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"A man who is good enough to shed his blood for his country is good enough to be given a square deal afterwards. More than that no man is entitled to, and less than that no man shall have."

—Theodore Roosevelt

"A soldier will fight long and hard for a bit of colored ribbon."

—Napoléon Bonaparte

Describing Saddam Hussein of Iraq: He is neither a strategist nor is he schooled in the operational arts, nor is he a tactician, nor is he a general. Other than that he's a great military man."

—Norman Schwartzkopf

If we slide into one of those rare moments of military honesty, we realize that the technical demands of modern warfare are so complex a considerable percentage of our material is bound to malfunction even before it is deployed against a foe. We no longer waste manpower by carrying the flag into battle. Instead we need battalions of electronic engineers to keep the terrible machinery grinding."

—Ernest K. Gann

"Son, we live in a world that has walls and those walls have to be guarded by men with guns. Who's gonna do it? You!?"

—Jack Nicholson

"The basic problems facing the world today are not susceptible to a military solution."

—John Fitzgerald Kennedy

øThe sergeant is the Armyø

—General Dwight David Eisenhower

"It is foolish and wrong to mourn the men who died. Rather we should thank God that such men lived."

—General George Smith Patton, Jr.

"Wars may be fought with weapons, but they are won by men. It is the spirit of the men who follow and of the man who leads that gains the victory."

ø General George Smith Patton, Jr.

## Letter from your President . . .

It is almost a year since I have assumed the role of president of the ENCOM Association. This past year has seen a number of events take place and many milestones achieved. The following are just a few of our accomplishments:

- Award of \$500 scholarship to CDT JaøShar Hartley, Valedictorian, plans to attend Purdue University
- Chadds Ford, PA outing and Brandywine Battle Field tour
- Annual Association Dinner at Argonne Guest House ø October
- Two new board members added: LTC (R) Rick Barajaz and CSM (R) Ed Evans
- Warrior Conference event presentations- May

We are also in the planning stages of putting together a possible øDesert Storm Deployment Reunionø Our plans now are to contact as many participants as possible to determine their interest level for such an event. We have tentatively scheduled the reunion for sometime during 2010. Stay tuned for additional information.

The Association exists for a number of reasons. It provides its members with an opportunity to stay in touch with soldiers that they served with in the 416<sup>th</sup> ENCOM . It also is an ideal source for a variety of information concerning retired military issues ø to include: retirement pay, health care coverage, social security, as well a multitude of benefits we have earned as military retirees.

Our entire board encourages those of you who are not yet members to join. For those who are currently members of the ENCOM Association, please consider participating in the events we sponsor throughout the year.

ESSAYONS



SGM (R) *Dan Lopatowski*, President

## UNITED STATES ARMY RESERVE 100th YEAR ANNIVERSARY



Article submitted by Jack Kotter, BG (R)

### *A long, proud tradition. A celebrated history.*

The U.S. Army Reserve is rooted in the tradition of the American Colonists who would serve, protect and defend this country whenever and wherever it was needed. George Washington and Alexander Hamilton proposed a contingency force to support the Army that would be centrally controlled by the Federal Government.

In 1908, Congress established the Medical Reserve Corps to provide a reservoir of trained Officers in times of war and then expanded the Reserve force in 1916 and 1920. Army Reserve Soldiers have trained and served with excellence since then -- through World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, the Cold War, Panama, the Persian Gulf, Somalia, Haiti, Bosnia, Kosovo, the Iraq War and the Global War on Terrorism. The 416<sup>th</sup> ENCOM and its subordinate unit, Facilities Engineering Group, have been involved in several mobilizations; Berlin Airlift, Cuban Refugee Crisis, Bosnia, Desert Shield/Desert Shield, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Since 1990, Army Reserve Soldiers have been deployed to support every American military operation, including peacekeeping and humanitarian missions. Army Reserve Soldiers will continue their tradition of distinguished service and sacrifice today and into the future.

April 23, 2008 was the 100th anniversary of the United States Army Reserve, which began modestly when Congress created the now little-known Medical Reserve Corps. Composed in 1908 of just 160 civilian physicians, this small corps quickly proved a powerful concept: that a reserve force of volunteers that brings its civilian skills onto the battlefield and helps secure the peace afterward, is one of the most dynamic tools in America's arsenal.

