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Photo by Deborah Ward

Hundreds of happy faces and bright smiles are everywhere as Fort Greely kicks off the holiday season in grandeur. Juliana Rodgers, daughter of Wendy and Scotty Rodgers, looks on in amazement as Santa speaks of a delightful and Merry Christmas. See Photos, Page 4

IMCOM operates at reduced funding levels

by Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch
IMCOM Commander

In recent years, the Army and its Installations have enjoyed unprecedented levels of funding. In fiscal year 2008, the Army hit a high water mark in its fiscal history with a total annual budget exceeding \$250 billion –three times more than FY2001 funding level.

Much of this growth is attributed to funding the war, rebalancing our Army through investments in Army's force structure, equipment, infrastructure, and key Soldier and Family programs.

Funding levels of this magnitude are unsustainable year after the year, and as the country faces some stiff economic challenges, we are forced to reduce funding and exact a greater level of stewardship over our resources.

The Installation Management Command – like other commands throughout our Army – will operate at reduced funding levels.

This means that starting in 2010, performance levels for some installation services will be notably less than what we have had in recent years and will remain at that level for the foreseeable future.

Our challenge is to ensure those key, higher priority programs across our installations do not suffer. We will maintain our full support to Life, Health and Safety programs, the Army Family Covenant and those services that prepare our Soldier and their Families for deployment in support of the Army's Force Generation model.

These are non-negotiables that will remain fully funded. This is our commitment; we will not depart from it. However, there will be other installation services that will clearly be reduced.

We have grown accustomed to some

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very high levels of service across the board in recent years and we all need to be forthcoming with the expectation that things will be different in some areas. Help manage this expectation across your garrisons.

Educate everyone as to which changes they can expect to see. A simple explanation can go a long way to helping understand the changes some of our installation services will undergo.

Across the Army's installations, we can do much to help ourselves by becoming better stewards of our resources. It starts with the individual; everybody has a role. Simple things like turning the lights off, powering down your computer at night, driving tactical vehicles instead of TMP vehicles or conducting a VTC instead of traveling to a distant site unneces-



Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch

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sarily all save money – and no savings is too small to forego.

Commanders and leaders across the installation have a key role and are responsible for the efficient use of our resources. Costs should be an inherent consideration in your every decision. We too often marginalize this key factor in making good, resource-informed decisions but we can no longer afford to do so.

As I travel throughout the Army community, I carry the message that we can do business smarter and more efficiently without sacrificing the quality of service

that our Soldiers and their Families so richly deserve.

I challenge everyone to do the same; to work together to ensure that those key installation programs that mean so much are well resourced and operated; that we do away with wasteful and unnecessary spending.

Every person – whether you are a Soldier, Family member, one of our great DA Civilians or a contractor serving our Army – is needed and can make a difference. Ask yourself if you are doing the right things and then, are you doing them right. Doing things right means doing them in the most cost efficient way without sacrificing effectiveness. *Army Strong*

Command Corner

Garrison Command Sergeant Major sends message to Team Greely

The “Bottom Line Up Front” for members of Team Greely ... Thank You!

We have had a tremendous year in 2009 due to the determination and enthusiasm of all who live and work at this Installation.

Thanks to the efforts of our Holiday Planning Committee and Family Morale Welfare and Recreation, we kicked off the Season in style with our recent Holiday Events ... Chapel Service, Tree Lighting, Holiday Celebration and the Gala! These events were a great success and good for morale. Thanks also to all those who attended.

I appreciate all who support our special events and observances. As we wind down this year it's a great time to reflect on our successes and count our blessings.

I'm proud to serve at a place that is at the forefront of defending this great nation. I'm

blessed to live in a place which many people only dream about visiting. I'm humbled to work with so many dedicated people.

I'm very happy to be a part of the community of Delta Junction ... it lives up to its motto: “The Friendly Frontier.” It's wonderful to have such great neighbors and partners.

I truly want to salute all our family members here ... they are definitely the backbone of Team Greely.

We have worked hard this year so please take the time to spend with family and friends during this holiday season.

I urge each and every one of you to take a moment to focus on those in harm's way. Our



CSM Carolyn Reynolds
Garrison
Command Sgt. Major

thoughts, prayers and support need to go out to all the military members serving around the world.

