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Roundup meeting

The Fort Huachuca community is invited to the next Roundup meeting today at the Murr Community Center from 10-11:30 a.m.

The Roundup is a monthly forum where anyone and everyone is invited to attend and share information they have with the fort's community.

This information is then documented and published in a number of venues such as the monthly "Roundup" newsletter, *The Fort Huachuca Scout* newspaper, the Commander's Access Channel, and for special events the fort's e-mail system is used.

Trial Defense office closure

The Trial Defense Office will be closed Aug. 16, due to attorney unavailability. All Article 15 and Administrative Separation walk-in clients should come during the service hours Aug. 14, or Aug. 19. The point of contact for this message is Capt. Robert Fellrath at 533-5370.

POW/MIA Walkathon

The U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca will conduct a POW/MIA Walkathon, 6-8 a.m., Sept. 20, at Chaffee Parade Field to commemorate POWs and MIAs from America's Armed Forces. This event is open to the public.

Preschool screening

The Fort Huachuca Accommodation School District will be conducting a preschool screening Aug. 22, for all 3, 4, and non-kindergarten 5-year-olds residing on Fort Huachuca.

The screening instruments we intend to use are designed to survey gross and fine motor skills, communication skills, cognitive development and socio-emotional development. In addition, we will be testing hearing and vision.

Through the screening process, we hope to identify those children in need of any type of early childhood special education services. If you suspect a disability in your preschool age child, please call 458-5082, or 459-8399 to make an appointment (please call prior to Aug. 15).

Benefits briefings

A representative for the Arizona Blue Cross/Blue Shield will be available to answer your questions pertaining to insurance benefits Aug. 14 from 9 - 11 a.m. in Room 6 at the Murr Recreation Center.

A representative for the Mailhandlers Benefit Plan will be available to answer your questions pertaining to insurance benefits on Aug. 20, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in Room 6 at the Murr Recreation Center. For more information on both briefings, call 533-5735

Fun Fest Fund raising booths

The 2002 Fun Festival takes place on Sept. 13-15. Family Readiness Groups and units that need a fund raising booth should contact the Recreation Services Division. If you register early, you get to pick a prime location. FRG/Unit costs are very reasonable. For more info, 538-1690.

USAIC&FH Organization Day

Come out and join the fun on Organization Day on Friday. Opening ceremony starts at 7:30 a.m. on Warrior and Sentinel Fields. There will be plenty of sporting events, kid's activities, and great food! No pets allowed.

Correction

In the *Fort Huachuca Scout* Aug. 1 and Aug. 8 editions, School Liason Officer Javier Barron's last name was misspelled as Barrone.

Portouw: 'It's a government win'

Information management remains an Army function for fort

By Frank Shirar
Deputy Public Affairs Officer

A three-and-one-half-year study of the U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca Directorate of Information Management functions will affect the future of 52 civilian employees and 36 soldiers assigned to the installation.

A Congressionally directed Commercial Activities (A-76) Study was conducted to determine whether the directorate's functions should be contracted out to private industry or remain as government operated functions using an in-house workforce.

Commercial Activities studies are intended to determine the most cost-effective method of obtaining services that are available in the commercial market.

The study decision resulted in the DOIM functions remaining in-house with a U.S. Army bid of \$19.2 million to operate its "Most Efficient Organization."

Fort Huachuca U.S. Army Garrison Com-

mander Col. Lawrence J. Portouw made the announcement to the DOIM employees Tuesday on the decision.

"I am pleased to announce it's a government win," said Portouw which was met with a loud applause from DOIM employees. "The MEO won by 15 percent. That's not as big as some in the past, but it's a win."

The competing bid, submitted by Business Plus Corporation of Hampton, Va., was \$22.1 million — a difference of \$2.9 million.

The Fort Huachuca study is part of Training and Doctrine Command's command review of many functions and directorates at Army installations.

This particular study was announced to Congress in November 1998. The in-house decision is tentative and subject to appeals by competing contractors.

Contractors who wish to appeal the decision must address costing issues and noncompliance with OMB Circular A-76. All appeals must be submitted in writing to the contracting office at TRADOC Acquisition Center, ATTN:

ATAC, Building 2798, Fort Eustis, VA 23604-5538.

If all appeals are denied and the decision is upheld, Fort Huachuca will implement its MEO, after conducting any necessary reductions-in-force or realignments to meet its MEO end state.

If appeals are sustained and the decision is reversed, a contract operation could commence approximately 150 days after the appeal resolution.

The installation will assist any employees affected by the MEO/RIF who wish to continue working for the government through priority placement consideration for vacancies and retraining.

In addition, employees will receive advice on separation incentives, severance packages, retirement options, job counseling, and other transition programs.

Questions about the Commercial Activities or Competitive Sourcing program can be answered at website <http://www.hqda.army.mil/acsimweb/> under "Organizational Links."

Sergeant's time training moving to Thursdays

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

Beginning Sept. 19 Sergeants Time Training will be conducted from 7 a.m. - noon each Thursday on Fort Huachuca. The change from Tuesdays became permanent in an effort to synchronize training and installation services.

"This is a plus for all soldiers and leaders," said Sgt. Maj. Paul Moore, installation operations sergeant major. "It lets NCOs more effectively plan their soldiers training."

Sergeants Time Training is the period dedicated each week for noncommissioned officers to train their soldiers on individual through collective tasks related to the unit's Mission Essential Task List derived from Field Manual 25-101 assessment and approved by the chain of command.

The move is also considered beneficial to the many customer support organizations on the fort according to David. Frodsham, director of Installation Operations.

Frodsham said the installation support functions were doing their sergeants time training Tuesday mornings, however the 11th Signal Brigade, Forces Command units and some of the other tenants on post was doing theirs on Thursday mornings.

"That meant for two mornings a week, an enlisted soldier could not take care of business here on the

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Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks

Cliffhanger

Pfc. Benjamin Delegarza, Alpha Battery, 2/180th Field Artillery, prepares to bound from the 50-foot cliff at the Rappel Cliffs Rockshelter located at Garden Canyon Friday during confidence training. See related story and photos on Page 4.

All BNCOC graduates to get 40 promotion points

By Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs
Army News Service

Soldiers who successfully complete the Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course will be awarded 40 promotion points became effective Aug. 1.

