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Sp. Patrick Hawthorne (left), reserve affairs for brigade plans and operations, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 704th Military Intelligence Brigade, poses with an official during the All Army Golf Trials in Fort Jackson, S.C. Hawthorne placed third in the trials making him one of only five players to make the All Army Golf Team.

Hawthorne wins spot on All Army Golf Team

by Stephanie J. Santos
Soundoff!

For Spc. Patrick Hawthorne, golf is a passion. It is not merely a Saturday afternoon pastime, but a sport that involves mental preparation and concise motion. It brings forth a desire to always play at the top of his game. It is this drive that led him to compete in the All Army Golf Trials, and later make the All Army Golf Team.

“You want to go out to the

course and have fun, but you also need to have a set goal and stay focused,” says the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 704th Military Intelligence Brigade Soldier. “If you really and truly want to be good, you have to eat, sleep and breathe it (golf). You have to make it a part of your lifestyle,” he said.

And for as long as Hawthorne can remember, golf has always been an integral part of his lifestyle. He recalls his father taking him out to play golf every weekend and most week nights. While most of his peers were out getting into

mischief, for him, there was no question as to how his time would be spent—on the golf course.

But his dedication to the sport paid off. Hawthorne went on to win the state championships in high school and was awarded a four-year scholarship to St. Louis University. After college, he went on to join the U.S. Army and before long he was back on the golf course again, only this time at Fort George G. Meade, Md.

So how did this Trenton, Ill., native get selected for one of the most prestigious competitions in the ——— (go to Golf Team, page 12)

Commander thanks brigade for OIF contribution

by Col. Marcus A. Kuiper
Brigade Commander

Happy holidays and season's greetings to all of you. I hope each of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving celebration. Along with my family, I extend best wishes to you and your loved ones this holiday season, along with our hopes that you all have a joyous, safe and prosperous 2004. I also extend my sincere thanks for the hard work, determination and outstanding esprit de corps that each of you has provided this past year. I especially want to thank the many deployed Soldiers from the brigade, both current and past. You and your family's sacrifices have made a lasting impact during this perilous time in our nation's history.

Just as we celebrated the holidays last year, this year our brigade continues to serve our Army and



our Nation at War. The newest battlefield in the Global War on Terrorism, Iraq, remains our brigade's top priority — and also one of our most dangerous. Attacks against American Soldiers are routine, and the enemy has evolved into a much more lethal and complex force in the past few months. But I am confident that given time they will be defeated, democracy and freedom will prevail, and Iraq will become another successful battle in the Global War on Terrorism.

Our brigade provides a unique, vital and significant impact to this war. Though we are by definition a strategic Military Intelligence Brigade, our many contributions to the tactical battles and the deployed warfighters have definitely made a difference. Though many of our missions are cloaked in secrecy, I can say that we have provided key and critical Computer Network Operations and Signals Intelligence which saved U.S. and Coalition lives and directly led to the capture or death of terrorists.

While the Global War on Terror remains our primary focus, we are also deeply involved in other areas of our nation's defense which include Counter proliferation, Homeland Security, China and Korea, and Computer Network Operations.

Through it all, I expect us to maintain Army standards and our normal OPTEMPO. Remember, this War on Terror is a marathon, not a sprint. Your careers in the Army will be defined by the struggle against and ultimately the defeat of terror. I want you all to enjoy the holidays this year, to relax and take pleasure in the season. Be thankful we live in a democratic and free society and value and reflect on you and your family's contribution to safeguarding and expanding freedom throughout the world.

Many of you will be taking a well deserved leave this holiday period, relaxing at home or visiting family and friends. At home, or as you travel, remember SAFETY — if you are driving, take frequent rests, wear your seatbelts, and prepare for winter storms by carrying emergency supplies in your car. The traffic will be heavy, and slick road conditions can make driving very dangerous. And remember, don't drink and drive — if you decide to drink, make sure you aren't driving or have a designated driver and do your part to make sure no one else drives after they have been drinking. 2004 is going to be a great year — I want you all back here alive and ready. **HERE AND EVERYWHERE.**

742nd hosts Halloween gala for children of battalion

by Capt. Gregory Keeney
HOC, 742nd MI Battalion

The 742nd Military Intelligence Battalion, 704th MI Brigade, celebrated its much anticipated second annual Halloween Party on Fort George G. Meade, Md., Oct. 31. The Company Unit Readiness Groups sponsored the party for the Soldiers, family members and children of the battalion.

The celebration included a haunted house, trick-o-treat in the barracks and a festive piñata. Soldiers of Headquarters and Operations Company, 742nd MI

Battalion orchestrated the effort of the haunted house which included a scary witch, a werewolf, Dracula and a cemetery. Children of the battalion are still reported as sleeping with the lights on due to the emotional impact the haunted house had on them.

Trick-o-treat was the biggest hit of the night. The children could be heard chanting, "More, more, we want more!" The party was a fun and safe Halloween celebrated by all.

1st Sgt. Bruce Eike, first sergeant, Headquarters and Operations Company, 742nd MI Battalion, gets ready to scare the children and Soldiers of the battalion with his kilt clad costume at the 742nd Halloween Party (courtesy photo).



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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

Pair wins Fort Meade's ULTIMA NCO, Soldier of the Year



photo by Staff Sgt. Brent Hunt

Spc. Eric Josephson, signal intelligence analyst, Headquarters and Operations Company, 741st Military Intelligence Battalion, 704th MI Brigade, and Sgt. Heather George, personnel administrative specialist, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 704th MI Brigade, captured Fort George G. Meade's ULTIMA (The Ultimate) non-commissioned officer and Soldier of the Year for Fiscal Year 2003. Both Soldiers competed against service members from the Navy, Air Force and Marines to capture the title and were honored by the post commander and command sergeant major at Club Meade on Fort Meade, Nov. 13. "These folks are the best of the best," said Command Sgt. Maj. Esmond Bakker, command sergeant major, Fort Meade. "We really put them through the ringer, but they have risen to the top. These Soldiers represent the best of their units."

