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*photo by Spc. Brian Murphy*

*The Honor Guard, led by Spc. Selena Brown, Company B, 741st MI Battalion, post the colors during the Tactical Dining-In.*

# Select Honor Guard soldiers march on

BY SPC. BRIAN MURPHY
*Editor, The Voice*

They must be at the top of their game every time they perform. Even their slightest movements will be analyzed by all in attendance. Not only must each step and every movement be done to perfection, but it must be in synch with the rest of the team. Most ceremonies begin and end with them, meaning they will be the first and last impression people walk away with from the event. They are the 704th Military Intelligence Brigadeís Select Honor Guard.

Because of the high-visibility nature of the job, daily life for the 16 soldiers who make up the brigadeís Select Honor Guard equates to living under a microscope every day. Soldiers on the Guard donít get to have an ìoff day.î They canít get away with having a ìso-soî performance. If the soldier with the American flag trips and falls while marching during the posting of the colors at a ceremony, you had better believe people will notice.

None of that seems to deter the soldiers of the Select Honor Guard. Instead, they prefer to take a simple approach to their jobs.

ìIt is a lot of work,îsaid Staff Sgt. Eric Manthei, NCOIC, Select Honor Guard. ìIt seems like we always have an event going on. I have simple goals for my soldiers ñ look good; do things right and donít be too critical of yourself. Everybody makes mistakes, we just canít make as many.î

Being part of the Select Honor Guard does have its challenges. For starters, each of the soldiers has a full-time job in addition to being with the Guard.

ìSome section supervisors give their soldiers time off to do the ceremonies, others do not,î Manthei said. ìMy soldiers work an eight-hour work day and then go from there to do a ceremony or practice during their off time.î

The Select Honor Guard practices twice a week, with typical practices covering drill and ceremony (with both M16 and M14 rifles) for an hour and a half. That helps the soldiers to keep sharp for events, such as changes of command, full-honor funerals, posting of the colors and dining-ins.

All of the practice pays off though.

ìI get many opportunities to see the Honor Guard at work,î said Capt. Paul Kirschbaum, commander, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 704th Military Intelligence Brigade. ìEvery time they go out, they put in one hundred percent effort to make the event as successful as possible. They represent the brigade and the Army extremely well, and always make a positive impression on those who see them perform. These are, by far, some of the best soldiers in the brigade.î

Being a part of the Honor Guard is something each soldier should set as a goal for himself, according to Manthei.

ìIt is a very honorable duty,î Manthei said. ìHonor Guard soldiers get to participate in events that ninety-nine percent of the soldiers usually only watch. We are the soldiers you constantly see in the newspaper and on television. If you are looking to get recognition the Honor Guard is the place to get it.î

Soldiers interested in becoming a member of the Select Honor Guard can contact Manthei at 677-0465.

# 743rd soldiers ëon targetí during training

BY SPC. AIMEE HANNAH
*743rd Military Intelligence Battalion*

It was a sleepy crowd that gathered for the 743rd Military Intelligence Battalionís training day May 10. In a unit where the majority of soldiers work in various rotating shifts, planning a training day such as this can be an intimidating task. Add to that a small post without a good place to ìPlay Armyî and you have a managerial nightmare.

There were twelve different tasks that needed to be tested plus a two-hour Consideration of Others Program session.

ì We initially wanted to incorporate all of the tasks into one big scenario,î said Sgt. 1st Class Lawrence Hoke, platoon sergeant, Company B and noncommissioned officer in charge of the training day. ìWith the limited resources and the number of people we had to test, that just wasnít feasible.î What the trainers finally did come up with was a system of five stations covering everything from first aid to land navigation.

Most of the tasks were located inside a building that the National Guard graciously lent to the 743rd MI Battalion for the day. The rest of the tasks were located in a large grassy area nearby. The soldiers from Charlie and Delta crews and approximately half of the day workers met at 6 a.m. for two hours of COOP training led by Sgt. Rebekah James, communications signal analyst, 743rd MI Battalion. The topic was Prevention of Sexual Harassment and it wasnít long before everyone was wide awake. James showed several movie clips and then broke everyone into small groups to discuss the topic of sexual harassment.

After the COOP session was over Hoke divided the group into five teams and assigned a team leader to each group. Each group was set to start at a different station, and rotate every hour. The skill level two tasks, such as movement by squad were tested as the soldiers moved between stations, giving the NCOs a chance to test at the same time as their teams. Soldiers were motivated as they prepared to test at each station, offering each other encouragement and a little good-natured teasing. Team leaders reviewed each topic with their group before they went in to test.

courtesy photo

*743rd MI Battalion soldiers practice reacting to direct and indirect fire during the battalionís training day May 10. The soldiers were tested on a total of 12 different tasks ranging from reacting to direct fire to evaluating a casualty.*

ìJust remember Ranger Bad Boys Seldom Fly By Helicopters,î Sgt. Eloy Ramos, D Crew, offered his group as they prepared to test at the First Aid station. ìResponse, Breathing, Bleeding, Shock, Fractures, Burns, and Head Injury. Itís easier to remember that way. î

By lunchtime the teams were about halfway through the stations and more than ready to eat. Lt. Col. Mark Quantock, commander, 743rd MI Battalion, addressed the soldiers as they filled up on sandwiches, sodas, and chips. Quantock praised everyone on the improvement of the battalionís physical training scores. He also reviewed his new policy letter and reminded everyone of the dangers of drinking and driving.

Bill Unger, education representative from Fort Carson, spoke to the soldiers next. Unger covered a myriad of educational topics including education benefits and tuition assistance. The final event during lunchtime was the awarding of the ëRun for Your Lifeí program patches. Patches were awarded to individuals running a total of fifty to five hundred miles.

After lunch, it was back to work with each team returning to the stations they had left. Team Four was the last to test at the Map Reading station. Before taking the thirty-question written test, Staff Sgt. Ken Hutchinson, aerospace data facility manpower supervisor, gave his team a quick review of intersection and resection.

Once inside the map testing room Team Four settled down to the task at hand. When Staff Sgt. Shawn Hill, D Crew, gave the ten-minute warning several people looked up in surprise. A few people rushed to complete the last questions. The team was all smiles as they realized they had all passed the map-reading test.

The 743rd MI Battalion showed once again that with a little hard work and ingenuity we can complete the mission and have a little fun at the same time!

## Upcoming Events

*The 704th Military Intelligence Brigadeís Organizational Day is scheduled for June 22 at Burba Lake beginning at 9:30 a.m. All brigade members and their families will have the opportunity to enjoy food, fun, games and entertainment. Be sure to mark it on your calendar.*

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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.

# MAC flights: militaryís best kept secrets

BY CAPT. PAUL KIRSCHBAUM
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Although the military offers many benefits to service members, the one I consider most valuable is access to military airlift, or MAC flights.

