

Jazz in the park
See Page B1



The Fort Huachuca Scout



Vol. 48, NO. 23 Published in the interest of Fort Huachuca personnel and their families June 13, 2002

Scout reports

e-mail: thescout@hua.army.mil
website: huachuca-www.army.mil/USAG/PAO

Army birthday celebration

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

The celebration will take place Friday at 11:30 a.m. in the main ballroom of the LakeSide Activity Centre.

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

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

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

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

WOA Monthly Luncheon

The Warrant Officers Association, Arizona Silver Chapter, will hold its monthly professional development luncheon meeting on Tuesday, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Fort Huachuca's La Hacienda Club. USAWOA welcomes all active, guard, reserve or retired Army warrant officers, their spouses and guests.

You do not have to be a current USAWOA member to attend. USAWOA is the only military association with exclusive focus on matters of importance to Army warrant officers and their families. Come help us to help you!

For more information contact chapter Secretary Warrant Officer Wilmer Acevedo at 520/538-6842 or e-mail waceved@msn.com.

Father's Day Special Buffet

Bring Dad for a He-Man Menu at the LakeSide Activity Centre on Sunday. The menu features the traditional carving station with savory steamship round.

Also a bountiful buffet complete with grilled BBQ salmon with prickly pear sauce, tasty turkey legs, blackened chicken breast with red pepper sauce, zesty peppered smoked pork ribs, vegetable especial, au gratin potatoes, LakeSide Benedict's, hearty pastries, croissants, breads and a delicious salad bar.

The ever-so-popular omelet bar will be available for your cooked-to-order omelets, then stop by the fruit and cheeses display and the healthy juice bar for more refreshing additions to your meal.

Last stop is at the dessert bar where a slice of heaven is right at your fingertips.

Adults are \$14.95; children \$7.95 and children under 4 years of age are free! For more information and to make your reservations call 533-2194.

Resume Writing Workshop

Army Community Services is holding a one-day resume writing workshop June 20, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., with a break for lunch.

It is hands-on instruction on writing a traditional, internet and Resumix version of your resume, plus a whole lot more!

Please call 533-6870 for a reservation as class size is limited.

Teen drowns in post pond



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks

A diver from the Cochise County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue team emerges from LakeSide Pond during recovery efforts.

Scout reports

A family member of a Fort Huachuca soldier was found dead of an apparent drowning Sunday at the LakeSide Pond behind the LakeSide Activity Centre.

David M. Heckman, 14, is the son of Chief Warrant Officer Michael H. and Petra Heckman. Heckman, post food advisor, is assigned to Company D, 306th Military Intelligence Battalion.

"This is an unimaginable tragedy," said Col. Michael W. Boardman, U.S. Army Garrison commander. "Our thoughts are with the Heckman family and I ask that you keep them in your prayers," Boardman said.

Fort Huachuca military police and firefighters responded immediately to a 911 call at approximately 7:30 a.m. from a witness who

See TEEN, Page 6

Post soldiers affected by Army's Stop Loss program

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

Earlier this year Sgt. 1st Class Mark Kuproski, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison, was walking with his retirement orders in hand and making plans for life after the Army.

Those plans came to an abrupt end Feb. 8 when the Army announced his military occupational specialty, communications interceptor, as part of the Stop-Loss 3.

"Because I wasn't so close to my retirement, I wasn't as bummed out, but I was disappointed to get my orders rescinded," Kuproski said.

On June 6, his retirement plans were set back in motion as the Army announced a fourth increment to the Stop-Loss program. The program allows the Army to retain soldiers in certain specialties beyond their date of separation or retirement for an open-ended period.

Those affected by the order generally cannot voluntarily separate from service as long as reserves are called to active duty or until otherwise by proper authority.

"I'm a happy camper now," Kuproski said regarding the newest announcement. "I'll be able to retire on schedule and prepare as originally planned."

Kuproski isn't the only Fort Huachuca soldier affected by the latest change to the program. According to Ted Hartman, chief Personnel Services Division, more than 260 soldiers on post (all MOSS) affected by the stop-loss program and Stop-Loss 4 directly affected 63 soldiers.

"Of those 260-plus soldiers, it doesn't imply that all of them wanted to go home," Hartman said. "Only about one-fifth of those soldiers wanted to retire."

For those soldiers who planned to retire prior to Stop-Loss, Hartman said the new announcement now allows those soldiers to jump-start their retirement plans again.

"Now the retirees can plan for their future," Hartman said. "Before Stop-Loss started, many of these soldiers had a lot of resumes out and job opportunities. Of course, many of those got cancelled because the military service comes first. Now that the Stop-Loss 4 has come into effect, they can pursue the old resume and see if they'll still have the same job opportunity."

Not every soldier who requested retirement prior to stop loss has to pursue retirement. If a

See ARMY, Page 6



Courtesy photo by Sgt. Jason Passanita

A truck owned by Asphalt Eagle is covered in flames along Rucker and Meyer Streets. One person was injured with first-degree burns as a result of the accident. The incident is under investigation.

Truck fire forces housing evacuation

One person injured, taken to local hospital for first-degree burns

By Sgt. Jessica Inigo
Time Out Editor

An Asphalt Eagle contract-owned truck engulfed in flames on Rucker and Meyer Streets prompted military police to evacuate residents from their homes and send the driver to the Sierra Vista Emergency Room for minor first-degree burns Friday.

The truck, carrying a propane tank that ignited, was completely burned, though it is not known how the fire started, according to Sgt. Justin Smith, military police patrol supervisor.

"All traffic patrol got out here pretty quickly and set up traffic control points to ensure safety. Military police kept people out of the area, ensured roads were blocked and cleared people out of quarters," Smith said.

Firefighters from Fort Huachuca's Fire Station 2 arrived on the scene to stop the fire. Engineers properly trained in firefighting and hazardous material controlled the scene.

"First we cooled off the propane tank, which could have exploded, causing more fire and damage. Then we stopped the tires from burning, moved to the cab and made sure everything was out.

"We cut off the power from the battery to the vehicle with wire cutters and ensured the fire under the truck, caused by the gas line, was completely out," said Ron Castro, Fire Station 2 engineer. "After that was all done we completed a secondary survey to ensure the fire was completely out."

Castro explained if the fire had been anywhere different than the sandy construction site area, it might have been a worse situation. "If it had started near some brush, it could have easily started a brush fire," he said.

While watching television in his home, Sgt. Jason Passanita, 18th Military Police Detachment, was alarmed by the screams of his wife witnessing eight-foot flames blazing from the top of the truck.

"The fire was 25 to 30 yards from my house," Passanita said. "I tried to put the fire out with my water hose until the firefighters arrived on the scene. We're lucky the wind was blowing in a different direction or the fire would have burned a nearby utility pole."

The driver of the vehicle, whose name has not been released, was taken by ambulance for emergency care.

Christopher Higgins, All Star contractor, guaranteed the environment would be cleaned and protected from all incidental propane that remained in the area.

"We'll get the area back to normal," Higgins said.

This incident remains under investigation.

