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# 'Shali' devoted to Soldiers

## GEN. JOHN M. SHALIKASHVILI • 1936 – 2011: Served as chairman of Joint Chiefs under Pres. Clinton

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General John M. Shalikashvili, who served as the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff from 1993 to 1997, passed away Saturday morning from complications following a stroke at Madigan Healthcare System, Joint Base Lewis-McChord. He was 75.

General "Shali," as he preferred to be called, was a fixture at Fort Lewis and later Joint Base Lewis-McChord ceremonies for the last 14 years.

"He showed his dedication to the Army and continuing devotion to Soldiers by showing up at so many events on the installation for more than a decade," said JBLM spokesman Joe Piek.

"The military community will miss him."

He dedicated 39 years of his life in service to the country. In recognition, President Bill Clinton awarded him the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian award given by the United States. An inscription on the medal thanked Shalikashvili for working "tirelessly to improve our Nation's security and promote world peace."

Shalikashvili held many of the nation's most important

military positions.

In addition to the chairmanship, he served as Supreme Allied Commander Europe, assistant to chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff during the tenure of Gen. Colin Powell, deputy commander in chief of U.S. Army Europe and commander of the 9th Infantry Division at Fort Lewis.



Shalikashvili

He helped stabilize post-Cold War Europe with Partnership for Peace and NATO Enlargement. He secured "loose nukes" in the former Soviet Union. He maintained U.S. military readiness during "peace dividend" downsizing and created Joint Vision 2010 to increase interoperability of the U.S. service branches. He also led successful military operations in Bosnia, Haiti and elsewhere in the world.

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## Four wounded warriors from JBLM take on their toughest test yet while recovering from combat injuries by climbing 14,411-foot Mount Rainier



Photos by Spc. Ryan Hallock

Spc. Bibek Gurung, 1st Special Forces Group, climbs Mount Rainier in support of Camp Patriot's mission July 13. Camp Patriot is an organization that creates relationships through outdoor adventures that promote positive life changing experiences for United States wounded veterans.

# REACHING THEIR SUMMIT

### MORE ONLINE

• For more about Camp Patriot, visit [www.camp-patriot.org](http://www.camp-patriot.org)  
• For more on outdoor adventures on Mount Rainier, visit [www.visitrainier.com](http://www.visitrainier.com)

By Spc. Ryan Hallock  
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**MOUNT RAINIER NATIONAL PARK** — Looking east on any clear Washington day from Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Mount Rainier dominates the horizon.

The mountain's snow cap and jagged peaks, often enveloped in clouds, make it an imposing part of the landscape that some see as symbolic of triumph arising out of struggle.

War veterans might have a special connection to the mountain and its poetic symbolism; wounded warriors, an even stronger bond.

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Sgt. Derrick Ford (left) and Staff Sgt. Eric Cowin raise the Camp Patriot flag after reaching the 14,411-foot summit of Mount Rainier July 13.

## Internet security concern for JBLM

Servicemembers, Families targeted with e-mail scam

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A recent operational security alert sent out by the Department of Emergency Services on Joint Base Lewis-McChord, highlighted an Internet scam that specifically targets servicemembers, past and present, and their Families.

A legitimate looking e-mail, purportedly sent from the United Services Automobile Association, urges the addressee to fill out "a new version of USAA confirmation form" by following a link to a phishing page.

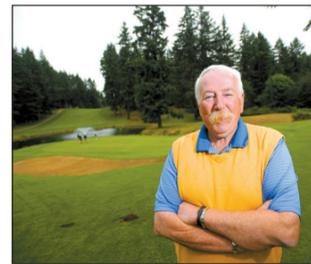
The site directs customers to provide their names, online IDs, passwords, USAA card numbers and expiration dates, the security codes, primary identification numbers and an e-mail address — everything the thief needs to access private accounts.

