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photo by Spc. Brian Murphy

Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Dorman applies camouflage to Spc. Jason Broome's face prior to the NCO Induction ceremony.

## Brigade welcomes new NCOs

BY SPC. BRIAN MURPHY  
Editor, The Voice

The 704th Military Intelligence Brigade welcomed 14 of the Army's newest noncommissioned officers during an NCO Induction ceremony June 17.

After signing a document, each of the newly promoted soldiers were officially inducted as noncommissioned officers. The entire room then recited the NCO Creed together.

After attending a recent 704th MI Brigade soldier of the month board, Spc. Jason Broome was pulled to the side by Command Sgt. Maj. Susan Naplachowski, sergeant major, 742nd MI Battalion.

"She told me that she was impressed with me and that she wanted me to be a part of the NCO Induction

ceremony," Broome said.

During the ceremony, Broome marched to the front of the stage where Command Sgt. Maj. Randy Wilson, sergeant major, 704th MI Brigade, and the rest of the sergeants major were sitting. Broome then recited the Soldier's Request to the

up."

Another highlight of the ceremony was when Wilson hand selected the next NCO to carry his esteemed coin on their person at all times until the next NCO Induction ceremony.

Wilson selected Sgt. Marcus Battle, the youngest of the 16 newly inducted NCOs.

During the next month, any soldier in the brigade can challenge Battle to prove that he has the coin in his possession. If, for any reason, he fails to produce the coin, Battle can be dropped for push-ups.

Some soldiers, looking to gain any advantage possible,

waited until Battle was on the field playing flag football during the brigade's Organizational Day to "coin" him. No luck though - he had it in his baseball cap.



newly inducted NCOs.

"I was extremely nervous," Broome said afterwards. "I knew the entire request, I just wanted to make sure I got through it without messing

# Not goodbye, but until we meet again

BY COL. DEBORAH J. BECKWORTH  
704TH MI BRIGADE

Wow! I can't believe that two years of brigade command are nearly over. It's been a truly rewarding and humbling experience for me in the best of my entire Army career. I can never even come close to thanking you enough in the soldiers, civilians, families, and friends of the 704th Military Intelligence Brigade - for your untiring support, utmost confidence, ultimate enthusiasm, tremendous dedication, total loyalty, and selfless service over the past two years. You've met every established goal, exceeded beyond every mission task, and responded effortlessly to every world crisis imaginable. When I took command, I challenged the brigade to write a new chapter in the history of the unit. Well, you've certainly done that in more ways than you could ever imagine.

It all began with the revision of the Brigade's Vision, Mission, and Mission Essential Task List in an attempt to develop an overall strategic plan for the brigade. Leaders and key staff members across the brigade realized that the brigade needed to change to fall in line with National Security Agency and Army transformation and to re-examine and maximize the use of personnel resources across the more than 80 missions we support across the unit. With hard work, imagination, and cooperation, we developed the best plan across all the INSCOM Major Support Commands and have done more to move the brigade into the 21st Century than anyone could have dreamed. This effort is not over. It will continue long after my departure. Keep up the effort and continue to make the 704th MI Brigade a viable, critical, and major contributor to intelligence operations around the world. Stay on top of the momentum that's there and I know you'll continue to be the premier SIGINT unit of the U.S. Army.

Along with transforming, you excelled at mission support, leader development, retention, technical training, tactical training, language training, physical training, competitive sports, morale support activities, equal opportunity/consideration of others training, spiritual welfare, and soldier support. All these things are tough to even get accomplished here, let alone reach excellence, especially when coupled with the 24x7 nature of our business here at Fort Meade and our other sites around the world. My hat is off to the company commanders, first sergeants, platoon sergeants, squad leaders, and battalion leadership for figuring out how to make all this happen and to all you soldiers for following their direction, supporting them, and doing it!

Command Sgt. Maj. Randy Wilson and I couldn't be any prouder of what you've accomplished in the name of the brigade. Your reputation throughout INSCOM, the Army at large, and the combatant commands has grown tremendously and rightly so. As professionals, your support to the fight on counterterrorism is second to none and is the most responsive of any intelligence organization out there. The winning of first place in the Defense Language Institute's Annual World-Wide Language Olympics FY02, despite the mission demands, speaks volumes to the technical prowess and dedication of our linguists. Your continued strong performance at PLDC/NCOES schools speaks to you as leaders and you continue to shine as we consistently produce Soldiers and NCOs of the Year for Fort Meade Garrison and INSCOM. And last but not least, you're athletes too - winning the INSCOM Commanders Cup for three years running is not bad. I'd say so do it again this year!

I remember not long after coming into the command job, I was interviewed by the Public Affairs Office on my command philosophy and what I wanted my legacy to be. At that



courtesy photo

*Beckworth bids farewell to the 704th Military Intelligence Brigade.*

point I said that my philosophy would be centered on three things: people, mission, and training. Now reflecting over the past two years, I think we lived up to that philosophy. In response to the legacy question, well, I said that I'd have to go back to my command philosophy and just hope that I'd leave the brigade feeling like it was a better place because soldiers felt like they were being taken care of, that folks were doing their job the best way possible, and that everyone was provided opportunities for professional and personal growth. Well, I'm leav-

ing feeling that way. I really can't ask for more than that.

I feel good about our shared experiences over the past two years. I urge you to keep up the positive things going on around the brigade and to bring on the new command team with the same spirit and drive that you gave the old. Be open-minded, think to the future, and continue to grow. I wish each and every one of you nothing but success and prosperity.

