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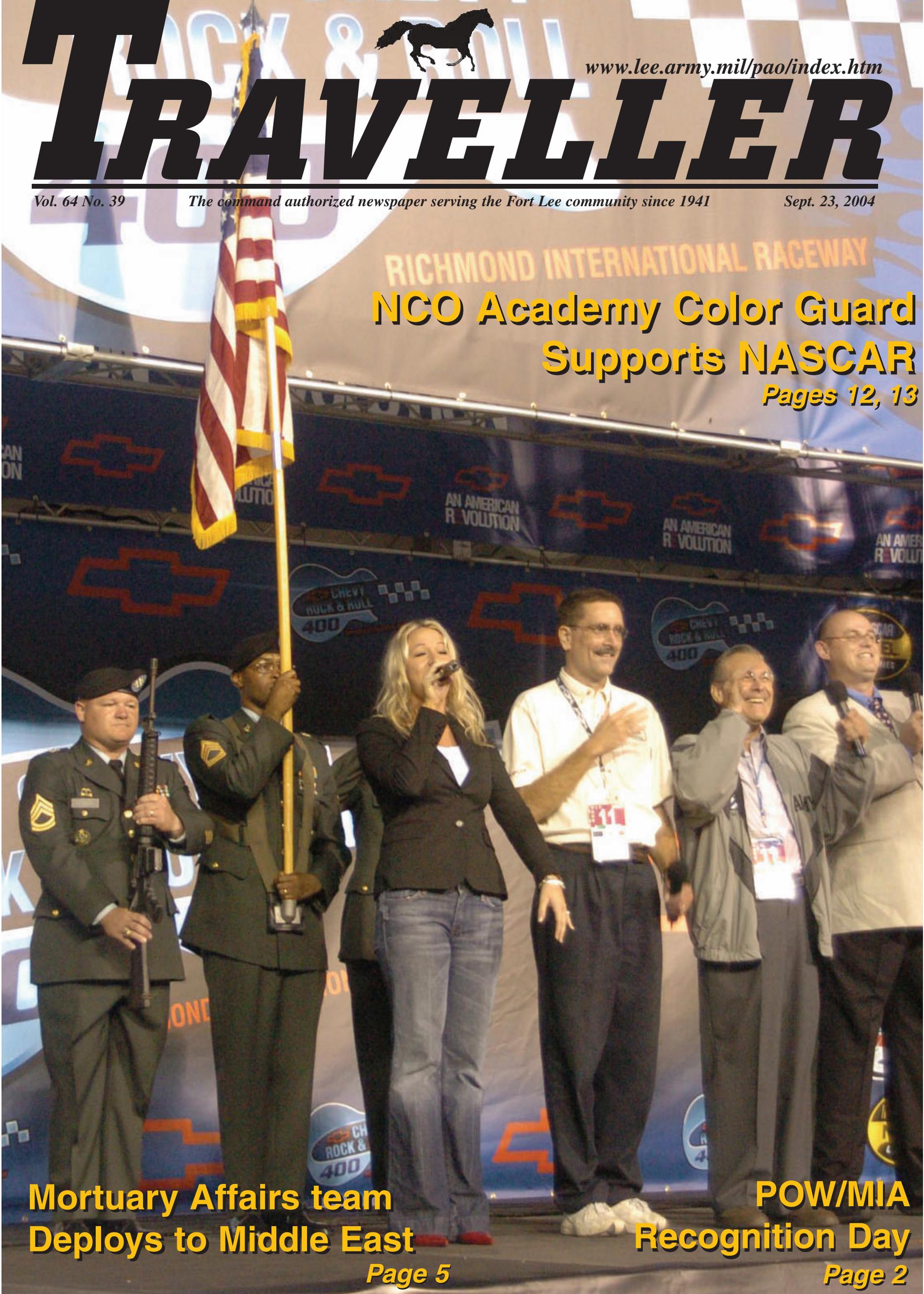
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Local AUSA Chapter hosts annual POW/MIA Recognition Day Luncheon

Story and photos by
Travis Edwards
Fort Lee Public Affairs

"It is an honor to be in this room today with individuals who answered the call to arms, the call to duty; and with those who suffered and endured hardships while serving America as Prisoners of War," said retired Army Col. Michael Williams, president of the Robert E. Lee Chapter of the Association of the United States Army and host of the Prisoner of War and Missing in Action Recognition Day Luncheon Sept. 16 at the Fort Lee Officer's Club.

"We also take the time to remember those Americans still serving in memory, those not here, those missing in action and those still unaccounted for," said Williams in his opening remarks.

The AUSA hosted luncheon attracted over 75 guests to the annual Combined Arms Support Command and Fort Lee observance who had the opportunity to listen to guest speaker and former POW, retired Army Air Corps Lt. Col. Dick Cubbins.

"Prisoners of war are tools used in the politics of our enemies today just as they were many years ago," said Cubbins. "But remember, being afraid and scared to stand up for and behind the President's decision to not give into the terrorists in the Middle



Retired Army Air Corps Lt. Col. Dick Cubbins, former World War II Prisoner of War and guest speaker for the Robert E. Lee Chapter of the Association of the United States Army Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Recognition Day Luncheon, left, talks with his friend and former fellow POW, Richard Williams about their time in a Romanian POW camp.

East, even when the lives of several Americans are on the line and even when we know the consequences of our answer is certain death by beheading, is what being a Prisoner of War is today. We are all prisoners of war if we let the enemy win by losing the war here at home. Never quit and never forget."

Cubbins was the youngest B-24 bomber commander in World War II, flying 19 missions and surviving being shot down three times. He was captured and held as a Prisoner of War after his last bail out over Romania.

Several other POW's from WWII, Korea and Vietnam were in attendance at the luncheon, as was the traditional Missing Man table, signifying Soldiers missing or in captivity.

"Today we formally remember the virtue and valor of those Americans who were once held as captives; those whose perseverance and courage prevailed over pain of unspeakable hardships in hellish prisons; at the same time we offer our prayers of deliverance for those still missing," said Williams. "We will not forget!"



The missing man table represents the Soldiers still in captivity, missing in action, and unable to be in attendance.

Chaplain's Corner

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BE SUCCESSFUL?

by Chaplain (Maj.) James Palmer, Jr.

Army Logistics Management College

We live in a strange and rapidly moving world, and in the midst of this fast paced world people everywhere are striving to be successful in business, on their jobs, in their families and many other areas of their lives.

If you were to ask 100 people what success is you'd probably get 100 different answers. The primary reason for this is because everyone has their own idea as to what success is.

So, how do you and I define success? Well, Webster's Dictionary defines success as the attainment of wealth, favor, eminence or one that succeeds. Personally, I think that success can be defined in terms of failure. There are a lot of successful people in this world, but have you ever thought about what it took to achieve such success? Do you know how many times they had an encounter with failure, before they obtain success?

Let us look at the life of Abraham Lincoln our 16th President; his life was full of failure before he was elected President of the United States in 1860: The following is a list of his failures:

Failed in business in 1831
Defeated for Legislature in 1833
Second failure in business in 1833
Suffered a nervous breakdown in 1836
Defeated for Speaker in 1838
Defeated for Elector in 1840
Defeated for Congress in 1843
Defeated for Congress in 1848
Defeated for the Senate in 1855
Defeated for Vice President in 1856
Defeated for Senate in 1858

Then he was elected for President of United States in 1860.

