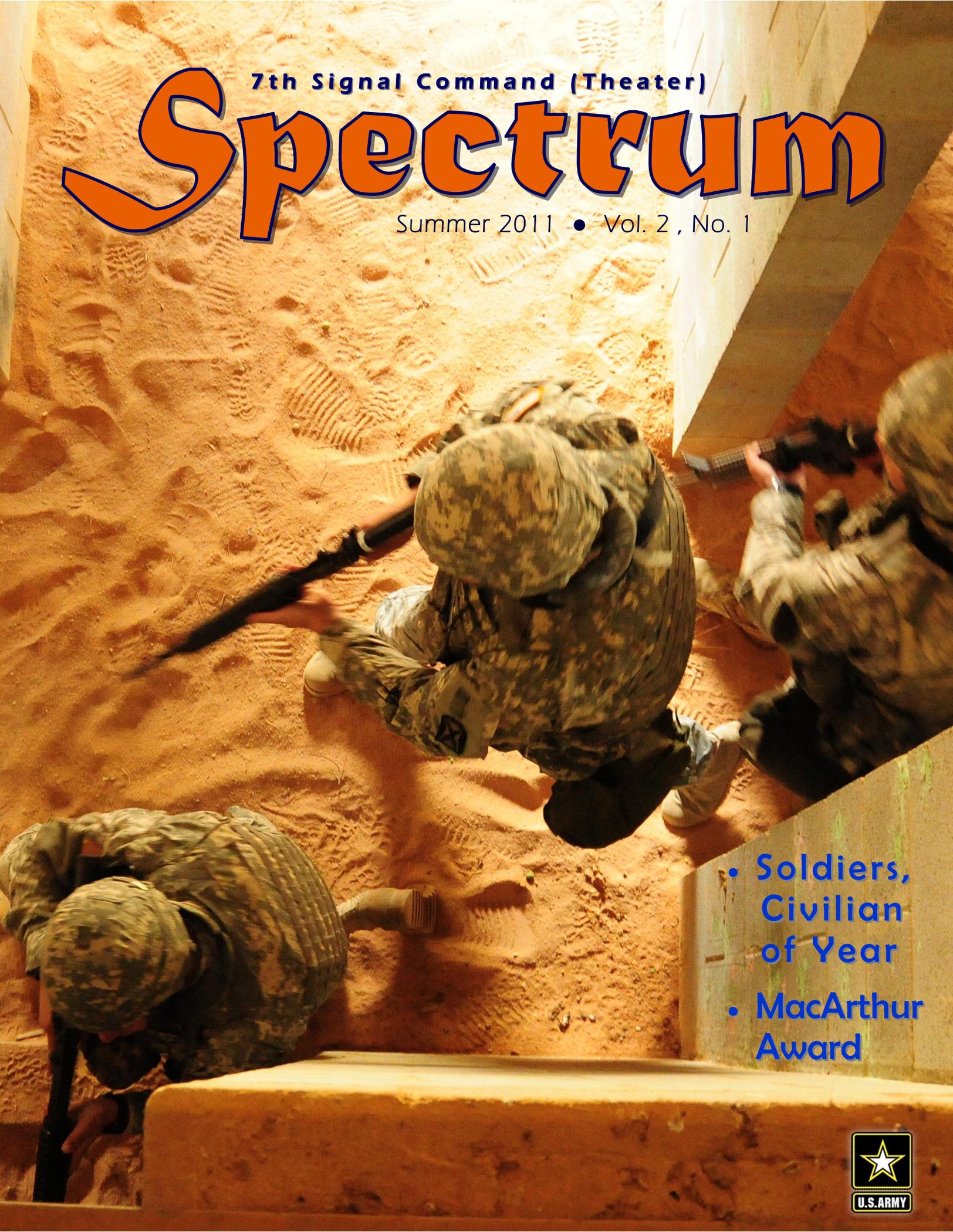


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Soldier/NCO of the Year

Fort Gordon, Georgia

Soldiers clear a building as they complete the warrior skills portion of the Soldier of the Year competition at Fort Gordon, Ga., during the last week of April. Seven soldiers from locations across the country competed for the top two spots in order to move on to the next level of competition.



