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CFC seeks stories

The 2001 Combined Federal Campaign for Fort Huachuca and Cochise County will run Sept. 17-Oct. 31. Each year, millions of people are helped by the contributions made to the charitable organizations represented by CFC.

Some local charities include Fort Huachuca Youth Services, Fort Huachuca Cavalry Association, Fort Huachuca Widowed Support Group/Center, CANTER, Cochise County Humane Society, United Way of Sierra Vista and Cochise County, Catholic Community Services of Cochise County and Sierra Huachuca ARC, to name a few.

This year, we are also seeking personal stories from individuals who have been helped through the services provided by CFC supported organizations.

If you have a personal story you would like to share, or have questions regarding this year's campaign call the CFC coordinator at 538-6048 or e-mail terry.hurley@hqasc.army.mil.

11th Signal Brigade exercise

11th Signal Brigade will conduct a force protection exercise Monday-Wednesday. The exercise will test the brigade's ability to provide force protection and communications for the Army Signal Command and brigade units. There may be minor traffic delays and road closures near 11th Sig. Bde. unit areas, during the exercise due to heightened security training.

ID Card Branch closed Fri.

The ID Card Branch will be closed until Friday, because of the ID card server. A new server is being shipped to Fort Huachuca and should be in place by 7:30 a.m. Friday.

Contact Debbie McWhorter at 533-1608 for more information.

Spouses' Club drive

The Fort Huachuca Noncommissioned Officers, Enlisted and Civilians Spouses' Club will host a membership drive and welcome luncheon from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday at La Hacienda. The club encourages all enlisted, civilians and spouses to see what the club has to offer, as well as, other interests provided to the community.

Foreign service exam

The U.S. Department of State has launched a worldwide initiative to recruit foreign service officers this year. The department invites individuals interested in experiencing a global lifestyle and making a difference in the world to register to take the Foreign Service Examination in the United States by Wednesday. The exam will be held Sept. 29.

For more information about becoming a foreign service officer with the U.S. Department of State, or to register for the Foreign Service Exam, please visit the exam's new recruitment website at www.foreignservicecareers.gov or call (202) 261-8888.

Stress reduction classes

The next Stress Reduction Class is scheduled from 1:30-4 p.m. Sept. 12, 19 and 26 on the 2nd floor of the Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center here. These three sessions make up one class.

The class is open to active duty service members, family members, retirees and civilians. To sign up or for more information, call 538-0625.



Photos by Spc. Jessica Espinosa

Fond farewell

The Fort Huachuca community bid a fond farewell to Maj. Gen. Richard J. Quirk III at the gazebo on Brown Parade Field Tuesday. Quirk, who is currently assigned as deputy commanding general, U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca, talked about his time here with sincere feelings. "It's a pain to leave Fort Huachuca, but it's a pleasure to get promoted," Quirk said of his pinning ceremony (pictured above) during the farewell. His next assignment will be as the Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence in Washington, D.C. "Stability is not the reason I signed up," Quirk said. "I signed up to go to work everyday and serve where I was ordered to serve."



"The quality of life at Fort Huachuca is pure gravy," said Maj. Gen. Richard Quirk III.



Maura Quirk accepts a bouquet of red roses from a member of B Troop.

Part one of a three-part series

Conservation of desert water is fort concern

By Stan Williamson
Scout Staff

Water is a precious resource in the desert. Conserving water must be a major consideration in everything you do at work and at home. Fort Huachuca has an obligation to be a responsible steward of the environment. Water conservation is a significant part of this responsibility.

The San Pedro River is the primary source of water for an area stretching nearly 140 miles from Mexico, south of Naco to Benson in the northwest area of Cochise County. The amount of water available in the river's regional watershed is a subject of great concern to officials at Fort Huachuca and to local government officials and citizens. There are people who believe the watershed is in danger of drying up and they place the blame for this on the fort and the local communities.

This area of the Sonoran/Chihuahuan desert, through which the San Pedro River flows, is a semi-arid region that receives approximately 15 inches of rainfall each year. Water runoff from the rainfall filters its way into the watershed and eventually to the San Pedro River.

It is from this watershed that most of the water used by Fort Huachuca is pumped. This makes the future of the watershed and the future of the San Pedro River of vital concern to the soldiers, family members and civilian employees of Fort Huachuca. The different water conservation programs in effect now, or in the planning stages for tomorrow, are to ensure the river will be here 50 years, or even 100 years, in the future.

Fort Huachuca covers more than 73,000 acres in the San Pedro Valley. Since 1982, water usage by the fort has reduced dramatically from 3,200 acre-feet to 1,134 acre-feet for the first seven months of 2001. An acre-foot of water, in comparison to the indoor pool at Barnes Field House, is an area 220 feet wide by 220 feet long and 12 inches deep and would hold approximately 326,000 gallons of water. The Barnes Field House swimming pool holds 217,096 gallons of water or two-thirds of an acre-foot of water.

The water pumped by the fort in July 2001 was more than 48 million gallons, or 147 acre-feet. This is equivalent to 1.6 million gallons per day. The July 2001 pumpage is 10 percent less than that pumped in July 2000 (163 acre feet) and is 45 percent less than the 19-year (1982-2000) July average (268 acre feet).

Tied very closely to the fort's water conservation efforts are programs and actions to support the Endangered Species Act of 1973. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service administer the ESA. The act places very stringent require-

ments on federal agencies and it is one of the most difficult environmental laws to manage and remain in compliance with its provisions.

Water conservation efforts are also a part of Fort Huachuca's compliance with the ESA.

Fort Huachuca has four species listed as endangered or threatened. There are another three species fort officials have listed as "sensitive" and all are managed under the guidelines of the ESA. The endangered/threatened species are the "Agave," a bat food resource; Lesser Long Nose Bat; Ramsey Canyon Leopard Frog; and the Huachuca Water Umbel. The other three are the Peregrine Falcon (removed from the list in 1999); Sonoran Tiger Salamander; and the Spotted Owl.

Work to protect and sustain these species often goes far beyond compliance with the ESA as in the case of the Ramsey Canyon Leopard Frog. Most of these species live in the canyons on Fort Huachuca and are located well away from most activities that could affect them.

Even the wastewater generated on Fort Huachuca is not wasted. Treated wastewater, or effluent is considered a valuable resource and is used for some irrigation purposes rather than use groundwater from the watershed. Effluent reuse for July 2001 was 25 acre-feet and was used to irrigate the golf course and Chaffee Parade Field east of the MI Village area.

There are several major water conservation projects currently being studied that may result in further water savings in the future. These projects include mountain front recharge and effluent reuse. Currently construction is well underway on the East Range for the construction of the \$6 million effluent recharge project which started in March. The effluent recharge project is expected to recharge up to 1,000 acre feet of effluent a year back to the watershed. The project's expected completion date is in November.

The purchase of conservation easements is a new initiative to support the installation's Water Resource Management Plan and to help meet the Army's obligations under the ESA, and as outlined in a biological opinion signed in 1999. The proposed project was presented as part of an update on the fort's progress on the 10-year water management plan.

Water conservation in the desert is of itself a precious resource. You are the only instrument that can make it happen.

(Editor's note: Part two of this three part series will look at the Biological Opinion signed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in October 1999, and how this affects Fort Huachuca's training missions and people.)

Kudos Korner

MAC honors long-time member

The Military Affairs Committee recognized Vince Gannon, one of its long-time members, for his dedication to improve and foster good relations and understanding between Fort Huachuca and the City of Sierra Vista at its August luncheon.

"I do it for selfish reasons," Gannon said of his dedication to the MAC. Gannon went on to say the most memorable times of his military career, spanning E1 through brigadier general, were spent bringing the military and civilian communities were he

served closer together.

"I wanted to be involved in the city committee that was the best for me to be on," he said.

There is a lot of behind-the-scenes work for Gannon, but he says he continues to volunteer because he likes it.



Vince Gannon



Photo by Andre Hastie

Testing 1, 2, 3

(At left) Jim Perry of TRW in Sierra Vista and Lt. Col. Michael D. Beery, program manager of Tactical Endurance Synthetic Aperture Radar in Fort Monmouth, N.J., brief U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca Commanding General, Maj. Gen. John D. Thomas Jr. (center) on the Tactical Unmanned Air Vehicle Radar installation on the Hunter. The briefing was part of a test and demonstration conducted by the Electronic Proving Ground, Range Support and Operations Division and their support contractor Newtec who operate and maintain the EPG Instrumented Test Range. The test demonstration started on July 16 and concluded with VIP demonstrations on July 25-26.

Public welcome to attend ADA Conference

Cochise College release

High school special education teachers, college educators, college students with special needs and parents and high school students planning to attend college are invited to "Transitioning to Higher Education," a free workshop conducted by the Cochise College office of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Speakers at the workshop, set for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sept. 11, will provide insight on a variety of topics related to disability services in higher education. Denise Thompson, executive director of the Arizona Office for Americans with Disabilities, will deliver the keynote address. Topics include:

— ADA in the workplace, presented by Julie Carter, an attorney with the Arizona Center for Disability Law;

— Teaching and promoting self-advocacy, presented by Betty Seery of the Tucson World of Work office;

— College services for ADA students, presented by Eric Morrison from Disabled Student Services at Pima Community College; and

— Compensation versus accommodation for special education students, presented by Paul McDonald of Tombstone High School.

Several booths will also supply information on fair housing and College programs.

The conference is sponsored by Tech Prep. Participants will meet in the library commons area on the Sierra Vista campus. Lunch is provided, and seating is limited to 100. The registration deadline is Aug. 31. For more information or to register, call Mary Kelly, ADA coordinator, at 515-5337.

Commander's Hotline

Callers question commissary shopping rights, Greely Hall parking problems

The following calls were received over the Commander's Hotline (533-BOSS).

Call

My question is in regards to people having access to the Commissary — shopping. How is it that people not authorized to shop in the Commissary can go in with an ID card holder and still purchase items?

I am a retiree, and it irritates me to see soldiers who have gotten out of the military — who have been chaptered out or have nothing to do with the military — in the Commissary shopping. Please shed some light on this situation for me. Thank you.

Response

A new Department of Defense policy on identification checks and visitors makes your commissary more customer-friendly and frees up manpower to better serve you.

It is a direct result of commissary patron requests for change. It is built upon a foundation of trust and integrity.

This new policy provides for consistent patron ID checks at the cash register, rather than either at the entry or at the check-out as allowed before.

The policy also allows patrons to have guests accompany them in commissaries. Your visiting parents, relatives or your companion can now come along as you shop. This does not mean that visitors are allowed to make commissary purchase.

As always, only authorized customers are allowed to purchase commissary items for their own use.

We should all value our commissary benefit and not abuse it. If you suspect someone is abusing the privilege, please refer the matter to the commissary manager and installation authorities.

The bottom line: This is a DoD policy supported by military leadership from all services. It is a customer friendly change to better serve you, the patron. The nature of your commissary privilege, and the type of identification required to enjoy it, remain the same.

R. D. Fischer
Store Director

Call

I would like to know when the security police or whoever else it would entail are going to start monitoring the parking spaces in the back of Greely Hall. Many people are parking in the "Government Car Only" parking spots, which therefore leaves no places for people driving government cars to park. We keep complaining to the building manager. However, we keep being told that it's tied up in some regulation and that the security police will not respond to this. I would just appreciate an answer. Thank you.

