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## Scout reports

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### Water outage

There will be a water outage on Apr. 16, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Areas affected will be Dove Circle, Mills Road, Mizner Road, and the Museum Annex.

Water outage is required to demo two fire hydrants and replace one fire hydrant.

For more information, call Wade Hayes at 533-8514.

### Last minute taxes

The Fort Huachuca Tax Center will be open Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon.

The Tax Center is located in De Rosy Cabell Hall, Building 22324 on Christy Avenue.

The last day to file income taxes is April 15. For more information, call 533-1314.

### One-hour photo closure

Accent Photo, the one hour photo processing shop located in the Post Exchange Mall will be closing its doors.

The last day for business is Wednesday. All services that can be performed and processed at the facility will be offered through Wednesday which will also be the last day to pick up completed orders.

The closure of this facility should not be confused with photo processing service offered inside the Main PX.

Questions can be directed to Daryl Lynn Funke, Services Business manager at 458-7210, ext 16.

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Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks

A Fort Huachuca firefighter ponders the accident scene at the intersection of Hatfield and Smith Streets Tuesday. One soldier and one teen was injured in the accident.

111th MI Bde. responsible for both enlisted, officer training after 112th MI Bde. inactivates, fold colors

BY SGT. 1ST CLASS DONALD SPARKS  
NCOIC, USAIC&FH PAO

Last Thursday instead of listening to ceremonial music being played symbolically by a band or watching soldiers marching on the parade field in traditional Army fashion, the installation quietly inactivated the 112th Military Intelligence Brigade.

Although there were no honors rendered to give closure of the unit's contributions to the Army and MI Corps, the unit's legacy will be carried on as it reorganized with the 111th Military Intelligence Brigade.

And as for future soldiers entering the Main Gate to arrive here for training, they won't miss a beat according to Col. Michael Flynn, 111th MI Brigade commander.

"The biggest change is that our mission statement is modified to include leaders, leader training and leader development," Flynn said. "So in the past where we focused primarily on enlisted training, we add leader training into the mix."

Echoing his commander's sentiment, Command Sgt. Maj. Kurt Richter added, "The reorganization and restructure is going to be relatively transparent to the students. They're not going to see much. There are going to be some staff changes, but as far as the normal day-to-day business at the school house - that's not going to be affected."

The inactivation of the 112th brought the U.S. Army Intelligence Center into alignment with the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command's standards for brigade organization.

The school model guidelines set by TRADOC requires each brigade consist of five to seven battalions which are comprised of five to seven companies. The move placed the 304th and 306th MI Battalions under the 111th.

After assuming the responsibilities of the 112th, the 111th is now ultimately responsible for the training of the entire MI Corps, something Flynn said will benefit the school house and the thousands of students who arrive here

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## Soldier, teen injured in auto accident on post

BY SGT. 1ST CLASS DONALD SPARKS  
NCOIC, USAIC&FH PAO

A Fort Huachuca soldier and a teen family member were injured following an auto accident Tuesday on post.

Staff Sgt. Paul Bowman, assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison was transported to the Tucson Medical Center.

He was flown to Sierra Vista Regional Health Center Wednesday, having suffered five broken ribs and facial lacerations.

The teen was taken to Sierra Vista Regional Health Center for precautionary measures and was

released with only minor injuries.

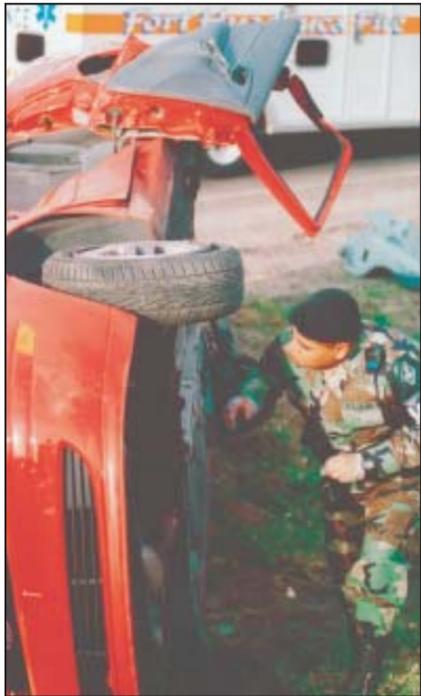
According to Spc. Jesus Pineda, 18th Military Police Detachment traffic accident investigator, the accident occurred at approximately 5 p.m. at the intersection of Hatfield and Smith Streets.

Pineda reported witnesses at the scene said Bowman's vehicle rolled over three times and teen's vehicle flipped once.

"All parties were wearing seatbelts which was a good thing," Pineda said.

