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Lt. Col. Diana A. Raynor, incoming commander of the 741st MI Battalion, takes the colors from Col. Deborah J. Beckworth, commander of the 704th MI Brigade during the change of command ceremony at McGlachlin Parade Field here June 29.

Raynor assumes 741st command

BY SGT. DENNY COX
SoundOFF!

The soldiers of the 741st Military Intelligence Battalion, 704th Military Intelligence Brigade, welcomed a new commander in a change-of-command ceremony on McGlachlin Parade Field June 29.

Lt. Col. Diana A. Raynor replaced Lt. Col. Walter H. Pollard as friends and family members watched from the reviewing stand and brightly colored pavilions.

Standing in formation to bid farewell to Pollard and welcome to Raynor were soldiers from Headquarters and Operations Company, commanded by Capt. Steven J. Swingle; Company A, led by Capt. Daniel Houseworth; Company B, led by Capt. Ira E. Mikesell; and Company C, under the command of Capt. Laura R. Geldhof.

The ceremony's reviewing officer, 704th MI Brigade Commander Col. Deborah J. Beckworth, highlighted some of the battalion's accomplishments

under Pollard's leadership.

More than 150 of the battalion's linguists maintain proficiency in 16 different languages at high levels. The battalion's team took first place in the Defense Language Institute's Language Olympics, and operations at the Joint Training Facility trained more than 1,300 linguists, she said.

In his remarks, Pollard gave the credit for these accomplishments to the soldiers standing on the field in front of him.

These soldiers go into the arena every day and do the hard work that keeps our nation free, he said. They are best described by the Army value of 'Selfless Service,' said Pollard, who is retiring after 20 years of service.

After assuming command, Raynor thanked the battalion for making the occasion special for her and her family.

Raynor's past assignments include various positions at the Defense Intelligence Agency, staff officer with the 111th MI Brigade and operations officer in the Battle Command Battle Lab at

the U.S. Army Intelligence Center and School, Fort Huachuca, Ariz.

She enlisted in the Army in 1977 and graduated Distinguished Leadership Graduate from Officers Candidate School in 1984.

Raynor also graduated from the MI Officer Basic and Advanced courses, Command and Staff Officer's Course, Command and General Staff College and the Armed Forces Staff College.

She holds an associate's degree in administrative education and a bachelor's in psychology from the University of Maryland. Raynor earned a master's degree in administration from Central Michigan University.

Her awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters and Good Conduct Medal second award. She holds the Army Parachutist Badge and the Joint Staff Identification Badge.

743rd soldiers take break for white-water rafting

BY CPL. AIMEE HANNAH
743rd Military Intelligence Battalion

Summertime. The time for barbecues, vacations and outdoor adventures of all kinds. The soldiers of the 743rd Military Intelligence Battalion found a way to keep cool and have loads of fun at the same time, when they loaded up and headed out of Denver into the mountains to go white water rafting June 22-23. The brigade chaplain, Maj. Harry Colter, contributed funds from the chaplain's office to help ensure that the price would be low enough for everyone to participate.

As the sun started to peek over the Denver skyline the group gathered in the company parking lot for a quick safety brief.

"The main goal is to be safe. I want everyone to have a good time, but remember to put safety first," said Lt. Col. Mark R. Quantock, commander, 743rd MI Battalion. After the safety brief the vehicles were loaded and the trip began. Three hours later the vans pulled into the gravel parking area of Arkansas Valley Adventures (AVA). This company offers many different rafting packages for everyone from the beginner to the advanced rafter. These guides aren't just there for your safety either. Not only did they take the 743rd MI Battalion on the river two days in a row, they also cooked dinner and breakfast!

It was time for lunch, so as soon as the tents were set up everyone sat down for a quick box lunch. Almost as quickly as lunch was handed out, it was over and time to get suited up and taken to the launch point. The group rafted twice, going on a medium difficulty



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743rd Military Intelligence Battalion soldiers move onto the bus during their white-water rafting trip June 22 - 23.

section the first day and a more advanced one the second day. Each person getting off of the bus after the first trip wore a big smile on his face.

"I can't wait to go again tomorrow. That was incredible," said Pvt. 2 Cassandra Timm, a non-communications analyst currently working on her certification in the Aerospace Data Facility.

The folks at AVA had food ready and waiting for the hungry rafters upon their return. After dinner it was time to head back to camp for a fire-side chat with the chaplain. He took the opportunity to introduce himself and explain the role of the chaplain's office in general and then led a group discussion of teamwork and leadership. Quantock then presented the chaplain with

our battalion coin and thanked him for his efforts in making this trip happen. Then it was time for a little marshmallow roasting and conversation before bed. Most everyone turned in early because wake up the next morning was scheduled for six o'clock.

In the morning bleary-eyed campers crawled out of their tents and began tearing down camp. After a breakfast of hotcakes and eggs everyone was wide-awake and ready to hit the river one more time. This time the course was a little more advanced (class V rapids), but everyone still loved it.

"This just may become my new favorite sport!" proclaimed Staff. Sgt. Jason Witt, plans and operations noncommissioned officer in charge. It was a tired crew that finally climbed back into the vans for the three-hour trip back to Denver. After a quick stop in the town of Buena Vista for lunch the group was headed home. Back at the company parking lot as the vans were being unloaded the question was asked, "Would anyone like to do this again next year?" Unanimously the answer was a resounding "Yes!"



Maj. Harry Colter and the troops gather for some conversation during the trip.



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704th MI Brigade Mission

The 704th Military Intelligence Brigade conducts continuous full-spectrum signals intelligence, computer network and information security operations directly, and through NSA to satisfy National, Joint, Combined and Army information superiority requirements.

Focus

To ensure mission accomplishment in an ethical environment while providing opportunities for individual professional growth and satisfaction, we must have:

- Competent and caring leaders,
- Well trained and fit soldiers,
- Efficient, effective unit operations,
- Unit cohesion and pride,
- Planned, orderly growth and change.

