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*photo by Staff Sgt. Brent Hunt*

741st Military Intelligence Battalion, 704th MI Brigade, announced its quarterly Knowlton Award winners during a ceremony held at the 8th Street Chapel on Fort George G. Meade, Md., March 28. The Knowlton Award is given to MI soldiers who have contributed significantly to the MI Corps over the course of their career. Knowlton Award winners pictured from left to right are: Maj. Rena Batts, executive officer, 741st MI Battalion; Sgt. 1st Class Ricky Slone, collection manager, Company B, 741st MI Battalion; and 1st Sgt. Stephen Scalf, first sergeant, Headquarters and Operations Company, 741st MI Battalion.

# Prestigious Knowlton Award presented to 741st soldiers

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

**H**ave you ever strived for something that didn't give you any extra money, world-fame is not part of the deal and it didn't improve your looks in any way? Yet, just having it says a lot about the person you are and the goals you've set during your career.

Two non-commissioned officers and one officer from the 741<sup>st</sup> Military Intelligence Battalion, 704<sup>th</sup> MI Brigade, achieved something they have been striving for their whole career, the Knowlton Award, and they were awarded it during a

ceremony at the 8<sup>th</sup> Street Chapel on Fort George G. Meade, Md., March 28.

"Very few people get this award, because it's more of a lifetime achievement award," said Lt. Col. Diana Raynor, commander, 741<sup>st</sup> MI Battalion. "It's not something for your career, no points, but it is very prestigious. This award is something everyone should strive for in their career."

Recipients of this quarter's Knowlton Award are: Maj. Rena Batts, executive officer of the 741<sup>st</sup> MI Battalion; 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Stephen Scalf, first sergeant of Headquarters and Operations Company, 741<sup>st</sup> MI Battalion; and

Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Ricky Slone, collection manager, Company B, 741<sup>st</sup> MI Battalion.

"A lot of things we do in the military are not seen, especially being in MI," said Scalf, whose family proudly watched as he received the award. "Receiving this honor confirms our role in the Army and shows that MI does matter."

Established in 1995 by the MI Corps Association (MICA), the Knowlton Award recognizes individuals who have contributed significantly to the promotion of Army Intelligence in ways that stand out in the eyes of the recipients, their superiors, — (go to Knowlton, page 12)

# Commander thanks brigade for job well done

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

On the evening of March 19, President George W. Bush announced the beginning of "Operation Iraqi Freedom." His goals were clear- to rid Iraq of Weapons of Mass Destruction and to liberate the people of Iraq by removing Saddam Hussein from power.



In an address to the nation, 43 days later on the evening of May 1 while aboard the Aircraft Carrier USS Abraham Lincoln, the President announced the end of major combat operations in Iraq. As stated by the President in his speech to the sailors and servicemen and women everywhere, "America is grateful for a job well-done."

I too am grateful to the soldiers and civilians of this outstanding brigade for your full support and outstanding efforts.

Our missions and roles in Operation Iraqi Freedom were executed flawlessly. As in Operation Enduring Freedom, we expertly provided commanders, warfighters, and national

decision-makers with the highest quality signals intelligence, computer network and information assurance operations support.

While skirmishes with Iraqi resistance forces will continue; the reconstruction of Iraq, referred to as Phase Four, will now begin. This phase, however, will not be counted in days, but will last for months and possibly years. And just as in the combat phase of Operation Iraqi Freedom, our brigade's continuous role in the reconstruction effort will be critical.

Also on May 1, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld declared an end to major combat operations in Afghanistan, and the initiation of a more deliberate reconstruction phase.

Our brigade continues to be heavily involved in the ongoing efforts in Afghanistan, and much like Iraq, Afghanistan will still be a very dangerous place; smaller scale combat operations will continue against pockets of Taliban and Al Qaeda resistance. But success in Afghanistan continues - to date, nearly half of the top Al Qaeda officers have been either captured or killed.

As we prepare for the inevitable next operation, now is the time for us to learn from these battles. By conducting thorough and complete After Action Reviews (AARs), and preparing detailed Lessons Learned, we will be better prepared and trained for our next mission. Without a doubt, the Global War on Terrorism will continue and like the Cold War, this new war will be measured in years,

with many additional operations to come.

I often use an analogy when I discuss our operations against these terrorists. Terrorists are like cockroaches; when you shine a light on them, they scatter. When you spray them, they die. But where you don't spray them, or shine a light on them, they multiply.

Several countries still harbor terrorists who are actively seeking to obtain Weapons of Mass Destruction and these terrorists remain posed to strike against America and our allies throughout the world.

While our duty keeps us focused on world events and the Global War on Terrorism, I can see as I look out my office window the summer season is nearly upon us.

This spring and summer many of us will be taking well-deserved leave. Remember safety in everything you do this summer. From climbing a 14,000 feet peak in Colorado, to swimming at Ocean City, Md., be safe and prepared.

Finally, let us keep in our thoughts and prayers both our fellow comrades in arms deployed throughout the world, and also the soldiers, airmen, sailors and Marines that have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. They will not be forgotten.

I thank you for your commitment and for the sacrifices that you are making for our nation and this cause.

HERE AND EVERYWHERE

## Bliss welcomes former POWs back home

FORT BLISS, Texas (Army News Service) – More than 2,000 supporters came out to Fort Bliss, Texas, to welcome home seven former prisoners of war arriving at Biggs Army Airfield.

Two of the former POWs, Spc. Joseph Hudson and Pfc. Patrick Miller, of the 507<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Company, waved the American flag and cheered as their aircraft rolled in.

Also there to receive the patronage of the Fort Bliss communities were Sgt. James Riley, Spc. Edgar Hernandez, and Spc. Shoshana Johnson of the 507<sup>th</sup>, and Chief Warrant Officers Ronald

Young and David Williams of Fort Hood.

