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East Gate closure

The East Gate will be closed over the holiday season. The schedule is as follows:

Closing date/time - Dec. 23 - 10 p.m.; Dec. 30 - 10 p.m.

Opening date/time - Dec. 26 - 4:30 a.m.; Jan. 2 - 4:30 a.m.

Commissary holiday hours

The Fort Huachuca Commissary doesn't want you to miss out on your traditional holiday feast because of last minute shopping.

The Commissary will close at 3 p.m. Dec. 24 and will be closed on Christmas Day and New Years Day.

For more information, call Judy Mendez at 533-5540, extension 101.

Dental after hours care

For true dental emergencies (severe pain, facial trauma, increasing swelling associated with a dental infection, or an after surgery complication such as uncontrollable bleeding) occurring after normal clinic hours, please contact the following:

Dental Charge of Quarters cell phone is 508-9700, DCQ beeper is 533-3500, digital access code-# 306.

Family members should seek emergency care from their Tricare Dental Plan personal dentist.

Retirees should seek emergency care from the Tricare Retiree Dental Plan personal dentist.

Questions can be referred to Runion Dental Clinic at 533-3147.

Dental Command policy requires that any female seeking after hours emergency care must have an escort with them at all times.

Telephone books

The new Cochise County telephone directories are available for pickup at the Official Mail and Distribution Center of the Directorate of Information Management.

The OMDC is located in the back of Building 22408 at Christy Avenue and Butler Road. Operating hours are 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. (closed for lunch from noon - 1 p.m.)

Please recycle the old directories at one of the recycling locations. The point of contact is Gayle Olson at 533-3932.

College offices closed

All Cochise College offices will be closed for the holidays through Jan. 5. Spring classes begin Jan. 13.

Registration will resume and extended hours will be offered Jan. 6-11. The hours will be 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday; 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday; and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

Class schedules may be picked up on campus, at the public library, at the Mall at Sierra Vista or viewed online at www.cochise.edu.

For more information, call 417-4738 or 515-5415 after Jan. 5.

Blood drive

Please join Company A, 305th Military Intelligence Battalion Friday at Eifler gym from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. They will be hosting the 111th MI Brigade Red Cross blood drive. At least 350 donors are needed.

Give the gift of life this holiday season, donate blood. Remember to drink extra water and eat a small meal two - four hours before donating.

For more information, call 1st Lt. Debbie DeRienzo at 533-6802 or The Red Cross at 1-800-GIVE-LIFE.

Fort facilities smoke-free for all patrons

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

A federal smoking policy signed five years ago has affected several Fort Huachuca facilities Dec. 7. The facilities include the Lakeside Activity Centre, La Hacienda and the Desert Lanes.

In 1997, President Bill Clinton signed Executive Order 13058, which banned smoking in all interior space owned, rented or leased by the executive branch.

Smoking was only allowed in designated areas that had special ventilation and smoke-containment features.

In December 1999, then Defense Secretary William Cohen approved a "limited and narrow" exception to allow a three-year phase-in period.

Facilities such as clubs, may operate designated smoking areas provided such areas are vented to the outside, have negative air pressure to prevent smoke from crossing into adjoining areas and can be separated from the main facility.

According to Daniel Valle, director of Community Activities, the

fort has been proactive in preparing to meet the requirements of the policy change for quite some time.

"We've known this has been coming for a long time," Valle said. "This is the final piece of something we started several years ago. In fact, we made adjustments to some of our programs already."

That last piece included converting the club system and its programs- particularly the bar areas and bingo, into nonsmoking environments. Years ago the Desert Lanes bowling alley was restructured to meet the requirements of the policy.

Valle mentioned his directorate is working with the Directorate of Installation Support to ensure the bowling alley meets the requirements of the policy.

Most importantly, he said there were no additional ventilation systems or modifications needed and no major costs to the fort in meeting the requirement.

"We had approved smoke removal systems in place, but what made it easier was that we limited smoking in some of the areas con-

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Pentagon has begun vaccinations against smallpox virus

By Sgt. 1st Class Doug Sample
American Forces Press Service

The Department of Defense has begun mandatory smallpox vaccinations of military personnel, according to the DoD's top health official.

Dr. William Winkenwerder, assistant secretary of defense for health affairs, said immunizations started Dec. 12 and would continue "over the next weeks and months." He said DoD is concentrating initial immunizations on units with "high priority." He said National Guard and Reserve units would be added in the near future.

"There are a fairly large number of troops

that have been identified as being the highest priority, the most important to vaccinate," he said. "We'll start with ... teams that would respond in the case of an attack, followed by military medical personnel, and then certain forces that we believe would be important to carry out any missions ... in the near future."

Mass smallpox vaccinations of servicemembers come amid growing White House and Pentagon concerns about bio-terrorist attack threats that U.S. and allied forces would face if Iraq or any enemy has a store of smallpox virus.

Although Winkenwerder would not confirm any specific threat against U.S. military

personnel, he did say the services need to be prepared now.

"We can't quantify the threat, and it would be inappropriate to suggest exactly the degree to that threat. But we know that smallpox stores do exist. We know that there are people who are unfriendly to our country," he said. "You put those together and it certainly creates the possibility that smallpox could be used in a deliberate way. So our first order of duty and business in the military health systems is to be prepared."

Being prepared raises hundreds of questions for Winkenwerder. His office has been

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Campaign in swing for deployed troops

Scout reports

Soldiers from Fort Huachuca are deployed all over the world this holiday season. Caring members of the community have asked what they can do to support our men and women in uniform who are away from their families in service to their nation.

Below is a Department of Defense news release that provides some suggestions on how Americans can support their troops.

With the holidays approaching, thousands of Americans are again asking what they can do to show their support for servicemembers, especially those serving overseas in this time of war.

Below are Web sites for several organizations that are sponsoring programs for members of the Armed Forces overseas.

While it would be inappropriate for the department to endorse any specifically, servicemembers do value and appreciate such expressions of support:

- Donate a calling card to help keep servicemembers in touch with their families at Operation Uplink at www.operationuplink.org

- Send a greeting via e-mail through Operation Dear Abby at anyservicemember.navy.mil or OperationDearAbby.net

- Sign a virtual thank you card at the Defend America Web site at www.defendamerica.mil/nmam.html