Fort Huachuca Fire Department personnel responded immediately to the scene and began rescue operations.

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Spc. Jesus Pineda, 18th Military Police Detachment traffic accident investigator, examines the undercarriage of one of the vehicles in the accident.

## Sergeants Major Course postponed, shortened

BY MASTER SGT. LISA HUNTER  
ARMY NEWS SERVICE

The resident Sergeants Major Course, Class 54, slated to start in August, has been postponed to January because of current deployments.

The course will also be condensed to six months from its usual nine-month curriculum, according to Lt. Col. John Kirby, assistant commandant at the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy.

"This is a one-time change to accommodate all the soldiers who are participating in Operation Iraqi Freedom," Kirby said. "Our folks in the Directorate of Training and Doc-

trine are currently reworking the program of instruction to accommodate the more condensed course schedule."

Prior to August 1995, the Sergeants Major Course was six months, but was extended to nine months after the Battle Staff Noncommissioned Officer Course was added, said Sgt. Maj. John Wyche, the Deputy Chief of Staff G3 sergeant major.

The Battle Staff NCO Course is used to prepare staff sergeants through sergeants major to serve in staff positions at battalion and higher level. The course will be removed for Class 54, Wyche said.

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## Army units confront Iraqi Republican Guard

BY JIM GARAMONE  
AMERICAN FORCES PRESS SERVICE

U.S. Army units attacked Iraqi Republican Guard units around Karbala a senior Central Command official told media Tuesday.

The attacks were very effective and resulted in the capture of an Iraqi general, an airfield and a training camp for regime death squads, CENTCOM Deputy Operations Chief Army Brig. Gen. Vincent Brooks said during a press conference in Qatar. He said interrogation of the Iraqi general has yielded tactical information.

Brooks said these were limited-objective attacks and were intended to create vulner-

abilities in the Republican Guard defenses. The attacks were also aimed at isolating remaining pockets of resistance "for destruction at a time of our choosing," he said.

News reports indicate that coalition soldiers fired on a vehicle that ended up containing women and children, killing at least seven. Brooks acknowledged the incident and said that the United States regrets the loss of life. But, he added, the military will not make changes in the rules of engagement because of this incident. He said the military continually assesses procedures and is investigating this incident.

Coalition air operations continue to target

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Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks

### Patch it up

First Sgt. Arnold Flores, left, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison and guidon bearer Spc. Megan Thacher, wear the new Installation Management Agency shoulder patch during a ceremony Tuesday at Brown Parade Field. It symbolically marked the transition to the IMA for the soldiers serving in USAG.

## War coverage plentiful for Americans' palate

BY SGT. 1<sup>ST</sup> CLASS DONALD SPARKS  
NCOIC, USAIC&FH PAO

Each day since the beginning of Operation Iraqi Freedom I, like many other Americans, have been craving and consumed with the news coverage of the war. As an Army journalist I am both intrigued and in awe (how many times have we heard that word over the past few days) because I wish I were on the ground with my camera, pen and pad.

Our job as journalists is to provide 'maximum coverage with minimum delay' to the American public. The American taxpayer needs to know that the U.S. military are highly capable of performing its mission of protecting the Nation and its interests.

That's why I understand why the Army (and Marines) has embedded media with units as they bring the battlefield directly to our television sets. More than 500 reporters are currently accompanying units covering the war bringing images of the war straight to millions of viewers every day.

This is an entirely new stance the Army is taking based on its well-known dislike and distrust of the American Press after the Vietnam War. A generation of military leaders since that war has risen in the ranks and the memories of war coverage still sting their thoughts of the media.

Clarence R. Wyatt wrote in his book *Paper Soldiers: The American Press and the Vietnam War*, "During the peak of the United States' combat involvement, the press and the government/military largely cooperated." So it is obvious the adversarial relationship of the media and the military might be more hype than reality, which is why I embrace having journalists on

the battlefield.

We now have a conventional way to cover an unconventional war and images of America's warfighters are visible for the world to see – the good, bad and the ugly. However not every American wants to see constant minute-by-minute, up to date news coverage.

Comments from viewers and readers alike about media coverage have ranged from shocked, 'Seeing TV footage of soldiers held captive in Iraq made my spine shiver,' to support, 'I believe live war coverage should be shown. It's our right to know what's going on in Iraq,' to resentment, 'the entire process dishonors the field of battle. I believe that one must earn the right to share the field of battle with those who are surely the bravest of the brave.'

There are those who feel the journalists may tell only one side of the story, but one must admit having those journalists out there allows many mothers and fathers to keep abreast of their sons and daughters. We know they're eating good, well trained and some occasions – able to crack a smile and laugh.

