

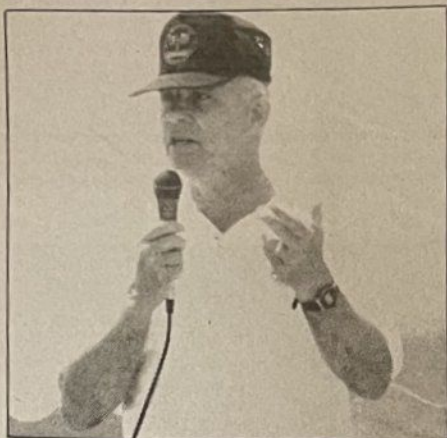
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Col. Robert A. Frizzo

Defense secretary

On Memorial Day we gather across the length and breadth of our great county and around the world to commemorate those Americans who have died in service to their country. It is a time to remember that freedom and the way of life it affords do not come without sacrifice.

Since the dawn of our nation, many from our ranks have made the ultimate sacrifice to defend our birth right. The echo of taps this Memorial Day reminds us that we enjoy freedom and opportunity today because of what they did in the past. We owe it to them not to let the memory of their deeds fade. They have set an example of courage and patriotism for all of us.

I join all Americans in thanking you for your service to America and in commemorating those who have given their lives for our nation.

Les Aspin
Secretary of Defense

Special ceremony

A Memorial Day service will be held at the Fort Sheridan cemetery at 1 p.m. on Monday. The public is invited.

Highland Park American Legion post 145 (Highland Park) will provide a color guard and firing squad. Highland Park Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Chapter 4737 will provide a color guard and a bugler.

With the inactivation of Fort Sheridan, responsibility for the cemetery transfers to Fort McCoy, Wisconsin.

Final farewell

(ON THE COVER) On Monday, the garrison flag will be lowered for the final time at Fort Sheridan as an active duty installation. The fort is officially inactivated on June 1. Soldiers remaining will be connected to the 86th Army Reserve Command or tenant units. The new name for the installation will be the Gen. Philip H. Sheridan Reserve Center.

Farewell letter

As the flag lowers for the last time and Fort Sheridan parts from the rolls of Active Army Posts, we can pause and reflect with pride on the accomplishments of the past. Through 106 years of rich history, Fort Sheridan has proudly served this nation and the midwest community.

From the first arrival of troops in November 1887, to the present, many of the very finest warriors in the world have passed through our gates. Magnificent soldiers and civilians, past and present, have been the life blood of the post, serving flawlessly in war and peace. During more peaceful times, Garrison soldiers and civilians continued to train thousands of active and reserve soldiers for the next conflict. Throughout its history the post has always offered a warm caring environment for the tens of thousands of families who have lived here.

The last few years have been as active, as exciting, and as challenging as any in our history. From the successful rebuilding of a quality Army by the United States Recruiting Command in the 1980s to the no nonsense, intense, high quality mobilization of units for Desert Storm, the Garrison personnel have met every challenge.

Today, I wish to express my deepest appreciation to the professional workforce for their total, unwavering support, and to the local communities who have opened their hearts to our soldiers. I take this opportunity to thank Lake County citizens for their generosity and hospitality.

Although the post will soon stand silent and the residents of Highwood, Highland Park and Lake Forest will no longer hear the chants of soldiers in the morning, hear the reveille gun nor witness the beauty of the peaceful lowering of the colors at retreat, we hope they will remember that Fort Sheridan is a place where great Americans lived and worked in service to this nation.

As the 78th and final Commander, I bid farewell to Fort Sheridan knowing that the post has served proudly. A small part of each of us who have served here will forever remain part of the history of this glorious post.

"May we always meet again in peace"

Robert A. Frizzo
Post Commander

It's finally here

By JOHN FRIZZO
Tower Staff Writer

Just in case you're just passing through or picking this up days, months, or years later, we'd like to tell you that Fort Sheridan is closing.

Today. Not yesterday, not tomorrow, not next year. After having been on the Department of Defense's base closure list since December of 1988, Fort Sheridan will cease to exist as an active-duty installation effective today.

The date is May 28, 1993.

The United States Recruiting Command (USAREC) called Fort Sheridan its home for years. It's ... gone.

Fourth U.S. Army, the command responsible for seven states' worth of reserve troops, was chosen to be inactivated as part of the military budget cuts due to the end of the Cold War. It left in September of 1990.

Obviously, over the years many different units have called Fort Sheridan home. What's different now is that units have been leaving for some time, but are not being replaced anymore.

Units have come and gone throughout the 106 years Fort Sheridan has called Lake Michigan home. The former Camp Highwood has seen thousands of soldiers, some staying for years and decades, others passing through in the night after serving the country in a war in a foreign land.

A field hospital was situated on the parade field during World War I. Women's Army Auxiliary Corps and Women's Army Corps units resided on Fort Sheridan during World War II. They too are gone, never to return.

Also during World War II, Fort Sheridan saw its first arrival of black units, and WAAC company. Unlike other units, they have returned, only in different forms. As a sign of the eras in which Fort Sheridan was established in and in which we find ourselves now, those black females, male and female, are no longer separated from other troops.

In 1993, everybody in the U.S. Army has a place. Black, Caucasian, Asian and many others

do their jobs and do them well.

Fort Sheridan was founded, in part, to provide a military presence in the Chicagoland area during the period of labor unrest in the late 1800s. That's how it started, but not how it ended.

Sporadically since World War II, there has been talk in the higher circles of government of eliminating Fort Sheridan from the rolls of U.S. Army installations.

But still, over the years, "Fort Shakey-by-the-Lake" wouldn't sit on the bench.

Fort Sheridan has on several different closure lists in the last several decades, but always managed to survive. Local residents, many with military or civilian ties to the post, rallied to save the symbol of the American military, because, to them, it was worth saving.

The water tower on tower row is a local landmark, visible for miles above the forested shores of Lake Michigan. The tower is visible from buildings in downtown Chicago, as is Chicago's skyline from the top of the tower.

Despite the closure, much of the post will still be used by the military. Great Lakes Naval Training Center will assume ownership of 329 sets of quarters on post, and there will be two reserve enclaves encompassing 104 acres of the former post.

The historic district, designed by the architectural firm Holabird and Roche, isn't going anywhere. They are protected by federal law, and even after being disposed of, the new owner(s) must maintain the buildings in their current state.

So despite the "inactivation," Fort Sheridan will still survive. The post has only been here 106 years, which isn't all that much in the larger scheme of history. But in this era of rapidly changing world affairs, it's not insignificant.

We should've figured that this ship couldn't be sunk; this old horse put out to pasture. Pick your cliché, but the result's the same.

Fort Sheridan won't be the official name, but the old fort will still be here. Just make sure you come and visit sometime.

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Inactivation ceremony 10 a.m. today

By JOHN FRIZZO
Tower Staff Writer

The ceremony saluting the inactivation of Fort Sheridan will commence next to the flagpole at 10 a.m. today.

Fort Sheridan has been on the closure list since December 1988, and has seen functions transfer to different Army posts around the country.

Fort McCoy, Wis., Fort Knox, Ky., Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind., have all taken over duties formerly

accomplished by units stationed at Fort Sheridan.

In addition, Fort Leavenworth, Kan., and Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., will handle legal services and survivor assistance services, respectively.

At the ceremony, Forces Command commander Gen. Dennis J. Reimer is scheduled to be the guest speaker. Including invited dignitaries and the general public, attendance estimates are reaching 3,000 or more.

For Col. Robert Frizzo, post commander, Lt. Col. Harold Fritz, public affairs

officer, and Command Sgt. Maj. Roland Thibeault, post command sergeant major, Fort Sheridan are their last assignment.

They are retiring after a collective 84 years of service.

Great Lakes Naval Training Center will assume control of 329 housing units on Fort Sheridan, scheduled for Oct. 1.

A 90-acre reserve center (the 86th U.S. Army Reserve Command) has already started to dispose of buildings within the site on the south end of post and a 14-acre reserve center (the 425th

Transportation Brigade calls it home) will remain after the post closes.

Some units will continue to use buildings on Fort Sheridan until their buildings on the center are ready. Both reserve centers are scheduled to have their own gates.

Currently, the Department of Defense is trying to dispose of the remaining land, with the primary emphasis on the disposal of the historic district. The historic district is protected under federal law and must be maintained at its current level.

Until the land is sold, Fort McCoy's caretaker force is responsible for servicing the historic district. In addition, the caretaker are responsible for mowing grass, providing water service and providing fire protection.

Military Police assigned to the Fort McCoy Provost Marshal Office will have security duty until the Navy takes over.

(In case of rain, the ceremony will be inside the post gymnasium, Bldg. 62, at 10 a.m.)

Photos and Survey by Sgt. Eugenia Millender and Staff Sgt. C.S. Allbright
Responses taken randomly at various locations

'Whadd'ya Think?' Tower asks, people answer

Question: "What are you going to remember most about Fort Sheridan?"



John Murphy
Bolter plant

"I'll miss going to the PX."



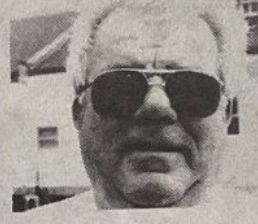
Staff Sgt. Barry Pifer,
Headquarters Commandant

"The people and the fishing."



Tony Kalinowski
Weapons maintenance

"The work that I do."



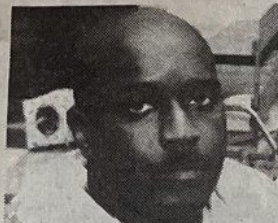
Floyd Whitney,
85th Division

"I am going to remember how pretty it was."



Clara Turner
Finance

"The wonderful people I met here over 26 years."



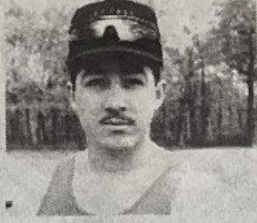
Sgt. Roger Chambliss,
Post Gym

"I am going to remember all the friends I made here."



Spc. Delisa Washington
Headquarters Commandant

"The friendliness of the Fort Sheridan people."



Spc. Daniel Rodriguez
Provost Marshal Office

"The post softball team, because we kicked butt."



Elgsburn Blackman
Bolter plant

"I'll miss the horse - it reminds me of the old days."



Frank Meisner,
Directorate of
Logistics-Maintenance

"The beautiful historical land site and the Fort Sheridan family."



Carol Ugolini,
Civilian Personnel Office

"I'm going to remember the people, the flag, the sound of 'Taps' and 'Retreat.'"



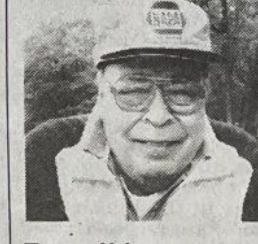
Jim Neihsen
Tower club manager

"The enjoyable nights working at the club, and the patrons."



Lenore Bernardi,
Civilian Personnel Office

"The family like atmosphere between the civilians and military."



Thomas Velaquez
Maintenance

"The induction in 1942. It's a beautiful place, I hate to see it go."



Spc. Darnetia Bratton,
Headquarters Commandant

"I am going to remember my friend (Spc. James) Geiger. Nothing less and nothing more."

VA to drop Fort Sheridan cemetery plan

CHICAGO - The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced it will review two alternate sites for new northeast Illinois national cemetery following notification from the Defense Department that VA's offer for land at the Fort Sheridan Army post was too low.

VA Secretary Jesse Brown was informed that a VA bid of \$6.945 million for 162 acres was considered too far under the appraised fair market value of \$37 million for negotiations to continue.

Brown said, "I am reiterating VA's commitment to construct a new national cemetery for the more than one million veterans of this region. We are immediately reviewing two sites from the original environmental impact process and we will expedite the selection decision."

"America's veterans have earned access to an honored resting place."

Following a Congressional directive to identify 10 regions in the U.S. with the greatest need for new national cemeteries, VA had earlier chosen the Fort Sheridan land from among three final sites near Chicago. A 270-acre site at Grant Park in Kankakee County, eight miles from the Manteno Veterans Home, and a 200-acre parcel at Cissna Park in Iroquois County were the other finalists.

