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photo by Staff Sgt. Brent Hunt

From left, Lt. Col. Stephen Stewart, outgoing commander, 742nd Military Intelligence Battalion, 704th MI Brigade, Col. Marcus Kuiper, commander, 704th MI Brigade, and Lt. Col. Lisa Bennett, incoming commander, 742nd MI Battalion, salute to honor the nation at the 742nd MI Battalion change of command ceremony held at McGlachlin Parade Field on Fort George G. Meade, Md., Aug. 1.

Bennett assumes command of Might through Vigilance battalion

Stewart scheduled to work on Secretary of Defense staff

by Staff Sgt. Brent Hunt
Editor, *The Voice*

With the Might through Vigilance battalion lined-up and looking sharp, Lt. Col. Lisa C. Bennett took command of the 742nd Military Intelligence Battalion, 704th MI Brigade, at a change of command ceremony held at McGlachlin Parade Field on Fort George G. Meade, Md., Aug. 1.

Bennett takes command from outgoing commander Lt. Col. Stephen G. Stewart, who is scheduled to assume duties at the Pentagon on the staff of the Secretary of Defense.

"The passing of the colors is the

ultimate honor for an officer," said Marcus A. Kuiper, commander, 704th MI Brigade. "She (Bennett) went up through the ranks with mud on her boots and sweat on her brow. She has done everything she could do in her career to make it to this point."

Bennett began her military career in 1984 when she was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the MI Corps. On her first assignment in the Army, she assumed duty at the 302nd MI Battalion in Germany as a radio and teletype platoon leader, corps intelligence plans officer and an East German and Soviet air analyst.

In 1989, Bennett left Europe and was assigned with the 522nd

MI Battalion, 2nd Armored Division, Fort Hood, Texas, where she served as the battalion personnel officer and commander of Headquarters, Headquarters and Service Company (HHSC), 522nd MI Battalion. When HHSC was deactivated, Bennett set-up shop as the brigade intelligence officer for the 31st Air Defense Brigade, also located at Fort Hood.

Following her four year tour of the Army's largest post, Bennett moved on to the Department of Tactics, Intelligence and Military Science at the United States Army Intelligence Center and School in Fort Huachuca, Ariz., as the division, corps and joint tactics instructor. From there she went on — (go to command, page 12)

Commander reflects on first year of command

by Col. Marcus A. Kuiper
704th MI Brigade Commander

It seems like only yesterday that I stood before you and assumed command of this great brigade, but July marked my one year point. It has been a privilege serving as your commander these past 12 months. You truly are the finest soldiers and civilians, in the best Army in the world, persuasive in peace, invincible in war, and I am honored to be your commander. Together we are living through one of our nation's most important times in history; fighting and winning the Global War on Terrorism.



For the past 12 months I have been overwhelmed by your untiring dedication, professionalism, loyalty and outstanding spirit of teamwork. From Operation Enduring Freedom, to the recent Operation Iraqi Freedom, we've met each and every new challenge given to us, while completing each and every brigade mission to the highest standard.

We've accomplished many great things this past year, enough to fill this entire edition of *The Voice*, and I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on some of those successes.

First and foremost, the Global War on Terrorism has been at the forefront for the Army, the brigade and the National Security Agency this past year and we supported worldwide operations on a daily basis spectacularly. From sanctuary and forward deployed, we have provided continuous, hands-on support to operations, saving American and Coalition lives, eliminating enemy formations and helping hunt down those who wish us harm.

We deployed over 100 soldiers to the Central Command (CENTCOM) area of responsibility, many to Iraq, Afghanistan and

other hot spots.

Both the Army Technical Control and Analysis Element (ATCAE) and Detachment Meade moved to the forefront of this nation's fight against terrorism.

The ATCAE emphasized national-tactical integration and ensured seamless support to the warfighter through full connectivity and complete technical and tactical proficiency.

In the area of Information Operations, we have played a major role in the Army's overall IO transformation effort. Detachment Meade has trained and deployable personnel with weaponized capability that posture us at the leading edge of a new age of warfare.

At the same time, we continued to stand watch over the rest of the globe, ensuring continuous and seamless signal intelligence, information operations and information assurance support whenever and wherever needed.

“Together, we are living through one of our nation's most important times in history; fighting and winning the Global War on Terrorism.”

The brigade met or exceeded all Intelligence and Security Command (INSCOM) and Army standards across the board during each and every inspection.

The brigade moved out smartly in transforming itself to meet the challenges of the future, while simultaneously conducting combat operations, training for future operations and meeting every standard.

While the full story of what we do everyday must remain untold, do not think your efforts go

unnoticed or unappreciated. I and a grateful nation thank you.

My priorities for the second year of command should come as no surprise. First and foremost, I want to ensure we complete a smooth summer transition, as we gain two new battalion commanders and many new staff members. Summers are traditionally a time of transition, but this summer will be more hectic than most with the lifting of stop loss and stop move.

We will continue to focus our efforts on Operation Iraqi Freedom follow-through, facilitating force protection and the reconstruction of Iraq, as we continue to support forward deployed warfighters. At the same time we will not forget our brothers and sisters in arms deployed in Afghanistan, and other hot spots around the globe. We owe them our best effort and will do everything possible to see they get it.

The Global War on Terrorism is far from over – many more battles will be fought. Wherever and whenever, I expect our brigade to be prepared to provide unparalleled support.

While we do this, we can't neglect the basics. I want us to focus on weapons qualification, physical training and small unit leadership. These are simple things, but critical to keeping you alive in battle, and it is vital that we are both technically and tactically prepared. Virtually everyone in the brigade is susceptible to deploy – sometimes on very short notice- and I do not intend to send any untrained soldier into harm's way. We have, and will continue to train like we are at war.