Degnan dubbed new brigade inspector general



photo by Staff Sgt. Brent Hunt

Lt. Col. Kevin Degnan, inspector general, 704th Military Intelligence Brigade, was sworn in as the new IG of the brigade by Col. Marcus Kuiper, commander, 704th MI Brigade, on Fort George G. Meade, Md., Nov. 6. The IG's role is to evaluate the brigade's compliance with military regulations.



photo by Staff Sgt. Brent Hunt

Costume contest held

Staff Sgt. Bruce Long, Shrek, and Staff Sgt. James O'Neil, Zorro, both working in the 704th Military Intelligence Brigade plans and operations shop competed for a four-day pass at the Headquarters and Headquarters Company Halloween Costume Contest on Fort George G. Meade, Md., Oct. 31. Both Soldiers placed in the top ten. Long placed second in the event and received a three-day pass for his version of the well-known ogre.

Justice Served

UCMJ action around 704th

The following are the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) actions within the 704th Military Intelligence Brigade from Aug. 27 through Nov. 21.

A private (E-2) in Headquarters and Headquarters Company, received a summarized Article 15 for the following violations of Article 86 and Article 92: Failure to report and failure to obey a lawful order. The Soldier received restriction for seven days and oral reprimand.

A private (E-2) in Headquarters and Headquarters Company, received a summarized Article 15 for the following violation of Article 134: Violating Maryland state law which prohibits minors to be in possession of alcohol. The Soldier received extra duty for 14 days and restriction for seven days.

A specialist in Headquarters and Headquarters Company, received a summarized Article 15 for the following violation of Article 86: Failure to report. The Soldier received extra duty for 14 days, restriction for 14 days and oral reprimand.

A private first class in Company B, 741st MI Battalion, received a summarized Article 15 for the following violation of Article 134: Violating Maryland state law which prohibits minors to be in possession of alcohol. The Soldier received extra duty for 14 days, restriction for 14 days and oral reprimand.

A specialist in Company A, 742nd MI Battalion, received a summarized Article 15 for the following violation of Article 134: Assaulting a child under the age of 18. The Soldier received extra duty for 14 days and oral reprimand.

A private first class in Company A, 741st MI Battalion, received a company grade Article 15 for the following violations of Article 86, Article 92 and Article 134: Failure to report, dereliction of duty and failure to abide by the 741st MI Battalion Standing Operating Procedure (SOP). The Soldier received forfeiture of \$316, 14 days extra duty and 14 days restriction.

A private first class in Company A, 741st MI Battalion, received a company grade Article 15 for the following violations of Article 86 and Article 134: Failure to report and drunk and disorderly conduct. The Soldier received reduction to private (E2), forfeiture of \$301 pay, extra duty for 14 days and 14 days restriction.

A specialist in Company B, 741st MI Battalion, received a company grade Article 15 for the following violations of Article 86 and Article 92: Failure to report and failure to obey a lawful order. The Soldier received reduction to private first class, forfeiture of \$336 pay, extra duty for 14 days and restriction for 14 days.

A private first class in Company C, 741st MI Battalion, received a company grade Article 15 for the following violation of Article 86: Failure to report. The Soldier received reduction to private (E2), forfeiture of \$301, extra duty for 14 days and restriction for 14 days.

A specialist in Company C, 741st MI Battalion, received a company grade Article 15 for the following violation of Article 92: Failure to obey a lawful order. The Soldier received reduction to private first class, extra duty for 14 days and restriction for 14 days.

A specialist in Company A, 742nd MI Battalion, received a company grade Article 15 for the following violations of Article 91 and Article 92: Disrespect towards a noncommissioned officer and failure to obey a lawful order. The Soldier received reduction to private first class, forfeiture of \$356 pay and extra duty for seven days.

A sergeant in Company A, 743rd MI Battalion, received a company grade Article 15 for the following violation of Article 86: Failure to report. The Soldier received forfeiture of \$475 pay and extra duty for 14 days.

A private in Headquarters and Operations Company, 741st MI Battalion, received a field grade Article 15 for the following violation of Article 86: Failure to report. The Soldier received 60 days restriction.

A private first class in Company A, 741st MI Battalion, received a field grade Article 15 for the following violations of Article 134: Failure to comply with billeting SOP and violating Maryland state law which prohibits minors to be in possession of alcohol. The Soldier received a reduction to private (E-2), forfeiture of \$645 pay for two months, extra duty for 30 days and restriction for 30 days.

A specialist in Company B, 741st MI Battalion, received a field grade Article 15 for the following violations of Article 86: Failure to report, disrespect towards a senior commissioned officer, insubordinate conduct, failure to obey a lawful order and drawing a check without sufficient funds. The soldier received reduction to private (E-2), extra duty for 45 days and restriction for 45 days. The Soldier elected to appeal to the brigade commander. The appeal was denied.

A sergeant in Company C, 741st MI Battalion, received a field grade Article 15 for the following violation of Article 86: Failure to report. The Soldier received reduction to specialist and restriction for 60 days. The Soldier elected to appeal to the brigade commander. The appeal was denied.

A staff sergeant in Company B, 743rd MI Battalion, received a field grade Article 15 for the following violation of Article 107: Making a false official statement. The Soldier received reduction to sergeant, forfeiture of \$1,141 pay for two months and 45 days extra duty.

A specialist in Company B, 743rd MI Battalion, received a field grade Article 15 for the following violation of Article 92: Failure to obey regulation (underage drinking). The Soldier received reduction to private first class, forfeiture of \$336 pay, extra duty for 14 days and restriction for 14 days.

Chaplain's Corner: When all seems to be lost

by Maj. David Causey
Brigade Chaplain

Out of work in Philadelphia during the Depression, Charles Darrow supported his family by fixing electric appliances, patching concrete and walking dogs. He also invented things: puzzles and beach toys and a new bridge score pad, while musing about old times like vacations in Atlantic City.