Finally, please take time to reflect on and help those who are less fortunate. We are so blessed to live in the United States of America, but there are people here and around the globe who won't have shelter or enough food to eat. If you have the ability to share please help those in need.

Thanks again for all that you do ... the sacrifices you and your families make every day.

I will go out on a limb and guarantee we will have a White Christmas ... enjoy!

***Have a Safe and Happy Holiday
Team Greely!***

- CSM Carolyn Reynolds

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Social Sites Risk Security Clearance

by Greg Rinckey

If you hold a security clearance or if you ever want to apply for one, be mindful of your postings and contacts online, particularly on social networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter. These sites pose risks to gaining and keeping a security clearance. Question 14 of the National Agency Questionnaire (SF-86) asks for names of your relatives and associates. The term "associate" is defined as any foreign national that you or your spouse "are bound by affection, obligation, or close and continuing contact." Continuing contact with a foreign national used to include a clear exchange between both parties—visits outside the country, mail, phone calls or e-mails. Social networking sites bring a gray area into the definition of an associate and continuing contact. Your list of friends on Facebook may include foreign nationals, or you could have foreign followers on your Twitter page.

Is giving a foreign national access to your social networking page as a "friend" considered close and continuing contact even if you never directly message them? Is having access to your updated information enough for a person to be considered an associate? Unfortunately, this uncharted territory can ensnare a potential or current clearance holder. Foreign intelligence agencies use social networking sites. They have been known to befriend Facebook users who automatically accept their "friend" requests. I had a client who lost her security clearance after using an online chat room. She was seeking advice on how to beat a computer game while attending a gaming convention. The "gaming" experts she chatted with online were foreign intelligence agents working out of China. You may want to eliminate any foreign nationals from your social networking sites to eliminate any potential security concerns. A clearance holder also needs to be responsible for what he or she posts online. These sites are considered "open source intelligence," and mining information from them

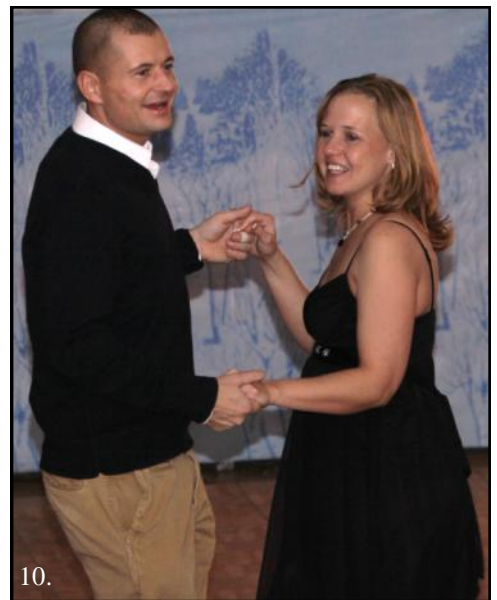
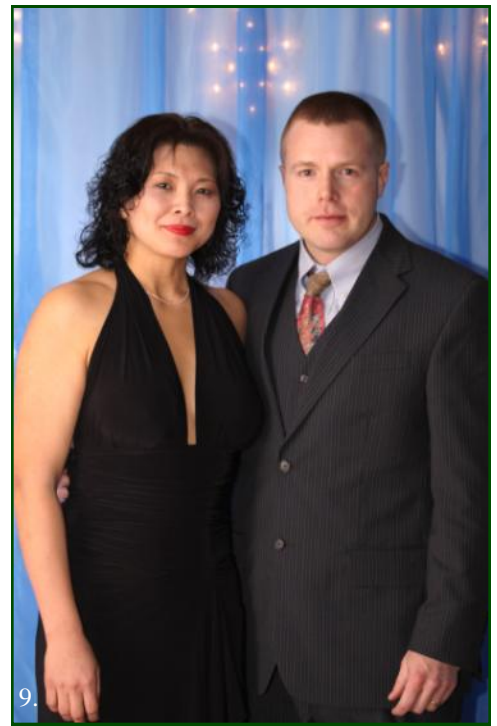
is simple. Anyone can do a web search and bring up postings from Twitter and Facebook. Technology companies are developing more sophisticated ways to monitor social networking sites, offering the ability to scan millions of online social conversations at once. Intelligence agencies around the world are taking advantage of this technology to gain valuable information. Social networking sites are creating new territory for many workplaces. Just this month a Staten Island, N.Y., judge had to be transferred to a new location because of his Facebook use. The judge reportedly used the site to update his whereabouts and post pictures of his courtroom. The Pentagon also is weighing if troops deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan should continue to have social networking access. *(Courtesy of FGA Security Manager)*

