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TRICARE briefings postponed

TRICARE for Life Briefings have been postponed. Disregard publicity advertising the briefings schedule for Wednesday - Oct. 19. TRICARE briefings will be rescheduled and will be further advertised in local media. For more information, call 533-1204.

CFC luncheon rescheduled

The Combined Federal Campaign luncheon has been rescheduled for Friday at 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Lake Side Activity Centre. Several CFC organizations have designated relief funds for the recent terrorist attacks. For more information, call 538-6048.

Deploying unit kits available

Deploying Fort Huachuca units are authorized Troop Paperback Book Kit distribution. This Department of Army-level program authorizes local units to contact their installation librarians to identify their requirements.

For more information, call Natalie Danforth, administrative librarian, Fort Huachuca Library at 533-3041 or email danforthn@hua.army.mil. Those units already deployed will be serviced directly by DA Community and Family Support Center.

Fort hosts memorial service

Brig. Gen. James A. Marks, commanding general of the U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Thomas J. Hessler, mayor of Sierra Vista, cordially invite the community to participate in a memorial service and concert Saturday at 7 p.m. at Buena High School Football Field.

This memorial service and concert is being held in honor of those who died or are missing due to the attack on America.

Gates to the Buena stadium open at 6 p.m. Community members are encouraged to show their support by wearing red, white and blue. Attendees may bring a blanket and sit on the field or in the stands.

Photographers support

The Professional Photographers of Arizona have pledged to donate their time and effort in support of our armed forces.

If you are a member of the Armed Forces of America and are stationed at Fort Huachuca, call Aaron Bruce Photography 1-888-322-1000 or Kathryn Donovan Photography, 378-1000 for a free portrait session either in studio or on location. (You may have a portrait taken of yourself or with your loved ones, limited to one pose.)

Each studio will provide you with a complimentary print as well as a negative or digital file allowing you to make additional copies for you loved ones at no charge to you. Call the studio to make an appointment; there is limited availability. Bring your military ID card at the time of the sitting and mention the United We Stand Pledge when calling.

Buena host families needed

Sierra Vista Sister Cities is recruiting Buena host families for the Fourth Annual Student Exchange. Ten 16-year-old students and two teacher chaperones from Radebeul, Germany will visit Sierra Vista from Saturday-Nov. 3.

Students will attend Buena with their host student, visit city middle schools and get to know the community.

Parental approval is required. Buena students may also have the opportunity to travel to Radebeul in May on a reciprocal exchange. For more information, call Joe Mesch at 459-6893 or e-mail meschfamily@earthlink.net.



Photo by Spc. Jessica Espinosa

Santa's little helper

Capt. Shawn Williams, Army Reserve, and Tyler Williams, 5-months-old, get a head start on their holiday shopping at the Army, Air Force Exchange Service's Toyland. Toyland will celebrate it's grand opening on Monday.

Aircraft, missiles hammer terrorists

By Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Aircraft and Tomahawk missiles hammered terrorist targets in Afghanistan, DoD officials said in a Pentagon press conference Sunday.

About 15 land-based bombers and 25 Navy strike aircraft from carriers participated in the first strikes, said Air Force Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

In addition, U.S. and British ships and submarines launched approximately 50 Tomahawk missiles.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said the land-based bombers were U.S. B-2s, B-1Bs and B-52s. Most of the munitions

dropped were precision-guided.

Rumsfeld said that any characterization of the strikes as an attack on the Afghan people is "flat wrong." He said the United States supports the Afghan people and that the attacks were aimed at Osama bin Laden's Al Qaeda terrorist network and the Taliban regime that supports him.

The secretary said a coalition of forces made the attacks possible. That coalition, he said, shares "the belief that terrorism is a cancer on the human condition, and we intend to oppose it wherever it is."

"What took place today, and what will take place in the period ahead, is part of the measured and broad and sustained response that the president announced shortly after the

attacks on Sept. 11," Rumsfeld said during a press conference.

The attacks initially targeted anti-aircraft sites, Taliban combat aircraft and terrorist sites. The attacks set the stage "for sustained anti-terrorist and humanitarian relief operations in Afghanistan," Rumsfeld said.

The United States also started airdropping 37,500 humanitarian ration packets from two Air Force C-17 transports to refugees within Afghanistan, Myers and Rumsfeld noted.

Rumsfeld said the attacks will make it harder for Al Qaeda to do business in Afghanistan. They will also make life difficult for the Taliban regime. He said the opening

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CPAC establishes guidelines for overtime, essential personnel

By Spc. Jessica Espinosa

Scout Staff

Working overtime and don't know what to do about it?

For civilian personnel here guidelines have been established in light of last month's terrorist attacks.

Though the security level may have lightened, and all personnel are back at work, the Civilian Personnel Advisory Office has established rules for mission-essential personnel who were working over time and rules for non-essential workers who missed work and may not know their pay status.

Also in the event the security heightens once again, both mission-essential and non-essential civilian workers will know their pay and leave status.

"The first couple of days were chaotic. The civilian workforce took the emergency pretty well. Now we are trying to validate people who are mission essential, that way employees know who needs to come in should the security heighten again," said Albert K. Buhl, CPAC director.

"Now we are asking that personnel update their personal information. Many have moved jobs or homes, or changed telephone numbers. Current information needs to be given to the supervisor."

The commanding general has authorized the Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca civilian workforce to compress the work schedule into eight nine hour days and one eight hour day of regularly scheduled work during a two-week pay period. Normally this schedule is set without change from pay period to pay period. However, supervisors have the right to determine that conditions in an organization no longer can support the use of alternate work schedules for individual employees.

Travel time to work is not included in duty hours. The gates now

are moving at a swift pace, but if measures deem lengthier inspections once again, the travel time must be accounted for to arrive at work on time. Supervisors may dismiss up to 59 minutes of absence resulting from things beyond employees' control. However employees have no entitlement to excused absence.

All non-essential civilian employees were released under administrative dismissal on Sept. 11. These employees were continued in pay status without charge to leave. A code of "LV" should be used to record this dismissed time. This applies to all employees at work who were dismissed and to those who attempted to enter post.

Employees absent on previously approved leave (annual, sick, or leave without pay) for the entire workday should continue to be charged. Employees who returned

off of an approved leave status during the emergency, but did not return to work are carried on excused absence until they return to work.

For essential employees who were required to report to work, but were turned away at the gates, an excused absence will be granted. Work schedules after that should be recorded by actual work time. Overtime and night shift differential should be noted due to the 10 percent authorization over the scheduled rate when working between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. Also, employees are entitled to receive 25 percent above basic pay for every hour of work on Sundays. Regular overtime rules continue to apply to all employees.

Employees who are non-exempt under the Fair Labor Standards Act must receive overtime pay unless they request compensatory time off in lieu of payment.

Timecards were submitted for all employees based upon their scheduled work hours. This may require corrections to properly record absences during that pay period that occurred prior to the emergency.

