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Reserve sports fields

Units or individuals requesting to reserve a sports field may call the Sports Branch, Directorate of Community Activities, at 533-5031 or 533-3180.

Reservations can be made beginning at noon the day prior to the date required. Call or stop by the Sports Office at Barnes Field House.

DCA hosts ribbon cutting

The Directorate of Community Activities will host a ribbon cutting ceremony at 10:30 a.m., April 19 at the entrance to the new access road located at Buffalo Soldier Trail and Wilcox Road. The ceremony will consist of music provided by the 36th Army Band, speeches by Gen. James A. Marks, commanding general, U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca, and Thomas Hessler, mayor of Sierra Vista, and the actual ribbon cutting.

Arizona trekkers meet

Thunder Mountain Trekkers will meet at 7 p.m., April 30 at Sulpher Springs Valley Electric Cooperative, 311 Wilcox, Sierra Vista. Discussions will be held concerning upcoming events both locally and in the surrounding area. For information, call Wendy or Dave Breen at 378-1763.

Butterfly field trip

The Southeast Arizona Butterfly Association will host a butterfly field trip Sunday to Patagonia State Park. Meet at the trailhead near the east end of the lake at 9 a.m. Beginners are welcome. Cost is \$5. Dress for the field; wear sturdy shoes, hat, water, binoculars, sunscreen and lunch.

For more information, call (520) 742-0071 or (520) 803-9700. The association will also host a meeting at 7 p.m., Tuesday at the Tucson Botanical Gardens, 2150 N. Alvernon Way, Education Room. Author Priscilla Brodtkin will take us on a butterflying journey deep into the neighboring state of Sonora, Mexico. The event is free. Call (520) 742-0071.

Culinary Institute recruits

The Culinary Institute of America will be in Tucson, Ariz. Sunday to answer questions and to share information about how the CIA's bachelor's and associate degree programs can put students on the road to a successful and rewarding culinary career.

An admissions representative will be available 9 a.m.-6 p.m. at the Sheraton El Conquistador Resort and Country Club Boardroom, 10000 N. Oracle Rd., Tucson. For more information, contact Mary Beth at 1-800-CULINARY (285-4627) or visit the CIA's Web site at www.ciachef.edu.

AUSA hosts golf tourney

The Association of the United States Army Fort Huachuca/Sierra Vista Chapter is hosting a four-person-scramble golf tournament at 12:30 p.m., April 24 at the Mountain View Golf Course.

Cost is \$25 per player including cart. Following the tournament, the chapter will host the AUSA Seventh Region Soaring Eagle Awards Dinner on at 7 p.m., April 25 at the Windemere Hotel in Sierra Vista. Cost is \$26 per person.

The public is invited to here guest speaker retired Gen. Gordon R. Sullivan, president of AUSA and former Army Chief of Staff. Reservation forms for the golf tournament and dinner are available at Armed Forces Band on Fort Huachuca near the Post Exchange and the Mountain View Golf Course.

Marines conduct hostage training

By Sgt. Jessica Inigo
Scout Staff

The U.S. Marine Corps Detachment at Fort Huachuca recently helped local law enforcement conduct hostage training to improve tactics and military-civilian relationships.

The Cochise County Sheriff Hostage Rescue Team and the Sierra Vista Police Department Special Rescue Team trained on rescue tactics, while Marines role-played hostages or terrorists.

"These types of activities help build up the relationship between the Marines and the down-

town community," said Marine Corps Maj. Michael Aloise, commander.

Last year the Marines conducted similar training with local law enforcement and Aloise said he hopes to continue working together.

"We perform similar tactics during Marine Corps missions, so training like this is a good experience for the Marines here. It helps us exchange hand-to-hand unarmed combat techniques," Aloise said. "We hope to have them back on [post] to do martial arts training with us."

The training was a great opportunity to share and learn from each other, according to Marine Cpl. Israel Canez, unit diary chief.

"This was a good experience that teaches us different things to do during a real-life hostage situation," Canez said, who role-played a terrorist. "I learned never to reach for a gun when the police are around."

Cochise County Sheriff SWAT team Sgt. Thad Smith said training on post offers both the local law enforcement and military members a sense of cohesion in the event they would have to work together during a real-world situation.

"We like to maintain good relations with post staff because it helps prepare us in the event any terror should happen on Fort Huachuca. If it were to become a targeted site we would be a resource because we have previously worked together and understand each other's missions," Smith said.



Photo by Sgt. Jessica Inigo

U.S. Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Derek Langway, a mores code student, played dead for local police enforcement training. Both the Marines and law enforcement gained working knowledge during the training.



Photo by Sgt. Jessica Inigo

Spike it!

Company C, 304th Military Intelligence, "Big Cats" beat out Company D, 86th Signal Battalion during a heated game Thursday night. The Big Cats are currently in tied for second place for the AA league.

In the center, Sgt. Roberto Oson, Company D, 86th Sig. Bn. team captain, plays hard to stay on top of the Big Cats. Unfortunately they lost that night, but still hold a second place standing in the A League.