One night in 1931 Darrow sat down at the kitchen table and sketched the names of various Atlantic City streets on the oil cloth. He colored the names spaces and cut tiny houses and hotels from bits of wooden molding. He typed out title deeds, and added dice and buttons for play money. The family played night after night.

Friends soon joined in. Nothing, it seemed, was better for Depression-battered spirits than an hour or two of buying real estate, even the make-believe kind. Enthusiasts wanted their own sets, and Darrow accommodated them, making games (while a friend of his printed the title cards) and selling them for \$2.50.

In the beginning he made six sets a day. But Philadelphia stores demanded more sets. So Darrow took his game to Parker Brothers in Salem, Mass. Parker rejected Darrow's game, stating the game was too complicated and contained 52 errors.

But Darrow rejected their rejection and preserved on with his dreams of mass-producing the game. At his own expense, ordered his printer to make up 5,000 copies of the game, which he sold to Wanamaker's and F.A.O. Schwartz. In no time customers bought up his games.

So impressed was Parker Brothers, that in 1935 they relented and gave Darrow a contract with royalties on all sets sold.

Soon he became a millionaire, gentleman, farmer, world traveler and collector of exotic orchids. Monopoly became Parker's biggest seller and America's favorite game. Since 1935 more than 200 million sets have been sold world-wide and it is estimated that more than half a billion people have played Monopoly (Adapted from *Stories Behind Everyday Things*).

All people reach a low point in their lives. Maybe some of us will be tempted to believe all is lost. But our mission in life is to live it, to persevere and to keep pursuing our God-given dreams. The Scripture reminds us: "In all labor there is profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty." (Proverbs 14:27)

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

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Beyond All Boundries battalion kicks off Training Week

by Capt. Darcy Lewis
743rd MI Battalion

Reality in today's Global War on Terrorism is that Soldiers must be able to perform basic Soldier skills, because they may have to use one or all of them in the near future.

With 743rd Military Intelligence Battalion, 704th MI Brigade and Soldiers deployed on five continents, Soldiers here are expected to be trained and ready to deploy at a moment's notice.

On a cool Colorado week in mid-November, the 743rd MI Battalion held its quarterly training days at which time Soldiers completed some of the most critical training they are required to complete annually, Common Task Testing (CTT).

CTT this year consisted of five stations. Station one was decontaminate your skin and personal equipment using an M258A1 decontamination kit, protect yourself from Nuclear, Biological and Chemical (NBC) attack with the Mission Oriented Protective Posture (MOPP) gear and react to an NBC attack. Station two consisted of maintaining a M16A2, performing voice communications, assess a situation using Risk Management and prepare an operation overlay. At station three, Soldiers were required to react to unexploded ordinance hazards, evaluate a casualty, perform first aid and request



photo by Capt. Darcy Lewis

Soldiers of the 743rd Military Intelligence Battalion, 704th MI Brigade, took part in a week-long training event that tested Soldier's Common Task Testing (CTT) skills, such as going to Mission Oriented Protective Posture (MOPP) four to protect against a Nuclear, Biological and Chemical (NBC) attack.

medical evacuation. Station four consisted of locating mines and booby traps, moving under direct fire, employing hand grenades and supervising the handling of enemy personnel and equipment. Station five was a dismounted navigation.

The Soldiers favorite station was the fourth station. The trainers, Staff Sgt. Dallas Thomas, Staff Sgt. Kristina Raiten and Sgt. 1st Class Sean Jordan, heard nothing but positive feedback from _____ (go to Training Week, page 12)

Chaplain's Spiritual Fitness Training

Colorado Skiing Trip

Feb. 12, 2004, at Breckenridge, Colo. *No cost to Soldiers and family members*

Skiing Trip #1

Jan. 22, 2004, at Liberty Mountain, Pa. *No cost to Soldiers and family members*

Skiing Trip #2

Feb. 26, 2004, at Liberty Mountain, Pa. *No cost to Soldiers and family members*



Contact Chaplain (Maj.) David Causey at (301) 677-7513 for more details.

Brigade welcomes new Career Counselor

by Master Sgt. 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 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 in July 1995.

She proceeded to complete AIT at Fort Monmouth, N.J., and was award 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



courtesy photo

Staff Sgt. Latisha Holmes, career counselor for the 742nd Military Intelligence Battalion, joins the brigade retention 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 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 Master Sgt. Willene Orr at Willene.orr@us.army.mil.

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

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- Mid-career receive Regular Army, Current Station, CONUS Station-of-Choice (must meet certain criteria), and Overseas Assignment; if MOS is overstrength, only Army Training available

Reserve Component

- Option to choose your unit or go where the IRR needs you most



Brigade Soldiers experience history, camaraderie at Tactical Dining-In



photo by Staff Sgt. Brent Hunt

Master Sgt. Roy Kolden, noncommissioned officer in charge of plans and operations, 741st Military Intelligence Battalion, 704th MI Brigade, pours his donation of liquid refreshment into the Grog Bowl at the 704th MI Brigade Tactical Dining-In. Each battalion and Headquarters and Headquarters Company added their own addition to the Grog Bowl which signified some type of military event.



photo by Staff Sgt. Brent Hunt

Command Sgt. Maj. Randy Wilson, command sergeant major, 704th Military Intelligence Brigade presents the guest speaker for the 704th MI Brigade Tactical Dining-In, Command Sgt. Maj. (retired) Craig Manley, with a token of the brigade's appreciation, Oct. 30.



photo by Staff Sgt. Brent Hunt

Soldiers from the 741st Military Intelligence Battalion perform a skit impersonating their favorite senior noncommissioned officers throughout the brigade at the Tactical Dining-In at the American Legion Post 60 in Laurel, Md., Oct. 30. Headquarters and Headquarters Company played a round of Jeopardy and the 742nd MI Battalion simulated making an appointment with Command Sgt. Maj. Randy Wilson, command sergeant major, 704th MI Brigade, all to the enjoyment of the capacity crowd.



photo by Spc. Angela Willaims

1st Sgt. William Bach, first sergeant, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 704th Military Intelligence Brigade, makes sure his "Big Dogs" stay in line at the 704th MI Brigade Tactical Dining-In at the American Legion Post 60 in Laurel, Md., Oct. 30. Bach's "Big Dogs" had the largest representation at the event with over 100 HHC Soldiers. Over 250 soldiers from around the brigade attended the festivities which included toasts to the nation and the Commander-In-Chief, Prisoner of War/Missing in Action dedication, Grog ceremony, skits and a tasty meal of roast beef and fried chicken.

