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Scout published Friday

The next issue of *The Fort Huachuca Scout* will be published July 6, which is a Friday, instead of Thursday because of the 4th of July holiday. Deadline for submissions remain at 4 p.m. Friday before publication date.

The Scout will resume Thursday publications July 12.

NCMA luncheon

The National Contract Management Association monthly luncheon is scheduled from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. today at the Lakeside Activity Center.

Guest speaker is John Hall, industrial security specialist, Fort Huachuca. Presentation will be on the DD Form 254, Department of Defense Contract Security Classification Specification. Hall will discuss federal government requirements, focus areas on the form and the contractor's responsibilities.

For luncheon reservations contact Kelly Stute at 459-6227.

SJA closed

The Office of the SJA will be closed from 10:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Friday to allow its personnel to participate in an awards ceremony and luncheon. Normal business hours will resume at 1:15 p.m.

Veterans' Benefits briefing

A Veteran's Benefits Representative of the Department of Veterans Affairs, Phoenix Regional Office will give briefings from 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 July 19, Aug. 23, Sept. 20, Oct. 12, Nov. 2 and Dec. 20.

Passport procedure change

Between July 17 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.

Special Forces Recruiting

Interested in becoming Special Forces? The Special Forces Recruiting Team will give briefings at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. today and Friday in the Roadrunner Room at Murr Community Center.

The team is targeting specialists through staff sergeants, but privates first class can still apply; however, PFCs cannot begin training until they're promoted to specialist.

For more information, contact Sgt. Jeanette Newell at 533-1705.

Dental sick call times

Effective Monday, 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.



Photo by Spc. Jessica Espinosa

Happy Birthday

Fort Huachuca's community joined together June 14 to celebrate the Army's 226th birthday with a cake cutting ceremony and a concert by the 36th Army Band at the gazebo on historic Brown Parade Field. For more birthday photos, see Page 4.

Fort to reduce electrical consumption

By William J. Stein
EWMO

On May 3, President George W. Bush directed energy conservation in federal facilities. The Fort Huachuca Energy and Water Management Office of the Directorate of Installation Support analyzed the implementing guidance from the Department of Defense.

The EWMO suggested ways the fort could reduce peak electrical consumption and presented it to the commanding general at the semi-annual Water and Energy Council meeting June 13.

The commanding general recommending publishing the ways to conserve electricity in *The Fort Huachuca Scout* newspaper. While he said all organizations may not be able to do everyone of these measures, the majority of these can be done by everyone. They are "just common sense," he said.

Conservation measures

— Turn off overhead lights as much as possible and use task lighting only.

— If your building has air conditioning, lower the setting in the morning 3 degrees from the normal setting from 6-10 a.m. to pre-cool the building. Then, increase the thermostat by 5 degrees to 2 degrees above the normal setting from 10 a.m. to close of business, or 6 p.m. At close of business, turn the thermostat back to the normal setting. If you are in a building that has double shifts, turn the temperature back to the normal setting at 6 p.m.

— Close the windows on the air-conditioned buildings. If it is cool enough outside to turn off the AC, then open the windows and ONLY use outside air ventilation.

— If your building is evaporatively cooled, pre-cool the building by

running the vent overnight. This should allow you to run the cooler on low cool for a longer period of time during the day.

— Turn off unneeded computers. If you will be gone from your computer for more than 15 minutes, turn off your monitor. If you will be gone for more than an hour, turn off the entire computer, as long as that will work with your particular network.

— Activate your computer's energy savings/sleep mode.

— Shift classes earlier or later to minimize training between noon and 4 p.m.

— Encourage casual dress from June 1 to Oct. 15 to match the higher temperatures in the buildings.

— Eliminate energy waste. If you are not using it, turn it off!

Here are some common myths that need to be conquered so that everyone will follow the above practices.

Myth: It is not economical to turn your lights off if you are going to be gone for less than half an hour.

Fact: With the new high-efficiency lights we have installed in most of the buildings on the fort, the correct answer is five minutes. If you are going to be gone for more than five minutes, turn your lights off.

Myth: Turning your computer on and off all the time will cause the power switch to fail prematurely.

Fact: Even if you turned your computer on and off 10 times a day, the computer would be obsolete and replaced before the switch would fail.

Myth: Turning off the computer will mess up the network.

Fact: Unless your network system has some specific security requirement to leave the computer system on all the time, this is false. Check with your network administrator. Do not assume that you must leave your computer on all the time.

DoD releases study on 'don't ask, don't tell' military policy

By Amy Stover
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The number of soldiers separated from the Army for violating the military's policy on homosexuals almost doubled last year, according to a study released June 1 by the Department of Defense.

The Army separated 567 soldiers under Chapter 15 last fiscal year, compared with 274 separated by the Army in fiscal year 1999.

No one knows objectively why the numbers have gone up, said Lt. Col. B. Duncan Baugh, a command policy officer with the Army Chief of Chaplains Office. He said the figures simply show an increase in the number of soldiers who made statements admitting homosexuality.

"All of the attempts to define why soldiers made statements are speculative," he said.

"The Army's numbers aren't bad," he added, explaining that they merely reflect an increase in admissions.

Baugh said one reason for the increased numbers could be the intense focus by the Army, DoD and the media following the July 1999 beating death of Pfc. Barry Winchell, a soldier who was reportedly gay.

"The intense focus created a unique environment ... and the increase in separations for homosexual conduct may be the unintended consequence of this unique circumstance," he said.

Under the current policy, commanders must have credible information to give a soldier a Chapter 15 separation. Credible information is when a reliable person makes an admission/statement of homosexuality, attempts to marry someone of the same sex, or engages in a ho-

mosexual act, said Baugh. In most cases of admission, soldiers are administratively separated with an honorable discharge once they make their statement.

More than 94 percent of the discharges were based on admission statements and 84 percent of those discharges were first-term soldiers, said Baugh.

All of Fort Campbell's discharges were based on admission statements.

"These studies are always dominated by admissions," Baugh said. Statements admitting homosexuality require no proof, he said. Typically, an investigation is not conducted for admission statements only. The statements are taken at face value, assumed to be true and the soldiers are separated, Baugh said.

"We don't investigate any further because we respect the person's privacy," he said.



Photo by Spc. Rona Stanley

Streamer salute

Retired Capt. Dick Cooksley, WWII veteran, survivor of the Bataan "Death March" and four-year prisoner of war, pins on the WWII battle streamers during a streamer ceremony held in Greely Hall on June 14.

