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CSTC Strategic Vision Conference Develops New Vision & Strategic Plan for the Garrison

"THE VISION OF THE CHIEF OF THE ARMY RESERVE"

In an effort to support the vision of Lieutenant General Helmly, Chief of the Army Reserve, the Combat Support Training Center (CSTC) conducted its first Strategic Planning Conference January 30th through February 2nd, 2006 in Dublin, California. The CSTC garrison is the US Army Reserve's newest training center. It was established on October 3, 2005, consolidating four separate Department of Defense train-



Mr. Jim Minor (center, standing) facilitates discussion by the CSTC Directors.

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Navy Seabees Training at Fort Hunter Liggett — Real World Bridge Construction with Realistic Combat Threat Scenarios

As part of the US military forces training regimen, garrisons such as the CSTC provide land and training facilities for the all military services in our country. Sharing training facilities is not only cost effective but these same forces fight our country's wars together; so training together just makes good sense. Many Sailors and Marines train at Fort Hunter Liggett even though it is an Army Reserve installation. Last December we had an opportunity to observe training with the Navy Seabees. FOX News, for their program War Dia-



Navy Seabees conducting bridge construction, defend against attack, during training at Fort Hunter Liggett.

ries' hosted by Oliver North, filmed a segment on the Navy Seabees. The filming occurred with Naval Mobile Construction Battalions 40 and 18, while participating in a Field Exercise at Fort Hunter Liggett. The 31st Seabee Readiness Group managed the exercise. The 1-hour program was dedicated to

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A Message From the Commander



Colonel W. Scott Wood

I want to thank each of the CSTC garrison Soldiers and Civilians for their support during my first four months in command. We are

already seeing great momentum toward meeting the Chief of the Army Reserve's goal, for CSTC to become a premier year-round Army Force Generation (ARFORGEN) Training Validation Site for the Western United States. We've come a long way in a short time.

I'd like to list a few of our accomplishments, so that **you** can see the scope of what we've accomplished.

- * We have had numerous visits from key staff sections of IMA Southwest Region Office (IMA SWRO – our higher HQ's) providing advice, support, and some funding and staffing support to the CSTC Directorates.
- * We are also growing! The units

scheduled to move to Camp Parks in the near future include: Army North, a Service Component Command for the Department of Defense through NORTHCOM, 6 full time employees; an Engineer Fire-fighting Team, 8 full time employees; 416th Engineer Command Design Team, 8 full time employees, Small Arms Readiness Group, 6-8 full time employees; a Medical Command, the 7305th Medical Battalion, 3-4 full time employees.

* The CSTC Directors held the Strategic Vision conference that developed our new garrison vision, and a 5-10 year strategic plan.

* Two Forward Operating Base (FOB) sites and 2 Military Operations in Urban Terrain (MOUT) sites have been delivered, and will be improved by USAR Engineer units this summer. Improvements will include battlefield effects simulators that use propane powered fireballs, loud explosions, falling debris and even odor producing devices that simulate the smell of combat.

* 700 pieces of Engineer Equipment are in-bound and will be per-

manently stationed at Fort Hunter Liggett for future USAR Engineer "Essayons Exercises". Five "up-Armored" HMMWV's have arrived for Drivers Training courses.

* Feedback from a 7th Psychological Operations (PSYOPs) unit, that trained at Fort Hunter Liggett and deployed to Afghanistan, is that our Convoy live-fire exercise course and Improvised Explosive Devices (IED) avoidance courses, proved to be saving lives in Afghanistan.

* At Fort Hunter Liggett; the C-130 airfield was resurfaced in preparation for a C-17 upgrade project pending with the USAF; CSTC Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization & Security (DPTMS) is obtaining funding from the Army Reserve Training Branch for Forward Operating Base (FOB) construction.

* To aid in Soldier and family support, COL Wood met with the AAFES General Manager, Ms Lee Chung to initiate a potential project for a larger Shopette (a mini combined PX & Commissary) at Camp Parks.

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Greetings Fellow CSTC Families from Nihal Wood



Greetings fellow CSTC families from the commander's house. We had a wonderful first few months. I had the pleasure of visiting Ft. Hunter Liggett and meeting with the families over the holidays.

Good news! The community swimming pool will

be open before spring break, which will hopefully give all of our little rascals a chance to dive in and swim in the brand new Camp Parks community swimming pool. As we have all seen, the Camp Parks housing area has grown from a subtle residential development, to a lively, thriving, community.

If anyone is interested in

helping to establish a Camp Parks lending closet, feel free to contact me at (925) 479-9625. This program will help families moving into or out of Camp Parks with much needed household necessities. I'd like to personally thank MG Walt and Lucie Titus and the AUSA for their generous contributions for the AAFES movie theater in Fort Hunter Liggett. It's helped all the Soldiers and families in that loca-

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Welcome to the Combat Support Training Center and Camp Parks Moral, Welfare and Recreation Family Child Care (FCC) Program!

Troop #165 Girl Scout Food Drive at "The Village at Camp Parks"

Camp Parks is also hosting its First Food Drive in April with the Girl Scouts. Troop #165 will be delivering brown bags to the homes at Camp Parks "The Village" and then going back at the end of the week to collect the bags at the front door. The troop is made up of 8 first grade brownies, two of whom reside at Camp Parks. Brownies will also be collecting dropped off canned and dried goods that can be left at the CYS office in Building 312. Date for drop-off of the brown bag and pick up is scheduled for April 19th – April 22nd. All the units as well as to the residents are welcomed to participate in supporting Brittney and Sabrina, our first two Girl Scouts at Camp Parks. The Troop also hopes to come out to Camp Parks and set up a location to sell more cookies during a weekend. CYS hopes that you will all support and recognize Troop #165 for being our first Girl Scout Troop at Camp Parks. **Congratulations Brittney and Sabrina. We are proud of your leadership!**

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR CHILD & YOUTH SERVICES

Kindergarten Registration began this week for Dublin School District and Mountain View School District. Pending to hear from San Antonio School District. All grade school registration begins on the 3rd of April for Dublin. Information pending on the other School Districts.

Information on Summer Camp Adventures at Camp Parks and Ft. Hunter Liggett will be forthcoming next month. Please contact Sylvia Russell (925.875.4678) for further information.