Keeter grabs 741st CSM role, Schneider honored with retirement ceremony

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

Command Sgt. Maj. Arter Keeter, former command sergeant major of the 527th Military Intelligence Battalion at Camp Humphreys, Korea, assumed the role as command sergeant major of the 741st MI Battalion, 704th MI Brigade, from Command Sgt. Maj. William Schneider at a change of responsibility ceremony held at McGill Hall on Fort George G. Meade, Md., Oct. 30.

Schneider retires after 27 years of service to the nation and was honored by the battalion with a retirement ceremony held immediately following the change of responsibility ceremony at McGill Hall.

"You (Schneider) have provided a great service to this battalion, brigade, INSCOM (Intelligence and Security Command), the U.S. Army and this country," said Lt. Col. John Owens, commander, 741st MI Battalion. "Today marks just one part of a journey during a magnificent career."

Keeter, a native of Monroe, N.C., began his military career July 10, 1980, in Charlotte, N.C. He completed one station unit training and Airborne training at Fort Benning, Ga., and subsequently reported to the 1st Ranger Battalion at Hunter Army Airfield, Ga. At the 1st Ranger Battalion, Keeter served as a rifleman and a team leader



photos by Staff Sgt. Brent Hunt

Command Sgt. Maj. Arter Keeter, incoming command sergeant major, 741st Military Intelligence Battalion, 704th MI Brigade, replaces Command Sgt. Maj. William Schneider at a change of responsibility ceremony held at McGill Hall on Fort George G. Meade, Md., Oct. 30. Keeter joins the brigade from the 527th MI Battalion at Camp Humphreys, Korea, while Schneider retires after 27 years of faithful service.

where he was deployed to Grenada for Operation Urgent Fury.

In 1984, Keeter changed his military occupational specialty (MOS) to a voice intercept operator. Since joining the MI Corps, Keeter has served in a variety of assignments.

He has served as a platoon sergeant for the 312th MI Battalion out of Fort Hood, Texas; Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course (ANCOC) instructor at Fort Huachuca, Ariz.; first sergeant of Company B, 532nd MI Battalion at Camp Humphreys; chief instructor of the cryptologic linguist course at Goodfellow Air Force Base in Texas; and as the senior enlisted advisor to the National Security Agency's chief of staff at Fort Meade.

In addition, Keeter deployed to Southwest Asia with the 312th MI Battalion during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

Keeter's civilian and military education include a Bachelor of Science degree; Airborne School; the Pathfinder Course; Ranger School; the Basic Polish Language Course; the Basic Persian-Farsi Language Course; and all of the Army's NCO Education System School's.

His awards and decorations include the Valorous Unit Award; Defense Meritorious Service Medal; Meritorious Service Medal (fourth award); Army Commendation Medal (fourth award); Army Achievement Medal (third award); Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with Arrowhead; Pathfinder Badge; Combat Infantryman's Badge; Expert Infantryman's Badge; and the Ranger Tab.

Keeter joins the 741st MI Battalion with his wife, Susan, and his two children.



Command Sgt. Maj. William Schneider was awarded the Legion of Merit by Lt. Col. John Owens, commander, 741st Military Intelligence Battalion, 704th MI Brigade, at Schneider's retirement ceremony held at McGill Hall on Fort George G. Meade, Md., Oct. 30. The ceremony was held immediately after Schneider relinquished command sergeant major duties to Command Sgt. Maj. Arter Keeter at the 741st MI Battalion change of responsibility ceremony.

Around the Army



courtesy photo

Kevlar vests, such as the ones worn by Soldiers at this checkpoint, have helped improve the survival rate of Soldiers during Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

Technology boosting survival rate in Iraq

WASHINGTON (Army News Service) -- Wounded Soldiers are more likely to survive their injuries today than in past wars say numbers from the U.S. Army Medical Command office of medical history.

John Greenwood, chief of the office of medical history, said of the 1,077 Soldiers injured in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, only 18 have died of their wounds, a rate of only 1.6 percent. This is less than half the 3.68 death rate for wounded Soldiers in Vietnam. The rate for the 1993 Persian Gulf War, in which 354 Soldiers were wounded, but only two died of wounds, was about one-half of one percent.

Greenwood said a combination of new technologies and changes in procedures have driven the improvement.

The improvement was noted in an Oct. 27 article in USA Today. The article stated since the war in Iraq began, only one U.S. service member has been killed for every seven injured; and that's more than three times better than World War II when one died for every two wounded.

Another reason soldiers' survivability has improved lies in the body armor they wear, according to Col. John Norwood, project manager for Soldier equipment. He said the current armor, the Small Arms Protective Vest, is a big improvement over older systems.

"It's really a three-part system," Norwood said. "The outer vest looks a lot like the older flak vests, but it's made out of a Kevlar weave. It can

stop 9 mm ball ammunition."

He said the vest is lined with four plates of boron carbide ceramic material. "These are backed with Spectra Shield, and can stop a 7.62 bullet, at muzzle velocity. So if a Soldier is hit by an AK-47, which fires a 7.62 round, this vest can stop it," Norwood said.

Feedback from Soldiers using the vest has been anecdotal, but positive, Norwood said.

"What we're hearing from the field is that troops love the vest and are wearing it. We have the specific report of a private first class in Afghanistan who was hit in the chest while wearing his vest. He got up and continued the mission until he was hit in the chest a second time, then he decided not to expose himself to fire again," Norwood said.

The private was uninjured and never needed to see a doctor, Norwood said.

