



Remembering that fateful day

Sept. 11, 2001 was a clear and sunny day on the East coast. The kind of day when it seems like nothing could, or should, go wrong. Most people were still commuting to work as the first plane hit the North tower of the World Trade Center.

By the time American Airlines Flight 77 struck the Pentagon our Nation and the world stood stunned, watching as televisions across the globe broadcast the fires, the injured, the brave and the dead.

Twenty minutes after the Pentagon attack, the passengers of United Airlines Flight 93 lost their fight for control of the plane and it crashed in the green Pennsylvania countryside. Our lives changed.

Between the horrors of the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and the Pennsylvania crash, 3,380 people died that day, victims of senseless terrorist attacks.

More than 2,000 children were left without one or both parents; we lost 343 firefighters

and 60 police officers. But, that Tuesday morning also showed us some of the best of America – courageous rescue workers, compassionate strangers and neighbors, a country united in the common goal of caring for our wounded and committed to destroying the evil of terrorism wherever it is found.

The terrorists who planned the 9/11 attacks thought they would break our country's resolve, frighten us into confusion and retreat.

I doubt any group has ever been more wrong.

America was provoked to decisive action and remains committed worldwide to the Global War on Terrorism. INSCOM and the Army are integral to this effort as part of the Joint Team.

The fight is long from over; we will incur more losses en route to decisive victory - but our soldiers (active, National Guard, and reserve), our civilians, and our contractors make the successful outcome assured. Our commitment and



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focus today keep faith with our fallen comrades and countrymen. As we commemorate the victims of Sept. 11, 2001, and others who have made the ultimate sacrifice, we remain dedicated to the promise our commander-in-chief made two years ago: to find those responsible for the terror and chaos, to bring them to justice, and to defend freedom and all that is good and just in our world.

Maj. Gen. John F. Kimmons

No Army Intelligence Ball

The 28th Annual Army Intelligence Ball was cancelled due to Hurricane Isabel. The event had been scheduled to take place Sept. 20 at the Hilton Hotel at Mark Center. Those individuals who had purchased tickets can contact Debra Stryker at (703) 706-1187 to get a refund.

Kimmons arrives, takes charge



photos by Bob Bills

Maj. Gen. John F. Kimmons addresses INSCOM for the first time as the new commander.

Maj. Gen. John F. Kimmons assumed command of the U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command during a ceremony in front of the Nolan Building at Fort Belvoir, Va. August 28.

The ceremony host was Lt. Gen. Keith B. Alexander, former INSCOM commander, who has since assumed duties as the deputy chief of staff for intelligence, Headquarters, Department of the Army.

Also participating in the ceremony was Brig. Gen. George R. Fay, who was the acting INSCOM commander.



Alexander, Kimmons and Fay stand at parade rest during the ceremony.

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Soldier searches for 'plane' truth

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DARMSTADT, Germany — For one 66th MI Group soldier, a lifelong hobby began as a young boy, when he brought home some hand grenades he found in the woods behind his home in Bedburg-Hau, Germany.

His mother, while shocked, thought it only natural that the boy would harbor curiosity about that piece of local WW II history. After all, his father was a volunteer archaeologist for the Roman-Germanic Museum in Cologne.

Perhaps, she suggested, he could redirect his search toward something slightly safer - such as the many downed World War II aircraft that still littered the German countryside.

That sounded OK to him and 31 planes later, it still does.

Today Staff Sgt. Danny Keay, of Company B, 2nd MI Bn., combs the German countryside searching for remains of American, British and German warplanes.

While speaking to local historian Karl Knapp earlier this year, Keay learned about an American P-47 fighter shot down over Griesheim on March 23, 1945.

Not only did Knapp know about the crash, he was an eyewitness to it. After some research, Keay learned that the pilot, Maj. Chester Slingerland, was commander of the U.S. Army Air Corps' 393rd Flight Squadron. His body was



photo by Staff Sgt. Eric Reinhardt

Uwe Bendel and Stephen Trombke use the parts catalog for the P-47 Thunderbolt to make sense of the aircraft debris they've unearthed.

recovered after the crash and is buried in the Lorraine American Cemetery at St. Avold, France.