Transformation will continue as soldiers move across the NSA to better meet the new demands of emerging threats at the tactical, strategic and operational level. We have made significant changes this past year, but many more changes need to take place to better support Army equities and core competencies.

Summer is here, but will soon be gone, so make sure you take time out to enjoy some time with friends and family. Please remember safety during all your activities.

HERE AND EVERYWHERE



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The 704th Military Intelligence Brigade's mission is to conduct 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.

It's focus is 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.

We are Here and Everywhere

Brigade soldiers complete annual training



photo by Staff Sgt. Brent Hunt

Spc. Cory Dunn, signal analyst, Reception and Holding Platoon, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 704th Military Intelligence Brigade, protects his platoon's position in Mission Oriented Protective Posture (MOPP) four after being hit by a Nuclear, Biological and Chemical (NBC) attack during Common Task Testing at Training Area C on Fort George G. Meade, Md., July 24. Soldiers from around the brigade spent two days training-up for the testing and then spent the morning of the third day testing on 18 different CTT tasks. CTT is an annual training requirement for all enlisted soldiers in the Army. The training keeps soldiers sharp on basic soldier skills and tasks ranging from protecting yourself from NBC injury and contamination with the appropriate MOPP gear to navigating from one point on the ground to another point while dismounted.

704th MI Brigade's Most Wanted

by Spc. Angela Williams
HHC, 704th MI Brigade

On June 6, 2003, (704th Military Intelligence Brigade Organization Day) an important member of our Big Dog family became missing in action, the "Big Dog" himself.

The Big Dog was last seen watching the softball game during the brigade O'Day from the top of the fence of the softball diamond and has not been seen since. He was last seen wearing a small rucksack with a black Big Dog shirt.

The Big Dog has been part of the Headquarters and Headquarters Company family for the last decade and during those years he has been on an abundance of Big Dog runs, brigade runs, etc. He has also at-



tended many events to include the brigade Noncommissioned Officer Induction Ceremony, where the Sergeant Major of the Army signed his paw. He was to be laterally promoted to corporal Big Dog as of Aug. 1, 2003.

If you have seen our big, red, furry friend or have any information on his whereabouts, please contact 1st Sgt. William Bach of HHC, 704th MI Brigade at 677-0104. No questions asked.

Justice Served

UCMJ action around 704th

The following are the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) actions within the 704th Military Intelligence Brigade from June 27 through July 25.

A private first class in Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 704th MI Brigade, received a company grade Article 15 for the following violation of Article 86: Failure to go to appointed place of duty. The soldier received a reduction to E-2 and extra duty for 14 days.

A private (E-2) in HHC, 704th MI Brigade, received a company grade Article 15 for the following violation of Article 86: Failure to go to appointed place of duty. The soldier received a reduction to E-1 (suspended until Oct. 1, 2003), extra duty for 14 days and restriction for 14 days.

A private first class in Headquarters and Operations Company, 743rd MI Battalion, received a company grade Article 15 for the following violations of Article 86 and Article 134: Failure to go to appointed place of duty and drunkenness. The soldier received reduction to E-1, forfeiture of \$268.00 pay for one month (suspended until Sept. 27, 2003) and extra duty for 14 days.

A specialist in Company C, 741st MI Battalion received a company grade Article 15 for the following violations of Article 86 and Article 92: Failure to go to appointed place of duty and dereliction of duty. The soldier received reduction to E-3, extra duty for 14 days and restriction for 14 days.

A private (E-2) in Company B, 741st MI Battalion received a company grade Article 15 for the following violation of Article 86: Failure to go to appointed place of duty. The soldier received a reduction to E-1 (suspended until Oct. 1, 2003), extra duty for 14 days and restriction for 14 days.

A sergeant in Company B, 741st MI Battalion received a summarized Article 15 for the following violation of Article 92: Dereliction of duty. The soldier received 13 days extra duty and 13 days restriction.

A specialist in Company B, 743rd MI Battalion received a company grade Article 15 for the following violation of Article 86: Failure to go to appointed place of duty. The soldier received reduction to E-3 (suspended until Jan. 10, 2004), forfeiture of \$356.00 pay, extra duty for 14 days and restriction for 14 days.



photo by Staff Sgt. Brent Hunt

One Last Salute before retirement

Ten soldiers from the 704th Military Intelligence Brigade were honored at a retirement ceremony held at McGill Hall on Fort George G. Meade, Md., July 22. From right, Staff Sgt. Terry Turnbull, Sgt. 1st Class Paul Sternburgh, Sgt. 1st Class Rodney Riebsam, Sgt. 1st Class David Hammar, Sgt. 1st Class Steven Garcia, 1st Sgt. Cynthia Wood, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Dennis Chatham, Chief Warrant Officer 3 Samuel Rhem, Chief Warrant Officer 4 Gregory Brown and Maj. Robert Seipel.

Chaplain's Corner: You've Struckout, No Problem

by Maj. David Causey
Brigade Chaplain

He is the all-time baseball strikeout champion. No, he wasn't a pitcher. Yes, he does hold the all-time record for striking out at the plate – a staggering 2,597 strikeouts!



How could such a player have gotten past his first season in 1967? Yet, he survived in the Major Leagues. In fact, this strikeout king not only survived; he flourished. He went on to hammer 563 home runs, 2,584 hits, 1,702 runs batted in, played in 14 All-Star Games and led his team to victory in five World Series.

Who was this record-holder for the most strikeouts? Reggie Jackson, who won the Most Valuable Player Award in 1973 and who holds the distinction for hitting more than 100 home runs for three separate teams each – the Oakland A's, the New York Yankees and the California Angels.

