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### 2002 phone books available

The 2002 Thunder Mountaineer phone books and CD-Roms are now available at the Public Affairs Office (Building 21115) on Brown Parade Field across from the gazebo. Unit or office representatives should call Pat Dillingham, editorial assistant, at 533-1850 with the number of copies desired.

### Free redbud trees

Ten Free American redbud trees will be given to each person who joins the National Arbor Day Foundation during February.

Redbuds have clusters of rosy pink flowers in spring, and dark green summer leaves turning to yellow in the fall.

The trees will be shipped post paid at the right time for planting (between March 1 and May 31) with enclosed planting instructions. The six- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

To become a member of the foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to Ten Free Redbud Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by Feb. 28.

### Chapel hosts lunch class

The Main Post Chapel hosts a new "Lunch and Learn" program. Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Bonnie Koppell will offer a series of classes Tuesdays through Thursdays from noon to 12:45 p.m. at the Main Post Chapel.

A Beginning Hebrew class is offered each Tuesday. On Wednesdays, the subject will be the Torah. A section of the Hebrew Bible is assigned for each week.

On Thursdays, study the Pirke Avot, a traditional text from the Talmud, the code of Jewish law dealing with ethics and teachings for everyday living.

No reservations are necessary. For more information, or to check on the class schedule, call Koppell at 533-4750 or e-mail [koppellb@hua.army.mil](mailto:koppellb@hua.army.mil).

### Memorial honors chaplains

On Sunday at 2 p.m., the Veterans' Affairs Committee of Tucson, Ariz. will host a memorial service for four courageous World War II chaplains who sacrificed their lives on board the sinking U.S.A.T. Dorchester in 1943.

The service will take place at Kino Veterans Memorial Park, 2805 E. Ajo Way in Tucson across from Kino Hospital (look for six flagpoles).

Color Guards from all branches of service, National Guard units, local veterans organizations, national and community commands with special representatives from the chaplaincy sections.

### OSJA closed Wednesday

The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate will be closed Wednesday to allow time for an inspection of legal services by the Office of The Judge Advocate General. Normal hours of operation will resume Feb. 14.

### Volunteer advisory meeting

If you volunteer, supervise volunteers or are just interested in the Fort Huachuca volunteer program, come and share ideas with the new Installation Volunteer Coordinator on Feb. 14, from 9 to 11 a.m. in Murr Community Center.

Discuss documenting hours, honoring volunteers, recruitment and a whole lot more. For more information, call Roberta Sipes at 533-4823.



Photo by Steve Mason, Airspace Manager, Electronic Proving Ground

## Snow day

Fort Huachuca residents awoke to a snow covered installation on Jan. 31. Students and employees got to sleep in a little longer due to hazardous driving conditions. Schools and offices opened at 9 a.m.

## Soldiers train on tactical satellite communications

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

As the need for communications in Operation Enduring Freedom continues to grow, 11th Signal Brigade soldiers are cross-training on their equipment should they be deployed.

About 15 brigade soldiers began a three-week course on tactical satellite communications systems Jan. 25.

During this course, the soldiers are learning how to set up, operate and troubleshoot two of the brigade's systems, the AN/TSC-93C and the AN/TSC-85C, said Spc. Hollie Gower of Company C, 40th Signal Battalion. The soldiers set up the two systems as part of their training Feb. 1.

Gower, who has been stationed at Fort Huachuca for almost three years, is one of the assistant instructors in the course, which is primarily filled with soldiers who operate the tropospheric scatter communications system (Tropo) and soldiers who usually maintain and repair the communications equipment. The remainder of those attending the course are soldiers who have recently completed Advanced Individual Training and are learning the brigade's standards for operating the equipment and learning about recent upgrades to the systems.

Because the tactical satellite is the communications system of choice for the war, the



Photo by Staff Sgt. Tim Volkert

Soldiers in the 11th Sig. Bde. tactical satellite course set up an eight-foot antenna Feb. 1.

brigade is focusing its training on getting all communications soldiers trained on the tactical satellite equipment.

This cross-training is enabling the brigade to meet its mission requirements and is also making the soldiers more versatile by providing them skills not taught during their AIT, said

1st Lt. Emily Lambke, training officer for the 40th Signal Battalion.

It is mutually beneficial, she said. The brigade gets soldiers who are flexible and can move from system to system to accomplish missions, and the additional skills make the individuals better soldiers.

## Course teaches officers to use Information Operations as a weapon

TRADOC News Service

FORT LEAVENWORTH, Kan. — A new course to train officers on how to employ Information Operations as a weapon of warfare begins its second year at Fort Leavenworth.

"Information has become both a weapon and a battlefield," said Maj. Robert Foley, IO proponent in the Combined Arms Center's Futures Design and Integration Center. "A lot of officers in other MOS's (military occupational skills) are supporting the Army's Information Operations."

For that reason, the Army recently created a functional area for officers who are also assigned Information Ops duties.

"It has to be integrated this way or Information Operations will become 'stovepiped' and extremely few organizations will benefit from the elements of Information Operations," Foley said.

The new course is one of several on all facets of IO developed at the direction of Gen. John N. Abrams, commander of Training and Doctrine Command. Foley said Abrams saw a need to increase the Army's IO capability.

Foley said the course is designed to train officers of all MOS's who have Functional Area 30 as part of their duties.

The course is designed for two weeks' in-resident training at Fort Leavenworth and distant learning with materials students have 90 days to complete before arriving at the school.

In December school officials had to teach the whole course in three weeks at Fort Leavenworth. Requirements of organizations carrying out Operations Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle forced FDIC to

“One mission of Information Ops is to influence what goes on in the rear, to keep the local population friendly and supportive of American troops.”

Maj. Robert Foley

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## Commander's Hotline

(Editor's note: If you have a concern you'd like to raise call the Commander's Hotline at 533-BOSS)

### Call

With the information about civilian workers not having to come in until 9 a.m. on Jan. 31, it was obvious that getting information to the civilian employees in a timely manner did not happen.

Before I left for work, I was listening on various radio channels for new and or information. None was being aired. I scanned through the local radio station frequencies and heard nothing. Is there a radio channel we should turn to? I have asked that question before and got an "I don't know" from all I asked.

When I was cleared through the [East] gate, the guards didn't even tell me that we didn't have to be at work until 9 a.m. It wasn't until I got to work at 6:30 a.m., (my normal time to start work), that I found out that I didn't have to be there until 9 a.m. I was told that I could have found out by tuning to the Commanders Access Channel on television. The problem is, I can't get the commander's access channel in Huachuca City (and I have digital cable).

I remember being told that communications would improve at a force protection briefing. Either the briefer was lying or that endeavor has failed.

This has nothing to do with the time I am at work and other co-workers are at home (I have work that needs to get done and will work on getting it done), but this has everything to do

with a communications problem.

Of course I might concede that it might be the directorate that I work for.

