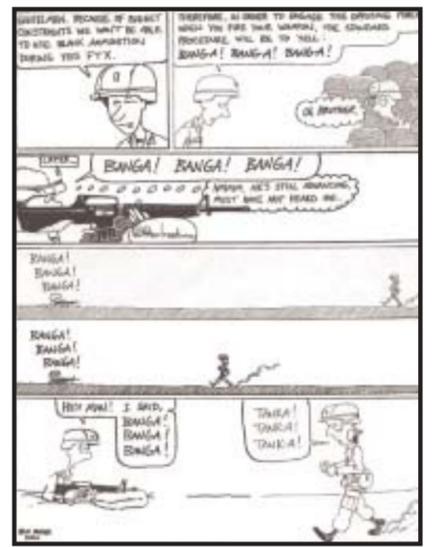


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### Adult Volleyball Exchange

Sports For Youth Foundation Inc. is currently accepting applications for the 2002 Volleyball Exchange to Europe.

Adults 21 and over, who are accomplished volleyball players and want to sight-see, play volleyball and meet new people, are encouraged to enroll.

From Nov. 29 through Dec. 15, you could be playing volleyball in London, England; Paris, France; and Venice, and Rome Italy. For additional information contact the Sports For Youth Foundation at [info@sportsforyouth.com](mailto:info@sportsforyouth.com), or visit [www.volleyballtours.com](http://www.volleyballtours.com).

For additional tour information, contact the Sports For Youth office at (425) 255-8102, or send email to, [info@sportsforyouth.com](mailto:info@sportsforyouth.com).

### Adult tennis

Are you looking to aspire in a new sport? Consider adult tennis lessons.

The Parks and Leisure Services will run lessons in four, one hour increments starting 9 a.m. Saturdays, beginning Sept. 7.

The fee is \$45 person. A certified United States Tennis Association Instructor will instruct.

Session II is slated to begin Oct. 5, with Session III kicking off Nov. 2. Registration is ongoing at the Oscar Yrun Community Center, Ethel Berger Center and The Cove.

Class size is limited to the first eight to sign up. For additional information call 458-7922.

### Youth tennis

The Parks and Leisure Service is conducting After School Tennis Lessons starting Wednesday.

The time for beginner lessons will be from 5:30-6:30 p.m., on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Lessons are for youth 6-17 years of age and will run for four consecutive weeks.

Registration fee is \$50 per student, with each class limited to eight students.

Lessons may also be held on Tuesdays and Thursday and determined by registration.

A certified United States Tennis Association instructor will teach the lessons.

Session II will start Oct. 2 and Session III is scheduled to begin Nov. 4.

Registration is ongoing at the Oscar Yrun Community Center, the Ethel Berger Center and at The Cove. Call 458-7922 for additional information.

### Reduced rates

Military personnel and their guests can reserve a suite at the Days Inn in Old Town, Calif., only two miles from Disneyland and California Adventure, now until Dec. 31. Ask for code: DK.

Included with the suite, military families will have free rides on Old Town's 18 amusement rides, as well as free rides to shopping and dining areas and to all four Disney Parks.

The suites sleep up to six adults and include outdoor pools, a game room, a large pantry, guest service desk to purchase tickets, and Pay-Per-View movies.

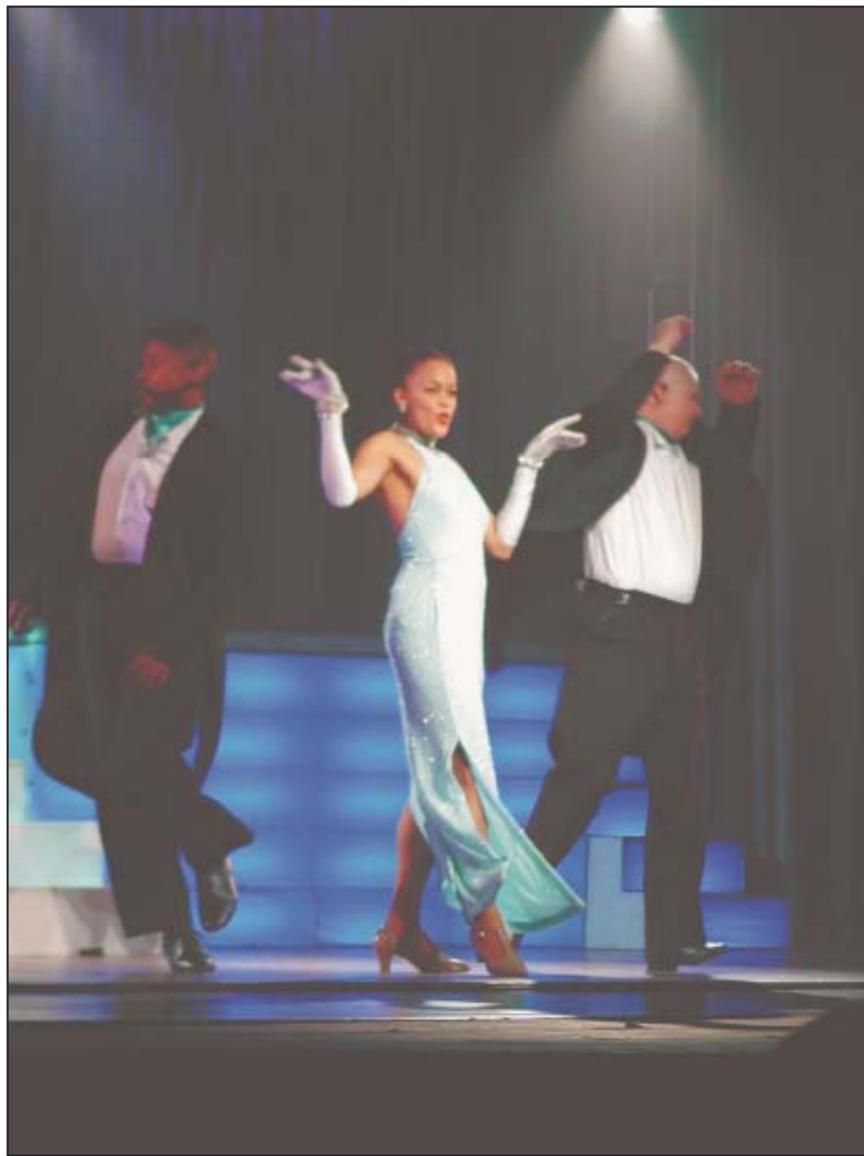
Rates are subject to availability and not valid with any other discounts.