"This means the world to all of us. Remember our fallen soldiers. God Bless America. This is why we live in such a great country," Hudson said.

All of the former prisoners of war appeared to be in good health and spirits as they made their way to their families. Mary Pickering, Miller's mother, recalled her reactions to the news of her son's captivity.

"You just try not to believe it's real," Pickering said. "But I always had hope he would be home. I was glued to the TV, hoping there would be some mention of

them. I never lost hope. Pat's a very strong-willed person," she said.

While flags waved high in the hands of supporters, people paused in remembrance of the nine fallen soldiers of the 507<sup>th</sup>, whose lives were taken March 23 during the ambush in Nasiriyah that injured four others and resulted in the capture of six.

"Thank you and I ask that you continue your unabated support for our fellow soldiers and servicemembers, who are still overseas making great personal sacrifices for our freedom and the freedom of the Iraqi people," said Riley.



photo by Cleveland McKnight  
Former prisoner of war Pfc. Patrick Miller kisses his 4-year-old son Tyler at the POWs welcome home ceremony at Fort Bliss, Texas.



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704th MI Brigade Mission

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

Focus

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

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

# Volunteers make 10,000 USO Care Packages

by Jeff Crawley  
*Soundoff!*

With pit-crew precision, more than 70 volunteers from the Fort Meade community participated in a "stuffing party" that cranked out 10,000 Operation United Service Organization (USO) Care Packages.

NASCAR driver Jimmie Johnson distributed some of the packages to soldiers here while the remaining care packages were shipped to troops all over the world.

"Not everybody is allowed to go and fight the war; I think it is our duty to help in a way," said volunteer Pvt. Hector Colon, who works at the National Security Agency (NSA).

Airman 1st Class Keatris Johnson, of the Air Force education office here, volunteered "because I wanted to come out and support the troops because they are keeping us free."

"I thought I'd come out and help; just do my little part to help out the troops," said volunteer Melody Stevens, whose fiancé is a sailor. She was putting shipping labels on boxes filled with care packages being sent to Fort Hood, Texas.

The care packages contain an assortment of items the military has specifically requested such as prepaid international calling cards, disposable cameras, toiletries and sunscreen. They also include greetings from the American public, transcribed onto official USO post cards.

Working in assembly lines, blurs of volunteers' hands quickly filled care-package bags. Packages that were being shipped, were boxed and picked up by an overnight delivery

service. Directorate of Public Works' staff hauled off the voluminous amounts of waste paper that was generated.

"The men and women that are here today are amazing. They will not take breaks, they are so dedicated and loyal," said Laila Linden, Operation USO Care Package administrator.

"I am personally very touched and grateful for the outpouring of support that we've gotten from the military and civilian community, whether it's volunteering or donating products," said Amy Kerner, director, Operation USO Care Package.

Fort Meade allows the USO to use a warehouse rent free on Chisholm Avenue for the storage and preparation of care packages, said Installation Command Sgt. Maj. Earl L. Ware. "What they're doing is a great thing... they're taking care of our sons and daughters and service members worldwide," said Ware.

"We are so grateful to the installation commander, Col. Ives, and Command Sgt. Maj. Ware. They have been so incredibly supportive of our USO," said Elaine Rogers, president of USO Metropolitan Washington (USO-Metro) that manages the program.

Rogers noted that the cost savings in rent allows the USO to put more money into the care package program.

At the care package distribution ceremony, Installation Commander Col. John W. Ives noted the tremendous volunteer efforts that went into creating the packages.

"We have over 150,000 volunteer hours every year," he said. In terms of a dollar amount, that equals multiple millions of dollars that



photo by Michael Warner

Staff Sgt. Christopher Frazier of the Army Central Personnel Security Clearance Facility receives an Operation USO Care Package from NASCAR driver Jimmie Johnson at the Town Centre Mall.

you donate to help the Fort Meade community, said Ives. "We certainly appreciate that."

Ives said that he, as installation commander, cannot give funds to the USO but we, as individuals can contribute to the organization.

Ives concluded by saying, "Thank you, thank you, thank you for all the volunteering that you have done in making all this possible to support our young men and women who are deployed."

"I can't express enough how honored I am to be here and try to show my support in a small way," said Jimmie Johnson, who drives for Team Lowe's Racing and Hendrick Motorsports.

Jimmie Johnson then unveiled the new paint scheme on his #48 race car.

Lowe is donating space on its cars for the USO logo this racing season. The Lowe's-USO alliance is called "2003 Power of Pride" which is to promote Operation USO Care Package.

The Operation USO Care Package program originated at the USO Gateway Lounge at the Baltimore/Washington International (BWI) Airport. It was supposed to be a one-time event for troops that were deploying the week of Christmas in 2001, said Adrienne Trout, director of the USO lounge at BWI. Even after the event, companies kept sending items such as books, telephone calling cards and disposable cameras, she said.

The USO cannot accept items from individuals for the care packages even though people are well-meaning, said Rogers. The USO guarantees the security of its care packages. Care package items are shipped in bulk directly from the manufacturer to the warehouse where they are assembled and forwarded to service members.

Individuals can make monetary donations and send a personal greeting, which will be transcribed to a USO post card and enclosed with the care package.

## USO Care Package Contents



An operation USO Care Package contains such items as a disposable camera, telephone calling card, a music CD or DVD, a magazine, playing cards, shoe polish and healthcare sundries.

### For more information

- Call 866-USO-GIVE
- Visit [www.usocares.org](http://www.usocares.org)
- Stop by a Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse



## Chaplain's Corner: Don't Quit

by Maj. David Causey  
Brigade Chaplain

It was the spring of 1994 and Mark's baseball career did not look hopeful. Plagued with back and foot injuries and being treated for depression for several years, Mark thought it was time to call it quits.