Soldiers will no longer receive four promotion points per BNCOC-course week. This change will lessen administrative mistakes and level the playing field for BNCOC graduates with similar military occupational specialties, personnel officials said.

"Clerks will no longer have to do the math," said Sgt. Major Louisa Scott, the chief of Enlisted Promotions, Total U.S. Army Personnel Command.

Under the current system, when soldiers complete both phases of BNCOC — common core and military occupational specialty specific — they submit two forms of the Department of the Army 1059 to their Personnel Support Branch for points, Scott said.

Then the PSB clerk decides on her own how many points a soldier gets, Scott said. For example, if phase one is five weeks and three days and phase two is two weeks and two days one clerk may give 32 points for eight weeks, but another clerk may give 28 points for seven weeks.

By implementing a 40-point standard

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Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks

Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course students, such as Staff Sgt. Jerad Emmons, will now receive 40 points upon graduation.

Team Talk

Brig. Gen. James "Spider" A. and Marty Marks

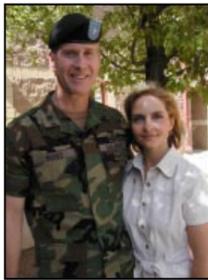
Our kids head back to school starting next week, so we would like to take a moment to talk about some issues that will help get this year off to a great – and safe – start. First of all, there are strict speed limits in our school zones and residential areas. Obey them; they're there for a very good reason.

Motorists, remember that there will be lots of children walking to and from school and waiting at bus stops. Take extra time to make sure you watch for pedestrians – both in and out of crosswalks. Children can always be unpredictable. Take extra care to watch for youngsters darting out unexpectedly into the street. Never pass a school bus that's stopped to pick up or drop off passengers.

Parents, please make sure your children know the safety rules and do their part, as well. Children should know to cross a street only where there is a crosswalk and to double-check for traffic before crossing. Also, be sure they have plenty of time to get to school or their bus stop so they're not rushing and forgetting some of the safety rules.

Marty and I hope everyone will have a great year in school! Once again, remember that our School Liaison Officer, Mr. Javier Barron, is here to help. If you need anything, be sure to give him a call at 533-1133.

You may have heard about a new force protection program here on post called "Operation Lookout." This is another prudent measure we're taking to help ensure everyone's safety. We all know that force protection remains a 24/7 operation even though there are no known specific threats against Fort Huachuca. You know, our law enforcement folks do a super job, but they can't be everywhere all the time. We're hoping we can involve all of you in this new program to be our extra "eyes and ears." We're asking you all to report any suspicious people or activities. If your common sense tells you someone or something "just doesn't belong," please call our MP desk at 533-3000 to report it. Force protection is something we take very seriously around here, and – with your help – we can do it even better.



In the next few weeks, you may notice Native American Indians gathering acorns from the post's oak trees.

We have a long history of mutual cooperation here at Fort Huachuca with the many tribes in our area. This includes their journeys to Fort Huachuca which, for many, is hallowed ground where their ancestors lived and thrived, to collect plant resources such as acorns and to honor those who lived here before us. So, if you see Native American families in housing areas or anywhere else on post, be sure to welcome them.

Just a reminder... We will hold another live town hall meeting – "Feedback" – next Monday, Aug. 12, at 6 p.m. I will be there, along with our new Garrison Commander, Col. Lawrence Portou, as well as several subject matter experts.

So, if you have a question to ask or a concern you'd like to share with us on the air, feel free to call 533-1289.

If you'd rather leave your question ahead of time for us to answer during the show, you can e-mail the Public Affairs Office at frank.shirar@hua.army.mil.

And, be sure to tune in to Cox cable channel 97 for this hour of updates on what's happening here on Fort Huachuca. We all appreciate your participation in these live town halls. Your comments, questions, and concerns help us better define what we're doing and where we're heading. Looking forward to hearing from you!

Fort leadership selected for Army Senior Service College

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

Six outstanding leaders from Fort Huachuca were selected Wednesday by the Department of the Army to attend the Army Senior Service College.

The selection process is very competitive and six soldiers selected for this course reflects favorably on the Military Intelligence and Signal Commands of Fort Huachuca.

The six selected to attend the college are Lt. Col. James E. Barrineau, Army Signal Command; Lt. Col. Thomas M. Kelly, 306th Military Intelligence Battalion; 304th MI Bn.; Lt. Col. Joseph E. Kennedy, former 304th MI Bn. commander; Lt. Col. Anthony Pauroso, 344th Military Intelligence Battalion at Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas; Lt. Col. Mark R. Quantock, 306th MI Bn.; and Lt. Col. Darryl J. Reyes, former 306th MI Bn. commander.

According to Brig. Gen. James "Spider" A. Marks, commanding general of the U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca, the selection of these officers is another testament to the fort's dedication to provide a quality training and leadership environment.

"The selections show the Army recognizes the importance and need for developing soldiers at the battalion command level,"

Live TV Town Hall Meeting

Tune to Fort Huachuca's Channel 97 on Monday at 6 p.m. for the live Town Hall Meeting hosted by Brigadier General James A. "Spider" Marks, Commanding General of U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca.

Guests will include the Fort Huachuca Garrison Commander, Colonel Lawrence J. Portou, along with other installation officials.

Topics of discussion will include a community update, new gate guards and Accommodation Schools' issues and improvements at R. W. Bliss Army Health Center.

During the live show, viewers may call in their questions on the topics mentioned



above at 533-1289. Written questions on these topics may also be submitted in advance by fax at 533-1280 and e-mail to shirarf@hua.army.mil.

Marks said. "Senior Army leaders are recognizing Fort Huachuca's officers as the cream of crop in leading the transforming Army."

SSCs provide senior level professional military education and leader development training for military, civilian and international leaders.

SSC graduates go on to assume strategic leadership responsibilities in military or national security organizations and learn about the Army's role in a unified, joint or multinational force in support of the national military strategy.

SSCs prepare officers for senior command and staff positions within the Army and Department of Defense.

While most officers selected for SSC attend the Army War College, some may choose to attend the National War College, the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, the Marine War College, the Naval War College, the Air War College, the Inter-American Defense College, other accredited international senior military service colleges, or any one of approximately 20 civilian and military fellowship programs.

Readers' comments on Sept. 11 sought

Sept. 11 left an enduring mark on our nation.

