

# The Fort Huachuca SCOUT Time Out

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## Sports shorts

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### Old Christmas tree

The forestry section on the fort is recycling Christmas trees. Drop off your tree after the holidays at one of the nine convenient locations around post. The trees will then be converted into useful mulch instead of taking up critical space at the landfill.

Look for the Christmas tree recycle signs at the following locations: the parking lot by the Grierson swimming pool; on Arizona Street just south of the Runion Dental Clinic; at the intersection of Jeffords and Irwin; along Craig at Faison; at the intersection of Railroad Avenue and Mott Circle; at the intersection of Lawton and Meyer; near the reservoir behind the commissary; at the intersection of Meyer and Rucker; across from the Child Development Center on Smith; at the intersection of Irwin and Bernard Court.

Christmas trees from off post are welcomed. No trees will be accepted after Jan. 31.

### Basketball free home games

The Buena Girls Basketball season is open and would like to invite Fort Huachuca soldiers and civilian employees to all home games for free throughout the season, in a show of gratitude for support.

Servicemembers, family members and civilians must show proper identification for free entrance.

In an effort to work together with the men and women of the armed forces, Buena Girls Basketball program is developing a program that will encourage community involvement.

The "Adopt-A-Team" program will create a working relationship with the team and sponsors. Sponsors are asked to show moral support for the team by attending games and working with the coach. Coaches will also work with commanding staff to have the team involved in company events the sponsor is involved in.

Sponsors can choose from three teams, the varsity, junior varsity and the freshman.

If interested in sponsoring one of the teams, call Coach Kristina Shepherd at 378-3550.

### Army Concert volunteers

The U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center's Army Entertainment Division is recruiting soldiers to work with celebrity entertainers on the 2003 Army Concert Tour.

The search is on for soldier-technicians with any type of electrical or theatrical experience in lighting, audio and video equipment. Also needed are drivers with an 88M—motor transport operator occupational specialty or commercial drivers license.

Soldiers selected for the six-month assignment at the Army Entertainment Detachment will get real-world experience in staging live concerts as they tour the country and work with top musical artists.

Soldiers accepted for the 2003 Army Concert Tour crew report to Fort Belvoir, Va., in late March to begin specialized training.

They'll learn all the necessary production skills they'll need, such as how to construct a 36-foot high truss roof, build the 40 by 60-foot stage, install and operate professional audio and video systems, and operate stage lighting.

For additional information and applications instructions, e-mail [armyconcerttour@cfsc.army.mil](mailto:armyconcerttour@cfsc.army.mil).



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By Sgt. Jessica Inigo  
Time Out Editor

One added perk to being in the Army is that Uncle Sam offers soldiers a one month paid vacation – and what better time to use that month than the holidays?

Year after year soldiers take time off during the exodus break to be with friends and family, pretending they're "back on the block." But hangin' with the homies shouldn't mean succumbing to peer pressure, according to Criminal Investigation Division officials.

"Overall more soldiers get caught on a urinalysis coming back off leave than anything else," said CID Special Agent in Charge Marty J. Smith. "Don't go home and fall into old habits. It will just get you in trouble."

Though taking time off should be fun, having too much fun could end a career. "Use your time off wisely, not to do all type of illegal activities," said Special Agent David C. Golden, drug suppression team chief.

CID recently put out a crime prevention flyer stressing directors and commanders to remain vigilant in the urinalysis program.

"It's important to conduct the program in accordance with the regulation," Smith said. "Smart Testing keeps soldiers from knowing about tests before hand and trying to flush out their system."

Golden said Smart Testing entails random drug testing and only discussing scheduled dates with Unit Prevention Leaders and first sergeants.

"The closer or more narrow a scope a soldier knows about the test and actual test time is best," Smith said. "That means it's

best if a commander can get it out that a test will be done in hours, rather than days. Even if that means a commander calling in the morning about an afternoon test, than so be it."

CID officials suggest servicemembers remember they are in an organization that can be jeopardized by drug use. This is the reason why commanders must keep urinalysis testing as close-hold as possible.