- Make a donation to one of the military relief societies www.aerhq.org/links

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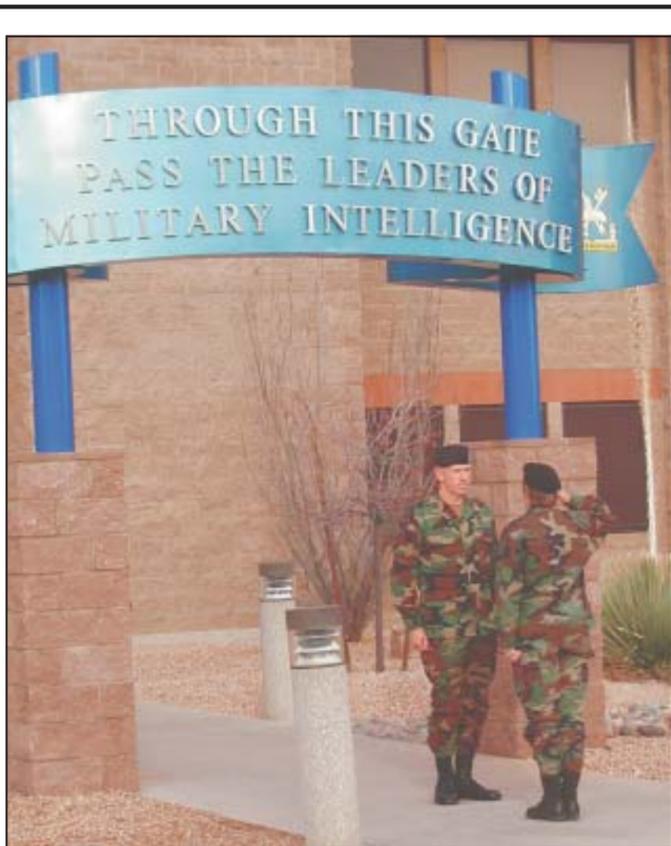
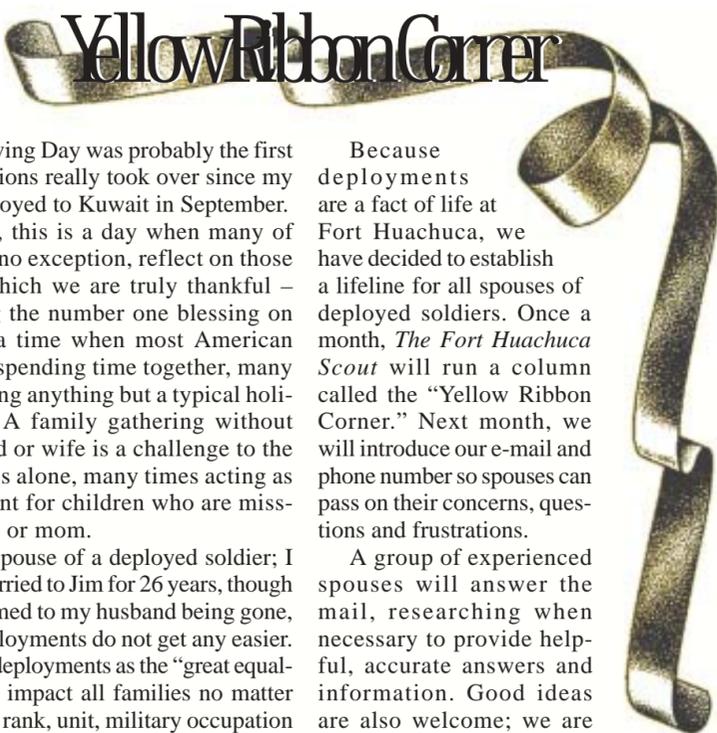


Photo by Staff Sgt. Sharron Stewart

MI officer of one

In a historic moment for the Military Intelligence Corps, graduates of the Officer Basic Course were welcomed to the corps in the first-ever officer induction ceremony Monday. For related story and photo, see Page 3.



Thanksgiving Day was probably the first day my emotions really took over since my husband deployed to Kuwait in September.

Naturally, this is a day when many of us, and I am no exception, reflect on those things for which we are truly thankful – family being the number one blessing on my list. At a time when most American families are spending time together, many of us are facing anything but a typical holiday season. A family gathering without your husband or wife is a challenge to the spouse who is alone, many times acting as a single parent for children who are missing their dad or mom.

I am the spouse of a deployed soldier; I have been married to Jim for 26 years, though I am accustomed to my husband being gone, extended deployments do not get any easier.

I think of deployments as the “great equalizers.” They impact all families no matter the sponsor’s rank, unit, military occupation specialty, years in the army, etc. Families are families, and they all experience similar emotions when a soldier leaves home.

On Thanksgiving Day, sad that my husband was not with us, I felt great pride in that fact that he was ready, willing and able to answer the call of this great nation to serve where he is most needed. My guess is that many of you have felt those same emotions over the last several months. What the years have afforded me is a perspective that allows me to remain a productive person with a positive outlook, despite separations.

By staying involved in my daughters’ activities and the activities and programs in the community, I feel I am, in some small way, supporting our deployed soldiers by helping care for their families. Maintaining a strong sense of pride in all our soldiers is something I try to share every day.

Because deployments are a fact of life at Fort Huachuca, we have decided to establish a lifeline for all spouses of deployed soldiers. Once a month, *The Fort Huachuca Scout* will run a column called the “Yellow Ribbon Corner.” Next month, we will introduce our e-mail and phone number so spouses can pass on their concerns, questions and frustrations.

A group of experienced spouses will answer the mail, researching when necessary to provide helpful, accurate answers and information. Good ideas are also welcome; we are always happy to pass along positive thoughts whenever we can.

We look forward to hearing from all spouses of deployed soldiers, soldiers assigned on short tours and those on guard and reserve duty away from home. We hope the Yellow Ribbon Corner will provide one more avenue for our deployed spouses to connect with others who are living and dealing with similar situations.

The goal, as with all of our family programs, is to inform, empower and share with our Army spouses. Until next month, keep smiling and happy holidays to all.

Marty Marks
Spouse,

Maj. Gen. James A. “Spider” Marks

Chaplain (Maj.) Dennis R. Nitschke
NETCOM, Deputy Command Chaplain

“Let there be peace on earth — and let it begin with me...”

So began the song on the country station. This version was sung by Vince Gill and his daughter. Most of the song goes like this:

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be

With God as our Father, brothers all are we
Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow

To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me!

As we come out of the season of Advent and enter into Christmas, these words could be written on our hearts. They could also be written on the hearts of the soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and civilian support folks who are/will be stationed overseas in areas of conflict and war. There has always been a “tension” of thought when we think of a military at war, yet we are in a season celebrating the greatest peace placed on earth. My way of dealing with this in a “Reader’s Digest” fashion is to say (and believe) we in the military should always stand “strong enough for war in order to maintain peace.”

My partner, and supervising chaplain, Chap. (Col.) Ryder Stevens, gave me another quote from George Orwell, “... the people of democracy sleep safe in their beds at night because rough men of the republic stand ready to do violence on their behalf...” We are in a “season of peace” even as soldiers and civilians deploy from Fort Huachuca to prepare for combat overseas – in order that we may “sleep safe in our beds.”

It is my prayer this holiday season that we continue to be at peace. That “peace” begins with each of us – at home is a good start. When we are angry, stop and think about why. If you are like me, the “why” is not as important as we thought once we look at it. At work is another place to step up the “peace.” Everyone has bad days – let “peace” have a chance. Maybe things can work out. Pray for those deployed – and for the families left behind. Pray for the “rough men (and women)” ready to fight so we may be at peace.

Peace is a hard reality for the world to grasp, so we, those who are peacekeepers, are the ones to show the world the way. Be strong for war, be the rough soldier ready to visit violence on those who would do us harm, but remember that one of our deepest values, as a nation, is to cause peace to reign in the world.

From my house, and office, to yours, merry Christmas and happy New Year. See you again in ’03. Until then - with God as our Father, brothers (and sisters) all are we; let us walk together in perfect harmony.

E-mail Chaplain (Maj.) Dennis R. Nitschke at Dennis.Nitschke@netcom.army.mil

CG's Winter Holiday Safety Message

The Winter Holiday Season is upon us - take time to celebrate, visit relatives and reflect on 2002. Universally this is a time of peace, good will toward others and spiritual renewal. The holidays should be a time of rest and planning for the approaching New Year.

Since September 11, we have lived in a period marked by change and apprehension. Soldiers deploy on a daily basis to unknown places far from family and friends in an effort to protect freedom and our way of life.

It is vital that we support each other, support both those

deployed and those remaining, demonstrate our compassion, and focus on the positive.

