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Media engagement policy reaffirmed amid recent missteps by military leaders

By Jim Garamone
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WASHINGTON – The Defense Department needs to cooperate with the media, but needs to clean up its act in how it goes about it, Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates said.

During the July 8 Pentagon news conference, Gates and Navy Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, discussed the secretary's recent memo to the department's civilian and military leaders on interaction with the media.

"In my approach to media relations, I've attempted to be as straightforward and cooperative as possible and encouraged this department's leaders to do the same," Gates said. "None of that has changed."

The memo was not about how the media does its job, Gates said, but about improving leaders' interactions with reporters.

It's a reaffirmation of an existing policy "that was being followed selectively, at best," he said.

The secretary has been concerned about Defense Department media interaction for some time.

"I have grown increasingly concerned that we have become too lax, disorganized, and, in some cases, flat-out sloppy in the way we engage with the press," Gates said.

Mullen stressed that the memo is not meant to muzzle military personnel.

"It is not in any way, shape or form meant to preclude the proper engagement with the press," the chairman said.

But military and civilian personnel need to follow certain guidelines when they interact with members of the media. Mullen said.

"[The memo] is to actually, in great part, emphasize guidance that has been out there for an extensive period of time, but we've

just walked away from," he said.

Defense Department civilian and military officials have spoken outside their areas of expertise, the admiral explained, and reports and other documents -- including many on sensitive subjects -- are routinely provided to the media before the secretary or the president are informed.

"Even more worrisome," Mullen said, "highly classified and sensitive information has been divulged without authorization or accountability."

Gates said he hopes the new guidance will not choke off media access, but rather "improve the quality of press engagement by ensuring that the people the media talk

to can speak with accuracy and authority."

"This should not infringe or impede the flow of accurate and timely information to you or to the public," he told reporters. "That is not my intent, nor will I tolerate it."

But the reminder was needed, the secretary added.

"Over the last two years, I have lost a first-rate Central Command commander and an outstanding commander of [the International Security Assistance Force] in Afghanistan due to their own missteps in dealing with the media," Gates said. "I've had to recall a combatant commander to Washington for a verbal reprimand for speaking out inappropriately on a sensitive foreign policy issue.

"I've had two very different presidents each, on several occasions, express concern to me about senior defense officials, both civilian and military, speaking out inappropriately on foreign policy issues," he continued.

The defense secretary said he is frustrated and concerned with the situation and hopes these reminders will help the department communicate with the American people via the media.

"Effectively communicating what we do and how we do it remains a top priority for me," Gates said.

"In fact, I consider it my duty. It's a responsibility I have, not only to the commander in chief and to you in the media, but to the American people," he said. "I take it very seriously, and I expect everyone else in this department to do the same."

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4th of July

Port Royal



Photos by David San Miguel

Michael Newman, Port Royal town crier, announces the colonists' Declaration of Independence from the British crown.

Celebrating the 234th anniversary of this nation's birth, the community of Port Royal hosted its annual 4th of July celebration.

The annual tribute began at 10 a.m. with Michael Newman, Port Royal's own town crier, announcing a formal complaint against the heavy taxation levied against the colonists by the British government.

This Declaration of Independence, as it known, became the rallying point for the colonists and marked the beginning of the Revolutionary War.

To help commemorate this year's

event, members of the U.S. Army's "Old Guard" Fife and Drum Corps performed various songs of the period.

Much to the delight of the more than 200 attendees, historical reenactors danced wearing traditional period attire, offered youth a glimpse at games the children played and gave cooking and sewing demonstrations.

In addition, the attendees were given free surrey rides through town to the Historic Portrait Gallery where portraits of 15 men and women who figured strongly in Caroline County and Virginia history are on display.



Members of the U.S. Army's "Old Guard" Fife and Drum Corps perform "Yankee Doodle Dandy" and other popular colonial period songs at Port Royal's annual Fourth of July celebration.



Dressed in traditional colonial attire, historical reenactors demonstrate the dance of the 18th Century.



A "colonist" shares a game with one of many young participants who attended the celebration. The demonstration gave attendees an insight on what games children played.

Warriors learn lessons on cultural awareness

By Staff Sgt. Danielle M. Bacon
26th Marine Expeditionary Unit

A long, gravel-paved road leads to a small village where a handful of villagers mill around and hawk their wares. Arabic chants blaring over the village only adds to the sights and smells of the open market.