The 21st century Army Reserve provides half of the Army's combat support, a quarter of its mobilization expansion capability, and much of the Army's high-skill personnel. Army Reserve Soldiers have played a vital role in every American military and humanitarian mission of the past 100 years. Indeed, our present day military operations could not be successful without their expertise in combat, and within medical, transportation, civil affairs, engineers, and other units composed primarily of Reserve Soldiers.

At the bedrock of the Army Reserve is a mutually beneficial partnership with the American people. Citizens, Families and employers . our communities- come together to bear the burden of service and sacrifice. For many Americans, military service is thought of as an "over there" proposition, somehow removed from the daily rhythms of life. In truth, Army Reserve Soldiers are an integral part of nearly every community and profession in America.

Just as those first 160 physicians volunteered to meet the needs of 1908, today's Army Reserve Soldier is a skilled civilian who chooses to serve in times of conflict and need. It's a simple concept based upon patriotism and commitment to country that with the continued support of this nation, and especially our Families and employers, will ensure the Army Reserve is ready for the next 100 years.

# Eisenhower in Dachu



IT IS A matter of history that when Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces, **General Dwight Eisenhower, found the victims of the death camps, he ordered all possible photographs to be taken, and for the German people from surrounding villages to be ushered through the camps and even made to bury the dead.**

He did this because he said in words to this effect: 'Get it all on record now – get the films – get the witnesses . . . because somewhere down the track of history some (xxxxxxx) will get up and say that this never happened'. "All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."  
—Edmund Burke, In Memoriam

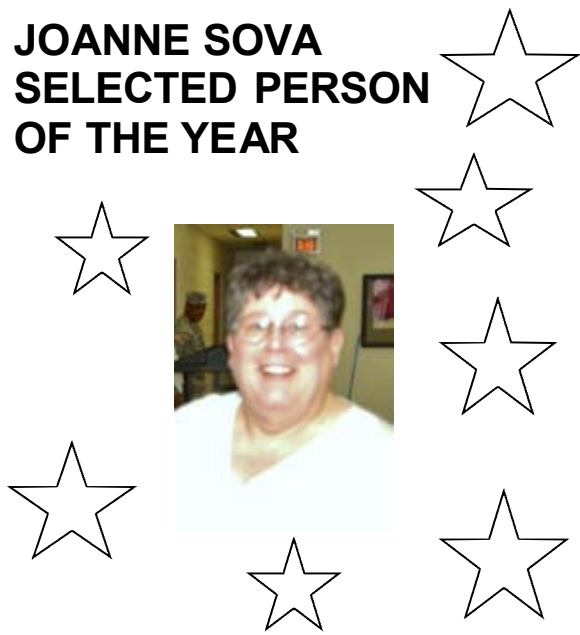
Recently, the University of Kentucky removed The Holocaust from its school curriculum because it 'offended' the Muslim population which claims it never occurred.

This action is a frightening portent of the fear that is gripping the world and how each country is giving in to it.

It is now more than 60 years after the Second World War in Europe ended.

The information was sent via E-mail as a memorial chain, in memory of the 6 million Jews, 20 million Russians, 10 million Christians and 1,900 Catholic priests who were murdered, massacred, raped, burned, starved and humiliated with the German and Russian peoples looking the other way!

## JOANNE SOVA SELECTED PERSON OF THE YEAR



Ms. Joanne Sova, Command Group Secretary, 416<sup>th</sup> TEC, has been selected as 416<sup>th</sup> ENCOM Association Person of the Year for 2008. Ms. Sova has been a staunch supporter of the Association having provided secretarial/administrative support that included membership data base maintenance, printing the membership directory, mailing of various Association newsletters and directories, and as a resource for 416<sup>th</sup> TEC activity information.



She has also been responsible for setting up and coordinating Association meetings, and in her position as Command Group Secretary, she provides professional interface between the 416<sup>th</sup> and 412<sup>th</sup> for numerous mutual functions.

Joanne is well recognized as a dedicated, enthusiastic, and resourceful team player that adds significant value to any project she undertakes.