Con artists use scams to feel out easy targets, with little risk of being caught. They range from solo amateurs to professional organizations; they adapt their tactics to emerging technology and target everybody.

Military personnel and their Family members are not immune to these criminals.

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## THIS WEEK in the Northwest Guardian



**High golf course standard** Eagles Facility attracts golfers, with improved facilities, service, upkeep. See **Page B1**

**A date for 'Don't Ask, Tell'** Sept. 20 will mark repeal of the law that forced gays to serve silently. See **Page A5**

### ON THE WEB

For the latest on JBLM servicemembers, visit the Northwest Guardian website at [nwguardian.com](http://nwguardian.com)

## 446th AW 'stars' walk red carpet to documentary premiere

Senior Airman Caleb Heder waves to supporters as he arrives with fellow Reservists for a free screening of "Rescue" in Tacoma.



Ingrid Barrentine

Lorin T. Smith  
Northwest Guardian

Lieutenant Colonel Sharon Carlson saw a familiar face in the first 3-D movie she had ever seen — her own.

The flight nurse with the 446th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, along with three other Reservist Airmen, were the stars of the show at a special premiere for the 3-D documentary "Rescue," at the Galaxy Narrows Theatre July 21 in Tacoma.

The film highlights Reservists'

efforts following the earthquake that struck Haiti, January 2010. It shows the massive effort of responders from around the world to help the victims of one of the biggest humanitarian disasters of the century.

Family and friends of the new celebrities cheered as they entered the theater in Hollywood style. Walking on a red carpet, the uniformed Reservists strutted for the cameras as photo flashes reflected off designer sunglasses.

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# Summit

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Camp Patriot recognized that connection in 2007, between Rainier and combat veterans who honored the nation's values by fighting for them overseas under the most trying circumstances. They welcome the challenge to overcome the odds, to prove the skeptics wrong, and to prove to themselves they still have what it takes to make it to the top of the world.

Camp Patriot is a nonprofit organization with the mission to give something back to those servicemembers who have paid for Americans' freedoms with pain and sacrifice. The camp provides veterans therapy via outdoor recreation, including fishing trips, big-game hunting, 500-mile motorcycle rides and mountain climbing excursions. Its vision is to facilitate the transition from veterans' past to their futures and expand their views of life.

Four years ago Camp Patriot sponsored the first of what has become an annual climb to Mount Rainier's 14,411-foot summit. Only 50 percent of all who attempt the climb reach the summit, laying the groundwork of the challenge for wounded warriors.

On July 9, a team of wounded warriors, Sgt. Derrick Ford, medically retired Staff Sgt. Eric Cowin and retired Master Sgt. Gil "Mag" Magallanes Jr., joined Camp Patriot to meet the challenge at the foot of Mount Rainier.

"It's critical in their rehabilitation," said Micah Clark, founder and executive director of Camp Patriot. "The idea is to stretch the imagination, to get them out there, and create that hope and light at the end of the tunnel."

## Reality shifts

Eric Cowin's uphill climb began on a 130-degree day in Baghdad, June 9, 2009, with 2nd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division. Fifty meters from the convoy's mission completion that day, Cowin's vehicle was attacked with an explosively formed penetrator.

"I couldn't feel my legs," he said. "I couldn't feel my whole body." Cowin's left leg was severely injured in the blast. Remaining calm and in charge despite extraordinary pain, he took control of the situation and got his Soldiers back to base.

"I knew what was going on," he said. "It was my second deployment."

Cowin's left foot was amputated on June 17, 2009.

Derrick Ford's journey began two months later on Aug. 14, 2009, in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan. His platoon in 5th Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, was conducting route reconnaissance when his Stryker armored fighting vehicle rolled over a pressure-plate IED.

"I only recall dust being thrown everywhere and an incredible pain in my feet," Ford said.



Spc. Ryan Hallock

Sgt. Derrick Ford (left) forges ahead to Camp Muir at 10,080 feet on Mount Rainier July 10. Founded by Micah Clark, Camp Patriot is an organization that creates relationships through outdoor adventures that promote positive life changing experiences for U.S. wounded veterans.