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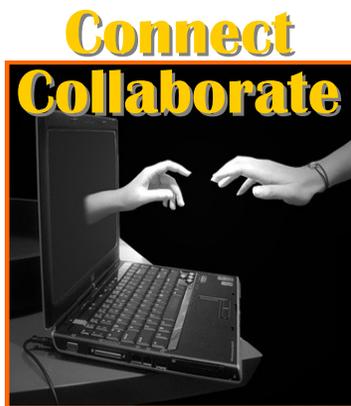
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7th Signal Command (Theater)
One Team, One Network!

Information age: exciting, useful, dangerous

We rely on cyberspace for almost every aspect of our lives



By **Brig. Gen. LaWarren V. Patterson**
Commanding General
7th Signal Command

I believe the Information Age, which is in its infancy, will have as much and probably more of an impact on humanity than the Industrial Age or the Space Age.

Let's do a short review of a journey in the Space Age so we can compare it to our journey through the Information Age, particularly in cyberspace.

Cyber Journey

The Voyager 1 and 2 spacecraft, launched in 1977 and 1981 are now more than 10 and eight billion miles, respectively, into their interstellar voyages.

Incredibly, they are still returning data to Earth.

Those spacecraft are venturing further into space at the rate of about 12 miles per second. In comparison, our cyberspace journey has barely left the ground as we

explore new boundaries every day.

What are the boundaries of cyberspace? Nobody knows, but predictions are plentiful.

Cisco predicts that the Internet will quadruple in size over the next four years.

In fact, the incremental growth in Internet traffic between 2014 and 2015 will be 17.2 exabytes per month, according to CNN.

That growth alone is roughly the amount of all global Internet traffic recorded in 2010.

Mobil traffic is expected to grow 26-fold by 2015.

Tablet usage will grow from 91 petabytes in 2009 to 248 petabytes in 2015.

A quick search of the Internet reveals a petabyte equals more than 13 years of HDTV content, 20-million four drawer file cabinets filled with text, or a 32-year long MP3 file.

Fifty petabytes can hold all of mankind's written words in every language.

Around two-billion Internet users around the world send close to 300 billion emails a day, with almost 90 percent estimated to be spam.

It is also estimated that people upload more than 36 billion photos to

Facebook a year.

YouTube receives around 35 hours of uploaded video every minute.

These statistics indicate that we are venturing into cyberspace at breakneck speed.

Like the Voyager craft, we are underway in territory previously undiscovered by humankind.

Every day, the Voyager spacecraft give us an exciting look into space, but they also confront many known and unknown dangers.

Likewise, it is the same for us in cyberspace.

Adversaries from recreational hackers to criminals to sophisticated nation states

attack government computers thousands of times per day.

Each and every email and photo has the potential to infect, damage or destroy a computer, a cell phone, a tablet, an entire network or crucial infrastructure such as power grids, air traffic control facilities or satellites.

I often say that each of us who connect to the Army's network are warriors engaged in an asymmetric, non-kinetic type of warfare in an electronic battlefield filled with real enemies.

“ I believe the Information Age, which is in its infancy, will have as much, if not more of an impact on humanity than the Industrial Age or the Space Age. Cyberspace is an exciting new frontier, but one filled with real enemies and dangers. ”

Brig. Gen. LaWarren V. Patterson
Commanding General

It is a huge battlefield that will continue to increase in size, capabilities, complexities and extreme dangers.

We have much to do, to truly understand all of the dangers in cyberspace, and even more to protect our military, national and personal data, systems, and infrastructure.

Complacency is unacceptable in the information technology realm. Our key defense is each of you — our foot Soldiers in cyberspace.

Success depends upon all of you remaining aware as you continuously practice information assurance with every log on, key stroke, and mouse click.