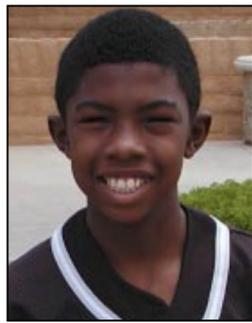
The Fort Huachuca Scout is compiling comments from our readers on how they remember that day and how they feel America has changed since the attacks.

To offer your comment, send it by mail to the Public Affairs Office, Attn: Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks, 21115 Adair Ave., Fort Huachuca, AZ 85613-6000 or e-mail it to thescout@hua.army.mil. Please include your name, where you live and a daytime phone number so that we may verify your submission.

Your comments may be edited and chosen to appear in our special Sept. 12, 2002 edition. Comments will be accepted through Aug. 30.

Scout on the Street

How are you preparing for the new school year?



I've been reading a lot; I can't wait for school to start.

**Manuel Daniel,
Family member**



My mom just registered me for school this morning. I went shopping for school clothes yesterday in Tucson and I've been practicing my new address and phone number.

**Trey Blocker,
Family member**



We're new so we're getting to know the town and checking the school out.

**Melissa Figueroa and
Victor Figueroa,
Family members**



We've been school shopping for supplies, and getting her room ready for her work space since she schools at home.

**Donna Goodman and
Emily Goodman,
Home school teacher,
Family members**



We are out shopping for shoes and supplies, looking around to see who has the best deals.

**Sandra Wood and
Joshua Wood,
Family member**



My son and daughter read everyday. I have them save their math homework from the year before so they can study it. It helps them to remember and makes it easier to learn new things.

**Sgt. Gilberto Valdez,
5/104th Military Intelligence
Battalion**

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Ahearn relinquishes 112th MI Bn. reigns to Slavin

By Sgt. Jessica Inigo
Time Out Editor

Col. James V. Slavin took command of the 112th Military Intelligence Brigade from Lt. Col. Eileen M. Ahearn during a change of command ceremony on Brown Parade Field Aug. 1.

Reviewing officer, Commanding General Brig. Gen. James "Spider" A. Marks and Command Sgt. Maj. Dee Barnett participated in the ceremonious passing of the colors between the outgoing and incoming commanders.

Slavin comes to Fort Huachuca from Camp Zama, Japan as the former Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence.

Now as the commander of the 112th MI Bde., Slavin's new mission is to train and develop military intelligence leaders and units that are warrior focused, capable of leading an operation in networked, digital, and system architecture throughout the entire operational continuum.

"Colonel Ahearn has obviously done a fantastic job as commander. She has also shown patience and dedication in getting me up to speed," Slavin said. He thanked members of the 112th MI Bde. as well as all of Fort Huachuca for readily welcoming him into his new position.

Marks said Ahearn helped make the Army as we see it

today and will help shape the Army of the future. He said he had all faith Slavin would do the same.

"We're highly lucky and blessed to have you here," Marks told the incoming commander.

Ahearn joked to her troops for the last time, and then welcomed her replacement with open arms.

"You're going to love it here. We're glad you're here to continue a great tradition of excellence and caring. You are the right team," Ahearn said as she welcomed the Slavin's.

Ahearn began her command for the 112th in November 2001. She moves on to her next assignment as the Deputy Chief of Staff at the U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca.

"Thank you. You made me very proud to serve with you," Ahearn said to her former troops.

She called on members of the 112th MI Bde. to stand up and be recognized during the ceremony. "These people are professionals, heroes, care givers, force protectors, force multipliers, and they're tomorrow's future leaders. It's an awesome team with an awesome responsibility."

Slavin is bringing his wife, the former Gail McKinley of Clarksville, Tenn. into team Huachuca. They have two children, Alyson, a graduate of Methodist College in North Caro-



Photo by Sgt. Jessica Inigo

Outgoing 112th Military Intelligence Battalion commander Lt. Col. Eileen M. Ahearn, far left, Fort Huachuca Commanding General Brig. Gen. James "Spider" A. Marks and incoming 112th MI Bn. commander Col. James V. Slavin salutes during change of command ceremony held Aug. 1.

lina, and Christopher, a graduate of the University of New Mexico and currently assigned as a student at the Infantry Officer Basic Course, Fort Benning, Ga.

Commander's Safety Course online; mandatory for new commanders

By Jim Caldwell
TRADOC News Service

The new Commander's Safety Course that helps to turn commanders and other unit leaders into their own safety officers is up and running at its website.

"The course will become mandatory for all commanders, from captain to brigade, after the chief of staff (Gen. Eric K. Shinseki) sends a message to the field officially notifying the Army of the change," said Harry Hall, training analyst in the Schools Division of Training and Doctrine Command's Deputy Chief of Staff for Training organization.

He said officers selected for brigade and battalion command will complete the course in conjunction with their Pre-command Course at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

Captains will be required to take the course as self-development training before taking command of a company.

Other leaders, soldiers and employees can also take the course as self-development.

The course became a reality after Shinseki directed that safety training be developed for commanders and other leaders.

He wants them to have the tools to create and implement effective safety programs and to manage risk to reduce accidents among soldiers and civilian employ-



File photo

The U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command has announced all incoming battalion and brigade commanders will complete the mandatory Commander's Safety Course.

ees, on and off duty.

Future commanders do not have to wait until they're notified of their selection to command to enroll and complete the course. All soldiers and employees can

also enroll now.

The URL for the website is https://www.aimsrdl.atsc.army.mil/secured/accp_top.htm. A user ID and password are required, but after enrollment, the system will issue those.

Officers selected for command will be issued a user ID and password when they're notified by ATRRS (Army Training Requirements and Resources System).

When individuals finish each of the four modules, they will be awarded a certificate of completion as their course record.

The course, equivalent to 30 classroom hours, gives commanders and first sergeants the tools and knowledge to manage their own safety programs.

There is a resource navigator that contains links to most of Uniformed Resource Locator links for safety information throughout Department of Defense.

"These tools can be downloaded to for personal use and be used again and again in everyday unit and training activities," Hall said.

Hall said 300 people have already enrolled in the course. Most of them accessed it through ATRRS at <http://www.atrrs.army.mil>.

Hall is the project manager at harry.hall@monroe.army.mil.