"One of the greatest challenges young people face are peer pressures that they are exposed to," said Col. Mike Flynn, 111<sup>th</sup> Military Intelligence Brigade commander. "Young people know that doing drugs is not right. What I challenge them to do is choose the harder right than the easier wrong. Stand up and walk away from problems. Walk away before you become involved and take responsibility for yourself."

## Travel guidelines for holiday hustle

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This holiday season many people will be flying to visit friends and family. The Tucson International Airport may have made some security changes since your last flight.

Tucson International Airport recommends travelers to follow guidelines issued by the airlines with regard to advance check-in. Most airlines now recommend passengers arrive at the airport two hours prior to departure. Some airlines may stop checking bags up to 30 minutes prior to departure and begin the boarding process earlier in order to comply with these new federal regulations. In order to make it to your destination as quick and as safe as possible keep the following in mind:

- No unattended vehicles are permitted in front of the terminal. Passengers may be dropped off and baggage unloaded on the upper level roadway.
- Passengers not checking bags may security checkpoint. Electronic-ticketed not checking bags, must present the airline-issued receipt in lieu of a board-the security checkpoint.
- Access beyond the security checkpoint is limited to with a valid boarding and picture ID. To expedite the screening process, passengers are advised to reduce the metal they wear through the check-with proper may accompany that require tance.
- No carrying instruments of any length or width.

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knives or cutments of any size are per-past the secu-checkpoint. Walking canes and umbrellas, safety razors (disposable razors), syringes (with documented proof of medical need), and eyelash curlers are permitted in carryon. Please note:

## Tips when getting tipsy

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During the exodus period don't allow visions of sugar-plums dancing in your head to take focus off a safe holiday.

It's easy to get wrapped up in the spirit of not working, but arriving safely is what's most important.

During celebrations and activities remember not to exceed personal limitations. Have a designated driver or keep the number for a taxi service for pick-up after celebrations. Never drive drunk or drive while too tired.

Servicemembers in the area can call 538-COPS for a safe ride home.

If flying, remember to allow plenty of time for delays. It takes approximately an hour to get to the Tucson International Airport from Fort Huachuca and new flying restrictions ask passengers to arrive two hours prior to departure for domestic flights and three hours early for international travel.

Drivers should complete safety inspections on vehicles prior to driving, and always wear seat belts.

Remember these are the holidays; there is no need to cause undue stress. Be sure to get adequate rest and allow time to enjoy events.

Any items confiscated at the security checkpoint will not be returned. There is a FedEx drop box located on the east concourse for passengers who want to mail unauthorized items to their home.

- Carryon luggage is limited to one bag and one personal item (purse or briefcase).
- All luggage, checked and carryon, is subject to random inspection.
- Food service on some airlines has been eliminated. Tucson International Airport offers a "grab and go" menu available at the concourse snack bars.
- Arriving passengers may be greeted on the public side of the security checkpoint, in baggage claim, or outside the terminal in the parking lot.

Also, there is a military lounge located in the Tucson International Airport, on the upper level near American Airlines. In order to accommodate soldiers during the heavy exodus travel, the lounge will be open 24 hours Friday, Saturday and Sunday. All other days the lounge is open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday. The lounge offers servicemembers cable television, rest areas, and free snacks and drinks. Also, free books and magazines are available, as well as free phone use to call back to Fort Huachuca or any Defense Switch Network phone number.

"I think it's important to have a military lounge available because it provides new soldiers and trainees the support they need to get to Fort Huachuca, as well as a place for servicemembers to rest during travel," said Staff Sgt. Bob Hyatt, airport lounge attendant.

The military lounge also assists servicemembers in travel arrangements to and from local military installations.

The lounge is open to family members, retirees and Department of Defense civilians, as well. The Veteran's Affairs Committee for the City of Tucson sponsors the lounge.





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## Fort Huachuca Directorate of Community Activities Updates

### Tickets Available at MWR Box Office



**TUCSON CONVENTION CENTER**  
 "Fame" Jan. 24 - Feb. 7  
 "Stomp" March 1 & 2  
 "Cats" April 4 - 6

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

Let MWR Box Office assist you in getting Tucson Ice Cat tickets. The Ice Cats play at the Tucson Convention Center. The tickets are available to purchase Monday-Friday between the hours of 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

January 3 and 4 at 7:30 p.m., the Cats will take on St. Louis. Tickets are \$9, \$7 or \$6 for adults. Children are \$4 with any adult purchase.