That's why as an American taxpayer, I'm excited to be able to turn on the television and watch a story about the young infantryman who is fighting for freedom. That's why as an American soldier, I'm equally excited to see a fellow comrade in arms follow orders and live the Army values.

And until the day I should get notified to pack up so I can go live my Ernie Pyle vision as a war correspondent, I'll continue to watch this new version of reality television so I can keep informed of America's warfighters.

## Commander's Hotline

I'm calling with a compliment as opposed to a complaint. I hope this is still a good number to call to let someone know that there is a lady in the correspondence office at the medical clinic. Her name is Barbara. I just wanted to let someone know that she really goes above and beyond. I

needed a copy of my records on very short notice, and she went out of her way to do it. Not only did she make the copies quickly, but she actually let me come before the office was open to pick them up. I just wanted to let somebody know that I really appreciate it. I know that there are

a lot of complaints about the Medical Clinic, and I did want to point out that there are some bright spots as well.

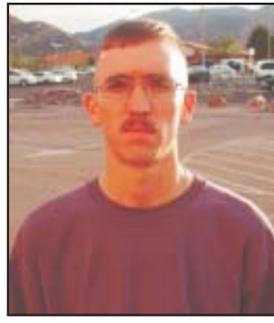
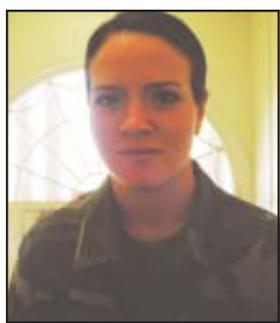
Carla Harrison  
(Editor's note: Contact the Commanders Hotline at 533-2677 or [commanders-hotline@hua.army.mil](mailto:commanders-hotline@hua.army.mil).)

## Want to share your opinion with Fort Huachuca?

Staff members from The Scout will be in front of the Post Exchange tomorrow from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. getting your opinions on issues of health, leisure, family, military and current events. Your photo and opinion will appear in an upcoming issue of The Scout in the "Scout on the Street" section.



## Scout on the Street



Photos by Scout Staff

*"My husband is deployed. I want to know what is going on. I think it's needed."*

Spc. Megan A. Thacker  
Directorate of Information Management

*"It's a Catch 22. It's good to keep the American people updated, but for some people it may be too graphic."*

Cpl. Luis B. Ellis, Jr. 19th Signal Company

*"I think they're very courageous. They aren't in the military, but they are in the desert with the military."*

Pvt. Robin L. Moats  
Company D, 309th Military Intelligence Battalion

*"I think it sucks. It gives away our position too easily, especially with the signals from the reporters phones when they call their editors."*

Spc. Travis Webb  
40th Signal Battalion

*"I think it's not a bad idea but I think they should control what they show and tell."*

Sgt. Lenny Kalkbrenner  
19th Signal Company

*"Initially I didn't care for it. But I trust John McCain and he supports it."*

Dan DeVeny  
director of Religious Education Main Post Chaplain

## What do you think of embedded reporters?

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It was a cold afternoon at the Fort Logan National Cemetery in Denver, Colo. There was snow on the ground, the wind was blowing and more snow was coming. The burial detail and honor guard were preparing for their third memorial service of the day. One more would follow before they could return to Fort Carson. There was a little "unrest" in the staging area. The young first lieutenant rounded up his troops.

"I know it's cold and this has been a busy week for us, but I don't want to see you breakdown now. When you go out there in front of the family and friends of the deceased, remember two things: this person was your comrade-in-arms. He served in the military to keep you and me free. And then remember that one day — one day — someone will be doing what we're doing here today — for you. I want you to do your best out there in giving honors — and I hope to God that because you care, someone else will care when it comes our turn." The entire detail did great the rest of the day - and never missed a beat.

A major part of the honor guard ceremony is giving the flag to the deceased's loved one - usually a spouse, sometimes a brother or even a mother. The flag is folded in a special way (13 times with the stars and blue only showing) and then given in respect for the service of fallen soldier "from the president of the United States and a grateful nation."

The flag of our country means many things to each of us. By far, it represents the wealthiest country in the world - we can see on the news how other countries, jealous of our wealth, power and unity, burn it in their streets. That is the "minority report." For us, Americans, the flag signifies strength, endurance, unity, freedom, the ability to agree to disagree — but in all things; we are one. Just ask Charlie Daniels who sings God Bless America Again.

I've been asked, several times, to write an article in this column about respecting our flag. I don't believe I have to go into historical detail here because that is just a smoke screen from the real issue. The real issue, for me, is the day-to-day respect for our flag right here on Fort Huachuca and the surrounding area. So, let me give you a little class on "flag etiquette" for your every day use.