Volleyball is part of the major sports for the Commander's Cup Sports Program. Current volleyball standings are as followed, as of Wednesday.

Top three AA League:

**Company E, 305th Military Intelligence Battalion with a 6-1 record.
Air Force Training Squadron, 5-1
Company C, 304th Military Intelligence Battalion, 5-1**

Top three A League:

**Headquarters, 306th Military Intelligence Battalion, 2-2
Company D, 86th Signal Battalion, 2-4
Company B, 40th Signal Battalion, 1-4**

The final games will be held tonight at Barnes Field House starting from 5:30-8:30 p.m. There will be four games. For more information call 533-3180.

LEGOLAND enters new dimensions

LEGOLAND release



Photo courtesy of LEGOLAND

CARLSBAD, Calif. — New this summer, the LEGOLAND California family theme park in Carlsbad will enter new dimensions when it adds an interactive movie experience and an array of special events to the

128-acre park's current collection of more than 50 rides, shows and activities.

Beginning Memorial Day, LEGOLAND California opens daily at 10 a.m.

The new LEGO Racers 4-D Movie is not just a 3-D film, but a multi-sensory experience that takes the audience straight into the wild and fun world of race car driving. Combining sophisticated 3-D imaging with a fourth dimension of theatre effects, LEGO Racers 4-D opens to the public at LEGOLAND California in May. Speeding into the theme park's 400-seat LEGO Showplace Theater, the new 11-minute film integrates animated actors and heart-pounding music while the audience dodges smoke, wind, snow, water, strobing lights and other special effects as the race roars to life on a 36-foot big screen.

Also featured in 2002 will be special events and activities revolving around the new FOX KIDS Saturday morning TV show, GALIDOR: Defenders of the Outer Dimension. Kids at LEGOLAND will have an out-of-this-world experience when they meet the lead GALIDOR characters Nicholas and his trusted companion Euripides, a frog-like ally who joins forces with Nicholas in restoring justice to the Outer Dimension. In addition, the complete LEGO GALIDOR toy line will be available in the park this June.

Since LEGOLAND opened in March 1999, 4.2 million kids of all ages have raced into the theme park to discover a world where learning is fun, creativity is nurtured and guests are the ones who make everything happen. Three roller coasters offer a wide range of thrills for different age groups, while most of the other rides and attractions require kids to drive, push, pull, pedal, steer, fly, pump, stomp, jump, build explore, climb and, of course, laugh.

More than 5,000 models made from LEGO bricks, many of them animated, inspire and challenge young builders to create something new in the construction areas around the park. There are even workshops where kids can learn to build and program robots.

"We're proud that LEGOLAND has carved out a special niche in the competitive world of family entertainment," said LEGOLAND President, Bill Haviluk. "The park remains a very visible, very successful embodiment of the LEGO Company ideal - putting children first while providing fun, creative learning and embracing discovery. The shows and events, we're adding this year continue to challenge, encourage and entertain youngsters, and inspire them to keep imagining."

Back this summer is the popular July Fourth fireworks spectacular. A scale model of the nation's capitol, an animated Statue of Liberty in Miniland's New York Harbor and a huge flag-building event will fan guests' patriotic fervor during the day. After the sun sets, all eyes will be gazing up to watch brilliant colors paint the skies as patriotic music swells through the park.

The theme park is open daily Memorial Day to Labor Day and during specific holidays in the spring and winter. The remainder of the year the park operates five days a week, closing on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. An operating calendar is available online at www.legoland.com or call (760) 918-LEGO. General admission for kids 3-16 and seniors 60+, \$33.95; adults \$39.95. Located at the Cannon Road exit off I-5 in Carlsbad just 30 minutes north of San Diego and one hour south of Anaheim.

In the Spotlight

See your MWR activity highlighted in The Fort Huachuca Scout, call 538-0836.



Spring Youth Fest highlights Month of the Military Child

Child and Youth Services in partnership with CYS Parent Advisory Committee, Recreation Services Division and the Directorate of Community Activities will hold a Spring Youth Fest in honor of the Month of the Military Child. The event will be April 20 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Youth Services, Building 40913 and Geronimo Field.

The day will be filled with food and fun. Volunteers are needed. Family Readiness Groups and Parent Teacher Organizations are welcome. Call Richard Brown at 533-3205 or Marty Johnson at 533-8385 for general information.

As part of the Spring Youth Fest, "Kids on the Block" puppet shows will be held at Youth Services' Geronimo and Foster Fields from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"Kids on the Block" is an educational puppet program which enlightens children about disabilities, safety and social concerns through the magic of live theater. In recognition of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month, the puppeteers will introduce a special success story.

For more information on upcoming performances or to volunteer, contact the "Kids on the Block" coordinator at 533-2993 or 533-2330.

April 25 is the next Job Match Day at Smith Middle School. Eighth graders are matched with a professional mentor for the morning from 8:15 to 11:30 a.m. Military and civilian mentors are needed to match students in their career field of interest. Call 459-8967 or 533-1133 for information or to volunteer.