### Response

This subject was a topic of discussion at the Public Affairs Office during the morning when civilian employees were excused until 9 a.m. due to the road conditions. Members of the PAO staff re-examined the communication resources available to us to get the word out to the work force during and after duty hours. The bottom line is, these resources are limited.

The Commander's Access Channel is one of our quickest methods to disseminate information. However, I realize that there are individuals who live outside of the areas where this cable service is available, and even some within the coverage area do not received this channel because they only subscribe for the basic channels. There is nothing that can be done about this. The service that is provided is part of a negotiated agreement.

A second method available to the PAO are the local radio stations. However, here too we are limited. Only three stations, KWCD, K101 and KTAN have a live person at the microphone in the morning. KKYZ is an automated station receiving its programming via satellite and mixed through a computer at the local station to air local advertisements at specific times. The administration

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## Lifelong Learning

### VA increases active-duty education dollars

By Robert P. Campbell  
Education Service Specialist

An amendment to the Montgomery GI Bill-Active Duty education program permits Veterans' Affairs to pay a Tuition Assistance Top-up benefit. The amount of the benefit can be equal to the difference between the total cost of a college course and the amount of Tuition Assistance that is paid by the military for the course.

To be eligible for the Top-up benefit, the person must be approved for federal Tuition Assistance by a military department and be eligible for MGIB-Active Duty benefits. To be eligible for MGIB benefits, the person must be an MGIB-Active Duty participant and must have served at least two full years on active duty.

The amount of the benefit is limited to the amount that the person would receive for the same course if regular MGIB benefits were being paid. In no case can the amount paid by the military combined with the amount paid by VA be more than the total cost of the course.

If a person receives the Top-up benefit, his or her regular MGIB benefits will be reduced. The amount of entitlement charged for Top-up payments is determined by dividing the amount of the payment by the claimant's full-time monthly rate.

The benefit is available for all courses that began on or after Oct. 30, 2000. A copy of the Tuition Assistance Authorization form for the course that has been signed by an authorized military official will be required. People who

have not requested MGIB benefits before should submit a VA Form 22-1990 to establish eligibility.

The application and other evidence should be sent to one of VA's four education processing offices in Atlanta, Ga.; Buffalo, N.Y.; Muskogee, Okla.; or St. Louis, Mo. The application form and the addresses of the offices are available on the Internet at [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov). Claims should specify that Tuition Assistance Top-up is being claimed.

The Top-up program is not available at this time to persons who are eligible for the MGIB Selected Reserve program.

### Frequently asked Top-up questions

#### Q: What does this provision change?

A: Before this law, the military services, through their Tuition Assistance program, generally could pay up to 75 percent of the tuition or expenses charged by the school. Eligible service members had to find additional financing, or pay the remaining expenses from their own pockets. A service member eligible for the Montgomery GI Bill, a VA education benefit, wasn't allowed to receive both Tuition Assistance and the MGIB for the same course.

Because of the new law, the military services can now pay up to 100 percent of the tuition and expenses charged by the school up to limits established by DoD. If the tuition and expenses are more than the amount a service department will pay, a service member eligible

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## Team Talk

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

Wow! These past two weeks have been chock-full of great activities and new innovations here on Fort Huachuca.

All-Army boxing was super. The Directorate of Community Activities folks made sure things ran like clockwork, and I know they couldn't have done it without the many volunteers who helped with every facet of the operation. My thanks go to everyone involved in this superb event.

The inaugural Right Arm Night was a huge success — standing room only, with delicious hors d'oeuvres provided by the LakeSide staff. I hope to see you all, with your "right arms" of course, at the next Right Arm Night, Friday at 4 p.m. at the LakeSide.

LakeSide's every-other-Sunday brunch (to be held again this Sunday, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.) is proving to be



very popular, with good crowds and delicious food. Reservations are suggested for this, as well as for the upcoming Valentine's Day dinner, Feb. 14. I have it on the best authority that this dinner will be another of Chef Chewy's exceptional gourmet presentations. Make your reservations early!

The other new LakeSide innovation, soup and sandwich bar (Tuesdays through Fridays, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.), is also fast becoming a favorite for lunch. It's a great meal with fast service and is easy to get to from anywhere on post.

Our thanks to the DCA folks for going all out to provide these new initiatives. They are working hard for us, and Marty and I hope you will support these wonderful on-post venues. Right Arm Nights and the meals at the LakeSide bring with them some of the special traditions of the military family. Primarily, we get to enjoy each other's company in a relaxed, social setting. Now, it's up to you - the Fort Huachuca family — to let us know, by your continued patronage and your comments, how we're doing in these efforts to enhance the post's quality of life.

I want to reassure you that force protection remains my number one priority — protecting you, our soldiers, civilians and family members from the threat of terrorists. I

want to make sure we're doing things "smart" and utilizing our resources the best way possible.

To help us, we recently finished a Battle Command Training Program seminar in preparation for a simulated exercise we'll conduct next week to evaluate our force protection strengths and weaknesses. A sincere "thank you" to all of you from Team Huachuca and our Team Cochise partners from Sierra Vista who participated in the two-day seminar.

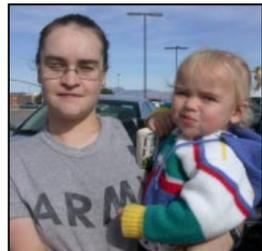
Also, I'd like to thank the BCTP Training Team for providing their high-caliber assistance in fine-tuning our force protection plan. I look forward to our BCTP exercise, and I thank the entire team for their active participation.

Finally, Marty and I can't stress enough the importance of the upcoming Army Family Action Planning conference, to be held Feb. 20-21 at Murr Community Center. AFAP is a process of identifying critical issues affecting our Army family here at Fort Huachuca and then working to resolve them. This is a chance to act locally and affect globally.

All of you — soldiers, civilians, family members, Huachuca community. It is our privilege to be here and to have the opportunity to live and work with you all. Thanks very much for all you do everyday!

## Man on the Street

### How do you get fort-related emergency info?



We were listening for information on 100.9 radio and we did not hear anything. We are on satellite TV and don't get Cox cable so we didn't see Commander's Access Channel 97.

Heather & Alevia Johnson,  
Army family members



I check the Commander's Access Channel 97 every morning about 0600 hours for my emergency command information.

Maj Robert D. Blanchette,  
B Troop commander



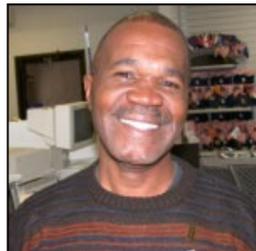
I get my emergency command information off of Channel 97.

Kevin Mott, Command  
Group employee



I was on guard shift until 0600 on Thursday [Jan. 31]. I was asleep and didn't check the Commander's Access Channel 97 that morning. Usually I am contacted by phone-chain passed down from our first sergeant.

Pfc. Aaron Grehan, 504th  
Signal Battalion



I get my emergency command information off of the tube, from our office computer e-mail messages late in the evening. The messages come from Dave Nelson at the AAFES main office.

