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### Community Notice

#### Monroe joins nation in Reagan salute

Fort Monroe will join in the national day of mourning today in remembrance of former President Ronald Reagan. Appropriate honors will be rendered to include a 21-gun salute at noon and a 50-gun salute at retreat. The Casemate Museum, as well as most community service offices on post, will also be closed today in honor of the observance.

*"I'm really glad the dogs had this chance to be in the limelight. They deserve it."*

## Dogs of War



Photo by Patrick Buffett

**Sgt. Carey A. Ford from Fort Sill, Okla., congratulates his partner Rex during an awards ceremony in front of post headquarters here June 3.**

### Monroe treats working canines to hero's welcome

**BY PATRICK BUFFETT**  
CASEMATE STAFF WRITER

They don't know the meaning of the word hero.

And it's a safe bet they don't even remember the heroic actions they were credited with during recent tours in Iraq and Afghanistan.

For Rex, Nussy and Nouska, chasing down an escaped prisoner or alerting a patrol of possible explosive devices is just part of the job — their contribution to a relationship between handler and canine. Nevertheless, it would be wrong not to recognize the actions of these three TRADOC military working dogs. Simply put, their continued dedication to duty saves Soldiers' lives.

With that thought in mind, a representative of Fort Dodge Animal Health traveled from Overland Park, Kan., to Fort Monroe June 3 to present Rex, Nussy and Nouska, the Pro-Heart Hero Award in recognition of their "demonstrated

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## Post experiences close encounters of the bird kind

**BY PATRICIA RADCLIFFE**  
CASEMATE STAFF WRITER

The antics of a member of Fort Monroe's avian population has ruffled some feathers among post residents.

"I was just going for a walk. All of a sudden, this bird swoops down at me. The first time it happened, I just thought it was an unusual occurrence," Maj. Robert Whetstone, TRADOC media relations officer said. He said that a large black bird approached at high speed from the rear, just missing his noggin.

Thinking the sun reflecting off his shaven head could have created a bird beacon, he wore a hat the next time he walked down Fenwick Road, past Bat-

*"The birds are responding as any parent would who is protecting their young. And they're protected by law. Because of this, action cannot be taken against them."*

### Grady Wesson

Natural Resource Coordinator

tery Irwin. This was to no avail. The bird launched a frontal attack this time.

"I crossed the street and went through a parking lot ... he was following me," he said of his experience reminiscent of a classic Hitchcock movie.

Whetstone is not the only person

who has experienced fowl treatment from a boisterous boat-tail grackle. Several people have encountered these birds when walking, jogging or going about their daily routines in the vicinity of Wherry Housing.

"These birds are only protecting their nests and young. A closer look has revealed there are approximately ten nests in the trees (near Fenwick and Griffith) with other parents also being vocal about human or animal visitors," Grady Wesson, natural resources coordinator said.

"Fort Monroe is a bird sanctuary. Because of our location, we have a diverse and abundant bird population.

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*'You continue to forge the path'*

## Soldiers 'forge the path' for 229 years

**L**et me be the first to wish each Fort Monroe Soldier — enlisted and officer, junior grade to general — a heartfelt happy birthday.

This coming Monday, our magnificent Army celebrates its 229th year. It is a time of personal reflection and an opportunity to cherish our proud tradition of winning and defending freedom.

America's faith in you, the U.S. Army Soldier, is older than the nation itself. You continue to forge the path that has wound its way through famous battle-grounds like Bunker Hill,

### Commander's Corner



**Col. Perry D. Allmendinger**  
Garrison Commander

Antietam, Normandy and the A Shau Valley.

The footsteps behind you came from countless men

and women who demonstrated unmatched bravery during times of conflict, crisis and peacekeeping.

Many of the same values — loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage — that you and I commit to memory during our military careers, was also in the hearts and minds of our uniformed brothers and sisters over two centuries ago.

They fought against tyranny and oppression because they knew it was the right thing to do. They cared for their fellow Soldiers and practiced good leadership because they

knew America expected nothing less.

On this most honored occasion, I want you to know I am extremely proud of every member of our Army family here at Fort Monroe, to include our world class DA civilian workforce.

And I am awestruck by the continued love and support shown by our community volunteers and family members — spouses and children alike. Combined with the might of our sister services, we continue the Army's unbroken heritage of service, sacrifice and readiness.

The individual Soldier

today — whether here at home or as one of 370,000-plus forward deployed to more than 120 countries around the world — represents the magnificence of our Army as an institution.

In every theater and every operation, Americans watch you and reaffirm the trust, faith and confidence they've placed in you. In countless places, the force of the United States is the face of an American Soldier.

Thank you for your honor, character and morale courage. And thank you for your many contributions over the past year.

Happy Birthday Army! Hooah!

*"The gift to listen to strangers and to accept their stories and memories is precious."*

## Memorial Day: A time to listen and live

**I** did not get her name, but I do remember speaking to an elderly woman wearing a purple outfit. I got a glimpse of her when I first walked into the Hampton Memorial Cemetery for the Memorial Day Ceremony.

She caught my eye as I strolled through the pathway greeting visitors who were starting to sit for the ceremony. I couldn't help but notice her as she moved slowly toward a grave and stood next to it looking as if she was in some sort of a trance.

I continued to watch her out of the corner of my eye to see what she would do next. As I turned to greet those who had come to the ceremony, I saw her again, the elderly lady dressed in a light purple outfit sitting in a chair next to a grave. She sat there with this somber look and I could feel a sadness come over me as I watched her.

She seemed to be alone and I wondered if she was

### Chaplain's Corner



**Lt. Col. Wilbert Harrison**  
Post Chaplain

waiting for someone to join her. I thought that perhaps this is what it is like for those who have lost a loved one. They sit alone with their thoughts and memories thinking of what used to be, but now is not. Distant looks and hollowness overshadow what was once life and happiness.

As I turned to walk toward others who would be participating in the ceremony, I was struck with the

thought to go and speak to her. I thought for a moment 'what could I say?' After all she is here to attend the ceremony and this will give her time to reflect on past memories in a healthy way. "Aren't you going to speak to her? Can't you see she is alone?"

Thoughts like these haunted me for a few moments, until I gave in and found myself going toward her and extending my hand to her. In doing so, she seemed somewhat startled as she looked inquisitively at me wondering who I was. It was as if she was not sure if she had met me some place before.

We introduced ourselves and began to talk about the upcoming ceremony. She went on to tell me about the person she loved and how, over the years they were together, she never left his side. Where he went, she went as well. Now that he is dead, she finds it difficult each time she visits his grave.

I stood there and listened and the more she talked the more she began to smile about him. As the ceremony was about to begin she clasped my hand and squeezed it as if to say thanks for listening to me and thanks for taking the time to notice me.

I left the Memorial Day Ceremony that day with a great sense of appreciation and honor for the men and women who fought and died for this country. I left with a sense of life and felt somewhat rejuvenated as I listened to the memories of the woman in purple.

This reminded me that in this life loved ones and friends will one day leave us or we will one day leave them. The gift to listen to strangers and to accept their stories and memories is precious.

In the John 15:12, 13 Jesus said, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no man than this, that a man

to lay down his life for his friends."

Our Lord paid the ultimate sacrifice when he laid down his life for all mankind. We ought to lay down our lives for others like the men and women who sacrificed their lives for our freedom.

Jesus sacrificed his life for our eternal freedom, which is something a sinful man cannot do. However, we can emulate Christ's love by listening and loving each other as He commanded us to.

We cannot offer each other eternal life and our death can never take away the sins of any person, but we are God's workmen and we too are agents of Christ who can help others to find a meaningful life through faith in God.

There is not a day that goes by that I do not think about the lady in the purple outfit. Someday I hope to see her again maybe the next time I can listen to the whole story.

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### Moat maintenance ...

**Photo left: (l-r) Brandon Bowers catches a sand bag passed by Eric Baskins, ESA Environmental Specialists employees. They were repairing moat drainage outfalls — pipes that stop the flow of water — to prevent flooding June 7. Photo above: (l-r) 233rd Military Police Detachment Soldiers, Spc. Steven Worthley and Pfc. Jonathan Allen and Carol Vance, Directorate of Information Management computer specialist, gather debris floating in the moat during a June 7 clean up. Vance, DOIM's Project Pride Adopt-a-Spot coordinator, said that she had the opportunity to be the first Adopt-a-Spot participant to actively help clean the moat — DOIM's adopted "spot."**

### TRADOC SJA conducts mandatory ethics training

Ethics laws, principles, and regulations apply to all employees and Soldiers regardless of rank, position or grade. The Honorable Acting Secretary of the Army R.L. Brownlee has mandated that all 2.1 million active, Reserve, and National Guard Soldiers and Army civilian employees receive face-to-face ethics training by December 31, 2004. The requirement is 100 percent compliance with no exceptions. Contractors are not required to attend.