When passing the flag, in uniform, within six paces, you are to salute and hold that salute until you pass the flag by six paces. If you have no idea how big that is, stand in front of Greeley Hall. The "circle" under the flag in front is exactly six paces round. Rule of thumb: enter the circle, salute, exit the circle, end the salute.

At 6 a.m. our flags go up on post and at 4:30 p.m. they all come down. Everyday. Reveille starts the day, saying, "we are ready" for the day ahead. When "First Call" is played prior to reveille, people should be in formation. Five minutes later, reveille is played. Nobody should be moving, if you are not in formation or in a vehicle, you are to stop, face the flag and a salute is rendered honoring the flag. Retreat is played in order that we know it is the end of the "official" day and all is well. It is also in honor of our fallen comrades-in-arms - sort of a statement to them that we will honor their bravery and commitment - that the night is in our care and we are waiting to serve in the morning. It is not only incorrect, but a sign of disrespect, for people military and civilian to wait behind exit doors until the bugle is done and they can exit. If you are "caught" leaving the building or in a parking lot as retreat is being played, exit the building or stand facing the flag, render a salute hand over your heart - no hat on head please if in civvies and show your respect. If you are in a vehicle and see the flag coming down or hear the bugle, stop, and the driver is to get out and render a salute.

Since 9/11 there is a new dynamic to this - flags on cars. However, many fade or fall off. If you have a faded flag, please remove it there are too many bumper stickers with "These colors don't run" with a blue field and stars - and no stripes. If you see a flag on the ground from coming off a vehicle, safely pull over and take it away. The proper way to destroy a flag is to burn it privately. I suppose this is true as well for the little plastic and cloth flags on cars.

You are probably wondering why a chaplain is talking about "our flag" when God is not an American - God is no nationality, He is above all that. Well, like I said, I was asked to address respect toward the flag — and — as we reflect on the greatness of our country and how our flag represents that, it is a natural "turn" for me to say that if we understand the diverse nature of our nation, we can see how, though different, we are all the same. So, whether we are from the West Coast, the Southwest, the Bread Basket, the Deep South, New England, the Great Lakes, the East Coast, the Islands, Alaska and our territories, we are Americans — all under one flag. We are one people. Nobody understands us — how tribes and nationalities came to be "one." We may disagree on matters of religion, politics and taxes, but we will come together as family against a common foe or hardship.

9/11 gave us a new look at that oneness as three firemen at ground zero hoisted the U. S. Flag up, like Iwo Jima. As it was unfurled over the crash area at the Pentagon. As it was placed in honor in a Pennsylvania field. As it was raised last week in Iraq.

Friends, different as we are, we are one and we will get through whatever is in the future - together. The symbol guiding our country is our flag. One day a team of soldiers may be placing such a flag - and all its honor - over you. Please honor it today for honor in the future.

# Local community rallies to show support of Nation's servicemembers

BY STAFF SGT. SHARRON STEWART  
TIME OUT EDITOR

Kara Kramer, a teaching assistant at Johnston's Elementary school, and her children Taylor and Courtney, miss husband and father Christopher, but at the same time they haven't been more proud of him than they are now.

The family rallied to show support for him and other deployed soldiers during a "God bless America" rally Sunday.

The event was organized by the Salvation Army and involved hundreds of Sierra Vista community members who lined Fry Boulevard from the Main Gate all the way to Veterans Memorial Park.

Taylor and Courtney held up a sign that said "Dad you are our hero" and had photos of him kissing and hugging them the night before he left.

Kramer, a supply sergeant with Company B, 40<sup>th</sup> Signal Battalion, deployed with other soldiers of the 11 Signal Brigade to Kuwait, leaving Fort Huachuca Feb. 14.

And even though he is Company B, Kara is currently helping out with Company C's 40<sup>th</sup> Sig. Bn.'s Family Readiness Group. She said the FRG is currently planning an Easter party and just held a swimming party for the entire 40<sup>th</sup> Sig. Bn.

"I married my best friend. I've known him since high school. Even though I keep in contact with him on a regular basis, I still want him to know that God is with him, He won't give him more than he can bear, that he should keep praying and that I love him," Kara said.

"He'll come home when he comes home," she said firmly.

She said the children miss their dad, but to them, he is their hero. "They are very proud of their dad," she said smiling.

The family has sent Kramer several care packages that have included toothpaste, baby wipes and even Easter candy. She said the first-graders in her class have made pillowcases for the deployed soldiers and decorated them with phrases like "We are proud of you" and "Come home soon."

She said, in her opinion, morale is high over there and said she can't wait to tell him how much love and support the Sierra Vista community continues to show the families of deployed soldiers.

