



INSCOM's primary goal: safety Unit emphasizes prevention of avoidable accidents

This weekend it was my privilege to perform one of the most solemn and heartbreaking duties we, as soldiers, are called upon to carry out – I was part of the honor party for the arrival of three of our fallen comrades coming home from Southwest Asia.

It is always disquieting to watch as a military honor guard unloads the flag draped coffins of our heroic dead, but I found the circumstances surrounding the deaths of two of these young soldiers particularly disturbing.

You see, of the three arriving warriors, two were returning to us not due to the misdeeds of adversary forces, but because of thoughtless accidents that could, and should, have been prevented. One of these brave souls was the victim of a vehicle accident and another lost her life through the accidental discharge of a fire-arm.

Most of us have only imagined how disheartening it is to inform a family that their loved one is gone, but envision the special edge of sadness that must come with having to explain that their death was preventable.

I know that our U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command Safety Office has already released information on summer safety and that material included vehicle accidents, but in the coming days you will see a re-emphasis on the importance of wearing seatbelts, caring for vehicles, and taking all the necessary safety precautions to avoid needless mishaps.

I have also asked the INSCOM Safety Office to gather and release to the field information on weapons safety. Though many think of our command as a “technological” versus “warfighting” organization, our soldiers do carry firearms and we must, as good leaders, guarantee they have the needed weapons training and



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safety programs to prevent the careless loss of life.

These are important lessons to learn and to apply, so in the coming months we will revisit this issue in many different formats and forums. It is my wish that no member of the INSCOM family be lost to us, and those who love them, through easily avoidable vehicle or weapons accidents. It my intention to make that desire a primary goal of this command. Take care, and God bless each of you.

Brig. Gen. George R. Fay



photo by Tina Miles

Maj. Gen. (retired) Robert Harding recognizes the noncommissioned officer of the year, Sgt. Kathleen Coleman, and soldier of the year, Spc. Joseph Martinez, during the 902nd MI Group's dining out.

902nd MI Group presents distinguished award

By Tina Miles
902nd MI Group

The 902nd Military Intelligence Group recently honored 20 of its personnel as recipients of the distinguished Knowlton Award. In addition, during the ceremony one person received the Saint Martin Award.

The Knowlton Award, established in 1995 by the Military Intelligence Corps

Association (MICA), recognizes individuals, both military and civilian, for their significant contribution to the promotion of Army Intelligence. These individuals must demonstrate the highest standards of integrity and morals, as well as display a great degree of professional competence.

The patriot, warrior, and soldier, Lt. Thomas Knowlton was the embodiment of all the

characteristics required to represent excellence without equal in the Military Intelligence field. So too, the recipients of the award must have these qualities.

Equally prestigious is the Saint Martin Award which was presented to Master Sgt. Danny Crisp. The image of Saint Martin as a soldier and provider offers a fitting symbol

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Ready 'fore' some action

U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command's annual golf tournament is scheduled for Aug. 22 at the Gunston Golf Course at Fort Belvoir, Va. Format for the tournament will be a captain's choice/scramble. Those interested, can call Cindy Daigle at (703) 706-2492 to register.

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for Logistics Warriors, charged with supporting victory now and for all time.

The awards were presented at the group's spring dining out by guest speaker Maj. Gen. (retired) Robert Harding and Col. Michael Bisacre, commander, 902nd MI Group, who hosted the affair.

The evening's events were opened with an invocation by the chaplain and official toasts. After dinner, Harding spoke with pride as a one time commander of the 902nd MI Group. "The 902nd is evolving as a formidable asset for our nation's Army and an awesome power in America's fight in the Global War on Terrorism," said Harding. He shared anecdotes and insight, thanking members

of "The Deuce" for their dedication, hospitality and "strength through vigilance."

As an expression of appreciation, Bisacre presented Harding with a gift on behalf of the 902nd MI Group.