Soldiers celebrate Army B-Day

BY SGT. KIMBERLY HEINZ
743rd Military Intelligence Battalion

The 743rd Military Intelligence Battalion hosted the 2001 Army Ball at the Holiday Inn June 15 to celebrate the Army's 226th Birthday with a theme of *I Am That Soldier*.

The evening started with a reception for soldiers and their families to mingle with each other in a relaxing atmosphere while dressed in both military and formal attire. There was an abundant mixing of all the soldiers, and the evening was quite enjoyable and filled with military traditions and fun.

It was a learning experience for many of the battalion's junior soldiers as this was their first Army Ball; they were quite impressed with the formality and grandeur of the event. All were extremely moved by the POW/MIA table and most did not realize that this was an Army tradition. Five members of the Battalion Honor Guard quietly and carefully carried the table in while narrator, Sgt. 1st Class Dean Gantvoort, described each item on the table and its symbolism. Upon placement of the table, the guard members each took a knee in honor of our missing comrades. Everyone was quite taken with the formality and history of the toast. Another Army tradition the soldiers enjoyed was the cutting of the Army Birthday Cake, where the oldest (played by Maj. Deborah Beckwith) and youngest (Pvt. Trevor Redding) soldiers of the battalion cut the ceremonial cake with a sword symbolizing the unity of two separate generations of military service. All enjoyed the exquisite food and refreshments. On each table were specially made bottles of wine with customized battalion labels including the words *I Am That Soldier*.



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Soldiers and friends of the 743rd Military Intelligence Battalion do the Electric Slide during the Army Ball June 15.

Entertainment for the evening began when 11 battalion soldiers wearing authentic historical uniforms from days gone by (from the Revolutionary War to Desert Storm) marching out to a reading by Capt. Craig Wedley on the Army's contribution to various battles throughout its history. Pete Seibert, guest speaker for the evening, followed this presentation. Seibert was a member of the original 10th Mountain Division ñ the US Army's only mountain and winter warfare fighting unit ñ when it formed at Camp Hale, Colorado during WWII. Although some found his remarks to be slightly colorful, nonetheless he was well received and quite entertaining throughout the night. Once the *formal* portion of the evening was ended, the *Masters of the Universe* formed by battalion

soldiers provided 30 minutes of live musical entertainment followed by an outstanding DJ who kept the soldiers hopping on the dance floor until 2 a.m.

The battalion junior soldiers all seemed to be quite impressed with the Army Ball.

I was able to witness not only the formal side of my superiors, but also a glimpse at who they really were beneath the proper exterior, *I* said Pvt. 2 Keith Spain, one of the soldiers in attendance.

Pfc. Lucas Park, another junior soldier who attended the Ball summed up the night best when he said, *The evening was quite enjoyable and I recommend to anyone to attend next year.*

Brigade retention goes beyond all boundaries

BY SGT. 1ST CLASS WILLENE ORR
Brigade Reenlistment

No doubt the 743rd Military Intelligence Battalion is *Beyond All Boundaries* not only in location, but they have also proven to be *Beyond All Boundaries* in retention!

The 743rd MI Battalion has often led the way in accomplishing their quarterly retention missions. Such was the case during the beginning of Fiscal Year 2001. Under the direction of Staff Sgt. Adam J. McKinney, career counselor, 743rd MI Battalion, and the entire 743rd retention Team led by Lt. Col. Mark Quantock, battalion commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. Millard Moore, battalion command sergeant major, the battalion achieved 175 percent initial term, 120 percent mid-career, and 180 percent Fiscal Year 2001. What a way to bust their mission! A Job very well done by all!

Each quarter, the battalion receives a mission based on the number of eligible soldiers who are initial term and mid-career. For one to better understand the categories, the following is provided. An initial term soldier is one serving on an initial term of active federal military service. A mid-career soldier is one serving on a second or subsequent period of active federal military service who will have 10 or less years of active Federal military service on his or her separation date or at ETS. Special categories, like FY ETSs, are missioned periodically throughout the fiscal year. The Fiscal Year 2001 ETS is a cumulative total of initial termers and mid-career who have an ETS in FY 2001. In addition, even though we do not receive a mission for career soldiers, all soldiers are important and count towards the Department of the Army retention objectives. In this brigade, every soldier counts!

Moreover, success is direct indicator of the quality of leadership exhibited by commanders, officers, and noncommissioned officers. As stated in Army Regulation 601-280, Army Retention Program, *Measurements of success*

include, but are not limited to, achieving the commander's retention missions with the fewest numbers of waivers and exceptions to policy, while improving the readiness, competency, and alignment of the force. As for 743rd MI Battalion, it is evident that there is command involvement at all levels and soldiers reenlist with few or no waivers at all.

Without question, McKinney's professionalism and personal acumen contributed to the success of the battalion in retaining our first-rate and highly proficient soldiers. His work ethics proved that you must prepare soldiers and run their options 13 months prior to their ETS in order for the command to be successful and accomplish mission early. Likewise, the retention team must ensure all soldiers are counseled on their options regardless of reenlistment intent. These and other efforts ensure 743rd MI Battalion's retention program remains proactive and energetic. Without a doubt, their program is one for all commands to emulate.

Recently, on behalf of 743rd MI Battalion, McKinney was presented the *Mission Buster Plaque* by Lt. Col. Marcus D. Burch, deputy commander, 704th Military Intelligence Brigade. McKinney has since departed the command to serve a tour of duty in Korea.

A special note of thanks is extended to Sgt. Pamela Smith, Information Management Office noncommissioned officer in charge, 743rd MI Battalion who did a superb job as battalion retention noncommissioned officer in the absence of the career counselor.

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Military Police: willing to risk lives for the community

BY CONNIE BALLENGER
The SoundOFF!

Staff Sgt. Keith Jones, noncommissioned officer in charge of the Traffic Section of the Provost Marshal Office (PMO) here, has one of the most powerful pointer fingers on the installation.

Sitting in the driver's seat of his military police (MP) car on the side of Mapes Road July 13, he pointed to a vehicle that was exceeding the speed limit and then moved the same finger in a 45-degree angle downward. The driver of the vehicle got the message - Jones' radar equipment registered an almost instantaneous decrease in speed.