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Albert K. Buhl

SECDEF speaks to DoD

“On Sept. 24, the president launched the first strike in the global war against terrorism by attacking the financial foundations of terrorist operations around the globe. Today, the United States launched the second.

“As the world knows, U.S. warplanes commenced Operation Enduring Freedom with raids on military targets and terrorist training camps in Afghanistan at approximately 12:30 p.m. Eastern time today. These raids were not a single event or a solitary campaign, but are the first in a sustained and continuous operation to destroy terrorist networks, disrupt terrorist activities and prevent further terrorist atrocities, such as the ones that occurred in the attack on America on Tuesday, Sept. 11.

“Our purpose is to shift the balance of power from the forces of oppression to the forces of freedom. Over time, we intend to deny to terrorists the country of Afghanistan as a base of operations, provide aid to the Afghan people who are the victims of Taliban oppression, and put terrorists everywhere, and all of those who foster and facilitate them, on notice that we will root them out wherever they exist.

“As the president has said, this is not a mission we sought. Rather, it was thrust upon us. We take these actions in self-defense. We take them in deliberate response to the acts of war directed against the American people. We take them after careful planning, to identify sites where terrorists are trained, supported and harbored. To destroy their infrastructure and suppress their ability to threaten us and others and to send a message that the friends of terrorists everywhere are at risk.

“And, we will continue, in conjunction with our friends and allies around the world, to take whatever action is necessary to defend freedom and counter terrorist aggression.

“As the men and women of America’s armed forces, you are the sharp sword of freedom. You fight without pause and without complaint, on foreign seas and in dangerous skies. You voluntarily sacrifice a life of ease and the comfort of your families, so that others may enjoy blessings and benefits of liberty.

“Your task will not be quick. It will not be easy. But your mission is clear, your cause is just, and the hearts and prayers of Americans and people everywhere who long for freedom are with you. To each of you, military and civilian, our gratitude and our prayers.

“You have the full confidence and support of President Bush, our commander-in-chief.

“You also have mine.

“We know you are ready and we know we will prevail.”

Donald H. Rumsfeld

Oct. 7, at the start of U.S. and coalition air attacks on Taliban-held and terrorist targets in Afghanistan.



Donald H. Rumsfeld

Lifelong Learning

Online courseware available at Ed Center

By Joan Kraak

Computer Specialist

You may be asking, “What is CBT?” It is information technology courseware that 500,000 soldiers (active, Reserve, National Guard) and Department of Army Civilians can take over the Internet.

SmartForce, a leading provider of interactive education software worldwide, is offering these courses

There are a variety of courses offered, such as: Microsoft Office 2000, Netscape, Cisco, E-commerce, Intel, Lotus, Novell, Oracle, SAP, Sybase, C/C++, Microsoft Windows NT, Microsoft TCP/IP on Windows NT 4.0, Internet and Intranet skills, Unix, Internetworking, and Centura.

If you plan on taking any certification test for either Microsoft or Novell, this is a good way to study for these tests.

These courses are all computer-based instruction, self-paced, interactive courses. The license agreement provides for use of the programs from anywhere. This includes home or on temporary duty. The license only allows access by Army Active Duty, Army National Guard, Army Reserve and Army Civil Service employees.

To take these courses you must register at www.armycbt.army.mil on a system that the Army CBT website will recognize. The computers at the Education Center are set up for students to register on. After registering, you can take the courses from any system that has Internet access.

The courseware is available in three basic media: (1) through the Army CBT Systems website with the student interacting with the

courseware online; (2) through the same website above but, the student downloads each course enrolled in to your local PC; (3) through CD-ROM’s installed and maintained by the local installation.

The first option also provides an on-line capability to track the courses completed or in progress by each enrolled student.

Here at the Education Center, you can take the CBT courses online. Once registered, you can take the courses on-line most anywhere. You will need to download the CBTPlayer file to the system that you will be taking your courses on. This file is found in the First Time User section of the website.

You can receive a DA Form 87, Certificate of Training, for completed courses. You need to complete all the courses under the section you are studying. Such as, for Microsoft Office 97, you need to finish all 16 courses listed under Microsoft Office 97. You will then need to print out your progress report and a copy of your test results for each course and bring it to the Education Center.

Joan Kraak, the computer specialist, will review the results to make sure all courses are completed and all tests passed. A certificate of training form will be made for the section of classes completed once these requirements are met.

These courses are then considered correspondence courses which you can receive promotion points for from MILPO.

Visit the Education Center and register for these courses 7 a.m.-8:30 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays; 7 a.m.-noon, Fridays; and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturdays. If you have any questions, call Joan Kraak at 533-1019.

Soldiers’ Lawyer

A soldier owes me child and/or spousal support. Can Finance pay me this support directly?

Maybe. Federal law does authorize the garnishment of pay for active, reserve and retired members of the military, and the pay of civilian employees of the Federal government for child or spousal support under some circumstances. The DFAS-Cleveland Center processes these garnishments. However, DFAS needs an order from a court or a child support agency requiring the government to pay support or alimony from the other party’s pay. It is not sufficient to simply have the court order requiring support. If the order directs payment of arrearages, DFAS can collect this as well. The order must contain the payer’s social security number, or DFAS will not process the request. For more information and details on this subject, check out <http://www.dfas.mil/money/garnish/suppfact.htm>

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

Commentary

By Sgt. Nate Orme
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Four weeks after the Sept. 11 terrorist attack, the gaping wound left in the south side of the Pentagon appears cleaned and sterilized.

Gone are the teams of rescue and recovery personnel wearing breathing masks and bio-suits while sorting through the grim evidence of an unspeakable crime that left 189 dead. Gone are the broken pieces of concrete, the twisted metal, the charred furniture. Gone, too, are the Army engineers who constructed dozens of wooden box cribs to shore up the busted and damaged columns that hold up the floors of the five-story edifice.

The FBI has turned over the Pentagon to the military and the area is officially no longer a working FBI crime scene. But for America, it will always be the scene of a crime — a moment that will forever survive in our national consciousness, as do other attacks that now live on in infamy. Yes, we will surely remember the Pentagon and related World Trade Center attacks, just as we do the Alamo.

“The American people have been well represented here,” said Maj. Gen. James T. Jackson, commander of the U.S. Army Military District of Washington, at the Pentagon hand-off ceremony. “Tragedy has a way of bringing out the best in Americans. With great professionalism, many people and agencies came together to do a job that has never been done before...”

Inside the undamaged majority of the Pentagon, soldiers, Marines, airmen, sailors and civilians continue serving as before the attack. One could hardly guess the calamity that had transpired here from viewing the seemingly normal operations in this massive complex. But one cannot see the knots of anger spawned by this bizarre and unfathomable attack.

Standing directly outside the impact area, the gap looks rather small in relation to the wide sides of the edifice. The collapsed

floors have been removed, and the evidence of violence has been extricated. From a distance, it looks merely like a demolition zone. Only viewing up close begins to tell the full impact of the story now.