The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate-TRADOC will conduct the one-hour training sessions on the first and third Tuesday of every month in the Post Theater at 1 p.m. Time will be allotted for a question and answer period. Mandatory sign-in sheets will be available. A military or civilian attorney from the OSJA must conduct the training.

For further info, call 788-2302.

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*"And you know in your heart what you're doing is important,"*

heroism through acts of courage."

The awards ceremony was held in front of post headquarters and attended by various dignitaries, to include military police dog handlers: Sgt. Carey Ford from Fort Sill Okla., and his dog Rex; Sgt. William Currier from Fort Jackson, S.C., and his dog Nessy; and Sgt. Richard Saucier, from Fort Knox, Ky., and his dog Nouska.

"Use of military working dogs began in World War II when the Army Quartermaster Corps started U.S. Armed Forces war dog training," said Kelly Goss, Fort Dodge Animal Health representative, during the ceremony. "Since that time, dogs have become recognized as vital to our war and security efforts, as well as true heroes to those with whom they serve."

Goss used one word — "incredible" — to describe Rex, Nessy and Nouska following the presentation. "I'm very proud to represent our organization as it pays tribute to these animals that went above and beyond the call of duty," she said. "And I think this is a tremendous story. A lot of the time we don't get to hear about the positive stuff ... the great things that are being done in the performance of everyday duties over there. This is a positive testament to the wonderful things that have gone on and continue to go on."

In addition to the award, Fort Dodge will make a \$3,000 donation to the International Association of Assistance Dog Partners on behalf of Rex, Nessy and Nouska.

"All of this is just amazing," said Currier, who has worked with his 10-year-old Belgian Malinois for just over a year now. "I'm really glad the dogs had this chance to be in the limelight. They deserve it."

In Afghanistan, Nessy and Currier worked in tandem with a Special Forces unit and were part of the first group of dog teams to be deployed when Operation Enduring Freedom began. Their duties included vehicle searches at random checkpoints and cordon searches of makeshift villages in and around a 100-mile radius of Kandahar.

All of the searches proved fruitful with more than a dozen alerts on weapons and improvised explosive devices; yielding a combined seizure of more than several hundred items. Nessy was also cited for locating and securing local nationals trying to infiltrate an Army base camp.

"It's really all about the dogs ... they are the stars of the show," Currier said. "And I'm sure if she (Nessy) could talk, she'd say the same thing about me. But really, it's all her ... I'd say the relationship is 80 percent dog and 20 percent handler. I bring her the food and water and look out for her, but she's the expert when it comes to being on guard and keeping us safe."

In addition to her accomplishments while on patrol "over there," Currier also gave credit to Nessy for winning over the hearts and minds of many Afghan people. "They were scared. Their religion states very clear that if a dog, which they consider an unclean animal, bit them they would not get to heaven. But we both were very patient and she earned a lot of respect."

As part of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Rex and Nouska, both German Shepards, also had their opportunities to shine. Weapons searches and alerting troops to unseen threats was only the tip of the iceberg in their case, however. Teaming up with their handlers, the canines played a major role in the recapture of an Iraqi prisoner who had "fled to an area known to have caches of weapons," according to an account read during the award ceremony.

While the fugitive had a substantial lead on them, the handlers and their dogs were not daunted by the task, the account continued. Determined to locate the dangerous fugitive, and with little regard for their own safety, the teams began tracking the prisoner — ultimately entering what was suspected to be an unexploded ordnance and anti-personnel minefield.

After hours of relentless searching, the teams located and apprehended the fugitive without incident. Not only did the teams apprehend the prisoner; their actions also provided the psychological deterrent necessary to prevent and further escape attempts, the account concluded.

"It was one of those moments when your training just takes over," Ford said of that dark Iraqi evening. "You don't really stop to think about it too much, you just act."

Like each of the handlers, Ford gave full credit to his canine partner for the positive turnout of that night. "Of course, I was elated. You know, it was like the winning shot of a ballgame. There was a lot of high fives and atta-boys (by humans and working dogs alike)."

And it was the sort of moment Ford and Rex

— who would be described as having a "type A" personality in the human world — live for. Both reenlisted recently for six more years and Ford said they'd jump at any chance to deploy again.

"I love this job," he said. "It's one of the most unique jobs in the Army."

"And you know in your heart what you're doing is important," Ford said. "You say to yourself, 'not on my watch.' Nobody's going to harm Soldiers or escape if they're a prisoner ... not on my watch."



Photo by Patrick Buffett

**Nessy "detains" Sgt. 1st Class Timothy Dawson of the TRADOC Command Provost Marshal Office during a military working dog demonstration June 3. Three working dogs were brought to Monroe to receive awards for their heroic actions while deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan.**

# GRACKLE

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"Of the 411 species of birds known in Virginia, 240 can be found on Fort Monroe."

"Of the 411 species of birds known in Virginia, 240 can be found on Fort Monroe. Of these, 68 species nest on post. Virtually every bird on the installation is protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act with the exception of house sparrows, starlings and pigeons. This Act prohibits disturbing the birds, their young and their nests. Violation of this Act is a criminal offense and can result in a fine or imprisonment," Wesson said.

Grackles are aggressive birds that will colonize in large numbers and are very noisy. They make a loud clucking sound that becomes more rapid as the bird becomes more agitated.

Grackles live throughout the Eastern United States. They usually nest in dense colonies – groups of birds – with as many as 10 to 30 pairs, and occasionally a colony will have more than 100 pairs.

They breed during the spring, and the eggs take 14 days to incubate; the young will be able to fly about three weeks later. "I personally have seen several babies ranging from a week or two old, up to young fledglings learning to fly," Wesson said.

From his observations, Wesson suggests the colony will be around until mid-July to rear their young.

The common grackle has a green/blue or purple iridescent tint-



Photo by Patricia Radcliffe

### **A boat-tailed grackle keeps watch over its nest along Fenwick.**

ed black plumage with a glossy purplish head, neck and breast with the female of the species, slightly smaller and duller colored. Boat-tailed grackles have a very long "v" shaped tail which creases in flight, hence the name "boat-tailed". They are similar in color to the common grackle but are larger birds (16 inches long versus 12 inches long). Female boat tails are dark brown.

"The birds are responding as any parent would who is protecting their young. And they're protected by law," Wesson said. Because of this, action cannot be taken against them."

Wesson encourages residents to

simply use caution when in the vicinity of the birds. Families in Wherry housing should have their children play in the back yard, since nests are in trees on the front side of the homes. Runners, walkers and persons working in nearby buildings should avoid going under or between trees where the nests are located. Also, wearing hats may provide some protection against diving birds, according to Wesson.

As for Whetstone, he now walks on the seawall.

*(Editor's Note: Some of the information about boat-tailed grackles was obtained with permission from Critter Ridders of Memphis Tenn.)*

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**3X7 TITAN AD**

# Drills seek top Army title during post competition

FORT MONROE, Va. — The top 22 Army drill sergeants from across the nation will gather here June 14 through 18 to compete for the title of 2004 U.S. Army Drill Sergeant of the Year.

This year 15 active and seven reserve drill sergeants will compete. Two winners will be chosen — one representing the active Army and the other representing the Reserve component.

The four-day event begins at 7 a.m., June 15 with an Army Physical Fitness Test in the area of Continental Park (situps and pushups) and along Fenwick Drive (two-mile run). Scores well in excess of the Army's 300-point maximum for the APFT are common during this portion of competition. Spectators from the Fort Monroe community are welcome to come out and cheer for the competitors.

Later in the week, candidates will also be tested on their knowledge of Soldier tasks and how they teach those tasks to new trainees. The selection process concludes with each candidate appearing before a board of senior command sergeants major to answer questions on leadership and training.

U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command will name the winners and present awards to all participants during a June 18 ceremony,

starting at 8 a.m., at Continental Park. The ceremony is free and open to the public.

The active Army Drill Sergeant of the Year receives the Meritorious Service Medal and the Stephen Ailes Award, initiated in 1969. Ailes was Secretary of the Army from 1964-1965 and was instrumental in originating the first Drill Sergeant School at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

The Army Reserve winner also receives the Meritorious Service Medal and the Ralph Haines Jr. Award. Haines was commander of the Continental Army Command (the forerunner of TRADOC) from 1970-1972.

Both winners receive the "Army Times" Eugene P. Famiglietti Award, named for the late editor of the "Army Times."

The Association of the United States Army will present each winner with a gold watch and sponsor both drill sergeants at the 2004 AUSA Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., in October. Also, the Noncommissioned Officers Association (NCOA) will present each winner with the NCOA Military Excellence Award. The American Military Society and Armed Forces Insurance will make presentations in the form of plaques and books.

