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Sprinklers prohibited

Fort Huachuca residents are reminded that beginning in July, sprinklers are prohibited. Residents may water with a hand-held hose at anytime throughout the year. Also remember with the rains come the long weeds and grass.

Yard maintenance is a requirement for accepting government quarters. Neighborhood agents inspect areas every Tuesday to ensure shrubs are trimmed, grass cut and edged and general policing of the area is complete.

If you are going to be gone on vacation, you need to have a point of contact responsible for your house and yard. So enjoy your summer, but let's keep Fort Huachuca a beautiful place to live, work and visit by taking care of our yards.

Ride with U.S. Cavalry

Cavalry troopers with the dash, discipline and daring to preserve and promote the traditions of the B Troop 4th U.S. Cavalry Regiment are needed.

Membership is voluntary and open to male permanent party soldiers, retirees and DoD civilians. Call Maj. Robert Blanchette at 538-0822 or e-mail blanchetterobert@otc.army.mil. Women may volunteer for the Ladies Auxiliary. Ground School meets at 5 p.m. every Thursday at the Private Stables of Buffalo Corral.

For information, visit the troop website at <http://huachuca-www.army.mil/USAG/BTROOP/BTROOP.HTM>.

Recycle glass jars

The Sierra Vista Plant Sciences Center needs clean baby food, pint-size and quart-size glass jars without the labels and with lids for their seed collection. If you would like to recycle your jars, call 458-8278 ext. 2141 or drop them off at the center, 1140 N. Colombo, Sierra Vista (on the University of Arizona South campus behind Cochise College.)

Vanpool commuters

The federal government mass transportation subsidy program is now available to vanpool commuters. The vanpool that serves Fort Huachuca has five vans and is considering an additional van if enough federal workers apply for membership. For more information, call Ken Van Karsen at 533-8200 or 615-1866.

Dental sick call times

Soldiers who need to go on dental sick call must report to Runion Dental Clinic and sign in between 7 and 7:30 a.m. This will allow the staff to treat patients with urgent conditions who cannot wait for a scheduled appointment.

Get sports physicals now

The Medical Activity Command now has appointments available for sports physicals. Appointments can be made through your health care team by calling 533-9200. MEDDAC is encouraging people to get sports physicals before Aug. 1 to ensure availability of appointments.

FHAS seeks input

The Fort Huachuca Accommodation Schools have been informed by the Arizona Department of Education that funds will be available for Individuals with Disabilities Act and Extended School Year. These funds will be used during the 2001-2002 school year to supplement the district budget. Anyone interested in viewing the applications and providing input, can do so by contacting Sally Holcombe at 458-5082.

Fort signs new stray animal reg

By Spc. Jessica Espinosa
Scout Staff

The City of Sierra Vista Animal Control now has access to post to assist military police in capturing and detaining loose strays. This access was possible with the signing of Fort Huachuca Regulation 40-116 by Maj. Gen Charles W. Thomas, commanding general, U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca.

The captured pets will remain the responsibility of the Veterinary Treatment Facility on Fort Huachuca, though the new regulation will help to free up the MP workload.

"With military police resources stretched to the limit with law enforcement, access control, special events and other short notice requirements, any help is greatly appreciated," said Maj. Michael C. Petty, the Directorate of Public Safety and provost marshal.

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Sierra Vista's Animal Control will also be available day or night to respond to animals posing a threat to the public's health and welfare and to all animal emergency situations.

"This is really much needed," Capt. Nichole Chevalier, chief of veterinary services, said. "There's a big problem on post with people who simply abandon their pets or give them up when they become a hassle."

Chevalier explained that when many soldiers make a permanent change of station from Fort Huachuca, many pet owners either do not have the money to bring the pet along or simply don't like the pain of it all, so these animals are put on the streets. She also noted that when small puppies and kitties grow up, some owners no longer take care of the animals properly, so they simply give it up to the VTF.

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Maj. Michael C. Petty

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Photo by Spc. Jessica Espinosa

With the signing of Fort Huachuca Regulation 40-116, Sierra Vista Animal Control will have access to the installation to relieve the military police from "dog-catcher" duty. Detained pets will remain at the Veterinary Treatment Facility on post. (Above) Pvt. Mathew Peevler, veterinary technician, visits with "Gunther" a 10-week-old puppy.

"I don't want to say, across the board, that giving up an animal is wrong, but people need to make an effort to care for their animals or take them with them. It's your responsibility," Chevalier said. "When too many come here and we can't adopt out every pet, some have to get euthanized."

Chevalier said that the City of Sierra Vista is scheduled to build a brand new facility for strays downtown in the next couple of years. When this happens the post facility will no longer hold stray animals. The building plan is still in the works and well into the future, she said.

"Basically, something common that goes on is that people adopt a little pet, but when it gets a little bigger, they become too much work and they give them up or let them run stray on post. This affects the amount of animals we get in and have to euthanize, just because of people's lack of responsibility," said Cpl. Eryk Yoakam, noncommissioned officer in charge of the VTF.

With PCS season, the fort will experience an influx of animal control needs and with the new regulation the post is sure to see some changes.

"The other main advantage we receive from this endeavor is improved partnership with Sierra Vista Police Department and the City of Sierra Vista as a whole. We have a great working relationship with the Sierra Vista Police Department. This only furthers it," Petty said.

Magistrate Court continues to collect fines on fort

OSJA release

On July 10, the Fort Huachuca Special Assistant United States Attorney met with soldiers and civilians who had received citations for on-post violations.

The SAUSA is appointed from the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate and represents the Army in United States Magistrate Court for non-UCMJ criminal offenses committed on post.

Over \$2600 in fines were collected and forwarded to the Department of Justice. Additionally, the SAUSA docketed one alcohol-related driving case for arraignment at U.S. Magistrate Court in Tucson.

Although thirty-five people had been notified to appear before the SAUSA, only nineteen showed up.

The U.S. District Court in Tucson will issue Federal Arrest Warrants for the remain-

ing sixteen, because of their failure to appear.

The cases handled by the SAUSA are not limited to traffic citations.

If the military police cite you for offenses such as theft, shoplifting, damage to property and assault, and issue you a DD Form 1805 (U.S. District Court Violation Notice), then you must appear before the SAUSA when notified to do so.

If you fail to appear, a federal warrant for your arrest is issued and your name is entered into the National Computer System that there is an arrest warrant issued on you.

As a result, if you are subsequently stopped by a police officer anywhere in the United States, your arrest warrant will appear during the police officer's check and you will be taken into custody until you get the original violation cleared up by appearing before a Federal Magistrate Judge.

Many soldiers and civilians fail to recognize the importance of the tickets that the military police issue to them.

These tickets are not something that can be ignored or dealt with at the person's convenience. They are issued under Fort Huachuca's authority as an exclusive federal jurisdiction and have the same weight as any ticket issued by a police officer off-post.

Soldiers or civilians who cannot attend their scheduled meeting with the SAUSA must call the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate.

Additionally, pursuant to Fort Huachuca Regulation, persons who receive a DD Form 1805 citation and fail to pay designated fines or appear in court will have their post driving privileges suspended until the matter is resolved.

For more information, call Mick Douthit at 533-5313.

Government credit card accounts compromised by Internet fraud

IMPAC release

Recently several Government Purchase Card account numbers have been compromised. The bank is currently investigating a fraud ring operating throughout the continental United States that is thought to be the likely cause.

