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WEEKEND WEATHER

Friday

Partly Sunny
Low 50 High 75

Saturday

Partly Sunny
Low 55 High 80

Sunday

Sunny
Low 55 High 85

Unrestricted visibility
NE winds 5 -10 mph

Forecast courtesy of Det 3, 1st Weather Squadron, Fort Wainwright, AK

Stryker Soldier killed in Afghanistan

Staff report, USARAK PAO



Pvt. Ryan Jeffrey Larson

One Fort Wainwright Soldier was killed and two were wounded when their Stryker vehicle hit an improvised explosive device while on a mounted patrol in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan, at 9:35 a.m. (Afghanistan time) June 15.

Pvt. Ryan Jeffrey Larson, 19, of Friendship, Wis., who died from the explosion, entered the Army in June 2010, completed Basic Training at Fort Benning, Ga., and arrived at Fort Wainwright in October 2010. Larson and the two wounded Soldiers were assigned to the 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division at Fort Wainwright. They deployed with their 4,000-Soldier brigade to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in April 2011.

The conditions of the two wounded Soldiers are listed as not seriously injured. The next of kin of all three Soldiers have been notified.

Outstanding performers recognized

Trish Muntean, Fort Wainwright PAO

Three Directorate of Logistics employees recently received recognition for outstanding job performance as part of the Fort Wainwright Civilian Employee Recognition Program which was established November 2010.

John J. Figarelle, Mike Olexa and Ronnie Vaughan were nominated by Mary Kay, director.

"DOL has several individuals that warrant recognition and I would like to have nominated them all, but for the specified time period, these three individuals excelled over and beyond expectations in their performance and accomplishments," Kay said.

"Operating within an environment of constrained resources does not prevent us from recognizing superior performance,"

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16th CAB cases colors, prepares for movement



Col. Robert Werthman, commander, 16th Combat Aviation Brigade and Command Sgt. Maj. Lucio Vandevoorde, 16th CAB case the brigade colors in preparation for brigade headquarters movement to Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash. (Photo by Spc. Reese Von Rogatzs/16th CAB PAO)

Spc. Reese Von Rogatzs, 16th CAB PAO

The 16th Combat Aviation Brigade cased its colors in preparation for a brigade headquarters movement to Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash., in a June 15 ceremony here on historic Ladd Army Airfield.

In support of the Army's transformation requirements, the 16th CAB will be split-based and established at JBLM and Fort Wainwright using existing aviation units not currently assigned to a combat aviation brigade. The split-based concept is not new.

"What is unique, however, is that we

split major commands," said Lt. Col. John Polhamus, deputy commanding officer, 16th CAB.

"We will not just be geographically separated," he continued. "Our subordinate battalion-sized units will fall under two distinct commands, USARPAC and FORSCOM."

A CAB consists of approximately 113-115 helicopters including combat, reconnaissance and logistics support aircraft, 600 wheeled vehicles, and 2,700 Soldiers organized into five battalions and a headquarters company.

The headquarters and four battalions will be located at JBLM, which currently

has no CAB. There are nine brigades, three being Stryker brigades, and other major subordinate commands totaling more than 40,000 Soldiers and Airmen. The addition of a CAB is necessary to support mission, training and operations for units assigned to the base.

1st Battalion, 52nd Aviation Regiment and 6th Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment and a command and control element will remain at Fort Wainwright.

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The Forgotten War: Remembering Alaska's fallen

Allen Shaw, Fort Wainwright PAO

The Korean War, a military conflict between South Korea and North Korea, began 61 years ago tomorrow. The United Nations supported the South and the People's Republic of China assisted the North, while military materiel aid to the North was supplied from the Soviet Union. The war was a result of the physical division of Korea by an agreement of the victorious Allies at the conclusion of the Pacific War at the end of World War II.

The Korean peninsula was ruled by Japan from 1910 until the end of World War II. Following the surrender of Japan in 1945, American administrators divided the peninsula along the 38th Parallel, with United States troops occupying the southern part and Soviet troops occupying the northern part.

The failure to hold free elections throughout the Korean Peninsula in 1948 deepened the division between the two sides and the North established a Communist government. The 38th Parallel increasingly became a political border between the two Koreas. Although reunification negotiations continued in the months preceding the war, tension intensified.



Korean War Memorial dedicated on May 26, 2011 at Monterey Lakes, Fort Wainwright. (Photo by Brian Schlumbohm/Fort Wainwright PAO)

The Fort Wainwright, Fort Greely 2011 Installation Guide is now available online.



Visit the website at www.aqppublishing.com/pub_militaryGuides.html and select "The Army in Alaska Base Guide - 2001."

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Commander's column

Col. Timothy A. Jones, Garrison commander



Fishing Alaska



It's summer in Alaska, and for many residents (and visitors) that means fishing. This state offers some world-class fishing opportunities. From huge lake trout and pike accessible only by float plane or ATV, to barn-door size halibut out of Seward or Valdez, to king salmon and grayling right here in the Chena, there is something here to suit everyone, expert and novice alike.

Soldiers and family members have pulled in 40-pound king salmon from the Chena River right here on post. Others have caught 100-plus-pound halibut in Valdez or Homer or Seward.

Before you put your rod in the car, be sure you are ready to fish. You will need a fishing license, and if you're fishing, hunting or recreating in any way on Army property, a Recreation Access Permit (RAP).

Alaska requires that all nonresidents age 16 and older, and most residents from ages 16 to 59 have a license to fish in all Alaskan fresh and salt waters.

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game website defines a resident as a person who, for the preceding 12 consecutive months, has maintained a home in Alaska with the intent to stay, and who does not claim residency somewhere else.

The ADF&G website is full of information to ensure you have everything you need, and then some. It also offers brochures on some of the stocked lakes in Interior Alaska.

A military sport license, only for active duty members of military service permanently stationed in Alaska, or their dependents, costs \$24. If you have guests visiting from the Lower 48, they may purchase a temporary license for one, three, seven or 14 days, ranging from \$20 to \$80. Stamps for king salmon add an additional fee to the total cost. The license is valid for one calendar year.

Alaska resident disabled veterans (50 percent or greater) may apply for a lifetime hunting and fishing license (DAV). You can get application forms at ADF&G offices or by mail from the ADF&G Licensing Section at the address and phone numbers listed above. You can get a RAP at the visitors' centers near the main gates at forts Wainwright, Greely and Richardson. The cards are also available at Natural Resources Offices at Fort Greely and here and at the Fort Wainwright Outdoor Recreation Office. You will need it if you are 16 or older and want to participate in any recreational activity on US Army lands. It is free and is valid for two years from the date of issue.

