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Welcome

There have been some very wonderful submissions to our news bulletin in the past week! I thank everyone who has contributed! Please keep it coming.

Also a big welcome to all the family members who are getting The Dust Devil Dispatch through the Family Readiness Group! If you are receiving the e-mail twice, let me know and I'll try to correct the problem!

If you have any pictures or want to write for The Dust Devil Dispatch, let us know!!! Contact us at jay.gfeller@us.army.mil

Pictures

Recently the members of HSC 891st Engineer Battalion accompanied the 56th Brigade Combat Team on a Joint Medical Civilian Action Program (Med CAP) at Al Sofeen School and visited a children's hospital in southern Iraq.

Two members of the 891st Engineer Battalion that provided medical support during the visit were 1LT Dennis Sewell and SGT Anissa Gonzales.

1LT Sewell and SGT Gonzales examine Iraqi men at the hospital.



If you have any photos that you would like to submit for use, please send them to jay.gfeller@us.army.mil. All photos submitted will have a chance to appear in The Dust Devil Dispatch, The 891 EN BN Website, and the Deployment Year Book!

There is no appointed battalion photographer, so your submissions are important to keep these memories immortalized!!!

Famous Quotes

'Tis better to be silent and be thought a fool, than to speak and remove all doubt.

-Abraham Lincoln

Birthdays!

Sunday		
		SSG H. Halstead 3
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
PFC Schoenhofer 4	SGT J. Engle SPC D. Hennen SGT J. Tickle SGT M. Walls 5	SPC A. Beckman SGT J. Schulte 6
Thursday	Friday	Saturday
SPC T. French SPC B. Gatton SPC J Houchin 7	SFC J. Dauben SPC W. Lero 8	SSG S. Coberley 9

Safety Alert

Operation security is being tested!!! Recently a soldier's family was contacted by a male claiming to be Iraqi. Due to this, we want to stress the fact that operational information should never be given out to families and never discuss items like this via phone, e-mail, or other means that could be monitored.

If anyone in your family is contacted by an Iraqi or other suspicious person, please report it to your supervisor immediately so the proper actions can be taken. Let's keep ourselves and our families safe!

OPSEC Tip - NEVER give out any operational information to anyone who cannot show a NEED TO KNOW !!

Join Us
at Sapper II Chapel
for The Purpose Driven



Wednesdays
March 30 through May 11
1900-2000

In 1912 the Archbishop of Paris declared dancing the tango a sin.








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Weather

From weather.com

Date		Hi/Lo	Precipitation
Sunday April, 3	 Windy	93° / 61°	0%
Monday April, 4	 Windy	85° / 57°	0%
Tuesday April, 5	 Wind	81° / 53°	0%
Wednesday April, 6	 Windy	80° / 51°	0%
Thursday April, 7	 Wind	80° / 51°	0%
Friday April, 8	 Sunny	86° / 56°	0%
Saturday April, 9	 Wind	88° / 60°	0%

What happened to the cow who was swept away by the tornado?

Answer - Udder Disaster!!!

Notice

FirstSwing (www.firstswingcamps.com) is providing gift subscriptions to the Sporting News for the first 50,000 members of the armed forces, including Guard and Reserve members, who request it. The gift subscription extends for one year (60 issues), is at no cost to Soldiers, and will not automatically renew at the end of the gift period. To request the gift subscription, Soldiers should email First Swing at firstswing36@hotmail.com and provide their first & last name, and mailing address with zip code. According to FirstSwing, the magazine will begin arriving in six to eight weeks. Contact FirstSwing for further information. FirstSwing has agreed not to transfer or use the addresses or personal information of the military recipients for any purpose other than for sending the gift subscriptions.

Events

 **TIME FOR WORSHIP** 

Wednesday
Bible Study - 1900

Saturday
Contemporary Service - 2000

Sunday
Contemporary Service - 0830
Traditional Service - 1000



Know of something going on around here? Let us post it in the bulletin. E-mail your events to jay.gfeller@us.army.mil

Anheuser-Busch

Submitted by SPC Amy Umbarger

Anheuser-Busch is honoring the men and women of our armed forces and their families with a special offer beginning 7 Feb 05 and continuing through 31 Dec 05. Members of the military, and as many as three direct dependents, may enter Anheuser-Busch's Sea World, Busch Garden, or Sesame Place parks free during the period shown above.

- 1). **Who qualifies?** Active duty and reserve Soldiers, airmen, Marines, sailors, Coast Guardsmen and National Guardsmen, as well as foreign military personnel serving with US units. Each hero is also entitled to as many as three additional free admissions for direct dependents.
- 2). **Are there limitations to the free theme park admission?** The offer is valid for one park and one visit only.
- 3). **Do reservists and National Guardsmen qualify?** Yes. All active and ready reservists and members of the National Guard, regardless of deployment status, qualify.
- 4). **When do the parks open?** Busch Gardens Williamsburg, Sea World San Antonio and Sesame Place are seasonal operations that will remain closed until spring 2005. Military personnel interested in visiting those parks should check operating schedules at <http://www.herosalute.com>. The remaining parks, SeaWorld Orlando, Busch Gardens Tampa Bay and SeaWorld San Diego are open year round.
- 5). **Do military retirees qualify? What about civilians working for the Department of Defense?** The parks do not have the capacity to accommodate military retirees and civilian Department of Defense workers.
- 6). **What if there are more people in my family who need tickets?** You may purchase additional tickets by visiting your local ITR Office. On Fort Sill, the ITR office can be reached by calling 442-6211 or visiting them in the PX Mall.
- 7). **My spouse is serving overseas. Can dependents visit the park without their service member?** You need to register online at <http://www.herosalute.com>, print out the form, and bring it with you to the park. Please be sure to bring your Department of Defense-issued dependent photo identification. Only the spouse of a service member is permitted to register, however. Minor dependents must redeem their ticket with an adult.
- 8). **I am a single parent serving overseas. My children are living with a relative. How can my children visit?** The primary caregiver should contact the Guest Relations Department of the park they plan to visit. The park will make accommodations for minor dependents. Proof of military status and deployment is required.

