

American flag that flew in Iraq presented to MU

University's Occupational Therapy Department members receive flag during formal ceremony in Lemmond Theater.

Representatives of the 320th Military Police Battalion based in Ashley, presented an American flag that flew over Camp Bucca in Iraq to the Misericordia University Occupational Therapy Department during a formal ceremony in Lemmond Theater at Walsh Hall.

The American flag flew over Camp Bucca on July 4, 2009 and was dedicated afterward to the occupational therapy program. The unit received five large care packages from the program as part of the "Packages for the Troops" teaching laboratory in the sophomore occupational therapy class, "Occupation: Theories and Perspectives I."

The soldiers appreciated the gifts, according to Lt. Col. Garrity, and also shared some of them with the Iraqi people as part of their humanitarian missions.

"Packages for the Troops" was organized by MU occupational therapy students Christine Brandon of Freeland, the wife of Staff Sgt. Thomas Brandon, a member of the 320th MP Battalion; Sarah Terry of Orrtanna, and Courtney Sennett of William-

sport.

The 320th MP Battalion was responsible for providing military police services to 1,200 soldiers and 7,000 detainees at Theater Internment Facility Defender, the largest internment facility in Iraq. The soldiers' main mission in Iraq was to provide "care and custody with dignity and respect" for the detainees, according to Lt. Col. Stacy Garrity. But the unit also implemented numerous educational programs to help detainees develop the skills necessary for life outside the internment facility, like the Bucca Freedom School, vocational training and registering 4,500 detainees for the Special Population Provincial Election.

The local soldiers also led and implemented more than 25 humanitarian projects in support of the detainee family visitation program. The projects helped to positively shape the Iraqi families' opinions of U.S. and coalition forces, and also provided the battalion soldiers with the opportunity to interact with Iraqis in a positive and productive manner.



Members of the 320th Military Police Battalion, based in Ashley, pose for a picture with Misericordia University students, faculty and administration. From left, Dr. Grace Fisher, chair of the occupational therapy department; Lt. Col. Stacy Garrity Staff Sgt. Michael Casey, Sarah Terry, OT student; Staff Sgt. Eric Caisman, Staff Sgt. Thomas Brandon, Pfc. Eric Bartos, Christine Brandon, OT student; Spc. Timothy Swahn, Courtney Sennett, OT student; Sgt. William McDonald, Sfc. Linda Thornton, Michael MacDowell, president, Misericordia University, and Sunday-Lefkowitz, OTR/L, instructor.



AT LEFT: Lt. Col. Garrity of the 320th Military Police Battalion, based in Ashley, tells the Misericordia University audience what the "Packages for the Troops" meant to the soldiers serving in Iraq during a ceremony in the Lemmond Theater at Walsh Hall. Standing during Lt. Col. Stacy Garrity's presentation, from left, are Misericordia University occupational therapy student Christine Brandon; Dr. Grace Fisher, chair of the occupational therapy department; Lisa Sunday-Lefkowitz, OTR/L, instructor; and President Michael A. MacDowell.



Lt. Col. Stacy Garrity of the 320th Military Police Battalion, based in Ashley, Pa., presents the special flag from Camp Bucca to Misericordia University occupational therapy student Christine Brandon during a special ceremony in the Lemmond Theater at Walsh Hall.

L-J FACULTY AND STAFF RAISE MONEY FOR SENIOR PROJECT



Lehman-Jackson Elementary School faculty and staff recently raised over \$400 in donations for a senior project. The money raised will be donated to the Medical Oncology Association which helps cancer patients purchase live-saving medicine. From left, are January Albee, teacher; Mrs. Marilyn Glogowski, principal; Mary Simms, Lake-Lehman senior; and Doreen Johnson, teacher.

LL SPANISH STUDENTS HOLD FIESTA



Lake-Lehman AP Spanish class recently held a Fiesta Latina in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month. Students performed and instructed underclassmen in Latin dances such as la salsa, la bachata and el meringue. In addition, students brought foods and displayed information signs throughout the school regarding Hispanic Heritage. AP students involved are, from left, kneeling, Christina Lambacher and Amy Heindel. Standing, Katie Kohl, Gaby Henry, Michele Kollar, instructor; Ray Margary, Emily Sisk and Jackie Eury. Absent at the time of the photo was Kiri Koziol.

MU donates to Dallas Fire and Ambulance Co.

Misericordia University recently made a contribution to the Dallas Fire and Ambulance Department which serves the campus community and Dallas Borough and Dallas Township. Participating in the check presentation, from left, are volunteer firefighter and Misericordia University student James Miller, 2013, of Ashland; Fire Chief Harry Vivian, a 1985 graduate of Misericordia University; Mark Van Etten, a 1993 graduate of MU, the fire department president and accounting manager at Misericordia; and Matt Hornak, a 2007 graduate of Misericordia and the fire department's bookkeeper.