God bless you, your families, our great Army, and this wonderful nation. Take care - until we meet again.



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## 704th MI Brigade Mission

The 704th Military Intelligence Brigade conducts synchronized 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.

# Reenlistment not just about soldiers

BY STAFF SGT. JOSPEH COLLINS JR.  
*Reenlistment, 742nd MI Brigade*

Why do soldiers reenlist? Is it because of the bonus money, travel or job security? I think that most soldiers reenlist because of the quality of leadership, with the potential for themselves to get promoted. Department of Defense is the only corporation that grooms its subordinates to be competent enough to take the place of its leaders.

Soldiers are committed to a greater cause than themselves, like the fight against global terrorism. Their spouses that know this, in most cases, are the driving force behind the soldier when making a decision to continue to serve. The military spouse is such a special part of retaining quality soldiers, the Department of the Army instituted a Certificate of Appreciation (COA) exclusively for the spouse. It reads; *On the occasion of the reenlistment of your spouse, I wish to extend to you my personal gratitude and appreciation of the United States Army for the assistance you have provided during the Army service of your spouse. The Army family life is a special experience with its own unique rewards and challenges. I share your pride in the contributions you have made, and I trust that you will support your spouse's decision and objectives in continuing an Army career.* This certificate is signed by the commander or the administering officer, and is on behalf of the entire Army to show that Army families are indeed special and very much appreciated.

Talking to some of the family members in the 742<sup>nd</sup> Military Intelligence Battalion, they enjoy seeing the gratifying look on their spouse's face when they stand up proudly, taking the Oath for reenlistment.

We encourage soldiers to make their reenlistment a memorable and special occasion. All soldiers who reenlist, extend under the BEAR Program, or receive letters of acceptance into special programs will receive a personal letter of thanks from the brigade commander and the brigade command sergeant major for staying with the U.S. Army. They will also receive the brigade commander's and the brigade command



*courtesy photo*

Staff Sgt. Eric James, from Company A, 742nd Military Intelligence Battalion, reenlists in front of his family.

sergeant major's coin of excellence.

On behalf of the 742<sup>nd</sup> MI Battalion Command Retention Team, Lt. Col. Stephen Stewart, Command Sgt. Maj. Susan Naplachowski, all of the company commanders and first sergeants, I just want to take this opportunity to say *thanks* to all the spouses that support your servicemember's decision to remain with *The Winning Team, the United States Army* and sustaining our *Might Through Vigilance*.

As always, special thanks to everyone for *Keeping Our Soldiers in BOOTZ!*

If you have a special article pertaining to a reen-

listment, please forward to:

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*photo by Spc. Brian Murphy*

## Saying farewell

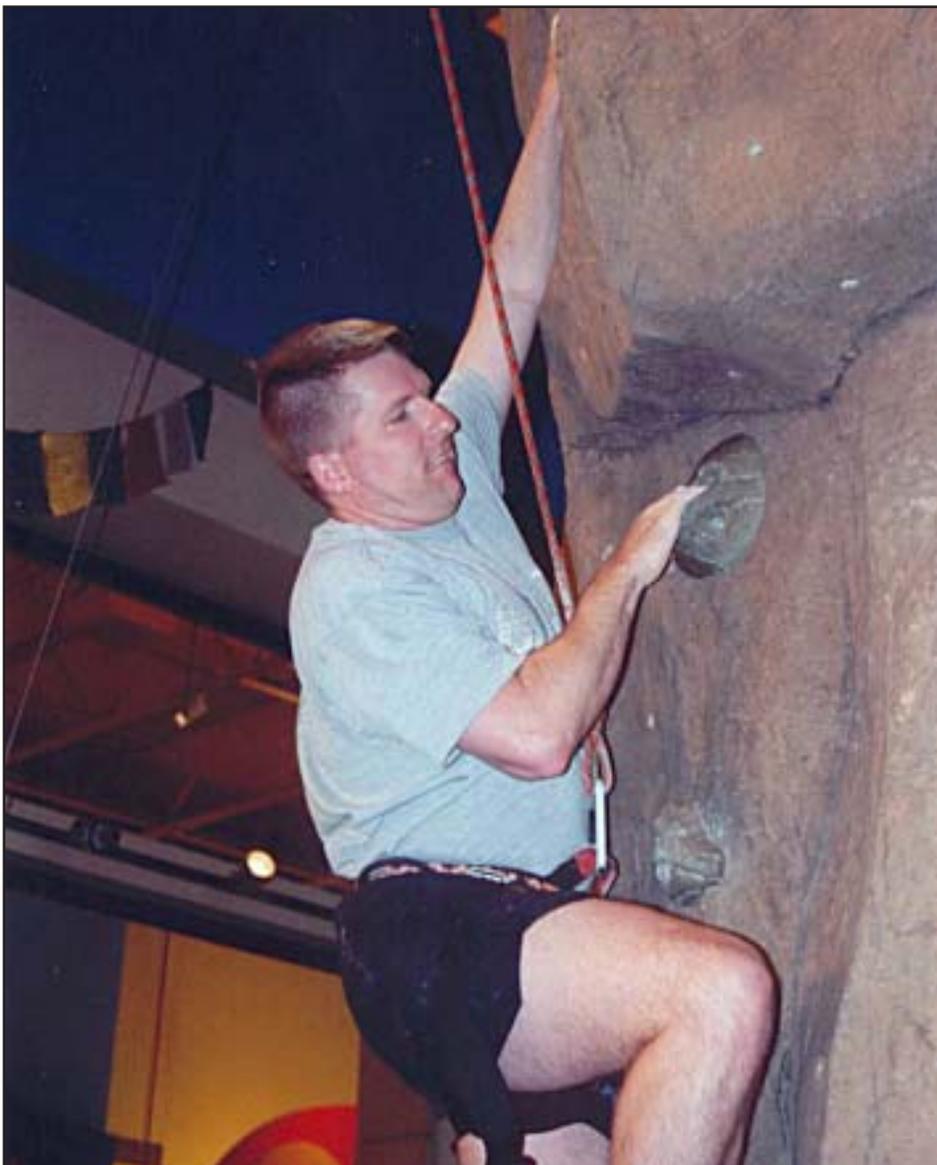
Lt. Col. Diana A. Raynor, commander, 742nd Military Intelligence Battalion presents Sgt. 1st Class Donald Origer a framed American flag during his retirement ceremony. In addition to the flag, which was flown over the National Security Agency, Origer also received a Meritorious Service Medal for his contributions to the 741st Military Intelligence Battalion and the 704th Military Intelligence Brigade.