Now you've got the license and the RAP – make sure you keep them with you the entire time you're out enjoying the fishing and be prepared to show them to wildlife enforcement officers who ask for them.

Your next move is to decide where to fish. This decision may be influenced by whether or not you have a boat; how far you want to go; how much money you want to spend on rentals, gas or lodging and how much time you have. There are a lot of options for you to consider.

The first is our Outdoor Recreation Center. They can provide you with all the equipment you will need, from rod and reel to waders to boats. You can rent a camper or tent and grill as well, and you can't beat their prices. Call them at 361-6349 or 361-6350.

The hardest part may be picking a location. There are numerous streams and rivers in the area. Or you can head down the highway. The ADF&G website has downloadable brochures on stocked lakes, roadside fishing and more – all of them within a several-hours drive of Fort Wainwright.

Eielson Air Force Base is a 19,790-acre installation located about 25 miles southeast of Fairbanks. About 15,754 acres are forested. There are 12 lakes totaling 333.7 acres, 80 ponds totaling 226.1 acres, and 27.7 miles of fresh-water streams. Your RAP cards are honored on military lands managed by Eielson Air Force Base. Visit the Eielson Natural Resources staff in Building 2215 for maps of accessible and restricted areas, or give them a call at 377-5182 for more information.

Eielson has a 51-acre recreation area on Birch Lake, 35 miles to the south and a campground in the 690-acre Chena River Annex, 12 miles to the north.

Seward Army Resort in Seward is a good day's drive from here, but well worth it. You can rent rooms or cabins, park your RV or set up a tent. They have four boats for deep-sea fishing trips, and can help you get set up for freshwater fishing trips if that is your preference. For more information, call them at 800-770-1858.

Valdez is located on the north shore of Port Valdez, a deepwater fjord in Prince William Sound. Valdez offers some of the best fishing, hiking and terrific potential for whale sightings. It is the southern terminus of the trans-Alaska oil pipeline. Eielson maintains camping trailers on-site in

Valdez. The trailers are equipped with electrical power and water. There are five you-drive boats available for fishing and sightseeing. The military recreation site is open from Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day Weekend, weather permitting. For reservation information, visit our web page at www.eielsonservices.com or call Outdoor Recreation at 377-1232 or 377-1317.

The offices are closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Also in Valdez is the Valdez Glacier Campground, 108 wooded campsites at the base of the majestic Chugach Mountains. Operated by the Fort Greely Outdoor Recreation Center, campers can watch mountain goats graze on the steep slopes overlooking the campground.

Amenities include 87 standard camp sites with picnic tables and fire rings; 21 RV pads with 20/30amp hook-up; picnic tables; fire rings; potable water and dumpsite on location; six outhouses; shower/restroom facility and a day-use area with covered pavilion. Guided fishing trips from the Valdez harbor are affordable and can be reserved by calling (907) 803-3695. Check them out at www.fortgreelymwr.com.

For a unique experience, try your hand at dip-netting at Chitina, several hours southeast off the Richardson Highway. Research it before your first try to ensure you have the proper safety equipment for it and the knowledge of how it's done.

In addition to the free brochures at ADF&G's website, there are a number of books, including the Milepost, that list pull-outs and lakes along Alaska's roads.

So get your license, your RAP and pack the car. Make sure you have everything you need to ensure the safety of everyone in your group. And happy angling.

MEDDAC commander

Col. George Appenzeller, MEDDAC-AK commander



MEDDAC-AK Q & A

Question: What's new in patient care?

Answer: Bassett Army Community Hospital is kicking off an improved healthcare system for Fort Wainwright's Soldiers, Families, and retirees. The new improvements are known as the Patient Caring Touch System.

Initially, PCT was developed to improve recruiting and retention rates for Army and civilian nurses by developing standards, not standardization, across all Medical Command Military Treatment Facilities. This would decrease practice variances for incoming Army nurses and diminish changes for civilian nurses with new leadership changes.

By implementing PCT, Bassett establishes an empowered, nurse-led standard, rooted in the Army's core values, to drive better quality of care for patients and better quality of life for nurses.

Our core values are the foundation for the Army Medical Department and the PCT. They set the standards by which we care for our wounded warriors and those entrusted to our care. This sets the standards by providing a guide, a gauge, and grounds for Army nursing team efforts.

Core values also place our patients at the center of care; guide our daily nursing practice and our interactions with our patients, their families, and our colleagues. In addition, the system allows us to leverage the capabilities of our nursing team by synchronizing our efforts at Bassett.

The most visible feature for the patient are care teams. Care teams consists of a lead RN that directs nursing care and a supporting nursing team that cares for a patient throughout the length of stay, increasing consistency of care and enhancing communication. Care teams also enhance communication with patients and families, increase patient involvement in their own care, encourage discussion of patients' daily goals, and improve patient and family satisfaction and trust in the nursing team.

Along with the benefits to the patient, the staff benefits as well by shared governance, peer feedback, standardized documentation and skill building. Shared governance gives nursing team members a voice in their practice and the innovation of that practice through elected nursing practice councils at unit, facility, region, and Army Nurse Corps levels. Peer feedback allows licensed nursing team members to reflect on their practice and develop professionally through feedback from colleagues on strengths and opportunities for growth. Standardized documentation improves nursing efficiency and patient safety by using a common language and documentation format across providers, units, and facilities. Lastly, skill building provides consistent, relevant opportunities for nursing team members to refresh their knowledge and patient care abilities.

Simply put, PCT enhances patient care by improving outcomes on nurse-sensitive metrics, reduces variation in quality of care provided to Bassett's patients, and increases continuity of care for Fort Wainwright's Soldiers, Families, and retirees. By increasing nursing staff autonomy with frontline nursing staff treated as partners in the decision-making process at all levels of the organization, PCT sets the stage of quality care for Bassett's patients and improves overall patient and provider satisfaction by increased communication and decreasing the difference in the way we deliver care across the MEDCOM.

The Medical Department Activity-Alaska staff is always available to assist you with all your medical needs.