Ms. Sova has been with the 416<sup>th</sup> since August, 1996 having come to the ENCOM from the 86<sup>th</sup> ARCOM. She began her career with the 86<sup>th</sup> and the Army Reserve program in 1980. She is the third recipient of the Person of the Year Award having followed LTC (R) Ted Winters in 2006, and BG (R) Jack Kotter in 2007. ***Congratulations Joanne!!!***

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## NEW LAW BENEFITS VETERAN ENTREPRENEUR

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WASHINGTON, / PRNewswire-USNewswire / ô The President signed into law legislation that will expand business opportunities for veterans and help reservists keep their businesses afloat during and after deployment. Senators John Kerry (D-Mass.) and Olympia J. Snowe (R-Maine), Chairman and Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, and Congressman Jason Altmire (D-Pa.) applauded their bill becoming law, the culmination of more than seven months of bipartisan efforts.

"For our country's 24 million veterans and 1.1 million reservists President Bush's signature on this hard fought piece of legislation is more than just ink on a piece of paper, it means they will have access to real tools to help them start or grow a small business," said Senator Kerry. "Our veterans who put their lives on the line for our national security deserve economic opportunity when they come home, and this bipartisan achievement is one small way we can repay them for their hard work and sacrifice."

"As alarming numbers of our Guard members and reservists continue to selflessly answer their nation's call to duty, we in Congress must similarly fulfill our responsibility to protect their livelihoods back home," said Senator Snowe. "The state of our economy underscores the need to quickly sign this bipartisan and bicameral legislation into law so that we can provide assistance to our nation's veterans' entrepreneurs."

"With this bill, we have reaffirmed our commitment to helping America's heroes successfully resume their lives at home," Altmire said. "Now it will be easier for reservists who are small business owners to attain loans that are vital to keeping their businesses afloat during their deployments. America's veterans will also have greater access to resources that can help them put their ingenuity to work and succeed as entrepreneurs. Honoring America's promise to support its veterans should always be our top priority and that is exactly what this new law will accomplish."

Senators Kerry and Snowe introduced the Military Reservist and Veteran Small Business Reauthorization and Opportunity Act (S. 1784) last year and the final version includes provisions from a companion House-passed bill sponsored by Congressman Altmire. The Senate bill was co-sponsored by Senator Joseph Lieberman (I/D-Conn.), Senator Chuck Hagel (R-Neb.), Senator Mary Landrieu (D-La.), Senator Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.), and Senator Jon Tester (D-Mont.).

### **Specifically, the legislation signed by the President will:**

- Increase the authorization of appropriations for the Small Business Administration's Office of Veteran Business Development.
- Create an Interagency Taskforce on Veteran Small Business to focus on increasing veterans' small business success, procurement and franchising opportunities, and access to capital.
- Make permanent the Advisory Committee on Veterans Business Affairs; Allow the SBA Administrator to offer loans up to \$50,000 without requiring collateral from a loan applicant.
- Improve the Military Reservist Economic Injury Disaster Loan program by providing a longer application deadline; creating a pre-deployment loan approval process; expanding outreach and technical assistance.
- Require a Government Accountability Office report on the needs of service-disabled veterans and a separate report on how to improve relations between employers and reservist employees.
- Create a loan participation program in which veterans can receive 7(a) loans while paying 50 percent of the fees.
- Require Veteran Business Outreach Centers to increase their participation in the Transition Assistance Program.
- Create a grant program to improve Small Business Development Centers' outreach to the veteran community
- Require the Office of Veterans Business Development to create and disseminate information aimed at informing women veterans about the resources available to them.

## RECENT UPDATES / CHANGES

*I thought the membership would be interested in 416th TEC command section updates. – ESSAYONS!*

Major General Michael Eyre is assigned as Director of Operations, Iraq Reconstruction Management Office, Baghdad, Iraq. Upon completion of this assignment He will be further assigned to HQ USACE upon completion his tour in Iraq.

Brigadier General Paul E. Crandall for appointment to the grade of major general and assignment as Commander (Troop Program Unit), 416th Engineer Command, Darien, Illinois. He is currently serving as Commander (Troop Program Unit), 420th Engineer Brigade, Bryan, Texas.