Rates are per suite, per night plus 12 percent tax and \$2.85 nightly service.

Call 1-800-327-9126 for reservations, or look on the Web at [www.thhotels.com](http://www.thhotels.com).

# Freedom is not just a word

## It's the right to shake that thang



Photos by Sgt. Jessica Inigo

1st Lt. Angel Stone, 262nd Battalion, 23rd Brigade, out of Fort Lee, Va., played the part of Marilyn Monroe and moved into Madonna without missing a beat.



## Cast sings, dances into hearts of audience

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

Upon hearing the U.S. Army Soldier Show was coming to Fort Huachuca, Staff Sgt. Gary Farmer didn't hesitate to get tickets for the event.

After all, one of his former Morse Code Interceptor Intelligence course students, Spc. Randy Batarao, was going to be performing and he couldn't miss that. Farmer recalls Batarao always singing each time he saw him in the hallways.

"I had CQ one night and he was shining his boots and singing aloud," Farmer said. "As a matter of fact, we used to kid him and call him Casanova because he'd always be serenading the girls."

Batarao is now serenading audiences with his sexy rendition of popular songs as part of the Soldier Show. It's something the South Carolina native never imagined doing after leaving Fort Huachuca in the summer of 2000.

"I knew I'd come back here for the [Basic Noncommissioned Officers Course]," Batarao said. "I never envisioned performing with the Soldier Show. I'm proud of what I've achieved."

Among the 23 performers were two other soldiers representing the military intelligence field – Sgt. Timora Green and Sgt. Diana Bond, a two-time Soldier Show performer.

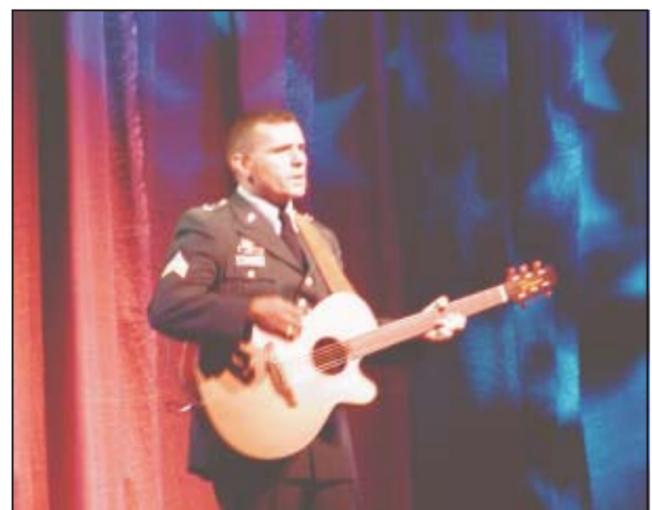
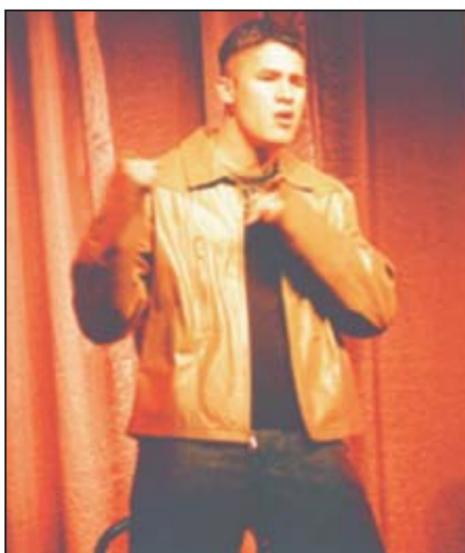
All of the soldiers agreed representing the MI Corps as cast members is an honor and without the support of their commands, their success wouldn't be possible.

"Our MOS is so important, particularly since we're in a wartime environment," Bond said. "We realize that our units have to sacrifice a lot by letting us go, so it's an honor."

