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### Carpooling encouraged

Post officials recommend carpooling to alleviate the two-three hour wait at the East Gate. Use the buddy system for commuting. If all personnel carpool with at least one other person, we can reduce the line by fifty percent.

### Contact EOC

Groups and organizations are asked to call the Emergency Operations Center at 533-2291 to inform post officials of the status of any upcoming meetings or events.

### School information

On-post schools are in session; buses are running. Children are not required to be signed in/out or be escorted to/from school. Off-post students may ride shuttle bus to on-post school (leave Thrift Shop lot 6:45-8:30 a.m.); parents must park off-post; walk through Main Gate with child; ID required.

### Open post facilities

PX (food court and concessions are not open), commissary, Burger King, mini-mall, Jeannie's Diner, shoppette, AAFES dry cleaners, Child Development Center (until 6 p.m., Mon-Fri.), La Hacienda (for lunch - 11 a.m.-1 p.m.), barber shop, Military Clothing and Sales, private stables.

### College classes

On-post college classes resumed Monday, Sept. 17. Classes missed during the past week will be made up on a class-by-class basis. Students attending class must have ID and leave plenty of time to access post. For more information, call the college/university office on post of the education center at 533-2255/3010

### Combined Federal Campaign

The CFC luncheon, which was previously scheduled for Sept. 17, has been rescheduled until Oct. 12 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 info/tickets, call 538-6048.

### New post access

Fort Huachuca is still at a state of increased security, though now all ID card holders, to include military, family members, DA civilians and retirees, plus contractors with two photo IDs, are allowed access via the East Gate. Expect up to three-hour delays.

### Cancelled/postponed

The volksmarch scheduled for Saturday, the Giving Tree Rummage Sale, Oct. 6; Parent University; DOIM classes; Thrift Shop.

### Open offices

Education Center, Equal Opportunity Office, Army Career and Alumni Program office, and the Prime Time Clinic from 4-8 p.m.

### Blood drive today

"Army's Lifeline for America" - Red Cross blood drive will be held today from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Murr Community Center. The Mad Cow (CJD) deferral for those who have lived in Europe has been postponed until Oct. 17; other deferrals are on a case-by-case basis. Call 1-800-GIVE LIFE for questions or more information.



Photo by Master Sgt. LaToya E. Sizer

## America!

*Honor Guard Members Pfc. David Brauer, left, and Spc. Lateace Neal practice folding the American flag during Sergeants Time Training on Fort Huachuca. The Honor Guard is a direct representation of Fort Huachuca and the Army. Its members have conducted three full-honor ceremonies in the past week and scheduled to conduct two more this week.*

# Fort vigilant in force protection

By Spc. Jessica Espinosa  
 Scout Staff

Given that the United States recently endured tragic terrorist attacks, Fort Huachuca is reminded that now is the time for resolute leadership. Not only does the nation depend on the Army for its national security, but looks to us as a role model.

In a recent Training and Doctrine Command information briefing, Maj. Gen. James J. Grazioplene, Deputy Chief of Staff for Combat Developments, acknowledged that these terrorist attacks committed against our country were focused on the will of our people.

"The will and the spirit of our people are

strong, and their faith in our military is certain. The Army is a steady influence - the people of our nation draw confidence from the Army," Grazioplene said in the brief. "The Army's leadership rise to the occasion at a time of national crisis."

And though the terrorist's actions rocked the nation, Fort Huachuca's missions remain unchanged. We must continue to train soldiers and develop leaders.

Soldiers are prepared for the missions the Army requires of them and good communication is prevalent in these missions.

The most current information is being provided to the public through multiple medias on

post and in the surrounding communities.

Each person should support changes and remember that the Army is well-prepared to deal with the challenges that confront our nation; Fort Huachuca has implemented a professional plan to best protect you and your family members. Support is essential for all involved.

Fort Huachuca's military police and soldiers are in control of any and all threats to the post and are gung ho, according to Capt. Vince Chambers, commander, 18th Military Police Detachment.

All military, family members and civilians

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## CAC commander visits fort

*Advises of changing world; urges leaders to keep community informed*

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Lt. Gen. James Riley, commanding general of the Combined Arms Center at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., spoke to Fort Huachuca leaders and soldiers during a visit here Saturday and Sunday.

Fort Huachuca was one of many stops Riley made to evaluate force protection measures in the wake of increased security at all military installations, and to see how he could assist the fort. Riley's command is Fort Huachuca's higher headquarters, followed by the Training and Doctrine Command. He and other senior leaders visited installations throughout TRADOC and met with key leaders and soldiers.

"We must process what's happened and face that life has changed," Riley said. "We must realize there is no quick resolution and we must be prepared for the 'long haul.'"

Riley said the Sept. 11 attack on America has doubled the number of fatalities that occurred following the attack on Pearl Harbor.

The CAC commander also urged leaders to focus on training. "Our mission remains to 'train soldiers and grow leaders,'" he said. "With strong leadership at the top, perseverance will prevail. We must get on with the mission."

While force protection was Riley's main priority, he reminded officials to keep family readiness in mind as well.

"Be diligent," he said. "The Army is about people — service members and families. All must be informed. Leaders must talk to their soldiers, family readiness groups must be formed and town hall meetings must be held. Our job is to protect the force, apply the doctrine process."

## Reserve JAGs support local readiness efforts

OSJA release

Reserve judge advocates spent Sept. 15 and 16 assisting of 250 soldiers at the Fort Huachuca Judge Advocate General Office.

This was a weekend drill for the JAGS of Team 3 from the 75th Legal Support Organization, headquartered at Moffett Field, Calif.

The nine JAG attorneys and five enlisted JAGs from Team 3 drafted and executed 103 wills and 152 powers of attorneys. They also assisted several soldiers and family members with various legal issues.

Team 3 leader, Lt. Col. Ann Lund said that her entire team was thrilled that they could help so many soldiers in a single weekend. Though working hard throughout the weekend, Team 3 paused on Sunday to join Pvt. Bruce Nourish in celebrating his 18th birthday.

Several Team 3 members, to include Lund, Lt. Col. Phil Maxey, 1st Lt. Matthew McGurie and Staff Sgt. Alice Jones continued to work throughout the week to assist soldiers and family members.

Team 3's mission is to train to deploy and, when necessary, to backfill active-duty JAG offices. Team 3 will be back at Fort Huachuca on Oct. 13 and 14.

For more information, or to make a legal assistance appointment, call 533-2009 or 533-3208.

# Afghanistan: a battleground through the ages

By Jim Garamone  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — It is a country that has humbled three empires, yet Afghanistan has few natural resources and is wreathed in poverty.

Afghanistan is sheltering Osama bin Laden, the man at the center of the attacks on the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon. President Bush wants him “dead or alive.”

Bush also has said the United States “will make no distinction between the terrorists who committed these acts and those who harbor them.” A full range of diplomatic and economic efforts is under way to convince the Islamic Taliban movement to turn over bin Laden.

Afghanistan is a rugged country regarded as the crossroads between Central and South Asia. As such, it lies on the route that invaders and explorers have taken from Alexander the Great to Marco Polo to the British to the Soviet Union.

There is no functioning government in Afghanistan. The executive branch broke down in 1996. The legislative branch stopped functioning in 1993. The judicial branch stopped in 1995.

The Taliban get most of their support from the Pashtun ethnic group. They control the capital of Kabul and about 80 percent of the country while other factions rule the multiethnic north. The United States does not recognize the Taliban as Afghanistan’s government.

The Taliban said their aim was to set up the world’s purest Islamic state. They initially gained favor by efforts to stamp out local warring factions and to stamp out corruption.

The Taliban has imposed Shari’a (Islamic law) in the areas it controls. The imposition means offenses are punished by public executions and amputations. The Taliban have made it illegal to educate women or for women to work outside the home. It is illegal to watch any television program not cleared by the Taliban or to own any videocassettes that are not religion-oriented. The Taliban has also outlawed the Internet.

Afghanistan has 25 million people, but many are refugees. Pakistani officials said about 2.5 million Afghans are living in

their country. More are trying to reach Pakistan as tensions between the United States and Afghanistan ratchet up over bin Laden. Other counties with significant Afghan refugee populations are Iran and Turkmenistan.

Afghanistan is a landlocked country bordered by Pakistan, Iran, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and China. In the north of the country is the Hindu Kush, a mountain range that is part of the Himalayas.

The main “industry” is herding. Some 46 percent of the land is in permanent pastures. Only 12 percent of the land was considered arable a few years ago, and that percentage is suspect today because of a long-term drought. Afghanistan has no industry worth the name. It has less than 25 kilometers of railroads. The most recent statistics available put the per capita income at \$800 per year, but people who have been in the country say that’s an exaggeration — the estimate’s too high.