Drill sergeants are top-quality,

professional noncommissioned officers (NCOs) from virtually all branches of the Army, according to a TRADOC press release about the upcoming event. Their role is to turn citizens into soldiers. During every recruit's initial entry training period, these NCOs set the tone for their entire military career. Currently there are approximately

2,900 Army drill sergeants in the active component and 3,000 in the reserve component.

Each year, TRADOC trains over 300,000 soldiers. Drill sergeants play a critical role in the success of this training and, therefore, have a direct impact on the readiness of the entire U.S. Army, TRADOC said.



File photo by Patrick Buffett

***Last year's Army Drill Sergeant of the Year candidate representing Fort Eustis talks a Soldier through the proper placement of a claymore mine during the "CTT" portion of the competition.***

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# Army develops policy to address acts of sexual assault

**BY SGT. 1ST CLASS MARCIA TRIGGS**

ARMY NEWS SERVICE

WASHINGTON – The Army is devising a policy that will re-emphasize that all offenses of sexual assault must be reported to the Criminal Investigation Command, officials have announced.

A task force spent 90 days conducting a

detailed review of the Army's current policies and programs on sexual assault. One of the findings was that while all commanders had taken action against assailants accused of sexual assault, not all were going through the proper investigation channels, said Darlene Sullivan, a task force member.

The task force was assembled from various

Army organizations and began looking into how the Army addresses matters of sexual assault in February. Acting Secretary of the Army, Les Brownlee, authorized the task force.

The task force recommendations were approved by Brownlee, and were briefed to the House Armed Services Committee June 3 by Reginald J. Brown, the assistant secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs.

There were nine shortfalls the task force noted in its 80-page report. One major finding pointed out there was no standard way of handling sexual assault cases, making it hard to collect data and keep track of what services had been rendered to victims.

There were 24 recommendations made to improve the system. One was to develop a sexual assault policy for inclusion in Army Regulation 600-20, Army Command Policy. The chief of personnel, Army G-1 is responsible for the overall sexual assault policy.

The policy will define sexual assault as alleged offenses of rape, forcible sodomy, assault with intent to commit rape or sodomy, indecent assault or an attempt to commit any of these offenses, Sullivan said. The definition is the same one used by the Department of Defense in its recent report "Care for Victims of Sexual Assault."

The roles and responsibilities of commanders from major command to unit level will be addressed in the new policy and become a part of AR 600-20, said Lt. Col. John McPhaul of Army G-1.

"Commanders must create a command climate where victims feel comfortable reporting acts of sexual assault," said Sullivan. "Rape is one of the most unreported crimes nationwide."

"As a first sergeant, if you don't know your Soldier was attacked or raped, how can you protect that Soldier? What if you put that Soldier on guard duty with his or her attacker?"

It's imperative that leaders know that prevention, training and assistance are a commander's responsibility."

Company commanders will no longer have the authority to sign the disciplinary paperwork for

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VERIZON**

## Post CYS cotillion open to fathers, daughters

A Father-Daughter Cotillion is being hosted by the Child and Youth Services division from 6 to 10 p.m., June 20 — Father's Day — at the Bay Breeze Community Center.

All branches and grades of active duty and retired military and Department of Defense civilian personnel throughout the Hampton Roads area are welcome.

Dress code is formal to semi-formal, with military in dress blues, dress whites, or mess dress, and civilians in appropriate dress attire.

Tickets are \$18 for fathers and daughters 12 and older, \$13 for daughters 6 to 11 and \$8 for daughters 5 and under.

A photographer will be available from 5 to 6:45 p.m. and from 7:45 to 8:45 p.m. Photo packages may be purchased, payable to the photographer.

Tickets are on sale at the Fort Monroe Community Activities Center. Last day to purchase tickets is June 15.

The Bay Breeze Community Center, Building 185, is located on Fenwick Road, and the Community Activities Center, Building 221, is located on Stillwell Drive.

For more information, call 757-788-3957.

*Faye Winston*

# CDC Teacher of the Year



Photo by Patricia Radcliffe

**Faye Winston, CDC Teacher of the Year**

**Job title:** Education technician  
**Time at CDC:** 8 years  
**Time in government service:** 20 years this September  
**Wheredo you live:** Hampton Va. since 1996  
**Family:** Clayton Winston, spouse for 26 years; two daughters — Winter, 24 and Renee, 20; three beautiful grandchildren — Sincere, 5, Precious, 4, and Akel, 2; and, of course, our family dog Cocoa.  
**Outside activities:** walking, dancing, watching movies, gardening, fishing and being surrounded by family and friends.

**Most rewarding aspect of teaching:** Knowing that I am making a difference not only in the lives of the children in my care but their families as well.  
**Teaching philosophy:** I believe teaching is a privilege. Teaching gives me the opportunity to relate to children on their level, inspire them and learn from those experiences.  
**Goals:** To be able to look back and see all the wonderful accomplishments I have done in my life so that my children and grandchildren may follow in my footsteps and know they can make a difference.

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## MP Roll Call

The MP Roll Call is designed to provide a link between the Provost Marshal's office and the Fort Monroe community regarding law enforcement operations, services and crime statistics, and how operations and services combine with other Fort Monroe initiatives to keep the community safe daily. Call 788-2220 with any comments or concerns that need to be addressed. Detailed information concerning the fort's security posture will not be published.

## PMO reviews summer recreation/safety rules

The Fort Monroe PMO offers the following reminders for post visitors, residents and active duty and civilian employees.

- Swimming or wading on Dog Beach is prohibited, but sun bathing is authorized.
- Alcohol and pets are prohibited on Dog Beach.
- Dog Beach is open from sunrise to sunset.
- Engineer Pier has re-opened and is the only authorized location for the general public (non-DoD card-holding civilians) to fish on Fort Monroe. They may fish on this pier daily from sunrise to sunset, except for Wednesdays when it closes at 4 p.m. From 4 p.m. to sunset, only DoD cardholders may fish from the Engineer pier.
- Anyone riding a bicycle, scooter or skateboard on post must wear a helmet at all times.
- There has been an increase in tickets over the past month. This is due to drivers disobeying posted road and speed limit signs. Motorists on Fort Monroe should pay closer attention to the posted signs and avoid driving in residential areas, specifically around Reeder Circle and Pratt Street.

### May incident report

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| ■ 911 emergencies: 2   | ■ DWI: 1                                |
| ■ Medical emergencies: 3   | ■ DUI: 1                                |
| ■ Fire alarms: 1   | ■ Dead turtle: 1                        |
| ■ Alarm activations: 1   | ■ Unsecured building: 2                 |
| ■ Traffic accident resulting in damage to private property without injury: 1 | ■ Suspicious package: 1                 |
| ■ Damage to gov. property: 1   | ■ Assault: 1                            |
| ■ Conduct unbecoming: 1  | ■ Possession of controlled substance: 1 |
| ■ Communication of threat: 1   | ■ Indecent exposure: 1                  |
| ■ Fraud and false claims: 1  | ■ Simple possession: 1                  |

### Spotlight Event

TRADOC Org Day  
Historical Walk

June 25 starting at 8:30 a.m.  
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Big Al's  
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*Tiny Florence Virginia Steere wriggled her way into this world, and into the hearts of her family, in March 1915. Like any new mother, Lora Woodhead Steere was over the moon with her firstborn. In a letter to friends, she wrote: "... March 12 - My dear Blanche & Howard - The pillowcases are too dear for words. I am so happy with them and the baby will be delighted. At present she has taken no notice of them for her nurse doesn't have her sleep on a pillow, but they will look darling on the little bed. How grand it is to have mother with me again!"*  
**Love from the three Steeres ... Lora**

# After 89-years, Florence comes home

BY HEATHER McCANN, CONTRIBUTING WRITER

**N**early 90 years later, Florence Virginia Steere-Russell-Field has come full circle ... back to the place her long journey began. She's come home to Fort Monroe.

"This is almost unreal to me. It's hard to explain my feelings. I'm still up in the clouds," said the 89-year-old retired schoolteacher, who today lives northwest of Los Angeles. "I didn't expect to be treated like royalty. I like this Southern hospitality. I'd like to take it back with me!"

Steere-Field is sitting on the porch of Quarters 19, her birth place. Except for typical modernizations and a coat of white paint, the exterior largely is unchanged.

"Of course, I have no memory of Fort Monroe," she said, referring to photos from her parents' collection. "I hadn't looked at those pictures for years and years. This is a wonderful surprise."

**A**bout seven years ago, Steere-Field wrote a letter to Casemate Museum Director Dennis

Mroczkowski seeking information about Fort Monroe. Once Mroczkowski confirmed that 1st Lt. and Mrs. Thomas I. Steere indeed had occupied Quarters 19, he sent Steere-Field photos and a floor plan of the house. Along with these, Mroczkowski extended an invitation to visit. It was an offer she couldn't refuse.