The Military Airlift Command (MAC), or Air Mobility Command as it is now known, transports personnel and equipment across the United States and around the world. They also will transport service members on a ìspace-availableî basis to many garden-spots that you might not expect the military to fly to.

I, myself, have used MAC to fly to Hawaii, Samoa, Australia, Germany, Italy and Spain. The best part is, these flights cost less than $15 round trip! However, there are a few things you need to know about MAC travel before you take off, so keep reading.

The most important part of any MAC trip comes long before the flight takes off. First you need to determine where there are MAC flights near you. Here at Fort Meade, we have many options to choose from, including Baltimore-Washington International, Norfolk Naval Base (Virginia), Dover Airbase (Delaware), and Andrews Air Force Base. To determine where these locations can take you, go to Military.com and look under travel. You will be surprised at how many locations MAC services.

Next, you need to get a schedule of flights so that you can plan your leave to maximum effect. Call the AMC terminal and ask them to fax you a schedule using the numbers I have included below. Once you know the schedule, you can sign up for leave. I recommend starting leave at least two days before you want to fly since you have to be on leave to get on the list for a flight. As stated previously, these flights are ìspace-available,î meaning that you only get on if there are enough seats for personnel on orders and equipment in addition to you. I have found that this is largely determined by the time of year you travel; March to April and September to October are nice times to travel and the flights are mostly empty. So, once you have your leave papers signed, fax them to the terminal and they will put you on the list as of the first day of your leave. The longer you are on the list, the better your chance of getting on. Now that you are on the list, make sure that you call the terminal a day or two prior to the flight to ensure that nothing has changed. As with all things in the military, everything is subject to last minute changes!

Now comes the exciting part of riding free on military airlift: actually getting on the flight. You have to show up to the terminal the day of the flight several hours before take-off. The terminal can tell you what the ìshow timeî for your flight is, and I recommend showing up at least two hours prior to make sure you are on the list and to try to find out how many seats are ìspace-available.î Once show time starts, the terminal personnel first call for personnel on orders and environmental leave, and then they begin working through the list of soldiers on regular leave. This is why the earlier you can sign up, the better your chance of getting on. With a little luck, you will be called and will check your luggage, pay about $12 to fly to Europe, and get your ticket. Many flights are on commercial 747s, and some are on C5s or even C141s. Obviously, the 747 is preferred. Your flight may pass through several stops before it gets you to where you want to go, but this too is part of the excitement of traveling MAC. I never would have seen Samoa in the Pacific or the Azores in the Atlantic without a necessary fuel stop. Eventually you will get to your destination, and this is a critical part: sign up for your return flight as soon as you get to the terminal! This puts you back on the list for your trip back home, so you accrue time and a higher spot on the list while you vacation. Now the work is done, and it is time to enjoy your trip!

Although this process may sound long and painful, it is easy after the first time. A little research before you start will save you a lot of hassle, and you canít beat the price! I have been able to backpack all over Europe only because of this little used military benefit, and travel has since become my favorite hobby.

A few more pieces of advice: take a buddy or two with you (travel is that much more fun, and safer also); make sure that you take plenty of leave and check on return flight schedules before you go; make sure you have enough money to buy a return flight if everything really goes south (I have had to do this in the summertime); finally, take full advantage of military shopping and billeting during your travels, you can save a lot of money over buying on the economy.

In conclusion, if travel is your thing and you donít mind a little uncertainty, then MAC travel is for you.

This is a great opportunity to see the world on your terms and save big bucks in the process. You can jet around the globe for practically nothing, and experience other cultures and lands firsthand. You will also have some stories to tell if you travel long enough. I hope this information helps some of you to get our there and explore the best benefit of service that your recruiter never told you about: FREE TRAVEL ADVENTURE!

# Be an ethical traveler: know and obey the rules

BY CAPT. ALEC L. BLAKELEY
*Comptroller, 704th Military Intelligence Brigade*

Everyone likes to make a little extra money now and then ñ sure, why not? Going on Temporary Duty Assignment (TDY) for official government business can present an opportunity for the traveler to pocket some extra money.

If government meals are not available, you are often authorized a meal per diem, usually either $28 or $40. If you are frugal with your expenditures on meals, it is possible that the per diem you receive from your reimbursement claim will be more than your cost of meals. You get to keep the difference and it is fine for you to do this.

However, the traveler must exercise the Army core value of integrity and remember one extremely important fact. Do not try to get added money by falsifying your claim for reimbursement form (DD1351-2) in any manner. Itís just not worth it. If you knowingly record any erroneous or false information on this form, you are subject to severe disciplinary action. Careers have been destroyed over such small dollar amounts that it would shock you. Suffice it to say that your integrity is worth much more to you that the ìextra money.î Play it smart ñ do it right.

Another important point surrounding government travel is that you are expected to exercise fiscal responsibility during the course of your travels on official business. That is, you should act as if the money you were spending was really your own money and thus spend as little as possible to complete your required mission. This is the standard that you should strive to uphold when traveling:

ìA person traveling on official business is expected to exercise the same care in incurring expenses that a prudent person exercises if traveling on personal business.î ó during May INSCOM Video Teleconference.

In some regards it really is your money and the money of your fellow taxpayers. The money that everyone pays for annual taxes is placed in the government treasury, and then allocated to government programs, such as the Department of Defense. Those funds are further allotted to the Army, and finally to specific units such as the 704th Military Intelligence Brigade. Not only are you saving the government money, but the less money you expend during your temporary duty trip, the more funds the brigade has remaining to utilize in fulfilling its other mission requirements.

Adherence to the two main points above will keep you on the straight and narrow path of integrity in the conduct of your official government travel.

More information on ethics questions as they relate to official travel can be found in the Joint Ethics Regulation (DoD 5500.7) which is online at: http://www.defenselink.mil/dodgc/defense_ethics/ethics_regulation/index.html.

*photo by Spc. Brian Murphy*

## Soldier of the Quarter honored

*Spc. Dante Salazar, Company B, 741st MI Battalion, was recognized as the 704th MI Brigadeís soldier of the quarter by John Christy from Mid Atlantic Financial Services during a ceremony at Bldg. 9805 May 2.*

# History has never been this fun

BY SPC. BRIAN MURPHY
*Editor, The Voice*

Not everything happens as it appears in the movies. Sure, some movies such as ìSaving Private Ryanî can accurately portray moments throughout time, but movie buffs would be foolish to believe they know everything there is to know about the military after watching ìFull Metal Jacketî or ìPlatoon.î There is more to learn about the Revolutionary War than Mel Gibsonís characterís retribution on the officer who killed his two sons in the movie ìThe Patriot.î

Maybe that is why more than 40 soldiers, officers and family members from the 704th Military Intelligence Brigade gathered at McGlachlin Field for a Civil War Living History Demonstration May 10.