17th CSSB marks end of Afghanistan deployment



JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON - Lt. Col. Leslie Caballero, commander of the 17th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, and Command Sgt. Maj. John Gory unfurl the battalion colors June 16, formally marking the unit's redeployment from Afghanistan in a ceremony on Pershing Field. The 17th CSSB was assigned to the 101st Sustainment Brigade from Fort Campbell, Ky., during its 12-month deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Jason Epperson/3rd Maneuver Enhancement Brigade PAO)

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RECOGNIZED: for outstanding performance

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said Richard Mauer, deputy to the garrison commander and president of the CERP board. "To the contrary, it should serve to further motivate senior leaders to observe, evaluate and appropriately recognize great performance by all our employees, supervisory and non-supervisory."

"The Civilian Employee Recognition Program is a garrison-initiated program that provides our senior leaders with a pathway, not the only pathway, to achieve this recognition at the higher organizational level," he said. "As deputy to the garrison commander, I am always honored and pleased to witness the exceptional performance of the garrison team. As the CERP board president, I am thrilled to see this performance documented by senior leaders as they recommend the best for recognition."

"This is a garrison program, and as a director I believe we should support the programs whenever possible. I think that it is important to individuals to know that their

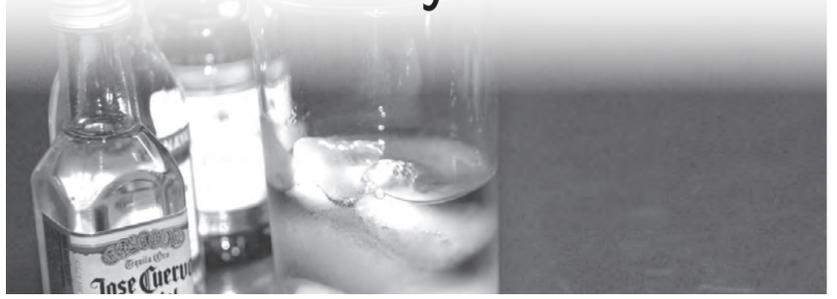
efforts and accomplishments do not always go unnoticed," Kay said. "I think that it motivates the employee as well as other employees and build morale. I am all for recognizing individuals that warrant recognition. Everyone likes a pat on the back every now and then and for supervisors to take the time to nominate them for recognition I think makes individuals feel good about themselves and the organization. I am currently working on 2nd quarter calendar year 2011 nominee packets now."

Kay encouraged other directors to get involved in the program. "It does not require a lot of time and I think it's well worth the time when one of your employees wins the award," she said. "I am very proud that it was three DOL employees that won for the 4th quarter calendar year 2010, the calendar year 2010 employee of the year, and 1st quarter calendar year 2011. Looking forward to having DOL employees win 2nd quarter calendar year 2011."



John Figarelle, Directorate of Logistics, was selected as the calendar year 2010 non-supervisor of the year. (Courtesy photo)

101 Critical Days of Summer



IMCOM HQ ASAP, Prevention Team

Memorial Day started the 101 Critical Days of Summer. This year, it will continue through Labor Day, Sept. 5. This is one of the most dangerous and deadliest times of the year for our Soldiers, Families and Civilians. The "101 Critical Days of Summer" campaign partners with Safety to promote prevention awareness measures.

Increased alcohol use throughout the summer, and particularly around major holiday weekends, begins with Memorial Day, continuing through the 4th of July weekend and ending with Labor Day. This has made the summer season a very grim time for local law enforcement, emergency medical staff, highway safety officials and the friends and families of those involved in alcohol related incidents. America is at a crucial point where we must all do more as communities and as individuals if we are to see a significant decline in the number of alcohol and drug related incidents.

The importance of avoiding alcohol while driving can not be over emphasized. Drinking and driving do not mix; drinking and boating do not mix. In fact, alcohol does not mix with any outdoor activity. We need to use common sense, be decisive and not let our friends drink and drive. If you have been drinking, use a designated driver or call a taxi. Impaired driving is one of the most often committed crimes. According to the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, about 3 in every 10 Americans will be involved in an alcohol-related crash at some time in their lives.

It is a fact that 10 percent of the people drink 90 percent of the alcohol. What do the other 90 percent of the people do? They drink responsibly or they do not drink at all. Nevertheless, during the summer, there are a few things to keep in mind. If you have a get together, ensure there is plenty of water available for your guests. When you have water outings, ensure everyone wears a lifejacket. A report generated by the United States Coast Guard showed that alcohol was involved in 32 percent of all boating accidents.

It is up to each and every one of us to PLAN and PREPARE. Enjoy your summer and remember that accidents do not take a holiday or time off.

Have a safe 101 Days of Summer!

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16th CAB: prepares for move

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"Alaska has been hugely supportive of the military, and aviation specifically," Polhamus said. "Our aviation capacity and capability will not be diminished despite of the fact that the flag is going away. Our support to the local community remains true."

"Across the Army, we try to become more efficient and effective in our formations," said Robert Werthman, commander, 16th CAB. "We became the twelfth active aviation brigade in order to take the pressure off the other 11 CABs which have been constantly going to and from the fight these past 10 years."

Aviation is one of the most sought after combat multipliers on the battlefield and is the most heavily deployed and utilized, currently on 12-month deployments after every one year at home. The Army's goal is to give active-duty Soldiers two years at home for every year they're deployed.

Standing up the CAB at JBLM with its expansive maneuver area at Yakima Training Center, existing airfields, modernized ranges and infrastructure will maximize air-ground integration training in accordance with Army doctrine and effectively prepare units for operational deployments abroad.

"Our job is to train and to fight, to get ready to go downrange as one brigade -which we plan on doing in the near future," said Werthman.

The genesis of the 16th CAB is rooted in the "Miracle of 49," the term former U. S. Army Alaska commander Maj. Gen. Stephen R. Layfield used with regard to Task Force 49 overcoming perhaps its most significant challenge since it formally came to exist at Fort Wainwright in 2006.

According to Polhamus, TF 49 was initially created as a small, non-deployable organization to provide aviation oversight to two battalion commands: 1-52nd General Support Aviation Battalion which arrived from Korea and absorbed 4-123rd Aviation, and 6-17th Cavalry which came here from Hawaii.

Shortly thereafter came about a need for another brigade-level headquarters in Iraq.



Soldiers, families and local community members watch as the 16th Combat Aviation Brigade cased its colors in preparation for a brigade headquarters movement to Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash., in a June 15 ceremony in Hangar 1 on Fort Wainwright's historic Ladd Army Airfield. (Photo by Spc. Reese Von Rogatzs/16th CAB PAO)

The Army elected to change the structure of TF 49 and make it deployable, which they did about 60 days after notification.