Second call

I've tried every other avenue today, starting with DPS, then

to Chuck Eberdeen [sp?], then as far as Safety, and now to the Boss line for parking in the back of Greely Hall.

I got blocked in today for about 20 min. It wasn't a big deal for the appointment that I had this afternoon, but I have an 89-year-old father-in-law who lives with me and, had there been an emergency, it would have been a real problem.

This is something that happens every day back here — same people illegally parking — and everybody says there is nothing they can do about it.

It is a situation that I think should be looked into.

Response

The enforcement of parking at Greely hall is tied to FH Reg. 190-5, which is in revision. The regulation has been overdue for revision due to a number of unforeseen changes in Motor Vehicle traffic laws and procedures (example: access control).

However, there are some things that Greely Hall can do to alleviate this problem. Primarily, command emphasis. Tenants can give directives not to park there and then deal with employees (either civilian or military) if they do not comply.

Once 190-5 is signed, we then have the legal authority to enforce those parking areas utilizing DD 1805s (U.S. District Court Traffic Violations).

Expected completion date is Oct. 1.

Maj. Michael C. Petty
Director of Public Safety/Provost Marshal

Lifelong Learning

Retiring soldiers wanted as teachers

TRADOC release

The Army can help soldiers who are planning to retire from the military and are looking for employment in the civilian section may want to consider the education field.

According to Sylvia E. Lyles, chief of the Education and Training Support Division, Headquarters, TRADOC, since 1994, more than 18,000 service members have applied to the Troops-to-Teachers program. Of that number, 6,596 Army soldiers have participated.

Of the total number of service members hired from the military service, approximately 38 percent are hired from the Army each year.

"The Troops-to-Teachers program is designed to help separating members of the Armed Forces," she said, "as well as Department of Army Civilians, obtain alternative certification and employment as teacher's aides, and/or elementary or secondary school teachers."

The program is managed by the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Educational Support, for the Department of Defense. Installation Army Continuing Education System education centers provide counseling support and tuition assistance funds to eligible soldiers.

The primary goal of the program is to help improve the quality of American education.

Lyles said, Army Education Centers, DANTES, and Army Career and Alumni Program Transition Centers are in a joint partnership to combine their marketing efforts to ensure interested active duty soldiers are informed as early as possible about the program prior to retirement.

Soldiers are counseled on eligibility requirements, program goals, and benefits. At Army Education Centers in Virginia, over 4,500 officers and enlisted soldiers have received counseling on the program since January 2000.

Currently, there are over 2,000 soldiers enrolled in the program Army-wide. Across the

U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, there are over 160 active duty soldiers currently enrolled in the program at Virginia postsecondary institutions.

Additionally, over 80 percent of the accredited postsecondary institutions in Virginia maintain a support agreement with the DANTES for participation in the Troops-to-Teachers program.

"The Army's TA program provides eligible soldiers with financial assistance for voluntary off-duty education programs in support of soldiers' professional and personal self-development goals.

Eligible soldiers receive 75 percent of tuition costs or \$187.50 per semester hour, whichever is less, up to \$3,500 per year," Lyles said.

Currently, active duty soldiers within TRADOC participating at Virginia institutions are receiving approximately \$50,000 in TA dollars for college courses needed to meet state certification requirements.

The TA program ensures continued educational progression by prohibiting soldiers from taking courses at the same level of a degree already obtained.

However, soldiers participating in Troops-to-Teachers program are authorized to use TA for courses at any level needed to meet state requirements for certification, regardless of current educational level.

The Army has over 24 Army mentors who participated in the Troops-to-Teachers program, and are currently working in public education.

These mentors assist new members and the general public in understanding the benefits of the program, and assist the Army in marketing the program through the mentors' positive experiences.

These mentors include full-time teachers, substitute teachers, principals, and a few district level administrators.

New 16-month master's degree offers incentives

UoFP release

TUCSON, Ariz. — The University of Phoenix has introduced a master of arts degree program in teacher education, which is intended to provide added incentives for those considering a mid-life career change to teaching. This program will be offered soon in both Tucson and Sierra Vista.

"This new master's program has been designed to combine all the elements of our highly successful teacher education certification program, without graduate degree requirements in education, all conveniently fitted into a 16-month

program," said Kathy Alexander, vice president, director of the university's Southern Arizona campuses. "This is an efficient way to earn highly respected teaching credentials," she added.

As with its previous TED program, all grads of this program will benefit from the University of Phoenix's Institutional Recommendation authority from the state.

With IR, the university enables its graduates to navigate the usual four to five month

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CSLA photo

Petty Officer 1st Class Timothy A. Gardiner received the Army Achievement Medal for exceptional service from Lt. Col. Monte Hill, deputy director, Communications Security Logistics Activity, during a ceremony at Fort Huachuca on July 10.

Sailor awarded Army Achievement Medal

By Lina Gamez
Special to The Scout

Petty Officer 1st Class Timothy A. Gardiner was presented the Army Achievement Medal for exceptional service during a ceremony at the U.S. Army Communications-Electronic Command at Fort Huachuca on July 10.

His wife Yasuko, his son Matthew and fellow employees of the Communications Security Logistics Activity were in attendance. Deputy Director of CSLA, Lt. Col. Monte Hill, presented the medal.

Gardiner has been working at CSLA for over two years as a key manager for the Electronic Key Management System.

The EKMS is a critical multi-service system mandated by Headquarters Department of the Army and Department of Defense that will enhance standardization of communications security and reduce the vulnerabilities associated with traditional COMSEC processes.

Gardiner is responsible for the management of 655 Key Material Short Titles for the EKMS Primary Tier 1 site located at Fort Huachuca. This site will function as a multi-service center for cryptographic key generation, distribution, management, and accounting of COMSEC material.

The integration of military and civilian resources is very critical to accomplish this mission. Gardiner's award is an unusual and special event for Navy enlisted personnel. CSLA is fortunate to have such an outstanding individual working in support of this multi-service system.

Eight days to BAC legal limit change

By Capt. Michael A. Cressler
Chief, Military Justice

On Aug. 31, when Arizona's legal limit for driving under the influence changes from a blood alcohol concentration of 0.10 to 0.08, the same change in the BAC legal limit will take place on Fort Huachuca.

Maj. Gen. John D. Thomas, Jr., commanding general, U.S.

Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca, signed Policy Memorandum 01-52, Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, on July 26. This policy is similar to the new Arizona law and will take effect on Aug. 31.

The new policy makes it unlawful for any person, military and civilian, to drive or be in physical control of a vehicle on Fort Huachuca if the person has a blood alcohol concentration of 0.08 or more within two hours of driving or being in physical control of a vehicle.

This alcohol concentration must result from alcohol consumed either before or while driving or otherwise being in physical control of the vehicle.

This policy is punitive, which means that violations may subject military offenders to nonjudicial (Article 15) or judicial (court-martial) punishment under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Like civilian offenders, military offenders may also be prosecuted in federal district court, but it is more efficient to punish military offenders under the UCMJ and that is what is routinely done.

For civilian offenders, exposure to criminal liability will not change. They may still be subject to prosecution in federal district court in Tucson for violating Arizona law on Fort Huachuca based on the Federal Assimilative Crimes Statute.

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Capt. Michael A. Cressler

on Fort Huachuca, since April 4.

Regardless whether military or civilian, anyone who gets caught driving under the influence on Fort Huachuca will have their on-post driving privileges automatically suspended for one year.

For military personnel, another severe consequence of being caught while driving on or off post with a BAC of 0.08 or higher after Aug. 31 is a General Officer Memorandum of Reprimand. This reprimand may be filed either in a soldier's local or official file. If filed in the official file, the reprimand alone may end a promising career.

The bottom-line is that the BAC legal limit are the same whether on or off post, whether military or civilian. On August 31, the BAC legal limit changes to 0.08. Anyone caught operating a vehicle on post with a BAC in excess of the legal limit will face severe consequences.

Con artists use Qwest cover to gain home entry

By Stan Williamson
Scout Staff

A noncommissioned officer who lives off-post in the Sierra Vista area, reported a possible scam operation that occurred at his home.

On July 27, at 6:30 a.m., the sergeant said two men came to his house with a written work order to work on the telephone lines. The sergeant said his wife was aware enough to realize that the two men were not with Qwest, their telephone service provider. The two men tried to get the name and other personal information from the NCO's wife.

The two suspects were driving a white truck with a trailer. The NCO said he called both the Sierra Vista Police and Qwest about the incident.

"This scam started in Douglas. The men would show up at a house with a filled in work order to attempt to gain access into the house," he said.

Qwest has white trucks with their logo and most employees wear shirts with the logo and are required to carry a company ID

card. Also, Qwest trucks do not have trailers for residential use.

John D. Griffin, an investigator with the Directorate of Public Safety here, called the Sierra Vista Police Department and talked to Police Sergeant Fuentes. He said that this was the first time anyone had reported this type of incident.

According to the victim, Qwest officials said that based on the description of the form used by the two men, Qwest hasn't used it in over two year's and that [Qwest] had no scheduled work orders in that area that day.

According to Griffin, Qwest did state that their worker's are not always in uniform, but can produce identification when asked.

Anyone who is approached by individuals claiming to have a work order to repair or work on your telephone service, should demand to see proper identification and should call Qwest to verify their identification and the work order request.

Anyone else who may have been contacted in this manner should notify the local police if they live off-post, or the Military Police if they reside on-post.

DFAS reminds travelers of Seaside closure, new procedure

DRM release

The Defense Finance and Accounting Service closed their travel payment office at Seaside, Calif., effective June 8.

On Aug. 8, DFAS Seaside informed the Fort Huachuca Directorate of Resource Management that manning of the travel voice line has ceased. Callers will reach a recording providing phone numbers and address for DFAS-Indianapolis.

All travel vouchers should be mailed or faxed to the address or phone number below. Seaside will continue to forward any travel vouchers they receive to Indianapolis, but this will result

in delays in reimbursement for the traveler.

DFAS Indianapolis Center
Travel Operations — Indianapolis
8899 East 56th Street
ATTN: Dept. 3777
Indianapolis, IN 46249-3777
Fax DSN 699-5551, or 317-510-5551

DFAS-IN policy is both the voucher and all backup is faxed to their office.

Customer Service number is 1-888-332-7366.

U.S. Magistrate Court Report

Don't ignore tickets received on post

By Capt. Robert Fellrath
Special Assistant United States Attorney

On Aug. 21, the Fort Huachuca Special Assistant United States Attorney met with soldiers and civilians who had received citations for on-post violations.

The SAUSA is appointed from the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate and represents the Army in United States Magistrate Court for non-UCMJ criminal offenses committed on Fort Huachuca. Over \$3,100 in fines were collected and forwarded to the Department of Justice.

Although ninety-one people had been notified to appear before the SAUSA, only thirty-three showed up. The U.S. District Court in Tucson will issue Federal Arrest Warrants for the remaining fifty-eight, because of their failure to appear.