Located in Building 52008 on Arizona St., MWR Box Office has available the **2003 Entertainment Books**. These books make great Christmas stocking stuffers, and offer great savings in Sierra Vista, Tucson and many other locations. Stop by Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and check out the savings, or call 533-2404 for more information.

## Carlson Wagonlit Travel®

### Alaska Cruise on the New Pacific Princess

Carlson Wagonlit Travel is offering an 11-day Alaska Cruise, sailing June 9, 2003 from San Francisco on the New Pacific Princess. Fares with private balcony start at \$2,300 per person. Visit exciting ports-of-call. Inside passage: Victoria, BC, Ketchikan, Juneau, Skagway, Tracy Arm (cruising). Some restrictions apply. Call today for reservations.

Connect to Carlson Wagonlit for cruises, tours, airline tickets and all your travel needs. Carlson Wagonlit is committed to providing outstanding leisure service to the Fort Huachuca community.

Call Carlson Wagonlit Travel today for your reservations at 515-0910. Carlson Wagonlit's operational hours are 8 a.m to 4:30 p.m.

### Christmas blowout

There's still time to find that perfect Christmas gift for the hunter in your family, and the Sportsman's Center is here to help. They'll be having a Christmas Blowout Sale, Saturday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. with 10 percent off ALL stock. Some of the great Christmas gifts they have available include rifle, gun and pistol cases, sportsman game cleaning kits, and earmuffs and eyewear combo packs, all at great prices.

### Hunter education program

Coming up in January, the Sportsman's Center will host a Hunter Education Program. The program is sponsored by the Arizona Game & Fish Department and is a requirement for those between the ages of 10 to 14 years to hunt on Fort Huachuca. It's open to all ages, however, and family participation is encouraged. The course is designed to teach safe handling of firearms and ammunition in the home and in the field, and to teach safe hunting habits and promote proper outdoor manners, outdoor survival, wildlife management and techniques and more. Call the Sportsman's Center at 533-7085 for more information.

### Half Price Paintball

The Sportsman's Center will be having a special on paintball Jan. 4, 10 a.m.-4p.m. Just \$10 (half price) covers the cost of the gun, mask, CO2, field fee and 100 rounds of ammo. The event is open to all MWR patrons and their guests.

### MWR Rents announces new hours

January-March, 2003, hours at MWR Rents will be as follows: Monday, Thursday and Friday, open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday, Closed. They will also be closed for all holidays.

Jan. 6 is National Smith Day. If your last name is Smith, get \$5 off any rental at MWR Rents.

### Applications for Spring Youth Fest now available

The Directorate of Community Activities, Child and Youth Services and Recreation Services Division, will sponsor the annual "Spring Youth Fest" on April 26. Vendor applications for this event are available now through March 20. Applications may be picked up at the Child and Youth Services Registration Office, Murr Community Center. For more information, please call 533-8437.

### Students' bowling break at Desert Lanes

Monday from noon - 4 p.m., school age students will have the opportunity to take a "Bowling Break." Students receive \$1 games and \$1 shoes during that time.

### PBA Win-a-Spot Sweepers

January 4, 11, 18 and 25 at 1 p.m., Desert Lanes will hold sweepers to award eight regional spots for the upcoming 4th Annual Western Regional Professional Bowlers Association Tournament. Entry fee for the sweepers is \$60, and one out of seven bowlers will win a spot. (Only one spot per person). Competitors will bowl eight games across 16 lanes under PBA lane conditions.

Winners will bowl in the 4th Annual Western Regional PBA Tournament to be held Jan. 31, Feb. 1 and 2 at Desert Lanes.

For more information, contact Randy Carter 533-2849.

## RING IN THE New Year

### Lakeside, Desert Lanes and La Hacienda offer a variety of choices for New Year's Eve

#### Lakeside Activity Centre

Now is the time to make your reservations at Lakeside for New Year's Eve for a spectacular, six-course gourmet dinner, prepared by Chef Chewy. Dinner will be served from 5:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

The meal includes celery root bisque soup with shiitake mushrooms; spinach salad and Fuji roasted apples; an appetizer of portobello mushroom ravioli with roasted tomato cream sauce; mango sorbet; your choice of one of four entrees, and mixed berry mousse chariot for dessert.

