.
4. With our current traffic patterns entering the installation, security checks at the gates will continue to cause delays. I appreciate your continued safety awareness and patience.
5. As we approach the fall season, we will frequently drive to work in the fog. Drive at the speed appropriate for weather conditions, keep your lights on, and watch out for joggers, troop formations, and pedestrians. Remember that pedestrians must wear reflective clothing that is visible in all directions while traveling on roadways after 1600 and before 0800. Do not assume a driver can see you. You are responsible for your safety.
6. Be alert, be aware, and be safe. Enjoy your holiday weekend.

Every person counts!

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on the cover



Dennis Ray, with McLeod & Sadler, operates a backhoe at the Lee Ave. gate. Construction started this week at the gate and is expected to continue for 90 days. Traffic patterns may vary from day to day during the construction phase.
 Photo by Tim Hale

The Fort Lee Traveller is printed on recycled paper.

Construction at Lee Gate

Construction will begin on the Lee Ave. Gate Oct. 5 and continue for 90 days.

'STAY ALERT' traffic patterns may vary from day to day. Personnel are encouraged to use alternate gates, such as Sisisky, A Ave. and Mahone Gates.

Vehicle registration will remain open at Lee Ave. Gate and temporary passes will be extended on a case by case basis. Your patience and safe driving are appreciated as access control points are improved on Fort Lee.

It's your future, vote for it!

In this election year, you - our men and women in uniform - are stationed around the globe serving our nation and defending democracy. We have both the responsibility and the privilege to participate in our democracy by exercising our fundamental right to vote.

I encourage every eligible man and woman in uniform, as well as all family members of voting age, to join in the democratic process and cast your ballots. You will have the opportunity to vote, either in person or through absentee ballots, in primary, special run-off and general elections; no matter where you are stationed or what operation you are participating in.

Recent elections have demonstrated the importance of every absentee ballot. Your vote does count!

The 2004 elections will determine our choice for president and vice-president, 34 senators, the entire House of Representatives, and 13 governors, as well as thousands of local officials. I urge each of you to participate, starting with the primaries already underway and continuing through the general election on November 2nd.

Most of you will be using the absentee voting process, which has never been easier than it is today. For those of us in the armed forces and our family members, starting the process is as easy as filling out and mailing the federal post card application.

The FPCA is available from your unit voting assistance officer, who can also assist you with your state procedures.

As members of the armed forces, we each have a responsibility to take part in determining our nation's leadership.

It's your future, vote for it!

-originally signed-
Richard B. Myers,
Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

Volunteers needed for NPLD 2004

by Michael McNalley
Fort Lee Environmental Management

This year's National Public Lands Day event will focus on re-planting trees that were downed by Hurricane Isabel. Volunteers will have the opportunity to learn about the BayScape project on Fort Lee as it is the starting point for this year's effort.

The post's BayScape is the largest low impact development demonstration project in the Army. Since its beginning more than 1,000 native plants have been placed or seeded on the site, and currently provides habitat for various forms of wildlife including wild turkeys, deer and migratory birds - a marked improvement compared to the abandoned parking lot that it once was.

From building a footbridge along the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail in Rocky Mountain National Park, to preserving the National Monument to the

Forefathers in Plymouth, Mass., as many as 90,000 Americans are expected at 600 sites for NPLD in 2004, preserving and protecting their favorite public places for themselves and future generations.

By educating volunteers at sites across the country, NPLD maintains the legacy of the Civilian Conservation Corps, an army of 3 million Americans who in the 1930s countered the devastation of the Dust Bowl and the American chestnut blight by planting more than 3 billion trees, building 800 state parks, and fighting forest fires.

On Oct. 30, beginning at 9a.m. at the BayScape project site (next to the commissary), volunteers will be planting about 100 trees across the installation. The event will culminate with lunch being served to the volunteers at noon.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Dana Bradshaw at (804) 734-5080 or e-mail dana.s.bradshaw@lee.army.mil. All volunteers need to RSVP by Oct. 27.

News Briefs

New Additions to MyPay

There have been several new additions to MyPay this month.

Active-duty members can now view 12 months of Leave and Earning Statement data

Active-duty members are now able to start, stop and change financial allotments

Active-duty, Reserve and National Guard military members can have a restricted access personal identification number. It allows the member to provide a spouse or trusted individual with a view-only PIN. With RAPIN, the spouse or family member can view and print the LES and W-2 but cannot make pay changes.

The member can set the RAPIN by signing into MyPay and from the main menu clicking on the Personal Settings page. Then click on the Restricted Access PIN. Create and input the RAPIN and provide it to your spouse/family member/trusted individual. For the spouse/family member to use the RAPIN, they simply sign into MyPay with the member's social security number under User ID and then enter the provided RAPIN.

Bull Dental Clinic Holiday Hours

Bull Dental Clinic training holiday hours will be Friday 7:30-11:30 and 12:30-4:30 but services are limited to sick call (emergency care) and in/ out processing. Closed Monday for Columbus Day

In case of emergencies, call the CQ (804) 586-2780 or (804) 778-9667.

For more information call (804)734-9617 or (804) 734-9614.

Travel Update

Now in effect, traveling by Permanent Change of Station on PCS orders in a Privately Owned Conveyance each member is now authorized to be paid a mileage allowance of \$.15 per mile, even if a passenger, per the changes in the JFTR (216)/JTR (470).

Contingency Travel Operations routine travel voucher inquiries should be made through the customer service number, 1-888-332-7366.

Defense Finance and Accounting Service-Indianapolis Travel is working hard to bring the travel-turn-around time down for PCS travel. It is now at about 21 workdays.

Flu Shots

Home Town Health Care will be providing Flu Shots the following dates at Southpark Mall in Colonial Heights.

Wednesday 8 a.m.- 2 p.m.

Oct. 27 8 a.m.- noon

Nov. 2 5 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 17 8 a.m. - noon

Expect a line during the first 2-3 hours of the clinics. We will be located in the corridor in front of Hecht's

For more information call (804) 526-3600.

E-mail News Briefs
submissions to
editor@lee.army.mil

ACS Hosts Life Classes

The Fort Lee Army Community Service will host several classes in the coming weeks designed to help Soldiers and their families navigate military life.

All classes listed below will be held in the ACS building on Mahone Avenue unless otherwise noted.

For information call (804) 734-6388.

Army Family Team Building Classes

Level I: Army 101-an introduction to the Army Life

Level I: Army 101-an introduction to the Army Life classes will be on Tuesday 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Level III: Leadership Development classes will be on today, Oct. 14, 21, and 28, and Nov. 4, 9 a.m.-noon.

Childcare is free for Level I, students must arrange own childcare and AFTB will reimburse the cost.

Coping with Separations:

Participants learn to recognize and deal with stress related to problems Friday 9 - 11 a.m., associated with deployments.

La Leche League

The class teaches expecting mothers the advantages of breast feeding to mother and baby, the art of breast-feeding and avoiding difficulties.

Classes are held the first Wednesday of each month, 10:30 a.m. - noon.

Story Hour

Story hour is held every Wednesday, beginning at 10 a.m.

Retiree Activity Day

The Adjutant General Directorate is holding Retirees Activity Day Oct. 23 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Regimental Club.

For information call (804) 734-6973.

Greek Fest

St. Elpis Greek Orthodox Church, Hopewell, Va will hold the Greek Fest Oct. 15 - 16 11 a.m. - 10 p.m.; Oct 17 11 a.m. - 4 pm.

For information call (804) 458-4142 or (804) 458-9606.