The U.S. Army Soldier Show is a high-energy, MTV-style 90-minute live musical review showcasing the talents of active duty soldiers who are selected by audition from throughout the Army.

They are amateur artists who have a passion for music, dance and performing. They come from infantry, artillery, transportation, military police, medical, intelligence, armor, aviation, signal and other tactical units. The show is put together in six weeks, and then tours for six months across the world.

The Army Soldier Show's finale ended in true patriotic style Saturday night.



Far left: Spc. Randy Batarao, of Fort Meade, Md., made it back to Fort Huachuca since his last time here for Morse Code Interceptor training. At left: Sgt. Rodney Watts, out of Fort Campbell, Ky., wrote a song to America and shared it during the soldier show.

Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks



# Fort Huachuca Directorate of Community Activities Updates

The Directorate of Community Activities is responsible for content appearing on the MWR page in The Fort Huachuca Scout. Questions about this section should be directed to MWR Marketing Director, Paula German at 538-0836 or send an e-mail to [germanp@huachuca-emh1.army.mil](mailto:germanp@huachuca-emh1.army.mil)



## Fun Fest opens Sept. 13

The 2002 Fort Huachuca Fun Festival will be Sept. 13-Sept. 15.

This year's Fun Festival is brought to you by Team Ford and the Directorate of Community Activities, with sponsorship support from Cox Communications and Cable Rep Advertising, Carlson Wagonlit, Sierra Vista Herald, Southern Arizona Distributing, AT&T, Geico Direct and Five Star Publishing.

The festival will be held at the R.L. (Tiny) Anderson Special Events Park located near La Hacienda on Fort Huachuca. Festival hours are Sept. 13, 4-11 p.m.; Sept. 14, noon-11 p.m. and Sept. 15, noon - 5 p.m.

The festival is open to the public and there is no admission charge to enter the festival grounds. The Fun Festival features live entertainment, music, trail rides, laser tag, moon bouncers and much more.

Recreation Services Division has planned an exciting lineup of attractions, prizes and entertainment for all who attend the festival. On Sept. 15, there will be giveaways every hour from noon until 4 p.m. Patrons may sign up for prizes at the MWR booth located in the vendor area. Entrants selected must be present Sept. 15 to win.

Carnival ride tickets are on sale now. Tickets purchased in advance are sold at a savings of \$2 per ten tickets. Advance carnival ride tickets are \$5 per sheet of ten. The price goes up to \$7 per sheet of ten at the carnival. Fort Huachuca ticket outlets are MWR Box Office, Desert Lanes and MWR Rents. Tickets may be purchased in Sierra Vista at Safeway. For ticket information, call 533-2404.

Along with the Carnival operation will be the vendor area that features an endless variety of food, crafts, art, commercial and novelty merchants. The Fun Festival is an excellent fund-raising opportunity that attracts spectators by providing a wide range of activities and entertainment. Vendors are needed, so call 538-1690 to participate and profit.

A new addition to the Fun Festival lineup is a Mutt March. The Mutt March is a three mile scenic off-road course for humans and their canine friends. Human and canine refreshments will be provided along the course. Start time is 7 a.m. and the course will close at 9 a.m. Pet owners may sign up at 6 a.m. in front of La Hacienda. The entry fee is \$1 per human and \$1 per pet. Course maps are available at Barnes Field House administration office. Call 533-5031 for information.

## Pool events

Grierson Pool is now closed. Irwin Pool will be open Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. for the final weekend of swimming. Irwin Pool will be open this weekend and Labor Day, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. for its final day of operation.

Scuba lessons will be offered at Barnes Field House pool beginning Sept. 7. The cost is \$150. Call 533-3858 or Dennis Ballard at 803-0308 for registration information. A special kids' scuba class for ages eight and up will also be offered throughout the year.

Junior lifeguard classes are scheduled for Sept. 14, 21 and 28, 8-10 a.m. Registration is at Murr Community Center. The cost is \$20 per student. Call 533-3858 for information.

Barnes Field House Pool hours are: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 5-7:30 a.m. lap swim; 7:30-11 a.m. open swim; 11 a.m.-1 p.m. lap swim and 1-2 p.m. open swim. Pool closes at 2 p.m. The pool also closes from 7:45-11 a.m. on Thursdays for cleaning and maintenance. Call 533-3858 for information.

## Desert Lanes events

Rock 300 is held every Saturday, 7-11 p.m. Come out and bowl to rockin' music and glow in the dark action. Forty frame games are offered every Saturday at 1 p.m. Desert Lanes invites all to come bowl their hearts out.

A Welcome Back Singles Tournament will be held Sept. 14 at 1 p.m. Handicap is 80 percent of 200 and the payout is one to five ratio with an entry fee of \$25. Scratch side pots are available. Call 533-2849 for information.

Sept. 22 will be Nifty Fifties Day again. Desert Lanes' shoe rentals and games are only 50 cents and Jeannie's Diner hot dogs and sodas are also 50 cents each.

New winter operating hours begin Sunday. Desert Lanes will be open Sunday and Monday noon to 9 p.m.; Tuesday 9 a.m.-10 p.m.; Wednesday noon to 10 p.m.; Thursday 4-10 p.m.; Friday noon to 11 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.-11 p.m.