Colonel Joe E. Chesnut, Jr. for appointment to the grade of brigadier general and assignment as Deputy Commander (Troop Program Unit), 416th Engineer Command, Darien, Illinois. He is currently serving as Chief of Staff (Troop Program Unit), 412th Engineer Command, Vicksburg, Mississippi.

## ENCOM Association presents scholarship award

Once again the ENCOM Association has awarded its \$500 scholarship to a worthy Bronzeville Academy graduate. This year's recipient was Cadet Jaqshar Hartley who was also the class Valedictorian.

The ceremony was held at Hermann Hall on the campus of the Illinois Institute of Technology in the south Loop on June 9<sup>th</sup>. The award was presented to Cadet Hartley by the Association's president SGM (R) Dan Lopatowski.

The review committee included COL (R) Larry Czepiel, LTC (R) Richard Barajaz and SGM (R) Dan Lopatowski. The committee was left to choose between two candidates. During the interview process it was brought out that both students had experienced gang violence and, as a result had lost a close relative.

The committee was impressed with the accomplishments of Cadet Hartley, not only in the classroom but also outside the classroom. Jaqshar works about 20 hours a week at a local Wal-Mart and also finds time to do volunteer work in his community. In addition to his ENCOM scholarship Jaqshar was the recipient of 4 other scholarships which he plans to use at Purdue University while earning his engineering degree.

## **New Features of the Enhanced TRICARE Retiree Dental Program coming soon**

**L**AST FALL, DELTA DENTAL OF CALIFORNIA was selected by the Department of Defense to continue as administrator of the new TRICARE Retiree Dental Program (TRDP) contract through September 2013.

Under the new contract that begins on October 1, 2008, the TRDP will be an even better value than it is today, offering Uniformed Services retirees and their eligible family members exciting new features.

Some of the changes in store for enrollees in the new Enhanced TRDP beginning October 1 include an increase in the lifetime orthodontic maximum amount, from \$1,200 to \$1,500; one- and two-surface posterior composite resin fillings payable at 80 percent of the program allowed amount, with no waiting period; coverage for dental implant services after a 12-month waiting period\*, at 50 percent of the program allowed amount; and the addition of worldwide coverage for those who live overseas and enroll in the new Enhanced-Overseas Program.

Emergency services will be covered for Enhanced Program enrollees visiting overseas locations, and the contract year will also change, to run from October 1 through September 30.

Further details about the new TRDP will soon be made available. Once the new contract takes effect on October 1, all informational materials for the TRDP as well as the web site at [www.trdp.org](http://www.trdp.org) will reflect the new features of the Enhanced TRDP, including additional benefits and details about the Enhanced-Overseas Program for enrollees living outside the TRDP service area.

The online, self-service Consumer Toolkit® will in addition move to its new location at [www.fsconsumertoolkit.com](http://www.fsconsumertoolkit.com) so enrollees should be sure to bookmark this new address for quick access to all their future TRDP needs.

*\* Available immediately upon new contract effective date for continuing Enhanced TRDP enrollees who will have satisfied the 12-month waiting period by Oct. 1.*



Our Association is planning to conduct our year 2009 reunion at the Armed Forces Recreation Center, the Hale Koa (Hal...lee Ko..a) or òHouse of the Warriorò as this Hawaiian name translates. Please join us!



**Bob and Janice Fisher TRIP PLANNERS**

Most rooms have private lanais, which offer tropical views of the Koòolau Mountains or the beautiful Waikiki Beach. There are a variety of restaurants and lounges with a diverse cuisine, atmosphere, and entertainment. Daily activities such as touring Pearl Harbor, Submarine tours, traditional Luau, Polynesian Revueò (something for sore eyes!) and many more activities are available. There is an Activities Desk available at the Hale Kos lobby for your convenience. Public transportation is great and can be reached in front of the hotel. You may visit their website at [www.halekoa.com](http://www.halekoa.com)

Our Association will make plans based on member interest. Late September, 2009 is the target date. *Please let us hear from you.*



**CSM [R] William Lake and Lana Lake**

**READY FOR HAWAII!**



## Retirement Planner



### Special Extra Earnings for Military Service

Since 1957, if you had military service earnings for active duty (including active duty for training), you paid Social Security taxes on those earnings. Since 1988, inactive duty service in the Armed Forces reserves (such as weekend drills) has also been covered by Social Security.