Things were once brighter and more promising. In 1984, Mark had been on the Olympic baseball team. In 1987, his first full-year in the majors, he tied for leading the major-leagues in homeruns and was named the American League's Rookie of the Year.

But for all his promise, now Mark only seemed like a flash in the pan. His next four years were disappointing. By 1991, he was an emotional wreck. His batting average that year was on .201.

Mark was virtually benched for two consecutive seasons in 1993 and 1994, due to multiple injuries, and now he knew he had

come to the end of the line.

But Mark could not forget his own father's tenacity against the problems of life. He fought a life-long battle with polio. The disease had so ravaged his body that he was forced to use a cane the rest of his life. Yet Mark's dad refused to let a broken body break his spirit. He worked his way through college and dental school. Throughout his adult life, Mark's father remained a successful dentist and an avid golfer and cyclist.

So, like father, son Mark chose not to call it quits. He gave baseball and himself another try. Thank God he did. For that season, in 1995, he hit 39 homeruns. The next season, in 1996, he hit 54. Then, in 1998, Mark McGwire electrified the baseball world and hit a record-breaking 70 home runs – eclipsing the feats of Roger Maris and Babe Ruth before him.

Even the best of us can become broken in body and soul. We may even be tempted to believe that there is no tomorrow. But with God the best is yet to come. In the Scripture the prophet said: "Do not rejoice over me, O my enemy. Though I fall I will rise; though I dwell in darkness, the Lord will be a light for me." (Micah 7:8)

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Sundays, 1045 (Bible Study: 1900, Wednesdays)  
Pastor: Chaplain (Maj.) Dave Causey

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#### Religious Services

##### Protestant

Sunday Worship, 1000 in Mod #1, Bldg. #T-10  
Singles Wednesday Bible Study, 1700 in  
Mod#1 Bldg. #T-10

Wednesday Bible Study in ADF, 1800 in ADF  
Conference Room C

##### Catholic

Saturday Confession, 1430 in MOD #1,  
Bldg. #T-10

Saturday Mass, 1500 at MOD #1, Bldg. #T-10

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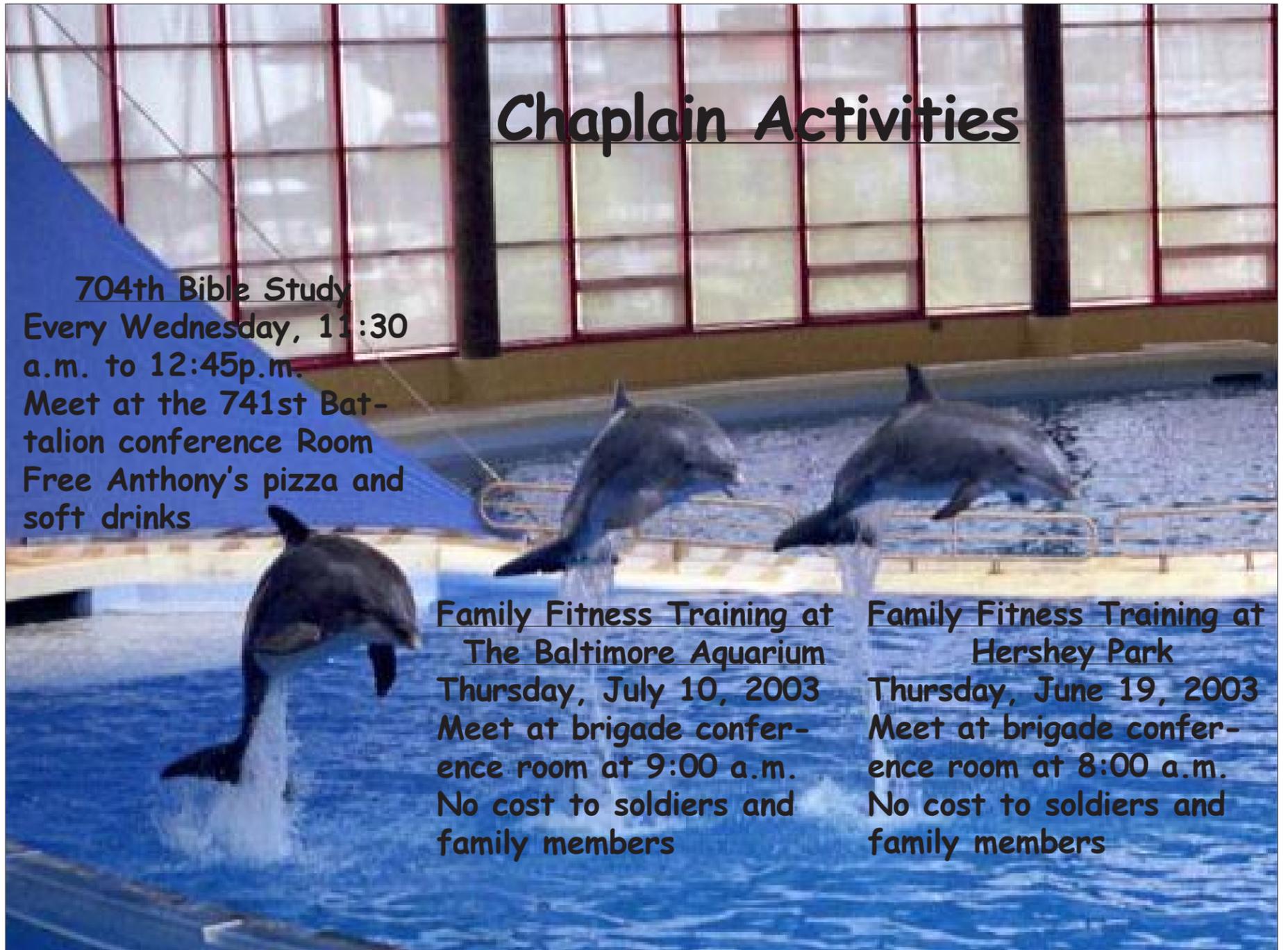
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## Chaplain Activities