A home-made kite soars through the air, its tether leads to a middle-aged man with weather-worn hands and face.

Marines from Company K, Battalion Landing Team 3/8, 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit, encountered the surreal scene as they conducted a cultural awareness exercise during Realistic Urban Training here, June 10.

Speaking arabic, the village role-players greet the Marines as they made their way through market.

The Marines' goal: meet with the elders in what is called a key leader engagement.

"The elders typically have a lot of power in the village, and we let him know of our involvement in the area," said 1st Lt. Arthur Crocker, platoon leader, 1st Platoon, Company K. "We were there to find out the needs of the village and gather intelligence."

It wasn't long after their arrival that the Marines found out about the town's water shortage.

Crocker immediately communicated to elders that his Marines would do what they could to help. After all, part of their mission is to establish and build rapport with local communities.

The lieutenant knows that any small gesture usually pays great dividends toward strengthening partnerships and increasing security and stability.

He added that on the surface, this mission is not as easy as it seems.

Overcoming the language barrier is one thing but learning how to approach a city and not look hostile yet still provide security



Photo by Staff Sgt. Danielle M. Bacon

Role-playing village elders speak with 1st Lt. Arthur Crocker, platoon leader, Company K, during cultural awareness training held here, June 10.

is another issue, he said.

"When we go into a village like this, we don't want to present ourselves as hostile," Crocker explained. "The Marines did a good job keeping two hands on the weapon and not flagging or scaring the people in the village. They go in and talk with the villagers while I talk with the elders."

"We did a soft knock on the village," said Lance Cpl. James Chapman, an infantryman with 1st Platoon.

It's going in, knocking on doors and meeting with the villagers to ask them questions and get shown around, he said.

"We asked if they needed anything or whether the Taliban was threatening them to see if we can set up security or help them in any way," Chapman said. "You're just trying to be yourself with them. You want to help them out as soon as possible. They have needs and you want to get it to them because they are suffering."

As the unit leaves the village, shots are heard fired from a tree-line a few hundred yards away ... and, the Marines respond.

Their shift from assistance to firefight illustrates the complications of the modern

battlefield ... where Marines could be tasked to provide humanitarian assistance on one street and conduct combat operations on another.

"If all we train for is kinetic operations, then we are selling ourselves short and really hindering what the MEU was designed to do," said Capt. David Bell, commander, Company K.

"It's an opportunity to dust off Gen. Krulak's three-block war concept," he said. By helping the people and meeting with their village leadership, we can find out what their needs are.

"If we can help them, then we will build a relationship with them and, more importantly, they will help us," he added. "They can tell us where the bad guys are. Then we can go kinetic."

Most Marines said they considered the village and training beneficial.

"The training here has been very realistic and it's a great opportunity for us to train in a new environment as well as to conduct these urban operations," said Crocker. "What we did today was a good experience for all of us."

Marines exercise realistic combat operations

By Lance Cpl. Santiago G. Colon, Jr.
26th Marine Expeditionary Unit

The art and science of combined arms operations is to present the enemy with an inescapable dilemma, to make him choose between movement while under precise and constant fire or wait for their destruction from above.

The 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit Marines employed this science during Realistic Urban Training conducted here, June 6-11.

More than 600 Battalion Landing Team 3/8 Marines negotiated squad and company live-fire battle courses which required them to negotiate uneven terrain, secure target areas and conduct urban warfare operations.

During these events, the Marines often utilized air power from Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 266 (VMM-266) (Reinforced) and indirect fire support from 81 mm mortars.

The combined use of direct and indirect fires against an enemy force is the very definition of combined arms.

Critical to military operations is the coordination with other elements of the MEU to practice combined arms attacks, said Sgt. Brett A. Dayton, a squad leader with Company K, BLT 3/8, 26th MEU.

These attacks involve combining the

ground and air element forces, said Dayton.

An example of which can be seen when our aviation forces provide indirect fire suppression from afar and Marines on the ground go in and take an objective, he said.

"Employing a wide array of weaponry allows us the flexibility to conduct all types of operations."

-1st Lt. Daniel M. Yurkovich
Battalion Landing Team 3/8

Marines employed a broad set of weapons during the training. Small arms included M16 and M4 service rifles, M249 Squad Automatic Weapons, M240B machine guns, mortars, and rockets such as AT-4s and Shoulder-launched Multi-purpose Assault Weapons.

"Employing a wide array of weaponry allows us the flexibility to conduct all types of operations," said 1st Lt. Daniel M. Yurkovich, assistant operations officer for BLT 3/8.