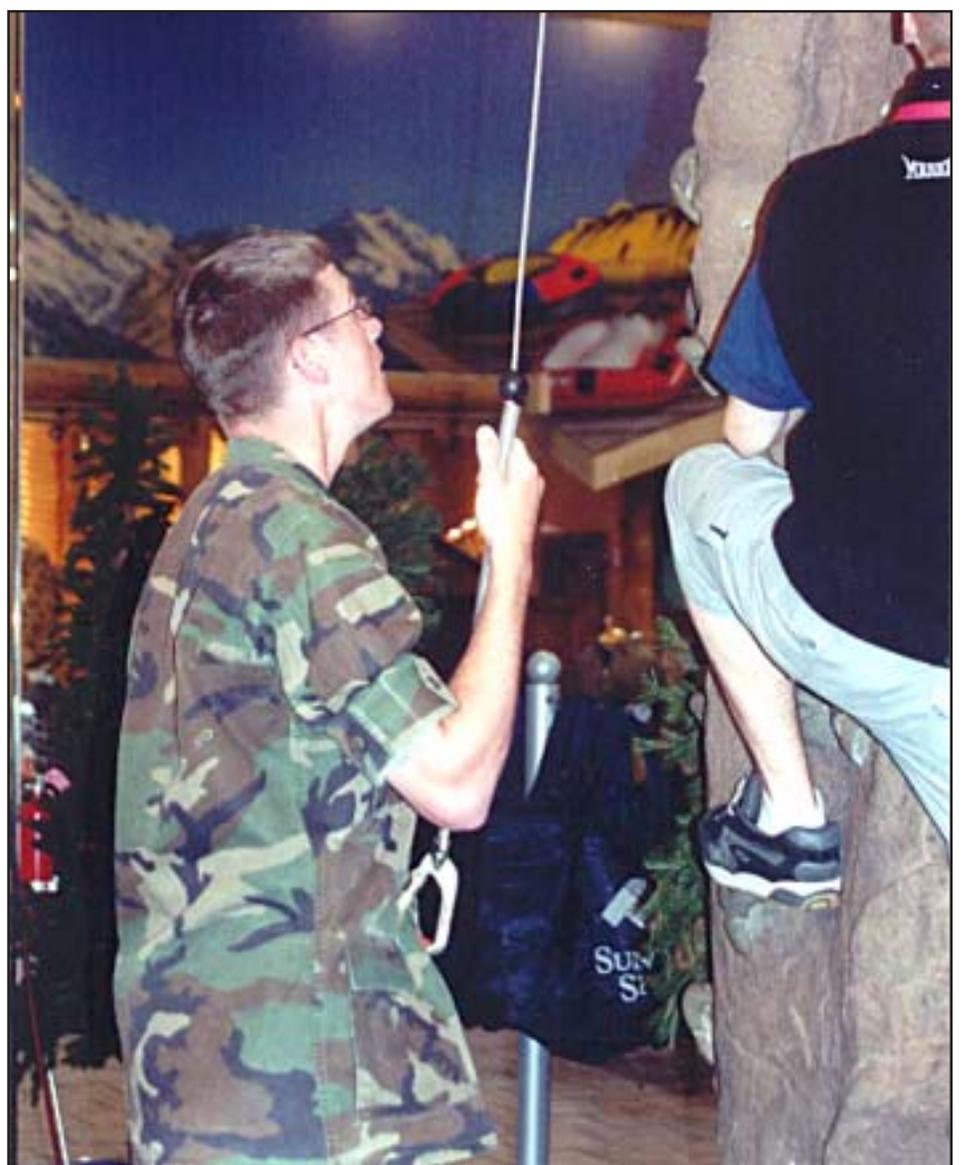
*photos by Spc. Brian Murphy*

*Instead of doing the same 'push-up, sit-up and two-mile run' physical fitness program that many companies do, Company A, 741st MI Battalion does things differently.*

## Taking physical fitness to new heights



*Capt. Robert Sholl led by example, by being the first soldier to climb the wall May 31.*



*One of the soldiers takes a look at exactly how high the wall really goes.*



comic by Mike Bochenek

## A big "thank you" to all servicemembers

BY SPC. BRIAN MURPHY  
Editor, *The Voice*

A lot of people have asked me throughout the years why I decided to enlist in the Army.

Well, simply put, I always used to look for ways to get over on the system. There was a recruiter who periodically visited our high school. Those who were interested could get an excused absence and talk with him in the library. So I waited until the day of one of our big midterms in my English class and then opted to use this loophole as a way of avoiding the test.