Operation Military Kick-Off to be held at Moffett Field on April 22 for the entire Installation. Operation Military Kick-Off is part of the 4-H programs available to military kids. Operation military Kick-Off will include booths with information from several counties on 4-H, Computer tech-labs for youth thru 4-H, small petting zoo, crafts, Girls and Boys Scouts, and the Girls and Boys Club as well as AUSA, Tri-Care, VA assistance, etc. This activity is being put together with the cooperation of our Installation, the National Guard, Army Reserve, and Child and Youth Services. Last year Operation Military Kick-Off was also the sponsor for Operation Purple Camp which assisted youth of Service men and women who have been deployed. The summer camp provided not only youth activities for the youth of our armed forces but also allowed youth connection with counselors and other youth who are facing the same challenges as they are.

Articles by Sylvia Russell
CYS Director

BOWLING IS BACK AT FORT HUNTER LIGGETT

NEWS FLASH

This week MWR was in competition for Capital Purchase and Major Construction Projects with Southwest Directorates. The MWR from CSTC was successful and will receive enough money to revamp and update the Bowling Center at Fort Hunter Liggett. This is a major accomplishment that was brought about by the hard and pressing determination of the Garrison Commander, Colonel Wood, and his MWR Directorate Staff. The added plus, was that this win so impressed other installations, that Fort Sill, Oklahoma was willing to donate to the CSTC MWR, a 29 passenger bus, with less than 9 thousand miles, for no cost. MWR will make arrangements to have NAF contracting start the process of renovating the FHL Bowling Center. Meanwhile, the MWR Directorate Staff will work with Fort Sill, on getting that bus to the CSTC to take care of our Soldiers and their families.

Article by MWR Director
Bruce Barrett

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Advice from Dr. Phil, I mean Dr. Bill...Bill Hansche that is.....FITNESS FILES

A Historical Perspective of Women and Fitness

What people take for granted today, are the results of a rich history of changing cultural values as it pertains to fitness and sports tradition. Think if mothers and grandmothers could see women in the current sporting world. Women are winning sports tournaments in golf, racquetball and tennis, running marathons and triathlons, swimming miles before work and climbing up steep rock mountains. Women today are exercising more than in any previous generation. Women are transforming their self-image through excelling in sports and fitness activities. This history has been interesting and can be further studied in the text of: *The Bodywise Woman* by Judy Mahle and Lynn Jaffee.

Here are some historical highlights of how women have grown in recognition for their sporting accomplishments:

Mid nineteenth century – upper and middle class

women were on a moral pedestal and considered to be delicate, frail and passive. The woman's role revolved around her home and supporting her husband. To maintain their appearance women commonly wore corsets to reduce their waist size by as much as 2 to 8 inches. This form of restriction would lead to both health and reproductive complications.

1900's – If a Victorian woman wanted to go to the beach for a swim, it was considered indecent to expose any part of the body in public. When arriving to the beach **she would enter a wooden box** on the beach and change into a full-length dress that was a little more comfortable than her usual attire. **The wooden box would then be rolled into the water**, beyond public view, where she could then enjoy the water.

1910's – As issues of women's suffrage took hold college physical educators went to great lengths to protect a woman's feminine and moral role and protect them from the

"treacheries" of competitive sports. Physical educators felt that competition bred aggressiveness and encouraged individual excellence, which was not in line with a woman's role in society. In other words women were to look pretty rather than win a competitive event.

1920's – The Women's Division of the National Amateur Athletic Federation discouraged women from intercollegiate competition citing that men coaches were un-chaperoned in travel with teams, uniforms were not appropriate and sports advertising was questionable.

1930's and 40's – As women began gaining

acceptance into college and the work force exercise was more of an antidote to deal with the stresses encountered with being in the work force. Recreation and sports teams were encouraged by employers to promote physical activity among the workers.

1950' and 60's – Women began being included in Olympic competition, but still team sports were excluded due to the potential of physical contact.

1970's – Title IX Legislation was passed that meant schools could no longer discriminate against athletes based on sex.

1980's to Present – The baby boomer fitness craze has led to multiple research studies that demonstrate the health benefits of exercise and activity for both sexes is equally important.

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FITNESS FILES are provided to the Golden Guidon through Bill Hansche, CSTC Director of Logistics and his association with Steve Lambert, Physical Therapist, USA MEDDAC-Japan, who produced the articles.

MAJ GEN WILLIAM F. DEAN CHAPTER HOSTS THE 6TH AUSA REGION MEETING

Emergency and Evacuation Tips from the CSTC Safety Office

The Dean Chapter, proud tenant of USA CSTC and supporter of all things military, has had some excellent successes. Not only was the chapter honored with the title of **BEST CHAPTER OVERALL WORLDWIDE** for the third year running, but we have had other successes as well.

Because of the chapter's standing, the 6th AUSA Region Meeting will be held on Friday 21 April 2006 at USA CSTC from 0830 hrs to 1630 hrs and at the Crowne Plaza on Saturday, 22 April 2006 from 0900 hrs with the Banquet at 1800 hrs, with the chapter as host. General Gordon R. Sullivan, the former Army Chief of Staff and current President of the Association of the United States Army (who will give the keynote address) and various dignitaries will come to visit. The Adjutant General of the State of California, MG William H. Wade II will be our Banquet speaker.

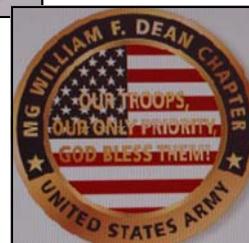
Since the last edition of this newsletter, the chapter has been able to attract an additional number of Corporate members: Wells Fargo Bank in San Ramon and another in Danville; SCAN USA, a firm which designs warning systems with / for DoD application, VOS Systems, a Southern California Manufacturing representative - wait until you see their samples - they will have information

packets at the Region meeting; the members of the 95th Combat Support Team (WMD;) the Alameda County Fair Association and so on.

Just one thought: I have heard of a number of people out there who are criticizing our Soldiers. If you ever hear of any of them or, worse yet, are present when they are talking disrespectfully of our troops, just tell them this: If you have nothing good to say about our troops behind their back, feel free to step in front of them!