She said concerned community members who want to support the FRGs can provide movie passes, diapers, and even food vouchers for some of the families that need extra help.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Sharron Stewart

Above: Taylor, Kara and Courtney Kramer show a sign displaying their love and support for Sgt. Christopher Kramer. He deployed with other members of the 40<sup>th</sup> Signal Battalion, Feb. 14 to Kuwait. Left: Sierra Vista community members wave flags and signs supporting America's servicemembers.



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks

## PX pharmacy reopens

Pharmacy Technician Cynthia Lotero, Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center, restock pills at the PX Pharmacy. The pharmacy, which had been closed for a year, reopened Tuesday and is available to fulfill prescription needs for patients. The pharmacy is open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

# AFTB translates Army culture, jargon to new family members

BY NELL DRUMHELLER  
SCOUT STAFF

"Wow, did you check out the new PX? It's the best I've seen in AAFES since my TDY to CINCPAC. Now that I've PCSed to MEDDAC I'll use it all of the time. Not only that but my wife thinks she can hook up either at MWR or DCA."

For someone without a military tie-in the jargon used in daily conversations can confuse, confound and even isolate.

Army Family Team Building, a volunteer-led organization provides training and knowledge to spouses and family members to support the total Army effort.

This non-rank oriented program helps people, military, civilians, and family members, understand the Army.

"AFTB is not a new idea or concept," explained Linda Moseley, coordinator for marketing and Level III training. Her military indoctrination began at birth as the daughter of an Army enlisted man, and continued through her own stint at an Army officer and now she is the wife of a deployed Army officer and the mother of an infant. She recognizes that the things

she learned at her daddy's knee are completely foreign to those without a military service related background.

AFTB is two-fold, a training program mold instructors to introduce the services to any who have need or interest, and the actual spreading of the word. AFTB is divided into three levels of training. According to Moseley, when or where a family member enters into AFTB training is based on his/her experience or choice of course enrollment, not rank or grade of sponsor.

"AFTB is about adapting to Army life, accepting challenges, dealing with change, and developing life skills," she added.

The mission of AFTB is to educate and train America's Army in knowledge, skills, and behaviors designed to prepare our Army Families to move successfully into the 21st century.

"Strong families are the pillar of support behind strong soldiers, and AFTB's mission is to educate and train all of America's Army in knowledge, skills, and behaviors designed to prepare our Army families to move successfully into the future," she said.

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# Fort's Distributed Learning Center tops for usage in TRADOC

BY STAFF SGT. SHARRON STEWART  
TIME OUT EDITOR

For the first quarter of the 2003 fiscal year, Fort Huachuca's Distributed Learning Center, formerly known as the Distance Learning Center, was the most utilized facility in the Training and Doctrine Command and the second highest used DLC facility Army-wide.

The Distributed Learning Center is located in the basement of Greeley Hall and has three different classrooms that each have 16 student work stations and one instructor work station. All are networked to the Internet and a video-conferencing system.

"If I was an instructor and I was located at Fort Washington, I would still be able to interact with students here. If a student presses one of these buttons, it enables the instructor to see him or her and they are able to interact," said Kermit Robinson, digital training facilities manager. Any other sites that are connected to that training session can also see who ever is talking.

Robinson recalled that back in 1996 the Army chief of staff at that

time directed the Training and Doctrine Command to examine ways training costs could be reduced and stated that existing infrastructures had to be used. Robinson said some installations have even turned old theaters and aircraft hangars into DLCs.

He said the DLCs are part of a 10-year program that is broken down into different blocks or phases. The first block was to build the classrooms. The second block was to network the classrooms.

He said block three will include integrating the learning network with other Department of the Army agencies such as military personnel. Further blocks have to deal with upgrading and retrograding the equipment.

Studies were done by different universities about the best DLC methods and even the colors used in DLCs were picked because they were found to be conducive to learning. "Every where you go, you will see the same colors in every digital training facility," Robinson said.

Every installation in the active Army, include Korea, Japan, Germany, Bosnia, and Kosovo have DLCs and said mobile ones are in the works so soldiers deployed to places

like Kuwait will have access to training. The majority of Reserve units also have DLC capability.

He said it costs \$45 an hour in an eight-hour training day for students to conduct training if they are sent on the temporary duty status. He said using video-training costs only \$5 per training hour which saves the Army approximately \$40 per student training hour. "The government is saving tons of money," Robinson said.

He cited a recent example of 54 physical law course students here who took the course via the DLC.

It costs the Army only \$1,500 for the training compared to the approximately \$77,000 the Army would have had to spend to send all of them TDY to Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., which resulted in a savings of almost \$75,000.