With so much time and energy devoted to issues abroad, we can easily lose sight of seasonal hazards at home. The causes of injuries never disappear: Army-wide, vehicle and recreational accidents kill more soldiers than combat and training combined. Fortunately, due to our education and prevention programs, Fort Huachuca has enjoyed a decade of significantly reduced holiday accidents. Please act responsibly, plan around the weather, be vigilant of the dan-

gers that conspire against us, and actively take measures to reduce hazards. Experience the joys of the holidays in a safe environment.

I wish you and your family a safe, happy, and enjoyable holiday season and New Year. Enjoy the festivities, celebrate the season, and return spiritually and physically recharged, ready to face the challenges of 2003.

Brig. Gen. John M. Custer
Acting Commanding General

Scout on the Street



I am going to quit smoking and I'm looking forward to retirement.

Sgt. 1st Class Stew White,
Tucson Recruiter Company



Last year my resolution was to run in a marathon and I just completed that. Now I found out I am pregnant so my New Year's resolution is to have a healthy baby.

Staff Sgt. Claudia Cross,
Arizona National Guard



To make even more customers happy and to keep them smiling.

Sang Marzan,
1-Hour Photo



Make it through Airborne school.

Pvt. Carolline Greene,
Company D,
309th Military Intelligence Battalion



To do even better in school and get straight A's.

Hannah Foster, 8
Col. Johnston Elementary student



I am going to quit smoking.

Spc. Colin Handler,
269th Signal Company,
504th Signal Battalion

Photos by Staff Sgt. Robert Hyatt

What is your New Year's resolution?

Make it out of here on time and go to Germany.

Pvt. Annie Frank,
Company D,
309th MI Bn.

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Always out front: MI officers inducted into the corps

By Staff Sgt. Sharron Stewart
Scout News Editor

History was made Monday in front of Nicholson Hall, a building named after one of the Military Intelligence Corps' heroes, when 43 graduating officers were formally welcomed into its ranks during the corps' first induction ceremony.

Members of graduating class 02-12 donned their black berets and requested permission from Col. James Slavin, commander of the 112th Military Intelligence Brigade, and keynote speaker, to enter the corps under newly revealed Leader's Arch.

Lt. Col. Brian Lesieur, battalion commander for the 304th Military Intelligence Battalion said the idea of the arch and the ceremony originated when key leaders were discussing a way to represent leadership in conjunction with a way of welcoming graduating commissioned and warrant officers into the corps.

"From the battlefield of the Revolutionary War to the Persian Gulf, and to the current war on global terrorism, intelligence soldiers have played a major role in the shaping and defending of our great nation," Lesieur said.

"What you see is a critical step for our new leaders arranged before you. As the sign says, 'Through this gate, pass the leaders of military intelligence.' Strong words for everyone present to read, to gain strength from and to live by. Everyday all members of the MI Corps, soldiers and civilians, bear the heavy responsibility of safeguarding our great nation," Slavin noted. "Sometimes it takes a setting like this to remind everyone present — freedom comes at a great price."

Nicholson Hall, Building 80505, is named after Lt. Col. Arthur Nicholson, Jr. a MI officer who was with the U.S. Military Liaison Mission at Potsdam, former East Germany when he was gunned down by a Soviet infantryman on March 24, 1985.

"We ask you, the new group of leaders standing before us, to continue to carry the torch of freedom to the furthest boundaries of the globe. We ask that when the mission of defending freedom is at its most difficult point that you trust your training, your leadership abilities and your fellow soldiers, for they will never fail you. Today's ceremony is not about the rank on your collar, it's about your individual character, the warrior spirit, the desire to be part of the Army team and the willingness to persevere in the most difficult and trying situation and if necessary to sacrifice your life," Lesieur said.

"Whether you are a cadre member, drill sergeant, or commander, when you come through the gate, it serves as constant reminder that our tradecraft is about leadership. They will know they are part of the team and be reminded of their responsibility to protect America, the Army and the MI Corps," Lesieur said.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Sharron Stewart

The Military Intelligence Corps held its first induction Monday. Forty-three graduates of the Officers Basic Course were inducted.

Lesieur went on to say Sgt. Maj. Steve Manigault, Company A, 304th MI Bn was one of the key designers. Planning began in July and the project was finally completed two weeks ago. "It's great when you see a project like this come to life," Manigault said. Manigault produced a rough draft of the arch to soldiers in the battalion who were able to make further improvements.

Lesieur said he appreciated the fact a senior noncommissioned officer was intimately involved in the professional development of commissioned officers.

"He felt it was a necessary thing to do to welcome them to the corps. He has been the energy behind this. His guidance, his initiative and his willingness to bring this to life is a testimony to his commitment to excellence," Lesieur said.

Lesieur went on to point out the MI community would now have a place to conduct ceremonies and take class pictures. "It's been an incredible journey to see the gate come up, I just want to thank everyone involved," Lesieur said.

Second Lt. Gerald Goodnough was part of the first class inducted into the MI Corps. "It's exciting to be part of history. I feel honored," he said.



Members of class 02-12 don their berets during the induction ceremony.

AFTB celebrates 8 years of building successful Army families, community

By Staff Sgt. Sharron Stewart
Scout News Editor

The Army Family Team Building program celebrated its eighth birthday Monday.

The mission of the AFTB program is to train family members and to improve personal and family preparedness which in turn enhances overall Army readiness.

Karla Grosinski, AFTB coordinator, said Fort Huachuca celebrated AFTB's birthday with a commercial, a luncheon and with volunteer recognition.

She said AFTB is the only program for family members that has official training. AFTB is run entirely by family member volunteers except for Grosinski who is the only paid staff member.

"It was created by family members, it's for family members and it's run by family member volunteers," said Grosinski.

She said servicemembers are also encouraged to participate in the training.

Volunteers get 10 hours a week of childcare reimbursement. Grosinski said volunteers also get the added benefit of learn-

ing new skills and of receiving training. She said AFTB is also a good avenue for more experienced spouses to share knowledge.

AFTB offers three different levels of training. Level I training is now available online.

"It's one of the best programs for spouses new to the military that the Army has to offer. It has strong command support," said Dennis Brock, Army Community Service officer. He said the feedback has been positive both from spouses and from family members. "I think Level I training should be mandatory," Brock said.

Level I introduces spouses to Army life, acronyms, how to read a Leave and Earning Statement, and the missions of the spouses' unit.

Level II has 19 modules geared toward emerging leaders. Classes include enhancing relationship building, Family Support Groups and group dynamics.

Level III courses offer training to enhance the professional growth and leadership development opportunities of family members, especially those who might assume advisory

and mentoring leadership roles with the community and unit.

AFTB classes are held at the Murr Community Center and can be conducted for units and for non-commissioned officer professional development classes.

For more information, call Grosinski at 533-3686 or visit www.army.mil/ACS/aftb.htm or www.aftb.org



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Photo by David K. Dismukes/Getty Images

Home away from home

Staff Sgt. Steven Garces, communications custodian for the 385th Signal Battalion, decorates a small Christmas tree at Camp Doha, Kuwait. Garces, from Sierra Vista, Ariz., is one of many servicemembers that will be spending Christmas in Southwest Asia. To ensure soldiers enjoy the holiday season while they are away from home, Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs and Master Sgt. Richard Pucket report that the Army and the United Service Organizations are teaming up to bring country music singer Daryl Worley, comedian Kathy Griffin, JAG television star Karri Turner, World Wrestling Enterprise champion Bradshaw and cheerleaders from Florida's Jacksonville Jaguars to Southwest Asia to entertain troops serving in Operation Enduring Freedom. There will be four two-hour performances given in Kuwait, Afghanistan and Uzbekistan. Escorting the entertainers will be Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack Tilley, who said this trip was made possible through funding from Secretary of the Army Thomas White and Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Eric K. Shinseki. "I'm really excited about this trip," Tilley said. "I hope this brightens the holidays a little for our soldiers working so hard and fighting for our freedom."