Fort Lee Job Fair

The Fort Lee Job Fair will be Oct. 13 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Lee Club Bldg. 9009

For more information call (804) 734-6388.

Tuskegee Airmen

The Tidewater Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. cordially invites everyone to attend the 21st annual Larry E. Anderson Scholarship Gala on Oct. 23, 7-11 p.m. at the Virginia Air and Space Center, Hampton, Va.

Featured speaker is the distinguished Lieutenant General Daniel James III, Director, Air National Guard.

Tickets are available from all Tidewater Chapter members.

For information call (757) 898-6993 or (757) 826-1692.

Fire House Pancake Breakfast

Fort Lee Fire and Emergency Services Firefighters want to cook pancakes for you.

A Pancake Breakfast with the Fort Lee F&ES Division to help support the Fort Lee Holiday Helper Program will be held Today, 7-9 a.m. at Fire Station 1 on the Corner of C Ave. and Mahone Ave.

Minimum donation of: Adults \$2 and Children \$1

For information call (804) 734- 7918.

Sunday School

Sunday school classes for 3 year olds to Adults are Sunday mornings 8:45-9:45 a.m. at the Youth Center on the corner of Battle Dr. and Yorktown Dr

We The People

The Theater Company announces its KidKapers production of "We The People".

First performance is Friday 7 p.m. with additional performances on Saturday 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. and Sunday 2 p.m. at the Lee Playhouse located in Bldg 4300 Mahone Ave.

Tickets are \$4 general admission and are available only at the door at time of performance.

For information call (804) 734-6629

Barbeque Sale

Historic Hopewell Foundation is sponsoring a North Carolina Style Barbeque sale Today 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. at the Randolph Market parking lot in Hopewell.

Tickets are available by calling (804) 458-6482 or visit www.historichopewell.org

Autism Support Group Meeting

The Army Community Service's Exceptional Family Member Program and the Prince George CSA will host an Autism Support Group Meeting Oct. 19,

6 - 8 p.m. at Southside Regional Medical Center, in Room 254. The meetings will be on the third Tuesday of every month. The meetings will consist of guest speakers and lectures, pot luck dinners and resource materials.

For information, e-mail barbara.a.carpenter@lee.army.mil or call (804) 734-6388.

Be Your Own Boss Workshops

Army Community Service is hosting the Entrepreneurial Training Program in Building 9023. The workshops are free, however, registration is required.

The first workshop was Tuesday. The next workshop "Business Plan, Legal Issues and Information Resources," is scheduled for Oct. 19, 9 a.m. - noon.

Note that all four workshops do not have to be attended unless participants want to obtain a certificate of completion which is required by the Better Business Bureau for anyone who wants to start their own business.

Workshops are open to everyone possessing a valid identification card, including Department of Defense civilians.

The following are the workshop dates and topics.

Financial Management and Record-keeping Issues - Nov. 9

Financing the Business - Nov. 16

For information or to register, call the ACS employment readiness coordinator at (804) 734-6393 or 734-6388

CFC Kick Off Golf Scramble

Enjoy a game of golf with family and friends in support of the Combined Federal Campaign Oct. 15 at Fort Lee Golf Course.

Check in time is 11 a.m - 12:15 p.m.

Cost for play is as follows:

E-5 and below (Military) \$34
E-6 and above (Military) \$38
DOD / Fed Govt. (Civilian) \$42
Non Govt Guest (Civilian) \$46
Fort Lee Annual Member \$24

The above prices includes green fees, cart, meal, beverage, prizes and a gift bag.

Shotgun start is at 12:30 p.m.

For information call (804) 734-3535, (804) 734-6590, or (804) 734-7459.

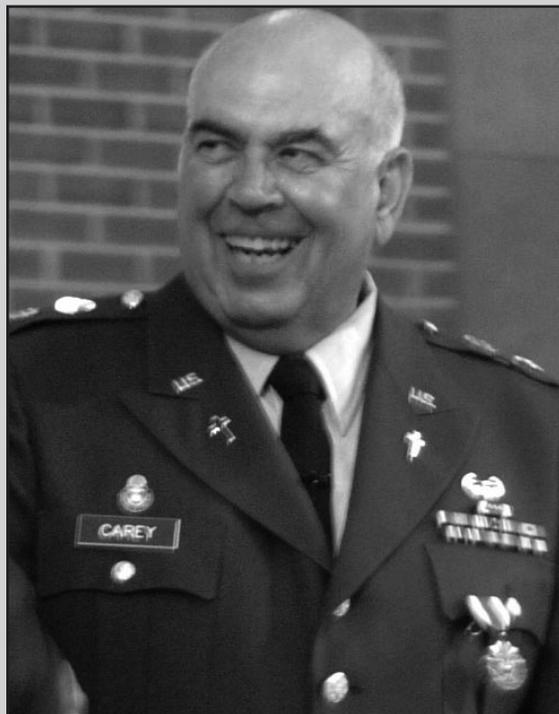


PHOTO BY TRAVIS EDWARDS

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Bill Carey retired after 24 years of service Sept. 30 and eight minutes later was recalled to active duty with a report date of Oct. 1. Carey was retired by Brig. Gen. Scot West, the commanding general of the U.S. Army Quartermaster Center and School.



PHOTO BY TRAVIS EDWARDS

Veronica Watson, the Fort Lee Equal Employment Opportunity Officer, prepares a group of Team Lee Soldiers and civilians for bi-annual EEO/ADR/POSH training Sept. 30.

Driving + Drinking = Car + Wreck

by Spc. Jason B. Cutshaw
Staff Writer

A question many teenagers ask themselves every weekend is, "How much can I drink before I drive home?"

One of the questions they should ask themselves is "How much can I 'afford' to drink?"

When hanging out with their friends, many under-age drinkers never think about the costs of drinking under age, much less how much they can drink before reaching the legal limit.

Alcohol abuse and alcohol dependence are not only adult problems — they also affect a significant number of adolescents and young adults between the ages of 12 and 20, even though drinking under the age of 21 is illegal.

The average age when youth first try alcohol is 11-years-old for boys and 13-years-old for girls.

According to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, adolescents who begin drinking before age 15 are four times more likely to develop alcohol dependence than those who begin drinking at age 21.

A two-year study by Columbia University in New York concluded that kids are having their first drinks at younger ages.

Researchers found that 36 percent of the 1999 high school graduating class began using alcohol in eighth grade or even earlier. For the class of 1975, that number was 27 percent.

It has been estimated that more than three million teenagers are alcoholics. Several million more have a serious drinking problem that they cannot manage on their own.

The three leading causes of death for 15 to 24-year-olds are

automobile crashes, homicides and suicides, and alcohol is a leading factor in all three.

The amount of drinks varies among people of different weights

and tolerance levels.

For drivers in Virginia under 21, a blood alcohol level above .02 while driving is illegal.

For those 21 or over, anything over .08 is illegal. The numbers vary from state to state.

On average, a 160-pound person can drink four drinks before they reach their drinking limit.

You may also be charged with drinking while operating a motor vehicle if you are stopped by law enforcement and you have an open container of alcohol in the passenger area, the contents of which have been partially removed, and you exhibit signs that you have been drinking.

The passenger area refers to the area designed to seat the driver and passengers and any area within the driver's reach, including an unlocked glove compartment.

If you are involved in a motor vehicle crash and a law enforcement officer has probable cause, you can be arrested for DUI within three hours of the crash without a warrant and at any location.

"Do I have to take the breathalyzer test?"

The breathalyzer test, a handheld device police use to determine blood alcohol content, is voluntary unless you are driving.

