

buildings. Hunting and fishing would continue in accordance with the Fort Bragg INRMP and FB Reg. 420–11, *Hunting and Fishing Regulation*, and would be subject to restrictions imposed on public access by military training schedules.

A total of 15 contributing elements (14 buildings and the golf course) would be required to operate the youth golf and horse stables programs. These buildings, structures and landscapes would be adaptively reused or preserved in layaway in support of the recreation programs in accordance with the Standards for Rehabilitation or the Standards for Preservation in the Secretary of Interior's *Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties* (38 CFR part 68). The remaining 41 contributing elements would be incorporated into the training program after all legal requirements under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), the Fort Bragg Integrated Cultural Resources Management Plan (ICRMP) and AR 200–4, *Cultural Resources Management* are fulfilled.

Alternative II would allow for more effective and realistic training, although on a small scale (limited to 250 personnel plus support personnel), because training activities on both NTA I–IV and on Overhills (NTA V–VIII) would be governed by one set of rules, the IRR. However, this alternative requires over 600 acres of Overhills west of Hwy NC–87 for the recreation programs. Additionally, a buffer zone would have to be established in order to prevent incompatible adjacent land uses between the land used for the recreational programs and training. This alternative would channelize training activities near the southern boundary of Overhills and also limit the avenues of approach and maneuver formations that could be conducted on Overhills.

Alternative III—Intermediate Training, additional recreation, and adaptive reuse and/or layaway of selected contributing elements within the District. Under this alternative the level of activity on Overhills would be increased to accommodate battalion-sized units (approximately 1,000 personnel), plus support personnel. Training activities listed in Alternatives II would be conducted in accordance with the IRR, which allows for more effective, realistic training scenarios.

The youth golf and horse stable programs and hunting and fishing would occur as described in Alternative II. Historic buildings would be preserved as described in Alternative II. The acreage and buildings identified in Alternative II that are required for the additional recreation programs would

also be eliminated from training use under this alternative. This alternative would channelize training activities near the southern boundary of Overhills and also limit the avenues of approach and maneuver formations that could be conducted on Overhills.

Alternative IV (Preferred Alternative)—Maximum training, existing recreation, and no preservation of the District. Under this alternative the level of training would be increased to accommodate brigade-sized units (approximately 5,000 personnel), and the Overhills would be used in the same manner as the other training areas on Fort Bragg. Units up to and including brigade size would train in accordance with the IRR and the training activities listed in Alternative II would be permitted. Overhills would be fully incorporated into the installation's training program.

The number of personnel would depend on such factors as the type of training (i.e. Infantry, Armor, Special Operations, etc.), unit configuration, and training area landscape. Incorporating Overhills fully into the Fort Bragg training program would not change the number of brigade size exercises presently held on the installation. However, permitting brigade-size training on the Overhills in accordance with the IRR would provide trainers with additional training areas when scheduling exercises.

Hunting and fishing would continue in accordance with the Fort Bragg INRMP and FB Reg. 420–11, *Hunting and Fishing Regulation*, and would be subject to restrictions imposed on public access by military training schedules. No additional recreational use of the Overhills would occur.

After fulfillment of all requirements under NHPA, the Fort Bragg ICRMP and AR 200–4, *Cultural Resources Management*, all 56 contributing elements would be integrated into the training program.

After review of the FEIS, and careful consideration of public comments received throughout the NEPA process, Alternative IV (Preferred Alternative—Maximum training, existing recreation, and no preservation of the District) was selected for the Record of Decision. This alternative best supports Fort Bragg's ability to enhance the overall capability of the installation to perform its primary mission—the training and logistical and mobilization/deployment support of the XVIII Airborne Corps, United States Army Special Operations Command, 82nd Airborne Division, and other assigned units—, while continuing to sustain the environmental resources on Fort Bragg. The following factors were

considered in making the selection of Alternative IV: (1) Fullest use of training lands; (2) maintenance and upkeep of the historic buildings; (3) compatibility of recreation and training; and (4) sustainability of the environment.

Although the No Action Alternative has fewer environmental impacts it does not fully support Fort Bragg's primary mission—the training and logistical and mobilization/deployment support of the XVIII Airborne Corps, United States Army Special Operations Command, 82nd Airborne Division, and other assigned units. The Preferred Alternative allows Fort Bragg to fulfill its mission requirements while meeting the installation's responsibility for environmental stewardship. Fort Bragg has identified all practicable means to avoid or minimize environmental impacts resulting from implementation of the Preferred Alternative (IV); all identified mitigation and monitoring in the FEIS will be adopted.

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Brigadier General, United States Army, Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, G–3/5/7, (Readiness).

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Armed Forces Epidemiological Board; Meeting

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of partially-closed meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of Public Law 92–463, The Federal Advisory Committee Act, announcement is made of the following meeting:

Name of Committee: Armed Forces Epidemiological Board (AFEB).