File proper exemptions, may bring significant relief

By Capt. Julio C. Salazar
JAG

Properly claiming exemptions for yourself and others can result in significant tax relief for you the taxpayer. Claiming improper exemptions, however, can lead to serious repercussions not only for you but also for other taxpayers who have otherwise properly followed the rules for claiming certain exemptions. Consequently, it is important to understand the rules that enable you to claim exemptions for yourself and others.

There are two types of exemptions available to the taxpayer: personal and dependency. Each exemption must meet certain conditions before they can be claimed.

Personal exemptions

For tax year 2002, a taxpayer can claim a personal exemption for the taxpayer and the taxpayer's spouse, but only if the taxpayer and the

have not been claimed as a dependent on another person's tax return. Although this seems simple enough, confusion arises as to the issue of dependency.

Dependency exemptions

A dependent is a person, other than the taxpayer or the taxpayer's spouse, that can be claimed by the taxpayer as a dependency exemption. In order for the taxpayer to claim a person as a dependent, the person must meet all five of the following tests: member of household or relationship test, citizen or resident test, joint return test gross income test, support test.

Member of household or relationship test

To satisfy this test, the person that taxpayer seeks to exempt must either live with the taxpayer for the entire year as a member of the household, or be closely related to the taxpayer. The IRS has special rules that define closely related and they include among others your children, siblings, parents, in-laws, grandparents, and first cousins. Stepchildren, adopted children, half and step siblings are also considered closely related for the purpose of this test.

Citizen or resident test

To meet this test, the person that the taxpayer seeks to exempt must be for some part of the year either a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, or a resident of Canada or Mexico.

Joint return test

Under this test, a taxpayer cannot claim someone as dependent if that person has filed a joint tax return. The only exception is if that person is filing a joint return for the sole purpose of claiming a refund and that person would not be able to do this if that person filed separately from his spouse.

Gross income test

A person cannot be claimed as a dependent if that person's gross income equals or exceeds the exemption amount. For tax year 2002, that amount is \$3,000. There is an exception to this gross income rule if either the taxpayer's child is 19 at the end of the year or the taxpayer's child is under 24 years of age at the end of the year and is a full-time student.

Support test

This test requires that for the entire year, the taxpayer must provide more than 50 percent of the support for the person they seek to claim as a dependent. There are special rules concerning multiple support and children of divorce or separated parents. If this pertains to you, make sure that your tax preparer knows the facts.

Phase out for dependency

As previously stated, the exemption amount for the personal exemption and dependency exemption for 2002 is \$3,000. Nevertheless, you may be subject to a phase out of your dependency exemption amount if your adjusted gross income is over a certain amount.

As the tax season descends upon us, it is important to know your rights and responsibilities concerning exemptions. Improperly claiming yourself or another as an exemption can lead to an audit — not only of yourself but also of other taxpayers. Thus, if you have reason to believe that someone may be claiming you as a dependent or a person you want to claim as a dependent does not meet one of the five tests for dependency, make the tax preparer aware of this.

If you have any questions prior to the opening of the Fort Huachuca Tax Assistance Center, call Legal Assistance at 533-2009. The Tax Assistance Center has moved and will be conveniently located in Building 2234 on Christy Avenue. The Tax Assistance Center will be operating from Jan. 21 - April 15.



Safety is a must this holiday season

104th Area Support Group release

Every year hundreds of fires, resulting in injuries and deaths, are caused by the careless acts of individuals. Smoking in bed, unmonitored cooking, and misuse of supplemental heating equipment account for many of these fires. Simply learning to be more diligent and practicing fire safety can eliminate loss of property, serious injury, and even death.

- Cigarettes and other smoking materials are the number one cause of home fire deaths in the United States. Never smoke in bed.

- Cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires in the United States, killing hundreds and injuring thousands annually. Supervise all kitchen activities and never leave cooking unattended.

- Home heating equipment fires are the second leading cause of home fires and related deaths in the United States each year. Properly maintain heating equipment and use supplemental heating appliances such as portable and space heaters, fireplaces, and wood-burning stoves with extreme caution. Be advised that these types of devices are prohibited from use in all government facilities.

- Smoke detectors save lives. All Army housing units have smoke detectors installed, but if you live off-post, the investment in smoke detectors is an absolute necessity.

- Christmas trees were the first thing ignited in 3,000 home fires in the United States in 1998 primarily caused by faulty or misused wiring. Never place lit candles on a tree. Ensure proper lighting is used for decorating and keep trees moist and away from heat sources.

- Escape plans are a good part of an overall home fire safety plan. Practice your home fire drill with the entire family at least twice a year.



Army extends deadline for 'Third Wave' of privatization exemptions

By Gary Sheftick
Army News Service

The deadline has been extended to Jan. 15 for Army functional chiefs to submit final requests arguing what positions should be exempt from the "Third Wave" of privatization. Initially 213,637 positions - 154,910 held by civilian employees and 58,727 held by soldiers -- were designated as "non-core" to the Army and eligible for public-private competition. That's well over half of the Army's 247,400 civilian jobs. But officials said the final numbers could be much different.

"Everybody wants an exemption," said Dr. John Anderson, the Army official responsible for initially reviewing exemption requests.

Anderson already has received requests for thousands of positions to be exempted from the next wave of A-76 competitions and privatization actions. Many of the requests, though, had to be returned to functional chiefs for additional information. So the Nov. 29 deadline for exemption requests was extended until mid-January. And the target date for Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) Reginald Brown to finish reviewing the recommendations has been moved forward. Feb. 20 is now the date for an expected announcement on Third Wave exemption decisions.

As Anderson looked over stacks of Third Wave documents on his desk, he explained the origin of the term:

The first wave of outsourcing began in 1979 following the signing of Office of Management and Budget Circular A-76. It is often associated with OMB Director David Stockman, he said.

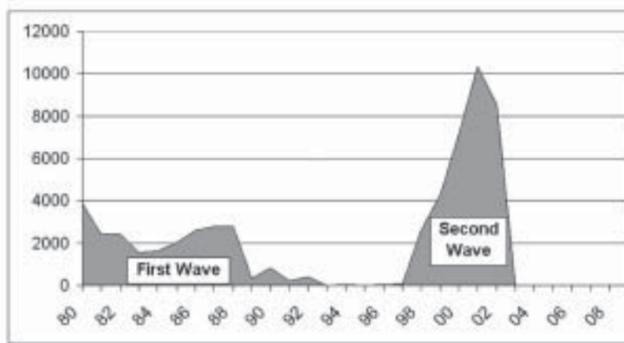
The second wave began peaking in 1998 and is often associated with "reinventing government." It involved the Defense Reform Initiative Directive known as DRID-20 and the Federal Activities Inventory Reform or FAIR Act.

The "Third Wave" was initiated by the "President's Management Agenda" signed by President Bush last year. Army Secretary Thomas White said the Third Wave will be "bigger and faster" than previous ones and may include "alternatives to A-76."

"Bigger chunks of competition could result in economies of scale," Anderson said.