The MV-22 Osprey, UH-1E Huey, CH-53E Super Stallion, and AH-1W Super Cobra helicopters from VMM-266 provided air support.

Combining both elements gives the MEU commander the capability of putting the

enemy within the horns of the dilemma, Yurkovich said.

He explained that within a Marine Air Ground Task Force, like the 26th MEU, the combined arms concept is scalable to meet a range of combat situations.

"We can perform anything from squad-sized to battalion-sized attacks," he said.

In addition, the units are capable of executing the full spectrum of military operations, from combat to humanitarian assistance and disaster relief, Yurkovich said.

"We support the MEU by conducting raids, ground attacks, humanitarian services and training foreign forces," said Dayton. "During RUT, we can go out there, test our abilities and tweak things here and there, so we can be effective in real-life combat situations."

With more MEU-wide training exercises planned for July and August, Dayton added his and all BLT 3/8 Marines are well on their way to being fully prepared for their deployment later this year.

"We have come a long way since we first started training for deployment," said Dayton. "We will be more than ready when it comes time to deploy. We have a lot of seasoned leaders out here who have a lot of knowledge and are passing it on to their Marines."



Photo by Lance Cpl. Santiago G. Colon Jr.

Artillerymen with Fox 2/12 Battery, Battalion Landing Team 3/8, 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit, fire an M777 A2 Howitzer

during a direct-fire exercise held here. The 26th MEU is scheduled to deploy later this fall.

Training tests 26th MEU's mettle

By Staff Sgt. Danielle M. Bacon
26th Marine Expeditionary Unit

More than 1,300 Marines wrapped up Realistic Urban Training, a three-week exercise held here, June 18.

The exercise required the 26th Marine

Expeditionary Unit to combine command, air, ground and support assets and to execute a wide range of missions from combat to humanitarian assistance.

With half of their "crawl, walk, run" predeployment training period complete, the leadership is confident the Marines are

ready for their pending deployment later this fall.

"The MEU has come together better than we could have imagined at this point," said Lt. Col. Benjamin Chapman, operations officer, 26th MEU. He is responsible for the coordination and overall execution of all MEU training.

At this point, the three elements are normally at the crawl stage, he said. "Yet here we've seen them operate at levels of units ready to deploy."

During RUT and outside the Marines' comfort zone in Camp Lejeune, N.C., the unit has worked to refine everything from individual skills and small unit tactics to company and MEU-level command and control.

The unit traveled 290 miles to northern Virginia in order to take the Marines to an unfamiliar environment.

Here, they received high-intensity, close-quarters battle training and trained in the use of live and non-lethal fires as well as the use of explosives for breaching.

"Training in and around Virginia affords the opportunity for the Marines and sailors to train in unfamiliar places, which will pay dividends when deployed in uncertain foreign environments," Chapman said.

The MEU is comprised of a command element and three major subordinate elements - Combat Logistics Battalion 26, Battalion Landing Team 3/8, and Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 266 (Reinforced) - each of which bring much-needed assets.

The MEU is a Marine Air Ground Task Force and is entirely self-sufficient.

Because the MEU has all of its warfighting assets under a single commander, it can leverage an incredible amount of combat power against the enemy, the operations officer said.

The CLB-26 provided the logistical support for the MEU during the exercise.

"We give the MEU the capability to sustain on shore in any environment for any given period of time," said Lt. Col. Tim Bryant, commander, CLB-26.

The Logistics Combat Element not only brings food to the table, it transports it there while its engineers build a house around it.



Photo by David San Miguel

A Marine crouches posed and ready to lead his squad to assault enemy forces.

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The CLB provides engineers who can lay the groundwork and foundation to build structures or fighting positions, electricians to provide power, water and fuel for all the vehicles. The CLB also brings a higher level of maintenance and the ability to recover downed equipment.

When the MEU reaches a port, beach or sets up a landing zone, CLB-26 provides landing support and traffic control.

“We bring what it takes to keep a MEU going in an expeditionary environment,” said Bryant.

The CLB proved this during a heavy lift exercise in which its landing support specialists worked with VMM-266 to move large targets from one range to another via helicopter.

CLB Marines take on many different roles both within and outside of their typical job specialties – these collateral duties help bridge the gap and ensure that the MEU is

multifaceted.

The CLB’s lionesses program allows the MEU to process female detainees.