Also, I am reminded of another story about failure, which resulted in success. Wilma Rudolph was the 20th of 22 children. Born prematurely, doctors did not expect Wilma to survive. She did, but at the age of four, she contracted double pneumonia and scarlet fever, leaving her left leg paralyzed. She learned to walk with the aid of a metal brace.

When Wilma was 9 years old, she removed the leg brace and began walking without it. By age 13, she developed a rhythmic walk. That same year, she decided to begin running. She entered her first race and came in last. For the next three years, Wilma came in dead last in every race she entered. But she kept on running, and one day she won.

Eventually, the little girl who was not supposed to live, and then was not supposed to walk, would win three gold medals in Rome's 1960 Olympic games.

My message to you is never give up, don't quit. Do not be afraid of failure. So many people are so afraid of failure that they never try to succeed. When you fail, it might just be the best news in your life. If you are not failing, then it is obvious that you are not trying. There will be times in your life when you will be discouraged, but you must never, never, never give up.

I leave you with some principles that will put you on the road to success: A positive mental attitude; definiteness of purpose; going the extra mile; self-discipline; a strong faith; personal initiative; enthusiasm; learning from defeat; and a creative vision.

Always remember that perseverance can tip the scales from failure to success.

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A Fort Lee Color Guard from the NCO Academy presented the colors to the nation at the NASCAR's Nextel Chevy Rock n' Roll 400 at Richmond International Raceway Sept. 11.

Photo by
Travis Edwards

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Absentee Voting: Make A Difference

The deadline for absentee voting for the 2 November General Election is fast approaching. Every leader must continue to emphasize the importance of voting throughout their command and ensure the availability of voting information and guidance. Over the last three months, the Army has conducted voting assistance operations in 120 countries and trained over 4,500 Voting Assistance Officers. We have posted voting banners on Army websites, Leave and Earnings Statements, and various other sources emphasizing the need to register and most importantly vote.

The next 30 to 45 days are crucial. Soldiers participating in the election should be receiving their absentee ballots from local election officials. Soldiers who want to vote must complete and mail them back promptly, in order to ensure they arrive in time to be counted. Leaders must pay close attention to this process. Any participating Soldier overseas who has not received their regular state absentee ballot by 8 October should instead use the Federal Write in Absentee Ballot (FWAB) and mail it to their local election official by 11 October. The FWAB can only be used from an overseas location by a registered absentee voter who has requested but not yet received their absentee ballot. We have ensured large quantities of the FWAB are available in overseas areas. In addition, the United States Postal Service has agreed to expedite the handling of absentee ballots going to and from overseas locations.

Rear Detachment Commanders must have access to voting information and materials in order to provide assistance to eligible family members of our deployed Soldiers. We ask commanders to disseminate voting information through, their Family Readiness Group channels. These voters are critical, and subject to the same deadlines.

Your personal involvement is needed for the success of the voting program and will ensure Soldiers around the globe are given the opportunity to influence the future of our country. It is the Soldier who gives us the freedom to vote. Make sure their vote counts!

- originally signed -
PETER J. SCHOOMAKER
General, US Army
Chief of Staff

- originally signed -
R.L. BROWNLEE
Acting Secretary of the Army

Time Doesn't Fade Dignity, Reverence, Respect

Story and photo by Amy Clement
Fort Lee Public Affairs

The U.S. Army Mortuary Affairs Center hosted the Graves Registration/Mortuary Affairs Alumni Reunion Sept. 16&17 at Mifflin Hall. Seventy five participants attended the reunion which was dedicated to the Mortuary Affairs civilians, officers, non-commissioned officers and specialists who are currently serving throughout the world. The reunion is held every two years and is open to anyone who served in the graves registration or mortuary affairs fields. "The purpose of these reunions is to bring together old comrades, to renew acquaintances, and bring them up to date on where we are now," said Tommy Bourlier, director, Mortuary Affairs Center. "It's also a time to let them know that they are appreciated for what they did."

The first GR/MA reunion took place in 1997. "After speaking with many of the attendees I was surprised to learn that it was the first time that someone had ever thanked these people for what they did," Bourlier said. "It's not that they want any recognition, but no one had ever shown them appreciation for the special jobs that they did."

During the two-day event, participants were briefed on the history of military mortuary affairs, as well as current operations. They also attended the graduation for the current 92 Mike, Mortuary Affairs class, and had a chance to meet and speak with Soldiers just starting their careers in this honorable military occupational specialty. They also had a chance to reminisce with former comrades and friends.

"This is the first time I've been to the reunion and have visited with some friends I haven't seen since we were in Korea together in 1953," said Homer Hall, who served with the 148th Graves Registration Company.

"My military service was both a gut-wrenching, yet an honorable experience at the same time," said John Nienaber, who also served with the 148th Graves Registration Company in the Korean War. "We did an outstanding job with recovering and identifying fallen comrades back then, but there is no comparison with today's technology and DNA."

"DNA is as accurate as you get," said Vietnam vet-



Mortuary Affairs Veteran's from World War II and on through today's current operations, share war stories, photos, letters, old operations manuals and other paraphernalia from their time in service during the 2004 Mortuary Affairs/Graves Registration Reunion Sept. 16 - 17.

eran Jim Guthrie. "We did a lot of finger printing and dental charts in Vietnam," said Guthrie. "But, from talking with some of my comrades and with some of the new AIT soldiers, other than the new technology, one thing remains the same in this field ... dedication."

"We were honored and dedicated to what we did then and so are these young guys and girls that are going through the school right now. It's something we all have volunteered for and wanted to do," Guthrie said.

News Briefs

Pediatric Clinic Hours

The Immunization section will operate on the following hours:

Monday, Tuesday, and Friday
9-11 a.m and 1-3 p.m.

Tuesdays
9-11 a.m. and 1-5:30 p.m.

Thursdays
9-11 a.m.

To schedule an appointment call 1-866-645-4584.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call (804) 734-9125

New Stop Signs

New three-way stop signs have been installed at Yorktown Dr. and Cassino Rd. and three-way signs at Yorktown Dr. and Battan Rd. Motorist who use Yorktown Dr. as a cut through need to observe the speed limit of 15 mph. With school in session beware of speed limit and safety of the children.

Road Closure

Due to building demolition 1st Street between A and B Ave. will be closed Sept. 21 - 24.

Recycling Convenience

A recycling center is located behind building 7104.

Hours of operations:

Monday - Saturday 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Sunday noon - 7 p.m.

Closed: New Years Day, July 4th, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

For information, call (804)733-0900

Medical Shuttle

The shuttle service provided by Kenner Army Health Clinic to Portsmouth Naval Medical Center Monday thru Friday. Soldiers must check in at 5:45 a.m.

For information call (804) 734-9560.

CIF Information

The Central Issue Facility is located in Bldg. 6241 at the 11th Street and Front Access Road Intersection.