Team Talk

TEAM TALK

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

We hope you all are taking advantage of your summer vacations. Take a trip, lounge at the pool, relax with friends and family, but whatever you do, please do it safely. We can't stress enough the importance of paying attention to what you do and how you're doing it, whether it's sports, leisure time, or entertainment. It's up to each of you to reduce safety risks and be responsible for yourselves and your families.

We recently had a terrible fishing accident down by the LakeSide Activity Centre that brought the hopes and dreams of a young teenager to an untimely end. We all pray this is the last tragedy we suffer here on Fort Huachuca, and I ask that we all stay vigilant, especially during this summer's increased recreational activities.

By now, I'm sure you're all aware that we've closed the canyons on Fort Huachuca to all vehicle, foot, horse, and bicycle traffic because of the extreme fire danger. We understand this impacts all of you who like to get up into the hills for recreation and leisure, but we simply had no other choice than to close these areas until moisture levels increase and the fire risk is reduced. All it takes right now is one stray spark – or one cigarette ember – to start another major conflagration that could burn off thousands more acres of vegetation and possibly destroy homes, work places, or our precious historic sites. The restricted areas will be patrolled, and the closure strictly enforced. Thanks for your cooperation.

A couple other events to mark on your calendars: The LakeSide staff did an absolutely superb job with their delicious grande buffet on Mother's Day. Now, families wanting to celebrate Father's Day in similar fashion will have the opportunity; LakeSide will host a Father's Day grande buffet on Sunday, June 16. Be sure to

make reservations, since this is sure to be a popular event.

Don't forget – the ever-popular MGD Army Concert Tour is coming Saturday, June 22. This concert, featuring Evan and Jaron, Dishwalla, and Styx, will be one the whole family can enjoy. The Directorate of Community Activities always does a superb job booking the entertainers and overseeing the whole event. We also want to recognize the hundreds of staff and volunteers who take care of things like safety and security, communications and phone lines, airfield and hangar set-up, publicity, water, parking, food service, and clean-up. Thanks to you all! Be sure to come out and join us for this great entertainment.



Tomorrow we celebrate both Flag Day and Army Birthday. Our Army was born June 14, 1775 – one year before the founding of our country. Congress officially established the design of the first American flag on June 14, 1777.

Wherever we are – anywhere in the world – we are at home when we see the red, white, and blue flying overhead. Our flag is a symbol of loss and sacrifice, pride and honor, hope and perseverance. You soldiers are the muscle that upholds this great flag.

The American soldier has always been there for this country, from our beginnings on the village green of Lexington, to the hallowed ground of Gettysburg, the murderous beaches of Normandy, the sands of the Persian Gulf and, now, the mountains and plains of Afghanistan.

Born during our nation's extraordinary fight for independence, the U.S. Army and our national colors continue to watch over America during both peace and war. Together, they represent the strengths and ideals of our democracy. We mustn't ever take for granted these things we cherish – like our flag and our Army – because, especially as we have been reminded this past year, freedom isn't free.

Letter to the Editor

Letter to the Editor:

I'm writing this letter to clarify a few points made in the "Post water conservation efforts still top priority" article in the June 6 issue of *The Fort Huachuca Scout*.

Most of us have taken the availability of abundant fresh water as a given. Here in the high desert, we can't afford that luxury.

Fort Huachuca expends significant resources on water conservation initiatives, to comply with the Endangered Species Act. Each of us needs to pay conscious attention to our individual and collective water use.

As the fort prepares to consult with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in compliance with the ESA, it's important to remember that everyone has a crucial role in conservation at Fort Huachuca.

We're confident we can continue to decrease the water usage, but only with strong participation by fort residents and employees (like me) who live off post. While decreasing water use is the fort's responsibility, we appreciate the outstanding support received from the city of Sierra Vista.

In the last five years, several million dollars' worth of conservation technology has been installed throughout the fort. Most of the easy conservation measures have been implemented.

Now, more than ever, conservation should be a reflection of the serious personal commitments of each resident and employee to help keep the fort in compliance with this federal law.

There are two installation policies that provide guidelines for conservation.

In addition, the Water Wise Education Program will provide free training to units, organizations and family housing residents. The program also provides "water audits," personalized plans for conserving water, for Army Family Housing residents. Call 538-SAVE to set your audit up today.

At home and at work, residents and employees can help in the water conservation efforts.

Organizations having car washes on post

must do so in the Thrift Shop parking lot. This parking lot has grates to recapture the water so it can be reused on Chaffee Parade Field and Mountain View Golf Course.

Other ways car wash participants can help conserve is to use trigger grip water nozzles and buckets of soapy water with sponges to reduce waste. Best of all, offer a "conservation wash" by providing Windex window cleaning for a donation.

A recent policy change to save water on post is to replace evaporative coolers with refrigerated air-conditioning, the same type of AC most people use in the more humid parts of the United States. (Evaporative coolers blow air across wet pads cooling the hot dry air coming into buildings, using water in the process.)

The new Army Family Housing projects around post will have regular AC, as will office and administrative spaces designed after the policy change. The new construction will also have more insulation so that electricity costs don't increase too much.

These initiatives along with continued aggressive water leak repairs; demolition of old infrastructure, the Water Wise program, and the reduced irrigation schedules, help to account for lower water usage.

The Army has been a steward of the land here since 1877. Sustaining the land we defend is a vital component of the Army heritage, and critical to our part of the Army's mission. Fort Huachuca management will continue to work with partners and neighbors in the community to seek out aggressive ways and innovative technologies to conserve water.

Just as our nation's security depends on Fort Huachuca's mission, now more than ever, our installation's future is related to how well we, as individuals and as a team, manage every gallon of water under our control.

Gretchen Kent
Physical Scientist
National Environmental Policy Act
Coordinator

Soldiers' Lawyer

The Basics of Renters Insurance

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

While federal claims statutes can compensate soldiers for personal property losses resulting from household goods shipments and on-post thefts, fires, vandalism, and other unusual occurrences, the law limits what the JAG

Office can pay. Renters Insurance is vital to fill in the gaps not covered by the law.

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

Renters insurance typically covers losses to your personal property from a wide variety of perils, which may well be more coverage that the JAG Office can provide.

For example, the JAG Claims Office may not be able to pay for losses due to power surges or lightning strikes.

Due to their frequency in this area during the mon-

soon season, the law expects soldiers to use surge protectors to protect delicate items.

Renters Insurance typically covers both power surges and lightning damages regardless of any actions a claimant does not take.

What would you have done if your family was displaced by the Ryan fire?

Another common benefit of Renters Insurance is pay-

See **LAWYER**, page 7

Scout on the Street

What are the things that make your father special?



Because he loves me and when I really need help with something, he helps me.

Tasha Saffo, 9



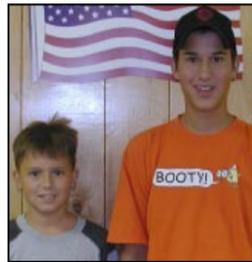
Everything is special about him; when I need help with something he's always there.

Pierre Morris, 12



My dad helps me out with my homework, I love him and he loves me.

Rachael Thompson, 11



He's really cool, he does a lot of things. We play paint ball and shoot arrows. He paints models with us. We work on the car together.

Eric Lambert, 14 and
Jared Lambert, 12



What makes my dad cool is that he's funny and he likes taking us to the mall in Phoenix.