The cases handled by the SAUSA are not limited to traffic citations. If the Military Police cite you for offenses such as theft, shoplifting, damage to property, and assault, and issue you a DD Form 1805 (U.S. District Court Violation Notice), then you must appear before the SAUSA when notified to do so. If you fail to appear, a federal warrant for your arrest is issued and your name is entered into the National Computer System that there is an arrest warrant issued on you.

As a result, if you are subsequently stopped by a police officer anywhere in the United States, your arrest warrant will appear during the police officer's check, prompting the police officer to take you into custody. You will remain in custody until you appear before a Federal Magistrate Judge and resolve the outstanding warrant.

Many soldiers and civilians fail to recognize the importance of the tickets that the Military Police issue to them. These tickets are not something that can be ignored or dealt with at the person's convenience. They are issued under Fort Huachuca's authority as an exclusive federal jurisdiction and have the same weight as any ticket issued by a police officer off-post.

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

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

If you have an outstanding citation or warrant that you need to resolve, or if you just want more information, call Mick Douthit at 533-5313.



Photo courtesy of Darrell Bench

EPG, WSMR demo equipment at Army's Test, Evaluation Days in Huntsville, Ala.

By Betty Maldonado
EPG PAO

The Electronic Proving Ground shared a booth with White Sand Missile Range, N.M., during the Army Test and Evaluation Days 2001 at Huntsville, Ala.

EPG displayed STARSHIP, used for commanding and controlling test instruments used by the Army to conduct live and virtual tests of command, control, communications, computers, and intelligence equipment.

EPG demonstrated ORION, used to perform propagation and antenna analyses in planning communications tests.

WSMR demonstrated and displayed the Common Console Advanced Visualization Engine and Digital Cameras. CCAVE provides end users including Drone/UAV Controllers, Flight Safety Officers, Mission Planners and Operations Personnel with Real-Time (3-D) situational awareness tools.

The Navy Air Warfare Center-Weapons Division at WSMR was also part of the booth.

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DoD, Fort Huachuca target Ecstasy use among troops

By Jim Garamone, American Forces Press Service and Stan Williamson, Scout Staff

"Ecstasy" is the fastest growing abused drug in the United States, and the military is taking steps to ensure it doesn't endanger service members.

Ecstasy — chemical name 3, 4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine — is also called "X," "XTC," "Clarity," "Essence" "Adam," "Lover's Speed" and "Hug Drug" on the street.

A drug with no known medical use, its abuse has exploded among young people, especially those between 18 and 21. Federal authorities seized 49,000 Ecstasy pills in 1997 — but more than 900,000 just two years later.

DoD officials said 1,070 cases of Ecstasy abuse in fiscal 2000 accounted for 5.6 percent of all positives in the DoD urinalysis program. This puts Ecstasy behind marijuana, cocaine and methamphetamine as the most abused drugs in the military.

According to Ken Bowles, Education Coordinator, with the Army's Substance Abuse Program, during the same year, five soldiers at Fort Huachuca tested positive for the drug. This year there have been no reported cases.

"This is a problem in the civilian world," said Deborah Rosenblum, principal director for counter narcotics. "Anything that is as popular, in vogue — where there are misconceptions about it — in the civilian world, we certainly take note of it from a recruiting and readi-

ness perspective."

Abuses in fiscal 2001 have slowed, officials said. Rosenblum said contributing factors are education efforts by the services and members' growing awareness that the urine test can detect Ecstasy use.

"I have had soldiers in my classes who have admitted to using Ecstasy," said Bowles, "and more who have known someone else who has used it. During my classes with the soldiers, I always ask what drugs are out there and what soldiers are using. You name it, they do it — Meth, PCP, LSD, Ketamine, GHB."

According to Bowles, Ecstasy is normally used as part of a whole package of blasting noise (they call it music), flashing lights, and gyrations they call dancing.

"Unfortunately, the drug is available on the street and any drug dealer can manage to get it," he said.

Bowles said the Ecstasy manufactured in France, Belgium and the Netherlands was apparently good quality, but as seizures by the police go up, would be chemists in this country set up kitchen labs, using information they get off the Internet. The stuff they put on the street is not necessarily what the formula called for, so people can die because the drug is not what it was supposed to be.

"I did some further reading, and it turns out that Ecstasy is an anti-diuretic, so when people use this drug, they get so hot and dehydrated they drink lots of water, but the body can't get

rid of it, so the body fluids become diluted and the user's brain swells, and this can lead to death," he said.

DoD plans changes in test protocols — weekend testing, for example, Rosenblum noted. The services will also work together to see what messages resonate with service members and what tactics seem to work, she said.

"Some units here already do weekend testing periodically," Bowles said.

Rosenblum said Ecstasy is dangerous. Findings of a primate study announced at a mid-July research conference in Bethesda, Md., indicated monkeys given the human equivalent of four daily doses of Ecstasy showed brain damage and behavioral changes two weeks and 18 months after the "binge."

The effects noted are consistent with those observed in humans — memory loss and acute depression, among others.

Bowles said, the short-term effects take about three days before a user is completely recovered from the drug. Long term effects of feelings of depression, anxiety, lack of attention, memory problems have been described by them.

"Soldiers have told me about their friends who have used Ecstasy and they say the user 'just isn't the same as before,' even from a one time use," Bowles said.

"Since the drug is most commonly used at raves, the ones who are taking it 'dance' on and on. Body temperature goes up, and dehydration becomes severe. Some soldiers have said that at raves it is not uncommon to take LSD along with the Ecstasy.

"Research reports I have read about Ecstasy are primarily based on animal research, but it suggests that even one-time use can lead to measurable damage to the serotonin neurons in the brain," Bowles said. The serotonin is a neuron that has to do with memory, sleep, eating, pleasure, pain, and higher level learning, so the user faces the potential for severe long term

impairment in a critical part of the brain."

Overall, the DoD counter drug effort has been successful. In 1980, surveys showed 28 percent of service members said they had abused an illegal drug in the last month. The 1998 survey put that number at 2.7 percent. The department currently tests for marijuana, cocaine and amphetamines, which include Ecstasy. It also tests for opiates, PCP, barbiturates and LSD. The department will test for other drugs as the need arises, officials said.

What should leaders watch for?

Bowles said, the most important thing for leaders at all levels to do is to be sensitive to their subordinates, and notice any change in that person that seems to last several days.

"They need to sit down with them, point out the changes they see, and ask their soldier what is going on? Who knows, it might be as simple as the baby crying all night. But it might be more.

"Without an adequate explanation, the supervisor needs to take some kind of action," he said. "You see, with meth use, the person might not eat or sleep for as much as 48 hours before they crash. These soldiers lose a lot of weight rapidly. On LSD the soldier may suddenly just lose total orientation for a period of time. Ecstasy, of course, may take days during which the person is totally different. So you see the issue is not just Ecstasy."

The ASAP Office conducts supervisor (leadership) workshops that help supervisors/leaders at all levels recognize and intervene when something is wrong with a subordinate.

"If someone has been using drugs, they can go to their commander or to this office and volunteer for enrollment in the program, before something negative happens in their lives," he said. "This is as true for military personnel as it is civilians, retirees, and their families — including their kids."

Take a historical look at Korea 50 years ago this week

By Jim Caldwell
TRADOC News Service

In the early morning hours of Aug. 23 U.S. Air Force Col. Andrew Kinney, one of the liaison officers on the team that laid the groundwork for the peace talks, is awakened in Panmunjom by his communist counterparts who want to protest another violation of the Kaesong neutral area. They claim a UN plane bombed the Kaesong meeting site. In a heavy downpour, Kinney and another liaison officer, Marine Col. James Murray, go to the site.

The American officers are immediately suspicious. They are shown several small holes and bomb fragments the men suspect are pieces from an aircraft oil tank and engine nacelle. The communists claim that one of the bombs was napalm, but the earth isn't scorched the way napalm would leave it.

Kinney tells his communist counterpart, a Col. Chang, that the setup was "nonsense." Chang then stated that "all meetings from this time" are canceled.

Kinney and Murray leave for Panmunjom, but Chang and another red officer catch up to them and ask them to come back to complete the investigation. Kinney wants to wait till daylight, but the communists insist.

When they go back they are shown two more small holes, some burned patches of ground and more pieces of aircraft metal. Kinney and Murray can smell gasoline and material in one of the holes might be low-grade napalm. They ask the reds to leave the evidence in place so it could be studied in daylight. The communists say the investigation is over, that they will analyze the evidence.

Kinney and Murray later tell reporters that the evidence is fake and that the craters could have been caused by grenades.

Later in the day, at his headquarters in Tokyo, Gen. Ridgway calls the incident a "frameup". Back in Washington President Truman tells a news conference that the communist "masquerade" is holding up the peace talks.

Fifth Air Force says no UN plane was operating in the area of Kaesong, and to make the "craters" in the location pattern the liaison officers were shown, more than one plane would have to be involved.

The suspicion is the communists deliberately staged the incident because they wanted to disrupt the talks. Otherwise, a low-level official like Chang could not call them off. Various reasons are speculated on - Communist China leaders are insulted because they had not been invited to the Japanese peace treaty conference in San Francisco and it's timed it with the Soviet "peace" campaign. Another theory is they want to regain the propaganda initiative because they erred when they thought by turning over the demarcation line issue to the subdelegations, the UN Command was going to compromise on the 38th Parallel. Now they want time to rework their strategy.

Republic of Korea soldiers are engaged in fierce battles trying to take ridges held by North Koreans overlooking Eighth Army's Kansas line defenses.

The ROK 11th and Capital Divisions from the ROK I Corps and the ROK 8th Division attached to the U.S. Army X Corp seize the hook of a J-shaped ridgeline northeast of the Punchbowl Aug 22. But on Aug. 23 counterattacking North Korean troops drives them off. Then the ROK soldiers retake the ridges, only to suffer the same fate. The scenario is repeated several times until Gen. Van Fleet drops in on Gen. Paik, ROK I Corps commander, to give him some advice.

Paik reinforces his troops when they seize the hook of the J. They withstand the counterattack on Aug. 27. They continue up the stem of the J and by Aug. 29, the ridgeline is cleared.

To the west the ROK 36th Regiment of the 5th Division takes Hill 983, the crossbar of an H-shaped mass of ridges on Aug. 23. They are also driven off by a heavy North Korean counterattack.

When the 36th resumes the attack, part of the 2nd Infantry Division's 9th Regiment is added as support.

Heavy rain is again falling, turning trails and roads into mud. In addition, the hills are so steep and rugged that Korean porters used to bring supplies to the troops have trouble making it up the narrow trails. The terrain also makes it extremely hard to evacuate the wounded.

Artillery, armor and fighter aircraft lay tremendously heavy barrages on the North Korean positions. Fire support is so heavy and prolonged that in the fight for Bloody Ridge, one tank company fired more than 3,000 rounds.

Yet the North Koreans have built such sturdy bunkers that only a direct hit will take one out. And when the barrages are lifted, they come out of the bunkers to pour small arms fire down on the attackers, as well as roll hand grenades down on them. That's after Korean and American soldiers make it through deep minefields in front of enemy positions.

