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Job workshops cancelled

The federal jobs workshops given by the Army Career and Alumni Program staff are cancelled for the foreseeable future. If workshops are scheduled in the future, they will be advertised in the *Scout*.

The veterans benefit briefing sponsored by the ACAP staff scheduled for July 18th is rescheduled for July 15th at 8 a.m. at the ACAP center, Bldg. 22420. For further questions contact Thom Hapgood of the Fort Huachuca ACAP Center at 533-7314 or e-mail at apgoodt@huachuca-emh1.army.mil.

Green to Gold briefing

There will be a Green to Gold briefing tomorrow from 11 a.m. to noon. It will be held at the Buffalo Soldier Education and Training center, Bldg. 52104, classroom 2. Capt. Dan Clark will conduct the meeting; the topic will be about Reserve Officer Training Core scholarship information.

If planning to attend or for information on eligibility requirements call 533-2390 or 533-3010.

Army birthday celebration

The Army is another year older and the Association of the United States Army, Fort Huachuca-Sierra Vista Chapter is honoring it with a brunch celebration.

The celebration will take place June 14 at 11:30 a.m. in the main ballroom of the Lakeside Activity Centre.

The guest speaker will be Command Sgt. Maj. Lawrence Haubrich. The lunch menu is scheduled to be that of the Wild, Wild West.

Cost for AUSA non-members is \$8 and \$6 for members. Be sure to bring your membership card. The beverage and gratuity are included.

Please RSVP to Lindsay or Becky at Armed Forces Bank at 452-8630 or to George Wheat at buckwheat@theriver.com.

Make reservations no later than Tuesday. This event is open to the public.

2/180th FA AZ NG welcoming

The post is cordially invited to the welcoming ceremony for the 2/180th Field Artillery of the Arizona National Guard. The ceremony will take place today by the gazebo on Brown Parade field at 9 a.m.

For more information contact Sgt. Maj. Max Rodriguez at 533-2805 or Sgt. 1st Class Laurie Williams at 533-4715.

ASIST Workshop

Fort Huachuca's 3rd Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training workshop will be held June 26-27 at the Main Post Chapel from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. There are no registration fees. Lunch will be provided. Civilian attire is encouraged.

The installation staff chaplain's office has only thirty slots open. This will be done on a "first come, first served basis."

For more information contact Chaplain Maj. Dale at 533-4911 or Pfc. Moro at 533-2366 or email: garry.dale@hua.army.mil.

Bond with your Nation, buy U.S. savings bonds

Annual campaign runs through June

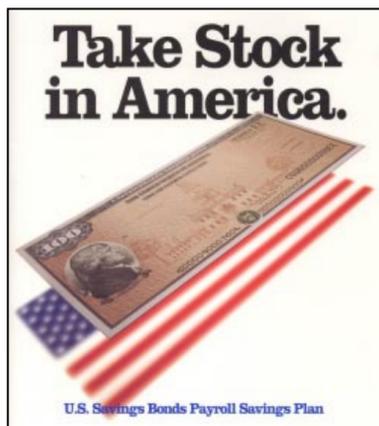
By Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks
 NCOIC, USAIC&FH PAO

More than sixty years ago millions of Americans in an effort to promote the war effort invested in savings bonds to support our Nation's role in World War II.

Today in the aftermath of the terrorist actions on Sept. 11, patriotism and love of country have been renewed with vigor following what has been arguably the worst disaster in U.S. history.

"That's why more than ever it is important today for Americans to give back to our Nation and invest in U.S. savings bonds," said Tee Fuimaono, U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca Savings Bonds coordinator. "For many Americans who ask themselves 'what can we do?' this is a good way they can do their part in our country's fight against terrorism and it's also a great way to save money."

Fort Huachuca kicked off its annual savings bonds drive Tuesday and according to Fuimaono, the money invested in savings bonds



Courtesy Dept. of the Treasury

Fort Huachuca kicked off its annual Savings Bond campaign Tuesday. The month long event allows potential investors to save money and invest in America.

directly helps finance our country's borrowing needs and she also mentions seven great reasons to invest. The campaign lasts throughout the month of June.

"They're easy to buy, safe and secure, are a market based investment, liquid long-term

investment, can be used for education savings, they have tax advantages and they're good for America," she said.

For those investors really feeling the patriotic vibe, the Bureau of Public Debt introduced the Patriot Bond. This designated series EE bond offers Americans one more way to support the Nation's war and recovery efforts as a result of the war on terrorism.

Possible investors should think long term when planning to purchase a savings bond, since bonds can take as long as 30 years to grow. However, they are low-tax investments, safe from the ups and downs of the stock market and backed by the government.

Fuimaono also mentioned it's easy for federal employees to sign up for bonds and they can be deducted from their payroll savings plan and better yet, investors can have their bonds automatically kept by the Defense Finance and Accounting Service.

"Safekeeping is a benefit offered to active duty military members who purchase savings bonds through the payroll savings plan," she said. "This benefit allows you to have your bonds held by your branch of service instead of having the bonds issued and mailed directly

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Photo by Sgt. Sharron L. Stewart

Guard arrives

More than 60 soldiers of the 2nd Battalion, 180th Field Artillery Arizona National Guard arrived to post on May 30 as part of the continuing efforts to support Operation Noble Eagle. The unit is based in Phoenix and Tucson and was mobilized to active duty March 12 and since that time have provided support to the U.S. Customs Ports of Entry in Fort Bliss, Texas prior to their arrival here.

Marks tabbed for second star

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U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca commanding general, Brig. Gen. James Marks, has been nominated for appointment of the rank of major general.

Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld made the announcement Friday that the president of the United States made the nomination of Marks and several general officers.

Marks, a native of New York was commissioned June 4, 1975, upon graduation from the United States Military Academy in Military Intelligence.

During his 26 years of commissioned service, Marks has held command and staff intelligence assignments including: company commander, 1st Battalion, 503d Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky.; Deputy Chief of Staff, Intelligence, Headquarters, U.S. Army, Europe and Seventh Army, Heidelberg, Germany; Executive Officer to the Commanding General, Stabilization

Force, Sarajevo, Bosnia; Assistant Chief of Staff, J2 (Intelligence), United States Forces Korea and Deputy Chief of Staff, C2, Combined Forces Command.

Marks holds a Master of Arts degree in International Relations from the University of Virginia and a Master of Science degree in Theater Operations from the School of Advanced Military Studies.

He is a graduate of the Military Intelligence Officers' Advance Course, the United States Army Command and General Staff College, the School of Advanced Military Studies, and the Army War College.

Marks is married to the former Marty Tallman of Boulder, Colo. They have three daughters Bess, 20; Maeve, 17; and Claire, 13.



Brig. Gen. James Marks

Post water conservation efforts still top priority

By Katherine Goode
 Scout staff

The water usage for May 2002 on Fort Huachuca is almost 52 million gallons and is equivalent to 1.67 million gallons per day.

Although this water usage is four percent less than that pumped in May 2001 (54,412,107 gallons), it is still of major concern due to the current severe drought conditions for Fort Huachuca. Due to this, the questions of car washes, irrigation, and evaporative coolers are currently being addressed.

Gretchen R. Kent, physical scientist and National Environmental Protection Agency coordinator for Fort Huachuca, said that the actual use on the fort by organization car washes may be small in retrospect to other areas, but it is a major amount. She added, "The concern that I have is this—what is the message we are sending?"

"When you see people with signs advertising car washes, with water running on the ground, and people squirting each other... my sense is if people are getting citations for watering their lawns, and may eventually cause them to have to move off post, and we are having car washes every day of the weekend, we are sending out mixed messages."

She said, "This is extremely true when taking into consideration the transient population of Fort Huachuca. What message are they getting when they see people with signs advertising car washes, and then hear of drought conditions and conservation?"

However, Kent explained that irrigation "uses about three-and-a-half million gallons of water alone in one month. Where as car washes, in the past 18 months, have used about 50,000 gallons of water."

Kent said, "the balance is not interfering

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Commentary

Spider-man hints at command's contributions

by Chuck Dasey

FORT DETRICK, Md. (Army News Service, May 31, 2002)

A superhero story always needs a supervillian. This summer's hit movie from one of my favorite comic books, "Spider-Man," has a defense contractor in the evil role.

The plot twists onto the turf of the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command, as the contractor tries to fill an Army request for a drug that will turn regular GIs into super soldiers.

The ethical issues surrounding the use of human subjects in medical research get a brief cameo. One cautious scientist says the product isn't ready for testing in humans because of nasty side effects. He and his ethics are shoved aside by his greedy boss. The Army general in charge of the acquisition, by the way, sides with the cautious scientist. Hooah!

I've left several messages with our comptroller, requesting reimbursement for the price of the movie ticket. I figure I was actually working while I watched, because we might get a few press calls about it. I'm sure the comptroller will be getting back to me any time now.