## Sportsman's Center activities

September will be an active month for events at the Sportsman's Center. The Center will host a Barb Dallavo Memorial Open Skeet Shoot Sept. 21 and 22. Registration begins at 7 a.m.

A special coaching day for ladies is scheduled for Sept. 21, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. The range session includes gun safety, marksmanship principles and an introduction to skeet and trap shooting.

Night Paintball will be held Sept. 27, 7 p.m. - midnight. Range fee is \$5 and rental packages are available for \$20.

On Sept. 28, the Sportsman's Center will hold a Sportsman's Flea Market. This is a great opportunity for sportsmen to sell their unwanted fishing or hunting equipment. Table rental is only \$5.

Patrons of the Sportsman's Center who fill out a comment card have a chance to win a prize. Comment cards will be judged each month and the winning comment or suggestion will win a \$20 gift certificate. Call 533-7085 for information on any of these events.

## Buffalo Corral events

The Buffalo Corral has scheduled a Labor Day Trail Ride for Monday. The ride will be 9-11 a.m. The cost is only \$12.50 per authorized MWR patron and \$18 per civilian.

Reservations and prepayment are required by close of business Aug. 31. Fifteen riders are required for the ride to remain scheduled. If the ride is canceled for lack of riders, the Buffalo Corral will be closed. Rides are open to riders 7 years and older. Call 533-7085 for information on any of these events.

Buffalo Corral Riding Stables are now closed Mondays and Tuesdays. The facility is open Wednesday through Sunday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The private mount area hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. PMA retail store is closed Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

## Parent University planned

The eighth session of Parent University will be Sept. 9 - 20. Parent University is a two-week intensive program that offers a variety of free classes in an effort to make good parents better.

All classes are two hours in length and taught by professionals within the community. Classes are held at Murr Community Center. Participants completing a minimum of 24 hours receive a diploma indicating graduation from Parent University.

Childcare is provided free of charge, however, pre-registration is required. Military and civilians are welcome. Some of the new classes this year include: Home Safety, Adventures in Character, Building Children's Self-Esteem, Conflict Resolution with Teens, My Child Won't Listen; What Can I do?, Principles of Behavior, Tax Tips and Youth in Trouble.

Barbara-Lynn Taylor, prominent parent educator and author/co-producer of the internationally used, video-based parent program, "Successful Parenting," is our keynote speaker. Taylor speaks Sept. 20, 8:30-11:30 a.m. For information, call Army Community Service at 533-3895 or 533-2330.

## Thunder Mountain Powerlifting Open

The 2002 Thunder Mountain USA Powerlifting Open will be held Oct. 19 at Barnes Field House. This first-time event is a USA Powerlifting sanctioned event. Entry fees are \$25 for the first division entered and \$20 for each additional division. Team entry is \$40.

Entry deadline is Oct. 8. There will be an additional \$5 entry fee for registrations after Oct. 8. Admission price for spectators is \$5 per person. Children 12 and under may attend free of charge.

There are many divisions and weight classes. Awards will be given to 1st-5th places in all divisions. Call 533-3180 or 533-5031 for information.

## Info Fair for Fort Huachuca newcomers

Army Community Service is sponsoring an installation-wide Information Fair Sept. 7 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Organizations and activities are invited to participate and share valuable information to the community.

The Information Fair may be used to register and sign-up for activities. The event is open to the local community. All interested organizations must register no later than Aug. 30 by calling Army Community Service at 533-2330 or email: [allenmp@c2i2.com](mailto:allenmp@c2i2.com).

## Web sweepstakes honors military personnel

Army MWR and Hyundai have teamed up to offer an exciting sweepstakes in honor of our military personnel. The Army MWR and Hyundai Santa Fe Drive-Away Sweepstakes, a Web-based contest, runs from now until Sept. 30.

Army MWR has arranged for Hyundai to give away three terrific prizes. One lucky grand prize winner will receive a brand new 2003 Hyundai Santa Fe GLS 4-wheel drive SUV! Two first prizes will also be given out: two Sony home entertainment systems valued at \$1,500 each.

To register for this sweepstakes, visit [www.armymwr.com/porta/events](http://www.armymwr.com/porta/events) through Sept. 30.

## Family Readiness Groups

Army Community Service is sponsoring an installation-wide Basic Family Readiness Group Training Sept. 14 at 9 a.m. The training will take place in the Army Community Service conference room in Building 50010.

This training is targeted for people who are new or potential FRG leaders interested in learning about FRG fund raising, private organization status, commercial sponsorship and the rules and regulations governing an FRG. Registrations must be made no later than Sept. 5. Call 533-2330 to register, or email: [gail.mortensen@hua.army.mil](mailto:gail.mortensen@hua.army.mil).

## MWR Rents activities

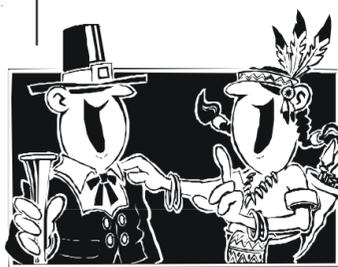
During September, patrons at MWR Rents may rent all towed barbeque grills for \$5 off the day rental fee.