The 36th takes heavy losses. Gen. Van Fleet wanted to use the ROK troops on the offensive against the ridges to build their confidence. But now the 36th Regiment is so battered and demoralized that some of its soldiers run away on Aug. 27. Their terror causes panic in parts of the 9th Regiment, too.

Maj. Gen. Clovis Byers, X Corps commander, decides on Aug. 28 to make the operation a full corps offensive to achieve the mission. He feels by spreading out the offense, the North Koreans cannot mass troops in one area, as on bloody ridge.

The 9th Regiment will continue attacking Bloody Ridge, while the ROK 5th Division goes for the northwest rim of the Punchbowl. The objective for the 1st Marine Division with its attached Korean Marines is the northeast rim, above the ridgeline where the ROK I Corps is mopping up.

Aug. 23

A South Korean government spokesman said they are glad of the stalled peace talks. His people knew all along that the communists were only using the talks to build up their forces, he says.

Aug. 24

Sen. Joseph McCarthy, R-Wis., ends two days of radio network broadcasts. He claims that Truman issued an executive order in 1948 that kept government employees from giving "Congress the truth about communists who are in our government." He makes other charges against individuals in federal or nationally known jobs who supposedly are communists or members of the communist party. He was given the free air time to reply to Truman's Aug. 14 blasting of "hatemongers."

Aug. 24

The New York Yankees recall rookie Mickey Mantle from their Kansas City farm team. The day before Army doctors at Fort Sill, Okla., classified Mantle as 4F because he has a chronic bone infection in his left leg.

Aug. 24-25

Communist Chinese radio says that 237 Chinese "anti-revolutionaries," "spies" and "bad landlords" were executed in Peking Aug. 24. An Aug. 25 report out of China says that two divisions have been devoted to wiping out Nationalist guerrillas in southwest China.

Aug. 27

On Aug. 27 the medal goes to families of Lt. Baldomero Lopez, Tampa, Fla., and Pvs. Stanley R. Christianson, Mindono, Wis., and Eugene A. Obregon, Los Angeles. The three marines were killed while protecting other marines from enemy fire.

Aug. 29

The weekly DoD casualty count shows an increase of 42 Americans killed in Korea in one week, bringing the total dead to 13,543. The overall casualty figure stands at 81,422.

Paper piles mystery solved

USDA Forest Service release

HEREFORD — Travelers near or in the Huachuca Mountains, Coronado National Forest report the sudden and recent appearance of mysterious brown piles on the east side of the mountains.

However, there's no mystery. According to Sierra Vista Ranger District Fire Management Officer, Bill Wilcox, the piles are brush from recent thinning activity. They have been covered with brown paper and will be left until they are dry enough to burn effectively.

The covered, dry piles will burn in any weather, be it wet or dry. If firefighters can conduct prescribed burning in wetter conditions, there will be less concern about the potential of escaped prescribed fires. Over the next several weeks, approximately 25-30 firefighters will be limbing trees, thinning brush, piling the material and covering the piles.

The piles will remain covered for about two to three months, until conditions are right for burning. This project is the third phase of the four-phased Miller Complex. Work will take place from Miller to Carr Canyons, Miller to Hunter Canyons, and in Miller Canyon itself, according to Wilcox.

The Miller Complex is part of the National Fire Plan. Its goal is reduction of fuels in the urban interface areas where homes and structures are tucked into the Coronado National Forest. The reduction of burnable material will create areas that are less subject to wildland fires than they are now.

The thinning and burning project is one of 26 individual projects planned for the Huachuca Mountains over the next 10-15 years as funding permits. The long-term goal is to create a fuel break on both sides of the Huachuca Mountains from Fort Huachuca to the Mexican border and to create fuel breaks in the wildland urban interface, areas of land where homes and other structures are nestled into forest or grasslands. The Huachuca Mountains fuels reduction project will involve cooperators from other agencies, as well.

For more information about the Miller Complex, call the Sierra Vista Ranger District at 378-0311 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. To report a possible wildland fire, call the Coronado National Forest dispatch office at 520-670-4832 twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

Library holds best selling titles

Library release

The Fort Huachuca Main Post Library has the following titles in its holdings that are featured on The New York Times' best sellers list.

Fiction

"P" is for Peril
A Traitor to Memory
Back When We Were Grownups

Nonfiction

Ghost Soldiers
Stolen Lives
Napalm & Silly Putty
Seabiscuit
In Harm's Way
Tuesdays With Morrie
Founding Brother

Medical Activity Command

Fort health center offers new TRICARE program

MEDDAC release

TRICARE Plus is a new military treatment facility primary care enrollment program to be offered at Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center. The program is still being finalized. Local timing and availability will vary.

All beneficiaries eligible for care in military treatment facilities and living within 20 miles of RWBAHC (except those enrolled in TRICARE Prime, a civilian HMO, or Medicare HMO) can seek enrollment for primary care at RWBAHC.

Enrollment is limited to our capacity of 500 enrollees. Enrollment or non-enrollment in TRICARE Plus does not affect TRICARE For Life benefits or other existing programs.

TRICARE Plus benefits

— Enrollees will use their designated primary care provider at the military treatment facility as their principal source of health care.

— Persons enrolled in TRICARE Plus can continue to obtain care from civilian and/or Medicare providers; TRICARE Standard/Extra or Medicare rules apply. TRICARE will be second payer to Medicare for TRICARE-covered services.

— Enrollees are not locked into a health maintenance organization (HMO)-like program.

— There are no enrollment fees.

— TRICARE Plus enrollees will receive primary care appointments with their PCM with the same access standards as TRICARE Prime enrollees.

— TRICARE Plus enrollment is noted on beneficiary records in Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System.

— Eligible beneficiaries with existing relationships with primary care providers at military treatment facilities will have the first opportunity to enroll as long as the facility has the capacity (space) and capability (resources). Remaining enrollment capacity will be made available to other beneficiaries through a fair process.

TRICARE Plus limitations

— TRICARE Plus will not be available at all military treatment facilities. Local commanders will retain discretion to continue or discontinue TRICARE Plus at individual military treatment facilities depending on their capacities/capabilities and missions. (RWBAHC has a capacity of 500 enrollees to our new CHOLLA Team).

— TRICARE Plus is a military treatment facility primary care access program, not a health plan. For care from civilian providers, TRICARE Plus has no effect and TRICARE Standard/Extra rules will apply for most enrollees. For services payable by Medicare, Medicare rules will apply, with TRICARE as second payer for TRICARE covered services and supplies. (Note: If not enrolled in Part B, substantial out of pocket expenses will occur when referred to off post civilian providers)

— TRICARE Plus does not guarantee access to specialty care at the military treatment facility where the beneficiary is enrolled.

— Prospective enrollees will apply for enrollment in TRICARE Plus. Enrollment may be determined, in part, by the specific missions and needs of each military treatment facility (for example, GME, existing TRICARE Senior Prime program, etc.). TRICARE Plus is not a portable benefit. Enrollment at one facility will not guarantee access at another facility.

— TRICARE Plus enrollees are discouraged from obtaining non-emergency primary care from sources outside the military treatment facility where they are enrolled.

— Beneficiaries enrolled in an HMO or similar program of another sponsor (TRICARE Prime, employer-sponsored HMO, Medicare Choice) are not eligible for TRICARE Plus because they have an established primary care relationship.

— Continued enrollment in TRICARE Plus is reviewed annually by the local military treatment facility; beneficiaries may be disenrolled if capacity is no longer available.

— It is suggested that you make arrangements to obtain an application with the least practical delay. Applications may be obtained at either the TRICARE Service Center (Room 1027/1038) or the Managed Care Branch (Room 1077) of RWBAHC.

They must be completed and returned to RWBAHC, ATTN MCXJ-DCCS-MCB, Fort Huachuca, AZ 85613-7040 or dropped off in the same location the application was picked up no later than Sept. 6. Applications received after this date cannot be considered.

New cost-saving benefit begins for remote family members

TRICARE release

On Aug. 1, TRICARE Management Activity introduced the "Interim Waived Charges Benefit."

It's a new cost-saving program for uniformed services active duty family members living with sponsors assigned to remote locations, 50 miles or a one-hour drive from a military treatment facility.

The Interim Waived Charges Benefit is retroactive to Oct. 30, 2000. This means active duty family members can be reimbursed for the out-of-pocket cost shares, copayments, or deductibles paid for covered medical care received from that date.

This benefit will continue until the TRICARE Prime Remote for Active Duty Family Member program begins in 2002.

For reimbursement, active duty family members need not take any action. The regional managed care support contractors will review claims processed during the interim benefit period and issue reimbursement checks with an explanation of benefits to family members due refunds.

There are some TRICARE Prime Remote locations where network providers are available and other locations where they are not. Family members must utilize network providers when available to receive the waived charges benefit.

In locations where network providers are not available, family members must use TRICARE authorized providers. Family members should call their regional toll-free number or 1-877-DOD-CARE (1-877-363-2273) to find network providers.

The new benefit does not cover costs associated with claims for medical care not covered by TRICARE, nor does it cover claims received from non-authorized providers. It also does not cover point-of-service charges, claims associated with the Pro-

gram for Persons with Disabilities, or pharmacy cost-shares since April 1, 2001.

The TPRADFM program will bring equity of the TRICARE Prime benefit to family members who live with their sponsors in remote locations, and reduce or eliminate out-of-pocket costs for these family members. The Interim Waived Charges Benefit provides financial relief until TPRADFM is implemented.

"Previously, the only option available to family members living in some remote areas was to seek care with authorized civilian providers using the TRICARE Standard benefit," said Coast Guard Lt. Cmdr. Robert Styron, TRICARE Prime Remote regional operations officer, TMA.

"Consequently, sponsors with family members residing in remote locations paid more for health care than sponsors with family members living on or near military installations. The Interim Waive Charges Benefit reduces the medical costs associated with being assigned to a remote location."

During the interim period, Aug. 1, 2001, until the

TPRADFM begins, enrollment of family members in TRICARE Prime is not required. However, after the TPRADFM program begins, the Interim Waived Charges Benefit will no longer apply.

At that time, family members choosing to use TRICARE Standard, and not to enroll in TRICARE Prime, will again be responsible for the TRICARE Standard deductibles and cost shares.

Up-to-date information on the Interim Waived Charges Benefit and the TRICARE Prime Remote benefit for active duty uniformed services members and their families is available at www.tricare.osd.mil/remote.

Sponsors and family members can also call 1-877-DOD-CARE (1-877-363-2273), toll free for additional information or to verify their eligibility.

It's a new cost-saving program for uniformed services active duty family members living with sponsors assigned to remote locations, 50 miles or a one-hour drive from a military treatment facility.

Pets of the Week



"Tigress" is a one-year-old light brown tabby domestic short-haired cat. She is missing one eye, which makes her extra special. It doesn't slow her down at all! She loves to be held and petted. Her adoption fee is \$42, which includes a spay, a microchip, a feline leukemia test, all vaccinations and deworming.



"Rusty" is a six-month-old male red shepherd/retriever mix. He is good with kids and has one blue eye and one brown eye. He enjoys going for walks and loves to be petted and given treats! His adoption fee is \$32, which includes a neuter, a microchip, a heartworm test, all vaccinations and deworming.