Jeanine Whitehead, 10



If I can't reach something he can always reach it.

Jonathan Williams, 12

Photos by Angelica Pequeño

The Fort Huachuca Scout

This newspaper is an authorized publication for members of the U.S. Army. Contents of *The Fort Huachuca Scout* are not necessarily the official views of, or endorsed by the U.S. Government, Department of Defense, Department of the Army or the U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca.

It is published weekly, except Christmas and New Years, using desktop publishing by the Public Affairs Office, U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca, Fort Huachuca, AZ 85613-6000. Printed circulation: 8,200.

All editorial content of *The Fort Huachuca Scout* is prepared, edited, provided and approved by the PAO. *The Fort Huachuca Scout* is printed by Five

Star Publishing, Ltd., 1835 Paseo San Luis, Sierra Vista, AZ, 85635, a private firm in no way connected with DA, under exclusive written contract with the U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca. The civilian printer is responsible for all advertising.

Editorial material for publication should be submitted to Commander, USAIC&FH, ATTN: ATZS-PA (*The Fort Huachuca Scout*), Fort Huachuca, AZ, 85613-6000. The PAO reserves the right to edit all material submitted for publication.

Everything advertised in this publication shall be made available for purchase, use or patronage without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital status, physical handicap, political affiliation or any other nonmerit factor of the purchaser, user or patron. If a violation or rejection of this equal opportu-

nity policy by an advertiser is confirmed, the printer shall refuse to print advertising from that source until the violation is corrected.

The appearance of advertising in this publication, including inserts or supplements, does not constitute endorsement by the Department of the Army or Five Star Publishing, Ltd., of the products or services advertised.

Copies of *The Fort Huachuca Scout* are available to members of the commander's internal audience for a \$3 per month postage and handling fee upon approval of the PAO.

Periodical postage paid at Sierra Vista, Ariz., and additional mailing offices. USPS 684-730. **POSTMASTER:** Send address changes to Five Star Publishing, P.O. Box 1119, Sierra Vista, AZ 85636.

To submit stories or inquiries, call (520) 533-1987,

DSN 821-1987 or fax (520) 533-1280. For advertising, call (520) 458-3340 or fax (520) 458-9338.

Command Staff
Publisher/Commanding General.....BG James A. Marks
Garrison Commander.....COL Michael Boardman
Public Affairs Officer.....LTC Marian R. Hansen
Command Information Officer.....Stan Williamson
NCOIC.....SFC Donald Sparks
Editorial Staff
News Editor.....SGT Sharron Stewart
Time Out Editor.....SGT Jessica Inigo

Printer's Staff
Co-owners.....Rebecca Ramsey & Mark L. Evans
Production Assistant.....Angelica Pequeño
Photojournalist.....Katherine Goode

Key to outdoor fun is preparation, protection

By Sgt. Jessica Inigo
Time Out Editor

Summertime means outdoor activities are on the rise on Fort Huachuca.

With skateboard ramps, hiking trails, and sun shinny days, families can hit the road – and it's not always softly.

Children can easily be hurt when enjoying outdoor activities during their school break. Safety needs to be foremost during a season when parents aren't home and children have nothing but time.

Besides the basics of knowing where your child is going, with who and how long, parents should also provide safety precautions for every outing, including the family ones.

Three factors greatly affect a fine summer's day, according to Bruce V. Heran, safety manager, the environment, the equipment and our individual attitudes and behavior.

"Twenty-five percent of safety accidents are caused just by the type of environment we're in, equipment makes up the other 25 percent, and our individual behaviors and attitudes cause the other half of recreational accidents we're involved in," Heran said.

Most summertime recreational activities take place outside, which leave ventures susceptible to the whims of the weather.

"You can't control the weather," Heran said. But there are protective measures you can take. When going outdoors always check

weather reports. High temperatures can be controlled with shaded areas and sun block, while on the flipside wet days can be moved in doors and away from dangerous situations.

"Even if it's not raining right where you are standing, if it's raining in the mountains, even just for several minutes, it can really cause problems," Heran said of one personal experience. "I was in Silver City in the Gila wilderness near a ranger camp. There was a slight drizzle and I saw a one-foot deep and 10-foot wide creek become a raging torrent 200-feet wide and six to eight feet deep. It went right over a bridge."

Environment, and all that lives in it, can also cause problems, though "generally animals and insects don't bother people. They retaliate if messed with," Heran said.

He explained that animals, such as rattlesnakes prefer to be left alone and do likewise.

"They don't want to bite anything that they can't eat. They save that for their food," Heran said. Those to keep an eye out for, and a good distance from, include red ants, black widow spiders, scorpions and killer bees.

The other 25 percent of the problem lies in the equipment we use (or misuse.)

"Bring everything with you that you'd need to do your recreational activity. That includes protection equipment," Heran said. "From hiking to hang gliding and skateboarding to sailing, all recreational sports have the same problem."

That would be the hurt factor. Unless proper protection gear is worn for your sport of choice



Photo courtesy of Bruce V. Heran

A government vehicle was washed down a creek on Fort Huachuca last year when not paying proper attention to the environment. Environment accidents make up about 25 percent of all outdoor safety accidents.

your luck is going to run out and your going to get hurt, according to Heran.

The final factor in safety with recreational activity mainly lies in the individual's attitude and behavior.

"We've all heard of the macho attitude. 'It won't happen to me.' This added with substance abuse can really impair physical abilities and judgment," Heran said.

He also stressed the importance of caring

for family members. "Just because it's easy for a fit soldier to walk several miles with no problems doesn't mean that a regular healthy family member can do the same."

He praises the buddy system, communication abilities and charged batteries as top savers.

The key to safe outdoor recreation is preparation. Know what you're going to do, when, and with who.

Former soldier new post Defense Military Pay officer

By Sgt. Sharron L. Stewart
Scout News Editor

Alphonso E. Curtis is the new Defense Military Pay Office Director on post. A position he's held since March.

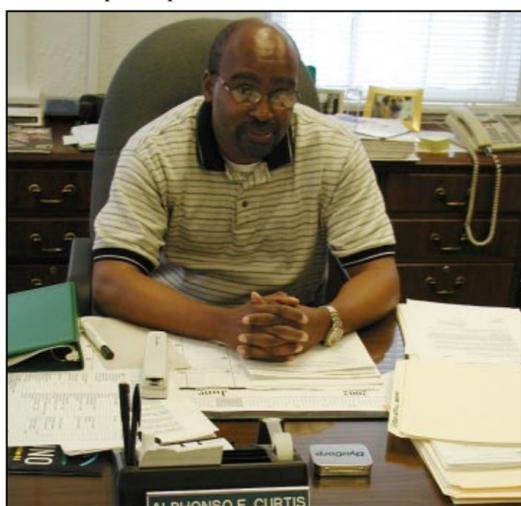


Photo by Sgt. Sharron L. Stewart

Alphonso E. Curtis is Fort Huachuca's new Defense Military Pay Office director. A retired soldier, he believes in being customer service-orientated.

He first arrived on Fort Huachuca in December 1997 as a sergeant first class and served as the Defense Military Pay Office noncommissioned officer in charge. He went on to retire Aug. 31, 1999.