The two-ton plane hit with enough force to bury itself about eight feet underground. More than half a century later, the wreckage languished under a lettuce field about a kilometer north of town.

With permission from the farmer, Keay assembled a team of soldiers and local civilians and set to work digging up the plane last month.

Research, research ...

There's much more to his avocation than merely walking around with a metal detector and shovel, according to Keay.

A dig like his current project in Griesheim is the result of extensive research in local libraries, city halls, archives

and military records.

Keay said it's the sheer enjoyment of unraveling mysteries that attracts him to his hobby, and also what drew him to become a counterintelligence specialist in the U.S. Army.

He said he was fortunate this time around to have plenty of eyewitnesses to the P-47 crash, most of whom were children when it happened.

People who might not have wanted to share their wartime experiences when they were younger seem more willing to talk these days, according to Keay.

"I think it's partly because they know they're getting older and, in some way want to unburden themselves of those memories," he said. "Also, they

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want to let the youth know about what happened back then.”

One eyewitness, an 82-year-old man, was sharing a foxhole with two of his German comrades when he saw the crash.

“As he told the story, you could see him recounting the battle in his mind - it was all coming back to him,” Keay said.

The Internet has made Keay’s research a little easier these days, but it still involves a large amount of legwork, a bit of luck, a lot of patience and a little help from his friends.

Help has come both from fellow soldiers and local civilians. Keay’s friend Uwe Bendel belongs to a German volunteer organization which specializes in locating MIAs of all nationalities.

Bendel’s extensive knowledge of WWII-era aircraft has also helped Keay and his crew to make sense of what they’ve found at the P-47 crash site.

Keay said it’s easy enough to find volunteers.

“When they come out once and see what we’re doing and what we’re finding, they tend to get hooked on it,” he said.

Thus far, the P-47 dig has yielded an intact landing gear, two 50-caliber machine guns, propeller blades and countless mechanical parts. He hopes to dig up the plane’s engine later this month.

MIAs

In addition to finding pieces of history, his goal these days is to locate WWII flyers long dismissed as missing in action. He estimates there are about 600 to 800 missing U.S. airmen throughout Europe still considered MIA. He said he’s recovered four MIAs in the time he’s been conducting digs. There’s more to it than just digging and hoping you find something, he said. “There’s so much research involved.”

One project has been ongoing for about 15 years. The pilot of a B-24 bomber shot down near Colgne had been recorded as interred. However, when Keay called the pilot’s brother he learned the pilot was still missing. After investi-



photo by Staff Sgt. Eric Reinhardt

Staff Sgt. Danny Keay, left, and local civilian Uwe Bendel survey the debris they’ve recovered from an American P-47 Thunderbolt shot down in the last days of World War II over Griesheim, Germany.

gating, he determined that the pilot had probably survived the crash, but was then killed and robbed.

“Whoever did it hid the body, because they knew they’d be prosecuted for war crimes,” Keay said.

He says it’s a telling example of how difficult it can be to resolve an MIA case.

While the U.S. Army’s Central Identification Laboratory Hawaii oversees MIA recovery, they permit volunteers such as Keay to assist. As the P-47 dig nears completion, he’s preparing to take on an MIA recovery effort near Trebur, Germany.

Correction

Roy Farmer and Ben Farmer, Jr. were incorrectly identified in the previous edition of *The Insight*. Farmer is pictured on page 3, while Farner is on page 4. We apologize for the error.

Army reviews pneumonia cases

WASHINGTON (Army News Service, Sept. 8, 2003) — Army medical teams are investigating why some servicemembers who became infected with pneumonia in Southwest Asia had signs of Eosinophilla and others didn't.

Of the 19 serious cases diagnosed since March 1, 17 were soldiers. One Marine and sailor have also been diagnosed. Only one woman has been diagnosed with serious pneumonia.