The ceremony was part of the Army Signal Command's celebration of the Army's 226th Birthday. The Fort Huachuca Chapter of the Association of the United States Army sponsored a cake for the cake cutting ceremony.

Lifelong Learning

Yikes! I've been called for an interview!

By Thom Hapgood
ACAP

Finally, the finishing touches are all done on your resume. You've researched and targeted several companies that you'd be an excellent match for and have submitted your credentials to them.

You know you have great skills and experience to offer a company, but you can't stop that doubting little voice inside your head that

continuously asks "when will they call?" or even worse, "will they call?"

Your reply, "I'm one of the best at what I do and I have a documented track record to prove it, so I'm not worried." Yet you've checked your e-mail 87 times today. That wouldn't necessarily be a bad thing if it weren't for the fact

that you just submitted your resume yesterday.

Two weeks later, you're still checking your e-mail like crazy and when your alarm clock goes off, you pick up the phone. Meanwhile, your spouse is trying to obtain the next available appointment with the mental health clinic.

Just when you think you've reached the boiling point, you get a call. "Am I still interested in the position?" "Yes, definitely." "Can I come for an interview?" "Would Thursday at 2 p.m. work for me?" "Yes, that's fine for me. I look forward to talking with you then and thanks for calling."

Yes! All of your work paid off and you landed your first interview. You're completely elated, doing the dance of joy and recalling the overflowing confidence you had that they would indeed call when everything comes to a screeching halt.

The color drains from your face and you break out in a cold sweat for much to your horror that little voice is back and this time it wants to know how you will conduct yourself during the interview.

How will you answer situation analysis questions they talked about in the ACAP workshop? Do you know the most common questions interviewers typically ask? How will I look to the interviewer? Will I come off as nervous if asked one of those questions designed to stereotype the military? What about body language?

The ACAP staff can help transitioning service members, their spouses and adult children

and Department of Defense personnel develop strong interview skills via the Three Day Job Assistance Workshop or the Automated Job Assistance Training Application.

Defined as extremely effective by clients for enhancing their interviewing skill and reducing interview anxiety is the

All of your work paid off and you landed your first interview... The color drains from your face and you break out in a cold sweat...how you will conduct yourself during the interview?

Practice Interviews Tool. Our clients love it because:

"It contains a series of video segments that represent typical employment interviews and allows you to practice the responses you may wish to make. You have the opportunity to listen to the answers given by example interviewees, which you can then compare against your own responses."

"You see interviews appropriate for your grade and experience. You can view yourself on screen, which is great for assessing verbal responses, and looking for body language, eye contact, and nervous gestures."

Also, the responses you make during the practice session are not saved or monitored so you are encouraged to respond candidly, as if you were at a real interview.

Anyone who has completed his or her mandatory Preseparation Briefing and an ACAP three-day or Automated job assistance workshop is eligible for the Practice Interviews Tool. To schedule an appointment, call 533-5764 or just drop by — walk-ins are always welcome.

Commentary

Psychologist encourages us to 'remember our military families'

By Dr. James C. Dobson
Focus on the Family

As D-Day and Independence Day approach and movie-watchers flock to see Pearl Harbor, our minds naturally turn toward the brave men and women serving in our Armed Services.

The April 2001 standoff between the U.S. and China over a downed American spy plane dramatically reiterated the unique and difficult demands placed upon them and their loved ones. After all, the 24 EP-3 crew members were more than just service personnel — they were also fathers, mothers, sons and daughters.

Their families undoubtedly felt as if they were being held captive right alongside their loved ones in China.

Before the war in Vietnam, our Armed Forces were highly oriented toward drafted, single men. Today, by contrast, the military contains many more professionals with specialized skills, many of whom have families.

According to the Defense Department, in 1953, only 33 percent of enlisted members were married. When the draft ended in 1973, the figure had risen to 43 percent. Today, 52 percent of active-duty enlisted individuals and 71 percent of officers are married. Children are a significant factor, too. Currently, 46 percent of all people on active duty have children.

In an interview with *The National Journal*, Laurel Lewis, wife of an Air Force captain, described her husband's frantic schedule and the strains it placed on their marriage. He was deployed to Kuwait on three days notice and stayed for more than five months, during which time the Lewises spoke to each other less than a half an hour each week.

Captain Lewis had resolved to end his military career early and seek a job in the private sector. Unfortunately, he was killed — along with 11 other men — when two Blackhawk helicopters collided during a training mission in 1998.

Military service is financially difficult, as well. More than 5,000 military families are currently on food stamps. A private first class makes \$15,684 a year in base pay, a staff sergeant makes \$24,552, and a first lieutenant makes \$31,440.

While medical care and various benefits supplement these incomes, they can't begin to compete with civilian wages. The White House reports that a typical member of the Armed

Forces earns 13 percent less than his or her civilian counterpart for the same type of work. In addition, military personnel living overseas are not eligible for food stamps or a number of other assistance programs.

In a recent study, more than 70 percent of surveyed officers said "I can no longer balance the needs of the

Army with the needs of my family." And as frustrated soldiers end their careers early, the military is left seriously under-manned.

At the start of the Clinton era, 85 percent of Air Force combat units were considered to be operating at the military's best level of readiness. Today, that figure has declined to just 65 percent. Also, 2000 marked the 5th consecutive year that the Army and Navy would fail to commission enough new officers to meet their goals.

Thankfully, it appears that our new president is taking positive steps to address the situation. Earlier this year, Mr. Bush announced plans for \$5.7 billion in spending for men

and women in the military—most of which will go toward pay increases and improved health benefits. He plans to request another \$400 million to improve military housing.

Even so, better barracks, higher pay, and improved morale will only go so far. At the end of the day, military service is a demanding and difficult calling. Thousands of men and women join the ranks of our Armed Forces every year knowing that they will face physical danger, emotional strain, and periods of long and indefinite separation from loved ones. They do so out of a deep sense of honor and a strong desire to defend our freedom. We must never take for granted those who have sacrificed so much on our behalf.

A retired member of the U.S. Army recently wrote a letter that has been widely circulated on the Internet. He contrasted the death of Dale Earnhardt in the Daytona 500 with the deaths of seven U.S. Army soldiers in a training accident in Hawaii.