There is currently no knowledge of how the ring is operating, other than through the Internet.

If the bank notifies you about possible fraud, follow their instructions, but don't give them your account number unless you call them back at (888) 994-6722.

"As a cardholder, you will not be held accountable for fraud beyond your control, but you must do your part to limit the opportunities for fraud," said Laurie Packard, assistant A/OPC, IMPAC Purchase Card Program.

Please adhere to the following security measures in order to safeguard our accounts:

— Never give your card number over the phone unless you initiated the call and can verify the recipient

— Never place orders with your card over an unsecured web-page

— Never allow anyone else to make charges with your account

— Never leave your card or bills unattended

— Consider who is within hearing distance when verbally giving your account number

— Shield your account number and card from view whenever possible

— Refrain from sending e-mail with your account number and expiration date outside of our LAN/WAN

You must do your part to limit the opportunities for fraud.

Laurie Packard

POW/MIA families hold conference

By Rudi Williams
American Forces Press Service

ARLINGTON, Va. — An optimistic Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz set the tone for the recent 32nd annual National League of POW/MIA Families conference here.

Wolfowitz delivered the keynote speech. Ann Mills Griffiths, league executive director, said no one expects miracles, but Wolfowitz's attitude gave the impression that the missing personnel issue would be taken seriously by the government.

"Despite the continued frustrations, we're dealing with people who say what they mean and mean what they say," she said.

The annual league conference gives families of missing personnel a chance to hear directly from government officials about the status of efforts to account for missing service members.

Wolfowitz told the gathering that the gov-

ernment is determined to search for resolution "to free families of missing personnel from the prison of uncertainty whenever and wherever possible."

He repeated President Bush's Memorial Day pledge at Arlington National Cemetery: "Those missing deserve and will have our best efforts to achieve the fullest possible accounting, and alive or dead, to return them home to America."

Wolfowitz emphasized that the continuous search for missing personnel includes seeking answers for families whose loved ones are still unaccounted for from World War II, Korean War, Vietnam and the Cold War.

"It's an obligation we owe to those who serve and to their families," he said.

Thunderous applause erupted when Wolfowitz vowed continued support for the Central Identification Laboratory and Joint

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Lifelong Learning



UoFP photo

Seventeen Fort Huachuca employees recently received their degrees at the University of Phoenix commencement ceremonies at the Tucson Convention Center. In the front row (from left) are Geneva Sibley, Heather Drake, Ruth Krasnosky, Briana May Warner and Lori Dant. In the second row (from left) are Tracy Bork, Edith Ruelas, Charlotte Russo, LaToya Sizer, Sandra Aferbee and Curtis Clark. In the back row (from left) are Shanna Thibodeau, Thomas Roberts, Kevin Ramos, Brenda Lewis, Kenny Thompson and Melvin Mason.

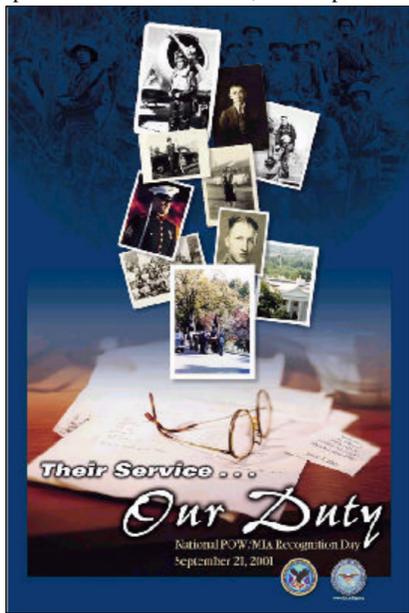
POW/MIA poster en route to troops, vets' groups

By Rudi Williams
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Veterans, ex-POWs, MIA family members and active duty military people have created a poster for National POW/MIA Recognition Day on Sept. 21, that officials tout as "bigger and better" than last year's.

Starting in mid-July, DoD will send the poster, with the theme "Their Service ... Our Duty" to military units worldwide, including ships at sea. The POW/Missing Personnel Office will also distribute the poster to veteran's and family organizations.

"All military units around the world will have the poster in plenty of time to use it for National POW/MIA Recognition



Day," said Larry Greer, public affairs officer for the POW/Missing Personnel Office.

"People can also download it from the Internet. This is the second year we've made the poster available in a lot of different sizes. People can download small or large sizes and print it in color or black and white. They can use it in their POW/MIA Recognition Day pro-

grams, reprint it — do whatever they want to with it."

The DPMO website at www.dtic.mil/dpmo/powday/index.htm receives as many as 152,000 hits per week from people requesting documents.

"We've found that interest in our website picks up right before National POW/MIA Recognition Day," Greer said.

The poster was unveiled during the National League of Families annual convention in Washington June 21.

"The families really spoke highly of the poster and we're getting very good feedback from a lot of people," Greer said. "We printed about 150,000 posters this year as compared to about

130,000 last year."

He said the picture arrangement on the poster shows the service members who went off to war and made their sacrifices for our country.

"Now we must continue to do our duty to achieve the fullest possible accounting of those who never returned," Greer said.

Fort officer earns top grad honors

UoFP release

TUCSON, Ariz. — Maj. Allen Shreffler is the top student in the University of Phoenix's master of science in computer information systems program, earning his MS/CIS with a 4.0 grade point average.

Shreffler, a senior instructor for the Military Intelligence Officer Basic Course at Fort Huachuca, trains 400 active, reserve, international and National Guard officers a year in the art and science of war on the modern digitized battlefield. He received a bachelor of science history at Illinois State University.

The University of Phoenix graduates were

joined by approximately 3,500 friends and family at the Tucson Convention Center Arena.

Of the 416 student candidates being honored, 158 received master's degrees and 258 received bachelor's degrees.

The top students of six graduate and undergraduate degree programs in business, management, technology, information systems, counseling and nursing were also recognized.

The University of Phoenix's Southern Arizona campuses serve almost 3,500 working adult students in Tucson, Sierra Vista, Fort Huachuca, Nogales and Yuma.



Maj. Allen Shreffler

College invites new students to lunch

Cochise College release

Cochise College invites new students to visit campus and become acclimated with the environment during New Student Orientation in August.

Orientation gives students the opportunity to tour the campus; ask questions; learn more about campus life, college services and counseling programs; and meet faculty, staff and other students. Lunch is provided, as well.

New Student Orientation is scheduled at the following places and times:

— Douglas campus — 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 17. Students will meet in the One Stop Student Services (1000 Building). Call 417-4038 to sign up.

— Sierra Vista campus — 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18. Students will meet at the Andrea Cracchiolo Library (900 Building). To reserve a seat, call 515-5483 or 515-5336.

Letters to the Editor

Readers express gratitude for patriotism, foster parents

Dear Editor:

I just finished reading the commentary in the July 12 issue of *The Fort Huachuca Scout* newspaper, "Why I Serve" by Capt. Clemens S. Kruse and don't quite know what to make of it.

As a Vietnam veteran, who saw heavy combat with the Marine Corps, I know exactly why I served. Capt. Kruse made quite a few "heavy" patriotic statements in his article. And I'm sure he believes in every one of them. How many of his fellow service members feel the same way? Or yet a little bit like him, even if they know anything about American history.

When was the last time you heard a service member talk about being patriotic, willing to give his/her life for their country, ready to leave the shores of The United States to fight a foreign foe, abandoning every luxury of this lifestyle for the rigors, discomfort and pain of combat? I don't recall ever hearing any of this in my 25 years as a Civil Servant for the military.