Walking into the building using the entrance created by the Boeing 757, telltale signs of a strange occurrence become apparent. Plumbing pipes hang from the ceiling, broken and shattered like a plastic cup. Wires upon wires drape down from the ceiling haphazardly, without direction. The walls deep within the building, away from the area of direct impact, are blackened and charred, evidence of the fire that raged on, fed by the fuel-laden aircraft.

Damp books, some singed around the edges, lie in a pile, gathered and placed by rescuers. Also salvaged, a two-foot-diameter cast-iron shield representing the Army Reserve is blackened by fire but hardly the worse for wear. Perhaps one day it will be placed as is, thoughtfully and appropriately, with a plaque of remembrance. For now, it leans silently against an unlit wall.

Eerily and thankfully, the destruction suddenly stops, and offices nearly untouched but for water damage adjoin offices almost completely destroyed. A desk remains in one, and on it an intact bowl of blackened fruit.

On the inside wall of the second ring of the Pentagon, a nearly circular hole, about 12-feet wide, allows light to pour into the building from an internal service alley. An aircraft engine punched the hole out on its last flight after being broken loose from its moorings on the plane. The result became a huge vent for the subsequent explosion and fire. Signs of fire and black smoke now ring the outside of the jagged-edged hole.

There have been hundreds of truckloads of material carted from the site - amounting to approximately 10,000 tons of debris, said FBI agent John S. Adams, team leader for the evi-

dence recovery team, part of the FBI’s Washington field office.

The recovery work continued for a time in the North Parking Lot, where various agencies, such as the 311th Mortuary Affairs Quartermaster Company, an Army Reserve unit called up from Puerto Rico, did the critical work of collecting personal effects and combing for evidence on the attackers. Now they, too, are gone.

The Pentagon is ready to be rebuilt. A new \$145 million contract has already been granted to Hensel Phelps Construction Co. of Chantilly, Va.

For many, viewing the Pentagon now is an attempt to bring some type of understanding, if not healing. But it still does not begin to answer the question of why.

Was it insanity? Are these inherently evil minds? Or were those who destroyed their own spark of life and divinity through their act themselves victims of a twisted indoctrination by freedom’s enemies?

“We are not deceived by their pretenses to piety,” President Bush said. “We have seen their kind before. They are the heirs of all the murderous ideologies of the 20th century . . . they follow in the path of fascism, and Nazism, and totalitarianism,” Bush declared.

May the murderous ideology of terrorism be defeated and be forgotten, and rest “in history’s unmarked grave of discarded lies,” as our president said in his address to Congress and the American people.

And may our dead always, always be remembered and honored. God bless America!

(Editor’s note: Sgt. Nate Orme, an Army Reserve soldier with the 214th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment, spent two weeks at the Pentagon crash site reporting on soldier recovery work.)

Registration deadline nears for next ACT test

ACT release

College-bound high school students who want to take the ACT Assessment have two chances to register before the Dec. 8 test date.

The postmark registration deadline is Nov. 2. There is also a late registration postmark deadline on Nov. 15 (an additional fee is required for late registration). Students can get information from their school counselor or register online at www.act.org.

ACT scores are accepted by virtually all colleges in the nation, including all Ivy League schools. The test fee is \$24 (\$27 in Florida). A student’s ACT scores are considered by colleges for admissions and course placement,

along with several other important factors, including high school grade point average, college prep courses taken in high school, extra-curricular activities, personal background and other information.

To learn more about the ACT Assessment, including registration forms and test locations, contact your high school counselor or go to the ACT website, which also offers useful tips, sample tests and the opportunity to order test prep materials.

A record number of students, over 1.7 million, took the ACT Assessment during the past year. The ACT Assessment is a curriculum-based, academic achievement test.

Remember those fallen at Pentagon

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Shoplifting youths appear before fort's Youth Council

OSJA release

On Oct. 3, six juveniles, five charged with shoplifting at the Post Exchange and one appealing an bar to the installation, appeared before the Fort Huachuca Youth Council in the installation's courtroom.

After reviewing all the evidence of each case and considering the matters presented by each juvenile and their accompanying family members, the Youth Council imposes disciplinary measures intended to rehabilitate each juvenile.

After hearing the first case last week, the council voted to recommend that the installation commander bar from the installation a 16-year-old juvenile who had shoplifted a DVD and wrist watch, valued at \$33.90. The juvenile, who does not hold a military ID card, has been previously charged with misconduct off-post.

In the second case, the council imposed 20 hours of com-

munity service on a 17-year-old juvenile who had shoplifted one Playstation CD and two music CDs, with a total value of \$35.85.

In two companion cases, the Council ordered a 15-year-old and his 12-year-old companion, who had together shoplifted computer games worth over \$200, to each perform 20 hours of community service and not have access to computer games for three months.

In the fifth shoplifting case, the counsel order a 14-year-old who had taken a package of breath spray, worth \$3.20, to perform 20 hours of community service.

Finally, the council voted not to support a teenager's appeal to lift a bar to the installation imposed for possession of marijuana on the installation.

Any juvenile apprehended for shoplifting on Fort Huachuca is automatically charged a civil penalty of \$100 plus the value

of the items stolen. Additionally, the juvenile must appear before the Fort Huachuca Youth Council, which may impose community service, restitution, restriction, curfew, counseling, and other rehabilitative measures.

If the Youth Council determines that the juvenile has failed to cooperate with the council or that other rehabilitative measures are not sufficient to protect the best interests of the post community, the council may recommend that the installation commander bar the juvenile from the installation.

The Fort Huachuca Youth Council consists of representatives from the installation's three brigades, the Chaplaincy, Army Community Service, the schools, Community Counseling Center, Military Police Investigations, Social Work Services, Cochise County Juvenile Court Services and the Staff Judge Advocate.

The Youth Council will meet again on Nov. 7. Youth Council hearings are not open to the public.

Fort sets power outages

DIS release

There will be necessary power outages to make repairs to pole and ground mounted transformers. Outages are scheduled between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. as follows:

Oct. 22	150, 152, 167, 169 Hall Circle
Oct. 23	144, 146, 148, 159, 161, 163, 165 Hall Circle
Oct. 24	142, 155, 157 Hall Circle
Oct. 25	138, 140, 149, 151, 153 Hall Circle
Oct. 26	134, 136, 145, 147 Hall Circle
Oct. 29	132, 141, 143 Hall Circle
Oct. 30	124, 126, 128, 130, 133, 135, 137, 139 Hall Circle
Oct. 31	100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107 Brown Court
Nov. 1	101, 103, 105 Kautz and 131 Hall Circle
Nov. 2	120, 122, 127, 129 Hall Circle
Nov. 5	171, 173, 175 177, 179, 181, 183 Hall Circle
Nov. 6	100, 102, 158, 160 Hall Circle and 101, 103 May Court
Nov. 7	104, 106, 108, 110 Hall Circle and 105, 106 May Court
Nov. 8	102, 104 May Court, 107, 108 Bernard, and 112, 114 Hall Circle
Nov. 9	101, 103, 105 Bernard, 154, 156 Hall Circle, and 100 May Court
Nov. 13	100, 102, 104, 106 Bernard and 116, 118 Hall Circle
Nov. 14	101, 103, 105, 107, 109 Hall Circle
Nov. 15	111, 113, 115, 117 Hall Circle
Nov. 16	119, 121, 123, 125 Hall Circle

Every effort is being made to ensure a smooth and trouble-free project and the DIS appreciates your cooperation and patience during this project. Flyers will be distributed to occupants to further notify them of this outage. For more information, call Ben Parra at 533-5545.