For more info: <http://www.anheuser-busch.com/>

You can buy horseradish ice cream in Tokyo.

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Contest



Create a funny caption for this picture. Entries must follow the following rules:

1. Entries must follow a military situation, real or fictional.
2. No profanity, all submissions must be PG rated.
3. Entry deadline is Thursday the 7th of April by 1700.

Winning entry will be featured in the next edition of The Dust Devil Dispatch. Send entries to jay.gfeller@us.army.mil or drop them by the 891s Battalion XO office. Good Luck!!!

Contest judges: CSM Ryan & CW4 Hay.

Classifieds

\$2.00 HAIRCUTS!
**See SPC Chris Daugherty
for Details!**

An illustration of a barber cutting a customer's hair. The barber is on the right, holding a pair of scissors. The customer is on the left, sitting in a barber's chair. There are also some floating scissors and a comb in the background.

**want to sell
something?**
Advertise it here in
The Dust Devil Dispatch

Taps

Submitted by SPC Keith Eccles

We in the United States have all heard the haunting song, "Taps". It's the song that gives us that lump in our throats and usually tears in our eyes. But, do you know the story behind the song? If not, I think you will be interested to find out about its humble beginnings.

Reportedly, it all began in 1862 during the Civil War, when Union Army Captain Robert Ellicombe was with his men near Harrison's Landing in Virginia. The Confederate Army was on the other side of the narrow strip of land.

During the night, Captain Ellicombe heard the moans of a soldier who lay severely wounded on the field. Not knowing if it was a Union or Confederate soldier, the Captain decided to risk his life and bring the stricken man back for medical attention. Crawling on his stomach through the gunfire, the Captain reached the stricken soldier and began pulling him toward his encampment.

When the Captain finally reached his own lines, he discovered it was actually a Confederate soldier, but the soldier was dead.

The Captain lit a lantern and suddenly caught his breath and went numb with shock. In the dim light, he saw the face of the soldier. It was his own son. The boy had been studying music in the South when the war broke out. Without telling his father, the boy enlisted in the Confederate Army.

The following morning, heartbroken, the father asked permission of his superiors to give his son a full military burial, despite his enemy status. His request was only partially granted.

The Captain had asked if he could have a group of Army band members play a funeral dirge for his son at the funeral.

The request was turned down since the soldier was a Confederate. But, out of respect for the father, they did say they could give him only one musician.

The Captain chose a bugler. He asked the bugler to play a series of musical notes he had found on a piece of paper in the pocket of the dead youth's uniform. This wish was granted.

The haunting melody, we now know as "Taps" ... used at military funerals was born.

The words are:

Day is done. Gone the sun.
From the lakes. From the hills. From the sky.
All is well. Safely rest. God is nigh.

Fading light. Dims the sight.
And a star. Gems the sky. Gleaming bright.
From afar. Drawing nigh. Falls the night.

Thanks and praise. For our days.
Neath the sun. Neath the stars. Neath the sky.
As we go. This we know. God is nigh.

What made the Dickin Medal of Valor unique during WWII?

- Send answers to jay.gfeller@us.army.mil, correct answer published next week along with names of those who answered correctly! -

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The Good News

Her talent was discovered in North Korea, her country of birth, where she was identified at age 11 as a top athlete and given special training and food rations. She fled with her family last year and is back in training, hoping to represent her new home country in the ring.

Choi's father said the decision to defect stemmed from the pressure of being under constant surveillance as a member of the North Korean elite. "The government watches you and controls you because you have money," he said, speaking on condition his name not be used for fears of repercussions against family still in the North. Other relatives have tried to join them, and his 70-year-old mother is in jail after being arrested in China and sent home for attempting to escape.

Choi said she was walking with friends on a street in the North Korean capital, Pyongyang, when a boxing trainer spotted her and saw the makings of a fighter.

Her parents were at first opposed — her mother wanted her to take up art or music. But the trainer kept coming to their house and urging Choi to sign up, so she left her ordinary schoolgirl life for the privileged world of North Korea's top athletes.

Choi's parents said their daughter told them she wanted to make it to the 2008 Olympics in Beijing because "I want to make Kim Jong Il happy," referring to the North Korean leader.

It wasn't easy, though: She would wake up at 5 a.m. six days a week for a 5-mile run, then take classes and train from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. After dinner she would have another hour of training. She saw her parents on Sundays only.

Choi's father was on a business trip in China when he sent for his family to meet him at the Tumen River bordering North Korea. He paid \$1,800 worth of bribes to North Korean and Chinese border guards to let them cross in March 2004. From there, they traveled to Vietnam, then on to South Korea where they spent several months in a facility that teaches defectors to adjust to South Korea's democratic consumer society.

An organization that works with defectors put Choi in touch with Chang Jung-koo, South Korea's most famous boxer, who held a WBC junior flyweight title for five years in the 1980s. "She has strong fundamentals," he said. "She was trained when she was little and likes to fight."

Now Choi trains only an hour a day, bobbing and weaving to the beat of Korean and American pop music. She wears a plastic suit to help her sweat off weight to compete in the 139- to 143-pound division. She also has had to learn new boxing vocabulary: South Korea uses English words like "jab," while North Korea sticks with the pure Korean variants. She goes to school and is home every day now.

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<http://www.891engineerbattalion.com>

Pollination experts say: We can thank bees for apples, flies for chocolate, and bats for tequila.