According to Commonwealth of Virginia laws, when you sign up for a Virginia license, you give your consent for a breathalyzer test automatically. But a passenger can refuse to have their breath checked.

If a Virginia driver refuses to take a breathalyzer, the commonwealth automatically revokes their license for 12 months.

However, drivers are not legally required to take the field sobriety tests, which include alphabet recitation and walking in a straight line.

Drinking and driving can not only endanger the lives of the driver and other passengers, it can also be very costly financially and hinder future driving privileges, which can affect personal lives.

The following are results of drinking and driving in the Commonwealth of Virginia:

First DUI offense;
* Mandatory, minimum \$250 fine.
* Driver's license revocation for one year.

Second DUI offense;
* Mandatory, minimum \$500 fine.
* Drivers license revocation for three years.
* Possible jail term up to one year.

Second DUI offense within five years;
* Mandatory, minimum 20-day jail term.

Second DUI offense within ten years;
* Mandatory, minimum ten-day jail term.

Third DUI offense;
* Mandatory, minimum \$1,000 fine.
* Mandatory indefinite drivers license revocation.
* Prosecution as a Class 6 felony.

Third DUI offense within five years;
* Mandatory, minimum six-month jail term.

Third DUI offense within ten years;
* Mandatory, minimum 90-day jail term.
* Permanent forfeiture of your vehicle.

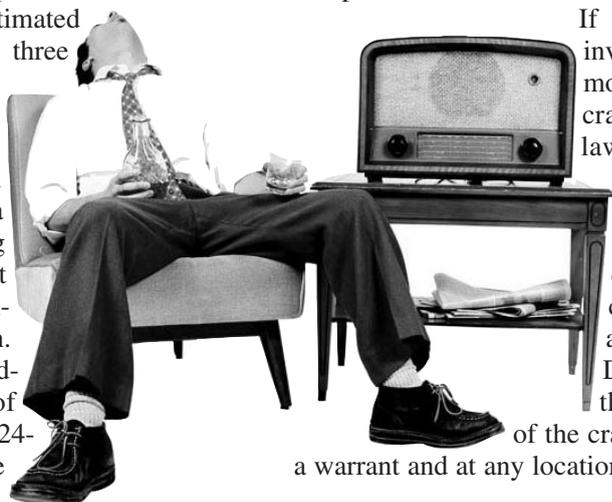
Fourth and subsequent DUI offense;
* Mandatory, minimum one-year jail term.

Blood Alcohol Content of 0.15% or higher at the

time of arrest;
* First offense carries a mandatory, minimum five-day jail term in addition to all other penalties
* Second offense within ten years carries a mandatory, minimum ten-day jail term in addition to all other penalties

Blood Alcohol Content of 0.20% or higher at the time of arrest;
* First offense carries a mandatory, minimum ten-day jail term in addition to all other penalties.
* Second offense within ten years carries a mandatory, minimum 20-day jail term in addition to all other penalties

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Soldiers assist in Blood Drive

by Capt. Alan Oram
C-Company Commander

On, Sept. 23, the 23D Quartermaster Brigade hosted the Womack Army Medical Center (WAMC) blood drive at Fort Lee's West Community Center. The 23D Quartermaster Brigade has the on-going



PHOTO BY TRAVIS EDWARDS

Company M, 244th Quartermaster Battalion battle buddies, Pvt. Tia Rohan, left, eats a snack with Pfc. Dusty Saunders, right, in an attempt to raise their bodies' iron level to an appropriate percentage before donating blood Sept. 23 during the 244th Qm. Bn. blood drive.

mission to support the drive either once every 2 month's or as needed. Charlie Company, 262D Quartermaster Battalion "Life Line", was tasked with the mission to coordinate and execute the blood drive. The 23D QM Bde exceeded the WAMC mission goal of 100 units this month by collecting 135 units of blood. The blood collected will be used to augment the United States Army Blood Reserve which can be used to help the Soldiers conducting Operation Enduring Freedom.

SSG Isom was the Non-commissioned Officer in Charge from the WAMC collection team. Her team screened 226 possible donors primary Advanced Individual Training (AIT) Soldiers from the training companies comprising the 23D QM Bde. This process determined which Soldiers could safely donate blood at the drive.

The AIT Soldiers from, Charlie Company, assisted the WAMC team in five ways. First, they received the AIT company personnel at the West Community Center and prepared them for the donor briefing; controlling the flow of potential donors into the building. Secondly, under the supervision of a collection team NCOIC, they consolidated and prepared the collection equipment issued to each donor. Next, they escorted the donor to the collection station and prepared them to give blood. Once the blood was collected, they assisted the WAMC team by preparing the blood units for climate controlled transport back to Fort Bragg. Finally, the Soldiers manned

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PHOTO BY TRAVIS EDWARDS

A drill sergeant leads trainees from the 23rd Quartermaster Brigade to the West Community Center for the 262th Quartermaster Battalion blood drive Sept. 23.

Defense Travel System: Trained, Ready

by Travis Edwards

Fort Lee Public Affairs Office

The process of planning and filing for temporary duty assignments and vouchers at Fort Lee has transformed into the Army's new streamlined Defense Travel System. Fort Lee joins several other Army organizations that are already using the new DTS.

First envisioned in the mid-1990s, DTS fielding began in 2001 at 27 pilot sites and at 232 other sites across DoD, and is already supporting thousands of military and civilian personnel. On October 20, 2003 a Milestone C acquisition decision made DTS the official DoD temporary duty (TDY/TAD) travel systems and approved fielding of the system to the entire Defense Department.

In the words of the DTS Program Director Colonel Brandy Johnson, "Within the next two years we will deploy DTS to the high-volume travel sites within DoD. It will take time to deploy DTS to all of the DOD, but the process is well underway."

Colonel Alan Tomson, the DTS Executive Director for Transformation, describes DTS as "a state-of-the-art, 21st century e-commerce system."

"DTS will mean online temporary duty travel for virtually every person in the Department of Defense, both civilian and military," said Tomson. "This is a quality of life issue for our people. They deserve DTS."

Among the benefits DTS brings to travelers, authorizing officials, managers and commanders, those most touted include: fast, electronic reimbursement of travel expenses; approvals and certifications tied directly to mission; a significant reduction in time spent administering travel; reduced paperwork; and the automated payment of government charge cards.

- Fast, electronic reimbursement of travel expenses. This is a priority item. As Colonel Tomson puts it, "Why should our travelers be financing our operations? That's what happens, in effect, if we don't reimburse them promptly." Thanks to DTS, DoD will now be able to reimburse its business travelers quickly and electronically.

- Worksite approvals and certifications. DTS places approval of travel arrangements and certification of travel vouchers at the traveler's worksite.

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a recovery station. This station is extremely important because it ensures donors received refreshments to replace the fluids and sugars lost in the donor process; in addition it gives the collection team time to determine if the donor is fit to leave the area and return to duty.

The units collected here at Fort Lee will increase the flexibility of the United States Army Blood Reserve increasing its capability to meet the demanding requirements placed on it as a result of the war in Iraq. Every AIT Soldier that volunteered for the blood drive went with the intent to donate. They all wanted to make the sacrifice, even though they might be afraid of needles. This is a good example of selfless service; an Army Value instilled in them as part of the soldierization process.

Of the Soldiers that did not donate, most were identified as having either high blood pressure, low iron content or a medical reason that could not be determined without a professional screening. The WAMC collection team commended the drill sergeants and company cadre of the 23D QM Bde for their attention to detail on the donor pre-screening checklist. Every donor that participated in the blood drive received a T-Shirt and heartfelt "Thank You" for their support.