Please note: The verbiage of the "Foreign Contacts" question on the SF86 dated July 2008, changed from the question on the September 1995 version to read, "Do you have or have you had close and/or continuing contact with foreign nationals within the last 7 years with whom you, your spouse, or your cohabitant are bound by affection, influence, and/or obligation?". While this may affect the opinion of the author, it still holds true that social networking could indeed have an effect on an individual's maintenance of his/her clearance. Practice OPSEC!!!



Fort Greely Smiles

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For The Holidays

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1. One of our newest arrivals, Chaplain Earl Vanderhoff 2. 2009 Fort Greely Christmas tree 3. Lt. Col. Chris Chronis pauses in front of the Christmas tree 4. Jamie Murray dances away the evening at the Holiday Gala 5. Treva and Catherine Elizabeth Slaughter enjoy an evening of tasty treats and laughter 6. Holiday decorations from the Gala event 7. Dancers enjoy the traditional "YMCA" dance at the Gala 8. Lt. Col. Chronis and friends light up the annual Christmas tree for the first time this year 9. Kaoru and Rob Warren pose for their picture 10. Wendy Rodgers and friend, Sean Taylor, take the dance floor by storm 11. Jessica Smith wants to get in on the fun as Jon Hull discusses safety 12. Kathy Rogers smiles in her holiday flare 13. Isaac Cummins happily accepts a bag of cookies from Santa at the Holiday Celebration 14. Jon Hull, Deb Coble, Command Sgt. Major Carolyn and Rick Reynolds take a moment to pose at the Holiday Gala 15. Front row left to right: Lt. Col. John Cavedo, Santa, Lt. Col. Chronis, Mrs. Claus. Back row left to right: Lt. Col. Steve Carroll, Command Sgt. Major Reynolds, Col. George Bond pose at the Holiday Celebration 16. Sebastian Slaughter gives Santa his wish list for Christmas 17. Zoe and her father Bob Shinn take time to remember what's important.

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One mile, two miles...

by Deborah Ward
Public Affairs Specialist

Walking from Prudhoe Bay, Alaska to Ushuaia, Argentina, Karla Brown is counting down the miles. On July 1, Brown set out on her first train ride from Anchorage to Fairbanks, and from there hopped on a pre-arranged Carlisle Trucking vehicle with the famous George Spears (*Driving the Haul Road* featured on the Discovery Channel) and headed up to Prudhoe Bay. On their way they stopped at Coldfoot Truck Stop. This rest area is about half way from Fairbanks to Prudhoe and is a vital piece of the puzzle for Brown's journey.

Previously, Brown had written to the managers of the truck stop to tell them of her plan to walk the 18,000 miles and along with her letter included a check for \$400. Brown asked that they please



One of Brown's biggest fears on her walk is bears. She says she is terrified of the creatures, but she has her pepper spray and a small buck knife and the hope that God hears her nightly prayer.

"God, please let me borrow six angels during the night: one to stand at each corner of my tent, one to stand in the front of my tent door and one inside the tent with me."

Walking continuously Brown has plenty of time to cogitate all the different aspects of her life and the friendships she's made along the way.

This is not her first walk, but upon completion it will be the longest. For most of Brown's life she suffered from epilepsy.

17,998 more miles to go

make her a daily sandwich and place it in a plastic bag along with 3 bottles of water.

"Tie it all up, hand it out to the next truck driver heading north and have him chuck it out the window when they see me" said Brown.

She'd have food with her on her cart, but not near enough to make it from Prudhoe back to Fairbanks so having Coldfoot Truck Stop help out was a wonderful blessing for Brown.