Col. Chandler "Skip" Sherrel took command July 2007; in September they were notified; in November the headquarters deployed and commanded two combat brigades, first at Joint Base Balad and then Baghdad International Airport. Here, the unit was credited with helping win the battles for Sadr City and Basra.

As related by Col. Edward Daly, former USARAK deputy commander, "The Army called Col. Sherrell and said, 'We are going to expect the impossible out of you. We want you to stand up a brigade that's going to go to combat. The people you are going to combat with, you don't know yet. The equipment you are going to train with, you haven't seen yet, but you have 60 days to make this happen; don't drop that ball.'"

The headquarters proved more than equal to the task and Col. Sherrell affixed the Meritorious Unit Commendation streamer to the TF 49 colors, earned during the headquarters deployment.

"I was here when they came up with the name 'Task Force 49,'" Polhamus said. "They didn't know what they were going to call it. Things were very austere in the beginning; TF 49 was three people. Someone came up with 'Task Force 49' - Alaska being the 49th state - and it became official. Once they deployed and showed their merit, that's where the whole notion of creating the 12th active combat aviation brigade came from."

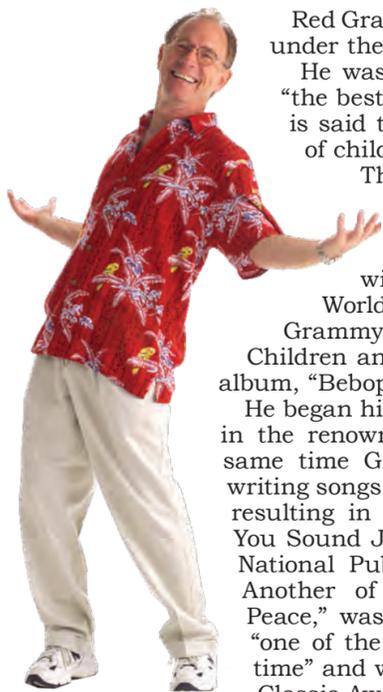
On October 16, 2009, Headquarters and Headquarters Company of Task Force 49 was re-designated Headquarters and Headquarters Company 16th CAB.

The brigade's distinctive unit insignia was originally approved for the 16th Combat Aviation Group. The unit was activated at Marble Mountain, Danang, in the northernmost part of South Vietnam on January 23, 1968, just one week before the Tet offensive. The 16th CAG was truly "Born in Battle".

The formation of the 16th CAG added a major subordinate command to I Corps which was headquartered near the DMZ. Today, I Corps is headquartered at JBLM, where the colors are expected to be uncased August 1.

Grammy nominee Grammer to entertain Fort Wainwright Families

Allen Shaw, Fort Wainwright PAO



Red Grammer comes to post July 1 to perform under the tent at Nugget Lanes at 5:30 p.m.

He was described by Parent's Magazine as "the best voice in children's music." Grammer is said to be one of the premier entertainers of children and families in America.

The entertainer has appeared on the Today Show, CBS This Morning, Nickelodeon and The Disney Channel. Grammer has an award-winning DVD called "Hooray for the World," was a featured artist on the 2005 Grammy-winning Best Musical Album for Children and his own 2011 Grammy-nominated album, "Bebop Your Best!"

He began his performing career as the lead tenor in the renowned folk trio, the Limelites. At the same time Grammer and his wife Kathy began writing songs for their young sons Davis and Andy, resulting in his first children's recording, "Can You Sound Just Like Me?" which was featured on National Public Radio's "All Thing Considered." Another of Grammer's recordings, "Teaching Peace," was named by the All Music Guide as "one of the top five children's recordings of all time" and was the recipient of a Parent's Choice Classic Award.

"We are committed to continue bringing quality entertainment to Fort Wainwright," said Megan Brown, special event coordinator, Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation. Earlier this summer, FMWR hosted "Jazz on the Hill" and brought country superstar Trace Adkins to meet and greet Soldiers and families. Plans to host a "Battle of the Bands" and a "Battle of the Backyard BBQ" July 16 are in the works.

For more information on Grammer, visit www.redgrammer.com and for more information on the upcoming concert, visit www.ftwainwrightfmwr.com or call 353-6043.

For more information on July 16 activities contact Brown at Megan.r.brown@us.army.mil.

THE FORGOTTEN WAR: Remembering Alaska's fallen

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Cross-border skirmishes and raids at the 38th Parallel persisted. The situation escalated into open warfare when North Korean forces invaded South Korea on June 25, 1950. It was the first significant armed conflict of the Cold War.

The United Nations, particularly the United States, came to the aid of South Korea in repelling the invasion. A rapid UN counter-offensive drove the North Koreans past the 38th Parallel and almost to the Yalu River, and the People's Republic of China entered the war on the side of the North. The Chinese launched a counter-offensive that pushed the United Nations forces back across the 38th Parallel. In 1953, the war ceased with an armistice that restored the border between the Koreas near the 38th Parallel and created the Korean Demilitarized Zone, a 2.5-mile wide buffer zone between the two Koreas. Minor outbreaks of fighting continue to the present day.

With both North and South Korea sponsored by external powers, the Korean War was a proxy war. From a military science perspective, it combined strategies and tactics of World War I and World War II: it began with a mobile campaign of swift infantry attacks followed by air bombing raids, but became a static trench war by July 1951.

From the onset of the Korean War, Ladd Army Airfield saw intense use. It became a busy operations and logistics center with significantly expanded facilities and personnel strength.

As the northern region headquarters of the 11th Air Division, the base was the logistical support center. Ladd supported Aircraft Control and Warning sites and forward operating bases such as Galena, the northwestern



(DoD Archive photo)

segments of the Distant Early Warning Line and the White Alice communications network.

A Korean War monument was recently dedicated at Monterey Lakes Memorial Park. Although a cease-fire has been in place since 1953, there are still American Soldiers serving in Korea and between 1966 and 1968, 43 Soldiers were killed in action there and more than 100 were wounded in action from combat in the Korean Demilitarized Zone.