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installation," Frodsham said. "For example, a soldier could not go to the Housing Office two days a week because on Thursdays you were doing your sergeants time training, and on Tuesday they were doing theirs."

He also mentioned many civilians; although they're not soldiers or sergeants, they participate in internal office training as well.

Both Moore and Frodsham agree the change will benefit all for planning and scheduling purposes.

"By conducting training on one day, it drives the resources so NCOs know when to plan. In the military, that's what we do—we plan," Moore said. "You know six weeks out this is what I'm going to be doing. That's

why we have training schedules.

"So a soldier and his/her family members now know Thursday morning I'm not going to be able to go to this or that because I'm in training. On the other days of the week, a soldier can plan to go to the dental facility or to housing and they can plan their schedule.

Frodsham emphasized the importance of synchronization across the board resulting in less confusion for soldiers taking care of business and a reduction in wasted manpower.

"It certainly is much cleaner now. Everyone knows Thursday morning not to schedule meetings, and don't have mandatory formations because the soldiers are doing

their training and the support facilities are doing their training," Frodsham said. "And that changes everything from all the direct soldier issues to functions like the Round Up.

"Right now we do the Round Up the first Thursday of every month. That's changing to make sure no soldier has to miss the Round Up because he's in training or cannot attend training because he's at the Round Up."

Sept. 10 will be the last Tuesday for Sergeants Time Training and all installation support providers that currently close for training will adjust their schedule to coincide with the change.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Tywana Sparks

Sergeant's time training will be conducted on Thursdays for all units on Fort Huachuca effective Sept. 19 instead of Tuesdays.

Senior NCO promotion boards to test automated system this fall

Army News Service Release

The Army's sergeant-major board meeting this fall will test a new Automated Selection Board System that eliminates hardcopy files and presents records to board members only as electronic files.

Of the master sergeants in the zone for promotion, only those in the medical field (Career Management Field 91) will be in the test population, personnel officials said. Board members will review individual CMF 91 files on the ASBS as electronic files.

The board will review hard-copy records for NCOs in all other career management fields, officials said.

The board is scheduled to convene at the U.S. Army Enlisted Records and Evaluation Center in Indianapolis Oct. 1. It will review files for those being considered for promotion

to sergeant major and command sergeant major, and for those being considered for attendance at the Sergeants Major Course.

CMF 91 NCOs should review, update and sign their hardcopy enlisted record briefs and DA Form 2-1 to ensure the board has a current back-up record, personnel officials advised. They said NCOs can do this with servicing personnel offices as done in the past.

NCOs in the test population should also access their electronic promotion file via the EREC web site at www.erec.army.mil, officials advised. Once there on the site, CMF 91 NCOs will be able to access their records by clicking on "promotion file."

OMPFs should be reviewed for missing or incorrect information, officials advise. They said questions or changes to files can be made directly to EREC following the instructions provided on the EREC web site in the "Enlisted

Records Division/OMPF" portal.

Customer service representatives are available by calling 1-866-771-6357 or DSN 699-3361.

Official photos can be viewed by clicking the "photo" tab. EREC is in the process of scanning the current hardcopy photograph that is on file at EREC.

"We'll scan in approximately 500 photographs for the CMF 91 NCOs prior to the document cutoff date of Sept. 13," said Sgt. Maj. Deborah Seimer at EREC. The remaining photos will be hardcopy.

Regardless of career management field, all NCOs in the zone are asked to process the appropriate SGM/SMC declination statement or CSM acceptance/declination statement in the "statements" tab, officials said.

The first officer files that will test the automated selection process will be the Colonel

Army Medical command selection board which takes place from Jan. 21-31, officials said. They added that the next test board will be the Feb. 4 Captain AMEDD promotion selection board.

The U.S. Army Reserve Personnel Command in St. Louis began automated boards in February for Active-Guard-Reserve entrance boards, along with AGR company and battalion command selection boards, an AR-PERSCOM official said.

"Officers and non-commissioned officers alike will be notified to review their electronic file through Army Knowledge Online," said George Piccirilli, the director of the Management Support Division in U.S. Army Personnel Command. He said soldiers and officers will essentially validate their own promotion file that board members see. Electronic review of their performance file and photo online is key to the selection process, he said.



Pfc. Benjamin Delegarza, Alpha Battery, 2/180th Field Artillery, awaits instructions from Staff Sgt. Ioan Kellemen before making his descent from the 50-foot cliff at the Rappel Cliffs Rockshelter located at Garden Canyon Friday during confidence training.

Rappelling at Garden Canyon no cliffhanger

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

"Get up here Marsh! What are you doing down there still? You better get up here now," bellowed Staff Sgt. Ioan Kellemen, 2/180th Field Artillery rappel master and training non-commissioned officer. "I'm not playing with you Marsh. I'll be right up here waiting for you."

Some 55 feet below on ground sat Spc. Jason Marsh, Bravo Battery, 2/180th FA who was reluctant about participating in the Red Legs training event - rappelling the 50-foot cliff at Rappel Cliffs Rockshelter in Garden Canyon.

"I'm scared," Marsh said. "For one, it's a cliff, plus I'm scared of heights."

A few weeks prior the Red Legs trained at the rappel tower near Range Control and March had a bad experience rappelling.

Uneasy about coming down on the rope, Marsh possumed and swung upside down until Kellemen rescued him.

So on this day Kellemen was providing a calm presence for many of the soldiers who were scared to bound and rappel from the cliff, which was particularly assuring for Marsh.

"He knows what to say and doesn't put a lot of pressure on you," said Marsh, a 20-year-old Scottsdale, Ariz. native. "I knew if he was up there I'd be ok."

Indeed Marsh was ok as Kellemen guided him and the other Red Legs down the cliff with the patience of a father teaching his child how to ride a bicycle for the first time.

"This training is all about establishing the soldier's confidence in their equipment, confidence in themselves and confidence with their fellow soldiers," Kellemen said.

Although several soldiers sported Air Assault badges on their uniform, the opportunity to rappel from a cliff was a different challenge than they'd encountered.

Earning his badge while on active duty at Schofield Barracks in Hawaii, Sgt. Ernesto Nido, Bravo Battery, 2/180th FA looked forward to rappelling from the cliff.

