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Veterans' Day Recognition Celebration

The Veterans' Day Recognition Celebration luncheon conducted by the United States Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca is today at 11:30 a.m. at the La Hacienda. The celebration honors our country's veterans and soldiers, especially those who served in the Korean War.

In the spirit of pride and patriotism, veterans are encouraged to wear their military uniforms or veterans organization regalia.

The guest speaker, retired Col. Harry F. Middleton, U.S. Army, served 32 years with 12 years served overseas in Europe and the Far East. He will speak of his experiences during his Korean tour of duty from 1953 to 1954. In addition to the luncheon, a replica of the USS Arizona will be on display in front of the La Hacienda. Luncheon attendees and the public are invited to tour the ship from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

For information, call Ginny Sciarrino at 533-1285.

Golden Corral honors military

The Disabled American Veterans in conjunction with Golden Corral restaurant will host a Military Appreciation Night Monday for all veterans and active duty soldiers. From 5 to 9 p.m. the restaurant will offer a free dinner buffet and beverage. DAV will be there with information for veterans and active duty soldiers about support programs available.

Flea market open Veterans Day

The Sierra Vista La Salida del Sol Lions Club Flea Market will be open for vendors, residents of Fort Huachuca and the general public 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday through Monday. For more information, call Lion Lee Hinzman at 378-1399.

Commissary closed

The Fort Huachuca Commissary will be closed Tuesday in observance of Veterans Day. The Commissary will be open Sunday.

Native American Indian Heritage Celebration

The Native American Indian Heritage Celebration will take place Wednesday at the Lakeside Activity Centre from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Artists Louis-Virie Blanche and Constant Creation featuring Andrea and The Redhouse Dancers will perform intertribal songs and dances.

In honor of Native American Heritage month, Blanche is releasing his series of limited edition Geronimo/Buffalo Soldier prints.

For more information, call 533-5305.

ASMC seminar set

The American Society of Military Comptrollers will hold a professional development seminar at La Hacienda Community Club Wednesday.

The planned agenda includes discussion on strategic planning; public health issues; 56th Fighter Squadron capabilities and resource management; and Army Knowledge Management. Cost is \$30 for ASMC members and \$40 for nonmembers.

Lunch is included in the price of the seminar. All profits from the seminar will be donated to the ASMC Sept. 11 Victims' Fund.

Members of the public are welcome to attend. For more information, call 538-8228/8218.



Members of the Joint Readiness Training Center in Fort Polk, La. performed airborne operations at Fort Huachuca on Tuesday.



(Above) Lt. Col. Jon Mowers, senior intelligence observer/controller from the Joint Readiness Training Center, Fort Polk, La., gathers up his parachute after the second jump Tuesday.



Photos by Angela Moncur

The sky is the limit

(Above) Staff Sgt. Thomas Beckman, drop zone support leader, performs a quick Jump Master Parachute Inspection on Maj. Bob Culp, Joint Readiness Training Center Intel Division executive officer. Soldiers from JRTC in Fort Polk, La. conducted airborne operations at Libby Army Airfield Tuesday. The jumps were in conjunction with an outreach mission for JRTC observer/controllers to talk with the Intelligence Center about the trends they see in the combat environment. For the complete story and more photos, see Page 3.

MEDDAC takes proactive stance against biologic warfare threats

RWBAC release

Since Sept. 11, the Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center staff has heightened surveillance for any unusual disease occurrence or increased numbers of illnesses that might be associated with the terrorist attacks.

Subsequently, our suspicions were confirmed when cases of anthrax were identified in Florida, New York, Washington D.C. and, most recently, in New Jersey.

RWBAC's health care providers are alert to illness patterns and diagnostic clues that might indicate an unusual infectious disease outbreak associated with intentional release of a biologic agent. Any clusters or findings are reported to Preventive Medicine Wellness and Readiness Service, the Army's version of a local health department.

Case in point, in early October, a sharp increase in the number of Advanced Individual Training soldiers reporting to sick call with upper respiratory symptoms triggered an epidemiological investigation to determine the cause and extent of the problem.

Initially, it appeared there was an "outbreak" of mononucleosis; however, after further investigation, this diagnosis was incorrect and the disease was found to be a naturally occurring, self-limiting, viral infection. There have been no increased numbers of upper respiratory illnesses since that incident.

Health care providers have also been receiving additional training and education about specific biological agents most likely to be used by terrorists to create extensive disease and mortality among large numbers of the population. Much of this training has been provided by experts from the Arizona Department of Health Services, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the U.S. Army's Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine.

In cooperation with other key agencies on post and civilian organizations that may need to respond to a biologic terrorist incident, MEDDAC has expanded its Emergency Preparedness Plan to specifically address the medical response to biological weapons agents, such as anthrax.

The MEDDAC is taking every potential exposure very seriously

and has detailed plans to manage such incidents. These actions include ensuring a medic is on site for all reported exposures to identify the involved victims and arrange for their follow-up by PMWARS immediately following the event.

PMWARS interviews all involved victims and determine the need for additional testing and/or antibiotics pending the outcome of the FBI investigation of the suspect package/letter/container. Once the FBI reports their lab findings to confirm or rule out an exposure, the victims are contacted with guidance regarding the need for further medical follow-up.

Educating the community about how to protect themselves to minimize exposure to biologic agents is also an important role for the MEDDAC. There are specific precautions, which you may take to help protect yourself when handling mail. Have a heightened awareness to recognize "suspicious" mail. Typical characteristics include:

- Unexpected mail from someone unfamiliar to you.
- Addressed to someone no longer with your organization or otherwise outdated.
- No return addresses, or has one that can't be verified as legitimate.
- Unusual weight, given their sizes, or is lopsided or oddly shaped.
- Have protruding wires, strange odor or stains.
- Postmark doesn't match the return address.

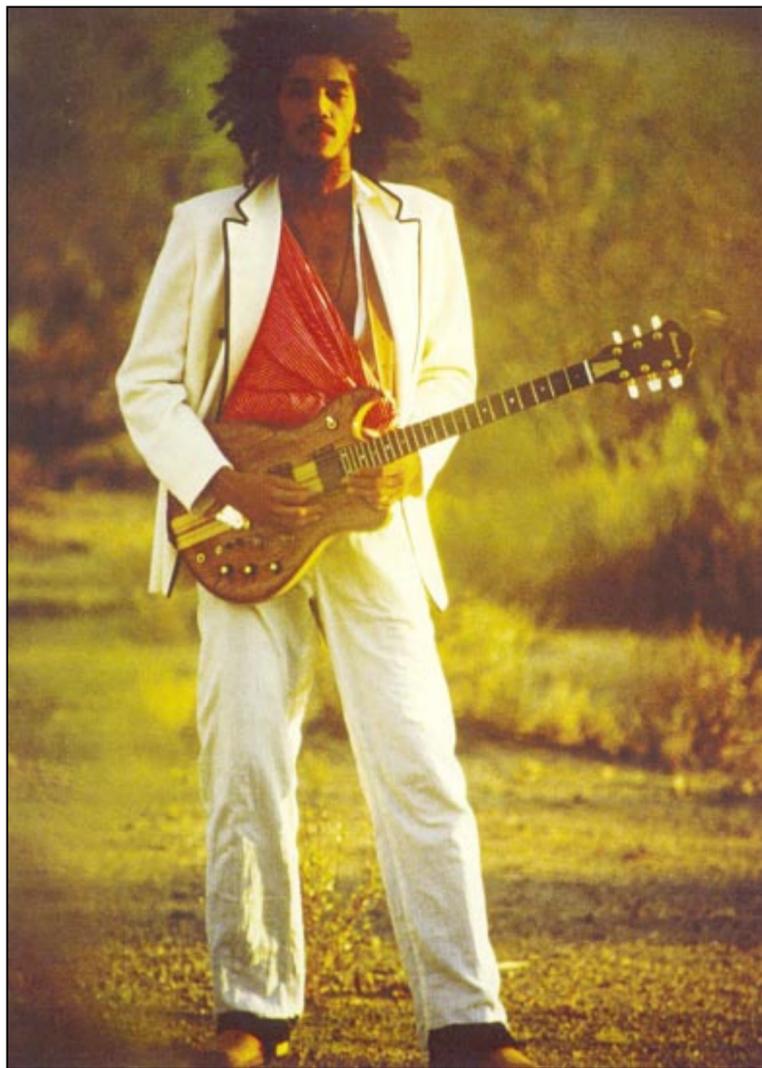
Always wash your hands with soap and water after handling mail/packages. If you encounter a suspicious package DO NOT shake, open or empty the contents. If unopened, place the package in a plastic bag or some other container to prevent leakage of the contents.

If you don't have any container, or the package has already been opened, COVER the package with anything (clothing, paper, trashcan, etc.) and do not remove this cover. If you are at home call the local police. If you are at work, contact your immediate supervisor and building security officer.

For additional information about bioterrorism and biological warfare agents visit the CDC website at www.cdc.gov or call PMWARS at 533-5912.

Have we got news for you!

Don't miss these upcoming stories in *The Fort Huachuca Scout* newspaper:
 Native American Heritage celebration, Digitization of military intelligence and Post basketball team.