Research shows that 11 Alaskans died during the conflict. Pfc. Roy Chichenoff, United States Army, was killed in action July 29, 1950; Pfc. Edward Demoski, U.S. Army, was killed in action Dec. 2, 1950; Cpl. Paul Harris, U.S. Army, died while in captivity; Sgt 1st Class Samuel D. Ingram, U.S. Army, was killed in action Oct. 30, 1950; Pfc. John B. Lockwood, U.S. Army, was killed in action Nov. 27, 1950; Pfc. Walter L McLeod, U.S. Army, was killed in action Sept. 2, 1950; Pfc. Victor J. Zapata, U.S. Army, was killed in action Oct. 20, 1950; Pfc. Joe Rogers, U.S. Army, died of non-hostile causes July 28, 1951; Pfc. John Thomas Taylor, U.S. Army, died of non-hostile causes May 20, 1952; Pvt. John Byron Whitson Jr., U.S. Marine Corps, was killed in action Feb. 27, 1953, and Cpl. Donald Harold Binek, U.S. Marines, died of wounds June 30, 1952.

Although the skirmish is known as The Forgotten War, the Soldiers who fought and sacrificed can be remembered. There are plenty of available resources on the Internet. For more information on the Korean War and Alaskan participation visit www.koreanwar.org or www.rootsweb.ancestry.com.

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Army, Air Force sharpen combat capabilities during Northern Edge 2011



U.S. Army Pfc. Joshua LeJeune (from left to right), acting Joint Fire Observer with the 1st Battalion "Airborne" 501st Infantry and Airman 1st Class Joshua Boley, a Tactical Air Control Party (TACP) member with the 3rd Air Support Operations Squadron, both from the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, conduct Joint Terminal Attack (JTAC) and Joint Fire Observer (JFO) training during the Northern Edge Premier Joint Training Exercise, at Donnelly Training Area, June 14. The terrain will provide a realistic environment for mobile land warfare and fighter aircraft from varying branches of service during this exercise. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Lakisha A. Croley)

1-25th SBCT Soldier reenlists on Army's birthday

Maj. Joel Anderson, 1-25th SBCT PAO

FORWARD OPERATING BASE LAGMAN, Afghanistan – The 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division celebrated the Army Birthday here Tuesday and after 236 years, there is an old saying in the United States Army: "the more things change, the more they stay the same."

Soldiers of 1-25th SBCT's 73rd Engineer Company took time out on the Army's big day for a couple of things that have stayed the same in the Army down through the years. Spc. Alex Dreher definitely did his part to make June 14 a day he and his fellow Sappers would be sure to remember. Not only did

Dreher receive a much-deserved promotion from private first class to specialist, he also reaffirmed his commitment to the Army and to the nation.

Dreher's reenlistment added five more years to his commitment, a bonus and reassignment to Fort Knox, Ky. According to Sgt. 1st Class Bradley Hallum, of Ishpeming, Mich., opportunities remain plentiful for high-quality Soldiers considering reenlistment.

"We have heard that drawdowns may be coming, but Soldiers can rest assured that retention will always be an option, especially for our first-term Soldiers," Hallum said.

Immediately after 1st Lt. Matthew Smith, platoon leader and an Ogden, Utah, native, administered Dreher the oath of office, Col. Todd Wood, 1-25 SBCT commander, addressed the Sappers of the 73rd Engineers.

"It can't get much better than this," said Wood. "Reenlisting and getting promoted, both on the Army Birthday, not to mention in a war zone, is just almost unheard of, so I am really proud to be here and I am very proud of all of you here in 73rd Engineers. God bless each and every one of you for all that you do every day and God bless all of your families and friends back home."

"Valley Forge, Custer's ranks, San Juan Hill and Patton's tanks ..." and now on to the mountain-tops of Afghanistan ...

The U.S. Army may now have been plunged headfirst into the 21st century with all of its space-age technology, but the key ingredient on the battlefield from age-to-age, the spirit of the American Soldier, is what will really keep the Army rolling along for another 236 years.



Spc. Alex Dreher, of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, addresses his fellow Soldiers from 73rd Engineer Co., 1-25th SBCT, following his promotion and reenlistment at FOB Lagman, Afghanistan on the Army Birthday. (Photo by Maj. Joel Anderson, 1-25th SBCT PAO)

Romania commitment in southern Afghanistan

Spc. Thomas Duval, 1-25th SBCT PAO

FORWARD OPERATING BASE LAGMAN, Afghanistan – "Umār la umār!" is a Romanian phrase, which along with the Dari phrase, "Shona ba Shona," translates in English to "shoulder-to-shoulder," and for U.S. and Romanian Soldiers in Afghanistan, it has evolved into more than just a phrase. Instead "shoulder-to-shoulder" truly is the way Romanian and U.S. forces have operated daily since July 2003.

This unique partnership could not be more apparent than in southern Afghanistan up and down Highway 1, one of the most dangerous stretches of road in all of Afghanistan. Here, the Arctic Wolves, Soldiers from the 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, work hand-in-hand with their Romanian counterparts from the 2nd Battalion "Călugreni" and 26th Infantry Battalion "Red Scorpions," both of the 1st Mechanized Brigade, to aggressively fight insurgents and help build the capacity of the Afghan government for the local populace.

"We have an extremely rare and strong bond with our Romanian brothers and sisters in arms – we have these two Romanian battalions and their command and control staff here and I am constantly amazed by how well they integrate themselves into our operations," said Col. Todd R. Wood, commander of 1-25th SBCT. "I really want to be sure we get the word out to people on the home front ... in Romania, but also in Alaska. I know the folks in Alaska would be intrigued by the way we come together in this challenging environment day after day up against the insurgents ... it's a lot like life in the Last Frontier ... Alaska. It's tough here, too ... challenging and extreme."

The U.S.-Romanian team, also known as Combined Team Zabul conducts daily combat operations together to include route clearance, patrols and more recently have begun joint training for military working dog searches.

"We share the hardships, accomplishments, joys and sorrows,"



Romanian Sgt. Marin Jonesco, a scout with the 26th Infantry Battalion "Red Scorpions" and U.S. Army Spc. Joseph Lopez, a military policeman assigned to the 148th Military Police company, Combined Team Zabul, search for signs of improvised explosive devices using a military working dog in Zabul, Afghanistan, June 17. (Photo by Sgt. Michael Blalack/1-25 SBCT PAO)

Wood said.

Overall, the military partnership between the two nations is not new, but it is unknown to most Americans.

"We have been in Afghanistan with our U.S. partners since 2003 and we also stood with you in Iraq, as well as Kosovo. This is a long and fruitful partnership that we are very proud of," said Col. Marius Harabagiu, Romanian brigade commander.