The entree choices are: stuffed pork tenderloin filled with mixed mushroom stuffing, rosemary demi glace, vegetable medley and potato pirouette; six ounce beef filet with wild mushroom polenta, red wine demi glace and vegetable medley; spiced and seared Ahi Tuna with roasted vegetable relish, sherry vinaigrette sauce and three cheese au gratin potatoes; and the White Russian (vegetarian dinner) with seared potatoes and vegetables wrapped in puff pastry and served with vodka sauce.

Cost is \$30 per person and reservations are highly recommended at 533-2194. You can guarantee your reservation with credit card or prepayment by Dec. 27. No refunds after Dec. 27.

#### Desert Lanes

New Year's Eve, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., you can ring out the old and in the new, at the Rock 300 New Year's Eve Party at Desert Lanes. Even if you don't care to bowl, all authorized MWR patrons and their guests are invited to attend and enjoy the breakfast buffet, complimentary champagne, party favors, prizes, and a live DJ.

Tickets are \$14 per person or \$26 per couple, in advance. At the door, the cost is \$16 per person or \$30 per couple. These prices include 5 hours of bowling plus shoes.

Without bowling, tickets are \$8 per person in advance and \$10 per person at the door.

#### La Hacienda

La Hacienda will be open from 10 p.m. - 4 a.m. for their New Year's Eve Party. You have the opportunity to dance to a variety of music played by La Hacienda's very own DJ, Mr. Slim. There will be free hors d'ouvres, party favors, and champagne at midnight, and admission is only \$15 per person. Make your reservations by calling 533-7322.

#### Winter break youth soccer camp

Youth Services will hold a Genesis Soccer Camp for youths ages 8 and up. There will be two sessions each day Dec. 26-28 and Jan. 2-4. Participants can sign up for either the morning session, from 9 a.m.-noon, or the afternoon session from 1-4 p.m. The camp will be held at Foster Field, Fort Huachuca. Cost is \$25 per participant and includes ball and shirt.

For more information or to register, call 533-3205.

#### All MWR facilities now "smoke-free"

In accordance with Presidential Executive Order #13058 "Protecting Federal Employees and the Public From Exposed Smoke in the Federal Workplace," all MWR facilities are now providing a smoke-free environment to their employees and patrons. The new rule took effect Dec. 7. and includes Lakeside Activity Centre and La Hacienda, including bingo and disco at that facility.

#### La Hacienda fun and entertainment

The pulsating rhythms of Latin Sounds have moved to Friday nights at 10 p.m. Come move with us.

Hey, Hey, Hey. Saturday nights are back with DJ Mr. Slim. Come out and dance to the various styles of music every Saturday from 10 p.m.-4 a.m.

#### Commander's Cup Racquetball

Commander's Cup Racquetball is scheduled to start Jan. 21. All persons interested in competing in this program should make sure their unit rep attends the coaches meeting Jan. 14, 10 a.m. at Barnes Field House.

#### Holiday publication schedule

The Fort Huachuca Scout will not be published on Dec. 26 or Jan. 2 in observance of the holiday season.

The Directorate of Community Activities wishes to thank you for your patronage and support during the past year. MWR wishes you and your family the happiest of holidays and a prosperous New Year.

#### Holiday Hours

Please note: Army Lodging is open 24 hours per day, seven days per week; Fort Huachuca Schools closed for winter break (last day of school is Friday and students return to classes Jan. 6, 2003); there will be no buffet at La Hacienda Monday through Jan. 1, 2003, but Pepperoni's will be open regular hours; Lakeside Activity Centre will be closed Thursday - 30, for the Christmas holiday; Lil' Skeeters will be closed Dec. 24 - Jan. 1.

#### Friday

Barnes Field House open 6 a.m. - 3 p.m.; all other MWR facilities open normal hours.

#### Saturday and Sunday

Barnes Field House open 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.; all other MWR facilities open normal hours.