Courtesy photo

Native son

In keeping with Native tradition, where songs are thought of as prayers, Acme Chic Society recording artist Louis-Virie Blanche (Cherokee/Choctaw) will be blessing the Fort Huachuca and Sierra Vista community with song, dance and drum in honor of National Native American Heritage Month. Blanche and Constant Creation featuring Andrea and The Redhouse Dancers will perform inter-tribal songs and dances, both traditional and contemporary, as well as original compositions. These performances will honor the voice and the drum as artifacts held in reverence by all indigenous people. This event is 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Wednesday at the LakeSide Activity Centre.

Lifelong Learning

Army educators celebrate Education Week

Education Center release

Army educators join educators from across the country to celebrate American Education Week. Sunday through Nov. 17, the Army again refocuses on strengthening their resolve to educate America's soldier students to meet the challenges of leadership today and tomorrow.

This year's theme is "An Army of One, an Educational Opportunity for Every Soldier" which underscores the philosophy that started AEW. Representatives of the National Education Association and the American Legion met for the first time in 1919 to discuss the distressing fact that 25 percent of the country's World War I draftees were illiterate and nine percent were physically unfit.

As a result of this meeting to seek ways to generate public support for education the Army's soldiers are the knowledge- and capabilities - based force they are today.

The Army Continuing Education System offers a variety of programs to assist soldiers in obtaining their college degree or GED. These

programs take into consideration soldiers' busy career and their personal time whether leisure or with family.

No longer tied to the traditional classroom type of education, soldiers can now earn their degree through a variety of distance learning programs sponsored through their local Army Education Center. Stop by your Education Center for more information on ACES programs and services. While you are there ask about AEW related events.

In observance of American Education Week, the Education Services Directorate will have information tables set up by the local colleges/universities in the lobby of the Education Center, Nov. 16-19. We will also conduct an open house on Wednesday and Nov. 15 at the Army Education Center (Building 52104) from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. There will be refreshments served and a drawing for a door prize from the local colleges/universities. Be sure to stop by and visit the Education Center.

For more information, call the Education Center at 533-3010 or 533-2255.



Soldiers' Lawyer

I went to the Arizona Motor Vehicles Division to pick up the vehicle tax exemption form and they told me that they don't have it. So, where do I go?

Soldiers may be able to avoid Arizona's vehicle tax if they are a legal resident of another state, and only in Arizona pursuant to military orders. To prove this, you have two options: either pick up a tax exemption form at the vehicle registration section of the Provost Marshal office (and register your vehicle on-post at the same time); or draft a letter for your company commander to sign.

This letter should simply state that you are on active duty, and reside in Arizona pursuant to military orders. Either one should be accepted by the Arizona MVD.

The Arizona MVD also has a website where you can register (or renew) your vehicle, order personalized license plates, and more. The website is www.state.az.us/MVD/mvd.htm or contact the MVD customer service line at 1 (800) 251-5866 for more information. The MVD in Sierra Vista is located at 5224 E. Charleston, and its office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

(Editor's note: The Soldiers' Lawyer is provided by your JAG Legal Assistance Office. Visit us on the web at <http://huachuca-www.army.mil/usag/sja/legalassistance/> or contact us at 533-2009 for an appointment. Legal advice may not be given over the phone.)

Veterans Day

Army leaders recognize significant contribution of American's veterans

For all Army activities and Army family members:

On Nov. 11, our nation pauses on Veterans Day to honor those American men and women who served our country in uniform.

This year, two short months after suffering the most horrific act of war in our country's history, it is only right that we pay tribute to those whose sacrifices and selfless service purchased for us the privileges of freedom, democracy, and unmatched opportunity that we enjoy in the United States — the greatest country on earth.

From the first battle of the American Revolution through our ongoing war against terrorism, in conflicts that shook the foundation of civilization and in humanitarian missions that saved countless lives, our veterans provided the sword and shield that protected our nation.

Veterans Day also provides an opportunity for us to thank the soldiers serving in the Army today, continuing the great legacy of those veterans who marched before us.

Your determination, your readiness, and your willingness to go where you are needed, when you are needed, are potent symbols of liberty, justice, and hope for freedom loving people the world over.

The memory of our fallen comrades lost in the horrible and unprovoked acts of war against our nation on Sept. 11 is a stark reminder that our forces today are, as always, on point for our nation.

Each day you serve, you voluntarily forego comfort and wealth. You face hardship and sacrifice in defending the nation's security and spreading the blessing of democracy to others in

countries around the world, from Korea to Kosovo.

Your actions in a multitude of missions — humanitarian assistance, disaster relief, peacekeeping, warfighting — animate the Army Core Values: loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage.

Your service ensures we never fail in our nonnegotiable contract with the American people — to fight and win our nation's wars. You constantly amaze us with the strength of your dedication and your unwavering morale.

To all of you, whether far from home or here in the united states, thank you for your contributions and your countless sacrifices. It is an honor to serve with you, and we could not be more proud of the great work you are doing. You carry on the legacy of valor and service that soldiers before you established.

And so on this day of reflection and tribute, our grateful nation thanks our veterans — those who made the ultimate sacrifice for freedom, those still serving, those no longer in uniform, young and old — for all they have done and continue to do for our great country.

We pledge to you our tireless efforts to ensure the Army remains the world's preeminent warfighting land force, the most esteemed institution in the nation, and the most respected army in the world.

Thomas E. White
Secretary of the Army, and

Gen. Eric K. Shinseki
Army Chief of Staff

For the Fort Huachuca veteran community:

Veterans Day is a time for reflection. Today, we recognize the contributions of all service members, veterans, and their families from the time of the American Revolution through our current campaign against terrorism.

The events of Sept. 11 have reinvigorated the American people's commitment to our nation and brought deeper meaning for Veterans Day. Our veterans, past and present, have forged this great nation through their sacrifice, dedication to duty, and never ending loyalty to freedom.

Now, as the nation again battles the forces of oppression and terror, take a moment to think about the men and women who have so valiantly served our country. These brave souls walk amongst us every day as true testaments of American courage, strength, and commitment. Regardless of whether they served during times of peace or war, they are the heroes who deserve recognition on Veterans Day.

I ask that we all take a moment on Veterans Day to thank as many past and present members of the United States Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines, and Coast Guard. Your thanks honors them, their service honors our nation.

Again, this is a time to reflect, to offer thanks, and to continue individual sacrifices. You and your families continue to honor our nation through your proud tradition of service and sacrifice. All of us thank you deeply for these endeavors. God bless you and all our veterans, and God bless America!

Brig. Gen. James A. Marks
Commanding General, USAIC&FH

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JRTC team jumps in, shares combat trends

By Angela Moncur
Scout Staff

Members of the Joint Readiness Training Center in Fort Polk, La. jumped into Fort Huachuca Monday to share combat trends with the training staff here.

Lt. Col. Jon Mowers, senior intel observer/controller from JRTC, and Maj. Bob Culp, JRTC intel division executive officer, are heading up the "outreach mission." Their goal is to open up the lines of communication between the training center and the U.S. Army Intelligence Center and schoolhouse.

"We want to talk about the trends we are seeing in the combat environment, the product from the schoolhouse and what we observe," said Mowers.

Culp added "it is important to discuss with the course developers and doctrine writers, the trends and execution we see during the JRTC rotations."

In an effort to reverse any negative trends it is important to open a line of communication with members of the schoolhouse here, Culp said.

"It is the job of an observer/controller to coach, teach and mentor the teams we control during the [JRTC] rotation," Culp said.

The intelligence observer/controller team works specifically with intelligence officer, intelligence and voice intercept analysts, interrogators and radar operators.

According to Mower, the military intelligence soldier who is pure MI and doesn't have a basis in light infantry tactics will be lost on today's battlefield. Training needs to be put in the context of the tactics being used against them.

"Intelligence drives the operation," he said. "We believe that. If we don't have the right intel to drive the plan, the plan won't go anywhere."

"We're giving the warfighter the hardest fight he can expect to get. The enemy wants the info too," Mower said.



Photos by Angela Moncur

Joint Readiness Training Center observer/controllers completed a series of jumps at Libby Army Airfield Tuesday. The JRTC team is at Fort Huachuca on an outreach mission to share trends they've observed in the combat environment with course developers and doctrine writers at the U.S. Army Intelligence Center and schoolhouse.



After a quick Jump Master Parachute Inspection, members of the JRTC observer/controller team head to the plane for their second jump on Tuesday.



Ten members of the JRTC visiting team jumped into Fort Huachuca on Monday and twice on Tuesday.



Members of the JRTC team had to stay alert to wind conditions at Libby Army Airfield Tuesday.

Training Area T is off limits

Range Control release

In a recent incident four individuals hiked into an off-limits training area on the South Range of Fort Huachuca, suspending training for nearly two hours. Live-fire ranges had to be placed in a cold status until the individuals could be found and escorted out of the area.

Training Area T, identified as Game Management Areas T-1, T-1A and T-2, is off limits to recreational activities in accordance with a policy letter dated July 7, 2000. Training Area T is the impact area for several small arms ranges on post.