The history between the two countries stretches back to 1880 when U.S. and Romania first began diplomatic relations and strengthened after 9/11 when the U.S. lobbied for Romanian acceptance into NATO. It was those actions that have since developed the working relationship into a true "shoulder to shoulder" operational partnership.

Army represented at U.S. National Boxing Championships

Tim Hipps, Installation Management Command

SAN ANTONIO, June 20, 2011 -- Reigning light-heavyweight national champion Spc. Jeffrey Spencer will lead several Soldiers into the 2011 U.S. National Boxing Championships June 20 through 25 in Colorado Springs, Colo.



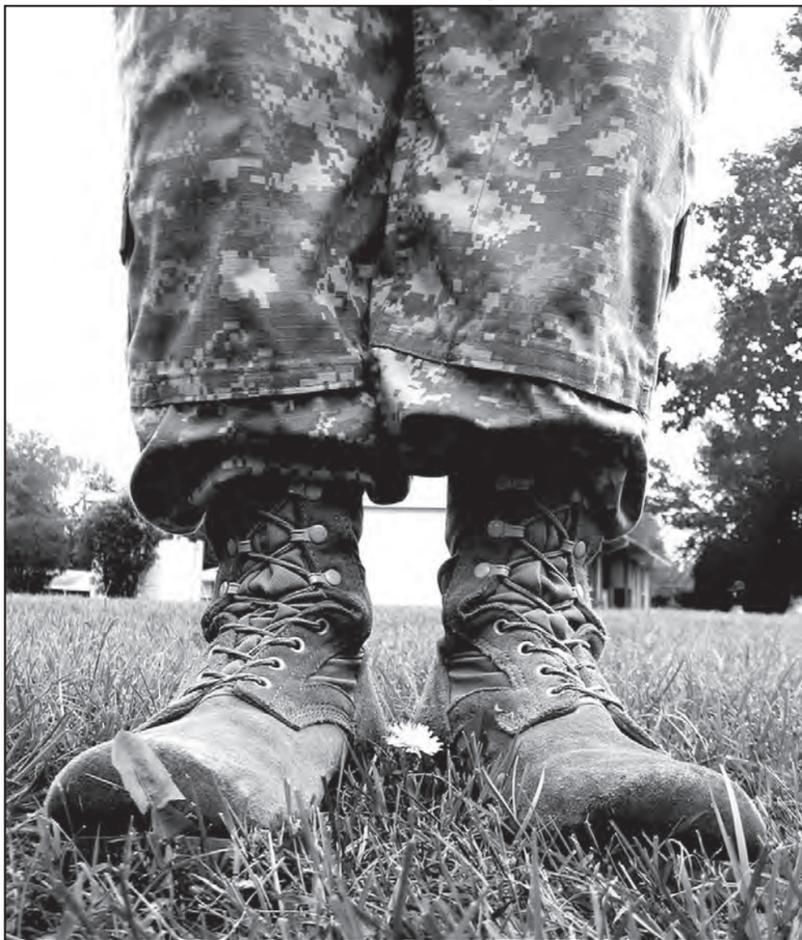
U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program boxer Spc. Samuel Vasquez focuses on Denmark Sgt. Carsten Sorensen during the 2010 CISM Military World Boxing Championships at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C. Army WCAP head boxing coach Basheer Abdullah calls Vasquez "our little secret" heading into the 2011 U.S. National Boxing Championships this week, at Colorado Springs, Colo., and the U.S. Olympic Team Trials for Boxing July 31-Aug. 6, at the Mobile Civic Center in Alabama. (Photo by Tim Hipps/IMCOM)

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Army spouse photos on display at Fairbanks First Friday's art exhibit



"The Yellow Flower," a photo taken by Anne Kristoff-Coyle, wife of 1st Lt. Andrew Coyle, C Company, 123rd Aviation Intermediate Maintenance, 16th Combat Aviation Brigade, will be just one of many photos she will have on exhibit at the Fairbanks First Friday Alaskan art reception, scheduled for July 1, at the Artisan's Courtyard. "To me, it speaks to the humanity of our Soldiers," Kristoff-Coyle said, "they walk a hard line every day between protecting and nurturing." This particular photo was entered in the 2009 Army-wide Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation photo contest where it took Second place. (Photo by Anne Kristoff-Coyle)

9th Army Band around town

July 1 at Noon,
Concerts in the Plaza
Golden Heart Plaza, 516 2nd Ave, Ste. 318

July 4 at 11 a.m., Noon, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.
Jammin' Salmon Dixieland Band,
4th of July Community Celebration
Pioneer Park at 2300 Airport Way

July 6 at 7 p.m.
Jammin' Salmon Dixieland Band
Concerts in the Plaza
Golden Heart Plaza, 516 2nd Ave, Ste. 318

Families: How to keep them fire safe

Sarah Chapman, Fort Wainwright Fire Inspector

Is your family fire safe? It is common to think a fire will not happen to you, but it can! So far this year, we have experienced four house fires on post. This is a good time to re-evaluate your actions and behaviors. Fires can happen at any time and to anyone. The best defense for you and your family is awareness and prevention.

Most home fires can be prevented with simple lifestyle modifications. Fires start for different reason, it is important to be diligent in all aspects of fire safety. Testing your smoke detectors monthly and practicing a home fire escape plan with

all members of the family is essential to ensuring everyone escapes a home fire safely, however there are many other steps that if taken keep everyone safe.

Always keep matches, lighters and flammable liquids out of reach from children. It is too dangerous to leave accessible for children. It is highly recommended not to store matches or lighters in the pockets of your clothes, purses or lying around the house. Many young children are severely burned, injured or die. Teach your children what fire is and how dangerous it can be.

Always smoke outside. Dispose of cigarette butts in a large deep ashtray. Douse with water before dumping in the trash and never place them in a butt can if it contains trash.

Ensure that furniture is not pressed up against any electrical cord and plug. Use all electrical appliances

in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations. If an electrical cord is frayed or damaged discontinue its use immediately, only have cords repaired by a licensed professional.

Dial 9-1-1 immediately upon activation of smoke alarms and get everyone to a safe place outside of the house. Fires spread extremely quick. Notifying the Fire Department in the early stages of a fire can greatly reduce the loss of life and property. If you are comfortable doing so, learn how and when to use a fire extinguisher.

Whether on or off post, to request a home fire inspection, fire safety training or fire extinguisher training contact the Fire Prevention Office at 353-9164. Take steps now to prevent tragedy later. Have a safe and fun summer.

