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DA civilian retiree ID cards

The Identification Card Section of the Adjutant General Directorate is now the issuing agent for the Department of the Army Civilian Retirement Identification Card. Cards will be issued during normal business hours.

Please bring a Standard Form 50 (Notification of Personnel Action) or SF52 (Personnel Action Request) documenting the retirement action. The ID Card Section is located on the first floor of Building 41420 on Rhea Street. For more information, call Tom Matsumoto, ID Cards Team Lead, at 533-1608.

CDC book fair begins

Encourage your child's love of reading when the Scholastic Book Fair comes to New Beginnings Child Development Center today-April 17. It is a great time to share exciting books and educational learning products with our young readers.

Parents and teachers will find plenty of items to interest them, too. The fair is open weekdays from 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Our goal for this year's book fair is to increase each classroom's library. When you visit the fair, check out the classroom's wish list to see how you can build your child's library. For more information, call Heidi Malarchik at 533-5209.

Tax Center e-files until Friday

The Fort Huachuca tax center is still available to help military ID card holders with their taxes. Electronic filing will be available until Friday, and paper filing will be available until April 15. Come by and see us. For more information, call 533-1070.

Green to Gold briefing

Know soldiers with officer potential? Encourage them to attend the next "Green to Gold" briefing Friday, 11 a.m.-noon at the Post Education Center, Building 52104.

Tax Center open Saturday

Saturday, the Fort Huachuca tax center will be open from 9 a.m. to noon to help with your state and federal tax returns. All military ID card holders are entitled to free tax assistance. Don't get caught by the deadline; get your taxes in before it's too late. For more information, call 533-1070.

Holocaust remembrance set

Fort Huachuca will host a "Days of Remembrance" event Tuesday to recognize the victims of the Holocaust. The event will begin at 9 a.m. at Kino Chapel. At 10 a.m., Dr. Gail F. Wallen, director of Southern Arizona Holocaust Services will give a presentation to Colonel Smith Middle School history classes. At 11:15 a.m., Holocaust survivors will have lunch with Initial Entry Training students at Yardley Dining Facility. The day will close with a Holocaust survivor symposium and reception at 2:30 p.m. at Kino Chapel.

Water outage set

A water outage will affect Buildings 75903, 74915, 74914, 74913, 74912, 74911, 72916, 82012, 71922A and 80011 located on Carter from Irwin to Thompson on Tuesday. The outage will be from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. while repairs are made to a leaking water valve. No housing areas or barracks are involved. Brown & Root Services Corp. office is in that area and a lot of the buildings have been demolished. Outage will also affect Morale, Welfare and Recreation, and Brown and Root buildings.



Photo by Sgt. Jessica Inigo

Fire hydrant facelift

Anthony Ennis, a general maintenance worker for All-Star Maintenance, puts a new coat of paint on the fire hydrant on Brown Parade Field Friday. Water pressure is distinguished from each fire hydrant by the color it's painted. The fire hydrant on Brown Parade Field has the best water flow, according to Larry Faccio, a fire fighter at Station 1. The hydrant flows over 1,500 gallons of water per minute. Maintenance is routinely done on all hydrants on Fort Huachuca. There are approximately 500 fire hydrants on post.

Health center gets high marks in evaluation

By Sgt. Jessica Inigo
Scout Staff

The Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center recently passed a facility evaluation with flying colors.

The Joint Commission on Accreditation on Health Care Organizations evaluates health care facilities nation wide to ensure quality service is provided.

RWBAHC received a 98, with the highest possible score being 100. These findings prove the health center consistently meets or exceeds set standards of safety and management relating to patient care, according to Col. Lydia Coffman, Medical Activity commander here.

JAHCO evaluates all medical care facilities once every three years, along with one unannounced survey. This is to ensure that standards are not only met, but also maintained.

The three-day evaluation encompassed all departments within

RWBAHC, as well as patient questioning and on-the-spot training. "I think this is very good. In the past we've received accreditation with commendation and this score is the same," Coffman said. "What this says about the facility is that our performance is good. We have people who care, and we consistently try to improve."

Coffman said the health center would only improve from where they are now. "What we need to focus on is documentation. All the technical care we provide is extremely good, we just need to work on recording everything we do with our patients," she said.

Preparing for a JAHCO evaluation takes extraordinary amounts of work, Coffman said. The high evaluation reflects back on the RWBAHC staff.

"It speaks of the quality of work we're doing," Coffman said. "I want to thank all the staff who readily worked hard at it. Doing the highest quality work is one thing, providing that quality to someone else is another. It's very stressful."

Medals, insignia granted to soldiers supporting global war on terrorism

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Army has given approval early this month for soldiers who are actively involved in operations Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle to wear certain insignia and medal devices.

Any reserve component soldier who is involuntarily mobilized in support of operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom is eligible to receive the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with "M" device, according to the Total Army Personnel Command.

Volunteers are also eligible for the award, officials said, but their orders should cite that duty is in support of the war-on-terror operations.

Also the sleeve insignia for former wartime service and overseas service bars have been approved for wear by soldiers who have been assigned to units that have participated in ground operations during Operation Enduring Freedom,

according to PERSCOM.

In the next revision to the Army Regulation 670-1 it will state that soldiers have to meet the following criteria to wear the sleeve unit insignia:

The soldier must have been assigned to a unit that has actively participated in or been in direct support of ground combat operations against hostile forces during Operation Enduring Freedom, in which they were exposed to the threat of enemy action or fire, either directly or indirectly.

Also the soldier must be deployed within the Central Command Operations and fall under the command of the commander in chief, CENTCOM, in order qualify to wear sleeve unit insignia.

(Editor's note: This story was compiled from military personnel messages that can be found on www.perscom.army.mil.)



Army photo

Armed Forces Reserve Medal and Ribbon with M device.

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Team Talk

By Brig. Gen. James "Spider" and Marty Marks
Commanding General, USAIC&FH and wife

First of all, Marty and I want to welcome back all our youngsters from what we hope was a great spring break. With summer weather and vacation season close at hand, please make sure you and your families are all being safe out there.

We've got lots of special events coming up here on post for you to mark on your calendars. On Tuesday, we will host "Days of Remembrance," in honor of Holocaust victims and survivors. This event begins with a 9 a.m. service at Kino Chapel. Then, at 10 a.m., there will be a presentation for our Smith Middle School history classes. After lunch with our Initial Entry Trainees, Holocaust survivors will take part in a symposium and reception at 2:30 p.m. at Kino Chapel.

I don't imagine many of you have forgotten April 15 and income tax deadline. But, do you all realize what a super asset we have right here on post to help us prepare and file our tax returns?

The Staff Judge Advocate's Tax Center, in the back of Building 21115 (the Public Affairs Office at the end of Brown Parade Field), is ready to help you Mondays through Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. through April 15. In fact, to help with the rush of folks who wait until the last minute to file, the tax center will also be open April 13 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Our thanks to these great Staff Judge Advocate employees and volunteers for providing such a great service to all of us here on Fort Huachuca.

We will celebrate the Month of the Military Child with a carnival from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., April 20, on Geronimo Field. This is a great way for Family Readiness Groups and Parent Teacher Organizations to get involved. Call 533-3205 or 533-8385 for more information on volunteering at this event. Be sure to bring your families to this Spring Youth Fest for a day filled with great fun and good food.

On April 26, we will be honoring some of the folks who help make Fort Huachuca such a great place to be - our volunteers. We hope you will all be able to attend our Installation Volunteer Recognition ceremony at La Haci-

enda, 6 p.m., to help us show these volunteers just how much they mean to all of us. So much goes on here on post that just couldn't get done without them!



One more thing I'd like to stress today is the importance of voting. America was built on the foundation of citizen participation. Our democracy is only as good as the level of involvement of its members.

The military leaders here on Fort Huachuca know that one of my priorities is for them to make sure all soldiers are registered to vote and have the opportunity to cast their ballots. Each unit here on Fort Huachuca has a voting assistance officer.

Feel free to contact that person if you have any questions or need more information. Be sure and make your opinion count - become a smart voter by getting all the information on an issue or a candidate, then cast your ballot. Remember, voting is your right - and your responsibility.

Thanks again to all of you who had such excellent questions for the live town hall meeting March 21. My staff and I appreciate the opportunity to know what's on your mind and to let you know what we're doing to resolve problems.

Remember, town halls are not the only way for you to tell us your concerns; there are other ways you can ask us questions and provide input about how things are going here on post. We have processes such as the Army Family Action Plan conferences, where we all work together to come up with and prioritize issues of concern.

In addition, your chain of command is always there to listen and help you get whatever assistance you may need. There is also the Commander's Hotline (533-2677), and you can write a letter to the editor of The Fort Huachuca Scout newspaper.

My staff works very hard to make Fort Huachuca the best place to live and work that it can be. To those dedicated folks, Marty and I say thank you for being so committed to helping this installation be an assignment of choice. To our soldiers, residents, military retirees and post employees, thank you for your input into this process. To all of you, take advantage of all the events and services Fort Huachuca has to offer. They're great, and they're here for all of us!