"Precious" is a 10-month-old black and tan female shepherd mix. She is extremely timid and shy, but would be an excellent companion and extremely devoted dog for anyone with older kids. Her adoption fee is \$42, which includes a spay, a microchip, a heartworm test, all vaccinations and deworming.



"Ebony" is a beautiful, black and tan female one-year-old doberman/greyhound mix. She is a very smart, lovable and active dog. Her adoption fee is \$52, which includes a spay, a microchip, a heartworm test, all vaccinations and deworming.

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

Bank of America fees, credit limits change

By Stan Williamson
Scout Staff

Users of the Department of Defense travel credit card program managed by the Bank of America, will see additional expenses on their monthly statements imposed by the bank starting Aug. 10.

According to George Beil, ASA-FM, the Department of Defense (DoD) advised Bank of America in writing that implementation of the new terms was inappropriate until bargaining unit obligations had been met. Beil said the DoD offered a counterproposal to implement the new agreement for all cardholders except bargaining unit members, and the bank rejected it.

Bank of America Fees and Credit Limits Bank of America has advised us of its intention to implement the new cardholder agreement terms (new fees and credit limits) effective

at the close of business Aug. 10.

"I have gotten a lot of questions regarding implementation of new fees and credit limits," said Karen A. Wilson, Headquarters TRADOC, Fort Monroe, Va.

Below, according to Wilson, are the latest from the Department of the Army on these issues.

Changes to credit limits were not imposed on Aug. 10. However, new charges for late payment, ATM use, and returned check fees were implemented on Aug. 10. These charges are:

- New ATM fee (3 percent).
- New late payment fee (\$29 at 75 days instead of 120 days). This is the only item that should show up on August billing statements.
- New returned check fee (\$29).
- The expedited card delivery fee (\$20) will be implemented on Sept. 15.

Soldiers sought in class action settlement

By Harriet E. Rice
USACFSC PAO

Military personnel who patronized Cashback Catalog Sales, Inc. or Cash In Advance, Inc. (also known as Cash 'N Advance and Cash N Advance) in Georgia between April 13, 1996 and June 26, 2001, are being

sought as possible participants in the settlement of a class action suit brought against the businesses.

The settlement is specifically for customers who received gift certificates during the class action period from the listed businesses only.

Plaintiffs' attorneys mailed a notice of settlement and a claim form to the last known address of eligible customers.

The businesses furnished the list of customers.

Anyone who has not received the notice

and claim form, and who believes they are a legitimate participant in the settlement, should call the class action administrator, Hirsch & Tucker, LLC, toll-free at 866-240-6247, or write to the administrator at P.O. Box 15089, Savannah, Ga., 31416.

Phone calls are preferred, said a spokeswoman at Hirsch & Tucker.

Anyone not appearing in the settlement database must furnish proof of their eligibility.

To receive money from the settlement, eligible participants must sign and mail the claim form to the class action administrator.

Forms must be postmarked no later than Sept. 20.

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Have we got news for you!

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

Community Updates

Force protection training

Two makeup classes for the annual mandatory Force Protection training are being offered at 8 a.m., 10 a.m., and 1:30 p.m. Tuesday - Wednesday in the Cochise Theater. Persons arriving after the session has begun will not be admitted to that session.

Organizations sending large groups to the sessions should coordinate prior to the sessions to insure that sufficient space is available.

Contact Bill Ivory, chief Force Protection Operations, Directorate of Public Safety, at 533-5249 for more information.

Range closures

Saturday	AB, AU, AY, T1, T1A, T2
Sunday	AU, T1, T1A, T2
Monday	AQ, AV
Tuesday	AG, AQ, AV, AY, T1, T1A, T2
Wednesday	AG, AM, AQ, AV, T1, T1A, T2
Aug. 30	AD, AQ, AV, T1, T1A, T2
Aug. 31	AQ, AV,
Sept. 1	T1, T1A, T2
Sept. 2	No Closures

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

Assn. of Old Crows to meet

The Cochise Chapter of the Association of Old Crows will host its monthly luncheon at 11:30 a.m. today in the Boots N' Saddle Room of La Hacienda.

The guest speaker will be Wilma Bernardo, chief of force design at Fort Huachuca, speaking on the Military Intelligence Transformation Structure.

Cost is \$7.75 for German buffet and salad bar; \$6.75 for buffet only; or \$5 for salad bar only. Make reservations no later than Aug. 21.

RSVP to one of the following: Dick Mortensen at 459-0447 or mortens@c2i2.com; Gene Frantz at 533-2331 or arthur.frantz@hua.army.mil or Bill Meyer at 458-7070. This luncheon is open to the public.

Soldier Show adds 4th demo

Due to the popularity of the 2001 U.S. Army Soldier Show, a fourth performance has been added.

Showtimes for the free event are at 2 and 7 p.m. Sept. 1-2 at Buena Performing Arts Center in Sierra Vista. Tickets are still available for the 7 p.m. show Sept. 1 only and can be picked up at the MWR Box Office here or *Safeway* in Sierra Vista.

For more information, call the MWR Box Office at 533-2404.

DOIM computer classes set

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

Monday - The Practical PC

Wednesday - Intro to the Internet, Part I
Aug. 30 - Intro to the Internet, Part II

Candidates for the advance courses must have taken the basic courses or have instructor approval first.

Ed Center short staffed

Due to a severe staffing shortage and the current hiring freeze, the Army Education Center will, on occasion, have limited counseling services available. Where possible, the center will attempt to give the public advance notice of days when services will be limited. For the month of August, there will be no mandatory transition counseling, no DD 295 completions,

and no formal career Monday-Wednesday. There will be no VEAP to MGIB conversions on those dates, either. (Note: This is especially important information for drill sergeants who have Advance Individual Training students appearing before MED Boards.) Tuition Assistance will still be available on those days.

CGSOC course offered here

Both Phase I and Phase III of the Command and General Staff Officer Course (a required Officer Professional Development course) are being offered at Fort Huachuca. The classes start in October and will be held one weekend each month.

The classroom option has advantages over the correspondence version, including:

- Both a higher graduation rate and higher grade average;
- Workload sharing and interaction with active and reserve component students;
- Professional and structured learning environment;
- Instructor support.

Class sizes are limited. For enrollment information, call Rick Meador at 538-5099 or e-mail meadorr.fhu.disa.mil; or call Maj. Mo Ostroff at (602) 650-3137.

Attention travelers

The Defense Finance and Accounting Service closed its travel payment office at Seaside, Calif., in June.

All travel vouchers must now be mailed or FAXed to the address or phone number below. Seaside will forward any travel vouchers they receive to Indianapolis, but this will result in delays in reimbursement for the traveler.

DFAS Indianapolis Center
Travel Operations - Indianapolis
8899 East 56th Street
ATTN: Dept. 3777
Indianapolis, IN 46249-3777
FAX 317-510-5551 DSN 699

For more information, call (888) 332-7366.

TRICARE enrollment apps

TRICARE Plus primary care enrollment applications are available at Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center Managed Care Branch and also the TRICARE Service Center. Applications should be turned in by Sept. 6 to be considered. There will be a computer-generated random selection process, with space for only 500 beneficiaries. For more information, call the health benefits advisors at 533-1204.

Special military rates

Days Inn East of Universal Studios Florida is offering military personnel special room rates from \$35 per night (Sunday-Thursday) and \$39 per night (Friday and Saturday). Rates are per night, plus tax and based on space availability and valid now through Dec. 20. These special rates are not available during holidays or special events. Up to a \$40 surcharge may apply during October weekends.

Labor Day Weekend flea market

The Sierra Vista La Salida del Sol Lions Club invites its regular vendors, military and civilians of the community to set and sell their wares at the Lions Flea Market on Labor Day weekend. Gates open at 7:30 a.m. Aug. 31 for set up. Sept. 1 and 2 will be normal fee and Sept. 3 will be free. Gates will close at 5 p.m., Sept. 3. Debi "The Rock Lady" promises to be there, so bring your young ones and those that are young at heart to do some climbing. For more information, call Laroy Hinzman, flea market chairman, at 378-1399.

2001 CFC begins Sept. 17

The 2001 Combined Federal Campaign for Fort Huachuca and Cochise County will run

Sept. 17-Oct. 31. Organizations should be on the lookout for a tasking letter requiring them to appoint a Unit Coordinator.

The initial meeting for Unit Coordinators will be held Tuesday, 10-11:30 a.m., in Room 2111B of Greely Hall. The training session for unit coordinators and key workers will take place from 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. Sept. 5 in Room 1215, Greely Hall Auditorium.

If you have questions regarding the training, call the CFC Coordinator at 538-6048 or e-mail terry.hurley@hqasc.army.mil.

CFC Homepage address: www.opm.gov/cfc. A homepage for Southern Arizona CFC is anticipated for Sept. 1.

Sprinklers prohibited

Fort Huachuca residents are reminded that sprinklers are prohibited. Residents may water with a hand-held hose at anytime throughout the year. Also remember with the rains come the long weeds and grass. Yard maintenance is a requirement for accepting government quarters. Neighborhood agents inspect areas every Tuesday to ensure shrubs are trimmed, grass cut and edged and general policing of the area is complete. If you are going to be gone on vacation, you need to have a point of contact responsible for your house and yard. So enjoy your summer, but let's keep Fort Huachuca a beautiful place to live, work and visit by taking care of our yards.

Intel symposium set

AFCEA International will host its annual Fall Intelligence Symposium Oct. 24-25 at the Defense Intelligence Analysis Center, on Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, DC. This year's theme is "Intelligence and National Strategy."

Richard L. Haver, special assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Intelligence, will open the symposium and Navy Vice Admiral Thomas R. Wilson, director, Defense Intelligence Agency, will close it. In between, the symposium sessions will examine recent studies that have focused on the state of the community, spotlight new prerequisites for gathering and creating intelligence, highlight new requirements and technologies for analysis and sharing, and explore budgetary opportunities and challenges.

For more information on this professional development event, including a detailed agenda; a listing of all confirmed speakers; fees, directions, general information; and secure on-line registration, visit www.afcea.org/fallintel2001/default.asp.

If you have questions about attending, exhibiting or would prefer to have us mail you a registration package, contact Terry Rogers at (800) 336-4583, ext. 6238 or e-mail trogers@afcea.org. Attendees must be U.S. citizens and have a top secret clearance with SI/TK access.

Federal jobs workshop

The next federal jobs workshop is from 8-10 a.m. Sept. 14 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.

POW/MIA prayer luncheon

The Chaplains Activities Office here will host the 2001 POW/MIA Recognition Prayer Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Sept. 19 at the LaHacienda to honor POW/MIAs. Tickets can be purchased from unit command sergeants major and sergeants major.

Kino Gospel revival

The Kino Chapel Gospel Service invites the public to its upcoming revival to be held at 7 p.m., tonight and Friday at Kino Chapel, Fort Huachuca. This year's theme is "One In Spirit and Purpose" (Philippians 2:2).

The guest speaker for the event will be the Rev. Roderick Mitchell, Pastor of New Life Church, Cleveland, Miss. Mitchell is nationally renown for his works in preaching, teaching and uplifting the ministries of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Preschool screening set

The Fort Huachuca Accommodation School District will be conducting a preschool screening today for all 3-, 4-, and non-kindergarten 5-year-olds residing on Fort Huachuca.