A boating safety class is scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday. This two-day class is held at Murr Community Center 6-10 p.m. An all day class is scheduled for Sept. 28, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Completion of a boater safety class is necessary to rent boats from MWR Rents. Call 533-6707 for information.

# Directorate of Community Activities - EVENTS AT A GLANCE

For Questions Concerning MWR Events, please Call Paula German, MWR Marketing Director, at 538-0836 or Dial 1-800-459-EVNT



SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY
<p><b>8 &amp; 22</b> <i>LakeSide Sunday Brunch</i></p> <p><b>20</b> <i>CGs' Right Arm Night</i></p> <p><b>13, 14 &amp; 15</b> <i>Fun Festival at R. L. "Tiny" Anderson Special Events Park</i></p> 	<p><b>6 &amp; 20</b> <i>LakeSide Sunday Brunch</i></p> <p><b>14</b> <i>Columbus Day</i></p> <p><b>18</b> <i>CGs' Right Arm Night</i></p> <p><b>19</b> <i>Thunder Mountain Powerlifting Open</i></p> <p><b>19 &amp; 20</b> <i>Helldorado Overnight Trail Ride</i></p> <p><b>26</b> <i>LakeSide Specialty Dinner</i></p> <p><b>26</b> <i>Desert Lanes Rock &amp; Bowl Halloween Party</i></p>	<p><b>3 &amp; 17</b> <i>LakeSide Sunday Brunch</i></p> <p><b>11</b> <i>Veterans Day</i></p> <p><b>15</b> <i>CGs' Right Arm Night</i></p> <p><b>28</b> <i>Thanksgiving Grande Buffet</i></p> <p><b>30</b> <i>Sierra Vista Symphony Orchestra Holiday Gala Gourmet Dinner</i></p> 	 <p><b>31</b> <i>Rock &amp; Bowl in the New Year at Desert Lanes!</i></p> <p><i>Dance in the New Year at La Hacienda!</i></p> <p><i>Dine in the New Year at LakeSide Activity Center</i></p>	<p><b>20</b> <i>Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday</i></p> <p><b>20-24</b> <i>All Army Camp Trials and Championships</i></p> 	<p><b>14</b> <i>LakeSide Valentine's Buffet</i></p>  <p><b>17</b> <i>Presidents Day</i></p> 

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## Outdoor Hall Of Fame

Four veteran outdoorsmen were inducted in the Arizona Outdoor Hall of Fame during the Wildlife for Tomorrow Foundation's 5<sup>th</sup> annual induction banquet Aug. 23.

"This year's banquet and auction were a huge success," said Executive Director Cliff Hamilton.

The auctions raised more than \$10,000 dollars – an all-time high – for the non-profit foundation. Hamilton said attendance for the event was at an all-time high too.

The banquet honored four nominees being inducted into the Arizona Outdoors Hall of Fame: Stan Jones of Page, Tom Foust of Tucson, and David Brown of Phoenix as well as the Anglers United organization. These inductees were selected because of their contributions to Arizona's natural outdoor heritage.

The auctions – both silent and live – included items like a houseboat trip on Lake Powell, a hand-crafted knife, a bronze elk statue, a complete 10-year set of Arizona duck stamps, a ride-along with a Game and Fish Department Wildlife Manager.

# 18<sup>th</sup> MP golf tournament supports MP Ball

By Sgt. Jessica Inigo  
Time Out Editor

A hole in one during the 18<sup>th</sup> Military Police Detachment Golf Scramble could have won one of 66 golf players a brand new convertible Mustang, but no such luck was given to the players Friday's.

Other prizes and awards were given to participants of the Family Support Group sponsored event, raising more than \$1,000 toward the upcoming MP Ball, Sept. 6.

Top golfers were Ron York and Scott Lousks, while Art Vigil and Jim Gray were named the worse golfers.

Both teams received awards for their titles.

"I think this event tremendously helped support the MP Ball. It was a great turn out and we hope to have another soon," said Sgt. Dustin Kelly, operations sergeant. "These types of functions help build esprit do corps and bring spouses together."

The 18<sup>th</sup> MP Detachment FSG is known for supporting family members during temporary duty assignments, permanent change of station assignments when family members are not allowed, and during any other type of deployments.

Major sponsors of the scramble included Long Realty, who sponsored each hole; Team Ford, who donated the Mustang; and Chili's, Staples, Dillard's, Target, and Delio's, for providing different gift certificates to golfers.

The MP Ball will honor guest speaker, retired Command Sgt. Maj. Tom Davis during the ball. Davis was an MP in the Army who was a prisoner of war in Vietnam for five years.

Social hour will begin at 5 p.m., followed by the official receiving line at 6 p.m., Sept. 6 at the Lakeside Activity Centre. The MP Ball kicks off thereafter at 8:30 p.m.

Call this 533-5342 for more information and tickets.



Photo by Sgt. Jessica Inigo

Sgt. Dustin Kelly lead the scramble, Friday.

## Is it a doe or a John Doe?

# Safety is main concern during hunting season

By Sgt. Jessica Inigo  
Time Out Editor

Hunting season is open on Fort Huachuca, but the hunter need not become the hunted while out aiming for the big trophy this year.

Unlike any other sport, hunting involves everyone else in the immediate area and can be a health hazard if safety isn't met.

