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Special Points of Interest

- **Remember:** You are responsible for updating your retire pay file information at DFSA-CL within one year of the event if you marry, remarry, have a child are widowed or divorced and need to make or update a Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) election. See the latest Army Echoes newsletter for current address locations.
- **Not receiving Army Echoes?**
- Retired Receiving Pay contact: DFAS @ (800) 321-1080
- Gray Area Retired Contact: USAHRC @ (800) 325-2660

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Food for Thought:

The shortest distance between Point A and Point B is being with a good friend

Conformation of 2006 Election

Rank	Name	Position	Term Expires
COL	Armstrong, Glen	President	1 July 2009
SGM	Chubeck, Michael	Vice-President	1 July 2009
MSG	Ziebell, Judith	Board Member	1 July 2009
CSM	Franecki, Raymond	Board Member	1 July 2008
CSM	Rosenbauer, Donald	Board Member	1 July 2008
CSM	Kritz, Larry	Board Member	1 July 2008
CSM	Staffaroni, Robert	Treasurer	1 July 2007
CSM	Gramins, David	Board Member	1 July 2007
MSG	Ziebell, Kenneth	Board Member	1 July 2007
LTC	Vaness, William	Board Member	1 July 2007 (Appointed 1 year)*
1SG	Marynik, Edward	Secretary/Editor	1 July 2007 (Appointed 1 year)*

*This year LTC Vaness was appointed to the for a one year term. 1SG Marynik was also appointed for a second one year term. Election conformations were approved by a motion made by CSM Staffaroni and seconded by COL Horter.

New Commissary to Open in 2007

Customers at the Fort McCoy Commissary will have a new facility to serve their shopping needs in 2007. Local and national dignitaries participated in a ground-breaking event at the site north of the Post Exchange Mini Mall June 6.

The new (16,600-square-foot) \$4.2 million facility is a well-timed project that is going to be a nice-sized store with all the amenities. The new facility will help them take care of all their customers.

The first Commissary at Ft. McCoy was inactivated after the Korean conflict

ended in the 1950s. Durward and Alda Lawrence, who had been among the first customers when the current commissary reopened in March 1991 at Fort McCoy, also participated in the ground-breaking ceremony.

Both said they were looking forward to shopping in the new commissary. The Durward Lawrence said he had helped build some of the buildings at Fort McCoy in the late 1930s and early 1940s.

The Presidents Corner

The annual chicken and steak fry was well attended the past September 9th. If you did not attend we had 60 in attendance with plenty of food, raffle prizes and a good time had by all. The weather this year was not as warm as in past years but the chefs remained dry. Your board members were tireless again this year in providing for the set-up and organization of another alumni event. Special recognition should be given to Kenn and Judith Ziebell for arranging and picking up the food for our headcount. Robert Staffaroni brought our alumni signature items and started the grill set-up. "Staff" and Eddie Marynik were the premier chefs for your chicken and steak. Mike Chubeck was your registrar and made sure you contributed to the raffle while Larry Kritz was the raffle-meister. Dave Gramins, Ray Franecki, Don Rosenbauer and Bill Vanesse also helped out with set-up and serving.

The board meets many times during the year to prepare and organize these events. They deserve all our thanks. Several board members are long-serving and we need to

encourage more of you to help or join us on the board.

Please contact any board member if you would be interested to come on the board

As you may have determined I am continuing this year as your President.

My 'holdout efforts' must have worked for a new contract year with a tremendous signing bonus. They promise it is in the mail.....

I appreciate their confidence and we will try to provide you future events worthy of your membership.

We would like to determine your interest level in some proposals for next year. Please fill out the enclosed card, attach a 23¢ stamp and mail it back. Thank you. Strike Hard!

Glen "Rusty" A. Armstrong
COL, AUS-Ret
President

84th USARRTC New NCO Academy

The 84th U.S. Army Reserve Readiness Training Command (84th USARRTC) held a ground-breaking ceremony for its Noncommissioned Officer Academy at Fort McCoy June 9.

The ceremony commemorates the start of an \$11 million construction project for phase one of the new academy. The academy provides professional development

training to Army Reserve Soldiers, specifically noncommissioned Officers. The new facility will replace the World War II-era buildings that the academy currently occupies.

The facility is scheduled to be completed by September 2007.