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Network Enterprise Center Fort Benning

Quality assurance key to critical timing with BRAC

By Neil R. Guillebeau
7th Signal Command

In 1993 Fort Benning, Ga., had only 880 computers, and most of them were not connected to any kind of network.

“You could walk into an office and most of the time they weren’t even turned on,” said Paul Yates, director of the Ft. Benning Network Enterprise Center (NEC).

Now, almost everybody connects to the network at this sprawling Army post located in west central Georgia and east Alabama. Computer connections to the network now stand at more than 10,000. It is up to Yates’ team to keep them online.

The NEC’s team must keep customers connected with telephone, email, web and data services, Blackberries and more on a post that services about 120,000 military, family members, civil service employees, con-



Photo by Neil R. Guillebeau

Joe Mayfield, Quality Assurance/Planner

tractors and retirees.

That is a huge job anytime, but for the past few years there has been an 800-pound gorilla in the room called BRAC, according to Yates.

As a result of the 2005 Base

Realignment and Closure process (BRAC), Fort Benning is growing as \$3.5 billion in new construction nears completion.

BRAC directed the Armor Center and School at Fort Knox, Ky., to relocate to Benning. The move combined it with the Infantry Center to form the Maneuver Center of Excellence.

13,000 New Customers

In the next few months, the NEC team will have largely completed work to supply information technology (IT) services to approximately 13,000 new customers.

“It’s like building an entire new post on an existing post,” said Joe Mayfield, quality assurance/planner for the NEC. “They are building little cities for the Soldiers and it’s our job to get them

connected when they arrive.”

The project includes more than 300 new buildings for barracks, classrooms, warehouses, dining facilities, medical services, recreation, maintenance, and repair.

BRAC-related projects have revamped 20,000 acres with new training areas and ranges, and six million square feet of new facilities; almost all required new connections for IT.

In addition to providing about 13,000 new phone lines, more than 100 miles of fiber optic cable “backbone” needed to be “planted” in the ground just to service 14 new ranges according to Mayfield.

Keeping track of BRAC, day-to-day business and other new projects keeps the NEC team plenty busy said Yates. Connecting the large number

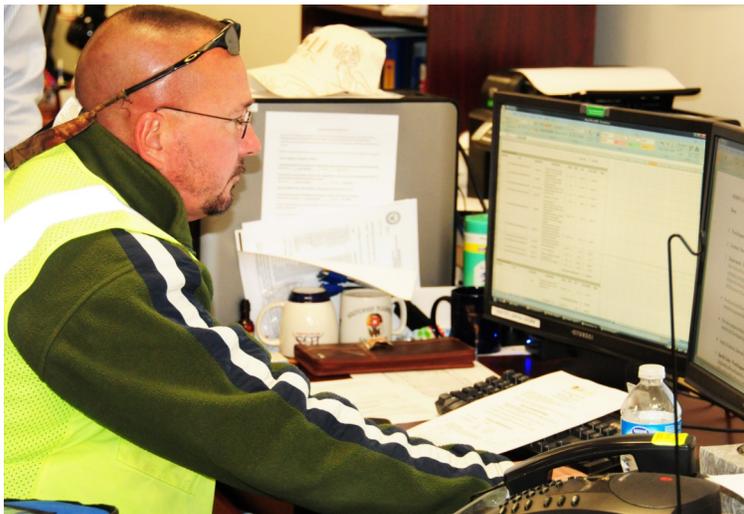


Photo by Neil R. Guillebeau

So Many Details — “BRAC has been the 800-pound gorilla in the room for awhile at Fort Benning,” said Yates. “Joe’s the one who tells me... when a building is ready for acceptance.”

“People respect Joe and they listen to him when he speaks. He has a keen ability to keep track of all that’s going on with BRAC and many other projects.”



Paul Yates
NEC Director, Fort Benning

of new customers moving into new buildings is only one piece of the BRAC equation.

“We have moved more than 3,000 people around into temporary swing spaces,” he said. “Whenever people move to another space, we have to provide connections for phones and computers.”