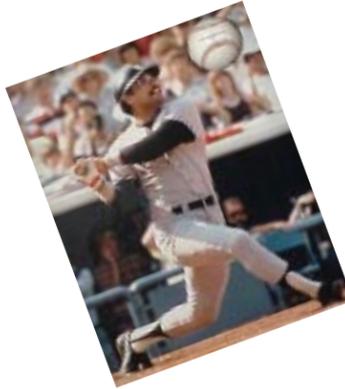
His many strikeouts only prove that a hitter takes risks when trying to hit home runs. But who remembers the strike-outs? Reggie Jackson is only remembered for his stupendous hitting and fielding, and his heroics during his many World Series games, in which he amassed ten home runs (four in four consecutive times at bat), 25 RBIs and a batting average of .357.

By the way, do you know who also once held the record for most strikeouts at bat? It was Babe Ruth who struck out a total of 1,330 times.

We all want success, but we fear failure so much that we refuse to take risks. Robert F.

Kennedy said, "Only those who dare to fail greatly, can ever achieve greatly."

The Scripture says, "Though a righteous man may fall seven times, he will rise again" (Proverbs 24:16) and "Do not gloat over me, O my enemy! Though I have fallen, I will rise. Though I sit in darkness, the Lord will be my light" (Micah 7:8).



704th Unit Ministry Team at Fort Meade "The God Squad"

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Protestant Worship Service

Cavalry Chapel, Corner of 6th Cavalry & Simmons
Sundays, 10:45 a.m.

Bible Study, Wednesdays, 7 p.m.

Pastor: Chaplain (Maj.) Dave Causey

743rd MI at Buckley Air Force Base

743rd On-Site Chaplain

Chaplain (MAJ) Bruce Kite (303) 677-6411
Mod #1, Bldg. #T-10 & Rm. 1356-A in ADF

Religious Services

Protestant

Sunday Bible Study, 9 a.m. in Mod#1, Bldg. #T-10

Sunday Worship, 10 a.m. in Mod #1, Bldg. #T-10

Singles Wednesday Bible Study, 5 p.m. in

Mod#1 Bldg. #T-10

Wednesday Bible Study in ADF, 6 p.m. in ADF

Conference Room C

Seekers "Brown Bag" Bible Study

Every Wednesday at noon in Mod #1, Bldg. #T-10

Catholic

Saturday Confession, 2:30 p.m.

in MOD #1, Bldg. #T-10

Saturday Mass, 3 p.m. in MOD #1, Bldg. #T-10

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Chaplain's Activities

704th MI Brigade Bible Study

Every Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at the 741st MI Battalion Conference Room
Free Anthony's Pizza and soft drinks, fellowship and study of the Bible.

Family Fitness Training

Hershey Park, Pa.,
Thursday, Sept. 4
No cost to soldiers and family members

Spiritual Fitness Training

White Water rafting down the Gauley River, W. Va., Oct. 2 through Oct. 4.
No cost to soldiers and family members

Brigade welcomes new Career Counselor

by Sgt. 1st Class Willene Orr
Brigade Reenlistment

There is a new member of the 704th Military Intelligence Brigade retention team. She is Staff Sgt. Latisha R. Holmes, 742nd MI Battalion career counselor, and one of her first comments upon arrival here was, "I am here to take care of soldiers because they are my life!"

In such a short time, Holmes no doubt has done just that. She brings with her an enthusiastic and high-intensity energy that has sent positive retention sparks throughout the 704th MI Brigade and the 742nd MI Battalion. She has the retention prowess that will enable her and the command teams to posture the brigade and the battalion for continued success. Holmes' reputation of taking care of soldiers has always preceded her no matter where the Army assignment train takes her.

Holmes began her Army career in the Mississippi Army National Guard in December 1993. She attended Basic and Advanced Individual Training (AIT) at Fort Jackson, S.C., where she was awarded the military occupational specialty (MOS) personnel actions specialist.

She was honorably discharged from the Mississippi Army National Guard and enlisted into the active component of the Army in July 1995.

She proceeded to complete AIT at Fort Monmouth, N.J., and was awarded the MOS chaplain assistant. She was also recognized as an honor graduate at the school.

On her way from Japan to here, Holmes attended the Basic Career Counselor course at Fort Jackson and was awarded the MOS active component career counselor. Holmes arrived at the 742nd MI Battalion on March 7, 2003, as the battalion career counselor.

Her last assignment was with the 500th MI Group at Camp Zama, Japan. There she was the group unit ministry team noncommissioned officer-in-charge. Her additional duties included: first squad leader, group retention NCO, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment retention NCO, group boss representative, Alcohol and Substance Abuse Program (ASAP) coordinator, Family Readiness Group (FRG) fundraising coordinator, combat lifesaver, group facilitator for the Consideration of Others Program (COOP) and HHD safety NCO.

Also, while in Japan, she earned the NCO of the Quarter, Volunteer of the Year award, an Associates degree in General Studies and was the only support personnel trained in the operation of the Counter Intelligence/Human Intelligence Automated Tool Set (CHATS).

Prior to her assignment in Japan, Holmes was assigned to Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., where she served as a funds clerk, training NCO and chaplain assistant at the installation chaplain office and the 3rd Brigade Chapel. Her additional duties were the unit BOSS (Better Opportunity for Single Service members) representative and the barracks NCO.

At Fort Leonard Wood, she also earned



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Staff Sgt. Latisha Holmes, career counselor for the 742nd Military Intelligence Battalion, joins the brigade retention team from the 500th MI Group out of Camp Zama, Japan.

Soldier of the Month, Soldier of the Quarter and was recognized by the installation commander for her work with the BOSS program. In addition, Holmes is trained in suicide awareness and sexual harassment.