The super soldier plot element offers a nice opportunity to compare life in the comic books to our mundane reality. The USAMRMC's Military Operational Medicine Research Program really does look for ways to enhance soldier performance. But instead of secret formulas, our researchers have found that the keys to improving performance are good diet, lots of exercise and training, adequate sleep, family support networks, psychological health and bonding with and confidence in one's teammates. Wow!

Spider-Man demonstrates many qualities consistent with the Army of the 21st century — he's responsive, agile, rapid in deploying, versatile, lethal (if you're a villain), survivable and sustainable. He shows good judgment, selflessness and moral awareness. You want him on your team.



One good thing about this movie is the setup, in which the basis of Spider-Man's powers is clearly explained. A university lab worker tells visiting high school students about the unique characteristics of spiders in a way that makes them cool instead of creepy. Some species of spiders, for example, have such rapidly working nervous systems that their responses border on "precognition." In other words, they react so fast it's as if they knew what was coming. (See Barry Bonds correctly guessing fastball and hitting the ball into San Francisco Bay.) Most of us have already heard about the enormous tensile strength of spider silk, and how strong bugs generally are in terms of hauling around their own body weight or snacks that weigh many times their body weight.

We get a very up-close view of a super spider chomping into nerdy Peter Parker's hand, and the next morning he's got six pack abs, doesn't need his glasses any more, KO's the school bully and climbs straight up brick walls.

Then your basic superhero against supervillian plot unfolds. Why is it that comic book stories always take place in Manhattan? How about giving other cities a chance? Shaq and Kobe could be today's L.A. superheroes, larger-than-life figures doing things that amaze and entertain innocent youth. Superheros from Seattle would drink lots of espresso. They'd talk funny in Boston, and fight crime at NASCAR races in the Carolinas.

Comic book movies remind me of being 12 years old, reveling in a long summer of baseball and days at the lake. This one was worth the price. Speaking of price, I think that might be the comptroller on the phone. I hope they'll cover the twelve bucks for popcorn and a soda, too.

(Editor's note: Chuck Dasey is the public affairs officer for the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command.)

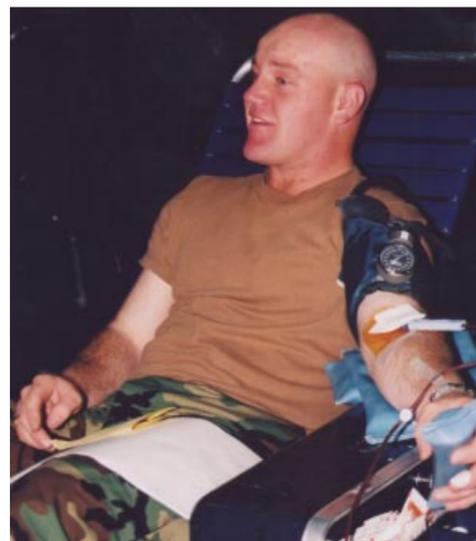


Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks

Gift of life

Pfc. Michael Matthews, Company E, 309th Military Intelligence Battalion gives blood during the American Red Cross Blood Drive held Friday at Eifler Fitness Center. Blood supply levels for area hospitals are critically low and each donation helps.

I-10 closed on southeast side of Tucson

An eight-mile section of Interstate 10 on the southeast side of Tucson will be closed for 13 hours both on Saturday and Sunday for the next four weekends in June, beginning with this weekend, to replace large overhead signs.

Eastbound I-10 will be closed from 5 a.m. to 6 p.m. between I-19 and Craycroft Road this weekend and the weekend of June 22 and 23, according to the Arizona Department of Transportation.

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CG's Sensing Session

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Available barbers at barber shops

Since 9/11, there seems to be a shortage of barbers at the AAFES shops, especially on the weekends. This causes extremely long waiting times to get a haircut.

Response

There have been no changes to the number of barbers at the Barber Shop since 9/11. We have elevated the community's concern to our contractor and we are monitoring the line's peak

periods. We have also instructed the Barber Shop's management to have maximum coverage during weekends. Currently there are seven barbers assigned to the operation at the PX Mall and three at the Mini Mall.

No buses run from youth services to village meadows to take kids to school

One soldier would like to place his/her child in YS when he/she goes to PT but cannot do so because there is no transportation to get that child to Village Meadows School, and the soldier cannot break free everyday to take the child.

Response

Coordination was made with the Sierra Vista Public Schools. They do not provide transportation for before or after school programs for either on or off post schools. Our current level of funding does not allow the Youth Services to provide this service

to go to off post schools for our current patrons. However, this service is provided on Fort Huachuca for all on post schools. Therefore, recommend the soldier consider enrolling his/her child at an on post school since transportation would then be provided from Youth Services to any school on post. For more information, please contact Ms. Jennifer Lotten, School Age Services Director, at 538-1198.

Need to have a youth services program on post

RESPONSE

Fort Huachuca (FH) through the Directorate of Community Activities has a comprehensive Child and Youth Services program including a specific Youth Services (YS) program. YS offers a variety of out of school options for the community youth.

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Scout on the Street — What soldier has made the biggest impact on your career?



My 1st Sgt. Frankie Washington, he's a retired Sgt. Maj. now. He taught the soldiers what being a Noncommissioned Officer is all about.

Sgt. Donald Wirt,
69th Sig. Bn.



Sgt. 1st Class Mario A. Rodriguez was my platoon sgt. in Germany. He got his rank late in his career but he was a real good example for all of the soldiers.

Sgt. Antonio Quinones,
69th Sig. Co.



It was Sgt. 1st Class Martinez in Germany. She helped push me through some difficult times.

Spc. Tammy Olsevenich,
HHC USASC



My platoon sgt. back at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina Staff Sgt. Jackson. She don't take no guff.

Spc. Sean Hennessee,
18th PSB B detachment,
Ft. Bragg, NC



Sgt. Maj. McDuffie because he has always been a positive influence with my career. He inspired me to reclass to a 33W.

Sgt. Twanna Davis,
B 305th MI Bn.



My old 1st Sgt. Smith, he's a Sgt. Maj. now. He was so hard that he just made me better.

Sgt. George Simms, A
305th MI Bn.

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Fraudulent degrees are big business; don't be a victim

Diploma Mills are notorious for imitating in superficial ways the structures and functions of legitimate degree programs. Conversely, there are many legitimate programs that offer non-traditional degrees in an effort to serve the needs of adult students. Therefore, it is difficult to develop a comprehensive list of characteristics that one can use to spot a Diploma Mill. Some characteristics students should look for are listed in this article. The following list is to be used with caution. It exemplifies the characteristics one may find (but not always) typical of Diploma Mills. Students are encouraged to beware and to investigate thoroughly any institution BEFORE beginning a program. Service members are encouraged to check with the Education Center before pursuing any program. Here are some characteristics of Diploma Mills:

1. The organization may have a name similar to a well-known college or university.
2. The address often suggests a prestigious location, but mail may only be received at a post office box or mail service. The organization may frequently change its address. There is no significant cluster of physical facilities; it operates from a single office or maybe private residence.
3. Full-time staff are few in number and lack qualifications appropriate for serving as professional educators or educational administrators. Part-time staff, most of whom

are full-time with other organizations, are heavily used to provide instruction or academic services. Many or all faculty lack appropriate advanced degrees from recognized and accredited higher educational institutions or may have degrees from the Diploma Mill itself. Long lists of degrees typically follow the names of faculty.

4. There is little or no selectivity in admissions; frequently no admissions requirements are listed. Degree requirements, if any, are few and frequently unspecified.
5. Degrees ordinarily can be obtained in a time frame far shorter than that required for the completion of a program at a generally recognized and accredited institution.
6. Tuition and fees are usually on a per-degree basis. Assessment of learning outcomes or achievement is minimal or nonexistent.
7. The organization has no library or maintains inferior resources than that expected of a degree-granting institution.
8. Great emphasis is placed on granting credit for work experience and prior life experiences without appropriate mechanisms for assessing the experience in terms of college-level work. Sometimes the assessment is offered free to prospective students on a mail-order basis with an implied promise that more can be expected upon official enrollment.
9. Terms such as nontraditional, alternative, and innova-

tive are used to gloss over a multitude of sins.

10. The words "state-authorized" or "state-approved" are used to suggest that the organization has undergone a process of academic review comparable to accreditation. The organization is not accredited by an agency recognized by the U. S. Department of Education. Promotional materials may, however, list agencies not recognized by Department of Ed.

The Education Center is an excellent resource for Service members to use when assessing the legitimacy of an educational institution. The book, *Bear's Guide to Earning College Degrees by Distance Learning*, is another resource students may want to consult to avoid the pitfalls of enrolling in a Diploma Mill program.

Call the Education Center at 533-3010/2255 for additional information.



Toy Planes recalled by AAFES

DALLAS — The Army and Air Force Exchange Service, along with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and Spin Master Toys, of Toronto, Ontario is voluntarily assisting in a recall of Firestormer and Skyblazer toy planes. The plastic air intake chamber of the air-powered toy planes can burst, throwing plastic pieces, posing a laceration, bruise and abrasion hazard to consumers.