The question he poses serves as a reminder that we need to take better care of our service personnel and remember them in our prayers. This is part of what he wrote:

"I take nothing away from Dale Earnhardt, but ask you to perform this simple test. Ask any of your friends if they knew who was the NASCAR driver killed on 18 February 2001. Then ask them if they can name one of the seven soldiers who died in Hawaii... Dale Earnhardt died driving for fame and glory in the Daytona 500. The nation mourns. Seven soldiers died to protect our freedom. No one can remember their names."

(Editor's note: This article originally appeared in the *Washington Times* on May 28 and was reprinted with permission by Focus on the Family. James C. Dobson, Ph.D. is a child psychologist, author, radio broadcaster and the president of Focus on the Family. Founded in 1977, Focus on the Family is a nonprofit Christian organization committed to strengthening the family in the U.S. and throughout the world.)

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Retired Chief Warrant Officer 4 James V. Torney

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Commissary honors local scholarship recipient

DeCA release

One of the military community's premier benefits has become even more valuable to nearly 400 college and high school students. The first Scholarships for Military Children winners have been announced and the "honor roll" is impressive.

The Scholarships for Military Children program was initiated last fall to award scholarships to graduating high school seniors or college-enrolled students at over 280 commissaries worldwide. At least one \$1,500 award per commissary location was planned for the first year, but eager students turned in more than 5,000 applications and sponsor donations amounted to well over \$500,000.

"The response from students and sponsors was fantastic," said Defense Commissary Agency Director, Air Force Major General Robert J. Courter, Jr., "Through the generosity of our trading partners, additional scholarships are available for other high quality applicants. As a result, a total of 391 scholarships are being awarded for the fall of 2001."

"We were pleased with the response of our customers to Scholarships for Military Children," said R. D. Fischer, Store Director at Fort Huachuca. "There were many inquiries between December 1 and the February 15 deadline. The community was really enthusiastic about the program, as is our local scholarship sponsor Campbell's Soup Company."

"The commissary benefit is always named as one of the top military benefits," said Courter. "This scholarship program enhances an already valuable benefit by improving educational opportunities for military children. It also involves our commissaries more deeply with the military community they serve."

The scholarships were open to qualified sons and daughters of U. S. military members to include active duty, retirees, and guard/reserves. A 3.0 grade point average, community and leadership activities, and an essay on "What Being

a Military Dependent Means to Me" were also required.

The Fisher House Foundation is administering the Scholarships for Military Children program. Fisher House is known for building and operating 26 comfort houses near military medical facilities.

Manufacturers and organizations that do business with the commissary system funded the scholarships with money ordinarily used for various other contests and promotions. The scholarship funds were accepted by Fisher House, which contracted with a professional scholarship management company, Scholarship Managers, to screen the student applications and choose recipients based on merit. Fisher House and DeCA have not been involved in the selection process.

According to Bernard Cote of Scholarship Managers, the overall caliber of applicants for Scholarships for Military Children was very high. So high in many cases that the decision came down to the student's level of community involvement coupled with the essay.

"I'm impressed by the quality of the students," said Courter. "It's a testimony to the educational values of our military families, and I want to be sure the commissaries support those values by helping to "feed" the minds of our young people as well as literally "feeding" them through the commissary benefit!"

The commissary system has long supported promotions with a focus on education. "This program is meant to complement existing local or regional scholarship programs that are awarded through installation activities or organizations affiliated with the military community, or by vendors at local commissaries," Courter said. For example, a recent Commander Stuhr Scholarship promotion raised over \$65,000 for that particular scholarship fund. Participating manufacturers donated a quarter for every case of product they sold in commissaries.

The winner of a Scholarship for Military Children at the



DeCA photo

(From left) Ernie Forest Campbell's Soup representative, scholarship recipient Amanda Hrubik, Gisela York, store administrator and R. D. Fischer, store director.

Fort Huachuca Commissary is Amanda Hrubik of Sierra Vista, the daughter of retired Chief Warrant Officer 5 John and Nancy Hrubik. A graduate of Buena High School, she is attending Bryn Mawr College.

The scholarship was awarded during a special commissary event on June 11 at the Murr Community Center. The student received a certificate in honor of her selection as a Defense Commissary Agency/Fisher House Foundation Scholar. The scholarship business partner/sponsor at Fort Huachuca Commissary was Campbell's Soup Company. Ernie Forest, a representative of the sponsoring company, attended the scholarship award ceremony.

Scholarship funds will not be sent to students until mid-summer.

Commander's Hotline

The following call was received over the Commander's Hotline (533-BOSS).

Call

I would like to know why vehicle registration is only good for two years instead of the three years we used to have.

Charlie Arons

Response

That's easy — shortage of expiration date stickers. Department of Defense stickers are issued for a period of three years.

However, in the process of the Direc-

torate of Public Safety issuing over 18,000 stickers in about a month and a half, we ran out.

As a temporary fix, we began issuing the 2003 stickers since they were still in stock. We continue to have stickers of all types on order, but with all Army installations going to access control at basically the same time, the supply system is backlogged.

As soon as our order for 2004 and 2005 stickers arrive, we will once again issue stickers for three years.

Maj. Michael C. Petty
Director of Public Safety

Arizona gets 'C' on safety report card

Ranking coincides with crackdown on seat belt laws

NSC release

As tens of thousands of law enforcement officers mobilize to save lives by cracking down on seat belt violators, a new report from the National Safety Council gives Arizona a grade of C for driver and passenger safety.

The report card, which ranks the 50 states and the District of Columbia, gives 19 states Ds and Fs; and additional eight states receive grades of C-. States that did poorly have failed to adopt proven strategies to raise seat belt use, most importantly, enactment of strong seat belt laws.

States that score the highest, such as California, achieved success through strong seat belt laws that are strictly enforced. As a whole, the nation's performance rates as "unacceptable."

"The [United States] ranks behind virtually every other developed country when it comes to seat belt use, and never has mediocrity been so lethal for a nation."

said Alan McMillan, president of the National Safety Council.

"We are killing kids and destroying families on our highways, and that is why this national seat belt mobilization is so important — we know it gets people to buckle up and saves lives."

More than 10,000 law enforcement agencies are participating in Operation ABC Mobilization: America Buckles Up Children — the largest-ever nationwide crackdown on drivers who don't buckle up and don't buckle up kids. Officers coast-to-coast are sharply intensifying enforcement of seat belt and child restraint laws.