"I believe that having been a soldier for all those years, I'm still able to understand their needs," Curtis said.

"When I first joined the Army I had planned on doing four years and getting out," he said smiling.

Before coming back to Fort Huachuca to work as a civilian, he worked for the Titan Corporation as a mid-systems analyst and conducted inter-operability testing.

Even though Fort Richardson, Alaska, was his most exotic duty station he said his family enjoys Sierra Vista's weather.

He currently supervises a staff of six soldiers and 14 civilians. "The people here are the best people I have ever worked with. They are very knowledgeable and they are very willing to do what ever it takes to help soldiers," Curtis said.

The finance soldiers who arrive from Advanced Individual Training work at In and Out Processing at Whitside Hall in order for them to gain experience in all the difference aspects of military pay.

"When I was on active duty, I enjoyed going to work and taking care of the soldiers. There were some things I didn't know but in time I gained knowledge and experience. It was satisfying when someone would come to me and ask 'Sergeant First Class Curtis, how would you do this?'" he said.

He went on to say that because of automation soldiers are being called on to take more responsibility for their finance needs.

Soldiers are able to go to the Internet and access their Leave and Earning Statements at the Department of Defense Employee/Member Self Service website at emss.dfas.mil/emss.htm.

"Soldiers should even be able to be able to print out back copies of their LES. Soldiers need to know that if they have pay problems they should go to their S1 (Personnel Actions) first. S1 is their starting point. If they feel like their problems have not been addressed properly, then they should proceed," Curtis said.

"Automation has made a lot of changes in how we do business. When we receive documents for the soldiers, we input it. Within a day or two you can tell whether or not the system updated it," Curtis said.

He strongly believes that taking care of the finance needs of soldiers is their sole mission. In the future he would like to be able to get access to the Air Force pay system so that they could provide service to the Air Force detachment located here.

They process allotment forms, pay and election changes, state residence changes, change and exemptions for federal income tax, process Article 15s, Report of Survey forms, travel debts, leave forms and the Thrift Savings Plan.

"I think that as a young soldier, if you have the opportunity to put away money and not touch it, that is a good thing. TSP is a way to put away money and not use it, something for you to look forward to. When you do use it, hopefully it will have grown to a large sum," Curtis said.

At home he enjoys listening to music, sports and playing on his computer.

Soldiers can set themselves up for success with BESP

By Sgt. Jessica Inigo
Time Out Editor

Soldiers who are shooting for the stars may find their paths blocked by certain obstacles – one of which may not be too tough to pass.

In order to advance in a military career, some soldiers find that having a general technical, or GT, score higher than 110 makes all the difference in the world.

The GT score shows an approximate measure of an individual's mental ability through standardized testing with the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery prior to military entrance. This score allows soldiers a wider variety of jobs and leaves more room for improvement, whether it be with promotion, officer training, reclassification or reenlistment options.

"When soldiers first take the ASVAB they may not know how important it is. Most kids take the test in high school and just think of it as free time out of class. Once they're in they realize they could better themselves with a higher GT score," Robert Campbell, education service specialist, said.

The Basic Education Skills Program is available to soldiers who wish to improve their GT score and open their doors of opportunity.

Pfc. Luis G. Moro, chaplain's assistant, Headquarters, 306th Military Intelligence Battalion, is currently taking the BESP course to reclassify to become a military policeman.

"Becoming an MP is something I've thought about since [my Advanced Individual Training to become a chaplain's assistant.] My father was a civilian police officer in New York City, so I just thought it'd be a really cool job," Moro said. The only thing holding him back from following in his father's footsteps was his GT score.

"When I first took the test I was a little rusty in my basic math skills because I didn't use it enough. I just kind of lost the basics. Coming here has refreshed my memory of everything I've been taught since the first grade through the eighth," Moro said.

Formally known as the Functional Academic Skills Training class, BESP is open, free of charge, to any soldier who currently has a GT score under 110. The class is two weeks long,

Monday through Friday, and focuses on English and mathematical skills. Cochise College teachers, Chris Dietz and Ken Fox, instruct the courses.

"The instructors deserve kudos because they're very good," Moro said. "I now understand how important the basics are, since I had forgotten them. They're very well spoken and the class is fun. It's like being back in high school again."

Future classes are scheduled for July 15-26 and Sept. 9-20. Soldiers can contact Campbell at 533-5690 to register for the class. Classes can only hold 25 students and is on a first come first serve basis.

Classes are held at the Cochise College Annex B Building

21112 near old post, except for test days when testing is held at the Education Center.

"The course is designed to increase reading, paragraph comprehension, writing and mathematical skills," Campbell said. All which will help better the GT score when retaking the ASVAB.

The two upcoming classes are a rare opportunity for a soldier to register in a BESP class. Normally a unit has to sponsor the class and pay the \$1,800 class fee, but this year money was donated to hold four BESP classes open to any unit.

"If a unit sponsors a BESP class and cannot fill the class we will augment others in order to have max utilization of money spent," Campbell said.



Photo by Sgt. Jessica Inigo

Chris Dietz, Basic Education Skills Program instructor, gets back to the basics with his students. The class is designed for soldiers who have a general technical score of 100 or less, but accepts soldiers who have anything under 110.

227 years of defending America

Army keeps rolling along on birthday

(Editor's note - the following is a joint message from the Honorable Thomas E. White, secretary of the Army, and Gen. Eric K. Shinseki, Army chief of staff; for all Army activities and Army family members.)

For 227 years now, soldiers have defended freedom. And again today, soldiers are fighting on behalf of the American people as we prosecute the war on terrorism.

So as we celebrate our Army's birthday and reflect on our great institution, a simple truth arises: there is no greater profession than the profession of arms, and no greater job than ours—serving on point for our nation.

Thanks to American soldiers, freedom's light shines as a beacon throughout the world.

The Army has courageously fought our country's wars and served honorably in peace for over two and a quarter centuries.

We can all be justifiably proud of the Army's achievements—a distinguished history of service to the nation.

From our victories in the American Revolution through the trial of our Civil War, from the trenches of World War I to the beaches of Normandy and the island battles in the Pacific of World War II, from the frozen mountains of Korea to the sweltering paddies of Vietnam,



Photo by Peter Aiken

Army Chief of Staff, Gen. Eric K. Shinseki speaks to deploying soldiers from Task Force 1-16 at Fort Riley, Kan. The Army will celebrate its 227th birthday Friday.

from Grenada and Panama to the sands of Kuwait and Iraq, and now on the plains and in the mountains of Afghanistan, soldiers have marched at the vanguard of democracy and

the cause of liberty.

And throughout that history of service, the key to the Army's success is our flexibility and willingness to change, to meet the world as it is—without altering the core competencies that make the Army the best fighting force in the world.

You are the best Army in the world. As we forge ahead to gain irreversible momentum in our transformation, you will continue to be respected by allies, feared by our enemies, and honored and esteemed by the American people.

Your courage, dedication to duty and selfless service to the nation are the hallmarks of the soldiers of the United States Army.

We will never be able to tell you enough how very proud we are of you, how everyone we meet offers their thanks for what you do and their prayers for your safety and well-being.

So we are honored to join you in celebrating the birthday of the most powerful land force the world has ever known.