Before he received medical attention, Ford crawled out of the top of his Stryker and attempted to secure the convoy.

Spending the next 14 months at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in rehabilitation, Ford worked to save his leg. A newlywed who got married prior to the deployment, and his wife, Michelle, was expecting twins.

"After my kids were born, it was kind of a reality check," Ford said. "I just decided, cut the leg off, I'm walking before my kids do."

Ford's left leg was amputated on Oct. 9, 2009.

"I have made it my mission since I have started walking again that I would make the most of my life and everything I can to prove to myself that I am not disabled, but only wounded," he said. "I hope this climb up Mount Rainier will be another step I take of a long line of adventures in my life."

Gil "Mag" Magallanes Jr. served 21 years on active duty as a Green Beret in the Special Forces. He was guarding the president of Afghanistan, Hamid Karzai, when he was injured by friendly fire after a 2000-pound bomb was dropped on his team's position.

Magallanes suffered multiple injuries, including traumatic brain injury. After intensive therapy and hard work, he is once again competing in triathlons and exploring the great outdoors.

Battle-tested, the three teamed up with Micah Clark and Camp Patriot for the challenge of climbing Mount Rainier.

"At first it was just kind of a bucket list thing," Ford said. "I've been through airborne school, jumped out of perfectly good airplanes, dove at Guantanamo Bay. The next thing was to climb a mountain."

## Step by step

The adventure began in Ashford, Wash., where team members prepared for the climb early the following morning. A support team, all members of the Special Forces community led by Staff Sgt. Edward Grondin, 1st Special Forces Group, hauled gear and supplies up the mountain.

Grondin, in his fourth year supporting the climb, not only donates his labor, but also the proceeds of his custom woodworking company to further support this mission of outdoor recreational therapy.

"I have very rarely met an organization run by people who genuinely put their entire self into it," Grondin said. "If I'm able to be here, I'll be here every year."

The group arose the next morning to sun and blue sky to begin the 4.5-mile hike up the Muir Snowfield to Camp Muir on the Cowlitz Glacier at 10,080 feet, carrying rucksacks that averaged 75-pounds up the slopes.

They navigated over snow, rocks, ice and through clouds. After nearly seven hours of climbing, the teams made it to Camp Muir, where they set up camp.

The next day was focused on summit training: four-person rope teams simulated falling down slopes and anchoring themselves to the edges of ridges. They strapped on rope harnesses, wielded ice axes, and traversing the near slopes, practicing scaling and descending.

Clouds had arrived to diminish visibility by the afternoon, and the teams went to sleep early without knowing if the weather would allow them to summit the most heavily glaciated peak in the United States.

By the evening, the weather cleared to allow the 11 p.m. push to the top. As they began,

temperatures dropped to below freezing and the winds picked up. The only sounds the climbers heard over the wind was the ice axes hacking into the frozen ground.

They moved steadily upward, with the sun finally rising to reveal a whole new world above the clouds. After nearly eight hours of continuous effort, the Camp Patriot party reached the summit.

"Who needs two legs?" Ford shouted as he stepped onto the summit. "My injury doesn't stop me at all."

Ford and Cowin grabbed the Camp Patriot flag and raised it above the clouds.

## New adventures

"Every day's a challenge," Cowin said. "I was happy I finally made it."

Magallanes successfully climbed to about 13,000 feet before traversing back down to Camp Muir.

Camp Patriot founder Micah Clark once again achieved his goal to create positive, life changing outdoor experiences for veterans.

"It's inspirational on so many levels," Grondin said. "It inspires me to go back to my day-to-day life and appreciate the things I do have and to continue to push myself in my own personal life."

Camp Patriot is open to military veterans from all wars and generations.

"We show them that we love them and that we're patriotic Americans," Clark said.