The area's designation as "off-limits" is necessary to reduce interference with the official use of the installation's small arms ranges and to prevent injury or property damage and otherwise ensure the safety of military and civilians.

Exceptions to this policy may be granted by the garrison commander or the installation range control officer.

Unauthorized entry into the above portions of Training Area T is considered a violation of the policy. This policy is punitive in nature. Additionally, offenders may be barred from post.

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Personal accountability is OPSEC priority

By Spc. Jessica Espinosa
Scout Staff

Life for Americans has changed — especially for the American military. Personal accountability for all sensitive knowledge and items is now top priority more than ever.

"OPSEC is important to any mission — especially if it's a military mission," said Master Sgt. Kevrain K. Ford, operations sergeant, Directorate of Public Safety. "Consider your surroundings. If you're downtown then you should talk about stuff that's happening downtown. If you're in your motor pool or in your office talk about things that concern those places."

"Don't talk about the job if you're sitting down in Arby's having one of their Market Fresh sandwiches. Talk about what's happening in Arby's. Talk about your lunch, or something general, common knowledge that everyone knows. Not something particular to your unit or anything that might be harmful."

Ford reminds soldiers to also account for all military related items when out in public. Things like identification cards, military uniforms and sensitive material knowledge must remain safeguarded to ensure the well being of everyone.

Controlling access to the installation is the biggest security issue challenge the post has right now, according to Ford.

"We really try to be a partnership-type installation — especially with the local community. What's really difficult is that sometimes we have to say no to the community and they don't necessarily understand why we say no," Ford said. "We don't want to completely shut the doors and say, 'no you can't come in,' but you have to realize that we're living in different times now."

"We have to really be careful about how we conduct busi-

ness. We can't go back to doing things like normal because that will never happen again."

Ford stressed that the installation continues to try to foster a good working relationship with the local community despite the heightened security measures. "We just hope that they understand what we're doing and why we're doing it," he said.

The force protection measures that the installation has implemented are manpower intensive, which is why the post cannot conduct regular operations, Ford explained. Once we can establish an acceptable level of sustainment, then that is when the post can continue to do things on a more normal level.

"I think it's important to try to embrace the 1-185th National Guard unit that just came onboard, because they are making tremendous sacrifices being away for their families," Ford said. "We need to make every effort possible to reach out and make them feel as welcome as we possibly can. To let them know they're appreciated."

Ford also stressed the importance of not becoming complacent on guard duties and other security measures.

"Be smart about how you conduct your business. We live in a society where we like to play practical jokes or often take things for granted and we don't really think about some of the things that we do," Ford said. "It's imperative that not only the soldiers, but the civilian community as well, to really be more mindful of what they're doing."

Things to be mindful of is remembering proper identification when accessing the post, not coming onto the post for no reason, remembering what type of articles are brought onto the installation and how one conducts themselves on post.

PBS airs 'War Letters' Sunday night; hear personal account of former fort soldier

KUAT-TV release

TUCSON, Ariz. — Listen to personal accounts of former American soldiers and their experiences during war Sunday night, from 8-9 p.m.

Tucson's Public Broadcast Station, KUAT-TV (Channel 6) marks Veterans Day with the "American Experience" presentation of "War Letters," a collection of newly discovered personal correspondence that brings to life the deepest, most human side of war, from the American Revolution to the Gulf War.

The program includes a letter written by Cpl. Rupert Trimmingham while he was at Fort Huachuca. YANK, a weekly Army magazine, published it in May 1944.

With no narrator, no star subjects and a timeline that spans three centuries, War Letters is less a traditional documentary than a tone poem, written in the collective voice of ordinary men and women: soldiers, sweethearts, sons, brothers, fathers, wives, cousins and friends.

Read by a cast of celebrity actors (Kevin

Spacey, Esai Morales, Joan Allen and David Hyde Pierce among them), the letters are illustrated with archival footage and photographs, evocative recreations, and images of those who wrote and received letters from American battlefronts.

Many accounts of battle are stunningly brutal. "Suddenly I heard the ball go crash! And I knew by the sound that it had burst a human skull ... and then I saw Sergt. Chauncy Goldsmith quivering and dying," writes one Civil War soldier.

From the battlefield and the home front, letters of love and longing reveal the deep anguish of families torn apart by war. From Korea in 1952, a soldier writes, "I'm coming home. That little house is going to look like a palace to me. And, you people like Kings, and Queens ... You'll need lots of patience with me. Patience, and understanding. See you soon. See you soon."

Several extraordinary letters go beyond battles to probe greater injustices and atrocities. "Forgive me for taking your life, I was

reacting just the way I was trained ... As of today we are no longer enemies," writes veteran Richard Luttrell to the man he killed on a trail

in Vietnam. Luttrell placed the letter, along with a photo of his victim, at the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington, D.C.

The film is based on archivist Andrew Carroll's recent New York Times bestseller,

War Letters: Extraordinary Correspondence from American Wars. "It's important to remember the graphic nature of war, and I think nothing strips away the glamour and the romance more than these letters," he says.

American Experience is a production of WGBH Boston. For a link to special Web content provided by WGBH, visit KUAT-TV's website www.kuat.org.

(Editor's note: An excerpt of Cpl. Rupert Trimmingham's letter to YANK Magazine appears below. The letter was written from Fort Huachuca and published in May of 1944.)

Dear YANK Magazine:

Here is a question that each Negro soldier is asking. What is the Negro soldier fighting for? On whose team are we playing? Myself and eight other Negro soldiers were on our way from Camp Clairborne, La., to the hospital here at Fort Huachuca, Arizona. We had to lay over until the next day for our train. On the next day we could not purchase a cup of coffee at any of the lunchrooms around there. The only place where we could be served was at the lunchroom at the railroad station but, of course, we had to go into the kitchen. As you know, Old Man Jim Crow rules.

Cpl. Rupert Trimmingham
Fort Huachuca, Arizona

City school children make, sell flags of support

Veritas release

The students of Veritas Christian Community School accepted President George W. Bush's challenge to each send a dollar they'd earned to the White House. They began making and selling American flags with inspirational words for soldiers.

On Oct. 13, Bush introduced his "America's Fund for Afghan Children" program. He asked children throughout the United States to send one dollar to the White House to help feed starving children in Afghanistan.

This program is patterned after one initiated in 1938 by President Franklin Roosevelt when American children were asked to donate a dime to help fight the dreaded disease polio.

A family at Veritas Christian Community School came up with the idea for the "Flags for Soldiers" project. Students at Veritas created small American flags and on the back wrote a message of encouragement for soldiers who will be deployed in the fight against terrorism. These flags were then sold for \$1 each.

Other members of the community became involved as they heard of the project. Out of respect for the soldiers going to defend our right to freedom from fear, anonymous individuals donated the \$1 purchase price of the flags so the flags could be given to soldiers of the 86th Signal Battalion as a blessing from both the school and community.

Staples and Mail Boxes Etc. helped out by laminating the flags to protect them.

On Oct. 22, Lt. Col. Dodd and other military personnel from the 86th Sig. Bn. attended Veritas Christian Community School's Chapel service where they gave a brief description of what they would do during a real-world mission.

Following their presentation 10 students were awarded the school's Peacemaker Award for exhibiting Biblical characteristics



Courtesy photo

Capt. Steven Beecham, Company C, 86th Signal Battalion, signs his name to a card that will be used to link him to the child that made his flag. This child will pray for him and be his pen pal if he deploys. The children delivered their flags to the signal motor pool during our command maintenance formation. Two students per company delivered the flags.

of a peacemaker. The recipients of this award then accompanied the soldiers to Fort Huachuca where they presented the flags to the 86th Sig. Bn.

Each soldier taking a flag gave their name so students from the school could pray for and write to the soldier if they deploy.

As Veritas worked to help the children of

Afghanistan they also acknowledged their gratitude for the soldiers faithfulness and bravery in defending their home, the United States of America.

Cavalry rides into Tombstone, wins trophy

By Christopher Zimmerman
B Troop

B Troop, 4th U.S. Cavalry (Memorial) livened up Tombstone's annual Helldorado Days celebration, Oct. 20-21.

The celebration is held each year in Tombstone to commemorate the wild history of the famous mining town during the 1880s. Since B-Troop commemorates the U.S. Cavalry posted at Fort Huachuca during that same era, it is only fitting that they participate in the celebration.

The cavalry troopers rode the long, dusty trail from Fort Huachuca to Tombstone on Oct. 20, spent the night in a hay barn at a local ranch, and then participated in the lively and colorful Helldorado parade the next morning.

B Troop's careful attention to authenticity earned them the Historic Unit trophy despite stiff competition from a host of parade participants.

The day started early for the men and women of B Troop on Oct. 20. The sun was still an hour and a half from rising over the Upper San Pedro Valley and the stars twinkled in the dark sky.

Troop 1st Sgt. Pete Criscuolo formed the troop into a line and turned the troop over to the commander who then gave the order, "Move out!"