The country is 99 percent Muslim and 1 percent “other.” The Taliban have outlawed all other religions in the area they control. In fact, the Taliban are prosecuting some American aid workers for allegedly distributing Bibles and “trying to tempt people from the ‘True Faith.’” Some 84 percent of Afghans are Sunni Muslim and 15 percent are Shi’a Muslim, mostly along the border with Iran.

Afghan history has been bloody. Alexander the Great moved through the area and allegedly fought a battle near what is now Kandahar. Genghis Khan’s invasion and subjugation of the area in the early 1200s marked the last time Afghanistan was conquered.

Czarist Russia and Britain vied for control of Afghanistan throughout the 19th century because its strategic location made it a key to the control of India. Both suffered defeats.

The British occupied Kabul in 1838, but worsening resistance led them to quit in January 1842. Given a pledge of safe passage, the British commander led about 700 Britons — soldiers, wives and children — 3,800 Indian troops, and more than 12,000 camp followers from the city. The trek through a snow-covered mountain pass to safety would become a 90-mile death



march. Only one man emerged alive.

In the 20th century, Afghanistan humbled the Soviet Union. Seeking to prop up their communist satellite in the country, the Soviets invaded in 1979. In a 10-year effort, hundreds of thousands died. The United States, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan and others supplied and trained the anti-Soviet mujahidin forces. In 1989, the Soviets were forced to leave.

But fighting didn’t end. Various mujahidin factions fought among themselves for control of the country. The Taliban rode to power on this fighting. Civil war continues in the country, but to a lesser extent than in the past. In addition to the continuing civil strife, the country suffers from enormous poverty, a crumbling infrastructure, and widespread live land mines.

## DA Message

As the Army and our entire nation come to grips with the acts of war perpetrated against us, we pause to pay our respects to the many who gave their lives on September 11th, 2001. It is both appropriate and necessary to do so.

Until Oct. 11, 2001, the Army will observe a period of respect for our fallen comrades, our dearest friends, colleagues, loved ones both military and civilian, and others who lost their lives in these illegitimate and senseless acts of terrorism. They have become the casualties of a war against an enemy that refuses to abide by any of the rules of land warfare and vainly masks his politics in a veil or religion. He receives no legitimacy from the serious practitioners of his faith and he will not succeed in his war of terrorism.

During this period, we urge commanders to review their calendars to postpone or cancel events in respect for the losses and grief of so many Americans. We have already done this in Washington. Though social and celebratory events are important to the culture and traditions of the Army, we will honor our fallen and their families with a somber and solemn period during which we forego such events. Subordinate commanders will make the calls on what is right for their units.

This period of respect is, in no way, meant to interfere with scheduled training or any effort to sustain our readiness to meet our nonnegotiable contract with the American people — fighting and winning our nation’s wars when called. The Army will continue to focus on METL training — tough, realistic tasks performed to standard. During this period, we urge all members of the Army to take the time to reflect upon and consider the critical nature of the tasks we face, the inherent nobility of the profession of arms, and the trust the American people place in us to do our duty, selflessly and honorably.

God bless you all, the Army and our nation.

**Thomas E. White, Secretary of the Army and Gen. Eric K. Shinseki, Chief of Staff of the Army**

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must realize that the way ahead may be a long term situation and that there may not be an opportunity for immediate closure, but Grazioplene reminds the military and their families to stay focused on the mission and resolute in your leadership.

In the words of our President, George W. Bush, “Terrorist attacks can shake the foundations of our biggest buildings, but they cannot touch the foundation of America. These acts shatter steel, but they cannot dent the steel of American resolve,” he said in an address to the public after the attacks. “America and our friends and allies join with all those who want peace and security in the world and we stand together to win the war against terrorism.”

## Rumsfeld on terrorists: drain swamp they live in

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

WASHINGTON — The best defense against terrorism is to go on the offensive, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld told reporters in the Pentagon today.

“We simply cannot batten down the hatches and try to cope with every conceivable thing that the terrorists can imagine to do,” he said. “They’ve already done some unimaginable things.”

The secretary warned of a long process to fight terrorist threats against the United States. “This will take a long, sustained effort,” he said. “It will require the support of the American people as well as our friends and allies around the world.”

But, he said, he’s sure the American people are up to the challenge, “and certainly the men and women in uniform are up to it.”

The biggest challenge will be deciding how to deal with countries that allow terrorists to prosper within their borders.

“Terrorists do not function in a vacuum. They don’t live in Antarctica. They work, they train and they plan in countries,” Rumsfeld said. “And they’re benefiting from the support of governments ... that are either actively supporting them with money, intelligence and weapons or allowing them to function on their

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territory and tolerating — if not encouraging — their activities.”

The best way to get at the terrorist networks is to “drain the swamp they live in,” Rumsfeld said, referring to action against countries that harbor terrorist activities.

Convincing these countries to change their ways won’t be like any war America has ever fought. “In the past, we were used to dealing with armies, navies, air forces, and ships and guns and tanks,” Rumsfeld said. “This adversary is different. It does not have any of those things or any high-value targets we can go after. But those countries that support them and give sanctuary do have such targets.”

The important thing, Rumsfeld said, is to not give in to what the terrorists want.

“The people who committed these acts are clearly determined to try to force the United States of America and our values to withdraw from the world or to respond by curtailing our freedoms,” he said. “If we do that the terrorists will have won.”

Basically, Americans have a choice, Rumsfeld explained. They can change the way they live, which the secretary called unacceptable, or America can change the way the terrorists live.

“We have chosen the latter. We intend to put them on the defensive,” Rumsfeld said. “This requires a distinctly different approach from any war that we have fought before.”

## Operations, communications security is everyone’s responsibility

By Spc. Jessica Espinosa  
Scout Staff

Force protection requires good operations and security communications, and with Fort Huachuca at a heightened state of alert, everyone, regardless of grade, rank or position should do their part to keep our post and our nation safe.

The “enemy” should not just be thought of as the spy with the beady eyes, lurking in the bushes and dark corners. Instead the enemy should be thought of as a vast group of people capable of multiple intelligence operations and procedures.

We must do anything we can to deny the enemy information on friendly military operations and activities on Fort Huachuca. You are a protector and can prevent the enemy from piecing together a picture of our nation’s strengths and weaknesses.

Some essentials of OPSEC and COMSEC are: physical security, information security, signal security, and deception. The enemy can gather information on us via human collectors, signals monitoring, and photography (including satellite.)

Keeping vigilant security with both operations and communications going on in your office, over the phone, or even in everyday conversation can help promote a safer environment.

Security measures taken not only protect combat operations during times of crisis or war, but also prevent the disclo-

sure of logistical, personnel, training, research and development, and other administrative and support activities in times of peace.

Here are some tips on safeguarding operations and security at Fort Huachuca:

- Always protect sensitive unclassified information
- Classify all documents properly
- Never place classified material in nonsecure areas, such as on top of desk or unlocked drawers
- Only release classified information to those with proper clearance and on a “need-to-know” basis
- Never transmit classified material improperly, such as over the phone, or through fax machines.
- Never talk about classified material over the phone or in public
- Always use classified cover sheets when appropriate
- Never carry safe combinations or passwords in wallets or in purses, they should be memorized.
- Always provide adequate safeguards when conducting classified meetings.

Remember, the key to safety on Fort Huachuca is everyone’s responsibility. Attempts by unauthorized individuals to obtain military information must be stopped and controlled by all means available.

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# Fort's EO reminds community to be sensitive to Arab Americans

## Military EO release

Americans and service members must continue to work together in harmony. It takes all of our American culture to be a powerful nation. A better understanding of the various cultures within our society will enhance our ability to lead effectively, and enhances mission readiness.

In light of recent events there have been many threats to the Arab American Community and those of the Islamic faith across our country.

At Fort Huachuca, we continue to promote dignity and respect for all across the installation as well as in our communities. A further understanding of who Arab Americans are, and what Islam is educates and enhances dignity and respect for everyone.

Arab Americans are making their own contribution to America's future. This complex community is unified by a common faith and in over 1,000 mosques across the United States. Arab Americans have made great progress since their arrival to this county, and many today are successful in business and

several professional fields.

Arab Americans are immigrants who have been in the United States for more than a century, with the initial immigrants being Christian. Those who immigrated to the United States after 1945 were mainly of the Muslim faith. This group has been able to maintain more of their culture than of those who arrived during the late 1800's. According to the 1990 Census, 82 percent of Arab Americans are citizens and 63 percent were born in America. Arab Americans can be Muslim, Christian, Jewish, atheist or a follower of another faith.