Eosinophils are white blood cells known to fight certain infections, especially hay fever and allergies, a press release from the U.S. Army Surgeon General's office said.

Concerned about the



photos by Staff Sgt. Jeremy T. Lock
U.S. Army medics are investigating why some servicemembers who became infected with pneumonia in Southwest Asia are showing some signs, while others are not.

number of cases, the surgeon general sent two Epidemiological Consultation teams to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Germany, and Iraq in July to assist medical personnel investigating why the cases were happening.

The teams' main job in Iraq and Germany is to look for common time, place or symptoms noted in medical records, said Lyn Kukral, a Surgeon General's office spokesperson.

"The teams are continuing to study why it's occurring in some of the cases, but not all of them," Kukral said. "We don't know why they are there; but it's not a major breakthrough."

The 19 service members were deployed to Central Command. All of the cases required ventilator support, but two died and 17 were evacuated to Germany for further treatment, the release said.

A majority of the cases happened in Iraq with the rest happening in Kuwait, Qatar, Uzbekistan and Djibouti, the release said.

Two cases occurred in the same battalion, one in March and one in August. The cases are also spread over time: two cases occurred in March, two in April, one in May, six in June, four in July and four in August. Most of the cases were treated at Landstuhl after evacuation.

The teams will make preventive or corrective recommendations based upon their findings.

There isn't any evidence

of an infectious agent common to all of the cases, the release said. In four cases, the teams have identified various bacteria as the cause and those service members have recovered.

No evidence of exposure to chemical or biological agents, Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome or environmental toxins has been found either, the release said.

The Army and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, Ga., are working together in the investigation, Kukral said.

Having the CDC help the Army isn't unusual, she said.

"They're welcome to help because of their expertise," Kukral said.

The CDC is "validating" the lab work done by the Army, and a CDC epidemiologist is also working at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington to help review the cases, Kukral added.

Army-wide, pneumonia serious enough to warrant hospitalization occurs in about 400 to 500 soldiers a year. The approximately 100 total cases of pneumonia in Central Command since March 1 do not exceed expectations, the release said.

Death from pneumonia in a young, otherwise healthy population is rare, but it does occur: from 1998 through 2002, 17 soldiers died from pneumonia or from complications of pneumonia.

Preventing accidents more than luck

By Tom Crawford
Bad Aibling Station

While walking downtown, a brick falls to the sidewalk and disintegrates just a few feet in front of you. Startled, you look up and see some masons working on a scaffold high

above you. An accident happened, right? A near miss? Thankfully.

I shudder to think what would've happened had you been in that brick's path. What prevents this accident from having grave consequences? Good timing on your part. But

is that anyway to be safe? Can you depend on good luck or fortunate timing to protect you? Of course not.

Those masons needed to prevent the accident from ever happening again, but they might not take action (or know to take action) unless the accident is reported.

Now let's say you narrowly avoid falling down the stairs after slipping in a puddle of coffee that someone else spilled just minutes earlier. An accident occurred, right? (Actually, it's two accidents: first, someone spilled their coffee, and then you slipped.) You weren't injured, but it was a near miss. What would you do now? a) Clean up the spill; b) report the spill to someone else; or c) mop your forehead, mutter some nasty words, and keep on moving?

Unfortunately, most people keep on moving. They make a mental note to be careful while walking down the stairs next time, but that's where it often ends. Sadly, others aren't given the opportunity to benefit from the "free warning", and the spilled coffee later claims a less fortunate victim.

The point I'm trying to make here is to heed your free warnings. For everyone else's sake, don't ignore your near misses – report them. Tell your parents, tell your supervisor, tell your teacher, call in a work order, or call your safety office. We need one another's help to avoid accidents. Everyone needs to do their part.



photo by Pfc. James Cornwell

Army kicks off football season

(Left to right) Spc. Egalle Bridges, Spc. Jeremy M. Locke and Sgt. James H. Freeman step off with the Army Colors at FedEx Field as they participate in the pregame ceremony at the Washington Redskins vs. New York Jets game Sept. 4.