Holmes' awards and recognitions include: the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Achievement Medal (2nd Oak Leaf Cluster), the Good Conduct Medal (2nd Award), the Army Physical Fitness (APFT) Badge, the Intelligence and Security Command (INSCOM) Commanding General Coin of Excellence and the Basic NCO Course (BNCOC) Iron Person Award.

Her immediate educational goal is to continue work towards completing her Baccalaureate in Accounting.

Her hobbies are working out, motorcycle riding and listening to music. Her personal goals are to keep a close relationship with God, have a strong family and pursue an event-coordinating business.

But, one of Holmes' greatest loves is soldiers. Her reasons for joining and staying in the Army is to lead and mentor soldiers. Holmes also says in addition to being a leader, she is also a servant to soldiers and has been since the day she came on active duty. She added she will continue to do so throughout her career.

She has an unwavering love for the Army and her job. She stands firm with her motto: "You're either in or you're out. There is no in-between!"

Holmes is a great addition to the brigade. We're glad to have her with the 704th MI Brigade retention team. We know she will achieve great exploits for our soldiers with "Might through Vigilance" while reenlisting them "Here and Everywhere!"

If you have a special article pertaining to a reenlistment, whether from a soldier or spouse perspective, please forward to Sgt. 1st Class Willene Orr at Willene.orr@us.army.mil.

As always, "It's an honor...it's an honor to serve!"

704th MI Brigade Career Counselors

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Brigade Retention



Employee Benefits:

- Brigade Coins of Excellence
- Brigade Retention Luncheon
- Reenlistment Promotional Items
- School Option for 1 or 2 semesters
- Honorable Service to Army and Nation
- 4-Day Pass on behalf of Commanders
- Best Corporate Benefits – Bar NONE!

704th Military Intelligence Brigade

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See your Career Counselor Today



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704th Military Intelligence Brigade Retention

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- Bonuses**
 - Cap remains at \$20,000.00 except for 31S - \$30,000.00/98G KP - \$40,000.00
 - No increase for remainder of FY 2003
- Options**
 - Initial termers receive all options as prescribed in AR 601-280 provided all qualifications are met
 - Mid-career receive Regular Army, Current Station and Overseas (Korea only); if MOS is overstrength, only Army Training available
- Reserve Component**
 - Option to choose your unit or go where the IRR needs you most



Tandem tackles Meade's ULTIMA board

Brigade soldiers beat out airmen, seamen and Marines to capture title

by Staff Sgt. Brent Hunt
Editor, *The Voice*

Two soldiers from the 704th Military Intelligence Brigade have been named the Ultimate (ULTIMA) Non-commissioned Officer (NCO) and Soldier of the Quarter for Fort George G. Meade, Md., during the third quarter of Fiscal Year 2003 at a ceremony held at Pershing Hall on Fort Meade, July 9.

Sgt. Maria Negron, non-morse signal analyst from Company B, 741st MI Battalion, and Spc. Jenelle Hawthorne, signal intelligence analyst from Headquarters and Operations Company, 742nd MI Battalion, captured the honors after beating out other quarterly board winners from the Navy, Air Force and Marines.

"It felt good to win, and I'm eager to compete again," said Negron. "I started studying for these boards in January. I'm able to retain a lot of information, so the first board I studied hard for about two-weeks. After that, I just refreshed my studies for every board afterwards."

Negron, a native of Los Angeles, Calif., works as a dial number recognition collection manager for the Targeting and Compliance Branch at the National Security Agency. The 704th MI Brigade is her first duty station after her arrival in 1999.

Hawthorne, a native of Raleigh, N.C., works as the training NCO for HOC, 742nd MI Battalion. The 704th MI Brigade is her first duty station, as well, after joining the brigade in 2002.

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photo by Staff Sgt. Brent Hunt

Spc. Jenelle Hawthorne, Headquarters and Operations Company, 742nd MI Battalion, has been named the Ultimate (ULTIMA) Fort George G. Meade, Md., Soldier of the Quarter for the third quarter of Fiscal Year 2003. Hawthorne, along with Sgt. Maria Negron, non-morse signal analyst, Company B, 741st MI Battalion, won the ULTIMA title by beating out airmen, seamen and Marines in a board setting to capture the title.

Alpha company activated after eight year hiatus

by Capt. Bill Zielinski
743rd MI Battalion

Soldiers of the 743rd Military Intelligence Battalion, 704th MI Brigade, proudly stood in formation to bear witness to history - the activation of Company A, on Buckley Air Force Base, Colo., June 12.

After a sharp, flawless display by the unit color guard, the new company colors were unveiled. Col. Marcus A. Kuiper, commander of the 704th MI Brigade, was on hand to pass the new colors to Lt. Col. Rick Hoehne, commander of the 743rd MI Battalion, who in turn entrusted the colors with Capt. Bill Zielinski, the new commander of Company A.

Company A was first activated on Oct. 3, 1989, as one of the two companies under the 743rd MI



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Lt. Col. Rick Hoehne, commander, 743rd Military Intelligence Battalion, 704th MI Brigade, hands the Company A, 743rd MI Battalion, colors to Capt. Bill Zielinski, commander of Company A, at Buckley Air Force Base, Colo., June 12. The company was re-activated after an eight year-hiatus.

Battalion (Provisional). When the 743rd MI Battalion's provisional

status was lifted, Oct. 3, 1990, Company A was re-designated as

Headquarters and Operations Company located at Menwith Hill Station, England. The company later deactivated Aug. 8, 1995.

Today, the mission of the new company is to support continuous worldwide signals and technically derived intelligence operations to support National, Joint and Army information superiority requirements. The soldiers of Company A are prepared to make the new company the best in the 743rd MI Battalion, because Alpha leads the way.