I have heard quite a bit negative feelings about the pay, food, benefits, hours, housing, medical care, etc; some of which may be justified too. What I have never heard is service members saying we just have to go over "there" and put an end to Idi Imim, or Noriega, or even Sadam Hussein, when we were mobilizing for the Gulf War.

Why are many people joining the military? They are enticed with excellent educational benefits, bonuses, promotion, travel, housing, pay and promotion, which really is great.

Not once have I ever heard or seen an advertisement about serving and protecting this country. Isn't this what the military is all about? Not that our leaders are planning your demise, to send you off to die for just anything. But the military is really intended to protect our country, our interests and our way of life. Lately we have been protecting a lot of other things.

When I joined the Marine Corps, in the early 1960's, I never heard of Vietnam. But it was well understood what our purpose was; to fight for this country and, if necessary, die. Is this the purpose now? That's not what I have been hearing from many service members. I have had the audacity to ask people why they joined and to many, "It's a job". When I mention dedication and obligation to this country, they look at me like I'm a nut.

So, Capt. Clemens S. Kruse, I commend you and respect you for patriotism and dedication to our country. We need more men and women like you in the military. You may be a one of a kind, a dying breed. I hope and pray I have been meeting the wrong people and there are a multitude of service members of your caliber I have not encountered. Thank you for protecting me now.

Martin E. Shapiro

Dear Editor:

Thank you for all of your continued support. *The Fort Huachuca Scout's* continued efforts and support are greatly

appreciated in reaching the hearts and homes of our communities. Together we can continue to "create communities of hope" and find safe and loving homes for children.

Since our recruitment campaign for foster families began in April 2001, we have successfully found over five potential families, and currently need more.

Devereux Arizona continues to seek qualified and caring individuals to become foster parents throughout Cochise, Santa Cruz, Graham and Greenlee counties.

The highest need is in the Sierra Vista and Bisbee areas in Cochise County and the Safford area in Graham County. Often children who live in these areas are forced to relocate to new cities, counties and/or schools when a family is not available in the area they originally reside.

We need families as respite, temporary short-term providers (overnights, holidays and weekends), family-based shelter providers (overnights up to 30 days sometimes longer) and therapeutic long-term providers (care for 30 days or more to children with emotional, physical and/or behavioral problems, due to a history of abuse and neglect).

If you would like to learn more about becoming a Devereux Foster Parent, attend one of our upcoming information meetings or call 458-2761.

Free local training starts in August and will be ongoing every month thereafter.

Patricia Wenc
Foster Licensing Specialist & Recruitment Coordinator

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Photo by Angela Moncur

Ray Hart was one of 10 first-time donors at the Information Systems Engineering Command's final blood drive Friday.

ISEC hosts final blood drive

By Megan Acord
Scout Intern

The Information Systems Engineering Command ended its six-year relationship with the American Red Cross blood drive program Friday.

ISEC's final blood drive is a result of the Red Cross' initiative to implement stricter blood donating rules in September. Anyone who has been overseas to Europe and or England since 1980 and lived there for more than three to six months don't have the option to donate blood due to the possible spread of "Mad Cow" disease.

Since the military lifestyle is one of mobility people who have been sent overseas and many more to follow there are not many left who do comply with the new policy. The Red Cross is working methods to detect Mad Cow but that is years away.

Even though there have been no reports of the disease in the United States, the American Red Cross is implementing these strict guidelines since there is no way to test for Mad Cow unless an autopsy is performed.

The final ISEC blood drive reached record levels with 150 donors, including 10 first-time donors. Katharina Criscuolo, ISEC blood drive coordinator, even offered donors a slice of cake as a "thank you" for donating and supporting the program over the last six years. The Red Cross also recognized all its first-time donors with a blood drop pin.

For information, visit the American Red Cross online at www.redcross.org.

Lesser long-nosed bat returns to fort

By Megan Acord
Scout Intern

Many things people believe about bats are myths — such as bats are blind and they prey on you in the dark night. The truth is these cave dwellers are beneficial and necessary animals on earth. The lesser long-nosed bat is one of them and right here in Arizona.

You may also not know that these very unique bats are endangered and protected by the law since the Endangered Species Act was passed in 1988.

Just like birds they too migrate in large numbers from the north towards the south about every year during the months of July through October and return during the spring. When the climate gets colder or when the food supply runs out they move south to Mexico according to the Wildlife Section of Environmental and Natural Resource Division.

During the day they roost in off-limits caves or abandoned mines near heavily populated areas where they can come out at night and feed on agave, large cacti, and humming feeders. The

lesser long-nosed bats are a valuable pollinator to the agaves plant and by doing this they are protecting their environment as well as ours.

According to ENRD, Fort Huachuca residents can do their part in protecting these endangered species by:

- Not disturbing their source of food the agave plant;
- Staying on the main roads, no off roading;
- Don't throw cigarettes out the window due to the high risk of fires;
- Obey the law by not entering into any caves, mines, and or tunnels ;
- Put up humming bird feeders and properly maintain feeder, do not put anything else but humming bird feed.

By putting all the rumors and myths to sleep about bats hopefully you will come to enjoy these endangered, ceiling hugging, pollinators creatures that exist in the same world as us.

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about these animals contact the Environmental and Natural Resource Division at 533-3120.



Courtesy photo

ESA restrictions protect bat, its food source on post

ENRD release

Fort Huachuca, as a federal government agency, is required to comply with the Endangered Species Act and to enter into consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on any action that may affect a listed species.

As a result, the fort entered into formal consultation with the USFWS in 1998 on all ongoing and programmed future military operations and activities on post. As a result of the consultation, the installation is allowed to continue its training mission, but with many restrictions and some additional requirements.

These restrictions are necessary to alleviate potential adverse effects to listed and sensitive species (such as the lesser long-nosed bat) and their habitats on and off the installation.

The restrictions that pertain to the military mission, especially aviation activities and military land use, are listed below. It is in everyone's best interest to adhere to these restrictions to maintain the Army's mission at Fort Huachuca.

If you have any questions or would like additional information regarding these restrictions and requirements, call the Directorate of Installation Support, Environmental and Natural Resources Division at 533-3120.

Aviation restrictions

— From July 1 to Oct. 31, all nocturnal Unmanned Aerial Vehicle operations at the Ruge-Hamilton and Pioneer sites will be above 500 feet above ground level, except for take-off and landings. Take-off and landing approaches at Ruge-Hamilton will be confined to the east and north and approaches at Pioneer will be confined to the north and west, away from agave management areas.

Nocturnal rocket-assisted take-offs of UAVs from the Black Tower site shall only occur from November through

June. Rocket-assisted take-offs shall be attended by fire crews due to the high probability of fire and potential adverse effects to agave communities.

— The Fort shall prohibit low-level helicopter flights within 350 feet of Pyeatt Cave, Manila Mine, or other day roosts identified during the life of the project from July 1 to Oct. 31.

Land use restrictions

— Nighttime training shall not occur in agave management areas from July 1 through Oct. 31.

— No nighttime use and no tracer fire shall occur on live fire ranges 2, 3, and 4 from July 1 through Oct. 31.

— Off-road vehicle travel shall not occur in protected agave management areas or any other part of the West Range or South Range.

— Pyrotechnics shall not be used within 0.25 miles of protected agave management areas.