Dates: May 23, 2006 (Partially-Closed meeting, 1545–1615).

May 24, 2006 (Open meeting).

Times: 8 a.m.–3:30 p.m. (May 23, 2006). 8 a.m.–4 p.m. (May 24, 2006).

Location: The Renaissance Ilikai Waikiki Hotel, 1777 Ala Moana Boulevard, Honolulu, Hawaii 96815.

Agenda: The purpose of the meeting is to address pending and new Board issues, provide briefings for Board members on topics related to ongoing and new Board issues, conduct subcommittee meetings, and conduct an executive working session.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Colonel Roger Gibson, Executive Secretary, Armed Forces Epidemiological Board, Skyline Six, 5109 Leesburg Pike, Room 682, Falls

Church, VA 22041-3258, (703) 681-8012/3.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the interest of national security, and in accordance with Title 5, United States Code (U.S.C.) Appendix 2, Section 10(d) and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1), two sessions on May 23 will be partially closed to the public as the briefings will cover "For Official Government Use Only" information. The briefings will cover biowarfare countermeasures and medically actionable information from the combat theater. In addition, any classified portions of the meeting minutes may be withheld from public disclosure in accordance with 5 U.S.C. Appendix 2, Section 10(b) and 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(1). The session on March 8, 2006 will be open to the public in accordance with Section 552b(c) of Title 5, U.S.C., specifically subparagraph (1) thereof and Title 5, U.S.C., appendix 1, subsection 10(d). Open sessions of the meeting will be limited by space accommodations. Any interested person may attend, appear before or file statements with the committee at the time and in the manner permitted by the committee.

Brenda S. Bowen,
Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Availability of Non-Exclusive, Exclusive License or Partially Exclusive Licensing of U.S. Patent Concerning Method for Discovering One or More Peptides Adapted for Specific Binding to a Microorganism of Interest

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with 37 CFR part 404.6, announcement is made of the availability for licensing of U.S. Patent No. US 7,033,769 B2 entitled "Method for Discovering One or More Peptides Adapted for Specific Binding to a Microorganism of Interest" issued April 25, 2006. This patent has been assigned to the United States Government as represented by the Secretary of the Army.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Arnold Boucher at U.S. Army Soldier Systems Center, Kansas Street, Natick, MA 01760, Phone: (508) 233-5431 or E-mail: Arnold.Boucher@natick.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Any licenses granted shall comply with 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR part 404.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Availability of Non-Exclusive, Exclusive License or Partially Exclusive Licensing of U.S. Patent Concerning Parachute Reefing System

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with 37 CFR 404.6, announcement is made of the availability for licensing of U.S. Patent No. U.S. 7,028,951 B1 entitled "Parachute Reefing System" issued April 18, 2006. This patent has been assigned to the United States Government as represented by the Secretary of the Army.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Arnold Boucher at U.S. Army Soldier Systems Center, Kansas Street, Natick, MA 01760, Phone: (508) 233-5431 or E-mail: Arnold.Boucher@natick.army.mil.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Intent To Grant an Exclusive License of a U.S. Government-Owned Patent

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with 35 U.S.C. 209(e) and 37 CFR 404.7(a)(I)(i), announcement is made of the intent to grant an exclusive, royalty-bearing, revocable license to U.S. patent number 6,875,602 issued April 4, 2005 entitled "Portable Thermocycler," to Dark Horse Technologies LLC. with its principal place of business at 140 County Rd. 128 N., Nederland, CO 80466. The exclusive field of use will be in sequence specific identification of nucleic acids from any biological sample.

ADDRESSES: Commander, U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel

Command, ATTN: Command Judge Advocate, MCMR-JA, 504 Scott Street, Fort Detrick, Frederick, MD 21702-5012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For patent issues, Ms. Elizabeth Arwine, Patent Attorney, (301) 619-7808. For licensing issues, Dr. Paul Mele, Office of Research & Technology Assessment, (301) 619-6664, both at telefax (301) 619-5034.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Anyone wishing to object to the grant of this license can file written objections along with supporting evidence, if any, 15 days from the date of this publication. Written objections are to be filed with the Command Judge Advocate, U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command, 504 Scott Street, Fort Detrick, Frederick, MD 21702-5012.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

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Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.
ACTION: Notice to Amend a System of Records.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Army is proposing to amend a system of records notice in its existing inventory of records systems subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended.

DATES: This proposed action will be effective without further notice on June 5, 2006 unless comments are received which result in a contrary determination.

ADDRESSES: Department of the Army, Freedom of Information/Privacy Division, U.S. Army Records Management and Declassification Agency, ATTN: AHRC-PDD-FPZ, 7701 Telegraph Road, Casey Building, Suite 144, Alexandria, VA 22325-3905.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Janice Thornton at (703) 428-6503.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of the Army systems of records notices subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, have been published in the **Federal Register** and are available from the address above.