What is Islam? "Islam" is an Arabic word meaning submission, surrender, and obedience. As a religion, Islam stands for complete submission and obedience to God (Allah in Arabic). It also means peace, greeting, salutation, loyalty, and allegiance. Islam is a religion and a complete way of life. Any person who believes in the creed and teachings of Islam is called a Muslim. There are approximately 1 billion Muslims in the world. Indonesia, which is non-Arab, is the largest Islamic country.

*It is important to remember that Arab Americans and Muslims are our fellow service members, neighbors, co-workers, friends, and family members.*

Military Equal Opportunity Office



Photo by Sgt. Sharron Stewart

**Spc. Damon Ivey, Company B, 40th Signal Battalion cuts celery at the Thunderbird Dining Facility. The facility has been feeding approximately 800 soldiers daily and delivering hot soup, coffee and ice to another 400.**

## DFACS keeping soldiers morale up

By Sgt. Sharron L. Stewart  
Scout Staff

When Fort Huachuca increased security measures Sept. 11, Sgt. 1st Class Allen B. Lewis, senior food operations sergeant for the 11th Signal Brigade Thunderbird Dining Facility, was able to implement a plan that would feed soldiers on a 24 hour basis.

His staff of 32 soldiers and eight contract civilians have gone to three shifts in order to get the mission accomplished. The DFAC operating hours for breakfast are 5-8:45 a.m., lunch is 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., dinner is 5-7 p.m. and late night hours are 11 p.m.-1 a.m.

"We've been feeding approximately 800 soldiers on a daily basis and also have been

providing ice, hot soup and coffee for about 400 more soldiers," Lewis said. In the past the DFAC would generate \$2,000 in revenue but that figure has increased to approximately \$6,000 on a daily basis.

The dining facility provides sack lunches for soldiers made up of submarine sandwiches, juice, chips, fruit and breath mints. "The feedback we have received so far has been very good. The soldiers are enjoying the meals and the atmosphere," Lewis said. Thunderbird Bird Dining Facility has four television stations. Lewis said during the late night hours he even plays music for the soldiers. "Our late-night customers are still able to order from the short-order side and eat healthy," Lewis concluded.

## Fort chaplains source of comfort, hope

By Sgt. Sharron L. Stewart  
Scout Staff

"We pray with the soldiers, visit with them on guard-duty and offer them comfort, a cup of coffee and hope," said Chaplain (Maj.) Ira Houck, the installation pastoral care coordinator.

Since the post has taken increased security measures chaplains have stepped up efforts to provide their services to the Fort Huachuca community. Houck said a chaplain is present 24 hours a day at the Emergency Operations Center and in addition there is a duty chaplain on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

"In addition to counseling soldiers and their families, chaplains also ensure all soldiers can freely exercise their religion and we fully support and provide manpower for all services whether the services are for those of the Jewish, Christian or Islamic faith," Houck said. He noted that in the light of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks there has been an increase in worship service attendance.

He also said chaplains and commanders on post have taken the time to ask their Islamic soldiers whether or not they have been harassed. "We have a few Muslims on post and they are continuing to conduct their worship services. Their commanders want to make sure they are not being mistreated. We don't think

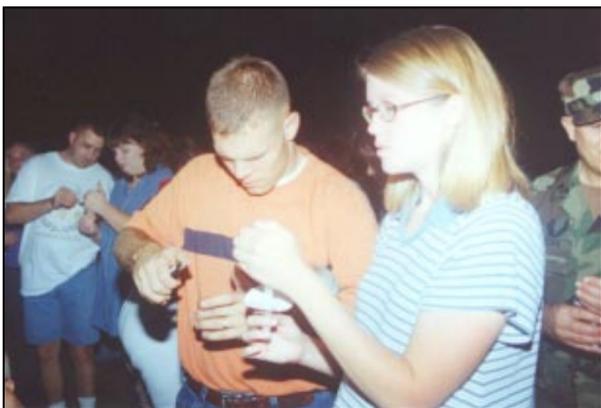


Photo by Spc. Jessica Espinosa

**Soldiers, family members and civilians participated in a candlelight vigil Sept. 14 on Fort Huachuca.**

of them as Muslim or Islamic, we think of them as Americans," said Houck.

He said prayer gatherings have been held daily on post since President George W. Bush called for a National Day of Prayer and Remembrance Sept. 14.

"We've responded to the community's need for prayer by holding a prayer vigil the afternoon of Sept. 14 at Kino Chapel and a candlelight vigil that night," he said. Participants, prayed, sang hymns and read scripture.

Houck said protestant and catholic worshippers could pray daily at the Main Post chapel. "I want to emphasize that prayer works. It affects the person praying and it affects the situation. God defiantly hears our prayers," he said.

Religious services on post have maintained their normal schedule. "I believe that chaplains are always able to offer soldiers a sense of comfort and assurance," he said.

## Combined Federal Campaign

# Fort luncheon rescheduled; national organizations create relief funds

## CFC release

It is again time for this year's Combined Federal Campaign. Every year U.S. federal employees around the world are given the opportunity to donate to their favorite charities during the Combined Federal Campaign. This year's Fort Huachuca and Cochise County campaign will run through Oct. 31.

Fort Huachuca will host a kick-off luncheon at 11:30 a.m., Oct. 12 at the LakeSide Activity Center for this year's campaign. The price for the tickets is \$7.50 and can be purchased from any unit CFC representative. To RSVP, call Maj. Terry Hurley, CFC coordinator, at 538-0648.

The menu for this year's luncheon is a Bourbon Street Buffet.

Charles Fisher will be this year's guest speaker. He is the executive director of Catholic Community Services for Southeastern Arizona, which include Cochise, Graham, Greenlee, and Santa Cruz counties. His speech will focus on the importance of giving and the way in which organizations benefit from contributions through the Combined Federal Campaign.

President John F. Kennedy established the CFC in the early 1960s. His goal was to eliminate the multiple workplace solicitations that were inundating the federal workplace.

The first campaign was held in 1964 and its purpose was to help the human health and welfare needs through a single annual drive for federal employees. That purpose still holds true today.

CFC is the largest single charitable campaign in the world, raising over \$224 million nationally last year. Fort Huachuca raised over \$310,000 in last year's campaign. The majority of those contributions were given via payroll deduction. This process allows contributors to donate a little each month throughout the year. The money is deducted directly from their paycheck. Campaign pledges made in September or October will not take affect until January.

There are over 1800 charities available in this year's campaign.

These charities range from national organizations such as the American Heart Association, international charities such as the International Make a Wish Foundation, and over 200 local charities such as the Fort Huachuca Youth Services, and the Humane Society of Southern Arizona.

All charities included in this year's booklet must meet very stringent criteria established by federal law. There is no question as to whether a donation will make it to the specifically annotated agency of the contributor's choice.

## College cooperates with FBI request for info

### Cochise College release

In the wake of recent terrorist attacks on the United States, the FBI is investigating the records of flight schools around the country, including those of Cochise College.

The college provided student records to the

Arab Americans are military heroes such as Col. James Jabara, Air Force Korean War veteran; Brig. Gen. Elias Stevens who served on Gen. Eisenhower's staff; and more recently Gen. George Joulwan, West Point Graduate and U.S. and NATO Supreme Allied Commander.

Sports stars include Doug Flutie, NFL Hall of Famer, and basketball star Rony Seikaly. Forces for change are as Candy Lightner, founder of Mothers Against Drunk Driving, and Ralph Jones, a key participant in the Civil Rights Movement who encouraged the famous lunch counter sit-in in Greensboro, N.C., in 1960. Arab American educators include Christa McAuliffe, who lost her life in the Space Shuttle Challenger disaster. Artists such as Jamie Farr and Marlo Thomas, and radio personality Casey Kasem also make up the Arab American group of famous people.

It is important to remember that Arab Americans and Muslims are our fellow service members, neighbors, co-workers, friends, and family members. Muslims follow a religion of peace, mercy, and forgiveness, and the majority has nothing to do with the extremely grave events, which have come to be associated with Islam.

We ask that our military values, and good morals guide us in our interactions with others in promoting infinite dignity and self-worth. This will continue to enhance mission effectiveness.

The Combined Federal Campaign has invited all national organizations to designate their support of special relief funds and efforts after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

All Federal employees also have the opportunity to contribute to national and local relief efforts through their participation in the Combined Federal Campaign.

Employees may designate their payroll deduction or make a cash/check contribution to the organization of their choice.

If employees would like their cash or check contribution to be used for the national/local

relief efforts, they may want to designate their contribution to one or more of the organizations listed on the CFC website link for organizations providing disaster relief.