On Fort Huachuca hunters have already caught big game with bows and will continue with hunting rifles.

Of the 16 million hunters in the United States, there were 926 reported weapons related injuries in 2000, according to Bruce V. Heran, post safety manager.

Of these 926 injuries, 91 were fatalities, and of these 26 were self-inflicted fatalities. Of the fatalities, the most common age range for accidents caused by others was from 10-39. The age group most likely to cause self-inflicted fatalities is from 10-19.

On Fort Huachuca, a Hunter Safety Course must first be successfully completed prior to hunting on post.

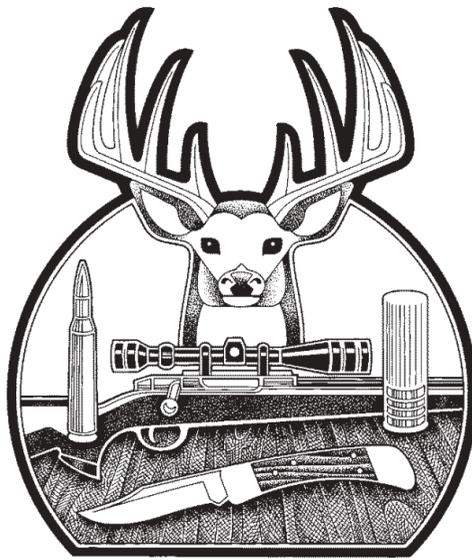
The next Hunter Safety Course will not be until January. All classes for this year have been completed.

"The most common cause of fatal injuries is due to failure to identify object," Heran said. "Also, the bulk of people injured were not wearing an orange vest."

Across the board, three main attributes lead to safe hunting: good attitude, education, and skill, according to Heran.

- Attitude – Act responsibly. Know the rules and follow them. Preparation is key.
- Education – Know proper hunting safety and weapon familiarity.
- Skill – Be well versed in outdoor, survival, and physical fitness skills when hunting.

Heran also offered several tidbits of information that may come in handy for southwestern hunters in particular.



"Watch out for non-game animals while hunting, such as snakes, because you don't want to step on a rattlesnake and get bit. Also, bring a map or guide in case you get lost or need to find your way out if a problem comes up," Heran said. "Be alert of the weather. In this area it can go from 100 degrees to 60 degrees in a matter of minutes when a storm comes through."

In line with natural problems, it might be wise to include survival equipment and communication capabilities when hunting.

Also, always tell someone where you'll be hunting and when you plan to return. "If you don't come back the search for you won't be delayed if you tell someone where you're going," Heran said.

For more information look at the Arizona Game and Fish website at [www.azgfd.com](http://www.azgfd.com) or call the Sportsman's Center at 533-7085.

## Family fun for everyone

By Tanja Linton  
Media Relations Officer

The annual Fun Fest will take place Sept. 13-15 at the R.L. "Tiny" Anderson Special Events Park.

Carnival tickets are on sale now. Advance price for ten tickets is \$5. Tickets are available at the MWR Box Office, Desert Lanes, MWR Rents, and the Sierra Vista Safeway. Tickets will be available at the carnival, at ten for \$7.

The event opens up Friday at 4 p.m. with the 36<sup>th</sup> Army Band providing music for the opening ceremonies. DJ Mad Dog Mike plays rock-n-roll from 6-8:30 p.m. and Train Wreck plays live rock from 8:30-11 p.m.

Take your pooch out for a little PT Saturday morning. The three-mile Mutt March kicks off at 7 a.m. Registration begins at 6 a.m. Cost is \$1 per human and \$1 per dog. Refreshments for two-legged and four-legged participants are offered along the course.

Latin rhythms pulsate from the Ramada Saturday. DJ Mad Dog Mike plays Latin sounds 4-7 p.m. and hits the turntables again from 9-11 p.m. Berto and the Amigos stroll the grounds of the fest 4-5 p.m. Primo takes the stage from 7-10 p.m. with some Latin rock.

Sunday is all about country music. DJ Mad Dog Mike will play country music from noon to 1 p.m. and again from 4:30-5 p.m. Cowboy poet, Jon Messenger is on from 1-1:45 p.m. DJ Mad Dog Mike plays more country from 2:30-3:30. Parners play live from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Sunday is also the day for giveaways. Carnival tickets will be given away at 1 p.m., a DVD player at 2 p.m., a television at 3 p.m. and two round-trip tickets from Carlson Wagon-Lit at 4 p.m.

An arcade booth will be set up at the Fun Fest featuring high-tech games like Hydro Thunder, Crisis Zone, Deer Hunter, Police 911, Wavering Wing, Mega Touch XL, Tekken 4, Star Wars Trilogy and Blitz 2000.

Booths selling Korean, Thai, Puerto Rican, Mexican, American and Navajo food will be on hand to help fill your tummy. There will also be craft vendors information booths.

A special route will be set up from the Main Gate to provide direct access to the Fun Fest. Visitors to the Fun Fest do not need to obtain a pass, but they will have to show a picture ID at the gate.

## Showings

### Special to the Scout

The Cochise Theatre movie prices are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children, except on Wednesdays and Thursdays, when all admission is only 99 cents. All movies will be showing at 7 p.m., unless otherwise indicated.