James Pierce, Military  
Clothing Sales associate



I usually get my EOC information through my Chain-of-Command at PT in the morning, or they will give us an early morning phone call.

PFC James E. Tolley, U.S.  
Army Military Police  
Patrolman

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# Turn Around Point helps to meet needs of fort families

By Sgt. Sharron L. Stewart  
Scout Staff

It's not a visit to Santa's workshop, but it could be considered close to it.

Service members, family members and civilians working on post can receive free items from the Chaplain's Turn Around Point.

Located in Building 52045, across from the Armed Forces Bank, the Turn Around Point is open only on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Turn Around Point has given away toys, bicycles, candy, clothing items, shoes and even new furniture to those who have simply asked for it.

According to the volunteers, approximately 3,000 people received items from the Turn Around Point last year. The only requirement is that customers have a valid Department of Defense military or civilian ID card. TAP volunteers are Hattie Barnett, Bill Turner, Linda Kerchief, Jeanne Williamson and Irene Mahanke.

Barnett said some of the items are new, but most items are used and in good condition. "Used items must be serviceable and that means no holes or tears," said Barnett, a retired civil service worker. She said new items are passed out on a limited basis and are usually restricted to one per family per month. She also said that they have starter kits containing dishes and plates for those who are newly married or who are setting up a house.

Turner said most of the items are donated by individuals getting ready to transfer or leave military service. Some merchandise is donated by the Army, Air Force Exchange Service and other area stores.

"If we don't have what you need, you can even put your name and request on a list," Turner said. When the desired item comes in the requestor will be notified over the phone by a volunteer.

Barnett, who has volunteered at the Turn Around Point for the last three years, said she receives an immense sense of



Photo by Sgt. Sharron L. Stewart

**Turn Around Point volunteers Hattie Barnett and Bill Turner examine some of the merchandise on display for Turn Around Point patrons.**

satisfaction from helping others. "It's a good feeling to help your neighbor," Barnett.

Turner has been a volunteer for two years and said he enjoys the enthusiastic response and the gratitude he receives

from those who have been helped by the Turn Around Point.

Barnett said the Turn Around Point is always in need of donations.

For more information, call 533-4712.



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class David K. Dismukes

**Staff Sgt. Steven Garces, a telecommunications center operator, explains a Tactical Messaging System to Maj. Gen. Steven W. Boutelle during a tour of the 11th Signal Brigade site at Camp Stronghold Freedom in Uzbekistan. To the right of Garces is Michael Drummond, a contractor, and to his left is Sgt. Edward Greenwood, who also is a telecommunications center operator.**

## Senior officer sees 11th Signal at work

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

CAMP STRONGHOLD FREEDOM, Uzbekistan — Food and fuel are an important part of a soldier's needs, but communication capabilities are a greater requirement, a senior Army officer said.

"Soldiers need communications as much as they need water, electricity and meals," Maj. Gen. Steven W. Boutelle said after touring the 11th Signal Brigade site in this Central Asian country providing essential communications for Operation Enduring Freedom.

The hub for supporting the operation that includes sites in Afghanistan and Pakistan is based at Camp Stronghold Freedom, Col. Mark Bowman, the 11th Signal Brigade commander, said. The brigade is part of the Army Signal Command.

"We try to bring everyone through here and set the configurations on their equipment to help reduce initialization and setup time," said 1st Lt. Patrick Buchanan of Company A, 86th Signal Battalion.

The Uzbekistan camp serves as a staging point for the brigade's operations in the area of operation. The technical experts are based here, and the site also provides equipment, personnel and parts to units forward deployed in theater, the platoon leader for nodal operations added.

Company 1st Sgt. Donato Bradford said the soldiers' morale is higher than he has ever seen

even though they are no longer at Fort Huachuca and are away from their families.

"They are putting in long hours and enjoy doing work in a real-world environment," Bradford said.

Boutelle, who is the Army's director of information operations, networks and space, said what he has seen is an outstanding example of signal soldiers rising to any challenge they're given.

"They don't have to be given guidance, only direction. They know what needs to be done. You just have to stand back and let them go to work," the general said.

As technology continues to change in the communications world, the Army must be able to use new systems quickly, and that also means soldiers must be rapidly trained on new equipment in order to support future missions such as the one facing them now, Boutelle said.

One of the many things the Army has to do with communications is take a look at its hardware, specifically to ensure its viability in the joint service environment, he said.

With more commercial off-the-shelf equipment being used, the Army can react faster to the technology changes than it could in the past when it did its own research and development, which meant sometimes taking many years to obtain, Boutelle said.

"In the past we were analog, now we are in a digital world and we have to keep up," he said.

## PX, Commissary councils solicit consumer input

By Tanja M. Linton  
Media Relations Officer

Your Post Exchange and Commissary want to be everything you expect them to be.

If you have a suggestion or an issue you would like to raise, please attend the next PX and Commissary council meetings, Feb. 26, in

the Ball Room at Murr Community Center.

The PX council meeting begins at 1 p.m. and the Commissary council meeting begins at 2 p.m.

These forums give valued customers the opportunity to address their concerns directly to the managers, and provide us valuable input about products and how to improve services.

## JITC hosts Interoperability Conference

JITC release

The Joint Interoperability Test Command will host the 12th Annual Interoperability Conference at Fort Huachuca on April 8-11, in Building 61801, Greely Hall Auditorium (Room 1215).

The conference is open to the general public; however, contractors will require government sponsorship. Foreign visitors and non-U.S. citizens must process a visit notification/request through their embassy.

The Interoperability conference is the largest Department of Defense conference held annually to address Command, Control, Communications, Computers & Intelligence interoperability issues that affect unified commands, Services, and Defense Agencies.

To set the stage for this year's conference, Maj. Gen. Daniel M. Dick, Director for Strategy, Requirements and Integration (J8), US Joint Forces Command, is the conference keynote speaker.

Numerous general officer and senior executive level speakers from the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Joint Staff, Commanders-in-Chief, Services, DISA, government agencies, industry and the acquisition community are technical panel members.

This year's theme is "Current Interoperability Initiatives." This year's conference offers topics coordinated with the Joint Staff and JFCOM and will offer a keynote speaker for each conference day.

The topics include discussions on:

— **Joint Interoperability and Integration session.** Topics will include requirements generation and validation; identification, prioritization, and resolution of current operational interoperability issues; and status of legacy command and control systems interoperability.

— **Operation Enduring Freedom.** This briefing will highlight the support that JITC has provided to date in terms of personnel, equipment, and troubleshooting. Additionally, the brief will examine the interoperability trends highlighted by the operation.

— **Tactical Intelligence Systems Interoperability.** The Joint Task Force level warfighter support. The panel will examine how CINCS, Services and agencies exchange intelligence information among several layers of information collections and dissemination activities to support robust network centric operations.