There's always something to do at the Youth Center. Saturday is the date set for the next "Lock-in". This event is open to members only in grades one through five and the cost is \$5. On April 27, the Center will have a Golf N Stuff field trip. Call 533-3205 for information.

A Scholastic Book Fair at New Beginnings Child Development Center continues through April 17. The fair is open each day from 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Center's goal for this year's book fair is to increase each classroom's library. When parents attend the fair, they may check out each classroom's wish list to see how they can build their own child's library. For information, call Heidi Malarchik at 533-5209.

Also in celebration of the Month of the Military Child, School-Age Services plans special participation themes for each day in April. The activities and themes scheduled, include: April 12, Ice Cream Social; April 15, Sidewalk Chalk Day; April 16, Middle School Step Group at 4 p.m.; April 17, Weird Hair Day; April 18, Science Fair 2:15-5 p.m.; April 19, Computer Lab Open House at Murr Community Center 1-6 p.m.; April 22, Earth Day Spring Clean-up; April 23, Movie Day, PJs and stuffed animals; April 24, Crazy Sock & Slipper Day; April 25, Volksmarch, Crazy Hat Day, MP Bike Patrol at 3:30 p.m., Job Match Day; April 26, Relay Day; April 29, Watermelon Day; April 30, Bingo with Youth Services 3:30-5 p.m. For more information, call 538-1198.

Championship wrestling bouts take over Barnes Field House

MWR release

International Championship Wrestling, Inc. will be hosted by the Directorate of Community Activities at Barnes Field House April 19. The action starts at 7 p.m.

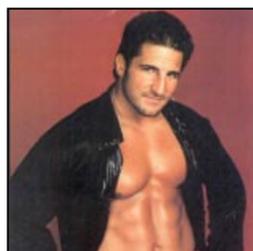
Reserve seating is \$15 and general admission is \$8 in advance or \$10 at the door. Tickets are available at Desert Lanes Bowling Center, MWR Box Office and MWR Rents on Fort Huachuca, and at Safeway in Sierra Vista.

Autograph sessions will be held at the Post Exchange from 5 to 6 p.m. and at Barnes Field House from 6 to 7 p.m. This year's event promises to be an exciting one with twelve internationally known wrestlers, including two women contenders, Sierra and Storm.

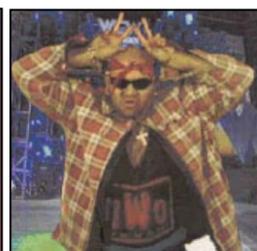
The main event is a head-on altercation between Konnan and Disco Inferno. Konnan lays claim to one of the most expansive careers in the world of professional wrestling. Konan has headlined at Arena Mexico, Lucha Libre and WCW. Konan's title belts include the WCW U.S. Championship, WCW Television Championship and AAA World Heavyweight Championship.

After three years with WCW, Konan was inducted into the NWO Wolfpack and later broke away to form the Filthy Animals. Joining forces with Rey Mysterio, Jr., Juventud Guerrera and Tygress, the Filthy Animals brought 'attitude' and unpredictability back to WCW Monday Nitro. During his career, Konan has also recorded CDs in Mexico, cut two U.S. singles and appeared on numerous television shows in Mexico.

Disco Inferno is Konnan's opponent in the main event.



Disco Inferno



Konnan

Inferno's title belts include the WCW Television Championship and WCW Cruiserweight Championship. Inferno is well known for dancing his way through battles in WCW Monday Nitro since 1995. Nitro, known as the dancing king, has been honored with memberships in the NWO Wolf pack, the Mamalukes and the Filthy Animals.

In addition to the main event, Good Gangrel will battle Norman Smiley. Both contenders are former WCW Hardcore Champions. Gangrel is known for making astonishing entrances through a ring of fire. Gangrel has appeared as Phantom, Vampire Warrior, Lestat, David Heath, Vampyre, Black Phantom and Apocalypse. Gangrel's opponent, Smiley, has been wrestling internationally since the late '80s and is known for his mid-ring dance, the Big Wiggle.

The tagteam match will feature the Native Warriors against the Russian Assassins. The ladies' match will be a much anticipated battle between Sierra and Storm.

Tickets are on sale now at a discount price of \$8 through April 18. Call 533-2404 or 1-888-921-4745 for information.

Fort Huachuca Directorate of Community Activities Updates

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LakeSide Activity Centre April events

The LakeSide Brunch is this Sunday. This popular and tasty buffet featuring an Omelet Station and many specialties is \$13.95 for adults and \$7 for children ages six to 10 years. Children under five years dine free of charge.

The LakeSide Mongolian Barbecue returns tomorrow. This delectable meal will be available from 5 to 8:30 p.m. Patrons choose from beef, pork, turkey, assorted vegetables and oils to make their own stir-fry recipe. Meal is served with eggdrop soup and an egg roll. Adults are \$12.95, children from five to ten years are \$7. For more information, call 533-2194.

Sports Branch seeks summer life guards

Summer is right around the corner and this is the time of year when the Sports Branch of the Recreation Services Division looks for responsible individuals to work as life guards at the Fort Huachuca pools. A lifeguard class will be held in April for interested applicants. The class is open to all military, military dependents and civilians. The class fee is \$170 per person. Upon completion of the class, students will receive three certifications that will qualify them to work at Fort Huachuca pools. For more information and to register, contact Karlie Jo Hale at 533-3835 or 940-2771.