"I've only rappelled from a helicopter and from towers," Nido said. "I never done this on active duty. This training we're doing today is something we don't get to do while in the Guard and something many active duty soldiers don't get to do as well. This was great."

As for Marsh, the experience was not as bad as his encounter on the rappel tower. He didn't possum and he successfully bound his way down the cliff with ease - of course with a little coddling from Kellemen.

"Going down was fun," Marsh said. "I'm still a little shaky, well more like paranoid. I'll go back up there again, but I need a few minutes to get my composure."

*Photos by Sgt. 1st Class
Donald Sparks*



Above: Spc. Jason Marsh, 2/180th FA receives assistance adjusting his Swiss rappel seat in preparation to rappel down the cliff. After some coddling, the 20-year-old Scottsdale, Ariz. native rappelled down the 50-foot cliff. Right: Sgt. Pedro Wolf, B Bty., 2/180th FA is the belay man for a soldier bounding down the cliff.



During the rappel training at the Rappel Cliffs Rockshelter the soldiers of the 2/180th FA learned various Air Assault instruction such as tying a Swiss rappel seat, hook-up techniques, belay procedures and conducting a rappel, as pictured above.

Non-citizen soldiers now eligible to become U. S. citizens

By Maj. Samuel Bettwy and 1st Lt. Meera Maheswaran
Legal Assistance Office

If you are a non-citizen soldier, now is a good time to become a U.S. citizen. On July 3, President Bush designated the time since September 11, 2001, to be a period of hostilities. That means that, under federal law, non-citizen soldiers who have served honorably at least one day of active duty since September 11, do not need to satisfy any residency or time-in-military requirements, and do not even need to have lawful immigration status to apply for U.S. citizenship.

As a soldier, becoming a U. S. Citizen is important for a variety of reasons. For example, you cannot become an Army officer unless you are a U.S. citizen. Moreover, if you are a career enlisted soldier, Army regulations require that you become a U.S. citizenship to stay in the Army.

"Naturalization" is the legal process of becoming a U.S. citizen by applying with the Immigration and Naturalization Service. To apply for naturalization, submit an application

to the INS on INS Form N-400, together with biographic information (INS Form G-325), fingerprint cards, photographs, and an application fee.

To prove your military status, submit a completed INS Form N-426. The INS will submit the completed form to the appropriate place (usually PERSCOM). Once the INS receives confirmation of your qualifying military service, it will schedule an interview at which an INS employee will verify that you are eligible to apply for naturalization and then administer a history test and an English test. If you pass the tests, you will be scheduled to take the oath of allegiance to the United States at a formal naturalization ceremony.

Normally you do not need a lawyer to help you with the naturalization application. To find more about the forms and procedures, visit this website: <https://www.perscomonline.army.mil/tagd/>, click on the letter "C" in "A-Z search," and scroll down to "Citizenship." You will also find useful forms and information at the INS's website: <http://www.ins.usdoj.gov/>.

The naturalization process can be long, but the INS will

usually expedite the applications of soldiers. When you apply, you should include a letter from your commander to the INS, asking for expedited handling of your application. It helps to include

a reason for expediting the process. If there are unusual delays in the application process, you should contact Legal Assistance.

This overview is intended to provide general information, and is not intended to be relied upon as a substitute for legal or financial advice.

(Active duty soldiers and their dependents can make appointments with an attorney by calling Fort Huachuca's Legal Assistance Office at 533-2009. Legal advice cannot be given over the phone.)



Courtesy INS website

White House accepting applications from NCOs, officers for Fellowships

Army News Service Release

An officer assigned to Korea has been selected to be a White House Fellow beginning in September, and applications for next year are now being accepted by the U.S. Total Army Personnel Command.

Maj. Barry K. Williams, until recently assigned to the 2nd Engineer Brigade in Camp Howze, Korea, will serve at the White House for a year. He will write speeches, help review and draft proposed legislation, answer congressional inquiries, chair meetings, conduct briefings, and otherwise assist high-level government officials.

Williams was selected by the President's Commission on White House Fellows, and will work with senior White House officials, cabinet secretaries, or other deputies.

Currently, Maj. Rich Morales, an armor officer, is working at the White House as a fellow. He encourages officers and noncommissioned officers to consider applying for the program.

"This year provided me an amazing opportunity to develop both personally and professionally," Morales said. He is one of only three active-duty military fellows alongside

nine civilian professionals from academia, business, medicine, law, and the diplomatic community. Williams will replace Morales in September.

Former Army White House Fellows include Secretary of State Colin Powell, retired Gen. Wesley Clark, retired Brig. Gen. Pete Dawkins, and the current superintendent at West Point, Lt. Gen. Bill Lennox.

Eligible Army officers and NCOs must first request and receive permission from their assignment officer prior to competing, according to Army Personnel Command officials.

The last day for nominations for next year is Jan. 16. The final selection of fellows by the White House Commission is scheduled for June 2003. The fellowship year begins in September 2003 and ends August 2004.

Noncommissioned officers who wish to



White House photo

President George W. Bush meets with Maj. Rich Morales and other White House Fellows in the Oval Office.

apply must meet certain eligibility criteria. They must be a U.S. citizen; not have more than 22 years of active-Army service as of September 2003; and if serving in recruiting or drill-sergeant duty, it must be scheduled to be completed no later than the start of the fellowship. Also, soldiers serving as advisers to the reserve component must be scheduled to finish their tour no later than the start of the fellowship.

Additionally, NCOs must have completed appropriate noncommissioned officer education programs for grade and years of service; must be able to complete the full fellowship and a two-year follow-on utilization assignment; and not be pending any Uniform Code of Military Justice action. While competing for a White House fellow, they may not apply for any other Army sponsored program, fellowship or scholarship.

All NCOs must meet Army height and weight requirements; hold the rank of sergeant first class or higher; and have a graduate degree. Eligible NCOs must submit a Department of the Army Form 4187 requesting permission to compete for the White House Fellowship Program.

The application must be: signed and approved by a colonel or above in their chain of command; and enclosed with a current copy of DA Form 2A and 2-1; copy of last five evaluation reports; copy of college transcripts; and current military photo.

Officers must also be a U.S. citizen and not have more than 19 active-federal-commissioned years of service as of September 2003. Warrant Officers must have no more than 24 active warrant officer service years and other than regular Army warrant officers must have no more than 16 active-federal-service years as of September 2003.