The demonstration was arranged through 1st Lt. Matthew Schumacher and his father, Lester, who are both a part of a reenactment organization in Pennsylvania. Each of the five individuals who came to give the demonstration was dressed in uniforms from the Civil War Era. For example, Kris Johnson participated in the demonstration dressed as an infantryman, complete with the gear and weapons he would have been required to carry with him.

Those soldiers, officers and family members in attendance left with a better understanding of how things really were ìback in the day. î

ìThere is a lot that people donít know about the Civil War,î said Lester Schumacher during the demonstration. ìBecause of the way the war was, it was basically neighbors fighting against each other. It wasnít uncommon for a soldier to invite an ëenemyí soldier across the lines at night to talk with.î

photos by Spc. Brian Murphy

*Six-year old John David Knight looks at a display of books and weapons during a Civil War class at McGlachlin Field. The Civil War display belonged to Lester Schumacher and 1st Lt. Matthew Schumacher, who put the event together.*

The Living History Demonstration was planned as an education opportunity to remind todayís soldiers about what the soldiers of the past went through.

ìThis was a great opportunity for us to learn about our soldiersí legacy,î said Capt. Ira E. Mikesell, commander, Company B, 741st Military Intelligence Battalion. ìThe intent was to better understand how a Civil War soldier dressed, what type of firearms he used and how he conducted himself in the infantry and cavalry. The Living History demonstration enabled the participants to visualize more accurately how the soldiers fought and the conditions they fought under.

ìThe demonstration gave me a greater appreciation for the conditions that soldiers fought under; for example, the lack of medical support by todayís standards, as well as, the lack of adequate shoes and clothing,î Mikesell said. ìSoldiers should take pride in the heritage of the Army soldier.

ìIt is interesting to realize that a noncommissioned officer of today could potentially trace their drill instructor that trained them to that drill instructorís drill instructor and so on. The lineage can go back just four or five generations to a drill instructor who actually fought during the Civil War,î Mikesell said.

*Lester Schumacher (left) gives todayís soldiers a better understanding of what soldiers went through during the Civil War era during the Living History Demonstration May 10.*

*Lester Schumacher demonstrates how unreliable the weapons from the Civil War era were, as his weapon misfired.*

# Marine Silent Drill team invades post

photos by Spc. Brian Murphy

*As part of Armed Forces week, the Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon, out of the Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C., performed their unique precision drill exhibition May 16.*

*Members of the Silent Drill Platoon exchange weapons.*

BY SPC. BRIAN MURPHY
*Editor, The Voice*

The Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon performed for the service members and family members of Fort Meade at McGlachlin Field May 16.

The 27-man rifle platoon has become legendary throughout the military for their performances during their unique precision drill exhibition.

During the exhibition, the Marines execute a series of calculated drill movements and precise handling of their hand-polished 10 pound M-1 Garand rifles with fixed bayonets. Their routine climaxes with a rifle inspection involving elaborate rifle spins and tosses.

Each of the Marines in the Silent Drill Platoon are selected from the Schools of Infantry located in Camp Pendleton, Calif., and Camp Lejeune, N.C. Once selected, the Marines are assigned to Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C., to serve a two-year ceremonial tour. In addition to the year-round ceremonies, the Marines also serve as infantrymen.

The Silent Drill Platoon first performed in 1948 and received such an overwhelming response that it soon became part of the routine parades at Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C.

*In addition to the Silent Drill Platoon, the U.S. Marine Drum and Bugle Corps also performed for the local crowd.*

# Enlisted soldiers go tactical for Dining-in

*photos by Spc. Brian Murphy*

*Staff Sgt. David Ayres, known as Mr. Vice during the Tactical Dining-in, low crawls to the grog bowl after being sent to the grog bowl by Command Sgt. Maj. Randy Wilson.*

BY SPC. BRIAN MURPHY
*Editor, The Voice*

It was like being in the field without having to eat the awful food Ö or having to actually sleep out there Ö or having to wear a kevlar and carry an M16. Oh, and you could drink beer.

Soldiers have never had as much fun ìin the fieldî as the more than 300 enlisted soldiers from the 704th Military Intelligence Brigade did during the Tactical Dining-in at the Fort Meade Festival Tent May 11.

ìI had a ball,î said Staff Sgt. David Ayres, who played ìMr. Viceî during the evening. ìLike everyone else at the Tactical Dining-in, I just wanted to have some fun that night. I just hope everyone else managed to have as much fun that evening as I did.î

Other soldiers looked to the Tactical Dining-in as an excellent opportunity for soldiers throughout the unit to come together and to have a good time.

ìThe most memorable part of the evening for me was seeing all of the enlisted soldiers coming together in a social environment and truly have fun while learning about some of the Armyís traditions,î said Command Sgt. Maj. Randy Wilson, president of the mess. ìDining-ins date back to the Roman times, and were originally for the officers corps. We decided to use that concept for our enlisted soldiers.î

Between the grog-bowl ceremony, unit skits and 1st Sgt. Scott Walter consistently interrupting the event to order pizzas, there was hardly a dull moment throughout the evening.

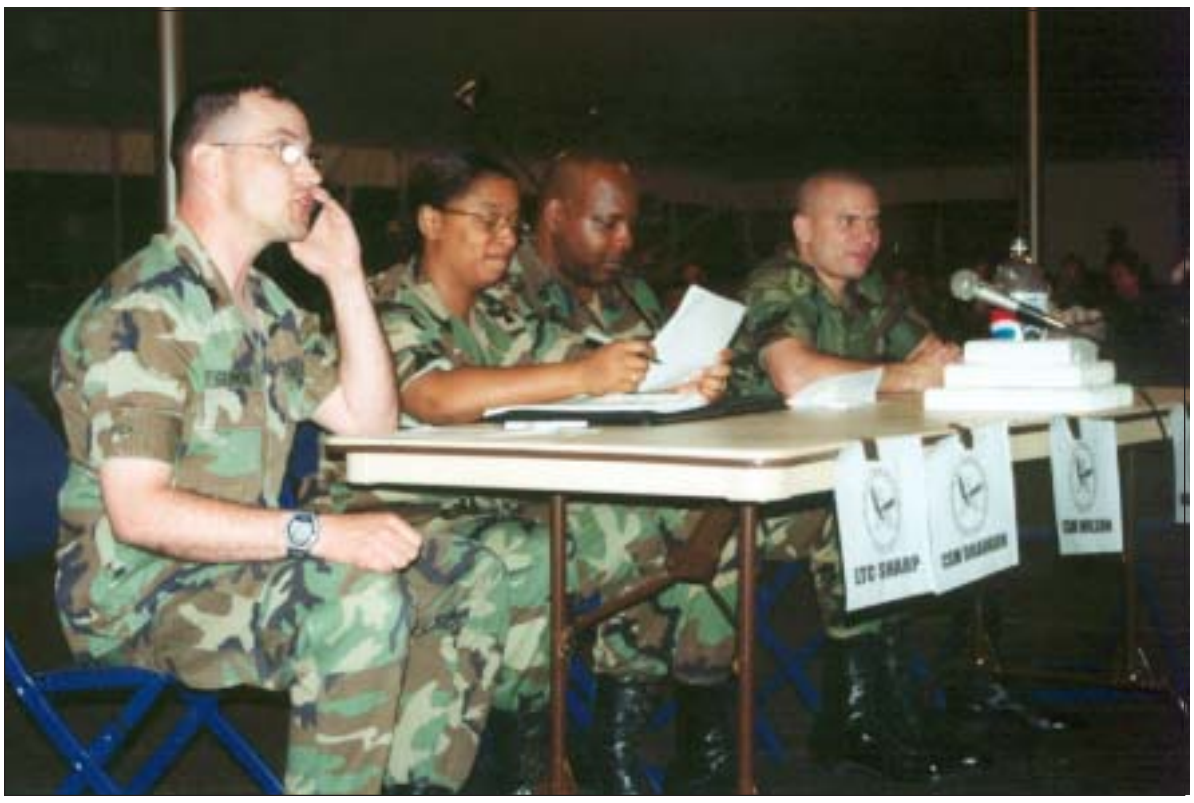
One of the other highlights from the night involved ìMr. Viceî low-crawling to the grog bowl for breaking one of the Rules of the Mess.