I sat down with him and honestly had no intentions of doing anything other than waste away the class period. He asked me what my interests were. I told him "sports mostly." Somehow using my answer, he came up with the perfect job for me — become a writer. To sell me on it he told me how the Army has writers and they can even cover the All-Army sports teams for their respective newspapers. (It's funny how I can skip an English test finding my career field, which will require me to spend the next decade using English, huh? I guess I really was a slacker.)

Never in a million years would anyone who had ever known me thought I would have joined the military. I mean, I had trouble listening to my own parents. In high school alone I made one teacher cry and cost another his job just to humor myself. Did I really think I could learn discipline, respect and other important values overnight? More than a few people

would ask that question.

I haven't always been the model soldier. But along the way I have learned how to do something I truly love — writing. I've won a few journalism awards, but more importantly I've helped to tell the Army's story and more importantly, assisted other young writers along the way.

I admit that my reasons for joining weren't exactly enough to have Hollywood executives knocking on my door for the movie rights, but that doesn't take away from the fact that I will have given seven years of my life to my country. I truly believe that every person who is courageous enough to serve, regardless of which service they choose, should be thanked. It is because of those servicemembers that we no longer need a draft just to get people to protect our nation.

One story has struck me in particular. One person wanted to serve his country so badly that he walked away from a better lifestyle than most of us could ever dream of. This is his story.

Pat Tillman was born November 6, 1976 in San Jose, Ca. He played several sports growing up and went on to be a feature player for the Arizona

State Sun Devils football team. Although he was an undersized linebacker at 5-foot-11 and 200-pounds, he was named the Pac-10's defensive player of the year in 1997. Tillman's numbers off the field might have been more impressive. He carried a 3.84 grade point average through college and graduated summa cum laude in three-and-a-half academic years with

a degree in marketing.

Tillman was then drafted in 1998 by the Arizona Cardinals. During his four NFL seasons, he has made 478 career tackles and three interceptions as a free safety. Just to prove he wasn't your average pampered superstar athlete, Tillman warmed up for last year's training camp by competing in a 70.2-mile triathlon.

This is a man who can do anything he puts his mind to. And don't think for a second those in the NFL don't know it. Last year, as an unrestricted free agent, Tillman turned down a \$9 million, five-year offer sheet from the best team on the planet — the St. Louis Rams. He ended up taking less to stay with the Cardinals for another season, a longtime NFL doormat, because he wanted to thank them for drafting him.

And you thought loyalty in professional sports was dead?

But now, at the age of 25, Tillman is going to walk away from a long-term multi-million dollar contract to enlist in the Army. Pat signed up for three years because he wants to go through boot camp and join the elite Rangers program with his younger brother, Kevin, an infielder who spent last year with the Cleveland Indians' organization. He has already publicly stated he would like to return to the NFL after his initial enlistment. His main reason for joining now was because of the military's age restriction on entry in Special Forces units.

Let me repeat this for effect — this guy turned down a \$9 million contract last year. Now he's going to be making roughly \$18,000 as a private first class. You really have to believe in the cause to make that kind of sacrifice.

This isn't a publicity stunt, like former heavyweight champ Riddick Bowe joining the Marines for a week. This is a young man who loves his country and feels an obligation within himself to protect and defend it.

While not every person wearing camouflage turned down millions of dollars, we routinely sacrifice comforts, money and time away from our loved ones to deploy when called upon. It isn't relevant whether we serve as a photojournalist, a truck driver or an infantryman. What's relevant is that we're serving at all.

And for that, let me be the first to publicly thank Pfc. Tillman and everyone else in the United States military.



*photos by Spc. Brian Murphy*  
Sgt. Jonathan Holloway, of Company B, 741st MI Battalion, takes his time in the pocket as he looks for an open receiver during a first-round flag football contest.

# OíDay returns

## 704th gathers for friendly competition

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

Some things never change.

At last year's 704th Military Intelligence Brigade Organizational Day one team stood out above the rest - Headquarters and Operations Company, 741st MI Battalion.

Then again during the Turkey Bowl one team rose to the occasion - HOC, 741st MI Battalion.