Thank you for your service, for your sacrifices, and for your abiding devotion to something greater than self.

God bless each and every one of you and your families, God bless our magnificent Army, and God bless America.



Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks

From left to right, Spc. Jose Fimbres, Pvt. Hobbie Cao, and Spc. Paul Musgrave, all members of the Fort Huachuca Select Honor Guard, fold the U.S. flag following Retreat.

For the love of Old Glory

Flag Day celebrates symbol of national unity, honors resolve of American people

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

As the cannon sounds off at Reveille Friday morning, thousands of soldiers across the world will be celebrating the Army's 227th birthday. Our Nation will pay homage and respect to the men and women serving in uniform.

On Friday, our Nation will also be celebrating another special and significant event - Flag Day.

History tells us Flag Day recognizes the June day in 1777 when the Continental Congress adopted the "Stars and Stripes" as the official flag of the United States.

The resolution read: Resolved; that the flag of the United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new

constellation.

In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed that June 14 should be observed as Flag Day. In a 1917 speech, President Wilson said:

"We celebrate the day of the flag's birth, and from its birth until now it has witnessed great history, has floated on high, the symbol of great events, of a great plan of life, worked out by a great people."

Fast forward to today, and Americans will speak of new meaning to Old Glory. The tragic events of Sept. 11 evoked a new sense of patriotism and respect for our Nation's Colors. The flag represents even more the resolve, strength, and allegiance of the American people.

So Friday, not only do we celebrate the Army's legacy, but the legacy of the colors of which we protect and defend.



Pvt. Hobbie Cao salutes the American flag after giving it to Sgt. Jeremy Hughes during the Retreat ceremony.

Community Updates

ASIST Workshop

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

The Installation Staff Chaplain's Office has only 30 slots open. This will be provided on a "first come, first served basis."

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

Juneteenth Celebration

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People presents a "Juneteenth" Celebration and block party beginning at Thompkins Park on Saturday. There will be a healthwalk, starting there at 7 a.m., to Veterans' Memorial Park located on Fry Blvd.

The celebration will last until 8 p.m. Enjoy listening to church choirs, bands, youth performers and a few speeches. Food and drinks will be available also for enjoyment. Call Tony Isom for more information at 538-6915 or 803-9437.

VA benefits briefings set

Veterans' Benefits Briefings are given by representatives of the Veteran's Affairs 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 are 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 June 20, July 18, Aug. 21, Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 21 and Dec. 19.

TROA presentation

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

The presentation will be made by COL

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

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

Call Angela Baker at 533-5766 for more information.

FRG training scheduled

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

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

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

Moving Wall comes to SV

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

Donations to assist in sponsorship may be made at "The Moving Wall Account" at Compass Bank in Sierra Vista. Volunteers are also needed. For more information, call Angela Brown at 456-1265 or e-mail adamant30@earthlink.net.

Signal reunion planned

The 17th Signal Battalion Association is planning a reunion September 18-22, 2002, at the Williamsburg Woodlands Hotel in Williamsburg, Va. The reunion will emphasize a military theme and will include a golf tournament. According to Arlo D. Janssen, vice president for public affairs of the association, the 17th Signal Bn. Assn. is a designated WWII Commemorative Community. For more information, write Arlo D. Janssen



Photo by Sgt. Sharron L. Stewart

B Troop needs you

B Troop, 4th U.S. Cavalry (Memorial) is looking for new troopers. All active duty military, Reserve, National Guard, retired military, Department of Defense civilians and family members (18 years or older) may join. If interested, come to the private mount area of Buffalo Corral on Thursdays at 5 p.m. Prior riding experience is not necessary. For more information see the B Troop Web site at <http://huachuca-www.army.mil/USAG/BTROOP/BTROOP.HTM>.

at 10209 Cedar Pond, Dr., Vienna, VA 22182; or phone 703-281-3170 or e-mail adjanssen@aol.com.

Mortuary affairs reunion slated

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

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

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

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

Troops to Teachers needed

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

If you're interested in becoming a teacher and need information about certification and finding a teaching position, contact the Arizona Troops To Teachers office at 1-800-830-2134.

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Community Events Calendar

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

STYX, Dishwalla, and Evan & Jaron at Libby Army Airfield

Saturday, June 22

Gates open at 6:30 p.m. and the concert starts at 8 p.m. Tickets \$20 in advance & \$30 at the door.

The Wild Bunch at the OK Corral in Tombstone at 2 p.m.
Grand Buffet at the LakeSide Activity Centre from 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Adults are \$14.95, children 5 - 10 cost \$7.95 and children 4 and younger are free. Call 533-2194 for reservations

Happy Father's Day

The Vigilantes at the HeliDorado Set in Tombstone at 1 p.m.
The SV Youth Center is hosting Table Tennis Tournaments at the YC beginning at 2 p.m. This free event is open to all youth 11 - 17 years of age. Call 459-4377 for details.

San Pedro Kiwanis meets at noon in the Crystal Room of Thunder Mountain Inn. Contact Nilda Townsend at 458-9647.
Thunder Mountain Bridge Club meets at 12:30 p.m. at Thunder Mountain Inn. Call Dianna Smith at 432-3883.

San Pedro Kiwanis meets at noon in the Crystal Room of Thunder Mountain Inn. Contact Nilda Townsend at 458-9647.
Thunder Mountain Bridge Club meets at 12:30 p.m. at Thunder Mountain Inn. Call Dianna Smith at 432-3883.

Rickety Rockettes meets at OYCC at 10 a.m.
National Association of Retired Employees Chapter 1400 meets at 11 a.m. at OYCC.
Put Prevention Into Practice (PPIP) & Health Promotion Class meets from 2 - 3:30 p.m. at MCC. Call 533-2246 for additional info.
Cochise Toastmasters meets at Landmark 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.
Society for Creative Anachronism meets at OYCC at 7 p.m.

Rickety Rockettes meets at OYCC at 10 a.m.
National Association of Retired Employees Chapter 1400 meets at 11 a.m. at OYCC.
Put Prevention Into Practice (PPIP) & Health Promotion Class meets from 2 - 3:30 p.m. at MCC. Call 533-2246 for additional info.
Cochise Toastmasters meets at Landmark 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.
Society for Creative Anachronism meets at OYCC at 7 p.m.

La Salida Del Sol Lions meet at Thunder Mountain Inn at 6:45 a.m. Call Lee at 378-1399 for details.
The SV Youth Center is hosting Air Hockey Tournaments at the YC beginning at 3 p.m. This free event is open to all youth 11 - 17 years of age. Call 459-4377 for details.
SV Chess Club meets at Peter Piper Pizza at 7 p.m.

La Salida Del Sol Lions meet at Thunder Mountain Inn at 6:45 a.m. Call Lee at 378-1399 for details.
The SV Youth Center is hosting Movies at the YC all day. This free event is open to all youth 11 - 17 years of age. All movies are rated G, PG or PG-13. Call 459-4377 for details.
SV Chess Club meets at Peter Piper Pizza at 7 p.m.