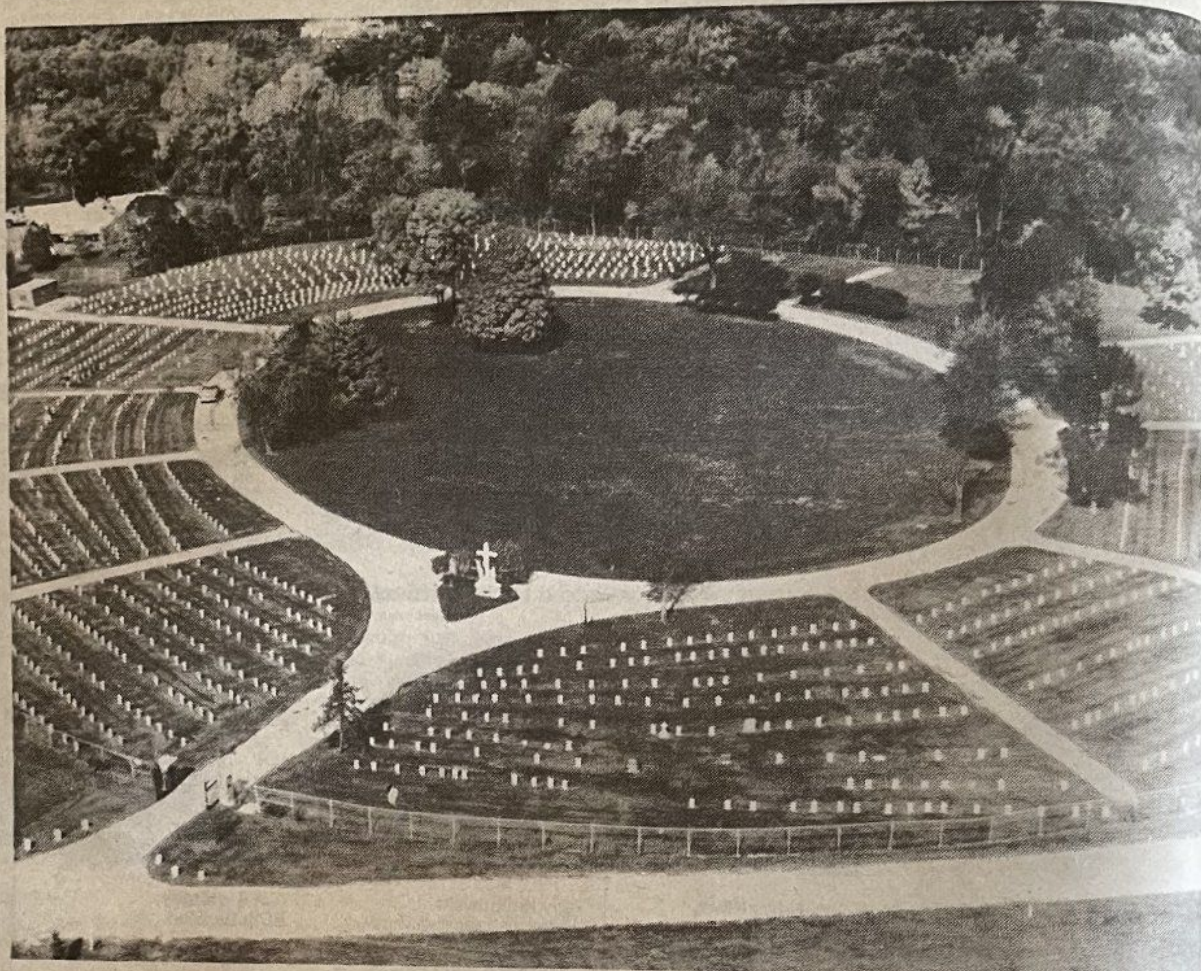
VA's original plans involving Fort Sheridan were influenced by planned closure of the historic base and its proximity to metropolitan Chicago.

The Defense Department letter to Brown reiterated the need to receive market value for the land and that local governments and commercial parties had expressed interest.

"In view of the great disparity between your offer and the appraised fair market of the Fort Sheridan property, it does not make sense to begin negotiations all over again," the letter said.

Brown said, "America's veterans have earned access to an honored resting place. I am taking steps to ensure there is no further delay in establishing this vitally needed national cemetery." VA operates 114 burial sites in the National Cemetery System, however only 59 have available grave space. VA is developing new cemeteries in several other regions of the country.

(Department of Veterans Affairs release.)



The Veterans Administration has dropped plans for a national cemetery at Fort Sheridan.

Joe Sedik

Decision disappoints local veterans

By STAFF SGT. C.S. ALLBRIGHT
Editor

Many local veterans have reacted with disappointment to the news that the Veterans Administration is not going to pursue a national cemetery at Fort Sheridan.

"I think it's terrible. I can't believe that our government would not let us have a national cemetery at Fort Sheridan," said Tom Fitzgerald, chairman of the Veterans/Community Coalition for Fort Sheridan National Cemetery.

"It doesn't make too much sense to me, because we've got 800,000 veterans in the eastern quadrant of Illinois - where the majority of veterans in the Illinois are located," Fitzgerald said.

According to Fitzgerald, he's talked to many veterans who he says are "totally disgusted with this."

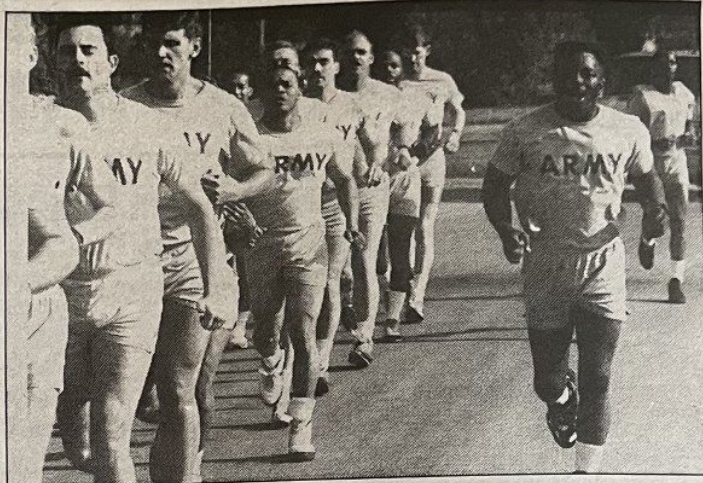
"The attitude that some of the members see is that it was fine when the country



Flowers adorn a fresh grave at the cemetery.

John Prizmo

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Headquarters Commandant soldiers took to the streets at Great Lakes Naval Training Center on May 19. The soldiers carried with them a plaque won during the annual Army-Navy football game between the bases. Col. Robert Frizzo, post commander, presented the rotating award back to the Navy. Frizzo said, "What you could not win in the battle of the playing field, we freely give you now to care for and cherish for all of eternity."

Above left: Sgt. Kevin James, from the Provost Marshal Office, pulls the 75mm Howitzer cannon string while visiting Great Lakes.

Above right: Staff Sgt. David Roberts leads and motivates Headquarters Commandant soldiers by singing loud and clear cadence during the visit to Great Lakes.

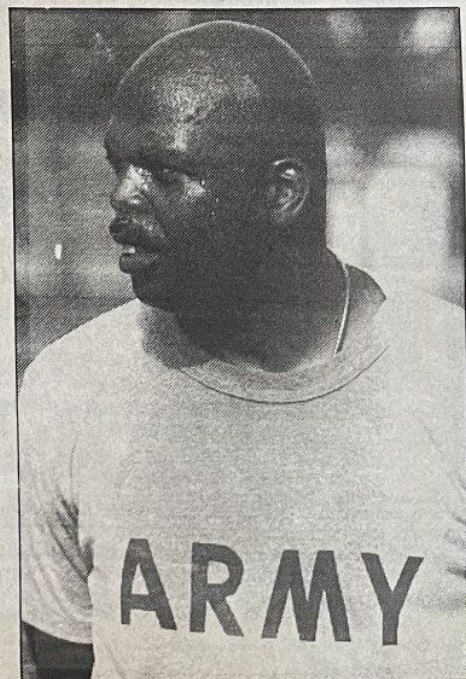
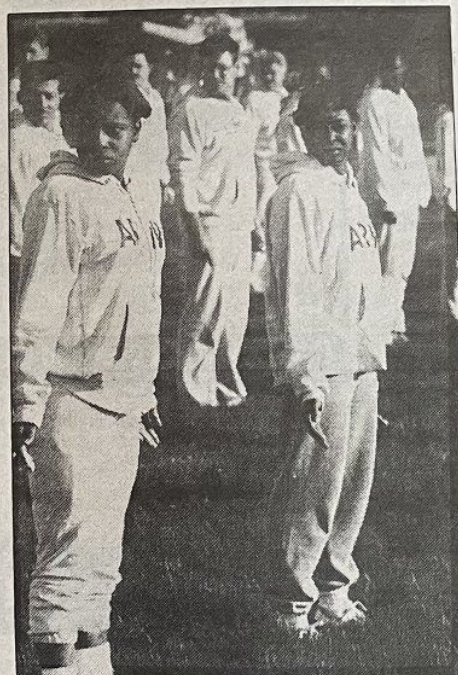
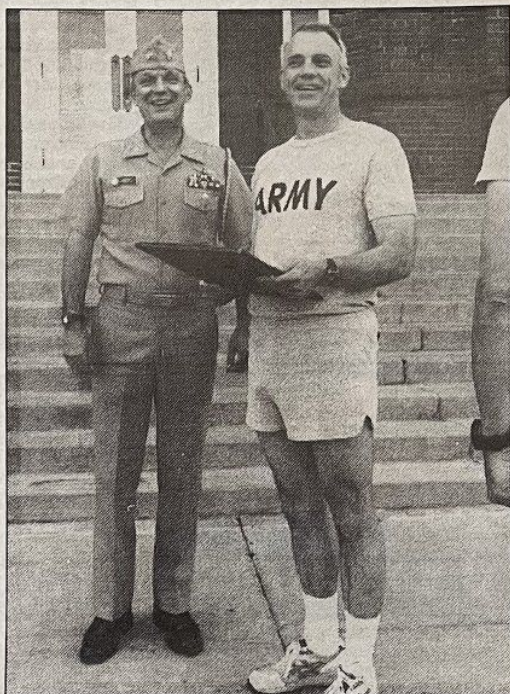
Center: During the visit to Great Lakes, Col. Robert Frizzo, Fort Sheridan commander, presented Capt. John Sandknop with the Army-Navy football plaque.

Far right: Spc. Darnetta Bratton and Spc. Melissa Perry warm-up properly prior to running.

Below: Headquarters Commandant's 1st. Sgt. Atanacio Manibusan executes his warm-up exercises during physical training at Great Lakes.

Below right: Sgt. Cliff Brown pauses after the rigorous run at Great Lakes.

photos by Staff Sgt. C.S. Allbright



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needed us, but when they're done with us -- in so many words -- now we can go to hell," Fitzgerald said.

Many veterans see the fort as ideally located to Chicago, Northern Indiana, and Southern Wisconsin. The post is close enough by public transportation so that next-of-kin could have access to the area, several veterans noted.

The closest veterans cemetery is at Wood, Wis., but it is not accepting any new requests for burials. The cemetery at Rock Island is also close to capacity.

The existing Fort Sheridan cemetery is no longer accepting new requests for burials, although family members of those already interred are being buried on top of their loved ones.

Lifetime Lake Forest resident and Korean War veteran Larry Crone said that the \$37 million is probably fair market value for the property, but that something could be worked out between the government agencies.

He noted that deals are being worked out even now. There's a proposed swap between the Pentagon and a private organization. In that deal, the private company would give the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., about 8 acres of land in exchange for the entire Fort Sheridan historic district.

"The attitude that some of the members see is that it was fine when the country needed us, but when they're done with us -- in so many words -- now we can go to hell."

"I'm very disappointed. I've sat on Congressman Porter's commission, and at the last meeting he said we would have our cemetery," Crone said.

Crone plans to be buried near his parents in Lake Forest, but feels strongly that a national cemetery at the historic Fort Sheridan would serve as a national shrine to all veterans.

"We feel that, as a veteran, when we went into the service we were guaranteed a space in a government cemetery if we so desired," Crone said.

Alternate sites are being looked at in downstate Illinois, but veterans note that the area is inaccessible to public transportation, and at least one area near Kankakee

is "virtual swamp land."

"There's no comparison to the number of veterans in that area compared to what we have in this area," Crone said. Local concerns include increased traffic and run-off from fluids into the aquifers and ultimately into the drinking water.

Traffic

"There'd be more traffic if the land was given to the Lake County Forest Preserve," Crone said. He also noted that their bid is about \$10 million, and the coming up with the balance would probably cost the taxpayers money.

Environment was another issue. Some in the communities surround the post have expressed concern that a large cemetery would pollute the water supply.

Crone said that at a recent Lake Forest city council meeting, it was said the city has not had any environmental problems with its own cemetery, which is well over a century old.

"No caskets have dropped out of the Lake Forest cemetery, and that's right on the bluff," said World War II veteran Anton Axotis.

Veteran Charles Cutrano said he hoped to be buried in the Fort Sheridan cemetery. Cutrano made local headlines in 1992 when he designed a poster honoring those killed in Operations Desert Shield and Storm and sent it to the families of the fallen service members. He's received praise from former President George Bush, and many letters of appreciation from the families.