This snapshot of a moment in Jones' day shows something that is true of virtually all MPs here - they frequently try to fulfill their mission to maintain law and order in as friendly and low-key manner as possible.

But that does not mean those sometimes friendly pointer fingers are not trained and prepared to pull gun triggers in life-threatening situations.

MPs here have many other things in common as well. They are all assigned to the Fort Meade MP Company, which is responsible for training MPs and supplying the PMO with personnel.

Training is continuous and extensive. Last week, many MPs took First Responder Training at the ranges here to increase their awareness of tactical situations.

"Our soldiers train for the one moment when they might have to make a life or death decision," said Capt. Dominick Nutter, commander of the MP Company here.

In war, soldiers face clearly defined enemies, according to Nutter. MPs never know when a situation - even a routine traffic stop - could turn into a blood bath, he added.

MPs also radio and help each other when necessary, regardless of what section they are in.

In addition, most MPs walk or drive around the installa-



photo by Travis Hartman

Capt. Dominick Nutter and Sgt. John Lanoce of the Military Police Company keep watch at MeadeFest.

tion within an assigned patrol area, conducting routine MP operations.

"We constantly have a presence of MPs," said Deputy Provost Marshal Capt. Martin Partridge. "If a would-be criminal sees MPs proactively patrolling on the installation, it has a deterrent effect."

While the jobs of MPs have much in common, they also have differences.

The Traffic Section operates radar equipment, enforces all types of traffic regulations and responds to and investigates traffic accidents.

To be certified to run radar, an MP must attend a 24-hour classroom course and take 16 hours of on-the-road training. In addition, he or she must be able to judge the speed of 50 consecutive vehicles within five miles per hour using vision and an audio tone - the pitch increases as the speed goes up.

"It takes a lot of practice," said Jones. Before Jones (or any other MP) can issue a ticket running radar, he must have observed the car speeding, heard the audio tone at a pitch that indicates the vehicle was going too fast and have a digital readout from the radar equipment that shows the miles per hour the vehicle was traveling. (An MP can also give a speeding ticket without radar based solely on eyesight judgment.)

Jones picks locations at random to run stationary radar, but frequently goes to spots he figures will have a lot of traffic - Rock Avenue when he knows units will be conducting formation runs or the pools on a hot summer day.

He can also run radar while driving.

Jones sometimes stands on the side of a road and uses hand-held radar, but prefers the patrol vehicle because it serves as a deterrent to would-be speeders.

Jones goes to court about two times a month to testify that he followed proper radar procedures.

At accidents, MPs in the Traffic Section measure skid marks and other evidence to determine speed.

The PMO is currently in the process of moving from their 60-year-old headquarters (Building 6618) to a new building, the Emergency Services Center (Building 6619), located on Mapes Road just a few yards behind the old headquarters.

"The new building will improve communication and coordination among the three services and provide improved response to the community needs," said Partridge. "It will be a much more modern facility in terms of communication and computer-aided dispatching."

Whether MPs are headquartered in dilapidated facilities or sparkling new ones, their job requires someone willing to risk their lives for the good of the community.

"I don't worry about danger," said Jones. "Being a law enforcement officer is part of the lifestyle I selected to live."

But the rewards are great, according to Jones.

"I get the satisfaction of helping people and keeping them safe."



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Army Benefit Number 101

If you're going to reenlist, you might as well do it right. That's the mentality the Keelors must have had when they both agreed to participate in a reenlistment ceremony at the White House during Armed Forces week. Sgt. 1st Class Kimberly Keelor and Staff Sgt. Thomas Keelor (who has since been promoted to sergeant first class) were the only couple among the 100 service members selected to participate May 23.

"This was the highlight of our careers," said Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Keelor, acting first sergeant, Company B, 741st MI Battalion. "I have reenlisted six times. But personally and professionally, this was the highlight. To actually be two of one hundred service members selected to attend the ceremony, and be the only married couple in the group, it was a real honor."

According to Keelor, the couple was too awestruck to be nervous during the ceremony. "We basically had access to the second floor of the White House," he said. "After the ceremony, we both had a ten-minute chat with the sergeant major of the Army. Everything happened so fast and then the next thing we knew we were shaking hands with the most powerful man on earth, the president."

The Hecklers getting last laugh

BY SPC. BRIAN MURPHY
Editor, *The Voice*

Specialist Walt Baskerville has always loved music, especially rap music. A few years ago, Baskerville's love for rap grew so strong that he wanted to make his own music. So he purchased the equipment and began putting together his own tracks.

When the U.S. Army decided to send Baskerville to Camp Humphrey, Korea for a year, he figured that halfway across the globe would be as good a place as any to continue his venture into the music world. The music had pulled him in.

As soon as the duty day ended, Baskerville could be found in his barracks room putting together more music. A few of his barracks neighbors curiously came around to find out more about the beats heard from his room. After a while, the neighbors began to come around more frequently. The music had pulled them in.

The next thing you know, Baskerville and his neighbors, Spc. Tyrice Jenkins, Spc. David Edmund and Spc. Kerry Morris were seriously considering giving the music industry a chance.

"I brought my music equipment with me with the intention of working on a few solo projects," Baskerville said. "These guys happened to live across the hall from me. We started hanging out and messing around. At first, we just wanted to put together an album for fun or whatever. Once we did that, we wanted to take things one step further."

And they did. After a few months, the Hecklers had their first CD complete, simply called "The Album." They continued to work, and as they became more familiar with each other and all of the intricacies involved with making and recording music, their product became better. Now with more than 70 different tracks complete, the Hecklers feel they are ready. Ready to be heard.

"You can tell we're growing up," Baskerville said. "The difference between our earlier stuff

and our more recent stuff is huge. We've grown lyrically and professionally."

Baskerville, Jenkins and Edmund have since left Korea and become part of the 704th Military Intelligence Brigade. Morris now resides at Fort Hood, Texas. A few of the variables have changed since the beginning, but the four young men still love what they do and dream of the days when their music will be heard on a larger scale.

"We have a totally different sound than anything that's out there today," Jenkins said. "We're all from different backgrounds and different locations. Each one of us brings something different. Each of us brings a different style. That's a big advantage for us."