ìI volunteered for the position,î Ayres said. ìMy wife says I like to be the center of attention. This was only my second dining-in, but after seeing what my job would be as ëMr. Viceí I figured it would be a lot of fun. The part of the night when I low-crawled to the grog bowl was the most memorable part of the Dining-in for me.î

Everyone had a good time and unlike actual time in the field, no one was stuck pulling guard duty.

*A soldier reports to the Command Sgt. Maj. Randy Wilson, president of the mess, and his distinguished visitors during the Dining-in.*

*First Sgt. Scott Walter, first sergeant, Company B, 742nd Military Intelligence Battalion, interrupted the Tactical Dining-in numerous times when he opted to order pizza.*



*(From left to right) Staff Sgt. Ronnie Guimond, Spc. Raitisha Spencer, Staff Sgt. Roosevelt Pollard and Sgt. Jonathan Reed perform Company A, 742nd Military Intelligence Battalion's skit during the Dining-in.*

*First Sgt. Robert Cook, first sergeant, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 704th Military Intelligence Brigade, adds ìVX Nerve Agent smuggled out of the Chemical Weapons Destruction Facility on Johnston Atollî to the grog bowl during the brigade's Tactical Dining-in at the Fest Tent May 11. According to Cook, the liquid was deadly to mere mortals. Fortunately for most of the soldiers in attendance, they didn't have to see if he was telling the truth. The only soldiers who drank from the grog bowl were those who were sent by Command Sgt. Maj. Randy Wilson, the president of the mess.*

# Rules of the Mess

**There will be NO**:

1. Untimely arrival to the procedures
2. Haggling over date of rank
3. Improperly rolled sleeves
4. Loud and obtrusive remarks in a foreign language
5. Improper toasting procedures
6. Leaving the dining room without permission of the President of the Mess
7. Foul language
8. Toasting with uncharged glass
9. Wearing un-shined boots
10. Rising to applause any particularly witty, succinct, sarcastic, or relevant toasts, except when following the example of the President of the Mess
11. Haggling over penalties or fines
12. One rap of the gavel-take seats
    Two raps- rise and stand
    Three raps- quiet-all attention
13. The President of the Mess is always right

## Around the Army

# More installations to get new ID card

WASHINGTON (Army News Service, May 14) ó Following more than six months of beta testing at several Department of Defense locations, including four Army installations, the new Common Access Card is set to expand to more posts in coming months.

In the next two months, the following Army installations and organizations will begin issuing the CAC: Fort Monmouth, N.J.; Fort Meade, Md.; Somerset-National Guard, N.J.; Tobyhanna, Pa.; 352nd Civil Affairs Command-Reserve, Md.; Fort Hamilton, N.Y.; Fort Detrick, Md.; and Fort Myer, Va.

Designed to capitalize on ìsmartî card technology, according to Army officials, the CAC will eventually replace the standard military identification card, DD Form 2, for active-duty and selected Reserve component service members, DoD civilians and some contractors across all services. Retirees and military family members will continue to use DD Form 2, 1173 or 1173-1 as appropriate.

In addition to the privileges and access the DD Form 2 currently permits, such as entrance to the commissary, post exchange, MWR facilities and military medical services, the CAC will allow users to log onto DoD computer networks and systems, digitally sign and encrypt e-mail and is eventually intended to allow keyless entry into equipped DoD buildings and controlled spaces, according to program officials.

The white plastic CAC uses an embedded 32-kilobyte integrated circuit chip, magnetic stripe and two bar codes to store user information. ìThat information can be easily used to automate many of the ways the Army goes about garrison business,î said Dr. Linda S. Dean, director of the Armyís Electronic Commerce Office.

Dean gave the example of hospital records checkout as one way the CAC could cut back on manual labor. ìInstead of standing in line and then physically signing a roster to get records, why not just swipe the CAC through a digital reader?,î she asked. Another example she gave was using the card at the local Transportation Motor Pool to check out vehicles.

Fielding the CAC to the Army beta test sites of Fort Eustis, Va.; U.S. Army Europe in Heidelberg and Mannheim, Germany; and Yongson Army Garrison, Korea, has not been without its challenges. One of the biggest problems, according to Dean, has been the lack of recognition of the card as a valid military ID.

ìNot all the folks at the installations where the cards have been issued have seen it yet,î Dean said. ìPeople have gone to the post and had problems getting in because the card wasnít recognized. We are currently in the middle of a PR campaign to correct that.î

The time difference between Germany and the United States and the less than 24-hour assistance support at the U.S. issuance portal, along with fixing several software problems, slowed CAC issue in Germany ó only 11 as of April 20. Yongson has not issued any CACs due to the DoD Public Key Infrastructure policy which prohibits non-U.S. citizens from issuing required public key certificates which are part of the CAC issuance process.

ìThe purpose of beta testing, currently underway, is to identify issues before implementation,î Dean said. ìThe issues found in Germany and Korea should be fully resolved this month. However, a total of 597 cards have been successfully issued at the Armyís beta test sites.î

Future CAC capabilities may include an embedded antenna which would allow a flash pass in proximity to a reader to relay the information rather than inserting it into a reader. Other uses may include supporting mobilization and deployment readiness processing and embedding a biometric such as a fingerprint or iris scan which would supplement or even eliminate the need for a Personal Identification Number when logging on a DoD computer network with the use of the card.