Under certain circumstances, special extra earnings for your military service from 1957 through 2001 can be credited to your record for Social Security purposes. These extra earnings credits may help you qualify for Social Security or increase the amount of your Social Security benefit.

Special extra earnings credits are granted for periods of active duty or active duty for training. Special extra earnings credits are **not** granted for inactive duty training.

If your active military service occurred

- **From 1957 through 1967**, we will add the extra credits to your record when you apply for Social Security benefits.
- **From 1968 through 2001**, you do not need to do anything to receive these extra credits. The credits were automatically added to your record.
- **After 2001**, there are no special extra earnings credits for military service.

### How You Get Credit For Special Extra Earnings

The information that follows applies **only** to active duty military service earnings from 1957 through 2001. Here's how the special **extra** earnings are credited on your record:

#### Service in 1957 Through 1977

You are credited with \$300 in additional earnings for each calendar quarter in which you received active duty basic pay.

#### Service in 1978 through 2001

For every \$300 in active duty basic pay, you are credited with an additional \$100 in earnings up to a maximum of \$1,200 a year. If you enlisted after September 7, 1980, and didn't complete at least 24 months of active duty or your full tour, you may not be able to receive the additional earnings. Check with Social Security for details.

<http://www.ssa.gov/retire2military.htm>



**416th ENCOM ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL DINNER MEETING**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2008**

**Sodexo Marriott/Argonne Guest House  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Bldg #460  
Argonne, IL (inside Argonne National Lab)**

**Speaker: MAJ James DeLapp**  
Former S3 and XO, 864th En Bn in Afghanistan  
Current Congressional Fellow  
*Construction Operations Supporting the  
Counterinsurgency Fight in Afghanistan*

**Schedule:**

6:00pm Cash Bar Reception  
7:15pm Engineer Punch Ceremony & Fallen Comrades Recognition  
7:30pm Buffet Dinner  
8:30pm Annual Meeting & Speaker

**Cost: \$40 per Person**  
**Dress: Business Casual**  
**RSVP to Larry Czepiel by September 24**  
Phone: 630-910-6442 or 815-836-8082  
Email: [ljcz@msn.com](mailto:ljcz@msn.com)

We must provide a firm number to the Hotel  
and

**Name must be provided to security gate at Argonne National Lab entry**

**Mail checks to:**  
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## Desert Shield/Desert Storm Reunion

Initial planning for a Desert Shield/Desert Storm (DS/DS) deployment reunion in the spring of 2010 has been started. While final plans have not been completed, it looks like the reunion will be held at a hotel in the Oak Brook, Illinois area. The planned schedule of events will include a reception on Friday evening, dinner on Saturday evening, and an informal breakfast on Sunday. During the day on Saturday there will be several informal events to include shopping trip to Oak Brook Center, golf, tour of downtown Chicago, etc.

Presently the planning committee includes Dan Lopatowski, Jack Kotter, and Bill Hawes. Anyone interested in helping with this event should contact any of the people referenced above. While we are looking for additional people to work on the committee, any ideas would also be very welcome. As plans are firmed up, they will be posted on our web site (<http://www.encomassociation.info/>).

Over the almost 18 years since the redeployment, many people have moved and we have lost contact with them. We are presently working on obtaining current contact information for these lost individuals. We have the original deployment orders for both the Headquarter and the Facility Engineer Detachments to help with this project. We are also interested in developing a list of other individuals that had a close relationship with the 416th ENCOM during its deployment for DS/DS to invite them to the reunion.

## CHADD'S FORD Annual Northeast Reunion 416th ENCOM Association

Attendees enjoyed the history rich area of Chadd's Ford, PA. Quarters were at the Mendenhall Inn.

Events included

- Hagley Museum (E.I. du Pont's gunpowder works)  
[www.hagley.org](http://www.hagley.org)
- Brandywine Battlefield Tour
- Longwood Gardens
- Loch Nairn Golf Course

Dinner with guest speaker Pat Reynolds, Historical Cartoonist

Although it was only a weekend, we were still able to enjoy many of the activities.