"Like thousands of other veterans, I was hoping to be at Fort Sheridan. Many years ago the land was given to the government, so why do we have to start bidding it away for money?"

Axotis, echoed that sentiment. "My preference would be a military cemetery because my father was in World War I, and I went into service during World War II. I've been around veterans all of my life."

Axotis works for the Lake County Veterans Services Office, which is part of the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs.

"If we did have a national cemetery, then Fort Sheridan wouldn't be completely gone. A cemetery would be an everlasting memorial to Fort Sheridan and the soldiers who passed through the post to and from war."

Cutrano and others are planning a grass roots effort to fight the decision.

"We're not done, we're still going to be shooting for a cemetery at Fort Sheridan regardless of what the politicians are saying," Crone said.

PMO leaves, but MPs stay behind

By JOHN FRIZZO
Tower Staff Writer

Fort Sheridan, sitting on the banks of Lake Michigan 106 years, is finally closed today as active-duty military police leave the post. What's strange, however, is that there are 10 military police staying behind to protect federal property.

Two cellular phones and two phone numbers will connect military police patrols with residents of the Navy housing areas and workers in various buildings still being used.

"We're going to stay in Bldg. 475 (the old Arts and Crafts building)," said Staff Sgt. Harold Weyhenmeyer, a non-commissioned officer in charge of the military police rear detachment. The 86th ACRCOM is in there now, and they're going to allow us to share the building with them. That's where the administrative staff is going to be."

Weyhenmeyer and one other NCO will take care of paperwork while working a day shift, 11 others will take turns manning two-man, eight-hour shifts.

"There's still a mission to be accomplished here," Cpl. Todd McDonald said. "Our duties will remain the same except for the absence of main gate duties."

The main gate will be closed permanently, according to Weyhenmeyer.

"The only reason we were on the front gate was to salute blue stickers," McDonald said. "I never saw the necessity for a main gate guard because it's an open post."

The Provost Marshal Office at Fort McCoy, Wis., is planning to install a gate south of the 425th Transportation Brigade's reserve center on the north end of post.

"I am putting in a work order to have the 425th

Transportation Brigade fenced in and turn the gate over to them," said Greg Marczewski, administration officer, Fort McCoy Provost Marshal Office.

The proposed gate would deny access to Fort Sheridan through the north gate.

"The only gate that will be open 24 hours a day is the truck gate," Weyhenmeyer said. "Trucks have to be able to deliver goods to the commissary, and that's a straight shot to the commissary."

"Fort McCoy wants the south gate locked all the time. However, they're letting us decide. Over the next several weeks, we'll monitor traffic flow through the gate and make a decision."

Weyhenmeyer said he expects to open the south gate during morning and afternoon hours to accommodate traffic traveling to and from work, and close the gate the remainder of the day. The pedestrian gate will be closed at night, he said.

Each squad car will carry a cellular phone, which callers will reach directly. Arrangements for a dispatching system are being considered, but until then 975-4923 and 975-4924 will reach the patrol cars.

If callers use those numbers and are unable to reach the cars, Weyhenmeyer said, they should call the fire department at 433-1717 and the fire fighters can reach the patrol cars with handheld radios.

"It'll be a little more convenient, on the bright side, because we'll be able to respond to emergencies faster," Spc. Stephen Jones said. "However, we'll be limited as far as adequate resources being available."

"We won't have someone at the station to access information for us, such as maps of the post."

The MP staff will do the



John Frizzo

During a shift at the front gate, Spc. Scott Irwin provides directions and information to post visitors. The front gate will no longer be open after post closure.

initial processing of cases at Fort Sheridan, then fax the reports to Fort McCoy, where they will be finalized. Weyhenmeyer said routine reports will be sent to Fort McCoy weekly in the mail.

Local police departments are available for assistance if the need arises. Now, local governments have concurrent jurisdiction on Fort Sheridan, whereas in the past only federal police were allowed to pursue cases.

"With the cellular phone -- the response time should be just as quick," Spc. Jeff Whitlock said. "It'll be a little awkward at first, but we'll get used to it. Plus, we can get help from Highland, Highland Park and Lake Forest if we really need it. The only difference is at the end of the day we will fax the reports to McCoy. We all know how to write the reports."

A meeting is scheduled for June 4 between Weyhenmeyer and the local police chiefs to determine the policies under which help is rendered.

One of the current preliminary plans is for Highland Park to hold a July 4 celebration on Fort Sheridan, as has been done in the past with the help of Fort Sheridan personnel. However, Highland Park would have to provide all the services formerly provided by Fort Sheridan as there won't be enough bodies remaining behind to fill the post. "We could be expected with the absence of many of the post's former workers, there won't be quite as much traffic or people on the fort."

The commissary is scheduled to remain open until August 1994, but the post exchange closed Wednesday. Only two active-duty units

remain, the Readiness Group and Chicago Recruiting Battalion. The golf course, for the time being, will not be operated. Generally, not many functions will remain.

The only sources of traffic and people worth noting are the housing areas and the

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Cpl. Todd McDonald, Provost Marshal Office

reserve center, which will create a significant traffic increase on weekends.

"Just with the Navy picking up the housing areas, there'll be enough activity on post," Whitlock said. "The commissary will still be open and there'll still be some activities open."

Currently, the Military Police provide escorts for the commissary and post exchange to deposit money locally. After closure, that duty will remain only for the Weyhenmeyer said they will uphold the current Fort

Sheridan regulations, including those for parking, minors' curfew, and beach access.

There is a curfew for minors 16 and under unless accompanied by a person 21 years of age or older. The curfew is 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. Sunday through Thursday and 12 to 6 a.m. Friday, Sunday and evenings before holidays.

Nobody, including civilian and military, are allowed to go on the beach, and Weyhenmeyer said that will hold true after closing.

"The beaches are closed. They're off limits and are going to remain that way. The main thing will be all the families in the housing area. I could see the housing area getting completely filled eventually," Weyhenmeyer said. "The main issue is to make sure the families are protected and they get whatever support we can provide."

"We will not be able to provide the same services, though."

Great Lakes Naval Training Center is scheduled to take over security duties on Oct. 1, but Fort McCoy has that responsibility effective Tuesday.

"We're going to uphold the law," McDonald said. "I don't think with all the people being gone and the post not being as active as it has in the past, as many violations will be issued."

"Our overall mission won't just slow down considerably."

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11 p.m. - 6 a.m.	Sunday through Thursday
12 a.m. - 6 a.m.	Friday and Saturday
12 a.m. - 6 a.m.	Evening before holiday



John Frizzo

Cpl. Todd McDonald is one of the group of military police that is staying behind to protect government property on post.

Many earn 'Chip' for excellent service

By STAFF SGT. C.S. ALLBRIGHT

Editor

From the 82nd Airborne Choir to Capt. David Zinck, the Fort Sheridan command group has given out about 714 "Blue Chip" awards since the inception of the program in December 1991.

The commander's program started to give special, on-the-spot recognition to those in the command who showed exceptional service and went above-the-call to be more helpful or more friendly as they went about their day-to-day duties.

The "Blue Chip" is actually similar to a brigade coin in other commands. It's about the size of a half-dollar, and bears the image of the historic tower on its face, and an inscription on the reverse side that states "For excellence in customer service."

The coin was designed by its first recipient, Dan Doherty - a graphics artist with the Training Support Center.

"Col. (Robert) Frizzo had the idea of the peple and the tower. I liked the idea for the people because this is for people - that's the bottom line."

Doherty who has two chips on his mantle at home. The designer worked at the fort for 26 years, and was raised outside the south gate.

"The goal was to have a simple, instantaneous way of recognizing the workforce for their hard work," said Col. Robert A. Frizzo, post commander.

He said the goal was to maintain and enhance the morale of the workforce without having to fill out extensive paperwork and burden people in already under-staffed offices.

"It was instant feedback," Frizzo said.

Many who received the coin said it was a good program.

Pfc. Brian May recorded receiving the most "Chips" of anyone at six coins. The 20-year-old infantry soldier was a member of the Honors Detachment for nearly a year. After the detachment dissolved in 1992, he was moved to the motor pool as a bus driver, and then to the post gymnasium.

"It's not bad to think that a private first class got the most of anyone, so that means a lot to me," May said. "It's a good idea for people to get an award every now and then."

Ironically, he said, during his Honors Detachment days marching in parades and performing honors for military funerals, he said he was little noticed.

"It wasn't until I started driving a bus that I started getting them," he said. "I would've have rather gotten one for the 250-plus funerals we were at than driving the band to a concert in Chicago."

He said the duties at the burials touched him, and many family members would express their appreciation to the young soldiers for the respect they gave the fallen loved one.

"Seeing all of those funerals really was tough for an 18-year-old," May said.

He will leave the military in July, and take an academic scholarship to Ohio State University to pursue a career in archeology.

Blue Chip recipient Thaddeus Wakefield said "I think it's good for both military and civilian people to give them a stroke. It lets them know others appreciate what they're doing," Thaddeus Wakefield, of the post gymnasium.

"I think they were a good way to motivate people to do a little bit extra," said recipient Spc. Christine San Juan.

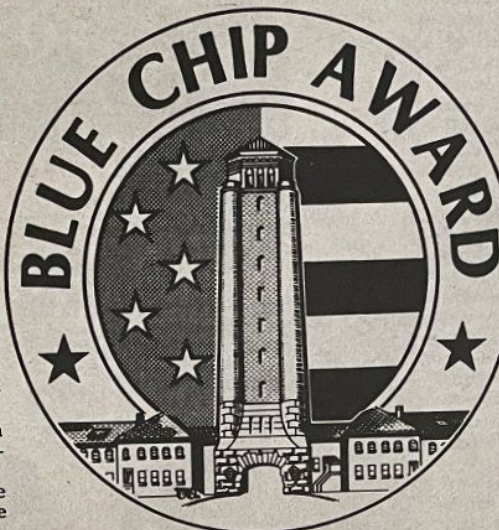
Still, others saw the flip-side of the issue.

"It's good to recognize people, but it's a waste of time if you're going to hand them out to people Weiss of the Military Police.

Four-time Chip recipient Sgt. Chad Cochran of the Military Police said that the value of the coin was deflated as more were given out.

"It was overdone. Too many were given out randomly," Cochran said. "If it was more like getting a unit coin where you had to work hard and do a lot for it, it would've meant more. It was a nice thought, but they were given to people who just showed up for work or led physical training."

Each week, the names appeared on the front



page of the "Tower," and each week the list of those receiving the soon-to-be historic coin grew. Many of those who received the award have ties to the fort dating back over a half-century. While others just have been connected to the post for a few years. Several were connected only by their interaction with the people at the post.

However, they all shared something in common - the appreciation of the command for doing an excellent job in serving the military community.

The following are among those who received the award. The list, up to date as of May 25, was provided by Sgt. 1st Class Armando Bianchi of the Command Group, and prepared for publication by Sgt. Eugenia Millender.

Staff Sgt. Patsy Abrams, Personnel Service Support Team (PSST).

Tammy Albertson, Fort Snelling, Minn.

Maureen Alderlin, Directorate of Logistics (DOL).

Anderson Allen, Provost Marshal Office (DOL), (4 awards).

Staff Sgt. Chris Allbright, Public Affairs Office (PAO), (3 awards).

Spc. Bradley Anderson, 4th Army Band.

Joanne Anderson, Director for Personnel and Community Activities (DPCA).

Spc. Richard Anderson, DOL.

Vanessa Anderson, Commissary.

Turner Awarard, Directorate of Engineering and Housing (DEH).

Everardo Arellano, dining facility.

Cpl. Sgt. Angela Armstrong, PSST.

Cpl. Kathryn Artybooker, Headquarters Commandant (HQ CMDT).

Luis Atkins, Logistics Support Office (LSO).

Eric Austria, LSO.

Brenda Bailey, DEH.

Staff Sgt. Alvina Baker, PSST.

Spc. Ronald Ball, MILPO.

Pfc. Seth Barush, Honors Detachment (2 awards).

Staff Sgt. Michael Bednarz, PMO.

Staff Sgt. Elaine Belford, Directorate of Information Management (DOIM), (2 awards).

Carol Bell, Finance and Accounting Office (FAO).

Staff Sgt. Carolyn Bellamy, HQ CMDT (2 awards).

Staff Sgt. Kenneth Bellamy, PMO.

Joe Belante, DEH (2 awards).

George Bennett, DEH.

Sandy Benning, Directorate of Resource Management (DRM).

Capt. James Benson, chaplain.

Jessi Bernard, DRM.

Lenore Bernardi, Civilian Personnel Office (CPO).

Sgt. David Bernatchez, Health Clinic.