"... I have been privileged to be



Photo by Patrick Buffett

**Florence Virginia Steere-Russell-Field shares a laugh in front of Quarters 19 during her recent visit.**

invited to the dedication of the new WWII Veterans' Memorial," she wrote Mroczkowski in March. She had earned the invite by joining the ranks of "Rosie the Riveter" during the war. Steere-Field inspected the P-38 Mustang Fighter

on the Lockheed assembly line in Burbank, CA.)

"Since I will be so close, I'd love nothing better than to go on down to visit the place where I was born, visit your museum and meet you. All my life I've wanted to return to visit Ft. Monroe, and it looks like now it may be possible."

So, accompanied by a traveling companion, Florence Steere-Field hopped a cross-country flight to Washington, DC, and rubbed elbows with her WWII contemporaries. Then, undaunted by the logistics, she boarded the Amtrak for a solo ride to Williamsburg, where Mroczkowski awaited.

"I was anxious to meet her," Mroczkowski said. "She's a living piece of history ... someone born right here in the house that sits next to the museum."

**A**waiting permanent quarters, Lt. Gen. Mark and Cindy Curran call Quarters 19 "home." Although they were out of town for the holiday weekend, they opened their doors, allowing Steere-Field to step back in time. With Sgt. 1st Class Joey Sisemore as her escort, Florence Steere-Field toured the place in which her parents "set up house-keeping" nearly a hundred years ago.

Her parents left with her a circa 1911 map, prepared by the Fort Monroe District Artillery Engineer. It offers a glimpse of life here in the heyday of Coast Artillery. Steere-Field's father, Thomas, reported to the commandant of the Coast Artillery School on December 30, 1914.

Careful to follow protocol, Lora Woodhead Steere painstakingly penned the names of each of her husband's colleagues over their quarters number on the map; an "x" marking "First Calls," (the places she was expected to visit first).

"Mother wasn't a very good Army wife," Steer-Field chuckled. "But she adored my dad, and he adored the Army. So, this was their life."

Steere-Field believes her mother may have felt somewhat trapped between Renaissance yearnings and her other, more demure personality traits. She earned a Master's Degree in Paleontology from Stanford University, and learned sculpting in Berlin. "But, she had very Victorian sensibilities," said Steere-Field.

**"S**he didn't like the smoking. See, women were just beginning to smoke in public back then. She didn't like the card playing or the drinking. She'd rather have been busy doing other things, like sculpting."

Florence's mother was artistically inclined during a time when anything other than the delicate art of painting was frowned upon. As a young girl, it took Lora a lot of

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**3x5 Northstar**



**A photo from the early 1900s shows that Quarters 18 didn't look a whole lot different than it does today. The home sits within a hundred yards of the Casemate Museum entrance.**

Photo contributed by Florence Steere-Field

**Support Project Pride**

Clean Sweep Walk  
June 15, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Fitness Center

Free beverages  
and  
MWR gift certificate raffle

# NewsClips

## **Welfare requests being accepted**

The Fort Monroe Thrift Shop is accepting requests for welfare funds until June 23.

Bring requests to the Thrift Shop or mail them to Peggy Mertz, 4010 Monitor Drive, Hampton, VA 23669. Call 722-4348 if there are any questions.

## **Thrift Shop faces move**

The Fort Monroe Thrift Shop is moving. In preparation for this move there is a huge moving sale in progress.

The Thrift Shop will continue operate through June 22. The Shop will close at 2 p.m. that day to reopen on Sept. 14 in Building 247, which is the brick building by the airfield. Consignment checks will be issued June 29. Any questions? Call 788-2566.

## **Vet services**

Fort Monroe's Veterinary Treatment Facility will hold medical microchipping and vaccination clinics June 16, 23 and 24. To schedule an appointment for any of these clinics, call 788-2623. Hours for post registration, over-the-counter sales and information are Monday- Friday, 8 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m.

## **PAC relocates**

The Personnel Assistance Center will be operating out of Building 27 until the end of June while its regular offices in Building 82 are renovated. Its hours of operation remain the same - 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4:30 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays; and 8 a.m. to noon Wednesdays.

## **WOs wanted**

The U.S. Army is looking for highly motivated Soldiers, Marines, Sailors and Airman to fill its warrant officer ranks. Positions are open in all 45 specialties, if you qualify. Applicants with less than 12 years active federal service are encouraged to apply.

For more information forms and documents, visit [www.usarec.army.mil/warrant](http://www.usarec.army.mil/warrant) or call 502-626-0484/0458.

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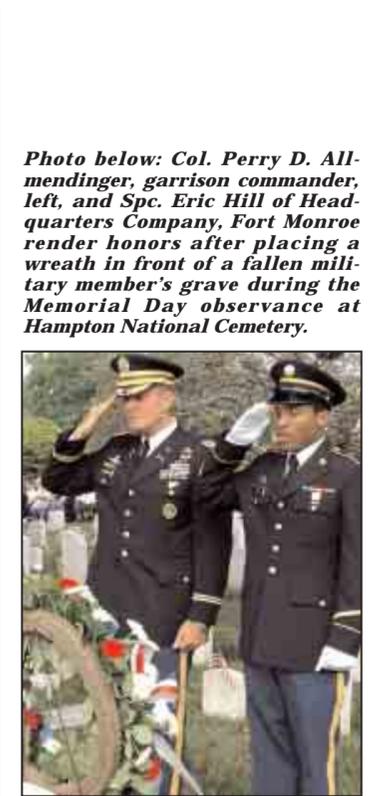


Photo left: A firing detail, comprised of 233rd Military Police Detachment Soldiers, stands ready for the 21-gun salute during the Memorial Day observance at Hampton National Cemetery May 31. The detail members were, from l-r, Spc. Gustav Schirach, Spc. Christopher Walter, Sgt. Jonette Sillas, Pfc. Jonathan Allen, Spc. Steven Worthley, Sgt. Fernando Martinez and Sgt. Sally Curlis. Also visible is Staff Sgt. Joseph Addison, the detail NCOIC, standing at the rear of the formation. Photo above: Sgt. Jason Bemis of The U.S. Continental Army Band performs Taps during the Memorial Day observance at Fort Monroe's Continental Park May 31. That event also included a 21-cannon salute performed by a salute battery comprised of Soldiers from Headquarters TRADOC and Fort Monroe garrison. Photo right: Col. Bern Ruiz, TRADOC Futures Center, and his son Julian were among the hundreds of volunteers who turned out May 28 to place flags in front of grave markers at Hampton National Cemetery.

Photos by Patrick Buffett

2004 Memorial Day Weekend Scrapbook

# Monroe pauses to rock, roll and remember



Publicity photo contributed by Monroe MWR

**Terri Clark headlines the July 4 Fort Monroe concert. Post summer concert series continues with Clark, Bentley**

BY PATRICK BUFFETT  
CASEMATE STAFF WRITER

With her scheduled induction into the Grand Ole Opry Saturday, and his recent Academy of Country Music award for top new artist, Terri Clark and Dierks Bentley are well on their way to achieving superstar status in the county music business.

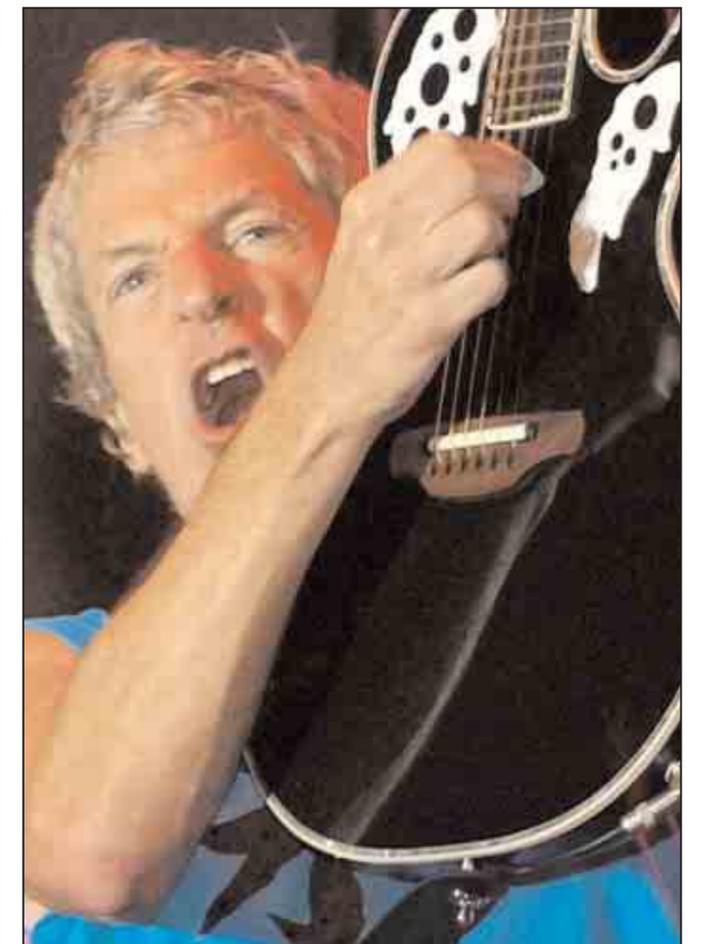
And it was no small feat arranging for the headliners to appear at Fort Monroe's July 4 concert at Walker Airfield as part of the installation's "4th at the Fort" festivities. Bentley will go on stage at 7 p.m., followed by Clark at 8:15. The fort's much ballyhooed fireworks display will follow the show.