MWR Rents specials for April

A boater safety class is scheduled for April 20 at Murr Community Center from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Certification of a safety class is necessary to rent boats from MWR Rents.

Patrons who rent a 14' or 16' boat during April will receive a free motor rental. MWR Rents also offers a 'Go Wild for the Weekend' special. Patrons may rent a cabin in the Huachuca Mountains for the entire weekend at a cost of \$50.

MWR Rents has a lawn maintenance special available just in time for the warmer weather. Patrons who rent a lawn mower by the hour five times will receive a sixth lawn mower rental for free. This offer continues throughout the summer.

Picnic areas may now be rented at MWR Rents. The rental fee for the picnic area in lower Garden Canyon is \$25 per day. The middle Garden Canyon area is \$20 per day. The upper Garden Canyon area is \$15 per day. For information, call 533-6707.

Athletic field closures

Bujalski Field and Smiley Field will be closed through April 30 for maintenance. Call 533-3354 for information. Both Warrior and Sentinel Fields, located behind the AAFES Mini Mart, will be closed to all personnel through April 30 for reseeding, aeration and watering.

Lil' Skeeters offers new selections

In response to customer requests, grilled hotdogs are now available in addition to the chili dogs already on the menu. Barbecue sandwiches or platters featuring pulled pork or brisket are now available by choice, as wet or dry. Wet refers to being served with barbecue sauce and dry refers to being served without barbecue sauce. For more information, call 533-3837 or 533-3876.

Sports field reservations

Request for reservation of sports fields may be made by calling the Sports Branch of the Directorate of Community Activities at 533-5031 or 533-3180. Reservations are accepted beginning at noon the day before the required date. Call or stop by the Sports Branch Office at Barnes Field House.

Desert Lanes news

Effective May 1, Desert Lanes will have new operating hours. The new hours are: Mondays, 4 to 9 p.m.; Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Wednesdays, noon to 10 p.m.; Thursdays, 4 to 10 p.m.; Fridays, noon to 11 p.m.; Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 a.m.; and Sundays, noon to 9 p.m.

There are three Pro Bowler Association Sweepers scheduled for bowlers to qualify for spots in the Third Annual PBA Western Regional Tournament on May 10, 11 and 12. The first Sweeper was held on April 6. The next two Sweepers will be April 20 and May 4. Entry fee is \$60. Contenders bowl ten games across ten lanes and one out of seven will earn a spot in the tournament.

The PBA Senior Pro-Am is May 10 from 4 to 8 p.m. Entry fee is \$25. The PBA Junior Pro-Am is May 11 at 9 p.m. Entry fee is \$15. Trophies will be awarded for boys and girls. The PBA Adult Pro-Am is also May 11 at 9 p.m. The entry fee is \$30. Seniors and adult bowlers are eligible for cash and door prizes. All Pro-Am participants bowl three games with three different professional bowlers.

Spectators are invited to come watch the pros at the PBA Western Regional Tournament. For information, call 533-2849.

Sportsman's Center events for April

Night Paintball is scheduled for tomorrow from 7 p.m. to midnight. The cost is \$20 for each session. Patrons are invited to bring their friends and plenty of warm clothing.

A Hunters' Banquet Potluck is planned for April 20. The feast begins at 6 p.m. and wild game enthusiasts will not be disappointed. The first course of this potluck is provided by the Sportsman's Center in the English tradition of "dunk and suck." This term refers to the ancient ritual of dunking hard bread into the wildgame juices in order to soften the bread and enhance the flavor. Hunters are encouraged to empty their freezers of their venison or mountain lion and exchange recipes. A prize will be awarded for the best "one that got away" story. Call 533-7085 for information.

Commander's Cup Programs begin

Track and field competition begins May 6. Unit Memorandums of Intent are due in the Sports Branch office at Barnes Field House by COB April 16. All events will be conducted at Bujalski Field. The coaches meeting is April 16 at 10 p.m.

For more information, contact Michelle Kimsey at 533-3180 or e-mail michelle.kimsey@hua.army.mil.

Intramural golf competition begins May 20 at 3 p.m. Unit MOIs are due in the Sports Branch office at Barnes Field House by COB May 1. All rounds are played at Mountain View Golf Course. Coaches meetings are scheduled for April 24 and May 1 at 10 a.m.

For information, contact Michelle Kimsey at 533-3180 or email michelle.kimsey@hua.army.mil.

Intramural softball league play begins May 20. Unit MOIs are due in the Sports Branch office by COB May 7. Games will be played at 11th MI Sentinel and Warrior softball fields. The coaches meeting is May 7 at 11 a.m. Games are scheduled Monday through Thursday at 5:30, 6:45 or 8 p.m.

For information, contact Norrise Kelley at 533-3180 or e-mail norrisse.kelley@hua.army.mil.