Article by Lucie Marx Titus, President of the Dean Chapter of AUSA

We also have a magnificent new chapter coin; it is for sale for \$10 with all proceeds going to my Soldiers - naturally! We are known for having one purpose only: our troops! God bless them. LMT



Chances are you will never have the need to evacuate your building or home because of an emergency. However, the reality is disasters do happen, and you need to know how to react if one occurs. An evacuation is necessary in a number of instances including:

- Fire or smoke
- Chemical spill
- Earthquake or natural disaster
- Extended power outages
- Bomb threats
- Biological agents

At home, an **effective action plan** implemented to protect your family with information such as an **evacuation procedure** is vital to surviving a major disaster. Take time to teach your children how to recognize emergency **alarm signals** such as audible alarms, visual signals, and public address announcements. Listen for specific instructions that tell you where the emergency is and help you determine which evacuation route to take. It is important that you have **exit routes identified** prior to an emergency. An exit route must lead to a street, walkway or open space away from your home or power poles. Always keep exit routes clear of any obstructions (bookshelves, furniture, cardboard boxes or newspapers). If you are exiting near the gas, have an adjustable wrench nearby to shut off the gas valve. It is important to pre-arrange a meeting place and remind children to meet there first; otherwise, rescue personnel may assume someone is still in the home. Remember to have

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* An MWR maintenance upgrade was obtained for the Fort Hunter Liggett Bowling Center to repair four of the six bowling lanes.

* I attended the Senior Mission Commander's Forum at Fort Buchanan in Puerto Rico, and provided a budget and manpower summary for the CSTC to the Deputy USARC Commander (MG Jack Stultz). He offered to support the CSTC in our efforts to appropriately staff Camp Parks and Fort Hunter Liggett. I also presented our new garrison vision: "CSTC will be the premier year-round training center for supporting Combat Support, and Combat Service Support, training missions in the Western United States", to the Mission Commanders and MG Stultz.

In summary, we've come a long way in a short time. We're making great strides towards becoming a premier training center. I just want to thank each of you for your hard work, suggestions and support. Together, we will make the CSTC realize its' full potential and fulfill our vision statement!

NEW ASSIGNMENTS

COL Mark H. Armstrong, the 91st Division Chief of Staff since July 2004, has moved on and is now Defense Coordinating Officer (DCO) under US Army North. Effective 15 March 2006 the Chief of Staffs duties have been assumed by Mr. Richard Mollica, 91st Divisions Command Executive Officer.

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tion. If you're not currently a member of the AUSA, please consider joining. Not only does this generous organization benefit the Soldiers and their families, it's also a voice for the community.

On a another note, I would like to thank all those involved in the holiday gift giving program, especially the caroling by the Dublin Chapter LDS church and the generous contributions by the AUSA and Pinnacle Management. The gifts and singing brought not only smiles to the faces of the children, but also thanks from all Camp Parks community members.

And finally, lets pray for the safety, security, and safe return home for all of our Soldiers and civilians in theater. Have a safe and happy Easter, and enjoy the coming California sunshine!

Student Exchange Program Hosted by Camp Park Resident

By Sylvia Lee Russell
CYS, Outreach Services Director

John Reynolds, a Dublin High School Student and his parents, both in the armed forces, recently became the host for two Japanese Exchange Students visiting Dublin, Ca. for one week. Both exchange students who are in their first year of high school stayed at the home of SFC Salviejo at "The Village" for five days where they were welcomed by the Salviejo family and their neighbors in the American tradition of a good-ole fashion B.B.Q.

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When SFC Salviejo was approached by her son to assist the two students due to their host family having to cancel on a medical emergency, SFC Salviejo said yes and starting making calls with CYS and Pinnacle to see if there were any regulations or concerns in becoming a host parent. After a few calls and the Commander's approval SFC Salviejo accepted and became the first family at Camp Parks to host the Student Exchange Program in her community. Al Kirmura, age 16 and Avano Ryuto, age 16 are both from Hiroshima, Japan where they both attend the Sanoy Girls School.

CYS recognizes the outstanding community leadership that John Reynolds and his family displayed by opening their home and welcoming two young ladies during their visit and stay in America.

Operation Military Kids Kick-Off To Be Hosted At Moffett Field

The Month of April is "Military Kids Month" and this year Moffett Field will be kicking off the celebration by hosting Operation Military Kids (OMK) at Orion Park on April 29, 2006. The event will take place from noon until 6:00 pm by the baseball field at Orion Park.

Operation Military Kids is an event hosted with the efforts of

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the Combat Support Training Center, National Guard, and the Army Reserve. The mission is to leverage existing community services to create the youth programs that exist in the active duty posts. Youth programs in the military are found at active duty bases; most National Guard and Reserve families are not in close proximity to an active duty base and this is where Operation Military Kids can assist.

The concept of Operation Military Kids is that no family is without a viable network of resources that sustains both the youth and spouse during all phases of deployment.

All residents and those who reside off post are welcome to participate in the April event. Youth information booths will be set up along with a few youth activities, crafts, small farm petting zoo, and the 4-H Computer Mobile Lab. For more information on the activity, contact:

Wing Family Readiness Program Coordinator
129th Rescue Wing California Air National Guard
Moffett Federal Airfield CA 94043
(650) 603-9118 / familysupport@camoff.ang.af.mil

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CYS Middle School Kids Rock the New Year At "La Vals"

By Sylvia Lee Russell
CYS, Outreach Services Director

With 14 Middle School Kids ready to kick up their heels and as they say "Freak Dance" what is CYS to do but assist them to organize their activity with as many volunteers as possible. And that is just what the residents at Camp Parks did.

After three weeks of planning and budgeting the teens managed to pull off a dance at Camp Parks that started off their New Year to a rocking beat of fun with friends from their community and the schools they attend.

But it may not have taken place if it had not been for the many volunteers that assisted the teens in preparing for the event. The teens learned that hosting an event at Camp Parks was going to be more than just asking for a dance but actually working hard to put it together and talking to CSTC Departments about safety codes and a free location to host their activity.

This is where "La Val's" at Camp Parks stepped up and donated their dance room for free to the kids at Camp Parks. The teens visited with Ms. Debbie at "La Val's" and after a while came to terms that to all parties involved agreed on. The kids would decorate and clean up and Ms. Debbie would donate the use of the room.