— Personnel on foot will not use training and test sites in agave management areas unless the activity has a range control approved plan for fire suppression and the appropriate fire fighting equipment.

General requirements

— Unit commanders will ensure all personnel have adequate environmental training prior to training initiation. This includes protected resource identification, familiarization with training restrictions, fire suppression capabilities and training, and adequate NEPA and ESA compliance.

— Implement erosion control measures to reduce erosion throughout the installation.

— Implement policies to minimize the impact of military training activities on listed and sensitive species and their habitats.

From Counsel

Lowering the limit: Arizona DUI law goes to 0.08 percent

By Capt. Paul McBride
OSJA

On Aug. 31, Arizona's legal limit for driving under the influence goes from 0.10 to 0.08 percent blood alcohol concentration.

This lower "per se" BAC will bring Arizona DUI laws into compliance with the federal law and federal highway funding requirements.

Arizona will now keep 2 percent of the federal highway funds it would have lost had the state's law not been changed by Oct. 23, 2003. Twenty-five states have now passed 0.08 percent BAC "per se" laws.

"Per se" simply means if a driver's blood alcohol level is found to be above the legal limit within a certain time after driving (within two hours in Arizona), the driver is presumed to have driven the motor vehicle with a BAC at or above the legal limit.

First offense DUI is a misdemeanor punishable by a maximum of 6 months in jail, a fine of \$2,500 with an approximately 70 percent surcharge, five years probation, alcohol counseling, and loss of license for at least 90 days.

However, the minimum penalty usually ordered by a judge is substantially less — 10 days in jail (nine of which may be suspended by the judge), alcohol screening and counseling, 90-day license suspension, and a fine (with surcharges) of approximately \$550. Nonetheless, if convicted, you will spend 24 hours in jail — no matter what.

Remember that before you spend the rent money on a bail bond. Also, the fine can be

paid on a payment plan. Cochise County charges a \$20 administrative fee for this service on misdemeanor and traffic fines.

The new legal limit is not a radical change; other states have had the 0.08 percent BAC limit for years. However, drivers should understand that this lower limit will require a change in behavior.

All drivers know not to drink and drive. If they drink and drive, they should consume substantially less than before.

Under the new law, little will change in the way law enforcement will investigate DUI cases. Officers will still look for the same signs of driving under the influence of alcohol.

They will watch for erratically driven cars — swerving, lane straddling, following too closely, speeding or braking unnecessarily.

If an officer stops a car, he'll follow the same general investigative procedure. He will note any odor of an alcoholic beverage on the driver's breath, red/watery eyes, slurred speech, and lack of awareness/orientation.

The officer may have the driver perform a battery physical coordination and motor tests known as field sobriety tests. These tests assist the officer in evaluating the driver's degree of impairment.

If the officer's investigation develops probable cause that the driver drove or was in actual physical control of the car under the influence of alcohol, the driver is arrested. The police impound the driver's car and a "black and white taxi" ride to the local jail follows.

Here in Cochise County, law enforcement and the courts are preparing to handle the new, lower BAC efficiently and effectively. The number of DUI cases is expected to increase based on enforcement of the 0.08 percent law.

ficer Memorandum of Reprimand.

This letter can be filed locally or in a soldier's Official Personnel Management File, it is the commanding general's choice. As you can see, a DUI can destroy a soldier's career.

Soldiers shouldn't try to hide their arrest/conviction from the chain of command. Why not? Usually, local law enforcement informs the command of all arrests of military personnel. Even without your military I.D., your haircut, tattoo, dog tags or the DoD stickers on your car can all be dead giveaways.

Also, if you have a security clearance, you have an obligation to inform the government of anything that could affect it, a criminal conviction being one of those things.

Finally, a soldier's candor may be the deciding factor in whether the CG's GOMOR is filed locally or in the OMPF.

Here in Cochise County, law enforcement and the courts are preparing to handle the new, lower BAC efficiently and effectively. The number of DUI cases is expected to increase based on enforcement of the 0.08 percent law, although it is unknown how many more cases will be filed.

Here are some tips to avoid a DUI. First, don't drink and drive. Second, if you do consume alcohol, have a designated driver do all the driving — this includes carrying the car keys, sitting in the driver's seat, starting the car, parking it, or even moving it one inch.

Third, if you are foolish enough to drink and drive and you do get arrested, be polite to law enforcement. Don't cop an attitude. Failing the attitude test with a person wearing a badge, bulletproof vest and carrying a loaded firearm is either a sign of stupidity, intoxication or both.

I've never met a person who got smarter after having a drink. Finally, friends don't let friends drive under the influence. Don't let your friends drive after drinking — they'll thank you in the morning.

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You are the first line of defense against would-be computer intruders

By Steve Hara

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Defense Department computer security systems and specialists foiled nearly 22,500 would-be intruders in 1999 and 24,500 in 2000. There's no let-up in sight.

Special agent Jim Christy said he and others on his law enforcement staff are in a "growth business" chasing hackers and spies and running other criminal activities to ground.

As representatives of the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Command, Control, Communications and Intelligence, they also counsel DoD employees on being an effective first line of defense instead of the weakest link.

When he discusses computer security, Christy said, he drives home that average folks aren't expected to mount an ironclad defense. Rather, he stressed, they can do simple things that make life harder for bad guys — and stop doing simple things that make life easy for them.

— Use different passwords at Web sites and on every machine you use. Reject all site and system offers to "remember" you and your password. Bad guys know many people use just one password, so attacking an easily hacked site gives them "skeleton keys" to tough ones.

— Don't open e-mail attachments from people you don't know, and don't open them uncritically just because someone you do know supposedly sent them. Hackers use attachments to inject viruses and other mischievous or malicious computer code into machines and systems.

A common means to spread infections is by sending e-mail copies to everyone in a

victim's address book — using the victim's name.

— Log off or lock your workstation when you go on breaks or out to lunch. No point giving bad guys unfettered access to your computer and network — and leaving you holding the bag because the system thinks you're at the keyboard.

— Never use personal diskettes, Zip disks and the like on classified systems. Computers divide files and write them to disk in units called

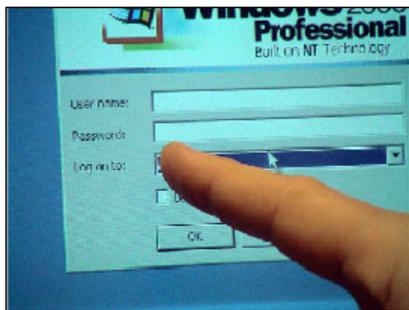
sectors. If the file's last sector is only partially filled, the machine tops it off with data randomly pulled from memory or hard drives — there's no real telling in advance where the information might come from. So writing and saving even your holiday greetings letter on a classified system is a potential disaster. That's why the practice is a security violation.

— You can be a security risk even if you don't work with classified files, have none on your computer and have no access to any.

The mindset on the last point is wrong for at least three reasons, Christy noted. First, too many people think a secure system can't be hacked from their office computer network — usually because they themselves don't know how. Fact is, good hackers really can launch attacks on your lowly machine if you give them the time and opportunity, he said.

Second, he continued, intelligence analysts make a living by drawing conclusions and educated guesses from bits and pieces of unclassified and seemingly unrelated information.

Third, information doesn't have to be classified to be sensitive. Medical records, person-



To make life harder on hackers, use different passwords at websites and on every machine you use. Reject all site and system offers to "remember" you and your password.