#### Monday

Barnes Field House open 6 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.; Sportsman's Center, closed; The following facilities will close at 12:30 p.m.: MWR Box Office; Desert Lanes; Jeannie's Diner; MWR Arts Center; and MWR Rents. All other MWR facilities open normal hours.

#### December 24

Barnes Field House open 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Mountain View Golf Course closes at 2 p.m.; 19th Hole Clubhouse open 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Desert Lanes, open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.; the following facilities will be closed: Buffalo Corral; La Hacienda; Pepperoni's; and Sportsman's Center.

#### December 25

All MWR facilities will be closed.

#### December 26

Barnes Field House open 6 a.m. - 3 p.m.; La Hacienda open for Bingo-Bingo starts early at 12:45 p.m.; all other MWR facilities open normal hours.

#### December 27

Barnes Field House open 6 a.m. - 3 p.m.; La Hacienda open for Disco; all other MWR facilities open normal hours.

#### December 28

Barnes Field House open 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.; La Hacienda open for Bingo and Disco -Bingo starts at 12:45 p.m.; all other MWR facilities open normal hours.

#### December 29

Barnes Field House open 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.; La Hacienda open for Bingo and Disco-Bingo starts at 12:45 p.m.; all other MWR facilities open normal hours.

#### December 30

Barnes Field House open 6 a.m. - 3 p.m.; the following facilities will be closed: La Hacienda; Pepperoni's; all other MWR facilities open normal hours.

#### December 31

Barnes Field House open 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Mountain View Golf Course closes at 2 p.m.; 19th Hole Clubhouse open 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; La Hacienda open for New Year's Eve Party, 10 p.m. to 4 a.m.; Lakeside Activity Centre open 5:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. for New Year's Eve Dinner; Desert Lanes, open 7 p.m. - 2 a.m. for New Year's Eve Party.

#### January 1, 2003

Mountain View Golf Course, first Tee Time at 10 a.m.; 19th Hole Clubhouse, open 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; all other MWR facilities closed.

#### January 2

Barnes Field House open 6 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Lakeside Activity Centre closed; all other MWR facilities open normal hours.

#### January 3, 4 and 5

Barnes Field House open 6 a.m. - 3 p.m.; all other MWR facilities open normal hours.

#### January 6

Barnes Field House resumes normal hours.

#### All Army Boxing returns to Fort Huachuca

Plans are under way for the arrival of the All Army Boxing contenders. This year's bouts will begin Jan. 21 at Barnes Field House. The winning contenders will advance to the Armed Forces Championships, and from there to the world military championships, CISM (Conseil de International Sports Militaire), which will be held in Italy in 2003. In 2004, the CISM will be held at Fort Huachuca.

This event is open to all MWR authorized patrons and their guests. The ticket prices will be the same as last year: general seating for Jan 21 and 22, \$5; championship night \$8; three night ticket package, \$15; children 10 years and under, free.

Tickets are on sale NOW and are available at MWR Box Office, MWR Rents, Eifler Fitness Center, Barnes Field House, Desert Lanes and in Sierra Vista at Safeway.

## Youth Service Teen Program donates to Angel Tree

The Youth Services Middle School and Teen Program donated boxes of toys to the Post Chapel this week for the Angel Tree program. The toys were received as part of the Boys & Girls Clubs of America initiative "A Time for Smiles." A Time for Smiles is a program that provides toys to Boys & Girls Clubs world-wide with toys donated by ABC and Toys R Us. Taylor Hinson and Cornelius Daniel, both 9th graders at Buena High School, volunteered to take the boxes of toys to the chapel to be distributed within the community.

The Middle School & Teen Program youth discusses what to do with the toys and it was decided that the best way to help youth in the community was to provide the toys to the Chapel for the existing Angel Tree Program. Debbie Wambach, YS Teen Coordinator, showed the MST youth the e-mail that went out from the Post Chapel stating that over 200 families, including 400 children, have been nominated to receive a holiday gift this year.

A Time for Smiles began last Christmas and Boys & Girls Clubs on military installations were the first groups to receive toys. After the Sept. 11 terrorist attack and the high state of alert on military installations Toys R Us and ABC wanted to develop an initiative to insure all youth had a Merry Christmas. They contacted Boys & Girls Clubs of America with the idea and used the clubs as a way to insure toys would get out to youth across the country and at military clubs throughout the world.