Fort Lee pets bring smiles to area residents

Story and photos by Timothy L. Hale
Fort Lee Public Affairs Office

Joy came in the form of four legs and cuddly fur much to the delight of residents of the Colonial Heights Convalescent Center on Friday, October 1st.

The staff of the Fort Lee Veterinary Clinic



Capt. Audrey McMillan-Cole, Fort Lee veterinarian, holds Stephanie as she listens to Willard Hargrave, 88, shares some of his life's stories.

brought a number of cats and dogs for the residents to enjoy as well as to show that Fort Lee cares about members of the communities surrounding the installation.

"They love it," said Mary Lou Earhart, activity director at the center. "So many of our residents had pets in their lives and this gives them a chance to have a pet for a while."

Earhart said that many of the residents of the center are retired military or civil service veterans of what many still call "Camp Lee."

Smiles abounded just as much as the furry visitors willingly hopped into laps and gave residents a wet doggie kiss or a gentle purr.

"Did you get that picture?" exclaimed Dorothy Parker, 88, who was on the receiving end of a gentle lick from a Boston Terrier puppy named Jake.

"It's important to participate with the surrounding communities and let people know that we do care about their communities," said Capt. Audrey McMillan-Cole, Fort Lee's resident veterinarian.

This was the first visit of its kind that the clinic has participated in and Cole said there will be more in the future.

"The response from the communities has been overwhelming," she said.

Cole added that they plan on visiting other centers at least once a month in order to spread the same kind of furry joy through-out the Tri-Cities and Richmond area.



Dorothy Parker, 88, gets a puppy kiss from Jake, a Boston Terrier.

Area Beautification Winners



Madison Park - Staff Sgt. Michelle Cox - 661-C Pusan Road



Jackson Circle - Sgt. Sean R. Rushin - 622 Jackson Circle



Capt. Derrick Corbett - 331 Buna Road



Harrison Villa - Sgt. First Class Sean A. Bendele 1633 Rocky Springs

CONGRATULATIONS to the Beautification Program Yard of the Year winners for 2004. Through their dedication and hard work they have earned the title Yard of the Year Winner. Among the prizes presented to them on Oct. 5 were a \$50 Savings Bond from both the Fort Lee Credit Union and Fort Lee's SunTrust, a check from the NCO Wives Club and several other items donated by AAFES and MWR.



Jefferson Terrace - Capt. Andrew McCormick 62 St Lo Road

Important Numbers for Fort Lee Residents

Emergencies	911	Vehicle Registration	734-4228	Kenner Health Clinic Info.	734-9000
Housing Office	734-1960	Duke (Lee Gate) Welcome Ctr.	734-4215	TRICARE APPTs	1-866-645-4584
Service Orders	734-5100	School Liason	765-3857	Main PX	861-5970
Animal Control	734-7400	Army Community Service	734-6388	Auto Service Station	861-6794
Fort Lee Police Station	734-7400	Post Information	765-3000	Legal Assistance	765-1500

Digital Art Festival Upcoming

by Mitchell Pradia

Fort Lee Morale Welfare and Recreation

The Youth Center is seeking youths ages 10 - 18 to participate in the Boys & Girls Clubs of America Digital Arts Festival. The festival will run from October through June 2005. The Digital Arts Festival builds confidence and motivates Club members to explore new avenues for artistic expression through technology.

The Club Tech National Digital Arts Festivals, sponsored by Microsoft and supported by software and equipment donations from Best Buy Children's Foundation, celebrate club members' creativity and technological ability in five areas: music making, photo illus-

tration, movie making, Web design and graphic design.

All five Digital Arts Festivals take place at three levels: local, regional and national. Festivals in music making and photo illustration run concurrently, as do Festivals in web and graphic design. Festivals in movie making follow a separate timeline.

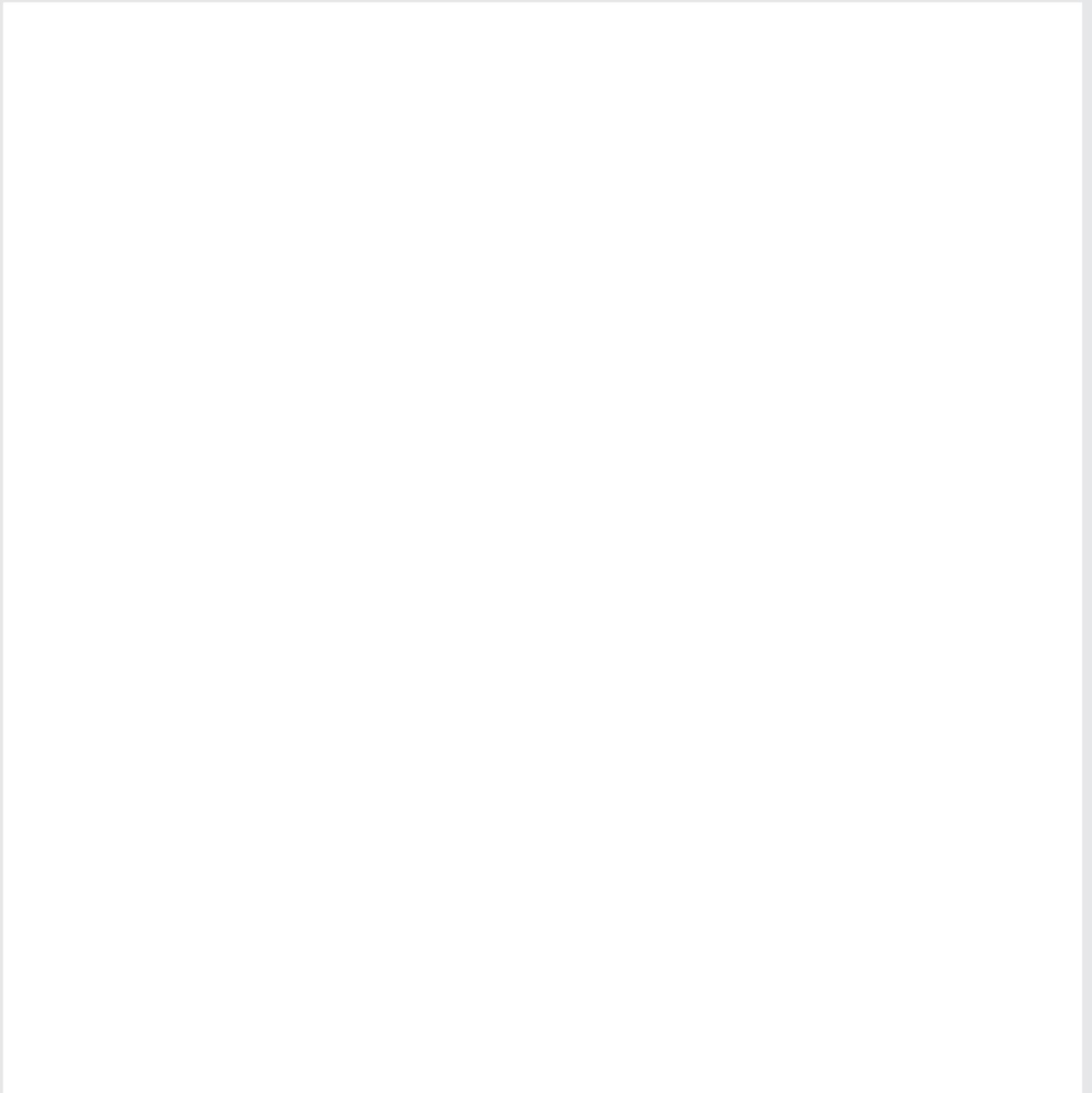


Based on an annual theme, such as "Soar to New Heights: Discover Your Potential," members compose musical selections; create photo illustrations, graphic designs or Web sites; write screenplays; or produce short films.