Photos by Steve Hara

Special agent Jim Christy counsels DoD employees on being an effective first line of computer security defense instead of the weakest link. Chasing hackers and spies and running other criminal activities to ground for the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Command, Control, Communications and Intelligence is unfortunately a "growth business," he says.

nel records and personal address and phone books aren't usually classified, but all contain data protected from public release by the Privacy Act of 1974. Good security, he said, means locking out all snoopers, not just spies.

Christy and company's growing business in security issues gives constant rise to another: personal privacy. You have none, and that roils many employees.

Uncle Sam's machine, Uncle Sam's rules, Christy noted.

Agency systems administrators are supposed to have the means to track every move made by every user in their realm. Literally. Every keystroke. Every mouse click. They can reconstruct any document you write, every

website you visit, Christy said.

Monitoring could be used to detect crimes and employee waste and abuse, but rarely is, he noted. More frequently, investigators and managers consult monitoring records to make or break cases after allegations surface other ways. Computer users can't claim a "probable cause" defense after being caught, because they all agree to be monitored as a condition of access.

"There is absolutely no privacy on a government computer," Christy said. "Every time you turn one on, you get a message that the government can and will monitor you, and if you sign in, that means you understand and agree. Always assume you're being monitored."

Info ops reduce threats from 'thugs, mugs, wackos'

By Sgt. 1st Class Kathleen T. Rhem
American Forces Press Service

FORT BELVOIR, Va. — The United States isn't under the constant threat from communism that the last generation dealt with. Instead, we're dealing with less traditional threats — terrorism, weapons of mass destruction, computer network attacks.

"The threat is changing," Army Lt. Col. Dane Reves said. "It's a threat that is using a variety of sources to come at us, and it's a threat that you can't necessarily pin down in a (predictable) scenario."

The U.S. military is developing new ways to deal with these nontraditional threats. Information operations is one of those ways.

"You have to understand a lot more than how many tanks and how many infantry regiments your adversary has," said Reves, operations officer for the Land Information Warfare Activity here.

"Military and armies have been doing information operations since the dawn of military operations — things like deception, trying to influence your adversary," he said. "We've been doing this for centuries. Now we've brought them all under one umbrella so they're synchronized and coordinated."

LIWA is responsible for providing information operations support to land-component commanders around the world. "The staffs that exist out there across the services don't necessarily have the IO pieces in place," Reves told the American Forces Information Service.

The activity's Army Computer Emergency Response Team oversees four regional teams — in Germany, Hawaii, Korea, and Fort Huachuca — that provide protection to Army networks.

When the military started to rely heavily on computers, no one specified a standard for personal computers or networks within the DoD, Reves explained. This opened the department up to all kinds of problems from hackers and cyberterrorists.

"Patches and fixes to vulnerabilities that may work in Washington might not work in the Pacific, for instance," Reves said. "Regional emergency response teams, working closely with their Army Signal Command Network Operations and Security Center counterparts, help us to determine what will be beneficial within their own regions and help us find 'work-arounds' for their areas."

He said for DoD to try to standardize computers and networks at this late date would be a "financial nightmare." So ACERT works to minimize threats to networks as they are set up today.

LIWA also provides field support teams to land-component commanders who request their help integrating their IO assets. "We tailor the teams based on what the commander on the ground needs," Reves said. "Does he need offensive IO capability or defensive, or both?"

The five-person teams deploy to support major Army, joint

and combined exercises and contingency operations. LIWA currently has a team in Kosovo, and another recently left Sarajevo, in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Reves said.

Three vulnerability assessment teams travel to units and give their information operations systems and procedures a thorough review. The teams look for cracks in the armor, or ways outsiders cause trouble and influence units' operations tempo, either through their networks or other means. Two "blue" teams will travel to a unit and work closely with the organization to carefully root out any problems and work to find a solution.

"We'll look at how well the unit is doing with (operational security), how well they're doing physical security, computer security, network security," Reves explained. "We'll assist the command in developing policies, procedures and training to overcome any problems we find."

One "red" team is a little sneakier. The unit commander will request a visit, but not tell his staff the team is coming. "The way his people find out is, they get attacked. We'll get

into their networks," Reves said. "We won't do a lot of damage, but we'll leave notice that we've been inside their network."

Reves called current non-traditional threats "thugs, mugs and wackos" who are trying to get to the U.S. military any way they can. He mentioned the USS Cole bombing that killed 17 sailors in Aden, Yemen, last October.

"That one incident had a significant impact on our military and our country as a whole," Reves said. "It made the American people say, 'Do I really want to send my sons and daughters into harm's way? What are you doing to try to protect them?'"

He described information operations as trying to get into the decision cycle of the adversary, to influence the enemy and shape the battlefield.

"Each and every day, people do information operations," Reves said. He used an example of a father in a store with his child shortly before Father's Day. "If he takes that child into a store and says, 'Boy, that looks nice. I'd sure like to have one of those,' that's an information operations campaign," he said. "He's trying to influence those around him to achieve a desired effect."

Information operations are defensive as well. At the same time IO specialists are trying to influence the enemy's decisions, they need to prevent the enemy from gaining the same type of influence over U.S. forces, he explained.

This can have serious implications on a battlefield, or before a disagreement reaches a battlefield showdown. "If, through information operations, we can prevent an adversary from conducting an attack, then that grunt on the ground never gets put into a life-threatening situation," Reves said. "He or she may never have to carry around the fact that they killed somebody."

"If we can prevent that and still achieve the overall results of what the country needs, so much better for that grunt on the ground and everyone concerned."



Army News Service photo

Capt. Ed Freeman receives the Medal of Honor from President George W. Bush July 16 as his wife, Barbara, looks on in the White House. Freeman was honored for his valor as a helicopter pilot in Vietnam.

Army inducts soldiers from 3 eras in Hall of Heroes

By Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — In honor of their courage, a corporal who fought for a freedom he was not fully granted, a lieutenant colonel that reigned as the nation's 26th president and a retired major that flew to hell and back 14 times were inducted into the Pentagon's Medal of Honor Hall of Heroes, July 16.

The Medal of Honor is the highest tribute the Army can give to its members. It is something that is never sought after or expected, and it's nothing anyone can train for, said Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki.

It's been almost 140 years since Cpl. Andrew Smith, 55th Massachusetts Voluntary Infantry, saved his unit's regimental colors after the color bearer was killed in the Civil War during the Battle of Honey Hill, S.C.

Smith was represented by his daughter, Carruth Washington who is 95 years old.

It's been 103 years since Lt. Col. Theodore Roosevelt led the charge up San Juan Hill through enemy fire over an open countryside. Roosevelt was the first to shoot and kill the enemy, Shinseki said, and that encouraged his men to continue the assault.

Freeman was a captain 36 years ago when he flew non-stop for 14.5 hours delivering water and ammunition and medically evacuating the wounded during enemy fire at Landing Zone X-Ray, Ia Drang Valley, Republic of Vietnam. "It was a long day," Freeman said in a private interview. "It took a toll on me having to take 18 to 19-year-olds into a battle and then turn around and pick them up wounded or in body bags. However, I would've done it until I fell dead myself."

Even though the battles were different, the courage all three men displayed was the same, Shinseki said.

Army Signal Command

BG Hylton takes command during silent semaphore ceremony

By Sue McKinney
ASC PAO

Brig. Gen. James C. Hylton took command of the U. S. Army Signal Command during a silent change of command ceremony held here July 11.

Maj. Gen. William H. Russ handed over the reins in signal style as semaphore flags indicated movements rather than vocal commands during the ceremony.