Described as the "kind of real-life gal who'll buy you a beer, let you cry on her shoulder and be the first one to give you a whoop and a high five when your ship comes in," Clark has produced five albums — two of them achieving platinum status in the U.S., and double and triple platinum status in Canada. Her current "Pain to Kill" album includes the hit singles "I Just Wanna Be Mad" and "Three Mississippi," which continue to rank high on the country music charts. Clark's "Greatest Hits" album is due out July 27.

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Photo left: An enthusiastic fan reacts to Crossfire's rendition of "God Bless the USA" during the pre-Memorial Day concert here May 29. TUSCAB's Crossfire opened for featured artists REO Speedwagon. Photo below: Staff Sgt. Jeanine Lewis, one of the lead singers for Crossfire, performs the Fleetwood Mac favorite "Rhiannon." Other Crossfire members are: Sergeants 1st Class Curt Brady and Derek Pearsall, Staff Sergeants Jeff Wieck and Paul Baker, and Sergeants Michael Webb and Robin Smith. Photo right: Bryan Hitt of REO Speedwagon wraps up a drum solo as the pre-Memorial Day concert draws to a close.



REO Speedwagon's Kevin Cronin, pictured above, and Dave Amato, pictured left, work their musical magic on the crowd with rock 'n' roll classics like "Take it on the Run," "Roll With the Changes," and "Ridin' the Storm Out." As many as 5,000 fans turned out for the May 29 concert, according to "best guess" estimates.



## Winning Fort Monroe team extends invite to new runners

The Fort Monroe running team has begun training for the 2004 Army 10-miler, and they're extending an invitation to members of the community to join their ranks.

The annual 10-miler will be held October 24, in conjunction with the AUSA convention in Washington, D.C. Fort Monroe sends at least one team each year, and the most recent teams have returned with one or several top-place awards, according to Dale Abrahamson, team coordinator.

"In 2002, we sent three teams and took home the first place trophy in the mixed masters category," he said. "In 2003, we sent three teams and captured 1st place in the military mixed masters category and 1st place in the mixed masters category."

If you have the desire to join one of the running squads, Abrahamson said you can email him at [abrahamd@monroe.army.mil](mailto:abrahamd@monroe.army.mil) or call 788-4227. You may also contact Lt. Col. Mark Carper via e-mail — [carperjm@monroe.army.mil](mailto:carperjm@monroe.army.mil) — or phone 788-5414. Sign-up deadline is June 30.

Obviously, the faster you can run the better, Abrahamson said. But the main criteria is a strong desire to run long distance and represent Monroe. Competitive times for men average under 70 minutes,

and for women under 85 minutes.

"In preparation for the fall racing season, we will begin meeting in the Fort Monroe Fitness Center starting the week of June 14 at 11:45 a.m.," Abrahamson said. "Training from June 14 to July 18 will form the base for our fall Army 10 Miler training program."

As in previous years, the Peninsula AUSA and the Post (MWR funds) will sponsor the teams and cover registration fees and lodging (4-6 per room) the night before the race, Abrahamson noted.

New running uniforms were also purchased recently to "make the Fort Monroe teams easy to identify and cheer on" at the 10-miler and future local area races.

"This is a truly great event in which runners from all over the Army come together once a year," Abrahamson said. "Since this is the 20th anniversary of the ATM, 20,000 runners are expected to participate."

Abrahamson emphasized that nobody should be discouraged by the uncertainty of not being good enough. "If you are looking for a challenge, or if you just want to get in really good shape, this might be for you. Everyone is welcome to train with us even if you don't make the team or run the 10-miler. Misery loves company, so help us spread it around."



Photo by Patrick Buffett

### Star athlete ...

For the second year in a row, DelChrisha Young, a member of the Fort Monroe Youth Sports Program, has claimed a spot in the Fitness Authority National Decathlon, conducted annually at the University of Miami, Coral Gables, Fla., during the first weekend of August. Young qualified for the decathlon by beating out six regional athletes who represented Boys and Girls Clubs from Buffalo, N.Y., to Valparaiso, Ind. Young was the only participant this year representing a military youth sports program. Events at the Fitness Authority meets include the standing long jump (demonstrated above), a 100-yard dash, situps, pushups and a half-mile run.

## Youth camp teaches basic rugby skills

The Newport News Rugby Football Club will host a youth rugby mini-camp for children 7-16 years old from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Boulevard Park on the Corner of Warwick and J. Clyde Morris Boulevards, across from the Mariners Museum. The youth mini-camp will focus on teamwork and basic rugby skills.

Rugby combines strength, speed, coordination and stamina to create skilled

athletes. Many of today's top rugby players grew up playing soccer, hockey, and lacrosse - all sports with values and abilities that coincide. While rugby looks like a rough sport, there are fewer injuries in rugby than in basketball.

The youth mini-camp is provided at no cost.

For more information, contact Matthew R. Weir at 225-0850.

## Intramural Standings

Softball	
<b>National League</b>	<b>American League</b>
ACC/CG	4-0 1LRS
ACC/SF	4-1 MOAT DOGS
1OSS	5-1 1MDG
1 CMS	4-0 480
1 LRS #2	3-3 DCST
EMS #2	2-1 DGS #1
1 CONS	4-1 AMXS #1
ACC/IG	3-2 EMS #1
12 ALF	2-3 MONROE MPS
ACC/DP	3-3 ACC/LG
AEF CENTER	2-2 ISFS
AF2C1SRC	1-3 119 FW
JTFCS	0-3 1 CES
AMX #2	1-3 1 CS
CADET CMD	1-4 ESCACF
DCS-2	0-6 MOS
ACC/DR	0-5
<b>Volleyball</b>	
POST DIGGERS	10-0 CADET CMD
NERO	6-3 DCMA
DCSRM	6-3 BAND

Standings as of June 8

Registration underway for youth service mini clinics - for info, call 788-3957

## 'T-Wolves' seek Tidewater-wide youth talent

The Tidewater Wolves Football and Cheerleading League is heading into the 2004 season of the Peninsula Youth Football Association with great anticipation following a very successful 2003 campaign.

The PYFA is made up of individual leagues from Hampton, York County, Gloucester, Poquoson, Newport News, and Williamsburg. It is divided into four divisions, Mites, Mighty Mites, Midgets and Juniors based on participant's ages. For each division, there are also a group of dedicated and energetic cheerleaders to lend support to the players on the field, and keep the fans in the stands entertained.

The first practice is Aug. 2 and the season is scheduled to run from Sept. 4 through the second week of November. The season will culminate with the Superbowl, which showcases the top two teams in each division in a face-off to determine the division champion.

In addition to athletic participation, the PYFA

also recognizes the children's accomplishments in the classroom. All student-athletes in each division with a GPA of 3.0 or better receive a special Academic All Star award.

The non-profit T-Wolves organization originated from the Langley Eagles Youth Football and Cheerleading program which at one time was sponsored by Langley Air Force Base.

The age limitations for both the football and cheerleading squads are 6-14. Registration cost is \$110 per child, which will cover new jerseys for the football players and jackets for the cheerleaders. The team will be conducting mass sign-ups at the Tabb Library across for the York County YMCA on the following dates and times: June 12, noon - 3 p.m.; June 19, noon - 3 p.m.; July 17, noon - 5 p.m.; July 24, noon - 5 p.m.

You can also sign-up by visiting our website <http://www.tidewaterwolves.com>.

For more TWFL information, contact C. Courtney at 867-9639 or cell 342-5021.

# TRADOC Org Day promises sports, food, fun

Headquarters TRADOC personnel will celebrate the command's 31st anniversary June 27. The occasion is marked by a tradition at Monroe — an organization day filled with sports, food and fun.

Organization Day will be celebrated on June 25, with opening

ceremonies scheduled for 7:50 a.m. at Continental Park. A 3K fun run/walk will immediately follow, along with numerous other sporting events throughout the morning and early afternoon.

Below is a listing of Organization Day events to include POCs

and sign-up deadlines. See your section's org day representative for additional information about rules and pre-registration requirements, if any.

All personnel (military, civilian and family members) who work or live on Fort Monroe are invited.