Clubs then host local festivals, choosing one winner in each category from each age group to advance to a regional Digital Arts

Festival, hosted at a designated club in each region. Regional winners advance to competition in the national Digital Arts Festival, where national winners are chosen and recognized. Winning works are displayed at the National Technology Conference, on YouthNet and in a winners' gallery on BGCA's public Web site.

For information about the Digital Arts Festivals, call (804) 765-3763.



Howl-O-Scream

Busch Gardens Williamsburg Hosts Spooky European



Story by Travis Edwards,
Fort Lee Public Affairs Office

Parents, have you ever wanted to go to Europe? Kids, have you ever wanted to go to Transylvania and see the mysterious creatures that haunt the lands? Well, Busch Gardens Williamsburg has an easier, cheaper, and safer way to do both.

Busch Gardens Williamsburg unleashes Howl-O-Scream, the park's Halloween themed extravaganza, each Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 24 through Oct. 31. This year, the adventure park introduces Aaron Radatz's Mind Over Magic illusion show to its Howl-O-Scream entertainment lineup. The talented magician takes center stage at Busch Gardens' Royal Palace Theatre with innovative illusions, audience participation and theatrical special effects.

"Halloween themed events continue to grow in popularity among Americans, and our Howl-O-Scream event rules the mid-Atlantic," said

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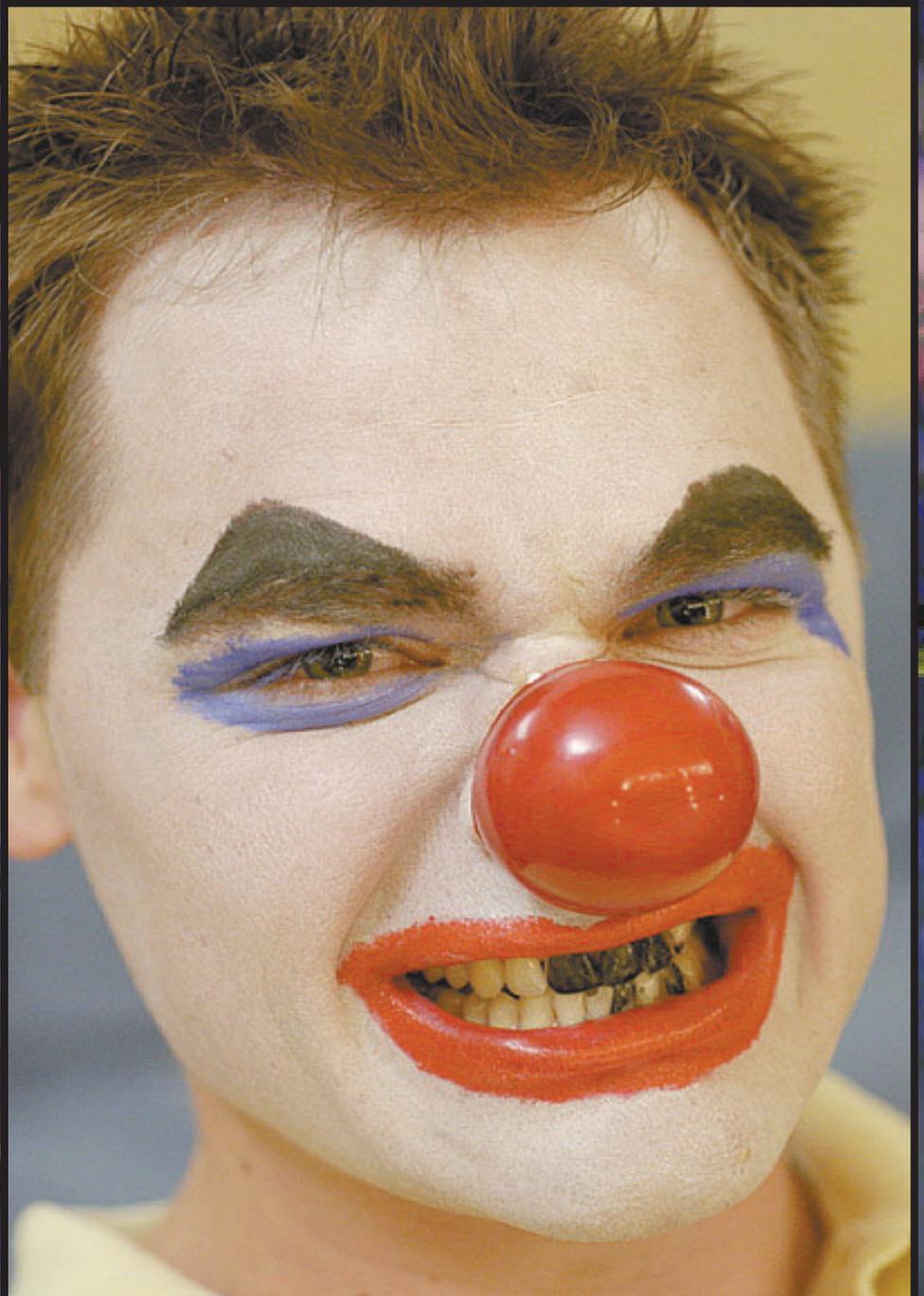
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(Above) A grisly old sea dog offers a bone-chilling welcome to Busch Gardens Williamsburg this Halloween season. Howl-O-Scream is a Halloween-themed event haunting the Williamsburg adventure park Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays Sept. 24 through Oct. 31.

(Right) Busch Gardens Williamsburg cast member Jason Westbrook's blacked out teeth and wild eyebrows take a Howl-O-Scream clown look to a scarier level by exaggerating a few features.

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-Themed Halloween Party

vice president and general manager of Busch Gardens Williamsburg said, "Now in its fifth season, Howl-O-Scream creates an entirely new experience with new scares, startles and thrills," added Mills. Highlights include new frights

at Celtic Ireland, Jack-O-Lantern off evil spirits. As the tale comes to life at night, a party procession invades the village to pay tribute to the dead.

Party: Get down with the ghouls in Oktoberfest. The night will leave Howl-O-Scream.

Piratical skeletons have been added. Dead men may tell no lies. You don't want to be caught off-guard.

Land of the Dragons: The land of the Dragons remains a friendly place for younger guests to enjoy the holiday without the startles.

Sleepless Hollow Manor: The tale of Sleepy Hollow becomes twisted when Ichabod Crane and his friends torment guests brave enough to tour this haunted mansion.

Sea Dog Cemetery: Gravediggers, zombies and legions of the living dead prowl the hills of Banbury Cross' gruesome graveyard. Guests traveling through are immersed in an ominous experience as pirates and wretches gather to mourn their lost ones in the cemetery on the hill.

The world's "Most Boo-ti-ful Theme Park" transforms into monstrous mayhem after dark. Street vignettes, themed scare zones and live actors provide interactive startles throughout the European-themed park. Guests beware as Dracula invades Aquitaine. Fang sharpening is just one of the specialties available to visitors of this charming French village.

So, get your face paint ready, your teeth sharpened, and get out and enjoy the cool night air at Busch Gardens Williamsburg's Howl-O-Scream...you're going love it. It's a real scream!

Editor's Note: For information call (800) 343-7946 or visit Howl-O-Scream.com.