The screening instruments the schools intend to use are designed to survey gross- and fine-motor skills, communication skills, cognitive development and socio-emotional development. In addition, they will be testing hearing and vision.

Through the screening process, the schools hope to identify those children in need of any type of early childhood special education services.

Army Intelligence Ball set

The 26th annual Army Intelligence Ball is Sept. 8 at 6 p.m. at the Hilton Hotel at Mark Center, 5000 Seminary Road in Alexandria, Va. Co-hosts are Lt. Gen. Robert W. Noonan Jr., Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence, and Brig. Gen. Keith B. Alexander, Commanding General of the U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command.

Cost is \$45 per person for meal, keepsake, entertainment and dancing to the Richard Bray Orchestra. For reservations contact Capt. Susan Gillison at (703) 706-2111 (DSN 235-2111) or Dave Elliott at (703) 706-2870 (DSN 235-2870). More information is available at www.inscom.army.mil.

OCSC craft bazaar set

The Fort Huachuca Officers' and Civilians' Spouses' Club Fall Craft Bazaar will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Nov. 3 at Murr Community Center. Any one interested in renting a space for the event can telephone Sandy Frantz at 458-5988. All proceeds from this event will go to the club's scholarship and disbursement funds.

POW/MIA Walkathon

The 2001 POW/MIA Walkathon has been rescheduled for 6 a.m. Sept. 19 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 Monday. 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, call 533-2293/2294.

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Lives of early paratroopers premier on screen

By Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Audiences around the country are hearing firsthand about the hell that sparked an everlasting bond between World War II soldiers from a Tom Hanks and Steven Spielberg production.

"Band of Brothers" is a 10-part HBO miniseries based on the experiences of E Company (known as Easy Company), 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division. The series begins Sept. 9.

But a special presentation is already being shown on HBO featuring an oral history from Easy Company veterans and behind-the-scenes footage called "The Making of Band of Brothers."

Highlights of the series are also being shown to veterans and soldiers on stages from Seattle to Philadelphia. Nineteen regional screenings are bringing the Easy Company soldiers to the forefront for recognition, said an Army official.

The next screening will be Saturday at Fort Campbell, Ky.

At a July 26 screening at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, Capt. Victor Shane Olshansky, a logistics officer with today's 506th Infantry (Air Assault), Camp

Greaves, Korea, presented memorabilia to six veterans from Easy Company.

Olshansky's father served in the unit in 1959 as a first lieutenant.

The 10-part miniseries has no fictitious characters, said Stephen Ambrose, the author of the book, "Band of Brothers." There are also no Hollywood romances, Ambrose said. He added that it was the intent of executive producers Tom Hanks and Steven Spielberg to tell the story accurately.

Easy Company was one of four companies within the 2nd Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment. It consisted of men who volunteered to be trained as paratroopers for the honors and the extra \$50 for enlisted and \$100 for officers a month, according to historians. Out of 500 officers and 5,300 enlisted soldiers who volunteered for the training, only 148 and 1,800 graduated respectively.

"This 'band of brothers' represents what is best in our Army and this nation," said Secretary of the Army Thomas White, who plans to repeat those words in a promotional video for the series. "They trained hard, they prepared well and they became true comrades in arms. ...These soldiers restored peace to our world."

The movie will outline the unit's battles in England,

Normandy, Holland, Belgium and at Hitler's hideaway, the "Eagles Nest."

World War II began just after midnight June 6, 1944 for Easy Company. On D-Day paratroopers of Easy Company dropped into the dark Normandy countryside as part of Operation Overlord. The company suffered 65 casualties during its five weeks in Normandy.

In the fall of 1944 Easy Company parachuted into Holland to capture the city of Arnhem. However, they were unsuccessful and they spent the rest of the fall in battles along the road to Arnhem, nicknamed "Hell's Highway."

On Dec. 19, 1944, Easy Company was sent to Belgium to help defend the besieged city of Bastogne during the Battle of the Bulge. The men had limited access to food, proper boots and long underwear to defend against the bitter cold, and were frequently shivering and hungry, veterans said.

In early April 1945 the company moved into Germany and spent two days assisting with the liberation of a concentration camp. In May the men arrived in the Bavarian city of Berchtesgaden, the site of Adolf Hitler's mountain fortress, call the Aldershorst, or "Eagles Nest."

When the war ended, May 8, the men of Easy Company toasted the victory with Hitler's champagne.

WWII Army nurse POW gets posthumous award

By Lyn Kukral
Army News Service

ARLINGTON, Va. — A World War II Army nurse who endured almost three years as a prisoner of war was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Medal Aug. 20 at the Women's Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery.

Maj. Maude C. Davison, chief nurse of the Army's Philippine Department, led her staff in nursing the sick and wounded of Bataan and Corregidor as U.S. forces fought to defend the Philippines from an overwhelming Japanese invasion. Imprisoned at Manila by the Japanese for three years, she managed the nursing care given to thousands of interned men, women and children.

In recognition of Davison's inspiring leadership while suffering illness and every privation, Lt. Gen. James B. Peake, the Army surgeon general, presented the Army's fourth highest medal to Davison's niece, Velma Willis of Cannington, Ontario, Canada. Davison, a naturalized U.S. citizen, was born and is buried in Cannington.

Captured on Corregidor Island in May 1942 when the American garrison at Corregidor surrendered, Davison and other Americans were moved to Manila's Santo Tomas Internment Camp in August. Davison, age 57 and at that time a captain with more than 20 years service, was the highest ranking nurse.

She took command firmly, maintaining the nurses' identity as nurses throughout the hard years of captivity, malnutrition and illness. She insisted that all nurses wear their khaki blouses and skirts while on duty. She maintained a regular schedule of nursing duty, from which nurses were excused only if bedridden.

Called "Ma" by the other nurses because of her authoritative leadership, Davison's drive and spirit inspired even during the bleakest moments, witnesses reported. She placed herself at risk with the Japanese to ensure her nurses' safety in their quarters. Many of the nurses credit her with their survival; all 66 under her command survived to see liberation in February 1945.

At that time, the Army awarded her the Legion of Merit for her service in captivity, although some of her superiors recom-

mended a Distinguished Service Medal. One of those supporting the latter recommendation was Gen. Douglas MacArthur, who wrote, "Maj. Davison ... was the leader and symbol of the entire nursing corps which so distinguished itself throughout the Philippine Campaign. Her performance was an outstanding example to all. The standards set by her and through her by her corps, established a precedent not only within the gallant forces on Bataan, but for the entire nursing corps in our Army in all theaters."

After her release, Davison was promoted to the rank of major, and she and the nurses imprisoned with her also received the Bronze Star. Davison entered the Army as a general nurse in June 1918 after earning her registered nursing degree at Pasadena, Calif., Hospital Training School for Nurses.

Davison's health declined as a result of her captivity, and she retired from the Army in 1946 to California. There, she married Rev. Charles Jackson. She died in 1956 at the age of 71.

(Editor's note: Lyn Kukral is a member of the Army Surgeon General's public affairs team.)

Ask the dietician

Herbs of concern: saw palmetto

By Col. Allen Almquist
Chief, Department of Pharmacy

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

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

Saw palmetto was recently featured in Consumer's Reports as a remedy for men with prostate problems, specifically for Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia or BPH.

Saw palmetto, or *Serenoa repens*, is related to palm trees and grows mainly in the Southeast. It produces a small brownish-black berry which contains the active ingredients used in the supplement.

Saw palmetto falls into a category containing only a very few herbals, in which there is good evidence that it might actually be helpful. It is not a cure for BPH, however. It may only help to relieve some symptoms.

BPH is an enlargement of the prostate gland, primarily as a result of the effects of male hormones. It is common in older men and, if you live to be 80, you are almost assured of having BPH.

Due to the growth of the prostate gland, the urethra gets pinched and this interferes with the flow of urine. Researchers are not sure how saw palmetto works but it possibly interferes with the production of the hormones which enlarge the prostate.

Saw palmetto has been reported in numerous studies to be somewhat effective in decreasing symptoms of BPH, with the saw-palmetto berry or lipophilic extract showing the most promise.

In these studies, the extract used contained 80-90 percent fatty acids and may need to be taken for at least two months before improvement in urine flow is noticed. The saw-palmetto herbal blend is not effective.

Side effects of the herb include headache and diarrhea. It will not lower PSA (prostate-specific antigen) levels.

Even though saw palmetto has been used in the past to increase breast size, among other

things, its use by women is not recommended due to a possible interaction with birth-control pills and hormone therapy, and its contraindication during breast-feeding.

But my continued concerns are that (1) good quality sources of herbal supplements can be tricky to find and (2) saw palmetto should not be used until a definitive diagnosis is made by a physician.

Since the symptoms of BPH and prostate cancer are similar, cancer must be ruled out first.

I repeat, do not start on saw palmetto without first ruling out prostate cancer. Of 13 brands of saw palmetto tested by Consumer Reports, only eight contained the stated amount claimed on the label.

If you are determined to try saw palmetto, first clear it with your doctor, then check out the web site www.consumerlab.com, which does independent testing on various brands of herbal supplements.

Consumer Lab found problems with 10 of 27 samples. They, along with Consumer Reports, are the closest thing we have to a Food and Drug Administration to test herbs on the market.

On a final note, we have drugs to treat BPH and, I would venture to say, more effectively than saw palmetto. I'm not trying to keep myself in a job, but be sure to discuss the use of alpha-1 blockers or finasteride with your primary-care manager before jumping to saw palmetto.

Surgery, and even lifestyle changes, are also to be considered in treating BPH. Eliminate fluids prior to bedtime, and be aware that over-the-counter decongestants and alcohol can exacerbate the symptoms of BPH.

In many cases, use of herbal supplements or nutritional aids and their benefit is questionable. Pharmacists recommend prudent use of saw palmetto, especially since it is not regulated by the Food and Drug Administration.

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

(Editor's note: Col. Allen Almquist is the chief of the Department of Pharmacy at Madigan Army Medical Center, Wash. This article was reprinted from the Madigan Army Medical Center, Wash., Mountaineer.)

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Col. Allen Almquist

FTC consumer quiz

Test your dietary supplement savvy

FTC release

WASHINGTON — Advertised throughout the media, displayed in grocery stores and pharmacies, and promoted widely on the Internet, dietary supplements look like just another consumer product on the shelf. But are they? Take this quiz to find out how much you know about using dietary supplements safely.

1. A supplement labeled "natural" means that it also is:

- a. mild
- b. without any risk of side effects
- c. safe to use with other medications
- d. none of the above

2. Since dietary supplements are so easily available — and don't require a doctor's prescription — they are much safer than drug products and can be used to self-treat illnesses without a health professional's advice or supervision.

- True
- False

3. Testimonials in dietary supplement promotions give a good idea of the supplement's benefits and safety because they're based on firsthand accounts.

- True
- False

4. Many supplements have proven health benefits.

- True
- False

5. Before you start taking a dietary supplement, talk it over with a knowledgeable person like:

- a. your doctor or health professional
- b. your pharmacist
- c. a supplement salesperson
- d. a friend who takes them

Answers

1. D. The term "natural" may suggest to consumers that the supplement is safe, especially when compared with prescription drugs that are known to have side effects. But natural is not necessarily safe.