When a Soldier needs medical care, Col. John Holcomb, commander, U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research, Chief Trauma Division, said positioning of surgical teams on the battlefield has been an important factor in improving the survival rate.

"Surgical teams have been 'forward' since World War II," Holcomb said. "In this conflict, there was a lot of attention paid to where they were placed."

Holcomb said planners had forward surgical teams in positions that made it easier to get soldiers to medical care as rapidly as possible. He said

medical forces on the battlefield are also better trained and have more experience in dealing with trauma than in the past.

"The trauma training and trauma experience were a key factor in OIF," Holcomb said. "They respected the 'golden hour' and that led to better survival of Soldiers."

Holcomb said the "golden hour" is the first hour after a person is injured.

"The idea is, within one hour, if you need an operation, you're getting an operation," he said.

New technologies are also making it easier to stop bleeding on the battlefield.

"Bleeding is the leading preventable cause of death on a battlefield. We've developed better tourniquets, better bandages and better resuscitation techniques to deal with that problem," Holcomb said.

Older resuscitation techniques sometimes caused Soldiers to become "over hydrated," contributing to further bleeding. Holcomb said new techniques keep that from happening.

Although they have only been deployed on an experimental basis, the Army has also fielded new bandages that help control bleeding.

"Fibrin" bandages contain a protein that helps blood to clot. "Chitosan" bandages are coated in an adhesive, derived from shrimp shells, that helps close wounds, promoting healing, and preventing bleeding. The experimental bandages have seen only limited use but are expected to increase the survival rate for wounded Soldiers.

Around the Army

Female private subdues suspected terrorist

Nicholson pins down Iraqi man trying to smuggle live grenade past U.S. checkpoint

BAGHDAD, Iraq – When quick action is required in an emergency situation, a Soldier often doesn't have time to think. The Soldier's training and instincts take over.

Pfc. Jessica Lynn Nicholson, 21, a 1st Armored Division Soldier with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 40th Engineer Battalion, 2nd Brigade, Division Engineers, found out how true that adage is recently when she was working at a security checkpoint in Baghdad. The reason she, a tracked-vehicle mechanic, was assigned to the checkpoint was to search women.

"But, that day (about 9 a.m. on June 7) there were a lot of people gathering at this checkpoint and it was very busy. So, I was asked to search some men, too," said Nicholson.

"While other Soldiers were searching a car, the driver had stepped out of the car and I was searching the driver. He didn't have any weapons on his person," she said.

"The other Soldiers checking the vehicle at first thought it was clear. Then one of the Soldiers thought that something didn't seem right. So, he searched the car again," she added.

During the second search, the Soldier spotted a grenade hidden behind the visor on the driver's side. The Soldier shouted, "Grenade!"

"I immediately got the man down on the ground, face down, and I remember pressing his face into a sandbag," Nicholson said.

She continued to hold him down until other Soldiers came over and zip-cuffed the man.

The man then claimed he had the grenade because he was going to turn it in to the U.S. Soldiers. But they did not believe that story, because he had not mentioned it, or indicated anything like that, until after the Soldiers had found the grenade and after he had been subdued and was handcuffed with plastic zip-strips.

"I really don't remember exactly how I got him on the ground, but it was practically instantaneous," she said, blushing. "I don't remember the details of putting him down. I just remember, suddenly, I had him down on the ground with his face pressed into a sandbag and I kept holding him there."

She said the man then started crying and someone said he might have been embarrassed because it was a shame for man in Iraq to get beat up by a woman.

She later recalled that she had done some wrestling at Beatty High School in Beatty, Nev., and that experience, plus her Army training, gave her the right stuff to subdue the Iraqi man.



photo by Staff Sgt. Conrad College

Pfc. Jessica Lynn Nicholson, 21, a 1st Armored Division Soldier with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 40th Engineer Battalion, 2nd Brigade, was recently awarded the Army Commendation Medal "for valor and courage in the face of enemy action" in Baghdad, Iraq.

Nicholson, 5'6" and 120 pounds, said she had wrestled against boys in high school, because the boys and girls were not separated for wrestling, so, throwing a man down was nothing new to her.

Asked the size of the Iraqi man, she said, "He was about my height, but heavier. I would say he was a little out of shape."

Asked if she had grown up as a tomboy, Nicholson said, "No, I was even a cheerleader for a little while. I guess I kind of grew up out in the middle of nowhere," she said, "and I just always had to do whatever needed to be done."

She grew up in Silverton, Idaho, and, when she was 15, her family moved to Winnemucca, Nev. She said she has also with some of the men in her company.

Asked if she wore boxing gloves, she replied, "Oh yes, of course, we had boxing gloves. I wouldn't want to hurt them."

She is the daughter of Jim and Kris Nicholson of Winnemucca, Nev. She has been in the Army for a year and a half. Nicholson's weapon is an M-249 SAW (Squad Automatic Weapon), which she carries with her everywhere she goes. She has nicknamed her SAW, "Camille." "It's my baby," she said.

The citation on her Army Commendation Medal certificate says, "This is to certify that the Secretary of the Army has awarded the Army Commendation Medal to Private First Class Jessica L. Nicholson, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 40th Engineer Battalion, for valor and courage in the face of enemy actions while assigned to the 40th Engineer Battalion. Her decisive actions at a security checkpoint prevented the enemy from endangering the lives of her fellow Soldiers."

News Shorts

New Web site tells 'Soldier Stories'

WASHINGTON (Army News Service) — Acts of heroism, community service and deeds that exemplify Army values can be found on the Army Homepage's newest feature, "Soldier Stories."

Soldiers who dodge bullets to pull their comrades to safety, and those who are working to improve the condition of run-down Iraqi facilities, schools and hospitals are among those spotlighted at www.army.mil.

Sgt. Timothy Hicks, an artillery cannon crewmember, knew that the small-arms fire aimed at him was getting closer, but he remained focused. His goal was to get to two wounded Soldiers, whose supply vehicle had been hit with a rocket-propelled grenade. Hicks later received the Bronze Star for maneuvering the supply vehicle through a "hot zone" and getting his comrades to safety.