SV Optimist Club meets at 6:30 a.m. at the Landmark Café. Call John Schirmer at 378-1062.
ACAP is holding its Three-Day Workshop from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at Bldg. 22420. Call 533-7314 for reservations.
National Association of Retired Employees Chapter 1400 meets at 11 a.m. at OYCC. Call 378-6605 for details.
Huachuca Area Retired Teachers Association meets at OYCC at 10 a.m.
SV Parks & Leisure is hosting Concerts in the Park. The Buena HS Band will play at 7 p.m. at Veteran's Memorial Park.

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.
SV Parks & Leisure is hosting Concerts in the Park. The Partners Band will play at 7 p.m. at Veteran's Memorial Park.

Military Appreciation Day at Tucson Electric Park
Rollerskating at Youth Services, Bldg. 49013 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Call 533-3205 for details.
Flag Day & the Army's Birthday

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

Installation Retirement Ceremony begins at 4 p.m. on Chaffee Parade Field. This event is open to the public.
Rollerskating at Youth Services, Bldg. 49013 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Call 533-3205 for details.

Follow-up Advanced FRG Training at the ACS Conference Room from 9 a.m. - noon. Call Gail Mortensen at 533-2330 to register.
The SV Youth Center is hosting Pool Tournaments at the YC beginning at 5 p.m. This free event is open to all youth 11 - 17 years of age. Call 459-4377 for details.

4th Annual 5K Run in the Park, Veteran's Memorial Park that is. Come early to register as the race begins at 7 p.m.

Easter Egg Hunt at Youth Services. Over 6,000 eggs to be found. Ages 5 and under 10 a.m. - noon. Ages 6 - 12, 2 - 4 p.m. Games and prizes. Pictures with the Easter Bunny for \$2.
Latino Disco at La Hacienda from 10 p.m. - 4 a.m. Call 533-732 for details.

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

Committed to staying in – reenlisting soldiers for May

Post Retention Office

Each month the Post Retention Office will acknowledge Fort Huachuca soldiers who reenlist and stay Army. The following soldiers reenlisted during the month of May:

111th Military Intelligence Brigade

Master Sgt: Raymond L. Bauldry

Sgt. 1st Class: Patrick A. Palmer

Staff Sgt.: Vincent D. Ingallinera, Adlia W. Williamson, Jennifer Hartley, Steven Wilcox, Paulette Ingallinera

Sgt.: Mark Krueger, Adrian Worthy, Joel Adams, Ronald L. Johnson

Spc.: Thomas D. Leblanc, Shawn Graupner, Gaby Soto-Comulada

11th Signal Brigade

Master Sgt: Donato Bradford

Sgt. 1st Class: Steven L. Musick

Staff Sgt.: Gera Foushee, Samuel E. Durbin, Daniel T. Smith Jr., Kelvin C. Harris

Sgt.: Antonio Quinones, Stephen C. McGowan, Paul R. Nunez, Jeffrey S. Nadeau, Vincent D. Johnson, Gomez B. Rivera, Scott C. Kibler, Glenn S. Hawkins, Thomas Bradley III



Spc.: Kevin T. Randall, Heather Johnson, Daniel E. Rodriguez, Benny L. Marks, Michael A. Buck, Jennifer M. Boisture, Gardenia Gonzalez, Aaron M. Perdue, Normando Gallardo, Mayo L. Vandyck

112th Military Intelligence Brigade

Sgt. 1st Class: Robert W. McMakin

U.S. Army Garrison

Sgt. 1st Class: Jerry A. Williams

Staff Sgt.: Daryl Kline

Sgt: Ralph Crawford, Donna L. Buniack

Fort Huachuca, a great place to reenlist since 1877, stay Army!

MTMC begins shipment of Strykers to Army field units

From Military Traffic Management Command

The first Stryker Interim Armored Vehicles are being shipped to Army units.

The Military Traffic Management Command is shipping the new family of combat vehicles by commercial truck carriers to receiving units at Fort Lewis, Wash.

The vehicles are being shipped from manufacturing facilities in Anniston, Ala., and London, Ontario.

The 19-ton, eight-wheeled vehicles require special expedited permits for oversize loads, said John Piparato, Chief, of MTMC's Domestic Surface Distribution Division.

"We requested the assistance of more than 20 states to help expedite the permit process," said Piparato. "This provided us three different routes. MTMC declared these shipments as 'Essential to National Defense,' and the feedback from the states was overwhelmingly positive, patriotic and supportive."

The request for MTMC transportation support came from the Tank-automotive and Armaments Command and the Defense Contract Management Agency.

As of May 21, four Strykers had



Military Traffic Management Command

Fort Lewis units can soon expect the Stryker, the Army's newest interim armored vehicle. The 19-ton, eight-wheeled vehicles are among more than 600 that will eventually be shipped to Fort Lewis as part of the Army's new Interim Brigade Combat Teams.

been shipped to one of the Army's new Interim Brigade Combat Teams at Fort Lewis, said Piparato.

Seven more are enroute. Team drivers are being used to expedite movement.

"Our first deliveries are averaging 52 hours," said Piparato. "This is a true example of the industry-government-military partnership in time of crisis."

The cooperation between local government agencies in getting the oversize permits was extraordinary, he said.

"We are writing notes of appreciation to the transportation

departments of all 20 of those states," said Piparato.

The first Strykers are among more than 600 that will eventually be shipped to Fort Lewis, said Brian Ridgway, project officer.

The Strykers are the Army's first new armored vehicles in 18 years.

The Army has a \$4 billion contract with the joint venture team of General Motors and General Dynamics Land Systems Defense Group LLC that calls for the production of 2,100 Stryker vehicles in the next six years.



Photo by Sgt. David Marck Jr.

'Cable dogs!'

Sgt. Kyle Joyner, right, and Sgt. Demetrius Lynch, cable installers with Task Force 86, install communication wire. The task force, which has responsibility for running all communications on base, is a detachment from the 86th Signal Battalion from Fort Huachuca.

TEEN from Page 1

initially heard the teen's call for help after falling in the pond.

The witness, who was unable to swim, attempted to help him, but then left to notify Fort Huachuca military police. After the witness returned to the pond, the teen could not be found.

"After the witness gave us an idea where the incident occurred, three of our firefighters entered the lake to attempt a rescue," said

Steve Hauck, chief, Fort Huachuca Fire Department. "We gave a valiant effort under very murky conditions, but we had to focus our attention from a rescue to a recovery effort because we couldn't find the body."

Sixteen volunteers, including two divers from the Cochise County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue team, partnered with Fort Huachuca emergency personnel in the recovery effort. Five hours later, divers recovered

the teen's body in the weed-infested water.

"Once we got the call, our folks immediately responded to the site and had two divers do a grid search on the bottom of the pond," said Sgt. David Noland, Cochise County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue team coordinator. "We were hoping for the best; hoping that he might have been able to get out of the water on his own. Sadly, it didn't work out that way."

The cause of the drowning is under investigation. An autopsy to verify the cause of death was performed Monday by the Cochise County medical examiner.

A private memorial service will be held at Hatfield Funeral Home. At the family's request, any floral arrangements/donations should be coordinated through the funeral home. For more information on donating flowers or gifts, call 458-5120.

ARMY from Page 1

soldier wanted to continue and serve on active duty, it is truly their choice to do so.