Unit supply representatives must call (804) 734-3514 for turn-in and issue appointments.

Yom Kippur, other services online

Jewish travelers who are away from home for the solemn holy day of Yom Kippur can find a place to attend prayer services almost anywhere in the world--from Kinshasa, Congo, to Chaing Mai, Thailand--by logging on to www.chabad.org and clicking on "High Holiday Events"

Prayer services will be held beginning at sundown on Friday, and during the day on Saturday.

The website also offers information on celebrating other Jewish holidays as they occur throughout the year.

Official Records Online

All soldiers can now access their official military personnel file online through their Army Knowledge Online account at www.us.army.mil.

Corrections and additions to the OMPF can be faxed to (317) 510-3361.

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244th 'Steals' Top Spots in Softball

by Capt. Ron Blanche

Commander, HHC, 244th Qm Bn

Following a spectacular season record 18 wins and 3 losses during the 2004 Fort Lee Intramural Softball regular season, the "Mighty" Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 244th Quartermaster Company, 23rd Quartermaster Brigade, won a post-wide double-elimination tournament held Sept. 7 -14.

After losing their first game to Company E, 244th Qm. Bn. in the first round of the tournament, the two teams met again for one final game in the tournament championship game.

Guided by Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Taylor, the "Mighty" HHC, 244th Qm. Bn. defeated Company E, 244th Qm. Bn. to secure the tournament championship title.

After the final out of the tournament Taylor stated "our only goal was set at the beginning of the season, and that was to win it all."

"That goal was accomplished as a team by having fun and dedicated team players who were committed to the goal," said Taylor. "The team was inspired by the fact that three of their team members were also in their immediate military Chain of Command."

The battalion commander, Lt. Col.

Michael Cooper, commander of the 244th Qm. Bn. played second base, Capt. Ron Blanche, commander of the HHC, 244th Qm. Bn. played center field and 1st Sgt. Dennis Bratton, first sergeant of HHC, 244th Qm. Bn. played third base for the "Make It Happen Battalion" Softball Champions.

"I'm proud to have two teams from this battalion playing in the post championship," said Cooper. "I guarantee a first and second place finish."

The young Lieutenants from E. Company, 244th, were fast and more energized but the older ball players from HHC, 244th, were more experienced and determined.

That made the difference in the final two games where HHC, 244th, defeated Company E, 244th, as the champions.

Headquarters, and Headquarters Company completed the season with 23 wins and 4 losses.

Tournament champions, the "Mighty" Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 244th Quartermaster Battalion, top, poses for a picture after beating Company E, 244th Qm. Bn., bottom, who placed second in the double-elimination tournament.



COURTESY PHOTO



The "Make It Happen Battalion" Enjoys Organizational Day

by Capt. Ron Blanche

Commander, HHC, 244th Qm Bn

The 244th Quartermaster Battalion held its annual Battalion Organizational Day, Aug. 21 at Hero Park.

Over 300 Soldiers and family members had an opportunity to enjoy games, dunking booth, the air bouncing castle and other fun activities. This was an outstanding event for the unit and its family members to show its appreciation to its Soldiers and their families.

The "Make It Happen" Battalion Commander, Lt. Col. Michael Cooper and staff gave special thanks to the Ft. Lee Commissary, ACES, ACS, the Fire

Department and the Military Police for their outstanding support to make this day a fun filled day.

"To all the Soldiers of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Company Alpha, Echo, Mike, Golf and Whiskey. This was a great job putting together another successful event for our Soldiers and their family members! Your participation in this event made it a spectacular occasion," said Cooper.

"Capt. Ron Blanche and his team did an outstanding job coordinating this function for everyone assigned to 244th. Most importantly, thanks to all of the family members that came out, helped and enjoyed the activities.



COURTESY PHOTOS

(Above) Children attending the 244th Quartermaster Organizational Day compete in a doughnut eating contest.

(Left) Sparky and McGruff, the Crime Dog, give kids advice on safety and crime prevention during the 244th Quartermaster Battalion Organizational Day.



54th Returns to the Middle East

"Dignity, Honor, and Respect"

Story and photos by Travis Edwards

Fort Lee Public Affairs

More than 50 members of the 54th Quartermaster Company, 49th Quartermaster Group, deployed Monday in support of the global war on terrorism, reaffirming the unit's commitment to recover, process and send home fallen Americans.

"I won't lie to you or hold back. Things over there are still very dangerous," said Col. Jack Vance, commander, 49th Quartermaster Group. "Your job is one of the most physically and mentally demanding jobs in the Army, you must maintain focus and look after each other."

Soldiers from the 54th Qm. Co. are the Army's only active-duty mortuary affairs company. They have deployed around the world many times since their activation in 1988 to recover, process and send home fallen Americans. This has been a

Quartermaster mission throughout the Corps' 226-year history.

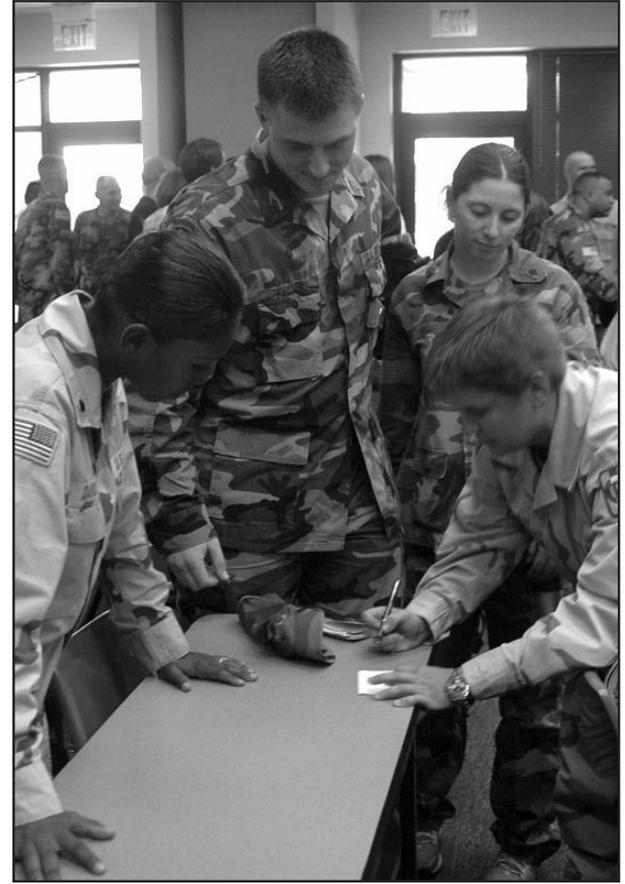
The deploying Soldiers will replace members of their unit who have been deployed across the Middle East for the past year.

"We just have to go over and do our jobs," said Spc. Emanuel Perez, 54th Qm. Co., who has already deployed once to the same area of responsibility as a member of the unit's sister company, the Army Reserve's 246th Quartermaster Company from Puerto Rico. "This is exactly what we train to do. There is nothing to be afraid of."

The 54th was involved in the recovery, identification and transportation of remains from the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 and since then has been called upon on numerous occasions to deploy worldwide in the support of the global war on terrorism.