In many instances, buildings were ready for occupancy before permanent IT infrastructure was completed.

BRAC: No Fail Mission

“We understood early on that BRAC was a no fail mission, so we ran temporary copper and fiber to ensure that customers were online whenever they moved into a new or swing space,” said Mayfield.

Also, a new \$507 million hospital campus is under construction at the post.

The Martin Army Community Hospital replacement includes a 745,000-square-foot hospital with 76 in-patient beds slated for opening in Fall 2014.

The NEC team must also provide IT services for about 40 new buildings on the campus as contractors complete them.

“Joe is the person who plans when and where our technicians need to be to get



Photo by Neil R. Guillebeau

\$3.5 Billion In New Construction — Mayfield checks on the status of a new building under construction, one of more than 300 new buildings to support BRAC-related unit moves. All will need IT products, service and support provided by the Fort Benning NEC.

a building wired and ready for occupancy,” said Yates. “He must coordinate with the Corps of Engineers, contractors and others to ensure the projects are completed as specified.”

“The last piece of any BRAC project is the NEC piece, and this is making the building Soldier-ready,” he said. “Joe is my eyes, my

ears on the ground, and if he doesn’t accept the work being done, I don’t accept the work being done.”

Joe is reflective of all of the employees on the NEC team according to Yates.

“Whether it’s BRAC or any other project, our organization is successful because the people who work here take ownership of their projects,”

Fort Benning overview, BRAC facts

Since 1918, Fort Benning, Ga, has served as the Home of the Infantry.

Now, as a result of 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission's decision to move the Armor Center and School from Fort Knox, Ky., to Fort Benning, these critical maneuver forces will train as they fight — together — at the Fort Benning Maneuver Center of Excellence.

A few facts:

- Fort Benning encompasses 182,000 square acres; 170,000 square acres in Georgia, 12,000 in Alabama.
- Trains 114,000 personnel annually.
- Will increase training by about 30,000 personnel annually.
- 52% of the Army’s initial entry training occurs on the fort.
- BRAC will create 140 miles of new roads and trails.
- Currently has more than 20,000,000 square feet of facilities, with more than 6,000,000 new square feet added by BRAC.

he said. “They say, ‘it’s mine,’ because they know what they do helps prepare our Soldiers for the tough jobs they do around the world.”

7th Signal Command Soldier of the Year competition

Events test warrior skills, character, endurance

By Siobhan Carlile

7th Signal Command

Staff Sgt. Travis Lanzendorfer, 106th Signal Brigade, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, was named the 7th Signal Command (Theater) Non-commissioned Officer (NCO) of the Year after a week of competition at Fort Gordon April 24-29.

PFC Ethan Berry, 56th Signal Battalion, Fort Sam Houston, earned top honors as Soldier of the Year (SOY).

Both Soldiers received awards at the 7th Signal Command (Theater) Signal Ball on April 29 at the Gordon Club. They next competed, but were not selected to advance at the 9th Signal Command (Army) level.

"I would encourage others to compete," Lanzendorfer said. "It is a great event that



Photos by Neil R. Guillebeau

Determination — Sgt. Cary Eaglin hangs on and catches his breath as he determines how to proceed up an obstacle.

builds camaraderie. Day one was a day of individual events but by the end of the week everything we did, we did as a team."

He is currently assigned as a training NCO.

"These boards are an excellent chance for Soldiers to challenge themselves and set

themselves above their peers," Berry said. "It's also a great opportunity to get in some training that you don't always get the opportunity to do in garrison."

He currently serves as a radio operator/maintainer.

"I watched as our Soldier of the Year candidates com-

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Staff Sgt. Travis Lanzendorfer
106th Signal Brigade

peted at the confidence course," said Brig. Gen. LaWarren V. Patterson, commanding general, 7th SC (T). "I was inspired to say the least by their camaraderie and their intensity."