Photo by Angela Moncur

(Center) Hattie Barnett, Turn Around Point volunteer, and retired Lt. Col. William Crutchfield help pack dishes for Barbara Rothenhoefer. Rothenhoefer arrived at Fort Huachuca during the heightened security and was unable to accept delivery of her household good. The Turn Around Point was able to help several families in the same situation during the first few days after the terrorist attacks.

Signal battalion adopts Turn Around Point

40th Sig. FRG release

Team 40th Signal Battalion Family Readiness Group has adopted the Turn Around Point as a community service project. The Office of the Installation Chaplain sponsors TAP.

TAP accepts donations of clean, workable household items, clothing, appliances, and furniture. The donations are offered to all military I.D. cardholders, Department of Defense personnel, and their dependents at no charge.

TAP's hours of operation are Tuesdays and Thursdays from

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. As fall approaches, TAP is in need of volunteers, new or clean, reusable coats, winter clothing, blankets, pots, pans and dishes.

The community is invited to help the Team 40th FRG support TAP's needs.

Donations are accepted at the TAP facility located across from the Armed Forces Bank in the Post Exchange parking lot. For information, call Linda Kerchief at 452-8305, Hattie Barnett at 458-6360 or Jeanne Williamson at 378-0927.

Have we got news for you!

Don't miss The Fort Huachuca Scout's upcoming stories:

'Breast cancer awareness,' 'Clifford visits Myer School,' and 'Cardio-kickboxing gets you healthy.'

Military TSP forms to go to unit personnel office

DMPO release

DFAS has contracted with the Electronic Data Systems Corporation to process the military's initial Thrift Savings Plan election forms for its initial open season, which started Oct. 9 and will end Jan. 31, 2002.

The TSP is a federal government sponsored retirement savings and investment plan for service members and active reservist. The amount a service member can withdraw out of the TSP upon retirement depends on the contributions the service members puts into it and the earnings of those contributions.

The services' personnel offices S1 will ac-

cept election forms (TSP-U-1) from their members. Service members need to ensure the forms are completely and legibly filled out, signed, and dated no earlier than Oct. 9.

The forms are now available on the web at www.tsp.gov.

Personnel offices will forward completed forms to finance in packets with an attached transmittal letter. If personnel offices do not submit forms in the appropriate manner, finance will return forms.

Personnel should provide a copy of the TSP-U-1 election form in addition to maintaining a copy in the service member's personnel file.

Employees, students contribute to relief efforts

Cochise College release

Cochise College employees and students have raised more than \$2,400 to help with rescue and relief efforts on the East Coast.

Sociology 101 students collected more than \$1,000 by visiting offices on the Douglas campus and giving out patriotic pins in Douglas and Bisbee. The Benson Center and the Sierra Vista campus Adult Education office also contributed.

The money was given to the American Red Cross New York Relief Fund. The class also collected 50 stuffed bears, given to the Douglas Fire Department for distribution to New York children as part of the healing process.

Sierra Vista Student Government organized and staffed a collection table at WalMart. Ten

volunteers accumulated more than \$1,400, blankets and hygiene items for victims and rescuers.

Members of Phi Theta Kappa, the Literary Guild and the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association pitched in, and AFCEA contributed one week's worth of disk sales.

Both campuses and the Benson and Willcox centers arranged locations on campus where the community could gather to recognize the victims.

Additional funds were raised Oct. 1 by members of the Relay for Life team. The team volunteered to bus tables, fold boxes and wash dishes at Pizza Hut in Douglas. Ten percent of Pizza Hut proceeds that day — more than \$250 — were donated to the American Red Cross New York Relief Fund.

Retired military almanac available free online

MilitaryHandbooks.com release

MilitaryHandbooks.com has released a special free edition of the best-selling publication: The Retired Military Almanac — 24th Edition. Whether you've already retired, or simply planning to, The Retired Military Almanac, now in its 24th year, will give you everything you need to know about your military retirement.

From the nuts and bolts of computing your Retirement Pay (based on your individual situ-

ation) to the detailed explanations of retired military Health Care, TRICARE, Social Security, VA, SBP, Federal and State Taxes, Insurance, Travel, Military Installations, Survivors and just about everything else you need for your military retirement years. This special 252-page edition is now available to you for free.

To get your free copy of The Retired Military Almanac sent directly to you, visit www.militaryhandbooks.com.



Photo by Angela Moncur

Lt. Col. Joseph E. Kennedy, commander, 304th Military Intelligence Battalion, places the Army Superior Unit Award streamer on the unit guidon. The 304th MI Bn., in conjunction with the 306th MI Bn. and 112th MI Brigade received the Army Superior Unit Award for their support of the transformation.

MI units receive Army Superior Unit Award

By Angela Moncur Scout Staff

The 112th Military Intelligence Brigade and its subordinate units received the Army Superior Unit Award recently for their support of the Army's transformation.

The brigade's support of the transformation began in August 1999 with the initial development work on the organization and operational concepts for the Initial Brigade Combat Team.

The 306th MI Battalion and teams of subject matter experts from across the Military Intelligence School and Center, led by the Futures Division, spent thousands of man hours developing forward-thinking and successful organizational structures.

This support enabled the IBCTs to meet the Secretary of the Army and Chief of Staff vision

of the transformation.

With just months notice and preparation, the 304th MI Bn. developed and conducted 16 weeks of successful training for all the intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance units and elements of the 3/2nd IBCT.

Overall the 304th MI Bn. developed new training concepts and implemented a training strategy that created adaptive thinkers and leaders who can comfortably function in a digital war fighting environment, said Lt. Col. Joseph E. Kennedy, commander, 304th MI Bn.

"We can remove the fog of war, but we can hope to clear it," Kennedy said.

The brigade has expanded upon the initial training by upgrading training facilities and continuing to make major changes to the core curricula.

Army Signal Command

ASC soldier recounts his view from Ground Zero

By Carol Conner
ASC PAO

NEW YORK—Soldiers usually know when they are headed into harms way; however, that was not the case for Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Wall when he arrived in New York City as part of a communications maintenance team.

On the afternoon of Sept. 10, he checked into the Marriott hotel, a beautiful 24-story building located across from the World Trade Center.