Cowin, Ford, and Magallanes said more adventures will follow.

Cowin plans to move to Puerto Rico to get his dive instructor certification. Ford looks forward to more scuba diving, and Magallanes finished his first 70.3-mile triathlon in 2010 and cycles as part of his therapy.

## Crime Corner

Courtesy of the JBLM Provost Marshal

**July 19:** A Soldier from the 201st Battlefield Surveillance Brigade was charged with larceny of government funds when it was discovered that she fraudulently claimed to be a married Soldier upon enlisting and has been collecting BAH ever since. The estimated cost of loss to the government is over \$29,000.

**July 20:** A specialist from the 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division was cited for failure to obey an order (driving on the tank trail) and negligent driving second degree. The Soldier was driving at excessive speeds on the trail and lost control of the vehicle hitting a large rock just off the roadway and damaging the vehicle.

**July 21:** A Soldier from the 593rd Sustainment Brigade was charged with aggravated assault (Article 128) and disrespecting an NCO (Article 91). The Soldier was asked by an NCO if he was smoking in a properly designated smoking area. An argument ensued between the Soldier and the NCO, and resulted in the Soldier eventually striking the NCO twice in the face with a Maglite flashlight.

**July 22:** A private from the 4th Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division took the car of a fellow Soldier without permission. The private was subsequently involved in an accident in Spanaway and it was determined that he was not the owner of the vehicle. The unit brought the Soldier to the PMO and he was advised of his rights. The private wrote a sworn statement claiming he had permission to use the car. It was determined that he did not have permission and the private was charged with larceny of a private motor vehicle (Article 121) and making a false official statement (Article 107).

**July 23:** A sergeant from the 593rd Sustainment Brigade was stopped at 41st Division Gate for potential drunk driving when an odor of alcohol was detected emitting from his person. A patrol arrived and conducted standardized field sobriety tests which showed impairment. The Soldier consented to a blood alcohol content test with results of .144/146. There were also three children in the vehicle along with the mother. Two of the children were not in proper child restraints. The Soldier was cited for driving under the influence of alcohol as well as failure to use child restraints and was issued a post driving revocation letter.



# 'Shali'

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Perhaps his greatest accomplishment was leading Operation Provide Comfort, the U.S. military's first major humanitarian mission. At the end of the first Gulf War, Saddam Hussein's military chased more than 500,000 Kurds into the inhospitable mountains along the Turkish border. With Kurds dying at a rate of 1,000 per day, Shalikashvili led 35,000 Soldiers from 13 countries and volunteers from over 50 non-government organizations. Within 90 days, Operation Provide Comfort had returned all Kurds to a safe haven back in Iraq.

Shalikashvili had been a refugee himself. He was born "stateless" in Poland on June 27, 1936, because his parents were refugees fleeing Russia's Bolshevik upris-



Department of Defense photo

ing. Following the violent Warsaw Uprising of 1944, he and his family were on the run again and eventually found sanctuary in southern Germany. Eight years later, with the help of distant relatives, his

family emigrated to Peoria, Ill., where he was finally granted citizenship — his first ever — by the United States in May of 1958.

He served at every level of unit command during his Army career,

from battalion to division. He was posted at forts Chaffee, Leonard Wood, Bliss, Sill and Lewis, held a number of Army planning positions in the Pentagon and was stationed abroad in Germany, Vietnam, Korea, Italy and Belgium.

He held a bachelor's degree in engineering from Bradley University and a master's degree in international affairs from George Washington University. He was a graduate of the Artillery Officer Advanced Course, the Naval War College and the Army War College.

Never comfortable in the spotlight, Shalikashvili preferred highlighting the contributions of others. In thinking back on his own career, he often credited his parents for all the sacrifices they made for their children, Sgt. 1st Class William Grice for teaching him to care for Soldiers, and Gen. Lester Wheeler for showing him the essence of being an officer. He

recognized Powell for being a true mentor and friend, and Defense Secretary William Perry, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and others for inspiring him with their high standards for public service.