Spending a week on the firing range, navigating through woods, maneuvering the confidence course and enduring the gas chamber while reciting the Soldiers' Creed, may not sound like fun to some people.

However, for these seven Soldiers, it is what they train for in the Army, and it is what they like to do.

Events included land navigation, rifle qualification, a physical fitness test, warrior skills testing, a written exam, a board before a sergeant's major panel, the confidence course and other events.

The Soldiers competed previously at their home units to be selected to compete at the 7th SC (T) level.

"This competition reminds me how lucky we are to have so many outstanding individuals to choose from for Soldier of the Year honors," said Patterson.



Photo by Siobhan Carlile

Taking Aim — A Soldier takes aim on the firing range during weapons qualification.



Photo by Siobhan Carlile

All Clear — Soldiers purposefully enter an urban setting building to check it for potential danger. After a room-to-room search, they declare it “all clear.”



Photo by Neil R. Guillebeau

Careful Search — PFC Ethan Berry searches a volunteer detainee as part of the Warrior Skills testing.

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PFC Ethan Berry
56th Signal Battalion



Photo by Neil R. Guillebeau

Perfect Balance — PFC Ethan Berry scoots across the rolling balance beam.

Other competitors

Sgt. Randy Ward, a human resource specialist at the 93rd Signal Brigade, Fort Eustis, Va., was stationed in Stuttgart and spent 15 months deployed to Iraq. “Being able to do all the warrior tasks that I have learned in the Army really helped develop me as a leader and will help me train other Soldiers to be their best,” he said.

Spec. Wesley Beights, South-Theater Network Operations and Security Center (S-TNOSC), Fort Gordon, is an Action Request Center NCO. “My family inspires me to give my all,” he said.

Sgt. Teng Lin is a Tech Control Shift NCOIC at Fort Detrick, Md. He deployed to Iraq in 2004 and 2007. He has been in the Army for eight years and was stationed at Fort Jackson, S.C., Hunter Army Airfield, Ga. and Fort Lewis, Wash. “I am inspired by motivated Soldiers and dedicated NCOs and all the people who give their hearts in the job and mission,” he said.

Sgt. Cary Eaglin is an action request center NCO at the S-TNOSC. He was deployed to Iraq in 2005 and 2007. He has been assigned to Camp Carroll, South Korea, and at Fort Huachuca, Ariz. His father, a former tanker, inspires him. “Fighters are not always the ones who do not fall; they are the ones who get back up no matter how many times they fall,” he said.

Sgt. Christopher Kehres is stationed at Fort Huachuca, Ariz. He is a computer network defense NCO. He was deployed to Iraq in 2009. He advises Soldiers to make good choices, do more than expected and keep your promises, as these are the keys to success.

93rd Signal Brigade

Soldier earns General MacArthur Leadership Award

By Siobhan Carlike
7th Signal Command

Capt. David Hamlin, commander, Headquarters and Headquarters Company (HHC) 93rd Signal Brigade, recently received the General Douglas A. MacArthur Leadership Award during a ceremony at the Pentagon.

Thirteen other Army officers also received the award.

“The award gives the Army’s senior leadership the chance to recognize officers we feel have the greatest potential to become the future senior leaders of our Army,” said Hank Minitrez, Pentagon spokesperson for the MacArthur program.

Dynamic Leader

“These officers, from all components, are chosen above all others because they best embody what Gen. MacArthur was so famously passionate about – ‘Duty, Honor, Country.’”

The 93rd SB commander echoed Minitrez’s accolades.

“Capt. Hamlin is a dynamic leader who has made significant contributions to the Signal Corps,” said Col. David Isaacson, commander of the 93rd Signal Brigade. “His performance in command of our HHC thus far has been exceptional.”

In addition to serving with the 93rd at Fort Eustis, Va., Hamlin served in Germany, and at Fort Bragg, N.C.

The 17-year Army veteran has also deployed to Kosovo, Udari, Kuwait, Tallil Air Base, Iraq, and Port-au-Prince, Haiti.