He said the only cost involved is paying for the use of the high-speed telephone lines and the connection with Internet service provider.

The DLC can also be used for CD-Rom based training and for Common Task Training for soldiers.

He said portions of the First Sergeants course are taught via Distributed Learning and any organizations

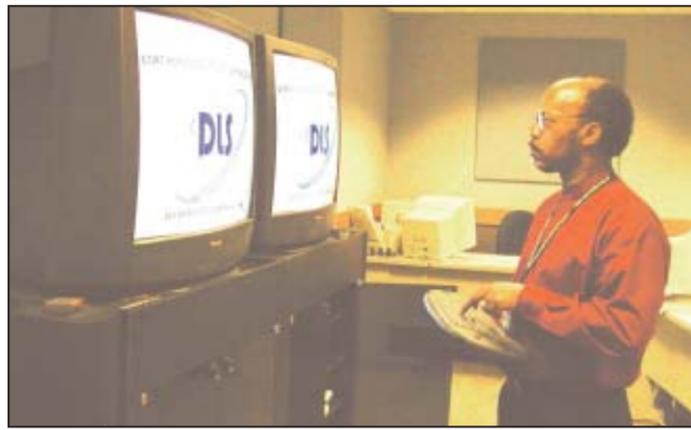


Photo by Staff Sgt. Sharron Stewart

Kermit Robinson, digital training facilities manager, prepared the Digital Learning Center for an upcoming class. The center saved Fort Huachuca and the Army nearly \$75,000 in temporary duty costs.

on post have used the DLC on a regular basis.

The DLC is also used by the Regional Computer Emergency Response Team, the people responsible for scanning the Army's networks for hackers.

The DLC is the site for Arabic, Chinese and Korean language sustainment training on a daily basis. Soldiers stationed here are able to

interact with instructors who are at the Defense Language Institute located in Monterey, Calif.

The Fort Huachuca Distributed Learning Center is located in Room 1046B, Building 61801, Greeley Hall. It's open from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m., Monday Friday and from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. For more information, or to schedule training call Robinson at 533-9476.

## The Soldiers' Lawyer

### New tax break for teachers

Under a new tax rule for 2002, if a taxpayer is an "eligible educator," he or she can deduct up to \$250 in qualified expenses from taxable income, regardless of whether he or she itemizes deductions or takes the standard deduction. Previously, such expenses were deductible by the educator only if he or she itemized deductions.

For the purposes of this deduction, an "eligible educator" is a kindergarten through twelfth grade teacher, instructor, counselor, principal, or aide, who worked least 900 hours during a school year in a school that provides elementary or secondary education (as determined by state law).

Qualified expenses are unreimbursed expenses paid or in-

curred for books, supplies, computer equipment and other equipment and supplementary materials that the educator uses for the classroom.

For classes in physical and health education, expenses for supplies are deductible under this rule only if they are related to athletics.

If you have any questions as to whether or not you are eligible for this above the line deduction, feel free to call the Fort Huachuca Tax Center. Our qualified tax preparers will be more than happy to assist you.

The Fort Huachuca Tax Center is available Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Tax Center can file taxes electronically and answer tax questions for all eligible active duty soldiers, dependents and retirees.



Don't forget — last day to file taxes is April 15

To avoid any complications with electronic returns the last day to e-file is Monday, although the Tax Center will prepare paper returns until Apr. 15. The Tax Center is located in De Rosy Cabell Hall, Building 22324 on Christy Avenue. For more information, call 533-1314.



## American POW rescued from Iraqis

BY JIM GARAMONE  
AMERICAN FORCES PRESS SERVICE

An American POW taken during fighting around Nasiriyah has been rescued, Central Command officials announced Tuesday.

Pfc. Jessica Lynch, 19, of the 507th Maintenance Battalion based at Fort Bliss, Texas, was rescued during an operation near the Iraqi city, Army officials said.

"Coalition forces have conducted a rescue of an Army prisoner of war held captive in Iraq," said Army Brig. Gen. Vincent Brooks, CENTCOM deputy chief of operations from forward headquarters in Doha, Qatar. "The soldier has been returned to a coalition-controlled area."

More details of the rescue will be released

later, Brooks said.

Lynch was captured March 23 after Iraqi irregular force ambushed the convoy she was riding in. The Army had listed her as missing in action.

Defense officials also confirmed that heavy fighting is going on in Karbala. Reports from embedded media say that American forces are engaged with Republican Guard divisions north and east of the city. Reports said the fighting is "escalating."

Coalition forces rescued two naval aviators after they ejected from their F-14 Tomcat fighter jet over southern Iraq, officials reported.

The crewmen, assigned to the USS Kitty Hawk, are in good condition. Hostile fire is not a factor in the accident.