Anderson explained that A-76 competitions would no longer be limited to installations and could cover an entire function Army-wide. He said for the first time, functions other than base operations will be competed. He also said that some functions --

Jobs completed by A-76



Graphic courtesy of DoD

such as research and development and architectural engineering -- are exempt from A-76 by statute and could be privatized without competition.

Memorandums and information papers on the Third Wave almost cover the nameplate on Anderson's desk that reads: "Dr. DRID."

Anderson, who has a doctorate in philosophy and a law degree, was given that nameplate several years ago by a general officer while he was immersed in trying to meet the goals of DRID-20 and the FAIR Act. Anderson reviewed appeals as to which Army functions were "inherently governmental" and which could be outsourced. That was during the Second Wave of A-76 competitions.

Anderson said there are three over-arching reasons for the Third Wave. The primary objective, he said, is to make sure the Army is using its manpower as efficiently as possible, "before asking for additional resources."

The second objective is to free up military manpower for core functions and the global War on Terrorism. Anderson said this is necessary because the Army is operating within fixed constraints - an end-strength of 480,000 active-duty soldiers - in a wartime environment where there may be increasing demands for military capabilities.

Third, Anderson said it is necessary for the Army to be a good steward of the taxpayers' dollars and to support the President's Management Agenda that calls for competitive sourcing.

Anderson explained that soldiers performing functions determined to be non-core to the Army will be moved to positions where they can perform core competencies.

"No(military)end strength is going to be cut by this," Anderson said. In fact, he said the Third Wave should help beef up the Army's combat and combat support capabilities.

"We will leverage our current end strength by converting non-core military to civilian employees or contract, where appropriate," Anderson said.

When soldiers are moved out of non-core positions, it will cost an estimated \$55,000 per soldier to replace them with contractors, Anderson said. And then some of the soldiers may need to be retrained in other specialties. He said this will be paid for through savings generated from public-private competition.

"There's no free lunch here," Anderson said.

Not all of the non-core functions will be contracted out though, Anderson said. Some will simply be divested or eliminated, he said. Some could be transferred to another executive agency. Some could be worked by civilian employees. Remaining non-core functions -- performed both by soldiers and civilians -- will be included in A-76 competitions.

None of these actions will begin, however, until exemption decisions are made and Implementation Plans are approved by the Secretary of the Army. Anderson said the exemption recommendations will be coordinated with G1, G3, and other Department of the Army staff principals through a formal process.

First a validation process will check the functional data base and administrative corrections will be made, Anderson said. Then Army functional chiefs who head up career fields will have an opportunity to "vet issues from a policy standpoint."

Major commands provide input to Army functional chiefs at the Pentagon, Anderson said. Then the chiefs submit requests as to which functions under their purview should be exempted.

"Just because a function is not inherently governmental doesn't mean it should be contracted," Anderson said. He said there's a

difference between what jobs "could" and "should" be contracted.

Anderson, in coordination with Army staff principals, formulates exemption recommendations for the assistant secretary of the Army (Manpower & Reserve Affairs). If functional chiefs don't agree with a recommendation, Anderson said there's "likely to be a negotiation process" involving "discussion and collaboration."

If parties still don't agree, Anderson said alternate recommendations will be sent to Brown, who will make a decision.

The new OMB Circular A-76 -- now in draft form for public comment -- assumes that all functions are subject to competition unless exempted in writing, with rationale, by an assistant secretary.

Even after Brown announces exemptions, parts of the decisions will be subject to public challenge under the FAIR Act, Anderson said. And the decisions will be subject to review by the secretary of the Army, the secretary of Defense, the Office of Management and Budget, and Congress.

Then the Army's "Non-Core Competencies Working Group" will decide how non-core functions will be competed. Right now the group is just beginning to develop implementation plan templates, said its deputy chairman, Jim Wakefield. Wakefield wants to calm Army civilian employees and soldiers who fear their jobs might soon be contracted out or eliminated.

First, he said A-76 competitions will be held over the next seven years -- not overnight.

DoD and the military services are now in the process of determining whether DoD's budget should project the competitions to be completed by fiscal year 2008 or 2009.

Second, if military positions are contracted out, Wakefield said soldiers will simply be moved to another location or trained in another specialty. Third, Army employees will have a chance to compete for their jobs by developing "most efficient organizations," Wakefield said.

He pointed out that only 408 employees have been involuntarily separated to date during the Army's "Second Wave" of A-76 competitions. That wave began in November 1996 with 20,000 positions covered by A-76 studies completed so far and another 13,000 being looked at in ongoing competitions.

Even if entire functions are contracted out, "you always need some type of core capability," Wakefield said, at least a "smart buyer" capability, so that someone can monitor the contractors.

Community Updates

Commanders Hotline

Get a formal response to your issue or concern in just 10 working days with the Commanders Hotline. Call 533-BOSS (2677) or e-mail commanders-hotline@hua.army.mil.

DOIM relocation

The Directorate of Installation Management classroom has moved from Building 22324 on Christy Avenue to Building 52104. Building 52104 is located at 2288 La Guardia Street. That is the education building across the street from Barnes Field House. This move is effective immediately. If you have any questions, call Mike Trivitt at 533-8523.

Work with Wettle the Waterdrop

The Water Wise Energy Smart Program on Fort Huachuca is looking for someone to help educate the Fort Huachuca community about energy and water conservation, and natural resource stewardship.

For more information, or to apply for this paid, part-time position, check out the *Fort Huachuca Scout Classifieds* under *Instructional*

Scholarships for military children

The 2003 scholarships for military children program is now open. These are \$1,500 scholarships sponsored by the defense commissary agency and administered by the Fisher House Foundation. Factors to be considered include grades, community involvement, activities and an essay.

Applications can be downloaded for the 2003 program at www.commissaries.com or www.fisherhouse.org. They can also be picked up at any commissary. The program is open to dependent unmarried children, under the age of 23, of active duty personnel, Reserve, Guard and retired military. Applicants should ensure they're currently enrolled in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting Systems database and have a current identification card.

The applicant must be planning to attend, or already attending, an accredited college or university full-time in the fall term of 2003. The deadline for returning applications by hand or mail to a commissary is Feb. 21, 2003. For more information call Judy Mendez, commissary manager at 533-5540.

For more information is Natalie Danforth call 533-4101.

AGD closure

The Adjutant General Directorate will be closed from 12-4:30 p.m. Friday for their annual Christmas party.

If you are a soldier who needs to out-process on that day, report to Whitside Hall prior to 11 a.m.

Safety Office closure

The Fort Huachuca Safety Office will be closed for normal business this afternoon so that the staff can hold their annual holiday luncheon. Personnel will be available to handle emergencies via pager 378-7971. Seasons greetings to all and celebrate the holidays safely.

Thrift Shop closure

The Fort Huachuca Thrift Shop will be closed today until Jan. 3. The shop will reopen on Jan. 4 at 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. for shopping; consignments will close at 1 p.m. The shop is open to the public for shopping. The volunteers and staff wish a happy holiday season to all customers. For more information call Lois Shuttleworth at 458-1741 or e-mail lois@theriver.com.

Closure of Installation ASP

The Installation Ammunition Supply Point will be closed Dec. 27-31 for a quarterly inventory.

Emergencies need to be directed to Manny Bringas at the ASP, telephone 533-2512 or Mr. Jose Fierros at telephone 533-3617.

OSJA section closure

The Military Justice section of the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate will be closed today due to courts-martials, boards, and the magistrates docket. We apologize for the inconvenience and will re-open Friday at 8:30 a.m.