Topics include: National level intelligence information dissemination to the tactical level, sharing information between Services and DoD agencies and other intelligence sources, and CINC perspectives of successes and shortcomings in the JTF environment.

— **Joint Distributed Engineering Plant.** This panel will explore the development of the Joint Distributed Engineering Plant. The JDEP is a DoD-wide effort to link existing service and joint combat system engineering test sites. It is designed to improve the interoperability of weapon systems and platforms through rigorous testing and evaluation in a replicated battlefield environment.

Topics will include: System of System SW/HW In the Loop Requirements, JDEP role in Acquisition, JDEP Technical Framework and Migration Strategy, Support to Current Operations (Air and Missile Defense), and the Way Ahead for Future Operations (Precision Engagement, Homeland Security)

— **NSS Interoperability Evaluation in Synthetic Environments (2).** The DoD

5000.2-R places requirements on NSS programs to evaluate interoperability during DT and OT in a relevant operational environment. How can such a relevant test environment be established? What can synthetic battlespace environments offer? Where do we get the systems that need to interoperate with the NSS system under test? What are the products and tools to configure and operate such an environment?

— **Information Assurance.** The warfighter is dependant on the availability and accuracy of information and data to perform their missions. Advances in information technology have made data available much faster but has also increased its vulnerability to exploitation. The panel will examine the increasing reliance on information technology in modern weapons systems and Command and Control systems.

Topics include policy and challenges of test, evaluation, certification and accreditation support for specific DoD Information Warfare-Defensive/Information Assurance products, technologies, networks and capabilities.

— **From the Operational Test and Evaluation perspective,** it will focus on implementing systems of systems testing within OT&E. Examining approaches to the design of system of system tests. Discussing the challenges of assessing system under test performance within a system of system environment as well as assessing the impact of interoperability.

The panel will discuss what role combined and coalition systems should play in OT&E. Panel members will also discuss specific issues facing their organization.

In addition to the presentations and technical panel discussions, participants will also have an opportunity to sign up for a tour of JITC's test labs. This tour showcases various C4I systems, to include Automated Information System technologies that JITC is testing in support of the warfighter.

The conference will finish up on the third day with JITC facility tour and a golf tournament.

The conference fee is \$15, if registration and payment is received by March 22. Otherwise, the conference fee will be \$20. JITC will also host an icebreaker at the LakeSide Activity Centre from 6 to 9 p.m. on April 8 costing \$10 per person; a dinner at the LakeSide Activity Centre from 6 to 9 p.m. on April 9 costing \$20 per person; an ITEA luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on April 10; and a golf tournament from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on April 11, costing \$25 per person. For more information, click on [http://jtc.fhu.disa.mil/iop\\_conf/2002/iop\\_con.htm](http://jtc.fhu.disa.mil/iop_conf/2002/iop_con.htm).

The conference attracts about 300 attendees from across DoD and is an important forum for identifying critical interoperability issues that influence and impact our support to the warfighters.

Participation by senior government decision-makers and the wide diversity of registered attendees will make the 12th Annual Interoperability Conference thought provoking and informative. The issues discussed at this conference will shape future interoperability policy and doctrine.

For more information, call Master Gunnery Sgt. Tom Fredericks at 538-4367 or Elaine Perkins, JITC Visitor Support, at 538-5429.

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# Post barbers keep soldiers coming back for more

By Spc. Jessica Espinosa  
Scout Staff

No one knows you better than your barber — and that's just the way the folks down at Lynda's Barber Shop USA want to keep it.

"I know why I get to live in America," Lynda Feliks, storeowner, said of the service many of the troops give. "That's why I always give them the best haircut."

Feliks has been at the Barber Shop at the Bowling Alley for five years and has been working as a hair stylist on Fort Huachuca for nearly ten years. Her staff of three consists of stylists from different walks of life, but have one thing in common — each love cutting hair for the Fort Huachuca troops and community.

"I know it's just a haircut. Just because it's military doesn't mean it can't be pretty," Feliks said, who claims she cannot only do any style, but fix styling mishaps. "A good haircut never stays long enough and a bad one can never grow out fast enough."

At Lynda's the barbers specialize in military fades. "I love the tight shave, flat military hair cut. I wanted to find a gimmick and had no idea how popular it would become," Feliks said. Now Lynda's has regular customers who come to get "hooked up" by Lynda's renowned fades.

Customers are asked to either supply their own razor for these close skin fades, or to purchase one at the barber shop for 25 cents.

Along with the famous fade, Lynda's offers a variety of recreational activities for those waiting in line. Everything from traditional magazines and television to bass fishing games are offered for waiting customers.

Feliks also offers free haircuts on customer's birthdays. "We care about our customers and we like our customers. And we also care about how they look," Feliks said, who has been cutting hair for 22 years.

Recently Feliks said a colonel asked if along with his haircut he get his eyebrows trimmed. Feliks agreed, but unfortunately, used the wrong blade and cut too short. "I just said, 'Oops! You like them short. Right, sir?' He wasn't too upset. His eyebrows grew back and he still comes



Photo by Spc. Jessica Espinosa

**Manuela Hicks, a post barber for the last three years, gives Sgt. 1st Class Ed Shope, Company B, 304th Military Intelligence Battalion, the perfect military haircut that keeps him coming back.**

here," Feliks said.

Many of her clients have remained loyal throughout the years.

"I bring my boy, Jacob, here. This is the only barber shop he'll go to," said Staff Sgt. John Kirkpatrick, an instructor, Company E, 305th Military Intelligence Battalion, as he was getting one of Lynda's famous fades.

Kirkpatrick explained that Wilbur L. Walker, one of Lynda's barbers, use to cut his father's hair at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson in the '60s. "Sometimes when I come here and get to talking, I can be at the booth for a half an hour before I even get my hair cut. We just talk about things that have changed. It's nice and clam here. I've been to other barber

shops and they don't take the time or patience as they do here."

Walker, who has been a barber and manager at Davis-Monthan for 40 years, explains that he could tell you the history of generals past, while co-workers Renate Whitehead and Manuela Hicks are still beginning their journey to know the Fort Huachuca community.



Photo by David Arnot Smith

**(From left) Brig. Gen. William F. Engel and Col. Hugo Keyner arrive at the Electronic Proving Ground's Banister Hall.**

## White Sands CG visits EPG on inaugural tour

By David Arnot Smith  
EPG Public Affairs Assistant

Brig. Gen. William F. Engel, Commanding General, U.S. Army White Sands Missile Range made his initial visit to the Electronic Proving Ground at Fort Huachuca on Dec. 17.

Engel assumed command of "America's Range" in New Mexico on Oct 22. Col. Hugo Keyner, commander of EPG accompanied Engel and Command Sgt. Major Gilbert L. Canuela, Command Sergeant Major, USAWSMR.

Welcoming the official party at EPG were James Cole, deputy to the commander; Robert Reiner, technical director; and Tom Atwood, management support director. Roger Fate, contractor support program manager, was introduced to Engel and Canuela at the command orientation.