Fifteen troopers and one member of the Ladies' Auxiliary formed a column of twos and rode through the quiet post as the first rays of sunlight dusted the clouds pink and purple on the eastern horizon.

The Troop Quartermaster Sergeant and self-appointed bard, Paul Stier, sang 'She Wore A Yellow Ribbon' as the column wound through the darkened desert.

One of the participants on the ride was Jodi Lohr, of the Ladies' Auxiliary, who rode with the column wearing an authentic 1880s woman's riding habit. She made B Troop history as the first woman ever to make the annual trek with the Troop.

It is said that the Army's concept of the three-day pass originated at Fort Huachuca because it would take the troopers a day to ride to Tombstone and a day to ride back, leaving one day for, well...recreation. And sure enough, it took B Troop a full day to make the long trek over there.

The troop followed a long dry wash named ominously

enough, Graveyard Gulch. It was a beautiful ride, with cottonwood, oak, and mesquite lining the banks. The horses' hooves sank into the bleached sand as they walked and kicked up a fine dust that covered the troopers in their dark wool uniforms.

The troopers speculated about the tactical use of washes for movements back in the 1880s as they rode — a great way to avoid detection but a good place to be ambushed as well. By noon the troop had reached the banks of the San Pedro and stopped among the trees to have lunch and to water their thirsty mounts.

After a brief rest at the river, the Troop moved on but this time rode along the highway. This trek along the highway has become traditional for B Troop in that it provides passing motorists the opportunity to stop and take pictures of the column of troopers.

Many people took advantage of this rare look back in time at a mounted cavalry unit on the trail and expressed their appreciation at the unique sight. One man was heard to remark that this was probably the only time that he'd ever see the cavalry riding over a hill. The troopers just smiled and waved and moved their horses on down the road in a single file.

Finally, upon cresting the last hill, the troopers saw the "town too tough to die" below them. It was a glorious sight for the tired and thirsty troopers and the town beckoned to them as it probably did to troopers a hundred and fifteen years ago who passed over that same hill.

When B Troop arrived, Tombstone's streets were filled with people in all manner of old western dress. Ladies of the evening sauntered along the boardwalks in frilly dresses. Various gunfighters and lawman prowled the street and eyed each other warily.

As the troop entered the town, the people along Tombstone's infamous Allen Street stopped what they were doing and grew silent at the imposing sight of the cavalymen and their war horses marching down the street. Their shock soon turned to joy and then, suddenly, the crowd erupted into applause as the troopers rode by. For, the cavalry had finally arrived.

To learn more about B Troop and their events schedule check out their web site at <http://huachuca-www.army.mil/USAG/btroop/btroop.htm>.

It is said that the Army's concept of the three-day pass originated at Fort Huachuca because it would take the troopers a day to ride to Tombstone and a day to ride back, leaving one day for, well...recreation.

Adopt a flag for holidays

City of Sierra Vista release

This year, Sierra Vista would like to decorate the light poles on Fry Boulevard with American flags rather than the usual holiday decorations.

The city will purchase and install two flag pole brackets for each light pole and is asking business, service groups, clubs, families or individuals to help purchase the flags. Anyone can adopt one flag for \$40 or both flags on a light pole for \$80. Those who want to help the city decorate Fry Boulevard with American flags can send a check to:

The Holiday Adopt-A-Flag Program
City of Sierra Vista
1011 North Coronado Dr.
Sierra Vista, AZ 85635

Checks should be made payable to the City of Sierra Vista. Contributors should include their name, address and phone number, and a notation on each check that it is for the Holiday Adopt-A-Flag Program. The cost is \$40 to adopt one flag, \$80 to adopt an entire pole. Everyone is urged to help Sierra Vista really show its patriotic colors this holiday season, and for many occasions in the future.

"We extend the city's gratitude to Mayor Pro Tem Casey Jones and former Council Member Ethel Berger who were the very first residents to step up and adopt a pole," said Mayor Thomas J. Hessler. "Thank you both. We hope many others will follow your lead."

Kudos Korner

Marine of the Month

Lance Cpl. Jason W. Rausch has been selected as the Marine of the Month for October 2001 above two other nominees. He has excelled in both duty and performance above his peers during the past month. He was selected during a formal board on Oct. 25.

His dedication to duty and esprit de corps have reflected great credit upon himself, the Marine Corps Detachment, and are keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Marine Corps.

Got news?

Call The Fort Huachuca Scout at 533-1987.

AFAP committees form

ACS release

The Army Family Action Plan steering committee and sub-committees are now being formed. Volunteer members of these committees will assist in planning and executing the annual installation symposium. The first meeting will be Tuesday at the Army Community Service conference room at 1 p.m. Anyone experienced with AFAP or wanting to be involved should contact ACS at 533-3686. Positions open for volunteers include work committees, facilitators, transcribers, recorders and delegates. This year's symposium will be held Feb. 13-14, 2002.

Increased energy costs directly affect post, residents

By Bill Stein
Energy Officer

Fort Huachuca has a strong history of excellence in both energy and water conservation, and has the awards to prove it.

The fort did well in both areas this past fiscal year, ending FY 01 five percent below the TRADOC energy goal and reducing our water consumption by 50 million gallons, or eight percent, from FY 00.

This past fiscal year Fort Huachuca was directly affected by the price increases in natural gas. In FY 01 the post paid \$3.12 million for 4.15 million therms of natural gas, compared to \$1.35 million for 3.57 million therms in FY 00.

Electrical prices stayed stable, so we paid \$6.67 million for

101 million kilowatt-hours of electricity in FY 01, about the same as what we paid and used the prior fiscal year.

We all need to work together to help reduce our use of energy and water. Every little bit helps in trying to reduce the \$9.8 million dollar energy bill and in reducing our water consumption. If you have any comments, ideas or suggestions for energy or water savings ideas, please call the Fort Huachuca Energy Smart and Water Wise Hot Line at 538-SAVE (7283).

The hot tip for the month of November: On sunny days turn the thermostat down and open the blinds and curtains on South facing windows to let the sunshine heat your quarters or workplace. Remember to close the blinds and windows at night to help keep the heat in.

Breast cancer survivor finds hope to persevere

By Sgt. Sharron L. Stewart
Scout Staff

Joyce Warren's world was turned upside down in July 1993 when she was diagnosed with infiltrating ductal medullary breast cancer, which according to the Breast Cancer Guide — Understanding Breast Cancer website, is one of the most common forms of breast cancer.

This type of cancer invades various parts of the breast structures and can also spread throughout the lymph nodes, under the armpits and to other organs.

Warren is a former oncology patient at the U.S. Army Raymond W. Bliss Health Center and is married to a retired Army Signal soldier.

She went for a routine physical in June 1993, which also included a breast exam. When she went to a follow-up appointment in July, her original physician told her that a suspicious mass in her left breast was only a cyst because it had disappeared.

Warren, who urged women to take charge of their health by doing monthly breast exams, said she knew she felt something in her right breast. "My first doctor actually told me it must have been my imagination," she said.

After going to another doctor and getting a mammogram, Warren found out that she did in fact have breast cancer and that a mass needed to be removed immediately.

"I felt that the first time you get cancer, you better kill it with everything you got," she said. Warren, who has no history of breast cancer in her family, said her oncologist, who has since undergone a permanent change of station, went out of his way to offer her comfort and assistance. "He even gave me his home number and told me I could call him in the middle of the night," she said.

Having prepared herself by doing research, Warren was able to decide on a combination of chemotherapy, which involves being administered a mixture of cancer fighting drugs, and radiation to aggressively fight her cancer.

She received four chemotherapy treatments and underwent six weeks of radiation.

"Radiation kills all of the good cells along with the bad. I wore a wig because I wound up losing all of my hair, which I admit I found upsetting.

"I told my husband, who started to slowly lose his hair, 'I never thought I would see the day when I would have less hair than you do.' I teased him by saying 'Yours is permanent, at least mine is only temporary,'" she said. Unlike others who undergo radiation or chemotherapy, Warren did not suffer from nausea.

She finished all of her treatments in May 1994 and has been cancer free ever since but continues to get a yearly mammogram. According to the American Cancer Society, the earlier breast cancer is found, the better the chance is for successful treatment.



Photo by Sgt. Sharron L. Stewart

Joyce Warren is a breast cancer survivor who is taking a new look at life.

"I never said 'Why me?' I felt that I got it for a reason. I've talked to many women, and I know that now I'm able to empathize with other women who are stricken with breast cancer and offer them hope. You can't empathize unless you've been there," she said.

"I can tell women who get breast cancer not to give up. They are not alone, there are many others like them," she said.

"A positive attitude is half the battle. I believe that anything that happens to you, happens to you for a reason. I just felt like it was God's will," she said.

She also said the love of her husband and sons and the well wishes of friends were a very strong sense of comfort for her.

Warren said her outlook towards life has changed. "I value life and family more. I believe we should all seize the moment."

Since being cancer-free she has taken tap dance classes and has become a member of Sierra Vista's Ricketty Rockettes. "I never had dance classes as a child and I wanted to take up something that I've always wanted to do all my life," she said.

"Your monthly self breast exam is very important. If you have any questions get a second opinion," she concluded.