Check it out!

By Natalie Danforth
Administrative Librarian

Check out what's available at the Fort Huachuca Main Post Library.

Quotation

"I hold in my hand 1,379 pages of tax simplification." Delbert L. Latta, US News & World Report, December 23, 1985. "Even Albert Einstein reportedly needed help on his 1040 form." Ronald Reagan, address to the nation, May 28, 1985. And how about this anonymous instruction for tax simplification? "Line 1: How much did you make last year? Line 2: Send it in."

Library database

Dissertation Abstracts. Selectively covers over 1,560,000 masters theses and dissertations from 1861 to the present. Includes those published in the U.S., Canada, Great Britain, and Europe.

The phrase "military intelligence" turned up over 400 citations. The phrase "weapons of mass destruction" displayed 25 citations. Maybe we should take a look at this one: Urban Information Systems Technology: Tools and Policy Implications for the Military and Law Enforcement in the 21st Century by Warren K. Olson, Ph.D., 2001.

Compact disc

Mexican-American Border Music, 1928-1958. c1994. Pure gold. There may be a 1500 mile border between the U.S. and Mexico, but the music knows no boundaries. Emphasis is on rural singers in 26 historic performances. The music of the western border has been influenced by the migration northward of Mexicans from Mexico's interior and its western states.

The music, which developed in the south Texas and northeastern Mexico region, resonates today in local "nortena" dances throughout the Southwest. Traditional Mexican celebrations on both sides of the border will give you an earful. If you want to hear something close to the real thing, drive south into Sonora

on Mexican Independence Day and sit near the band shell in almost any little town square. You might even take part in "el grito." Don't know what that is? Check with the reference librarian.

Videos

A double feature of 1980's classics. Lawrence of Arabia: The story of T.E. Lawrence, the heroic and troubled man who organized the Arab nations to fight the Turks in World War I. And afterwards? That's another story. You may have to check out a book.

Gandhi: Tells the story of Gandhi's adult life, when he led an entire country to freedom, using non-violent methods. View the bloody partition of Pakistan as a backdrop to current events.

Book

The Real Goods Solar Living Sourcebook: the Complete Guide to Renewable Energy Technologies and Sustainable Living by John Schaeffer. Chelsea Green Publishers c1996.

Not sure if your authorized to use the library?

If you are a member of the Fort Huachuca community, you are authorized to use the library. That includes active duty and retired military personnel and their family members and active duty and retired Department of Army civilian personnel and their family members; contractor personnel as well as Fort Huachuca Accommodation School employees, paid employees of the Credit Union and Red Cross, Fort Huachuca Post Office, Army, Air Force Exchange Service and Nonappropriated Funds employees. If you can get through the Main Gate, you can come into the library. For more information, call the Reference Desk at 533-3041.

The Library is open Mondays and Wednesdays through Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and on Tuesdays from 10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. It is located on Smith Avenue, down the street from the Burger King and next to the Main Post Chapel.

Scout on the Street

What will you do for your children this 'Month of the Military Child'?



I plan on taking my girls camping in Carr Canyon.

-Spc. Pequan Robinson, USA MEDDAC



Today I am sending a care package to my daughter who is stationed at Camp Doha, Kuwait. I am also trying to motivate both of my sons still at home to do their best in school and plan our summer vacation together.

-Sylvia Camarillo, Attendant's clerk at Smith Middle School



Me and my husband usually go for a run every night and we take our little girl with us. She likes it a lot.

-Allison Van, wife of U.S. Army soldier



In my house, every month is particularly special. We plan and do activities regularly.

-Melissa Tursi, ASC G2 Intel



I plan on taking my little girl, Kavena, to Chuck E. Cheese in Tucson.

-Sgt. Joseph Flores, NCOIC at Primetime Clinic



I have a niece and we always make sure she gets extra amounts of attention. We always send her homemade cards and pictures.

-Mary Kim, wife of U.S. Army soldier

Photos by Angelica Pequeño

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MPs combat high DUI numbers this quarter

By Sgt. Jessica Inigo
Scout Staff

Fort Huachuca Military Police reports show arrests for driving under the influence have quadrupled in less than a year.

Last year, from April to June, 11 DUIs were reported. This year, from January to March, 44 DUIs have been reported.

“We’re aggressively pursuing drunk drivers on Fort Huachuca,” said Staff Sgt. Scott W. Hadfield, traffic accident investigations noncommissioned officer in charge. “Last weekend we picked up five drunk drivers. One of them we caught this weekend was his third time getting caught by us.”

Hadfield said the soldiers and family members who live on post have plenty of options outside of driving when they are intoxicated.

“They can call their unit to have someone pick them up, they can take a taxi, or they can call 538-COPS. We will come pick you up. We won’t take down your name and nothing goes on record. It’s just a safe ride home.”

When someone is charged with a DUI it goes on their permanent record.

“It’s not a career enhancer. This is something that is constant. Future employers will always see that there,” Hadfield said.

The Fort Huachuca MPs are part of the Southeastern Arizona DUI Task Force, which specifically looks for impaired drivers.

“One in ten drivers are impaired on the road. They could possibly hurt themselves and others. It’s stupid. They don’t do it to intentionally hurt people, but it happens,” Hadfield said. He cited one incident where a local soldier was recently accused of killing someone while driving drunk from Phoenix. “He is charged with second degree murder.”

Soldiers cited for driving under the influence on post will face an Article 15, nonjudicial punishment under the Uniform

Code of Military Justice. In more serious offenses, such as a second or third citation for DUI, extreme DUI or a DUI involving injuries, the soldier will most likely face a court-martial, according to Lt. Col. Kevin Luster, deputy Staff Judge Advocate.

“Anytime someone arrested for DUI refuses to submit to a blood alcohol content test and/or has a blood alcohol content in excess of .08 percent, they receive a General Officer Memorandum of Reprimand,” Luster said.

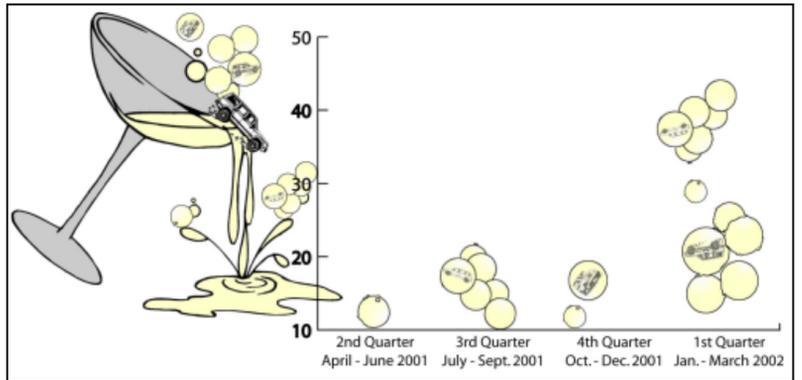
Also, according to Hadfield, a person who refuses the test automatically loses their driving privileges on post for 12 months and 90 days in Arizona if over the legal limit.

Soldiers may also face suspension/revocation of security clearance, be flagged and counseled. The GOMOR may be filed locally or in the soldier’s Official Personnel Management File, it is the commanding general’s choice.

Staff Sgt. Douglas B. DuBois, Alcohol and Substance Abuse Program counselor, said recent changes to Army Regulation 600-85 state if a soldier is charged with two separate alcohol incidents within a year it is grounds for command separation.

Soldiers who receive a DUI are usually command referred to ASAP for counseling, according to Dubois.

“From the ASAP perspective our primary focus is treatment. It is in any soldier’s best interest to self-refer himself or



Information graphic by Angelica Pequeno
According to information from the Directorate of Public Safety, the number of driving under the influence offenses have quadrupled in less than a year. During the second quarter of 2001, 11 DUIs were reported. During the first quarter of 2002, 44 DUIs were reported. Over double the number of DUIs reported for the third and fourth quarters of 2001, 21 and 19 respectively.

herself before getting into any type of alcohol related issue, if they do have a problem,” he said.

Sgt. 1st Class Jose Arguelles, ASAP counselor, said drivers between the ages of 21-25 are the most problematic when it comes to DUIs.

“Commanders need to emphasize to these young soldiers what the repercussions are if caught. It needs to be stressed in every safety briefing, especially to the [Initial Entry Training] soldiers. In a flash their whole career could be gone,” Arguelles said.

It takes just one single incident to change your life and the lives of others forever. Simply put - if you’re going to drink, don’t drive.

MI Battalion honors heroes in joint service ceremony, dedicates rooms

By Sgt. Sharron L. Stewart
Scout Staff

In a ceremony held March 29 at Davis Hall, members of Company A, 309th Military Intelligence Battalion, honored heroes of the Military Intelligence Corps by dedicating several suites in their honor.

Those who were honored were members of the Army, Navy, Air Force and the Marine Corps.

Davis Hall is named after Spc. James T. Davis who was assigned to the Third Radio Research Unit in Vietnam.

A bullet took his life Dec. 22, 1961, when after being injured by a land mine Davis returned fire to the enemy position with his M1.