The new company is lead by Zielinski and 1st Sgt. Michael Henderson. Zielinski is from Wind Lake, Wis., and is accompanied by his wife, Mandi, and their two children. Henderson, a native of Gallatin, Tenn., is accompanied with his two children. This is Henderson's fifth first sergeant position.



photos by Spc. Angela Williams

From left, Command Sgt. Maj. Terrence McConnell, command sergeant major, Intelligence and Security Command (INSCOM), Col. Marcus Kuiper, commander, 704th Military Intelligence Brigade, Command Sgt. Maj. Randy Wilson, command sergeant major, 704th MI Brigade, and Brig. Gen. George Fay, acting commander, INSCOM, present the 704th MI Brigade the Commander's Cup for being the overall winner of the day's sporting events at the INSCOM Organization Day festivities, Aug. 1.

Brigade takes home Commander's Cup



Col. Marcus Kuiper, commander, 704th Military Intelligence Brigade, and Command Sgt. Maj. Randy Wilson, command sergeant major, 704th MI Brigade, give the brigade tug-of-war team some motivation to pull harder at the Intelligence and Security Command (INSCOM) Organization Day at Fort Belvoir, Va., Aug. 1. The tug-of-war team went on to place second in the tug-of-war competition.



Members of the 704th Military Intelligence Brigade get ready to hit the volleyball back at the opposing team at the Intelligence and Security Command (INSCOM) Organization Day festivities. The brigade volleyball team went on to place second in volleyball, but the brigade won the overall title to capture the Commander's Cup.

Around the Army

Schoomaker sworn in as 35th Army Chief

General Peter J. Schoomaker
35TH CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE
ARMY
Arrival Message

This afternoon I stood in the office of the Secretary of the Army and was sworn in as the 35th Chief of Staff of the Army. Thirty-four other distinguished leaders have preceded me — well-known stewards of our Army. It is a great honor to walk in their footsteps.

Twenty-three years ago I stood in another place — in the Iranian desert on a moonlit night at a place called Desert One. I keep a photo of the carnage that night to remind me that we should never confuse enthusiasm with capability. Eight of my comrades lost their lives. Those of us who survived knew grief... we knew failure... but we committed ourselves to a different future.

There were some important things we did not know about the future that night. We did not recognize that this was a watershed event... that the military services would begin a great period of renewal that continues to this day. We did not know that we were at the start of an unprecedented movement to jointness in every aspect of our military culture, structure, and operations... a movement that must continue. We also did not realize that we were in one of the opening engagements of this country's long struggle against terrorism... a struggle that would reach our homeland and become known as the Global War on Terror.

Today, our nation is at war and we are a critical part of the joint team — an Army at war. This is not a new war. Our enemies have been waging it for some time, and it will continue for the foreseeable future. As the President has stated, "This is a different kind of war against a different kind of enemy." It is a war we must win, a war for our very way of life.

War is both a physical reality and a state of mind. War is ambiguous, uncertain, and unfair. When we are at war, we must think and act differently. We become more flexible and more adaptable. We must anticipate the ultimate reality check — combat. We must win both the war and the peace. We must be prepared to question everything. What is best for the nation? What must endure? What must change?

This war has demonstrated that our soldiers, civilians, and families are up to the task. It has also provided new insights into the current operating environment. Can we sustain our high performance with our current methods of preparation? Can our Combat Training Centers better reflect the joint context in which we will fight? Are we organized for the long haul? We must answer these questions and more. We need to be mindful that the world has changed and it will never return to what we knew before. As my great friend, Dick Meadows, always said, "The



courtesy photo

Gen. Pete Schoomaker was sworn in Aug. 1 at the Pentagon as the Army's 35th Chief of Staff by The Honorable Les Brownlee, acting Secretary of the Army. President George W. Bush nominated Schoomaker in June to replace retired Gen. Eric K. Shinseki, the former Army Chief. As the Army Chief of Staff, Schoomaker will be responsible for the training, equipping, readiness and welfare of the Army. He will also serve in a dual role as a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Army ain't like it used to be... and it never was."

Sustained engagement of our Army will be the norm, not the exception. How do we man the Army in a way that provides cohesive, high performing units in this reality of continuous engagement?

Our recent combat operations reinforce the requirements for units and echelons that are flexible and tailorable. Can we balance our force structure and develop increased modularity so as to enhance our critical role in effective joint contingency operations while maintaining our campaign qualities?

We have already shown that we have innovative and adaptive leaders. But our enemies are adapting as well. Will our development programs continue to produce leaders who can meet this challenge?

Leadership and courage are easily recognized as prerequisites at the tactical level, but they are essential at the operational and strategic levels as well. Are we developing the George C. Marshalls for the new era?

The National Guard and Army Reserve are indispensable, full members of the team. Do we have the proper mix of both active and reserve units? Are we properly balanced? Is all of our structure readily accessible to meet the requirements of this and future wars?

As we transform the Army from the current force to the future force we must ask these questions and more. While some things will change, others will not.

The American soldier remains indispensable. Our soldiers are paramount and will remain the centerpiece of our thinking, our systems, and our

combat formations. As Gen. Creighton Abrams taught us, "People are not in the Army, they are the Army."

We are, have been, and will remain a values based institution. Our values will not change and they are non-negotiable. Our soldiers are warriors of character. They exemplify these values every day and are the epitome of our American spirit. They are the heart of the Army.

As long as the United States Army has existed we have transformed... and we always will. For four years under Gen. Eric Shinseki our Army has asked hard questions and made tough choices. We will continue to go where the answers to those questions take us. Our azimuth to the future is good. The Army must remain relevant and ready.