For Fort Greely fire prevention information, call Louis Rosado, 873-3641 or 873-3471.

Friday - 24th

UFO STORY HOUR & CRAFTS, 4 p.m., Post Library, Building 3700. Call 353-2642.

SPORTS REGISTRATION, all day, CYSS parent Central Services, CYSS Youth Sports and Fitness Flag Football and Cheerleading Camp registration ends, Building 4391. Call 361-7713.

FIVE LANGUAGES OF APOLOGY, 2:30 to 4 p.m., Northern Lights Inn Conference Room, Building 3402. Call 353-4248.

Saturday - 25th

COMMUNITY GAME DAY, 1 to 6 p.m., Post Library, Building 3700. Call 353-4137.

ZUMBA FITNESS, 1 to 2 p.m., Physical Fitness Center, Building 3709. Cost is \$7 per class. Call 353-7223.

CHESS CLUB, 3 to 5 p.m., Last Frontier Community Activity Center, Building 1044. Call 353-7755.

SCOTTISH RITES TOURNAMENT, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Chena Bend Golf Course, Building 2092. Call 353-6223.

Sunday - 26th

CATHOLIC EDUCATION CLASSES, 9:30 a.m., Southern Lights Chapel

SUNDAY SCHOOL, 10 a.m., Northern Lights Chapel

ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS, 11 a.m., Southern Lights Chapel

PROTESTANT WORSHIP, 11 a.m., Northern Lights Chapel

GOSPEL BIBLE STUDY, 11 a.m., Bassett Army Community Hospital Chapel

PROTESTANT YOUTH OF THE CHAPEL, 5 p.m., Northern Lights Chapel

Monday - 27th

GROUP CYCLING, 12 to 1 p.m., Physical Fitness Center, Building 3709. Call 353-7223.

ROMP AND STOMP PLAYGROUP, 9:30 to 11 a.m., Youth Center, Building 4109. Transportation for Families to and from Romp and Stomp is available at Northern Lights Inn at 9 a.m. Call 361-7713/7372.

THE LIBRARY AND THE DRAGON, 1 to 3 p.m., Last Frontier Community Activity Center, Building 1044. Call 353-4137.

NATIONAL TRAILS MONTH SPEAKER SERIES, 6 to 7 p.m., Last Frontier Community Activity Center, Building 1044. Call 353-7755.

SAFETY CLASS, 6 p.m., Auto Skills Center, Building 3730. Call 353-7436.

ZUMBA FITNESS, 6 to 7 p.m., Physical Fitness Center, Building 3709. Cost is \$7 per class. Call 353-7223.

SLEEPLESS IN FAIRBANKS, 10 to 11:30 a.m., Northern Lights Inn Conference Room, Building 3402. Call 353-4248.

Tuesday - 28th

STRESS MANAGEMENT, 3 to 4:30 p.m., Northern Light Inn Conference Room, Building 3402. Call 353-4248.

GROUP CYCLING, 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. or 5 to 6 p.m., Physical Fitness Center, Building 3709. Call 353-7223.

Wednesday - 29th

CARDIO SCULPT: STRENGTH & CARDIO, 5 to 6 p.m., Physical Fitness Center, Building 3709. Call 353-7223.

HOOR OF POWER: GROUP STRENGTH, 12 to 1 p.m., Physical Fitness Center, Building 3709. Call 353-7223.

ANGER MANAGEMENT, 3 to 4:30 p.m., Behavioral Health Conference Room, Building 4066. Call 353-4248.

CONCEPTS BLOCKS OF AFTB LEVEL 2, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Last Frontier Community Activity Center, Building 1044. Call 353-2382.

Thursday - 30th

CONCEPTS BLOCKS OF AFTB LEVEL 1, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Last Frontier Community Activity Center, Building 1044. Call 353-2382.

GROUP CYCLING, 6:30 to 7:30 a.m., Physical Fitness Center, Building 3709. Call 353-7223.

ROMP AND STOMP PLAYGROUP, 9:30 to 11 a.m., Youth Center, Building 4109. Transportation for Families to and from Romp and Stomp is available at Northern Lights Inn at 9 a.m. Call 361-7713/7372.

ZUMBA FITNESS, 6 to 7 p.m., Physical Fitness Center, Building 3709. Cost is \$7 per class. Call 353-7223.

LEGAL NOTICE

Anyone having claims against or who is indebted to the estate of Sgt. Jeffrey Chul Soon Sherer of B Company, 1st Battalion, 24th Infantry Regiment, 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, may contact Capt. Richard Fowle, 1-24th Rear Detachment at 353-2211. Send correspondence to: Capt. Richard T. Fowle, 3214 E. Santiago Ave, Fort Wainwright, AK 99703.

Anyone having claims against or who is indebted to the estate of Pvt. Ryan J. Larson of B Company, 1st Battalion, 5th Infantry Regiment, 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, may contact 1st Lt. James Desjarlais, 2nd Battalion, 8th Field Artillery Regiment, 1-25th SBCT, 3717 Neely Road, Fort Wainwright, AK 99703-8700 or call 353-1630.

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For your information

POST-WIDE YARD SALE

The next post-wide yard sale is scheduled for tomorrow from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, about yard sales in housing, call 356-7000. For information about unit and organization sales and selling at the Lemon Lot on post, call 353-6612.

TRAINOR GATE CLOSURE

Trainor Gate is closed through Sunday to all traffic for crews to perform maintenance at the gate. It will reopen at 5:30 a.m. Monday. Anyone who regularly uses Trainor Gate should use either the main gate or Badger Gate.

NUGGET LANES BOWLING CENTER OPENING

Save the date – The ribbon-cutting and celebration of the renovated Nugget Lanes Bowling Center is set for July 1 at 1 p.m. The ribbon cutting will include a ‘thunderous’ activity with key personnel and music by the 9th Army “Arctic Warrior” Band. Bowling will be free, there will be youth activities and door prizes will be given. Celebration of the bowling center’s reopening continues with a concert. Grammy nominated children’s singer and songwriter, Red Grammer will take the stage and perform a show for children and parents alike under the tent at Nugget Lanes Bowling Center on opening day. The performance is slated to begin at 5:30 p.m. If you haven’t heard of the award-winning musician, sample music and more online at www.redgrammer.com. For more information, call 353-6043.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 18

A son, Jake Tressler, was born to Krisann and Spc. Kenny Tressler, 25th Brigade Support Battalion, 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division.