Traffic crashes are the number one killer of kids and are among the leading causes of death to teens and adults. Overall, 32,061 driv-

ers and passengers died in crashes in 1999 — a staggering number of fatalities per capita when compared to most other developed countries, the report said.

An estimated 9,553 of these victims would be alive today if they had only worn seat belts.

"Across the nation, officers will be out in force to save lives," said Colonel Anna Amos, South Carolina Transport Police. "Our message is simple — we don't want to write tickets, but if necessary, we will. It's zero tolerance for people who don't buckle up and don't buckle up kids."

In the report, California got the only A as a result of a strong seat belt law that is strictly

enforced. Eight states received Fs, including Idaho, Mississippi, South Dakota, Tennessee, West Virginia, Arkansas and New Hampshire.

These states failed because of weak seat belt laws, low seat belt rates, and predictably large

numbers of fatalities per capita. New Hampshire failed in large part because it has no adult seat belt law.

"While many states are still doing poorly, we take to heart that more and more states are showing the will to do what is right," said Chuck Hurley, executive director, Air Bag & Seat Belt Safety Campaign.

Seat belt enforcement saves lives

— During the Memorial Day holiday, more than 10,000 enforcement agencies in all 50 states cracked down on seat belt violators.

— In 1999, 9,553 people died in crashes because they failed to buckle up.

— Every day more than 60 million Americans ride unbuckled — 15 million of them are children.

Veterinarian explains rabies risk

Veterinary release

Rabies is a fatal disease caused by a virus. All warm-blooded animals are susceptible. The disease is usually spread when an infected animal bites another animal or person.

The bitten animal or person will not become infected, however, unless the saliva of the sick animal contains the rabies virus at the time of the bite.

Bats, skunks, and foxes are the most commonly infected wild animals. Dogs and cats are the most commonly infected domestic animals.

Because the signs of rabies vary, diagnosis is very difficult while the animal is alive. The only possible diagnosis is by laboratory examination of certain tissues.

Early in the disease, affected animals may show a slight change in behavior or temperament. Wild animals often lose their fear of people. As the disease progresses, the animal becomes restless and excitable and may have a tendency to roam or eat unusual objects.

The animal then may have trouble swallowing and may begin to drool excessively.

Frequently the animal becomes vicious. Convulsions may occur and are usually fatal.

If a suspected rabid animal bites or scratches a person, the animal should be quarantined for 10 days. If the animal develops signs of rabies or dies, tissues must be sent to a laboratory for examination. If the animal appears normal after 10 days, it is released back to the owner.

Because rabies is such a threat to people and other animals, animals that exhibit signs of rabies are not treated. Euthanasia (humane destruction) is mandatory.

Vaccination is the best means of rabies control. All pets should be vaccinated. Consult the post veterinary clinic at 533-2767 regarding the proper vaccination procedure for your pet and be sure your pet is regularly vaccinated. In Arizona, a dog's or cat's first rabies vaccination is good for one year. The second and subsequent rabies vaccinations are good for three years. These regulations vary from state to state.

Upcoming in next week's issue of *The Fort Huachuca Scout* newspaper, look for "Rabies in Arizona — a serious problem."

Ask the Pediatrician

Doctor answers scheduling, vitamin questions

By Ursula Chesney, M.D.

Womack Army Medical Center

Q. What is the recommended schedule for well-child visits in the toddler years and beyond?

A. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends well-child visits for toddlers and beyond at ages 12 months, 15 months, 18 months, 24 months and yearly thereafter.

Clinics commonly give immunizations at ages 12 to 18 months and then again between the ages of 4 and 6 years.

Parents with concerns about their children's health or development may call their children's enrollment sites for additional appointments to address their particular concerns and to arrange for their children's yearly physicals.

Q. I am exclusively breastfeeding my 5-month-old baby. Does she need vitamin D supplements, or is she receiving all the nutrition she needs from my breast milk?

A. Vitamin D supplementation (400 IU/day) is recommended for all infants with darkly pigmented skin who are exclusively or predomi-

nantly breastfeeding.

One way that babies obtain vitamin D is when sunlight causes a reaction on a pre-vitamin D substance in the skin, resulting in vitamin D production.

Both decreased exposure to sunlight and increased skin pigmentation may result in decreased production of vitamin D in the skin, and subsequent vitamin D deficiency.

Vitamin D deficiency may lead to rickets, seizures related to decreased levels of calcium, and poor growth. Infants who have lighter skin pigmentation but receive inadequate sunlight exposure, or use sunscreen (as they should!), may also be at risk for vitamin D deficiency.

"Adequate" sunlight exposure is not clearly defined. For these reasons, the American Academy of Pediatrics may soon recommend that all exclusively breastfed babies receive vitamin D supplementation. Ask your health-care provider about how to obtain vitamin D supplements at your health-care facility.

(Editor's note: Adapted from the Fort Bragg, N.C., Paraglide)

Fort library offers readers 'best selling' titles

Library release

The Fort Huachuca Main Post Library has the following titles from the New York Times' Best Sellers list in its current holdings.

Fiction

The Bonesetter's Daughter
1st to Die
A Painted House
On the Street Where You Live
Dreamcatcher
Lone Eagle
Cold Paradise
Death in Holy Orders
A Common Life

Nonfiction

Ghost Soldiers
Tuesdays With Morrie
Seabiscuit
Founding Brothers
Stolen Lives
In Harm's Way

Children's

Oh, the Places You'll Go
Where do Balloons Go?

Have we got news for you!

Read it online, click on huachuca-www.army.mil/USAG/PAO

Army's 226th Birthday



Photos by Spc. Jessica Espinosa

The traditional Army birthday cake-cutting ceremony combined the efforts of Maj. Gen. John D. Thomas Jr., commanding general and the soldiers with the most and least amount of time served in the military. (At left) Col. Susan A. Browning, chief of staff, represents those soldiers who have made the Army a lifestyle and career. (At right) Pvt. Russell Brimhall, Company E, 305th Military Intelligence Battalion, represents those young soldiers of today. Brimhall has only three months of service under his belt.

Fort celebrates Army birthday

By Tanja M. Linton
Media Relations Officer

There may 212 ways to be a soldier, but the Army has 226 reasons to celebrate.