Consumers should stop using the planes immediately and contact Spin Master Toys to receive a free replacement plane.

Contact Spin Master Toys at (800) 622-8339 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday. Consumers can also contact Spin Master Toys at the following website: www.spinmaster.com. Fax them at (416)364-8005. Their address is Spin Master Toys, 450 Front Street West, Toronto, Ontario M5V 1B6.

Spin Master Toys has received seven reports of Firestormer planes bursting, including four reports of injuries to children. Inju-

ries included one chest abrasion, a cut leg, a bruised shoulder and ringing in the ears. There have been no reports involving the Skyblazer planes.

The recalled Firestormer plane is either red or blue in color with a flame graphic across the body and "Firestormer" printed on the wings of the plane. The Skyblazer plane is purple, green and white in color and has "Skyblazer" printed on the wings of the plane. These toys use a hand pump mechanism to compress air to make the plane fly. Both planes are recommended for children 8 years old and over.

The planes have an 8 digit date code on the bottom of the pump. The date code reads MM/DD/YY-KS. Only planes with date codes 12/29/01-KS through 03/24/02-KS are included in the recall. Planes manufactured before December 29, 2001 and after March 24, 2002 are not included in this recall. AAFES sold these planes between January 2002 and May 20, 2002.

AAFES recall gym exercise machines

DALLAS — The Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES), in cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, and Fitness Quest Inc., of Canton, Ohio, is voluntarily assisting in the recall of about 310,000 Total Gym exercise machines. The handles on these exercise machines can detach during use and the cable attached to the handles can break, resulting in injury to the user.

Consumers should stop using these exercisers immediately and contact Fitness Quest to order a free repair kit. For more information, contact Fitness Quest at (800) 321-9236 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's web site at www.fitnessquest.com. Consumers may also contact Fitness by fax at (330) 478-2203 or by mail at: Fitness Quest, 1400 Raff Rd., Canton, OH 44750.

CPSC and Fitness Quest have received about 400 reports of the handles and

cables on these exercise machines breaking, resulting in 30 reports of injuries, including lacerations and abrasions.

The recall involves the Total Gym® 1000 and the Total Gym® Pro model exercisers with serial numbers DK000001 through DK129350, models with the serial number prefixes XO or SM, and models without serial numbers. The serial number is located on the underside of the machine's glide board.

The glide board rolls on an inclined track as the user pulls the hand cords or pushes at the base. These exercisers were manufactured in Taiwan, Thailand, and China.

AAFES, sporting good stores, web sites, catalogs, and direct sales sold the exercise machines nationwide from June 1997 through October 2001. AAFES only sold the Total Gym 1000.

Total Gym models sold on television infomercials are not included in this recall.



Photos by Sgt. Sharron L. Stewart

Air tankers host open house

Libby Army Airfield held an overview of Air Tanker base operations Friday. One of the highlights was the use of Fire Trol fuel retardant. According to John Snyder, Fire Trol base manager, over 2, 257,000 gallons of the mixture has been spread on Arizona fires this year. The retardant is made up of water, salt, clay, red iron oxide and other nontoxic ingredients.



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Westbound I-10 will be closed from 5 a.m. to 6 p.m. from Craycroft Road to South Sixth Avenue the weekends of June 15-16 and June 29-30, ADOT added.

The first two weekends of closures (June 8-9 eastbound and June 15-16 westbound) will be used to relocate the backing for new and larger signs that will replace older signs that are smaller and less reflective. Electrical work also will be done for lighting for the new signs.

The new signs will be installed June 22-23 (eastbound) and June 29-30 (westbound).

During the eastbound closures, traffic will use I-19 to Valencia road, then travel eastbound to I-10. The detour will be just the opposite for the westbound closures.

Department of Public Safety officers will be stationed at strategic locations on the detours. Signs also will be placed on the detour to keep it well marked.

Additionally, portable electronic message signs and permanent overhead electronic signs will advise motorists about the closures. For eastbound traffic, the signs will start near Chandler. For westbound traffic, the signs will start near the New Mexico state line.

This is the final phase of a \$1.9 million contract to replace the I-10 signs between I-19 and Craycroft. Signs already have been replaced on crossroads and freeway ramps. C S Construction, Inc., of Phoenix is the prime contractor.

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The FH Youth Center is a certified Boys and Girls Club affiliate. The Middle School and Teen (MST) program provides after school recreational and social opportunities for youth in grades 6-9. The Open Recreation program offers youth in grades 1-12, weekend recreation options. Youth Services also offers instructional classes in Tae Kwon Do and Dance. The Dance classes are conducted in Sierra Vista, while the Tae Kwon Do classes are held at the Youth Center. Special Events are also offered throughout the year and are open to all community youth. Monthly calendars for the MST and Open Recreation programs are available at the Youth Center and offerings include: computer lab, assistance with home work, bowling, sports & fitness activities, roller-skating, swimming, pool and game tournaments, arts & crafts and field trips.

Units have to pay to use the pool

When the city ran the pool, unit had to pay the lifeguard fees in order to use the pool for unit training.

Response

Effective 1 Oct 01, the Directorate of Community Activities operates the post's three pools. The Barnes Field House indoor pool is a mission pool (Category A, MWR activity) which is funded with appropriated dollars. Because of this, it can be used by military units on post for

training at no cost. Outdoor pools are recreational pools and a fee is required either by individuals or military units. For more information, please call Ms. Karlie Hale, Pools Manager at 533-3858.

May be a need for government leased housing during construction of housing

Is there a need for this? Can it be done? Is it feasible?

Response

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The requirement for leased housing is based on troop strength, local housing availability and must be approved by Congress. There has not been a significant increase in troop strength. In addition, during a recent Department of the Army mandated housing analysis, Fort Huachuca was determined to have approximately 800 excess quarters. Based on those two major issues, the need for leased housing is not substantiated. In

preparation for renovation and revitalization construction periods, houses are often left vacant. This attrition process starts about 12 to 18 months in advance of a pending project and reduces required moving costs and impact on soldiers and their families.

Need more variety of eating establishments on post

The need for a Sports Bar was specifically mentioned.

Response

A study was performed by the Community and Family Support Center, HQDA and AAFES HQ representatives and it revealed that additional eating facilities beyond those which currently exist or are already planned (new shoppette with a Papa John's Taco at the Main Gate entrance) are sufficient. The addition of new eating establishments would negatively impact (financially) existing food facilities on post. Currently eating facilities cover the entire range from fast food to fine dining. There are currently 13 eating establishments on Fort Huachuca. Of these, 6 are under DCA and 7 are under AAFES.

Need a brochure listing local establishments with their addresses and operating hours

There is a need for one for establishments

on Post as well.

Response

A map with DCA facility locations, things to do, buildings and telephone numbers was provided as a handout at the 4 April Round Up. We are working with the PAO to have it published in the Scout in the near future as well. Also, all DCA activities are listed along with specific days and hours of operation and program information on our MWR Web Page at www.mwrhuachuca.com. Finally, we are working on producing a comprehensive DCA brochure which should get published by 15 July 2002. The Sierra Vista phone book is also a good source for this type of information in the local community. For more information please contact Ms. Paula German, DCA Marketing Director, at 538-0836.

Post office doesn't have a drop off box

There was also a concern if one is put in, it be placed in a location and manner that is more convenient than the ones that previously existed.

Response

The Directorate of Information Management, liaison with the Postal Service, has been in contact and with the Directorate of Installation Support. They have located a suitable place to install a drop box. We are awaiting the reply of the Postal Service to confirm the location and re-install a drop box.

JAG explains basics, differences of renter's insurance

By Capt. James A. Ford
JAG release

Insurance is a way of avoiding or shifting potentially catastrophic financial losses in the event of disaster or accident. Soldiers living on-post too often believe that they do not need any additional property insurance, because "the JAG Claims Office will compensate them for property losses." This is not entirely true.

While federal claims statutes can compensate soldiers for personal property losses resulting from household goods shipments and on-post thefts, fires, vandalism, and other unusual occurrences, the law limits what the JAG Office can pay. Renters Insurance is vital to fill in the gaps not covered by the law.

What if your computer is fried due to a power surge?

Renters Insurance typically covers losses to your personal property from a wide variety of perils, which may well be more coverage than the JAG Office can provide. For example, the JAG Claims Office may not be able to pay for losses due to power surges or lightning strikes. Due to their frequency in this area during the monsoon season, the law expects soldiers

to use surge protectors to protect delicate items. Renters Insurance typically covers both power surges and lightning damages regardless of any actions a claimant does or does not take.

What would you have done if your family was displaced by Ryan's Fire?