Guests can groove with the ghouls as Busch Gardens Williamsburg and the Starflight Orchestra celebrate the spirit of Halloween. Howl-O-Scream haunts the 17th-century European-themed park Sept. 24 through Oct. 31.



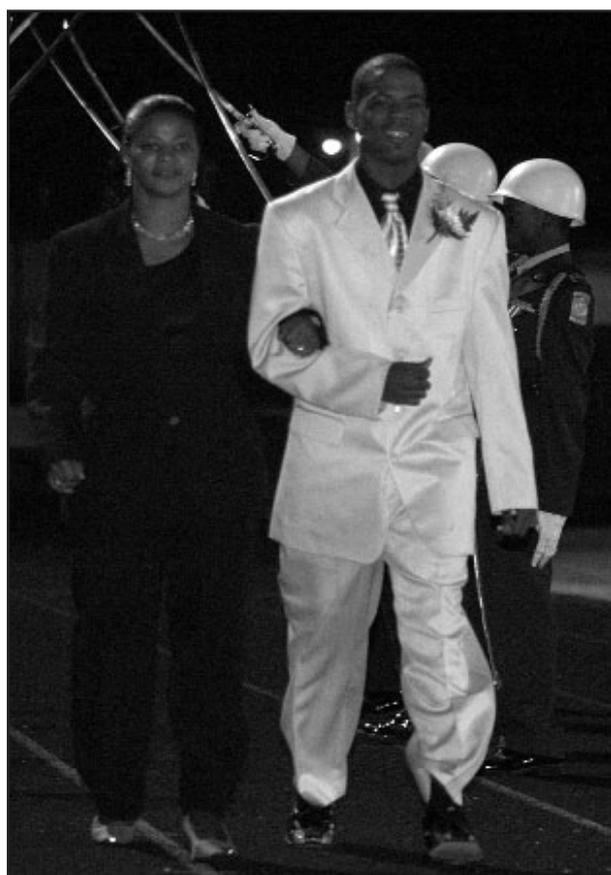
PHOTOS COURTESY OF BUSCH GARDENS WILLIAMSBURG

Howl-O-Scream haunts Busch Gardens Williamsburg Sept. 24 through Oct. 31. The theme park takes on an eerie edge with an all-new country, new shows and scare zones located throughout the European-themed park.

TEAM LEE YOUTHS IN ACTION



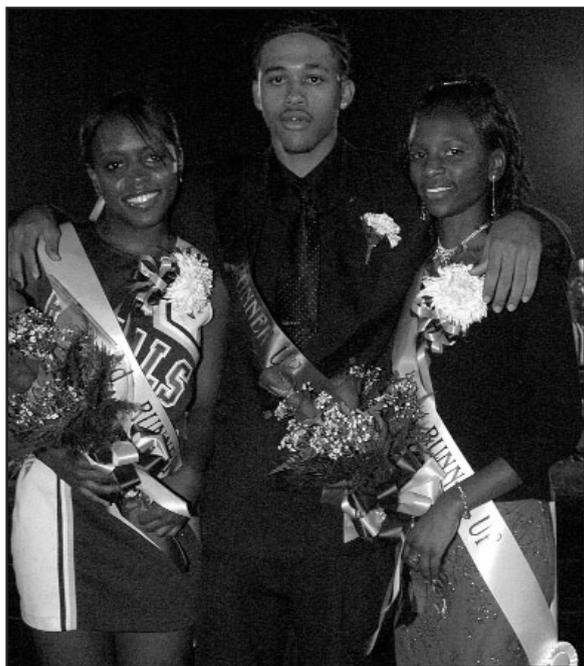
(Above) The Prince George High School Army JROTC Color Guard posts the colors prior to the start of homecoming.



(Above) Carmen Glover is escorted by his mother Lucretia Nickelson, who works at Child and Youth Services. His father, Ellie, is retired from the Army and works at PWD.



(Above) Ben Scudder, directs the Prince George High School band during halftime. He is the son of Sgt. Bobby Scudder, who works at ALMC and Alicia Scudder.



(Above) From left to right: Marta Bell, daughter of Fatima Danielle, Sgt. 1st Class (Ret.) now working at LTD and Master Sgt. Dwayne Bell of Fort Hood; Cornell Turrentine, son of Sgt. 1st Class Kimberly Turrentine, a Petersburg recruiter, and Master Sgt. Cornell Turrentine, Sr. who is stationed at Fort Jackson; and Diona Roberts, daughter of Sgt. 1st Class Dione Roberts, who works at LTD, and Veronica Roberts.



(Right) Can you say, "facemask?!" Prince George running back Brian Goodwyn-Be is brought down by Dinwiddie's Derrelle Adams late in the third quarter. Prince George lost it's homecoming match-up with Dinwiddie 33-21.

TEAM LEE YOUTHS IN ACTION

As a new service to The *Traveller* readership, we'd like to start featuring photographs and articles about your sons and daughters who participate in high school extra-curricular activities.

This week, we're featuring Prince George High School homecoming activities from last Friday night's football game.

We feel certain there are a number of dependents of Fort Lee Soldiers and Civilians who are active in their schools.

Please forward your son or daughter's name, what school they go to, their grade and what activity they participate in along with a contact phone number. We'll arrange for photo and interview times. Stories will be published in future editions as space allows.



PHOTO BY TRAVIS EDWARDS

FIRE SAFETY COLORING CONTEST

Today:

Pancake Breakfast from 7 - 9 am
Announcement of coloring contest winners & prizes

Fire Safety House from 5:30 - 7:30 pm.

Friday:

Station Tours from CDC at 9:30 - 11:30 am and 5:30 - 7:30 pm.

Saturday:

Safety Display from 10 am - 1:30 pm at Main PX Parking Area (Games, Fire Truck Exhibits and Sparky giving out prizes).

The Fort Lee Fire and Emergency Services Directorate held a fire safety coloring contest from Sept. 16 - 30 to promote fire safety awareness. The competition was open to all military children, ages four to eleven.

Winners will be announced today at the Pancake breakfast.

Recruiting Command hits active Army, Reserve recruiting goals

by Sgt. Reeba Critser
Army News Service

More than 1,100 Soldiers in the Individual Ready Reserve have reported to duty since the Army received its mobilization authority four months ago.

"The plan discussed in June is working," said Brig. Gen. Sean J. Byrne, director of military personnel policy, G-1, at a Pentagon press conference Oct. 1.

According to that plan, IRR Soldiers receive notice by Western Union mailgrams and have at least 30 days from the time they receive the orders to report. The earliest report date was Aug. 31. Byrne said the Soldiers will serve in Operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom or Iraqi Freedom.

The Army's goal is to have up to 4,402 on duty by March.

The 1,143 IRR Soldiers who have reported so far are mobilized to one of five posts – Fort Jackson, S.C.; Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.; Fort Bliss, Texas; Fort Knox, Ky.; or Fort Benning, Ga. While there, they get their clothing issue and military equipment, receive training in common tasks, and they may go on to another post for MOS-specific refreshers before they're assigned to a Reserve, National Guard or active-duty unit.

By the time they're done with

training, "they will be indistinguishable from the active-duty Soldiers they are serving with," Byrne said.

Of the almost 4,000 IRR Soldiers who currently have been issued orders, about half have report dates in October or later.

One of the challenges lies with Soldiers who need delays or exemptions. The Army is working one-on-one with 400 Soldiers whose report dates have passed to resolve their issues, officials said.

As of Sept. 28, only 1,374 of those who have orders have requested a delay or exemption. Of those, the Army has approved 373 and disapproved only 16.