Sure enough when the walk finally began it wasn't long before Brown was

inundated with food. Spears had done his part in keeping Brown safe on the road too. He chatted with every driver he saw on his CB radio and told them of this "crazy tourist" and to keep an eye out for her on the road. Brown was thoroughly impressed with all of the kindness she was shown while walking mile after mile. All of the cold waters, apple juices, sandwiches, candy bars, fresh fruit, chocolate pudding and her favorite, hot tea, that passerby's would give her kept her spirits up along the way. More important than the food, for Brown, was the conversation the traveler's brought with them. They asked her the usual questions and she was readily eager with her responses. She even ran into a couple from Germany, Lore and Dieter Fackler, who were on the same journey she's on. The only difference...she's walking, they're driving.



Taking 21 pills a day and still experiencing 2-3 seizures each day Brown finally had brain surgery to correct the problem in 1981.

When 2001 rolled around Brown took her first step across country to celebrate 20 years of being seizure-free. It took her 2 1/2 years and 18 pairs of shoes to walk a total of 9,000 miles through 35 different states.

For the moment Brown is settled here in Delta Junction and working for FMWR at Fort Greely for the winter. If you see her stop by to say, "hello" hurry though, for once the first sign of spring appears you'll have to catch her on the road heading south counting one mile, two miles...17,998 more miles to go.



SHIPPING YOUR FRONT-LOADING WASHER

More and more military families and DOD employees are buying expensive front loading washers in order to gain energy savings over the life of the machine. Most likely the washer will need to be moved as a result of a PCS, retirement etc.

When you first purchase your front loading washer and have it delivered and installed, it's vital that you save the original shipping/stabilizer bolts, spacers and wrenches provided with the machine.

Place these items in a small bag and keep them with the washing machine instructions, or affix the bag to the machine where it won't interfere with its operation.

If you did not keep the shipping bolts, spacers and wrench, it would be a good idea to order these items from the manufacturer to prevent a possible delay when it comes time to move. The movers don't have replacement bolts to secure your front-loading washer for shipment and third party services don't normally carry them. At the time you set up your move, inform the personal property counselor that you

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will be shipping a front loading washer and if you have the required shipping bolts. Also, when the movers perform the pre-move survey, either by phone or on site, ensure they know you have a front-loading washer and whether or not you have the required shipping bolts.

Third party services can be authorized to secure your front-loading washer for shipment, but if you don't have the required shipping bolts, it could take several weeks for the third party service requested by the movers to order them from the manufacturer. This becomes a

difficult situation if you have a short notice PCS, especially during peak season.

If you have any questions regarding the movement of front loading washers, call (907-873-3042 or 4301) or visit the local personal property counselor in building 601.

Winter Driving:

Safety Tips

1. Ask yourself is the trip really necessary if not, wait until conditions improve.
2. Call 866-282-7577 for current Alaska road conditions.
3. Plug your vehicle in when the temperature reaches 20 degrees Fahrenheit and always keep the gas tank at least half full.
4. Remove excess snow from vehicle prior to starting. Do not become a "peephole driver".
5. If your vehicle begins to slide DO NOT PANIC and DO NOT APPLY the BRAKES. Turn the front of the vehicle in the direction that you want to go.
6. Increase your following distance to more than 3 seconds and add an additional second for every increased hazard that you encounter.

COMING NEXT ISSUE!

Fort Greely PHOTO ENTHUSIASTS

Beginning in January 2010 the Interceptor will be allocating a space for amateur photographers to show off their work. **Admission deadline will be the 1st of each month.** Three photos will be selected every month and will be displayed for one month on the Command Channel and in the Interceptor. At the end of the calendar year we will select the top photo and have it printed and framed to put on display in the Garrison. Please make sure each entry submitted has the following information:

1. **Your Name**
2. **Title of Photograph**
3. **Date and location where photo was taken**
4. **Contact information**

Please submit your photo to deborah.ward3@us.army.mil before the 1st of every month. Each photo must have a resolution of 300 dpi. Poor quality photos that cannot be processed or photos with inappropriate subject matter suitable for public viewing will not be considered for publication.

GET YOUR PHOTOGRAPHY PUBLISHED!