Our Army has much to be proud of. It is the preeminent land force in the world — and continues to be respected by our friends... and feared by our enemies. We set the standard. We were part of the joint team that defeated the Taliban in Afghanistan and took down a brutal regime in Iraq. Today we are deployed and conducting contingency operations at an unprecedented pace. Our soldiers, civilians, and their families set the standard every day for selfless service.

The Army continues to serve our great nation well and faithfully as it has in the past. For more than 228 years, the Army has never failed the American people, and it never will.

As an American soldier, I have never left your ranks; but it is a great privilege to wear our uniform once again.

Schoomaker

Around the Army

V Corps pilot takes unit to reunion in Kurdish hometown

SUSTAINER ARMY AIRFIELD, Iraq (V Corps News Release) – These days most would agree that becoming a Black Hawk pilot in the U.S. Army is a unique and improbable career path for someone born and raised in the mountains of northern Iraq.

Improbable, but not impossible.

Not for Chief Warrant Officer 3 Kamran Gardi of V Corps' 5th Battalion, 158th Aviation. Gardi has seen and done a lot in his 38 years. He's a veteran of two wars, a one-time Marine, a soldier and a U.S. Army Black Hawk pilot.

But it wasn't until Monday he was finally able to share some of his experiences with many of his friends and family members. That's when he returned home to the Kurdish city of Erbil for the first time in nearly three decades.

Gardi piloted one of the five UH-60 Black Hawks that carried him and more than 30 5/158th soldiers to visit the villages and people of his hometown. They were greeted by members of the Kurdistan Democratic Party who had marked off a soccer field for the helicopters to land. Taken to the KDP guest house, the soldiers were treated to a huge meal of Kurdish cuisine. The lunch, held in Gardi's honor, was attended by KDP President Marsaud Barzani, who graciously welcomed the soldiers to his homeland.

The group was also treated to a tour of the Erbil countryside; through mountains and valleys laced with trees and the only grass many of the Americans had seen in months. The crown jewel of the tour was two awe-inspiring waterfalls tucked away in the midst of the cavernous mountainside. In those valleys, numerous battles have been fought between the Kurds and the Republican Guard of Saddam Hussein. Gardi's own father fought with the KDP in some of them.

The events of the day were more than anyone expected, but as things came to a close it appeared that Gardi's family reunion might not happen. Then, suddenly, everyone was there — grandma, nieces, nephews, friends, cousins. The street was filled with cars and smiling people. For so long this day had only been happening in Gardi's imagination, and now, his homecoming was a reality.

Greetings turned into hugs, hugs met with kisses, kisses with smiles and smiles turned to traces of tears of joy as the emotions of nearly 30 years began to take hold of the 38 year-old pilot.

"This is something that we've been wanting to do since we got out here," said Col. Ray Palumbo, commander of the 5/158th's parent unit, the 12th Aviation Brigade. "This was a very special day for Mr. Gardi and his family."

"It was great," Gardi said. "I wish I could have had more time, but today was a very good day."

Although he is an American citizen, Gardi is firmly bonded with the people of Iraq. Born in the hills of Erbil in 1965, his roots are with the Kurdish people, with whom he spent his first 12 years. He



photo by Pvt. Christopher Fincham

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Kamran Gardi of V Corps' 5th Battalion, 158th Aviation, 12th Aviation Brigade, is embraced by a relative in Erbil, Iraq during a reunion with the family he hadn't seen in nearly 30 years.

recalls that growing up as an Iraqi Kurd meant moving frequently and constantly evading bombs and bullets from Saddam's warplanes.

"We were always going from village to village, dodging his planes and their indiscriminate bombing of towns, villages, schools and mosques," he said.

Most of all, he remembers longing for the day that Saddam would no longer be in power.

"This has been a prayer answered," said Gardi. "Not just for me, but for a lot of the citizens of Iraq."

When Gardi was 12, his family moved briefly to Iran, where they stayed while his father sought refuge for them in America. After much paperwork and months of anticipation, asylum was granted, and in 1977 North Dakota became the Gardis' new home.

"For asylum you have to have to have someone in the States to vouch for you," explained Gardi. "My father had a friend in North Dakota who talked the local sheriff into basically adopting us. The whole process probably took close to two years."

At age 20, Gardi signed up for service as an aviation operations specialist in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves. This led him back to his native Iraq in the early 90's, when, as a Marine sergeant, he served as a Kurdish linguist for forces in northern Iraq during Operation Desert Storm. He said he felt proud, but a little disappointed, too, following the first Gulf war.

"I was really hoping to get rid of Saddam, but that wasn't our agenda," said Gardi. "We were able to greatly help the Kurdish people in the north, though, and that was very fulfilling."

When the call came for Gardi and his unit to ship out to Kuwait for Iraqi Freedom, he felt like this was it — that Saddam was done. There was no place he'd rather be than flying against Saddam and his Republican Guard.

"If anyone lived in Iraq...if they lived here and understood and went through it...People just can't imagine," said Gardi.

News Shorts

Designation board set for officers in 1998 year group

WASHINGTON (Army News Service) — Company commanders and other captains in year group 1998 must make a decision about their career beginning next month.

The functional area designation board for captains with a date of rank between April 1, 2001 and March 31, 2002 is scheduled and these officers have from Aug. 1 to Nov. 1 to submit their career preferences, according to U.S. Army Personnel Command officials. The board will meet in December.

Unlike previous designations, officers in this year group will have the option to select their basic branch as a functional area preference. This selection indicates a desire to remain in a basic branch and not to work in one of the Army's functional areas.

The Officer Personnel Management System consists of four career fields. A total of 18 functional areas and 16 basic branches comprise the career fields. Between the fifth and sixth years of service, active-duty, Army Competitive Category officers are designated with a secondary career field.

Captains should receive information from PERSCOM, through their Army Knowledge Online e-mail accounts, explaining how to submit their online preference statement through the AKO web page, officials said.