For a complete list of all the organizations that have establish relief funds for the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, visit [www.opm.gov/cfc/opmmemos/2001/911-Disaster.htm](http://www.opm.gov/cfc/opmmemos/2001/911-Disaster.htm).

With approximately 9100 federal employees on Fort Huachuca, only 2200 of them elected to contribute to last year's

campaign. That is a participation percentage of only 24 percent. This year's campaign hopes to greatly surpass this, while highlighting the importance of giving.

"Through contributions made to the Combined Federal Campaign, you can make a difference in the life of someone in your community, or someone halfway across the world," Hurley said.

"You decide who will receive your gift. The Combined Federal Campaign makes it easy. And the CFC keeps the fundraising costs low, so more of the dollars you contribute go to those who need it most.

"Last year, Fort Huachuca raised over \$310,000. This year, our goal is \$340,000. That's only ten cents a day for everyone on the installation. Think about it — that's pocket change.

"If we give from our hearts, I believe we can reach this year's goal. I believe that together, as a community, we can change tomorrow today."

Service men and women are not the only people who are asked to participate in the CFC. Civilians working for the Department of the Army and every other federal agency are asked to participate, as well as retired federal employees.

This year's campaign is chaired by Maj. Terry Hurley who can be reached at 538-0648 or [terry.hurley@hqasc.army.mil](mailto:terry.hurley@hqasc.army.mil), and co-chaired by Capt. Kimberly Retchless who can be reached at 538-0812 or [kimberly.reutchless@hqasc.army.mil](mailto:kimberly.reutchless@hqasc.army.mil).

FBI Sept. 14 per their request.

As part of their ongoing investigation, the FBI requested information on all international students who have attended the College's aviation program over the past several years.

The college has no further comment.

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# Fort puts family first during increased security

By Spc. Jessica Espinosa  
Scout Staff

Getting the mission accomplished entails much more than just getting soldiers to one place at one time. In fact, in many cases, it has little to do with soldiering and much more to do with family care.

Without proper care at the family level, soldiers would not even have the ability to properly perform missions. For this reason, the New Beginnings Child Development Center has stepped up to the plate to take on longer hours and extra days to ensure that the soldiers are taken care of at their most personal level.

Since Fort Huachuca implemented higher safety measures due to terrorist attacks just over a week ago, the CDC has taken into consideration the various hours and days that soldiers may be working and implemented their work schedule to match that of a soldier.

New hours for the CDC are Monday through Friday from 4:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday from 5:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. by reservation only. Plus, free childcare, including dinner, was provided Wednesday for the Town Hall meeting.

"Our staff is putting in extra long hours and many here are spouses of military who may be deploying and have their own children. So they're really working hard," Heidi Malarchik, center director, said.

Malarchik stressed that the most important thing right now for a child is to remain with a familiar routine, which the CDC offers with familiar faces and fun times.

Plus, she said that the children also need plenty of reassurance, which is freely given out with love and hugs.

"Parents are welcome to come if they get a free moment in their schedule, just to see how their kids are doing," Malarchik said. "We know that parents need reassurance too. Caregivers are giving them plenty of hugs too."

Because of work hours and lack of sleep tempers may be tested easily with both parents and children, Malarchik said.



Photo by Spc. Jessica Espinosa

**Devin Sizer, 4, and Clairanne Moncur, 5, spent Saturday morning entertained by scooter races and other activities at Fort Huachuca's Child Development Center. The CDC has been open extended hours, including weekends and evenings by reservation for mission essential personnel.**

"We understand that people can be grumpy during times like this when everything is stressful. And because of that children can get ornery and cranky as well. Many parents may be working the night shift. If they are sleepy during the day it's better for the child to be here. The parents shouldn't feel guilty about dropping their child off when they're sleeping."

Malarchik advises that parents should be

as honest as possible with children when they ask about their current situation, whether that be with deployments, long working hours, or simply how the world is doing.

Some activities and suggestions Malarchik gives to parents who may be deploying or working longer shifts is to allow your child to do creative activities, such as drawings, and also to tape record their favorite books so that the child can hear their parent's voice when

they're not around.

"If people do deploy here, all they have to do is fill out special paper work to keep their child at the top of the list. Plus, they'll be no charge of early termination. We really work with the parents," she said.

Parents can call the CDC for more information at 533-5209. For those who may require special services they can call the Support Program and Services office at 533-0738.

## Parents, teachers can help children cope with crisis

By Brian J. Olden, LCSW, DCSW  
Europe Regional Medical Command PAO

For the first time in American history, the United States has experienced coordinated terrorist attacks in several locations. We are all shocked, grieved, fearful and angered by the experience.

Most of us walk around feeling that something like this could never happen to us. Now that it has, we have to deal with that reality.

Children will have varied reactions to this experience. However, they may not have the opportunity or ability to express their feelings as adults do. So, as parents, caregivers and teachers we will have to help the children find positive and constructive ways to express their feelings.

What we all are dealing with is a crisis, and principles of crisis intervention state that it is important to try to reach a state of balance as soon as possible, in order to return to our previous level of functioning.

For children, this means trying to establish as much of a safe and secure environment as possible. Try to use every opportunity to reinforce for your child that they will be safe.

Reassure your child that the adults in their life are doing their best to keep things like this from happening. Point out to them that the Army, the police, and the firemen are there to help.

Most importantly, keep in mind that children will observe how the significant adults in their life are handling the crisis, so it is important to remain calm and try to maintain routines and stability at home.

So, what feelings are children likely to have? Shock, fear, confusion and/or anger are all possible reactions. If a child has been touched more directly by these attacks, if a family member or close friend or relative has been hurt or killed in an incident, a child's reactions are likely to be more intense.

If a child withdraws, try to gently draw the child out by getting him or her to talk, write, or draw about their feelings. Honest, simple discussions of your own reactions may help.

It is important to allow your children to talk about their feelings and their understanding of what has happened. Ask them questions about what they know so you can assess their reac-

tion and understanding. False reassurances and simply dismissing their fears are generally not helpful.

How well they understand it and how well they will be able to express themselves will depend on their age. Parents and caregivers should also take age and developmental level into consideration when telling their children about the terrorism. We don't want to give children more than they can handle.

If there are young children around the house, parents will want to limit the amount of television news coverage the children are exposed to. Constant images of destruction may be overwhelming.

Preschool age and younger children will mainly need to be assured that they and their family are safe, and descriptions of what has happened should be simple. In addition to the emotions mentioned above, young children may temporarily regress in some of their skills or habits.

Older children and teenagers may be more curious, may want to see more of the news coverage, and should be encouraged to talk about their questions and their feelings. It is a good idea for parents to watch the news with their children. They will also need reassurances that they are safe and will be taken care of.

In any crisis situation, group support is very beneficial. The school is an excellent setting for this to occur, so teachers and counselors can encourage discussion of the events and feelings related to them in the classroom. Be sure to make an opportunity to speak with your child about what is being said in their school.

Finally, parents, caregivers and teachers should be aware of more serious reactions. Changes in sleeping or eating patterns, mood changes (anxiety, irritability, and aggressiveness), withdrawal or school refusal which persists may require more attention.

Teens are likely to express more serious problems by being oppositional and acting out. In these circumstances, seek out a qualified mental health professional for assistance.

*(Editor's note: Brian Olden is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and is currently the Chief of the Educational and Developmental Intervention Service at the USAMEDDAC in Wuerzburg, Germany.)*

## Officials want donations channeled to legitimate charities

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

WASHINGTON — DoD officials say they have been inundated by donations of goods and funds, and they want to make sure people are sending their donations to reputable charities.

Below is a list of organizations DoD officials recommend individuals contact to make donations to assist survivors of those killed in the Sept. 11th attack on the Pentagon.

Army Emergency Relief Society, Pentagon Victims Fund, (703) 325-0463, [www.aerhq.org](http://www.aerhq.org).

Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society, Pentagon Assistance Fund, (703) 696-4904, [www.nmcrcs.org](http://www.nmcrcs.org).

Federal Employee Education and Assistance Fund, (303) 933-7580, [www.feea.org](http://www.feea.org).

Officials asked that anyone wishing to make donations not call the Pentagon Family (Casualty) Assistance Center. "That number is reserved for families," a DoD official said.

Consumer advocacy groups are also warning of several scams that are taking advantage of Americans' outpouring of generosity in the wake of the tragedies.

Group members recommend that individuals wishing to make such donations contact the agency through another medium to make their donation. That way they won't be taken in by a Web site or Internet address that was made to look like a legitimate site.