Donations For Soldiers At Fort McCoy

Local businesses, community organizations and the general public are supporting the soldiers at Fort McCoy awaiting deployment by donating various items. Soldiers will have a chance to pick up these donated items prior to being deployed from the installation. Listed below are some of the items most requested by the soldiers:

Toiletry Items

Lip balm, Small packages of facial tissue, Sunscreen

Shampoo, Soap, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Disposable razors, Shaving cream, Combs/hairbrushes, Baby wipes, Deodorant, Nail clippers, Mouthwash, Hand lotion, Foot

power & lotion

Snacks

Commercially-prepared individually-packaged snack foods, No home-made goodies, please

Other

Sunglasses, Appropriate magazines, Board games, Re-sealable plastic bags, Laundry detergent, Batteries -- size "AA", Calling cards (Keep Separate)

For more information or to coordinate delivery of donations, please contact the Fort McCoy Public Affairs Office at (608) 388-2769.

NCO Service Stripes Date Back To Revolutionary War

Today's service stripes worn by enlisted soldiers to show length of honorable service have a history that dates to the Revolutionary War.

Noncommissioned officers in the Continental Army were the first American soldiers to wear cloth insignia similar to today's service stripes. On Aug. 7, 1782, Gen. George Washington created the "Honorary Badge of Distinction" to be "conferred on veteran noncommissioned officers and soldiers... who had served more than three years with bravery, fidelity and good conduct."

Washington's order described the badge as a "narrow piece of white cloth of an angular form" to be sewn on the left sleeve of a soldier's uniform coat.

The Good Conduct Medal, with its requirement for fidelity, is one of the successors to Washington's cloth stripe. However, today's service stripe is also a descendant of Washington's Badge of Distinction: Both are cloth and angular, worn on the left sleeve and given for three years' service.

Washington's cloth badge fell out of use, but the Army restored service stripes in about 1832. In the 1850s, as described in an official document, this was "a diagonal half-chevron in branch color" that indicated five years of enlisted service.

In the 1860s, privates and sergeants wore service stripes on both sleeves. According to the

1865 book "Customs of Service for Non-Commissioned Officers and Soldiers" by Brig. Gen. August Katz, noncommissioned officers, musicians and privates who "served faithfully for... five years, will wear, as a mark of distinction, upon both sleeves of the uniform coat, below the elbow, a diagonal half-chevron, one-half-inch wide, extending from seam to seam."

By the end of World War I, soldiers wore service stripes on the left sleeve only, at a 30-degree angle. Soldiers have worn them in that location and manner ever since. Dress blue uniforms have service stripes on both sleeves. Though the term seems to have fallen out of use, soldiers once called these stripes "hash marks."

The size of the stripe varies according to the uniform. Stripes on the enlisted blue and white dress, mess and evening mess uniforms run seam-to-seam. Service stripes on the green uniform, however, are smaller. But even with the Army green uniform, there are two sizes: a large service stripe worn with large rank insignia and a small service stripe worn with small rank insignia.

Under current Army regulations, "one stripe is authorized for each three years of honorable active federal service." That means Regular Army personnel are entitled to add one stripe every three years of active duty - regardless of their terms of enlistment. National Guard and Army Reserve soldiers who perform active

History of HooAH!

The word "hooah" (pronounced who-aw) is an expression of high morale, strength and confidence that usually means "heard, understood and acknowledged" but can mean almost anything except no. It may have originated with the British phrase "Huzzah!" that dates at least to the 18th Century, although many other explanations are offered. It grew roots in the Army infantry and has now spread to the rest of the U.S. military.

At Navy boot camp you will hear "ooh-rah" which is also heard from Marines who claim "ooh-rah" was started with a Marine battle cry from the Revolutionary War. Don't try to tell a Marine that "ooh-rah" and "hooah" are the same.

"Ooh-rah" and "hooah" are both used on Navy bases and on ships, except for the SEALs' slightly different "hoo-ya."

Not to be left out, the Air Force also uses "hooah" although there has been a largely unsuccessful effort to substitute "airpower" as the USAF cry.

After more than 150 years, the expression continues to grow in popularity. It spread to the general public in 1992, when Al Pacino played retired Army Lt. Col. Frank Slade in the movie *Scent of a Woman*. Pacino made "HooAH!" part of the American vocabulary.

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