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Joyce Warren

Pets of the Week



"Phantom" is a young adult female white domestic short-haired cat. She loves to be cuddled and is very playful. Her adoption fee is \$42, which includes a spay, all vaccinations, a microchip, a feline leukemia test, and deworming.



"Joey" is a 1.5 year-old male black chow. He is extremely sweet, and would make a wonderful hiking companion or family pet. He has been in the stray facility for four months, and really needs a nice new home. His adoption fee is \$42, which includes a neuter, all vaccinations, a microchip, a heartworm test and deworming.



"Macy" is a one year-old spayed female calico short-haired cat. She is declawed in front and is very sweet. She would make an excellent family pet. Her adoption fee is \$42, which includes her spay/declaw (which was already done), all vaccinations, a feline leukemia test, a microchip and deworming.



"Bigglesworth" is a 14 week-old female medium-haired calico. This is a homely-looking cat because she had a rough start in life. She almost died shortly after she was born and lost all of her hair. Her hair is growing back now, and she will eventually be as beautiful as Macy, who is her mom! Her adoption fee is \$42, which includes a spay, all vaccinations, a feline leukemia test, a microchip 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., Mondays through Fridays. The facility is now open through lunch. For information, call 533-2767.

Kitchen fires can burn more than food

Fort Fire Department release

Kitchens have more fires than any other room in the house. On average, there are 91,700 reported home fires each year associated with cooking equipment.

Last year these fires killed 327 people and injured 4,607. Although kitchens are relatively safe places, most kitchen fires are caused by inattention rather than appliance malfunction.

When you combine people with the operations of the kitchen and add failure to act appropriately, you have accidents.

To prevent accidental fires in the kitchen, you should always stay in the kitchen whenever anything is cooking, and never leave food cooking on the stove or in the oven when you leave home. Turn off stoves and appliances promptly when you're finished using them, and unplug electrical appliances when they are not in use.

Keep your appliances clean, built-up grease catches fire easily. Wipe appliance surface after spills and clean stove surfaces regularly.

Be alert. Studies show that 43 percent of people who have died in cooking fires were asleep. Do not attempt to cook if you have been drinking alcohol or are drowsy.

Keep flammable objects such as potholders, dish towels a safe distance from the stove. These items catch fire easily.

Don't overload electrical outlets, plugging in too many appliances such as toasters, coffee pots, waffle irons or electrical frying pans into the same electrical outlet or circuit could overload, overheat or cause a fire.

Replace any frayed or cracked electrical cord immediately. Never use an appliance cord with a cracked, loose or damaged plug.

Heat oil slowly over moderate heat and never leave hot oil unattended. If a fire starts, smother a grease fire never pour water on a cooking fire. If a pan of food catches fire, carefully slide a lid over the pan and turn off your stove burner.

If a fire starts in your oven, close the oven door and turn off the heat source. If the flames do not go out immediately, call the fire department.

Portable fire extinguishers can be effective in fighting small, contained fires.

Extinguishers are identified by Class:

Class A — Ordinary combustibles (wood, paper trash)

Class B — Flammable Liquids (gasoline, oil, grease, kerosene)

Class C — Energized electrical equipment (wiring, fuse boxes, power cords)

The fire extinguisher must be appropriate for the type of fire being fought. If you use the wrong type of extinguisher, you can endanger yourself and make the fire worse.

Multipurpose fire extinguishers marked ABC may be used on all three classes of fire.

Holiday home tour canceled

By Tanja M. Linton
Media Relations Officer

The annual Holiday Tour of Historic homes has been canceled this year.

Prevailing force protection conditions prevent the post from opening its gates to the public.

"This was such a hard decision to make," said Col. Michael W. Boardman, garrison commander. "Fort Huachuca's history is a rich one and we enjoy supporting events that showcase our heritage.

"Unfortunately, granting the public access to the post and military homes is not consistent with our current security posture.

"We greatly regret having to cancel this year, but current conditions in the world just do not support opening the post to the general public."

The annual tour, normally held in December, is sponsored by the Fort Huachuca Officers' and Civilians' Spouses' Club. Proceeds

from the tour are distributed to the OCSC Scholarship and Disbursement Fund.

The old post, a National Historic Landmark, remains as it was several decades ago. The homes normally open for the tour are the original adobe and stucco houses built in the 1880s and are still occupied by senior military officers.

The homes are named after historic figures who played a valuable role in the development of the Army and Fort Huachuca, such as General of the Armies, John J. Pershing, and the Indian Wars leader and one time commander of the Department of Arizona, General George Crook.

Fort Huachuca was founded in March 1877 and is still an active duty Army post. It was from Fort Huachuca that hardened troopers tracked down the defiant Apache leader Geronimo in 1886. The famous 10th Calvary "Buffalo Soldiers" called the fort home for 20 years.

Native American dancers to perform at college

Cochise College release

Cochise College will welcome a Native American dance group to perform at the Sierra Vista campus in celebration of American Indian Heritage Month.

The event, sponsored by the College's humanities unit, will feature the Redhouse Dancers, the family of Rex and Maria Redhouse of the Diné (Navajo) Nation. Rex Redhouse initiated the dance group in 1969 to educate stu-

dents and the general public about musical traditions in American Indian culture.

The dance group will sing and dance to traditional American Indian music from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., today on the southeast side of the Andrea Cracchiolo Library. Children Mary, Charlotte, Vince, Tony, Lenny and Larry have cut several CDs.

The performance is free of charge and open to the public. For more information, call 515-5490.

Preferential treatment results in reduction in grade

SOCO release

An administrative law judge for the Merit Systems Protection Board upheld the decision of the U.S. Postal Service to reduce in grade an employee for failure to follow instructions/unacceptable conduct.

Specifically, the Federal employee provided a prospective employee with preferential treatment in obtaining employment and in attempting to initiate a personal relationship.

After obtaining her phone number and address, the Federal employee recommended her for a letter carrier position. He encouraged her to go to traffic school to mitigate a traffic ticket she had received.

When she did, he hand-carried to the personnel office the paperwork showing she had completed the course.

The Federal employee assisted her after he learned from the personnel office that she was going to be appointed to a clerk position.

The Judge found that actions taken by this Federal employee greatly exceeded those normally expected of a supervisor interviewing prospective employees.

The Judge further found the use of this individual's personal information to contact her, ask her to go out and/or drive by her home, and later make an uninvited visit to her home was unacceptable.

Community Updates

Ed Center hosts open house

The Education Center, Building 52104, will host an open house Wednesday and Thursday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in observance of American Education Week. Stop by for refreshments.

DOIM classes scheduled

The Directorate of Information Management offers several computer classes for the month of November, including: Power Point 2000 on Wednesday; Outlook 2000 Nov. 15; HTML Nov. 16; and Word 2000 Nov. 19. The month finishes out with Access Nov. 28, Access Intermediate Nov. 29 and Access Advanced Nov. 30.

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 on Christy Avenue, Building 22324.

For more information or to register, call Pfc. Megan Thacher at 533-2868.

CFC deadline extended

The 2001 Combined Federal Campaign is still going on. The deadline, originally set for Oct. 31, has been extended to the end of November due to the recent terrorist attacks. All unit coordinators and key workers should turn in their pledges and donations by Nov. 16 to Capt. Kimberly Retchless at 538-0812 or kimberly.retechless@hqasc.army.mil. For more information, call Maj. Terry Hurley at 538-6048.

Santa flies into SV

The 4th Annual Santa Fly-In and Hangar Party is set for Nov. 17 at the Sierra Vista Airport. Ronald McDonald will again be joining Santa for the fly-in and hangar party with tricks and visits with the children. A free lunch will be served for children 10 and under. The 36th Army Band will play a Christmas concert for the public. Bring your own chair.

A telephone hotline 678-2222 is now open for parents to help Santa's staff have enough food for the children.

Parents can call and advise the staff of how many children 10 and under they will bring to the party.

Reduced embassy hours

With the coming of Ramadan, the Muslim Embassies in Washington, D.C. will have reduced hours for issuance of Visas. The embassy personnel will be observing the Holy days from Nov. 17 to Dec. 17. All personnel needing to apply for Visas to enter the SWA countries need to do so now so the passports with Visas can get back in time for scheduled trips. For more information, call Nancy Williams at 533-0484.

Holy Month of Ramadan

Muslim military personnel will soon be celebrating the Holy Month of Ramadan. This Islamic religious festival begins Nov. 17. Ramadan is the month of fasting during which Muslims, who are physically able, do not eat or drink from the first sign of dawn until sunset. Eid-al-fitr, the breaking of the fast, celebrates the end of Ramadan, Dec. 16.

For more information, call your unit chaplain or the Installation Staff Chaplain's Office at 533-4748.

Coats for Kids drive

The Sierra Vista Optimist Club is sponsoring its annual Coats for Kids drive now through Nov. 19. The collection of coats, sweaters and gloves benefits school children who are in need of warm winter wear. The coats, sweaters and gloves are distributed to those kids in our schools who have need for them. Donations points are Landmark Café, Sierra Lutheran Church, American Legion Post 52, Target, Atlas Furniture, Robert Atkinson's Office, room 717 Cochise College, or call 459-2711 for pickup.