**704th Bible Study**  
Every Wednesday, 11:30  
a.m. to 12:45p.m.  
Meet at the 741st Bat-  
talion conference Room  
Free Anthony's pizza and  
soft drinks

**Family Fitness Training at  
The Baltimore Aquarium**  
Thursday, July 10, 2003  
Meet at brigade confer-  
ence room at 9:00 a.m.  
No cost to soldiers and  
family members

**Family Fitness Training at  
Hershey Park**  
Thursday, June 19, 2003  
Meet at brigade confer-  
ence room at 8:00 a.m.  
No cost to soldiers and  
family members



# Soldier's decision to reenlist brings joy, sacrifice

by an Anonymous Writer  
704th MI Brigade

Reenlisting was not an easy decision for me. I was assigned to the 704<sup>th</sup> Military Intelligence Brigade in May 2001, and I had just returned to the United States after an almost three-year unaccompanied tour with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division in Korea.

I am a single mother of one daughter, and have just recently been placed on a short notice assignment back to Korea after only being in this country, with my daughter, for less than two years. Also, I am less than one-year away from my Expiration Term of Service (ETS) date.

The circumstances surrounding my reenlistment were very difficult. I had to decide between putting the Army first and leaving my daughter behind, or to sign a declination statement and kill my Army career. Although I seriously entertained the thought of signing the declination statement, ultimately I decided to reenlist.

Reenlisting was a very hard decision for me, because I know I will be making a huge sacrifice. I've been separated from my daughter for 32 months, and this reenlistment and my subsequent re-assignment to Korea will cause me to be separated from my daughter again for a minimum of 12 months.

However, I realize this is a 100% volunteer Army. I am also a firm believer that everything happens for a reason. Who's to say something good may come out of all of this.

Unfortunately, I didn't get a bonus, station of choice or other beneficial incentives to influence my decision to stay in the Army. I've been told I am a good soldier and a good noncommissioned officer by many of my peers, superiors and senior enlisted supervisors.



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It was their words of wisdom, encouragement and confidence in my abilities that ultimately helped me come to the decision to reenlist and drive on with the Army's mission.

I have quite a number of years invested in this

great Army, and I'm not willing to end my career by declining an assignment. I just hope I will become a better soldier because of it. I have chosen to remain on active duty service, and I will continue to serve honorably and proudly.



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# Dunn takes 704th Linguist of the Quarter

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

Staff Sgt. John Dunn, a native of Gig Harbor, Wash., has been awarded the 704th Military Intelligence Brigade Linguist of the Quarter for the second quarter of Fiscal Year 2003.

Dunn entered the military in 1990 and graduated from Basic Training and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., earning the Military Occupational Specialty engineer. In 1999, Dunn attended the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, Calif., where he reclassified to a Chinese linguist.

Dunn currently is a Chinese military language instructor for the Joint Learning Center and has been with the 704th MI Brigade since October 2000.

"I competed against two other Russian linguists in the 741st MI Battalion to win Linguist of the

Quarter for the battalion," said Dunn. "I then went on to compete against linguists from the 742nd MI Battalion and 743rd MI Battalion to win Linguist of the Quarter."

To compete for Linguist of the Quarter, soldiers must first be MOS qualified to speak a second language and then hold a language dependent duty position. The linguist then submits a packet containing letters of recommendation from supervisors, a Department of the Army photo and a two-page essay. A panel then reviews the packets and picks a winner. For this board, linguists were asked to write a two-page essay on what they believed is the greatest challenge facing military linguists.

"The theme of my essay was to exceed the standards for language proficiency and to be proficient as a soldier and as a professional," said Dunn. "Being professional relates to the specific job that you perform either here at the JLC or at the National Security Agency."



photo by Staff Sgt. Brent Hunt

Staff Sgt. John Dunn, Chinese military language instructor for the Joint Learning Center, Headquarters and Operations Company, 741st Military Intelligence Battalion, 704th MI Brigade, has been named the 704th MI Brigade Linguist of the Quarter for the second quarter of Fiscal Year 2003.



photo by Staff Sgt. Brent Hunt

## Galloway Hall rededicated to former WAC director

Capt. Lisa Jacobsen, executive officer of Detachment Meade, 742nd Military Intelligence Battalion, 704th MI Brigade, cuts the cake at the Galloway Hall Rededication Ceremony dedicated to Col. Irene Galloway on Fort George G. Meade, Md., March 28. Galloway was the fourth director of the Women's Army Corps (WAC).

## We are "Here and Everywhere"



photo by Staff Sgt. Brent Hunt

Sgt. 1st Class Michelle Altvater, a native of Washington Township, N.J., has had a tough year. Her husband of 12 years has been deployed to Korea and is not due back until September 2003. She is caring for their three children and been working swing shift at a time when America is at war.

Altvater is the noncommissioned officer in charge of the All-Source Analysis System (ASAS) in the Army Technical Control and Analysis Element (ATCAE) producing single-source intelligence products.

"It has been very difficult working and watching the kids. It's a balancing

act and hard sometimes," said Altvater. "It's a juggling act with both boys in Karate and working the swing shift."

"Also, the work is more intense during a time of war," said Altvater. "You know that your product impacts the warfighter and lives depend upon information you put out."

Altvater joined the military 13 years ago when she attended Basic Training at Fort Jackson, S.C. She then moved on to Advanced Individual Training (AIT) at Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas, where she obtained the military occupational specialty (MOS) signals intelligence analyst.