Other honorees were also recognized at the dining-out, including Sgt. Kathleen Coleman, the noncommissioned officer of the year, Company B, 308th MI Battalion; and Spc. Joseph Martinez, soldier of the year, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 310th MI Battalion. Tina Miles received the final presentation of the night in recognition for designing new unit coins. Bisacre and Command Sgt. Maj. Johnnie Neill presented their respective new coins to Miles, the designer.

Recipients of the Knowlton Award were:

902nd MI Group

Patricia Holloway, Lt. Col. Larry Knight, John Northcutt, Darla Rylander, Michael Scanland, Sgt. Maj. Eric Seals, Lt. Col. James Stuteville, Andy Swicegood

308th MI Battalion

Clayton Fisher, Edward Kavanagh, Chief Warrant Officer 4 Robert Lewis, James Love, 1st Sgt. Mark Mathis, Edward Snyder

310th MI Battalion

Don Bell, Claude Benner, Andrew Cook

Foreign Counterintelligence Activity

Lt. Col. Phillip Bender, John Bruce Campbell, Frankie Clifton

Keane: Army has more world policing to do

MOSUL, Iraq (Army News Service, July 8, 2003) Acting Chief of Staff Gen. John Keane, told soldiers who want to know when they are going home, that there is much work in the world to do to get rid of tyrants and thugs.

"We have to be honest with ourselves," Keane said. "We've been on an operational treadmill since 1989, beginning with Operation Just Cause in Panama."

Since the ousting of dictator Manuel Noriega, the U.S. has sent major contingents to the Middle East during the first Gulf War, then to Somalia, Bosnia, Kosovo, Afghanistan, and yet again to the Middle East for Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"What we do know is that about every 18 months, somebody is going to do something that will require military intervention," Keane said.

Keane stressed that there

is no predictability in such post-Cold War operations involving tyrants and thugs who impose their malevolent will on their own people and neighbors.

Keane added that there would be more years of conflict with terrorists and rogue governments.

"We've got about six more years dealing with these guys," Keane said.

The next operation on the horizon, is that President George W. Bush is considering deploying troops to Liberia, Keane said.

"What we have here is a failed state," Keane said. "They have not had electricity or running water in the capital since 1990."

As a result of the country's poverty and disorganization, said Keane, any future involvement in Liberia would be less of a fighting mission and more of a stability operation.

Keane spoke to members of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), out of Fort Campbell, Ky. Keane's visit began with an aerial tour of Mosul followed by a briefing on the northern area of operations, given by Maj. Gen. David H. Petraeus, 1st Abn. Div. commander.

Many Screaming Eagles wanted to know when they would be returning home.

"I cannot tell you because I do not know," said Keane. "What I can tell you is that we have got to stabilize. Everything that we are doing now is just as important as when we were pulling triggers."

There are 33 active brigades in the Army, 16 of which are in Iraq. There are three brigades in Afghanistan and one in Kosovo. Three are tied up in the Stryker brigade transformation, and two more in Korea can't be moved anywhere. That leaves two in Hawaii, three in Europe, and another three at Fort Hood, Texas.

Keane, who earned the Silver Star as a company commander in the 101st during Vietnam, told soldiers they have carried on a legacy that began on D-Day during World War II when 6,000 troopers parachuted behind enemy lines in Normandy.

"What was unique about that operation was that the soldiers, sergeants and officers all fought together," Keane said. "That has been our tradition ever since."



photo by Spc. Robert Woodward

Acting Chief of Staff Gen. John Keane is briefed on current operations in Iraq by Maj. Gen. David H. Petraeus, the 101st Abn. Div. commander.



photo by Spc. Bill Putnam

Monica Livingston, running back on the D.C. Divas dives toward the end zone during the Divas-Crush playoff football game June 28. The Divas beat the Crush 76-0 to advance to the second round of the playoffs.

Army deployments affect women's football league

WASHINGTON (Army News Service, July 2, 2003) — When Rachel Madden learned her Junction City, Kan., football team wasn't going to play its inaugural season she was, to say the least, a little heartbroken.