"It's a voluntary force and a voluntary retirement. Of course there are some restrictions on retirement such as time in grade and retention," Hartman said. "If somebody is going to retire and several months down the road they decided otherwise, they can submit the personnel action to have the retirement request removed."

Although the military intelligence community has several MOSs affected by Stop-Loss, Hartman expressed Army manpower has a grasp on which jobs are critical in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

"I think the folks at [U.S. Army Personnel Command] have a good handle on strength management," Hartman said. "They know how many and which certain MOSs are required to run the Army. They know how many MOSs are required to do a certain function with support of the current war and PERSCOM feels with this action, the strength is up to snuff."

Since the announcement of Stop-Loss 4, Hartman said he receives a phone call "every six minutes," from soldiers asking when can they get their orders cut for retirement. "I'll be having soldiers coming here once an hour for a week straight to recruit, reprocess and get back into the transitioning mode."

The Army will continue to re-evaluate Stop-Loss on a monthly basis and use it as a tool to maintain unit readiness.

"I think the folks at [U.S. Army Personnel Command] have a good handle on strength management."

Ted Hartman, chief Personnel Services Division

The program was first implemented for selected active-duty soldiers in November and then expanded with additional specialties and to the reserve component in December.

This third stop-loss increment, which stops voluntary requests for retirement or separation, is effective beginning Feb. 22, and will impact approximately 2,630 active duty, 3,920 Reserve and 4,190 National Guard soldiers. Those numbers bring the total affected by the three stop-loss announcements to about 3,330 active duty, 4,450 Reserve and 4,760 National Guard troops.

Stop-Loss has expanded to include the following officer specialties:

30 Information Operations

34 Strategic Intelligence

53 Information

The following enlisted military occupational specialties have been added to the program:

13C Field Artillery Automated Fire Support Specialist

13D Field Artillery Tactical Data Systems Specialist

13E Cannon Fire Direction Specialist

14E Patriot Fire Control Specialist

52E Prime Power Production Specialist

55D Explosive Ordnance Disposal Specialist

96U Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Operator

The announcement released officers with a 48E Foreign Area Officer (EURASIA) specialty from the program.

Enlisted soldiers released from previous Stop-Loss announcements include the following MOSs:

81T Topographic Analyst

92R Rigger

96D Imagery Analyst

96H Common Ground Station Operator

96Z Intelligence Senior NCO

97L Translator (Russian and Spanish Linguist in the Ready Reserve only)

97Z Senior Human Intelligence NCO

98G Cryptologic Linguist (Russian and Spanish Linguist only)

98H Communications Interceptor

98J Electronic Intelligence Analyst

98K Signal Collection Analyst

98Z Senior Signal Intelligence NCO

No warrant officer specialties were added or released by the most recent announcement.

LAWYER from page 2

ment for additional living expenses should your home become inhabitable. The recent Ryan fire almost demonstrated their importance of this coverage.

If Fort Huachuca needed to be evacuated due to the fire, the JAG claims office could not have paid for additional living expenses incurred as a result of the evacuation.

Families would have paid out of pocket for the costs of food and possibly shelter. Renters insurance, however, typically covers cost such as these.

Replacement value of lost/destroyed property

Renters insurance can also pay you the replacement cost of lost or destroyed items, rather than their depreciated value.

As its name implies, replacement cost coverage will pay you what it actually costs to replace the lost or destroyed item.

Under the claims status, however, the Army may only pay you

the actual cash value of an item at the time of the loss.

Thus, a 4-year old computer that cost you \$1,000 in 1998 may only result in a \$600 payment from the Army.

Renters insurance with the option for full replacement cost coverage ensures that you can replace the computer or other item that was lost or destroyed.

The bottom line of renters insurance is that you choose how much and what types of coverage are necessary, rather than relying solely on arbitrary limits set by law.

Man bites dog...dog sues

Finally, standard renters insurance include liability protection. If you are sued based on an accident in your home, you would be covered for all costs (including legal fees) up to your liability limit.

Private attorney's fees can add up quickly; having renters insurance would cover these costs.

Sometimes you can buy peace of mind

All these benefits obviously cost some money. The good news, however, is that renters insurance is relatively inexpensive compared to other types of insurance.

Usually for somewhere between \$150-\$300, a family can purchase up to \$35,000 coverage for property losses, and between \$10,000 and \$300,000 worth of liability protection.

The peace of mind that comes with being fully protected is priceless.

This Soldiers Lawyer is distributed by the Fort Huachuca Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, client services division located in building 51102.

Please call us for a legal assistance appointment at (520) 533-2009. You can also visit us on the web at <http://huachuca-www.army.mil/usag/sja/la.html> for other helpful information on similar personal legal affairs topics.

Understanding savings bonds key to smarter investing**Scout reports**

Savings bonds are a contract evidencing a loan made to the United States. Bonds are a safe, secure way of saving because they are backed by the credit of the United States.

There are two types of savings bonds available through payroll deductions: Series EE Bonds and Series I Bonds.

Here are some common inquiries about savings bonds:

Q: Who can purchase savings bonds?

A: Residents of the United States, its territories and possessions, residents of Puerto Rico, citizens of the U.S. residing abroad, civilian employees of the U.S. and members of the armed services (regardless of residency or citizenship if they have a social security number) can all purchase savings bonds.

Q: How can I find out the value of the U.S. Savings Bonds that I own?

A: You can calculate the value of your bonds using the savings bond calculator at www.savingsbond.gov.

Q: How do I ensure a savings bond qualifies for the child tax exemption?

A: Interest earned and received from a child's savings bond requires the adherence to a few guidelines in order to qualify for the child tax exemption:

- Bonds must be registered in the child's name.
- Parent can be a beneficiary, but not a co-owner.
- Child reports interest annually.
- First \$750 of unearned income in 2002 is exempt.
- Additional unearned income up to \$1,500 is taxed at child's rate.

Army investigates chemical contamination at U.S. base in Uzbekistan

By Jonathan Williamson
Army News Service

Chemical field tests at a U.S. base in Uzbekistan revealed traces of possible nerve and blister agents at three locations June 9.

Neither American nor coalition personnel at Karshi Khanabad Air Base have been diagnosed with exposure to the chemicals.

One possible blister agent site was discovered on a maintenance area of the base.

The other chemical, a possible nerve agent, was discovered at the entrance to a former Soviet storage bunker, located near a unit headquarters building, as well as a remote area of the base that has not been occupied since January.

All of the sites were isolated and the chemicals contained immediately according to an Army official.

None of the sites pose an immediate danger to service members according to health risk assessment teams.

A risk assessment team, working with the host nation officials, evaluated the areas and decided that isolating and containing the materials would be more effective than attempting to remove them.

Other chemical contaminants recently found on the air base include hydrocarbon, which is found in petroleum, oil and lubricants.

The area contaminated by hydrocarbon will be contained with a "clay cap."

This cap is clean clay, was placed on contaminated sites to ensure that rainwater will not spread the chemicals.

The cap will also prevent jet fuel fumes from escaping.

An assessment for chemical contamination was not done prior to forces moving onto the base as a result of the immediacy of the United States mission following Sept. 11, an Army

official said.