Primary reasons that IRR Soldiers request delays or exemptions, officials said, include:

- medical problems
- higher education attendance
- family care problems
- financial hardships.

"IRR is different from active duty," Byrne said. "We know and understand that. That's why we're working with them individually. We're amenable based on their individual needs. We'll defer the date as needed."

Another challenge lays in finding the IRR Soldier. Human Resources Command–St. Louis is still attempt-



PHOTO BY Sgt. Reeba Critser

Brig. Gen. Sean J. Byrne (third from left), director of military personnel policy, G-1, and Robert H. Smiley (second from right), principal assistant for training, readiness and mobilization, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, talks to reporters about the Individual Ready Reserve mobilization process Oct. 1, 2004, at a Pentagon press conference.

ing to contact about 200 Soldiers whose report dates have passed.

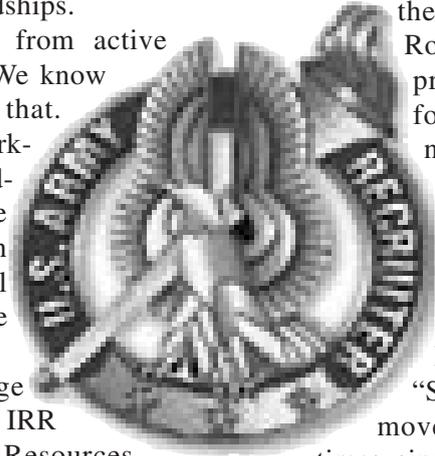
"We make every effort to track them down," said Robert H. Smiley, principal assistant for training, readiness and mobilization, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs. "Some Soldiers have moved three or four times since they got out of active duty."

The Army is still accepting volunteers from the IRR. Since Sept. 11, 2001, Smiley said the Army had 10,000 Soldiers, including many IRR members, volunteer to return to active duty, "but only 1,100 fit the bill" for the Army's needs.

The Army still needs Soldiers in MOSs that include transportation, administration, food service, petroleum supply, various maintenance positions, construction and logistics.

Smiley said the Army is "looking at a similar dip in the IRR pool next year."

As of Sept. 29, 114,000 Soldiers are in the IRR.



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instead of at a servicing finance location. This places the authority to make travel decisions with the leaders and managers responsible for completing the mission..

- Significant reduction in the time spent administering travel. Reports to Congress based on field-testing of DTS indicate that on average the time spent administering travel is cut to one-third of what it had been before DTS. And saving time also means saving money.

- Reduced paperwork. As DoD's single end-to-end electronic solution for Defense business travel, DTS is, in fact, online travel. DTS provides electronic connectivity between the traveler, the authorizing official, the service/agency accounting and disbursing systems, the local comptroller's budget, the commercial travel service provider, the commercial bank card service and the electronic archive of travel-related documents. This electronic connectivity and archival process eliminates the reams of paperwork required previously for business travel.

- Automated payment of government charge cards. This attribute makes DTS "a knight in shining armor" for many travelers and for military Services and Defense agencies. It takes much of the after-the-fact bill paying responsibility away from the traveler, and will work to reduce those delinquencies that are caused by having the extra delay in the payment/repayment chain. Once a voucher is approved for payment, reimbursement for expenses charged to the traveler's government charge card is made electronically directly to the traveler's government charge card account.

Current plans call for DTS to be deployed to over to over 100 locations across the Department of Defense by the end of Fiscal Year 2004. DTS will be deployed to more than 11,000 DoD locations by the middle of the decade, at which point DTS will support 90% of all DoD business travel.

Editor's Note: Visit the Defense Travel System website at www.defense-travel.osd.mil to learn more about DTS and its capabilities and functionalities. Also, contact your DTS representative for more information on training and other important items needed to make this program a success.

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Any DUI offense will be reported to the Central Criminal Records Exchange by law enforcement at the time of your arrest.

In other words, you could end up with a criminal record because of a DUI arrest.

If you are under age 21 and you drive with a BAC of at least 0.02% but less than 0.08 percent, your driver license will be suspended for seven days immediately

After your arrest. You can be fined up to \$500, face a six-month drivers license suspension and a possible jail term.

Regardless of age, if driving on a DUI suspended or restricted license, you may be charged with DUI if you drive with a BAC of 0.02 percent or higher.

Persons under age 21 who drive while under the influence of drugs or with a blood alcohol content of 0.08 percent or higher are subject to the same penalties as persons age 21 or older.

Conviction of any DUI offense involving a juvenile passenger 17-years-old or younger in the vehicle at the time of the offense carries a mandatory five-day jail term. They may also be assessed a fine of at least \$500 and up to \$1,000.

A second DUI offense with a juvenile age 17-years-old or younger in the vehicle carries an additional 80-hour community service requirement.

The vehicle will be immediately impounded or immobilized for 90 days if you are caught driving after your license has been suspended for an alcohol-related offense.

The court can impound the vehicle for an additional 90 days following conviction. The owner of the vehicle impounded, other than the driver, may petition the court for release of the vehicle.

Anyone who knowingly permits operation of their motor vehicle by a person known to have a revoked or suspended license for an alcohol-related offense can be charged

with a Class 1 misdemeanor.

If a person sells alcoholic beverages to a person under age 21, they are subject to a fine up to \$2,500 and 12 months in jail. If they purchase alcoholic beverages for a person they know to be under 21 years, they face a fine of up to \$2,500 and 12 months in jail.

If under age 21 and in possession of an alcoholic beverage, a person faces a fine ranging from \$500 to \$2,500, up to 12 months in jail, and a suspended license or denial of license.

Drinking or possessing alcoholic beverages on public school grounds can result in a fine of up to \$1,000 and up to six months in jail.

If under age 21 and attempting to use an altered, fictitious or simulated document or student identification card to establish a false age in an attempt to purchase alcoholic beverages, the person will:

- Be fined at least \$500 but not more than \$2,500;
- Be required to perform at least 50 hours of community service;
- Face up to 12 months in jail;
- Be subject to suspension of their drivers license for up to 12 months.

The following are some statistics dealing with under-age drinking:

* According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, more than 10 million current drinkers in the United States are between the ages of 12-20. Of these young drinkers, 20% engage in binge drinking and 6% are heavy drinkers.

* According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, on average, young people begin drinking at 13.1 years of age.

* According to the University of Michigan, by the time they are high school seniors, more than 80% have used alcohol and approximately 62% have been drunk.



* According to a survey by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, girls are beginning to drink at younger ages. In the 1960s, 7% of 10- to 14-year-old females used alcohol; by the early 1990's, that figure had risen to 31%.

* According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, due to heavy or binge drinking, nearly one out of every five teenagers have experienced "black outs," after which they could not remember what happened the previous evening.

* According to the University of Minnesota Alcohol Epidemiology Program, young people have easy access to alcohol. In alcohol purchase attempts made by researchers across the U.S., buyers who appeared to be underage were able to purchase alcohol with no questions asked at least 50% of the time.

The following are some results from under-age drinking:

* According to Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance, Alcohol is a factor in the four leading causes of death among persons ages 10 to 24: motor vehicle crashes, unintentional injuries, homicide, and suicide.

* According to the Journal of Substance Abuse, volume 9, pages 103 - 110, Young people who begin drinking before age 15 are four times more likely to develop alcohol dependence than those who begin drinking at age 21.

* According to the Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation, Underage drinking costs Americans nearly \$53 billion annually.

* According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration In 1999, 21% of 15 to 20-year-old drivers who were killed in crashes were intoxicated.