Three years ago, through an initiative developed between Department of the Army and Boys & Girls Clubs of America, all Army Youth Services programs became members of Boys and Girls Clubs. Similar initiatives were developed for the Air Force and Navy. The Fort Huachuca Youth Center became a Boys and Girls Club in September, 1999.

This is the second year the MST Program youth decided to help the youth of the community by donating the toys they received to the Angel Tree Program.

The YS MST Program provides social, recreational and volunteer programs after school for youth in grades six through nine. For more information regarding Youth Services and any of its' programs call 533-3205.



# Operation Barracks Santa

By Sgt. Jessica Inigo  
Time Out Editor

Taking care of soldiers doesn't mean just asking how they are or ensuring they have time off for chow – it means actually caring and understanding what they go through.

For this reason Operation Barracks Santa was in full swing this year stuffing stockings with gifts and treats for single and deployed soldiers.

The Association of the United States Army along with Family Readiness Groups developed a plan to help show appreciation to the troops.

"We wanted to remember them during the holiday season," said George Wheat, Fort Huachuca/Sierra Vista Chapter AUSA president. "We wanted to help them feel recognized and remembered. It's just a small 'thank you' for doing what they do."

Wheat said he had previously come up with the idea of handing out stockings to soldiers for the holidays, but this was the first year he had the opportunity to do it.

"We are working in concert with the FRGs to find out how many soldiers would be in the barracks and deployed," he said.

Wheat said 1,000 stockings were stuffed. Right away most of the stockings were turned around and mailed out to deployed soldiers from Fort Huachuca.

Nearly all units on Fort Huachuca participated in the program, according to Wheat.

"I won't know how the soldiers received them until they come back, but the senior leadership and FRGs felt very strongly about the program."

Wheat said AUSA plans to continue the Operation Bar-

racks Santa program in years to come.

"This program will show young soldiers, especially single soldiers, that they are appreciated. It helps build their morale. It shows that we care and realize that they are not just a number or piece of Army equipment. The Army is about people and we need to let them know that we respect what they do," Wheat said.

Wheat said local donations greatly helped to improve the program.

Money donations from the post Thrift Shop and First Command Financial helped pay for supplies, including stockings, while gift donations from the Army and Air Force Exchange Service helped to fill the stockings.

Other donations included movies from AAFES that were mailed to deployed soldiers separately, as well as donations from the Officers' and Civilians' Spouses Club, Wal-Mart, Armed Forces Bank, and the 111<sup>th</sup> Military Intelligence Brigade FRG.



AUSA photo  
Members of various unit Family Readiness Groups stuff stockings for single and deployed soldiers for the holidays.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Sharron Stewart

## It's better to give than to receive

Toys and clothing for needy children were distributed Wednesday from the Main Post Chapel. Pictured are Pfc. Louis Moro, Deborah Williams and Karen Huntley, Angel Tree volunteers, and Jo Moore, installation staff chaplain's secretary, who bag toys. Not pictured is Rex Williams. The volunteers sorted, bagged, and distributed 500 gift packages to ensure that 210 military families have a joyous holiday season this year.

## Travel tips

The following are prohibited from being carried beyond the checkpoint at most airports, but may usually be carried in checked baggage:

- knives, or cutting instruments of any type or description
- ice picks
- straight razors
- metal scissors
- metal nail files
- corkscrews

- baseball bats
- golf clubs
- ski poles
- hockey sticks
- firearms (must be declared, unloaded, and in locked containers)
- ammunition (must be declared, small amounts/personal use in locked containers)
- personal protection sprays: mace, pepper spray, etc. (must be declared, limited to one 4-oz bottle)

# AAFES continues holiday tradition with Film Fest 2002

AAFES release

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service and Hollywood are once again joining forces to sponsor what has become a popular tradition among military forces deployed to remote sites around the world — the annual AAFES Holiday Film Festival.

This year's event will take place Friday through Jan. 5.