President Lyndon B. Johnson said Davis was “The first American to fall in defense of our freedom in Vietnam.”

Honorees were retired Lt. Gen. Claudia Kennedy, the first female in the Army to reach the rank of lieutenant general; retired Chief Warrant Officer 5 Duane Haneckow; retired Chief Master Sgt. Paul Weyandt, who is deceased; retired Marine Corps Gen. Alfred M. Gray; and deceased Mess Attendant Third Class Doris “Dorie” Miller, the first African American to receive the Navy Cross during World War II.

A suite was also dedicated to the U.S. Army Field Station in Augsburg, Germany.

“Although I did not know Spec. 4 Davis personally, I do feel a kindred spirit with him,” said Haneckow, who retired last year after 42 years on active duty.

“Spec. 4 Davis was a radio operator and was killed in December of 1961 and I, Spec. 4 Haneckow, also a radio operator found myself in Vietnam in January of 1962. I have sometimes wondered if I was his replacement over



Photo by Sgt. Sharron L. Stewart
Lt. Col. Thomas M. Kelley, commander, 309th Military Intelligence Battalion, presents retired Chief Warrant Officer 5 Duane Haneckow with a battalion coin as his wife Eileen looks on.

there,” he said.

He and his wife, Eileen, flew from Northern Michigan in order to attend the ceremony.

“During my retirement ceremony last year, I said that in my over 42 years of service in the United States Army there was one constant I could identify. That constant was change,” Haneckow said.

“I take comfort knowing you are on watch during this period of change and transition... Stay the course.

“Keep up with the changes that are coming, give your best professional advice and make sure the soldiers you train get the very best training you can give and that they are thoroughly qualified to meet the challenges of the coming years,” he said.

The ceremony included members of each service reading a brief biography stating the accomplishments of each honoree and a poem written by Col. Mike Blythe, former S-2 of the 1st Infantry Brigade. The poem depicting how the Military Intelligence Corps has always been out front since the dawn of time when man needed to defend himself against his neighbor.

Fort commemorates Day of Remembrance for victims of Holocaust

By Tanja M. Linton
Media Relations Officer

Fort Huachuca commemorates the international Days of Remembrance, or Yom Hashoah, for the victims of the Holocaust, April 9.

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Bonnie Koppell will lead a commemorative service at 9 a.m. at Kino Chapel. Koppell is the first female rabbi in the history of the United States Armed Forces.

Bunny Simon of the Holocaust Speakers Bureau for the Jewish Federation of Southern Arizona will conduct history classes from 10 to 11:15 a.m. for students at Smith Middle School.

Holocaust survivors will have lunch with soldiers at the Yardley Dining Facility from 11:15 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A Holocaust Survivor Symposium will take place from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at Kino Chapel. James A. Chambers, deputy garrison commander, will make opening remarks. Dr. Gail F. Wallen, Director of Holocaust Services at Jewish Family and Children’s Service of Southern Arizona in Tucson, Ariz.,

will lead discussion sessions about the consequences of intolerance and hatred.

Col. William A. Carrington, commander of the 111th Military Intelligence Brigade, will make closing remarks. A reception will take place immediately following the symposium.

Pursuant to an Act of Congress (Public Law 96-388, Oct. 7, 1980), the United States Holocaust Memorial Council designated the Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust to be Sunday, April 7, through Sunday, April 14, 2002, including the international Day of Remembrance know as Yom Hashoah, April 9.

Holocaust survivor stories connect us with what we need to remember about who we are and what we stand for as a nation. The lessons taught by Holocaust survivors serve to remind us of our Army values of loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage.

The commemorative service and symposium at Kino Chapel are open to the public. For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Susan Anderson at 533-3672.

Tickets available for DIY ceremony, luncheon

By Rick Ward
Staff and Faculty Development Office

The 21st annual U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca Distinguished Instructor of the Year awards ceremony and luncheon will be held April 12, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in La Hacienda’s Geronimo Room.

Brig. Gen. James A. Marks, commanding general, will announce the Instructor of the Year for 2001, and acknowledge the instructors who have distinguished themselves during 2001. Members of the Sierra Vista Chamber of Commerce and various organizations will also award prizes to the instructor of the year.

Candidates for designation as Instructor of the Year are: Sgt. 1st Class Ralph D. Harris, 305th Military Intelligence Battalion; Staff Sgt.

Craig B. Muerer, Noncommissioned Officer Academy; and Sgt. 1st Class James E. Jump, 304th MI Bn.

Tickets are \$8 for an Italian-style buffet meal and may be purchased through the Staff & Faculty Development Division at 538-1138, or through the following: Sgt. Major Steven Manigault, 304th MI Bn.; Maj. Daniel Drew, 305th MI Bn.; Capt. Dianne Conrad, 309th MI Bn.; Sgt. 1st Class Marianela Tomlin, NCOA; or Maj. George Thomas, 111th MI Brigade, S3. Purchase tickets by Monday with cash or check made out to “La Hacienda Club.” Last year, several were turned away at the door, so get your tickets in advance.

For more information, call Rick Ward at 538-1138 or visit Room 243, O’Neil Hall.

New technology on horizon for Army’s future Objective Force

By Karen Roberts
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Lead Systems Integration contract to Boeing and the Science Applications International Corporation will increase the speed of realizing a future Objective Force with Future Combat Systems by 2010, according to Army officials.

Army and BSAIC officials met with media in March to explain the new contract.

“The real winner is the soldier” and while “I represent the technology branch . . . I really work for the soldier,” said Claude M. Bolton, assistant secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology

The partnership will help to accelerate the pace to achieve the Army’s Transformation by 2010. FCS will give our soldier’s an overwhelming advantage, explained Bolton. The soldier will be at a higher readiness state because of enhancements the contract will create.

The Lead System Integrator approach was chosen because we need to speed up the process of transforming the Army, Bolton said. The specific technological challenges are developing a net-

worked system of systems, but soldiers will be the centerpiece and they will have the capability to know what’s around them, he said.

Our challenge is to come up with a way to get that to the soldier without overloading them, said Lt. Gen. John Riggs, director of the Objective Force Task Force.

“Transformation is defined because of our action,” Riggs said. It is a fundamental army change and this will change the Army like nothing has for the last 100 years, he added.

“There will be . . . a revolution in terms of how the Army will look in 2010,” Bolton said. Technology breakthroughs are going to be significant but we don’t know which technologies will be used yet, he added.

The Army will have a lighter, faster and more lethal Army by 2010, Bolton said. The Army will be able to put a brigade on the ground in 72 hours and a division in 96 hours, he added.

In the beginning, the Army will look at existing forces — the Legacy Force — through the Interim Force and into the Objective Force. We have to synchronize all of the components together with the main focus on the Objective Force, Bolton said.

We are changing the way we engage the forces, said Brig.

Gen. Donald F. Schenk, program manager, Future Combat Systems. You have to be able to deploy from the continental United States and engage other forces around the world, he said.

Bolton said he was open to international involvement in the programs as they progress. He doesn’t know if will be just technology or like the Joint Strike Fighter, and he said the allies he has spoken with are also in favor working together. Comanche is restructuring to be the first “system” to fit in, Bolton said.

“FCS is an Army networked system of systems that serves as the core building block within all Objective Force maneuver units of action to enhance advanced joint and coalition warfighting capabilities to provide options for decisive victory to our Nation,” Riggs said.

The promise is to add to our capabilities as they mature so it can be done in an almost routine manner, Riggs said.

Boeing’s role is to bring all of the systems together so they will be inter-operable, said Col. William Johnson, program manager, Future Combat Systems and Army project manager, Objective Force. The architecture focuses on informing the soldiers and synchronizing the entire US Army around the Objective Force, he said.

The best time to garden in the 'high desert' is the middle of May

WWES release

The weather is getting warmer, spring is in the air, and you're already thinking about greening up your lawn and getting started on some gardening.

Maybe you want to add some colorful flowers around your home, put in a vegetable garden, or establish a nice turf grass lawn. However, you may be surprised to learn that the climate and soils of our high desert are very different from what you might be used to, and will affect the success of your garden and lawn.

Many people are starting to drag out their hoses and sprinklers to begin greening up their lawns. This is the wrong thing to do this time of year. Most Fort Huachuca residential lawns are Bermuda grass. The soil temperatures

must be very warm for Bermuda grass to grow. This does not occur until mid-May. Trying to green up a Bermuda grass lawn by watering it at this time of year may kill your grass. Until your Bermuda grass comes out of its winter dormancy, it will not be actively growing, and watering it can drown the roots. Wait until the first of May and then begin watering your lawn using sprinkler irrigation in accordance with the fort's Irrigation Policy.

Even though you may have the gardening "bug" right now, spring is actually the worst time of year to establish plants in Arizona. Spring and early summer here are extremely hot and dry. Plants will require a lot more water and spend all their energy trying to survive the heat and dryness, instead of putting energy into expanding their root system.

Try waiting until the summer "monsoon" season or autumn to plant when the weather is cooler and there is more humidity. This will allow your plants the time and energy they need to establish good roots before next spring and summer.