Sergeant Jason Griffith, a team leader in the 54th Qm. Co. had several concerns before he left his wife and kids, "I wanted my family to know that it is hard on me, but that it must be even harder on them. I wanted them to know that I truly care for them, and that's why we do what we do."

"I also want the families of my Soldiers to know that no matter what, I'll do everything in my power to bring their Soldiers home



Left to right: Members of the 54th Quartermaster Company, 49th Quartermaster Group, Spc. Tomica Daniels, Spc. Christopher Fohler, Spc Cathrine Bullis, and Sgt. Emily Dean exchange emails before deploying Monday in support of the global war on terrorism.

safe and sound as soon as I can," said Griffith.

All the Soldiers seemed up beat and very team oriented in the pre-deployment briefings where family and Soldiers spent their last moments before the mortuary affairs team left the post bound for the Middle East.

"I'm anxious but nervous. I am so proud to have a chance to do our job, so we can help to bring everyone home," said Pvt. Wendee Reynolds, 54th Qm. Co. before deploying on her first mission. "Everyone deserves to come home, everyone."



Left to right: Spc. Emanuel Perez, Spc. Fredrick Davis, and Pvt. Kent Gonzalez, 54th Quartermaster Company, 49th Quartermaster Group, listen to final briefing is prior to deploying Monday in support of the global war on terrorism.

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 and Oct. 5, 12 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Level III: Leadership Development classes will be on Thursday, Sept. 30, 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 Oct. 8, 9 - 11 a.m., associated with deployments.

La Leche League

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

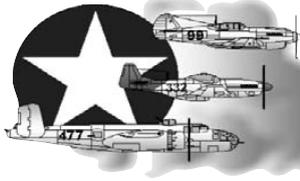
Classes are held the first Wednesday of each month, 10:30 a.m. - noon.

Story Hour

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

Community Calender

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.

Fall Concert

The 392nd Fort Lee Army Band will be performing Oct. 3, at 3 p.m. on the grounds of Weston Manor in Hopewell.

The Fort Lee Army Band opens its door to the public for their summer concert series and their annual Holiday concert each December.

The band also supports civilian events, such as the Ashland Strawberry Festival and the State Fair of Virginia

For information call (804) 458-4682 or visit www.historichopewell.org

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.

Hispanic Heritage Observance

Celebrate "Hispanic Americans Making a Difference in Our Communities and Our Nation" Sept. 30, 3-5 p.m. at the Army Logistics Management College in the Green Auditorium.

Guest speaker is Lt. Col. Luis Castro, Assistant Professor of Operations Research at ALMC.

For information call (804) 734-6602 or 734-3488.

Pre-Retirement Seminar

A Fort Lee Pre-Retirement Seminar will be held on Friday at Larkin Hall 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

This seminar is for all Soldiers who are planning to retire within the next 18 months.

Presentations will cover information regarding TriCare, ACAP, VA Disability, Transportation, Finance, and the Survivors Benefit Plan.

For information call (804) 734-6973

Blood Drive

The 262nd Quartermaster Battalion will conduct a blood drive today, 8 a.m.- 5 p.m. at the west Community Center

For information call (804) 734-7459.

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 on Oct. 7, 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.

Playhouse Season Opener "Succeeds" In Entertaining

by Terrence Phillip Williams

Fort Lee Morale, Welfare and Recreation

There's good news for fans of the Lee Playhouse's community theater productions. The season opener, *How To Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*, is a frothy triumph boosted by a talented cast of fresh faces and the proven abilities of a favorite director. Ted Boelt has proven once again that he is one of the Playhouse's best storytellers by crafting this minor 1960's period piece into a surprisingly enjoyable show filled with easy laughs and pleasant melodies.

From the writers of *Guys and Dolls*, this gentle satire of the business world follows the meteoric rise of a window washer who schmoozes his way into the executive suite by following the advice of a how-to book whose title is the title of the show.

Written well before networking, "the glass ceiling" and "What Color Is Your Parachute?" had entered the lexicon of the white-

collar world, the satiric bite of this show has perhaps been dulled by the more cynical wit of the intervening years. But even the decline of "Big Blue," the savings and loan crisis and an Enron scandal could not rob this show of its fun.

Much of the success of this show can be credited to the parade of new faces. While the Playhouse has cultivated a stable of reliable performers, a quartet of young actors (three of whom are making their much-appreciated debuts at the Playhouse) bring a fresh energy to this production.

Taking the Playhouse stage for the first time, Charles Wissinger is a charmer in the role of the up-and-comer, J. Pierpont Finch. Although "Ponti's" success is built upon schmooze, Wissinger's boy-next-door smile and gee-whiz demeanor make him seem less a liar than the impish "little brother" – a mischievous innocent whose success comes more by surprise than through any scheming.

It could hardly be a musical without a woman to fall in love with Finch. Credit young Carolyn Temple for taking Rosemary, a role that is written a little too simple to be believable (the young secretary spends most of the show mooning for a guy who has no time for her) and gives the character a little something "more." Her voice and presence are used to their best advantage in the "Paris Original" number. Together Temple and Wissinger have a sweet chemistry that many Playhouse leads of the past (including a married couple) have failed to generate.

The third Playhouse newcomer to shine in this production is Jennifer Thomas, taking on the role of the squeaky-voiced hot tamale, Hedy LaRue. Lest anyone think that her performance is all curls and curves, Thomas delivers the goods when singing "Love From a Heart of Gold."

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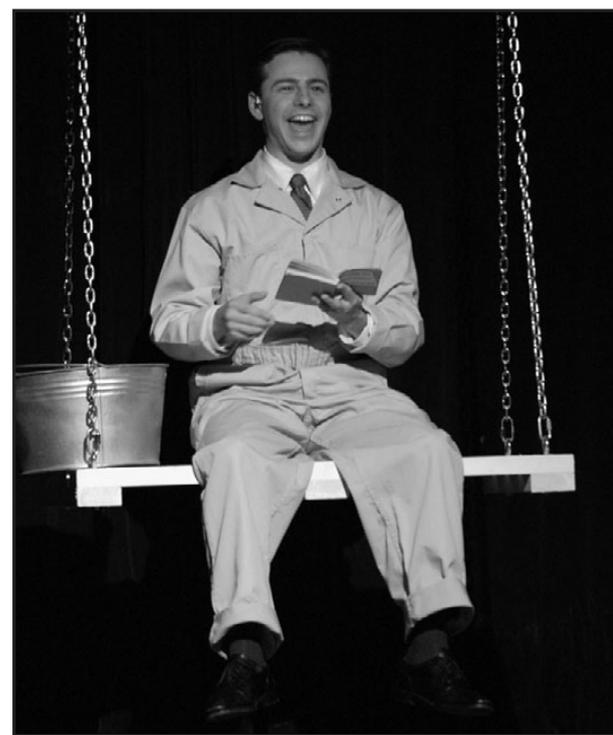


PHOTO BY ED COLEMAN

Charles Wissinger stars as "J. Pierpont Finch," a window washer turned rising business executive in the Lee Playhouse production of *How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying*.