Civilian personnel for whom the day would be a CWS day off should check with their supervisors for work schedule arrangements. Contractors who wish to participate will be required to take vacation or make other arrangements with their employer.

## Stars vs Stripes Softball

- Top three enlisted and officer ranks
- DeRussy Field, 1:45 p.m. (approx.)
- POC: 1st Sgt. Mitchell Brown, 788-4114, mitchell.brown@monroe.army.mil

## 3K Fun Run/Walk

- No pre-registration required
- Assemble at 7:50 a.m., Continental Park, event begins at 8:20 a.m.
- Categories are: male, female, disabled, and children 12 and under
- Trophies - top two in each category
- POC: Steve Chenault, 788-2073, steve.chenault@monroe.army.mil

## Historic Walk

- No pre-registration required
- Meet in front of museum by 8:30 a.m.
- Eight sites - interpreters and docents at each to explain historical significance
- POC: Dennis Mroczkowski, 788-3885, dennis.mroczkowski@monroe.army.mil

## Softball

- Single elimination; standard ASA rules

- Five innings/45 minutes
- Tie breaker (one-pitch innings)
- Team rosters due NLT June 16
- POC: CW2 Don Bolden, 788-3989, Donald.bolden@monroe.army.mil

## Closest-to-the-Pin Golf

- Open registration until close of event
- Site near DeRussy Field, start 9 a.m.
- Register NLT June 17
- POC: Capt. J. Brevard, 788-2417, john.brevard@monroe.army.mil

## Doubles Tennis

- Courts near Bay Breeze, 9 a.m. start
- Men, women or mixed teams
- First to four points wins; no deuces
- Register NLT June 21
- POC: Lt. Col. Tracy Syverston, 788-2951, syverstontl@monroe.army.mil

## Volleyball

- Site near DeRussy Field, 9:15 a.m. start
- Single elimination, games to 15 points; 20 minute limit
- Co-ed six member teams (10 max)

- Modified USVA rules apply
- Register NLT June 22
- POC: SFC Jeffery Stewart, 788-5890, Jeffery.stewart@monroe.army.mil

## Horseshoes

- Two person teams (16 yrs old and up)
- Site behind DeRussy Field, 9 a.m. start
- Register by June 18
- POC: Eric Hayes, 788-5583, hayesed@monroe.army.mil

## Canoe Races

- Two person teams (18 yrs minimum)
- Male, female, and mixed teams
- Site along Mill Creek, 9 a.m. start
- Register by June 18
- POC: Jackie Williams, 788-3527, williamsj1@monroe.army.mil

## Three-Legged Race

- Walk up event, 100-yard course (50-50)
- Practice runs are allowed
- Behind DeRussy Field, 9:15 a.m. start
- POC: Bill Burckard, 788-5078, burckarb@monroe.army.mil / Mary Smith-Hewitt,

788-5081, smithm1@monroe.army.mil

## Two-on-Two Basketball

- Single elimination, half court
- Community Activity Center
- All games - 12 points or 10 minutes
- Register by June 17
- POC: Wes Skeen, 788-5106, skeenc@monroe.army.mil

## Fishing

- No pre-registration required
- Site - Engineer Pier, 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- Salt Water fishing license required (ages 16 - 65)
- POC: Jacquelyne Jones-Phippin, 788-4524, jonesphj@monroe.army.mil

Telephone numbers for the Operations Center for Organization Day will be 788-4929 and 788-2735.

Beer and wine are permitted at Organization Day for those 21 and older. Intoxicated individuals will not be allowed to participate in sporting events. Remember to drink responsibly and designate drivers.

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*"I'm very sure of what I do, and I want to be the best at what I do."*

well, and I want to be the best at what I do. And the thing I do best is pretty simple — flat-out, hardcore, pumped up country music," Clark said in her biographical sketch that appears on her official Web site: [www.terri-clark.com](http://www.terri-clark.com).

"My audience has to work for a living, but they also want to live — and they'll do what it takes to get there," the 35-year-old Nashville resident also added. "They may make some mistakes, but they'll dust themselves off and keep going. They want to experience everything that's out there for them. That's what marks the people who come to my shows; they have a lust to get everything out of life they can. And I'd like to think they do."

Kicking off her musical career at age 18, when she moved to Tennessee from her small hometown in Alberta, Canada, Clark "paid the same dues" as any other up and coming country artists by playing at small honky-tonk bars and community gatherings. After signing on with Mercury Records in 1995, she reached No. 3 on the country music charts with her first single "Better Things to Do." That was followed by hits like "When Boy Meets Girl" and "Now That I Found You."

Clark's recent career achievements include two consecutive nominations for female vocalist of the year by the Academy of Country Music in 2003 and 2004, and a fan's choice award and single of the year (for "I Just Wanna Be Mad") presented in 2003 by the Canadian Country Music Association.

Releasing his debut album in 2003, Bentley is already being described as "red hot" by Country Music Television, which presented him a "Flameworthy" award for best video of the year in 2003. The Phoenix, Ariz., native's first hit "What Was I Thinkin" also led to opening tour slots with George Strait and Kenny Chesney.

Bentley also began his music career with a move to Nashville at age 19. It was a time of "one cowboy-hatted, starched-jean-wearing singer after another," he said. An eventual gig at a club known for bluegrass had a big influ-

ence on the young singer, and his new sound eventually caught the ear of record producers at Capitol Nashville.

Frequently accompanied by his companion Jake, a dog he rescued from the pound, Bentley jokingly said in a recent interview that he sings the sorts of songs that "go down really well with light domestic beer."

"Everyone in my band loves to play music, so we'll sit on the bus and pick a lot and work," Bentley said during a January interview while on tour with Strait. "Rod [Janzen], my guitar player, is a bluegrass fan, and Gary [Morse] is a great Dobro player and loves bluegrass. So we'll sit around, pick some old bluegrass stuff." Rounding out the impromptu jam sessions are bassist Michelle Poe (who has an upcoming single of her own) and drummer Steve Misamore.

Other song titles on Bentley's first album include "Wish It Would Break," "Forget About You" and "My Last Name."

Those coming out for the concert are reminded that access to Fort Monroe requires a picture ID for anyone 18 years and older. No coolers, food or beverages may be brought in to the concert area. No weapons are allowed on post.



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**Dierks Bentley opens for Terri Clark July 4.**

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# Moat Notes

## UPCOMING SPOTLIGHT EVENTS

Clean Sweep Walk . . . . . June 15 | Father/Daughter Cotillion . . . June 20  
 MUTS 'Jazz Band' . . . . . June 17 | Post Run . . . . . June 22  
 DSOY Ceremony . . . . . June 18 | MUTS 'Evening of Classics' . . June 24  
 For more on these and other upcoming events, see calendar below or other stories and briefs in this issue.



### June 11

#### Vacation Bible school

Registration for Vacation Bible School is in progress for children, pre-kindergarten through grade 6. This year, the Chapel of the Centurion and St. Mary Star of the Sea have combined VBS classes which have an Olympic theme, "Son Games." The initial meeting will be held at the post chapel June 27 at 6 p.m. VBS will continue June 28 through July 1, from 9 a.m. to noon. Call Sandra Rogers at 825-1982, the post chapel at 788-2611 or St. Mary's at 722-9855 for more information.

#### Ballroom dancing

Enroll now for ballroom dance classes at the Bay Breeze Community Center. Classes will be held every Tuesday from July 6 to August 10, noon to 1 p.m. This is a six-week course that will introduce patterns and techniques for the five most popular social dances - Foxtrot, Waltz, Rumba, Cha-Cha and Swing. No partner is needed and beginners are welcome. The class size is limited. For more information, call Maria Jackson at 788-3151, or the dance instructor, Michelle Jones, at 850-4085. Tuition is \$60.

#### Cats at Chrysler Hall

Tickets for "Cats" performances, Aug. 3-8 at Chrysler Hall, are on sale now. Show times are Aug. 3-7, 8 p.m., Aug. 7 and 8, 2 p.m. and Aug. 8, 7:30 p.m. Prices for this show range from \$47.50 to \$59.00 and available at the Scope Box Office, on-line at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com), charge by phone at 671-8100 and at all area Ticketmaster locations.

#### Fort Monroe gift items

The Casemate Community Connection will offer one-of-a-kind Fort Monroe gifts at Music Under the Stars every Thursday night from 6-8 p.m. Come and check out the gift ideas. Afghans, pottery, tea towels, pot holders and Cat's Meow collectibles are offered, including the Old Point Comfort Lighthouse and the Gazebo bandstand Cat's Meow. For more information, contact Heather McCann at 722-9499.