Another common benefit of Renters Insurance is payment for additional living expenses should your home become inhabitable. The recent Ryan Fire almost demonstrated the importance of this coverage. If Fort Huachuca needed to be evacuated due to the fire, the JAG Claims Office could not have paid for additional living expenses incurred as a result of the evacuation. Families would have paid out of pocket for the costs of food and possibly shelter. Renters Insurance, however, typically covers costs such as these.

Replacement value of lost or destroyed property

Renters Insurance can also pay you the Replacement Cost of lost or destroyed items, rather than their depreciated value. As its name implies, Replacement Cost coverage will pay you what it actually costs to replace the lost or destroyed item. Under the Claims statutes, however, the Army may only pay you the actual cash value of an item at the time of the loss.

Thus, a 4-year old computer that cost you \$1,000 in 1998 may only result in a \$600 payment from the Army. Renters Insurance with the option for full Replacement Cost coverage ensures that you can replace the computer or other item that was lost or destroyed. The bottom line of Renters Insurance is that you choose how much and what types of coverage are necessary, rather than relying solely on arbitrary limits set by law.

Man bites dog . . . dog sues

Finally, standard Renters Insurance includes liability protection. If you are sued based on an accident in your home, you would be covered for all costs (including legal fees) up to your liability limit. Private attorney's fees can add up quickly; having Renters Insurance would cover these costs.

Sometimes you can buy peace of mind

All these benefits obviously cost some money. The good news, however, is that Renters Insurance is relatively inexpensive compared to other types of insurance. Usually for somewhere between \$150 - \$300, a family can purchase up to \$35,000 coverage for property losses, and between \$100,000 and \$300,000 worth of liability protection. The peace of mind that comes with being fully protected is priceless.

New web-based ATTRS schedules NCO schools, training

Army News Service

A new web-based program now gives Non-commissioned Officer Education System managers greater access to training information. The Army Training Requirements and Resources System Analysis Program will provide authorized ATTRS users, for the first time, the capability to rapidly obtain information on the



Web to manage NCOES training.

"This program is a great leap forward," said Sgt. Maj. Willis McCloud, training division sergeant major for the Enlisted Personnel Management Division.

A program that was once based on complicated codes was reformatted so soldiers can easily navigate the system without having a working knowledge of database codes.

"The system is talking (soldier's) language," McCloud said. "It's moved from code-based to a web-based system."

ATTRS is being used by the U.S. Total Army Personnel Command Basic and Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course managers to coordinate scheduling.

"The program was created to manage NCOES," said McCloud. "Additionally, the (new system) will help reduce the number of conditional-promoted soldiers who have not met NCOES requirements."

Information within the program is also useful for projecting changes to training require-

ments. Timely adjustments to these requirements will result in more efficient and cost-effective seat management which will save training funds, McCloud said.

One of the new features of this program of benefit to PERSCOM managers is its ability to query data by career division, career management field, and military occupational specialty. This function allows users to focus on soldiers each branch is responsible for managing without having to sort through records of soldiers from other divisions. System users also have the ability to sort data by major Army command, processing activity, and distribution master list. By selecting these options, users will be able to view the NCOES status of soldiers assigned to their commands.

MACOM training NCOs can view the training status of their soldiers and disseminate it down through their organizations, officials said. This tool enables the chain of command to be informed of soldiers' training schedules.

Once logged-in with ATTRS ID, password

and access code, users can obtain data for a soldier's last five classes, said McCloud.

"ATTRS tells if the soldier is not scheduled, why and what he can do to correct it," McCloud said.

ATTRS managers can select two methods to view the soldier's information, by viewing NCOES data or class management by MOS. The latter will provide the capability to view class statistics by MOS for ANCO and BNCO classes that started during the previous three months and those that are scheduled to start within the next six months.

In addition to ANCO and BNCO information, data can be obtained for the Primary Leadership Development Course and the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy resident and non-resident courses.

The program launched on April 15 with the web address <http://www.attrs.army.mil/channels/ncoes>.

(Editor's note: Information provided by PERSCOM public affairs.)

Soldier's FLPP pay scheduled to change

By Sgt. Sharron L. Stewart
Scout News Editor

According to a message provided by the U.S. Total Army Personnel Command, soldiers who speak certain Foreign Language Proficiency Pay Level II languages will not receive the extra money they have been entitled to in the past.

The message states that soldiers who tested prior to April 9 for an authorized foreign language will continue to receive the FLPP entitlement for a 12-month period.

At the end of the period they will have to retest in order to continue receiving the FLPP pay.

Soldiers who tested on or after April 9, for a language not on the revised list will not receive the entitlement after the 12-month period expires.

According to Jean Bacon, lead military pay technician, FLPP I soldiers are those who are linguists and are in language intensive military occupational specialties and FLPP II soldiers are those who know the language and passed the Defense Language Proficiency Test. The maximum amount a soldier can receive for speaking a foreign language is \$300.

According to Sgt. 1st Class Todd Shorts, Defense Military Pay Office noncommissioned officer in charge, "FLPP II soldiers who currently speak a language not on the revised list, will continue to draw their FLPP pay 12 months from the day they were tested and met the criteria to receive the pay."

He went on to say, "Soldiers who took the test after April 9 won't get paid FLPP pay for languages that are not on the authorized list."

Several languages such as Spanish and German are not on the new authorized FLPP II language list.

Alphonso E. Curtis, Defense Military Pay officer, said soldiers can contact their unit's personnel office and PERSCOM on line in order to find out more about the changes in FLPP pay.

Sgt. Chad Adams, post Mobilization and Utilitation NCOIC, said in addition to contacting their unit's personnel office, soldiers should also refer to MILPER Message 02-162 and Army Regulation 611-6, Army Linguistic Management. MILPER Message 02-162 lists all of the languages that are still on the authorized list for FLPP II pay.

Adams said those who test and are found to be proficient in another language can still have the identifier in their records. The Defense Language Proficiency Test, which can result in soldiers earning college credit or Foreign Language Proficiency Pay depending on the soldier's test score, is administered at the Language Laboratory located in Alvarado Hall. The Defense Language Aptitude Battery test is administered at the Army Education Center.

For more information, contact www.perscomonline.army.mil, go the search engine and type Foreign Language Proficiency Pay and go to FLPP clarification message.

Summer high temperatures raise concern for heat injuries

By Sgt. Jessica Inigo
Scout Time Out Editor

It's getting hot, hot, hot! And the only way to cool down during these 101 days of summer is to get out of the Arizona heat. Last summer four serious heat-related injuries were reported on Fort Huachuca, according to Bruce V. Heran, safety manager.

Two suffered from actual heat injuries, while the other two suffered from over hydration. Regardless of what activity you're involved in, if it's outdoors it could become health hazardous.

Throughout the summer The Fort Huachuca Scout will report on different activities and safety precautions people should beware of.

"Our climate has the potential to be very dangerous," Heran said. "Many people are transplanted here from elsewhere. They do activities not realizing it's hotter here, though it may not feel like it because of the low humidity. You could have severe exposure within hours here."

Because of this Heran suggests that all newcomers become acclimatized prior to any outdoor physical activity.

Acclimatization is the slow progression from moderate exercise to an increase of exercise with no limitations, according to Sgt. Michael Meador, environmental health noncommissioned officer in charge at the Preventative Medicine clinic.

A person is fully acclimatized when they are able to perform 100 percent in both the heat and high altitude. Meador suggests soldiers who do physical training progress slowly at first.

"With PT, because of the altitude and heat already being in the 100s in Sierra Vista, new soldiers should start out with moderate PT. They definitely should not take a PT test within the first 30 days," he said. "While outside they should not wear full gear right off the bat, and shouldn't take any long road marches."

During this adjustment period it's beneficial to have someone watching in the case of any injuries, Heran said. Also, strenuous activities should be limited to early morning or late afternoon, when it's cooler.

"Someone like a drill sergeant observing troops is ideal," he said. "Early detection is key with heat injuries. If it looks like someone is having a problem get them to medical personnel."

Heran added that over hydration have similar symptoms as dehydration. "Ask the person if they've been drinking water. Giving someone more water who is already over hydrated can become fatal."

Wet bulb and heat index category information is available to the Fort Huachuca public at 533-9162. The automated system provides further information on how much physical exercise should be done throughout the day and how much water should be consumed.

It is easy to dehydrate in a dry, hot environment, therefore include water throughout the day, during meals, and prior to physical exercise, according to Meador.

"The high altitude and high heat category can easily dehydrate a person and it may not be easy to tell in this environment," Meador said. "Thirst is not a good indicator of dehydration because of the low humidity. You should constantly be drinking water. There is no substitute for water."

"People think Gatorade helps, but the only way to replace water that has been lost through perspiration and outdoor work is water. Soda will never help dehydration."

Communication abilities while outdoors are also an important factor when problems occur. Those who venture far from home should let people know where they're going and also bring along two means of communication, suggests Heran.

"A likely case of a heat injury could happen while soldiers are out during a field problem. Though cell phones are not part of Army equipment, I encourage them. If you can't reach military personnel during a problem, you could always contact civilians," Heran said.