Mountain bike race stops at Fort Huachuca

The 2002 NORBA-MBAA Arizona State Mountain Bike Championship Point Series Races will make a fifth stop on Fort Huachuca Saturday and Sunday. The start line venue will be located at the Wren Arena west of the Buffalo Corral.

The races begin Saturday at 9 a.m. and Sunday at 8:30 a.m. For information, contact Michelle Kimsey at 533-5031

Volkssport events set for April 27

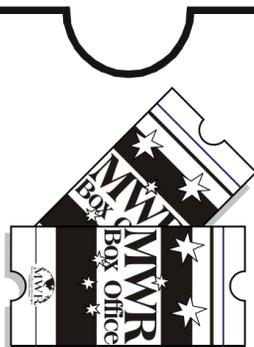
The Sports and Fitness Branch of the Directorate of Community Activities plans a Volkssport event on April 27. The course opens at 7 a.m. and check-in is from 6:30 to 11 a.m.

There are three scenic, un-timed courses; 5 kilometers, 10 kilometers and 20 kilometers in length. Registration fees are \$7 for an individual and \$18 for a group of three to five members per event. "B" Awards may be earned. Patches will be given to all Volkssport participants.

A ruckmarch is another option open to participants of the Volkssport. The rucksack's minimum weight is determined by age and is weighed prior to the start and at the finish of the course. Trophies will be awarded to the first 20 ruckmarchers at the finish line. For more information, call Norrise Kelley at 533-5031 or 533-3180.

Pony Tail Softball registration

Sierra Vista Pony Tail Softball registration and try-outs for senior division girls ages 15 to 18 will from 4 to 5 p.m., April 18 at 'C' field in Sierra Vista. For information, call 533-3205.



Tickets available at MWR Box Office

TUCSON CONVENTION CENTER

Sesame Street Live	Now - April 14
Jeff Foxworthy	April 19
Mariachi & Symphony Performance	April 23
Mariachi Showcase	April 25
Mariachi Espectacular	April 26
Champions on Ice	July 9

Times and prices vary. Call 533-2404 for information or drop by the Box Office located in the MWR Plaza, Bldg. 52008 on Arizona Street. Operational hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Services also available from MWR Box Office include discount tickets to Sierra Vista's Ball Fore Miniature Golf and Tucson's Golf N Stuff, special order tickets to Florida amusement parks, tickets to Sidewinder games at the Tucson Electric Park and discount tickets to the Tucson Raceway.

MWR Box Office is ready to assist patrons in making hotel accommodations in Tucson and Phoenix or plans for vacations in Southern California.

Summer vacation safety

By Lee Gerhardt
USAIC&FH Safety Specialist

That family summer vacation is just around the corner and it's never too early to start planning. A properly planned trip can help assure everyone has a fun and safe time.

Where should you go? Try to pick a location that has activities for all members of the group. Theme parks, the seashore or camping all have activities that can be enjoyed by all age groups. But white water rafting down the Colorado River is probably not appropriate with a toddler. So take everyone's ages, interests and finances into consideration and pick a good location. MWR Box Office also has lots of good deals on tickets and hotels so let them help you out.

Okay, you know where you want to go, what next? How are you going to get there, fly or drive? Of course, finances will contribute to this question but remember when comparing options to include the price of getting your vehicle serviced and ready for the trip, the cost of gas, meals on the road and nights in hotels. And when looking at flying, remember it takes a little longer to get checked in than it used to, so leave plenty of time to get to and through the airport.

If you decide to drive, plan your trip ahead of time. First make sure your car is roadworthy. Have it tuned up, the tires, lights, windshield wipers, brakes and belts all checked. Nothing can spoil your fun quite as much as spend several hours broken down beside the road. But even that beats an accident caused by a blow out or bad brakes.

Next, get out your maps and start planning how long to drive each day and where to stop at night. Remember children have short attention spans and hours stuck in a car are going to leave them cranky. Pack a picnic lunch and stop at a city park, let the kids play while you're getting lunch ready or pick one of the restaurants with a children's play area. Stop early enough in the evening so the kids and you have time for a dip in the hotel pool or a walk to a playground. Children have boundless energy and need an opportunity to use it. Plus you're a better and safer driver when you're rested and unstressed. If you have multiple drivers switch off frequently. If not, stop and walk around every couple hours. You'll be less stiff and stressed at the end of the trip.

Plan for emergencies. Have enough spare money, or better yet traveler's checks, to cover an emergency. Bad weather, car problems or illness can all cause unexpected delays and costs, so have that extra little cushion just in case. Make sure someone knows where you've gone and your itinerary and when you're due back. Keep car and hotel room doors locked at all times. And always wear your seatbelt.

Remember you're on vacation, not a forced march. The purpose is to relax, not to return more exhausted and burned out than when you left. Now get out there and have fun.

Honor Guard lays the Smackdown!

By Spc. Jeffrey J. Lacap
Scout Staff

Five soldiers from the Fort Huachuca Select Honor Guard's color guard marched amidst a crowd of World Wrestling Federation wrestlers and thousands of fans at the Tucson, Ariz. Convention Center during the tapings of SmackDown! on UPN and MTV's Sunday Night Heat.