Wall, who is assigned to the 1111th Signal Battalion, 1108th Signal Brigade, stood in his room on the sixteenth floor and admired the view of the trade center's impressive towers.

On Sept. 11, he reported to the 47th floor of a building located nearby. It was a beautiful morning and by 8 a.m., he and his fellow technicians were at work.

Forty-five minutes later, as they were winding up their first assignment, the building began to shake; then the lights flickered and a loud rumbling noise filled the air. An order to evacuate was announced.

As Wall and his fellow workers moved down the fire escape to the first floor, the crowd of people leaving the building was calm and chatting peacefully to each other. No one knew the magnitude of the emergency.

They assumed a terrorist strike on the near by World Trade Center. Maybe a bomb like the attack in 1993, they speculated. No one realized that a plane had crashed into the trade center's north tower.

Arriving in the lobby at ground level, security guards weren't letting anyone out of the main entrances. A huge crowd was forming. Guards were channeling folks down a single hallway and toward a rear entrance. This was a slow process and Wall ended up by the front win-

dows directly across from the north tower.

"I saw the gaping hole; fire and smoke were everywhere. I must have been watching for a couple of minutes before I realized that some of the debris that was falling was people," said Wall.

"I could see their arms and legs flapping as they fell. I probably saw a dozen bodies fall from the sky. It couldn't be real, but it was real."

Then the second plane struck. It came in from the backside of the World Trade Center's south tower. Wall couldn't see it—only the fireball it created as it blew out the other side.

"The orange ball of flame created the backdrop for another woman's body as it plummeted to the ground," said Wall.

"Debris from the explosion was flying everywhere and a chunk of it hit the bomb resistant window that I was standing behind. The window spider-webbed but held."

Wall began keeping a diary of the events unfolding, jotting down times and notes.

"Shortly after 9 a.m., someone managed to open the loading docks doors so we could be evacuated out the back of the building. After what we had just seen, we didn't need much encouragement," Wall explained.

Once outside of the building, the group of five people with Wall stayed together and started down the street to get out of the way of the emergency services vehicles that were pouring in from all directions.

The ground was covered with all kinds of debris and the air smelled of dry powder, burnt rubber and other scents he didn't recognize. They stopped after two blocks to look back. The flames were climbing higher and the smoke getting thicker. It was amazing that the World Trade Center tower tops were still standing.

"We stopped near a park and were trying to

contact our unit to find out where to head to next or whether we would be given an assignment to help the local police and fire departments," said Wall.

"You couldn't make a cell call out. It seemed like everyone on the street was trying to call someone. The pay phones had long lines and there were thousands of people milling around."

Only one member of Wall's group had a New York emergency radio with him and it was so full of traffic that all they could do was monitor it. "It was then that we learned about the high jacked jets that had flown into the towers," explained Wall.

"When we learned of the jets that were high jacked, we learned that there were three of them and one was still out there somewhere. It was about this time that we heard a loud roar that sounded just like a jet coming in fast. I turned in time to see the south tower collapse.

"The smoke and dust were rolling toward us, enveloping everything in their path. After the air cleared, every car, every truck and most of the people were covered in a thick grayish-white dust," he said

Then Wall's cell phone began to ring. It was a buddy calling him from Washington, D.C. He had heard about the attack on the trade centers and knew Wall was working near there. He agreed to contact family members and let them know that Wall and his coworkers were alive.

"It was good knowing that our families would now know that we were all right," said Wall. "I had been wondering about a couple of families I had seen that morning in the hotel lobby.

"I prayed that they had been safely evacuated from the area. I prayed that those children had not witnessed people falling to their deaths or seen broken bodies lying on the ground."

At about 10 a.m., the police ordered all non-essential personnel to clear the area and assemble at a ballpark several blocks away. Wall and several others stopped to help women with small children and strollers over debris and down steps.

They were about six blocks away when they got the word that the assembly point had been moved to the Holland Tunnel. Wall could still see the trade center towers as they moved toward their destination.

He was looking at the north tower when all of sudden, the top collapsed straight down. "It was like a stack of cards just falling in on itself. For a moment, it looked as if half of the tower would still stand, then it to gave way and collapsed," he said.

Wall and his companions finally made it to the assembly area. For the next four hours, he waited and watched and tried to make telephone calls.

Finally one of their vehicles, which another worker had retrieved from the World Trade Center area, arrived. They used this vehicle to transport themselves to the pier where a Nassau patrol boat transported them across the bay to Newark.

According to Wall, they escaped with the clothes on their backs and what little they had in their pockets. Buses with police escorts returned them to Washington D.C., where Wall spent the night in a hotel before reuniting with his family the next day.

"It wasn't 'til I was in my hotel room that I finally saw the footage of the planes flying into the Trade Center," he said.

"I can still smell the city. I can smell everything from the fires to the dust. I am home now, and I am safe. That is something a lot of people can't say right now," he added.



Photo by Master Sgt. Sue Harper

Parachute rigger Staff Sgt. David C. Clark of the 5th Quartermaster Company, 191st Ordnance Battalion, 29th Support Group, 21st Theater Support Command unpacks a box of Humanitarian Daily Rations at Ramstein Air Base, Germany. Pfc. Zachary R. Tyson, also a rigger in the same unit, breaks down the empty boxes. The riggers were just two of almost 50 unit members who worked the weekend of Oct. 6, 2001, to load the rations, destined for air drops over Afghanistan Oct. 8.

Attack from Page 1

attacks were focused on hammering home a number of points, the first being a clear message to the Taliban leaders that harboring terrorists is unacceptable and carries a price.

The attacks seek to acquire intelligence to facilitate future operations against Al Qaeda and the Taliban, he noted. They will further U.S. and coalition efforts to "develop relationships with groups in Afghanistan that oppose the Taliban regime and the foreign terrorists they support," he added.

The attacks seek to alter the military balance in Afghanistan by denying the Taliban its offensive systems and, finally, to make it possible for the United States to provide humanitarian relief safely "to Afghans suffering truly oppressive living conditions under the Taliban regime,"

Rumsfeld said.

Neither Rumsfeld nor Myers would discuss details of the attacks, their effectiveness or any other efforts against the terrorists.

Myers said the operations in Afghanistan are "visible," but that other operations may not be.

But visible or not, our friends and enemies should understand that all instruments of our national power, as well as those of our friends and allies around the world, are being brought to bear on this global menace.

Air Force Gen. Richard Myers

said. "We are in the early stages of ongoing combat operations, and our outstanding men and women in uniform are performing just as they've been trained to do — and that is to say, superbly."

Washington provides food, medicine to Afghans

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Even before the first of 37,000 humanitarian daily rations began floating down to Afghan refugees, the United States was the largest foreign aid donor to the people of Afghanistan.

Well before the attack on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon Sept. 11, the United States provided food and medicine to thousands of refugees in the troubled land.