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Award Winner — General Martin Dempsey (left) presents a bronze bust of General MacArthur to Capt. Hamlin.

Hamlin began his career as an enlisted Soldier as a 25P (microwave systems operator/maintainer) before receiving his commission in 2006. He cited a few reasons for becoming he wanted to become an officer.

“First and foremost is the greater amount of influence an officer has to lead Soldiers, affect morale, and better the organization,” he said.

“Additionally, I am always seeking greater responsibility and there is nothing more rewarding than the responsibility of an officer to remain loyal to his/her superiors, while ensuring Soldiers have every opportunity to succeed in battle and garrison.”

He also said his exposure to strong mentors was a deciding factor.

“It’s those outstanding officers who illustrated the fundamentals of not only

being an officer, but a leader. ...my battalion commander when I was with the 440th Signal Battalion, 22nd Signal Brigade, in Darmstadt, Germany, always carried himself in a professional manner and led from the front,” said Hamlin.

Hamlin also credits the noncommissioned officers (NCOs) he has worked with as having a great influence on his success.

Praise to NCOs

“My ideals of leadership rest solely on my ability to empower the backbone of the Army, the NCO Corps,” Hamlin said. “Without the strength of the NCO Corps, the units I have commanded would not have been successful. ...my recognition is a reflection of the great NCOs I have been fortunate to have worked with over the years.”

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Capt. David Hamlin
93rd Signal Brigade

to inspire a profound sense of civic duty within HHC

He and seven of his Soldiers received the Military Outstanding Service Medal for completing more than 800 hours of volunteer service in their community.

Also, he ensured a 7th Signal Command (Theater) Soldier, severely injured during Operation Iraqi Freedom, remained in contact with his unit while receiving care.

Hamlin established communications with the Soldier and his family, as well as organized several trips to visit the Soldier who continues to receive treatment at the Veterans Hospital in Tampa, Fla.

He made it possible for the Soldier and his father to attend the 2010 Super Bowl by coordinating the donation of two tickets and expenses.

Hamlin holds the Bronze Order of Mercury (Signal), the Order of St. Christopher (Transportation), and various other community and military awards.

21st Signal Brigade civilian earns top spot

By Siobhan Carlile
7th Signal Command

John Cardona, a system administrator for the 21st Signal Brigade, National Gateway Center, Fort Detrick, Md., was recently selected as the overall 7th Signal Command (Theater) Civilian of the Year (COY) for 2010.

Brig. Gen. LaWarren V. Patterson, commanding general, 7th Signal Command (Theater), officially recognized Cardona and other COY candidates at the 7th Signal Ball held recently at Fort Gordon, Ga.

Cardona received the Commanders Award for Civilian Service.

“Mr. Cardona's selection is inspirational to all 7th Signal Command members,” said Tom Wagner, civilian executive officer at the 21st. “He has shown that it is possible to deliver high quality, protected systems to the Army team.”

Cardona doesn't take all the credit for his award, he shares it.

“I attribute my success to the synergy created by the work force here at the National Gateway Center,” he said. “All my successes are directly related to the outstanding support and team work from every member of the National Gateway



Photo by Neil R. Guillebeau

Civilian of the Year — Brig. Gen. Patterson and Command Sgt. Maj. Williams present Cardona with his award.

Center. ...honestly, all of the other competitors deserves recognition as well,” he said.

Civilians of the Year throughout the command were selected for 2010. They are Joshua Kluthe, an information technology specialist at the 7th Signal Command headquarters, Fort Gordon; Daniel Lee, an IT specialist at the 93rd Signal Brigade, Fort Eustis, Va.; and Shawn Anderson, an enterprise email program manager at the 106th Signal Brigade, Fort Sam Houston.

New senior technical advisor reports to 7th headquarters

By Siobhan Carlile
7th Signal Command

Mr. Terry Brown was assigned in June as the Civilian Deputy and Senior Technical Advisor to the Commanding General, 7th Signal Command (Theater). His previous assignment was as Deputy Chief Information Officer for the United States Army Reserve Command.