Photo by Rudi Williams

**Judy A. York (left) of Kearneysville, W. Va., made a huge cake decorated as an American flag as a show of support to the families of victims of the terrorist airliner crash at the Pentagon Sept. 11, 2001. Her daughter and grandson, Janet and Michael Nesslerodt, helped deliver the cake to DoD's Family (Casualty) Assistance Center in Arlington, Va.**

## Mrs. York's cake goes to Washington

By Rudi Williams  
American Forces Press Service

ARLINGTON, Va. — Janet Nesslerodt, 31, said, "You're crazy," when her mother, Judy A. York, told her she was going to make a two-foot by-four-foot cake decorated with an American flag and drive it from Kearneysville, W. Va., to the DoD Family (Casualty) Assistance Center here.

York's excitement rubbed off on her, though, and she and her son, Michael, 6, helped deliver the huge cake.

"I didn't help her make the cake, I just helped her bring it here," Nesslerodt said. Daughter no longer thinks mother is crazy.

"I think what she did is wonderful, and more people should do something like this," Nesslerodt said.

"Just because you might not personally know someone who was affected by this tragedy in your family or among your friends, as a country, we're all affected by it. This is just Mom's way of doing something to show that people care."

"We didn't have a family member down here, but everybody is grieving for those who have lost people," York said.

"Making the cake is just something to let people know that others are thinking about them, and, even though it's not our family, we're going through the sorrow with them."

York initially had planned to make the cake four times larger, but logistics got the better of her. She went to two-by-four so it would fit in her car for the two-hour drive from Kearneysville to Arlington and the Pentagon.

A supermarket donated some of the ingredients and a bakery in Walkersville, Md., chipped in a keg of icing. York bought the rest.

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## Army Signal Command

# Signal unit captures deployment excellence award

By Sgt. 1st Class David K. Dismukes  
ASC PAO

The 235th Signal Company took first place this year in the Army's deployment excellence award competition. The unit based at Fort Gordon, Ga., took the top honors in the deploying - small unit category.

Two unit representatives are scheduled to receive the award from Gen. Eric Shinseki, Army chief of staff, in a ceremony at Department of the Army Headquarters, Wednesday.

"This award comes from a lot of hard work from the soldiers and the stuff they do every day. The soldiers are the ones who do the work and go out and make it happen," said 1st Sgt. Joseph E. Rice, company first sergeant, 235th Signal Company.

"When we found out about the award program, we began researching, reading and reviewing our past deployments," added Rice.

"We are very proud of the 235th soldiers that have made our deployments successful. It is their hard work and determination at all levels that allows us to have gone where we have. We couldn't have accomplished our missions without the diligence of the 67th Signal Battalion staff and the excellent support from other organizations like Communications Elec-

tronics Command and the Fort Gordon Transportation Office," said Capt. Anthony Glaude, commander, 235th Signal Company.

"A strong maintenance program has allowed us to concentrate on other aspects of our readiness and deployability. Our motorpool and electronic maintenance shop have really carried the company," said 1st Lt. David David, executive officer, 235th Signal Company.

"Readiness is not a goal. It is a requirement. It is imperative for our forces stationed around the world to be ready to deploy at a moment's notice. The 235th Signal Company has set the standard for the Army for deployment readiness and exemplifies our commitment to readiness," said Brig. Gen. James C. Hylton, commanding general of Army Signal Command.

"Deployments are a good thing for us. They build experience and morale. They're something for the soldiers to look forward to," said Sgt. Miles Maseberg, team chief, 235th Signal Company.

Master Sgt. Maurice Nowlin, who served as the unit's first sergeant during competition and Sgt. Miles Maseberg, deploying team chief, are scheduled to represent the unit at the ceremony.



Photo courtesy of 235th Signal Company

Spc. William Vaughn, electronic maintenance technician, 235th Signal Company, troubleshoots an AN/TSC-93 Satellite van during a recent deployment.

## Signal company wins SECDEF maintenance award competition

By Carol A. Conner  
ASC PAO

MANNHEIM, Germany — Top honors went to 58th Signal Company in this year's Secretary of Defense maintenance award competition. The company took first place in the small unit category. Part of the Army's 5th Signal Command, the unit is based in Mannheim, Germany. It will now compete with unit winners from the other armed forces for the coveted Phoenix Tro-

phy at the Department of Defense maintenance symposium in Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 31.

"To reach the Phoenix Trophy competition, 58th Signal Company had to win competitions from the battalion level to the Department of Defense level — this was a challenge," said Kenneth Wycoff, U.S. Army Signal Command's maintenance awards program manager. "However, their mission accomplishments were impres-

sive. In the past year, this unit has performed 27 operational missions. They have the distinction of being the most deployed company in U. S. Army Signal Command.

"Competition requirements included analysis of each unit's operational readiness, their effective use of maintenance resources and innovative management techniques as well as quality of life programs," explained Wycoff.

"Maintenance is not a goal. It is a necessity. It is a readiness imperative for our globally deployed forces," said Brig. Gen. James C. Hylton, commanding general of Army Signal Command.

"The 58th Signal Company is a shining example of our commitment to readiness."

"We are proud to be the first signal unit to win the Secretary of Defense's maintenance award," Unit Commander Capt. Robert Purtle said.

"We hope that when we leave the Department of Defense Maintenance Symposium in October, we will be taking the Phoenix back to Germany with us," he added.

The Phoenix Trophy is awarded to the 'best of the best.' Only one of the six Secretary of Defense maintenance award winners will take it home.

The Army's 58th Signal Company will be competing with two Air Force units, two Navy units and one Marine Corps unit for the prestigious trophy.

*Maintenance is not a goal. It is a necessity. It is a readiness imperative for our globally deployed forces.*

Brig. Gen. James C. Hylton



Scouts hiking the Grand Mesa, from left to right, Justin Womack, Andy Oliver, Nathan Andersen, Jake Oliver, Roland Tyler, Sean McWhorter and Steven Schultz.

## Scouts tackle flat top mesa

Boy Scout Troop 431 release

Boy Scouts from Fort Huachuca's Troop 431 spent four days backpacking on top of the Grand Mesa in Colorado.

Seven scouts, all between the ages of 13 and 17 quickly realized that hiking at an altitude of 10,000 feet was very different than hiking at even our relatively high altitude of 5,000 feet.

The Scouts spent time hiking, fishing, cooking and learning land navigation skills. Nathan Andersen caught over half a dozen fish. The boys took turns cooking, cleaning and performing camp chores. Tending the campfire was the most popular chore.

"Backpacking causes all of us to limit what we carry and focuses us to bring only what we truly need," Andy Oliver said. Scouts carried all their supplies during the four days. Meals consisted of lightweight and dehydrated foods. The group caught several Trout and used them to supplement their meals. All meals were cooked over an open fire or over a small backpacking stove.



Photos courtesy Boy Scout Troop 431

Andy Oliver prepares more stew, while hungry Scouts look on.

The Scouts and three adult leaders enjoyed spending time in the forest and among the many lakes of the Grand Mesa.

"We loved hiking in an area that did not require us to carry all our water," said Sean McWhorter, senior patrol leader. "Water weighs 8 pounds per gallon and that adds up very fast!"

When hiking in a desert environment Scouts normally carry one or two gallons of water. The Scouts used water purification tablets and water filter systems to make lake and stream water drinkable.

The Scouts saw many different types of wildlife, including

a beaver that woke many of them up on the second morning of the hike as it splashed around in the nearby stream.

Grandparents of two of the Scouts helped the Troop by allowing them to invade their home before and after the backpacking trip. Special thanks go out Mike and Barbara Oliver of Grand Junction, Colo.

The support of Fort Huachuca's Garrison Commander, Col. Michael W. Boardman, Suzette Krusemark, executive assistant, and Jim Cresto, director of Installation Support, made this trip possible. For more information on the Post's scouting programs, call Scoutmaster David Tyler at 533-6603.

## Youth Council hears two juvenile misconduct cases, orders community service

OSJA release

On Sept. 5, the Fort Huachuca Youth Council met at the installation's courtroom in Greeley Hall and heard two cases involving juvenile misconduct on Fort Huachuca.

The first case concerned a teenager apprehended for fighting with another teenager on post.

The Council ordered her to perform twenty hours of community service. In July, the Youth Council imposed 20 hours of community service on the other teenager who participated

in the fight.

The second juvenile appearing before the Youth Council had been apprehended for shoplifting computer games at the Fort Huachuca Post Exchange.

The Youth Council directed him to perform 24 hours of community service, to tour the County Juvenile Detention Center, and write a 1,000-word essay.