On Friday the 13th of January, the

teens and their friends had a night of fun as they "Freak Dance" to a combination of songs they had put together and enjoyed the Pizza and appetizers at "La Val's"

CYS honors and recognizes the following volunteers for working with the youth at Camp Parks On their first school dance:

Ms. Debbie and Staff at "La Vals"
Gilbert Cardenas, Camp Parks PD
Eric Hernandez, Fire Inspector
Camp Parks Fire Department
Allen Graff and Harriett Grindstaff, Safety Office
Captain Angel Gonzales, Chaperone
SFC Mathew Marshall and Emily Marshall, Chaperone
SFC Eric Russell, Chaperone
COL Scott Wood, Chaperone
Nihal Wood, Chaperone and Decorations

What do Girl Scout Cookies, St. Patrick's Day, Food Drive And the CSTC have in Common?

By now most of you have been invaded by the sweet smiling faces of a Brownie or Girl Scout in your neighborhood selling cookies for her troop, and like most of us, you purchased a box or a case.

This year, our first two Brownies at Camp Parks, Brittany and Sabrina, 1st graders and residents at Camp Parks, had a successful round of sales for troop, #165. Both girls are happy to be a part of

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FIRE TRAINING AT CAMP PARKS



The Camp Parks Fire Department under the direction of CSTC Fire Chief Pat Reid conducted Fire Training Exercises in a planned burn of old family housing at Camp Parks. Participating in the training was CSTC Commander, Colonel W. Scott Wood and Director of Emergency Services Darren Crossley. Colonel Wood gave a thumbs up (Top-Center picture) as he emerged from the blazing inferno in his fire gear. The bottom picture left to right is CSTC Fire Chief Pat Reid, Colonel Scott Wood, Asst. FHL Fire Chief Allan Currier and Mr. Darren Crossley [with his slightly scorched (arrow) protective gear]. As a temperature indicator, scorching occurs at high temperatures.

THE 91ST DIV, TRAINING SUPPORT, PROVIDES AN UNFORGETTABLE DAY OF CHALLENGES

Cub Scouts Visit Camp Parks, Receive Unforgettable Day of Challenges
By Pfc. Gloria L. Whitehead

Descending from a 40' rappel tower, walking across logs that reach 10' high and crawling under beams that are only 3 ½ feet high is not how most people would want to spend their Sundays. For Cub Scout Pack 800 however, these are just a few of the many challenges they went through with help from Soldiers of and lead by the 91st Division (Training Support) February 12th on Camp Parks.

The cub scouts were full of energy as they learned to overcome their fear of heights and balance themselves on log structures and beams that were far taller than any adult. Staff Sgt. Ajamu Simpson was energetic also as he helped each of the scouts in his team complete the Balancing Logs task. He smiled as he watched them zip through the second half of the obstacle, The Tarzan, where each Cub Scout used their upper body strength to reach for the monkey bar, at the end they let go of the 10' high monkey bar and fell to the ground.

"I like everything" said Andrew Parese, a Cub Scout, when asked to name his favorite tasks in the course. The parents knew exactly what they were enjoying the most and what

experience the wanted the scouts to gain, "To see what their limits are" said Linda Trujillo, a mother of two of the scouts, "Just being around them is great."

At the end of the challenging day more than 70 Cub Scouts had completed about 20 obstacles but most of them agreed the most physically and mentally challenging event of the day was the rappel tower. The 40' rappel tower, operated by Sgt. 1st Class Paul Carr, 1st Bde, 91st Division and a team of soldiers, looked scary from the ground but was even scarier for the Cub Scouts who made it to the top. Looking down from the top made it hard for them to overcome their fear of falling, especially when they knew they were only supported by rope and the strength of the soldiers holding the rope. With a great deal of support and encouragement from soldiers, scout leaders and parents, the scouts descended the wall and conquered the greatest challenge there is, fear itself.

Over 40 personnel from five units came together to make this event a success. The 91st Division hosted the event with support from other units on Camp Parks and Oakland, Calif. Members of the 6399th RTU took care of the transportation



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requirements and assisted division Soldiers with the obstacle course, RTS Med set up a static display and had two technicians demonstrate their medical evacuation equipment and procedures, the 352nd Combat Support Hospital (CSH) from Oakland, Calif. and the 104th Division provided medics to the site and assisted with the rappel tower.

The Significant Salute

By 2LT Joseph Martin,
91st Division

As an enlisted Soldier, I often went days without encountering an officer in a saluting situation. It didn't really cross my mind that from the first day that a stereotypical young second lieutenant is commissioned, they are either saluting or returning salutes from virtually everyone they encounter in uniform. I suspect that for some officers, it becomes routine, a bother, or even a chore.

In 2005, after years of enlisted service, and a tour in Iraq, I was commissioned a second lieutenant. I had been an officer less than a month, when I found myself in uniform alongside the route of a local Veteran's Day Parade. I was not on the reviewing stand, nor present as a dignitary. I was simply standing along the curb of a small town, with several hundred other spectators, waiting to see my division's color guard, and my daughter's naval sea cadet unit march past. Since boyhood, watching a parade has always been fun; a colorful dis-

play of flags, floats, military hardware, antique cars, community groups and marching units. Inspiring perhaps, but I'd never considered a small town parade the setting for a "significant emotional event."

As the parade progressed, disbursed among the floats and bands were groups of disabled veterans, representing a number of area VA facilities. Many of the veterans were amputees, and some zoomed along in motorized wheelchairs. As the groups passed, the crowd clapped and cheered, and the veterans all smiled, and waved miniature American flags. On three separate occasions, the eyes of individual veterans met mine. In each case, after spotting my uniform, they suddenly became serious, stopped waving, sat up at attention, turned their head and eyes to meet mine, and saluted. These men—who had given so much—saluted with an intensity that seemed to underscore the words of Tom Hanks character in the movie *Saving Private Ryan*, "Earn this." As I returned each salute, I found myself awestruck by the seriousness of the act. I wish I knew who those men were. I would thank them for making every salute that I render for the rest of my military career, a solemn reminder of the responsibility all military leaders share.

***Not a chore,
nor a bother,
but a knowing exchange
between warriors.***

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a program where community awareness and lots of girl fun is part of their troop's mission. Troop 165 has so far participated in many scouting events in their area, including the recent trip to see "Nemo on Ice" in Oakland, "Thinking Day" at Livermore, and this weekend's St. Patrick's Parade in Dublin, Ca. The girls walked the entire length of the parade and passed out stickers, treats, and string beads, which were donated to Sabrina by one of our own members of the CSTC at Camp Parks, Mr. Chew. But that's not all. As April approaches us, Troop 165 has requested to have their Food Drive in the new neighborhoods of Camp Parks. Eight Brownies will be arriving to Camp Parks leaving brown bags at each door step on April 26th and will return for the bag on April 29th. The girls are excited to have the opportunity to introduce their new homes to the Dublin residents and their friends in the troop. Linda, their Den Leader was happy to find out that her troop could be active at Camp Parks and to know that her troop is now a big part of our small community. The girls of course are just excited to have a new territory that no other troop has touched so far.