(Editor's note - Throughout the summer The Fort Huachuca Scout will report on different activities and safety precautions people should beware of. Look for safety during recreational activities and hiking and camping safety in next week's issue of The Fort Huachuca Scout.)

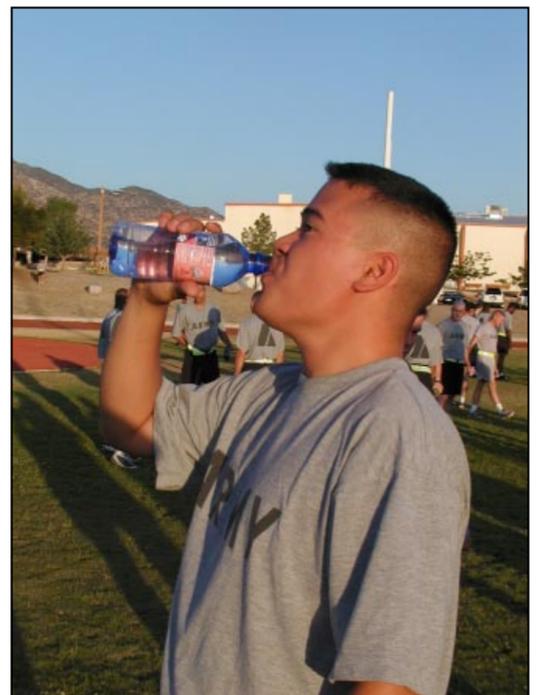


Photo by Sgt. Sharron L. Stewart

Spc. Ritchie Simpson, of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, United States Army Garrison drinks water in the morning before physical training.

Community Updates

USAWOA annual scholarship

The United States Army Warrant Officer Association, Arizona Silver Chapter of Fort Huachuca, is giving away two \$500.00 scholarships to a high school senior or college freshman. Participants must meet all eligibility requirements listed below.

A. Son or daughter of an active USAWOA, Arizona Silver Chapter member in good standing.

B. Be a high school senior, or first year (freshman) college student (prior to starting 2nd year).

C. Maintain a current grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher. Certifying document from school registrar or administrator is required.

Each participant must submit a narrative in essay form using guidelines listed. Submission window opens May 14th, 2002 and closes June 12th, 2002. Mailed entries must be postmarked no later than June 8th, 2002. No entries will be accepted after the June 12th deadline.

The mandatory topic is what does it mean to you, to be an American? Length must be between 500-1,000 words. The essay should be typewritten, double spaced and at a 12-point font.

There will be two \$500 scholarships awarded. If only one essay is eligible or turned in, a \$1000 scholarship will be awarded provided that the judges find the essay worthy. All packets will contain the essay, certifying document for 3.0 GPA or higher and the name of their USAWOA, Arizona Silver Chapter member parent.

All essays will be mailed to: Bill Petrak, PO Box 792, Sierra Vista, AZ, 85636 or arrangements can be made to hand deliver essay by calling Bill Petrak at (520)538-2829 or (520)459-2825.

VA Benefits briefings set

Veterans Benefits Briefings are given by representatives of the VA Regional Office, VA Hospital and Tucson Vet Center. Representatives cover VA Benefits such as education and training, health care, home loan guarantees, disability compensation, pensions, life insurance, burial, and vocational rehabilitation.

It is important for all soldiers who are submitting claims for medical conditions to come to this briefing. The forms necessary for the submission and an explanation of how to complete the forms is provided. The public is invited to attend this briefing.

All VA benefits briefings are held in Building 22420. General information is provided from 8 a.m. to noon, and assistance in filing claims is done from 1-3 p.m. No reservation required. Briefings for 2002 are set for May 23, June 20, July 18, Aug. 21, Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 21 and Dec. 19.

TROA presentation

The Fort Huachuca Army Career and Alumni Program is sponsoring a presentation

by The Retired Officers Association entitled "Marketing Yourself for a Second Career." The presentation will take place on June 19th from 1 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the Cochise Theatre. It is free and open to both senior NCO's and Officers who are contemplating a transition from the service in the foreseeable future.

The presentation will be made by COL Dick Crampton, U.S. Army (Ret), Deputy Director, Officer Placement Services, TROA. Crampton presents a 2-1/2 hour lecture on job competition, the realities of competition in the civilian job market; a plan for transition; networking; salary negotiations and benefits; how to handle rejection; the perceptions that civilian employers have of military personnel; tips for strengthening the resume (to include how employers read the resume); preparing for and conducting a successful interview, and salary and benefit packages.

Crampton doesn't promise instant job search success but guarantees that each person that attends his lecture will profit from the knowledge gained and be ready to move in the right direction towards that second career. The information that Crampton presents complements the job search preparation that is offered by the ACAP Office.

Call Angela Baker at 533-5766 for more information.

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 and tasks authorized to be performed on the installation. The publication can be found on the Fort Huachuca Homepage at <http://huachuca-www.army.mil>.

The schedule for courses for fiscal year 2002 is as follows:

Combat Lifesaver Correspondence Course (for new personnel): June 3-5, 2002; and Sept. 9-11, 2002.

Combat Lifesaver Recertification Course (for expired personnel): June 6-7, 2002; and Sept. 12-13, 2002.

Combat Lifesaver Refresher Course (for current personnel): June 7, 2002; and Sept. 13, 2002.

Requests for slots with all documentation required in FH Reg. 40-2 should be sent through battalion and/or brigade S-3 channels to the post G-3 schools NCO. Questions on course content can be directed to Staff Sgt. Jose Lupian or Staff Sgt. Daniel Traver at Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center at 533-4758/3727.

FRG training scheduled

Fort Huachuca's Army Community Service and Army Family Team Building are sponsoring Family Readiness Group Training. This training is designed for those interested in obtaining skills and knowledge to assist them in effectively working with FRGs.

Follow-up Advanced FRG training, including

personality types, conflict management and group dynamics is set for 9 a.m.-noon, June 15. Basic FRG training, including commercial sponsorship, fund raising, private organization status, and rules and regulations governing an FRG is set for 9 a.m.-noon, Sept. 14.

Training will be held at ACS, Building 50010 (located on the traffic circle). To register, call 533-2330 or e-mail gail.mortensen@hua.army.mil.

Moving Wall comes to SV

The Moving Wall Vietnam Memorial comes to Veterans Memorial Park, June 20-26.

Donations to assist in sponsorship may be made at "The Moving Wall Account" at Compass Bank in Sierra Vista. Volunteers are also needed.

For more information, call Angela Brown at 456-1265 or e-mail adamant30@earthlink.net.

Security Agency reunion

The U.S. Army Security Agency Association will host its annual reunion for past members of the agency Aug. 23-25 at the Hon-Dah Resort, nine miles south of Pinetop-Lakeside, Ariz. in the White Mountains. For more information, visit www.azasaa.org, call Dave Waldmann at 378-0159 or e-mail dwaldmann@theriver.com.

Signal reunion planned

The 17th Signal Battalion Association is planning a reunion September 18-22, 2002, at the Williamsburg Woodlands Hotel in Williamsburg, Va. The reunion will emphasize a military theme and will include a golf tournament. According to Arlo D. Janssen, vice president for public affairs of the association, the 17th Signal Bn. Assn. is a designated WWII Commemorative Community. For more information, write Arlo D. Janssen at 10209 Cedar Pond, Dr., Vienna, VA 22182; or phone 703-281-3170 or e-mail adjanssen@aol.com.

Mortuary affairs reunion slated

The U.S. Army Mortuary Affairs Center, Fort Lee, Va., is planning a reunion of Mortuary Affairs/Memorial Activities/Graves Registration specialists at Fort Lee September 19-20.

One of many purposes of the reunion is to recognize and honor all those who have served and those who continue to serve in this honorable profession. Officials at the center also envision this as a forum for the exchange of information and ideas that benefit today's Army.

Persons interested in attending should call the Mortuary Affairs Center's Deputy Director, Doug Howard, at (804) 734-3831 or e-mail howardd@lee.army.mil.

Due to post security requirements, visitors should plan accordingly in case of delays when entering the installation.

U.S. Cavalry needs you

B Troop, 4th U.S. Cavalry (Memorial) is looking for new troopers with the dash, disci-

pline, and daring to promote the heritage and traditions of the United States Army, military horsemanship, and Fort Huachuca, Arizona. All active duty military, Reserve, National Guard, retired military, Department of Defense civilians and family members of the above (18 years or older) may join. If interested, come to the private mount area of Buffalo Corral on Thursday nights at 5 p.m. Prior riding experience is not necessary. For more information see the B Troop Web site at <http://huachuca-www.army.mil/USAG/BTROOP/BTROOP.HTM>.

Troops to Teachers needed

Military veterans have established a solid reputation as excellent teachers and exemplary role models for today's students.

If you're interested in becoming a teacher and need information about certification and finding a teaching position, contact the ARIZONA TROOPS TO TEACHERS office at 1-800-830-2134.