# 743rd Easter Party - The "Birds of Prey" Way

by Capt. Shane Carroll  
743rd MI Battalion

The 743rd Military Intelligence Battalion, 704th MI Brigade, hosted their annual Easter Party on April 12, 2003, for the battalion's family and friends. Thanks to the hard work of the 743rd MI Battalion Family Readiness Group, the party was a smashing success. Especially, the surprise showing of the Easter Bunny suited by Pfc. David Lue of Company B, 743rd MI Battalion.

The day began with beautiful weather, facilitating the springtime feel of Easter. The families arrived on the warm afternoon loaded with food and excited kids. Games were set-up to occupy the children, while the adults prepared the food. As the families ate, the leadership of the battalion hid approximately 1,000 eggs for the kids to find during the after-lunch event; the vaulted Easter egg Hunt.

When let loose, the kids went crazy looking for eggs. Only the arrival of the Easter Bunny calmed them down. After the children had a chance to take pictures with the Easter Bunny, he (the Easter Bunny) made a critical mistake by not calling "At Ease" when Command Sgt. Maj. James Thorpe, command sergeant major, 743rd MI Battalion, walked in. The first sergeants simply would not let



courtesy photo

Soldiers of 743rd Military Intelligence Battalion, 704th MI Brigade, make Pfc. David Lue (the Easter Bunny) of Company B, 743rd MI Battalion, perform a round of push-ups for failing to call "At Ease" when Command Sgt. Maj. James Thorpe, command sergeant major, 743rd MI Battalion, entered the room.

this stand and proceeded to apply corrective action. After 200 plus push-ups, 157 sit-ups and a 2000-meter low-crawl, the Easter Bunny was made to take a record Army Physical Fitness Test

for the infraction.

The Easter party ended with the children having a chance to sit on the Easter Bunny's lap and have their photo taken.

## Ceremony honors retiring Brigade soldiers



photo by Staff Sgt. Brent Hunt

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Timothy T. McCormick's 20-year military career has taken him to Turkey, Germany, Korea, Bosnia, Kosovo and throughout the United States. He began his career in 1982 when he attended Basic Training at Fort Dix, N.J., and then attended Advanced Individual Training (AIT) at Fort Gordon, Ga., where he earned the military occupational speciality radio teletype operator. In 1996, he was selected to attend the Warrant Officer Candidate School at Fort Rucker, Ala., and graduated with a WOCS leadership award. McCormick will remain in the area, upon his retirement, with his three children Stephanie, Tim and Jayme.



photo by Staff Sgt. Brent Hunt

Sgt. 1st Class Cathy M. Cunningham began her military career in June 1983 where she attended Basic Training at Fort McClellan, Ala., and then attended the Electronic Warfare, Signals Intelligence, Non-morse Signals Interceptor course at the Naval Technical Training Center in Pensacola, Fla. She has served in Japan, Germany, Turkey, England and throughout the United States as a non-morse signals interceptor. In 2000, she was selected the Director of Operations, Senior Enlisted Service Member of the fourth Quarter and Cryptanalysis Exploitation Group Senior Enlisted Service Member of the Year. Cunningham also has served as a Drill Sergeant.



photo by Staff Sgt. Brent Hunt

Sgt. 1st Class Thomas M. Keelor began his military career in January 1983 where he attended Basic Training at Fort Dix, N.J., and then went on to Advanced Individual Training (AIT) at Fort Devens, Mass., where he obtained the military occupational speciality morse code interceptor. Keelor has served in Hawaii, Germany, Kuwait and throughout the United States. He has served in a variety of positions from squad leader to first sergeant of Company A, 741st Military Intelligence Battalion, 704th MI Brigade. Keelor will remain in the area, upon his retirement, with his wife, Sgt. 1st Class Kimberly Keelor and their two daughters.

## Around the Army

# 101st soldiers find chemical compound in Iraq

CAMP EAGLE 3, Iraq (Army News Service) - One group of soldiers finally discovered a way to earn showers in the Iraqi desert: identify the presence of a chemical weapon and go to Mission Oriented Protective Posture (MOPP) level four.

Company D, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 502<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment earned just such a shower near Karbala, Iraq.

Shortly after a small group of Iraqi civilians led Company D to an abandoned Iraqi training camp, the unit's Nuclear, Biological and Chemical expert detected what was thought to be nerve gas and sounded the alarm, "gas, gas, gas."

Once the soldiers were at MOPP 4, they radioed higher headquarters, rechecked their results and began searching the compound in the 102-degree heat. The unit remained at MOPP 4 for more than two hours before a platoon from the division's 63<sup>rd</sup> Chemical Company arrived, performed initial testing and gave the "all clear."

As a safety precaution and morale boost, the decision was made to send everyone through a decontamination shower to the cheers of weary troops.

Company D found, among other things, AK-47s, rocket propelled grenades, French-made grenades, ammunition and two anti-aircraft weapons.

Three things sparked the interest of everyone involved: a second-generation Star-light rifle scope, an aiming circle for artillery and a current training manual.

Maj. Gen. David H. Petraeus, commander,



photo by Pfc. Joshua Hutcheson

Gen. Tommy Franks, commander of Central Command, addresses the soldiers of 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, in An Najaf, Iraq.

101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division (Air Assault), arrived and received a situation report from the Company D commander, Capt. Kenneth Hutchinson. After another negative NBC reading, Petraeus toured the compound.

The unit also discovered a small military operation in urban terrain site, Iraqi field manuals and an indoor firing range complete with sound proofing.

The compound also yielded two prisoners of war, one of whom told a translator that the Ba'ath party had left the compound just a day and a half before the Americans appeared.

The unit's translator believed that the POWs were actually thieves looting the compound. Officials decided to hold them for further questioning.