For more information about the Boy's and Girls Scouts in your area, check out the web site www.scouts.com in your county or call your school for a leader's name. You may find that scouts not only helps your child grow but will also bring activities for your entire family to participate in and help you learn more about your new home and stationing area.

A HERO RETURNS HOME, SFC ERIC HERNANDEZ

By Sylvia Lee Russell, Outreach Services Director

When the news came in that SFC Eric Hernandez of the 148th was returning home, the CYS youth took action in making sure that our Hero and the father of four children who reside at Camp Parks would receive a Hero's Welcome.

Dillon, Nick, Ezgi, Brook, Brittany, Shawn, Darius and several other youth came over to one of the resident's home to turn a bed sheet into a Welcome Home sign that was displayed for a week at the front gates of Camp Parks and displayed in the media by several stations in our Bay Area. The sign was decorated in fabric paints with each youth adding their own personal touch to the homemade Hero sign and small flags lined the way at the front gate. The Hernandez home was also decorated with balloons and more flags.

When I spoke with the Hernandez family later that week, SFC Hernandez and his wife, Theresa said that

coming through the gates and being welcomed by a huge sign made by the kids touched his heart and that of his family. SFC Hernandez is the father of four children. He has served overseas in two tours since the war. CYS is proud to welcome home our Hero and have him safely back with his family.

Since making their first sign, the youth have had the opportunity to make signs for other units and have displayed them at the front gate. The elementary students have also kept busy by making homemade cards during holidays that have been sent overseas.

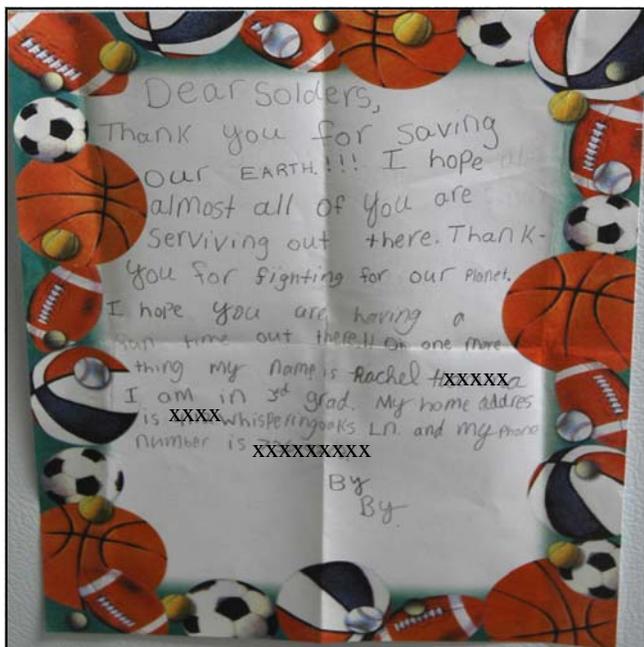
Soldiers here at home and far away are never forgotten and are always close to our hearts. The kids have given a new energy to those they touch so far away by doing their part in bringing happiness and smiles to all our heroes.

CSM MARY STARMER-SMITH RETIRES

In a Military Ceremony at Camp Parks on March 3, CSM Mary Starmer-Smith, a native of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, with 26 years of military service, retired to her home in Dublin, CA with her husband Larry.

CSM Starmer-Smith served at Fort Meade, MD, Tonducon, Korea, served during Desert Storm and was the Public Affairs Chief for the Army Reserve Command in Atlanta, Georgia. She was an excellent CSM at the CSTC & Camp Parks and had previously served at Fort Lewis, WA, where she served as the Commandant of the US Army NCO Academy.

CSM Starmer-Smith is a graduate of class 44 of the Sergeants Major Academy. She has an undergraduate degree in liberal studies and a graduate certificate in human resources from Chapman University.



Dear Solders,

Dear Solders,
Thank you for saving our earth!!! I hope almost all of you are surviving out there. Thank-you for fighting for our planet. I hope you are having a fun time out there!! Oh one more thing My name is Rachel xxxxx I am in 3rd grad. My home address is xxxx whisperingoaks Ln. and my phone number is xxx-xxxx.

By
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This letter was received in the PAO office in February.

Perhaps it somewhat explains why the CSTC takes its

Training Mission

so seriously!

THE VISION, THE STRATEGIC PLAN, THE ROAD AHEAD, FOR THE CSTC

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ing installations or sites. The Center consolidates training functions and housing assets from Fort Hunter Liggett, US Army Reserve Training Center in Monterey County, CA; Camp Parks, US Army Reserve Training Center at Dublin, CA; B.T. Collins, US Army High Tech Training Center, in Sacramento, CA; and the US Army's Moffett Field Housing area in Mountain View, CA.

The CSTC is dedicated to providing realistic collective training and validation to the Combat Support and Combat Service Support formations of the Joint Expeditionary Force.

It is Lieutenant General Helmly's intent for the CSTC to become the premier "year-round" training center for supporting Combat Support (CS) and Combat Service Support (CSS), joint, combined, or individual unit training missions, for Department of Defense CS and CSS units in the Western United States.

Each Director of the CSTC, facilitated by Mr. Steve Wilberger, Director of the US Army Management Staff College, Fort Belvoir,

Virginia, and Mr. Jim Minor, Professor, Command Programs, of the US Army Management Staff College, evaluated all Soldier and family support missions for the four installations included in the garrison. Five and ten year, training Mission/Visions were defined to develop Strategic Goals, Objectives, and Action Plans for implementation.

The "Action Plans" were the key products of the Conference. The CSTC Mission, which complements the recent BRAC 2005 base

The CSTC has purchased 20 pneumatic Improvised Explosive Device (IEDs) simulators used to train our Soldiers on how to recognize, react to, and defeat IEDs in combat. These devices use compressed air and talcum powder to shoot large plumes of dust onto Soldiers and vehicles during exercise to help create a realistic training environment.