DOIM routine maintenance

The Directorate of Information Management will be performing routine maintenance on all Exchange Servers (including SIPRNET) and the ATZS server farm beginning at 7 a.m. Sunday. Estimated downtime is approximately two hours for NIPRNET Exchange, two hours for SIPRNET Exchange. E-mail service will not be available during this time; connectivity to the server farm may be intermittent.

DOC holiday closure

The Directorate of Contracting will be closed from 12:30 p.m. through the close of business on Friday for their holiday celebration. Call Wilma J. Rose at 559-2008 for emergencies.

ACS holiday staff party

Army Community Service will be closed from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday for their annual holiday staff party. This is a correction of the date previously listed as Friday. If you have any questions call Dennis Brock at 533-5719.

Travel settlement voucher submission information

Recent guidance from DFAS-Indianapolis Travel Operations is that only one copy of the following is required for Temporary Duty settlement vouchers:

DD Form 1351-2 (travel voucher or subvoucher), travel order, lodging receipt, commercially procured transportation receipt (air, train, rental car, etc.), registration/conference fee receipt, miscellaneous expense exceeding \$75, DD 730 (proof of return of unused ticket.)

If vouchers are mailed, original copy of settlement voucher and receipts are requested. For more information, call Tee Fuimaono, Directorate of Resource Management, 533-1361.

Army on that Saturday is usually \$300 at WalMart and \$200 at Target, so we did great in terms of "need," lousy in terms of "battle."

\$1,177.42 was raised in the two groups. The two stores did more than all the rest of the "pots" in town together.

The Salvation Army Captain, Tammi Ray, said the downtown clergy brought in singers and members of the congregations. They also announced the "battle" in church so much of their giving was probably saved up for the weekend. So, basically, the "other guys" cheated their way into the win. We stayed on the high ground — this year.

I propose that next year we have choirs, B Troop and the 36th Army Band be part of our program. I have other thoughts as well, but I have to work them out.

Thanks to the following chaplains who participated: Chap. (Col.) Ryder Stevens, Chap. (Maj.) Dan Minjares and (Capt.) Tony Kazarnowicz. Plus a few friends from Network Enterprise Technology Command and the congregations dropped by to give moral support.

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MDA assists Toys for Tots drive

The national headquarters of the Muscular Dystrophy Association once again will serve as a drop-off location for the U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots program.

New, unwrapped toys, books or sporting equipment for children may be delivered to the MDA lobby, 3300 E. Sunrise Drive, Tucson, weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., through Friday.

This is the fifth consecutive year in which MDA has participated in the Toys for Tots program. Local MDA staff contribute heavily to the toy drive, which provides holiday gifts to children in needy families.

Cost avoided material listing

Save your organization money. From adhesives to valve grinding compound, several items are available for issue, at no charge, from the Hazardous Material Control Center. To obtain this material, customers must have a valid DA Form 1687 (Notice of Delegation of Authority - Receipt for Supplies) on file at the HMCC. If you do not have an account, but wish to obtain material, call Larry Brooks at 533-1263. Material will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis in accordance with Fort Huachuca Regulation 710-1. This regulation may be viewed at <http://huachuca-www.army.mil>.

Library hours

The Fort Huachuca Library will open at 9:30 a.m. and close at 5 p.m. Dec. 24 and Jan. 31 to allow library staff time to spend those evenings with their families. We wish you all happy holidays.



Battle of the Bells report

Chaplain (Maj.) Dennis R. Nitschke
NETCOM, Deputy Command Chaplain

The Fort Huachuca Chaplains were slaughtered at the "Battle of the Bells."

The downtown clergy at WalMart pulled in \$731.78 while our Target crew did \$435.69 (almost \$300 difference). However, an average day for the Salvation

Specialist, or job announcement number 25250 on the URL posting on the website at www.hr.arizona.edu/25250xaccpxoutx.htm.

Range closures

Range closures for today through Jan. 8

*Today—AG, AH, AK, AL, AO, AR, AU, AW, T1, T1A, T2

*Friday—AG, AO, AU, AW

*Saturday—No Closures except the East Range

*Sunday—No Closures except the East Range

*Monday—AU

*Tuesday—AU

*Dec. 25—No Closures except the East Range

*Dec. 26—No Closures except the East Range

*Dec. 27—AU

*Dec. 28—No closures except the East Range

*Dec. 29—No closures except the East Range

*Dec. 30—AU

Dec. 31—No closures

Jan. 1—No closures

Jan. 2—AU

Jan. 3—AU, T1, T1A, T2

Jan. 4—No closures

Jan. 5—No closures

Jan. 6—AB (4:30-7 p.m.), AG, AO, AU,

Jan. 7—AB (4:30-7 p.m.), AG, AL, AM, AO,

AU, AW, T1, T1A, T2

Jan. 8—AG, AL, AO, AU, AV, AW, T1, T1A,

T2

*The East Range is close to all hunting during the big game hunt. For more information on range closures call Range Control 533-7095.

Marathon volunteers needed

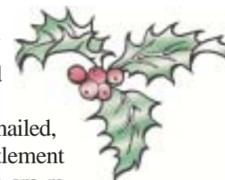
The Thunder Mountain Marathon is March 22. This world class marathon will take place on the roads of Sierra Vista and Fort Huachuca.

Volunteers are needed to set up and tear down the race headquarters, man barricades and water points. You do not have to be a marathon runner to participate in this annual event.

To volunteer for these events please contact the Installation Volunteer Coordinator, Jo Richter at 538-4823. Her office is located in the Murr Community Center or e-mail her at jo.richter@hua.army.mil.

\$75, DD 730 (proof of return of unused ticket.)

If vouchers are mailed, original copy of settlement voucher and receipts are requested. For more information, call Tee Fuimaono, Directorate of Resource Management, 533-1361.



AFAP conference committee needs volunteers

The Army Family Action Plan Conference Planning Committee is looking for volunteers. Volunteers are needed to be a part of the planning committee and subcommittees and/or assistance during the conference. Committees with openings include logistics, hospitality, and volunteer coordination as well as others. We are also looking for volunteers experienced in facilitating and issue development. Anyone interested in being involved should stop by Army Community Service or contact the AFAP Coordinator at 533-3686.

DPS closure

The Directorate of Public Safety will be closed from 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Friday for their annual holiday party.

The Military Police Desk and Fire Departments will be operational. Refer all calls to 533-2181. Have a safe holiday season.

PAO closure

The Public Affairs Office will be closed from 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Friday for their annual holiday party. In case of emergency, call the PAO on-call pager at 452-2040 or cell, 508-2040. Thanks and have a great holiday season.

CPAC closure

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center will be closed from 12-5 p.m. Friday so employees may attend the CPAC holiday party. The point of contact is Sheila Chaney, at 533-5282.

SEPC meeting

The Fort Huachuca's Special Emphasis Program Committee would like to invite all interested personnel and the community to the next SEPC meeting which will be held Jan. 14 at 2:30 p.m. in the Equal Employment Opportunity Office class-



room, Building 22328.

The SEPC is doing many new innovative projects and we would like for you to be a part of it. The SEPC meets monthly on the second Tuesday of the month to discuss and analyze problem areas where under representation of women and minorities is identified and then provides advice and assistance to management officials on how to remove employment barriers and correct policies, practices, and procedures which may be discriminatory in nature. Our meetings are open to all interested personnel on Fort Huachuca. For further information, call SEP Manager, Joan Street at 538-0276.