The Youth Council meets monthly to hear cases of juvenile misconduct on Fort Huachuca under the authority of Army and

Fort Huachuca regulations.

Juveniles apprehended by military police for minor offenses on post have the option of appearing before the Youth Council or appearing before a magistrate judge at Federal Court in Tucson. Most elect to appear before the Youth Council.

The Youth Council may impose rehabilitative measures such as writing essays and letters of apology, restriction and/or community service.

In appropriate cases, the Youth Council can

order juveniles to pay restitution for the damages they have caused. The Council can also recommend barring a juvenile from Fort Huachuca.

Representatives from the garrison command, the three brigades on post, social service agencies on and off post, the installation schools and the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate sit on the Youth Council.

Youth Council hearings are closed to the public.

## Community Updates

### Engineers operational

The Housing, Logistics, Contract, and Service Orders Divisions are open for limited services. There will be no transportation deliveries or pick-ups of household goods until further notice. Call 533-3501 for more information.

### Jewish services planned

Services will be held for the Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashanah, at the Main Post Chapel Sept. 26 at 7 p.m. Yom Kippur will be held at the Main Post Chapel Sept. 27 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

### Designated parking

Designated overflow parking lots have been established in areas with major work centers on post. Shuttle buses will run daily from 6-11 a.m. and 3-7 p.m. Greely Hall workers should park at Chaffee Parade Field.

### Adjutant General services

Until further notice, the AGD/MILPO offices will be open with reduced capabilities Monday through Friday, 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.

### POSH cancelled

The Refresher POSH training that was scheduled for today at Greely Hall has been cancelled. It will be rescheduled at a later date.

### Federal jobs workshop

The next Federal Jobs Workshop is from 8-10 a.m. Friday 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 Oct. 19, Nov. 16 and Dec. 7.

### CFC seeks stories

The 2001 Combined Federal Campaign for Fort Huachuca and Cochise County will run Monday through 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](mailto:terry.hurley@hqasc.army.mil).

### Range closures

Saturday	AF, AW, T1, T1A, T2
Sunday	AQ, AU, AY
Monday	AF, AL, AV, AW, T1, T1A, T2
Tuesday	AF, AL, AN, AU, AV, AW, AY, T1, T1A, T2
Wednesday	AD, AF, AH, AI, AJ, AK, AL, AM, AN, AR, AW, AY, T1, T1A, T2
Sept. 27	AF, AH, AI, AJ, AK, AL, AM, AR, AU, AW, AY, T1, T1A, T2
Sept. 28	AF, AH, AIK, AJ, AK, AL, AR, AW
Sept. 29	AF, AL, T1, 51A, T2
Sept. 30	AV

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

### NCMA luncheon set

The National Contract Management Association will host its monthly luncheon 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Sept. 25 at La Hacienda. The speaker will be the President of Cochise College, Dr. Karen Nicodemus. Her presentation will address Cochise College Partnering Initiatives. For reservations, call Kelly Stute at 459-6227. The public is welcome to attend.

### Johnston PTSO forms

Colonel Johnston Elementary School is in the process of forming a Parent, Teacher and Student Organization. The public is invited to the first meeting at 1:30 p.m., Sept. 27 in Room 306 of Johnston School. For more information, call 459-8798.

### Fueling point locked

Sept. 27 will be the last day of Fiscal Year 01 to obtain fuel from the Carter and Libby Army Airfield Fuel Points. Customers are requested to top off all their vehicles and support equipment prior to close of business that day. All VIL-keys used at the Carter fuel point will be locked out at close of business Sept. 27.

VIL-keys in the possession of customers will be re-programmed with new FY02 data as customers arrive at the Carter fuel point for support beginning Oct. 1. Only emergency or pre-arranged fuel issues will be made to customers Sept. 28-30.

For more information, call Pat Quintana,

fuel officer, Directorate of Installation Support, Logistics Division, at 533-5610.

### MCSE certification offered

A Microsoft Certified System Engineer certification will be offered as a pilot at Fort Huachuca beginning Sept. 28 through the University of Phoenix. The MCSE is a highly coveted industry certification and is for network professionals, who are qualified to effectively plan, implement, maintain, and support information systems in a wide range of computing environments using the Microsoft Windows NT Server and the Microsoft BackOffice integrated family of server products. Classes run on post Friday evenings and Saturday mornings.

Information packages, class calendar, the statement of prerequisite skills, and the self-validation statement are all available at the UOP offices located at the Education Center or Haymore Plaza. Registration is ongoing and classes fill quickly. For more information, call Alan Beaudrie or Steve Johnson at 1-800-659-8988 to speak to one of the ITECH advisors. Active duty military have first priority. Tuition Assistance is available, subject to availability of funds.

### Heritage Month in planning

Army Signal Command and the Fort Huachuca Equal Opportunity Office are in the planning stage for this year's Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Sept. 28 at Murr Community Center. The offices are looking for volunteers to setup cultural displays and provide food samples. If interested call Master Sgt. Martin Mayhew at 538-0909, Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Quesnell at 533-3696, or Sgt. 1st Class Phyllis Green at 533-5305.

### Adopt a Greyhound

The Greyhound Adoption League of Sierra Vista will host a Greyhound Adoption Day, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Sept. 29 for Sierra Vista and the surrounding area at Bookmans' Bookstore, 100 West Fry Blvd.

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

### 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 start in October and will be held one weekend 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](mailto:meadorr.fhu.disa.mil); or call Maj. Mo Ostroff at (602) 650-3137.

### SAMC welcomes new members

The Fort Huachuca's Sergeant Audie Murphy Club welcomes all newly arrived SAMC and Sergeant Morales members coming from other installations. The post Sergeant Murphy Club meets on the first Tuesday of each month at the La Hacienda Club on Fort Huachuca at 11:30 a.m. The next meeting is Oct. 2. For more information, call the SAMC secretary, Sgt. Jaime Clayton at 538-6324 or the Vice President, Drill Sergeant Shandella Vaughan at 533-6403.

### 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."

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](http://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](mailto:trogers@afcea.org). Attendees must be U.S. citizens and have a top-secret clearance with SI/TK access.

### Delta operators sought

A 1st Special Forces Operational Detachment-DELTA (Airborne) Briefing Team from Fort Bragg, N.C., will discuss qualifications and application procedures to military personnel interested in becoming DELTA Operators.

Specific units have been provided with an alphabetical roster that identifies mandatory attendance for those listed soldiers. Unit first sergeants should coordinate to have their soldiers attend one of the NCOPTD briefings. This briefing however is open to anyone who wishes to attend.

Briefings will be at 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. daily Nov. 5-7 in the Buffalo Ballroom at Murr Community Center. Call Sgt. Jeanette Newell at 533-1705/1706 for information.

## Pets of the Week



"Joey" is a 1-year-old male black chow mix. He is very friendly and loves to play. His adoption fee is \$42, which includes a neuter, all vaccinations, a heartworm test, a microchip and deworming.



"Buddy" is a sable colored male young adult lab mix. He is a beautiful dog who needs a good home. He is housebroken and good with kids. His adoption fee is \$19, which includes a neuter, all vaccinations, a heartworm test, a microchip and deworming.



"Hunter" is a 10-month-old male purebred golden retriever. He would make a great family pet. His adoption fee is \$42, which includes a neuter, all vaccinations, a heartworm test, a microchip and deworming.



These three kittens are 12-week-old Siamese mixes. They need a lot of attention and a good home. The adoption fee for each kitten is \$42, which includes a spay or neuter, vaccinations, a feline leukemia test, a microchip and deworming.

### To adopt us...

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.

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## Medical Activity Command

# Fort's MEDDAC supports soldiers, maintains security

By Spc. Jessica Espinosa  
Scout Staff

Though it may be more difficult to get in and around post, patients can rest assured that Fort Huachuca's medical facilities are up and running full speed to provide the best medical care available.

New hours for the Prime Time Clinic are from 4-8 p.m. during the week and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on weekends and holidays. Appointment lines open at 10 a.m. due to delays at the East Gate.

Previously scheduled appointments are currently being seen, as well as new appointments, with the exception of the Internal Medicine Clinic. Same day surgeries have resumed, according to Capt. Ronna L. Winn, Medical Activity Com-

mand public affairs officer.

Because force protection measures are in effect parking is being held in the overflow lot and all patients must have proper identification to enter facilities. For more information, call 533-9026.

Veterans' Administration Clinic patients are highly encouraged to ask gate guards for wheelchair assistance, as it is approximately 200 feet or more from the designated parking area to the VA clinic entrance, said Winn.

Appointments for the VA Clinic are being scheduled and seen at this time. For appointment assistance, medication refills or to leave a message for a provider call 1-800-470-8262. Durable medical equipment shipments have resumed.