This supplements the previously purchased battlefield effects simulators that use propane powered fireballs, loud explosions, falling debris, and even odor producing devices that simulate the smells of

realignments, provides training support to the Global War on Terrorism, for units in the Western United States.

As a team spirit came forward, and key goals for building the "Road Ahead" were identified, it was apparent that measurable objectives to meet Lieutenant General Helmly's direction for training excellence could be put in place. With confidence, we can say, that under this plan, training at the CSTC will be theater specific and will provide Soldiers with the finest training in the world.

THE CSTC ANNOUNCES ADDITIONAL CONVOY TRAINING UPGRADES AT FHL

Combat. Realistic combat training will save lives and seize the day in combat operations against terrorist forces. Fort Hunter Liggett's training lands for Live Fire convoy and Military Operations in Urban Terrain continues to upgrade to seek the perfection of premiere standards.



CSTC WESCOAT MOFFETT HOUSING NEARS COMPLETION



Wescoat RCI by Stacy Schuster



Wescoat Playground by Stacy Schuster



The Theme was Green at The Village at Parks St. Patty Party!

California Military Communities and Wescoat Village are excited to announce the opening of the newly remodeled community center on spring 2006! The four thousand square foot Community Center is a masterpiece! The center has so much to offer to the Moffett Field family housing. There is a state of the art fitness facility equipped with elliptical machines, cardio equipment and weight-lifting machines. The activity center is filled with a pool table, foosball table and a big screen television, making it the perfect place to play around and enjoy an afternoon off. The great room in the Community Center is fully furnished with plush chairs, comfortable couches, fireplace and a full kitchen. Even outside the building there is plenty to do! For the little ones, there is a colorful playground and picnic tables for sunny weather lunches. The Community Center will provide the best place for residents of Wescoat Village and Moffett Field communities to meet one another and enjoy the full experience at Moffett Field Family Housing!

The Wescoat Village will be the newest addition to Moffett

Field. The new development of 181 condominium- style homes is planned to open spring 2006. The community will have three and four bedroom homes available for all active military families. With that in mind, it has been the focus of California Military Communities to work closely with the Garrison Command to insure that all active military families are accommodated when the development opens. The brand new homes provide more than just the essentials for our active military families. Each home comes standard with all of the kitchen appliances, lighted ceiling fans in the living room/family room/master bedrooms, gas or electric hook-ups for washers and dryers, walk-in closets, double sinks in the master bath rooms, backyards and two car detached garages! It is the ambition and honor of California Military Communities to be able to present our active military families with beautiful housing and a friendly community. Please feel free to contact the Moffett Field Family Housing office at (650) 965- 1754 with any inquiries regarding the project.

Leprechauns, shamrocks, a pot of gold and Village at Parks residents proved to be a recipe for a great time! On Thursday, March 16th, 2006, many of the families at The Village at Parks joined the Management staff and RCI team at one of the handicap accessible homes for an Italian St. Patrick's Day dinner catered by the Camp Parks restaurant, La Val's! The spaghetti, garlic bread, and salad went fast and the green beer was popular until mouths began to turn green... After that, the drinks remained a normal color. The kids enjoyed making pipe-cleaner shamrocks and playing the pot of gold coin toss in the house. In the garage, the children played pin the clover on the leprechaun and enjoyed the cake and ice cream. Everyone was in high spirits, despite the rain outside. Inside, it was nice to see that many of the newest Village at Parks residents came to join the festivities! Talks of next month's event rumored the air and April looks like it might be a pot luck for the egg hunt! The Village at Parks clubhouse is scheduled to be open on April 1st and will be the perfect party place for the April event. There was definitely a pot of gold at the end of The Village at Parks party rainbow... once again, an awesome gathering!!

Here is a Funny
For the Families
From the Child and Youth
Services Office

You Might Be a Military Brat If.....

- if you actually like the clothes at the PX and don't mind that 100 other people are wearing the same thing.
- if you wish you were back at the last place you were stationed and are only 10.
- if the question "where are you from?" is answered with "I'm kinda from all over the place."
- if you are amazed at people who have never left their hometown.
- if you are commonly asked, "Is it hard always moving around?" and you don't know anything different.
- if you go to a grocery store but insist on calling it a commissary.
- if you have ever bagged groceries at the commissary on payday.
- if you had/still have hospital corners on your bed.
- if you don't really know the answer to the question "what is your hometown."
- if you ever feared turning 21 because they would take your id card away.
- if you have spent more time on a military base than in real town even though you've been a civilian all your life.
- if you ever got restricted to quarters or put on KP duty as a kid.
- if you had a father who was always telling you to "Go police up your room!"
- if you have ever been "dropped" for your grades at school.
- if you have to explain that being born in Germany does not make you German.
- if you know what "the land of the big PX" means.

ARMY HOUSING
AT B.T. COLLINS IN
SACRAMENTO

The B.T. Collins Army Reserve facility in Sacramento has a full fledged lodge operation in building 650 that is operated by the CSTC Garrison. The lodge is open to all authorized military patrons. The same building that houses the Army lodge also includes the CSTC Dinning Facility which is open to lodge guests. The lodge has 73 rooms, 4 with private bathrooms. The normal rate is \$33.00 dollars per night, an economical rate for the Sacramento Area. Call Cheryl Betschart, Lodging Manager at 916-381-1258. 8300 Santa Cruz Street,

Article provided by Bruce Barrett

Government ID
Cards
Now Available

The ID Section is now located in Building 312 (corner of 9th and Davis Streets) and is **NOW OPEN**. ID Cards are no longer available at the 91st Division but are being issued by the CSTC Garrison. The hours are Monday—Thursday 0800-1200 and 1300-1500 (closed for lunch). Fridays will be closed for administrative purposes. ID Cards will be offered by appointment only. POC is Arlene Talaro. Phone: 925.875.4918.

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a buddy system in place for those family members with special needs.

Get involved, practice evacuation drills, practice makes perfect. Review the results and modify your action plan or modify the drills. Every family member should be able walk around all parts of your home in darkness and avoid bumping into furniture and walls. It may be necessary to evacuate without clear vision because of dense smoke from a fire or a power failure. Practice evacuating with your eyes closed; know your exit route distances, turns, doors, stairs and feel your way or crawl along the exit route. Regularly clear obstructions from exits and remember your designated meeting place.