Prior to the EPG command orientation, Engel presented a commander's coin to Mark Hynes of EPG's Test Technology Division, in recognition of his selection as National Society of Professional Engineers, Engineer of the Year for Developmental Test Command. Following the presentation, Engel conducted a WSMR Command Update briefing to the Team EPG workforce orientation attendees.

During this beginning-of-tour visit, Engel received briefings covering a wide range of topics. Emphasis was placed on EPG as the Developmental Tester for the Army, responsible for testing Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance systems.

Other topics included EPG's historical relation to Fort Huachuca from 1954 to the present, and the organizations other test capabilities, systems, instrumentation, and facilities. He reviewed EPG's Force Protection posture and had updates on other critical C4ISR tests in progress or projection.

Following the two-hour briefing, Keyner, Cole, Reiner and Atwood conducted walking tours of Banister Hall and the adjacent Electromagnetic Environmental Test Facility so that employees of Team EPG could meet Engel and Canuela.

The afternoon schedule included a visit to several EPG installations beginning with the Antenna Test Facility, where Victor Walker, senior field engineer, conducted a tour and briefing. Other installations visited included the Instrumentation Test Range, where Larry Key, Range Support and Operations Test Officer, provided a tour and ITR briefing; culminating with a windshield tour of EPG's Motor Pool and Fabrication Support Maintenance Facility.

## Combined Federal Campaign collects record donations

### CFC release

The goal was high, but the spirit of the people was found to be higher when the donations and pledges for the Combined Federal Campaign were counted.

This year, the community of Fort Huachuca and Cochise County gave more than ever before in the campaign's history. The Fort Huachuca CFC goal was based on the post population using ten-cents a day as a baseline amount. That put the goal at \$340,000, the largest ever in Fort Huachuca's history.

The unofficial final results show that combined the total exceeded the \$340,000 goal.

"We have currently collected \$341,929," said Maj. Terry Hurley, 2001 CFC Coordinator for Fort Huachuca and Cochise County.

According to Hurley, Cochise County (excluding Fort Huachuca) nearly doubled its total contributions for 2001 raising \$50,562. "That brings our overall contributions for Fort Huachuca and Cochise County in excess of \$391,000 (and more is coming in)."

Award Recipients based on per capita contribution

### Extra Small Unit Category

Office of Internal Review, U.S. Army Garrison  
Assistant Chief of Staff, IG, U.S. Army Signal Command  
U.S. Army TMDE Support Center

### Small Unit Category

Command Group, U.S. Army Signal Command  
Assistant Chief of Staff, G2, U.S. Army Signal Command  
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### Medium Unit Category

Alpha Company, 304th Military Intelligence Battalion  
Noncommissioned Officer's Academy  
Joint Interoperability Test Command

### Large Unit Category

304th Military Intelligence Battalion  
306th Military Intelligence Battalion  
Alpha Company, 306th Military Intelligence Battalion

### Extra Large Unit Category

U.S. Army Signal Command  
11th Signal Brigade  
305th Military Intelligence Battalion

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# Chalk Talk

## Myer Elementary School

**Magellan Running Club.** Top fourth-grade girl was Rachel Jones from Jan Barnes' room with 28 points. Top fourth-grade boy was Billy Ray Ware from Jan Barnes' room with 74 points. Top fourth-grade class was Lynn Tompkins room with 217 points. Top fifth-grade girl was Jocelyn Willis from Bonnie Burleson's room with 17 points. Top fifth-grade boys were Brent Roberts, Brandon Kizer, Luis Ramirez and Jerel Wherry, all from Bonnie Burleson's room with 26 points. Top fifth-grade class was Bonnie Burleson's room with 348 points. Last week Myer School ran 446 miles and now has a total of 17,826 miles for the year.

**Cora Pagalilaun's kindergarten class** is working on their Arizona packets. This week they are discussing the history of Arizona — its flora and fauna, its symbols, its native people and others. They are also coloring and making art projects to go in their packets.

In math, they are working on equal and unequal sets, perfecting their counting to 100 and doing addition facts to ten using their fingers and unifix blocks. They love reading, discussing, singing and acting out the stories, poems and chants that go with their reading curriculum.

The students are having fun identifying the letters and sounds of the alphabet. They especially love identifying the rhyming words from their readings. They have finished compiling the classroom's Big Book of Recipes.

**Kathy Haakenson's kindergarten class** has been taking advantage of the weather to do activities about snow, which is really fun for the students. The "Book In A Bag" program is underway. Every student takes home a book, has it read to them or reads it him/herself, and returns it the next day. So far, we have several students with a long row of stickers for every book read on the classroom chart.

**Suzanne Buchanan's kindergarten kids** are starting an Arizona unit. They will learn about desert animals and vegetation. In addition, they will be discussing dental health for Dental Week.

**Libby Romines' and Theresa Sottolare's preschool classes** are excited about February. They are making several Valentine activities with hearts. This is their shape of the month and their colors are red and pink. "Red Day" will be Feb 15 and they are encouraging the staff and students to wear red that day.

They will end the month with several Dr. Seuss activities to celebrate his birthday.

**Allison's kindergarten class** is starting their study of Arizona too. Their class and Joy Mim/Julia Parish's class are going to the Arizona Sonora Desert Museum on



Photo by Robert Hebert

## Student poets

Fort Huachuca students shined at the 10th Annual Cochise Cowboy Poetry & Music Gathering, Feb. 1-3. Kathy Bell, 13, of Colonel Smith Middle School received Honorable Mention in the middle school category for her poem "Gold Fever." Bell (center) accepts her award from retired Brig. Gen. Bud Strom, co-chairman and founder, and Jane Christensen, youth project chair. Vienna Baker, 13, of Smith School received 2nd place in the middle school category for her poem "Clara Colt." Adam Griffin, 10, of General Myer Elementary School received Honorable Mention in the elementary school category for his poem "Mechanical Ride." Over 3,000 students in Cochise County submitted poems this year to the student poetry competition.

Feb. 20 as part of their unit. They have progressed to studying the letter "Q" this week in class.

## Remember, NO SCHOOL on Feb. 18, President's Day.

Valentine's are on sale at lunch time for students who wish to purchase a card for their friends. The Valentine's will be placed in a BIG Valentine box and the cards will be delivered to the various rooms on Valentine's Day. Peer Mediators will be delivering these cards. On Valentine's Day, balloons will be sold to students and these will be delivered at the end of the day so the student can give them to who they wish. Happy Valentines Day!

## Smith Middle School

**Eighth-grade students honored.** Two eighth-graders currently attending Smith Middle School have received recognition from the Sierra Vista Kiwanis Club.

In November, Talisa Williams was honored along with her mother, at the monthly meeting as an outstanding student athlete. Williams has participated in basketball, track, and cross country while attending Smith. She is known on the school campus for being an honest and friendly student.