"Things are getting much smoother [at the VA Clinic] as

access gets better at the gates. What's most important and what we need to remind patients of is that they must bring in two forms of ID. That's been a problem and people have gotten turned around [at the gate] for that," said Lorna Cook, nurse practitioner at the VA Clinic.

"Appointments are ready as scheduled. People are getting through the gate beautifully.

"The biggest problem we have right now is the walk from the designated parking lot to the clinic, but once patients are down here we can see everyone scheduled because we are at full staff."

All soldiers are being seen in their regularly scheduled clinic of care at usual hours. Appointments should still be made via central appointments through designated individual teams.

## MEDDAC Updates

### TRICARE briefings postponed

TRICARE for Life Briefings initially scheduled between Sept. 17-19 have been postponed. New dates and times will be posted as soon as available.

### VA Clinic open

The VA Clinic is now open normal hours. Parking will be available in front of building only, due to continued security measures. All patients must bring ID cards and should tell the gate guards if wheelchair assistance is needed. Allow extra time for parking, gate and clinic delays.

### Pharmacy service

Full pharmacy service has resumed at both the Main Pharmacy and the PX satellite pharmacy. Hours of operations are back to normal.

### Combat Lifesaver courses set

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

### 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 RWBAHC.

Interested persons should ask their provider or call 533-9200 to sign up for the class.

## National Cholesterol Education Month

### Know your cholesterol numbers, know your risk

#### NHLBI release

How do your cholesterol numbers measure up? Your numbers are crucial for knowing your chance of having a heart attack. For National Cholesterol Education Month, have your cholesterol checked. Then, find out your risk for heart disease-and how to lower it.

— Know your cholesterol numbers. A fasting lipoprotein profile measures total cholesterol, low-density lipoprotein cholesterol, high-density lipoprotein cholesterol, and triglyceride levels. Everyone age 20 or older should have this blood test at least once every five years.

— Know your risk for coronary heart disease.

How likely are you to develop heart disease or have a heart attack? People with CHD or diabetes are at the greatest risk for a heart attack. Others can look at their LDL ("bad") cholesterol level and other risk factors for CHD to evaluate their CHD risk.

Cholesterol-lowering treatment primarily aims to lower the level of LDL, the main source of blockage in the arteries. The higher the CHD risk, the lower the LDL treatment goal (see table). The factors (other than LDL) that affect these goals are: cigarette smoking, high blood pressure, low HDL (good) cholesterol, family history of early heart disease, and older age.

If you have two or more of the above risk factors (other than a high LDL), esti-

imating your risk for having a heart attack in the next 10 years is recommended, according to the latest national guide-lines.

A risk score over 20 percent is considered as high a risk as having CHD ("CHD equivalent"). Find out your risk score with an online calculator from the National Cholesterol Education Program, a public health initiative of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute.

Go to [www.nhlbi.nih.gov/guidelines/cholesterol](http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/guidelines/cholesterol) and click on Patients.

— Reach your goal. Many people can reach their LDL goal through therapeutic lifestyle changes, such as improving their diet, physical activity level, and weight management. Some, however, will also need medication.

In addition, people with metabolic syndrome—a cluster of risk factors such as obesity, high triglyceride levels, and a low HDL level—may need additional treatment after reaching their LDL treatment goal.

For more information, visit the NCEP Web site at [www.nhlbi.nih.gov/chd](http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/chd) or contact the NHLBI Health Information Center at (301) 592-8573.

*(Editor's note: This article was provided by the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, an arm of the National Institutes of Health headquartered in Bethesda, Md. September is National Cholesterol Education Month.)*

# TROA dispels TRICARE For Life myths for Medicare-eligible beneficiaries

#### TROA release

On Oct. 1, military Medicare-eligible beneficiaries will become eligible for TRICARE For Life, under which TRICARE will provide second-payer coverage to Medicare.

Unfortunately, such major and expensive benefit changes are frequently accompanied by rumors and misinformation, often spread by well-intentioned but worried people. While one can never fully protect against Murphy's Law, everything we see indicates TFL will be implemented and funded as planned on Oct. 1. So it's time to put the kibosh on those exasperating TFL myths.

#### Myth 1: TFL is not a permanent program and Congress is looking at cutbacks because of its high cost.

**Reality:** TFL is set in permanent law, in the same way as Social Security, Medicare, and military retired pay. As such, annual action by Congress to re-authorize TFL is not required. Public Law 106-398 established a DoD Medicare-Eligible Health Care Trust Fund, to be effective Oct. 1.

The Fund will be resourced with annual mandatory contributions from the Department of Defense and the U.S. Treasury. Congress certainly has the power to change any program, including Social Security, Medicare, military retired pay, or TFL, but that would take another law change.

There has been no discussion in Congress of any TFL cutback. Congress and the Defense Department are committed to bringing TFL on line, on time, as promised.

#### Myth 2: TFL has not been funded for Fiscal Year 2002 so the program can't begin on Oct. 1.

**Reality:** It's technically true that Congress has not yet passed the FY 2002 Defense Appropriations Act, but this is merely a formality as far as TFL is concerned.

First-year TFL funding of \$3.9 billion was included in the President's Budget and in the FY2002 Budget Resolution, which set Congress's spending agenda. Therefore, funds are already earmarked for inclusion in the FY 2002 Defense Appropriations Bill when Congress takes it up next month.

If this defense-spending bill is not passed by October 1st, Congress will approve a Continuing Resolution to sustain funding for previ-

ously authorized initiatives.

TROA has confirmed with the House and Senate Appropriations Committees and the Defense Department's General Counsel that, since TFL authority is already on the law books, it will still be implemented and funded on Oct. 1 under the terms of the CR, even if no Defense Appropriations Act has been enacted by that date.

#### Myth 3: My doctors will not accept me as a TFL patient because they don't participate in TRICARE.

**Reality:** Under TFL, all Medicare-approved providers are automatically "TRICARE-approved providers." If Medicare pays the doctor, TRICARE will too — automatically.

There is no requirement for the doctor to formally participate in TRICARE. In the worst case, a skeptical doctor may ask you to pay the Medicare co-payment up front until he can be sure TFL will pay on time.

October's TROA magazine will be accompanied by two copies of TROA's new TRICARE For Life Handbook for Providers. TROA designed this eight-page handbook specifically to show doctors how TFL will work, and persuade them that they won't need to require such upfront co-payments.

#### Myth 4: Doctors who treat TFL patients will have to file a secondary TFL claim for the supplemental coverage that my Medigap insurance now pays.

**Reality:** For the vast majority of cases, all the doctor has to do is file the claim with Medicare, with no extra paperwork for TFL.

Most providers already bill Medicare. Medicare will process the primary claim and send the Medicare payment directly to the provider.

The paid Medicare claim will be automatically forwarded to TRICARE, which will generate a TRICARE co-payment directly to the provider.

You will get an Explanation of Benefits statement from both Medicare and TRICARE showing that both programs have paid their share of the bill and that you owe nothing.

(Note: This automatic payment system will be in place for beneficiaries age 65 and over as of Oct. 1, but won't be available until sometime next year for disabled Medicare-eligibles under 65. In the interim, a separate paper claim

to TRICARE will still be necessary for the under-65 Medicare-eligibles.)

#### Myth 5: Before I can get any benefits under TFL, I must have a new Uniformed Services Identification Card that shows eligibility for health care.

**Reality:** A new ID card is not required. Eligibility for TFL is based on your having correct information in DEERS, the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System.

Even if the back of the Military ID Card indicates, "No civilian medical care is authorized" (after a stated date), TFL benefits will be paid so long as your DEERS information is accurate.

In addition, TRICARE contractors mailed out a letter in late July and early August to all uniformed services beneficiaries 65 and older with a wallet-size "Information Card" that can be shown to a provider.

The card states the provider should "file claims (for reimbursement) in the usual manner to Medicare." It also shows that the patient has no co-pay or deductible for TRICARE and Medicare-covered benefits and provides contact numbers for TFL information.

#### Myth 6: Because I am enrolled in a Medicare HMO or have other health insurance coverage, TFL will not benefit me.

**Reality:** We believe you won't need other health insurance under TFL, but if you decide to keep it anyway, you will not get all the benefits of your premium-free TFL coverage. That's because TFL will be third-payer after Medicare and your other insurance.

TROA recommends that all TFL-eligibles should review their situation to assess whether it still makes sense to pay premiums for coverage that TFL provides at no cost.

But even if you retain a Medicare HMO, Medigap insurance or a former employer's plan after Oct. 1, TFL may still be of some value.