Although many supplements can be used safely by most people, others, including some herbal products, can be dangerous.

Aristolochic acid, which has been found in some traditional Chinese herbal remedies, has been linked to severe kidney disease.

And the herb comfrey contains certain alkaloids that, when ingested, have been linked to serious, even fatal, liver damage. Animal studies suggest that the herb may cause cancer, too.

Even certain vitamins can be toxic at high doses. And certain supplements have been found to interact with other medications in ways

that could cause injury.

2. False. Studies have shown that some herbal products interact with drugs and can have a wide range of effects.

For example, St. John's Wort can lower the effects of indinavir, a protease inhibitor for treating HIV. St. John's Wort also may interfere with drugs used by organ transplant patients and drugs used to treat depression, seizures and certain cancers.

Also, there are concerns that it may reduce effectiveness of oral contraceptives. Garlic, ginkgo, danshen and dong quai can cause blood to thin which could cause serious problems for people on drugs like warfarin or aspirin.

Dietary supplements are not required to go through the same pre-market government review for quality, safety and efficacy as drug products. But that doesn't mean they should be taken lightly — or without consulting your health care professional, especially if you have a medical condition or are taking other drugs.

3. False. It's unwise to judge a product's efficacy or safety based only on testimonials. First, it is very difficult to verify the accuracy of the account: Some marketers may embellish or even make up testimonials to sell their product. Second, you can't generalize one person's experience to others. Anecdotes are not a substitute for valid science.

4. True. Studies suggest that several popular supplements, including herbal products, may provide health benefits. For example, calcium can reduce the risk of osteoporosis, folic acid during pregnancy can prevent birth defects, and there is some evidence suggesting that St. John's Wort may be helpful for some people with mild depression.

Check out any health claims with a reliable source, such as the National Institutes of Health's Office of Dietary Supplements, a public health or scientific organization like the American Cancer Society or the Arthritis Foundation, and your health provider.

5. A or B. Talk to your doctor, pharmacists or other health provider about any medicines you take, as well as any dietary supplements you're using or thinking about using.

Though some doctors have limited knowledge of herbal products and other supplements, they have access to the most current research and can help monitor your condition to ensure that no problems develop or serious interactions occur.

Retailers or marketers can be good sources of information about their products and their ingredients, but bear in mind that they have a financial interest in their products.

If your doctor or pharmacist has a financial interest in the product, get a second, independent opinion.

For more information about the safe use of dietary supplements, visit the Federal Trade Commission's Virtual Health Treatments page at www.ftc.gov/healthclaims.

Chalk Talk

School leaders hold first board meeting with parents

By Stan Williamson
Scout Staff

A board meeting with parents and staff from the Fort Huachuca Accommodation Schools is planned for Wednesday at Smith School, starting at 3:15 p.m.

According to Guillermo V. Zamudio, FHAC superintendent, the school district is planning to hold open board meetings to interface with parents on various issues. "This has not happened in the past and they really want this thing to work well," he said.

Zamudio said, meetings held in the past have been advisory board meetings and have always been open to parents. These

meetings tended to be more informational in nature. Governing Board meetings in Arizona, on the other hand, are meetings for conducting district business in public.

When asked if anyone can attend these meetings, he said, "absolutely, as in the past, the meetings will be open to the public and anyone can attend."

The superintendent hopes these meetings will foster improved communication and understanding between the school district and fort's community. All areas of school district business as per posted agendas are open for discussion at these meetings. During the first meeting, Zamudio said an item is on the agenda to allow input on the value and direction of future

meetings. Parents can help with these and other issues, by being present at the meetings.

"At this time we are looking at holding monthly meetings," he said. At first, the meetings will be held at Smith Middle School. The location of future meetings will be decided at the first meeting. Site council meetings are held at each site. But board meetings will be held at one location.

"We hope to have many parents and community members present to provide input on the direction of future meetings," he said. "Parent involvement in the education of their children is not only wanted by the school staffs, but their involvement is expected."

Senator McCain's office accepting service academy applications until Oct. 25

Senate release

WASHINGTON — U.S. Senator John McCain (R-AZ) announced today that his Tempe office is accepting applications until Oct. 25 from young men and women interested in seeking nominations to the U.S. Air Force, Merchant Marine, Naval and West Point Academies for the class entering in June 2002.

McCain encourages "all highly motivated individuals who express an interest in the United States military and with leadership potential to apply for a nomination through my office."

"I truly feel that making nominations to the service academies is one of the most privileged and rewarding responsibilities as a member of the U.S. Senate," McCain added.

Candidates must be citizens of the United States, legal residents of the State of Arizona, unmarried and have no children, and must be at least 17 years of age but not past their 23rd birthday on July 1 of the year of admission. For the Merchant Marine Academy, the upper age limit is 25.

Applicants seeking a nomination are evaluated on the basis of their SAT or ACT scores, class rank, grade point average, school records, extracurricular activities, leadership

potential, motivation and recommendations.

This evaluation is made by Senator McCain's Academy Selection Committee, which is comprised of graduates of the various academies as well as individuals with military experience.

Applications must be completed and in the Tempe office by Oct. 25. Requests for applications are available through Senator McCain's Tempe, Ariz. office located at 4450 South Rural Road, Suite B-130, Tempe, AZ 85282.

For further questions regarding the nomination process, call Bonnie Glass at (480) 897-6289.

Contracting hosts hands-on training classes

DOC release

American Management Systems is scheduled to provide 12 additional hands-on PRWeb training classes through Aug. 31.

There is no cost for the training. AMS also conducted training for approximately 70 Fort Huachuca PRWeb users in December 2000.

A maximum of 20 people will be scheduled for each of the following classes:

Aug. 23	8-11 a.m. and 1-4 p.m.
Aug. 24	8-11 a.m.
Aug. 27	8-11 a.m. and 1-4 p.m.
Aug. 28	8-11 a.m. and 1-4 p.m.
Aug. 29	8-11 a.m. and 1-4 p.m.
Aug. 30	8-11 a.m. and 1-4 p.m.
Aug. 31	8-11 a.m.

Anyone within an organization who currently touches a hard copy of a requisition needs to take the class and register in the system.

This includes the initiator of the requisition and anyone at any level who needs to review and approve the requisition, including your budget officer.

Additional guidance on how to register in the system will be provided after the scheduling is complete.

Submit nominations listing the top three preferred class sessions for each individual via e-mail to Jim Nelson at james.nelson@hua.army.mil. Nelson will confirm when each individual is scheduled, as the preferred class may not always be available. Classroom location will be provided with each nomination confirmation.

Individuals who attended the sessions in December 2000 are welcome to take the training again.

PRWeb (also known as AcquiLine), was developed by AMS. It is a web-based modular suite of acquisition solutions developed to interact directly with the Standard Procurement System to facilitate paperless acquisition in the Department of Defense.

It was developed to enable the requiring activity to create the purchase request, obtain appropriate approvals and commitment of funds, and forward the document electronically to DOC for contracting action.

College to receive Carl Perkins funds

Cochise College release

Services to Cochise College Vocational Technical Education students will again be supported this academic year by a \$179,000 Carl Perkins III grant.

The one-year grant supports all VTE students through career and administrative services, work-related experiences, and job placement assistance.

Cochise College Career Service Centers are directly supported through specialized staffing to provide services to all VTE students, including special populations like single parents,

English as a Second Language, disabled, displaced homemakers, and other VTE participants with barriers. VTE students enrolled in specific programs may receive tuition assistance, book loans, and gas and/or day care vouchers.

The 2001-2002 Carl Perkins grant also will fund approved capital equipment purchases to enhance VTE curriculum in nursing, aviation and technology.

The grant provides approximately \$13,000 to cover the college's fiscal agent administrative costs.

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state certification process in six weeks or less, a great assist in gaining permanent teaching assignments.

Providing both elementary and secondary teacher certification training, the program is a 33-credit, graduate degree program leading to teacher licensure.

Candidates for this program must be employed working adults with at least three years career experience, who have already earned a bachelor's degree with at least a 2.5 grade point average from a regionally accredited university.

Completion of the master's degree requires a minimum 3.0 grade point average, satisfactory completion of student teaching in a public, private or charter school and 100 hours of field experience. An overall student proficiency rating of each student in adult learning outcomes and cognitive assessment, communication skills and values assessment is also required.

According to Alexander, the University of Phoenix has also developed a bridge program of approximately 18 credits for the more than a thousand past graduates of the University of Phoenix Teacher Education program who are now teaching and would like to earn their master's degree.

Being able to recareer into a teaching assignment with a master's degree is a definite advantage. "We offer this special bridge program for a limited time in order to offer the same opportunity for increased prestige and compensation to the university's past TED grads who are now teaching," said Alexander.

Founded in 1976, University of Phoenix's Southern Arizona Campuses serve over 3,000 working adult students.

Nationally, the university has 95,000 working adult students at campuses in 20 states and around the world via its online campus.

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Military 'brats' are a special breed raised to support an ideal

By Rudi Williams

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The term "military brat" is derogatory to some people, but not to Mary Edwards Wertsch and thousands of her "brat" friends and acquaintances around the world.

Webster defines "brat" as "a child, especially an impudent, unruly child; scornful or playful term." But that definition doesn't define "military brats." Wertsch said military brats have such values as idealism, antiracism, loyalty, patriotism and honesty.

Not only that, she said, "The vast majority of us really like to be called military brats. We look upon it as an affectionate term with humor built into it.

"It connotes a kind of spunkiness, and spunkiness is what's going to get you through," said Wertsch, 50, author of "Military Brats: Legacies of Childhood Inside the Fortress." "So don't be afraid to use the term 'military brat.' It has various elements of truth in it, about our experiences, and we should be proud of it."

The military is more than a lifestyle, it's a culture with its own norms and values, said Wertsch, executive director of Missourians Against Handgun Violence. She calls it a "fortress," with a capital "F," which suggests a togetherness within and a separation from civilian America.

The military's demand for readiness sets it and its people apart from civilian America, she said. The author calls the "all-powerful military mission" the "unseen member of the family."

"The military mission calls all the shots — tells the family where and when it's going to move, what the conditions are going to be and whether the father or mother is going away and for how long," she said.

The military is not a democracy or an "anything goes" environment, which also sets it apart from civilian America. The military works on the principle of authority because that's the way things need to be, she said.

The military mentality supports the authoritarian lifestyle, and so kids growing up in it negotiate two different worlds, she said.

"When you're dealing with military kids, you may be dealing with someone who comes out of a very militarized family who has to cope with a very loose civilian context in a civilian school," she said.

She said she discovered some other fascinating things while researching the lives of military brats now ages 20 to 60.

"The biggest thing overall is that the commonalities of our rearing are so powerful," Wertsch said. "It's an identity that supersedes almost all others. It cuts across lines of gender, race and class. It shapes us our entire lives through. You don't stop being a military brat when your parents retire from service life. Retirement is also part of the story."

For example, she said, from that rearing, military brats carry an attitude that's not just nonracist, but anti-racist. She recommends that military brats of all colors work against racism in military and civilian communities.