A Fox chemical detection vehicle later reported the presence of a mild tear gas, not nerve gas as was initially reported.

Company D will remain in the compound for a few more days to finish gathering intelligence information, leaders said. They added that the soldiers will continue searching for weapons and eventually destroy the weapons cache, after their shower.



photo by Sgt. Jason L. Austin

Maj. Gen. David H. Petraeus, commander, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) and Brig. Gen. Benjamin C. Freakley, assistant division commander of operations, confer about the discovery of a former Iraqi military compound near Karbala, Iraq.



photo by Sgt. Jason L. Austin

Maj. Gen. David H. Petraeus stops to pick up a young Iraqi boy when his convoy stopped in Karbala, Iraq, April 6.

## Around the Army

# Army to tighten travel-card policy

## Congress directs DoD to develop disciplinary policy for those who misuse government travel-card

WASHINGTON (Army News Service) – Using the government travel card when changing duty stations will no longer be permitted, and Army officials said non-authorized use of the card will be met with harsher penalties.

Congress directed the Department of Defense to develop a comprehensive disciplinary policy for military personnel and civilians who misuse the Bank of America travel card. The policy is scheduled to be released soon, said Francis A. Rago, the U.S. Travel Card Program manager.

In addition to discontinuing use of the travel card during permanent change-of station moves, a memorandum from the Office of the Secretary of the Army states that cards are to be deactivated prior to departure from duty stations, unless there is temporary duty en route. Other changes to the travel card program, effective immediately, are: commands and activities should not use the card to pay for conference registration fees; charge cards of mobilized reservists will be transferred to active-duty agencies and deactivated until use is required; cardholders are not required to use their card for travel expenses associated with mission deployments.

At the installation level, one of the first changes program coordinators made was to put the accounts of infrequent travelers in a closed or inactive status.

“We started cutting our list of cardholders two years ago by deactivating accounts, and we have a success story now,” said Cynthia Jackson, from the Garrison Resource Management Service Center at Fort McPherson, Ga.

“The Army’s goal is for installations to keep dollars delinquent below 4.5 percent and account delinquencies below 3 percent, ours is at 1 percent,” Jackson said. “Creating a smaller list of cardholders allows us to keep tabs on our users. We know who is traveling, and what they are doing while in travel status.”

Fort McPherson is following the example set by DoD and the Army, by limiting their number of cardholders. The Army has cancelled more than 156,000 travel-card accounts since October, and currently has 280,000 open accounts. The number of accounts will fluctuate, and once current legislation is implemented, cards will not be issued to those who are not credit-worthy, Pentagon officials said.

Commanders and program coordinators have always had the responsibility of maintaining accountability of their cardholders, but according to the January memorandum from Army Secretary Thomas White’s office, travel-card coordinators now must review at least 10 percent of active accounts monthly. Investigating accounts is how Jackson said her organization keeps cardholders out of danger of nonpayment.

“If we notice that an account is 30 days late, we contact the commander or unit point of contact before the account goes past 60 days,” Jackson said.

The travel card program is simple, Rago said. Cardholders use the card only for official travel expenses, claim for reimbursement is done immediately upon return, and split disbursement is used to pay their travel card bill.

When current legislation mandating split disbursement is implemented part of the reimbursement would be sent directly to Bank of America and the balance to the traveler’s bank account.

In any case, not paying the bill could affect the user’s credit and security clearance, Pentagon officials said. At Congress’ direction, there will be a government-wide quarterly report on the travel card program, to include a statistical summary of disciplinary action taken, officials added. Misuse will also go through security channels to determine whether there should be an impact on the cardholder’s security clearance, Pentagon officials said.

Three years ago DoD mandated that federal employees use the travel card for all official travel expenses such as lodging, transportation and rental cars. That changed after July 2002, when a U.S. General Accounting Office audit found numerous incidents of cardholder abuse.

“The GAO report correctly pointed out many problems with the Army’s implementation of the travel-card program, and the Army is increasing scrutiny and taking corrective actions to resolve misuse and delinquency in the Army Travel Card Program,” Pentagon officials said.

Since March, there were 6,869 delinquent travel card accounts, equating to \$4.1 million in delinquency. Those numbers show progress in reducing the Army’s outstanding debt to Bank of America, officials said. Accounts that have past due balances made up 16.25 percent of Army accounts last year, but delinquent accounts now only total 5.24 percent.



### News' Shorts

#### SGM Course postponed, shortened

FORT BLISS, Texas (Army News Service) – The resident Sergeants Major Course, Class 54, slated to start in August, has been postponed to January because of current deployments.

The course will also be condensed to six months from its usual nine-month curriculum, according to Lt. Col. John Kirby, assistant commandant at the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy.

“This is a one-time change to accommodate all the soldiers who are participating in Operation Iraqi Freedom,” Kirby said. “Our folks in the Directorate of Training and Doctrine are currently reworking the program of instruction to accommodate the more condensed course schedule.”

Prior to August 1994, the Sergeants Major Course was six months, but was extended to nine months after the Battle Staff Noncommissioned Officer Course was added, said Sgt. Maj. John Wyche, the Deputy Chief of Staff G3 sergeant major.

The Battle Staff NCO Course is used to prepare staff sergeants through sergeants major to serve in staff positions at battalion and higher level. The course will be removed for Class 54, Wyche said.

Class 54 starts Jan. 12, 2004, and runs through June 30. Students may report as early as Dec. 1, and no later than Jan. 5. However, they are authorized to move their families early to Fort Bliss. They can also request an exception to policy to retain housing at their current duty station. The losing installation commander will be the approving authority for those waivers.

“Affording students the opportunity to move their families early gives them a chance to move into government housing, stabilize exceptional family members and enroll children in school,” Kirby explained. Children must be enrolled in El Paso schools by July 27, in order to attend the first day of school, Aug. 19.