Joining Hylton and Russ was General John W. Hendrix, commander of the U.S. Army Forces Command, Fort McPherson, Ga.

Soldiers from ASC units around the world amassed to pay tribute to Russ and welcome Hylton to the command.

After the unit flag was passed, giving command of ASC to Hylton, Hendrix took the stand and praised Russ and his wife, by telling the audience that the general and Mrs. Russ leave the command in great shape. Hendrix said that Russ' leadership has been truly remarkable.

Prior to the change of command, Russ received the Distinguished Service Medal for his meritorious service while serving as the commander of ASC.

Russ leaves to take reins of the Communications and Electronics Command headquartered at Fort Monmouth, N.J.

In introducing Hylton, Hendrix said that the ASC family is lucky to have the Hyltons, who are not strangers to Fort Huachuca and ASC.

He told the assembled troops that under Hylton's leadership ASC will continue to ensure information dominance across the spectrum of conflict.

Hylton comes to ASC from the Office of the Director of Information Systems, Command, Control, Communications and Computers, Office of the Secretary of the Army, Washington, D.C., where he served as the director of programs and architecture.

"I am extremely grateful to General Hendrix for the confidence and trust in appointing me to serve as the 15th commander of what today is the Army Signal Command," said Hylton.

Hylton told Russ that he had clearly laid the foundation for ASC's technological and opera-



Brig. Gen. James C. Hylton, new commander of the U.S. Army Signal Command, salutes the National Colors as they pass by the reviewing stand during the change of command ceremony.



Photos by Sgt. 1st Class David Dismukes

(From left to right), Command Sgt. Maj. Larry Paylor, U.S. Army Signal Command, command sergeant major; Col. James Van Patten, deputy commander, ASC; incoming ASC commander, Brig. Gen. James C. Hylton; and outgoing ASC commander, Maj. Gen. William H. Russ conduct an inspection of troops during the ASC change of command ceremony held at Fort Huachuca on July 11.

tional relevance in the 21st century.

"As you depart today, do so with the confidence that your vision will be sustained," he said.

Hylton told ASC soldiers, civilians, families and members of the industry team that he had big shoes to fill.

"The men and women on the parade field, and the thousands that they represent

exemplify what's best about our great country," he said.

"They have my unfailing commitment to keep them persuasive in peace, decisive in war and preeminent across the operational spectrum.

He received his commission through the Reserve Officer Training Corps Program in December 1971 while earning a bachelor's in business administration from Marshall University. He received a master's in public administration from Golden Gate University.

Hylton's military education includes the Signal Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Radio Systems Officer Course, the Army Command and General Staff College Course and the National War College.

Awards received by Hylton include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Army Commendation Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster.

Hylton is married and has two children.

Pets of the Week



"Jordan" is a female cream-colored domestic short haired cat with beautiful blue eyes. She is very friendly and would love a new home. Her adoption fee is \$32, which includes a spay, feline leukemia test, a microchip, all vaccinations and deworming.



"Wags" is a young, adult female brown and black shepherd mix. She loves people and would be a good family dog. Her adoption fee is \$52 which includes a spay, microchip, heartworm test, all vaccinations and deworming.



"Bianca" is a young, adult female white Samoyed mix. She is a sweet dog and would make a good companion. Her adoption fee is \$52, which includes a spay, microchip, heartworm test, all vaccinations and deworming.



"Ally" is an 8-month-old female black/tan shepherd mix. She likes to play and gets along well with other dogs. Her adoption fee is \$9 which includes a spay, microchip, heartworm test, all vaccinations and deworming.

These and several other dogs and cats are available at the Fort Huachuca Veterinary Treatment Facility from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. The clinic is now open through lunch. For more information, call 533-2767.

Star card interest rate drops to 11.5

AAFES release

For the sixth time this year, Military Star card holders will benefit from yet another drop in the card's interest rate.

With the latest announcement by the Federal Reserve, key interest rates were lowered by a quarter percent.

As a result, the Military Star card is reducing its interest rate from 11.75 percent to 11.50 percent, effective August 1, 2001. The interest rate on the Military Star card has dropped nearly three percent since January and is at its lowest point since the card was introduced in September 2000.

This latest decrease broadens the highly competitive rate of the Military Star card versus other credit cards. According to www.bankrate.com, the average variable rate for a standard credit card is 15.24 percent, a

gold card is 14.43 percent and a platinum card is 14.90 percent.

The Military Star card, which is not a bank card, is comparable to a private label credit card, similar to those offered by retailers such as

Sears, J.C. Penney, Home Depot and Target. Depending on a customer's payment history, these companies will offer interest rates ranging from 21 to 24.99 percent.

The new rate does not apply to Military Clothing Plans, special promotions already in existence, or other

special programs which may offer reduced rates such as reduced interest for JCS directed orders.

The Military Star card is accepted at all AAFES, NEXCOM, MCX and Coast Guard exchanges, including catalog and military clothing stores operated by AAFES and Marine Corps exchanges.

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AAFES

Traffic circle features demo xeriscape garden

WWES release

Take advantage of these summer rains, and the increased humidity, and plant a garden, or do some landscaping around your home. This is a great time of year to plant trees, shrubs, flowering perennials and herbs.

Are you looking for plants that do well on our limited rainfall, are resistant to pests and diseases, and are easy to grow? Then visit Fort Huachuca's Uhrhane Traffic Circle and check out the Xeriscape Demonstration Garden there.

A large selection of beautiful native and non-native drought adapted plants are featured in the Circle, and over twenty-five plants are labeled for easy identification.

Additional features of the garden include a manual drip irrigation system (the system is not on a timer and somebody must turn the system on and off, eliminating the error of over-watering plants during high rainfall periods), a beautifully designed water-harvesting "riverbed," and decomposed granite mulch over fabric landscape cloth (conserves moisture and provides weed control).



WWES photo

Parking is available at the parking lot located at Smith and Cushing Streets, just west of the Army Community Services building.

You can check out other Xeriscape Demonstration Gardens by taking a Self-Guided Water Wise Landscape Tour of Fort Huachuca. For a tour map, information on "Water Wise" plants, or to request a free landscaping consultation at your home, contact Ginger Maxey or Cheri Melton at the Water Wise and Energy Smart Office at 538-SAVE (7283).

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Army selects follow-on 'Transformation' brigades

By Joe Burlas
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Fort Richardson and Fort Wainwright, Alaska; Fort Polk, La.; Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; and the Pennsylvania Army National Guard will be the homes of the next units selected to transition into Interim Brigade Combat Teams.

"Land power remains an indispensable element in furthering America's enduring interests and provides an essential component of global security requirements," said Secretary of the Army Thomas E. White. "These interim brigades

will help us move towards a force that is more strategically responsive and dominant across the spectrum of military operations. Their improved deployability and lethality will enhance deterrence and meet an operational requirement that does not currently exist."

Army officials said they are coordinating with the contractor of the Interim Armored Vehicle to determine appropriate ways to accelerate IAV fielding for the two IBCTs at Fort Lewis. The Army plan is to complete fielding of the IAV for the other four brigades within three years after the Fort Lewis brigades are fielded. Once the

new fielding dates are set, the Army will announce the planning dates for the other brigades.

Transformation to the IBCT design for the brigades is anticipated to take about one year for an active-component brigade, and about two years for an Army National Guard brigade, according to Army officials.