Spc. Jeremy Johnson, the lead rifle; Sgt. Curtis Strickland, with the U.S. Colors; Spc. Christopher Glasgow, with the Army Flag; Spc. Ricky Ward, with the State of Arizona flag; and Cpl. Everett Baines, who brought up the rear with the last rifle, walked down the ramp and presented the colors to an enthusiastic crowd before the taping of Smackdown!

Strickland, color guard noncommissioned officer in charge, said presenting the colors at the WWF event was the chance of a lifetime.

"It was the perfect night. We met a lot of the wrestlers backstage like Rikishi, Albert, Triple H, Hulk Hogan and Chris Jericho. They took time out to talk to us and everyone was real cool. It was a great opportunity."

Even though they got to meet many WWF Superstars, Strickland said bringing out the colors was the highlight of the evening.

"We didn't know how the crowd was going to respond to us. But once the announcer said 'Fort Huachuca,' you could hear the crowd yelling 'U-S-A!' The ovation was crazy. The ramp was shaking because the crowd was so loud. It was amazing to see the support the crowd was showing the United States and the Fort Huachuca color guard."



Photos by Spc. Jeffrey J. Lacap

Spc. Jeremy Johnson leads the Fort Huachuca Select Honor Guard's color guard during the World Wrestling Federation match in Tucson, Ariz.



The fort's color guard begins the ceremonies of the Smackdown! taping as they walk under the infamous fist on Tuesday night's match held at the Tucson Convention Center.

Theater

'Ballad of Silver Creek' at Bisbee Rep BRT release

Bisbee Repertory Theatre will present "Ballad of Silver Creek" on April 26 at 7:30 p.m.

"Ballad" is an original western musical by Barbara Mauseuth of Green Valley, Ariz. It's set in a fictitious mountain mining town in Arizona Territory in 1883. The show has the flavor of many of the great American musicals - "Music Man," Oklahoma," and "Destry Rides

Again." It also reaches back to BRT's opening offering, "The Saga of Roaring Gulch." Several cast members from "Saga" are appearing "Ballad," including Beverly Quick-Sage, C. Gilles-Brown and Jacqueline Clark. And the set will be painted by "Saga's" designer, Marian Weaver.

Performances will be Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m., April 26 and 27, May 3, 10, 11, 17 and 18. Matinees will be Sundays at 3 p.m., April 28, May 12 and 19. There will be no performance on May 4

Patrons are urged to get tickets in advance. Advance tickets will be available by April 22 for \$10 each in Bisbee at Atalanta's Music & Books through 5 p.m. and the Chamber of Commerce during business hours. Get tickets in Sierra Vista at the Chamber of Commerce and the Oscar Yrun Community Center, at Fort Huachuca's MWR Box Office weekdays through Friday noon. Tickets are also available at the Tombstone Pharmacy, an easy stop for Tucson visitors on their way to Bisbee. Advance tickets can also be ordered by mail from

Bisbee Rep. Tickets are \$12 at the door for adults and \$5 for students through college. Group rates are available.

BRT's Lobby Gallery will feature a western group show of the works of Roger Mckasson, Sandra Corn, Linda Owen, Smiley and more.

Bisbee Repertory Theatre does its magic in its historical building at 94 Main Street in Old Bisbee. BRT's mailing address is PO Box 504, Bisbee, AZ 85603. For more information, call 432-3786.

Tucson Boys Chorus, Cochise Children's Choir performing at Buena

By Karen S. Stahl
Cochise Children's Choir

The Tucson Arizona Boys Chorus is coming to town. A special Sierra Vista concert will be held at 7 p.m., April 19 at the Buena Performing Arts Center.

The Tucson Arizona Boys Chorus consists of 32 young men, ages 11-14. Under the direction of Dr. Julian Ackerley, the chorus recently toured the Far East and are currently touring in the northwest United States.

The concert is sponsored by the Cochise Children's Choir, and will feature our own children as guest performers on the concert, both alone and in combination with the Tucson singers. The Cochise Children's Choir is a premier performing choir for children in Cochise County, grades 2-6 and is directed by Jill Brown. Approximately 40 percent of the Cochise

Children's Choir are from military families. Boys from the Tucson Arizona Boys Choir will stay in CCC homes and get to know our children through their visit.

A full two days of activities for the Tucson singers have been organized by Fred Stahl, activities director for the Cochise Children's Choir.

The boys will arrive on April 18 and will spend the day hiking at the Coronado Memorial, including exploration of the Coronado Cave; take part in a nature scavenger hunt at the San Pedro River and enjoy a potluck supper that evening hosted by the Cochise Children's Choir.

A rehearsal with our choristers will finish out their first day in Sierra Vista.

Many of these boys have not been to our region of the state before, and their visit will give them an opportunity, not only to experience some of the special features of Cochise

County, but also to get to know our own choir families.