Those individuals who have heard the Hecklers perform have nothing but rave reviews.

"The first time I heard the Hecklers (as a group) was when we were together in Korea," said Spc. Chekita T. Hall, reserve affairs coordinator, HHC, 704th MI Brigade. "I like the diversity of the group. Their formation represents an eclectic mix of geography and history. The challenges the music and lyrics confront speak to the chasm found in today's urban communities; it's dangerous, painful and hopeful. One interesting analogy could be the haunting contradiction found in describing something or someone as both sad and beautiful."

As more and more people throughout the Washington area hear the unique sounds and rhymes of the Hecklers, the music pulls them in.



courtesy photos

(From left to right) Dawn Griffon joins The Hecklers members Spc. Walt Baskerville, Spc. David Edmund and Spc. Tyrice Jenkins on stage during their performance at the State of the Union in downtown D.C. July 14.

The Hecklers Fast Facts

Who make up the Hecklers?

The four members of the Hecklers are:
Spc. Walt Baskerville (a.k.a. - ëBasi)
Spc. Tyrice Jenkins, (ëRiisi)
Spc. David Edmund (ëCapi) and
Spc. Kerry Morris (ëHersheyí).

Where did your name come from?

"When we were in Korea, we lived in a place called Zeckler," said Jenkins. "We became the Zeckler Hecklers."

How would you describe your sound?

"The Hecklers are a mix of east-coast style, with west coast funk, then stirred with the south's grit," Baskerville said.

How can people hear your music?

The Heckler's second release, "The Sophomore Jinx" is available now. Talk to one of the members to pick up a copy or email the Hecklers at:

HecklerCrew@MP3.com



For as long as he can remember, Baskerville has always loved music.

Big Dog's softball team a big hit



photos by Spc. Brian Murphy

Big Dog outfielder Melvin Long drove the next pitch over the fence in left-center field for a home run during a recent battle with Headquarters Company July 24.

BY SPC. BRIAN MURPHY
Editor, *The Voice*

It started last season with flag football. Throughout the entire season the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 704th Military Intelligence Brigade Big Dogs were in either first or second place in the standings. When basketball season rolled around, the Big Dogs were once again in the league's elite status.

Therefore, it should come as no surprise that, after sweeping a double-header on the last day of the regular season, the Big Dogs finished as the top team in the league.

"I think the word talented describes this team perfectly," said Big Dogs coach Branden Martino. "Everyone on this team is a very talented athlete. Most teams usually have a weak link, but everyone on this team plays a very important role in the team's success. I was asked earlier in the season if I could replace anyone on the team who would it be and I didn't even hesitate in saying that I couldn't give up anybody. Everyone on the team has great sense of humor, which makes the time out on the field very enjoyable. We like to kid around a lot and it helps to not take ourselves too seriously."

Not everything has been perfect this season for the Big Dogs though. Martino started the season as just another player, but became the coach after the first game of the season, after the other coach had to step down.

"When we first started the season we didn't have a practice where the whole team was there so I was a little unsure of how we would play together," Martino said. "We made a few mistakes in the beginning but by the second game we were

pretty solid. Every team makes errors but the key is to not make the same mistakes repeatedly. We really started blowing teams out of the water after the third or fourth game. We usually beat teams by at least the ten-run rule, and sometimes more. A few teams keep it interesting but I think when we are playing at our full potential no one comes close. There has been a few times this season when even I am shocked at how badly we have beaten some teams."

What has been the key to the Big Dogs' success? That's easy, Martino says, it's been their timely hitting.

"Our biggest asset would have to be our hitting," he said. "For the most part we go out there every game and pound the ball. I think my hardest job as being coach is making a batting lineup. Almost everyone on the team is batting far more than .500, which is amazing. Softball is really a hitter's game and our team is a perfect example of that. We have guys that can hit the ball almost wherever they want."

Most winning teams have a leader, someone who brings out the best in his teammates. The team leader and most valuable player for the Big Dogs this season has been Jonathan Holloway, according to Martino.

"Holloway is the team's MVP not just because he hits home runs all the time, or because he plays the field so well; but because he is very good at keeping everyone's head up and making sure everyone is having fun too," Martino said. "He hits the ball very well and can hit home runs like nobody's business. Not to mention, his ability on the field has killed many chances of other teams scoring."



One of the reasons for the Big Dogs success has been third baseman Jonathan Holloway. "He's very good at keeping everyone's head up and making sure everyone is having fun too," Martino said.



David Doyle admires his homer while running the bases.



Big Dog pitcher Willie Scott tosses a pitch during a regular season softball contest.



Big Dog shortstop Jason Bracken slides into second base safely during a regular season game this season.



Big Dogs Season Review

July 12th

Big Dogs: 6
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Big Dogs: 16
MEDDAC: 6

July 17th

Big Dogs: 18
NSGA: 4

Big Dogs: 16
NSGA: 5

July 24th

Big Dogs: 3
HQ CMD: 7

July 26th

Big Dogs: 15
JFSC: 6

Big Dogs: 11
JFSC: 5

Big Dog starters



Around the Army

Boy Scout troop invade Fort A.P. Hill

WASHINGTON (Army News Service) - About 2,000 soldiers spent months preparing for an invasion of Fort A.P. Hill, Va., by 30,000 Boys Scouts who poured through the gates July 23 for the 2001 National Boy Scout Jamboree.

Monday was the beginning of the 10-day jamboree, and for the scouts it started with the set-up of more than 17,000 tents on the 15,000-acre site. However, before kick-off day, the jamboree for many soldiers was a mission orchestrated by the First U.S. Army headquartered at Fort Gillem, Ga.

"The Army doesn't just provide us with a host location, but they provide us with logistical support and continuity that we couldn't obtain on our own," said Brian Gray, the jamboree media relations director. "They were here months ago building roads, installing water, sewer, electrical and telephone systems."

"This is the perfect event for integrating the active-duty and Reserve because there is such a mix of both here," said Lt. Col. Robert Saxon, the jamboree public affairs officer. "These soldiers are here performing the same technically skilled tasks that are used to support humanitarian efforts in Kosovo and Bosnia."

The Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard are also providing support for the jamboree, but Gray said without the Army there is no way the scouts could run the event on the level that it is today.

The first jamboree was held in 1937 with 27,232 participants, and this year there will be 40,000 in attendance. The event is held every four years, and over the past 20 years scouts and volunteers have gathered at A.P. Hill for the event.

Since the Army began hosting the

event 20 years ago, the Boy Scouts have provided \$6 million to A.P. Hill to build roads, infrastructures, and obstacle courses to help support the jamboree, Saxon said. When the jamboree is over, the permanent facilities stay and soldiers who come to the installation to train use the equipment, he added.

When A.P. Hill is not occupied by soldiers training on heavy weapons and maneuvers, it is visited by scouts who travel from all over the world to participate in the jamboree - Cub Scouts from age 5 to senior Eagle Scouts.

"I've been in the Scouts since 1958, and now my 11-year old son is a Boy Scout. I've never had the nerve to leave the Scouts because it is where as a boy I learned to be a man," said Charles Purnell, an Eagle Scout from West Chester Pa. "I've attended all six jamborees at A.P. Hill, and I've brought my son with me each time. The assistance and the kind gestures we get from service members is appreciated. It is good for my son to see professional soldiers."

Soldiers worked hard preparing for the arrival of the scouts, and now they are interacting with them as mentors and leaders.

"Soldiers have the opportunity to talk and train the scouts as they would a young soldier," Saxon said. "They also get the chance to share experiences with the older scout leaders because these scouts come from all over the nation. There are a number of international scouts here also."

Most of the mentoring of scouts will occur when they visit the Army Adventure Area and at the Merit Badge Midway booths. At the Army Adventure site, scouts can walk through and see Army



courtesy photo

More than 30,000 scouts from around the world gathered at Fort A.P. Hill for the event.

equipment and talk to the people who use it every day, Saxon said. There are also courses set up to help the scouts gain confidence and overcome certain fears, he said.

Scouts have more than 100 categories of merit badges to choose from. Soldiers that are trained in certain specialties will have the chance to train and certify the scouts for merit badges. This will show scouts that soldiers are professionals, and are skilled in technical areas, Gray said.

On a more personal level this type of interaction will show that soldiers are also part of the community, Saxon added.

"We want them to know that we are soldiers everyday, and our job is to defend the nation. However, we have families and

lives outside of the military too," Saxon said.

Secretary of the Army visited A.P. Hill July 24 and he spoke to Boy Scouts and toured the Army Adventure Area. He also met with some of the 2,000 soldiers who were supporting the event.

The 10-day event will also include a demonstration from the U.S. Army Parachute team, the Golden Knights and the U.S. Army Drill Team and entertainment from the 82nd Airborne Chorus from Fort Bragg, N.C.; the Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps from Fort Myer, Va., the 214th Band from Forces Command, Fort McPherson, Ga.; the 85th Division Band from Arlington Heights, Ill.; and the 319th Army Band from Fort Totten in Flushing, N.Y.

Rangers make switch from black to tan berets

FORT BENNING, Ga. (Army News Service) - A select group of veterans, representing rangers from every major conflict since World War II, were issued tan berets, July 26 at Fort Benning, Ga., in a private ceremony designed to usher in the donning of a new age.

Shortly afterward the 75th Ranger Regiment followed suit.

"The black beret has been the most visible symbol of rangers in the 20th century. ... (Now) the tan beret will become the most visible symbol of the rangers who will serve our nation in the 21st century," said Lt. Col. Marcus DeOliveira, the outgoing regimental adjutant.

DeOliveira said the tan beret reinvigorates the historical and spiritual linkage throughout the history of the American ranger.

"It is the color of the buckskin uniform of Roger's Rangers, the genesis of the ranger lineage. It is reminiscent of the sandy beaches of the European theater. It represents the khaki worn during the Korean and Vietnam eras, and the color of the sands of Grenada, Panama, Iraq and Mogadishu," DeOliveira said. "Tan

is the universal color that transcends all ranger operations."

Col. Ken Keen, outgoing commander of the 75th Ranger Regiment, presented a tan beret to retired Maj. Gen. Pete Spragins, the first ranger to authorize the black beret to a ranger unit, as the commander of the 10th Airborne Ranger Company in 1951.

"I'll tell you, when I heard about this decision, I didn't like it. But it is what you do that establishes your reputation, not what you wear on your head. Now it doesn't bother me a bit," said Spragins, the very first to don the tan beret.

But by and large, rangers echoed Spragins' sentiment in the hours following the veterans' ceremony, as the regiment and the Ranger Training Brigade conducted their own beret ceremonies.

"It is been said that the headgear doesn't make the ranger. It is what we do on a day-to-day basis that makes us different," said Staff Sgt. Osvaldo Martinez, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 4th Ranger Training Brigade. Col. Hazen Baron, Ranger Training Brigade commander, explained the purpose of the beret in the battalion's July 27 ceremony.

"The Army uses distinctive head gear to show that an organization performs a unique mission for the entire Army," Baron said. "It doesn't defy the Army's goal of unity. We're all in the same Army. It simply distinguishes a particular unit with a particular mission, and today, historically, the tan beret symbolizes the mission of the ranger."

The training brigade is the ranger's credential agency," Baron said. "We've graduated 50,000 Rangers since 1951. More than 14,000 are on active duty," he said. "The chief of staff has decided to award distinctive head gear to the tan beret to the rangers. It all starts here. The Army and the rangers look to us to provide role models."

As more than 2,400 soldiers from the 75th Ranger Regiment's 1st, 2nd and 3rd battalions pocketed their black berets and donned tan, Keen presented tan berets to a party of eight rangers, including the regiment's youngest, Pvt. Jeff Rea, 2nd Battalion, who celebrated his 18th birthday with the donning of the tan beret.

"It is a good birthday present. This will be a birthday I'll never forget," Rea said. "I think it is all good. This regiment will be great no matter what they wear."