Market yourself for a second career

Col. Dick Crampton (Ret.) will host a seminar on civilian life after the military at the Cochise Theater on Wednesday, June 19th, 2002 from 1-3 p.m.

Col. Crampton has served 26 in the service, and has extensively researched, written and spread his knowledge to soldiers about programs affecting military personnel transitioning to the civilian workforce.

It is aimed towards officers and senior NCO's who plan on leaving the service in the next one to five years, and retirees. Spouses are welcome.

Topics will include learning about your competition for finding a job; perceptions civilian employers have of military personnel; planning out your job search; resumes, cover letters, broadcast letters, etc.; salary negotiations and benefit packages. For more information contact Ms. Angela Baker at 533-5766.

Father's Day Special Buffet

Bring Dad for a He-Man Menu at the LakeSide Activity Centre on June 16th. The menu features the traditional carving station with savory steamship round. Also a bountiful buffet complete with grilled BBQ salmon with prickly pear sauce, tasty turkey legs, blackened chicken breast with red pepper sauce, zesty peppered smoked pork ribs, vegetable special, au gratin potatoes, LakeSide Benedict's, hearty pastries, croissants, breads and a delicious salad bar.

The ever-so-popular omelet bar will be available for your cooked-to-order omelets, then stop by the fruit and cheeses display and the healthy juice bar for more refreshing additions to your meal. Last stop is at the desert bar where a slice of heaven is right at your fingertips. Adults are \$14.95; children \$7.95 and children under 4 years of age are free! For more information and to make your reservations call 533-2194.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h2 style="margin: 0;">Community Events Calendar</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">To add items to the calendar, call the Central Community Coordinator at 533-6970.</p> <div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <h3 style="margin: 0;">STYX, Dishwalla, and Evan & Jaron</h3> <h4 style="margin: 0;">at Libby Army Airfield</h4> <p style="margin: 0;">Saturday June 22</p> <p style="margin: 0;">Gates open at 6:30 p.m. and the concert starts at 8 p.m. Tickets \$20 in advance & \$30 at the door.</p> </div>						
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<p>16</p> <p>Happy Father's Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The Wild Bunch at the OK Corral in Tombstone at 2 p.m. * Grand Buffet at the LakeSide Activity Centre from 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Adults are \$14.95, children 5 - 10 cost \$7.95 and children 4 and younger are free. Call 533-2194 for reservations 	<p>17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * San Pedro Kiwanis meets at noon in the Crystal Room of Thunder Mountain Inn. Contact Nilda Townsend at 458-9647. * Thunder Mountain Bridge Club meets at 12:30 p.m. at Thunder Mountain Inn. Call Dianna Smith at 432-3883. 	<p>18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Rickety Rockettes meets at OYCC at 10 a.m. * National Association of Retired Employees Chapter 1400 meets at 11 a.m. at OYCC. * Put Prevention Into Practice (PPIP) & Health Promotion Class meets from 2 - 3:30 p.m. at MCC. Call 533-2246 for additional info. * Cochise Toastmasters meets at Landmark Cafe from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Call Toni Reeves at 538-7502. * Cochise Chordsmen (SPERSQA) meets at SV Methodist Church at 7 p.m. * Society for Creative Anachronism meets at OYCC at 7 p.m. 	<p>19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * La Salida Del Sol Lions meet at Thunder Mountain Inn at 6:45 a.m. Call Lee at 378-1399 for details. * The SV Youth Center is hosting Air Hockey Tournaments at the YC beginning at 3 p.m. This free event is open to all youth 11 - 17 years of age. Call 459-4377 for details. * SV Chess Club meets at Peter Piper Pizza at 7 p.m. 	<p>20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 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. * SV Parks & Leisure is hosting Concerts in the Park. The Buena HS Band will play at 7 p.m. at Veteran's Memorial Park. 	<p>21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Rollerskating at Youth Services, Bldg. 49013 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Call 533-3205 for details. 	<p>22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 4th Annual 5K Run in the Park, Veteran's Memorial Park that is. Come early to register as the race begins at 7 p.m.
MCC = Murr Community Center		MPC = Main Post Chapel		OYCC = Oscar Yrun Community Center		
<p style="margin: 0;">Army Family Team Building classes and information at Murr Community Center, 533-3686 or 533-2330</p>						

Post community needs to be on the look out for rabies

By Sgt. Sharron L. Stewart
Scout Staff

While the nightmarish image of a mangy, irate dog foaming at the mouth may come to mind when one thinks of rabies, wild animals such as skunks, bats and foxes also carry the potentially fatal virus.

Cochise County recently issued a countywide rabies alert because this year alone, 68 animals have tested positive for rabies in three Arizona counties. At the end of May, Cochise County reported detecting one rabid fox and 10 rabid skunks.

Capt. Nicole Chevalier, post veterinarian, Fort Huachuca Branch Veterinary Services, warns that community members need to stay away from all skunks, bats and other wild animals. "Do not touch wild life under any circumstances," Chevalier said.

She said all cats and dogs need to have their rabies vaccinations up to date and be kept on a leash. Chevalier said cats are actually at a higher risk of contracting rabies because they interact more with bats because of their hunter instincts.

She said warning signs of rabies in wild life include animals that are normally nocturnal such as skunks and bats that are out during the day and not afraid to approach people. "Foxes who have rabies will display aggressive behavior towards humans," Chevalier said. She went on to say rabies incidents involving skunks occur more often in the spring because that is when baby skunks are born.

According to Tammie Pineda, city of Sierra Vista Animal Control supervisor, incidents of rabies have been occurring at an alarming rate throughout the state.

"Right now animals are popping up hot all over, the incidents have not been limited to one area," Pineda said. "If there are one or two more incidents in certain areas, we will more than likely go to a state wide rabies quarantine status."

She added an animal quarantine could entail restricted movement of animals across state lines.

Pineda said there have not been any animals to test positive for rabies in Sierra Vista since last November.

According to the Center for Disease Control the signs and symptoms of rabies in human beings include nonspecific flu-like signs such as malaise, fever, or a headache, which may last for days.

There also may be discomfort at the site of the exposure, which can progress within days to symptoms of cerebral dysfunction, anxiety, confusion, agitation, progressing to delirium, abnormal behavior, hallucinations and insomnia.

The acute period of disease typically ends after two to 10 days. CDC noted that once clinical signs of rabies appear, the disease is nearly always fatal and that treatment is typically supportive.

Pet vaccinations are available from Veterinary Services for \$7.

To report a rabid animal on post call the Military Police desk sergeant at 533-3000/2181. For rabies prevention in-



Photo by Sgt. Sharron L. Stewart

Pvt. Mathew Peevler, animal care specialist, gives Chance a standard poodle, his rabies vaccination while his owner Linda Snyder looks on. Vaccines are available from the post Veterinary Services clinic for \$7.

formation, call 800-362-0812 or the Cochise County Health Department at 432-9472. For more information about rabies visit the Center for Disease Control web site at www.cdc.gov.

Pets of the Week



I'm a beautiful Black and Rust Female Rott-Mix who is only 8 months old. I love to cuddle and play. I'm also housebroken. My name is "Sugar" and my fee to take me home is \$52.00 and that includes a Spay, deworm, microchip and vaccinations.



Hi I'm "Lucky" and I am a 3 month old Male kitten. I'm looking for a home who likes to play. I will give you all my attention and love. My fee is \$42.00 and that includes a Neuter, deworm, microchip, and all my vaccinations. I'll be waiting for you!



My name is "Star" and I am a lovable Black and White Female Pit-Mix. I am only 7 months old. I'm already housebroken and spayed, I love to play with kids. To take me home all you need is \$32.00 which includes a microchip, deworm and vaccinations.



I'm "Morris" and would love to play with you. I am a 2 year old orange Male cat. I am only \$42.00 and I'm yours to keep. All that includes a microchip, neuter, deworm and vaccinations.

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.



Photo by Capt. William J. Fore

Community involved

The officers assigned to Company D, 34th Military Intelligence Battalion, 111th MI Bde. at Pensacola, Florida are actively involved within their community. For the past year the officers of Co. D have been volunteering their time to the Pensacola Boys Base Mentorship Program, a juvenile detention facility with the Florida Department of Corrections located on Naval Technical Training Center, Corry Station.

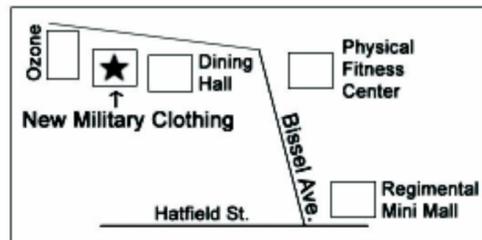


Photo by Sgt. Sharron L. Stewart

MCSS celebrates grand opening with ribbon cutting

Dave Nelson, Army and Air Force Exchange general manager, John Ruble, director of the Directorate of Installation Support and Brig. Gen. James A. Marks, commanding general Fort Huachuca and the US Army Intelligence Center and School celebrate the grand opening of the Military Clothing and Sales Store. "You did an exceptional job, I'm extremely pleased. The staff was able to move a large, well-established operation from a historic part of post to a location that is centrally located," Marks said. MCSS is now located in Building 80503. "The move is a statement of how senior leadership is dedicated to improving soldier's quality of life and to providing customer service. The move was the culmination of teamwork between Garrison, the Directorate of Installation Support, the Directorate of Information Management, various contractors and AAFES," Nelson said.