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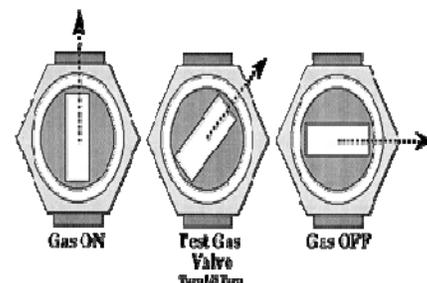
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THESE ARE NEW DAYS AND
HOURS

As always, special group hours can be arranged with a call to PAO, PH: 875.4636.

CHING! by Gail Brady

“Good morning, Ft. Hunter Liggett!”

“A hurricane just deflated over Tampa. Rain would be nice, but a high, colorless overcast is all we have so far.”

“Slowly I’m gearing up my person for Saturday morning social hour in the aisles of Safeway supermarket. I promise, today I am taking a list!”

I pause in the reading of our friend’s most recent letter. We *really* miss this guy! Robert and I met Javier in the desert of Arizona. I think of him and understand completely why treasured friendships are timeless.

I remember Spanish 102 in great detail, with Javier as my workshop partner. Our Spanish professor assigned Jeff the name, *Javier*, because there were two students with the name Jeff in our class. My biggest challenge in Spanish 102 was to keep Javier on track long enough to finish our in-class workshop assignments. *“We are smoking now!”* was his victory chant each time we answered a challenging question with success. I remember how evoked shrieks of laughter from the class with tales of his excursions into Mexico, or by taunting our professor with, “Miss Stacie, how do you say *turnip* in Spanish?” He was definitely the life of Spanish 102!

Friendship with Javier soon extended beyond the classroom, as he would appear on Robert’s and my doorstep with brownies in an iron skillet, still warm from the oven. Our conversations, over brownies and coffee, soon became a common occurrence.

Letters from Javier are a gift. Robert

and I anxiously await them, anticipating the contents; a photo copy of he and his aged yellow Labrador Yogi, copies of cartoons that have been colored with markers, notes written on the back of Xeroxed maps from interesting places he has visited in a day, clippings from the local newspaper, real estate ads showing properties he considers buying, but never does, or tales of his conversation with the homeless man who appears at least once a week on his doorstep because he knows Javier will give him a sandwich.

*“Ching!” That’s the timer going off. Let’s go see. Looks great, maybe just a **little** overdone.”*

After a couple more pages, sprinkled with x’d out words typed on his old Royal, the letter ends.

“Adios.”

Javier

I often pause after reading a letter from our friend and ponder life in its entirety. Javier, a small, middle-aged man with mustache, tiny wire spectacles, and a slightly balding head has a physical disability, but exhibits youthful exuberance on a daily basis. He has a college degree, but because of the disability, his time is divided among small jobs, visits to the library, an occasional class at the local community college, harassing the City Council with his latest, greatest idea for City development, and walking his Mr. Yogi, his aged Labrador.

I hear the phone and pick it up on the third ring.

“Look out! I’m in a chatty mood,” he says. “Had my siesta this afternoon and am ready to chat!”

It is good to hear his voice. “Great!” I say. “I’m in a chatty mood too.” “Where’s the **Major** Chaplain,” he asks. “Right here” I answer. *“Put him on the line, I found a great little piece of property I need to tell him about.”*

Between Robert and me, we talk with Javier for more than an hour about *everything and nothing*. “Cliché? Maybe, but true. Long shadows fall across the kitchen table. I say, “When can we expect the next letter?”

He says, “tomorrow!”

I say, “Ching!”

In the military we move often, all over the United States and, literally, all over the world. In the process, we meet new people and make new friends. And it is all too soon when we must on, leaving good friends behind. But we do not *really* leave the friendships behind at all. They move with us, and many of them remain for a lifetime.

For those of you who read my first article in the *Guidon*, you know I talked about the rain, the fog, the lack of sunshine that greeted us upon our arrival at Ft. Hunter Liggett. But the lack thereof was soon forgotten; because the sunshine not only arrived to warm the earth and bring the spring flowers, it also arrived in the warmth of new friendships that bloomed all around us. Springtime

Earthquake Preparedness Month

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SAFEST PLACE IN THE

HOME: During an earthquake, stay away from heavy furniture, appliances, large panes of glass, shelves holding heavy objects, and masonry veneer (such as the fireplace). These items tend to fall or break and can injure you. Usually, a hallway is one of the safest places if it is not crowded with objects. Kitchens and garages tend to be the most dangerous. Also, know the safest place in each room. It will be difficult to move from one place to another during a severe earthquake.

EXITS AND ALTERNATIVE EXITS:

Always know all the possible ways to exit your house and workplace in emergencies. Try to discover exits that would only be available to you in an emergency.

- Know the safe spot in each room, (under sturdy tables, desks, or against inside walls).
- Know the danger spots, (windows, mirrors, hanging objects, fireplaces and tall furniture).
- Conduct practice drills. Physically place yourself and your children in safe locations. Decide where your family will reunite, if separated.
- Keep a list of emergency phone numbers.
- Choose an out-of-state friend or relative

whom family members can call after the quake to report your condition

- Learn first aid and CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation).
- Using a sturdy table, teach your children to "Duck, Cover and Hold" in the event of an earthquake.

An Earthquake Kit

should include:

- A flashlight
- Extra batteries
- Portable battery-operated radio
- First aid kit and first aid manual
- Canned food
- At least three gallons of water per person
- Non-electric can opener
- Essential medicines (including prescription medications)
- Protective clothing and rainwear
- Sleeping bag
- Sturdy shoes

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Article by Alan Graff, Safety Office

**THE GREAT
SAN FRANCISCO
EARTHQUAKE
OCCURRED
ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO,
APRIL 18, 1906 !!!**

is once again just around the corner, and when it arrives, the beautiful blankets of flowers will once more be spread out across the fields and mountain ranges of the Central Coast. But Robert and I are leaving tomorrow, so we will miss these flowers; but we will take with us a blanket of warm memories as well as beautiful bouquets of friendships. You, our friends, are a part of us now. And as we go, we say thanks for those friendships and the support we have received from so many people at Ft. Hunter Liggett and in the entire CSTC. We hope we have returned at least a portion of all that you have given to us. We covet your prayers for safety as we travel and for a good beginning as we serve our God and our country in a new location.