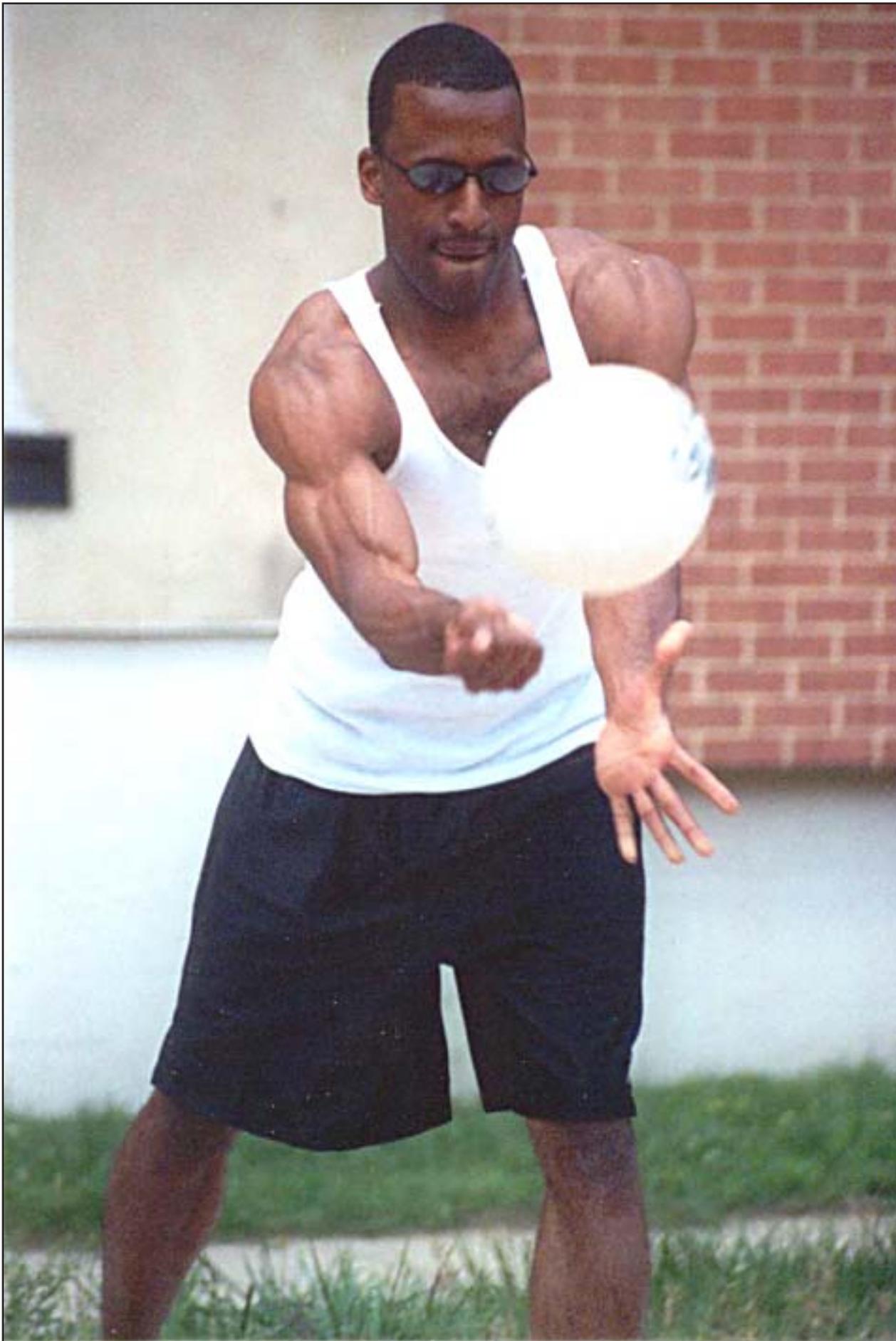
So it should have surprised no one when Col. Deborah J. Beckworth, commander, 704th MI Brigade, handed the trophy to Capt. Steven Swingle after his soldiers of HOC, 741st MI Battalion did it again at this year's OíDay June 28.

"This was just business as usual for us," said Spc. Marcus Denson, HOC, 741st MI Battalion. "We have some talented people over here. It doesn't matter which sport you want to play - we have people talented enough to win."

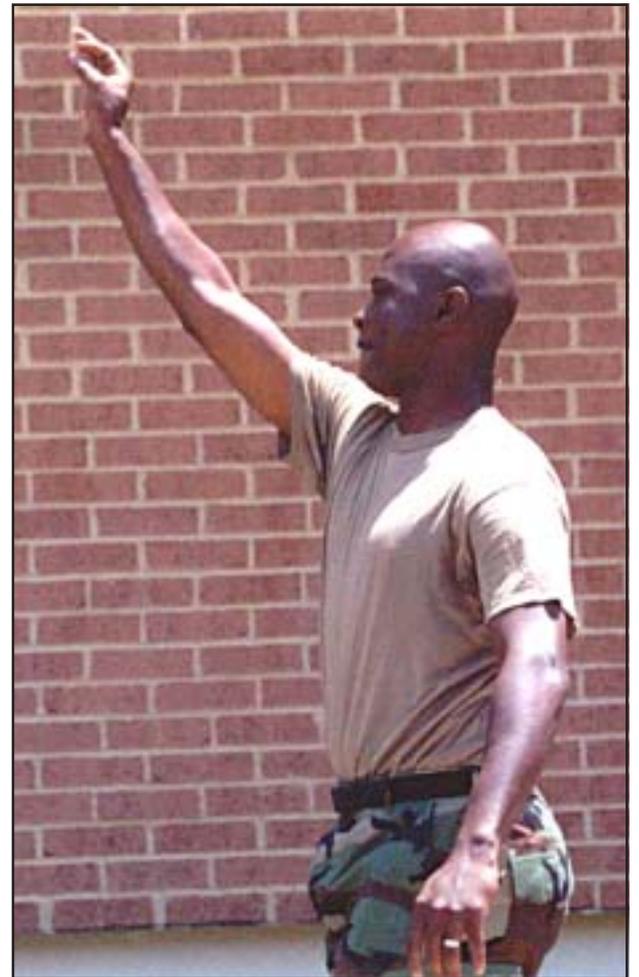
En route to capturing their second consecutive OíDay, the soldiers of HOC, 741st MI Battalion won volleyball, flag football and the tug-o-war.



*Spc. Marcus Denson does his part to ensure victory for HOC, 741st MI Battalion by anchoring during the tug-o-war finals.*



Sgt. David Philips serves the ball during HHC, 704th MI Brigade's victory over HOC, 742nd MI Battalion.



Staff Sgt. Joseph Collins Jr. tosses a horseshoe as he leads HOC, 742nd MI Battalion to a win.