OCS board convenes

The next installation Officer Candidate School Interview Board is scheduled to convene Dec. 5-7 at Murr Community Center, Roadrunner Room. The deadline date for applications to be received by the Adjutant General Directorate is Nov. 19. All applications must be submitted in an original and three copies to the Personnel Operations Division, Building 41421 (ATTN: ATZS-AGO). Do not send applications through distribution. For more information, call Sgt. Jeanette Newell at 533-1705 or 533-1706.

Commissary closed

The Fort Huachuca Commissary will be open for business Nov. 19 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. It will be closed Nov. 22-23 and will reopen on Nov. 24 for regular hours. The Commissary staff wishes everyone a safe and peaceful holiday.

Free parenting classes

Tombstone School District has received funding to offer free parenting classes for the 2001-02 school year. The classes are limited to the first 10 that sign up for each class offering. Baby-sitting services and dinner will be provided.

The next class, "Common Sense Parenting," is designed as a practical approach to help parents be more positive with their children and to use more effective discipline. This class is intended for parents with children ages 3-16.

This class consists of three sessions offered Nov. 20, 27 and 29 from 6 to 8 p.m. at W.J. Meyer School in Tombstone.

To take this class or for more information, call Bill Wright at 457-3371.

Housing office closed

The Housing Office, Directorate of Installation Support will be closed in celebration of the Thanksgiving Holiday, Nov. 22-23. It will reopen Nov. 26.

Pay office closed

The Defense Military Pay Office, DFAS, will be closed Nov. 23 and Dec. 11.

Flea market open Thanksgiving

The Sierra Vista Lions Club Flea Market will be open for its regular vendors, Fort Huachuca and the community for Thanksgiving weekend starting at 7:30 a.m., Nov. 22 through 5 p.m. Nov. 25. For more information, call Lion Lee Hinzman at 378-1399.

Education Center closed

The Army Education Center and the Rascon Learning Center will be closed Nov. 23-25 for Thanksgiving Day weekend. It will reopen on Nov. 26.

Adopt a greyhound

The Greyhound Adoption League of Sierra Vista will host a Greyhound Adoption Day on Nov. 24 for Sierra Vista and the surrounding area. The adoption day will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Bookman's Bookstore, 100 West Fry Blvd. The program is also in need of temporary homes for these beautiful dogs. Watch for the Reinholds at the Santa Fly In on Nov. 17 and the Sierra Vista Christmas Parade on Dec. 1. For more information, call Dave Breen at 378-1763.

Fort retirement ceremony

November's Installation Retirement Ceremony will be at 3 p.m., Nov. 30 at Chaffee Parade Field.

Flea Market Christmas schedule

The Sierra Vista La Salida del Sol Lions Flea Market will operate its annual Christmas schedule. The flea market will open its gates Dec. 17-Jan. 4. Weekend rates apply. The days of Dec. 17-21, Dec. 24-28 and Dec. 31-Jan. 2 will be at no charge for our clients. For more information, call Lion Lee Hinzman at 378-1399.

Giving Tree volunteers needed

The Giving Tree is a chapel based program that provides holiday gifts and clothes to needy military children. Volunteers are needed to sign out ornaments that list the child's toy and clothing request to Santa's helpers. Volunteers are also needed to man the Giving Tree that will be located at the Main Post Exchange from Nov. 1 - Dec. 5, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily. Volunteers to portray Santa will also be needed on a

daily basis from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. For more information, call 458-7664.

Combat Lifesaver courses set

There have been program changes made to the Combat Lifesaver Course on post. FH Regulation 40-2 covers training of Combat Lifesavers and tasks authorized to be performed on the installation. The publication can be found on the Fort Huachuca Homepage at <http://huachuca-www.army.mil>.

The schedule is as follows: Combat Lifesaver Correspondence Course (for new personnel): Dec. 3-5, ; March 4-6, 2002; June 3-5, 2002; and Sept. 9-11, 2002. Combat Lifesaver Recertification Course (for expired personnel): Dec. 6-7, 2001; March 7-8, 2002; June 6-7, 2002; and Sept. 12-13, 2002. Combat Lifesaver Refresher Course (for current personnel): Dec. 7, 2001; March 8, 2002; June 7, 2002; and Sept. 13, 2002.

Requests for slots with all documentation required in FH Reg. 40-2 should be sent through S-3 channels to the post G-3 schools NCO. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Jose Lupian or Staff Sgt. Daniel Traver at Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center at 533-4758/3727.

Troops to Teachers needed

Military veterans have established a solid reputation as excellent teachers and exemplary role models for students. If you're interested in becoming a teacher and need information about certification and finding a teaching position, call the Arizona Troops to Teachers office at 1-800-830-2134.

MICA seeks volunteers

The Military Intelligence Corps Association gift shop at the MI Museum on Fort Huachuca is in desperate need of volunteers. Shop hours are 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

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 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 <http://huachuca-www.army.mil/USAG/BTROOP/BTROOP.HTM>.

Vanpool commuters

The federal government mass transportation subsidy program is now available to vanpool commuters. The vanpool 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.

Chalk Talk

University enrollment passes 100,000 milestone

UofP release

The number of working adult students currently seeking graduate and undergraduate degrees at University of Phoenix in Arizona and 20 other states has reached 103,245 as of Oct. 9, 2001. More than 3,500 attend classes at two campus locations in Tucson and at campus locations in Sierra Vista, Nogales, Yuma, and on Fort Huachuca.

The university now has operating approval from the Education Departments of 22 states, the most recent of which were Georgia and Idaho, which was just announced in October.

Kathy Alexander, vice president, director of Southern Arizona Campuses, noted that in less than four years, University of Phoenix's national enrollment has more than doubled in four years from 40,000 in October 1997.

The university's newest campus opened in Milwaukee, Wis., this year. Other recently opened campus locations are in Boston, Mass.,

and in Houston and Dallas, Texas.

By far the most rapid enrollment growth is University of Phoenix Online, which has grown from 6,500 students to over 25,000 students in less than two years.

"We are pleased with the demand for our higher education product as reflected by our continued strong enrollment growth," said Dr. John Sperling, university founder and chairman.

Sperling, a former tenured university professor, was 55 when he introduced his concept of a for-profit, non-traditional university for working adults.

A quarter century later, Dr. Sperling's higher education model, University of Phoenix, has become the largest accredited private university in this country.

One innovative accomplishment this year was its work with the National League for Innovation In Community Colleges, to develop a Bachelor of Science Degree in Management

for community college graduates.

The new BSM degree was designed to enable an associate degree level graduate to have up to 72 credits accepted toward their pursuit of an undergraduate degree at University of Phoenix.

"The program works like an inverted baccalaureate degree because students learn their specialty area first at community college and then go on to a university to catch up on their general studies and earn a management degree," said Alexander.

"The degree program allows students to be recognized for what they have completed, without a penalty for choosing a specialty program to begin with.

"People in occupational fields sometimes move into management but need a bachelor's degree to keep rising. The undergraduate management degree curriculum answers the growing need for educated management in virtually every industry," Alexander added.

The management degrees awarded under the program include as emphasis areas, the specialized study from their associate's degree program.

Students at University of Phoenix take one five-to-six week course at a time, attending one four-hour class per week with additional outside work with their learning teams.

Classes are purposely kept small to allow for maximum interaction and synergy between students, average age 37, who bring a wealth of experience to the classroom.

Maximum requirements for adjunct faculty are a Masters degree and at least five years career experience in the field they teach.

Over the years, University of Phoenix has earned the support of many corporations. Its learning team concept of four to five students is patterned after the way corporate professionals interact and solve problems on a daily basis.

Students attend classes year-round and, because of the one-class-at-a-time approach, may begin at any five to six week interval. On average, the normal undergraduate course load of 120 credit hours takes just over three years to complete. A graduate degree takes about two years to complete.

Although University of Phoenix offers graduate and undergraduate degree programs in business, management, education, nursing, and counseling, more than 80 percent of its adult students are enrolled in business and management degree programs.

Last year, the University of Phoenix accounted for 92 percent of the tuition revenue for all educational programs of its parent, The Apollo Group, Inc. (NASDAQ: APOL).

Post schools make learning a top priority

Johnston Elementary School

All of the third grade classes visited the Pumpkin Patch at the Lazy Y Ranch just off of Moson Road in Sierra Vista. The students got to pet a variety of animals from young peacocks, a horse, calf, rabbits, pigs and many more.

They then got to pick out a pumpkin and take a hayride. It was a great opportunity for the students to learn about many of the animals as well as see many things on a working farm.

Two classes traveled to the San Pedro Riparian Area Friday, to study animal habitats and how animals are dependent upon different things in their environment. The day before the trip, docents gave a slide show presentation to prepare the children for this interpretive walk.

Smith Middle School

Beautification of Smith Middle School continues. Not only is Smith Middle School a beautiful school inside, but it is becoming more beautiful outside as well. The Smith School garden is lovely, and we are in search of new grant money, which will allow continued maintenance and expansion. We have a very special dedication planned for the garden.