The Military Clothing Sales Store is Now Open at MI Village Bldg. 80503



Kudos Korner



Photo by Staff Sgt. Tim Volkert

Job well done

Dr. Stephen Clemente, founder and president of Organizational Design Inc. of San Antonio, Texas, speaks to the Army Signal Command workforce during a recent professional development lecture. Clemente, who travels the world to speak with industry leaders on how to organize key work processes and develop the leadership and management skills required to increase job performance, spoke to the group of civilian employees, contractors and soldiers about these issues and how they apply to the military. Clemente's company is assisting in the Headquarters, Department of the Army reorganization.

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On December 11, 2001 the Series EE savings bonds were inscribed with the special legend "Patriot Bond." These specially designated Series EE Patriot Bonds offer Americans one more way to express their support for our Nation's war and recovery efforts.

to you."

The interest rate paid on savings bonds varies during the term and is compounded semiannually.

Savings bond rates are fairly competitive with insured cash investments, such as certificates of deposit and money market accounts. Right now, Series EE bonds pay 3.96 percent and Series I pay 2.57 percent. While shoppers may be able to find better rates at some banks, regular deposit accounts won't offer the tax advantages of savings bonds.

According to the Bureau of Public Debt, investors don't pay any state or local taxes on the interest the bonds earn, and federal taxes are deferred until they are cashed in.

That means all the interest paid on bonds compounds until they are cashed, instead of being taxed each year.

There's one other tax advantage that may prompt investors to consider savings bonds: If the bonds are used for a child's education, federal taxes can be reduced or eliminated altogether. Since 1990, bonds purchased in the parent's name can be used tax-free for the education of their children.

The key here is that the bond must be registered in the parent's name only. An additional strategy can be to put bonds in the child's name. That exempts some of the interest from federal taxes, while the rest is taxed at a lower "child's rate."

In addition to taxes, savings bonds have a few other advantages over bank accounts. They can be replaced if lost, stolen or destroyed, and can be purchased for as little as \$25 apiece.

The downside of purchasing saving bonds is the low interest rate they carry, compared to stocks and other investments, and Fuimaono stressed that savings bonds are not "get rich quick" investments.

The date of maturity is when the bond reaches the face value. For example, with a \$500 Series EE bond purchased for \$250, the maturity date would be the day the bond reaches \$500.

There is no clear-cut definition of the maturity date since the rate can change every six months. Right now, it's about 17 years. But that bond can continue to earn interest for another 13 years after that.

To help bondholders keep up, the federal government developed the Savings Bond Wizard, which can tell you what your bonds are worth. Download the free program from the <http://www.publicdebt.treas.gov/sav/sav.htm> web site.

"Savings bonds are a good investment and they make a good savings plan especially for those younger soldiers just entering the Army," Fuimaono said. "They're low risk, but most importantly, you're supporting the Nation at the same time you invest."

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with some of the units in their fundraisers vs. the big picture of keeping the fort open for the long term."

Sine the 1997 Endangered Species Act's Section 7, which says that federal agencies cannot do anything that "may eventually endanger a federally listed species," Fort Huachuca has had to negotiate with Fish and Wildlife for water for the fort.

Kent continued by saying that the requirements for Fort Huachuca are much stricter than those of Sierra Vista, as the city cannot do anything that may directly endanger wildlife or its environment—"eventually may vs. direct, future vs. now."

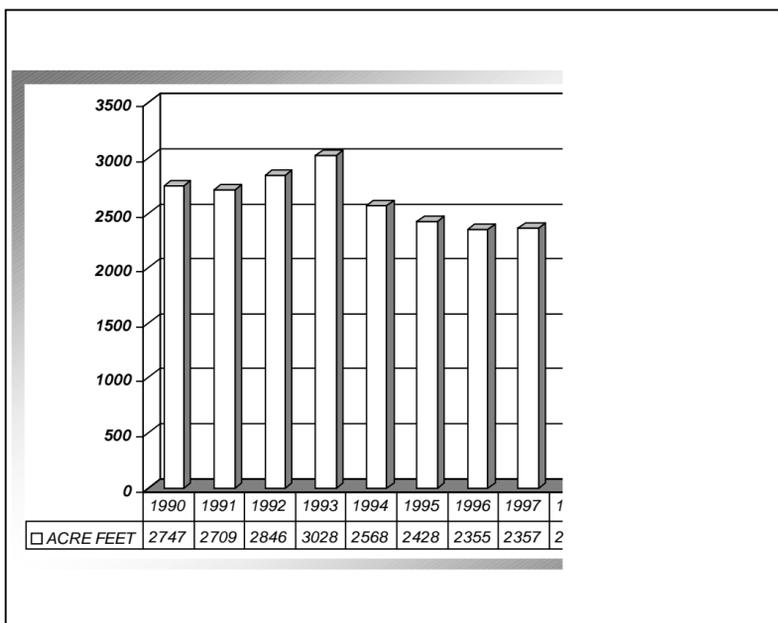
Kent explained by saying that a lot of the conservative measures apply to the fort and not to the city. "That is a much, much higher standard than what the same Act has on the city."

"That is why we have begun to ask that all organizations run their car washes on post at Cochise Theater or the Thrift Shop," said Kent. "We are able to recapture the water from these locations through the grate system."

But knowing from experience that the military cannot restrict organizational car washes held in the city, she suggests several ways that water can be conserved—"trigger grip water nozzles that keep water from running when not in direct use, buckets of water, adding additional water as needed, and squeezing and shaking rags out before putting them back in the clean water."

"What we see for the future for Fort Huachuca is that water conservation... will probably become more important than it is right now."

She continued, "We've implemented the easy stuff... aerators, waterless urinals, etc. We are almost to the end of transparent water



Fort Huachuca water use 1990 to Present

savers, and we are going to have to do start doing things that take more thought from the user."

But what it again boils back down to is the mixed message we are sending our people. Kent continued, "... as long as we are having these highly obvious car washes, doesn't it tell people that they shouldn't have to experience any discomfort in their homes if it comes to having to make a choice about conservation?"

Continued aggressive water leak repairs, water conversions such as the installation of 100 additional horizontal axis clothes washers in 2002, continued influence of the closures of the East Range Academic Center, Mason/Lawton and Bonnie Blink housing areas, and the Water Wise Program, to include watering schedules, account for the lower water usage in May.

But Kent said that the irrigation policy might

Taylor retires from post fire team

Firefighter devotes more than 30 years of selfless service

Katherine Goode
Scout staff

"It's not an end—it's a new beginning," said fire fighter John Taylor of his retirement. With a far off look in his eyes, Taylor was surrounded by the life saving equipment that he loved to use, reflecting on how it all began.

John Taylor started working for the Forestry Service when he was 20 years old as a way to pay his way through college. But little did this fourth year law enforcement administration student know—he was about to change his entire life.

"I started with the Forestry Service in 1971," said this 30-year veteran fire fighter. He explained, "It started out just as an income, but I fell in love with it and went to work with them."

After finishing his degree program at the University of Arizona, he moved to the Sierra Vista area on a permanent basis in 1975.

"The forestry service is my soul," said Taylor. But he explained that he moved on to serving as a fire fighter on Fort Huachuca because of what he likes "to call the power of the pen—Reaganomics."

But Taylor knew where one door closes; another one would open. Becoming part of the Fire Station One crew, Taylor learned another form of the job he loves best.

Originally from Tucson, and later from Wyoming, Taylor says that he is a country boy at heart, and realizes that the hard work ethic and values he grew up with have made him the dedicated man he is today.

However, he says hard work is what firemen are best at. "Firemen are a lot like mules. They love to work hard at their jobs, but kick at everything else."

"The thing about this job is that you sign on to serve and to protect. Community service is what it is about. There is no room for ego. ... There is no room for bigotry. You are either teaching, or responding to someone's emergency, and teamwork is what it is all about."

Not willing to change a minute of his time spent with the forestry service or with fire station one, Taylor said that the best thing about the job is that "it will give you a sparkle in your eye to think of the brotherhood and cohesiveness like no other that develops from the long hours spent together."

Taylor continued, "You go through hell together, and you



Photo by Katherine Goode

Fort Huachuca firefighter John Taylor retired after more than 30 years of service to the Forestry Service and Fort Huachuca Fire Department. The Ryan fire was his last battle with forest fires.

would do it again because you know you will come out of it alright."