Fielding of the CAC to all Army installations will continue through July 2002.

# Eight posts, six divisions to get new commanders

WASHINGTON (Army News Service) - New assignments announced by Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki include changes of command for eight installations and six divisions.

The posts to receive a new commander later this year include Fort Rucker, Ala.; Fort Knox, Ky.; Fort Stewart, Ga.; Fort Carson, Colo.; Fort Riley, Kan.; Fort Sill, Okla.; Fort Monmouth, N.J., and Fort Drum, N.Y. In addition, First U.S. Army at Fort Gillem, Ga., and the U.S. Army Signal Command at Fort Huachuca, Ariz., will also change hands.

In other personnel announcements, the chiefs of the Army Reserve and Army National Guard were nominated for a third star in an upgrade of those positions to lieutenant general.

Lt Gen. Joseph M. Cosumano Jr. accepted his third star and assumed command of the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command and the U.S. Army Space Command April 30 in ceremonies at the organizationís headquarters in Arlington, Va.

Consumano in his new position will oversee the job of providing space-based information such as intelligence, communications, weather, and terrain mapping for the Armyís ground forces. SMDC also is the Army command supporting the ground-based National Missile Defense program. Major elements of SMDC are located in Huntsville, Ala.; Colorado Springs, Colo.; White Sands, N.M., and U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll in the Marshall Islands.

In other recent assignments, Shinseki announced new positions for the following officers:

Maj. Gen. John M. Curran, from assistant chief of staff for Operations, Regional Command South, Naples, Italy, to commanding general, United States Army Aviation Center and Fort Rucker, Fort Rucker, Ala., with a report date to be determined.

Maj. Gen. R. Steven Whitcomb, from assistant chief of staff, C-3/J-3, United Nations Command/Combined Forces Command/United States Forces Korea/ deputy commanding general, Eighth United States Army, Korea, to commanding general, United States Army Armor Center and Fort Knox, Fort Knox, Ken., with a report date to be determined.

Brig. Gen. (Promotable) Buford C. Blount III, from program manager, Saudi Arabian National Guard Modernization Program, Saudia Arabia to commanding general, 3d Infantry Division (Mechanized), Fort Stewart, Ga., with a report date to be determined.

Brig. Gen. (Promotable) Franklin L. Hagenbeck, from deputy director J-33 (Current Operations), the Joint Staff, Washington, D.C., to commanding general, 10th Mountain Division (Light) and Fort Drum, Fort Drum, N.Y., with a report date to be determined.

Maj. Gen. Steven W. Boutelle, from program executive officer, Command, Control and Communication Systems, Fort Monmouth, N.J., to director of Programs and Architecture, Office of the Director for Information Systems for Command, Control, Communications and Computers, United States Army, Washington, D.C., with a report date to be determined.

Maj. Gen. William H. Russ, from commanding general, United States Army Signal Command, Fort Huachuca, Ariz., to commanding general, United States Army Communications-Electronics Command and Fort Monmouth, Fort Monmouth, N.J., with a report date to be determined.

Brig. Gen. Eldon A. Bargewell, from assistant chief of staff for Military Operations SFOR (Sarajevo), Joint Headquarters Centre, Allied Command Europe to director, Center for Operations, Plans and Policy, United States Special Operations Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., with a report date to be determined.

Brig. Gen. James C. Hylton, from director of Programs and Architecture, Office of the Director of Information Systems for Command, Control, Communications and Computers, United States Army, Washington, D.C., to commanding general, United States Army Signal Command, Fort Huachuca, Arizona, with a report date to be determined.

Brig. Gen. Michael R. Mazzucchi, from deputy for Systems Acquisition, United States Army Communications-Electronics Command and Fort Monmouth, Fort Monmouth, N.J., to program executive officer, Command, Control and Communication Systems, Fort Monmouth, N.J., with a report date to be determined.

Brig. Gen. Stanley A. McChrystal, from assistant division commander (Operations), 82d Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C., to chief of staff, XVIII Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg, Fort Bragg, N.C., with a report date to be determined.

Brig. Gen. David H. Petraeus, from chief of staff, XVIII Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg, Fort Bragg, N.C., to assistant chief of staff for Military Operations SFOR (Sarajevo), Joint Headquarters Centre, Allied Command Europe with a report date to be determined.

Brig. Gen. Gregory J. Premo, from deputy director of Operations (D3), Defense Information Systems Agency, Arlington, Va., to deputy chief of staff for Information Management, United States Army Training and Doctrine Command, Fort Monroe, Va., with a report date to be determined.

Col. (Promotable) Jeffrey A. Sorenson, from assistant deputy for Systems Management and Horizontal Technology Integration, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology), Washington, D.C., to program executive officer, Army Tactical Missiles, Redstone Arsenal, Ala., with a report date to be determined.

Maj. Gen. Charles C. Campbell, from chief of staff, United States Army Europe and Seventh Army, Germany, to commanding general, 7th Infantry Division (Light) and Fort Carson, Fort Carson, Colo., with a report date to be determined.

Maj. Gen. George W. Casey, Jr., from commanding general, 1st Armored Division, United States Army Europe and Seventh Army, Germany to Commander, Joint Warfighting Center/Director, Joint Training, United States Joint Forces Command, Suffolk, Va., with a report date to be determined.

## Around the Army

# First lady visits military, lauds teachers

FORT JACKSON, S.C. (Army News Service) ó Surrounded by educators, children and soldiers, first lady Laura Bush spoke in honor of National Teacher Day and tried to recruit soldiers for the Troops-to-Teachers program during a visit Tuesday morning.

About 3,000 people gathered on the driveway and lawn in front of C.C. Pinckney Elementary School at Fort Jackson to see the first lady during a Troops-to-Teachers Rally.

ì To every teacher here I want to say ëthank youí for your hard work,î she said. ìPresident Bush and I salute you.î

Speaking to the soldiers, the first lady said she and the president also wanted to salute them. ìWe deeply appreciate the sacrifices you make for our nation,î she said.

Men and women in the military answered a call to serve their country ìin the finest Army in the world,î Bush said. As they prepare to leave the military, she asked them to turn their attention to the homefront - ìto Uncle Samís classrooms, where we need your help through the Troops-to-Teachers program.î

Established in 1994, Troops-to-Teachers helps retired service members get certified and find jobs as teachers. Since its inception, it has placed 4,000 veterans in teaching slots across the country. In South Carolina, 200 former military members have gotten teaching jobs through Troops-to-Teachers.

In the next 10 years, schools across the nation will have to hire thousands of new teachers to keep up with the growing student population, Bush said, and thatís where former military personnel could help.