According to Diane Dudzik, Williams' social studies teacher, "This is a student with a lot of positive energy whom you know will become a successful adult."

Tanya Pasdach was recognized in January at the Kiwanis meeting held at La Casita. Accompanied by her mother and school interpreter, Jackie Anderson, Pasdach accepted the award based on her active participation in school and extending American Sign Language



Smith Middle School's Team A took second place in the Knowledge Bowl Competition on Jan. 20. Team members are (from left) Jessica Clemmer, Cherie Warden, Andrew Crossman, Daniel O'Keefe and Carlos Sanchez.

skills to both staff and students at Smith. As a collaborative effort with Anderson, the school has created an American Sign Language Club with students in sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grades participating.

Janis Dodson, Pasdach's eighth-grade science teacher, noted that, "Tanya's excellent attention and high level of interest in many subjects makes her a fun person to be around. She's added much to our school community."

Both Pasdach and Williams were also recognized at the Kiwanis winter meeting.

**Students excel in academic bowl.** Smith Middle School Library was the setting Jan. 29 for a Knowledge

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# Pets of the Week



"Chilly" is a one-year old male tan lab mix. He is neutered, housebroken, and good with older kids. His adoption fee is \$17, which includes vaccinations, a microchip, a heartworm test and deworming.



"Bob" is a black six month-old lab/chow mix. He is a cute little guy with lots of energy. His adoption fee is \$42, which includes a neuter, all vaccinations, a heartworm test, a microchip and deworming.



"Whiskey" is a young adult female tan and brown shepherd/pitbull mix. She is a great dog, very friendly! She would be a great housedog. Her adoption fee is \$52, which includes a spay, all vaccinations, a microchip, a heartworm test and deworming.



"Brooklyn" is a 1.5 year-old dark brown female pitbull. She is a beautiful dog, and extremely sweet. Her adoption fee is \$42, which includes a spay, all vaccinations, a heartworm test, a microchip and deworming.

These and several other dogs and cats are available at the Fort Huachuca Veterinary Treatment Facility from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mondays through Fridays.

The facility is now open through lunch. For information, call 533-2767.

## Tuition from Page 2

for MGIB can elect to receive MGIB benefits for all or a part of the remaining expenses. We're calling this add-on payment "Top-up."

### Q: What does this provision mean to me?

A: If you're eligible for MGIB, and plan to use Tuition Assistance, and your service will not pay 100 percent of tuition and fees, you can use MGIB Top-up to pay the balance.

### Q: Can VEAP converters and service members eligible for MGIB based on Vietnam Era service receive the Top-up?

A: Yes, anyone who is eligible for MGIB - Active Duty (not MGIB - Selected Reserves) can receive the Top-up benefits.

### Q: Is this a good deal for me?

A: Using Top-up is a good deal if you plan to use TA to complete a degree program while on active duty, and don't plan to continue your education after service. Top-up can also be helpful for just taking a few courses with TA while on active duty. Then you can save most of your MGIB to use after service to complete your education program.

You need to consider carefully your own situations, and check with your education officer or counselor, before applying for Top-up. For example, if you plan to take expensive courses using Top-

up, you need to consider whether you'll take additional training after you're discharged from active duty. If so, you need to understand the effect of using the Top-up. You can then calculate whether your remaining benefits will cover the additional training you might need.

### Q: Is there a limit to the amount of Top-up I can use?

A: Yes, Top-up is limited to 36 months of payments. For example, if you are paid Top-up for a three-month course, you use three of the 36 months.

### Q: Does this mean if I use 36 months of Top-up, I've used up all my MGIB benefits?

A: Probably not. The 36-month limit for Top-up is based on one month used for each month of Top-up paid no matter how much is paid. Your regular MGIB entitlement is based on your full-time monthly rate.

For example, if your full-time rate is \$600 and you are paid \$300 Top-up, you only use half a month of your MGIB.

### Q: Can the Top-up apply retroactively, to training already received?

A: Yes, the Top-up can apply retroactively, but only for training in terms that began on or after Oct. 30, 2000. That's the effective date of the law.

### Q: Will DoD pay 100 percent tuition as-

### sistance?

A: DoD will encourage services to pay 100 percent TA if their budgets permit, but this could vary from service to service. Of course, if DoD does pay 100 percent, you won't need to use MGIB Top-up.

### Q: What should I do to apply for Top-up?

A: If you want to use Top-up for winter term 2001 or later, go ahead and file the claim following the instructions below.

Note: Payments may be delayed somewhat until we work out development of final payment procedures for this new benefit.

— If you haven't previously filed a claim for MGIB, you should do the following:

— Request TA from your branch of service. See your education services officer or education counselor.

— Complete an application for VA education benefits, VA Form 22-1990. You can get the form at our Internet site at [www.vba.va.gov/pubs/educationforms.htm](http://www.vba.va.gov/pubs/educationforms.htm).

— Indicate "Top-up" on the VA application in item 1A under the MGIB-Active Duty block.

— Send your TA approval form, along with the application for VA education benefits, to the VA Regional Processing Office that handles your

claim. The address is on the form.

— If you've previously filed a claim for MGIB and weren't denied benefits, simply submit your signed TA approval form to the VA Regional Processing Office that handles your claim

— Important: These claims are handled differently from claims for MGIB without TA. For Top-up claims, you won't need to check in with the school official who certifies VA benefits. We won't need an enrollment certification on VA Form 22-1999.

You won't need to check for approval of the program for VA benefits; approval isn't an issue. That's because Top-up is payable for any course for which TA is payable under DoD criteria.

VA determines your eligibility for MGIB. If you're eligible for MGIB, the TA approval form establishes your eligibility for Top-up. No certifications from the school are needed.

What about the signatures on the TA approval form?

The TA approval form must be approved and signed by the commanding officer or first sergeant for E-6 and below. E-7s and above can approve and sign their own TA form.

For more information, contact the Education Center at 533-3010 or 533-2255.

# Community Updates

## Correction

In the Civilian of the Month kudo published on Page 2 of the Jan. 31 issue of the Fort Huachuca Scout newspaper, the names of other employees nominated were misreported. The names listed were nominees for December. The actual nominees for Civilian of the Month for January should have read Donna L. Deal, Directorate of Installation Support; Sylvia D. Kennedy, 111th Military Intelligence Brigade; and Victoria Suzette Krusemark, U.S. Army Garrison.

## MI Museum open longer

The Military Intelligence Museum is now open 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Mondays through Fridays and 1-4 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays. The MI Museum is located in Building 41411. The Fort Huachuca Museum is open the same hours and is located on Grierson Avenue.

## Parent/tot playgroup meets

The Parent/Tot Playgroup meets at Youth Services, Building 51301, daily from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. This program is for parents and their children, ages birth to 5 years. Volunteers are needed. For participation, registration is recommended. Stop by Army Community Services, Building 50010, or call 533-2330 or 533-6873.