Eligible officers interested in becoming a fellow must submit a DA Form 4187 to their career assignment officer at PERSCOM no later than Jan. 16, 2003.

The specifics for applying can be found at <https://www.perscom.army.mil/opfamacs/FELLOWS11.htm>.

AGD wastes no time to readjust promotion points

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

Prior to the U.S. Army Personnel Command's official announcement of the change in promotion points awarded to Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course graduates, the Fort Huachuca Adjutant General Directorate was ready to assist promotable sergeants with their promotion packets.

"We already identified all the sergeants who would be affected by the new scale," said Jeannette Newell, chief, Actions, Promotions, In/Out Processing at AGD. "Our office did not want to wait around and try to recalculate points, so we were proactive in screening each record."

Newell's office reviewed each soldier's DA 3355 (Promotion Point worksheet) and adjusted his or her promotion points to reflect the change. For some soldiers it was a reduction in points, but for most it was an increase

in points.

After the adjustment of points every E-5 promotable on Fort Huachuca with completion of BNCOC will be eligible for promotion for the October promotion cutoff zone.

"This new policy is going to upset a lot of people, but it's also going to help many soldiers," Newell said. "By plugging just 40 points for BNCOC completion, we don't have to worry about making an error when calculating a soldier's points week by week."

A total of 17 soldiers are affected on the fort by the new policy.

Newell mentioned the policy change is fair across the board for all sergeants trying to get promoted to staff sergeant and doesn't discriminate against a soldier because of their military occupational specialty.

"BNCOC is BNCOC regardless of MOS," Newell said. "For example, if a sergeant's BNCOC is only five weeks, they would have received only 20 points compared to a sergeant whose school is up to a year or longer and would receive more points."

As a result of the change, Newell mentioned only four soldiers on the installation will be losing points, but she advised those soldiers should not panic.

"If a soldier lost a substantial amount of points, they can still add on in other areas such as military education by taking correspondence courses," Newell said. "Again, the new system is going to benefit all across the board Army-wide."



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks

Job well done

Maj. Darryl Verrett, U.S. Army Garrison commandant, places a Fort Huachuca streamer on the guidon of the 2/180th Field Artillery, Army National Guard unit commemorating their service to the installation at a farewell ceremony Wednesday at Brown Parade Field.

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there's no room for interpretation, Scott said.

Some soldiers may have the perception that they are going to lose points because their particular BNCOC is longer than 10 weeks, said Sgt. Major Gerald Purcell, personnel policy integrator with the Army's G1.

"That's not true. The point system will be applicable to every soldier in the MOS, and the cut-off score will reflect that," he said.

Soldiers will still be competing against others in their MOS, and everyone in that MOS will have 40 points, Scott added.

The soldiers most greatly affected are ones who are in MOSs that have merged, such as some in the medical field, and those that are planning to merge under the imple-

mentation of ADS XXI initiatives, which was designed to consolidate MOSs with similar functions, Purcell said.

Last year several medical skills were combined under the umbrella 91W. After the merge, some soldiers had promotion points based on a 12-week BNCOC course while others had points based on an eight-week course.

Other potential merges include personnel administrative specialists (75B) and personnel services specialists (75H) who would be renamed as 42A.

It's also been proposed to merge light-wheel vehicle mechanics (63B), heavy-wheel vehicle mechanics (63S) and wheel-vehicle repairers (63W).

While the wheel-vehicle repairers would lose 32 points if the merger goes through,

each of the soldiers, who would be competing between one another for promotion, would receive the same number of promotion points for BNCOC completion.

This eliminates inequities based solely on their BNCOC course length, Purcell said.

"We're treating BNCOC as an equal element. So as we merge similar MOSs, no one is at a disadvantage," Purcell said.

In July all Personnel Support Battalions began converting the BNCOC points, and adjusting promotion points. Soldiers will not have to do anything, Purcell said.



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks

Sgt. Paul Wilke, Company A, 304th Military Intelligence Battalion, checks his promotion points with John Julian, promotion clerk. All sergeants graduating BNCOC will receive 40 points instead of five per week of course length.

Community Updates

Fort Huachuca Conservation Committee

The quarterly meeting of the Fort Huachuca Conservation Committee will be held Aug. 21 in the Greely Hall Auditorium in Room 1215 of Building 61801, from 10-11:30 a.m. The Fort Huachuca Installation Commander, Brig. Gen. James "Spider" A. Marks, will speak at the Conservation Committee.

This quarterly meeting will provide updates on several local natural resources and conservation programs including current activities on Fort Huachuca, the Upper San Pedro Partnership, U.S. Forest Service activities, and Bureau of Land Management SPRNCA activities.

The program for this meeting will be a presentation on Endangered Fish Management at San Bernardino and Leslie Canyon National Wildlife Refuges, which are located in Cochise County. The Program speaker will be Bill Radke, Refuge Manager for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. For additional information, call Robert Bridges at 533-1863.

BSEP Class

The Education center will sponsor a Basic Education Skills Program class which will begin Sept. 9 and end Sept. 20. The class will run from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. daily with emphasis placed on English and math skills. A pre-test will be administered at 7:15 a.m., the first day of class.

A post-test and general/technical predictor will be given Sept. 19 and an Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery test will be administered Sept. 20. This is a great opportunity to participate in a class that is rarely given due to budget constraints. Raise your GT score and increase your re-enlistment possibilities!

For more information e-mail Bob Campbell robert.campbell@hua.army.mil or call 533-5690.

ASMC Luncheon

On Aug 21, the American Society of Military Comptrollers will hold its monthly business luncheon at 11:30 a.m. in the La Hacienda Community Club. The featured speaker is Lt. Col. Carey who will speak on Enduring Freedom.

Carey is currently assigned as the Officer In Charge of the Headquarters Department of the Army CIO/CG Operations Cell at USA Network Enterprise Technology Command-NCR. Prior to this assignment, he was the 504th Signal Battalion commander. During this presentation, he will share his knowledge and experience on the current military deployment, Enduring Freedom.

The lunch menu will be buffet and salad bar. Cost is \$9 for ASMC members and \$10 for non-members. To make reservations and purchase tickets, ASMC members and

guests should contact organizational representatives or buy them at the door. Members of the public are welcome to attend. For further information contact Linda Guinter at 456-2961.