Deployed soldiers scheduled to attend the 17-day resident phase of the Non-Resident Sergeants Major Course, June 7-20, will be rescheduled to attend later this year. Those not deployed are still slated to attend the June course.

#### See war coverage stories and photos

The Army News Service has gone online with a new Web site for “Operation Iraqi Freedom.”

For news with multiple embedded photos from the front lines of the war, go to <http://www.dtic.mil/armylink/news/stories/>.

#### Captain promotion pin-on point increased to 40 months

Washington (Army News Service) -- The Army has raised the time-in-service requirement for promotion to captain from 38 months back to 40 months, effective April 1.

With the increase, the Army begins an incremental return to the 42-month requirement that existed prior to October.

“The higher requirement provides more time for junior officers to prepare for the responsibilities associated with the rank of captain,” said Maj. Patrick T. Budjenska, personnel policy integrator, G1.

In October, the Army started promoting officers to captain after only 38 months of service. The Fiscal Year 2002 Defense Authorization Act authorized the promotions after 36 months, but the Army opted for 38 months to give junior officers as much training as possible before promoting them to captain.

This accelerated promotion was one facet of the Army’s campaign to alleviate a shortage of captains. The shortage was the result of an under-accession of lieutenants in the early 1990s, which was compounded by attrition during the late 1990s.

## Around Town

## Ruth Museum pays tribute to Baltimore's own

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

Although it's not the "House that Ruth built," it is the house that baseball legend George Herman "Babe" Ruth was born in and to see its large collection of baseball memorabilia, Baltimore Colts and Baltimore Orioles artifacts are only a 20-minute drive away from the gates of Fort George G. Meade, Md.

Babe Ruth was baseball. He was bigger than life itself, a national hero whose charisma and talent made him the world's most famous athlete of all-time. Babe produced dozens of Major League records, the most being his 1927 single-season home run total of 60 and his home run mark of 714. Although the records have been broken, Babe remains the home run king of baseball in the minds of many who follow the sport.

Inside the museum rests rare pictures of Ruth, his jerseys, candid video clips and the actual bedroom made-up as it was when he was born there. Farther into the museum, displayed on individual plaques, is each home run Ruth hit in his regular-season career. Broken down by year, the home run plaques list the opposing pitcher and team.

Further along into the museum, visitors can also see displays of Johnny Unitas, the Baltimore Colts, Cal Ripken and the Baltimore Orioles. Most memorable in the museum is a pair of Johnny



The Babe Ruth Birthplace and Museum hosts such Ruth memorabilia as his famous New York Yankee jersey, candid pictures of the baseball great and the tools of the trade that made him sport's most recognized name.



photos by Staff Sgt. Brent Hunt

The Babe Ruth Birthplace and Museum displays a large collection of Baltimore's own George Herman "Babe" Ruth's memorabilia located in downtown Baltimore adjacent to Camden Yards. Also, on display, are collections from Johnny Unitas, Cal Ripken, the Baltimore Colts and the Baltimore Orioles.

Unitas high-top cleats, a Vince Lombardi trophy from the Baltimore Colts Super Bowl V championship, Cal Ripken's jersey when he broke the MLB record for the most consecutive games played and of course Babe Ruth's New York Yankee jersey.

To get to the museum 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 15 miles. Turn right on West Camden Street and this will put you right in front of Camden Yard where the Baltimore Orioles play. Start walking anywhere in front of Camden Yard and there are baseball's painted on the sidewalk that led you directly to the museum. The walk is only a couple of blocks from Camden Yard, through historic Baltimore, to Babe Ruth's Birthplace and Museum.

The museum is open Monday through Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and until 7:00 p.m. on all



The Babe Ruth Birthplace and Museum sports a Cal Ripken exhibit, also known as baseball's "Iron Man," who played 2,632 straight Major League Baseball games spanning 16 years.



Also on display at the museum is the Super Bowl V champs Baltimore Colts championship trophy and a pair of Johnny Unitas high-top cleats.

Orioles home game days, April through October. During November through March, the museum is open 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Sunday. The museum is closed for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years Day.

Admission is Adults: \$6; Senior citizens (60 and up): \$4; Children (5-16): \$3; and children under five are free. For group tours, call ahead for rates and reservations at (410) 727-1539. For more information, visit the website at [www.baberuthmuseum.com](http://www.baberuthmuseum.com).

# Mind Scramblers . . . Couch Potato: Watch-

ing TV is an integral part of a well-rounded education. For those of you who take it to the extreme and spend most of your time in front of the tube, this puzzle will be a piece of cake. Everyone will have at least heard of the shows in the two lists below. List #1 contains current programs and list #2 has shows from the eighties. The names of the programs may look a little bit strange now though, because they have been encrypted. Each letter has been replaced by some other (example: all E's in a list might be represented by R's). The lists use different encrypted alphabets. If you can decipher the puzzle, give yourself a pat on the back. You are a well-rounded MI soldier. (Answers in June edition of the Voice)

## List #1: Primetime

1. FES YSVF YTXL  
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2. YTWW JXQ LDJPS  
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3. FES VTBAVKXV  
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4. BJWPKWB TX FES BTQQWS  
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5. QJYVKX'V PDKSO  
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6. WJY JXQ KDQSD  
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7. ZDTSXQV  
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8. MCVF VEKKF BS  
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9. FES QTVFDTPF  
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10. MCQLTXL JBN  
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*I look confused  
it's because I'm thinking.*