He also served as Regional CIO, Installation Management Command, Southeast Region.

Mr. Brown served from 1969 to 1995 as an Army Signal officer. His key military assignments included Deputy Chief of Staff, G6 for U.S. Army Central Command; Deputy Commander, 1st Signal Brigade; Com-

mander, 67th Signal Battalion; and as an Inspector General for the Army Information Systems Command. Prior to re-entering federal service in 2002, he worked in industry as CIO for a subsidiary of one of the nation's largest banks, and as a district network manager for the Federal Reserve System.

Mr. Brown graduated from Gordon Military College, Columbus College, and earned his Master's degree in Financial Management from the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School. His military education includes the Army Military Comptroller Course, Army Inspector General Course, Army Installation Management Course, Command and General Staff College, and the Air War

College.

Here are a few of his insights:

Q: What is your role as the Civilian Deputy and Senior Technical Advisor?

A: As the senior civilian in the command, one of my most critical duties is to assist the commander with issues that deal with civilian personnel, whether that be training, leadership issues or civilian management.

Q: What has prepared you for your current role?

A: I think that the command I came from — to a great degree it helped provide some of the good ideas



Terry Brown

the 7th has attempted to field. Some of that is the enterprise service desk that we had done in my prior command. I also worked in NETCOM in the RCIO business prior to that job. It prepared me to come back here because I have a flavor and a feel for how NECs operate, and where we are headed with having operational control of all NECs in CONUS.

Q: What technical improvements can we make to provide better services to our customers?

A: I think that we have most of the technical capabilities already. The improvement we need to make is to better integrate these capabilities and learn how to present them to our customers in a better way.

Command departs Fort Gordon

56th Signal Battalion unfurls colors at Fort Sam Houston

By Siobhan Carlike
7th Signal Command

The 56th Signal Battalion, formerly located at Fort Gordon, Ga., cased its colors and changed command March 17 in preparation for the transition to Fort Sam Houston, Texas. There the colors were unfurled in a change of responsibility ceremony April 1.

The battalion provides long-haul, tactical, and base operations communications support to the U.S. Army South Headquarters as well as units deployed in the Central and South America.

"We're excited to bring our battalion colors to Texas as we stand up the 56th Signal Battalion at Fort Sam Houston," said Lt. Col. Kevin Griggs, commander 56th Signal Battalion. "The 56th has executed several unit moves over the course of its history to make sure we are in the best place to support the warfighter, and this one is no different."

In one of the more recent moves, the battalion moved from Panama to Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico in 1999.

In 2003, upon the relocation of U.S. Army South to Fort Sam Houston, the battalion established a detachment with U.S. Army South and relocated to its home at Fort Gordon, Ga., before moving to Texas.



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Home in Texas — Command Sgt. Maj. Lemuel Brock and Lt. Col. Kevin Griggs, 56th Signal Battalion, prepare the unit colors during the uncasing ceremony April 1 at Sam Houston.

Army Photo of the Year



Firing Lane — This photo, taken by Spec. Vanessa Hernandez, 55th Combat Camera Company, was selected as the best Army photo for 2010. The photo captures Sgt. Larry J. Isbell, representing the National Guard, as he watches his firing lane for targets during the M-4 Range Qualification event during the Department of the Army's 10th Annual Best Warrior Competition held at Fort Lee, Va., Oct. 21, 2010.

CIVILIAN PROFILE

Lance Sheldon

Years In Army: 13 on active duty and as a reservist

Hometown: Tacoma, Wash.

Family: Married, two four-legged children, Xavier and Zowie

Title: Senior IT Specialist

Job: Network Policy Planner I3MP & MCA

7th Signal Organization: Programs and Projects Branch, 106th Signal Brigade, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Enjoyment: Motorcycles, travel, movies, baking, spending time taking their dogs to the park

"I believe it is essential to work with the NECs to facilitate requirements generation and funding. In order for the sites to continue to provide quality service to the warfighters, the 106th helps provide this missing piece within the acquisition strategy." - Lance Sheldon -

"Lance Sheldon steps up with incredible initiative to ensure the mission is accomplished," said Lt. Col. Michael Fazen, 106th Signal Brigade, chief of S3 Plans Division.