Above all, he understood that his career would not have been possible without his family. He was grateful to "Joannie," his wife of 44 years, and his son, Brant, for bearing the stresses of military family. He often credited his career successes to his wife, who shared his love of Soldiers as well as his dedication to improving the lives of military families.

He is survived by "Joannie," Brant, and other family members. An open memorial service will be held Aug. 6, at 1 p.m. in the Greater Tacoma Convention Center. A funeral service will be held later at Arlington National Cemetery.

# Security

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As the criminal intelligence specialist, operations security officer, communication security officer and security manager for Directorate of Emergency Services, Michael Chesbro is tasked to identify security issues on the installation and act to deter the threats. One of the ways he does that is by sending out operational security alerts highlighting scams targeting members of Joint Base Lewis-McChord.

According to Chesbro, who has written 10 books on matters related to privacy and fraud, one method scammers use is phishing, or the shotgun approach, where criminals will send out thousands of e-mails to potential victims. They know that most people who receive the e-mail will realize that it is a scam and delete it, but a small number of targets will be hooked and provide the con artist with all of the information necessary to steal the victim's identity.

Most people would be reluctant to

release sensitive information about their accounts, but often these con artists make the e-mail look official to lure victims into providing their information. Their tactics include duplicating company letterheads, copying portions of Web pages, giving false links and simply asking potential victims to update information for companies with which they already have accounts.

The majority of reputable businesses will not ask for personal information in an e-mail. A posting on USAA's website says "we will never ask you for personal information, such as account numbers or passwords."

Spear-phishing is a similar type of scam in which criminals have some information about their intended targets, which might lead victims to believe that the scams are legitimate. That information, in turn, can be leveraged to gain more personal or financial information.

For instance, fake debt collectors might call with little more than the name of a targeted individual, ask the potential victim to update personal

## How to avoid scams

JBLM DES force protection specialist Mike Chesbro offers the following advice to avoid becoming a hard target of scam artists:

- Be wary of unsolicited e-mails.
  - If it sounds too good to be true, it isn't true.
  - Never follow links provided in e-mails; use previously save links to your bank or contact them on the phone number provided on the credit card or bank statement.
  - If you have to pay in advance to receive a prize, it's a scam.
  - Request bills in writing.
- Annually required, Army-specific phishing training is available online at <https://ia.signal.army.mil/Phishing.asp>.
- Victims are rarely able to recollect money lost to these types of scams, but if you become a victim you should alert the local police department and be proactive to protect your credit.
- If you suspect that you have been the target of a scam, contact your unit or agency security managers to address any security issues prior to taking any action.

information, then use high-pressure tactics to try and force the individual to pay a sum of money for a fake debt. Chesbro said servicemembers who move often might be more susceptible to this type of fraud.

A Nigerian e-mail scam, named for the origin of many fraudulent

e-mails, recently targeted JBLM servicemembers and employees. Swindlers claiming to be from the FBI requested \$350 from recipients to obtain a "clearance certificate." The message continued to threaten imprisonment if the fine was not paid by a deadline.

According to Chesbro, a government agency will never request contact information, social security numbers, banking information, or credit card numbers in an e-mail, nor do they threaten people with legal action for failure to respond to an e-mail solicitation.

"The best way to protect yourself is awareness; be aware of hoaxes and frauds," Chesbro said. "If you are aware, then it makes it extremely difficult for someone to target you. Take precautions to make yourself a little bit more secure. Everything we do that makes it more difficult for a criminal to target us increases the chances that they (criminals) will go after a softer target."

If you're concerned about a solicitation, but unsure what to do, contact the security staff at JBLM force protection.

"If it bugs you, then it bugs me," Chesbro said. "Contact me before you do anything else."

Chesbro's books include "Save Your Identity" and "Don't Be a Victim." He can be reached at 966-7303.