A good root system will help them get through the hot, dry months of May and June, and during the next "monsoon" season you will see them really take off.

Even though you want to wait on greening up your lawn and planting flowers, it is a good idea to water your trees this time of year as it has been very dry this winter. Trees should be watered where the roots need it the most — at the dripline, not at the base of the trunk. A deep soaking is necessary for a tree, which means the water must soak into the ground to

a depth of 28-36 inches (where the roots are) depending on the size and age of the tree.

Hand watering is authorized throughout the year at any time of the day, and a soaker hose, laid out in a circle around the circumference of the tree, may be used in compliance with the irrigation policy.

If you are interested in learning more about our high desert and how to get your lawn and garden to thrive here, there is help available. Call Cheri Melton with the Fort Huachuca Water Wise and Energy Smart Program at 538-SAVE (7283). She is available to come to your home, free of charge and at your convenience, to consult with you about your garden and lawn. When you request a landscaping consultation you will receive lots of free information and a "Wettie the Waterdrop" doll.



WWES photo

Cheri Melton (second from left), Fort Huachuca Landscaping and Plant Technician, presents a new collection of books on southwestern gardening and landscaping to the Fort Huachuca Main Library. The books were purchased and donated to the library by the Fort Huachuca Water Wise Energy Smart Program. Also pictured are members of the library staff. From left to right are Natalie Danforth, Chris Hurd, Anita Lewis and Priscilla Linden. The new books will be featured in the library display case at the front entrance during the month of April. Library patrons are encouraged to review the recent additions as the books will be available for checkout upon request during April and on the shelves beginning in June.

Southwestern gardening books available at Library

WWES

Xeriscaping does not mean zero-scaping. Find out exactly what xeriscaping is and how you can create a thriving, colorful, flowering garden in the arid southwest. Do you like butterflies and hummingbirds? Create a beautiful southwestern landscape, which attracts these wonderful creatures.

A large selection of books on southwestern gardening and landscaping is available at the Main Post Library. These books are provided to the Fort Huachuca community as part of the water use reduction education process, through the Water Wise Energy Smart Program.

Check out the following titles:

Landscaping with drought tolerant and native plants

Plants for Dry Climates: How to Select, Grow and Enjoy by Mary Rose Duffield

The Xeriscape Flower Gardener by Jim Knopf

Native Plants for Southwestern Landscapes by Judy Mielke

Natural by Design: Beauty and Balance in Southwest Gardens by Judith Phillips

Sunset Western Garden Book, 7th Edition by Kathleen Norris Brenzel

Sunset Landscaping Illustrated by Sunset Book, Inc.

The Book of Outdoor Gardening by Smith and Hawken

Sunset Landscaping Book by Fiona Gilson and Kathleen Norris Brenzel

Gardening for birds and butterflies

Hummingbird Gardens by Nancy L Newfield and Barbara Nielsen

Sunset Illustrated Guide to Attracting Birds by Sunset Books, Inc.

The Butterfly Book by Donald and Lillian Stokes and Ernest Williams

Watering systems

Sunset Garden Water Systems by Susan Lang

Create an Oasis with Greywater: Your Complete Guide to Choosing, Building and Using Greywater Systems by Art Ludwig



WWES photo

Ginger Maxey, Fort Huachuca Water and Energy Conservation Educator, demonstrates the Groundwater Flow Model with the help of some students at General Myer Elementary School.

Get Water Wise ideas at the demonstration gardens

WWES release

Are you looking for plants that do well on our limited rainfall, are resistant to pests and diseases, and are easy to grow here? Then visit Fort Huachuca's Uhrhane Traffic Circle and Fort Huachuca Fire Station #1 to check out the Xeriscape Demonstration Gardens.

Xeriscape refers to creative landscaping using beautiful flowering, drought tolerant plants and shrubs. A large selection of beautiful native and non-native drought adapted plants are featured in the gardens, and plants are labeled for easy identification.

Additional features of the gardens include drip irrigation systems, raised bed gardening, a naturally designed water-harvesting "riverbed," and decomposed granite mulch over fabric landscape cloth (conserves moisture and provides weed control).

The Water Wise Energy Smart Program is currently re-landscaping the Fort Huachuca Main Post Library into a beautiful, low-water use, low-maintenance demonstration garden. The gardens will be laid out in a classic three-zone xeriscape design to include a desert garden, hummingbird and butterfly garden, and courtyard gardens.

The library entrance gardens will showcase some plants

from the Huachuca Mountain region. The library will serve as a one-stop resource center offering relaxation, and education about the unique place in which we are privileged to live and work by introducing the community to the plant and wildlife species occurring here that are not commonly found in the rest of the United States.

The grounds will display educational signs about the flora and fauna native to the area as well as tips on living in the desert, and water and energy conservation facts.

As you will see, there are many wonderful, colorful and interesting drought-tolerant and native plants that you can choose from to beautify your yard. If you would like additional advice and suggestions as to what plants grow well here in the high desert, ideas for plant groupings and "hardscape" (boulders, walls, large pots, etc.) check out the book selection at your Main Post Library.

The library offers a large selection of southwestern gardening and landscaping books on topics such as common garden pests, proper techniques for watering and pruning, and landscaping with native plants. Or call Cheri Melton, Landscaping and Plant Technician with Fort Huachuca's Water Wise Energy Smart program, at 538-7283.

Water Wise program wraps up school year with poster contest for elementary students

WWES release

The Water Wise Energy Smart educational program teaches students in the Fort Huachuca Accommodation Schools about water, energy and resource conservation.

WWES classes introduce students to basic water-related science, like the hydrology of the Upper San Pedro Sub-watershed, the water cycle, water pollution, riparian ecosystems and the history of water use. WWES classes and materials help teachers to meet many of the Arizona State Standards in Math, Science, and Language Arts.

Once again this school year the Water Wise Energy Smart Program is sponsoring a poster contest in conjunction with Water Awareness Month activities. The contest is open to elementary students in the Fort Huachuca Accommodation Schools who have received WWES classes.



The theme of the poster contest is "Be Water Wise and Energy Smart - It's Up to You!" WWES poster contest entries will be on display at Murr Community Center during April 18-30, featuring the Best of Show, first, second, third and Honorable Mention place winners.

The Water Wise Energy Smart Educational Program was very popular in the Fort Huachuca Accommodation Schools again this year. A total of 15 teachers and over 350 students from Colonel Johnston and General Myer Elementary Schools and Colonel Smith Middle School participated in over 65 Water Wise Energy Smart classes.

Water Awareness Month events at Fort Huachuca

Celebrate Earth Day with a Fun Fest at Murr Community Center April 22, 11 a.m.-1p.m.

Activities will include:

— Groundwater flow model demonstration, 11:15 a.m.-noon

— Seminar on Water Wise gardening for hummingbirds and butterflies, noon-12:45 p.m.

— Display on water conserving plants and animals

— Water Wise Garden Info Table - bring your gardening questions

— Water Wise Energy Smart School Poster Contest en-

tries on display from April 18-30

— And more!

— Planting Day at the Main Post Library April 27, 9 a.m.-noon. Come and help plant a courtyard hummingbird and butterfly garden. Bring shovels, hand tools, gloves and be sure to bring some water and wear a hat. Everyone (including children) is welcome.

For the entire month of April there will be a WAM display in the Main Library display case featuring a new selection of southwestern gardening and landscaping books, and information on irrigation and other Water Wise topics.

Water Awareness Month events in Sierra Vista

— Saturday, 9-10 a.m. — "Hands-On" Drip Irrigation Workshop, University of Arizona South, 1140 N. Colombo, Sierra Vista. Free.

— Wednesday, 6:30-8:30 p.m. — Water Wise Landscaping, Cochise College Class, Sierra Vista Campus. To register, call 515-5492.

— April 13, 9-11 a.m. — Water Wise Landscaping Cochise College Class, Benson Campus. To register, call 515-5492.

— April 17-18, 1-3 p.m. — Water Science Fest, Pueblo Del Sol Elementary School in the PDS Cafeteria. For more information, call 458-8278 ext. 2181.

— April 20 — Coronado National Memorial "As Good As Gold" Hike. Telephone 366-5515, ext. 22. Free.

— April 21, 1:30 p.m. — Dedication of a "Turkey Drinker" in Carr Canyon, sponsored by the Forest Service. Call 378-0311. Free.

— April 21, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. — Bisbee Earth Day at City Park, Old Bisbee.

— April 21, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. — Second Cochise County Earth Day at The Mall at Sierra Vista.

— April 27, 7:30 a.m.-dark — Second San Pedro River Festival at the San Pedro House. For more information, call 459-2555.

— April 27, 1:30-4 p.m. — Septic Care Workshop, Mona

Bishop Room, Sierra Vista Public Library. Free.

Water Wise Energy Smart Resource Centers

The following informational bulletins and brochures can be found in the Water Wise Energy Smart brochure racks at the Post Main Exchange (in the mall, next to the water fountains), Housing Office, Self Help, Murr Community Center, and the Fort Huachuca Library.