Sgt. Dana Berry, 4th Army Band.

Sgt. 1st Class Gregory Bosaw, Inspector General (IG) (2 awards).

Melville Boswick, Health Clinic.

Sgt. 1st Class Armando Bianchi, Command Group.

Reemery, Blonack DRM (2 awards).

Sgt. Theodore Blackman, PMO (2 award).

Spc. Arnie Blankenship, Staff Judge Advocate (SJA).

Dierdre Bonina, CPO.

Sgt. Francine Bost, DPCA.

Spc. Tamico Bowden, Information Support Center (ISC).

Marella Bowen, DOIM.

Sgt. Jeffrey Boyle, DPCA.

Sgt. Jeffrey Boyles, mental health clinic.

Petty Officer 3rd Class Brenda Bradley, Great Lakes Hospital.

Liz Bradner, DRM (2 awards).

Spc. Darnetta Bratton, DPCA.

Ed Brewczynski, DOIM.

Steve Brewczynski, DOIM.

Sgt. 1st Class Roosevelt Bright, DRM.

Stephen Broomfield, CPO.

Connie Brown, DEH.

Sherylle Brown, DPCA.

Janelle Brussa, Fort Snelling.

Lt. Col. Tom Bryant, SJA (2 awards).

Cindy Buck, DOL.

Grisella Burns, DRM.

William Burns, DEH.

Bennie Butt, PERSON.

Irene Byrd, DRM.

Bill Byrne, DPCA.

Capt. Geri Cahill, Adjutant General (AG).

Nale Camille, CMD GRP.

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Steven Campbell, 4th Army Band.

Rosalee Campeau, Education Center.

Staff Sgt. Jose Carcano, PMO.

Lessa Carney, DEH (2 awards).

Staff Sgt. Larry Carpenter, HQ CMDT.

Tonia Carr, DRM.

Capt. John Carroll, SJA.

Sgt. Dwight Carter, DPCA (2 award).

Robert Caselli, DEH.

Sgt. Susie Chalupsky, ISC.

Sgt. Roger Chambliss, HQ CMDT.

Andrew Champ, CPO.

Kenny Charles, DEH.

Staff Sgt. Althea Childs, DRM.

Dennis Chitwood, Chaplain.

Liz Christensen, Health Clinic.

Pvt. 2 Christopher Clarke, PMO.

Vince Cimballo, DEH.

Shirley Clander, DEH.

Benjamin Clark, FASS.

MaJ. Mary Clark, Health Clinic.

Spc. Tammy Clark, DRM.

Sgt. Chad Cochran, PMO (4 awards).

Archie Cochran, DEH.

Sgt. Mary Cole, LSO.

Layla Colegrove, Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES).

Vanessa Coleman, DRM (2 awards).

Bobby Collier, AFAES.

Bill Corn, DOIM.

Chris Cotton, Pioneer Press.

Sgt. Mark Crawford, DOIM.

Beverly Crotzer, AAFES.

Sgt. Jessie Crutcher, DOL (2 awards).

Jerry Cullen, Commissary.

Master Sgt. Richard Dalrymple, IG.

Capt. Karen Dana, Health Clinic.

Cpl. Paul Daniels, PMO.

Master Sgt. Paul Danny, 51st Explosive Ordnance Detachment.

Sgt. 1st Class George David, Directorate of Plans, Training Mobilization and Security (DPTMSEC) (2 awards).

Spc. Keith Davidson, Honor Det (3 awards).

Sgt. Sgt. Cornell Davis, Honors Det (3 awards).

Edgar Davis, DRM.

Sgt. 1st Class Herbert Davis, ISC (2 awards).

Michael Davis, FASS.

Spc. Karen Degrange, HQ CMDT.

Spc. Michael Degrange, DPCA.

Spc. Torino Deguzman, DOL.

Spc. Todd Delapp, DOL.

Staff Sgt. Edward Delella, PMO/Joliet (2 awards).

John Delgado, DOIM.

Marsellen Dennis, Fort Snelling.

Ken Denton, DEH.

Sgt. Bruce Deutshmann, DPCA.

Qwen Deveau, DPCA.

Spc. Dennis Dickey, DPCA (4 awards).

Spc. Mathew Diedrich, PMO (2 awards).

Spc. Paul Disbenedi, 4th Army Band (4 awards).

Tina Dodson, family member.

Dan Doherty, Training Support Center (TASC).

Crystal Donald, AAFES.

Sgt. Dennis Donald, PMO (2 awards).

Sgt. Robert Dorcas, DOL.

Spc. Reginald Dortch, PMO (3 awards).

James Doty, Fort Snelling.

MaJ. Ricky Drury, DPTMSEC (2 awards).

Hak Dutcher, Fort Snelling.

Colette Duval, AAFES (3 awards).

Linda Dvorak, DRM.

Spc. Andre Dykes, DOIM.

Spc. David Eldridge, PMO.

Capt. Bob Elfstrand, SJA.

Donna Eplett, FASS.

Karen Epstein, PAO.

Karen Etter, Civilian Education Center.

Sgt. 1st Class William Etter, Chaplain.

Spc. Leslie Everett, Honors Det. (4 awards).

Carole Ewing, Education Center.

Sgt. 1st Class Ligaya Fallma, DRM.

Rick Fallos, DEH.

Cpl. David Farley, AVN DET.

Janice Ferguson, Post Library (2 awards).

Master Sgt. Efran Fernandez, Hq Cmdt.

Sullivan Ferrell, DEH.

Lavonna Fetter, DRM.

Roy Fickel, DOIM.

Staff Sgt. Alan Fidel, FAO (2 awards).

Staff Sgt. Jose Figueroa, PSST.

Spc. Renee Fisher, DOIM.

Chrystal Flier, AAFES (2 awards).

Staff Sgt. Harvey Flier, LSO.

Staff Sgt. Gary Flier, DRM.

Curtis Fitta, DEH.

Karen Flemming, DPCA (2 awards).

Spc. Jason Fitzsimons, CMD GRP (2 awards).

Sgt. 1st Class David Floyd, REUP.

John Foote, MARS.

Sgt. Craig Foster, HQ CMDT.

Rebecca Foster, Fort Snelling.

Spc. Timothy Foster, Health Clinic.

VYRON FRANKS, DOL (2 awards).

Byrd Fredrickson, CPO (2 awards).

John Frizzo, Tower newspaper.

Susan Frizzo, Volunteer.

Spc. John Galik, SJA (2 awards).

Staff Sgt. Douglas Garland, Calibration.

Marcia Garret, chapel volunteer.

Sgt. Noreen Garza, 4th Army band (2 awards).

Joe Geraci, DEH (2 awards).

Lynn German, family member.

Staff Sgt. Richard German, PMO.

John Geving, Fort Snelling.

Jean Gilmore, Clerk Custodian.

Susan Ginn, Army Career Alumni Program (ACAP).

Louise Ghena, Martin Army Hospital.
Nelson Glover, DEH.
Capt. Redolfo Gonzalez, Health Clinic.
Maj. Michael Graham, SJA.
Teri Graham, DOIM.
William Graham, DOL.
Harold Graham, Dental.
Frank Gray, DOL.
Amy Gregorski, DPTMSEC (2 awards).
Staff Sgt. Kevin Grelinski, PMO.
Cpl. Lorenzo Griffin, MILPO.
Michael Griffin, DEH.
Sgt. 1st Class Stanley Griffin, HQ CMTD.
Eva Griffin, DPCA.
Sgt. Thomas Griffin, DPCA.
Sgt. Richard Grooters, 4th Army Band (3 awards).
Spc. Patzy Guyton, PSST.
Steven Hach, DOL.
Chief Warrant Officer 3 David Halliday, DOL.
Spc. Dwayne Halverson, DOL.
Dick Halnka, Pioneer Press.
Samuel Hamilton, GS07 MEDDAC.
Spc. Nancy Hamck, HQ CMTD.
Staff Sgt. Terri Harbut, CMD GRP.
Ellen Harding, Post Office.
Spc. Trent Hartin, DOIM.
Cpl. Joseph Hartley, PMO.
Capt. Jeffrey Hartman, Chaplain (2 awards).
Staff Sgt. Jeffery Harvey, DEH (2 awards).
Kathleen Hassell, CLC REP.
Spc. Guy Haugheout, Honors Det.
Staff Sgt. Gregory Hawkins, 4th Army Band.
Maj. David Hawkins, DPT (2 awards).
Paula Hay-Urick, Ed. Center.
Kevin Hedlund, DEH (2 awards).
Cheryl Helde, FAO.
Fran Henderson, MEDDAC.
Sgt. Christopher Henke, 51st EOD.
Sgt. Jimmy Henson, PMO.
Dave Hessling, 801 Gen. Hosp.
Surbul Hicks, FAO.
Spc. Valarie Hickson, Health Clinic.
Master Sgt. Bruce Hoffman, HQ CMTD.
Gail Hoffman, AAFES.
William Holdridge, AAFES.
Oliver Hollis, DEH.
Johnnie Holmes, DRM.
Ortega Homer, DOL.
Peter Horace, DEH.
Charles Houston, DEH.
Jody Houston, DRM.
Spc. Erick Hout, DOL.
Spc. Barry Howard, DPTMSEC.
Mary Howard, DEH.
Myrt Hugalaet, PMO.
Capt. Carl Hulsewede, DPTMSEC.
Lettie Ignacio, DOL.
George Iler, Judge Advocate (JAC).
Doris Imrard, AAFES.
Sgt. Allen Jackson, DPCA (2 awards).
Staff Sgt. Jacqueline Jackson, HQ CMTD.
DR. Paul Jackson, Health Clinic.
John Jacobson, DOL.
Staff Sgt. Ronald Jamerson, Honors Det (2 awards).
Theresa Jazczak, Cpl. Snelling.
Sgt. 1st Class Michael Jagler, Equal Opportunity (EO).
Rebecca Jennings, Family member.
Sgt. Christian Johnson, SSO.
Spc. Dan Johnson, Chaplain's Office.
Debby Johnson, AAFES.
Capt. Michael Johnson, PMO.
Ralph Johnson, Lake County Press.
Spc. Alan Jones, CPO.
Maj. Michael Jones, HQ CMTD.
Carl Juen, DOL.
Nancy Jurchenko, Chapel volunteer.
Staff Sgt. Michael Justice, 4th Army Band (2 awards).
Cpl. Shanon Justice, DOIM.
Claudia Kalela, DPCA (2 awards).
Spc. Dimitrios Kaplanis, FAO.
Sgt. Peter Karstad, 4th Army Band (3 awards).
Spc. Kori Katano, HQ CMTD.
Michelle Kay, DOIM.
Tamara Kelly, Chaplain (2 awards).
Capt. Steve Kennedy, Fire Dept.
James Kenney, AMVETS.
Angeline Koopuhwa, Commissary.
Spc. Larry Kiddy, 4th Army Band (2 awards).
Maj. William Kline, CMD GRP.
Thomas Kocher, DPTMSEC.
Jim Kolodinski, Transition Task Force (TTF).
Audrey Kozar, DOIM.
Roger Kozar, DOIM.
Harry Kracht, DEH.
Carla Kruk, Mental Health.
Thomas Kuehl, Internal Review (IR).
Mike Lahare, DEH.
Donna Lahli, Directorate of Contracting.
Spc. Beth Lancaster, 4th Army Band (2 awards).
Sgt. Thompson Lapierre, Health Clinic.
Carolyn Larson, AUSA.
Karen Larson, FAO.
Cell Laurent, Chaplain.
Gabriele Laution, AAFES.
Millie Lawler, CPO.
Art Laycock, Volunteer.
Joan Laycock, DPCA.
Capt. Patrick Leake, CMD GRP.
Charles Lean, CPO.
1st Lt. David Lee, SSO.
Pvt. 1 John Lee, HQ CMTD.
Sgt. 1st Class Chuck Lehman, RG SHERIDAN.
Steve Leith, DEH.
Sgt. 1st Class Rigoberto Leon, MILPO.
Ed Lepak, DOL.
Jack Lepper, DPCA (2 awards).
Bob Leverick, DEH (2 awards).
Charles Levi, Chaplain (2 awards).
Susan Levy, DPCA.
Noah Lewis, DOIM (2 awards).
Amy Libman, Mental Health Clinic.
Sue Lingfelter, FORSCOM.
Maj. Jerry Listelck, Chaplain (2 awards).