Closure for lunch

Effective Jan. 2, 2003, the Official Mail and Distribution Center will be closed for lunch 12-1 p.m. The OMDC is part of the Directorate of Information Management, US Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca.

It is located in the back of Building 22408 at Christy Avenue and Butler Road. Operating hours are 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information call Joe Garcia at 533-3717.



Smith photo
Pvt. Lisa Bright assists in art with the Smith middle school students.

Soldiers put their best foot forward, lend a helping hand at Smith

Fort Huachuca commanders support education and the proof is at Smith Middle School. Two recently arrived soldiers, Spec. Jennifer Klemenz and Pvt. Lisa Bright of the 309th Military Intelligence Battalion, are in regular attendance there. After learning that their advanced individual training could not occur for several weeks, possibly months, both elected to spend their time in the interim at the post's only middle school.

Klemenz, a certified teacher receiving her degree from the University of New England, has long held a preference for the middle grades. She is assisting in Jacqueline Bradley's 8th grade language arts classes, Joyce Bridges' computer applications classes, Patricia Hawker's 7th grade science classes, and Deborah Brown's special education classes. Bright has also worked with children before.

For several months earlier this year, Bright taught English to elementary age students in Russia. Bright is assisting in Janis Dodson's 8th grade science classes, Nancy Murphy's art classes, and Lee Clifton's, Alyce Copeland's and Nan Filleman's 6th grade core classes. Spreading out among various grade levels and subject areas affords maximum exposure to the curriculum and the diverse student population.

The additional support in the classroom is also welcome. Add to this the homework assistance offered by various soldiers of the 19th Signal Battalion and the ever-increasing number of hours put in by the Smith Parent Teacher Student Organization, and it becomes evident that education is a priority on Fort Huachuca.

Avoiding cold-weather injuries

By Marques Walker, Preventive Medicine
Walter Reed Army Medical Center

Freezing cold injuries occur whenever the air temperature is below 32 degrees Fahrenheit.

Freezing limited to the skin surface is called frostnip. Frostnip involves freezing of water on the skin surface, causing the skin to become reddened and possibly swollen. Although painful, there is usually no further damage after rewarming the damaged area.

Repeated frostnip in the same area can dry the skin, causing it to crack and become very sensitive. Frostnip should be taken seriously since it may be the first sign of frostbite.

Frostbite occurs when skin tissue and blood vessels are damaged. As frostbite develops, skin will numb and turn to a gray or waxy white color. The area will be cold to the touch and may feel stiff or woody. With frostbite, the forming of ice crystals and the lack of blood flow to a frozen area damage the tissues. After thawing, swelling may occur, worsening the injury.

Freezing cold injuries most commonly affect the toes, fingers, earlobes, chin, cheeks and the nose – the body parts that are often left uncovered in cold temperatures.

Non-freezing cold injuries can occur when conditions are cold and wet (air temperatures between 32 and 55 degrees Fahrenheit) and the hands and feet cannot be kept warm and dry. The most prominent non-freezing cold injuries are chilblain and trench foot.

Chilblain is an inflammatory swelling or sore caused by exposure to cold and wetness. It appears as red, swollen skin, which is tender, hot to the touch, and may itch. This can

worsen to an aching, prickly (“pins and needles”) sensation, and then numbness. While painful, it causes little or no permanent impairment.

Trench foot is a very serious cold injury which develops when the skin of the feet is exposed to moisture and cold for prolonged periods. The average duration of exposure resulting in trench foot is three days.

Often the first sign of trench foot is itching, numbness or tingling pain. Later the feet may appear swollen and the skin mildly red, blue or black. Untreated, trench foot can eventually require amputation. Non-freezing cold injuries mostly occur in the lower limbs of the body, such as the lower legs and feet.

Prevent cold-weather injuries:

- Wear several layers of clothing, rather than one or two bulky layers. Air is trapped between these layers and acts as insulation against the cold. Clothing filled with wool, down and synthetic foams may help retain body heat.

- Always wear a hat, scarf and face mask. As much as 70 percent or more of the body’s heat can be lost through radiation and convection from an uncovered head. A scarf or facemask may help prevent frostbite injuries to the nose and ears.

- Drink warm liquids like hot chocolate. Sugar contained in these beverages helps the body to generate additional heat. But avoid alcoholic and caffeine beverages, which can give people a false sense of warmth.

- Avoid wet clothing, shoes and socks.
- Insulated gloves and socks may help to prevent frostbite injuries to fingers and toes. Avoid skin contact with metal objects exposed to the cold for extended periods.

(Reprinted from Walter Reed Army Medical Center *Stripe*)

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working closely with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on the issue, compiling fact sheets for military personnel covering everything from the nature of smallpox to vaccine safety.

Young military personnel probably know little about the virus and its symptoms. In the United States, routine vaccination against smallpox ended around 1972, well before many of them were born. According to the CDC, the last naturally occurring case was in Somalia in 1977.

In May 1980, the World Health Organization recommended that all countries cease vaccination. U.S. military smallpox vaccination programs continued in small degree until 1990.

Smallpox is a highly contagious and sometimes fatal disease for which there is no specific treatment. The disease kills about 30 percent of all people infected, according to the CDC. Currently, the only preventive measure against the disease is the smallpox vaccine.

The vaccination, usually given in the upper arm, requires a two-pronged needle that pricks the skin several times. If the vaccination is successful, a red-itchy bump will appear in three to four days. Reactions to the vaccination include swelling, headache, fatigue, muscle aches, pain, or chills. Some people may have rashes that last from two to

four days.

“We’ve spent quite a bit of time over the past several months putting together all the educational training material, spending time with medical personnel to get their best advice and input,” Winkenwerder said. “We’ve used what we felt were the very best medical experts in the U.S. and around the world to give us advice on how to do this in just the right way.”

The vaccine being issued to service members has been sitting on the shelves of U.S. research labs since 1972, Winkenwerder said he’s sure it’s still safe and effective.

“The vaccine is a safe vaccine; however, it does have some side effects that need to be carefully monitored and carefully managed,” he said. He believes those side effects can be managed effectively.

The CDC reports that about 1,000 people for every 1 million people vaccinated for the first time experienced serious reactions, though not life-threatening ones, and that one or two people per million vaccinated risk death as a result.

Winkenwerder said all military personnel receiving the smallpox inoculation would be given careful instructions on what to do in case side effects appear.

In addition, a telephone hotline will be set up to provide information what to do for any adverse reaction to the vaccine.



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siderably,” Valle said. “For example the La Hacienda had only one very small smoking area inside Pepperoni’s. With the new directive, we’ve now gone totally nonsmoking.”

Although the change is something Valle knows some of the fort’s patrons disagree with, he has been very understanding to the sensitivities of smokers who might feel they can no longer enjoy events at the fort’s facilities.

“First of all we gave notification of the change prior to the Dec. 7 deadline,” Valle said. “Secondly, we spoke to the people of the bingo program, which is the most affected group, because they support us and many of our programs. We didn’t want to hit them with a major surprise such.”

To sustain the level of enjoyment of bingo, Valle explained the bingo manager worked with the group and received several ideas of when to schedule smoke breaks and how many breaks should be given, similar to what many of the Army classes do – take a 10 minute break every hour on the hour.

Also he said La Hacienda is looking at developing a smoking area outside the club with a canopy and portable heaters for the winter season. Valle said first and foremost the facilities are for everyone, smokers and nonsmokers alike.