## Big Winners

### Overall Winner

First Place: HOC, 741st  
 Runner-up: Company B, 741st

### Guidon Relay

First Place: Company C, 741st  
 Runner-up: HOC, 741st

### Basketball

First Place: HOC, 742nd  
 Runner-up: Company B, 741st

### Flag Football

First Place: HOC, 741st  
 Runner-up: Company C, 741st

### Horseshoes

First Place: Company B, 741st  
 Runner-up: HOC, 742nd

### Softball

First Place: Company B, 741st  
 Runner-up: HHC, 704th

### Tug-O-War

First Place: HOC, 741st  
 Runner-up: Company B, 741st

### Volleyball

First Place: HOC, 741st  
 Runner-up: Company C, 741st

## How they finished

Much like in the Olympics, winners of each event during the 704th Military Intelligence Brigade's Organizational Day were awarded points. The company with the most points overall is presented the Commander's Cup and declared the OiDay champion.

<u>Standings</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Events Won</u>	<u>Total Points Earned</u>
First Place:	HOC, 741st	volleyball, football, tug-o-war	47
Second:	Company B, 741st	softball, horseshoes	38
Third:	Company C, 741st	guidon relay	32
Fourth:	HOC, 742nd	basketball	21
Fifth:	HHC, 704th	none	19
Sixth:	Company A, 741st	none	12
Seventh:	Company A, 742nd	none	0
Eighth:	Company B, 742nd	none	0

## Around the Army

## Vietnam hero recognized posthumously



photo by Pfc. Bryan D. Kinkade

Edgar L. McWethy Jr., a medic assigned to Company B, 1st/5th Cavalry, 1st Cav. Div., received a headstone indicating his Medal-of-Honor status 35 years after his death.

FORT HOOD, Texas (Army News Service) - A Vietnam medic that provided life-saving attention to his comrades, in spite of his own wounds, was provided a full-honor military funeral ceremony June 22, 35 years after his death.

Edgar L. McWethy Jr. was assigned to Company B, 1st/5th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division, as a specialist fifth class. In the Binh Dinh Province of Vietnam on June 21, 1967, McWethy was shot four times, including once in the head. But he continued to provide medical attention to other fallen comrades.

McWethy was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions. Then he was buried near his home in Baxter Springs, Kan., with a simple ceremony and a nondescript marker. In the small rural Kansas cemetery, McWethy's grave marker was inlaid at ground level and indistinguishable from others.

On the 35th anniversary of his death, the grave marker was replaced with a headstone indicating his Medal-of-Honor status.

David Gilbreath, a Vietnam veteran and the head of the local chapter of the Northeast Oklahoma Veterans Association, raised over \$20,000 in donations for a new tombstone for McWethy.

"Specialist Edgar McWethy is one of our community's greatest heroes. He has buildings named after him here in Kansas and on numerous Army posts, so it just didn't seem right that his grave stone should be so ordinary," said Gilbreath.

Buildings named in remembrance of McWethy in-

clude two medical treatment facilities on Fort Carson, Colo.; one medical treatment facility on Fort Hood; a barracks at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.; and several government buildings in the state of Kansas.

In contrast to the memorial service given in his honor 35 years ago, soldiers from three states provided full honors for the fallen Cavalry trooper last weekend.

The 1st Cavalry Honor Guard from Fort Hood and the Northeast Oklahoma Veterans Funeral Detail both assisted in providing a 21-gun salute, taps, the raising and lowering of the flag. The Kansas Air National Guard conducted a fly-over with a UH-60 Black Hawk.

Having the military pay tribute to their lost family member was an honor for the McWethy's, they said.

"I'm proud of my son," said Edgar L. McWethy Sr. "But I would be happier if he was alive."

On the day McWethy's life was taken, he accompanied his platoon to the site of a downed helicopter. Shortly after the platoon established a defensive perimeter around the aircraft, a large enemy force attacked the position from three sides with a heavy vol-

ume of automatic weapons fire and grenades.

The platoon leader and his radio operator were wounded almost immediately, and McWethy rushed across the fire-swept area to their assistance. Although

he could not help the mortally wounded radio operator, his timely first aid enabled the platoon leader to retain command during this critical period.

Hearing a call for aid, McWethy started across the open toward the injured men, but was wounded in the head and knocked to the ground. He regained his feet and continued on but was hit again, this time in the leg. Struggling onward despite his wounds, he gained the side of his comrades and treated their injuries.

Observing another fallen rifleman lying in an exposed position raked by enemy fire, McWethy moved toward him without hesitation. Although the

enemy fire wounded him a third time, he reached his fallen companion. Though weakened and in extreme pain, McWethy gave the wounded man artificial respiration but he then suffered a fourth and fatal wound.

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David Gilbreath  
Vietnam Veteran

## Around the Army

# Army transports Stryker on C-130



photo by Sgt. Kim Dooley

A Stryker Infantry Carrier Vehicle rolls off a C-130 at Fort Irwin, Calif., after being transported there for a National Training Center exercise June 21.

FORT IRWIN, Calif. (Army News Service) — For the first time, Army and Air Force personnel successfully transported a Stryker Infantry Carrier Vehicle on a C-130H aircraft June 21 during an exercise at the National Training Center.

The joint exercise was conducted in preparation for the upcoming Army Transformation Experiment, part of Millennium Challenge '02. The experiment is scheduled to kick off at the NTC July 29 and four Strykers are to be transported there aboard a C-130.

The Stryker was loaded last week at the Barstow-Daggett Airport in Daggett, Calif., by a team of soldiers, airmen and civilian contractors, then flown to Bicycle Lake Army Airfield at the NTC.