### Suffer ye no more

Two Iraqi children approach 2nd Brigade Combat Team soldiers at a fuel point in Southern Iraq. Soldiers from the unit gave the children candy and other treats during their encounter. Sgt. 1st Class Miguel Berdecia-Rosada, Headquarters and Headquarters Company chemical noncommissioned officer in charge, a native of Puerto Rico, said, "I don't think the little kids even know who Saddam Hussein is. I don't think they know what's going on. I'd like to give them MREs - but we can't. If I've got something I can give them, I give it to them."

Photo by Spc. Mason Lowery

## Rumsfeld: 'His time will end — and soon'

The only thing the coalition is willing to discuss with the leaders of the Iraqi regime is their unconditional surrender, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Tuesday. There are no negotiations taking place with anyone in Saddam Hussein's regime," Rumsfeld continued. "There will be no outcome to this war that leaves Saddam Hussein and his regime in power. Let there be no doubt. His time will end — and soon. The only thing that the coalition will discuss with this regime is their unconditional surrender."

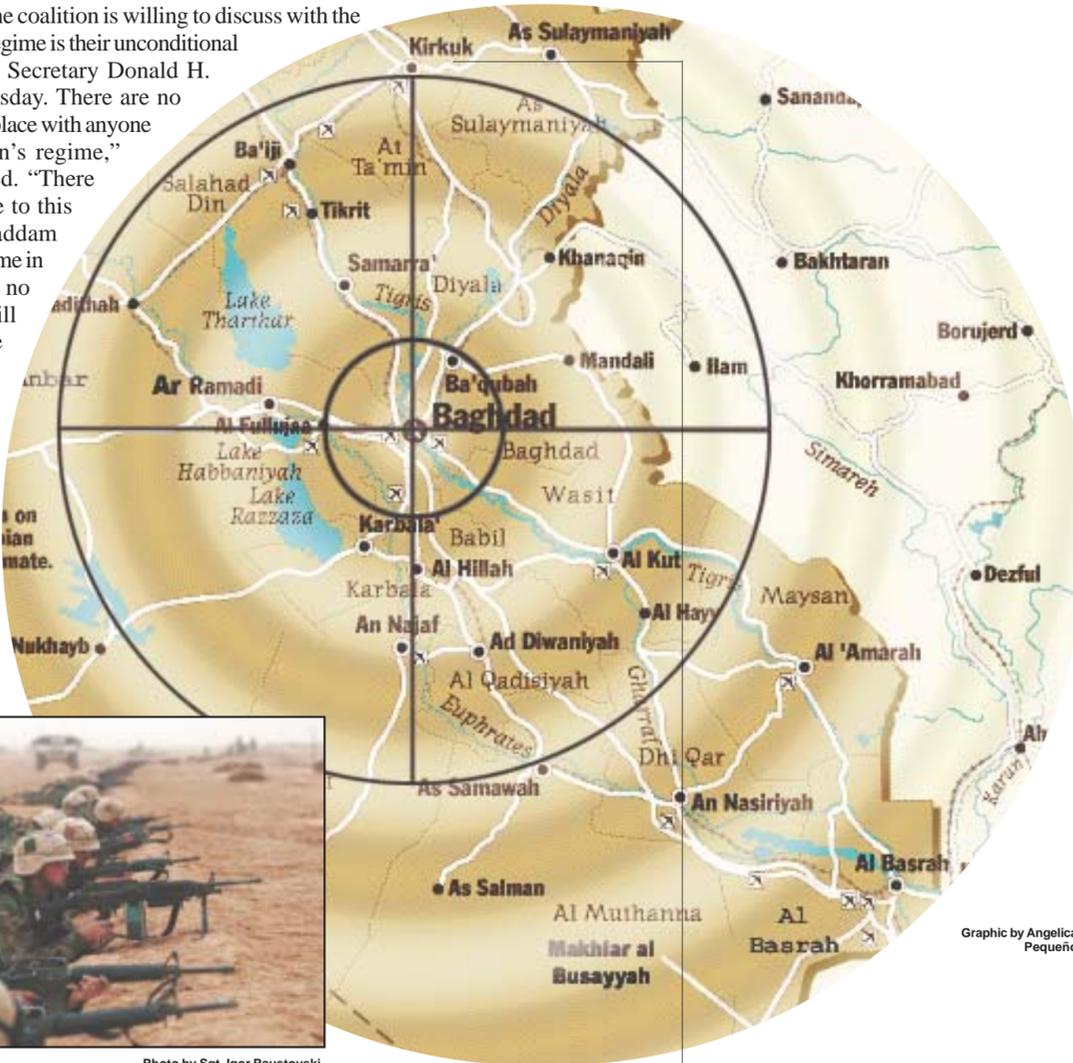


Photo by Sgt. Igor Paustovski

**Soldiers from the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) in firing positions during an enemy approach on their position at Objective Rams, in Southern Iraq on March 24.**