Rita Rattin, DPCA.
Pat Reeves, DPCA.
Staff Sgt. Mark Regensburger, 4th Army Band.
Bonita Resner, AG DPCA.
Spc. Evell Resurrection, CMD GRP.
Spc. Mathew Rice, 4th Army Band (2 awards).
Staff Sgt. German Richard, PMO.
Sandra Richmond, DOIM.
Sgt. 1st Class Dennis Riggs, 4th Army Band.
Dr. (Capt.) Josephine Rini, Health Clinic.
Staff Sgt. Juan Rivera, DOIM.
Sgt. Chris Roberts, HQ CMTD.
Staff Sgt. David Roberts, DPCA.
Spc. Jacqueline Rock, FAO (2 awards).
Spc. Daniel Rodriguez, PMO.
Sgt. Timothy Llvengood, PMO (2 awards).
Gorsikd Lloyd, MARS.
William Lloyd, DEH.
Bruce Loeffler, Forward Area Support.
Johnnie Logan, DPCA.
Judy Longway, Legal Assistance.
Judy Lopez, DPCA.
Doris Lossman, DOL.
Tom Ludwig, DEH (2 awards).
Sgt. Chris Lyue-Daniels, FAO (2 awards).
Maria Lyue-Daniels, DPCA.
Staff Sgt. Wilbert Lynch, PMO.
Doug MacIsaac, DOIM.
Thomas Mack, Health Clinic.
Sgt. Nathan Madison, DOL (2 awards).
Carole Mader, volunteer.
Michael Malmberg, TASC.
Nancy Mancuso, Health Clinic.
Sgt. Mario Mandujano, Honors Det. (3 awards).
1st Sgt. Atanacio Manibusan, HQ CMTD.
Connie Manna, DRM.
Tena Manning, Health Clinic.
Willie Marion, ISC.
Thelma Markham, DPCA.
Larris Marks, FORSCOM.
Spc. Tyrone Marrs, PMO.
Sgt. Michael Marshall, HQ CMTD (2 awards).
Sgt. Veronica Marshall, DOL.
Rodolfo Martin, DPCA.
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Staff Sgt. Matthews, DOL.
Sgt. Kathleen Matusza, Health Clinic.
Sgt. Alicia Maxie, Health Clinic.
Cheryl Maxstadt, DRM.
Pfc. Brian May, Honors Det. (6 awards).
Spc. Damien McAllister, DPCA (4 awards).
Gene McCaffery, Sec. of Army side.
Staff Sgt. Wilda McCain, Health Clinic.
Jeanette McCoy, AAFES.
Rita McCullough, DRM.
Cpl. Todd McDonald, PMO.
Spc. Tracie McKelthen, DOIM (2 awards).
Tammy McKinley, DRM.
Sgt. 1st Class William McKinney, 4th Army Band (2 awards).
Aaron McManus, Christmas Party.
Kathleen McNamara, DPCA.
Kay McNamara, Chapel Volunteer.
Sgt. Gregory McPhee, Dental Clinic (2 awards).
Lee Meddock, Dining Facility.
Frank Molnar, DRM.
Sgt. William Mendez, HQ CMTD.
Wayne Mikulski, DOL (2 awards).
Spc. Donald Millender, DOL-Trans.
Sgt. Eugenia Millender, PAO.
Sgt. Michael Miller, USAIS (2 awards).
Staff Sgt. Derrick Minnefeld, DOL (3 awards).
Mayra Minnefeld, AAFES.
Pvt. Mitchell, DRM.
Spc. Gregory Monceaux, Honors Det. (2 awards).
Antonette Mordini, Dental Clinic.
Cpl. Richard Moreno, HQ CMTD.
Spc. Steven Morgan, DOL.
Judy Morrow, DEH.
Gayle Morton, DEH (2 awards).
Staff Sgt. Stanley Moseley, PMO.
Joyce Moss, DRM.
Thomas Mullens, SOAR.
Mike Mulmberg, DPTMSEC.
Tina Munoz, DPCA (2 awards).
Sgt. 1st Class Victor Munoz, 1st Army Rg Avn.
Cpl. Keith Murphy, SJA.
Thelma Murray, ISC.
Staff Sgt. Darryl Myers, PMO (4 awards).
Camille Nale, CMD GRP (2 awards).
Marilyn Nash, Chapel volunteer.
Art Needelman, PAO.
Sgt. Tommie Nelms, DOIM.
Tim Nelson, DPCA.
Lou Noah, DRM.
Mary O'Brien, Chapel Volunteer.
Caron O'Connor, DEH.
Staff Sgt. Nelson Oquendo, PSST.
Juanita Orozco, DOL (2 awards).
Bernadette Ortiz, DPCA.
Elizabeth Overland, Fort Snelling.
Lina Owsiany, DOL.
Amanda Pabel, Commissary.
Oliver Palmer, FAO.
Capt. Melissa Pappamichiel, SJA.
Paul Parfitt, DEH.
Spc. Phillip Paris, Health Clinic.
Sgt. John Parker, DPCA.
Tom Parr, CPO.
Evo Pasquest, DEH (2 awards).
Nick Pastella, DOL.
Gloria Pata, DPTMSEC.
Dennis Paterka, Pioneer Press.
Marshall Patterson, Forward Area Support.
Sgt. Paul Patton, Health Clinic (2 awards).
Tom Paulino, DRM.
Sgt. Nicolette Pavoni, SJA.
Paula Peyton, DRM.
Joe Pawlow, DPCA.
Sgt. Daniel Perez, Health Clinic.
Nancy Perkins, DRM.
Spc. Melissa Perry, DOIM (2 awards).
Sgt. 1st Class Bennie Pete, DOL.
Linda Peterson, DRM.
Steven Peterson, Great Lakes Hospital.
Michael Phelps, Fort Snelling.

Martha Phipps, DEH.
Joanne Pickering, DEH.
Staff Sgt. Barry Pifer, DPCA.
Sgt. Donald Pint, HQ CMTD.
Sherman Pippin, DEH.
Sgt. Eric Ponder, Health Clinic.
Lola Pribble, Ft. Snelling.
Judy Puetz, DRM.
Babette Pullum, DRM.
Spc. Andrew Raatz, DOL-TRANS.
Sgt. James Radetski, 4th Army Band.
Valerie Radloff, Chaplain.
Joe Rafferty, DOL.
Francisca Ramos, CPO.
Lois Rasmussen, CMD GRP.
Maj. Bascom Ratliff, Health Clinic.
Rita Rattin, DPCA.
Pat Reeves, DPCA.
Staff Sgt. Mark Regensburger, 4th Army Band.
Bonita Resner, AG DPCA.
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Sgt. Chris Roberts, HQ CMTD.
Staff Sgt. David Roberts, DPCA.
Spc. Jacqueline Rock, FAO (2 awards).
Spc. Daniel Rodriguez, PMO.
Robert Rollenhagen, ISC.
Staff Sgt. Duane Roppel, DPCA.
Sharon Rosin, DOIM.
Bonita Rosner, DPCA.
Jeanette Rosser, Child Developmental Services.
Sgt. Michael Rousseau, 4th Army Band.
Staff Sgt. Brenda Rule, PSST.
Spc. Mathew Rupp, ISC.
Dan Ryan, Education Center.
Peggy Rynearson, Volunteer.
Lt. Col. William Rynearson, DEH.
Tina Sanders, DEH.
Sgt. 1st Class Guadalupe Sarate, DOIM.
Phil Sassin, DOL (2 awards).
Jennifer Schall, SJA.
Skip Schaut, DEH (2 awards).
Tracy Sheard, DEH.
Emaline Schell, DPCA.
Margrit Schilling, AAFES.
Ron Schlabowski, DEH (3 awards).
Ned Schmidkon, DPCA.
Beverly Schroeder, DOL.
Staff Sgt. Craig Schueller, CMD GRP.
Jane Schwabka, DPCA.
Maria Sciams, DPCA.
Sgt. Robin Sebastian, LSO.
Joe Sedik, TASC (2 awards).
Sgt. Luis Sepulveda, DOIM.
Beth Settle, PAO.
John Severino, DOL.
Sgt. Charles Shear, DRM (3 awards).
Anne Sheeran, DRM.
Sgt. Rodney Shoemaker, DOIM.
Lou Sienkowski, DEH.
Elizabeth Silver, DOL.
Staff Sgt. Todd Simmons, Chg. Rec. Batt.
Panci Simms, Volunteer.
Sgt. Edward Slaughter, 4th Army Band.
Sgt. 1st Class James Slaughter, HQ CMTD.
Spc. Curtis Smith, DOIM.
Sgt. 1st Class Keith Smith, PMO (2 awards).
Sgt. Lorenzo Smith, Health Clinic (2 awards).
Sgt. Melissa Smith, ISC.
Sgt. Pamela Smith, DOL.
Richard Smith, DRM.
Don Snyder, DEH (3 awards).
Deil South, GL HOSPITAL.
Sgt. 1st Class Clavem Spears, DPTMSEC (2 awards).
Jannette Spencer, DPCA.
Paul Spers, CPO.
Ethel Spidle, AAFES.
Bricia Sullivan, DPCA.
Charles Sullivan, ISC.
Elizabeth Swanson, AAFES.
Pvt. 1 Robert Swanson, Honors Det.
Cpl. Lee Swartz, CMD GRP.

Spc. Michelle Syrowski, PMO.
James Tapio, DPCA (2 awards).
Jim Tapio, DPCA.
Master Sgt. Donald Taylor, 1st Army (2 awards).
Sgt. Gregory Taylor, DPCA.
Rita Taylor, ACS volunteer.
Sgt. Steven Taylor, PMO.
Tara Teague, DEH.
Spc. Daniel Theriault, SJA.
Dorsey Thomas, DEH.
Sgt. John Thompson, HQ CMTD (3 awards).
Tim Thurman, DEH (2 awards).
Jonie Tilman, DOIM.
Christine Torres, AAFES.
Mike Tortorici, DOL.
Sgt. Jose Trabat, DPCA (2 awards).
Patricia Trawick, DOL.
Larry Trevena, DOL (2 awards).
Dan Trew, PAO (2 awards).
Lorenzo Tucker, DOIM.
Sgt. Theresa Tvedt, DPCA.
Helen Tyler, DRM.
Ray Tynus, DEH.
Carol Ungolini, CPO.
Dick Unger, DEH.
Capt. Patricia Usher, SJA.
Sgt. Erich Valdary, HQ CMTD.
Sgt. Chris Van Houten, 4th Army Band (4 awards).
Evelyn Vastis, DPCA.
Sgt. Eugenio Vela, PMO.
Sgt. Louis Vener, DPTMSEC.
Robert Ventrelle, DPTMSEC.
Betty Vercellotti, DOL.
Rita Verker, Ft. McCoy.
Douglas Vice, GYM.
Staff Sgt. Carmen Vickers, PSST (2 awards).
Sgt. 1st Class Barry Wagon, SJA.
Thaddeus Wakefield, DPTMSEC.
Ruth Walden, DPCA (3 awards).
Ralph Walker, Forward Area Support.
Staff Sgt. Robert Walker, DPCA.
Susan Wall, CPO.
Linda Wallsteadt, CIV DPCA.
Spc. Scott Warner, 4th Army Band.
Spc. Delisa Washington, PAO.
Spc. Sha Washington, Health Clinic.
Spc. Shakontas Washington, MEDDAC.
Staff Sgt. Rodney Watson, DOL.
Spc. Katherine Weaver, FAO.
Ramona Weaver, Fort Snelling.
Karen Webb, DPCA (2 awards).
Staff Sgt. Thomas Webb, 4th Army Band.
Sgt. Jon Weiss, PMO.
Staff Sgt. Harold Weyhenmeyer, PMO.
Mary Wheeler, PAO.
Capt. Larry Whetstone, Health Clinic.
Spc. Jeffrey Whetzel, DOL.
Lawrence White, Christmas party.
Leon White, Christmas party.
Minnie White, DRM.
Spc. Jeff Whitlock, PMO.
Inger Whitmore, AAFES.
Jack Whitmore, Commissary.
Mary Widzins, Health Clinic.
Michael Wilczewski, TASC (2 awards).
Richard Wilder, FASS.
Rick Wilder, DOL.
Harlan Williams, FASS.
Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Williams, PMO (2 awards).
Sgt. Sophia Williams, Chaplain's Office.
Sgt. Aveshah Williamson, 4th Army Band.
Sgt. 1st Class Patricia Wilson, 425th transp. Brigade.
Cpl. Franklin Winchester, DPCA.
James Wojczynski, ACAP.
Lorelei Wojnicz, DEH.
Dr. (Maj.) Daniel Wolf, Dental (2 awards).
Cpl. Stephen Woodall, ISC.
Sgt. 1st Class William Worden, 4th Army Band.
Diane Wright, FDIC.
Sgt. Edcliff Wright, DPCA.
Jerry Wright, DOL.
Spc. Pamela Wright, Health Clinic (2 awards).
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Sgt. Barry Young, DOL.
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Housing becomes multi-service

Family housing on the fort is becoming more multi-service every day as moving trucks roll in and out of the post.