Of the 35 players on her team, 20 are active-duty soldiers and Army reservists based at nearby Fort Riley, said Madden, the team owner.

To make matters worse, her head coach, Chief Warrant Officer Shawn Adolphus was sent to Iraq too, said Madden.

The opening game of the Junction City Cavalry's inaugural season was supposed to happen April 12, then the call-ups started in March.

The war, she said, "kind of took that away, but we're definitely going to play in 2004."

The Cavalry are one of 30 teams in the National Women's Football Association, a league of tackle football teams that was founded in the fall of 2000 in Nashville, Tenn., by Catherine Masters.

Spread all over the country, the league offers women a chance to play tackle football — an opportunity they never had in high school, said Masters during a phone interview. Taking advantage of the opportunity to coach or play are soldiers in the National Guard, Army Reserve and regular Army. A retired master

sergeant is also an assistant coach for a team in Washington, D.C.

Masters said she's always considered herself a football fan, and after 25 years in sports marketing, she considered tackle football "a last bastion for sports for women" and wanted to fill the void.

"I thought it would be fun to see if I could put it together," she said.

The response at the first tryouts for the Nashville team was incredible, she said. Over 300 women of all ages tried out and more seem to come out of the woodwork every year around the country, she said.

The league's popularity has

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grown ever since. Ten teams played a schedule of eight games the first season, then that grew to 21 and now 30 teams compete, said Masters. Next year the league will expand to 37 teams, she said. The teams play on high school or small college football fields, she said.

A five-game playoff tournament culminates in the league's championship game, dubbed the SupHer Bowl, which is played in Nashville during August. This year's game is scheduled for Aug. 2, said Masters. Over 5,000 people watched last year's game.

Ed Smith, retired master sergeant, helped coach the D.C. Divas in Washington D.C. to a 76-0 victory in the team's first playoff game against the Connecticut Crush.

Smith has helped guide the Divas from mere rookies that never tried on a set of football pads to full-fledged, full-hitting players. After finishing 3-4 and 5-3 during their first two seasons, the Divas went on to finish 7-1 this year to win the



photo by Spc. Bill Putnam

Takiyah Washington, defensive end for the D.C. Divas sacks the Connecticut Crush's Donna Bruce.

NWFA's Mid-Atlantic Division.

Madden's team isn't the only NWFA team with an Army connection. Most teams contacted have players that are soldiers in the National Guard, Army Reserve or on active duty.

But Madden's situation, though, is the most severe example of a NWFA team affected by the war on terrorism.

Other teams have players that have been called up for duty, but have not needed to cancel their season. The Ashville, N.C.-based Ashville Assault had two players called up.

The Connecticut Crush has five players in the National Guard and Reserve that haven't been called up yet. But the team's offensive coordinator was called up, said Melanie Depamphilis, the Crush's owner.

In Detroit, Mich., Staff Sgt. Dawn Adams balances life as an active Army recruiter and plays wide receiver and cornerback for the Detroit Demolition, said Anika McEvans, executive director for the Demolition.

Natalie Hall of the Evansville Express was going to play wide receiver before her unit was called up for duty here in the U.S.

"She's a very gifted athlete and a wonderful receiver," said Ken Hall, owner of the Express.

Balancing life, full-time jobs and football can be difficult, but it's not impossible, said Ken.

"It's difficult to balance but they make a way, they're soldiers," said Madden.

The players bring two important things with them: previous conditioning and leadership abilities, said Madden. Her starting quarterback was promoted to first sergeant before the deployment.

The Cavalry weren't left out on their own though, said Madden.

"They were really pretty good about it," Madden said of the league's help.

Because of the situation that Madden faced, the league scheduled the Evansville team to play their games for Junction City even though they weren't officially scheduled to play until the 2004 season, said Hall. The games counted as exhibition games for Evansville and counted as regular games for the other teams.

"The players in Evansville did their duty," Ken said.