“The flipside of this policy is now those people who didn’t go to bingo because they didn’t like cigarette smoke can come in for a totally nonsmoking program,” Valle said. “And we think they’ll enjoy it because now they don’t have to contend with smoking.”



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks

A patron takes a break in the Desert Lanes bowling alley’s smoke room. The facility meets federal guidelines that went into effect making all federal facilities smoke free.

The trend of smoke-free environments at public places has been implemented not only by the government, but also in many major cities across the country.

“The fall back is that some people are concerned with the club system,” he said. “But we’ve been told we were going to do it, and we’re going to make provisions and make it as easy as possible for everybody here.”

TROOPS from Page 1

- Army Emergency Relief at www.aerhq.org;
- Navy/Marine Relief Society at www.nmcrs.org;
- Air Force Aid Society at www.afas.org;
- Coast Guard Mutual Assistance at www.cgmahq.org;
- Donate to “Operation USO Care Package” at www.usometrodc.org/care.html
- Support the American Red Cross Armed Forces Emergency Services at www.redcross.org/services/afes
- Volunteer at a VA Hospital www.va.gov/vetsday to honor veterans who bore the lamp of freedom in past conflicts.

Reach out to military families in your community, especially those with a loved one overseas.

Please do not flood the military mail system with letters, cards, and gifts.

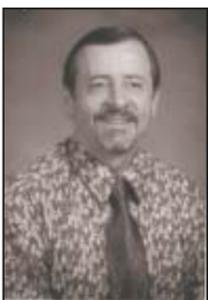
Due to security concerns and transportation constraints, the Department cannot accept items to be mailed to “Any Servicemember at www.defenselink.mil/news/Nov2001/b11282001_bt603-01.html.”

Some people have tried to avoid this prohibition by sending large numbers of packages to an individual servicemember’s address, which however well intentioned, clogs the mail and causes unnecessary delays.

The support and generosity of the American people has touched the lives of many servicemembers, over 300,000 of whom are deployed overseas.

Teacher Profile

Name: Joe Patalsky
School: Col. Smith Middle School
Educational Background: A.A. Liberal Arts, B.A. Elementary Education and a M.A. Adult Continuing
Number of years teaching: 13
Current position: seventh-grade Social Studies Teacher
Activities outside of teaching:
Hiking: Coaching basketball and baseball, reading, fishing and golf



Joe Patalsky

The hardest lesson I have learned: To not let student’s misbehavior upset me
People would be surprised if they knew I: Was a Russian speaking Army Interrogator
Who do you admire or who is your mentor? Jesus Christ. He changes lives.
Most gratifying experience as an educator: During my first year of teaching, I was asked to teach a blind girl in my sixth grade self-contained class. She was an excellent student and a joy to help.
Why I became a teacher: I wanted to contribute something meaningful to our society and helping young people

learn seemed to be one of the best things a person could do.
The most challenging aspect of teaching young people today is: Dealing with all the social problems associated with our present culture.
The best teaching tool I have used and would recommend to a colleague is: Get a stopwatch and offer the students the chance to earn preferred activity time on Fridays. The stopwatch has power.



Pets of the Week



Hi, I am a yellow lab puppy and am very playful. I am very good with children and would love be part of your family. My adoption fee is \$22 which includes my deworming and surgery.



I am Samson, a white and brown boxer/akita mix. I love children and am a r e a d y housebroken. My adoption fee is \$32 which will give me a microchip, deworming, and heartworm test.



Hi my name is Tiger Lily and I am a beautiful white and brown tabby. I am great with kids and love to be kept indoors. Since I am already spayed and current on my vaccines, my adoption fee is only \$12. That includes my micro chipping, leukemia test, and deworming.



My name is O’ Ryan and I am a lovable adult gray tabby. I love to be petted and adored. My adoption fee is \$42 which includes my leukemia test, micro chipping, vaccinations, deworming, and my neutering.

If you did not see anything you like here, visit our online stray facility at Petfinder.com. 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.

Illustrator captures fort's Sept. 11 ceremony through photography, graphics

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

It's the day of the Military Intelligence Corps Holiday Ball; a day when the top brass and leadership figureheads will come dressed in their blues and bowties.

It is also the highly anticipated day when the fruition of one soldier's artistic interpretation is revealed to the MI world to either be accepted or rejected.

And somewhere in the back of Spc. Vincent Gothard's mind is the day he makes and leaves his mark in Fort Huachuca's long and fabled history.

Gothard, a multimedia illustrator, was introduced Dec. 6 as the artist who captured the spirit of the fort's Sept. 11 commemoration ceremony through his camera and artistic creativity.

During the ball, his artistry depicting the events of Sept. 11 and the one-year anniversary ceremony was unveiled after he spent two painstakingly months creating a four photo collage of the events, which included a large panorama.

The original idea was to capture the ceremony through photos, particularly a large panoramic view of the civilian and military forces coming together on the field during the ceremony.

The command leadership wanted a photo that could exemplify both worlds and to commemorate the event itself.

For the panoramic illustration,

it was tough coming up with a collection of photos to put it together.

He used photos provided by the Public Affairs Office in addition to the pictures he took during the ceremony.

"Without the two departments coming together, the panorama would have never come off the way it did," Gothard said. "The large panorama is made up seven different photographs and spliced them together to create one image."

Gothard, who has a bachelor's degree in photography from the University of Florida, devoted nearly 70 hours to complete the project in addition to his daily duties.

His favorite of the four images is the panorama, mentioning most people wouldn't realize how much manipulation went into making the panorama.

"Besides the photo of the flag at half mast, the others are contrived and it's obvious that graphics were involved in making the image," Gothard said.

After the unveiling Gothard was commended by all the attendees, and he was complimented extensively by Lt. Col. Eileen Ahearn, deputy chief of staff, U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca.

"Once Specialist Gothard saw the myriad of pictures, he recommended that we look beyond the panoramic and do a collage or two," Ahearn said. "Since then we have watched his creativity work



Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks

Spc. Vincent Gothard stands before his collage depicting the fort's one-year anniversary commemoration ceremony of Sept. 11, 2001. Gothard was in basic training when the tragic events occurred.

to produce the four fantastic pictures we have today. With his artistic eye and the flexibility of digitization, he has been able to make good pictures better (the eagle in the panoramic) and tell a story (the collages)."

Gothard, assigned to Company A, 306th Military Intelligence Battalion, brought a wealth of experience and talent into the Army, which began from his days in elementary school.

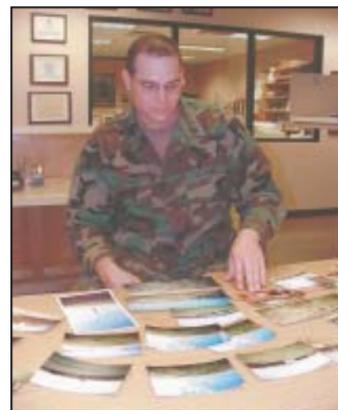
"I've been doodling since elementary school," he said. "In third grade I was almost suspended for selling drawings for a quarter each. I guess that was my first in-

terest in illustration and graphic design."

After the last song had been played and the ball attendees were filing out to go home, Gothard reflected on his accomplishment and revealed a grin.

"I'm pretty proud. It's always nice to become a permanent collection of something," Gothard said. "It's a nice feeling to know I can come back here in the future with my children and grandchildren to see that this will always be here."

Prints of the collage will be available for purchase at the Fort Huachuca Museum in the near future according to post officials.



Gothard looks at several of the pictures he used for designing the collage.