The timer is ticking in each of our lives, so greet each new day with a *ching!* Greet each one as a fresh beginning; as an opportunity to be happy, to be of service, to make a new friend (to meet a *Javier*), to make a difference for good in the life of another person. Live life to the fullest and be thankful for it. And when the time comes to move on, do so amidst warm tears of gratitude because you have been blessed with beautiful flowers, friendship.

The excellent articles provided to the Golden Guidon by Gail Brady over this last year have been a joy to publish and an even greater joy to read. In a publication such as the Golden Guidon, where most articles are "Army business driven", her warmth of human feelings and mind expression lent a high level of quality to the Golden Guidon. Thank you Gail for being such an important contributor to Fort Hunter Liggett, the US Army Combat Support Training Center and to the Golden Guidon in this, our inaugural year for the stand up of the CSTC Garrison. Our prayers are with you and may both you and Chaplain Brady have great success at your new assignment, Fort Devens, Massachusetts.

The Editor

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Chaplain Brady “signing off...”

by CSTC Chaplain (Major) Robert Brady

For a year or more now I’ve been contributing short articles to the Golden Guidon. Because I am undergoing a Permanent Change of Station (PCS) to the 94th Regional Readiness Command at Fort Devens, Massachusetts, this will be my last opportunity to share a few thoughts with you.

I know you are going to enjoy meeting my replacement, CH (MAJ) Dann Ettner. Give him a tremendous CSTC welcome when you meet him. He is a great guy, but I will let him tell you his own story. As for me, my last day ends like this:

It’s 2200 here at Fort Hunter Liggett – that is 10 P.M. for those who do not use military time too often. I am at the Installation Chapel, and just finishing my last work. In a few minutes I will turn off this computer and lock my office. Tomorrow it will not be my computer or office at all – just a place I hung my hat when I worked at the Fort.

It is raining outside, and they are calling for some snow tonight. Perhaps that is to prep me for my move to chilly Fort Devens. I have fueled up the truck, and am waiting for morning light to load a few things into the little trailer, then Gail and I will clear housing, sign out with Mr. July Barredo, and be on our way. July has al-

ready talked to me on the phone today, giving me some last minute PCS advice, which I took to heart and immediately acted on.

The chapel is quiet, and inviting, but I cannot remain here much longer. It is time to turn in and get some sleep so that we can do that good, safe move that we have been planning. And so, let me say just a few things.

The apostle Paul, when writing to the churches, frequently told his readers about his prayers for them. He would say, “now I thank God for all of you and pray...” then tell them his prayer requests. In the spirit of Paul, here are some of my own prayer requests for each of you.

“I thank my God for each of you...” And I do! I am so glad that I met everyone in this command. I am the richer for having met my assistant, his wife and son; for having met commanders and deputy commander; for having spent time with tremendously talented military and civilian staff members and their families; for knowing great contractors, and for lots of wonderful chapel members. To top it off, I got to hang out with soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines who trained here. It was an unbelievably diverse community.

“I pray that you and your loved

ones will find peace...” Prosperity would be nice. So would job security and finally reaching retirement age. For me, however, peace comes through knowing God, and in my tradition, from learning about Jesus, whom I claim to follow, however imperfectly. I hope you will seek peace and find it during the coming months and years.

And so it comes down the remembering you and wishing you peace. I hope you will also remember Gail and I through the years, and that you will keep us in your thoughts and prayers.

Thanks, COL Wood, for letting me serve with you, and thanks to all my friends and co-workers within the CSTC for making it a great ride. Please feel free to email me and let me know what’s happening in your world:

robert.v.brady@us.army.mil.

Peace and blessings, this is...

Chaplain Robert Brady, signing off...”Roger, out.”

Thank you Chaplain Robert Brady! Your soft and persuasive spiritual presence was felt by many and appreciated by all whom you touched. You are leaving Fort Hunter Liggett and the CSTC on a positive course for the future. Our loss is certainly Fort Devens’ great gain.

The Editor

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the Seabees and their history, including additional footage at the Seabee Base in Port Huene, CA. The intent of the Fort Hunter Liggett segment was to show modern-day Seabees working on bridge and airfield runway construction exercises, while also interviewing Seabees who had recently served in Iraq.

The CSTC-Fort Hunter Liggett Seabee exercises involved the building of a Bailey bridge and then, while construction was well underway, repel an attack by hostile forces intent upon destroying the Bridge. One measure of training excellence is to be combat realistic while keeping proper safety standards in place. As the completed FOX News film will testify, the exercise went perfectly. The bridge over the ravine was constructed with speed and perfection and the “black ops” force was repelled with realistic precision.



Above: Bailey Bridge is completed by the 31st Seabees Below: Attack on the bridge is filmed by FOX NEWS



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FROM CALIDAD INDUSTRIES, CSTC BASOPS CONTRACTOR

For those who have never visited Bldg 170, the “active” Warehouse at Camp Parks, it may be time you came down and introduced yourself. We have a “team” of six contractors who handle warehouse activities, issues and turn-ins, incoming shipments, Property Book responsibilities and maintain oversight on all seventy four GSA Vehicles used by various customers here on Camp Parks. Calidad Industries, Inc. has been handling these responsibilities since June 2003 when we moved into Bldg #170 and set up shop. On a typical day we are issuing out and accepting in vehicles, receiving shipments from various trucking companies, issuing out equipment, inventorying equipment, preparing an assortment of documents, using forklifts and various other warehouse activities.

One of our employees, Gary Savell has been a mainstay of Bldg 170 for many years, prior to working for Calidad. Gary was a Government employee performing many of the same tasks that he does now. His knowledge and expertise with the warehouse and the various customers we serve on Parks has been invaluable since June 2003; thanks Gary.

Calidad was recently selected as runner up for the Hire a Vet program “Employer of the Year” award through the California EDD. A certificate was issued by EDD for Calidad’s strong support of their program and Mr. Mike Goetz, President of Calidad accepted the award on 17 June.

Article by Todd Newell,
Calidad Project Manager

SUN TZU , On the Art of War,

More than 2400 years old, "The Oldest Military Treatise in the World"

**"To fight and conquer in all your battles is not supreme excellence;
supreme excellence consists in breaking the enemy's resistance without fighting"**



MOUNT DIABLO & CAMP PARKS—SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA HEADQUARTERS OF THE CSTC

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