About a dozen Navy, Marine and Air Force families occupy quarters on post. The Navy doesn't officially take over the housing until October. But with the shortage of Army families, other services are moving in prior to the take-over.

New residents note the benefits of being on in mixed-service housing.

"Everyone here has been friendly," said Brenda Doubles, the wife of a Marine stationed at Glenview. "We had a chance to live at Glenview, but chose here because it's a nice area and close on the lake."

"The housing area is well maintained, the school system is good and security is good," said Robert Howard,

a petty officer working at Great Lakes.

"The housing here looks a lot better than the quarters at Glenview," said resident Barbara Schuad, the wife of a Marine working at Glenview. "The housing at Glenview looked like a prison, but here it looks like a home."

"At Glenview, I was told there was a two-year wait for family quarters, but here we could move right in," said Jeff Girod, a Navy petty officer.

"There's a lot of green space here for kids to play, and the school systems are good," said Girod.

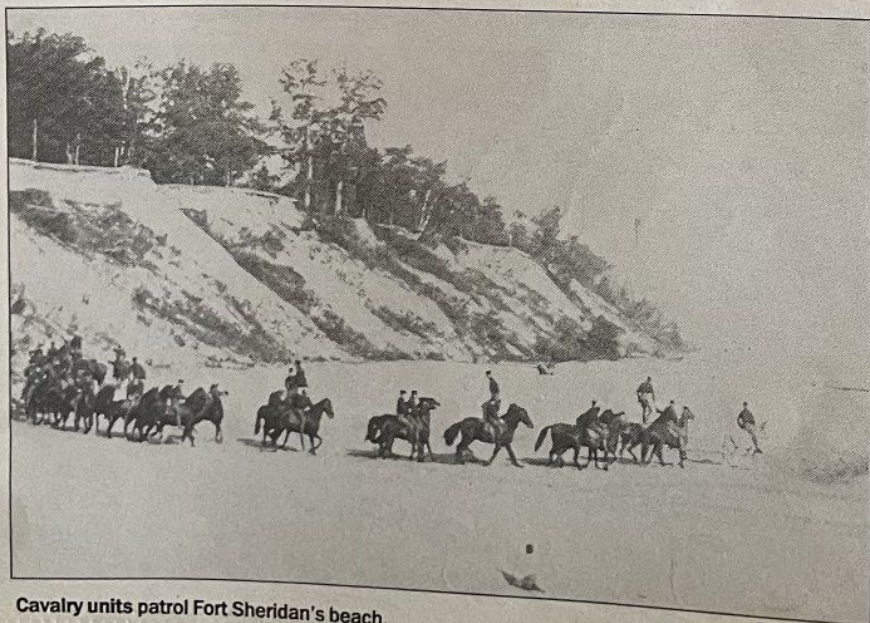
Several noted that the post was far enough away from their jobs to give them a sense of being "off-duty," but still had the advantages of military housing.

Services such as child care, exchange outlets and leisure activities were noted by several as drawbacks.



Tower file photo

Cavalry stunts and shows were a familiar sight on Fort Sheridan early in its history.



Cavalry units patrol Fort Sheridan's beach.

Tower file photo

Forgotten post

*Out over the yard
Stands a cavalry of trees
Standing guard here and there
For the cannons they see*

*And far up in the tower
Its stone stacked so high
Watches over the court
With a view from the sky*

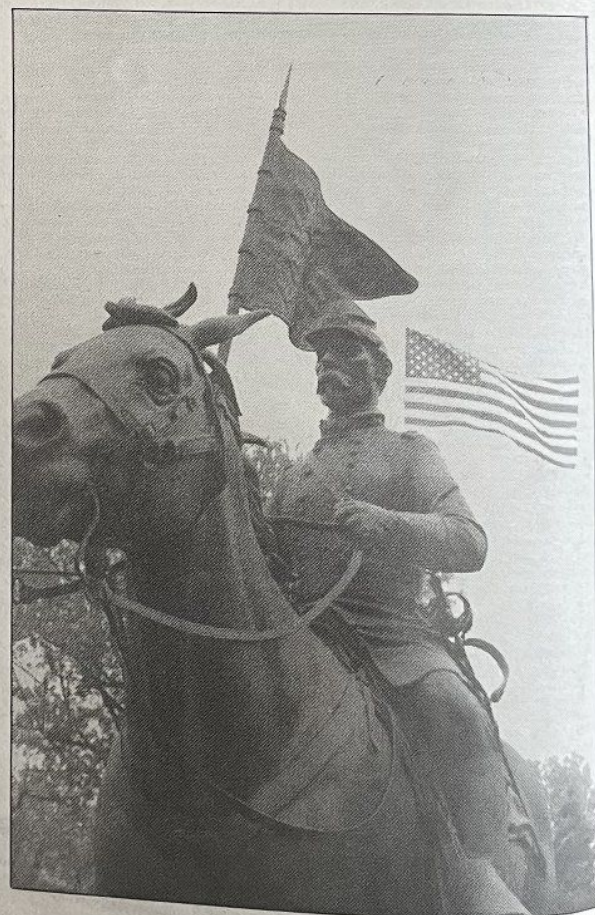
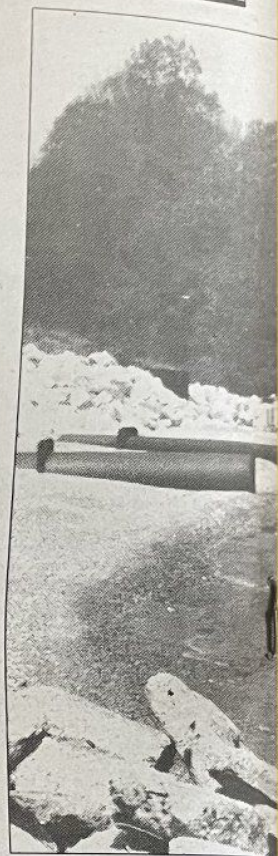
*But there's one view superior
Than all the rest here
And that being our flag
That we'll always hold dear*

*And it looks down on Fort Sheridan
And the General's face
Wearing our colors so proudly
With dignity and with grace*

*And as the dust
Once blew through this land
Hear the echo of cannons
That once took this stand*

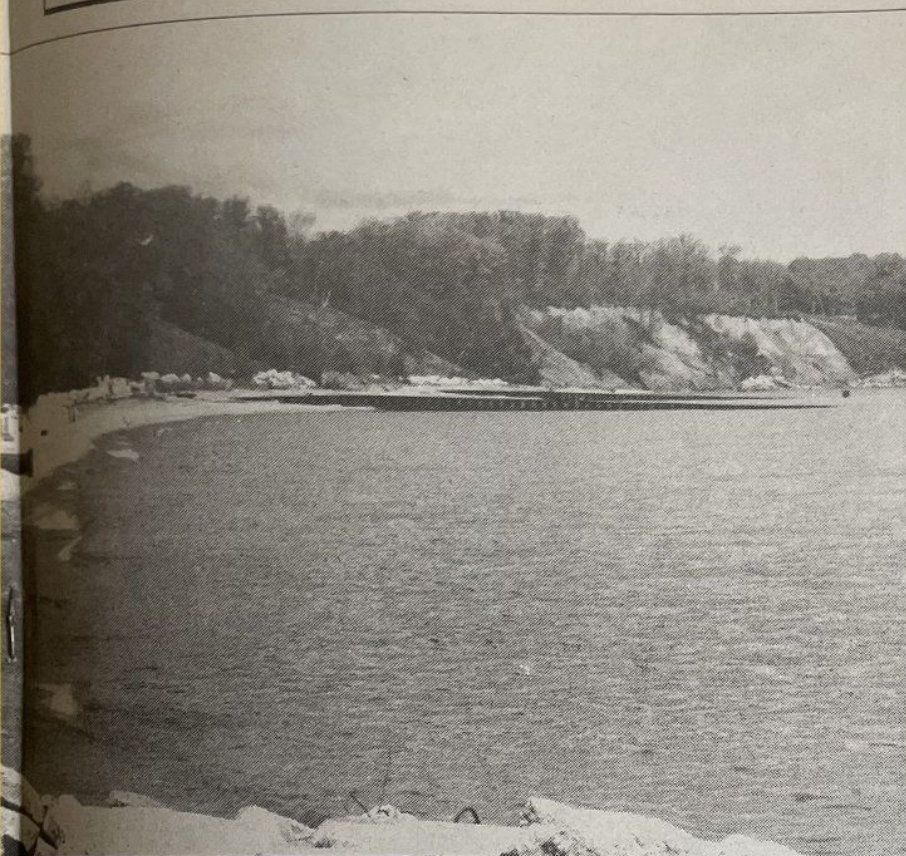
*Now all's forgotten
This value of face
On the tombstone of soldiers
That once held this Place.*

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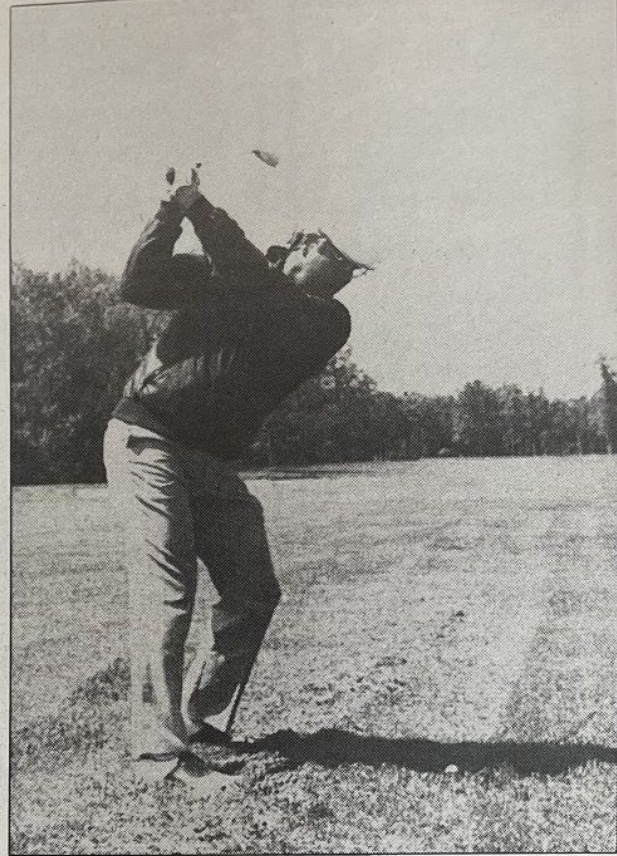
John Frizzo

Sculpted and produced by former Sheridanite Larry Noble, this statue of Gen. Philip Sheridan resides on the parade field.



John Frizzo

This picture of Fort Sheridan's shoreline differs from turn-of-the-century versions (see bottom left.)



John Frizzo

Bob Mordini of Highland Park makes use of Fort Sheridan's golf course, hoping to hit some balls before the grass gets too high.



Sheryll Henderson

Gen. Philip Sheridan's horse, Rienzi, canters through the grass on Fort Sheridan's parade field.

Remember the fort

As I watch
The sun go down
I stand alone
To look around
And wonder what
the future holds
For our Fort
Which ages old
As those who've seen
The good and bad
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-Trash/garbage/yard waste	926-3534
-Work orders-24 hrs.	926-3638

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-Counseling/Assistance Center	688-3404
-Commander's hotline	688-6880
-Housing office	688-3391
-Household goods	688-3851
-Family Advocacy	688-3603
-Family Home Care	688-5662
-Legal Assistance	688-3341
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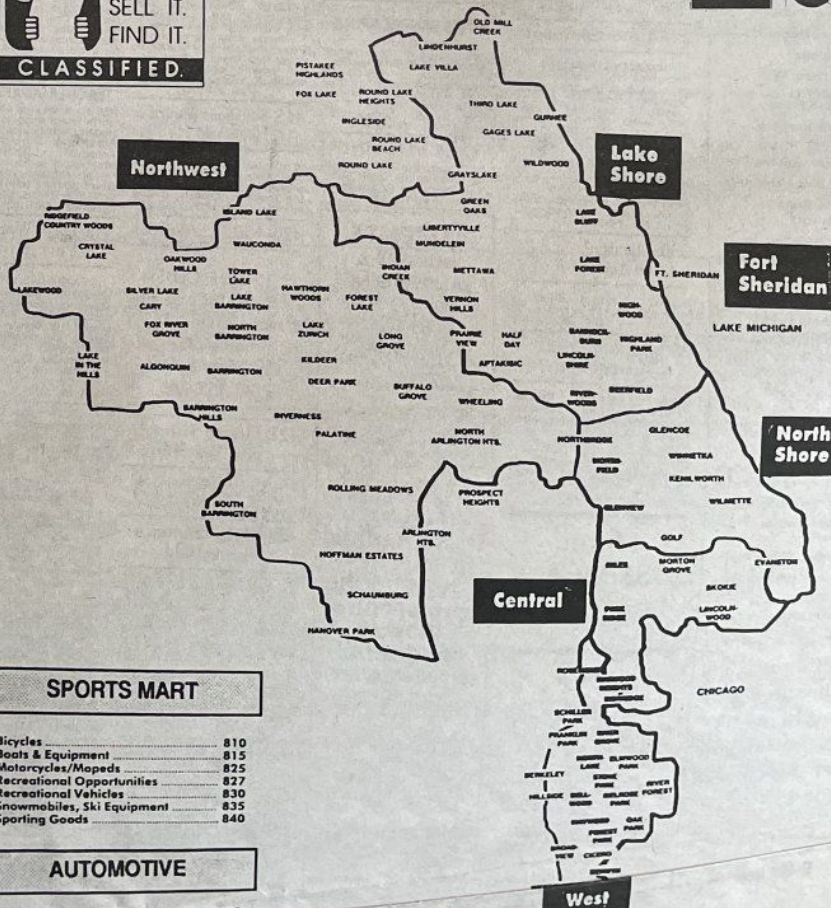
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Couple looks back at Fort changes

By JOHN FRIZZO
Tower Staff Writer

Most workers on post, whether military or civilian, have been affiliated with Fort Sheridan for a limited span of its 106 years. For some, however, Fort Sheridan has played a substantial role in their lives for decades.