The latest brigade selections are conditional on results of an Army Programmatic Environmental Impact Study currently being conducted, officials said. That study is slated to wrap up in the fall.

The first brigades to transform — 3rd Bri-

gade of the 2nd ID and 1st Brigade of the 25th ID, both stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash. — started the transition to IBCTs in 1999. They are scheduled to finish the process in fiscal year 2003 and 2004, respectively.

"The Interim Brigade Combat Teams are required to fill a recognized operational gap in our current capability to meet CINC requirements," said Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki. "These warfighting formations, using off-the-shelf equipment with enhanced technologies, provide the CINC with a greater range of options."

Ask the dietician

By Col. Allen Almquist
Chief, Department of Pharmacy

Alternative medicine, including the use of herbal remedies, has become quite popular among Americans. Estimates are that a third of the population now consumes some form of herbal supplement.

While the vast majority of these supplements are basically safe, as with anything, both good and bad can result from their consumption. Always keep your physician or pharmacist informed about any herbal products you may be taking.

Hot flashes? Well, soy may be just the thing for you. Or maybe not. Soy supplements have hit the news as being effective in reducing hot flashes and other undesirable symptoms of menopause. Soy has also been studied in reducing cholesterol levels, cancer prevention, and treating osteoporosis. So what's the truth?

Soybeans and other foods containing soy, such as tofu and soy milk, are commonly found in Asia and are a staple of the Asian diet. Soy is rich in protein and isoflavones (genistein and daidzein), as well as saponins and phytosterols. Soy is low

in fat and contains no cholesterol. Soy has also been introduced as a meat substitute in hot dogs, tacos, and breakfast links.

The isoflavones genistein and daidzein have antioxidant properties and are considered phytoestrogenic (mimic the effects of estrogens, the female hormone). This may be the reason that some women who eat tofu get relief from hot flashes during menopause.

There are many products on the market touting the benefits of isoflavones and soy for the symptoms of menopause, but clinical studies give mixed results with the label of "possibly effective."

The recommended dose is 20-60 grams of soy protein (34-76 milligrams of isoflavones) daily. But check with your physician before starting on soy to ease hot flashes.

Soy has proven effective, however, in lowering the levels of low-density lipoprotein, or bad cholesterol, in the body, especially when used in conjunction with a diet low in fat and cholesterol. The Food and Drug Administration recommends 25 grams of soy protein a day to be effective in

Soy supplements: herbs of concern

lowering cholesterol levels roughly 10 percent.

Soy's use to build strong bones is another "possibly effective" benefit. Soybeans are rich in calcium, but soy milk in itself has only 10 milligrams of calcium per serving. Calcium-fortified soy milk is a better choice.

Soy milk should not be used as infant formula. While it is sometimes promoted for children with milk allergies, it should not be given to an infant or child without first checking with a physician. Children who have allergies to milk may very well be allergic to soy, also.

Speaking of allergies, one of the most common reactions to soy is gastrointestinal upset, such as nausea and constipation. Soy can also cause allergic reactions such as rash and itching.

Patients with certain medical conditions should be cautious when eating products containing soy. These disease states include breast cancer (estrogenic properties may increase the risk of developing breast cancer in patients with a family history), cystic fibrosis, hypothyroidism, or an allergy to milk.

The benefits of soy are often used when com-

paring men and women in Asia to men and women in the U.S. Asians have lower cancer rates, lower cholesterol levels, and have fewer hot flashes (well, at least Asian women) and, reportedly, eat more soy.

Part of the problem is that diet and lifestyle may have more influence on the rates of cancer or the number of hot flashes that each group experiences than does the amount of soy that each consumes.

Soy can have some benefit, but the extent of the benefit will vary from person to person, regardless of where they live.

In many cases the use of herbal supplements or nutritional aids and their benefit is questionable. Your pharmacist recommends prudent intake of soy and isoflavone supplements.

Above all, talk to your pharmacist or health-care provider prior to taking any "natural" product. Ask questions. Be informed. Don't assume all herbs or dietary supplements are safe for you.

(Editor's note: This article was reprinted from the *Madigan Army Medical Center, Wash., Mountaineer*.)

Community Updates

Veterans' Benefits briefing

A Veteran's Benefits Representative of the Department of Veterans Affairs, Phoenix Regional Office will give briefings 8 a.m.-noon, today at the Army Career and Alumni Program Center, Building 22420.

The representative covers such veteran's benefits such as educational, home loan, disability entitlements, medical care, life insurance, burial, and vocational rehabilitation.

Additional briefings for 2001 are scheduled for Aug. 23, Sept. 20, Oct. 12, Nov. 2 and Dec. 20.

Range closures

Today	AH, AI, AY, T1, T1A, T2
Friday	AH, AI, AY, T1 T1A, T2
Saturday	T1, T1A, T2
Sunday	No Closures

For questions regarding the closure of ranges please call Range Control at 533-7095.

DOIM computer classes set

The Directorate of Information Management is conducting several computer classes during the month of July. All classes start promptly at 9 a.m. and class size is limited to 14 students. It is mandatory to sign up for a class prior to attending. It is beneficial to sign up as early as possible, as classes fill up quickly. The classroom is located in De Rosy Cabell Hall (Building 22324) on Christy Avenue.

Classes include Intermediate Access 2000 today, Advanced Access 2000 on Friday, The Practical PC on Wednesday, Introduction to the Internet (part one) on July 26, and Introduction to the Internet (part two) on July 27.

Passport procedure slowdown

Between now and Aug. 10, the time it takes to process passports will slow down, due to upgrading procedures at the Special Issuance Agency in Washington, D.C.

The agency is converting to the new photo-digitization process and will be getting the new equipment next month. Anyone scheduled for temporary duty or permanent change of station to locations where passports are required should process immediately.

For more information contact Kellie Kipp McGuire at 3-0484.

Education Center shortage

Due to a severe staffing shortage and the current hiring freeze, there will be occasions when the Army Education Center has limited counseling services available. Where possible, the center will attempt to give you advance notice of days when services will be limited.

For the month of July, there will be no mandatory transition counseling, no DD 295 completions, and no formal career counseling Friday and July 23 and 24. There will be no VEAP to MGIB conversions on those dates, either (This

is especially important information for drill sergeants who have AIT students appearing before MED Boards.) Tuition Assistance will still be available on those days.

DOIM routine maintenance

The Directorate of Information Management will be performing routine maintenance on all Exchange servers beginning at 8 a.m., Saturday. Electronic mail will not be available during this time. Estimated down time is approximately 16 hours.

If this outage conflicts with an Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca critical mission objective, coordinations should be made with the exchange administrator (exchadm@hua.army.mil), the Networks Branch chief (linda.sedillos@hua.army.mil), or the DOIM director (larry.singer@hua.army.mil) so the maintenance can be rescheduled.

AIAA conference

The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics/BMDO Technology Conference and Exhibit is Monday-July 26 in Williamsburg, Va. The intent of this conference is to promote the free exchange of classified information between engineers and scientists who work in the missile defense arena.

The conference will begin with a plenary session on the first afternoon followed by three days of classified technical sessions covering recent developments in surveillance technologies, discrimination and kill assessment, weapon technologies, lethality and testing.

The conference is aimed at scientists, design and test engineers, technical managers, and program managers from government, sensor and weapon manufacturers, suppliers, developers of subsystems and piece-part components, and academia.

The final day of the conference will be tours of technical interest in the area. For more information about this event, call (800) 639-2422 or go to www.aiaa.org.