Scholarships available

The Naval Science Historically Black Colleges and Universities National Reserve Officer Training Corps Scholarship program has 120 scholarships available that need to be filled!

The scholarships are no longer race based. Everyone is invited to participate. If you know of any young men and women who might be interested, please get the word out at churches and any other organizations you affiliate with. This is an opportunity for a four year scholarship!

All HBCU's that host NROTC units will provide these scholarships.

The schools are:
Southern University
Morehouse College
Spellman University
Morris Brown University
Hampton University
Norfolk State University
Florida A&M University
Savannah State University,
and Prairie View A&M.

There are 120 scholarships available in all, but they must be filled prior to August 2002. Only two are filled, 118 scholarships remain. Contact Craig Krusemark, educational advisor for the Fort Huachuca Educational Center at 533-2047 for more information.

Summer gospel revival

The Fort Huachuca community is invited to attend the Kino Gospel Protestant Service Summer Revival, Aug. 21-23 and 25. Pastor Felix Gilbert, senior pastor of Restoration Christian Fellowship, in Aurora, Col. and former senior pastor of Saint Paul Missionary Baptist Church in Sierra Vista, will be the guest speaker and teacher. The theme is "Step back and let God do it."

The revival begins at 7 p.m., Aug. 21-23 and 9:20 a.m., Aug. 25 at Kino Avenue Chapel on Fort Huachuca. Each service will be preceded by musical selections from community choirs.

For more information, contact Chaplain (Maj.) Garry Dale at 533-2366.

Language lab has moved

The Military Intelligence Foreign Language Center, commonly referred to as the Language Lab, is in its new home and open for business.

The Language Lab moved from its past location in Alvarado Hall to O'Neil Hall (Building 61809), room 175. Video Teleconferencing language classes will be conducted

in the Fort Huachuca Distance Learning Center in room 1046, Classroom 1 at Greely Hall (Building 61801).

All Defense Language Proficiency Testing will be conducted at O'Neil Hall in room 230 every Monday and Thursday from 7:30-11:30 a.m.

The point of contact for any questions pertaining to the movement of the language lab is Sgt. 1st Class Mark Stephens at 533-2360. Stephens can be located in room 253 at O'Neil Hall. The VTC classes in Greely Hall contact is Kermit Robinson at 533-9476.

Recreation relocation

The Recreation Services Division and the Marketing Division of Directorate of Community Activities have relocated to temporary offices in the Jack Rabbit room of the Murr Community Center from MWR Rents.

All of the phone numbers will remain the same, as well as email. To visit us, please use the Cushing Street entrance, there you will find two large double doors with MWR Logos on them. The following employees are located there:

Lewis Onley, chief, Recreation Services Division, 533-2374; Paula German, DCA Marketing Director, 538-0836; Sue Higgins, RSD Admin, 538-1690; James Thomas, Special Events, 533-3354; Wendell Hurlock, DCA Commercial Sponsorship Manager, 533-1351; Spc. Erika Pueschold (Rigdon), Special Events, 533-2947; June Bishop, DCA Marketing, 533-4471.

WANTED:

Children for military contest

We invite the children of active duty and retired military personnel, National Guard and Reservists, law enforcement officers, fire and rescue personnel, Department of Defense and federal workers to submit their original artwork to the 2002 Reflections on Hope and Courage Art Contest for Children and Young Adults.

The contest, sponsored by the DoD's Deployment Health Clinical Center at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, is being held in conjunction with a national conference on risk communication and terrorism and activities to commemorate the anniversary of Sept. 11.

Hurry, the deadline for submitting entries is Aug. 23. If your child is between 6 and 18 years of age, have them enter and compete for wonderful prizes and the chance to receive national recognition for their work. For more information and to obtain an entry form, visit www.PDHealth.mil or call (202) 782-6563; DSN: 662.

Mirage:

Call for literary, arts submissions

Cochise College is now accepting sub-

missions for the 2003 *Mirage* literary and arts magazine. The deadline is Sept. 1.

Submissions of artwork, photographs, short stories, poetry and essays are sought from Cochise County residents and Cochise College students. Contributors will take part in a reception upon publication of the 2003 issue. Past issues of the *Mirage*, as well as submission guidelines, may be viewed online at www.cochise.edu.

The *Mirage* will be produced this fall by students enrolled in Journalism 257/English 257 - Literary Magazine Production. To obtain detailed submission guidelines or to find out more about serving on the *Mirage* staff, call 515-0500 or (800) 966-7943.

Generation Revelation rally

This year's biggest youth Christian rally, Generation Revelation is being held and sponsored by One Heart Ministries. This year's theme is "Regeneration."

There will be awesome Christian bands playing, a great block party to kick the rally off (with a rock wall, laser tag, and all kinds of games and a barbecue if you get there early enough).

The speaker for this year is Aaron Dailey, and just like last year the "All Star Praise Band" is going to lead the worship.

It's open to youth from junior high through college and is going to be an awesome time!

Generation Revelation will be happening through Friday at First Baptist Church in Sierra Vista, located on the corner of 7th Street and Golf Links at 1447 South 7th St.

We are having this event to get kids acquainted with God. Have you ever actually sat and listened to how amazing God is? Don't let another year go by without hearing about Him. It's not like your grandma and grandpa's church meeting. This is different!

Insurance benefits

A representative for the Arizona Blue Cross/Blue Shields will be available to answer your questions pertaining to insurance benefits Wednesday from 9-11 a.m. in Room 3, at the Murr Recreation Center.

If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact Eva M. Dixon at 533-5735.

Stress reduction class

The next stress reduction class will be presented on the following Wednesdays: Aug. 14, 21, and 28, from 1:30 to 4 p.m. These three sessions make up one class. The class is open to active duty, dependents, retirees, and civilians. It's held on the second floor of the Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center in the conference room.

If interested, call 538-0625. Leave your name, duty phone, and message regarding the class on our voicemail, or with the person who answers the phone.

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Community Events Calendar

To add items to the calendar, call the Central Community Coordinator at 533-6970.

School begins!!