“It was an incredible learning experience,” said Sgt. Jennifer Filauro, who helped with a female mock-detainee after a training raid.

She explained how important it is to have women trained in handling other females, especially in countries where women are not allowed to speak to men.

This capability helps the MEU overcome these cultural barriers.

In addition to their security mission, the CLB’s military police support the BLT during a raid.

“The CLB provided the means for a reconnaissance element insertion in preparation for a training mission,” said Chapman. “The Marines are at a point where they can provide the MEU commander a greater level of flexibility in the execution

of any mission.”

BLT 3/8, the MEU’s ground combat element not only brings the means to fight, but also the ability to conduct a wide array of operations.

The BLT deploys with more than 1,200 Marines and sailors – infantryman, artilleryman, tank operators, light armored reconnaissance Marines, combat engineers, mechanized vehicle operators, snipers and others.

“The BLT’s training was two-fold,” said Maj. Michael Hoffman, operations officer, BLT 3/8.

“First they trained using combined arms,” he added. “The BLT’s platoons and companies focused on live-fire ranges and the integration of company-level movement with indirect fire through engineers and aviation-delivered ordnance.”

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Photo by Lance Cpl. Santiago G. Colon Jr.

Marines with Company I, BLT 3/8, 26th MEU, fire on targets downrange during a company battle live-fire exercise.

Live Fire

Second, it executed situational type training under the supervision of Special Operations Training Group, he said. "These exercises incorporate company-level scenarios that include reconnaissance and surveillance missions, and company level raids with role players on the objective."

"Training at Fort A.P. Hill allowed us to conduct aggressive live-fire ranges in a very compressed time period," he said.

"A.P. Hill is unique, not only for all the ranges for live-fire aviation employment, but it is centrally located in an urban environment," commented Lt. Col. Romin Dasmalchi, commander, VMM-266.

He said during the exercise, his pilots practiced their skills landing in unfamiliar in several local civilian communities, including Charlottesville, Fredericksburg, Farmville, Bremo Bluff and Hopewell, Va.

"The overall objective is integrating with the (Major Subordinate Elements) and individual training in unfamiliar urban areas," Dasmalchi said. "Our aircrews have landed in places they've never seen or touched before ... this is very representative of real-world activities."

The ACE provided aerial support for combined arms operations as well as showcased

their heavy-lift capabilities by working with the CLB to move large targets which simulated tanks from range to range.

Just like the other MSEs, the ACE leadership believes they are poised and ready for deployment.

"I believe the Marines are more than ready," said Dasmalchi. "They have met or exceeded all of the pre-deployment requirements - more importantly, we have an increased cohesive and motivated team."

"The support from throughout the MEU has been incredible," said Hoffman. "It's not so much the support as it is one team working together to accomplish the mission."

"Our integration of ACE, CLB and BLT from the individual level all the way up has been seamless," he said. "It is definitely the strongest combined arms (team) I have been a part of."

"RUT was a huge success," said Chapman. "The fact that we met or exceeded all of our training objectives, preparing us for our next exercise integrating with our Navy counterparts at sea."

"The upcoming deployment looks to be very promising," said Hoffman. "Marines are always ready, which is what sets us apart. I'd be very comfortable deploying tomorrow with these Marines."

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Photos by David San Miguel

The 26th MEU's arsenal includes vaired combat aviation assets.



The Marines practiced aggressive live-fire techniques they may well use against enemy forces in combat.



Photos by David San Miguel

Marines with the 26th MEU practice live-fire combat operations in anticipation of a deployment in the fall.



Mayors David Storke of Bowling Green and Roy M. Gladding of Tappahannock meet with the 26th MEU leadership, during a combined arms live-fire exercise held at Fort A.P. Hill. The Marine unit trained here to practice combat maneuvers in an unfamiliar environment in preparation of the unit's pending deployment later this fall.



Photos by David San Miguel

Cadet Gloria Deiderick of Magruder High School, Rockville, Md., enjoyed making new friends as well as the challenges the program offered.

JCLC

Student cadets learn to lead, foster teamwork to succeed

By David San Miguel
Editor

Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets from various high schools within a tri-state region converged at Fort A.P. Hill to participate in their annual JROTC Cadet Leadership Challenge, June 23-28.

During their six-day-long summer camp, the 523 cadets were exposed to an intense training regiment which began each day at 5 a.m. with a wake-up call and concluded at 10 p.m. with "lights out".