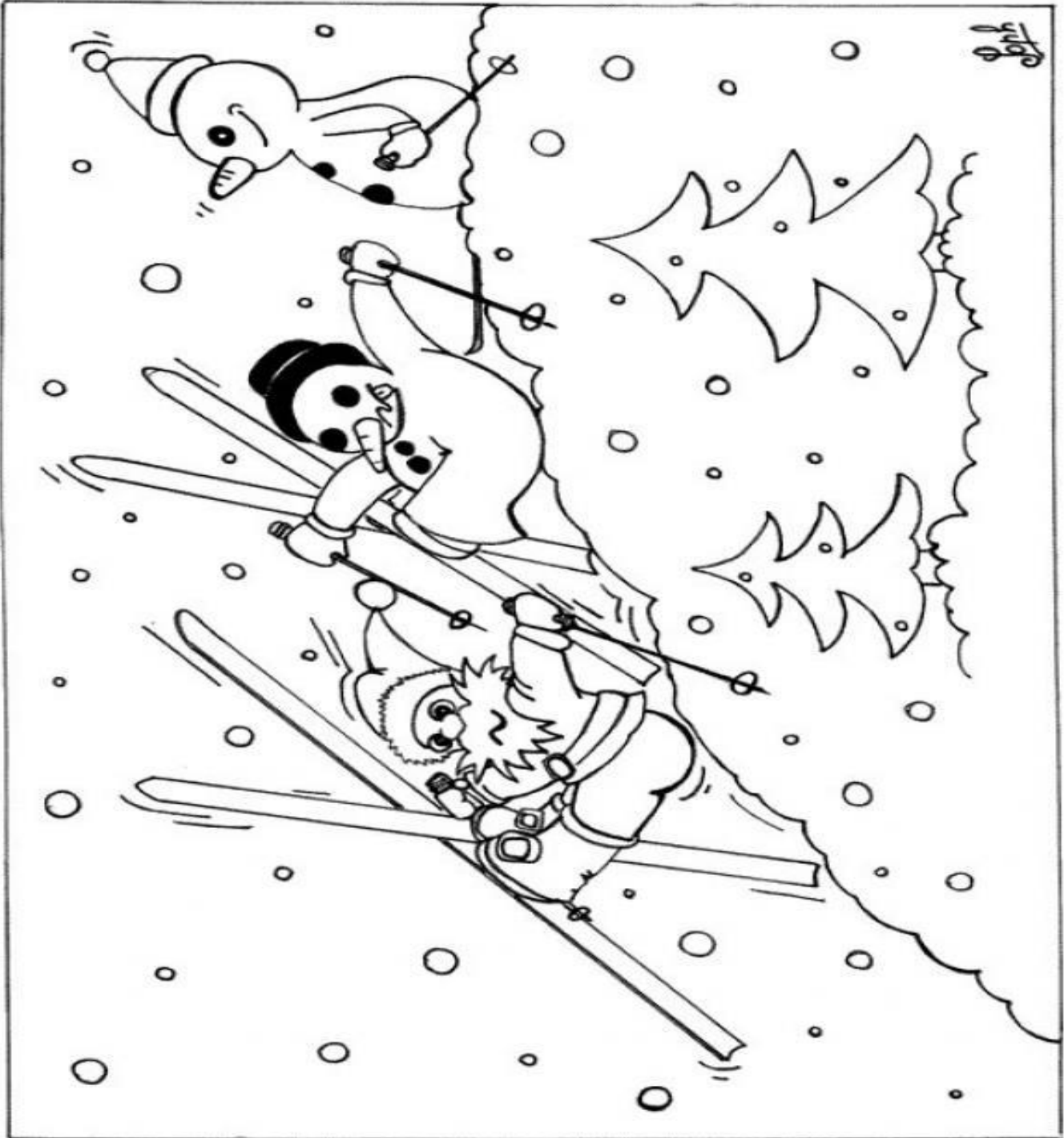
Kids' Corner!

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Color the image below then scan your work of art and send it to:
deborah.ward3@us.army.mil

Four winners will be chosen each month and will get the chance to have their name in lights on the Fort Greely Marquee for a week!

Be sure to include your first name, age and telephone number in the space provided so we may contact you if selected.



NAME: _____ AGE: _____ PHONE: _____