More information is available at the FAD home page on PERSCOM online, <https://www.perscom.army.mil>.

eMILPO to replace SIDPERS3 in August

WASHINGTON (Army News Service) — The Army's new electronic military personnel office, eMILPO, will improve basic personnel actions and save soldiers' time, officials said, when it goes online Aug. 1.

The system is the next major step for Army personnel transformation, according to officials at the U.S. Army Personnel Command in Alexandria, Va.

First there were morning reports prepared by first sergeants. Soldiers in line to get paid were common practice in the Army in the 1980s.

Then came several versions of the Standard Installation Division Personnel System, known as SIDPERS. Permanent change-of-station departure and arrival transactions are examples how SIDPERS "tracks" soldiers today.

The new eMILPO is a web-based system and will require little training, officials said.

The eMILPO system, however, is an interim step toward a much larger, multi-service, integrated personnel and pay management system called DIMHRS, officials said. They said the Defense Integrated Military Human Resources System will be driven primarily by PeopleSoft8, a pure Internet commercial-off-the-shelf software.

The Army will be the first service to implement DIMHRS when it comes on line next year, PERSCOM officials said.

Abizaid takes command of CENTCOM

MACDILLAIR FORCE BASE, Fla. (Army News Service) — Gen. John P. Abizaid assumed command of U.S. Central Command from Gen. Tommy R. Franks July 7 during a ceremony at the St. Pete Times Forum in downtown Tampa Bay, Fla.

Franks served as commander of CENTCOM since June 2000. Abizaid served as the Central Command's deputy commander.

Around Town

Are you ready for some Ravens football?

by Staff Sgt. Brent Hunt
Editor, The Voice

Pitted as one of the best young teams in the National Football League, the Baltimore Ravens are set to rev-up another season of hard-hitting NFL action on the gridiron as they make a run at Super Bowl XXXVIII.

Although the Ravens only managed a sub-par 7-9 season in 2002, many experts see this young team, the youngest in the NFL, as an up and coming threat to opposing teams. Their brand of quickness and smash-mouth football has set the stage for what could bring Baltimore its second Super Bowl Championship.

To get to M&T Stadium from Fort Meade, get on MD-32 West. Then take the Baltimore/Washington Parkway North/West ramp towards Baltimore. Merge onto MD-295 North and stay on that for about 15 miles. The stadium will be on your right and it will be hard to miss. If you pass Camden Yards, home of the Baltimore Orioles, turn around because you've gone too far.

Tickets can be purchased either by phone, fax, internet or in person. To purchase tickets by phone dial (410) 261-RAVE (7283), by fax the number is (410) 468-1340 and by internet go to www.ravenszone.net/index.php.

If you get the chance, take the drive up to Baltimore and enjoy a Sunday afternoon with the Ravens fans. But if, by chance, you're not able to get a ticket, because the game is sold out,



courtesy photo

Enjoying a National Football League game can be a lot of fun for the whole family or for just a few friends. The Baltimore Ravens regular season kicks off Sept. 7 at M & T Bank Stadium in Baltimore, Md., and seeing a game is only a 20-minute drive away from Fort George G. Meade, Md.

don't worry because most of the time the tailgate parties before the games are the best part of a Sunday afternoon spent with the NFL.



The 2003 Baltimore Ravens



Baltimore Ravens 2003 Schedule

- Sept. 7 @ 1 p.m. vs Pittsburgh Steelers
- Sept. 14 @ 1 p.m. vs CLEVELAND BROWNS
- Sept. 21 @ 4:14 p.m. vs San Diego Chargers
- Sept. 28 @ 1 p.m. vs KANSAS CITY CHIEFS
- Oct. 5 BYE
- Oct. 12 @ 4:15 p.m. vs Arizona Cardinals
- Oct. 19 @ 1 p.m. vs Cincinnati Bengals
- Oct. 26 @ 1 p.m. vs DENVER BRONCOS
- Nov. 2 @ 1 p.m. vs JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS
- Nov. 9 @ 8:30 p.m. vs St. Louis Rams
- Nov. 23 @ 1 p.m. vs SEATTLE SEAHAWKS
- Nov. 30 @ 1 p.m. vs SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS
- Dec. 7 @ 1 p.m. vs CINCINNATI BENGALS
- Dec. 14 @ 4:05 p.m. vs Oakland Raiders
- Dec. 21 @ 1 p.m. vs Cleveland Browns
- Dec. 28 @ 8:30 p.m. vs PITTSBURGH STEELERS

*Note, All teams in all capitals denotes home game for the Baltimore Ravens.



Mind Scramblers . . . Name That Tune: Identify

these famous songs, and the 704th Military Intelligence Brigade Public Affairs Staff will be very proud of you. Good Luck (Answers in September edition of the Voice).

1 BAD MOON	2 NOW	3 WALKING GLASS	4 SELL
5 A BOTGENIETLE	6 P I A N O O N A I P P I A N O P I A N O P I A N	7 ↓ ↓ ↓ FREE	8 BYE³
9 U_{DEEP}	10 E M T R A T S	11 A M E R I C A N A I M C E A R N	12 IRE ICK
13 FELIFELLE	14 BLBACKACK	15 TIME TIME	16 \$
17 BOMBS BAGHDAD	18 C O M E	19 RIDER	20 SUNDAY SUNDAY

The 704th MI Brigade Word Find: That's right. It's time to find your favorite people, places and things from around the brigade. Some may be easy to find, while others could be a lot more difficult. I'm not going to bother putting the answers in the September issue of the Voice, because if you look long enough you will find the answers. Good luck!