The Stryker is a 19-ton wheeled armored vehicle with 10 different variations that can be used by the Army. These vehicles have robust armor protection, can travel at speeds of about 60 miles per hour, have parts commonality and self-recovery abilities and have a central tire inflation system. The ICV

carries a nine-man infantry squad and a crew of two and has a Remote Weapon Station with an M2 .50-caliber machine gun or MK19, 40-mm grenade launcher.

The Stryker is generally transported on the ground using trucks, officials said, or the vehicle can roll to its destination under its own power, traveling up to 62 miles per hour. C-17 or C-5 aircraft have also been used to transport the Stryker. However, a key performance parameter outlined for the new family of Strykers is that they be transportable in a C-130.

"The C-5s and C-17s are bigger, so they're a lot easier to load and unload," said Airman Brent Griffith, a load master with the 50th Airlift Squadron, Little Rock, Ark. "However, C-130s can get into smaller airfields and much more remote locations."

This capability is important, because it could enable the Army to deploy tactical aircraft and brigade-sized elements into a combat zone more rapidly than heavy forces presently deploy and with more force than light forces, said Robert Hobbs, program executive officer and

ground combat systems liaison officer at Fort Benning, Ga.

The Stryker was recently successfully loaded and unloaded from a C-130H at a National Guard base in Michigan; however, the real challenge of this exercise was to determine whether or not the aircraft could support the weight of the vehicle and its required equipment, according to Maj. Dave Crowe, Training and Doctrine systems manager.

The C-130H can safely fly carrying no more than 38,000 pounds for up to 1,000 nautical miles. The Stryker, which fit tightly into the aircraft compartment, pushed the C-130H to these limits at 36,240 pounds.

"We spent a lot of time the day before backing the vehicle in and out, conducting test runs and trying to find the best angle for getting the vehicle loaded," Griffith said. "With the width of the vehicle, there was only a matter of inches to spare on each side."

Despite the considerable challenges presented by the weight and size of the vehicle, the exercise was completed suc-

cessfully without incident.

"(The Stryker) flew better than a HMMWV," said Tech Sgt. Steven Spaid, load master with the 50th Airlift Squadron, providing further testimony to the overall success of the mission.

Although last week's exercise was conducted in preparation for Millennium Challenge, Crowe emphasized that the C-130 is not yet an approved standard method for movement of the Stryker. However, Crowe said that, based on the results of the exercise and other ongoing testing, there could be a push in the near future to employ this method of transportation on a more frequent basis.

"The goal here is to get full air certification for this method of movement," Hobbs said.

"We still have a lot of work to do with the vehicle to make the process easier and faster so that we don't have to sit on the airfield for long periods of time, but we have made great strides through this exercise, and there is no sign that there will be any issues accomplishing this mission," he said.

## Around Town



photo by Spc. Brian Murphy

Fort Meade has two separate golf courses to choose from, Applewood and Parks. But if you want to play get there early, both courses stay fairly busy throughout the summer.

# Meade golf courses

## Better, more affordable than you think

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Fort Meade offers two 18-hole championship golf courses, a spacious putting green, a practice chipping area and a new driving range. Additionally, their clubhouse features a well stocked golf pro-shop, club storage with repair service and locker rooms. The dining and lounge facilities offer a variety of good food and beverage services in a relaxed atmosphere with a great view of the courses.

For as little as \$17, local soldiers can take a swing on either the Applewood or Parks course. For those golfers who just can't keep their ball out of the rough, PGA golfer Syl Wagasky is one of the local instructors who can help.

Those interested in playing a round of golf on one of the two courses can call (301) 677-4333 for additional information.



For less than the cost of most courses throughout the state local golfers can play on the Fort Meade courses.

# SAFETY BRIEF

BY PATTI SHELLEY  
SAFETY OFFICER

It should surprise no one that the leading cause of historically, 80 percent of accidental deaths in Air Combat Command (ACC) is Private Motor Vehicle



(PMV) crashes. Our Fiscal Year 2001 (FY01) numbers were consistent with this 80-percent trend, which has been the average over the last 4 years. In FY01, 11 of the 13 fatalities or 84 percent involved PMVs. Ten of the 13 were four-wheel vehicles, one was a miscellaneous vehicle, and the other two were on-duty, involving industrial and government motor vehicles.

It seems that once people get behind the wheel of a vehicle they leave supervision, checklists, operational instructions, etc., behind. It is when they are on their own like this that disaster usually strikes. In FY01, 11 ACC Members died needlessly in traffic mishaps.

It is rare for a car crash to be so simple that it has only one cause. Most accidents are the result of a complex sequence of events that come together at a particular point in time on the scene of the mishap. The circumstances and causes may have been different in all 11 of our fatalities, but there was definitely one thing in common they were all preventable!

In practically every instance, operator error was a factor: It may have manifested itself as inattention, driving too fast, exercising poor judgment, driving under the influence of alcohol, or failure to wear seat belts. But in the final analysis, every driver could have changed his or her behavior in some manner and prevented the resulting tragedy. These airmen unfortunately lacked the necessary discipline to do this, and they paid with their lives.

So far this fiscal year, ACC has already experienced nine Class A off-duty PMV mishaps, which have resulted in 11 fatalities. Our numbers are already up, and we have not even entered the 1101 Critical Days of Summer. There are no magic formulas to get people to exercise common sense and good judgment

when they're behind the wheel. But we must try to convince them that they aren't invincible. Even though accidents can and will happen to all of us if we aren't careful, commanders and supervisors can mitigate some of them by continuing to stress the big three: speed, alcohol and seat belts.