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While not his first appearance on the Playhouse stage, Elliot Lau's performance is still a revelation. His pitch-perfect portrayal of Bud Frump, the sniveling suck-up nephew of the boss, pulls down the show's biggest laughs. His show-stealing performance is amazingly assured for a performer so young.

Proving that the kids don't have all the "juice," veteran performer Macklin Columber is a delight in the role of the board of directors big cheese, Mr. Womper. As cartoonish as this show can be, Ann C. Easterling's subtly comic performance as the seasoned secretary, Smitty, serves as a ground for the more lampoonish characterizations.

Pulling double duty by also serving as the show's choreographer, Easterling's dance sequence for with the "Brotherhood of Men" number gives the second act a welcome bounce. Earle Elaine Drucker lends her legs to hoof up the show and is perfectly twittery as Miss Jones.

Cpt. Jennifer Fowler and Maj. Bill Welch trade in the green suit for business attire and acquit themselves admirably in the roles of Miss Krumholtz and Mr. Twimble.

Emily Mason's appealing and historically correct period costumes are crucial to establishing the time frame for this highly enjoyable musical throwback to an earlier era.

How To Succeed in Business Without Really Trying continues at Lee Playhouse through September 26. Friday and Saturday performances begin at 8 p.m.; Sunday performances begin at 3 p.m. For details and reservations, call 734-6629.

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American Airlines Says 'Thank You!' to Military Personnel By Extending Travel on Special Fares

In recognition of the courageous efforts of U.S. military personnel, American Airlines today announced the continuation of several special offers, including discounted fares, Admirals Club® access and Group One Boarding privileges, exclusively for active-duty members of the military.

"We appreciate the continued sacrifices made by our servicemen and women, and their families," said Dan Garton, American's Executive Vice President-Marketing. "By extending these special offers, we hope to make it easier for military families to get together with their loved ones."

American Airlines is now allowing travel on these special fares through Jan. 31, 2005. Active-duty members of the U.S. Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines, Navy, National Guard, and Reserves who are on leave or furlough (including those who are traveling within seven days of discharge from active service), and their spouse and dependent children are eligible for these fares. Special military fares also are available for travel to various international destinations.

Here are samples of American's great low fares for the U.S. military:

City Pair	Fare Each Way*
Atlanta - St. Louis +	\$81
Chicago - Raleigh/Durham	\$85
Colorado Springs - Dallas/Fort Worth	\$119
Dallas/Fort Worth - Norfolk	\$134
Dallas/Fort Worth - St. Louis	\$94
Dallas/Fort Worth - San Diego	\$139
El Paso - Washington, D.C.	\$123
Miami - Oklahoma City +	\$136
Omaha - San Antonio	\$112

* Fares shown are in U.S. dollars for one-way Economy Class travel based on round-trip purchase and do not include government imposed taxes and fees

+ A portion or all travel may be on American Eagle or AmericanConnection, regional airline associates of American Airlines.

Reservations can be made at American Airlines ticketing locations or by calling American Airlines reservations toll-free at 800-433-7300. Military ID must be presented at the time of airport check-in. These military fares are not available via the Internet. Other restrictions apply. For complete rules and restrictions, see the terms and conditions below.

United States military men and women who are participating in Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom also are welcome to be American's guests at Admirals Club facilities worldwide between flights when they are on emergency or Rest and Relaxation (R&R) leave from their overseas duties. This invitation for complimentary access has been extended through Dec. 31, 2004 at all airport locations that do not have USO facilities. Eligible military personnel in appropriate uniform need only present their emergency or R&R leave forms from Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom to access an Admirals Club location.

In addition, American is inviting uniformed military personnel to pre-board with First-Class passengers, or at any time during the boarding process. The boarding announcements were modified in February and American plans to continue this service as a thank you to U.S. troops.

Whether traveling near or far, customers on American will find exceptional service both on the ground and in the air. In addition, First- or Business-Class seating is available throughout American's

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fleet, while "More Room Throughout Coach" seating, which provides additional legroom between rows, is offered on the majority of its aircraft. Also available on most of the fleet are large overhead storage bins that allow carry-on luggage to be stored "wheels first," creating more overall storage space and making it easier to stow and remove bags.

Terms and Conditions

Fares shown are in USD, are each way based on round-trip purchase for Economy Class travel, and are non-refundable/non-transferable. Fares do not include (a) a federal excise tax of \$3.10 per U.S. domestic flight segment of a passenger's itinerary; a flight segment is defined as one takeoff and landing; (b) up to \$18 per round trip in local airport charges; and (c) September 11th Security Fee of \$2.50 per enplanement originating at a U.S. airport, up to \$5 per one way or \$10 per round trip.

The discount military fares are available for travel through Jan. 31, 2005. Advance purchase requirements do not apply, but ticketing must occur within seven days after the reservation is made. Sale fares require a Saturday night stay and a 30-day maximum stay restriction applies. Fares are available for travel every day of the week. Fares are available to all locations served by American Airlines, American Eagle and American Connection. Fares do not apply to flights on any one world member airline or other code share flights.

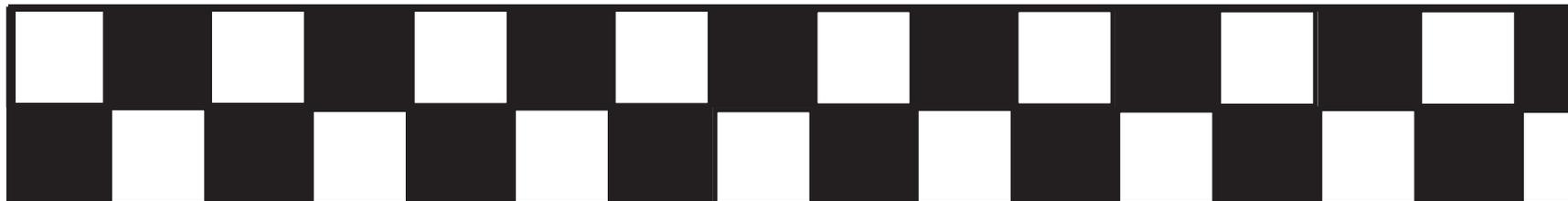
A portion or all travel booked on American Airlines may be operated by American Eagle or American Connection, regional airline associates of American Airlines. American Connection service is operated by one of the following independent contractors: Trans States Airlines, Inc., Chautauqua Airlines, Inc. or Corporate Airlines, Inc. American Airlines, American Eagle, American Connection, AAdvantage, AA.com and AmericanAirlines Vacations are marks of American Airlines, Inc.

Seats are limited. Fares may not be available on all flights or in all markets and are subject to change without notice. Passengers may change their ticket if the reservation is canceled before the original departure time and the passenger meets the restrictions of the new fare. Tickets must be issued and travel must be completed within one year of ticket issuance.

American Airlines is the world's largest carrier. American, American Eagle and the American Connection regional carriers serve more than 250 cities in over 40 countries with nearly 4,200 daily flights. The combined network fleet numbers more than 1,000 aircraft. American's award-winning Web site, AA.com, provides users with easy access to check and book fares, plus personalized news, information and travel offers. American Airlines is a founding member of the oneworldsm Alliance, which brings together some of the best and biggest names in the airline business, enabling them to offer their customers more services and benefits than any airline can provide on its own. Together, its members serve more than 575 destinations in 135 countries.