— Be Water Wise and Energy Smart Fort Huachuca Welcome Bulletin

— Groundcovers, Flowers & Shrubs for Fort Huachuca

— Home Energy & Water Conservation Checklist for Ft Huachuca

— Lawn Seeding and Care Guide for Fort Huachuca

— Low Water use Xeriscape Plants for Cochise County

— Residential Watering Guide for Fort Huachuca

— Trees for Fort Huachuca (includes a Watering Trees guide)

Contact the Water Wise Energy Smart Program for information on:

— School Programs, Unit Briefings & Organization/Group Presentations

— Water, Energy, and Landscaping Consultations for Family Housing and Organizations

— Landscaping and Plant Care Guidance

Have we got news for you!

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

Engineers build obstacle course for Goodfellow MI soldiers

344th MI Bn. release

GOODFELLOW AFB, Texas - Third Corps engineers from Fort Hood, Texas recently built a Teamwork Development Course for the soldiers of the 344th Military Intelligence Battalion stationed at Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas.

The 62nd Engineer Combat Battalion (Heavy) arrived March 4 to build the course after convoying from Fort Hood, approximately 200 miles east of San Angelo.

The U.S. Army Engineers immediately began the project by bulldozing and clearing the ground for the obstacles.

They worked from sun-up to sun-down, seven days a week, pouring concrete, cutting lumber and constructing the obstacles while enduring the high winds and dust of the west Texas spring weather.

The engineers' hard work and dedication resulted in successful completion of the TDC on March 13 — two weeks earlier than expected. Without water obstacles, this TDC can be trained on year-round providing the soldiers

of the 344th MI Bn. and the sister services at Goodfellow with a physically demanding training tool.

The TDC is comprised of six obstacles: Double Culvert, Cliffhanger, Quicksand, Destroyed Bridge, River Crossing and the One Rope Bridge.

The course stresses the value of teamwork and emphasizes the importance of buddy teams in soldier development.

One hour will be provided for each event, including movement, a mission brief by the drill sergeant/platoon sergeant, planning and execution of the event, and an after-action review at completion of the event.

To finish the site, the 344th MI Bn. plans to paint the obstacles and erect a sign naming the TDC after a military intelligence or engineer hero. The first iteration of students will negotiate the TDC during April.

The cohesion and esprit de corps emphasized during this course will provide these soldiers with an even stronger foundation in living the Army Values.



Courtesy photo

The 62nd Engineer Combat Battalion (Heavy) constructs the 344th MI Battalion's Teamwork Development Course.

USTRANSCOM has several unique reserve positions for experienced personnel in each of the military services

By Maj. Cliff Mirabella

USTRANSCOM Public Affairs

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. — U.S. Transportation Command's Joint Transportation Reserve Unit has position openings in each of the military services.

U.S. Transportation Command relies heavily on reserve members of the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard to fulfill its mission to provide air, land and sea transportation for the Department of Defense.

"We have a unique mission and important positions available, positions which require a variety of skills," said Brig. Gen. Lance Meyer, Air National Guard, commander of the

USTRANSCOM's Joint Transportation Reserve Unit, located here.

"Most of our openings are for mid-grade officers and senior non-commissioned officers," Brig. Gen. Meyer explained. "We have no slots for junior enlisted or junior officers."

While there are reserve vacancies throughout USTRANSCOM, the positions of greatest concern fall into a few key areas.

"We are mostly looking for computer specialists, medical specialists and intelligence officers," said Col. Steve Heuer, Air Force Reserve, chief of staff of the JTRU and commander of its Air Force Reserve element, "although we also have openings for Navy supply

corps officers, and officers with operations or logistics experience."

JTRU members find it exciting working side-by-side with active component personnel to move the military's people, supplies, and equipment, anytime, anywhere.

"Being in a unit like this, working a real-world mission in times of both war and peace, is a challenge that has attracted reservists living as far away as Alabama and even China" said Brig. Gen. Meyer, himself a native of Ohio.

Individuals interested in more information on positions with the JTRU should contact Col. Steve Heuer at 618-229-7072, (or DSN 229-7072) or Steve.Heuer@hq.transcom.mil.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

There are different ways to teach your child discipline:

1. Start with only a few rules.
2. Be sure you know why you are saying no.
3. Give your children a voice.
4. Say what you mean.

When your children break the rules stay calm and do what is fair. Discipline is how adults teach children to grow to be happy, safe, well-adjusted members of society. It's well worth the effort as children learn to become responsible for their actions. You can feel proud that your loving care guided them on their way.

Information provided by the National Committee to Prevent Child Abuse.

Hit and run

What to know about filing a claim

By Juanita Adamson

JAG Claims Office

It's a beautiful spring day, as you park your newly purchased 2002 automobile in a Fort Huachuca parking lot.

A short time later, however, the day does not appear so beautiful when one of your co-workers gives you the bad news — your new vehicle has been damaged. Apparently someone backed into your car and put a large dent in the back fender and trunk.

There are no witnesses to the accident and the driver did not leave a note on the windshield with name and insurance information.

The Military Police come to the parking lot and fill out an accident report indicating that an unknown vehicle driven by an unknown person in an unknown driving maneuver hit your vehicle causing damage.

You think, "Well, no problem. Since it happened on post, all I have to do is file a claim with the Judge Advocate General Claims Office. The government will pay the cost of the repairs."

Unfortunately this all-too-real scenario does not have a happy ending. Army Regulations do not allow compensation for hit and run accidents.

Army Regulation 27-20, Claims, which

governs what claims are payable under the Personnel Claims Act, permits payment for damages to personal property located on a military installation provided the damage is caused by fire, flood, hurricane, theft, vandalism or other unusual occurrences.

Typically unusual occurrences are not man-made causes. Rather, they are natural events that usually do not occur, such as extremely high winds causing unexpected damage.

The Army does not classify collisions with vehicles, shopping carts or animals as unusual occurrences. Consequently, damages caused by such incidents cannot be compensated.

Claims personnel advise victims of hit-and-run accidents that their claims are not payable and that they should seek compensation through their private automobile insurance carriers.

While an individual may not want to file with their insurance carrier due to a high deductible, this unfortunately does not change the fact that the Army cannot pay.

When you purchase insurance, consider the amount of the deductible. While a higher deductible ensures a lower premium payment, consider whether the lower premium is worth the risk of a higher deductible. The decision is yours.

The Army does not classify collisions with vehicles, shopping carts or animals as unusual occurrences.

JAG Claims Office

Soldiers' Lawyer

I am going through a 'friendly' divorce. Can my spouse and I see the same Legal Assistance Attorney for guidance?

Usually no. You and your spouse have different interests and should want legal advice totally independent of the other. It is generally a "conflict of interest" and contrary to professional ethics for the lawyer to try to represent both of you in the separation and divorce. It is a "conflict of interest" because whatever the lawyer gains for the benefit of one spouse will usually be at the expense of the other.

Fortunately the Legal Assistance office can arrange for spouses to see military attorneys from different units. Typically this is accomplished by one spouse seeing an active duty JAG, and the other spouse meeting with a reserve component JAG. In this manner, each spouse can receive totally independent legal advice, free from the constraints of any conflict of interest.

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

E-mail address new addition to NCO-ER

By Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Soldiers will be required to add one more thing to their noncommissioned officer-evaluation report in an attempt to cut back on the need to return reports with date discrepancies.

Army Knowledge Online e-mail addresses for the rated NCO and the rating officials will now be required on all active-duty NCO-ERs beginning with an end date of March 2002. However, reports that have been completed will not be returned due to missing e-mail addresses, said Sgt. Maj. Ray Everette, NCO-ER policy manager, Total Army Personnel Command.

The requirement was done to stop the return of NCO-ERs that have gaps in the reporting period, Everette said. Gaps are when the "from date" on the NCO-ER being sent to the Enlisted Records and Evaluation Center for processing is not the month after the "end date" of the last report on file. Which usually means that there is a report missing from the file, Everette said.

By adding the AKO e-mail addresses EREC officials will be able to directly contact the rated NCO and his rating officials to inform that there is a discrepancy based on the end date of the last report on file.

In the past, the reports were returned to the soldier's Personnel Support Battalion. Now the report will be accepted for processing, and the rated NCO will have up to 60 days to resolve it, or the gap will be declared as non-rated time on the official military personnel file, Everette said.

"Receiving NCO-ERs with gaps is a major problem," Everette said. "One day there were 50 reports that had gaps, and they all needed to be returned to PSBs for resolution. If we continue to return the reports, the soldier will have two reports instead of one missing in their OMPF."

Major Command sergeants major have sent rave feedbacks to PERSCOM for the new initiative, said PERSCOM Command Sgt. Maj. William Hoffer.

"Being able to directly contact individuals helps expedite the resolution process," Hoffer said. "This is just one of many automated personnel improvements the Army is making and there are more to come."

The e-mail address for the rated NCO will be placed four spaces after his name on the top back side of the report on page two. The AKO e-mail address up to the @ sign is the only portion to be entered on the report, for example, BUNNY, BUGGS P. buggs.bunny@, is how the address should read.