Huachuca City/Tombstone District on August 8, for Fort Huachuca Accommodation Aug. 14 and for Sierra Vista District Aug. 19

• **The Vigilantes at the Heildorado Set in Tombstone beginning at 1 p.m.** **11**

• San Pedro Kwanis 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. **12**

• **PWOC Bible Study from 9:30 - 11 a.m. at MPC. Childcare is available for children 5 and under on a first come basis to ID card holders. Class is also available for school age children.**
• **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 Café 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. **13**

• La Salida Del Sol Lions meet at Thunder Mountain Inn at 6:45 a.m. Call Lee at 378-1399 for details.
• SV Chess Club meets at Peter Piper Pizza at 7 p.m.
• **Protestant Youth Program "Teen Desert Disciples" meet at 7 p.m. Call Chaplain Jesse King at 533-6731 for details.** **14**

• SV Optimist Club meets at 6:30 a.m. at the Landmark Café. 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. **15**

• **Rollerskating at Youth Services, Bldg. 49013 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Call 533-3205 for details.** **16**

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• **SV Parks & Leisure is sponsoring Air Hockey Tournament at the YC beginning at 3 p.m. This event is free and open to youth ages 11-17 years of age. Call 459-4377 for info.** **21**

• Early release for Ft. Huachuca schools, Myer Kindergarten at 1:20 p.m., grades 4&5 at 1:30 p.m. and Johnston grades 1-3 at 1:15 p.m. and Smith grades 6-8 at 1:40 p.m.
• 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.
• The Employment Assistance Program of Army Community Service is sponsoring a "Interviewing Workshop" from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Call Roberta Sipes at 533-6870 for info and to register. **22**

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MCC = Murr Community Center

MPC = Main Post Chapel

OYCC = Oscar Yrun Community Center

Army Family Team Building classes and information at Murr Community Center, 533-3686 or 533-2330

What you should know about medical authorizations, referrals

Tricare News release

The TRICARE authorization and referral process can be hard to understand, but TriWest Healthcare Alliance is committed to helping make the process easier to grasp.

This article is the second in a three-part series designed to explain the authorization and referral process and help answer many of your most frequently asked questions.

The third installment in this series, which will be published soon, will answer even more of your questions and provide you with additional resources. (This informational series is also available online in the beneficiary section of www.triwest.com.)

Frequently asked questions about authorizations and referrals:

1. *I'm a Prime beneficiary with a great primary care manager, but he doesn't specialize in my condition. How can I see a specialist?*

If your health status requires care that your PCM cannot provide, he or she will refer you to a specialist who can best meet your needs. Your PCM will write the referral and coordinate the request for referral through your local TRICARE Service Center (TSC). If your local military treatment facility (MTF) is equipped to handle your condition, you will be referred there first.

2. *After I receive a referral for care, what do I do next? receiving the referral from my PCM?*

If you will be seen by a specialist outside of the MTF, you will receive a referral letter ("Authorization for Specialty Appointment") containing the following information:

- details about the specialist,
- the specific number of visits approved, and
- the specific time frame during which those visits must take place.

After receiving the letter, you may make an appointment with the specialist (or call/visit the TSC for help scheduling the appointment). Keep in mind that referrals are only valid for 60 days. If you are unable to see the specialist within that time frame, you must go back to your PCM for a second referral. **Note:** For mental health referrals, you will **not** receive a letter. Rather, a mental health specialist will contact you to coordinate your referral for care.

3. *After my PCM requests the referral, how long will it be before I receive the letter?*

It should typically take less than 10 business days. However, if you do not receive any notification within 10 days, contact your local TSC.

4. *How long can I expect to wait for specialty care after*

TRICARE's goal is for you to have your specialty appointment within four weeks of a referral being issued. However, your PCM can direct that a specialty appointment occur within a different time frame, depending on the situation.

5. *The specialist I was referred to thinks I should see another provider. How do I get a referral to see another specialist?*

To see a different specialist, you need to make another appointment with your PCM to discuss the situation and receive a second referral for care—or, the referring provider can contact your PCM to coordinate the second referral.

Keep in mind, however, that it is important that your PCM is involved in this process, because he or she is responsible for helping ensure your continuity of care.

If your original specialist thinks you should see someone else who is better suited to help you, discuss this with your PCM and he or she will refer you to the second specialist and note the pertinent information in your medical file.

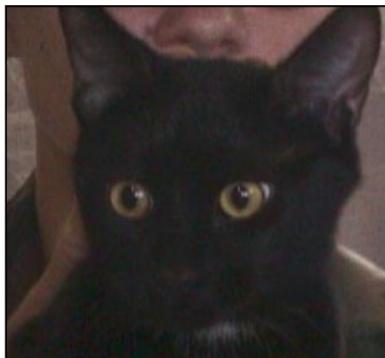
Additional answers to your authorization and referral questions will be addressed in part three of this educational series.

For more information visit www.triwest.com, your local TSC or call 1-888-TRIWEST.

Pets of the Week



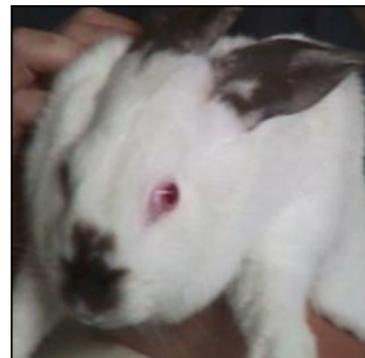
I am a happy 16-month old, black and white pitbull mix, named Rain. I love to play with children, and get along with other animals. I am housebroken and very well behaved. My adoption fee is \$42, and with it I would get spayed, microchipped, a heartworm test. I would make a welcome addition to your home, and you would never regret choosing me.



Hi, I'm Beauty, a frisky black one-year-old cat. I am very playful and affectionate too. I would love to go home with you today. All you need is \$42 I'll get my vaccinations for this year, microchipped, spayed, a leukemia test, and a deworming.



I am a shy, well behaved white American pitbull mix named Bayou. I am very attentive and love to cuddle. I can play with small children because I am so gentle. I would really like to have a family again, so come adopt me and I can be yours. All you need is \$22, because I have been neutered, microchipped, and vaccinated for this year. All I need to get done is a heartworm test and a deworming.



Did you ever consider getting a rabbit? Well if you did, I'm right here ready and waiting to go home with you. My name is Bug, and I am a black and white male rabbit. I'm pretty calm and love to be held. My adoption fee is only \$15, so I am very reasonable.

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.