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Photos from the Retirement lunch for CSM Mittie Smith

<http://bit.ly/9TGXaM>

Natick FMWR events

A link to keep you informed of the events sponsored by the Natick Family Morale Welfare and Recreation directorate.

<http://www.army.mil/news/2010/01/12/32805-mwr-events-calendar/index.html>

About this Newsletter

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Soldiers to get new cammo pattern to wear in OEF

Starting this summer, Soldiers sent to fight in Afghanistan will wear an Army Combat Uniform with the "MultiCam" pattern instead of the standard-issue universal camouflage pattern.

Secretary of the Army John McHugh made that announcement Feb. 19, after the service conducted a rigorous four-month evaluation of various uniform patterns to determine what could best protect Soldiers in Afghanistan.

<http://bit.ly/9skqnz>

Army Community Covenant - What Gratitude Looks Like

As our Nation commits to preserving freedom through the uncertainty of deployments and conflicts across the world, Americans give us a special gift: embracing Soldiers and their families with sincere support.

It warms my heart to see adults, children, organizations and businesses that represent all walks of life sending care packages to deployed Soldiers and extending special invitations when they return. In a larger way, the Army Community Covenant generates a great deal of community support for Army Families while their Soldiers are away.

<http://bit.ly/8Z0MLx>

AMC Newswatch on DoD Combat Feeding

Melissa Bohan highlights the mission of the Department of Defense Combat Feeding Directorate located in Natick, Massachusetts.

<http://www.army.mil/media/amp/?bctid=67358288001>

From the Commander's Chair

Natick is a tremendous asset for our nation-our servicemembers depend on the team at Natick to provide the basic necessities of life to support deployments-food, shelter, and clothing.

After looking at our mission and the teams at Natick, I set four strategic objectives for the team at the Natick Soldier Systems Center

<http://www.army.mil/news/2010/02/08/34166-from-the-commanders-chair/>

Hand-made textiles to provide a touch of home

The Natick Soldier Research Development and Engineering Command, (NSRDEC) provides everything the Soldier eats, carries, is sheltered in and wears for protection. The NSRDEC Director, Dr. Marilyn Freeman is starting a new voluntary project entitled Touch of Home that started on Feb. 17.

There are many people across the country that knit or crochet and they are making Prayer Shawls to show their love and support to those in need in their local communities.

<http://www.army.mil/news/2010/02/10/34215-hand-made-textiles-to-provide-a-touch-of-home/>

Trivia Night at Lord Community Activities Center

A good time was had by all at the Mardi Gras Trivia Night at the Lord Community Center. More than 100 people tested their knowledge and the ACQ Pack came out victorious.

<http://bit.ly/dwgzJO>