"This is a very strong value we carry and we can do much good with it," Wertsch said.

The life of military brats is a "mixed bag," she noted. In some ways they're worldly and sophisticated, which civilians might label as "sturdiness."

"Military brats can also be very hard for other people to figure out," Wertsch said. "That's because that kind of worldliness makes people think that we have a higher level of maturity than we sometimes do."

Military brats move around so much that they may not learn some of the hard lessons about dealing with folks, said Wertsch, who today lives in St. Louis in her 43rd house with her professor husband and their two sons.

"If you have an enemy in one place, you may not have to resolve things because you get transferred away," she said. "You may not know how to be a friend over the long term. That creates an immaturity that underlies that outer layer of sophistication and seeming older than your years."

She called coping with loss is the most difficult thing about being a military brat. Military brats are always in a state of either grieving or denial.

Further, Wertsch said, military brats and civilians have different views on the importance of education.

"I don't think military brats are consciously aware of that," she said. The way education plays out is, a military brat goes into a school in the middle of the year and needs to make friends and have a social identity in a hurry, she said.

"So military brats tend to be either a super achiever in school, which gets the attention of their peers and teachers, or they go the opposite direction and join the out groups. There is very

little middle ground," Wertsch said. "Fortunately, I believe most military brats fall into the super-achievers category. They come in aiming to succeed. They've developed very high expectations for themselves."

Military values are what Wertsch treasures most from her own experience. "Military values are the things that separate us most from the civilian world," she said. "Idealism — military brats tend to be very idealistic people. We've been raised in an environment where you do things for principle, to support an ideal."

Military 'brat' web resources

The Internet has a wealth of Web sites military brats can use to connect with each other — and outsiders can use for insight into the brat lifestyle. Here are some:

— <http://www.militarybrats.com/> is home to Military Brats Online. The six-year-old site is a free resource designed to reconnect military brats with each other and their heritage. Its school alumni page at <http://www.militarybrats.com/alumni.shtml> uses pull-down menus to school alumni associations.

— <http://www.military-brats.com> is the Military Brats Registry, a way for brats to locate other brats from childhood, as well as articles by brats on aspects of the brat experience and links to other sites.

— <http://www.tckworld.com/opfoot/> is the site for Operation Footlocker, founded by Wertsch and two other brats in 1996. Three footlockers crisscross the country, going from one gathering of brats to another. Brats add memorabilia — objects or written memories — to the footlockers. When they are full, they are emptied and their contents are archived for a future brats museum in Wichita.

— <http://www.tckworld.com> is the home page of TCK World. Besides being the host of Operation Footlocker, the site is for "Third Culture Kids." This refers to brats whose world is neither a military one inside the fence nor a civilian one outside, but a "third."

— <http://dticaw.dtic.mil/mtom/>, the DoD's Military Teens on the Move site, is designed for teen-agers and provides information on coping with moves, as well as teen advice and a chat room.

— <http://www.overseasbrats.com> is Overseas Brats, an organization founded in 1986. It is for U.S. citizens who have attended school overseas. It helps connect overseas high school alumni groups and also offers a discussion forum.

— <http://www.SDJIT.org> is the site of Sons and Daughters in Touch, which provides connection and support to the children of those who died or remain missing as a result of the war in Vietnam.

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Army reservist wins court case

By Maj. Jon Dahms
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — In a precedent-setting case for reservists, a U.S. district court judge in Louisiana signed a judgment favoring an Army Reserve soldier who suffered financial ruin while deployed to Bosnia.

The court found that the rights of Lt. Col. Stewart Cathey were violated under the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act when his bank refused to lower his interest rate to 6 percent when he deployed in 1996.

The judgment allows Cathey to pursue his case against the bank in a civil trial. Cathey filed suit after the bank foreclosed on two convenience stores the reservist owned when he deployed.

"This case has far-reaching implications," said Lt. Col. Paul E. Conrad, legal counsel, Office of the Chief, Army Reserve. "The court has made clear that creditors cannot ignore requests by reservists to reduce their interest rates on loans and obligations, when properly presented upon activation, or they could face lawsuits for a refund of wrongfully charged interest."

"The role of the Department of Justice and the Department of the Army, in encouraging this ruling, indicates the importance that the federal government places on protecting the rights of reservists activated to support their nation as citizen-soldiers," Conrad said. "This ruling also amplifies that reservists who are small business owners are covered under the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act for personal guarantees and obligations where they are personally liable."

The Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act allows military members to suspend or postpone some civil obligations so that they can devote their full attention to military duties, officials said.

The original Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act was passed during World War I. The statute was re-enacted during World War II, and was later modified during Operation Desert Storm.

The Act protects service members by providing reduced interest rates on mortgage payments, credit card debt, and other individual loans or obligations; protection from eviction if rent is less than \$1200; and a delay in all civil court actions such as bankruptcy, foreclosure and divorce proceedings, to name a few.

"Creditors are put on notice that the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act is to be enforced to provide financial protection to activated reservists, and that any refusal to comply with the law will be at their peril," Conrad said.

(Editor's note: Dahms is a staff member of the Public Affairs and Liaison Directorate, Office of the Chief, Army Reserve.)

Army astronaut delivers goods to Space Station

By Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — After more than 168 days aboard the International Space Station, a retired Army colonel will return to earth next week.

Retired Col. Jim Voss will ride home aboard the Space Shuttle Discovery, crewed by active Army Lt. Col. Patrick Forrester, a mission specialist. The shuttle is scheduled to land at the Kennedy Space Center Aug. 22.

Forrester is part of a four-man shuttle crew whose mission is to deliver 7,000 pounds of supplies, food, and science experiments to the space station. The shuttle also transported up the Expedition Three crew who will spend the next several months on the space station.

Voss, a flight engineer with the Expedition Two crew, arrived at the space station March 18 to study the human body in space, space radiation, observations of the Earth, crystal growth in weightlessness and plant growth in space.

Voss' replacement and the Space Shuttle Discovery arrived at the space station Aug. 12.

While the shuttle was docked at the space station this week, Forrester and another mission specialist, Dan Barry, performed two space walks.

NASA selected Forrester as an astronaut candidate in May 1996. He completed two years of training and evaluation, and is qualified for flight assignment as a mission specialist.

In addition to Forrester, there are five other active-duty Army astronauts: Lt. Col. Jeff Williams, Lt. Col. Nancy Currie, Lt. Col. Tim Creamer, Lt. Col. Doug Wheelock and an astronaut candidate, Maj. Timothy Kopra.

The outgoing crew was commanded by a Russian cosmonaut with two American crew members. Expedition Three will



NASA photo

Army Lt. Col. Patrick Forrester prepares for the current Space Shuttle Discovery mission.

be commanded by a U.S. astronaut joined by two Russian crewmembers. The crews alternate each rotation as agreed upon by the American and Russian station partners, said an official from the NASA Public Affairs Office.

The International Space Station is the largest space station ever and with the conclusion of Expedition Two's scientific research it has reached a significant level of stability and self-reliance, according to NASA officials. They said the station is able to sustain and maintain itself for long periods, and is prepared to continue to grow for years to come.

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AAFES news release

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Guard troops fighting western wildfires

By Master Sgt. Bob Haskell
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — More than 1,300 Army and Air National Guard troops battled wildfires this week in seven western states.

Cargo planes dropped fire-smothering chemicals, helicopters emptied "Bambi Buckets" filled with water, and National Guard troops hosed down and dug out smoldering stumps and other hot spots to fight the wildfires.

Many of the Guard troops were called in around Aug. 12 to assist civilian firefighters in Oregon, Nevada, Montana, California, South Dakota, Arizona and Washington.

The soldiers joined a force of 26,000 firefighters who are battling 30 major fires that have so far scorched 504,044 acres, according to the National Interagency Fire Center from Boise, Idaho. The number of soldiers increased significantly during the weekend because Washington state authorities called up 300 more citizen-soldiers to combat the seemingly annual summertime menace.

Oregon firefighters battled 12 major wildfires, which scorched 232,000 acres. Some 360 Army Guard troops worked on the fire lines, and another 214 Guard soldiers flew helicopters, drove trucks and maintained equipment.

The "Fire Hawk," a Black Hawk which carries a 1,000-gallon tank under its belly, was used to combat Oregon wildfires for the second straight year, said Guard spokesperson Kay Fristad.

"Having the aircraft is really critical," said Dennis Turco, an Oregon Department of Forestry spokesman. "Helicopters don't put out the fires so much as they slow the blazes down so that people on the ground can bring them under control."



Photo by Kay Fristad, Oregon National Guard

Oregon Army National Guard soldier fights wildfires in the eastern part of state.

Six crews of citizen-soldiers helped to control a 27,000-acre Monument Fire in the eastern part of Oregon, and 12 crews worked a 6,000-acre blaze near the California border, Oregon officials reported.

Eight major fires were being extinguished in Washington state, including an ironically named Icicle fire complex that consumed 6,500 acres around the Cascade Range tourist town of Leavenworth. Dry winds fanned the fire more than 2,500 additional acres during the weekend.

One team of 60 Guard soldiers were already busy flying four helicopters with water buckets and shuttling civilian fighters from base camps to fire lines and back in 15 trucks, said a Washington National Guard spokesman. Another 500 were being mustered and trained to support fire-fighting efforts.

The fires around Leavenworth reportedly forced residents to evacuate 50 homes, and another 2,000 homes and business were at risk should the Icicle complex fires jump containment lines.

That was enough of a threat to get Army and Air National Guard troops on call and involved where they were needed, NIFC officials said.

New recruiters need commander's evaluation packets

By Stan Williamson
Scout Staff

If you are a sergeant, staff sergeant or sergeant first class, there may be a job for you with the U.S. Army Recruiting Command.

USAREC is always looking for a few good NCOs to fill its ranks, and each year over 5,500 NCOs are selected by the U.S. Army PERSCOM for these assignments.

However, before these NCOs become recruiters, their Battalion Commander must evaluate them. According to PERSCOM, battalion commanders play a vital role in screening prospective new recruiters.

In a message to the field earlier this month, PERSCOM stated, "once an NCO has been placed on assignment instructions for recruiting duty and attends the levy briefing, it is imperative that battalion commanders take the time to personally interview, complete recruiter evaluation packets and return the completed packets to PERSCOM in a timely manner."

According to the message, the Army is committed to providing USAREC with a quality recruiting force.

To this end, PERSCOM conducts an in-

depth file prescreening process and annually places about 5,500 sergeants, staff sergeants and sergeants first class on assignment instruction for detailed recruiting duty.

Of these 5,500 NCOs, almost half are deleted from the recruiting assignment because they do not pass the strict selection criteria.

While this rate seems high, it is the cost of doing business to get the best quality recruiters available.

NCOs selected by PERSCOM receive an intensive background check to ensure candidates are solid citizens.

However, this background check and PERSCOM's screening will not alone ensure that the candidates have the character, inner personal and communication skills, physical appearance and self-determination to be a successful recruiter.

Battalion commanders are the Army's best tool in the screening process, the true assessors of quality and performance potential both in their current MOS and as a recruiter.

The PERSCOM message asks that the "Army leadership, in the field, strengthen their resolve to help support our joint effort in building an effective and quality recruiting force."

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