#### Farmer James quilts showing at HU

Hampton University Museum features the "Farmer James Collection of African American Quilts 1860-1947" now through July 31. With a strong emphasis on the aesthetics of the black quilt tradition in the United States, this exhibition

### Kids care



Photo by Patricia Radcliffe  
**Packing toothbrushes, shampoo, games and "Old Glory," kids like Catalina Roldan, 6 (left) and Kristin Lewis, 8, explained that Soldiers in Kandahar can use these things because "they don't have K-Marts and Walmarts where they are."**

of thirty works offers an in-depth look at a regional variation of this important American art form. The museum's collection contains over 9,000 artifacts and works of art, including traditional and contemporary African, Native American, African American, Asian and Pacific art; fine arts; and objects relating to the history of the University. The museum, offering complimentary admission, is located in the Huntington Building on the Hampton University Campus.

### June 12

#### Incubus Rocks Scope

Tickets for the rock band, Incubus, go on sale June 12 at 10 a.m. The band will take the stage at Norfolk Scope October 8 at 7:30 p.m. Seating for this concert is General Admission and tickets are priced at \$33.00.

Don't miss the excitement as Incubus does what it loves most and returns to the stage to play new material and begin a new journey with their fans.

Tickets will be available at the

Scope Box Office, online at [Ticketmaster.com](http://Ticketmaster.com), charge-by-phone at 757-671-8100 and at all area Ticketmaster locations.

#### NASA/Space Day at the Children's Museum

Comets, planets, suns, stars and meteorites ... come to the opening of the NASA exhibit and learn about these celestial bodies. Visitors can even make a model of the solar system or design a spaceship and learn all about what NASA is doing on Mars. Discover all the cool stuff used today that was developed for the space program. Guests can even see a piece of the moon.

Come June 12, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

#### Pet wash fundraiser

The Friends of Hampton's Bark Parks is holding a pet wash on June 12 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Pet Supplies Plus, 2170 Coliseum Drive.

Bring dogs to be bathed and dried in a state-of-the-art pet wash. Volunteers will wash pets and the cost is a donation to the Friends of Hampton's Bark Parks. Call 851-8614 for more information.

### June 15

#### USAF Heritage Brass Quintet free concert

The United States Air Force Heritage Brass Quintet will present a blend of music spanning more than 350 years of musical tradition at the Williamsburg Library Theatre, June 15 at 7:30 p.m. While the concert is free, tickets are required to guarantee admission. Up to four free tickets per person can be picked up, in person only, at the program services desk at the Williamsburg Library, 515 Scotland Street. Tickets cannot be reserved over the phone. Those not holding tickets the night of the concert may be seated if space is available at curtain time.

#### Hampton Clean City Commission meetings

All committee meetings are open to the public. For more information about any of these committee meetings, please contact the Hampton Clean City Commission office at 727-6394 or [hccc@hampton.gov](mailto:hccc@hampton.gov).

The Litter Awareness Committee is meeting June 15, at 4 p.m. in the Sandy Bottom Nature Park Nature Center, 1255 Big Bethel Road, Hampton. The Committee is looking for volunteers to help implement fall litter cleanup and educational activities. The Litter Awareness Committee is charged with increasing litter awareness in the City of Hampton through increased public outreach and the development of additional cleanup volunteer opportunities. We need volunteers with great ideas and enthusiasm to help us reach every citizen in Hampton and everyone who travels through Hampton with the message that we want to keep our city clean.

### At The Movies

Showing at the Langley Air Force Base Theatre

Friday, June 11

7 p.m. — Kill Bill Vol. 2 (R)

Saturday, June 12

2 p.m. — Ella Enchanted (PG)

7 p.m. — Envy (PG-13)

Friday, June 17

7 p.m. — Man on Fire (R)

Saturday, June 18

2 p.m. — 13 Going On 30 (PG-13)

7 p.m. — Laws of Attraction

(PG-13)

Adults \$2, children 6-12 years old \$1.50 and children under 6 are free. If a child under 6 occupies a seat at a G-rated movie, admission is \$1.50. Special movie showings are available. Contact John Low at 7666-1237 or [LowJ@aafes.com](mailto:LowJ@aafes.com) for details.

## Day of Fun at Kings Dominion

Each year the USO of Hampton Roads and Paramount's Kings Dominion offer a day of fun for our exceptional family members (EFMs) and their families. Due to the EFMs' medical conditions, it is very difficult, if not impossible, for many of these chronically/terminally ill and wheelchair-bound children to get a day of relaxation and recreation.

Again, this year the USO and Paramount's Kings Dominion, with the support of the Joint Military Exceptional Family Member Committee, will make arrangements for free admission into the park, medical staff to be on hand, handicap accessibility to rides, a group picnic and a free family photo to remember the day. To qualify for this program the EFM must be a child under 18. The child must be wheelchair bound, have a chronic, life-threatening or terminal illness. This year, the event will take place June 21. For more information, or to see if you qualify, call Eva Granville at Army Community Service, 788-3535/3878. Families need to register not later than June 14.

## Kids Day is coming

Fort Monroe's annual Kids Day will be held on August 7. Opening ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. with a parade around the parade field within the moat. There will be games, prizes, and activities for children of all ages including painting, balloons, and clowns. Every child

will win a prize and qualify for door prizes. Also, there will be information booths for parents. Hot dog, soda and chips are free.

As always, to make this event a success, we need volunteers. For more information, or to volunteer, contact ACS at 788-3878.

## Anger Management Classes

ACS sponsors on-going Anger Management Classes. These classes are held at ACS, Quarters 1, on Mondays from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Call Allen Reed at 314-7910 or Kathleen Miller at 788-3878 to register. All participants are required to attend eight sessions in order to receive a letter of completion.

## Monthly newcomers briefing

ACS offers a newcomers briefing the second Thursday of every month. Services available here on post and in the surrounding community are discussed. Briefings are given by the post commander, post CSM, school liaison officer, post chaplain and EEO representative. A short tour of the Casemate Museum concludes the briefing. Call Marie Hinton at 788-4344 or Kathleen Miller at 788-3878 to register.

## NSA to hire 1,500 by fall

The National Security Agency (NSA) is looking for qualified individuals for a wide range of positions. They are looking for graduating college seniors, experienced professionals and

high school graduates in a number of career areas. To see job qualifications or apply for jobs, go to the NSA Careers website at [www.nsa.gov](http://www.nsa.gov) and look under Careers.

## Boots 'n Booties Program

The Soldier and Family Support Center will host Boots 'n Booties on July 20 from 1 to 4:30 p.m. This program is designed to assist expectant parents in preparing for a baby's arrival. New parents should find this program helpful. Subjects to be addressed include infant growth and development, budgeting for a baby, car seat installation, childcare options, parenting skills and available resources. Each participant will receive a free layette. This program is open to active-duty service members, family members, DA civilians and retirees. To register for this program, contact Kathleen Miller at 788-3878. This program will be held at the Soldier and Family Support Center, Bldg. 1, 151 Bernard Road, Fort Monroe.

## Toddler Time Playgroup

If you're looking for something fun to do with your toddler, come join us for the Toddler Time Playgroup. We will continue to meet through the summer months every Monday morning from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the Community Activities Center gymnasium. Tents, tunnels, balls, pull toys and other fun items are available for the children to use.

## Fathers Day at the Children's Museum

Come to the Children's Museum on June 20, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., and bring dad. Let him show off his skills as while making simple toys and games together. And just so dad has a good time, make a pop-up card that might just catch him by surprise.

The Children's Museum of Virginia is located at 221 High St. in Olde Towne Portsmouth.

It is open during the summer from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sundays. Admission is \$6 per person; children under two are admitted free.

Visit [www.childrensmuseumva.com](http://www.childrensmuseumva.com) or call 757-393-5258, ext. 17, for more information.

## June 21

### Leadership and public speaking training

Visit the Future Leaders and Thinkers Toastmasters Club June 21 in Building 10 (2nd floor, ACA Conference room at 11:40 a.m.) for an hour of training the toastmaster way. Grow and build your skills with bi-weekly training sessions on "Visionary Leaders," "Developing a Mission" and "Goal Setting and Planning" while improving public speaking skills.

For more information, call Janet Geisler at 788-2407 or Patty Belvin at 788-3464.

## June 25

### Festival shuttle and entertainment

Visitors to Hampton, for the annual Hampton Jazz Festival will find an abundance of exhibitions, attractions and events complimenting the June 25-27 annual celebration. Guests wishing to experience all activities offered can use the Jazz Jitney, a shuttle that will loop from Coliseum Central to Downtown Hampton beginning June 25 and ending June 29.

The African-American Festival, art exhibitions at Hampton University Museum and a special African-American themed tour at the Hampton History Museum are just a few of the programs planned for that weekend.

■ 14th Annual African American Festival – benefits the Peninsula Association for Sickle Cell Anemia is scheduled for June 25 4:30-11 p.m. and June 26 from 11 a.m.-11 p.m. in downtown Hampton's Mill Point Park. A \$1.00 donation is requested for admission on Friday and a \$2.00 donation on Saturday.