"This new page pays tribute to the men and women who exemplify the Army values," said Col. James Allen, chief of the Command Information Division at the Pentagon.

The Soldier Stories Web site was designed to aid speechwriters who want to express to the world that the Army is at war - relevant and ready, Allen said.

"By going to the Web site, writers can get short stories that convey how dedicated, sincere and caring our American Soldiers are. They're doing more than rooting out evil, they're restoring water, electricity, and rebuilding infrastructures.

"If I were writing a speech, I would find it hard to put the pen down with all the good things that are going on in Iraq and Afghanistan."

The Soldier Stories Web page went live Oct. 30, and will continuously be updated with new vignettes.

Unit rotations in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom

The Army has consistently stated a tour of duty for all units, both active and reserve components, participating in Operation Iraqi Freedom would be up to 12 months in their areas of operation. The Vice Chief of Staff for the U.S. Army, Gen. John M. Keane, announced that U.S. Army units currently deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) will remain in theater for up to one year. This action ensures the combatant commander has the capabilities on hand to accomplish his mission.

112,000 service members tapped for Iraq

WASHINGTON (Army News Service) — About 112,000 service members — including more than 37,000 National Guard and Army Reserve Soldiers — should be headed to Iraq and Kuwait early next year to replace the forces already on the ground, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld announced.

In addition, more than 3,700 reserve-component Soldiers should be headed to Afghanistan by then as well, he said at the first of two Pentagon news conferences Nov. 6 about Iraq and Afghanistan deployments.

The bulk of the troops have already received their alert orders, Rumsfeld said, but additional alerts can be expected in the near future.

Starting in January, the rotations in and out of Iraq will be completed by April, Rumsfeld said.

The goal for this next deployment of U.S. forces is to reduce the overall footprint in Iraq, Rumsfeld said. The plan as it stands now is to decrease the U.S. divisions in Iraq from four to three and 17 combat brigades to 13, he said.

Around Town

The Wonderful Wizards of Washington

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

The Washington Wizards are a franchise of distinction. No other organization in the National Basketball Association's 55-year history has reinvented itself as many times as the Washington Wizards. With an existence of 39 years, the Wizards have featured four different nicknames – Packers, Zephyrs, Bullets and Wizards – while playing in Chicago, Baltimore and Washington before moving into the MCI Center in 1997.

Also, the team has been home to some of the NBA's greatest players. Michael Jordan and Elvin Hayes are just two of the legends who have graced Washington's court scene.

Although the team lost a true legend, Michael Jordan to retirement last season, the team will try to revive another championship season like it did in 1978 when it captured its only NBA championship.

With the likes of Jerry Stackhouse and Larry Hughes, this years Washington Wizards plan a lot of excitement for fans of the capitol area. Although not billed as a top-contender, there is always the chance this team could pull off a Cinderella season with the state-of-the-art MCI Center as their host.

To purchase tickets for a Wizard game, there are numerous avenues to take. The MCI Center Box Office is a full service TicketMaster outlet with 17 windows located inside the main entrance at 601 F Street NW. Additional ticket booths are located



courtesy photos

Jerry Stackhouse rams one home as the Washington Wizards get ready to make their run at a NBA championship.

at the 7th and G Street NW entrance during event times only.

The hours for MCI Center Box Office are Monday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and closed on non-event Sundays.

Tickets may also be purchased at TicketMaster by calling (202) 432-SEAT, (703) 573-SEAT, or (410) 481-SEAT. The hours for phone charges are 10:00 a.m. through 9:00 p.m. daily. Tickets may also be purchased by going to the Washington Wizards Web site at www.nba.com/wizards.

Ticket prices range from \$10 to \$50 for upper concourse seats and \$200 to \$775 for floor seating. It just

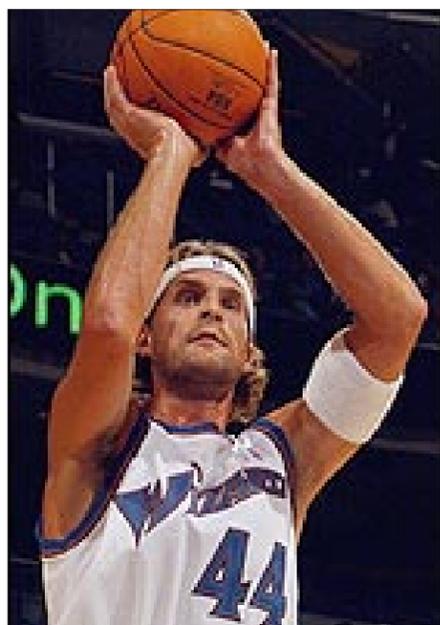
depends what you want. There are special group prices available.

To get to the MCI Center from Fort George G. Meade, Md., take MD-295 South towards Washington. Merge onto US-50 West and continue on 50 West as it turns into New York Avenue. Then turn left on 7th Street and the MCI Center will be on the corner of F and 7th Streets. There are approximately 10,000 parking spaces available in area parking lots and garages within ten blocks of the MCI Center.

So, whether it's with your family or just friends, a night enjoying the giants of the NBA can be an entertaining night for all.