On April 19, the Tucson Arizona Boys Chorus and the Cochise Children's Choir will present two assemblies for area third and fourth graders at the Buena Performing Arts Center. Mini concerts are scheduled for 9 and 10 a.m., and schools all over the county are making plans to bring their students to hear this outstanding boys choir. Following lunch at Buena, the Boys Chorus will enjoy our new aquatic facility, The Cove, for an afternoon swim. After supper with the host families, the boys will return to Buena for their evening performance.

Their 7 p.m. concert on April 19 will feature sacred and classical selections, songs of the American west (including their special signature performance demonstrating cowboy roping techniques), Broadway show tunes and a

patriotic medley.

The Cochise Children's Choir ensembles: the Cadet Choir (an entry-level choir for boys and girls grades 2-4), the Sierra Singers (advanced girls choir grades 4-6) and the Vista Voices (advanced boys choir grades 4-6) will join them on the finale of the concert, as well as opening the concert with individual numbers of their own.

Tickets for the April 19 concert are available at the Sierra Vista Chamber of Commerce, Safeway, Oscar Yrun Community Center, Ethel Berger Center or by calling 459-4808. Ticket prices are \$10 in advance for adults and students 12 and over (\$12 at the door). Children 11 and under are free.

For more information, call the Cochise Children's Choir Executive Director, Karen Stahl, at 458-8261.

Free performances open to all music — 'lovers'

Cochise College release

Spring fever strikes the Cochise College chorus this semester as it prepared for its upcoming program "Classical Pops: The Pop Sounds of Love."

The chorus will give three free performances this month in Benson, Douglas and Sierra Vista.

The program includes such amorous favorites as "What the World Needs Now," "Leaving on a Jet Plane," and "Wind Beneath My Wings."

The 20 vocalists will perform 18 songs,

eight of which feature ensembles or soloists. The performance will be directed by Sunny Fichtl and accompanied by Judy Wilkins.

Performances will take place:

- Benson - 7 p.m., April 19 at First Presbyterian Church;
- Douglas - 4 p.m., April 20 at First Presbyterian Church;
- Sierra Vista - 7 p.m., April 26 at Buena Performing Arts Center

Also this month is the Cochise College band and jazz ensemble concert, set for 7:30 p.m. April 18 at the Buena Performing Arts Center. That performance will be directed by Mike Kuhn.

Golf tourney to benefit Special Olympics

The Kiwanis Club of Sierra Vista will host a four-person scramble golf tournament in support of the Special Olympics on April 21 at the Fort Huachuca Mountain View Golf Course with a shotgun start at 8 a.m.

The proceeds from the tournament will go directly to Special Olympics athletes to attend state and local events, uniforms, equipment and offset travel expenses for athletes and chaperones. Local merchants have provided prizes to hold a raffle at the end of the golf tournament, and with a possibility of winning a car with a hole in one.

The fee is \$45 per person for non-members and \$32.50 for members, including 18 holes of golf, green fee and barbecue. For registration, call Ken Edwards at 459-6711 or for more information call Larry Hodges at 452-4460.



Army wrestles Armed Forces crown from Marines

By **Tim Hips**
Army News Service

MARINE CORPS BASE QUANTICO, Va. (April 4, 2002) — Led by the final-bout heroics of heavyweights Dremiel Byers and Paul Devlin, the All-Army wrestling team captured the Armed Forces Wrestling Championship March 31.

Byers capped the soldiers' emotional dual-match victory over the Marines by posting a 13-0 technical fall victory over Timothy Taylor to give Army a thrilling 13-12 Greco-Roman victory on Saturday.

"Coach told me not to give up any points," said Byers, 27, a native of Kings Mountain, N.C., competing for his fourth year in the Army's World Class Athlete Program. "A tech or a pin, and it would be ballgame. I have a job to do. I just went out there and completed the mission."

The victory served as redemption for Byers, who was named Outstanding Greco-Roman Wrestler of the Year by USA Wrestling before finishing a disappointing third in the 2000 U.S. Olympic Trials. He then rejoined his Army unit and served a year in the field before returning to the mat.

During Byers' down-range time in 2001, Army lost the Armed Forces crown to the Marines for the first time since 1989.

"When I found out that we lost Armed Forces, that just killed me because I knew it was because I wasn't there," Byers said. "Armed Forces always comes down to the heavyweights. That's the way it's always been."

Sure enough, Freestyle competition on Easter Sunday came down to Marine Frank Workman needing a victory over Army's Paul Devlin to lift his team from a 13-11 deficit to victory in the final match of the two-day tournament. On this weekend, however, the wrestling fates smiled upon the Army.

Devlin, 20, of Livingston, N.J., posted a 6-2 victory over Workman, 27, of Vinita, Okla., to secure Army's 16-12 Freestyle victory over the tired Marines, most of

whom had wrestled Greco-Roman the day before.

The soldiers, on the other hand, sent eight fresh wrestlers to the mat for Freestyle competition.

"Not making excuses at all, but you notice that my lineup is almost exactly the same [as in Greco-Roman]," Marine Corps coach Jay Antonelli said. "We only changed one person. We're splitting time while they're coming with a fresh eight guys. It's that competitive spirit that makes us Marines."

"My hat's off to the Army," Antonelli continued. "They have a good program and a good system. It's obviously working."