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NCO Academy Presents NASCAR's Chevy Rock n' Roll



(Above) Army racing team crew chief Ryan Pemberton checks the leaders board after the first 50 laps at the Chevy Rock n' Roll 400 at Richmond International Raceway Sept. 11. The color guard from Fort Lee had the opportunity to stay with the Army pit crew for the entire race.

Story and photos by
Travis Edwards

Fort Lee Public Affairs

The Fort Lee Noncommissioned Officers Academy color guard proudly presented the colors to the nation Sept. 11 during NASCAR's Nextel Chevy Rock and Roll 400 at the Richmond International Raceway. The color guard was joined by the Secretary of Defense, the Honorable Donald Rumsfeld, as he recited the Pledge of Allegiance with a crowd of 107,000 patriotic fans on the third anniversary of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

"It has been a privilege to carry the national colors at any event," said Sgt. 1st Class Robert Tate, a third generation service member and color guard noncommissioned officer in charge. "It is important to show the people that we are still here and that we have not forgotten."



The Noncommissioned Officers Academy Color Guard at Fort Lee stands in front of the #01 Army racing car with Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth O. Preston during the pre-race activities Sept. 11. The race marked the third anniversary of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

Senior Dept. of Defense and Army officials spent time with all of the DoD sponsored vehicles and drivers, moving from car to car along pit row at Richmond's "action track" prior to the start of the race.

It was the Army #01 car driven by Joe Nemechek that drew the most attention as Rumsfeld fielded questions from reporters while greeting the Fort Lee color guard, several delayed entry program Army recruits from the Richmond recruiting battalion, the NASCAR Army racing team pit crew, and several Soldiers in attendance.

Joining the impromptu photo shoot was the Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth O. Preston, the highest enlisted Soldier in the Army.

"Soldiers in uniform like the color guard or those participating in any event, shows the service and dedication towards our nation that our Soldiers have within themselves," said Preston. "Americans know they can always rely on Soldiers to safeguard our colors and our Nation."

"Listening to the crowd of 107,000 shout USA, USA, USA was really impressive. Listening to

the crowd sing along with Bless America was a highlight," Preston said. "But I think the crowd's support of the President was great. It's a great support of the American people and our government leaders."

"Keeping up the troops and the support up is key for me," said Preston. "These guys are fighting for freedom and I want to do what I can to help them do the job that they can overseas. We are a team."

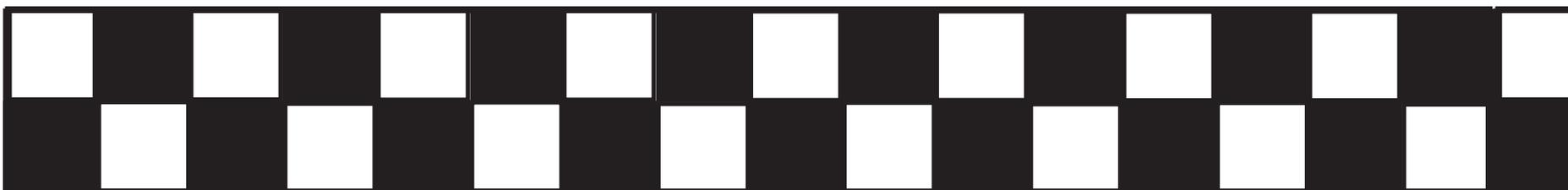
Teamwork is a major trait that both NASCAR and the Army share.

"Just as the Soldiers create a team with 'I am an American and I am a Warrior and a member of the Army Team', line by line the Creed and Warriors Ethos play a role on the team and as part of the organization," said Preston. "Building a team of teams is the key to forming Army."

"There is so much teamwork involved in the success of the teams, as in the Army," said Preston. "The driver may be an Army of One, but behind him is the team, making sure he succeeds."



The Army racing team proves teamwork is critical in NASCAR competition as the #01 car stops for fresh tires and gas Sept. 11.



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(Above) Sergeants 1st Class Robert Townes, Kevin Drewitt, background, watch the race Sept. 11 at the Richmond International Raceway.



(Above) The Fort Lee Noncommissioned Officers Academy Color Guard stands proudly in front of a crowd of 107,000 fans while the Secretary of Defense, the Honorable Donald Rumsfeld, addresses a patriotic crowd Sept. 11.



(Left) An Army racing team pit crew member measures tire depth after the #01 Army car pitted and received four fresh tires and fuel.



Fire Safety Week Coloring Contest Rules

The Fort Lee Fire and Emergency Medical Services Directorate is holding a fire safety coloring contest from Sept. 16 through Sept. 30 to promote fire safety awareness in the Fort Lee community. The competition is open to any military children, ages four to eleven.

Cut out, color and drop off the completed picture

below at Fire Station #1, Bldg. 3620 at 16th St. and "C" Avenue or at the Family Housing Office. Please be sure to include your name, age, address and phone number on the picture. All entries must be received by Sept. 30 before 5:00 p.m. Any questions or comments can be addressed to (804) 734-6041.

Four winners will be chosen, one for each age

group, (4 - 5), (6 - 7), (8 - 9), (10 -11). Winners will receive special prize package to include: AFFES Gift Certificate, Free Bowling Passes, Burger King Food Certificates, and have the opportunity to be a special guest at the 'Have Breakfast with a Firefighter' and 'Get to Ride on a Fire Vehicle' with Sparky during the Fire Prevention Week Parade Oct. 4.

Sparky and I
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everything
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Escape Routes and Exit Drills in the Home – Are You Prepared?

Fort Lee Fire and Emergency Services Division

Fire can spread rapidly through your home, leaving you as little as two minutes to escape safely once the alarm sounds. In 2003, 3,720 Americans died in home fires. That's more than 10 people a day. Tens of thousands more were injured. People can survive even major fires in their homes if they are alerted to the fire and get out quickly and stay out. Your ability to get out depends on advance warning from smoke alarms, advance planning with a home fire escape plan that everyone in your family is familiar with and has practiced.

Here are some basic fire escape planning tips we want you and your family to do:

Bring together everyone in your household and make a plan. Walk through your home as a family and inspect all possible exits and escape routes. Households with children should consider drawing a floor plan of your home, marking two ways out of each room, including windows and doors. Also, mark the location of each smoke alarm. This is a great way to get children involved in fire safety in a non-threatening way.

Make sure that you have at least one smoke alarm on every level of your home.

Everyone in the household must understand the escape plan. When you walk through your plan, check to make sure the escape routes are clear and doors and windows can be opened easily.

Choose an outside meeting place (i.e. neighbor's house, a light post, mailbox, or stop sign) a safe distance in front of your home where everyone can meet after they've escaped. Make sure to mark the location

of the meeting place on your escape plan.

If there are infants, older adults or family members with physical limitations make sure that someone is assigned to assist them in the fire drill and in the event of an emergency. Assign a backup family member too, in case the designee is not home during the emergency.