## Pregnant PT schedule

Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center is sponsoring physical training for pregnant soldiers three times per week. Sessions begin at 6 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays for low impact aerobics, and Fridays for aquatic aerobics. For more information, call Sgt. Darbie Guarino at 533-2627.

## Range closures

Today	AA, AC, AD, AG, AL, AM, AN, AU, AW T1, T1A, T2
Friday	AA, AC, AD, T1, T1A, T2
Saturday	AB, AC, AD, AL, AM, AW, T1, T1A, T3
Sunday	AU, AW
Monday	AN, AU, T1, T1A, T2
Tuesday	AN, AU, T1, T1A, T2
Wednesday	AW, T1, T1A, T2
Feb. 14	AL, AW, T1, T1A, T2
Feb. 15	No Closures
Feb. 16	T1, T1A, T2
Feb. 17	No Closures

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

## 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 Friday, March 8, 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. Hapgood at 533-7314.

## Shabbat service planned

Beginning Saturday, there will be a monthly Shabbat morning service on the second Saturday of each month. The entire community is invited to the Main Post Chapel at 9 a.m. for this traditional worship experience. The service will be conducted in both Hebrew and English; translations and transliterations are available. The liturgy includes traditional prayers, psalms, and study of the weekly Torah (Bible) portion. For more information, call Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Bonnie Koppell at 533-4750 or e-mail [koppellb@hua.army.mil](mailto:koppellb@hua.army.mil).

## PWOC winter retreat

Fort Huachuca's Protestant Women of the Chapel invites all women to join its annual winter retreat Feb. 22-23. This year's retreat will be at the Huachuca Oaks Baptist Camp in Hereford with guest speaker Victoria Robinson.

Learn about the different types of "storms" in our lives and the One who is able to calm them. Whether or not you've ever been a part of PWOC, you are welcome to attend the retreat. Come make some new friends and enjoy the fellowship with Christian sisters while recapturing the joy of your life in Christ.

Reservations are now being accepted. In order to provide adequate accommodations, call in your reservations no later than Tuesday. Suggested donations are \$25 for overnight guests and \$15 for guests who can attend Friday only or Saturday only. For more information, call Kim at 459-4645 or Chaplain (Maj.) Pat Dickson at 533-8774.

## Free parenting classes

The Tombstone School District is offering a free Common Sense Parenting class designed to help parents be more positive with their children and to use more effective discipline. This class is intended for parents with children ages 3-16. The class consists of three sessions from 6 to 8 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 19 and Feb. 21 at Huachuca City School. Classes are limited to the first 10 that sign up. Babysitting services and dinner will be provided. To register for this class, call Bill Wright at WJ Meyer School at 457-3371.

## 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 Feb. 14, March 21, April 18, May 23, June 20, July 18, Aug. 21, Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 21 and Dec. 19.

## MI sergeants major reception

The Command Sergeant Major of the Military Intelligence Corps is extending an invitation for retired MI sergeants major to attend a reception at the LakeSide Activity Centre on March 11 from 6 to 8 p.m. The reception is designed to keep the retired MI sergeants major community more closely involved with the current MI sergeants major community.

This event is part of the 2002 Worldwide Military Intelligence CSM/SGM Conference, where the top senior enlisted MI professionals from around the world meet at Fort Huachuca to discuss the future of Military Intelligence.

For more information, or to reserve your seat, call Master Sgt. James Broun at 538-2136 or e-mail [james.broun@hua.army.mil](mailto:james.broun@hua.army.mil) before Feb. 15. Information about the conference may be found online at [http://usaic.hua.army.mil/events/csm\\_conf/index.htm](http://usaic.hua.army.mil/events/csm_conf/index.htm).

## Commissary closed Feb. 19

The Fort Huachuca Commissary will be closed Feb. 19 in observance of President Day. The Commissary will reopen for regular hours (8 a.m.-6 p.m.) on Feb. 20.

## USAG HHC Change of Command

A change of command ceremony for Headquarters, Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison is set for 8:30 a.m., Feb. 19 on Brown Parade Field. Capt. Karen Chambers will relinquish command to Capt. Chester Delf. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will take place at Murr Community Center.

## LTC promotion board convenes

A Department of the Army Promotion Selection Board is set to convene on Feb. 26 to consider majors for promotion to lieutenant colonel for Calendar Year 2002 Lieutenant Colonel, Operation, Operational Support, Information Operations and Institutional Support (formerly Army Competitive Category) zones of consideration.

Officers eligible for consideration have the following active duty dates of rank: Above the Zone, March 1, 1997 and earlier; Promotion Zone, March 2, 1997 through Jan. 1, 1998; and Below the Zone, Jan. 2, 1998 through Oct. 1, 1998.

To be eligible for consideration, all mandatory or optional Officer Evaluation Reports must be received, error free, in the Evaluation Reports Branch, PERSCOM (TAPC-MSE-R) no later than Feb. 19. Exceptions are governed by paragraph 1-33d, Army Regulation 600-8-29. Only original evaluation reports will be processed. Machine reproduced or electronically transmitted copies will not be accepted.

## Retirement luncheon set

The Fort Huachuca community is invited to a retirement luncheon for Ernie Beil, Range Control Officer, on Feb. 20 at La Hacienda from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost of the buffet is \$7.75. RSVP to Bobbi Baker at 533-6974 or Mary Villarreal at 533-7095.

Beil will be retiring on Feb. 28 after 42 years of service. If you would like to share any stories call the numbers above.

## Conservation Committee meets

The quarterly meeting of the Fort Huachuca Conservation Committee will be held Feb. 20 in the Auditorium (Room 1215), Greely Hall, Building 61801, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. The meeting will provide updates on several local natural resources and conservation programs including current activities on Fort Huachuca, the Upper San Pedro Partnership, City of Sierra Vista Recharge Project, the Fort Huachuca Effluent Recharge Project, U.S. Forest Service activities, and Bureau of Land Management SPRNCA activities. The program for this meeting will be a presentation on conservation and cave management at Kartchner Caverns, presented by Rick Toomey, Ph.D., and Ginger Nolan of the Arizona State Parks Department. For information, call Robert Bridges at 533-1863.

## Black History Month celebration

The Military Equal Opportunity and Equal Employment Opportunity offices are sponsoring a Black History Month celebration at 7 p.m., Feb. 22 at La Hacienda. The Pinpoints Theatre of Washington, D.C. presents the play "1001 Black Inventions," answering the questions of who brought inoculation to America, who made long-distance phone calls possible, and whose invention keeps the world's machines running? A food sampling and cultural exhibit will accompany the play. Cost is \$5. For tickets, call 533-1717, 533-5305 or 533-3696.

## Adopt a greyhound

The Greyhound Adoption League of Sierra Vista will host a Greyhound Adoption Day on Feb. 23 for Sierra Vista and the surrounding area. The event will take place 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Bookman's Bookstore, 100 West Fry Blvd., Sierra Vista. The program is also in need of temporary homes for these beautiful dogs.