Wizards 2003-04 Home Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
01 Nov.	New Jersey	7:00 p.m.
05 Nov.	Dallas	7:00 p.m.
07 Nov.	Toronto	7:00 p.m.
11 Nov.	Philadelphia	7:00 p.m.
15 Nov.	San Antonio	7:00 p.m.
19 Nov.	Cleveland	7:00 p.m.
29 Nov.	Detroit	7:00 p.m.
10 Dec.	Orlando	7:00 p.m.
12 Dec.	Minnesota	7:00 p.m.
16 Dec.	Utah	7:00 p.m.
26 Dec.	Miami	7:00 p.m.
30 Dec.	Atlanta	7:00 p.m.
02 Jan.	Golden State	7:00 p.m.
04 Jan.	Milwaukee	2:00 p.m.
10 Jan.	Philadelphia	7:00 p.m.
13 Jan.	Houston	7:00 p.m.
17 Jan.	Seattle	7:00 p.m.
19 Jan.	Chicago	1:00 p.m.
24 Jan.	Indiana	7:00 p.m.
26 Jan.	Portland	7:00 p.m.
28 Jan.	Orlando	7:00 p.m.
30 Jan.	Phoenix	7:00 p.m.
01 Feb.	Cleveland	12:00 p.m.
04 Feb.	Memphis	7:00 p.m.
06 Feb.	L.A. Clippers	7:00 p.m.
20 Feb.	Indiana	7:00 p.m.
22 Feb.	Milwaukee	6:00 p.m.
26 Feb.	Chicago	7:00 p.m.
28 Feb.	L.A. Lakers	3:30 p.m.
01 March	New Orleans	7:00 p.m.
03 March	Toronto	7:00 p.m.
07 March	New York	2:00 p.m.
09 March	Denver	7:00 p.m.
13 March	Boston	7:00 p.m.
17 March	Sacramento	7:00 p.m.
19 March	Atlanta	7:00 p.m.
21 March	Miami	4:00 p.m.
31 March	New Jersey	7:00 p.m.
04 April	Boston	2:00 p.m.
10 April	New York	7:00 p.m.
14 April	New Orleans	7:00 p.m.

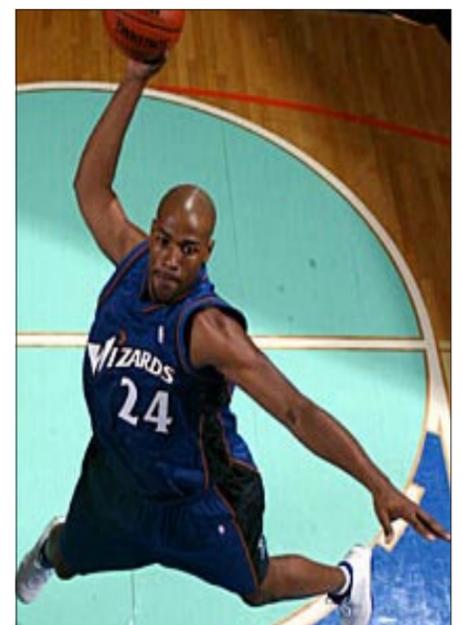


2003-2004 Washington Wizards

Number	Player	Position	Height	Weight	From
0	Gilbert Arenas	Guard	6'3"	191	Arizona '03
2	Steve Blake	Guard	6'3"	172	Maryland '03
5	Kwame Brown	Forward	6'11"	248	Glynn Academy HS
32	Mitchell Butler	Guard	6'5"	210	UCLA '93
3	Juan Dixon	Guard	6'3"	164	Maryland '02
24	Jarvis Hayes	Forward	6'7"	220	Georgia '04
33	Brendan Haywood	Center	7'0"	268	North Carolina '01
20	Larry Hughes	Guard	6'5"	184	St. Louis '01
1	Jared Jeffries	Forward	6'11"	230	Indiana '04
22	Brevin Knight	Guard	5'10"	170	Stanford '97
44	Christian Laettner	Center	6'11"	245	Duke '92
42	Jerry Stackhouse	Guard	6'6"	218	North Carolina '97
36	Etan Thomas	Center	6'10"	260	Syracuse '00
12	Chris Whitney	Guard	6'0"	175	Clemson '93

Eddie Jordan *Head Coach*
Tom Young *Assistant Coach*

Mike O'Koren *Assistant Coach*
Phil Hubbard *Assistant Coach*



Mind Scramblers...

The Eyes Have It: Ok, so the phrase is actually "the ayes have it" and not "the eyes have it," but the latter better suits this puzzle's theme. Staring out at you from this page are the eyes of 20 of your favorite cartoon characters. The names of all of these characters can be found in the box below the eyes. You simply need to identify who each of the eyes belongs to. There are more names than eyes, however, so be careful. And remember, anyone can solve this puzzle, but these characters have their eyes set on you. (Answers in January edition of the Voice).



Goku	Road Runner	Homer Simpson	Tweety
Moe Szyslak	Yosemite Sam	Bamm-Bamm Rubble	Tazmanian Devil
Leela	Tygra	Zorak	Yogi Bear
Fred Flintstone	Green M&M	Stewie	Lion-O
Barney Gumble	George Jetson	Sailor Moon	Bobby Hill
Barney Rubble	Scooby-Doo	Johnny Bravo	Hank Hill
Smurfette	Elmer Fudd	Bubbles	Apu



September/October Mind Scrambler answers

Best Picture - Ten of these movies star Jack Nicholson. 2) 1960 The Little Shop of Horrors 13) 1969 Easy Rider 7) 1974 Chinatown 9) 1980 The Shining 17) 1983 Terms of Endearment 18) 1989 Batman 10) 1992 A Few Good Men 15) 1996 Mars Attacks 20) 1997 As Good As It Gets 1) 2002 About Schmidt

Best Actor - Ten of these Oscar winners are foreign-born. 31) 1948 Laurence Olivier 22) 1954 Yul Brynner 32) 1957 Alec Guinness 23) 1964 Rex Harrison 24) 1982 Ben Kingsley 25) 1989 Daniel Day-Lewis 36) 1991 Anthony Hopkins 37) 1996 Geoffrey Rush 29) 1998 Roberto Benigni 30) Russell Crowe

Best Actress - Ten of these Oscar winners have first names beginning with the letter J. 52) 1941 Joan Fontaine 45) 1945 Joan Crawford 60) 1948 Jane Wyman 56) Julie Andrews 43) 1965 Julie Christie 57) 1978 Jane Fonda 47) 1989 Jessica Tandy 54) 1991 Jodie Foster 49) Jessica Lange 41) 2000 Julia Roberts



Upcoming BOSS Events



Feed the Homeless
Last Friday of every month. Meet at building 2417, the ACS building, at 6:00 p.m. Estimated time back is 9 p.m.