Tell guests or visitors to your home about your family's fire escape plan. When staying overnight at other people's homes, ask about their escape plan. If they don't have a plan in place, offer to help them make one. This is especially important when your children are permitted to attend "sleepovers" at friends' homes.

Be fully prepared for a real fire: when a smoke alarm sounds, get out immediately.

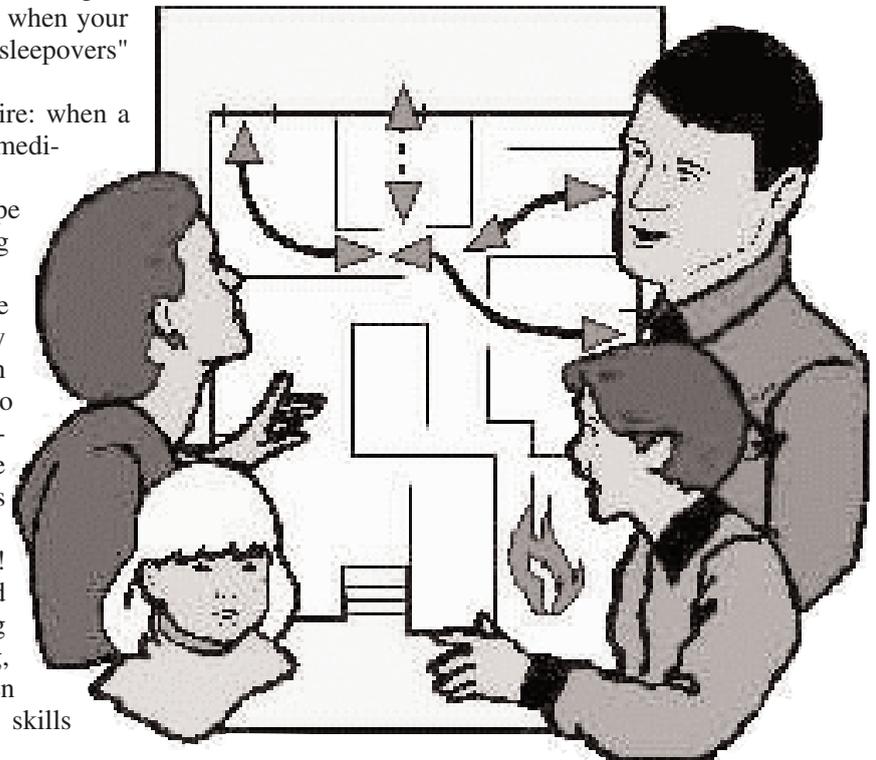
Practice your home fire escape plan at least twice a year, making the drill as realistic as possible.

When your family has their fire drill, everyone in the family should practice crawling low on their hands and knees, one to two feet above the ground. By keeping your head low, you'll be able to breathe the "good" air that's closer to the floor.

Once you're out, stay out! Under no circumstances should you ever go back into a burning building. If someone is missing, inform the 911 dispatcher when you call. Firefighters have the skills

and the equipment to perform rescues.

Should you have any questions regarding Fire Escape Planning, our Fire Prevention Week Program or would like to schedule a home inspection or Firehouse tour, please call 734-7950 or 734-6041 and speak with the on duty Assistant Fire Chief. Don't just think fire safety during fire prevention week, think fire safety all year long.



Cutty's Corner Football Mania



"Cutty's Corner" continues this week even after Spc. Jason "Cutty" Cutshaw was decimated by Col. Steven E. Butler of CASCOC. Col. Butler proved to be a worthy opponent by going 12 - 5 in place of "Cutty" going 8 - 9.

Last week "Cutty" predicted that his beloved Kansas City Chiefs would win their home opener at Arrowhead Stadium. Unfortunately, the Chiefs lost to the vaunted Carolina Panthers who were in last year's Super Bowl.

"Cutty's Corner" is a weekly article that reflects the opinions of myself, Spc. Jason B. Cutshaw, Fort Lee Traveller staff writer.

The article is meant to entertain the football fans of the Fort Lee community. Predictions are based on my personal opinions and the "fact" that my beloved Kansas City Chiefs never lose, they just run out of time.

My opponents are chosen weekly from

Army Game

Army at Connecticut

NFL Games

- Houston at Kansas City
- Arizona at Atlanta
- Baltimore at Cincinnati
- Cleveland at N.Y. Giants
- Chicago at Minnesota
- Jacksonville at Tennessee
- New Orleans at St. Louis
- Philadelphia at Detroit
- Pittsburgh at Miami
- San Diego at Denver
- Green Bay at Indianapolis
- San Francisco at Seattle
- Tampa Bay at Oakland
- Dallas at Washington

Overall record to date

"Cutty"

Army

- Kansas City
- Atlanta
- Baltimore
- N.Y. Giants
- Minnesota
- Tennessee
- St. Louis
- Detroit
- Pittsburgh
- Denver
- Green Bay
- Seattle
- Tampa Bay
- Washington

"Cutty"
20 - 15

CSM Holland

Connecticut

- Kansas City
- Atlanta
- Baltimore
- N.Y. Giants
- Minnesota
- Tennessee
- St. Louis
- Philadelphia
- Pittsburgh
- Denver
- Indianapolis
- Seattle
- Tampa Bay
- Washington

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---You Pick---

This week's guest picker is Command Sgt. Maj. Cynthia M. Holland, Fort Lee Noncommissioned Officer Academy commandant. Command Sgt. Maj. Holland claims that Oklahoma has the best college football this year. She is the next football fan to try and unseat "Cutty" as Fort Lee's football savant.

around post and are connoisseurs of the fine game of tackle football.

My guests have graciously helped make this article the pride of refrigerators everywhere.

Predictions for the upcoming week are as follows;

First: I will not lose!

Second: the original Star Wars trilogy has come out on DVD and yes, the force is with the Kansas City Chiefs.

I want to thank my opponents for adding a touch of class to "Cutty's Corner".

Even though my predictions are usually right, as Col. Butler proved last week, I can be beaten.

Enjoy this weeks games and hopefully your team will win. (As long as they are not playing the Chiefs).

Sincerely, Spc. Jason "Cutty" Cutshaw

Marines, Soldiers build KSPAN for trainees

Story and photo by Spc. Jason B. Cutshaw
Staff Writer

Once again, Fort Lee became the home of joint training and operations between different military services as Soldiers and Marines worked together to accomplish the mission at hand.

A platoon of Marine engineers arrived August 23 at Fort Lee to construct a storage facility known by its trade name of "KSPAN." The 100' by 44' building is designed to support Marine Corps and Navy tactical fuel equipment at Fort Lee.

Marine Gunnery Sgt. Patrick Campbell and Gunnery Sgt. John Butler were the local project managers, and are assigned to the Fort Lee Marine Corps Detachment.

The KSPAN will be used to store Marine Corps and Navy Petroleum training equipment. Currently this delicate and expensive training equipment is stored uncovered and exposed to the elements.

Marine 1st Lt. Joseph Lombardo, Company B, 8th Engineer Support Battalion, Camp Lejeune, N.C., was the project officer and platoon commander for 27 Marines and one Navy corpsman.