Saturday morning, we could opt for Golf or go to the Hagley Museum.

In the afternoon, we were treated to an informative narration of the battle of Brandywine, followed by a visit to the battlefield with a tour of the headquarters home.

The high point of the evening was dinner with Pat Reynolds as our quest speaker.

Sunday morning included a visit to Longwood Gardens

[www.longwoodgardens.org](http://www.longwoodgardens.org)

## Treasurer's Report

(Submitted by Col. (retired) William Hawes)

Opening Balance (Dec. 31, 2007) .....	\$4,871.51
Income	
7 Life Memberships.....	\$ 700.00
9-Bi-Annual Memberships.....	\$ 90.00
Shirt Sales.....	\$ 20.00
'07 Annual Meeting Net Profit .....	\$ 75.46
'08 East Coast Meeting Net Profit .....	\$ 37.17
Expenses	
Postage .....	\$ -8.66
'08 Scholarship .....	\$ -500.00
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Closing Balance (Aug. 31, 2008) .....	\$5,285.28

# Dress **Greens** Out, Dress **Blues** in for Army

Stars and Stripes | Lisa Burgess | August 22, 2008



ARLINGTON, Va. -- It's official: The Army's blue Class A uniform will become the single approved Army Service Uniform, triumphing over the less popular dress greens and rarely seen mess-dress whites.

The decision was announced Wednesday in an all-Army message from Chief of Staff Gen. George Casey and Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth Preston.

The greens and whites are being phased out over the next six years, with the Army mandating dress blues as the exclusive Class A uniform by 2014.

The Army began looking at the issue of consolidating its three existing dress uniforms into a single version two years ago, after Gen. Peter Schoomaker, then Army chief of staff, said he wanted to streamline the number of uniforms soldiers purchase and maintain throughout their career.

The dress blue uniform, which features a dark blue jacket and light-blue pants, has roots in U.S. Army uniforms that date back to the Revolutionary War, and is usually worn during ceremonies and formal occasions.

In contrast, dress greens date only to the 1950s, and are the Army equivalent of a civilian business suit.

Dress greens have never been popular with soldiers. Many criticize what they say is an un-military, suit-like appearance and a thick, all-polyester fabric that is sturdy but has an unflattering, stiff drape.

The tropic-weight dress white uniform, meanwhile, is so rarely worn that a soldier can easily spend an entire Army career without seeing it. It is passing into history largely unnoticed.

But the green-versus-blue debate has been lively and loud in Army circles, and service leaders took input from "hundreds of thousands of soldiers" before deciding to nix the dress greens and revise the wear of the dress blues, according to the message.

The result of the input is a new version of the dress blues that will be available in stores in winter 2009, the message said.

The new dress blues sport "a more tailored, athletic cut," and will be made from a heavier, more wrinkle-resistant fabric made of 55 percent wool and 45 percent polyester. There also will be heavier, more wrinkle-resistant short- and long-sleeve white shirts.

The Army decided not to adopt the gray shirt it had been considering.

New recruits will begin receiving dress blues, instead of dress greens, in their initial basic clothing issue beginning in 2010.

For the rest of the force, the Army will adjust clothing allowance stipends for enlisted troops to fund the purchase of dress blues, which previously have been an optional-wear item, purchased out of pocket.

Officers, meanwhile, will no longer be required to own and maintain both blue and green Class A uniforms.

Dress blues will now be worn differently than in the past. The Army will authorize combat service identification badges on the blue jacket, as well as overseas bars on the jacket sleeves of both officers and enlisted soldiers.

Enlisted troops can wear their unit insignia on the shoulder loops of the blue coat. Paratroopers, meanwhile, can wear black jump boots with the blue uniform.

Blousing ó the practice of tucking pants into boot tops ó will be permitted for soldiers who wear green (Special Forces), tan (Ranger) or maroon (Airborne) berets, soldiers assigned to air assault coded positions and military police on duty.

The Army on Monday, August 25 will launch a Web site, [www.army.mil/asu](http://www.army.mil/asu) with more details of the uniform and its wear, spokesman Lt. Col. Lee Packnett said.

—reprinted from the *Military.com* web site