ìMy husband thought I was kidding when I told him I was going to call in the military,î she said. But the first lady added that the president supports her 100 percent and also gives 100 percent support to service members interested in Troops-to-Teachers.

ìAmerican school children need you,î Bush said.

The Troops-to-Teachers program is designed to find ìthe best and the brightest to serve in our classrooms,î she said. ìYou have a sense of duty, honor and courage that our children should emulate.î

Military veterans also have expertise in hard-to-fill subjects like science, math and engineering, the first lady added.

ì We need many more excellent teachers,î she said. ìWe need more people like you.î

Because Fort Jackson is a training ground for young soldiers, those who train them are well poised for a career in education, Bush noted.

While the challenges of teaching are different from those of serving in the military, Bush said the rewards of teaching are great. ìAs a former teacher, Iím proud to add my voice.î

The president has added his support by proposing that funding for Troops-to-Teachers be increased from $3 million to $30 million in fiscal year 2002.

ìJoin Troops-to-Teachers,î Bush said, ìfor your future and for our nationís future.î

Before Bush spoke, Maj. Gen. Raymond Barrett, Fort Jackson commander, looked at the crowd and said, ìThank you for caring about the education of our youth.î

After parents, Barrett said teachers are childrenís greatest role models.

With a teacher shortage expected to affect the nationís classrooms, the commanding general said the Troops-to-Teachers program would be able to ìclose that gap.î Referring to the veterans who have already turned to a career in teaching, he said, ìThey are excelling at it.î

Barrett introduced one of those veterans, Dr. William Harner, a former Fort Jackson battalion commander who was certified through Troops-to-Teachers. Three years after leaving the military, he is the superintendent of the Greenville County, S.C., School District.

ì Weíve already heard from the Association of School Superintendents how important it is across the country to get retired military,î Bush told the Armed Forces Radio and Television Service after the rally. ìJust as there is a need for teachers, there is also a need for principals and superintendents, and a lot of retired military have already had a lot of experience managing big budgets and managing big groups of people, and thatís what superintendents and principals need to do.î

Also speaking at the rally was Tyrell Brown, a Spring Valley High School junior whose teacher Franklin Davis is a retired Army sergeant first class and Troops-to-Teachers veteran.

Brown praised his teacher, saying, ìHeís shown me heís willing to be a friend and trust me.î

After the rally, South Carolina Troops-to-Teachers Coordinator Veronica Whetsell said, ìWeíre hoping that (the first ladyís visit) will breathe new life into the program. Weíre optimistic that with Mrs. Bushís support, Congress will allocate more money for these veterans to get their training.î

Others watching the first ladyís visit thought the initiative was a good one.

ìI agree with her wholeheartedly,î said Sallie Currin, a Hood Street Elementary School teacher. ì We need the proven leadership of military personnel. Iím glad sheís here to support education.î

# Army specialist helps bring loved one back to family

**Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii ó** When Army Sgt. James T. Higgins headed off to North Korea to serve his country in 1950, his family figured heíd be back home in about a year. But one fateful night, after a deadly assault by Chinese forces, Higgins disappeared. His family was left with a devastating loss and a lot of unanswered questions.

Fifty years later, thanks in part to the efforts of the son of an Eleele, Hawaii couple, the Higgins family finally has the answers theyíve been waiting for. And their loved one is finally coming home.

Army Spec. Kylan Dela Cruz is one of the 170 military and civilian members of the U.S. Army Central Identification Laboratory-Hawaii (CILHI), an organization dedicated to finding and identifying the more than 90,000 U.S. service members like Higgins still missing in action from past wars.

Acting as modern-day sleuths, recovery teams travel to a variety of remote and often dangerous locations, ranging from the glaciers of Tibet to the tropical jungles of Papua New Guinea. On site, team members spend long days sifting through soil searching for bone fragments, aircraft wreckage and personal clothing. These artifacts, along with medical records and witness interviews, can help piece together events that may have happened 60 years ago.

Dela Cruz, a special operations medic, is a member of one of the six-person recovery teams, made up of a team leader, a noncommissioned officer in charge, an anthropologist, a mortuary affairs specialist, a medic and a photographer.

ìIíve been a medic with CILHI for three years,î said Dela Cruz, a 1983 Waimea High School graduate, who went on to earn his associates degree from Kapiolani Community College in 1990. ìItís my job to provide routine and emergency medical care to team members while on site, as well as to the indigenous people in the area.

ìOur teams arenít able to deploy without a medic,î he added. ìWeíre often in remote areas without medical facilities nearby, so itís essential to have some type of medical care available.î

But Dela Cruzís job doesnít end with his medic duties. He also assists with investigations and recovery operations. Each bone fragment and relic he uncovers is sent to the lab for analysis by scientists who use the latest technology to establish identities. So far, theyíve been very successful.

Since its inception in 1973, CILHI members have identified the remains of 933 service members: 658 from Southeast Asian battles; 20 from the Korean War; 240 from World War II; and 15 from the Cold War.

CILHI has many success stories. But with more than 90,000 individuals still missing in action, Dela Cruz and the others still have many more mysteries to solve. So each year, teams spend more than 220 days searching for clues in some of the worldís harshest environments, at risk to a host of hazards such as crime, disease and heat exhaustion.

ìMy most memorable trip was to a World War II site in South China,î Dela Cruz said. ìThe site was located on the side of a mountain, so we had to mountain climb and keep in good physical condition. It was challenging, but also incredibly rewarding since we found remains and personal effects that were later determined to be the remains of individuals from an aircraft crash.

ìAnother time, I went in with a team to Cambodia and provided humanitarian medical care to more than 1,800 Cambodians,î he added. ìTheir ailments ranged from common colds and fevers to gunshot and shrapnel wounds. That really helped me brush up on my medical skills.î

Is it worth the risk? Dela Cruz believes it is.

ìThere are a lot of service members still missing in action who sacrificed their lives for this country,î he said. ìItís incredibly rewarding to play a part in bringing them home again, and in helping to give their families a sense of closure.î

Thousands of soldiers like Higgins sacrificed their lives for this country on foreign soil. But thanks in part to people like Dela Cruz, one by one theyíre coming home.

Around Town

# View from Oriole Park at Camden Yards

*photos by Spc. Brian Murphy*

*Oriole Park at Camden Yards opened April 6, 1992. The retro-styled ballpark, with a maximum capacity of 48,262, has inspired numerous other cities to duplicate its feel.*

COMMENTARY BY **SPC. BRIAN MURPHY**
*Editor, The Voice*

Since the Baltimore Orioles are playing more like an expansion team than one of the model franchises in baseball, this piece will be devoted to their wonderful state-of-the-art ballpark, Oriole Park at Camden Yards.