The public joined Fort Huachuca in commemorating the Army's 226th birthday with cake and a concert by the 36th Army Band, June 14, at the gazebo on historic Brown Parade Field.

The U.S. Army was born in 1775, one year before the es-

tablishment of our nation and two years before the formal unveiling of our national colors.

Fort Huachuca is one of the Army's last remaining old west outposts. In February 1877, Col. August V. Kautz, commander of the Department of Arizona, ordered that a camp be established in the Huachuca Mountains.

Capt. Samuel Marmaduke Whitside established a temporary camp at the post's current location March 3, 1877.



309th MI Bn. photo

Initial Entry Training students made up the color guard for the 309th Military Intelligence Battalion's Army birthday celebration. Soldier students included Pvt. 2 Sara M. Ramshaw, Spc. Matthew Larkin and Spc. Christopher George of Company D; and Pvt. 2 Clinton Jackett, Pfc. Jason Adams and Spc. Chad Brown of Company A.

309th MI Bn. parties with pep

309th MI Bn. release

Soldiers and civilians of the 309th Military Intelligence Battalion celebrated the Army's 226th Birthday June 14 in Eifler Gym.

The ceremony started with the reading of a motivating and inspirational speech by Gen. George S. Patton. The also included the recognition of its fallen comrades and prisoners of war.

The battalion participated in the Secretary and Chief of Staff of the Army birthday messages via webpage technology. Troops viewed a short video about the Army and what it means to be a soldier.

The first slice of the traditional Army birthday cake was given to the youngest serving member of the battalion, Pvt. Jadzic Sigafuss of Company A. Sigafuss in turn presented the slice to the oldest member of the battalion, retired Master Sgt. John Dalton. The second slice of cake was given to the oldest serving member of the battalion, Chief Warrant Officer 5 Lon Castleton.

The entire battalion concluded the ceremony by singing the Army song.

"It was a pep rally atmosphere that indeed celebrated the Army birthday in style," said Lt. Col. Thomas M. Kelley, commander, 309th MI Bn.

"It was a grand celebration, and an outstanding event for the new IET soldiers. They had a chance to view some traditions as old as the Army itself and this was a great values session for all."

Kelley thanked all who were instrumental in setting up this "grand" event. "It was truly magnificent," he said.



(Above and left) Soldiers and civilians alike lined up for birthday cake.



The 36th Army Band, under the direction of Chief Warrant Officer 3 Edward Lefferink, provided a special Army birthday concert.

Top drill sergeants emulate their own training NCOs

By Jim Caldwell
TRADOC News Service

FORT MONROE, Va. — Competition for the 2001 Army Drill Sergeant of the Year title kicked off here at 8 a.m. Tuesday when 21 representatives of training centers and units across the country try to outdo each other in the Army Physical Fitness Test.

That's just one of the trials for the 14 active duty and seven reserve component drill sergeants over three days. Beginning Tuesday afternoon, the NCOs will have to demonstrate how they teach basic soldier skills to new recruits. The final test for each of them will be an appearance before a board of sergeants major through Thursday morning.

By Friday, all the PT scores and grades from evaluators and the sergeants major will have been totaled to find out the active and

reserve component Army Drill Sergeants of the Year.

The winner will be revealed at a mid-morning ceremony at Continental Park.

Many of the NCOs said they became drill sergeants because of the impressions their drill sergeants made upon them when they went through basic combat and advanced individual training.

"I looked at my drill sergeants and saw how they conducted themselves and I knew that that was what I wanted to do," said Staff Sgt. Kristopher L.M. Cook, 2001 Drill Sergeant of the Year for Fort Bliss, Texas.

"When I came through basic training, I had a lot of respect for my drill sergeants," said Staff Sgt. Barbara Brown, top drill sergeant for 2001 for Fort Sill, Okla. "They were really professional and I wanted to emulate them. They were my role models."

For Sgt. First Class Larry Parks, 2001 Drill Sergeant of the Year at Fort Jackson, S.C., his NCO leaders later on in the Army were his motivation to become a drill sergeant.

"As a young soldier, I had a platoon sergeant, a first sergeant and a sergeant major who were out of this world," he said, "and I looked at them and said, 'I want to be like them some day.'"

Parks feels pretty confident about his chances this week.

"There's one thing I can tell the other drill sergeants that are going up for the ... competition," he said. "I'd tell them they'd better be ready, they'd better know the standards because I'm coming."

If Brown wins she will be the fourth woman to hold the title. She was one of a small group of woman drill sergeants when she arrived at Fort Sill, but being a woman in the job was old stuff to her. She feels that when you're performing as a soldier, gender doesn't matter.

"When I get out there with the soldiers, I do everything with them. I do all the road marches. I do all the PT ... and I never emphasize the difference between a male and female. We never let them look at it that way," she said.

Placing at or near the top is a pattern Cook has established, at least in his professional military training courses. He was the Honor Graduate in BCT, Patriot missile crewmember AIT and Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course. He was on the commandant's list at Drill Sergeant School.

Cook's satisfaction from the job comes from providing soldiers to the Army who are fully trained in basic skills.

"The influences that a drill sergeant will have on a young soldier will be one of the most life-changing influences in that young soldier's life," he said.



Photo by Angela Moncur

Staff Sgt. Shandell N. Vaughan is representing Fort Huachuca in the Drill Sergeant of the Year competition.

Parks said by the time his trainees complete BCT to become soldiers, he doesn't like to see them go because of the process of watching them grow from raw recruits to capable young soldiers.

"In a sense, they are your kids. You're taking them from childhood to being an adult," he said.

"The thing I enjoy most is the thrill of teaching. It's knowing that you helped shape these soldiers."

The NCO selected as the active Army Drill Sergeant of the Year will serve a year at Training and Doctrine Command headquarters as advisor to the commander on drill sergeant and basic training matters. The reserve Army Drill Sergeant of the Year will serve in a similar fashion in his training division.