The e-mail addresses for all three rating officials will be entered on the last line of Part III, Areas of Special Interest. Only one space is necessary between addresses and the fol-

lowing abbreviations and punctuation should be used: rater., S/R: for senior rater and Rev: for reviewer.

There will be no exceptions to policy on where the rating officials will place their e-mail address, Everette said. However, provisions were made for the rating officials who don't have AKO addresses, he added.

"There is not an option to place the e-mail addresses in any other blocks than the one authorized," Everette said. "Raters may use only the first two lines for areas of special emphasis. If there are multiple items to list, the rater must decide which ones are the most significant to add on the report." The idea behind adding the AKO e-mail address wasn't to ensure that all NCOs had accounts as directed, Everette said. The route was chosen since it was a requirement that should have been met by now, he said. However, rating officials that don't have accounts for whatever reason can use either a unit or personal Internet e-mail address, Everette said. In those cases the full address should be given.

Officials who promote the AKO account said this is exactly what they wanted AKO to be able to do for soldiers.

"Using their AKO email address in this way puts soldiers in the drivers' seat," said Col. Robert L. Cox, chief technology officer, Chief Information Office/G-6. "This is just one example of what the Army meant when it said AKO was giving soldiers a single, unique e-mail address that would follow them throughout their Army careers."

"I'd like every application in the Army to use the AKO e-mail address, so that wherever soldiers find themselves, they can still obtain timely, relevant information important to their careers."

The latest change to the NCO-ER is another way senior leaders are trying to take care of soldiers, Everette said.

There are numerous reasons why a soldier departs a command without a report, Everette said. Then when he goes back to obtain it, no one in the current rating chain meets rating requirements to help out, he added.

It's a significant problem when soldiers' files are not current when its time to promote and make school assignments, he said, based on outdated information.

Officers will not be required to add their e-mail address to their officer evaluation report, according to Lt. Col. William Swisher, OER policy manager, Total Army Personnel Command.

Senior raters are officially responsible for the OER, and they have always been required to submit their e-mail addresses, Swisher said. Also the officer component has never returned OERs for gap discrepancies, he added.

Community Updates

Correction

In the article "VI wants servicemembers to set themselves up for success," which appeared on Page 4 of the March 28 issue of *The Fort Huachuca Scout*, Donald E. Long, an audio-visual production specialist with Visual Information PERSCOM was misidentified as Don Young.

Long was quoted as saying, "The subject of the photograph are allowed one natural wrinkle." According to Long, natural wrinkles (not just one) from the wear of the uniform are acceptable.

The photo outline also said "soldiers should have pressed and starched uniforms." Long said uniforms should be clean and freshly pressed, not necessarily starched.

Spring book fair ongoing

General Myer Elementary School is hosting its annual spring book fair. Dive into Reading an Undersea Adventure, 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m. weekdays through April 15. Meet Franklin the turtle today, 1-3 p.m. There are over 3000 books and 500 titles to choose from. The school accepts checks and all major credit cards.

Mail Center closes for lunch

Effective immediately, the U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca Official Mail and Distribution Center, Building 22408, will be closed for lunch from noon to 1 p.m. daily until further notice. For more information, call Joe Garcia at 533-3717.

Volunteers for heritage month

The Military Equal Opportunity office is currently planning this years Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Celebration. The office is looking for volunteers to help plan/coordinate this event. If interested, call MEO at 533-3696, 533-5305 or 533-1717.

Mentors needed for Job Match Day

Celebrate the Month of the Military Child in April with the second Job Match Day. Military and civilian mentors will be matched with Smith Middle School eighth-graders April 25, from 8:15 to 11:30 a.m. The morning will end in a business luncheon and guest speaker. For more information or to volunteer, call JoAnne Ellsworth, Smith School counselor, at 459-8967 or e-mail ellsworthj@fthhuachuca.k12.az.us. Volunteers may also call Javier Barron, school liaison officer, at 533-1133 or e-mail javierbarron@hua.army.mil.

Range closures

Today	AF, AG, AM, AW, AX, T1, T1A, T2
Friday	AF, AG, A, AM, AI, AV, AW, AX, T1, T1A, T2
Saturday	AG, AM, AU, AW, AX, AY, T1, T1A, T2
Sunday	AG, AM, AQ, AU, AW, AX and AY

Monday	AL, AM, AX, T1, T1A, T2
Tuesday	AL, AM, AU, AV, T1, T1A and T2
Wednesday	AL, AM, AM, AV, AW, AX, AY, T1, T1A, T2
April 11	AL, AM, AN, AV, AW, AX, T1, T1A, T2
April 12	AM, AN, AV, AW, AX, T1, T1A, T2
April 13	T1, T1A, T2
April 14	No Closures

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

After-hours birth control injections

Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center, through its after-hours Prime Time Clinic, is now providing appointments for Depo Provera birth control injections and pregnancy counseling.

This service is provided to ease clinic access for working women. Depo Provera will be provided to women who have an active prescription and have already been receiving the shots. These women need to be current on their annual Well Woman Exam as well.

No Well Woman Exams will be provided in the Prime Time clinic. These injections will be provided to eligible women 5:30-7 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with a total of three available appointments.

Pregnancy counseling will be available on Wednesdays and Fridays from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Patients may schedule an appointment for either of these times by calling 533-9200 after 1 p.m.

DMPO new service hours

Servicemembers must be in uniform to be served by In/Out Processing.

New In Processing times are 8:30 a.m.-noon, Mondays, Wednesdays-Fridays, closed Tuesdays.

New Out Processing times are 1-3:30 p.m., Mondays-Fridays.

Transmittal Letters will be processed 8:30-11 a.m., Mondays, Wednesdays-Fridays, 1-3:30 p.m., Tuesdays.

For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Todd Shorts, noncommissioned officer in charge of DMPO, at 533-2118.

Garrison hosts soldier farewell

Fort Huachuca's U.S. Army Garrison invites the community to say farewell to two garrison soldiers: Staff Sgt. Frank Ketcham, garrison headquarters administration office; and Sgt. Kelly Ketcham, adjutant general.

The farewell is set for 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Friday at La Hacienda's Boots and Saddles Room. Cost is \$6.75 for hot buffet, \$7.75 for hot buffet and salad bar, or \$5 for salad bar only. Cost includes beverage and gratuity.

Guests may pay at the door (cash or check) but must RSVP to Suzette Krusemark no later

than close of business today for headcount purposes. To RSVP, call 533-2619 or e-mail krusemarks@hua.army.mil.

Ed Center offers FAST class

Soldiers can raise their General Technical score and increase their reenlistment opportunities by signing up for a Functional Academic Skill Training class in the Basic Skills Education Program, which will run 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-April 19. Classes will emphasize English and Math skills. See an Education Counselor to schedule The Adult Basic Education test, which must be taken prior to class entrance.

A pre-TABE test will be administered on the first day of class, then at the end, a post-TABE, a General Technical predictor and Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery test will be administered. For more information, call Bob Campbell at 533-5690 or e-mail robertcampbell@hua.army.mil.

DIS repairs parking areas

The Directorate of Installation Support will be fogsealing and striping Indian Scout Road and the parking lot of the Mountain View Golf Course Monday and Wednesday.

The facility will be closed all day Monday and a half-day on Wednesday. Motorists are asked to obey all traffic control devices. For more information, call 533-1443.

DIS will also be constructing additional parking stalls, sealing the asphalt and remarking selected parking areas within the Post Exchange complex. The fogsealing will take place Monday and Wednesday.

Patrons are asked to obey all traffic control devices and to exercise caution in the construction area.

JITC hosts annual conference

The Joint Interoperability Test Command will host the 12th Annual Interoperability Conference Monday-April 11 in Building 61801, Greely Hall Auditorium (Room 1215).

Maj. Gen. Daniel M. Dick, Director for Strategy, Requirements and Integration (J8), US Joint Forces Command, is the conference keynote speaker. This year's theme is "Current Interoperability Initiatives."

The conference fee is \$20. Additional conference details and registration information can be found on the JITC Web page at http://jitc.fhu.disa.mil/iop_conf/2002/iop_con.htm. For more information, call Marine Master Gunnery Sgt. Tom Fredericks at 538-4367 or Elaine Perkins, JITC visitor support, at 538-5429.

Major promotion board

A Department of Army Promotion Selection Board is scheduled to convene on or about April 16 to consider Fiscal Year 2002 Major Army Competitive Category Promotion Selection Board Zone of Consideration captains

for promotion to major.

Officers eligible for consideration have the following active duty dates of rank: Above the Zone, Oct. 1, 1995 and earlier; Promotion Zone, Oct. 2, 1995 through Oct. 1, 1996; Below the Zone, Oct. 2, 1996 through Sept. 30, 1997.

In order to be eligible for consideration by the board, all mandatory or optional Officer Evaluation Reports must be received, error free, in the Evaluation Reports Branch, PERSCOM (TAPC-MSE-R) no later than Tuesday. Exceptions are governed by para 1-33d, Army Regulation 600-8-29.

Only original evaluation reports will be processed. Machine reproduced or electronically transmitted copies will not be accepted.