Military personnel will be able to enjoy such current major film productions as Paramount Picture's "Extreme Ops" and "Abandon;" Universal's "8 Mile" and "Red Dragon;" Warner Brothers' "Ghost Ship;" Fox's "The Banger Sisters;" DreamWorks SKG's "The Ring" and "The Tuxedo;" Columbia's "Adam Sandler's 8 Crazy Nights;" Disney Picture's "Santa Clause 2;" Touchstone Picture's "Sweet Home Alabama;" MGM's "Barbershop;" and Miramax Films' "Undisputed."

As in the past, the motion picture companies involved in this year's event all agree

that it would be a great gesture in support of those servicemembers defending our country, and in the best holiday tradition, to offer the films free of charge. During the Holiday Film Festival, motion picture distributors waive their normal royalty fees for the films, resulting in no charge to the military.

The films will be shown to U.S. servicemembers stationed in the Balkans (Eagle Base, Tuzla and Camps Monteith and Bondsteel in Kosovo), and Camp Doha, Kuwait.

The popular event got its start a few years ago when Europe Command approached AAFES with the idea of showing a current major motion picture during the holiday season for the troops serving in Bosnia. AAFES contacted DreamWorks SKG Pictures about providing "Saving Private Ryan" to the cause, and the distributor was quick to oblige.

After a few phone calls from Jon Walters, AAFES' Theater Branch Program Manager, many other companies joined in the effort as well, bringing the total number of donated

films to nine. Since that time, Walters says major film studios have enthusiastically jumped at the opportunity to help AAFES bring a touch of home to U.S. servicemembers deployed to remote sites around the world during the holiday season.

"And judging from the response we've gotten from viewers over the past four years, I'd have to say that our servicemembers have been very appreciative of the generosity displayed by the companies who have donated the films for the festival, and by the effort AAFES has put forth in ensuring its success," he said.

"Providing quality programs to the military is one of the key elements of the AAFES mission," said Richard Sheff, Vice President of AAFES' Food and Theater Division. "During the past years that we've presented the Holiday Film Festival, we have received dozens of messages from Command and enthusiastic servicemembers expressing their thanks for this special event."

DreamWorks SKG head of Non-Theatri-

cal Distribution, Joan Filippini, provided the industry's perspective on the program. "We support our men and women in uniform year-round, but during the holidays it is especially important to show them that they are remembered and appreciated. Our troops sacrifice so much to serve our country and defend our freedoms, so we are proud and honored to participate in the AAFES Holiday Film Festival, which gives our servicemembers a small link to home."

AAFES Commander Maj. Gen. Kathryn G. Frost says she's thrilled to see that the tradition of the AAFES Holiday Film Festival will continue again this year.

"This is just one more way AAFES can show support to troops who are deployed," she said. "It is especially important during the holidays. The efforts of Hollywood distributors and local military commanders will allow us to bring a 'little bit of home' for the fifth year in a row to American heroes. AAFES genuinely appreciates the thoughtfulness of the movie industry."

## Protect pets during holidays season - some merriment can be fatal to animals

PETCO release

New decorations and other changes in the home environment pique a pet's curiosity, and many companion animals react by exploring new objects with their mouths. Here are some pointers to ensure that the only thing Fido bites into is a chewy toy meant specifically for him.

**Christmas Trees:** Pine needles can get lodged in an animal's esophagus, making it painfully prickly for your pet to swallow. Even drinking the water from the Christmas tree base is enough to cause diarrhea, mouth sores, vomiting and loss of appetite. Cover your tree stand tightly with skirting and distract your companion animal from tree temptations with holiday toys and treats.

**Deck the Halls:** A bunch of mistletoe may tempt a festive kiss, but the red berries on the plant may look like a sweet treat to your cat or canine. Eating this holiday greenery could cause a drop in blood pressure, as well as vomiting and swollen throat and mouth tissue. Other holiday foliage, including Holly, Poinsettias and Yew, contain toxins that could lead to severe stomach problems. Worse yet, Yew is extremely toxic, and one mouthful could be deadly.