This year's competitors for Army Drill Sergeant of the Year are:

SSG Luis A. Billingslea, Redstone Arsenal, Ala.
SSG Barbara M. Brown, Fort Sill, Okla.
SFC Carey E. Christian, 80th Division (Training), Richmond, Va.
SSG Kristopher L.M. Cook, Fort Bliss, Texas
SFC Bruce T. Diamond, 98th Division (Training), Rochester, N.Y.
SSG Luke S. Lambert, 108th Division (Training), Charlotte, N.C.
SFC John R. Maines, 100th Division (Training), Louisville, Ky.
SSG Matthew J. McReady, Fort Benning, Ga.
SSG Wayne M. McPhillips, 84th Division (Training), Milwaukee, Wis.
SFC Larry A. Parks, Fort Jackson, S.C.
SSG Paul E. Rhodes, Fort Knox, Ky.
SSG Madeline Santiago, Fort Lee, Va.
SFC David D. Snyder, Fort Eustis, Va.
SFC Danny D. Swearingen, 104th Division (Training), Vancouver, Wash.
SSG Shawton C. Thomas, Fort Sam Houston, Texas
SFC Kenneth S. Thompson, 95th Division (Training), Oklahoma City, Okla.
SSG Debra L. Thorn, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.
SFC William M. Tilley, Fort Bragg, N.C.
SSG Shandella N. Vaughan, Fort Huachuca, Ariz.
SSG Gregory M. West, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.
SSG Vintinia Williams, Fort Gordon, Ga.

Community Updates

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.

DRM offices closed

The U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca Directorate of Resource Management offices will be closed Wednesday afternoon for their annual picnic. Normal business hours will resume June 28.

Library test Jane's Online

You have until Friday to help the Fort Huachuca Main Library evaluate "Jane's Online." Trainees with assignments to research platforms, systems and equipment in the defense and security arena will find the database a powerful, timely and authoritative library reference tool. Intelligence and communication analysts will also find some interesting possibilities. The library will consolidate your evaluations and provide them to the Department of Army CFSC for possible installation library year-end funding.

You may use the system in the library or log onto <http://www.janes.com/>. The username is: armyago. The password is: cfsc.

For more information, call Natalie Danforth at 533-3041. Send your comments to natalie.danforth@hua.army.mil.

Lions installation banquet

New officers and board members elected to the Sierra Vista La Salida Del Sol Lions Club in April will be installed at the 27th Annual Anniversary Installation and Awards banquet 6-9 p.m., Saturday at the LakeSide Activity Centre.

For more information or to RSVP, call Fern McReynolds at 459-3419, Anita Ostrander at 456-9033 or Dave Luna at 378-6246.

Spouses' club officers

The Noncommissioned Officer/Enlisted Civilian Spouses' Club installed new officers May 18. The new president is Sharon Bell. For more information, call 439-5875.

Flea market at mall

The Sierra Vista La Salida del Sol Lions Club members and Jim Huff, general manager of The Mall in Sierra Vista will offer 60 spaces in front of the main entrance of the mall to conduct a one-day flea market on July 4. The size of the spaces will be nine feet by 20 feet, and hours of operation will be 9 a.m.-6 p.m. The mall will mark off the spaces one day prior to the event. For information, call Lee at 378-1399.

Federal jobs workshop

The next federal jobs workshop is from 8-10 a.m. July 13 at the Army Career and Alumni Program Center, Building 22420 here. These

provide general information on how to find out where the jobs are, how to apply for a federal job, employment benefits, looking at and understanding a federal pay scale, dissecting a federal job announcement, looking at a federal application, understanding veteran's preference, types of appointments, and how selections are made. The workshop also covers specifically how to understand the RESUMIX process of applying for a job at Fort Huachuca.

Future workshops are scheduled Aug. 17, Sept. 14, Oct. 19, Nov. 16 and Dec. 7.

Range closures

Saturday	AW, T1, T1A, T2
Sunday	AW
Monday	AW
Tuesday	AM, AO, AP, AS, AW, AY, T1, T1A, T2
Wednesday	AB, AW, T1, T1A, T2
June 28	AA, AB, AD, T1, T1A, T2
June 29	AA, AC, AD, AM, AW, T1, T1A, T2
June 30	AB, AM, AU, AW, T1, T1A, T2
July 1	AM, AU, AY

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

Vickie Winans in concert

Vickie Winans, award-winning gospel vocalist is scheduled to appear at 5 p.m., July 14 at the Buena High School Performing Arts Center, 5200 Buena School Blvd. Tickets are \$20 each or \$18.50 each if purchased in groups of 10 or more. Tickets are available at Sierra Vista churches, Sageway and Gospel Supplies in Tucson. The performance is sponsored by Sierra Vista's First Church of God in Christ.

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. July 18 and 25 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 employees 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.

AIAA conference

The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics/BMDO Technology Conference and Exhibit is July 23-26 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.

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.

POW, MIA Walkathon

The 2001 POW/MIA Walkathon is scheduled for 6 a.m. Sept. 14 on Chaffee Parade Field here. Everyone is invited to attend.

Organized participants such as teams, groups, offices, activities, organizations and units must notify the Installation Operations G3 Office of their intent to participate by July 16. Individual participants are not required to notify the Installation Operations G3 Office.

Notification must include name of the group and number of individuals. For more information, contact Robert Bass Jr. at 533-2293 or Sgt. 1st Class Zella English at 533-2294.

Savings Bond campaign

The Directorate of Resource Management is preparing for another Savings Bond Campaign for 2001. This year's theme is "Making Dreams A Reality - Pay Yourself First." Authorization for conducting the campaign is provided in Executive Order 11981, which is implemented by DoD Directive 5035.6. The campaign continues through June 30. A formal letter and more information will follow. Visit the treasury web site at www.savingsbonds.gov or Army's site at www.asafm.army.mil/fo/fod/fincom/sbp/sbp.asp.

Upper Garden Canyon closed

Post environmental officials have announced that Upper Garden Canyon will be closed to vehicles and foot traffic during weekdays so that repairs may be made to the roadway. The damage was caused by heavy rains

and runoff during the fall season. Restoration is necessary primarily to allow access for firefighting.

The canyon will reopen for weekday visitors July 7. Until then, visits may still be made on weekends between 4 p.m. Fridays and Sunday evenings. As always, Upper Garden Canyon is closed during hours of darkness.

Check LES online

Electronic Leave and Earnings Statements are now available for active duty soldiers via the Employee/Member Self Service Internet site (<http://emss.dfas.mil>). For more information, call Nina Sanchez at 533-2011.

Clinic hours change

As of Friday, the Consolidated Soldier Care Clinic hours of operation were changed to 7 a.m.-4 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. The Consolidated Soldier Care Clinic serves permanent party, active-duty soldiers.