## List #2: Eighties TV

1. HMGXEWK KPEWZ  
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2. YQN P-YNPD  
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3. UQPMCNZ EW UQPMHN  
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4. XQG'Z YQN JGZZ  
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5. YQN UGZJO ZQGX  
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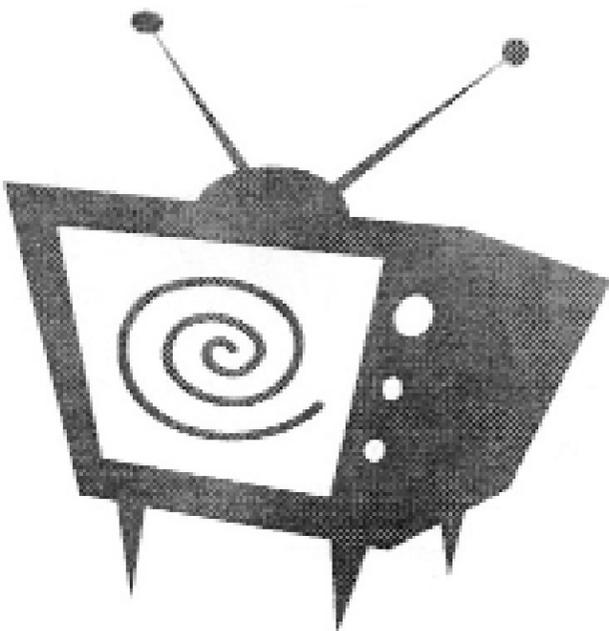
6. APDECO YENZ  
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7. YQN APUYZ GA CEAN  
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8. BEAA'MNWX ZYMGLNZ  
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9. FES QTVFDTPF  
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10. MCQLTXL JBN  
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## Upcoming BOSS Events

### Boss Club Night

Saturday, June 7, 9:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. at Club Meade  
Cover charge \$5 per person  
Ladies are free before 10:00 p.m.



### Feed the Homeless

Last Monday of every month, May 26 and June 30. Meet at 4217 Roberts Ave. at 5:30 p.m. Estimated time back is 9:00 p.m.

### BOSS Day at Busch Gardens

Saturday, July 19  
Tickets are \$29 available at your post ITR. Transportation will be provided, but it is not mandatory.  
**Deadline is July 9 for sign-up.**



### Ocean City Day

Saturday, June 14  
\$5 per person for a day of fun and shopping in Ocean City, Md. More details to come. Any questions contact Pfc. Rebecca Johnson at (301) 677-0745

### BOSS Meetings

The Fort Meade BOSS meets every second Tuesday of the month at 11:00 a.m., 4217 Roberts 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

## 741st Changes Command

A Change of Command Ceremony is scheduled for the 741<sup>st</sup> Military Intelligence Battalion, 704<sup>th</sup> MI Brigade on McGlachlin Parade Field at Fort George G. Meade, Md., June 26, 2003, at 9:00 a.m.

Incoming commander Lt. Col. John Owen, currently deployed with Central Command (CENTCOM) at Camp Doha, Kuwait, is scheduled to assume command of the battalion while outgoing commander Lt. Col. Diana Raynor is scheduled to assume duties at the Pentagon with G-6.

In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be moved to the DPTMS Training and Education Center on Fort George G. Meade, Md. For more information contact Capt. Barbara Jones at (301) 677-0167.

## April Mind Scrambler answers

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|----------------|------------------|
| 1. Iced Tea    | 11. V8           |
| 2. Milkshake   | 12. Latte        |
| 3. 7-Up        | 13. Snapple      |
| 4. Hi-C        | 14. Gatorade     |
| 5. Yoohoo      | 15. Dr. Pepper   |
| 6. Nestle Quik | 16. Mountain Dew |
| 7. All Sport   | 17. Cider        |
| 8. Ovaltine    | 18. O'Douls      |
| 9. Lemonade    | 19. Root Beer    |
| 10. Slim Fast  | 20. Ecto Cooler  |

# Knowlton Award winners... from page 1

subordinates and peers. The individuals must demonstrate the highest standards of integrity and moral character, display an outstanding degree of professional competence and

serve the MI Corps overtime with distinction.

The Knowlton Award is named after Lt. Col. Thomas

Knowlton, who served with the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War. Having gained the trust and admiration of Gen. George Washington, Knowlton was given a group of men from Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts who were known as Knowlton's Rangers. In every

engagement with the enemy, Knowlton was on the front line encouraging, leading and showing his Rangers where to go.

Deemed the first military intelligence professional, the

admiration he earned from his peers and his superiors, the military genius displayed at Breed's Hill and Harlem Heights, the

love and respect he gained from his soldiers and the honor with which he served have made him a model for all MI Corps' soldiers to emulate.

"We have some of the best MI professionals in the Army," said Raynor. "Only a select few ever receive this award."

"We have some of the best MI professionals in the Army."

**Lt. Col. Diana Raynor,  
commander of the 741st  
MI Battalion**



photo by Staff Sgt. Brent Hunt

Sgt. 1st Class Ricky Slone, collection manager, Company B, 741st Military Intelligence Battalion, 704th MI Brigade, is awarded the Knowlton Award by Command Sgt. Maj. William Schneider, command sergeant major, 741st MI Battalion.



## Big Dogs scamper Ft. Meade avenues

"Coon skin and alligator hide, make a pair of jungle boots just the right size. Slap 'em on, lace 'em up, put 'em on your feet, a good pair of jungle boots can't be beat."

That's the sound residents of Fort George G. Meade, Md., heard as soldiers of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 704th Military Intelligence Brigade, hammered out an early morning "Big Dog" run on May 2.

Capt. Raul Rivas, commander, and 1st Sgt. William Bach, first sergeant of HHC, led the "Big Dogs" on their monthly three-mile run inspiring esprit de corps throughout the company (photo and story by Staff Sgt. Brent Hunt).



## 704th Military Intelligence Brigade

### Vision Statement

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