Around the Army

Vietnam hero awarded Medal of Honor

WASHINGTON (Army News Service) — Retired Maj. Ed W. Freeman was awarded the Medal of Honor for his valor as a pilot in Vietnam by President George W. Bush, July 16.

More than 50 Medal of Honor recipients attended the White House ceremony. Also present were Vice President Dick Cheney, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, Army Secretary Thomas White, Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki and Sen. John McCain, as well as family, friends and fellow unit members that served with Freeman.

"This moment is well deserved and it's been long in coming," Bush said. "To be in the presence of one who has won the Medal of Honor is a privilege. To be in the room with a group of over 50 is a moment none of us will ever forget."

The memory of talking to Bush is something that Freeman said he will also hold dear. "I don't know how I expected the ceremony to be, but it exceeded any expectations I could've had," said Freeman.

"The president was so easy to talk to. My wife is named Barbara, and he told her that he was partial to that name."

On Nov. 14, 1965 Freeman spent 14.5 hours flying water and ammunition to an infantry battalion heavily engaged in a battle at Landing Zone X-Ray in the Ia Drang Valley, Republic of Vietnam.

Freeman is credited with saving more than 30 lives by providing medical evacuations.

"It was a long day. For the longest it was just a blur," Freeman said. "I didn't even know it happened on a Sunday until 20 years later. In war days don't count."

During the 14.5-hour rescue mission Freeman said they never turned off the helicopter. They refueled it while it was running, and he remembers at one point eating a half a can of beanie weenies. It was in and out all day with water, ammunition, wounded and body bags, he said.

Freeman was a pilot in Company A, 229th Assault Helicopter Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), when he volunteered to fly his helicopter through enemy fire to support the rescue mission.

"I had a tool that the Army provided me with, and that was my helicopter," Freeman said. "It's an amazing piece of equipment and with that tool I saved many lives."

Freeman, who stands 6 feet 4 inches, was two inches taller than the Army's maximum height for pilots. He said he loved what the helicopter was able to do for the Army, and just hates that he couldn't have saved more lives.

"I was a professional soldier, and I was just doing my duty," Freeman said.

However, others consider his actions going above and beyond his duties.

"He's even more than a soldier because he did more than his duty," Bush said. "He served his country and his comrades to the fullest, rising above and beyond anything the Army or the nation could have ever asked."

The Medal of Honor is not the first award

for heroism Freeman has received. The Medal of Honor is an upgrade from the Distinguished Service Cross. The initial award has been revoked because a soldier cannot receive two awards for the same action.

Freeman said he knew when he was 14 that he wanted to be a soldier.

After two years in the Navy, Freeman returned to his hometown, Neely, Miss., and finished his last year in high school. He then enlisted in the Army in 1948.

During the Korean War, he was one of 14 men out of 257 assigned to Company B, 36th Engineer Battalion to survive the initial fight for Pork Chop Hill.

After his term in Vietnam, Freeman was assigned to Mineral Wells, Texas, as a flight instructor. At the completion of that tour he retired from the Army in 1967.

Freeman said his experiences in the Army has helped him appreciate life and to value freedom. He said he has tried to instill that in his children and grandchildren.

"This nation was born under revolution and rebellion, but we grew up with freedom. That's very difficult to take away once you have it."

In 1967 at the end of Freeman's Army career, he celebrated his first retirement. He was able to celebrate another one in 1991 after retiring from the Department of Interior.

"For 20 more years I worked for the government fighting wild fires and herding wild horses — very un-risky work," Freeman said. "I retired 10 years ago with 18,000 flight hours in a heli-



copter and 8,000-plus fixed wing hours, and I haven't flown since."

These days for Freeman are filled with spending time with grandchildren, attending reunions and fishing. Freeman said he considers himself a professional grandfather.



Staring pain straight in the face

photo by Spc. Brian Murphy

Michael Wahl, a defender from Company B, 741st Military Intelligence Battalion, runs into a wall, or in this case, running back Elgin James, from Headquarters and Operation Company, 742nd Military Intelligence Battalion, during the Organizational Day flag football championship game June 22. Although Wahl came out on the losing end of this play, his team was victorious 20-7.

Around Town

Super Bowl Champion Ravens begin camp

BY SPC. BRIAN MURPHY
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Led by one of the best defenses in the history of professional football, the Ravens put Charm City back on the sports map by soundly defeating the New York Giants, 34-7 in Super Bowl XXXV January 28.

Seemingly overnight, the Ravens went from a franchise that had never had a winning record during its existence to world champions. To say that success has opened new doors for the Super Bowl champions would be a gross understatement. The cable channel, HBO, and NFL Films teamed up during training camp for what they called the first-ever sports-based reality series, *iHard Knocks*.¹

The six-week series focused on the coaches' and players' daily lives as they prepared to defend their world title. The cameras started recording the players from the moment they kissed their families and left their homes, and took the viewers through all of the rigors of an NFL training camp.

But that's not all, folks. The action is not just limited to seeing players such as wide receiver Qadry Ismail or safety Rod Woodson running drills throughout the summer, Ravens fans can look just about anywhere and find a purple-jersey clad athlete in the spotlight.

Coach Brian Billick has spent much of the off-season promoting his new book, *iCompetitive Leadership*.¹ Linebacker Ray Lewis released a new CD, appropriately entitled *iRay is War*.¹ The track *iEvery purple Sunday* from that CD will be the theme song for the Ravens' upcoming season. Defensive tackle Tony Siragusa used the Super Bowl victory as a stepping stone to get onto several late-night shows. The entire Ravens team visited President George W. Bush at the White House in June. During the visit, President Bush jokingly suggested Ravens defensive coordinator Marvin Lewis as a candidate to become a future Secretary of Defense.

With a game first-week match-up against the Chicago



photos by Spc. Brian Murphy

Last year's NFL Defensive Player of the Year and Super Bowl Most Valuable Player Ray Lewis signs autographs for fans.

Bears less than two months away, the Ravens opened training camp in front of a crowd of more than 6,000 people in Westminster, Maryland July 30.

Can't all of the extra attention from the fans and the media be detrimental to the team? The Ravens' players don't think so.