Taylor says that there have been many times that you only work with a person one time, but because of what you have gone through, you remember them for the rest of your life.

He said, "I've been blessed with working with good people over the years... it's been a good ride." Taylor continued saying, "You never know where life is going to take you. I enjoyed it—it's been good."

"I don't know what I am going to do," said this 50-year-old man who still considers himself young and healthy, and who has a degree in law enforcement which he sometimes wishes that he had pursued.

Taylor finished by saying of his job on post, "There's a lot I'd like to do still—but it's time to move on."

DECA announces Fort Huachuca scholarship winners

By Bonnie J. Powell
Defense Commissary Agency

FORT LEE, Va. - The Scholarships for Military Children program is scoring a 4.0 in its sophomore year. Five hundred and twenty military children have earned \$1,500 scholarships worldwide to help them "combat" the higher cost of education in the fall of 2002.

"I'm delighted to announce that the number of scholarships going to outstanding students in 2002 exceeds last year's total by 30 percent," says Defense Commissary Agency director,

Air Force Maj. Gen. Robert J. Courter Jr. "We couldn't be happier with the positive response to the program, the growth of the program, and the caliber of both the applicants and recipients."

"The community was really enthusiastic about the scholarship program," said Fort Huachuca Store Director Judy Mendez. Fort Huachuca scholarship recipients are Bradley Herrin of Hereford, Ariz., the son of Randy and Kathryn Herrin; and Faith Thompson of Sierra Vista, the daughter of Sgt. Maj. John and Doris Thompson.

Bradley Herrin is a graduate of Buena High School and is planning to

attend the University of Arizona. Faith Thompson is a home-schooled graduate and is planning to attend Pensacola Christian College.

The students will receive certificates in honor of their selection as Defense Commissary Agency/Fisher House Foundation scholars during a ceremony for the event.

The scholarships are open to qualified sons and daughters of U.S. military members to include active duty, retirees, and Guard and Reserve. Minimum requirements are a 3.0 grade point average, leadership activities, and a written essay.

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Gretchen Kent, physical scientist and National Environmental Protection Agency coordinator for Fort Huachuca

even have to be restricted further. We are currently using about 27.5 million gallons a month to water our yards and use evaporative coolers."

"The Bermuda grass can survive with no watering at all. Irrigation in areas that there is Bermuda is really a quality of life issue," Kent said. "People want a softer grass for kids to play on... and especially in June when the heat is so oppressive, seeing a green spot just makes them feel like less like the heat is bearing down on them."

"But we are trying to save that kind of drastic measure for as long as we can. One good thing that is coming out of this is that we will no longer build quarters with evaporative coolers."

She continued by saying that housing revitalization projects will eventually replace all evaporative coolers.

"By 2007, only the newer quarters between Grierson and the hospital will have evaporative coolers. This will save us about seven percent of our water usage alone."

"In a nutshell," Kent added, "car washes use comparatively a trivial amount of water, but it is so obvious when you have people out holding up signs that the message it sends is 'Hey, we don't have a water problem.'"

Laser eye surgery priority goes to warfighters

By Chris Walz
Army News Service

Soldiers are beginning to see more clearly now, thanks to laser eye surgery offered at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

"I wouldn't have been able to pass the Army physical because my eyesight had gotten so bad," said Col. Melissa Forsythe, who wore glasses and contact lenses for 20 years before undergoing the LASIK surgery last month. "I memorized the steps around my house in case I got up in the middle of the night. Now, I can see where I'm going."

Combat arms soldiers, or soldiers assigned to combat units, have top priority at the clinic. Next comes combat support, then combat service support. Other soldiers can get on a wait list for last-minute cancellations.

"We give priority to the soldiers who need their eyesight because they are getting shot at," said Lt. Cmdr. Brent Warren, a doctor who performs the surgery at Walter Reed. "We aren't picking generals over privates."

The LASIK surgery is a delicate procedure, according to Warren. A sharp blade cuts the cornea, creating a flap. The flap is held open while a laser corrects the patient's vision. Once the laser is finished, the flap is put back for the healing to begin. Warren said the operation takes less than 10 minutes per eye and is virtually painless.

"I try to let them know the critical times when it could be scary for a patient," said Warren. "Anytime you come at [a patient] to poke their eye, they're going to be a little nervous."

"I don't feel any pain or discomfort," said Col. Tim Glaeser, just minutes after his surgery May 24. "They need to upgrade to some comfortable designer sunglasses, though. They hurt more than the damn surgery."

Glaeser, a student at the National War College at Fort McNair, D.C., wanted to have the procedure done before being sent to

Fort Bliss, Texas.

"I had a little anxiety when I laid down on the table," said Glaeser. "I didn't have a fear of pain, I had a fear of the unknown."

More than 95 percent of people are between happy and ecstatic, 3 percent are satisfied and less than 2 percent are unhappy, Warren estimates.

"I was scared at first, like anyone would be, but now I love it. It's probably the smartest thing I've ever done," said Pfc. Mark Zajonczkoski of the 3rd U.S. Infantry (Old Guard), who had the operation May 16. "I've worn contact lenses for 10 years and now I see 20/15 in both eyes."

The Refractive Surgery Center staff performs a thorough screening to insure each patient qualifies for the procedure, according to Dr. (Maj.) Herb Fechter. The facility uses high-tech, computer-assisted devices to measure the corneal thickness, curvature and refractive error. These measurements help the surgeons formulate the ideal treatment plan. The data is fed into the LadarVision laser and the patients are prepped for surgery.

"Somebody who is not nervous about another person cutting their eyes is unnatural," said Warren, who has performed over 120 LASIK procedures, including Glaeser's surgery. "That means they're too optimistic and may be disappointed. Somebody too gung-ho makes us a little nervous."

Forsythe, who wore glasses and contact lenses for 20 years before undergoing the LASIK surgery, admits she was apprehensive before the procedure.

"I asked the doctor, if he messes up, how much will I get for disability," joked Forsythe, the chief of surgical nursing at Walter Reed. "He said 'not enough' and that kind of took the edge off a little bit."

The facility also offers an alternative to the LASIK surgery, called Photo Refractive Keratectomy. The procedure uses a brush on the eye to correct the cornea, as opposed to cutting



Photo by Pvt. Travis Burnham

Pictured are soldiers from the 10th Mountain Division. Warfighters receive laser eye surgery priority.

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Photo Refractive Keratectomy is an option for patients who need small vision corrections, but can cause eye discomfort a few days following surgery.

"I've worn glasses since the fourth grade and I hate them," said Pfc. Joseph Stalinski, whose first appointment for the LASIK screening process was scheduled for this week. "There are consequences with everything, especially somebody cutting your eye open. But the risk is very small and I'm ready to go."

(Editor's note: Chris Walz is a Pentagon staff writer at Fort Myer, Va.)

eMILPO to replace Standard Installation Division Personnel System, SIDPERS3

Army News Service

The Army's new electronic military personnel office, eMILPO, will greatly improve basic personnel actions and save soldiers' time, officials said, when it goes online later this year.

Current plans call for eMILPO to be implemented in December as the next major step for Army personnel transformation.

It's part of an ongoing effort by the Army personnel community to consistently seek ways to improve basic accounting and business practices for soldiers worldwide, said a Personnel Command official.

First there were morning reports prepared by first sergeants. Soldiers in line to get paid were common practice in the Army in the 1980s.

Then came several versions of the Standard Installation Division Personnel System, known as SIDPERS. Permanent

change-of-station departure and arrival transactions are examples how SIDPERS "tracks" soldiers today.

"The problem with SIDPERS however, is that it has slipped behind and is no longer an efficient way to manage soldiers," said Col. Howard Olsen, a career Adjutant General officer and commander of the Enlisted Records and Evaluation Center in Indianapolis.

eMILPO is a web-based system and will require little training. It is an interim step however, toward a much larger, multi-service, integrated personnel and pay management system called DIMHRS. The Defense Integrated Military Human Resources System will be driven primarily by PeopleSoft8, a pure Internet commercial-off-the-shelf software.

Paula Davis, director of the Army DIMHRS Office, said the Army will be the first service to implement the DoD program in the third quarter of 2004.

"It will revolutionize how the Army does personnel and pay

business," she said. "Soldiers will get online for both personnel and pay services instead of getting in-line at separate offices."

DIMHRS builds upon eMILPO with an integrated personnel and pay system that creates a common database for all military services, Davis said.

Some of the key personnel functions eMILPO will improve are updates to the Department of Defense Form 93, reassignments, promotion transactions, manning reports, DEERS and personnel accountability, according to Mr. Doug Ruggiero, U.S. Army Personnel Command.

"It will put the 'p' back in personnel because the eMILPO learning curve is expected to be only 30 minutes," Ruggiero said. "It's going to really improve the personnel business for everyone."

(Editor's note: Information provided by Lt. Col. Stan Heath, U.S. Army Personnel Command public affairs officer.)