In just under a year he was able to request and receive money in excess of \$30 million to support the critical projects ongoing within the 106th AOR.

"Mr. Sheldon has become adept at interacting with outside



Let's Do Lunch — Enjoying lunch on the River Walk: Col. Chris Haigh (left), Bill Shurtz, Robert Windham, Natalie Windham, Kristina Wallace, Jessica and Lance.



Star of Texas — Lance and his wife Jessica hang out at the park with their six year old Weimaraner, Xavier.



By Siobhan Carille
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agencies to request additional funding or support for projects within the 106th area of responsibility," Fazen said.

Sheldon finds serving Soldiers rewarding.

"I enjoy the ability to influence the way the Army provides services to the warfighters on a day to day basis. I learned, providing basic communications can save lives during war or peace if planned correctly," he said.

He also enjoys his off time. Big Kansas State University fans, he and his wife, Jessica, wear a lot of purple. They also like to travel, taking their two dogs Zowie and Xavier with them.

Sheldon joined the Army in 1993 as a 97R Military Intelligence Ground Surveillance Radar Operator, later accepting a direct commission as a signal officer. He served in Kansas, Germany and Nebraska, but it was as a civilian that he served in Iraq.

"I went to the IRR (Individual Ready Reserve) in 2006 to deploy to Iraq for 18 months as a senior IT Specialist working for the 402nd AFSB as a DA Civilian," he said.

OFF THE BEATEN PATH



Watson Mill Bridge State Park

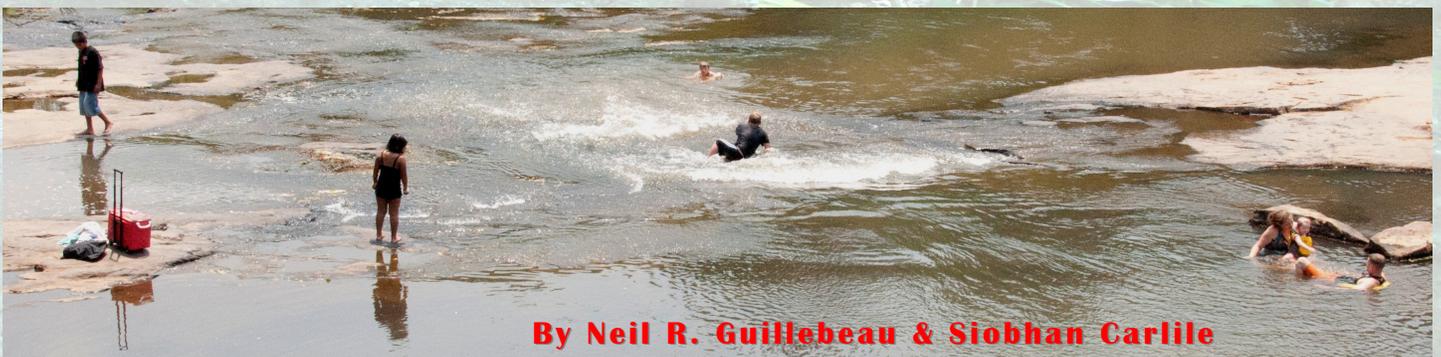


Quittin' time, a three-day weekend! Windows down, rolling off post, heading out of town — perfect scenario going for escaping.

Duty at Fort Gordon offers many idyllic and exciting places to visit in the city, on the coast or in the countryside, many less than 100 miles.

A trek to Watson Mill Bridge State Park, about 90 miles northeast of Augusta, near Comer, Ga., offers beauty, serenity, fun and history.

Whenever it's time to renew, find your own peace of mind on any road that takes you — **Off the Beaten Path.**



By Neil R. Guillebeau & Siobhan Carlile