**Tinsel and Lights:** When lighting the menorah, advent wreath or decorative candles, keep pets in another room where paws and claws can't reach them. With electrical lights, remember to tape exposed electrical cords to walls or floors to ensure no chewing or tripping. Tinsel and wrapping paper may look like fun toys, but they can cause chok-

ing, upset stomach or more serious problems.

**Visions of Sugar Plums:** Some treats can be dangerous to your pets. For example, chocolate contains a chemical known as theobromine, which can be highly toxic to your four-legged friends. If your dog develops a sweet tooth and discovers an improperly stored stash, or chooses to take advantage of the time you are out shopping by nosing through the candy, it could lead to tragedy. If your pet shows signs of illness, like vomiting, loss of appetite or excessive thirst, contact your veterinarian immediately.



## BFH to host All Army Boxing Championships

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All Army Championship boxing for men and women takes the ring Jan. 21, 22 and 24 at Barnes Field House. This last active Old West post has been the traditional home of Army boxing since 1988.

Army boxers are scheduled to arrive Jan. 8, for the boxing trial camp.

Four Army boxers are currently at the top of the USA Boxing's ranking. The Army team also won Armed Forces and National Police Athletic League team titles in 2002.

USA Boxing recently honored Staff Sgt. Basheer Abdullah, All-Army and World Class Athlete Program head boxing coach, as the 2002 coach of the year. Abdullah coached two national champions at this year's U.S. championships and five of his WCAP athletes made USA Boxing's Elite team.

Fort Huachuca will host the 2004 *Conseil International du Sports Militaire* world boxing championship in October 2004. Countries from around the world will participate in seven days of international boxing at Barnes Field House.

Tickets for the All Army Boxing Championship are on sale now. Tickets cost \$5 for Jan. 21 and 22, and \$8 for the championship night Jan. 24. A package for all three nights is available for \$15. Kids aged 10 and under get in free.

On Fort Huachuca, tickets will be available at the MWR Box Office, Desert Lanes, MWR Rents, Eifler Fitness Center and Barnes Field House. Tickets will also be sold at the Sierra Vista Safeway.

Boxing enthusiasts outside the area can purchase tickets with a credit card by calling the MWR Box Office at 533-2404 or toll free at 1-888-921-4745.

The Cochise Theater staff wishes everyone happy holidays. The theater will be closed Monday through Jan 1. The Cochise Theatre movie prices are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children, except on Wednesdays and Thursdays, when all admission is 99 cents. All movies will be showing at 7 p.m., unless otherwise indicated.

### Tonight **GHOST SHIP**

Starring Gabriel Byrne and Alex Dimitriades — In a remote region of the Bering Sea, a boat salvage crew discovers the eerie remains of a grand passenger liner thought lost for more than 40 years. Once onboard, the crew must confront the ship's horrific past and face the ultimate fight for their lives. Rated **R** (Strong violence/gore, language and sexuality). 94 minutes.

### Friday **I SPY**

Starring Eddie Murphy and Owen Wilson — Based on the 1960's TV series "I spy," Secret Agent Scott recruits pro boxer Robinson to help him recover the U.S. government's prototype spy plane. Rated **PG-13** (Action violence, some sexual content and language). 97 minutes.

### Saturday

## Showings



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See Tim Allen, as Santa, in the *Santa Clause 2* Sunday at 2 p.m.

### **THE RING**

Starring Naomi Watts and Chris Cooper — Rachel uncovers a strange videotape, which may have been to blame for deaths of local teenagers. An urban legend says that whoever watches the tape will die after seven days. After she and her son watch the tape she realizes she's running out of time to uncover the secret of the ring. Rated **PG-13** (Disturbing images, language and some drug references). 115 minutes.

### Sunday at 2 p.m. **SANTA CLAUSE 2**

Starring Tim Allen and Elizabeth

Mitchell — The new Santa Clause has gotten used to the job, and is well loved across the world. However, a new clause is brought to his attention: The Mrs. Clause. Santa must find a bride, so he hits the singles scene to try and find a mate. Rated **G**. 103 minutes.

### Dec. 22 **PUNCH-DRUNK LOVE**

Starring Adam Sandler and Emily Watson — Barry is a quiet, shy, socially awkward man who undergoes a powerful transformation when Lena walks into his life. Rated **R** (Strong language). 96 minutes.