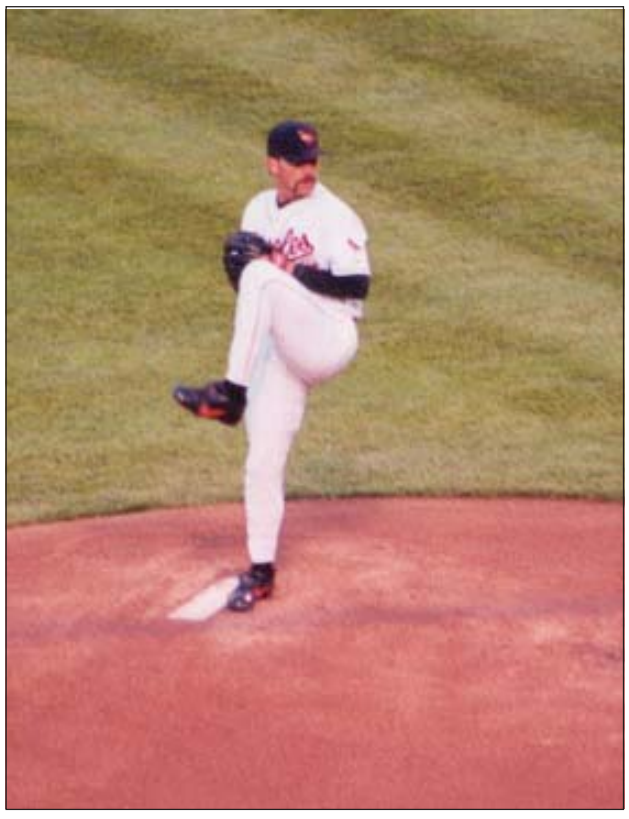
The Oís, who consistently competed with the New York Yankees and Cleveland Indians throughout the 90ís as one of the best teams in the American League, havenít won a meaningful game in almost four years. The worst part is - it doesnít look like their fortune, or winning percentage, will change any time soon. The Orioles purged their roster of expensive underachievers last year, and instead have chosen to go with one of the youngest clubs in the sport of baseball. Instead of an all-star caliber line-up with names such as Mike Mussina, Kevin Brown, Rafael Palmeiro and Robbie Alomar, we see names like Chris Richard, Jerry Hairston Jr. and Ryan Kohlmeier. Buy a media guide when you come to the park, youíll need it.

Rather than focus on the Oís woes, weíre selling you, the reader, on the ballpark.

Camden was officially opened April 6, 1992. But you couldnít tell from looking at it. It has that ìField of Dreamsî kind of feel to it. When you see it, you think ìthis is where baseball should be played.î

The former railroad center is about 10 minutes west by foot from the cityís Inner Harbor and only two blocks from the birthplace of baseballís legendary hero, George Herman ìBabeî Ruth. Ruthís father operated Ruthís Cafe on the ground floor of the family residence located at Conway Street and Little Paca, now center field at Oriole Park.

Oriole Park is state-of-the-art yet unique, traditional and intimate in design. It blends with the urban context of downtown Baltimore while taking its image from baseball parks built in the early 20th century. Camden Yards is a canít miss ballpark.



*Orioles ace Pat Hentgen winds up for the pitch.*

*With runners on the corners, the Baltimore batters try to do some damage to Bartolo Colon and the Cleveland Indians.*

# Safety Brief

BY PATTI SHELLEY
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**Boating Safety**

Never use a bumper hitch to pull your boat. The hitch should be rated for the load youíll be pulling, and fastened securely to the tow vehicle frame. This will minimize trailer sway and separation. Make certain the coupler on the trailer matches the size of the ball on the hitch. A two inch coupler will fit easily over a one and seven-eights inch all, but youíll run the risk that the coupler will disengage itself from the ball when you hit a bump. The tongue weight of the loaded trailer should be seven to 10 percent of the combined weight of the boat and the trailer. If itís less than that you run a good chance of sway while towing. If itís more then that, the tow vehicle will drag its tail, making your headlights point skyward.

Check out the trailer manufacturerís load capacity. Stay below 90% of the recommended load capacity to allow room from the weight to fuel, gear, anchors, lines, and other items youíll be toting with you. Most trailer-boaters donít pay nearly as much attention to their trailer as they do to their boat. If you have brakes on your trailer, check the brake fluid level periodically. Have your bearings inspected annually, and packed or replaced when necessary. And at least once a year, tighten all bolts and other trailer hardware. Cross the safety chains under the trailer tongue before hooking them to your hitch or frame. If the tongue disengages in transit, it will drop down on the crossed-chain ìcradleî, and may keep the tongue from dipping to the roadway.

When launching a sailboat, always be aware of overhead obstructions (tree limbs, power cables, light post extensions, etc.) The secret to hassle-free launching of your boat is practice, practice, practice. Every boat, trailer, and tow vehicle will have performed a bit differently than any other, so visit the launch ramp when itís not busy and practice turning, backing, unloading, and loading.

A good trick to backing your trailer is to place your hand at the bottom of the steering wheel of the tow vehicle. If you move your hand to the right, the back of the rig will swing to the right. Move your hand to the left, you bring the back of your trailer to the left.

**Boats and Equipments**

Call your nearest Coast Guard Auxiliary or Power Squadron unit and ask them for a free, comprehensive Vessel Safety Check. Theyíll look over all your equipment to make sure that you meet State and Federal safety requirements, and give you lots of good ideas on how to be a safer boater. There are different boats for different folks! Choose the right boat for what you plan to do on the water. Some boats can provide utility for many purposes. Pontoon boats, for example, can serve as a swim platform, a stage from which to fish, and a spacious deck for small family gatherings. Some can even pull water-skiiers. So find the right kind of boat, and youíll enjoy boating the way you want to enjoy it.

A refereeís whistleÖ one that depends on a moving ìpeaî to operate, is no good if filled or partially filled with water. Therefore, if you intend to use a whistle to satisfy the requirements for a ìsound producing deviceî, purchase one that doesnít depend upon moving parts. There are several on the market, and they are very inexpensive.

Manufacturers of boats build seats into the boats for people to sit in. The gunwales (side of the boat), the deck without rail, and the tops of the seats were not designed for sitting on. In most jurisdictions, it is against the law to sit on the tops of the seats or gunwales, and for good reason. A wake from another boat, waves, or sudden turns of the boat could easily result in a man overboard. If that happens to be the operator of the boat, itís even more dangerous. So sit ìin the seatsî, not on them.

Always carry some sort of alternative ìde-watering deviceî on board your boat. An electric bilge pump is fine, but only if you have electric power. Many times a damaged boat, taking on water, has lost itís electrical power. A good back-up is a portable, lightweight, PVC handpump. But, a bucket, an ice chest, an emptied toolbox, or anything else that can be used to bail can make the difference between sinking and staying afloat.