Habitat for Humanity

A day off work to help those in need. Volunteer to work with Habitat for Humanity the last Friday of each month.



Ski Trip to Winterhaven
For more information contact Pfc. Tosha Covington at (301) 677-4838 before Jan. 9.

White House Tour

Second or third Saturday in February. Contact Spc. Sandra Cosby at (301) 677-0745 before Jan. 9 if you are interested.



Scotts Elementary School
Volunteer to help out at our local school one Friday morning a month. Our upcoming dates are Jan. 9, Feb. 6, March 5, April 23 and May 14. We also collect Box Tops for Education for this school. They can be dropped off at the BOSS office or submitted to building 9828, room 187. For more information contact Spc. LaShawn Stadford or Spc. Sharon Minter at (301) 677-0885.

For more information on the BOSS program contact the 704th MI Brigade representative, Spc. Sandra Cosby, at (301)677-0745

New Boss reps, new look

A new Fiscal year is upon us and the Better Opportunities for Single Servicemembers representatives have changed. Throughout the brigade, companies are inaugurating representatives as many of the reps from last year either PCS'd or ETS'd. We are excited to have the new members who bring a fresh perspective and very thankful to the representatives that are still with us and have proven their dedication to serve.

The 2004 reps are:

704th MI Brigade: Spc. Sandra Cosby
HHC, 704th MI Brigade: Spc. Demekia Clark
741st MI Battalion: Spc. Tosha Covington
Company A, 741st: Spc. Kevin Bruce
Company B, 741st: Pfc. Michelle Goynes
Company C, 741st: Spc. LaShawn Stadford
HOC, 741st: Pfc. Stanley Tong
742nd MI Battalion: Cpl. Steven Bennet
Company A, 742nd: Spc. Michael Smith
Company B, 742nd: Spc. Jacquell Kennedy
HOC, 742nd: Pfc. Kimberly Richardson

Golf Team... from page 1

military? While carrying a handicap of even par or better, Hawthorne said he first compiled a resume based on past tournament experience at Fort Meade and other military installations. He listed his golf scores, handicap and profile achievements. Also included were letters of recommendation. Once everything was submitted to officials in Alexandria, Va., the 26-year-old Soldier says there was only one thing left to do ... wait.

After three months of suspense, Hawthorne received word in October that he had indeed been selected to compete in the All Army Golf Trials—a four-day competition in Fort Jackson, S.C. “I was mentally prepared to compete in the trials, and I knew that if I played well that I was going to make the team,” he said.

Upon arrival at Fort Jackson, Hawthorne, along with 20 other players, went through nearly three consecutive days of familiarizing themselves with the course and practicing before the actual competition.

When the official 72-hole tournament began, Hawthorne was ready, and his scores reflected it; with a score of 72 in the first round, 75 in the second round, 78 in the third round, and 71, in the fourth and final round. Thus, giving him a coveted third place slot, and becoming one of five other players to make the All Army Golf Team.

Hawthorne said that putting himself in the correct frame of mind, prior to the trials is what led him to victory.

“You have to be on top of your game. Your mind has to work perfectly with your body. When I stepped up to tee, I was already thinking about how I was going to win,” he said.

Friends and colleagues who know Hawthorne’s game were not at all surprised by his selection. “He is the first Army person that I’ve seen in awhile to make it this far in the competition,” said Fred Heuvel, director of The Courses at Fort Meade. “He’s a very good player ... not a whole lot of errors. He is consistent and focused.”

Although he was excited about making the All Army Golf Team, Hawthorne said he cannot take all of the credit, and thanked his military command and his wife, Jenelle, for her endless support.

“It was Jenelle who got me back into the game. I had taken a break from golf, but my competitive nature was starting to come out at home,” he said. “She basically told me it was time to get back on the course.”

After being officially inducted into the All Army Golf Team, and participating in an awards ceremony at Fort Jackson, things moved quickly, according to Hawthorne. In a matter of hours team

members were headed off to the next competition—The Inter-service Golf Tournament, held in Millington, Tenn.

However, this time around, the competition fared differently. Hawthorne said he did not feel that same adrenaline rush that he felt during All Army Golf Trials.

“I did not have the same focus ... I did not play as well as I know I can. The ball just would not go in the hole,” said Hawthorne.

His scores during this tournament granted him eighth place, just missing the chance to make it to the All World Military Golf Tournament by one position.

But we have not seen the last swing from this avid player who describes himself as getting “instantly energized” when it comes to golf. With the continued support from his command, Hawthorne already has his sights set on competing in next year’s All Army Golf Trials and hopes to qualify for the U.S. Amateur, the largest amateur tournament in the world.

“I didn’t know what to expect in the competition this time around,” he said. “I am going to reassess my goals and make new ones. I hope to come back next year and make a name for myself in the Maryland and Washington, D.C. area.”

Training Week... from page 4

the Soldiers and said they heard repeatedly this was “the most realistic, funnest and best material they had seen in a long time.”

In addition to the primary push for Soldiers to be trained and successfully tested on CTT, there were some mandatory training classes that had to be covered. Because the winter months are already upon us, cold weather injuries were trained.

Also taught was suicide awareness by Maj. (Chaplain) Bruce Kite and Law of War, thanks to Capt. Brent Robinson, judge advocate general, 704th MI Brigade.

Finally, a guest speaker from the University of Colorado at Boulder talked to Soldiers about the Green to Gold program and other Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (ROTC) options.

As always, the most important part of training days is the food. Typically, Soldiers alternate between pizza and subs; however, this quarter, Soldiers enjoyed good ol’ Meals Ready to Eat (MREs). Although some Soldiers actually enjoyed the MREs, most expressed how much they appreciated getting pizza and subs!



photo by Capt. Darcy Lewis

Soldiers of the 743rd Military Intelligence Battalion, 704th MI Brigade, tested their Soldier skills during Training Week at Buckley Air Force Base, Colo., Nov. 13 through Nov. 20.

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