"You just have to be yourself," said Ravens tight end Shannon Sharpe. "Early on, you find yourself looking and saying 'Are they around?' But after a while, you just have to be yourself. You have to say 'If the camera wasn't here, this is what I would have said, this is what I would have done, this is what I would have eaten.' I'm not going to change my routine. I'm going to eat what I want to eat, I'm going to come when I normally come and I am going to do what I normally do. If they like it, they like it. If not, we're not trying to get ratings here. What we're trying to do is defend our title."¹

According to Ravens quarterback Elvis Grbac, it's nice to finally get that first practice of the season out of the way so all of the players can get into their routines and prepare for the upcoming season.

"Once you get into a routine, that's the most important thing," Grbac said. "You can see us making strides. We're heading in the right direction as we prepare for Chicago. Let the season unfold as it will, but as you get the first practice out of the way, you start to get back into a groove."¹

Grbac also said that the Ravens offense will be at an advantage over the rest of the league after facing the Ravens defense in drills every day.

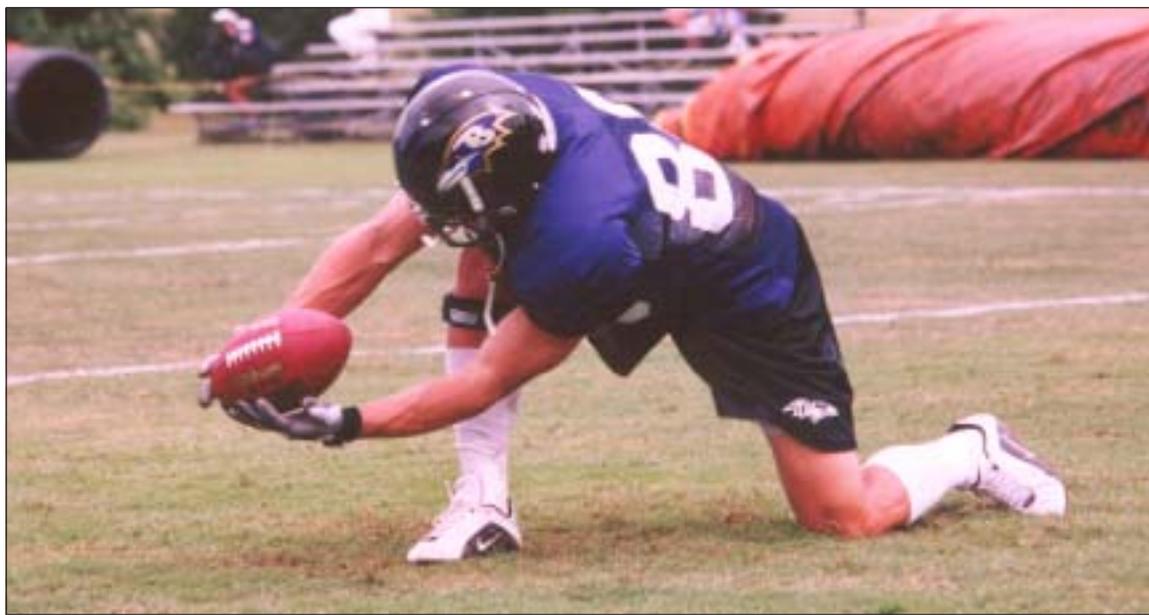
"Offensively, if we can go against the best defense in the league every day, imagine how good our offense can be," he said. "If we execute the things that we need to do up front and in our passing game, we can get better offensively. And just imagine in games when we go against a defense that's not as good as ours, we should be able to execute well."¹

Even though much has changed for the Ravens organization, one thing remains constant — the players' desire to win another Super Bowl title.

"Guys know what it takes to get to that level," Sharpe said. "Once you get to that level, anything else is unacceptable. It's not good enough to have 14 wins and not win the Super Bowl. It doesn't matter how many wins or how many losses you have, as long as at the end of the season you're the best, that's all that matters. That's what are goals."¹



Ravens defensive end Rashaun Matthews gets stretched out.



Ravens wide receiver Brandon Stokley hauls in another reception during training camp July 30.

SAFETY BRIEF

BY PATTI SHELLEY
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Native Americans warned early settlers about these poisonous plants and Captain John Smith described them in his journal, making the first



report of an allergic disease in America. Poison ivy can be found throughout the United States. In the East, Midwest and South, it grows as a vine, but in the far North and Western United States it grows as a shrub.

Poison ivy's shiny green leaves grow in groups of three. The leaf shape varies and the plant often pro-

duces yellow-green flowers and greenish white berries. Recognizing the berries can help you identify and avoid the plants in fall, winter, and early spring when leaves are not always present.

An allergic reaction to poison ivy is caused by contact with a colorless or pale yellow oil called *urushiol* that oozes from the sap of the plant. Contact happens three ways:

Direct ñ touching the oil of the toxic plant

Indirect ñ touching something to which the oil has spread ñ the oil can stick to animal fur, garden tools or sports equipment

Airborne ñ burning plants emit toxic fumes and particles that may infect our skin or lungs

Urushiol penetrates your skin within minutes after exposure. Sensitive individuals will see a streaky

rash within 12 to 48 hours. Redness and swelling will occur, often accompanied by blisters and severe itching.

About 85 percent of all people will develop an allergic reaction to poison ivy, although the first exposure may not cause any symptoms. Sensitivity varies from person to person and declines with age.

Avoidance is the best tactic for dealing with poison ivy. Wear long sleeves, pants, boots, gloves and a hat when you are in your garden or wooded areas where these poisonous leaves of three may grow. If you encounter poison ivy, try these self-care measures to prevent spreading, and relieve itching and irritation.

Wash the exposed areas thoroughly with warm water and soap. If the skin is washed immediately after exposure to the poisonous plant, a rash may not develop.

Scrub under fingernails with a brush

to prevent the urushiol from spreading by touching or scratching.

Wash exposed clothing and shoes with soap and water in a washing machine. Oils can linger on these materials for several months.

Use antihistamines to help relieve itching.

Apply drying agents, such as calamine or other lotions to ease discomfort.