One couple, Mary Jane and Charles Lucas, arrived at Fort Sheridan separately during World War II, later met at the NCO club on post, married, had children and retired without ever severing their ties with Fort Sheridan. They still manage to volunteer time for various activities on post.

"We witnessed the arrival of hundreds of German prisoners at Fort Sheridan," Mary Jane Lucas, who first arrived at Fort Sheridan on Dec. 29, 1942, said. "They did janitor work, picked up trash on post, washed dishes. They went on strike one time and refused to go to work."

"The post commander put them on bread and water and they were back at work the next day."

She said the German POWs marched to work in platoon formations, accompanied by guards at each corner of the formation. According to Mary Jane, they sang songs while marching to and from work details around post.

"We had two assigned to the lab, but naturally we couldn't fraternize with them," she said. "They were polite and did their job. You just accepted the fact this was part of the war."



Original Fort Sheridan Women's Auxiliary Army Corps savings bonds drive in Chicago, April 1943.

"They lived behind two high, maybe eight feet tall, fences with loaded machine guns watching them. They lived in the same type of barracks as U.S. soldiers."

Mary Jane was a member of the 29th Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAACs) Company from Fort Des Moines, Iowa. She spent three years working as a receiving/shipping clerk for the 6th Service Command Laboratory, which tested samples of food bound for troops in overseas theaters.

During World War II, Fort Sheridan also saw the arrival of its first battalion of black soldiers before integration. The soldiers were housed in tar-paper shacks on the south end of post. Also, the first black WAC company served at Fort

Sheridan during World War II.

Less than one year after she arrived on post, there was a mass swearing in for the Women's Army Corps, in which she completed her service during World War II.

"I was 21 years old in a small town (Charleston) in Missouri and Pearl Harbor was on Dec. 7, 1941," Mary Jane said. "All of our friends -- men -- were being inducted into service. Women were going off to find jobs in Washington, D.C., and St. Louis. The war changed our whole lifestyle."

"At the time, the fact you were needed to help the war cause and bring the boys back home was the reason I joined. I had two brothers that had already gone. It was the only option."

The WAACs lived in barracks on post behind the Officers' Club, and lived separate lives from male troops.

"We were issued pajamas, bathrobes, rayon and cotton stockings, bras, girdles and knit underwear and told to wear the whole uniform during basic training," Mary Jane said, "because we were trained by men and they told us they could tell if we were wearing girdles."

The WAACs were not allowed to fraternize with officers, and they had a strict curfew to follow. Lights in the WAACs housing areas were turned off at 9 p.m. during the week and 11 p.m. on weekends, with final bed check two hours later.

The women had their own mess hall and cooks and military police patrolled the perimeter from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. for the 29th's first two years at Fort Sheridan. No men were allowed in the area except for official business.

The noncommissioned officers' club on post was available to the women, and that's where Mary Jane met Charles in January of 1946.

Charles entered the Army on March 9, 1943, filing through Fort Sheridan on his way to Fort Jackson, S.C.

"I wanted to be a musician because I had taught for one year at my local high school," Charles said. He attended Mt. Carmel High School in Illinois. "I had decided to be a band director."

"I told this to the lieutenant colonel who was deciding where to send people. He told me to go stand in a line, but didn't tell me what it was for."

Charles was on his way to basic training at Fort Jackson, and then he was to join the 106th Infantry Division there.

"I guess he looked at my broad shoulders and decided I was better off in the infantry."

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Mary Jane Lucas relaxes at the Tower Club with friends.

photos provided by Mary Jane Lucas

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He headed for Germany in October 1944, and was captured in December in the Battle of the Bulge.

"We were moved up to the front lines. You could see the German bunkers right across the way. The problem was manning a 15-plus-mile front, and I think a division was only supposed to protect an 8-10 mile front."

In one week's fighting in the middle of the German spearhead to end the war favorably, the 106th Division was nearly annihilated. Of the men in the 106th, 75 percent were either killed, wounded or captured, but the unit held off the attack enough to ruin the German timetable.

The timetable had called for German advances to reach the headquarters of the 106th in St. Vith in 48 hours, but the 106th and other units held them back for six days.

In that battle, Charles Lucas was taken prisoner by the Germans.

"They hit our line because we were too thin," Charles said. "I had frozen feet and trenchfoot. I was a prisoner of war for four months and I lost 80 pounds, down to 118 pounds."

Charles said his unit's POWs joined French Moroccans in captivity, who were in decent shape after storing Red Cross packages. He said some of the French Moroccans were working in local farms.

"They tried that with us, but we were too weak," he said. "If we marched any distance outside the gate, we were falling out because we were too weak."

The POWs lived in barracks but had no supply of soap, toilet paper or other items. Each soldier had a single half-piece of a blanket and slept on wooden bunks stacked three high.

"All you thought about was food day and night."

The prisoners were freed in April 1945 and shipped to France. Former prisoners had to be careful not to overeat, or other health problems were possible. After that, soldiers were sent to a rehabilitation center in Miami Beach, Fla.

"I was mostly eating milkshakes with eggs in them."

Charles visited home for a while, then was sent to Camp Boyd, Texas, and finally to Fort McCoy, Wis. He was in charge of a night crew at the separation finance center there. He transferred to the reserves on Dec. 21, 1945, and got a job as a civilian claims examiner at Fort Sheridan.

Within a week of leaving WAC duty, Mary Jane gave up her promotion to a male soldier, because her section was only authorized one promotion and if she took it the male officer wouldn't get promoted. Mary Jane took a job as a civilian

working for ordnance on post after getting out of the WAC in 1945.

After the war, Fort Sheridan served as a separation center, responsible for outprocessing soldiers leaving service. The goal was to outprocess 2,400 soldiers every day, as the staffs worked round-the-clock to see that it was done.

Then, Mary Jane and Charles' lives crossed at the noncommissioned officers' club at Fort Sheridan, and have yet to be separated in the period since.

"When I was working in ordnance I went to the NCO club and I met Charles Lucas," Mary Jane said. That was in January of 1946, and the two were married four months later on April 30, 1946, in Chapel Number 1. The chapel is no longer standing, but the marriage has a strong foundation.

"We knew what we were doing. We saw what happened to all the other people who didn't," Mary Jane said. "Men and women were men and women in those days. Women loved men and men loved women and there was no fighting. 'I formed some of my best friendships with military men and women. There was no romance, just working together.'"

Mary Jane worked at the post nursery for two years and other jobs on post before she gave it up to run the family grocery store in Grayslake from 1953-1958.

"Then I got smart. I'm going to make the liberals mad by saying this, but I don't care," Mary Jane said, "because no woman can have an outside job, raise a family and keep house at the same time and do a good job."

Son George was born in 1947, daughter Marilyn in 1948 and son Charles Jr. in 1958.

"He's the one that got her out of the store," Charles said.

Even as Mary Jane severed her official duties at Fort Sheridan, Charles kept alive the family's ties. During a period of more than 30 years in which he was in and out of active duty and serving constantly in reserve status, Charles served the post.

He entered reserve duty as a sergeant in 1945 and rose to master sergeant in the reserves. When Charles was called up to active duty during the Korean conflict, he received a commission as a 2nd lieutenant. At the time, he was the deputy post signal officer as a civilian. As a 2nd lieutenant he was named the post signal officer.

He was also called to active duty from 1960-61 during the Berlin Crisis as a captain.

"I was post signal officer and I knew we were going to get called up," he said, "and were

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Former United States President Ronald Reagan shakes Charles Lucas' hand when Charles was national vice president of The Reserve Officers' Association.



The Lucas family consists of, from left, Mary Jane Lucas, George Lucas II, Marilyn Lucas and Charles Lucas.



Charles and Mary Jane Lucas stand by a float prepared for Fort Sheridan's centennial celebration.



provided by Mary Jane Lucas

A group of women in the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps enter their barracks at Fort Sheridan. The company arrived from Fort Des Moines, Iowa, on Dec. 29,

1942, but this picture was staged several weeks later.

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scheduled to go to Germany. But I saw the the orders get changed from Germany to Fort Lee, Va." At the time, he was a major.

Leaving active duty, Charles became the deputy director of maintenance at Fort Sheridan, and was named director in 1963.

As director, he was responsible for the maintenance of 33 NIKE missile sites in the Midwest.

Charles was instrumental in delivering a year-long centennial celebration for Fort Sheridan's century-old birthday in 1987.

"They asked me on a Friday to take charge of the celebration," Charles said. According to him, several others had attempted it and not been successful. "I had to give an answer by Monday. I said yes, I'll accept the challenge."

He was virtually removed from his director of maintenance duties for two and a half years after he accepted the invitation to give him time to coordinate the centennial. In addition, he worked an entire year on wrapping up the celebration after retiring from federal employment on Jan. 2, 1988.

As a result of his work on the celebration, a Fort Sheridan landmark was born: the life-sized statue of Gen. Philip Sheridan near the flagpole.

"Early on, I decided that was the best legacy we could leave, even though people said we couldn't do it," he said. "I thought of Larry Noble, who designed our stamp and lithograph of General Sheridan for the centennial."

Noble had been stationed at Fort Sheridan during the Vietnam War and has family ties with both Fort Sheridan and General Sheridan that date to the Civil War. However, he had never produced a statue of that size undertaking.

"I asked Larry and he said 'I think I could make that statue,'" Charles said.

Noble's fee was \$77,000, compared to other bids ranging from \$120,000 to \$200,000. The Reserve Officers' Association (TROA) donated \$1,500 toward the statue, and the Association of the United States Army (AUSA) sponsored the process. "We asked AUSA to let us use their name so it could be tax-deductible," he said.

The McCormick Foundation agreed to pay half of the price when Charles believed the price would be about \$55,000.

"At that time, I thought it would only cost us \$55,000. I made a presentation to the McCormick Foundation and they agreed to pay half the cost -- \$27,500. If I had known it would cost \$77,000, I could have gotten more out of them."

The statue was flown to Fort Sheridan from California and dedicated on June 14, 1990, Flag Day.

Lucas retired from reserve status and entered the Individual Ready Reserve in June 1978 as a colonel and retired from the IRR in 1983. In addition to his Purple Heart, he has received the Legion of Merit and numerous other awards.

In addition, Charles is the founder and former president of the TROA chapter at Fort Sheridan and has been the national vice president of TROA.

So finally, after almost 51 years, Mary Jane and Charles are going to be seeing Fort Sheridan from a different perspective. There won't be that Army support group here, ready to provide medical service or renew ID cards.

"I feel strongly that the government is making a mistake," Charles said. "We need a military presence in Chicago. The average public is not aware of the domestic disturbances we have helped resolve."

"I hate to see the old post close up, especially if we're to need something here if there's a war. It's sad. My wife and I have given a lifetime here."

It was obvious that after all these years the three (Charles, Mary Jane and Fort Sheridan) are a perfect match, for Mary Jane feels the same way about the closing of the old post.

An issue high on their priority list is the disposal and future use of the cemetery on Fort Sheridan. Proposals have included a national veterans cemetery, but that seems to have fallen through.

"We hope they don't freeze us out of the cemetery," she said. "If you want to know the final chapter, that's it."

Retirees culminate 1,800 years service

Sixty-seven retirees with more than 1,800 years of federal service retired on post on Wednesday. The retirees, 65 civilian employees and two military, were honored by the command as they closed a chapter in their

lives.