If you pay co-pays under your other plan, you can file a TRICARE claim and be reimbursed for those costs. Also, if your plan has limited coverage, you can file a TRICARE claim for the out-of-pocket expenses, but you must enclose proof that your other plan's benefits have been exhausted.

In order to submit a claim, the receipt or explanation of benefits form from your other insurer must show the patient's name, date of

care, and type of service.

If you are in a Medicare HMO, you should indicate that the receipt is from a Medicare Plus Choice HMO and is for your cost-share. The receipt and a claim form may then be submitted to TRICARE for adjudication.

For more information, call the DOD Customer Call Center at 888-DoD-LIFE (888-363-5433).

#### Myth 7: For retirees who travel or live outside the United States (its possessions or territories), Medicare will not pay. Thus, TFL offers no benefits overseas."

**Reality:** While Medicare doesn't provide benefits outside the United States, TRICARE does. If you are a TFL beneficiary (enrolled in Medicare Part B) and become ill while traveling or residing outside the United States, TFL will be the first payer for TRICARE-covered benefits.

In this case, you'll be responsible for paying the TRICARE co-payments and deductibles, up to the catastrophic cap of \$3,000 per family per year plus any excess charges.

You also will be responsible for paying any billed charges above what TRICARE allows. For more information, call DoD's TFL Call Center toll-free at 1-888-363-5433.

#### Myth 8: TRICARE For Life will pay for long-term nursing care services, so I won't need long-term care insurance."

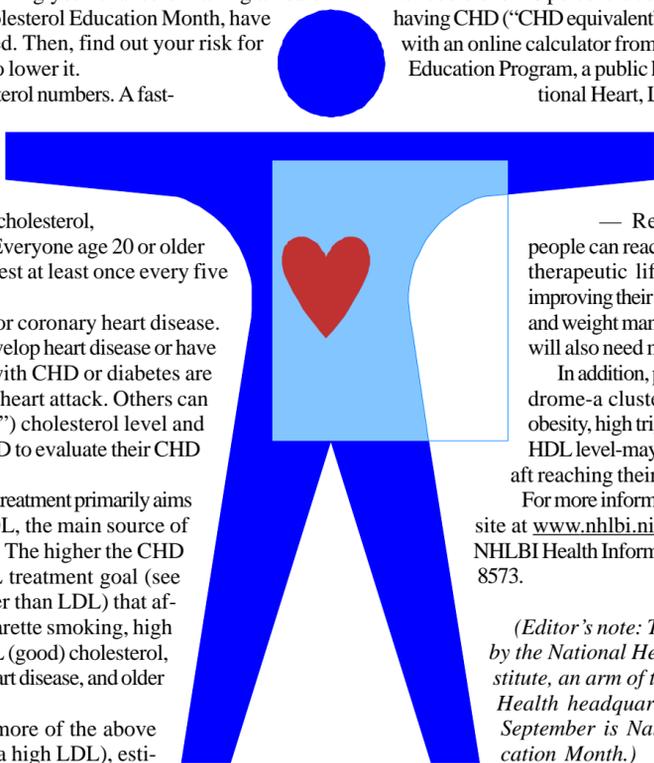
**Reality:** TFL does not cover long-term custodial care. Medicare and TRICARE cover certain "medically-necessary" skilled nursing care either in a Skilled Nursing Facility or at home.

Such services are very different from long-term care services. SNF care may be needed following a period of hospitalization for rehabilitation or for stabilization of a condition.

Long-term care, also called "custodial or personal care," is for people who require permanent assistance in activities of daily living, such as eating, bathing, dressing and physical movement. Beneficiaries are solely responsible for paying for custodial services.

Beneficiaries desiring such coverage may want to purchase long-term care insurance, but they will have to meet certain "medical underwriting conditions" as determined by an insurance carrier.

Check your TRICARE For Life Profile at <http://capwiz.com/tfl/index.html>.



## 11th Signal Brigade



Photos by Staff Sgt. Tim Volkert

**Pvt. Hugo Cedeno from Company B, 40th Signal Battalion, gets a goodbye kiss from his 3-year-old daughter Joelle before he deployed with Task Force Thunderbird for Bright Star Sept. 9. The 11th Signal Brigade participates in Bright Star, the world's largest U.S. and coalition forces exercise, every two years.**

## JITC changes command

### JITC release

The Joint Interoperability Test Command changed command Aug. 17 when Col. Benjamin F. Osler relinquished command to Col. Terry G. Pricer.

Pricer comes to JITC from the Pentagon, Washington, D.C., where he served as Chief of the Policy Division, Deputy Chief of Staff for Communications and Information.

He was born in Alexandria, La. and raised in Denison, Texas. He earned his bachelor of science degree in computer science from East Texas State University, Commerce, Texas in 1977; a master of science degree in teleprocessing science from the University of Southern Mississippi in 1988; and a master of science degree in strategic studies from Air War College in 1999.

He is a graduate of Squadron Officer School, Air Command and Staff College, and Air War College. Pricer was commissioned through the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps in May 1978.

He is a master communicator and a senior air weapons Controller with over 1,500 flying hours in the E-3.

Pricer is married to the former Arlene F. Dent of Montgomery, Ala. They have three sons: TJ, 19; Corey, 15; and Matthew, 15.

Pricer assumed command of the JITC



**Col. Terry G. Pricer**

from Osler, a native of Little Rock, Ark.

A graduate of the United States Air Force Academy, Osler earned a bachelor of science degree in social sciences and received his commission as a second lieutenant in May 1979. He is a graduate of the Air Command and Staff College, the National War College, and holds a master's degree in national security strategy.

Osler had commanded the JITC since May 2000.

He is married to the former Pandora Young of Little Rock, Ark. They have three children: Danielle, 21; Allison, 20; and Benjamin Jr., 18.

## Signal soldiers ship out to Bright Star

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

More than 150 soldiers from the 11th Signal Brigade began deploying Sept. 7 for Bright Star, the world's largest U.S. and coalition forces exercise.

Brigade soldiers deployed by air and bus for the exercise, which involves more than 10,000 U.S. military members and more than 47,000 other military personnel from Egypt, France, Italy, Jordan, Kuwait, the United Kingdom, Greece, Germany and Spain.

The 11th Sig. Bde. will provide the commu-

nications network for U.S. Forces during the exercise.

About 15 soldiers left via a C5 airplane from Libby Army Airfield on Fort Huachuca, Ariz. Sept. 8, more than 110 left post on buses to catch a flight out of Tucson International Airport Monday morning. Other soldiers will be deploying during the next week to complete Task Force Thunderbird for the exercise. The task force is comprised of soldiers from the 40th Sig. Bn., 86th Sig. Bn. and 504th Sig. Bn. on post. Soldier will return back to post in November.



**1st Lt. Traci Gift (left) and Sgt. Kevin Gibson from Co. B, 40th Signal Battalion, make sure the vehicles are strapped down in the C5 Sept. 7.**

## Nogales mayor to speak at Hispanic Heritage Month celebration

### EO release

Nogales Mayor Marco Lopez, the youngest Hispanic mayor in Arizona, is scheduled to speak at this year's Hispanic Heritage Month celebration at Murr Community Center, Sept. 28 at 11:30 a.m.

Lopez has distinguished himself as a brilliant, dynamic student of international affairs and entered political life after serving as a page in 1994 for Arizona Congressman Ed Pastor.

In 1999 he graduated cum laude with a bachelor's degree in liberal arts and political

science from the University of Arizona's, Arizona International College. He was selected to serve as a member of the advance team for Vice-President Gore's presidential campaign.

Lopez was elected mayor in Sept. 2000. He is committed to helping and inspiring others to become part of the American dream.

The event includes sampling of Hispanic foods, dancing exhibition by the Alma Dolores International School of Dance, and a martial arts demonstration by the group, F.A.D.E. Admission is free and open to the public.

## Cake from Page 4

York said she's called the "Cake Lady" in town. "I've been baking since I was 16 years old," said the 52-year-old super baker.

"I make cakes for everybody — wedding cakes and all kinds of cakes. I just do it for people because I enjoy doing it."

Her late husband wasn't a military man, York noted, adding "I think my future grandson-in-law will be pleased about the cake."

She was referring to her granddaughter's fiancé, Seaman Sean Jenkins, 21, a sailor aboard the Navy destroyer USS Deyo in Nor-

folk, Va.

While delivering her first cake, York offered to make a second, for the Pentagon crash site workers.

A Salvation Army officer told her to deliver it to the Family Assistance Center and he would ensure that it reached the workers.

With a broad smile, Judy York returned home to bake another huge cake to show everybody that someone cares.