Take cool baths with baking soda or oatmeal for 15 to 30 minutes to soothe itching.

If you think you have an outbreak of poison ivy on your face, genitals or more than 10 percent of your skin (about the size of your abdomen), speak with your doctor about prescription treatment options. Signs of infections, such as tenderness, redness, pus, fever and extreme itching, also can mean you need to talk to your doctor.

CIVILIAN'S CORNER

BY SAM JONES
BRIGADE SENIOR CIVILIAN

IT'S NEVER TO LATE

The Army Civilian Training Education and Development System (ACTEDS) is a Department of the Army (DA) system, whose main purpose is to provide Army managers and careerists with policy and supporting guidance for systematic, competency-based career planning and development. This system blends on-the-job training with formal education and classroom training, collaborative distance learning, developmental assignments and self-development activities.

The Army Intelligence Career Program (CP-35) in the Defense Civilian Intelligence Personnel System (DCIPS) is an expected service civilian personnel system for the DOD Intelligence Community (IC) and was formerly known in the Army as the Civilian Intelligence Personnel Management System (CIPMS). Traditionally, competency and training requirements have been documented for individual positions within the context of immediate command mission needs. Although this practice will continue in the 704th, the command intends to significantly supplement this by identifying additional (or) DA and (or) IC training and development requirements needed to sustain and improve professionalism within the command. Our objectives are:

- 1) Achieve a High Quality Workforce
- 2) Strengthen the Army's IC
- 3) Enhance Professionalism
- 4) Facilitate Supervisor/Careerist Discussion and Agreement on training.
- 5) Increase Priority of Training and Development
- 6) Improve the Work Environment.
- 7) Support Army Transformation

You might ask, "How do we enhance Professionalism? I am already a professional!" I would answer you, "With Training!" We have already started aggressively



fighting for training opportunities such as seminars on Countering Terrorism, Leadership Potential, Management of Information Technology, National Security Policy and many more. Do not however, think that it must be intelligence related in order to be a valid training requirement. There are a multitude of opportunities out there for everyone. One such opportunity is the Women's Leadership Seminar. According to the U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board, while almost half of the white-collar employees in the federal executive branch are women, only one in ten senior executives is female. The Women's Leadership Seminar provides participants in managerial positions with an opportunity to explore the issues of leadership facing women and the multi-dimensional concerns women face, specifically the choices and trade-offs that are unique to being a woman in a leadership role. This course is based on groundbreaking research into how professional women lead their lives and what factors influence their effectiveness in the work world.

Some of you might ask, "How are we going to improve the work environment?" Good question and once again I say through training with courses like Leadership for Inclusion. Leadership for inclusion focuses on the way we treat people, examining the causes and consequences of our beliefs and stereotypes about others. It explores our individual tolerance, conflict style, and acceptance of diversity. We can deliberately build a climate that supports productivity based on Quality Inclusive Treatment. Leadership for inclusion is about business and the way we include all the people that work with us in the essential business of our organization. It creates an environment that supports growth, participation and development of everyone.

In FY02 we will start an on line Individual Development Plan for all 704th civilians. In this manner, those training needs that require long term programming (i.e. funds, class seats etc.) can continually be monitored by the brigade training folks. It will be a living document allowing the command the ability to monitor training shortfalls and professional development needs.

Don't wait for someone else to fulfill your training needs. Be proactive. Talk to your supervisor. Find the courses you feel would benefit both you and the com-

mand. Don't shy away from courses offered by the Army Management Staff College. It provides graduate-level advanced professional development across functional areas such as:

- 1) Leadership, Management, and Decision Making
- 2) National Security
- 3) Military Forces and Doctrine
- 4) Force Integration
- 5) Resource Management
- 6) Acquisition and Logistics
- 7) Personnel Management
- 8) Information Management

The academic program emphasizes executive-level education over training, and focuses on enduring principles and concepts over transient or procedural activities.

If you feel that you would benefit by a more institutional approach, check out the Joint Military Intelligence College (JMIC) The JMIC is an important option for long-term education. Careerists' participation in the JMIC Postgraduate Intelligence Program, the Master of Science of Strategic Intelligence (MSSI) program, and the new Bachelor of Science in Intelligence (BSI) is highly encouraged. The MSSI program was created to strengthen intelligence as a profession, since highly qualified and educated intelligence professionals are required at the national level. The MSSI program allows selected military and civilian intelligence professionals to pursue advanced study and research in their chosen career field. The postgraduate program prepares intelligence professionals for a career in strategic intelligence. The new BSI is for highly motivated military and civilian careerists to conduct graduate level research in their chosen field of intelligence.

Don't be the guy or gal that says, "I never get any training." It is inherently your responsibility to become proficient in your area of expertise. Your profession changes constantly and you must keep abreast with ever changing technology and methods for improving your management or leadership skills. The tools and opportunities are there. Don't be left behind during these exciting times of revolutionary change.

It's never too late to learn!

Training proves Big Dogs don't drown

BY SPC. BRIAN MURPHY
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The soldiers of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 704th Military Intelligence Brigade recently conducted drown-proof training at the Gaffney Gym pool June 27.

The purpose of the training, according to Sgt. Aaron Douglass, was to give the soldiers the confidence in the use of their gear and to get some soldiers over their fear of water. The training also was added to the schedule to add some variety into the company's physical training routine.

Drown proofing, also called water survival, is based on the natural buoyancy of the human body when the lungs are filled with air.

It is intended to keep anyone alive in the water indefinitely, even a non-swimmer who is fully clothed, Douglass said.

Drown proofing saves energy for the potential drowning victim, Douglass said. It is much easier to do the steps of drown proofing for long periods of time than to stay afloat by swimming. Each diver should know drown proofing. It is an excellent way to stay afloat without a life preserver or when your life preserver is damaged.



photos by Spc. Brian Murphy

Sgt. Aaron Douglass uses Spc. Anishka Forbes to demonstrate how to relax and float during drown-proofing June 27.



Sgt. Aaron Douglass shows soldiers how to float using their pants.



Sgt. Chari Watson (left) and Spc. Cholonda Austin use their BDU pants as a flotation device.



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