1. Army of One
2. Schneider
3. HOOAH
4. Owens
5. Intel
6. Bennett
7. Rifle
8. Naplachowski
9. Voice
10. Wenger
11. War
12. Kuiper
13. Spy
14. Wilson
15. NSA
16. Bach
17. Sweat
18. Moore
19. Salute
20. Hoehne
21. Building
22. Rivas



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 J D M H M W R S O O B A C H
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Upcoming BOSS Events



Feed the Homeless
 Last Monday of every month,
 Sept. 29. Meet at 4217
 Roberts Ave. at 5:30 p.m.
 Estimated time back is 9 p.m.

New York City
 Oct. 4 through Oct
 5. Overnight trip to
 NYC, includes
 Manhattan tour,
 night life and
 shopping .



BOSS Meetings
 The Fort Meade BOSS
 meets every other
 Tuesday of the month
 at 11 a.m., 4217 Rob-
 erts Ave. on the third
 floor.

For more information on the BOSS program contact the 704th MI Brigade representative, Pfc. Rebecca Johnson, at (301)677-0745

You're Big News

Just got promoted? Won soldier of the month? Just graduated from a school or have you been anywhere interesting lately? Let your family and friends back home know what you're accomplishing. Stop by the 704th Military Intelligence Brigade Public Affairs Office and fill out a Hometown News Release Form (DD2266) or simply drop the completed form by the PAO office. It's fast and it's simple. If you have any questions, contact Staff Sgt. Brent Hunt at (301) 677-0173.

July Mind Scrambler answers

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| 1. Missouri | 26. Idaho |
| 2. Vermont | 27. Wisconsin |
| 3. Kentucky | 28. Montana |
| 4. Rhode Island | 29. New Hampshire |
| 5. Delaware | 30. Illinois |
| 6. Nevada | 31. Oklahoma |
| 7. Arkansas | 32. Massachusetts |
| 8. North Dakota | 33. Alabama |
| 9. Connecticut | 34. North Carolina |
| 10. Washington | 35. Ohio |
| 11. Georgia | 36. Louisiana |
| 12. South Carolina | 37. Utah |
| 13. South Dakota | 38. West Virginia |
| 14. Arizona | 39. Maine |
| 15. Hawaii | 40. Pennsylvania |
| 16. Oregon | 41. New Mexico |
| 17. Kansas | 42. Michigan |
| 18. Mississippi | 43. Alaska |
| 19. Wyoming | 44. Colorado |
| 20. Iowa | 45. Tennessee |
| 21. Nebraska | 46. Indiana |
| 22. New York | 47. California |
| 23. New Jersey | 48. Florida |
| 24. Minnesota | 49. Maryland |
| 25. Texas | 50. Virginia |

Command... from page 1

to serve as the operations and plans officer, executive officer and eventually became commander of Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 111th MI Brigade, also located at Fort Huachuca.

After Bennett's stint as commander of HHD, 111th MI Brigade, she left the comfort of the warm Arizona desert and set-up camp on the islands of Hawaii. While there, she served as the division chief for the Crisis and Exercise Support Division at the Joint Intelligence Center nestled in Pearl Harbor.

Prior to taking command of the 742nd MI Battalion, Bennett served as the deputy commander of the 116th MI Group, Fort Gordon, Ga.

Bennett holds a Bachelors degree in geography from Louisiana



photo by Staff Sgt. Brent Hunt

Capt. Gregory Keeney, commander, Headquarters and Operations Company, 742nd Military Intelligence Battalion, 704th MI Brigade, and Spc. Amy Kraft, signals analyst also with HOC, render honors during the passing of the colors at the 742nd MI Battalion change of command ceremony held on McGlachlin Parade Field on Fort George G. Meade, Md., Aug. 1.

State University and a Masters in education from the University of

Phoenix. Her military education includes: MI Officers Basic and

Advance Courses; Signals Intelligence Officers Course; Electronic Warfare Officers Course; Signals Intelligence Officers Course; Combined Arms Service Staff School; Army Command and General Staff College; and the Armed Forces Staff College.

Her awards and decorations include: the Defense Meritorious Service Medal (fourth award); Army Commendation Medal; Joint Service Achievement Medal (third award); National Defense Service Medal; and the Armed Forces Reserve Medal.

"I am honored and humbled to be a part of this great battalion," said Bennett.

Bennett joins the 742nd MI Battalion with her husband, Michael, and their two children.

Ultima winners... from page 6

"I've been to a whole bunch of boards before and at first I was intimidated, because of all the different services being there," said Hawthorne. "But, I really learned a lot about the different services and it was nice to be able to represent the Army."

To be the ULTIMA NCO or Soldier of the Quarter, Negrón and Hawthorne first competed at their company NCO and Soldier of the Month board levels. Following those victories, they went on to win their company and battalion monthly and quarterly boards, respectively.

Negrón won both 704th MI Brigade and Fort Meade's NCO of the Quarter boards for the third quarter. Hawthorne is the 742nd MI Battalion's Soldier of the Year.

Hawthorne stepped into the ULTIMA competition to take the place of Spc. Christina Jackson, 704th MI Brigade and Fort Meade's Soldier of the third Quarter, who could not compete at the ULTIMA because she was attending the Primary Leadership Development Course (PLDC) at Fort Campbell, Ky.

For all their hard work and dedication, Negrón and Hawthorne received a wheel barrel full of awards. Both received Army Achievement Medals, \$50 gift certificates, \$50 savings bonds, a lunch voucher at Club Meade, watches, numerous plaques, cold-hard cash and coins from the installation commander and command sergeant major.



photo by Staff Sgt. Brent Hunt

Command Sgt. Maj. Earl Ware, installation command sergeant major, Fort George G. Meade, Md., congratulates Sgt. Maria Negrón on winning the ULTIMA award.

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