"Our task has been to build the KSPAN before the next storm hits," Lombardo said. "It has been hard beating the storms and the project has been delayed a couple of years because of the conflict in Iraq. But now that we are here, we have been working to beat the clock and get it built ahead of schedule."

"The Marines and Soldiers have been working hard



Marine Corps engineers of Company B, 8th Engineer Support Battalion based at Camp Lejeune, N.C. built a 100' by 44' "KSPAN" to support Marine and Navy tactical fuel equipment at Fort Lee.

to get this done in adverse conditions and they have not let anyone down," he added. "I am proud to have been a part of this great project."

The initial request for this facility was approved in

2002 and some funds were allocated to construct this facility at that time. However, due to Operation Iraqi

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PHOTO WAS TAKEN BY SPC. JASON B. CUTSHAW

The winning photo of 1st Lt. Paul Smith of the 49th QM Group, with his family last December after returning from Operation Iraqi Freedom won the Fort Lee Army Family Photo contest.

And the winner is...

The Army Family Photo Contest was held on Fort Lee beginning with a kick-off August 6th at Army Community Services. Photos were accepted at ACS until August 18. All photos submitted were displayed at ACS with community members invited to vote for their favorite. Voting ended August 30th with the winners being:

- 1st Place** Smith Family
- 2nd Place** Moralez Family
- 3rd Place** "My Italian Sister" Emma Morris

The winners will receive:

1st place

One family pass to the Lee Playhouse KidKapers production, three free games of bowling per family member, one family day pass to the indoor pool, one bingo pack for adult family member bingo, one free lunch for each family member at the Regimental Club, one free large pizza (one per family) and 10 tokens to the batting cage

2nd place

1 family pass to the Lee Playhouse KidKapers production, two free games of bowling per family member, 10 tokens to the batting cage, one free large pizza (one per family) one free lunch for each family member at the Regimental Club

3rd place

One family pass to Lee Playhouse KidKapers productions, three free games of bowling per family member and one free large pizza (one per family)

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Freedom in 2003, construction was delayed until 2004.

The engineers conducted their initial site survey in July. Since this was the first time this particular engineer unit had constructed a KSPAN, Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Jonathon Baron from Cherry Point, N.C. arrived on September 1 to assist with the supervision and training of the Marines, Campbell said.

Baron returned from Barbados earlier this year where his section constructed two KSPANS for the government there.

A civilian technical representative from MIC Industries arrived on August 30 to assist with operating and certifying the engineers on the Ultimate Building Machine, he added.

The UBM is a piece of equipment used to transform sheets of steel into material needed to construct

the KSPAN. The formed steel is transformed in such a manner that they are used to serve as both roof and wall for the structure. The UBM was shipped from Albany, Ga. to Fort Lee at no cost, Campbell said.

"The 49th Quartermaster Group provided a welder, excavator, bulldozer, tractor and crane at no cost," he added.

A local rental company provided the remaining equipment such as backhoe, concrete vibrator, generator and compactor.

"The engineers were under pressure to complete this facility before the next tropical storm and because they are schedule to deploy later this year to desert training in Twenty-nine Palms, Calif," Campbell said. "The project was completed in 15 days."

The Marines will also redeploy to Iraq at the beginning of 2005. Lombardo and his Marines have maintained a high operational tempo this year. They

recently redeployed from Haiti in late June in support of that country's civil disturbances.

"This entire project was a truly 'joint' effort. The Naval Petroleum Office, Fort Belvoir and Fort Lee's U.S. Army Quartermaster Center and School provided the funds to purchase the materials," Campbell said.

Army Staff Sgt. Dewey Bennett from the 240th QM Battalion, 49th QM Group, also played a critical role by coordinating Soldiers and equipment from his unit to help construct the facility. Soldiers from the QMC&S Petroleum and Water Department provided around the clock guidance and assistance since this facility is located in their training area, he added.

"Fort Lee has treated us better than we ever could have expected," said Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Brantly Bollant, Company B, 8th ESB. "Being a part of the construction of this building that will help train Marines is something I am proud to have been a part of."

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. Prices are:

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, and Water Country until Sept 19. Prices will go up after Jan. 2005.

For information, call (804) 734-6255.

Virginia State Fair Starts TODAY!

The Virginia State fair will be at the Richmond Raceway Complex today - Oct. 3.

The Travel Agents International Office, located in Building 9025 on Mahone Avenue, has military discount tickets available for the State Fair.

For information, call (804) 734-6255.

Busch Gardens' Military Days

Travel Agents International 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.

For information, call (804) 734-6255.

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.

Call 1-800-HISTORY for reservations.

Performance at the Playhouse

The Theater Company at Fort Lee announces performances of "How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying" from Friday through Sunday at the Lee Playhouse.

"How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying" performances will be on Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., and Sunday at 3 p.m.

For more information, call (804) 734-7182.

Chickahominy Indian Tribe

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

Tickets (\$25 before Sunday; \$30 at the gate) 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.



St. Jude Children's Research Hospital®

St. Jude Helps Save the Life of Firefighter's Biggest Hero

Tom Bowen has endured many challenges in his firefighting career. From house fires in his West Virginia hometown to the search and recovery efforts at the World Trade Center after the terrorist attacks, Bowen thought he had confronted it all.

But, in early 2004, he suffered the most terrifying blow in a place where he felt safest — his own home.

One week after passing a checkup with flying colors, Bowen's youngest son, Ben, fell asleep and wouldn't wake up. When he finally did open his eyes, the 15-month-old started vomiting. Bowen and his wife knew something was dreadfully wrong and, within forty-eight hours, Ben was in a helicopter, heading to a hospital for emergency brain surgery.

The doctors then told the Bowen family that Ben had a rare and aggressive brain tumor called atypical teratoid/rhabdoid tumor (ATRT). Wanting the best for Ben, his doctors referred him to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn.

Although ATRT is relatively new to the medical community, St. Jude gave the family hope. "We were told that St. Jude was on the cutting-edge of cancer when it comes to kids, and they were really working hard to fight this particular tumor,"

said Bowen.

At St. Jude, Ben underwent another brain surgery and is receiving chemotherapy and radiation. Even on his toughest days, "Big Ben" as his parents call him, can muster a smile, which brings happiness to his parents' hearts.

The Bowen family is making the most of each day with Ben. They have learned to live for the moment, as they know that ATRT has about a 10 to 20 percent survival rate with children Ben's age.

"Our hope is that St. Jude will find a cure for ATRT so that no other family has to walk in our shoes," said Bowen. "We haven't given up. We just know this is going to be a hard fight. That's why this place is so important."

St. Jude is the world premier center for research and treatment of catastrophic diseases in children, primarily pediatric cancers. St. Jude is the only pediatric cancer research center where families never pay for treatments that are not covered by insurance, and families without insurance are never asked to pay.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital participates in the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) as a member of the Community Health Charities federation.

— Information compiled by the Fort Lee Public Affairs Office.



COURTESY PHOTO

FIREFIGHTER TOM BOWEN, his wife Jennifer and sons Eli (left) and Ben are currently staying in Memphis, Tenn., while Ben receives treatment for a rare brain tumor at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.