NCOA Desert Open golf tourney

The Noncommissioned Officer's Academy is sponsoring a four-person scramble golf tournament at 1 p.m. (shotgun start) Friday at Mountain View Golf Course here.

Entry fee is \$25 with cart and \$19.50 without cart. To register or for more information, contact Sgt. 1st Class Theismann at 533-4220 or Staff Sgt. Savely at 533-4254.

Signal SDO moves

The 11th Signal Brigade Staff Duty Office has moved from the Brigade Headquarters (Building 52111) to Murr Community Center (Building 53101). The office is open 4 p.m.-9 a.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The office is open 2 p.m.-9 a.m. Thursdays and 24 hours on weekends. The staff duty can be contacted at 533-1339 during these times. All soldiers reporting to the 11th Signal Brigade must report to the staff duty office after the normal duty day ends.

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/BTROOPHTM>.

Vehicle registration hours

The vehicle registration office hours are now from 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Mondays through Friday in Alchesay Barracks, Building 31122.

11th Signal Brigade

Troops move into Site Boston, build tiny boomtown

By Staff Sgt. Tim Volkert
NCOIC, 11th Sig. Bde. PAO

The growl of trucks and humvees drowned out the wildlife and whipping wind, and a cloud of dust swirled around Site Boston as about 15 vehicles moved up to the checkpoint and prepared to move into position.

After receiving directions, the vehicles rolled onto the site and began off-loading nets, poles, chairs, cables, cots and other supplies as the 11th Signal Brigade soldiers began to turn the once desolate area into a miniature city.

From a makeshift fuel station to dining tent, the soldiers would never have to leave the protection of the concertina wire and guards to get a necessity; everything is right there.

"We have food, we have water, we have fuel and we have a place to sleep," said 1LT Roger Ordonez, site commander and commander of Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 504th Signal Battalion.

The only thing the site is missing is the food service personnel, who prepare the meals at the dining facility and bring out the hot meals, he said. However, if it was needed, they could have had them on site as well.

After the final series of the more than 80-vehicle convoy rolled onto the training site, the more than 275 soldiers moved through the brush and dust, setting up tents and their communications equipment, turning Site Boston into a self-sufficient training site for Grecian Firebolt and Roving Sands.

Turning a patch of land into a hub for communications was not without its challenges though.

The biggest challenge was to get the vehicles and equipment to the right location on site, Ordonez said. Along with the military vehicles, portable bathrooms, dumpsters and water buffaloes were strategically placed to allow for easy access for everyone, he said.

After about 36 hours, the site was fully operational. All communications equipment was up and running and the soldiers were all working on their duties to ensure the exercise went off with minimal problems. The site included more than 32 phones, network communications with global capabilities and more than six miles of wires and cable stretching across the site.

However, long before the soldiers moved in and began setting up shop, brigade personnel had to coordinate issues such as personnel, logistics, supplies, security and required services.

Ordonez said the brigade began preparing for the exercise about six months out. The planning process to create this mini city wasn't as difficult because of the cooperation with all the staff sections, he said. Without that cooperation, however, the Site Boston setup could have looked more like an LA traffic jam than a smooth-flowing process.

After all the planning and building and work, the exercise will end and then, in a matter of hours, nets and equipment will come down, trucks will kick up dust and Site Boston will again transform into a dry, dusty patch of land until the next exercise turns the area into a temporary boomtown.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Tim Volkert

Pfc. Wilson Rawlings from the 69th Signal Company, 504th Signal Battalion, lays the wires into the trench as Spc. Jonah Kaimuloa, also from the 69th Sig. Co., digs behind him.



Photo by Spc. Felicia Brown

Pfc. Casey Miller grabs a cot off the back of a truck, while Sgt. John Rakoczy approaches to help unload the truck. Both soldiers are from the 19th Signal Company, 504th Signal Battalion.

(At right) Spc. Dustin MacDermott, a satellite communications systems maintainer and operator from the 269th Signal Company, 504th Signal Battalion, looks over the site as his 16-foot satellite dish stands ready to send and receive signals during the Grecian Firebolt and Roving Sands exercises. Photo by Staff Sgt. Tim Volkert.



Photo by Spc. Felicia Brown

(Above) Spc. Tony Espinoza from the Company D, 40th Signal Battalion, hammers ground stakes to secure his antenna at Site Boston.



Lightning Awareness Week

Four Ft. Carson, Colo., soldiers hit by lightning

By Fred Reamer
Safety Office Volunteer

This caption appeared on Headline News on May 31. If you spend any time out-of-doors for work or recreational purposes, headlines like this should get your attention.

On the same afternoon, a gaze upward showed those seasonal dark, towering or threatening clouds forming over the Huachuca Mountains. Whether you see the clouds or hear the sound of distant thunder, the seasonal monsoon or other periods of electrical storm activity may be approaching.

When we think about thunderstorms, our immediate concerns include: getting wet, slippery roadways, cancelled events or flash flooding. While these may be unpleasant, lightning has the potential to be deadly and requires our attention and respect.

Because light travels much faster than sound, lightning flashes are seen long before the resulting thunder is heard. You can estimate the miles you are from the thunderstorm by counting the number of seconds between a lightning flash and the next clap of thunder, then divide this number by five to obtain miles.

While this calculation is interesting trivia, you may be in danger of being struck by lightning anytime you can hear thunder, and sometimes before. If the first lightning strike of the storm hits your location, you will have had no audible warning.

We experienced a first strike in south Sierra Vista. My wife was outdoors in a 90 percent clear sky with no thunder or threatening clouds. I was indoors. Our next-door neighbor was on his patio. The first lightning (and thunder) struck his tall garage. We were all severely startled.

After knocking several concrete roof tiles to the ground, it traveled through the chicken wire under his stucco exterior.



Photo by Stephen Hodanish, Colorado Lightning Resource Center

Fort Collins, Colorado. Taken from atop Colorado State University Atmospheric Science building.

He said it was the loudest noise he had ever heard, including his Korea and Vietnam experiences. Affected were his TV, computer, doorbell and garage door opener.

To minimize your exposure to lightning strikes while outdoors, consider the following:

- Be familiar with the signals of an oncoming storm
- Try to get inside a car or building

— If in the open, get to an open space and squat low to the ground. Never stand near a tall structure or under a tall tree.

— Avoid bodies of water, machinery or sporting equipment such as golf clubs or fly rods.