War and drought have combined to drop the average yearly wage to under \$800, U.S. officials said. The U.S. government provided about \$70 million in humanitarian assistance in 1997, the most recent numbers available. This is despite the fact that the United States does not recognize the Taliban regime as the legitimate government of Afghanistan.

The United States also contributes to multilateral assistance through U.N. programs of food aid, immunizations, land mine removal and a wide range of aid to refugees and displaced persons.

Officials estimate that 2 million Afghans are refugees inside neighboring Pakistan. Another 1.4 million are in Iran. Millions more are "internally displaced." Counting all refugees, Afghanistan has an estimated 25 million citizens.

On Oct. 4, President Bush pledged another \$320 million for humanitarian assistance to Afghanistan. The money will go toward food, medicine, blankets and shelter for the Afghans as the tough winter approaches.

"This is our way of saying that, while we firmly and strongly oppose the Taliban regime, we are friends of the Afghan people," Bush said. "We will make sure that not only the folks in Afghanistan who need help get help, but we will help those who have fled to neighboring countries to get help as well."

The United States will work with U.N. agencies such as the World Food Program and nongovernmental organizations to ensure its aid reaches the most needy, Bush said.

DoD will airdrop humanitarian daily rations to refugees inside Afghanistan. On Oct. 7, U.S. C-17 transport jets dropped the "culturally neutral" rations to concentrations of refugees inside Afghanistan. Culturally neutral means they are mostly

vegetarian and can be eaten by members of all religions. All told, the United States has 2 million of these rations available.

The humanitarian daily ration grew out of U.S. experiences in providing aid to Kurdish refugees in northern Iraq following the Gulf War and to Somalia.

Many military rations contain products that Muslims could not eat, such as pork entrees. In 1993, DoD developed the humanitarian daily ration. Modeled after the Meals, Ready-to-Eat, the ration was vitamin enriched and supplied enough calories for an adult for one day.

The ration's yellow plastic packaging causes it to "float" down from airlifters. This stops the need to drop pallets of food via parachute. This permits wide distribution of the rations and stops fights over the palletized loads.

Other food aid will arrive by truck or be delivered via nongovernmental organizations.



Video animation photo by Senior Airman Erich Fink

Close-up still image of a 3D video animation showing a humanitarian airdrop. The containers were placed on board a C-17 Globe Master III and airdropped Oct. 7 over eastern Afghanistan as part of Operation Enduring Freedom. This animation simulation was created with Lightwave software to brief Air Force and Department of Defense commanders and was also released to the media to demonstrate the operation.



DoD photo by Petty Officer 1st Class Greg Messier, U.S. Navy

An F/A-18C Hornet is prepared for launch from the aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) in a strike against al Qaeda terrorist training camps and military installations of the Taliban regime in Afghanistan on Oct. 7. The carefully targeted actions are designed to disrupt the use of Afghanistan as a base for terrorist operations and to attack the military capability of the Taliban regime. The USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) is operating in the Arabian Sea as part of Operation Enduring Freedom.

New post ADCO brings insight to job

By Sgt. Sharon L. Stewart
Scout Staff

Former soldier Vern Hunter became Fort Huachuca's Army Substance Abuse Program's alcohol and drug control officer recently.

He functions as the director of substance abuse prevention and education programs for the installation. He arrived here from Fort Eustis, Va., where he was the clinical director of the substance abuse program for 12 years.

"I believe having been a clinical director with direct access to patients has given me unique insight on how prevention and education can help," he said.

When he was an enlisted soldier in the Army, Hunter served as a mental health technician. After active duty service he went on to earn a master's degree in counseling and consulting psychology.

Hunter said the Army Substance Abuse Program consists of five separate missions that are divided between garrison-based and hospital-based operations: identification, which does biochemical testing; suicide prevention; education, which provides substance abuse awareness; the Employee Assistance Program for Department of the Army civilians; and the rehabilitation part of the mission, which is the community counseling center evaluation and rehabilitation program directed by Dr. Tom Cahill.

Hunter said substance abuse is a big problem for the nation and for the military community as well.

"On Fort Huachuca you have a large number of transient soldiers who are here for training. Some of them are away from home and parental supervision for the first time, and they don't know how to fill their leisure time with fun, safe activities," Hunter said.

"During off-duty hours, some of these soldiers might be inclined to get into trouble by drinking or using drugs if the opportunity presented itself," he said. He also said some people turn to drugs in an attempt to stem emotional pain and as a way to escape boredom or anxiety.

Hunter said there are different types of mood-altering chemicals that impact the central nervous system.

Central nervous system stimulants are called "uppers" and central nervous system depressants are called "downers."

"Street drugs like cocaine and ecstasy are considered 'uppers' and so are some over-the-counter pills that contain concentrated amounts of caffeine that people use to stay awake," Hunter said. Some over-the-counter diet pills can also be classified as central nervous system stimulants.

These central nervous system stimulants increase perspiration, gives users a sense of exhilaration and energy but Hunter said these are only temporary effects.

"People fail to realize these sensations are not natural. Their brain chemicals have been altered. That is what is so seductive about drug," he said.

"It's very easy in some ways for people to become dependent on these pills. If you stop taking these drugs you begin to experience withdrawal symptoms and begin to feel

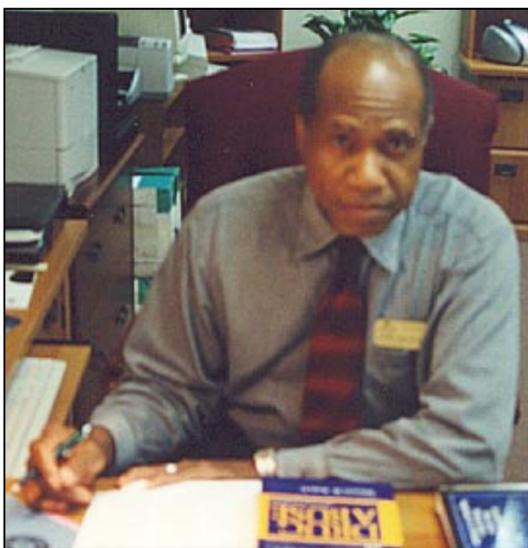


Photo by Sgt. Sharron Stewart

Vern Hunter is Fort Huachuca's new alcohol and drug control officer for the post's Army Substance Abuse Program. He functions as the director of substance abuse prevention and education programs for the installation.

like you can't function without them," he said.

Hunter said chemicals like alcohol, sleeping pills and painkillers are "downers."

"Alcohol which has been called 'the gateway drug' is the most abused drug in the nation and the military. It has a direct affect on the brain and impairs a person's judgment," he said.

Like other drugs, Hunter said there is no way to predict how alcohol will affect a person's behavior.

"People react very differently when they drink or when they take drugs. When some people drink they tend to feel sociable whereas some people get mean. "They need to realize that mood-altering chemicals can affect a person's judgment."

Hunter went on to say not all people react to mood-altering chemicals the same way. "Street drugs are even more dangerous because you have no way of knowing what you are really getting," he said.