### Tonight

**Reign of Fire** - Matthew McConaughey, Christian Bale. In present day London, twelve-year-old Quinn watches as his mother wakes an enormous fire-breathing beast from its centuries-long slumber. Twenty years later, the beast and its offspring have scarred much of the world. As a fire chief, Quinn is responsible for warding off the beasts and keeping a community alive as they eke out a meager existence in the English countryside. Into their midst comes a hotshot American, Denton Van Zan, who says he has a way to

kill the beasts and save mankind. Rated PG-13 (Intense action violence). 102 Min.

### Friday

**K-19: The Widow Maker** - Harrison Ford, Liam Neeson. This is the true story of the USSR's first nuclear ballistic submarine, K-19, which on June 4, 1961, while sailing in the North Atlantic, discovered that the cooling system of the reactor had failed, leading to a possible nuclear meltdown. Rated PG-13 for sci-fi action violence and some provocative humor. 82 minutes.

### Saturday

**Men in Black 2** - Will Smith, Tommy Lee Jones - Agent J needs help in his latest case so he elicits the help of Agent K by restoring his memory and together they battle the latest threat of aliens against Earth. Rated PG-13 (Sci-fi action violence and some provocative humor). 82 Min.

**Eight Legged Freaks** - David Arquette, Kari Wuhrer - A group of spiders is exposed to a noxious chemical that causes the arachnids to grow and grow. They get big and they get mean. Rated PG-13 (Sci-fi violence, brief sexuality and language). 99 Min.

### Wednesday

**K-19: The Widowmaker** - Harrison Ford, Liam Neeson - This is the true story of the USSR's first nuclear ballistic submarine, K-19, which on June 4th, 1961, while sailing in the North Atlantic, discovered that the cooling system of the reactor had failed, leading to a possible nuclear meltdown. Rated PG-13 (Disturbing images). 138 Min

### Sept. 5

**Men in Black 2** - Will Smith, Tommy Lee Jones.

### Sept. 6

**Country Bears** - Haley Joel Osment, Christopher Walken - Beary is a ten-year-old cub who is raised by a human family unaware that he is adopted until his jealous brother tells him. When Beary leaves home to find out where he belongs, he's led to the Country Bear Hall in Tennessee and befriends the now defunct band, the Country Bears. The once successful and highly influential 1970's band, reunites for a benefit concert. Rated G (General Audience) 88 Min.



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Check out **Minority Report** tonight at the Cochise Theater at 7 p.m.

# Canadians jump ahead of U.S. airborne in 'Leapfest'

By Master Sgt. Bob Haskell  
Army News Service

WEST KINGSTON, R.I. — Royal Canadian paratroopers bested a field of 42 teams from 12 nations here Aug. 17 in Leapfest, the International Military Parachute Competition.

Leapfest is the only event like it in the world, organizers said, and it is put on every August by the Rhode Island Army National Guard.

One of the two teams from the 3rd Battalion Royal 22nd Regiment Parachute Company in Quebec took home the team championship, Canada's first. And Cpl. J.P.A.M. Dufour from that outfit was the individual champion.

Army Guard teams from Georgia's 121st Infantry and Maryland's 20th Special Forces Group finished second and third on the sweltering Saturday when the heat index climbed to an estimated 103 degrees.

Army Sgt. 1st Class Charles Skipper from the John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School at Fort Bragg, N.C., finished second, and Kentucky Army Guard Lt. Col. Wayne Burd took third in the individual competition. They were among the 168 parachutists who dropped off the back ramps of four CH-47 "Chinook" helicopters from the Pennsylvania Army Guard as if they were jumping into a swimming pool.

Leapfest turned 20 this year, and word has gotten around among the international airborne brotherhood that West Kingston, R.I. is the place to be in August.

"A lot of German airborne soldiers want to come here," said Capt. Andreas Von Weihe of the German Army's 31st Airborne Brigade on Aug. 17 while taking part for the first time in Leapfest.

Fifteen of the teams came from 11 foreign countries. It was the largest international turnout in the event's history.

Thailand sent a Royal Air Force special operations team half way around the world. Other teams came from South Africa and Tunisia, Ecuador and El Salvador. Poland participated for the first time. So did Jordan. The United Kingdom sent two teams from its reserve Territorial Army. Three Canadian teams jumped.

"This is what we hoped this would grow to. We wanted to foster these relations with the international teams," said retired Maj. Gen. N. Andre Trudeau who helped bring Leapfest to life in 1982.

The rules are fairly simple for the single-day event that is open to military qualified parachutists.

"It takes me back to my days in jump school at Fort Benning, Ga., in 1964," said retired Rhode Island resident Dan Thompson, a 10-year Navy veteran, while observing that Saturday's total of 500 jumps.

"Watching them float down reminded me of how much I liked it," added Thompson who jumped 158 times.

The floating is the easy part for the competitive airborne troopers.

Each four-member team jumps three times from 1,500 feet with static lines that pull the chutes open. The parachutists land as close as they can to a large orange X in the middle of a manicured, 218-acre drop zone on a farm where turf for golf courses is grown. They are timed from the moment they touch the ground until they touch the X - while dragging their chutes. The individuals and teams with the



Photo by Master Sgt. Bob Haskell

**Two Pennsylvania National Guard soldiers charge for the target X after landing on the drop zone while competing in Rhode Island's Leapfest Aug. 17.**

lowest total times win.