The list included those who served before, during and after World War II in various branches of the service and then went on to serve in a civilian capacity. Many of the civilians also

had military service time as well.

The following are the honored retirees, their years of service and their directorate they were working with at the time of retirement.

NAME	DIRECTORATE	YRS OF SERVICE
John N. Delgado	Information Management (DOIM)	52
Charles W. Droll	Directorate of Logistics (DOL)	45
Leon A. Smedegard	DOL	42
Ulysses Mayfield	DOL	39
Lenore D. Bernardi	DOL	37
Patricia A. Reeves	Community/Family Activities (DPCA)	36
James E. Lanahan	DPCA	36
Era Griffith	Engineering and Housing (DEH)	36
Donna R. Vanek	DPCA	35
John H. Arquist	DOIM	35
Lynons Jones	DEH	35
Lula J. Atkins	Fire Department	35
Nicholas A. Pastella	Resource Management (DRM)	35
Duane C. Bradley	DOL	34
Edward A. Brewczynski	Contracting (DOC)	33
Bernard Zivin	DOIM	32
Raymond A. Husar	DOIM	32
Dorothy W. Schultz	Internal Review (IR)	32
Dorothy L. Bulls	DOIM	32
Stephen Brewczynski	DOIM	31
Elizabeth Siler	DOC	30
Thomas H. Jackson	DOIM	30
Douglas J. MacIsaac	DOL	29
William C. Corn	DOIM	29
Allan O. Anderson	PMO	29
Nancy J. Perkins	DRM	28
Caroline L. Ugolini	DPCA	30
Aurel R. Wakefield	DOL	28
Charles T. Lean	DPCA	27
Johnnie M. Holmes	DRM	27
Judith A. Puetz	DRM	27
Liza L. Stevenson	DOIM	27
Bessie L. Guelich	DRM	27
Annie R. Davis	DRM	27
Cecilia F. Laurent	DRM	27
Lela M. Armon	Office of the Chaplain	27
Jacqueline Kalish	DPCA	26
Juanita Orozco	DPCA	26
Carol J. Bell	DOL	26
Clara W. Turner	DRM	26
Paul F. Jurcenko	DRM	26
Richard L. Smith	DOL	26
Judith L. Morrow	DOIM	25
Sam G. Delay	DRM	25
Marjorie J. McCoy	DPCA	25
Cherlyn A. Brown	DOC	25
Betty J. Vercellotti	DPCA	25
Emaline B. Schell	DOL	24
Ruth C. Killeen	DPCA	24
Bricia A. Sullivan	DPCA	24
Eleanor R. Sinesh	DPCA	23
Michael P. Malmberg	DOL	22
Mildred J. Lawler	DOL	20
Richard T. Solberg	DPCA	20
Ben L. Wagner	DEH	20
Jessie B. Bernardi	DEH	19
Robert J. Medved	DRM	19
Joseph G. Babbey	IR	18
Bernard Garb	DOL	18
George A. Kunowski	DEH	16
George C. Argianas	DEH	15
Elmer L. Pickford	DEH	13
Leonard E. Ryan	DOL	11
Homer Ortego	DOL	11
Jack B. Newhouse	DOIM	11
Raymond W. Tynus	DOL	10
	DEH	9

Farewell!

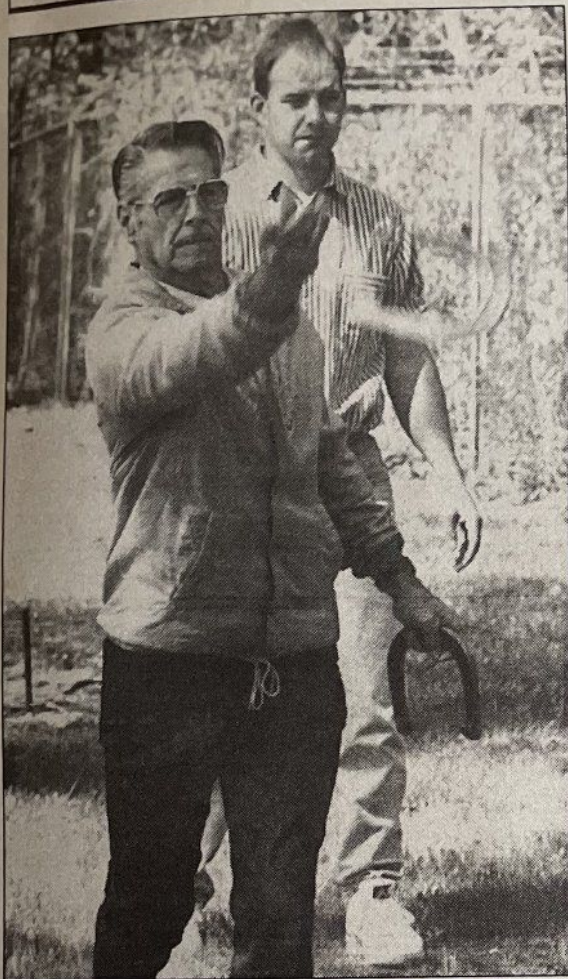
The staff of the Tower newspaper would like to say goodbye and thank you to all of the people leaving Fort Sheridan in both soul and body. Good luck to all those who remain as Fort Sheridan enters a new era.

We truly appreciate the chance we had to tell the Fort Sheridan story in its closing hours. There will always be stories to tell. But like everyone else, we realize now that it's time to say: farewell.

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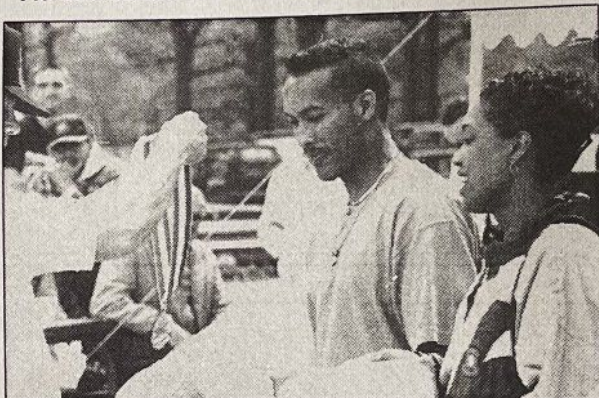
Staff Sgt. C.S. Albright

The horseshoes tournament was indicative of the slow pace at the Workforce Appreciation Day picnic.



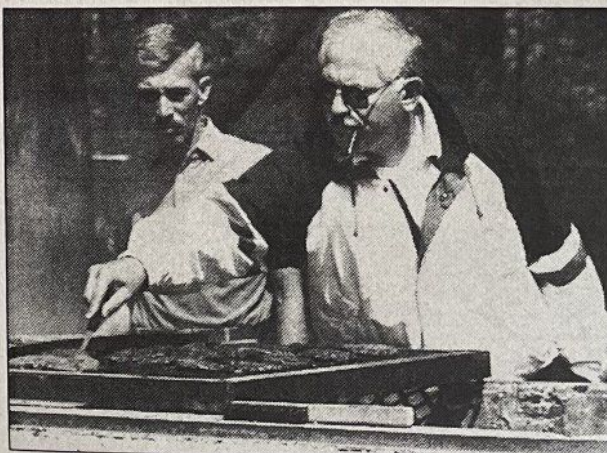
Sgt. Eugenia Millender

Pfc. Seth Barush tries to hit the volleyball over the net at Sheridan Park.



Sgt. Christopher Lyew-Daniels and Sgt. Eugenia Millender receive post "Athlete of the Year" awards.

John Frizzo



Staff Sgt. C.S. Albright

Ken Martin, post deputy commander, takes his turn at the grill.

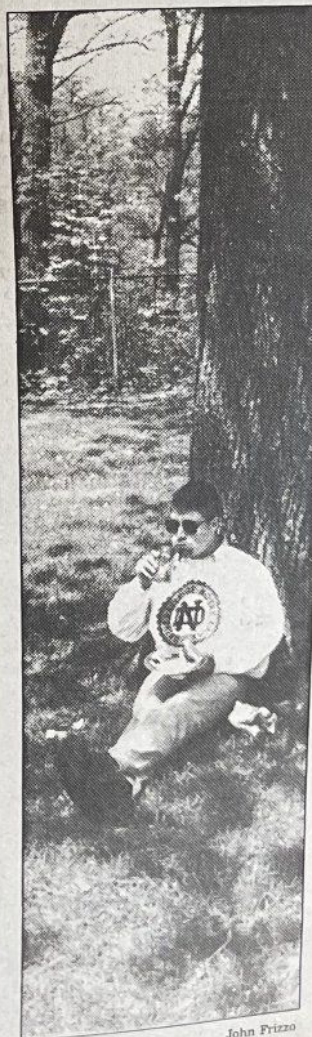
'Thanks for serving'

The Fort Sheridan garrison headquarters recently sponsored a "Workforce Appreciation Day" to say thanks and farewell to the people who made the command run smoothly on a day-to-day basis.

The day, May 21, started with a 3.6-mile run. At the same time, walkers took to

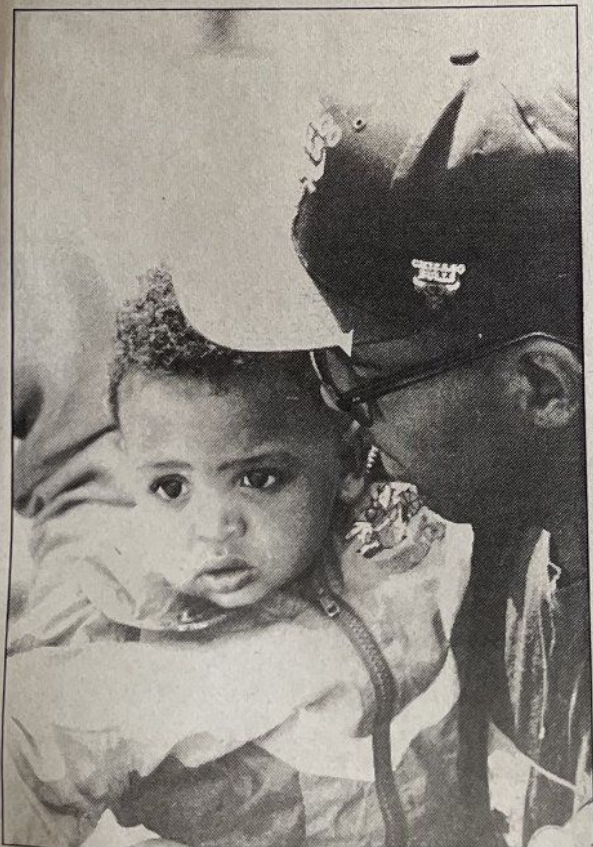
the streets for a 2-mile trip. The day continued with a volleyball tournament, spades tournament and general relaxation.

The day culminated with the post commander, Col. Robert Frizzo, expressing his personal appreciation for both civilian and military workers who worked hard on issues related to post inactivation.



John Frizzo

Sgt. Chris Roberts reclines and relaxes while polishing off his lunch at the Workforce Appreciation Day.



John Frizzo

A.J. Millender sits on father Donald's lap at the Workforce Appreciation Day picnic.



John Frizzo

Above: Sgt. Donald Pint and Sgt. Willie Mendez struggle to erect a tent near the flag pole for several ceremonies this week.



Sgt. Eugenia Millender

Col. Robert Frizzo, post commander, instructs troops during rehearsal.



John Frizzo

Spc. Trent Harlan trims the grass near the flagpole.



Sgt. Eugenia Millender

Richard Schoville of Fort McCoy's Training and Support Center readies his camera to film the retirement

ceremony Wednesday and the inactivation ceremony today.

'Taps' a final time

My flag dips down to waiting hands.
 It's time to sleep ...
 Drowsing until I'm awakened again,
 Dreaming among my memories.
 From horses to diesel roar,
 I remember a century of sounds.
 The voices still echo through my dusk ...
 Youth and age,
 Male and female,
 Soldiers and family members and prisoners-of-war.
 I feel, as so often before,
 The pride and fear of young soldiers
 Going off to fight their country's battles --
 From "The War to End All Wars"
 To "The Hundred Hour War"
 I've felt them all.
 And felt, as well,
 The pain of the wounded
 Returned to my care to recover.
 I cherish still those who returned to me
 Only to sleep in my grounds.
 The memories of those warriors join mine
 As they sleep eternally with me.
 I've drowsed at times in an uneasy world,
 But always woke to answer the call to arms.
 This silence has a different feel.
 My proud flag no longer greets the wind.
 My buildings are quiet and empty now,
 My streets know no steps.
 There is nothing to disturb my dreams.
 The lights are gone,
 It's time to sleep.
 They've played "Taps" for the final time.

-- Karen Epstein