"The ultimate mission of our program is to educate the public so they will be mindful of the risks involved with drug abuse and to remind them of their choices and ways to improve their quality of life," Hunter said.

"Our staff members give routine briefings to units and talk to people about whether or not they are managing their leisure time and if they are pursuing a peaceful, productive life and lowering their stress level," he said.

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Smith Middle School launches new vocational technology laboratory

Smith School release

From robotics to fiber optics, several learning modules are currently being offered at Smith Middle School's new "Tech Lab" program.

Under the guidance of teacher Tracy Hale, Smith's sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade students now have the opportunity to explore, through hands-on learning modules, a number of exciting career fields.

The Smith Tech Lab emphasizes learning modules in the high tech career areas of manufacturing, communications, transportation and construction. The multimedia curriculum for each module contains all instruction, audio and text, tests, student activities, videos, animations and graphics.

The modules are self-paced and all student activities are monitored by Hale's real time teacher's workstation. As students progress through each module they complete related hands on activities such as wind tunnel testing of airfoils in the Aerodynamics module or building a model automated teller machine in the Controls and Sensors module.

Principal Casey O'Brien said Smith is very fortunate to have this type of program.

"This Tech Lab, acquired from the Tech Design Corporation is the finest of its type in the country," he said. "At Smith, we now have a vocational technology program that surpasses anything currently being offered to middle school students in the state of Arizona.

"Students get a sound foundation in theory and then work in teams on activities using sophisticated electronics, optics and machinery. It's exciting to go into our lab and see students absolutely engaged in the learning modules and the hands on components."

The Tech Lab is offered as one of the exploratory classes along with Art, Music, Physical Education and Computer Applications. Hale feels this new vocational exploratory is an excellent compliment and one that is very appropriate, considering the many high tech career fields on Fort Huachuca.

Parents who would like to visit the Tech Lab are asked contact Hale at 459-8892 to arrange a visit during school hours.



Smith Middle School photo

Smith Middle School students enjoy new vocational technology lab.

Magistrate court publishes Sept. results

OSJA release

The Fort Huachuca Special Assistant United States Attorney prosecuted a civilian offender for alcohol-related driving offenses before the United States Magistrate Court in Tucson on Sept. 25.

The court sentenced the civilian offender to a \$750 fine, five days confinement, participation in a MADD victim impact panel, and three years of supervised probation.

On Sept. 26, Fort Huachuca's SAUA met with 23 soldiers and civilians who had received citations for on-post violations and collect over \$2,100 in fines, which were forwarded to the Department of Justice.

Additionally, the SAUSA docketed three alcohol-related driving cases for arraignment at U.S. Magistrate Court in Tucson. The SAUSA is appointed by the Staff Judge Advocate to represent the Army in United States Magistrate Court for non-UCMJ criminal offenses committed on Fort Huachuca.

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 U.S. Magistrate will issue a federal warrant for your arrest and your name will be entered into the National Computer System to indicate that there is an arrest warrant issued on you.

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

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

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

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

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

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huachuca-www.army.mil/USAG/PAO



Johnston School photo

A penny for your thoughts

Students at Colonel Johnston Elementary School are breaking open their piggy banks and filling up their pockets with pennies to raise relief funds. Jumper the Jaguar's pail continues to be filled up and emptied at an incredible rate. Students are working their math skills by counting and grouping the pennies for penny rolls. They are participating in our Patriotic Penny Drive for the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund. Students met the initial goal of 5,000 pennies the first day.

Community Updates

VA benefits briefing

The October Veterans Affairs Benefits Briefing will be held Friday at the ACAP Center, Building 22420. The schedule for the presentation is as follows: 8-11:45 a.m., a discussion of the various VA Benefits; 11:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m., VA Vet Center presentation; 12:15-1:30 p.m., lunch; 1:30-2:30 p.m., a discussion of medical claims (compensation and pension), how to file for a disability claim, and who is eligible for VA medical care; 2:30-3:30 p.m., questions and answers on medical benefits and one-on-one help in completing claim forms. For more information, call Thom Haggood at 533-7314.

MCCW meets Friday

The Military Council of Catholic Women will meet Friday at the Main Post Chapel. Rosary starts at 9 a.m. with the general membership meeting from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Daily Mass at 11:30 a.m. Refreshments are provided as is Watch Care for children under 6. Fellowship is encouraged. For more information, call Diane Pulliam, president, at 378-3660.

Harvest Fest planning begins

Volunteers are needed to help with the Harvest Fest set for Oct. 31. Planning meetings will be held 6:30-7:30 p.m., today and Oct. 25 at the Main Post Chapel, Room 38. Decorating will be 6:30-8 p.m., Oct. 30. Everyone is invited to attend. Harvest Fest is an alternative to Halloween.

For more information, call Donna Irsik at 459-4877.

DOIM computer classes

The Directorate of Information Management has resumed its monthly computer classes. The following courses are scheduled for the remainder of October: Power Point 2000, today; Basic Access 2000, Wednesday; Intermediate Access 2000, Oct. 18; Advanced Access 2000, Oct. 19; Practical PC, Oct. 22, Outlook 2000, Oct. 24; Introduction to the Internet, Part One, Oct. 25; and Introduction to the Internet, Part Two, Oct. 26.

All classes start promptly at 9 a.m. in De Rosy Cabell Hall, Building 22324, on Christy Avenue. Classes are limited to 14 students. It is mandatory to sign up for a class prior to attending.

Diabetes education class

"How to Eat Donuts and Stay in Control" is a new, monthly education class for persons with type-2 diabetes. This class will be held the first Thursday of each month at noon, in the Preventive Medicine Classroom at Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center. Class will be taught by a pharmacist and certified diabetes educator.

For more information, call Capt. Ronna Winn, R.D., C.D.E. at 533-5133. Interested persons should ask their provider or call 533-9200 to sign up for the class.

Parish picnic rescheduled

Holy Family Catholic Parish Picnic has been rescheduled for Sunday at Murr Community Center at 1 p.m. Parishioners are asked to bring a side dish and dessert, as the meat and drinks will be furnished by the Parish. Food and Fellowship, Games and Prizes will be provided. For more information and or to volunteer, call Carol Milloy, parish activities coordinator at 458-4268.

Adjutant General Services

Until further notice, the AGD/MILPO offices will be open with reduced capabilities Mondays through Fridays, from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. On Saturdays and Sundays only the ID Card Branch will be operational from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Personnel with emergency requirements should contact the Emergency Operations Center at 533-1992.

CFC seeks personal stories

The 2001 Combined Federal Campaign for Fort Huachuca and Cochise County will run through Oct. 31. This year, the local campaign is 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.

MP Ball postponed

The 18th Military Police Detachment 60th Anniversary Ball has been postponed until Saturday. For information, call Sgt. 1st Class Thomas P. Pollmiller or Spc. Iolani C. Blas at 533-3434 or 533-5342.