Rotating through each training phase by company, the cadets underwent survival, drown-proofing and safety instruction followed by runs through land navigation, rappelling and confidence courses.

Retired Army 1st Sgt. Christopher P. Lee, Thomas Edison High School,

Alexandria, Va., was part of the 20-plus team of instructors that facilitated the program. He said the cadets came from various high schools in Virginia, Maryland and Washington, D.C.

"The cadets came here to learn not only how to survive, but to build up their confidence and self-esteem," Lee added. They learn to take responsibility for their actions, support their teammates and to step up, take charge and lead.

Cadet Jourdan Ginyard, Forestville Military Academy, Prince George County, Md., said the program is allowing him to grow as a leader through camaraderie and teamwork.

"Here, we're learning a lot about Army leadership and other activities," he said. "We're learning to become a unit and to make new friends."

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During the six-day JCLC summer camp, 523 JROTC cadets underwent drown-proofing and water survival training.



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These lessons in leadership, the cadet added, proved especially beneficial when his team negotiated the Leaders' Reaction Course or in keeping the barracks clean and ready for unannounced inspections.

"For some of the cadets, it's been an eye-opener," commented retired Army Col. Martin Compton of the JCLC cadre team from Wintersville High School, Westminster, Md. Many of the cadets are accustomed to competing on an individual basis and not as a "unit".

"Here, the cadets built relationships, developed cohesive units and worked as teams," the colonel said.

Yet, for some, the military regiment was an adjustment.

"Waking up early ... having little time to eat ... I just wanted to get a taste of what it's like to be in the military," added Cadet Jamelle S. Marshall, Parkdale High School, Riverdale, Md. "It's been fun, but I don't think I'd like to join."

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Photos by David San Miguel

During the JCLC summer camp, the 523 JROTC cadets learned how to rappel as part of an exercise to build character and self-esteem.



With grit and determination, the cadets overcame each challenge.



Cadet Ian McKinley of Magruder High School, Rockville, Md., low crawls under an obstacle during a run through the confidence course.

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The JROTC program gives the cadets only a glimpse of what serving in today's military may be like, said retired Army Lt. Col. Victor W. Burnett, Senior Army Instructor, Woodbridge Senior High School.

"What they learn at summer camp builds on that experience," he added. It also gives the cadre a great way to select students to serve in leadership roles and positions ... and it also lets us see how we stack up against the other schools.

Despite the heat, the dirt and the many cuts and bruises suffered while rappelling, negotiating the LRC or running through the obstacle course, there were some who relished making new friends, and the opportunity to test their mental and physical limitations.

Cadet Kate P. Frenz, Magruder High School, Derwood, Md., who decided late into her junior year to join the JROTC program, was one such cadet.

"The JROTC program is very structured and I like that," she said. "I like the discipline and I think I'd like to pursue a military career."

At the week's conclusion, former graduate of the JCLC experience, Senior Cadet Gerald Foster III, Norwich University, Northfield, Vt., offered the cadets some final words of advice.

"Life," he said, "will present you with many challenges. Look at these challenges as a test and think positive. It's how you deal with the challenges that will make you successful."



Photos by David San Miguel

Army Col. (retired) Otis J. Elam, camp commander, and Senior Cadet Gerald Foster of Norwich University, the featured guest, render salutes as the troops conduct a final pass in review.



Elam and the JCLC cadet commander of troops conduct a final inspection.

NEWS NOTES

Interagency council proposes plan to end Veteran homelessness

WASHINGTON -- An independent council of 19 Cabinet members announced a proposal, June 21, they said will end Veteran homelessness in five years and put the nation on track to end all homelessness by 2020.

The U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness released "Opening Doors: The Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness." It is the nation's first comprehensive federal plan to combat

homelessness, said Housing and Urban Development Secretary Shaun Donovan.

According to the council, the plan would focus on efforts to integrate support services and to apply state and local initiatives at the federal level.

Citing the homeless Veteran population, Donovan underscored the need for a joint, interagency approach.

"Our Veterans remind us that ending homelessness is bigger than any one agency

or level of government," he said.

"By strengthening existing interagency partnerships, this plan honors the sacrifice of those who have served their country and assures our troops serving in Iraq and Afghanistan that they won't be forgotten when they return home."

He added that the HUD-VA partnership already has provided 30,000 units of permanent supportive housing to Veterans and their families.

--ARNEWS

VA launches development of new online claims system

WASHINGTON--Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki announced plans to develop a fully automated, online system for handling Veterans' disability compensation claims.