Severe weather presentation

The Fort Huachuca Safety Office invites the public to a severe weather presentation by the National Weather Service at 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. or 11:30 a.m., Tuesday at Murr Community Center. For more information, call 538-SAFE.

Mandatory POSH training

The U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca Equal Employment Opportunity Office will be conducting mandatory Prevention of Sexual Harassment Annual Refresher training for Garrison employees and supervisors from 10-11:30 a.m. Wednesday in the Greely Hall Auditorium.

The one and a half block of training is designed for employees and supervisors who have attended Basic DA POSH training.

All new Department of the Army employ-

ees and supervisors are required attend DA POSH training. Employees and supervisors who have met the requirement for DA POSH training must attend a refresher POSH training class annually.

For information, contact Joan Street, EEO specialist, at 538-0276, for further information or if special accommodations are required for attendance by persons with disabilities.

RWBAHC change of command

Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center will hold a change of command ceremony at 7:30 a.m., July 26 for outgoing health center commander Col. Ronald Jones and incoming health center commander Col. Lydia Coffman. As a result, appointments in all clinics and departments will be limited until approximately 10 a.m. on July 26. Morning appointments on July 24-25 may be limited as well due to rehearsal ceremonies and Soldier Readiness Program support.

Christmas in July Bake Sale

The post chapel is hosting a Christmas in July Bake Sale from 10 a.m.-1 pm. July 26-27 in the post exchange mall to support its Chaplain's Giving Tree Program.

Items needed are: Margarine, chocolate chips, peanut butter, brown sugar, frosting mixes, flour, walnuts, pecans, sliced pineapple, cup cake wrappers, sugar, eggs, maraschino cherries and cake mixes.

If you're leaving the area this summer, you can donate your partial containers of ingredients to the program, instead of throwing them away.

Bakers are also needed. If you can help, contact Jo Moore at 533-4748, and let her know what you would like to bake. For more information, call Chaplain Amezcua at 533-4751.

NCMA meets

The National Contract Management Association monthly luncheon will be 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., July 26 at La Hacienda. The luncheon speaker will be Mike Dean, USAIEC small business advisor at Fort Huachuca. Dean will discuss the details, qualifications and benefits of the HUBZone Empowerment Program as well as the SBA's responsibility to participants of the program. For luncheon reservations, call Kelly Stute at 459-6227. The public is welcome to attend.

Red Cross blood drives

The American Red Cross is hosting a blood drive 2-8 p.m., July 27 at Eifer Gym. Donors should drink extra water the day before the drive and eat a small low-fat meal or snack two to four hours before donating. They may also give blood at the American Red Cross Center near Donovan Dodge from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays or from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesdays. Call 458-4858 for more information.

Trek across Arizona

The Thunder Mountain Trekkers will meet at 7 p.m., July 31 at Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative, 311 Wilcox, Sierra Vista.

Discussions will be held concerning upcoming events in September, November and December both locally and in the surrounding area.

The Trekkers are an internationally sanctioned non-competitive sports club, sponsoring four weekend walks and eight year-round events in Arizona.

The weekend events are normally linked to either local or national events, such as March for Parks, National Trails Day, Earth Day or Sierra Vista's Oktoberfest.

The year-round events consist of walks at the Coronado National Memorial; Fort Huachuca; Naco, Ariz. to Naco, Sonora Mexico; historic Bisbee; the "Town Too Tough To Die," Tombstone; Sedona; and a bike event in Sierra Vista. Plans are underway for a new event in Benson for 2002. These exciting and unique wanderings activities involve everyone regardless of age or physical condition.

For more information, call Wendy or Dave Breen at 378-1763.

Combat engineer reunion

The 547th Engineer Battalion (Combat) Association and its attached units (552nd and 1328th) are holding its 15th annual reunion in Durham, N.C., Aug. 2-5.

For hotel reservations, call the Radisson Governors Inn in Research Triangle Park, N.C. at (800) 333-3333.

For reunion preregistration, contact John Joyner, 2114 Baltic Ave., Durham, N.C. 27707 or (919) 596-7940; or Ursula Allen, 9111 Forest Ave. SW, Lakewood, WA 98498 or (253) 582-4649.

Corrections

The July 6 issue of *The Fort Huachuca Scout* incorrectly stated that pony rides during the July 4 celebration at Veterans' Memorial Park were provided by the Buffalo Corral. Rides were provided by B Troop, 4th U.S. Cavalry Regiment (Memorial). B Troop was established on July 4, 1973 and continues to promote the heritage and traditions of the U.S. Army, military horsemanship and Fort Huachuca.

The July 12 issue of *The Scout* incorrectly stated that the Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center change of command ceremony on July 26 would be at 10 a.m. The ceremony is scheduled for 7:30 a.m.

POW/MIA prayer luncheon

The Chaplains Activities Office here will host the 2001 POW/MIA Recognition Prayer Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Sept. 19 at the LaHacienda to honor POW/MIAs.

Tickets can be purchased from unit command sergeants major and sergeants major.

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Task Force-Full Accounting in Hawaii, the Armed Forces DNA Laboratory in Maryland, Defense Intelligence Agency's Stony Beach Team, Life Sciences Equipment Laboratory and the Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office.

"We're committed to strengthening the diplomatic efforts needed to gain unilateral actions on the part of Vietnam — actions at the core of resolving the many discrepancies we must address," he said.

Wolfowitz praised the work of the league and its members, saying, "They have traveled to Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia to meet with foreign officials.

"They have walked thousands of miles through the halls of the Pentagon, State Department and Congress telling the stories of husbands, sons, fathers, brothers and loved ones — reminding all Americans of our sacred duty.

"We must not, we will not, cease our efforts until we can return to America's welcoming arms and yearning hearts those heroes who have been missing far too long."

Spokesman Larry Greer said the Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office provided two days of presentations about DoD's efforts to account for missing personnel.

"Each year, we're asked to present technical discussions on subjects that family members have expressed an interest in," he said. "For example, we usually give a technical update on the progress of using DNA to identify remains.

"We also talk about challenges we've faced in the past year and look at what the future might hold. We're always asked to comment on negotiations with the Vietnamese, Laos and Cambodians, to explain what progress is being made in each country."

All Star expands, acquires Cabaco**All Star release**

All Star Maintenance, Inc. a San Diego, CA. based company specializing in Department of Defense Operations and Maintenance contracting has acquired Cabaco, Inc. as part of its strategy to expand its current Base Operating Support Services, and Facility O&M business line.

The acquisition includes several O&M con-

tracts notably Ft. Huachuca Facilities Management, Nellis AFB Range Support Services, and El Toro Caretaker Maintenance contracts. The acquisition was consummated on June 21, 2001.

All Star, which was founded in 1983, currently has 37 O&M service contracts with the DoD and DoT. For more information, call Stan Miller, Director of Marketing, at (858) 259-0900.

DoD proposes 2002 active duty pay table**American Forces Press Service**

WASHINGTON — DoD officials released the proposed fiscal 2002 active duty military pay table.

The pay table incorporates the proposed 4.6 percent pay raise service members would get if Congress approves the Bush Administrations fiscal 2002 DoD budget request.

If approved, the pay raise goes into effect Jan. 1, 2002.

The pay table does not include the proposed targeted pay raise President Bush is also proposing. If that compensation plan is approved, all service members will receive a 5 percent pay raise with some mid-level NCOs and officers receiving as much as 10 percent.

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