FEEDING OUR OUTSTANDING DEPENDENTS

Members of the Fort Wainwright Southern Lights Chapel invite Family members of currently and soon to be deployed Soldiers to an evening where we cook for you. July 3, is “Breakfast for Supper” at Southern Lights Chapel; Bldg 4107, 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Hamburgers, hotdogs, baked beans and more.

CALLING ALL COOKS

Do you have a favorite recipe that you would like to see served at the dining facility for lunch?

Send us a copy of your recipe and once a month we will draw a recipe and prepare it.

Please send it to: elaine.swenor@us.army.mil Include your name and phone number so we can notify you when your recipe will be served.

YARD OF THE MONTH

Each month the North Haven Communities staff will be looking for yards that are above community standards and residents who show outstanding care for their individual area. One overall winner and two honorable mentions will be selected from North Post and South Post. Each winner will display a “Yard of the Month” sign, photos in the newsletter, a signed certificate by the garrison commander and a gift card.



Maurice Fischer, director of Emergency Services, was one of many Fort Wainwright community members who participated in the “Midnight Sun Run” Saturday night. His time was 57.45.2 and he finished 30 out of 79 in his age group. The run was just one of many summer solstice activities. Sunday there was a festival downtown and Tuesday night, a baseball game, which started at 10:30 p.m. The game was played using only natural light, but called at the end of the 10th inning for safety reasons (rain and darkness). It was continued Wednesday evening. (Photo by Trish Muntean, Fort Wainwright PAO)

PROTESTANT WOMEN

July’s Protestant Women of the Chapel “First Friday” is a red, white and blue event, July 1, 6:30 p.m. at the Northern Lights Chapel - free event with food and activities for spouses, plus free childcare and games and activities for school-age children. Call Joanna Hart at 356-9205 for more information.

ARMY BOXING: boxers brace for U.S. Nationals

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The top four finishers in each weight class will qualify for the U.S. Olympic Team Trials for Boxing, scheduled for July 31 through Aug. 6, 2011, at the Mobile Civic Center in Alabama.

Four boxers in the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program already have qualified for the Olympic Trials: Spencer at 178 pounds, Sgt. John Franklin at 114, Capt. Michael Benedosso at 108, and Spc. Samuel Vasquez at 152.

Three other Soldiers are qualified for the Olympic Trials as All-Army contenders: heavyweight Spc. Charles Blackwell, super heavyweight Staff Sgt. Andrew Shepherd, and lightweight Sgt. Toribio Ramirez.

All seven are scheduled to compete in Colorado Springs.

Second Lt. DeRae Crane will attempt to qualify for a berth in the Olympic Trials at Nationals, as will Spc. Carrie Barry, who is vying for the 132-pound spot on Team USA for the Olympic debut of women’s boxing at the 2012 London Games.

Spencer recently earned a berth in the 2011 Pan American Games, scheduled for Nov. 12-20 in Guadalajara, Mexico, with a silver-medal performance at the second Pan Am qualifier in Quito, Ecuador, where he lost a 16-8 decision to Felix Valera of the Dominican Republic. Spencer struck gold last October at the 2010 CISM World Boxing Championships on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C.

“He’s looking good,” U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program boxing coach Basheer Abdullah said. “Spencer is the guy to beat in that weight class, and DeRae is right there also. I’m expecting one of these guys to make this Olympic team.”

Should Spencer and Crane happen to meet in the quarterfinals or semifinals at nationals, Abdullah said he would sit Spencer to allow Crane to advance.

Third-ranked Franklin, 27, a silver medalist at the 2007 Military World Games in Hyderabad, India, faces a tough battle in the flyweight division that features two-time Olympian Rau’shee Warren, who is attempting to become the first three-time member of the U.S. Olympic Boxing Team.

“He’s capable of beating Rau’shee on a good night, when he’s at his best, but that’s going to be his biggest hurdle,” Abdullah said. “But we can’t overlook some of the other guys in his weight class. He definitely has the potential. He’s got to bring his ‘A’ game every night.”

Benedosso struck gold in the 2010 CISM Military World Championships at Camp Lejeune and silver at the 2009 Police Athletic League Championships in San Antonio.

“This is a very important tournament for him,” Abdullah said. “Not necessarily to win the tournament, but to make a statement that he is a true contender to make the Olympic Team.”

Abdullah calls



U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program boxer Spc. Jeffrey Spencer wins the gold medal in the light heavyweight division of the 2010 U.S. National Boxing Championships with a 10-9 victory over Robert Brant, at the Crowne Plaza Ballroom in Colorado Springs, Colo. (Photo by Tim Hipps/Installation Management Command PAO)

Vasquez “our little secret” in the welterweight division.

“He lost to [two-time national champion] Errol Spence at the Nationals, but I think he challenged Errol better than anyone in the tournament,” said Abdullah, a three-time U.S. Olympic boxing coach and technical advisor. “He’s really growing. I think we’ve finally connected. He understands. We’ve made some adjustments to how he approaches bouts and he’s looking really sharp. I think he’s going to be one of the biggest surprises at Nationals this year.”

Shepherd won gold at the 2010 CISM Military World Games but has since been released from WCAP and is boxing under less pressure and scrutiny.

“Right now, he appears to be very relaxed, mentally,” Abdullah said. “He’s having fun with it because at the end of the day he knows he’s going back on line regardless of what happens.”

The U.S. Olympic Team Trials for Men’s Boxing is a double-elimination tournament showcasing eight boxers in each of the 10 men’s Olympic weight classes. The winners will represent the United States in September at the 2011 World Championships in Baku, Azerbaijan, where they will attempt to qualify internationally for the 2012 Olympic Games in London.

The 2011 USA Boxing National Championships will begin June 20 at Colorado Springs Christian School, with preliminary action continuing through June 22. Semifinals are set for June 23 and consolations June 24. The finals will be June 25 at the Colorado Springs City Auditorium.

Olympic Trials qualifying began at the 2010 National Police Athletic League Championships in October and continued at the 2011 Armed Forces Championships at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, and the recent National Golden Gloves Championships. The champions at those three events will be joined in Mobile by the top four finishers at Nationals and the 10 champions from the Last Chance Qualifier, scheduled for July 3-9 in Cincinnati.

Women’s boxing will make its Olympic debut in 2012, but the U.S. Olympic Team Trials for Women’s Boxing are scheduled for early 2012, prior to their international qualifying tournament.

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