Army Greco-Roman gold medalists included Glenn Nieradka at 60 kilograms; Keith Sieracki at 74 kilograms; and Byers at 120 kilograms. In Freestyle, Jeffrey Bedard at 60 kilograms; Maxwell Shingara at 66 kilograms; and Devlin at 120 kilograms struck gold for the Army.

Marine Duaine Martin won the 55-kilogram class in both Greco-Roman and Freestyle, as did Marine Dan Hicks at 96 kilograms.

On Saturday, Hicks posted a 4-0 Greco decision over Army's Jason Loukides. On Sunday, he held on for a thrilling, 6-5, decision over Army's Franklin Lashley to give the Marines a chance to upset the soldiers for the team title in the final bout of the weekend.

"That was a tossup," Marines coach Jay Antonelli said of Hicks' victory over Lashley. "We knew Lashley is tough, but Danny is such a competitor. That's what makes him so successful. You've got to love that."

All-Navy wrestling coach Rob Herman was pleased with his team's progress in the tournament. Although the sailors finished third in Freestyle competition behind Army and the Marines and fourth in Greco-Roman behind Air Force, Herman appreciated his team's effort.

"I came into this tournament not looking for results but for performance," said Herman, 45, head coach of the 1996 U.S. Olympic team and assistant at the 2000 Sydney Games. "Ev-

ery guy I bring is not ranked, and every guy they're wrestling against is ranked in the top five in the nation, especially in Greco."

"Even the Air Force has a nucleus of four guys who've been wrestling the last six or seven years for them," Herman said. "We used to have that, too, but I only have one guy back from last year's team. So all this stuff is new to them."

Neal Rodak of Oak Forest, Ill., finished third in both Greco-Roman and Freestyle at 55 kilograms to lead the Navy. He dropped an encouraging, 5-1, decision to Army's Anthony Gibbons.

Aaron Sieracki was the lone gold medalist for Air Force, whose wrestling program is in a rebuilding phase.

"We have a small, small corps of a main group of guys, and our focus is Greco-Roman," said coach Rich Estrella, 45, now in his 15th season of leading the Air Force team, which is based at Colorado Springs, Colo. "And our main corps did very well in Greco."

Air Force's team recently placed second to Army in the international Dave Schultz Tournament at Colorado Springs.

Sieracki, brother of Army wrestling star Keith Sieracki, won the Armed Forces gold medal at 84 kilograms in Greco-Roman. A reservist from Peterson Air Force Base, Colo., Sieracki's biggest victory was a 1-1 referee's decision in overtime against Marine Kenneth Owens. He also posted the Air Force's lone victory in a 21-4 loss to Army with a 3-0 decision over Isaac Wood.

Jacob Hey of Schriever Air Force Base, Colo., placed second in Greco-Roman at 60 kilograms. Steve Woods of Luke Air Force Base, Ariz., wrestled up a weight class and finished third in Greco at 74 kilos.

Corey Farkas, a native of San Diego, Calif., stationed at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, finished runner-up to Army's Byers in Greco-Roman at 120 kilograms.

(Editor's note: Tim Hips is a staff writer for the Belvoir Eagle.)



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Head Army softball coach Jim Flowers.

teams in the Northeast, stands atop the Patriot

Black Knights break into national rankings in first poll of season

WEST POINT, N.Y. (April 10, 2002) — Head Army softball coach Jim Flowers has been exuberant about the talent of his squad since the fall campaign.

His Black Knights have not disappointed as evidenced by the honors that continue to pour in. Army ranks among the top ten

League with a perfect 8-0 mark, and is ranked in four team categories and two individual in the first NCAA poll of the season.

For the second straight year, team captain Nicki Robbins ranks among the national leaders. The Seminole, Fla., native carries a team and Patriot League-leading .450 (36-for-80) batting average to rank 12th nationally, and is tied for eighth in doubles per game as her 12 averages out to 0.40 among the 30 selected players.

Freshman Lindsay March's performance last week, batting .591 in collecting 13 hits in 22 appearances, not only moved her up the team

ladder into second place with a .402 average, but into the national rankings as well. The Tucson, Ariz., player, who along with Robbins earned Patriot League weekly player and rookie honors, respectively, in the latest poll, broke into the national rankings in claiming the final 50th spot.

In the team categories, Army's .308 batting average ranks 11th out of the 30 selected Division I schools, and the team's 1.38 ERA in 202.2 innings ranks 17th. The Black Knights have given up just 61 runs in 30 games this season, and only 40 were earned. Army has scored 151 runs to rank 20th in scoring per

game (5.03), while its .969 fielding percentage is 22nd. It is the first time since the 1992 season that Army has ranked among the national team leaders in three categories.

"The success we have enjoyed this season is a reflection of the dedication and hard work of the squad along with the senior leadership during the off-season," stated Flowers.

Two other Patriot League schools are also ranked nationally. Lehigh is 28th in batting average with a .292, and Colgate's Dorothy Donaldson and Natalie Rawson are among the home run leaders. Donaldson's eight round-trippers is tied for fifth in home runs per game.