The Greyhound Reunion and Picnic is set for April 7 in Tucson Greyhound Park. For more information, call Dave Breen at 378-1763.

## School from Page 5

Bowl Competition with area schools. Smith Middle School competed against Apache, Benson, Lowell and St. David teams.

Final scoring after one written round and two oral rounds placed Smith B Team in first place; Smith A Team in second place, and Apache A Team in third place.

Members of the A Team included Andrew Crossman, Brian Serrano, Jessica Joiner, Daniel O'Keefe, Cheryl Worden and Carlos Sanchez. The team is comprised of seventh- and eighth-graders.

Members of the B Team included sixth- and seventh-graders Van Hollenbeck, Matthew Quick, Fernando Calderon, Elaina Felliciano and Shawn O'Keefe.

Co-captains Betty Richter, seventh-grade language arts teacher, and JoAnne Ellsworth, counselor, report that the team has had solid finishes throughout the year. Members practice twice a week during lunch hour and look forward to monthly competitions through the rest of the school year.

**Youth garden receives national award.** Col. Smith's Garden was selected from 1,100 kids' gardening programs nationwide to receive a 2002 Youth Garden Grant from the National Gardening Association, based in South Burlington, Vermont. This award-winning youth gardening program will receive an assortment of tools, seeds and useful garden products donated by leading companies in the lawn and garden industry who recognize that today's youth are the future of American gardening.

"National Gardening Association is proud to support this terrific kids' garden," says Amy Gifford, Director of the Youth Garden Grants Program. "This program was selected because of a demonstrated commitment to actively and creatively engaging youth in the gardening process and to improving the community. In addition, we were able to see from their application that the garden

program will be sustained for years to come." There were a total of 400 winners chosen this year, representing 45 states.

**Sponsors for the 2002 Youth Garden Grants are:** A.H. Hoffman, Inc., L.R. Nelson Corp., CobraCo Mfg., National Gardening Association, Dramm Corporation, Nichols Garden Nursery, Fiskars, Novelty Mfg., Gardener's Supply Co., Old Farmer's Almanac, Grower's Supply Co., Opus Birdfeeders, Home Depot, Seed Savers Exchange, Index Innovations, Seeds of Change, Jackson & Perkins Co., Storey Publishing LLC and The Earth Box.

For more information about the National Gardening Association or the Youth Garden Grants Program, write the National Gardening Association at 1100 Dorset St., South Burlington, VT 05403; call (803) 538-7476; or click on [www.kidsgardening.com](http://www.kidsgardening.com)



**Smith Middle School's Team B took first place in the Knowledge Bowl Competition on Jan. 29. The team members are (from left) Shawn O'Keefe, Brian Serrano, Elena Felliciano, Van Hollenbeck and Matthew Quick.**

## Info Ops from Page 1

conduct the December class to provided officers trained in information operations.

The 90 days' distance learning training was added as a new first week.

"It required some long days and nights for students to cover all the distance learning training in a week," Foley said.

Information Operations cover a wide variety of approaches to be used in traditional combat or on an asymmetric battlefield to keep an enemy from gaining an advantage over Army, joint and coalition allies.

Part of Information Operations is aimed at defeating an enemy's information systems, making him distrust those systems.

During the course soldiers complete workshops on electronic warfare and psychological operations, conduct IO planning and work with classmates as staff groups.

There is also a low-tech component of Information Operations, according to Foley.

"A commander cannot confidently maneuver his forces if the local population that surrounds him is unfriendly," he said. "So one mission of Information Ops is to influence what goes on in the rear, to keep the local population friendly and supportive of American troops."

Foley said American GIs are an important part of the IO mission. He cited a deployment to Egypt where primarily enlisted soldiers and noncommissioned officers carried out interaction with the locals.

"Because of them, our relations were excellent and the deployment was carried off without a problem," he said.

The course was created for active Army, National Guard and Army Reserve lieutenant colonels and majors. The DFIC staff and Electronic Warfare Associates of Virginia designed the course.

Officers who need the course for their jobs can find a schedule of classes on the Army Training and Requirement Resource System at [www.atrrs.army.mil](http://www.atrrs.army.mil) and then enter school code 701.

## Hotline from Page 2

staffs at all of these stations are available after 8 a.m.

Now, KWCD and K101 have their disk jockeys at the station usually from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m., and on KTAN is live from 9-9:30 a.m. when John Coles does a live morning newscast. These are the only times available to us, to provide these stations with public service announcements or news items.

Also, on the morning in question, Lindsey Arnold, the morning DJ from KWCD told us that when she arrived at the radio station, the first thing she did was turn on their TV to the Commander's Access Channel to see what was happening on the fort. She began using the announcements shown on the CAC on her radio program when she went on the air at 6 a.m.

Now, a little more about the radio stations. Since there are only three local stations with live broadcasting during the early morning hours, a lot is placed on them to make announcements over the radio. In times such as the morning of the snowfall, not only did they have to make

announcements (actually, they don't have to make announcements, but do so as a public service) about the fort, but there are the school systems, emergency facilities such as the hospital and other businesses, all calling them with weather related announcements and closures.

Add this to what earns the stations their money, airing advertisements between songs, and the window to get an announcement on the air becomes very small. We don't own the radio stations, they are a private enterprise in business to make money.

The next resource available to communicate with the masses from the PAO is *The Fort Huachuca Scout* newspaper, but it is a weekly and comes out on Thursdays. The deadline for the newspaper is close of business Friday before publication. So the Scout would not serve our needs for emergency communication.

Finally, there is the on-post e-mail system. We could, and have posted all-user messages concerning situations about which the fort's work force needed to know about. But, like

you said, you were off-post and on your way in, so this system would have been of no value to you.

As for the Commander's Access Channel. This system was employed the afternoon before, when the first winter storm warnings were issued. Announcements were updated regularly during duty hours, and were updated at approximately 10:15 p.m. that night when the roads were closed and all non-essential personnel were sent home and facilities closed.

At three other times during the night, the system was updated with current information by a member of this staff, leaving home and coming to the PAO to post the messages on the CAC. Final updates were made the morning of the excused absence at 5 a.m. and 6 a.m.

As you can see, what resources we have available to us are used to the utmost efficiency, but we know that we will never be able to get the word out to everyone because of the limitations of military and public facilities. If this were a city such as Tucson, there would be a

dozen or more facilities that we could call on for support, but this is Sierra Vista and Cochise County. What is here is used in as practical a manner as possible.

I would suggest that your directorate consider establishing a "recall" system, where you have a listing of names and telephone numbers. The first person calls the second person on the list and passes the message. The second person then calls the third person and so on.

If no one answers, the caller goes to the next name on the list so as to not break the chain. Systems like this have worked well for military units in Europe for years and should have the same effect here.

I know this does not answer your needs, but you are among the group of people who will have to figure out a way to help yourself (and each other) to obtain the information needed.

**Stan Williamson**  
**Command Information Officer,**  
**USAIC&FH PAO**