CGSC course offered here

Both Phase I and Phase III of the Command and General Staff Officer Course are being offered at Fort Huachuca. The classes started in October and will be held one week-end each month.

The classroom option has numerous advantages over the correspondence version, including: both a higher graduation rate and higher grade point 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.

Range closures

Today	AM, AU, AY, T1, T1A, T2
Friday	AD, AM, AU, AW, T1, T1A, T2
Saturday	T1, T1A, T2
Sunday	T1, T1A, T2

For more information regarding closures, call Range Control at 533-7095.

Federal jobs workshop

The next Federal Jobs Workshop is from 8-10 a.m. Oct. 19 at the Army Career and Alumni Program Center, Building 22420. These provide general information on how to find out where federal jobs are, how to apply for a federal job, employment benefits, looking at and understanding a federal pay scale, dissecting a federal job announcement, looking at a federal application, understanding veteran's preference, types of appointments, and how selections are made. The workshop also covers specifically how to understand the RESUMIX process of applying for a job at Fort Huachuca.

Future workshops are scheduled Nov. 16 and Dec. 7.

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, D.C. This year's theme is "Intelligence and National Strategy."

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.

Search, Rescue team open house

The Cochise County Search and Rescue team is holding an open house 6-8 p.m., Wednesday at the Cochise County Sheriff Department Emergency Operations Center located on the North East corner of Foothills Drive and Highway 92. The public is encouraged to come see what services the SAR team provides. Applications will be available to allow anyone interested in joining to apply. Static displays, equipment and vehicles will be on display. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call Raul Limon at 803-9298 or Tom Huntoon at 432-2706.

Pvt. Murphy book signing

The Fort Huachuca Military Clothing Sales Store will host a book signing Monday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The featured author will be Sgt. 1st Class Mark Baker, creator of the award winning cartoon "Pvt. Murphy's Law" and "PV-2 Murphy -- The adventure continues." Both books are currently in stock, and available for purchase. Cost of each book is \$4.49. There will also be a drawing held for the original Pvt. Murphy T-shirt and poster during the book signing.

Limited OSJA services

The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate will

be undergoing a renovation action to replace the flooring in the Legal Assistance Division. Legal services will be available on a somewhat limited basis through Friday. To schedule an appointment, call the Legal Assistance Division at 533-2009.

MICA seeks volunteers

The Military Intelligence Corps Association gift shop at the MI Museum on Fort Huachuca is in desperate need of volunteers. The shop hours are 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The volunteer does not need to work the entire shift or every day.

Parenting classes

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

The class, Common Sense Parenting, is designed as a practical approach to help parents be more positive with their children and to use more effective discipline. This class is intended for parents with children ages 3-16. The class consists of four sessions on Tuesday, Oct. 18, 23 and 25 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Huachuca City School in Huachuca City.

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

Arizona Teachers' Forum set

The third annual Arizona Teachers' Forum will be held Oct. 19 at the Wells Fargo Center in downtown Phoenix. The forum will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is free to Arizona Teachers. The purpose of the Forum is to bring Arizona Teachers together with public officials to discuss issues affecting education such as student needs, improving teaching and learning conditions, high stakes testing, recruitment and retention of quality teachers, incentive pay, and professional development for teachers.

For more information, call Julie Kley at 928-774-2909.

Museum Society meets

The fall meeting of the Huachuca Museum Society will be at 3 p.m., Oct. 28 in the Ballroom at the Fort Huachuca LakeSide Activity Centre. This program is free to members and \$5 for guests. For reservations, call 378-3615. Steve Lindsey will talk about ranching in the Southwest.

Vanpool commuters

The federal government mass transportation subsidy program is now available to vanpool commuters. The vanpool that serves Fort Huachuca has five vans and is considering an additional van if enough federal workers apply for membership.

For further information, call Ken Van Karsen at 533-8200 or 615-1866.

Pets of the Week



"Porsche" is a three month-old female tan and black shepherd/pit bull mix. She is a very cute puppy. Her adoption fee is \$52, which includes a spay, a microchip, a heartworm test, all vaccinations and deworming.



"Sobe" is a young, adult female tan and white pitbull. She is extremely sweet and friendly and has been in the stray facility for four months. She needs a new home! Her adoption fee is \$52, which includes a spay, a microchip, a heartworm test, all vaccinations and deworming.



"Spooky" is a three month-old female calico kitten. She loves people and always wants attention! She also loves to play. Her adoption fee is \$42, which includes a spay, a microchip, a feline leukemia test, all vaccinations and deworming.



"Cinder" is a three month-old black male kitten. He is a little shy, but would make a good house cat. His adoption fee is \$42, which includes a neuter, a microchip, a feline leukemia 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., Mondays through Fridays. The facility is now open through lunch. For information, call 533-2767.

Small-business hotline open

Cochise College release

The Cochise College Small Business Development Center announced the creation of a free emergency phone service to help small businesses cope with the impact of the Sept. 11 terrorist attack.

The Cochise College SBDC Business Help Hotline is 520-515-5443. It will be staffed to provide advice that will minimize the negative economic impact of the present national tragedy on Arizona small businesses. The service will run from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday until November 30.

"Cochise College's work is part of a statewide effort by Arizona's Small Business Development Center network," says Michael N. York, state director. "Counselors and consultants in 10 centers around the state have mobilized to provide prompt help to businesses at risk. Hotline callers will have the benefit of prompt expertise from our award-winning staff."

SBDC counselors will answer questions and provide assistance to meet immediate needs.

"All calls are confidential between the SBDC staff and business owners. Additional free one-on-one counseling will be available on an appointment basis," York says.

Arizona's SBDC network of 10 centers serves 3,500 businesses annually. It provides confidential one-on-one counseling and programs for companies with fewer than 200 employees. The Arizona SBDCs are partnerships

between the U.S. Small Business Administration and the state community colleges.

"This crisis has expanded the immediate needs of small businesses, and we will be there to serve them," says Sheila DeVoe Heidman, SBDC Director.

Additionally, a team of "virtual volunteers" is being established in a technology-based collaboration with the Arizona State University

Center for the Advancement of Small Business in the College of Business. The community volunteers will be on alert to supplement the efforts of the SBDC staffs.

"We will support the SBDCs by matching business owners with expert community volunteers who can help them through these difficult times," says Mary Lou Bessette, director of the ASU Center.

The first volunteers are members of Arizona Friends of Small Business, the leaders who form the statewide advisory board to the Arizona SBDCs.

Other volunteers are being recruited in sectors hardest hit by the impact of Sept. 11. They include finance, law, accounting, tourism/hospitality, agribusiness, health care services and retail.

Betsey Bayless, Arizona secretary of state and honorary chair of Arizona Friends of Small Business, praised the effort.

"This hotline is a tremendous opportunity for small-business owners to receive expert advice during a critical time."

Counselors and consultants in 10 centers around the state have mobilized to provide prompt help to businesses at risk [of negative economic impact due to the national tragedy].

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