For more information, call Margarethe Velazquez at 533-5777.

Signal housing town hall

The 11th Signal Brigade will host its first Town Hall meeting for its sponsored on-post housing communities of Signal Village, Calvary Park and Bonnie Blink. The meeting will be at 7 p.m., Wednesday at Murr Community Center. Residents who are unable to attend, but have issues that they would like to address, may call Master Sgt. Derek Kiser at 533-3026 or e-mail derek.kiser@hqasc.army.mil.

Blue Cross rep visits

A representative of Blue Cross Blue Shield Federal Plan will be at Murr Community Center's Horseshoe Room on Wednesday from 9 to 11 a.m. to answer questions on benefits, claims and enrollment. No appointments are necessary.

AFTB Level I training set

Army Family Team Building Level I training will be held Wednesday-April 11 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Murr Community Center. Free childcare will be provided. Pre-registration is required. To register, call 533-3686 or 533-2330.

Federal Jobs Workshops

Federal Jobs Workshops are offered to explain subjects such as What is Federal Government Employment, How To Use the Internet To Find Out Where Government Jobs Are Located, Federal Jobs Benefits, Federal Pay Scales, Interpreting a Federal Job Advertisement, Federal Applications, How to Apply for a Government Job, Veteran's Preference, The Selection Process, RESUMIX Procedures, and Outlook on Opportunities.

The public is invited to attend. All Federal Jobs Workshops are held in Building 22420 from 8 to 10 a.m. No reservation required. The public is invited to attend.

Workshops are set for April 12, May 10, June 7, July 12, Aug. 16, Sept. 13, Oct. 18, Nov. 15 and Dec. 6. For more information, call Thomas L. Haggood at 533-7314.

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

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Community Events Calendar

To add items to the calendar, call the Central Community Coordinator at 533-

ICW WRESTLING LIVE AT BARNES FIELD HOUSE APRIL 19TH at 7 p.m. CONTACT LEWIS ONLEY AT 533-2374 For Details!

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• SV Optimist Club meets at 6:30 a.m. at the Landmark Cafe. Call John Schirmer at 378-1062.
• National Association of Retired Employees Chapter 1400 meets at 11 a.m. at OYCC. Call 378-6605 for details.
• Huachuca Area Retired Teachers Association meets at OYCC at 10 a.m.

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• Green to Gold Briefing in Classroom #2 at the Ed Center from 11 a.m.-noon. Call Sharon Lewis at 533-2390 for details.
• CG's Right Arm Night 4-6 p.m. at the LakeSide Activity Centre.
• SV Parks and Leisure Art Discovery Series presents Brad Richter & Sinead Pratschke in concert starting at 7 p.m. at the Buena HS Performing Arts Center. Call 458-7322 for info.
• Rollerskating at Youth Services, Bldg. 49013 from 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Call 533-3205 for details.

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• Latino Disco at La Hacienda from 10 p.m.-4 p.m. Call 533-7322 for details.

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• Daylight savings time begins, east coast will be 3 hours ahead.

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• Ft. Huachuca Accommodation School Board Meeting, 3:15 p.m. at Smith Middle School, call Superintendent Mr. Zamudio at 459-8198 for details.

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• Days of Remembrance Celebration, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Cochise Theater & Kino Chapel. For more information contact SFC Anderson at 533-3672.
• Put Prevention Into Practice (PPIP) & Health Promotion Class meets from 2-3:30 p.m. at MCC. Call 533-2246 for additional info.
• Habitat for Humanity meets at the SV United Methodist Church at 7 p.m. Call Nancy Wigmore at 803-0261 for details.
• ACAP/TAP Three-Day Workshop at Bldg. 22420 from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Call Thom Haggood at 533-7314 for details and reservations.

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Army Family Team Building classes and information at Murr Community Center, 533-4823 or 533-2330

Guard troops patrol U.S. borders

By Master Sgt. Bob Haskell
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — In the past month, nearly 1,500 members of the National Guard have helped federal officers control access to the United States along the Mexican and Canadian borders.

The National Guard took on its newest six-month mission in homeland defense in early March. The 1,500 unarmed troops, primarily from the Army Guard, began assisting U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service and U.S. Customs Service officials in eight states along the Canadian border and in the four states along the Mexican border.

Maine, Vermont, New York, Michigan, North Dakota, and Washington state Guard aviators also began conducting surveillance flights along the Canadian border.

The Texas Guard mobilized 184 citizen-soldiers to work with the INS and another 200 to work with Customs at 20 points of entry along the winding, 800-mile border between New Mexico and the Gulf of Mexico.

Soldiers helped in Laredo, Texas, where up to 20,000 vehicles and 100,000 people cross four bridges into the U.S. during a busy day. It is one of the busiest border points in the world, claimed the area port director for the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service.

“The Guard soldiers arrived just before one of our peak periods, spring break, which was followed immediately by Holy Week when a lot of people cross this border. Getting those guys at that time was like having the cavalry come over the hill,” said Ramon Juarez, the INS chief for the San Antonio district.

Fifty-one Guard troops in Laredo are helping a reinforced INS crew of 150 officers to keep the traffic flowing smoothly while looking for those who would cause trouble.

Another 49 are working with 280 Customs inspectors at two bridges that clear as many as 6,500 trailer trucks hauling cargo north every working day, said Chief Inspector Benito Juarez. Between 4,000 and 5,000 come across the new World Trade Bridge built to accommodate the increased traffic generated since 1994 by the North American Free Trade Agreement, he explained.

The National Guard troops are giving relief to border officers who began working 12- to 16-hour shifts at Alert Level 1 after terrorists struck America with hijacked airliners. The alert level is still that high.



Photo by Master Sgt. Bob Haskell

Texas Army National Guard Sgt. 1st Class Jorge Garcia and INS inspector Melissa Mercado check out one of the thousands of cars that came from Mexico through Laredo, Texas, on March 29.

The troops are helping foreign citizens properly fill out I-94 arrival forms. They are politely but persistently inspecting car trunks for drugs, explosives and other contraband. They are helping to examine every piece of luggage that is unloaded from lines of buses.

They are helping to x-ray the thousands of trailer trucks, and their contents, coming from north and south of the borders every day, searching for explosives and drugs.

“Anti-terrorism and counter-drug operations go hand-in-hand,” Benito Juarez pointed out, “because these people can hide bomb-making material and drugs in the same compartments.”

The increased scrutiny has led to 50 percent more seizures of illegal drugs and arrests this year compared to last year, said the Customs official.

It is a personal matter for Texas Air Guard Master Sgt. Samuel Ponce, who has worked counter-drug operations with Customs for 10 of the past 13 years.

A narcotics trafficker, who was high on drugs, shot his younger brother Carlos to death in a Laredo nightclub in August 2000, Ponce said. Carlos was 32.

“Having troops in the right place at the right time to intercept this dangerous stuff is very important to me,” added Ponce who supervises the 15 Guard troops assigned to the World Trade Bridge.

The vast majority of those coming into this country are law-abiding people, said Ramon Juarez. The challenge is to find the potential troublemakers without upsetting the innocent and to keep the border traffic and the commerce flowing.

“We want to let people know that we may have become more vigilant, but it is still business as usual,” he explained.

On Easter weekend, more than 53,000 Army and Air Guard troops were participating in the war against terrorism - in Noble

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New owner of Army installations takes over Oct. 1

By Jim Caldwell
TRADOC News Service

FORT MONROE, Va. — When the Transformation of Installation Management goes into effect Oct. 1, the responsibility for maintaining installations not only passes to one of seven regional commands, but the ownership of the land and facilities will pass to the Installation Management Activity.

“It’s a significant change from how we have done business throughout my whole career,” said Phil Sakowitz, Training and Doctrine Command Deputy Chief of Staff for Base Operations Support.

The IMA is the parent command for the seven TIM regions.

But the TRADOC training centers and schools will not become tenants, as it has been traditionally when an organization is on another MACOM’s installation.

“That word, tenant, denotes that you pay for service in kind from the garrison,” said Diane Devens, assistant DCSBOS. “That whole tenant-landlord relationship, in my opinion, will go away because those ‘tenants’ will not pay for services. They will get a standard level of service that is the garrison’s mission to provide and is supported by BASOPs funding.”

At first some formal agreements between an organization and the garrison command may be required for services that exceed the standard level of services, according to Devens. She used an example of a notional standard: 90-minute periods for breakfast, lunch and dinner in dining halls. A TRADOC organization may require 120-minute dining periods to feed all of its students, ranging from basic combat training soldiers up through those in leadership courses. An agreement may be required initially to support the extra 30 minutes.

“Eventually that should be greatly minimized,” she said. “A garrison’s reason for existence is to a base of support for all mission that are on installations.”

While the senior commander on an instal-

lation is not responsible for running it, he or she will be the senior rater for the garrison commander on services provided.

Army leadership said the TIM regionalization will enhance quality of life for soldiers and their families. It will ensure that they receive the same high quality of services at nearly every installation.

TIM supports Army Transformation by allowing installations to become flexible enough to respond to any requirement. Mission commanders can now focus on the mission readiness, but still have some influence over support by the installations.