Working the wind and maneuvering the chutes to land close to the target are keys to success. If they land in the trees? Forget about it.

"The wind can be a real problem, especially if you land down wind from the target and have to drag your chute back to it," pointed out Sgt. 1st Class Bob Perry, this year's chief judge who has jumped in or worked on all 20 Leapfests.

The top team's name gets inscribed on the Rhode Island Adjutant General's International Parachute Trophy.

Teams from three American units have won twice - Company F, 425th Rangers; Company G, 509th Infantry; and the 129th Long Range Surveillance Detachment. Four different teams from the 82nd Airborne Division have won.

A team from Tunisia won in 1994. United Kingdom paratroopers won in '94. A German team won in 2000. Canada took home the bacon this year.

There were two new twists to this year's Leapfest, according to the Rhode Islanders versed in its history.

Pennsylvania Army Guard Staff Sgt. Benjamin Gomez, from the 104th Infantry Detachment, became the first Leapfest competitor to ever land on the orange X. His time for that particular jump was zero.

Air Guard Maj. Gen. William Lynch, Pennsylvania's adjutant general, became the first general officer to compete in the event. Other generals have made ceremonial jumps, it was explained, but Lynch was the first to jump three times as the member of a team.

The international team members are pinned with U.S. parachutist wings. That courtesy is common within the in-

ternational airborne culture. Perry, for example, earned Thailand's "balloon wings" during his Special Forces days by parachuting from a dirigible that was tethered at 800 feet.

The bonding that the paratroopers from the different lands experience during the week or two they are together in Rhode Island is considered as important as the competition. "The big thing is the camaraderie," said South African Maj. Johan Joubert, an army reservist who competed in his third Leapfest. "It was interesting to meet the people from the South American countries - Ecuador and El Salvador. There is no other way we could have met them. Until now, their countries have been places on the map."

The four members of the South African team, all reservists, paid their own airfare, added Joubert, a civil engineer. That's how much they like Leapfest.

The Rhode Island hospitality includes a trip to nearby Boston for a Red Sox game and the chance to buy jeans at local outlet stores for considerably less money than they cost in Europe. Whatever pressure the parachutists feel is self-imposed. "This competition is one of the few times these paratroopers can have a good time without being pushed to set up a defensive perimeter in the woods after they've jumped," said Perry. "It's a fun situation."

Royal Thailand Air Force Lt. Phiphukdee Vinit agreed. "This is the first time I have had this kind of competition in my life. It is the same for my team," said the 17-year military veteran who has been parachuting for a decade. "This Leapfest is a very excellent experience."

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# Signal soldier secures third Army chess crown during competition

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A signal communications soldier captured his third consecutive Army Chess championship at Fort Myer, and solidified his spot for his third consecutive Inter-service Chess championship in September at Point Loma in San Diego, Calif.

"I'm not really that excited," said Rudy Tia, who also won both championships in 1997. "I've won it three times in a row now. It has become an everyday thing for me. I just concentrate on my next match."

Tia, who is assigned to Fort Hood, Texas, wins every year and practices his game feverishly in order to excel in the sport, said Nancy Presley, from the Community and Family and Support Center.

"We love to see somebody who loves the game this much," Presley said. "He really enjoys these tournaments." Tia has only played chess competitively since 1990, and has the highest point total in the Army at 2,109.

His score leaves him only 91 points shy of reaching Master's status. Despite his success at the joint service level,

Tia knows competition will be stiff.

"I think the Air Force is a pretty good team," Tia said. "As a matter of fact, everybody is preparing for me, practicing against people who play my style, trying to find ways to beat me."

Everyone already knows everyone's style and technique, said chess player Michael Cerezo, from Parks Reserve Forces Training Area in Santa Clara, Calif.

"I know going into the game he plays very slow, but he can beat you before you step up to the [chess] board," Cerezo said.

A player is required to make 40 movements in two hours and must finish the game in the third hour.

The three-hour time frame is for each player, meaning games can take up to six hours to decide the winner.

Six of the top ten Army players are set to compete at the Inter-service competition.

The third-place finisher will not compete next month because of a scheduling conflict, which pushes seventh-place Cerezo into the Inter-service championship.

"It's tough competition even though some fellows might have lower ratings," said Cerezo, admitting he started the

competition slowly before accruing enough points to advance. "You never know what the new guy has up his sleeve and what technique they might use. You have to know your openings, play smart and play carefully. It's like a 200-pound guy fighting a 120-pound weakling. If the small guy connects with an uppercut, it's over"

"This is a tough competition for the less experienced chess players," echoed Presley. "Even though some of these guys lost, they certainly gained a lot of experience and knowledge of how the really good players play."

The players agree there is a strong sense of camaraderie among the Army team.

"We go to local clubs and bars, drink and be merry," said Cerezo. "I've known some guys since 1995 and bragging rights are definitely on the line, but it's all in good fun."

Tia enjoys the company of his fellow chess players, but said it's all business once the pawns, rooks and knights begin to move.

"Chess is like my profession," said Tia. "I will continue to play until the day I die. Until then, everyone else may have to settle for second place."