# Civilianís Corner

BY SAM JONES
*BRIGADE SENIOR CIVILIAN*

**Civilian Foreign Language Proficiency Pay still uncertain**

The Department of Defense has legislated for the last 10 years, which would permit a civilian FLPP for those in the Intelligence Community. The National Security Agency and DIA have had programs for some time - NSA a lot longer than DIA, but none of the Services have programs. In the past, there have been several factors that have shortstopped efforts in the Army to develop a civilian FLPP. Those factors are: overall cost of the program; unclear cost-benefit for the program and, until recently, inequality with the Military program. (The civilian program would have paid two to three times more than the military.) The military has parity now. An Army FLPP program may be developed for civilians either in response to a formal request by a major command, based on a clearly articulated need, or by direction of OSD. No MACOM has officially requested civilian FLPP. OSD intends to expand their language program to civilians but they are not aware of any specific commitment or established milestones for a FLPP. Some of the cost/benefit issues have been: what other programs will be cut to pay for this new incentive; what languages are really required by position; what languages truly require FLPP to ensure acquisition and maintenance of the required competency; are civilians in intelligence really available and willing to be detailed away from their primary positions for emergencies/deployments; etc. More to follow as information becomes available.

**Playing the new Thrift Savings Plan**

The following information is from an article written by Mr. Brian Friel in the Government Executive. Just an excerpt, however very smart words. ìRISK & REWARDî. ìTrying to anticipate the ups and downs of the market, an Army civilian employee transferred his entire $200,000 federal Thrift Savings Plan account balance between funds more than seven times in 1998, rolling it in and out of the C Fund, which invests in stocks. During times he thought the market would be down, he took refuge in either the F Fund, which invests in bonds, or the G Fund, which invests in safe government securities. Financial planners would have warned against it. But nevertheless, this man rolled the dice - and he beat the market. He bested the C Fundís 1998 return - 26 - percent - by seven points, raking in a 33 percent increase in his TSP account balance. Using similar tactics the year before, he boosted his account by 50 percent, while the C Fund went up just 33 percent.

But the game is not as kind to everyone. A 41-year-old Postal Service high roller tried the same moves and wound up a loser. After moving his entire balance several times during the year, he lost 5 percent of his $40,000 nest egg in 1998. Thrift plan officials certainly donít encourage market timing. In fact, they donít give any advice to the 2.3 million employees participating in the plan. In any case, hard-core market timers are a rare breed in the federal workforce. Most TSP participants pick an investment strategy and stick to it. The 1998 study of investment behavior that revealed the two market-timing junkies also found that only 155 of the more than 2 million investors regularly engaged in market timing, shifting their money between the G and C Funds at least eight times during the year.

But if more federal workers wanted to guess the marketís moves and play with their retirement funds, nobody would stop them. After all, itís their money. Thatís the advantage of the TSP and other similar retirement plans - they allow investors more control over their funds. But with the responsibility comes more risk, especially given the roller-coaster stock market of recent months. Even investors who follow financial plannersí advice have to assume risk in the TSP - risk that older workers under the Civil Service Retirement System, who are guaranteed pensions of as much as 80 percent of salary, do not have to take. But with risk comes the potential for greater reward.

This month, TSP investors will get the opportunity to risk even more in the hope of greater rewards. They will get two new action-packed stock investment options, a chance to stash even more money in their accounts each year and the power to change their investment choices whenever they want to. In addition, new federal employees will be able to open TSP accounts as soon as theyíre hired, and participants can move money from previous employersí 401K plans and some other retirement accounts into their TSP accounts. These changes come just five months before the TSP opens up to the nearly 2.5 million members of the uniformed services.

A movement is afoot, with President Bushís endorsement, to provide the 150 million Americans who pay into Social Security - including 1 million federal employees in the Federal Employees Retirement System - with the option to invest some of their Social Security Taxes in some version of the Thrift Savings Plan.î

Bottom line folks, Play it smart in the new Thrift Savings Plan.

# Tuskegee Airmen visit the 704th

BY SPC. BRIAN MURPHY
*Editor, The Voice*

The soldiers of the 704th Military Intelligence Brigade knew they were a part of something special, as they were treated to a visit from 13 of the Tuskegee Airmen at Bldg. 9805 May 15.

The Tuskegee Airmen were able to squeeze in the hour-long visit to the brigade prior to a luncheon held in their honor at the Friedman Auditorium at the National Security Agency.

ìI was really thrilled and excited,î said Col. Deborah J. Beckworth, brigade commander, 704th MI Brigade. ìIt is not every day that we get to host such a prestigious group of Americans.î

The Tuskegee Airmenís visit was very informal. All of the soldiers in attendance had the opportunity to speak with the Airmen in a one-on-one environment. Many of the soldiers asked the Tuskegee Airmen for their autographs and brought cameras, to have their photos taken with the historic figures.

ìThis was very enjoyable for us,î said Bill Holton, historian for the Tuskegee Airmen. ìWe look forward to any time we can be around the service members from todayís military. î

photos by Spc. Brian Murphy

*The historic Tuskegee Airmen visited with soldiers from the 704th Military Intelligence Brigade May 15.*

Having the opportunity to talk with the Tuskegee Airmen gave many of the soldiers from the 704th MI Brigade a new perspective on serving in the military during the World War II era.

ìI realized that each of these gentlemen and all the other Tuskegee Airmen overcame tremendous odds and overwhelming prejudice,î Beckworth said. ìBut all of them were willing to put their life on the line for freedom and their country. That is an amazing thing. I also noticed how each of them stayed physically and mentally fit over the years. I guess all that physical training they experienced under the tutelage of Mr. Ira Owens, gave them a personal desire to stay fit ... even after departing the military. î

The Tuskegee Airmen are servicemen of the U.S. Army Air Forces, who trained at Tuskegee Army Air Field in Alabama during World War II. They constituted the first African-American flying unit in the U.S. military.

In response to pressure from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the media, and others, the War Department formed the all-black 99th Pursuit Squadron of the U.S. Army Air Corps (later the U.S. Army Air Forces) in January 1941. The squadron was established as a place for the airmen to train using single-engine planes at the segregated Tuskegee Army Air Field at Tuskegee, Ala.

ìThe military always studies the past,î Beckworth said. ìWe grow and learn from previous successes and failures. By looking at the past, we can better plan for the future and hopefully not make the same mistakes. Having the opportunity to learn first-hand from the Tuskegee Airmen, was a wonderful opportunity. I hope we can host them again.î

*Before the visit concluded, Beckworth presented Charles E. McGee (sitting) and the rest of the Tuskegee Airmen with a 704th MI Brigade shirt, mug and hat.*

# VISION STATEMENT

704th Military Intelligence Brigade

HERE AND EVERYWHERE

**Be the premier Army team providing full-spectrum signals intelligence and operational support to warfighters and national command authorities ì*HERE AND EVERYWHERE*.î**