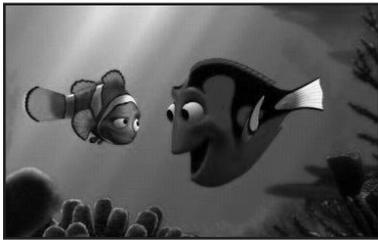


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Disney on Ice

Dory, Crush, Bubbles, Bruce and all of Nemo's friends are making a splash at the Richmond Coliseum.

Disney/Pixar's animated undersea adventure "Finding Nemo" skates into action tonight, 7:30 p.m.; Friday, 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.;



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Saturday, 11:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Ticket prices range from \$13 - \$36.

For information call (804) 780-4970.

Florida Attractions On The Cheap

The Travel Agents International Office, located in Building 9025 on Mahone Avenue, has military discount tickets available for several Florida attractions:

SeaWorld tickets: for adults, with military discount \$42 without \$57.46; children's with military discount \$40, without \$47.87.

Universal Studios tickets: adults with military discount \$49, without \$57.46; children \$40, without \$47.88.

Disney four-day hopper passes: adults \$200 with military discount, without \$233.24; children with military discount \$160, without \$187.44.

Discounted five-day hopper passes and five-day hopper plus passes are also available.

For information call (804) 734-6255.

Season Passes

The Travel Agents International Office, located in Building 9025 on Mahone Avenue, has Military Discount Season Passes for sale:

Busch Gardens for \$72.50 and for Water Country \$72.50. The combo season pass is \$102.00.

These season passes can be used on the remainder of the 2004 season, including "Howl-o-Scream" at Busch Garden in October, and all of the 2005 season. Busch Gardens is open until Oct. 31. Water Country is closed until opening of 2005 season. Prices will go up after Jan. 2005.

For information call (804) 734-6255.

Richmond Ballet

The Richmond Ballet begins its season at the Carpenter Center with the romantic ballet "Giselle" Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; and Sunday, 2 p.m.

Ticket prices range from \$18 - \$100.

For information call (804) 262-8003.

Autumn Harvest Festival

The Autumn Harvest Festival offers something for everyone, from a pumpkin pie eating contest to Richmond's first Reverse Doo Dah Parade.

The festival kicks off Saturday with the Autumn Harvest 10 K race beginning at 8 a.m.

Also among the activities is a showcase of local high school bands, hayrides, and a petting zoo.

For information visit www.autumnharvestjubilee.com.

Encampment at Drewry's Bluff

During the Civil War, Drewry's Bluff on the James River hosted the Confederate Naval Academy and Marine Corps Camp of Instruction.

Join National Park Service historians and living history volunteers representing Confederate sailors for a series of talks, tours, and demonstrations depicting garrison life inside the Drewry's Bluff fortification Oct. 9, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Oct. 10, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

For information call (804) 226-1981.

Williamsburg Luxuries Tour

People who could afford the best, the newest and the most fashionable items were eager to show off their ability to afford these luxuries.

Learn about consumerism in colonial Virginia by studying newspaper advertisements, homes, inventories, photographs, and objects on the Necessities, Niceties, and Luxuries Tour Saturday, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Fun for the entire family. Tour begins near the Greenhow Lumber House. Colonial Explorer Activity — not included with Colonial Sampler ticket or Governor's Key-to-the-City Pass.

For information call 1-800-HISTORY for reservations.

Chickahominy Indian Tribe

The Tribe's Annual Crab Fest will be held Sunday 2-6 p.m. at the tribal grounds, 8200 Lott Cary Road in Providence Forge.

Tickets are \$30 at the gate and are available from Holmes Auto Center and H.R. Adkins Store in Charles City County and from tribal members. Children under age 12 are free.

Visit www.chickahominytribe.org for details and directions.

For tickets call (804) 966-7043, 829-5533 or (804) 768-1590.



Historic Air Tours

Historic Air Tours offers a unique view of Jamestown, Yorktown, and Williamsburg.

Tour the historic triangle from the air during a 35 minute plane ride for \$45 a person.

Historic Air Tours also offers other tours including a flight up the James River viewing 15 plantation.

All flights require a minimum of two passengers.

For information call (800) 822-9247 or visit www.historicairtours.com.

Highland Games & Celtic Festival

Enjoy Celtic music and food while watching large guys throw sticks and stones during the Highland Games & Celtic Festival at Richmond Raceway Complex Oct. 23 and 24.

The two-day event has something for everyone. Fill up on fish and chips while listening to Celtic folk and rock music.

More than 60 vendors and artisans will feature handmade crafts, jewelry, clothing and collectibles.

Watch as musicians face off in a Scottish and Irish fiddle, harp, and drumming and pipe band competition.

There will be a parade of more than 50 clans and societies and a heavy Scottish athletics competition.

Weekend tickets cost \$22, one-day tickets cost \$16, children 10 and younger are free, and tickets for dogs cost \$4 (see Web site for dog admission rules).

For information visit www.richmondceltic.com or call (800) 588-3247.



Science Days: Creepy, Crawly Science

Find out how spooky science can be at the Science Museum of Virginia Oct. 30.

Meet the museum's pet rats and watch them perform, explore caves, create slime and discover the secrets of nocturnal owl life.

Science Days is an all-day program of hands-on science workshops, demonstrations, exhibits, an IMAX film and planetarium show.

Science Days costs \$18.

For information and to register call (804) 864-1447.

Star Gazing

Join members of the Richmond Astronomical Society on the front lawn of the Science Museum of Virginia Oct. 15, 9 p.m. as they share their telescopes for an up-close look at the night sky.

The event is free. The museum located at 2500 West Broad St.

For information visit www.smv.org or call (804) 861-1400 or (800) 659-1727.

Festival of India

Experience the cultural sights, sounds and tastes of India for free at the Festival of India Friday, 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. and Saturday, noon - 8 p.m. at the Greater Richmond Convention Center. The Center is located at 403 North Third St.

For information visit www.hinducenterofvirginia.org or call (804) 754-2138.

Swinging to the Oldies

Dance the night away at the Virginia Aviation Museum Oct. 23, 7 - 11 p.m.

Learn swing dancing from 7:15 - 8 p.m. then boogie to the sounds of 1940s and 50s performed by "The Melody Makers."

Tickets costs \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. Must be 21 or older to attend.

For information and to make reservations, call (804) 236-3622. To purchase tickets online visit www.vam.smv.org.

School for Fools Jester Workshop

Learn the art of clowning around from Christopher Hudert at Agecroft Hall.

Hudert was a former "Boss Clown" for Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus.

Workshop is for children and teens, ages 10 - 15.

Class dates are Oct. 28, Nov. 4 and 11, from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Admission is \$75 for the three-day workshop.

Agecroft Hall is located at 4305 Sulgrave Rd., in Richmond.

For information call (804) 353-4241.

Lee LEPUS VOLKSVERBAND

The IVV/AVA International Volksmarch Oct. 10 at the Food Lion Parking lot, Quinton, Va.

Start time is between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m.

This event is open to all military and civilian. Children under twelve must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information call (804)768-0055.

Pumpkin Festival

The Chesterfield Berry Farm's annual Pumpkin Festival is Oct. 16 and 17, 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Festival goers can ride in a covered wagon to fields and pick their own pumpkins, test their wits in a giant corn maze, then relax while listening to music

from "Blades of Grass" and "Troxell Duo."

Other activities include an animal barn, face painting, barrel rides and Pirates Cove for children. Admission is free.

For information call (804) 739-3831 or visit www.Chesterfieldberryfarm.com.