"This new program accelerates our effort to eliminate the claims backlog through automation and modernization of our systems," Shinseki said. "It's another step in transforming VA into a 21st Century department that better serves our Veterans."

"Vietnam Veterans of America has been advocating for substantial process change in adjudicating Veterans' claims for many years," said Rick Weidman, VVA executive director for policy and government affairs.

"This automated program will

make a big difference in the lives of hundreds of thousands of Veterans," he said.

The new system will guide Veterans through automated, program-assisted menus to capture the information and medical evidence that will drive faster claims decisions.

In the initial configuration, VA estimates the new system may assist as many as 100,000 Veterans.

As part of the implementation of the new claims system, VA has awarded a \$9.1 million development contract to Bethesda, Md.-based IBM.

The IBM team will work closely with VA developers to implement the online application system by November.

--ARNEWS

Bronze medallions now offered to mark Veterans' graves

WASHINGTON - The Department of Veterans Affairs now offers bronze medallions to attach to existing, privately purchased headstones or markers, signifying a deceased's status as a Veteran.

The new item can be furnished instead of a traditional government headstone or marker for Veterans whose death occurred on or after Nov. 1, 1990, and whose grave in a private cemetery is marked with a privately purchased headstone or marker.

Under federal law, eligible Veterans buried in a private cemetery are entitled to either a government-furnished grave marker or the new medallion, but not both. Veterans buried in a national or state Veterans cemetery will receive a government headstone or marker of the standard design authorized at that cemetery.

The medallion is available in three sizes: 5 inches, 3 inches and 1 1/2 inches in width. Each bronze medallion features the image of a folded burial flag adorned with laurels and is inscribed with the word "Veteran" at the top and the branch of service at the bottom.

Next of kin will receive the medallion, along with a kit that will allow the family or cemetery staff to affix the medallion to a headstone, grave marker, mausoleum or columbarium niche cover.

Families of eligible decedents may also order a memorial headstone or marker when remains are not available for interment.

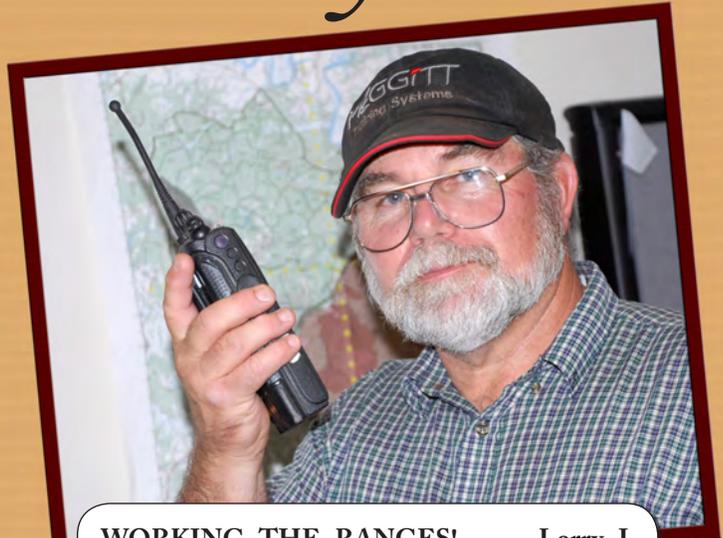
Information about VA-furnished headstones, markers and medallions or other burial benefits can be obtained from any national cemetery office, the VA website at www.cem.va.gov or by calling the VA regional office toll-free at 1-800-827-1000.



Our Fort A.P. Hill Family



FEEDING THE FORCE! -- Sarah R. Beverly, snackbar food attendant, Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation, has been working at Fort A.P. Hill for a little more than a year. She loves her job here because the customers are so nice and friendly.



WORKING THE RANGES! -- Lorry J. Speare, range inspector, Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, insures the ranges are operational and ready for the thousands of Warriors who train here. It's a great job working with the Soldiers.



SERVICE WITH A SMILE! -- Debbie K. Hilliard, vehicle registration clerk, Directorate of Emergency Services, enjoys meeting new people, helping them get their vehicle registration, and taking advantage of the many recreational facilities available at Fort A.P. Hill.



ON PATROL! -- Ken Delano, patrol/bike officer, Directorate of Emergency Services, has worked at Fort A.P. Hill the last seven years. He attributes his longevity to the good command and officer workforce. He said when you work with good people, the job is more enjoyable.