The four TIM regions in the United States are the Northeast, headquartered at Fort Monroe; the Southeast at Fort McPherson, Ga.; Northwest at Rock Island, Ill.; and the Southwest at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio.

There are TRADOC training centers and schools in all four of those regions.

The three overseas regions are the Pacific Region at Fort Shafter, Hawaii, for Army installations there, Alaska and Japan; and in Europe and Korea

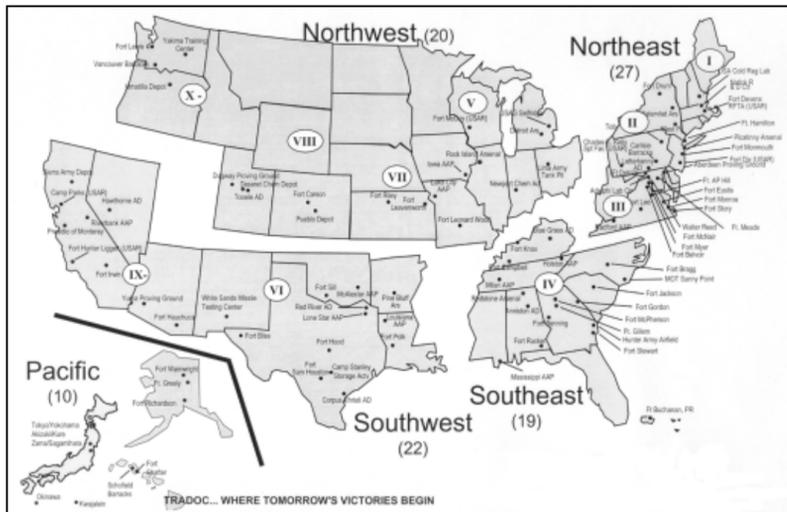
TRADOC at Fort Monroe and Forces Command at Fort McPherson have large enough installation management staffs to transfer over to respective regional headquarters, Devens said.

However, the Northwest and Southwest Regions do not have those large staffs, so they will have to recruit those people.

The people working there at DCSBOS and Deputy Chief of Staff for Resource Management, whose positions are selected for transfer to the new organizations will, for the most part, become part of the region or the IMA without moving from their desks for the first two years.

Devens said that’s called “capitalizing in place,” the Army’s Assistant Chief of Staff of Installations’ plan to minimize personnel turbulence.

Devens said the TIM Task Force is still working on Organization and Operations plan. That must be completed before personnel



Map courtesy of Management Directorate, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Resource Management

U.S. Army installations will be assigned to a regional director based on the map above. Fort Huachuca falls into the Southwest region, whose regional headquarters will be located at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas.

manning documents can be drawn up, and the functions that are considered to be installation management or mission are identified.

“The MACOM commanders still need staffs to carry out their missions,” said Joe Jefferis, TRADOC DCSRM.

“The mission organizations require many of the same functions as installation management. The question is how many people should be at MACOMs and how many at the training centers and schools to support the TRADOC mission.”

One of the first things the regions must do is to prepare an operating budget for fiscal years 2004-09, Jefferis said. “Until that is approved, the regions will be operating with money approved in the previous budget cycle.”

The regions are supposed to be fully operable in two years after they’re activated, Devens said.

While there will be opportunities for people who will move to compete for jobs at all the

regions, Devens urges patience. “You’ll see the bulk of the personnel actions after October,” she said.

She also said that the current plan is for each stateside region to be led by a senior executive service civilian. The three overseas regions may be commanded by brigadier generals.

If an individual at TRADOC headquarters is working on a project for a former TRADOC installation in the Southwest region when he or she becomes part of the Northeast region, the project will move with the person, according to Jefferis.

“That prevents disruption and delays, and allows for control of the budget until the project is completed,” he said.

“The human resources plan will be employee friendly,” Sakowitz said. “It will probably include the traditional options of [Voluntary Separation Incentive Program] and other programs.”

Military, civilian feds can buy new long-term care insurance

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

WASHINGTON — A new program offers long-term care insurance to military and civilian federal employees and their families.

The federal Office of Personnel Management has contracted with John Hancock and MetLife insurance companies to provide this additional benefit for all federal employees and retirees.

The insurance program is designed to cover expenses associated with long-term medical care in a nursing home or in the patient's home. Federal employees will be able to purchase the insurance for themselves or their families, including parents. Federal retirees are entitled to enroll only themselves and their spouses in the program, according to information on the program's Internet home page, www.opm.gov/insure/lc.

An early enrollment period is scheduled from March 25 to May 15, followed by an open-enrollment season beginning July 1. Applicants may be required to answer health-related questions, provide medical records or be interviewed personally to be eligible for the insurance.

Program managers haven't announced pre-

miums yet, but rates will vary based on amount of coverage, type of inflation protection chosen and current age of the person being covered. Officials plan to include a rate calculator on the Web site by the time the early enrollment period starts.

Service members and federal civilian workers initially might think they needn't worry about long-term care insurance, but perhaps they should, officials said.

Medicare, TRICARE and the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program are not designed to cover long-term care, they noted.

The usual practice in similar civilian programs is the younger and healthier the beneficiary at enrollment, the lower the premiums. That should also be true in the federal version, said Frank Titus, OPM assistant director for long-term care.

Federal officials emphasized the government pays no part of the premiums or benefits.

Those officials recommended individuals who want more information on issues surrounding long-term care and on the federal program to sign up for an e-mail newsletter, "Get Smart About Your Future," at https://ltcfeds.com/pre_reg.html, or to visit www.ltcfeds.com.

College sponsors small business workshop

Cochise College release

The Cochise College Small Business Development Center will co-sponsor two workshops by award-winning salesman, manager, and speaker Bill Johnson.

Johnson will present "Managing Priorities and Stress" from 6-8:30 p.m., April 17 at the Cochise College Sierra Vista campus. A favorite of Bill Johnson audiences, this seminar looks closely at obstacles to managing time. Participants will learn 25 ideas for managing stress in today's stressful times. The top five "time wasters" will be reviewed and the secrets for improving time use effectiveness revealed.

Johnson also will present "Managing and Selling Different People Differently" from 8-11:30 a.m., April 18 at the Cochise College Benson Center. This is a fast-moving and entertaining session presented with the best of Johnson's special brand of humor blended with four decades of "real world" sales, management and parenting experiences. Participants will learn their personal social style and also how to quickly identify the social styles of others as a personal tool for enhancing rapport.

Johnson has won national sales honors with a Fortune 500 company and has been a national sales manager. As president of an audio/video production firm, he has produced programs for top speakers and seminar leaders. He has spoken for more than 700 groups in 37 states and several foreign locations.

Seminars are co-sponsored by the Arizona Small Business Association, the Greater Sierra Vista Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Benson/San Pedro Valley Chamber of Commerce. The cost for each seminar is \$10, and advance registration is required by calling the Cochise College SBDC at 515-5478.

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Eagle operations in this country and in Enduring Freedom missions overseas, including Afghanistan, the National Guard Bureau reported.

More than 7,000 were maintaining a security presence at 442 commercial airports, and President George Bush has authorized the nation's governors to extend that six-month mission from the end of March until the end of May.

That is intended to give the Transportation Security Administration more time to prepare to assume all of those security duties.

The Guard's new six-month border mission will also buy the Customs and Immigration services time to bring in more people, officials explained, and prevent inspectors from having to put in a lot of overtime.

"The six months will also put us past our busy summer season," pointed out Ramon Juarez.

How busy can it be? Nearly 68,000 INS permits were issued to foreign nationals crossing into Laredo during the eight days before Good Friday, he said.

What used to be a 20-minute delay before Sept. 11 became a four-hour crawl toward the U.S. border until the Guard arrived, he indicated.

Some of the Guard troops, including Ponce and Texas Army Guard Sgt. 1st Class Jorge Garcia, have already gained experience by working Customs counter-drug operations that have been going for about 10 years.

Garcia explained he had worked that detail near El Paso for more than five years before

being reassigned to INS duty in Laredo on March 11.

He has seen marijuana wrapped and taped in plastic and stuffed into gas tanks that hold just enough gasoline to get a vehicle across the border, he said. He has found marijuana sitting on top of an engine after the driver was ordered to open the hood.

"It's amazing how they find other places to hide the contraband after they've been caught," observed Garcia who no longer looks only for drugs. "Now we're looking for everything," he said.

That's what the Guard soldiers say they are finding, including contraband cheese loaded into car trunks and 18 grams of marijuana rolled into

five cigars that were hidden in a speaker panel.

A Customs inspector's dog sniffed out that stash, explained Spcs. Michael Young and Angel Siller who then helped pull out the cigars.

The visible presence of the Guard soldiers is having the desired effect, Ramon Juarez observed.

"Everyone was sensitive about militarizing the border," he said. "But when people drive across the border, they see these soldiers in their camouflage uniforms. Then they think that if the military is involved, this country must mean business."

(Editor's note: Master Sgt. Bob Haskell is a member of the National Guard Bureau public affairs team.)