— If you are caught on a level field and feel your hair stand on end, understand that lightning is about to strike. Bend forward with hands on knees (do not lie flat on the ground).

From Counsel

You have the right to remain silent

By Capt. Chris Russell
Senior Defense Counsel

Everyone is familiar with police television shows where an arresting police officer informs the suspected criminal that he has the right to remain silent and that anything he says can be used against him in a court of law.

Despite the fact that we are bombarded with these rights on television, very few people suspected of crimes or misconduct in real life actually remain silent in the face of an interrogation.

If you, as a soldier, are being questioned regarding criminal behavior or are being investigated for an offense that may be punished under Article 15 of the U.C.M.J., you have the right to be informed of: (1) the accusation against you; (2) the fact that you do not have to make any statement regarding the alleged offense; and (3) the fact that any statement you make may be used as evidence against you.

Furthermore, if you have been apprehended or a military superior wishes to question you about a suspected offense you have the right to consult with an attorney prior to questioning and have an attorney present during questioning.

It may come as surprise to some, but these rights even apply when the person conducting the questioning is in the soldier's chain of command.

In order to better understand these rights, a "real life" example may be helpful. In March 1996, Air Force Staff Sgt. John Swift's commander received a phone call from a woman claiming to be Swift's wife. In that conversation, the female caller claimed that she and Swift were living apart but were not legally divorced.

She further indicated that she had received information that Swift might have married another woman since becoming separated. The caller concluded her telephone conversation by telling the commander that if Swift had married another woman without first obtaining a legal divorce that she wanted to press charges against him for bigamy.

After a preliminary investigation by Swift's chain of command, Swift's first sergeant summoned him to his office to "hear his side of the story." The first sergeant began the meeting by informing Swift about the accusations made by the caller.

In response to the accusations, Swift made several false statements to his first sergeant about his marital status. Swift was eventually charged and convicted of bigamy,

making false official statements, and impeding an investigation.

Swift appealed his convictions, claiming that he was not properly advised by his first sergeant of his right to remain silent and that anything he said could be used against him as evidence in his trial by court-martial.

The appeals court agreed that Swift should have been advised of his rights prior to being questioned by his first sergeant. In reaching their decision, the appeals court relied in part upon the fact that soldiers learn from the very early stages of their military careers that they must respond promptly to

the direct orders and expectations of superiors and others, such as military police.

In light of the circumstances, the appeals court recognized that a question from a superior or an investigator is likely to result in the soldier providing a direct response without any

thought on his part that he has the right to remain silent.

Therefore, the appeals court agreed that Swift did have the right to remain silent and that he should have been advised of that right by his first sergeant.

As a result of the first sergeant's failure to advise Swift of his rights, the appeals court ruled that Swift's statements should not have been used against him at his trial by court-martial.

The first lesson learned from Swift's case is that when being questioned regarding suspected misconduct by their chain of command, a soldier superior in rank, military law enforcement personnel, or when in the custody of civilian law enforcement personnel, soldiers have the absolute right to decline to answer any questions and to be advised of that right.

The second lesson is that it is always better to refrain from giving a statement than to provide false information.

The last lesson is that soldiers should not rely upon their chain of command or law enforcement personnel to advise them of their rights because the person posing the questions may forget to do so.

As such, soldiers should remember what their rights are and take it upon themselves to invoke their rights if they so desire.

Soldiers who have questions or concerns regarding this topic should address them to Capt. Chris Russell at the Fort Huachuca Trial Defense Service Office. He can be reached by telephone at 533-5370.

(Editor's note: 1st Lt. Chris Hartley, U.S. Army Reserve Judge Advocate, significantly contributed to this article.)



Photo by Angela Moncur

(From left) Outgoing 112th Military Intelligence Brigade Commander, Col. Gary L. Parrish; Commanding General, Maj. Gen. John D. Thomas Jr.; and incoming brigade commander, Col. William H. Phelps stand at attention during the Change of Command ceremony June 12 on Brown Parade Field.



Photo by Master Sgt. LaToya E. Sizer

Maj. Gen. John D. Thomas Jr., commanding general, passes the 112th Military Intelligence Brigade guidon to incoming commander, Col. William H. Phelps, while outgoing commander, Col. Gary L. Parrish (right), looks on.



Photo by Angela Moncur

In the tradition Fort Huachuca, representatives of B Troop 4th, U.S. Cavalry Regiment present flowers to Gail Parrish, wife of Col. Gary L. Parrish; and Maryellen and Jessica Phelps, wife and daughter of Col. William H. Phelps.

112th MI Brigade changes command

By Tanja M. Linton
Media Relations Officer

The 112th Military Intelligence Brigade (Provisional) hosted a change of command ceremony June 12, at 8 a.m. on Brown Parade Field.

Col. Gary L. Parrish handed over command of the brigade to Col. William H. Phelps.

Phelps was commissioned as a second lieutenant in 1978 upon his graduation from Centre College of Kentucky. He has served in a variety of military intelligence positions

during his career. Phelps has been assigned to Fort Huachuca since 1999, most recently as Deputy for Futures.

Parrish leaves Fort Huachuca to assume command of the 205th Military Intelligence Brigade in Wiesbaden, Germany.

The 112th Military Intelligence Brigade (Provisional) was activated at Fort Huachuca last year. The Secretary of the Army recently awarded the 112th the Army Superior Unit Award for its outstanding meritorious performance during peacetime, in a difficult and challenging mission.

Pets of the Week



Veterinary Facility photos

"Bo" is a young adult male gray/tan/white chow mix. He is extremely friendly, good with kids and likes to play. His adoption fee is \$40, which includes all vaccinations, a microchip, a heartworm test, deworming and neutering.

"Saige" is a female spayed medium-sized rust colored rottweiler/chow mix. She is about one year old and would love to have a family with kids that want to play with her. Her adoption fee is \$21.50, which includes all vaccinations, a microchip, a heartworm test and deworming.

"Tippy" is a young female brown tabby. She is declawed, and very sweet. Her adoption fee is \$40, which includes spaying, all vaccines, deworming, leukemia test and a microchip.

"Sunny" is a female longhaired calico. She is very curious and loves to play. Her adoption fee is \$40, which includes all vaccines, spaying, leukemia test, deworming and a microchip.

These and several other dogs and cats are available at the Fort Huachuca Veterinary Treatment Facility from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. The clinic is now open during the lunch hour. For information, call 533-2767.

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