■ An African-American themed tour at the Hampton History Museum (available upon advance request) explores the relationship between Hampton's history and the story of African Americans in this country. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$4 for seniors, active military, active NASA and children under 12; \$3 per person in groups of 10.

■ Aberdeen Gardens will be holding

a Golf Challenge fundraiser June 26 at the Woodlands Golf Course. Aberdeen Gardens, built by and for African Americans in 1935 as a part of Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal Settlement.

On-site registration for the golf event begins at 11 a.m. and tee time is 1 p.m. The cost is \$60 per player. Teams of four players are encouraged. The deadline to register is June 18. Contact Marsha Williams at 757/826-5664 for more information.

■ Harbor tours aboard the Miss Hampton, tours of the Casemate Museum at Fort Monroe (not accessible by the free shuttle) and "Adventures in Flight" gallery and 3D IMAX at the Virginia Air and Space Center are other activities to include in the Hampton Jazz Festival weekend experience.

Jazz Jitney hours of operation are Friday, noon- 7:00 p.m., Saturday, 10:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m., and Sunday 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. The Jazz Jitney is a complimentary service. For further information on these special events, exhibits, and shuttle transportation routes call the Hampton Visitor Center at 757/727-1102 or 800/800-2202.

### Olde Towne Portsmouth tours

On the first and third Tuesdays of each month, the Olde Towne Lantern Tours will take an alternate route to expose visitors to a different section of Olde Towne.

This route focuses on Trinity Episcopal Church (which will be

open for guided tours), the area around the Courthouse Galleries, and the historic High Street corridor. The tour, led by an escort in period attire, is given from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Sept. 28, departing from the lobby of the Holiday Inn - Olde Towne Portsmouth, 8 Crawford Parkway.

A second Olde Towne Lantern Tour is also given, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Saturdays through Sept. 25, leaving from the foyer of the Renaissance Portsmouth Hotel & Waterfront Conference Center, 425 Water St. Admission is \$5 per person. Children under 8 are free. Purchase tickets immediately before the tour from one of the escorts in period attire. It is recommended that flat, comfortable shoes be worn, as the walk is approximately one mile.

## June 27

### Great American Bash

While new to WWE, The Great American Bash is a pay-per-view event long on history and tradition. The Great American Bash got its roots in WCW. In July 1988, the first-ever Bash saw Ric Flair defeat Lex Luger in the main event of the evening. In the following years, such greats as Sting, Rick Steamboat, Terry Funk and Harley Race battled on Great American Bash cards.

On June 27, The Great American Bash returns to sports entertainment.

### Helping hands ...

*(l-r) Tyrell Mullen, Glen Frazier, Jonathan Pinkney, Akima Eleonora and Paul Anderson received certificates and gifts from Army Community Services staff June 7 for work performed during the past school year. These "very productive" Phoebus High School students represent five of fifteen who were available to provide mass-mailing support for any office on post. Phoebus students have assisted here for at least six years.*

Photo by Patricia Radcliffe



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Soldiers who are accused of a sexual offense, when the cases don't go to court. The battalion commander's signature will be required, Sullivan said.

Department of the Army form 4833, Commander's Report of Disciplinary or Administrative Action, is a permanent record that states what a Soldier was accused of, and what action was taken against him.

Sullivan said the task force found that about 20 percent of the commanders had not filled out the form because of operational tempo. Another recommendation of the task force is to alter the form, so that instead of stating administrative action was taken against a Soldier, his or her specific punishments will be listed on the form.

Commanders alone cannot round out a successful program to prevent sexual assault, according to the task force. Commanders alone cannot be the judge, juror and prosecutor.

In AR 600-20 one of the responsibilities commanders will have is to assign a unit victim advocate to support victims of sexual assault. It is important to keep the victim and the chain of command informed of all case actions as they occur with the case. The unit victim advocate will work to provide emotional support to victims while assisting them in the step-by-step processes involved, McPhaul said.

Other agencies whose roles will be outlined in the chapter will include CID, the Provost Marshal, the Surgeon General, Staff Judge Advocate and Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management (Community and Family Support Center), McPhaul said.

"The Army agencies already have some procedures in place and know what to do, and are doing it, if an act of sexual assault occurs,"

McPhaul said, "but we must develop comprehensive policy of dealing with sexual assault from awareness/prevention, to victim support and data collection.

"We are developing a mechanism that gets all the agencies in concert with each other by establishing a policy that deals with sexual assault not only in garrison but in a deployed setting as well," McPhaul said.

Training requirements will also be addressed in the regulation, McPhaul said. Within the next 60 to 90 days, new chapters will be added to the regulation and staffed with the field, he added.

TRADOC is currently devising lesson plans on the prevention of sexual assault to be included in all professional development schools, refresher courses at the unit level and additional training for law enforcement, medical and legal personnel, Sullivan said.

When looking for ways to improve the Army's policies and programs, the task force sought advice from outside agencies to include Department of Veteran Affairs; National Organization of Victim Assistance; Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network (RAINN); The Miles Foundation, Navy, Coast Guard and the University of Arizona and Purdue University in Indiana.

Both universities were given grants from the Department of Justice for their prevention programs, Sullivan said. The age category for the Soldiers who report the assaults and their assailants are in the same age category as the university students, she added. Nearly 84 percent of alleged perpetrators were identified as junior Soldiers, and 95 percent of the victims were in the rank of staff sergeant and below, according the task force report.

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lobbying to convince her father to allow her to take sculpting lessons. As an adult, however, she found encouragement from an adoring husband.

"Mother used to put me in a dresser drawer beside her while she took art lessons!" Florence said with a laugh.

Thomas Steere was a military man through and through. "My father's family was all Army," said Steere-Field. My grandfather fought in the Spanish-American War."

After he finished his Coast Artillery training at Fort Monroe, Florence's father eventually was posted to Corregidor Island (Manila Bay). He caught malaria, and on its heels, suffered a nervous breakdown. Steere was sent to Baguio – also called "Bagio" – to recover (likely at U.S. Camp John Hay) but never quite regained his former self. He was retired as a major.

In 1942, proudly wearing his Dress Blues, Thomas Steere gave his beloved daughter's hand in marriage. And, with the same long saber that had cut her father and mother's cake some 28 years earlier, Florence and her new husband cut their wedding cake. Within weeks, Florence Steere-Field became a bona fide "Camp Follower."

"Here I had this wonderful new husband, and I wanted to be with him. We had this trailer, and we traveled from place to place. We were all together; officers, and 'non-coms.' There was no rank among the women.

"Soon after, my husband's horse-drawn artillery unit was motorized; the horses were all sent away. All that training he'd been doing for service in the deserts of North Africa, and instead, he ends up going to the Aleutians."

To help out on the homefront, Steere-Field went to work for Lockheed. The Burbank assembly line was close to family and friends in L.A. where Steere-Field had spent most of her life.

"This job was so exciting; climbing up into the cockpits to make my inspections there, or down into the wheel wells. And, the most exciting (and dangerous, I now realize) thing was walking along from wingtip to wingtip to see that everything was right."

By her own admission, Florence Virginia Steere-Russell-Field has lead a rich, remarkable life. She has traveled the world, taught its children, and raised three of her own. As for the spring she still has in her step, she says it's partly a family trait, but also a state of mind.

"A lot of it is genetic, and you can't control that. Mother and dad both died at 96," she says. "But the way to keep going is to keep going. Just don't ever stop!"



### BINGO!

*Sgt. Sally Curlis, 233rd MP Detachment, helps Max Nicholson, a VA Hospital patient in nearby Phoebus, keep an eye on his numbers during a bingo session June 7. About two dozen volunteers from the 233rd and HHC, Fort Monroe participated in the event. The visits are conducted about once every three months.*

Photo by Patrick Buffett

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### Basic investing

A two-and-a-half hour class called Investing in Your Future aimed at beginning investors with small amounts to invest at one time, will be held July 15 from 6:30-9 p.m. at the Extension Office Conference Room, Newport News City Office, 739 Thimble Shoals Blvd., Suite 1009, Newport News. Pre-registration is required and a minimum of five people are needed to hold this free workshop. Call 591-4838 to register.

### Signal celebration

The Northeast Regional Chief Information Office, Fort Eustis DOIM and Fort Monroe DOIM cordially invite you to attend the Army

Signal Corps 144th birthday celebration at the Fort Monroe Theater June 21 beginning at 2 p.m.

For more information, call Carolyn Dillard at 788-4950

### AG's Corps birthday

The Tidewater Chapter of the Adjutant General's Corps Regimental Association is holding a birthday dinner in honor of the establishment of the Adjutant General's Corps on June 16, 1775. The 229th birthday celebration is open to all and will be held on June 15 from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Bay Breeze Community Center.

Contact Capt. John Ecenrode at 788-3588, or Sgt. Shalena Brownlee at 788-4133 for details and tickets.