We need to all dispel the myth that mishaps only happen to the other guy. Let's face it; there is nothing wrong with taking that long awaited summer vacation road trip or visiting your favorite beach or campsite. Just take the time to apply Personal Risk Management (PRM) to your particular situation and circumstances. What exactly does this mean? Simply put think before you act. Transfer those professional risk management principles you practice every day on the job to your personal lives this summer.

Ask yourself what could possibly go wrong and then take preventive actions where necessary. Be prepared when you do decide to take that trip to the beach, the great outdoors, or some other type of family outing. If you take your PMV, then be sure to take a good first aid kit (including sunscreen) and a road-

side emergency kit that contains flares. Proper clothing, supplies, food, water, and protective equipment will also ensure you have a happy and successful trip. Plan for things to not go exactly as planned.

Even though the focus of the 1101 Critical Days of Summer campaign is summer safety, don't neglect these practices at work. Manning is usually short this time of year due to leave schedules and a pretty high operations tempo, including deployments. Because of these factors, it may take a little longer to do the job right the first time, but make sure that you do just that. Strict compliance with technical data, checklists, and regulatory requirements is a must.

Bottom line: Do the right things, the right way, and plan safety into everything that you do. The 1101 Critical Days of Summer do not have to be our most hazardous time of year ACC's record for FY02 is in the hands of each and everyone of us. Mishaps are preventable. We all must do our part to promote safety. Do it for yourself and your family. Have an enjoyable and safe summer.

## CIVILIAN'S CORNER

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Do you want to remain competitive in your career? If so it will require you to continually improve and update your knowledge base in your career field. Reshaping and revitalizing the intelligence community's workforce is one of the Army G2's highest priorities. That means it is already time to begin planning for FY03 training and development. Here are some tips from the Competitive Development Program (CDP) taken from the DCIPS/IPMO Update no. 2002-04.



The Intelligence Personnel Management Office (IPMO) will have significantly more competitive training funds available in FY03 than it had in FY02. Supervisors and managers, military as well as civilian, are urged to review and prioritize the training and development requirements of their CP-35 careerists and ensure that the most deserving, that cannot be funded locally, be submitted for funding by the FCR CDP.

1. Where to Get Information. Career Program (CP) - 35 will fund meritorious nominations for training and development as described in the FY2002 Army Civilian available on the INTERNET at <http://cpol.army.mil/train/catalog/index.html>. Chapter 3 of that catalog contains centrally funded opportunities for Professional/Administrative Career Path DCIPS employees in CP-35 as well as for other

Army career programs, however, employees in other CPs must seek funding either locally or from their own CP's FCR. The FY2003 Catalog will come out later this summer but will change little from what CP-35 has in the FY2002 edition.

2. What Can Be Funded. CP-35 careerists may submit nominations for separate competitive consideration for one or more of the following categories:

Short-term Management or Technical Training (besides Intelligence, Security and Intelligence Related training, a careerist can also include such activities as language training); Developmental Assignments; or full or part-time University Education (also includes such activities as the Joint Military Intelligence College (JMIC) and foreign area studies programs). Careerists may propose programs that combine training and development from two or more categories. They may also request funding for just a part of their training such as just for the TDY costs.

3. New Focus on Technical Training. We are expecting to fund more short-term technical training courses in FY03. We are expecting many careerists to seek funding for courses they need to improve competencies required by either the new ACTEDS plan or by the Intelligence Community Officer Training (ICOT) curriculum. All of this training is eligible for competitive FCR funding.

4. Timely Action Required. The quicker the training and development funding request can be submitted the better. Requests will compete with all others received. All funding requests for training and development that would begin in the 1st Qtr of FY03 should reach the IPMO NLT 16 August

2002. The ADCSINT, acting as the Functional Chief Representative, will decide which get funded.

FY2003 Management Development Center Courses, paid for by the FCR, will soon be available. Recently the IPMO has sought assistance from each MACOM's Career Program Manager (CPM) to determine which Office of Personnel Management (OPM) Management Development Center Courses, at which locations and in what numbers are needed by our careerists in FY03. This information is needed now so that we (IPMO) can purchase and then market them with our careerists. Several new courses are being offered on Counterterrorism and Homeland Defense. Based on this information we will make the best selection of courses possible from OPM and then advertise those selections through later editions of this Update.

If you have questions about DA funded training, please stop by and see me.

### **Importance of Completing and Maintaining Emergency Contact Data.**

A web-based Emergency Contact Database System has now been deployed to better serve employees, their families, and the Casualty Assistance Centers in the event of another crisis. Army is well on its way to collecting emergency contact information on Army employees worldwide. Over 20,000 civilians have registered so far. The importance of having emergency data available cannot be over emphasized. The threat to our nation and to our employees has not waned since 9/11. The media provide daily reminders of the dangers that exist. We must remain vigilant as our government does all it can to safeguard each and everyone of us.



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### One last shot

(center) Col. Deborah J. Beckworth, commander, 704th Military Intelligence Brigade, and her staff gather for one last photo prior to her Change of Command July 24. Beckworth moves on to Shape in Belgium and will be chief, Intelligence Branch Shape Operations Center. Col. Marcus A. Kuiper will take over command of the 704th MI Brigade. Kuiper most recently served as the chief, Army Initiatives Group, under the deputy of chief of operations and plans G-3 in the Pentagon.



## VISION STATEMENT



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