Cherie Melton, of the Water Wise and Energy Smart program, helped the students with plant identification and brought some herbs for them to plant. She explained how and why we plant Iris bulbs. Afterwards, the students spent time planting. All had a good and educational time.

From the Counselors Desk. Arizona School Counselors Association, Inc. focused on school counselors throughout Cochise County on Oct. 18 at Cochise College. Dr. Casi E. Ruffo was the keynote speaker who addressed the important issue of "Self Care for the Caring Professional."

This was an extremely timely message due to the stress school children are experiencing with the recent events of Sept. 11.

"School counselors must meet the needs of their students, but there are also concerns of teachers, parents and the general community that have to be considered," Dr. Ruffo noted. "This, in addition to the counselor's own family and personal needs, can be overwhelming if there is not a commitment to balance in the counselor's life."

Over thirty counselors attended the event and represented all grade levels. AzSCA, Inc. is recruiting new members. Interested school counselors may contact JoAnne Ellsworth, the Southern Outreach Coordinator, at Smith Middle School, 520- 459-8967.

Red Ribbon Week. Students Against Destructive Decisions sponsors Red Ribbon Week at Smith Middle School this year. SADD is a student volunteer group that focuses primarily on anti-tobacco use issues.

Students recently hosted Mike Anderson, Health Educator with Cochise County's Tobacco Use Prevention Project. They assisted with a raffle and delivered information packets to students and parents attending a volleyball game on the Smith campus. Student volunteers included Nehemiah Jones, Tanya Burt, Adante Hicks and Demetrius Daniel.

In addition to this event, Nancy Murphy's art classes will be participating in a poster contest that will be displayed and judged by the SADD volunteers. Participants in the poster contest will receive prizes with an anti tobacco message.

Coach Jackie Branning hosted the annual Red Ribbon Run on Oct. 25. This event drew a large group of runners from the Ft. Huachuca School District as well as other local schools. The 1.65-mile course is designed for runners grades 4-8. Medals were presented to the top five finishers in each class group and ribbons will be given to all other finishers.

Art through expression. The sixth hour art class earned a blue ribbon at the Cochise County Fair for their patriotic poster. They illustrated the words to "America."

Students participating in this project were: Matt Benson, Andrew Blankenship, Fernando Calderon, Steve Crabb, Steve Estrada, Nikki Ferebee, Sherice Granillo, Amanda Hupp, Mike Ingram, Evan Lake, Chris Nieto, Devell Shanks and Josh Stewart. Thanks to Judy Pike and Debbie Wood from Palominas School District that transported the artwork to and from the fair.

Sixth grade art classes completed a unit on Expressionist painting in the style of Van Gogh, and will switch exploratory classes for the new grading period.

Seventh- and eighth-grade students recently competed in two contests, the SMILE logo contest for Cochise County Schools, and a SADD poster contest for Red Ribbon Week at our school. They also enjoyed a unit on landscape drawing and painting in the non-objective style of Kandinsky, a 20th century Russian artist.

Language as an art. The second quarter slipped in almost without being noticed. The writing focus for this quarter is storytelling and exposition. Journal entries have been reduced to once a week; the idea is quality not quantity.

Students should take the concepts and skills being taught in class each week and apply them to their journal writing. For example, if we worked with identification of misplaced modifiers, the journal entries should demonstrate proper placement of modifiers.

Students will continue learning the six traits as writing goals. This is a process requiring practice in order to master. Student papers will receive a numerical score instead of a letter grade. These numbers do not directly translate into letter grades.

If your child is receiving 4's or 5's in each specific trait, they are doing fine. A score of three or below in any specific trait signals some problems and additional help may be needed. Parents are encouraged to check their child's writing assignments using the six traits rubric.

The class is fortunate to have Leslie Clark in our classroom this semester. Clark is a student teacher from University of Arizona. Currently, Clark is assisting the students in the development of their Cowboy Poetry. Each individual student was required to write a poem and turn it in on or before Oct. 31.

Myer Elementary School

Audrey Mapoles' fifth-grade class will be creating a hyper studio project about a famous explorer during the second nine weeks. The students are studying fractions and learning how to add, subtract and reduce fractions to lowest terms.

Desiree Madarang's class had lots of fun performing a skit for October involving decisions and consequences. The audience, all fourth and fifth graders enjoyed it too. Student know they always need to think about the consequences for decisions they make every day.

Val Quarto's students created "pumpkin gloves" by decorating pumpkins with the continents, areas, equator, prime meridian, poles and countries that border the United States. They are continuing their study of "garbology" at Myer School trying to answer the question where on our school grounds is the worst littering problem. Students will be taking the collected data to the computer lab to create a table in Excel and then learn how to convert that information into computer-generated graphs.

Redgina Chesleigh's class has been studying the growth and reproduction of plants in science. In social studies, students have been learning about the Roanoke and Jamestown colonization. In math, students have been working diligently to remember those all-important multiplication tables. Those who pass all of the Mad Minutes will receive a free movie pass. During the month of November, our studies will turn to Native Americans and we will celebrate the culmination of this month with the Native American Day where we will enjoy crafts of the Native Americans.

Bonnie Burleson's class will have a pizza party lunch today for having the distinction of winning the Magellan Club running ribbon every week since the beginning of school. In social studies, we're studying about Native Americans of the Eastern Woodlands. In reading class, all of the stories in our unit share the theme that knowing what we have in common helps us appreciate our differences. We just completed rounding an destination in math.

There is no school on Monday.

The Cochise Children's Choir will perform for the school on Nov. 16 at 2 p.m.

Magellan Running Club. Fourth-grade top girl and boy were Ashley Silva with 42 points and Billy Ware with 48 points. Top fourth-grade class was Tom Crawford's room with 541 points. Top fifth-grade girl and boy were Maria Bowman and Ryan Morris with 65 and 62 points respectively. Top fifth-grade class was Bonnie Burleson's room with 782 points. Myer students ran a total of 1,258 miles.

American Education Week celebrates democratic values beginning in public schools

WASHINGTON — For 78 years, the week before Thanksgiving has been celebrated by communities across the country as American Education Week, a special time to honor the teachers and school staff who educate the nation's 53 million school children every day.

This year, American Education Week will be observed Nov. 11-17, providing the nation an opportunity to recognize the critical role public schools serve by caring for our children and imparting American ideals.

"This year, it is fitting to acknowledge the importance of teachers and school staff who year after year teach generations of native-born and immigrant students to understand and respect America's core values," said National Education Association President Bob Chase. "I urge the country to commemorate AEW by honoring America's educators for their vital role in reclaiming our nation's spirit."

"In the wake of Sept. 11, teachers, school support professionals and other staff have bonded together to help children cope with overwhelming events, while experiencing their own shock and grief," Chase explained. "School staffs across the nation have channeled feelings of anxiety into service, raising funds for relief efforts and sharing valuable lessons of hope and healing.

The NEA and the American Legion established American Education Week in 1921 as a way of highlighting the value of public education. Today, AEW has grown to include the 12 leading national education organizations, such as the PTA and groups representing principals, school boards, and administrators.

The 2001 theme, "Together: Making Public Schools Great for Every Child," reflects the reality that when the partnership between school staff, parents and students is successful, a quality education is nearly guaranteed.

The theme also points out that everyone has a role to play in making public schools great - parents, neighbors, business, government, as well as teachers, principals, bus drivers, and all other school staff

For this reason, the Wednesday of American Education Week (Nov. 14) is designated "Educational Support Professional Day" to salute the unique role played by school support staff, 75 percent of whom live in the same neighborhoods as their students.

Their shared socio-economic class, race, or ethnicity leads to powerful bonds with youngsters.

"No matter what their job at school — whether it's teaching math or typing attendance reports — school professionals impart lessons about respect, diversity, and responsibility," Chase said. "These ideals will help students throughout life."

American Education Week activities span from poster contests and PTA-hosted suppers to student gifts of handmade cards, personal essays, and other "thank you" to school staff. Parents participate in read-ins, principals produce daily morning quotes about the value of education, and communities hold events to celebrate the good work being done in the nation's classrooms.

To learn more, visit www.nea.org/aew. For local activities, contact the NEA state or local affiliate in your area. For state-specific statistics, see www.nea.org/publiced/goodnews.

(Editor's note: The 2001 observance of American Education Week will highlight the critical role public schools play in transmitting America's ideals, because it is in the classrooms, more than any other place that generations of native-born and immigrant students are taught to understand and respect America's values. AEW was established in 1921 by the National Education Association and the American Legion to highlight the importance of education after it was discovered that a quarter of the nation's World War I draftees were illiterate.)

Fort Boy Scouts improve Huachuca Canyon walking trail

By Stan Williamson
Command Information Officer

Steven T. Schultz, a Life Scout with Fort Huachuca's Boy Scout Troop 431 led more than 20 other Scouts and adults as he moves towards the completion his project for the Boy Scouts' Eagle Scout award.

On Oct. 20, a majority of Troop 431 met at the Murr Community Center around 8 a.m. and convoyed to Reservoir Hill, the site of the Eagle Project. The young Schultz planned to improve a walking path that starts at the base of Reservoir Hill intersection and extends 1.2 miles into the Huachuca Canyon traveling parallel with the road.