"We moved quickly to this airbase at the invitation of the government of Uzbekistan. Because of the urgency of the situation following the Sept. 11 attacks, these assessments were not conducted prior to moving forces onto the airbase," the official said.

"As we populated the airbase and received appropriate subject-matter experts, the assessments were initiated and corrective actions taken, such as the clay cap."

Officials said they will continue to monitor the personnel at Karshi Khanabad and assessment teams are monitoring the sites continuously to make sure isolation and containment of the area remains sufficient.

(Editor's note: information for this article provided by the 28th Public Affairs Detachment in the Central Command area of operations.)

Eagle Scout uses discarded BDUs for service project

By Katherine Goode
Scout Staff

Eagle Scout is a rank that is not normally accomplished for most Boy Scouts until well into high school, and sometimes, because of other interests that develop during the high school years, such as cars, jobs and girls, is never achieved.

Steven Nieto, son of Lt. Col. Anthony and Karen Nieto, received this prestigious rank May 30 during an Eagle Scout ceremony.

Some of the requirements to earn the coveted badge: a scout must earn a total of 21 merit badges, be in a position of responsibility as a Life Scout and most importantly—plan, develop and give leadership to others in a service project.

Nieto's service project was to create suitcases out of discarded battle dress uniforms and donate them to the Cochise County Children's Center.

Nieto said that Master Sgt. Dan Green, of U.S. Army Operational Test and Evaluation Command, Intelligence Electronic Warfare Test

Directorate, played a large role in helping him achieve his Eagle Scout award. Green helped collect old BDUs for Nieto's scout project.

"The Eagle Scout award is not so much about the work the scout does, as the work that he arranges for others to do," Nieto's father about his delegation of work. "The Eagle Scout Project is about coordinating and leadership. He also had his mother, aunts, and women from his mother's job helping on the project."

"But before I could even do my project," Nieto said he hoped it would help other children to develop higher self-esteem. I had to approach the Cochise County Children's Center to get them to approve it."

Mike Doncaster, a case manager at the Cochise County Children's Center, said "It was very appreciated and needed. All the residents that have received the duffel bags have been very thankful. This was one of the best things we've had donated."

"The ingenuity of creating bags out of old BDUs, and even putting a pocket on the front, was something else," Doncaster said. "Basically the kids that come in here come with very little and have no suitcases or anything to hold their belongings. This works great."

His father said a major reasons his son has come so far in scouting is not only because of his interest, but also because of a friend of his who made Eagle Scout at about the same age.

"I think it was the competition between the two of them. That and they have a good foundation here on Fort Huachuca for scouting," Nieto said.

"Both of the troops here do a number of things for the boys and the Scout masters are dedicated to the program, through thick and thin. Even with what was going on with The Boy Scouts of America last year, they didn't let that shake them, they just continued on."

Nieto, who enjoys building things and the peace of the outdoors, became part of the Boy Scouts of America when he joined Cub Scouts as a Tiger Cub at Fort Belvoir, Va., in 1994, and then worked his way through the ranks to Webelos Scout.

In March of 1999 he was awarded the Cub Scouts highest award, the Arrow of Light. As



Courtesy photos

Members of Fort Huachuca Boy Scout Troop 432 cut pieces of shirts from recycled BDUs to be made into duffel bags for the Cochise County Children's Center. The project help earn Steven Nieto his Eagle Scout badge and rank.

“The Eagle Scout award is not so much about the work the scout does, as much as the work that he arranges others to do...is about coordinating and leadership.”

Lt. Col. Anthony Nieto, father of Eagle Scout Steven Nieto



Steven Nieto prepares to donate duffel bags made from recycled BDUs to the Cochise County Children's Center.

a result, Nieto crossed over to Boy Scouts, where he has been a member of Fort Huachuca's Troop 432 for three years.

Nieto said that Scouts are important not only because of the skills you learn, but because of "the things that you learn about yourself. I've learned that I can accomplish tasks that are really hard for some people."

Steven would like to thank Kim Telez of the Cochise County Children's Center, Green, Valerie Steed, Norman and Sylvia Golder, Art Nieto, Brenda Epps, Cindy Bray, Becky Bieranowski, his Scout Master Ernie Fedewa,

the Assistant Leaders and Scouts of Troop 432, and last but not least, his family.

"If my family hadn't supported me, I wouldn't have been able to do this."

Nieto, who will be moving to El Paso, Texas, with his family this summer, will enter the ninth grade where he hopes to take band and basic auto classes.

Upon his arrival Nieto said he will be helping other scouts to receive their badges, and doing what he says an Eagle Scout is supposed to do—"Giving back what the Scouts has given to me."

Pets of the Week



I am a cuddly, lovable soft rabbit who is looking for a great home. For only \$10 I'm all yours.



If your looking for a great housecat, then stop looking. My name is K.C and I am a 1 yr. old female domestic short hair. My fee is \$52, which includes all my vaccines, microchip, spay, and deworm.



My name is "Major" and I am a 1 yr. old Brindle male American-Pitbull. I am very hyper and playful. I need alot of room to run. I may look mean but I am very nice. To take me home, all you need is \$42 and that includes a microchip, deworm, neuter, and all vaccines.

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.



Hi, I'm Tammy and I'm a 3 yr. old female Minn-Pin. I love to play and love kids. My fee to have me all to yourself is \$52. All that comes with a microchip, deworm, spay, and all vaccines.

Commander's Hotline

Caller:

I'm calling in reference to why are people authorized to park by the PX, behind the bank. I'm a handicapped veteran, and I have to make that trip of over 50 feet to the PX, and why are the management staff of the PX and bank still authorized to park next to a building which is supposed to be restricted? Please find out about this for me.

Thank you.

Response:

We have allowed parking to resume behind the PX and the Armed Forces Bank. This is permitted during Force Protection Level ALPHA or BRAVO only.

Bollards or removal roadblock devices are now in place and can be erected in minutes to prevent parking at this location during higher FPCONS levels. As to management and staff at the two facilities, it was determined to provide this parking so as not to take away additional customer parking in front of the two facilities.

There are very few additional spaces to be had. We could designated the parking spaces between the PX and the bank for the handicapped, but it would have resulted in their having to walk farther to gain access.

The requirement for establishing the Permanent Stand Off from buildings is what we have to live with at the moment. It is not our intention to inconvenience anyone, but the facts remain, the security of our soldiers, DA civilians and family members are a top priority.

*Rickard T. Dixon
Force Protection Officer
USAIC&FH*

Caller:

Are there any plans in the near future to re-stripe the parking lot at Murr Community Center. The stall markings are all faded.

Response:

The Directorate of Installation Support performs periodic inspections of all pavement markings on Fort Huachuca to include parking lot/space markings.

The DIS maintains a developed list of projects which are evaluated and prioritized for execution. Parking lot/space markings are completed as needed and required based on safety first and then availability of funds.

Because the markings are faded, the Murr community center parking spaces have been identified as requiring "re-striping" subject to availability of funds and will most likely be accomplished during the FY03 budget cycle.

The DIS appreciates the caller's concern and thanks her for bringing these issues to our attention.

Tom Borer, Executive Officer, DIS

Have we got news for you!
Read it online, click on [huachuca-www.army.mil/USAG/PAO](http://www.army.mil/USAG/PAO)