Besides walking, people will use the trail for jogging, running, and hiking. The finished path will be approximately eight feet wide and climbs 420 feet in elevation:

John Miller, Fort Huachuca Forester said, "We hope to have the trail completed by the spring of 2002. All work is done on a volunteer basis and I am looking for some of the post units and organizations to help. This is the scout's third project on the trail improvements."

Miller gives all the preparation and planning credit to Steven, saying, "this is Steven's project and he is in charge, I supply the material and general directions. Units and organizations can contact him at the 533-5701.

"Getting it finished is the most important" explains Miller, "we hope to one day have wild life identification cards, informing hiker of tree names and nature habitats."

Schultz said he picked this project because the work will benefit many people.

"The trail will be a safer to walk and it will be shaded both up and down the lower canyon," he said. "And, because of the eight-foot width military units can still travel in formation on the trail if they want to march over it."

The path will follow the natural terrain of the hillside, and according to Schultz, this will prove to be a more challenging hiking or walking path.

The 15-year-old Schultz is a 10th grade student at Buena High School and the son of retiring, Sgt. 1st. Class Steven W. and Mrs. Lynn Schultz. He has been with the Boy Scouts of America for five years, and was a Cub Scout.

In addition to the Boy Scouts from Troop



Photos by Staff Sgt. Terrance Bandy

Fort Huachuca Boy Scouts work on improving an eight-foot-wide walking trail in Huachuca Canyon. The trail is 1.2 miles long and is part of Steven T. Schultz's Eagle Scout project.

431, others taking part in the project included Spc. Don Keller and Pfc. Mark Duke from Headquarters, Headquarters Company, 111th Military Intelligence Brigade (IEW); Scout Master (Master Sgt.) David Tyler and wife; and Schultz's parents.

The Eagle Scout award is the highest honor and rank a boy can earn in the Boy Scouts of America. It is said that only ten percent of all Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout award. Steven's father said "Troop 431 now has six young men going for the Eagle award at this time. Many troops don't have many boys trying to earn this honor, but having six boys in one unit

going for the badge is good for any troop."

Boy Scouts of America, Troop 431 would like to thank Bashas of Sierra Vista and Aztec Welding, for their donations to aid the Troop's efforts. The next project by the Scouts will be this Saturday at the Heritage Park. Volunteers can contact Scout Master (Master Sgt.) David Tyler. This Eagle project is being planned and organized by Life Scout Ronald Tyler as he works toward his Eagle Scout award.

The Boy Scouts of America are always looking for new members. For more information about fort troops, call Scout Master (Master Sgt.) David Tyler at 533-6603 or 458-5712.



Steven T. Schultz, a Life Scout with Fort Huachuca's Boy Scout Troop 431 led more than 20 other Scouts and adults in a walking trail improvement project.

CPAC reminds employees of leave deadlines

CPAC release

It is the mutual responsibility of supervisors and employees to plan and schedule the use of annual leave throughout the leave year.

The scheduling of leave is so important that the law makes it one of the prerequisites to the restoration of annual leave that would otherwise be forfeited.

Normally, the maximum accumulation of annual leave that may be carried over from one calendar year to the next is 30 days.

Employees are responsible for requesting leave in advance and in writing, and must make every effort to use leave to avoid forfeiture at the end of the leave year.

Annual leave that otherwise would be forfeited at the end of the leave year may

be restored to an employee if the leave was scheduled (requested and approved) at least three pay periods (prior to Dec. 2) before the end of the leave year, and if the employee was unable to use the leave because of administrative error, exigency of the public business, or illness.

Any questions may be addressed to your servicing Civilian Personnel Advisory Center representative.

CPAC reminds employees that excess annual leave may also be donated to an employee who needs leave (will enter a leave without pay status) due to a medical emergency concerning the employee or a family member, under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program.

For more information about this program, call Barbara Vineyard at 533-1481.

Soldiers convicted, sentenced in courts martial

OSJA release

Three Fort Huachuca soldiers went to jail last week after being convicted and sentenced at courts-martial. One case involved the use and distribution of illegal drugs and the other two involved being absent without leave and other charges.

On Oct. 30, Spc. Thomas Nollan, 69th Signal Company, 504th Signal Battalion, was convicted at a special court-martial empowered to adjudge a bad conduct discharge of wrongfully using and distributing ecstasy and of possessing an unregistered firearm on Fort Huachuca.

His sentence included a forfeiture of \$695 per month for three months, reduction to private, confinement for three months and discharge from the Army with a bad conduct discharge. Nollan will spend his confinement at the military confinement facility at Fort Knox, Ky.

On Oct. 31, Pvt. Thomas Anderson, Company A, 309th Military Intelligence Battalion, was convicted at a summary court-martial of desertion for almost four months and a violation of the company standard operating procedure by possessing contraband. He was sentenced to confinement for 25 days.

Pvt. Derek Seals, Company A, 309th Military Intelligence Battalion, was tried and convicted on Nov. 1 at a summary court-martial of absence without leave for 17 days, failure to be at his appointed place at the prescribed time, and two violations of the Company SOP by possessing contraband. His sentence included forfeiture of \$695 per month for one month, reduction to Private E-1 and confinement for 30 days.

Both Anderson and Seals are confined at the Marine Corps Brig at Yuma Proving Grounds, Ariz.

Get info, sign up for tobacco cessation classes

RWBAHC release

Celebrate the Great American Smokeout on Nov. 15 by signing up for a Tobacco Cessation Class at Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center. Classes meet at lunchtime once a week for nine weeks. To register for a class, call Kathy Archer at 533-3279. For more information about the Great American Smokeout, stop by the Fort Huachuca Main Post Exchange 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Nov. 15 for tobacco cessation literature.

"Top 10 warnings on cigarette labels"

10. Failure to consume this product may result in increased longevity.

9. Warning! Cigarette smoking may cause death and a loss of revenue for our shareholders.

8. Warning: It's not all in your head; everyone IS giving you dirty looks.

7. Smoking has been linked to serious diminishment of bank account.

6. Warning: switching brands may cause you more trouble, stick to our brand.

5. Smoking won't kill you...well, ok so it will, but so will walking out in front of a bus or jumping out of an airplane, even getting hit by lightning...so why not?

4. Warning: If not hidden well, this product causes grounding.

3. WARNING: Smoking reserved for people on fire only.

2. Warning: if you quit smoking, the government will find another way to tax you. Smoke your money.

And, the #1 warning on cigarette labels...

1. The Surgeon General recommends switching to smokeless tobacco, at least that way you can see your cancer.

Anthrax threat suspends Dear Abby, Any Service Member mail programs

By Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

ALEXANDRIA, Va., — Military postal officials have reluctantly ended the "Operation Dear Abby" and "Any Service Member" postal programs due to the anthrax threat.

Alan F. Estevez, acting assistant deputy undersecretary of defense for transportation policy, suspended the two programs in a signed Oct. 30 memorandum to the Military Postal Service Agency.

The memo formalizes an interim agency suspension issued Oct. 16. Effective immediately, mail will no longer be accepted for these anonymous-sender programs.

The Dear Abby program, founded by the newspaper advice columnist, has delivered mail to U.S. service members overseas during the holiday season for 17 years. "Any Service Member" mail grew out of Desert Shield and Desert Storm, but really cranked up during the U.S. assistance to Bosnia in 1995, officials said.

Both programs let U.S. service members overseas know that fellow Americans support them and appreciate their sacrifices.

A written notice from the Military Postal Service Agency said the most critical issue surrounding these mail programs is personnel safety. "Both of these programs create an avenue to introduce mail into the system from unknown sources," the notice said. "The recent mail-related attacks have demonstrated the vulnerability of the postal system."

Mail handling has become more sensitive and time consuming, said officials, and the increased volume of mail that would result from the Dear Abby and Any Service Member programs could impact the quality of military postal service and force protection.

U.S. Postal Service officials said a ton of letter mail equals

about 71,000 typical first-class letters.

For more information about military mail, 2001 holiday season mailing schedules and more, visit the Military Postal Service Agency website at <http://hqdainet.army.mil/mpsa/main.htm>.

Other ways to support troops

By Gerry J. Gilmore

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — With the suspension of the morale-boosting "Operation Dear Abby" and "Any Service Member" mail programs this year, defense officials are proposing other ways Americans can demonstrate their support for the military.

DoD officials suggest supporting the troops "by supporting the communities in which they live." Some ideas include: — Visit Veterans Administration hospitals and nursing homes, coach children's sports teams, feed the homeless or volunteer for other community outreach programs.

Many service members who normally do this volunteer work are now deployed.

— Local government and business officials can request local military members to speak at community events, while encouraging citizens to learn more about America's military.

— Citizens who know military families can offer support by reaching out to those families with loved ones deployed overseas, officials noted in the release.

— Private organizations are developing Web-based means for citizens to show their support for the military.

— Anonymous gifts and letters for overseas service members are no longer accepted, officials said, but people can still contribute to military relief societies.