### Northern front

In northern Iraq, coalition special operations forces are working with local groups to bomb Republican Guard targets and otherwise harass Iraqi forces. The U.S. 173rd Airborne Brigade is now at full-strength in the area and is providing security. As of Wednesday there were 44 American casualties in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

## Defense officials offer advice to POWs' families

BY KATHLEENT. RHEM  
AMERICAN FORCES PRESS SERVICE

Defense officials want to make families of prisoners of war aware that what they say may hurt their loved ones.

Statements made to the media containing personal information about prisoners of war could be used by enemy interrogators to make life harder for POWs, said Air Force Col. John Atkins, deputy commander of the Joint Personnel Recovery Agency, at Fort Belvoir, Va.

"There's an old adage with interrogators, that to know you is to exploit you," Atkins said during an interview with the American Forces Radio and Television Service. "If the enemy knows things about the POW, they can and will use that against them."

This includes seemingly innocuous information such as family members' names, hometowns or interests, he explained.

Immediate family members of POWs are assigned military casualty assistance officers to help them through this trying period. These officers and senior noncommissioned officers can offer advice on dealing with the media or help arrange assistance through military public affairs offices.

However, extended family members, friends and acquaintances don't have the benefit of this counsel unless they seek it out. They may make statements to the media that could come back to haunt someone in captivity.

Service members who are prisoners of war are only required to provide their name, rank, service number and date of birth. The U.S. military's Code of Conduct instructs POWs to resist providing any additional information to the best of their abilities.

The colonel also cautioned families against releasing information about family problems to the media. The information could get channeled to the POW and cause even more distress.

## Myers slams Monday morning armchair quarterbacks

BY JIM GARAMONE  
AMERICAN FORCES PRESS SERVICE

Reports that American forces went into Iraq undermanned are "bogus" and "not helpful" while the United States has troops in combat, said the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Tuesday.

Air Force Gen. Richard Myers expressed his annoyance with armchair quarterbacks who are second-guessing the battle plan, which has American forces poised to take Baghdad after 12 days of operations. He spoke during a Pentagon press conference with Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld.

The response came following questions about charges in the *New Yorker* magazine, *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post* that Rumsfeld had purposely held down numbers involved in the operation because he wanted to do it on the cheap.

Some unnamed officers quoted in the articles allege that changes to the plan were forced down the throat of Central Command chief Army Gen. Tommy Franks.

"I don't know how (the reports) get started, and I don't know how they've been perpetuated, but it's not been by responsible members of the team that put this all together," Myers said.

The chairman said unnamed officers who

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Gen. Richard Myers,  
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

spoke to the press did not know the particulars of the Central Command plan on Iraq, or they were working to further their own agendas.

"It is not helpful to have those kind of comments come out when we've got troops in combat, because first of all, they're false, they're absolutely wrong, they bear no resemblance to the truth, and it's just ... harmful to our troops that are out there fighting very bravely, very courageously," he said.

Myers stated that he has been a part of the planning process every step of the way.

"There is not one thing that Gen. Franks has asked for that he hasn't gotten on the time line that we could get it to him," he said.

He said some items or troops might have been delayed, but that was because of a logistics bottleneck, not because there was a policy decision to withhold the forces.

"Every member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

signed up to this plan and the way it was executed from the first day. And they'll be signed up to the last day, because we still think it's a good plan," he said.

Myers said the United States went to the area with sophisticated objectives. "We had diplomacy under way at the United Nations," he said. "We wanted to deploy a sufficient force, but not the kind of force that would make it look like diplomacy didn't have a chance to work."

He said the plan needed to generate tactical surprise for coalition troops.

"How do you protect tactical surprise when you have 250,000 troops surrounding Iraq on 'D-Day'? How do you do that?" he asked. "Well, you do it by the method (Franks) did it: by ... starting the ground war first, air war second. Do you think there was tactical surprise? I think there was. Do we have the oil fields in



U.S. Army photo

**Gen. Richard Myers, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, answers a reporter's question.**

the south? About 60 percent of the oil wealth has been preserved for the Iraqi people. You bet.

"Have we had a Scud fired against Jordan or Israel yet? No. Why? Because we went in very early, even before the ground war, to secure those places," Myers continued. "Do we have humanitarian supplies flowing into Umm Qasr now? Yes. Why? Because we put the ground forces in there early. Were we 200 miles inside Iraq in 36 hours? Yes."



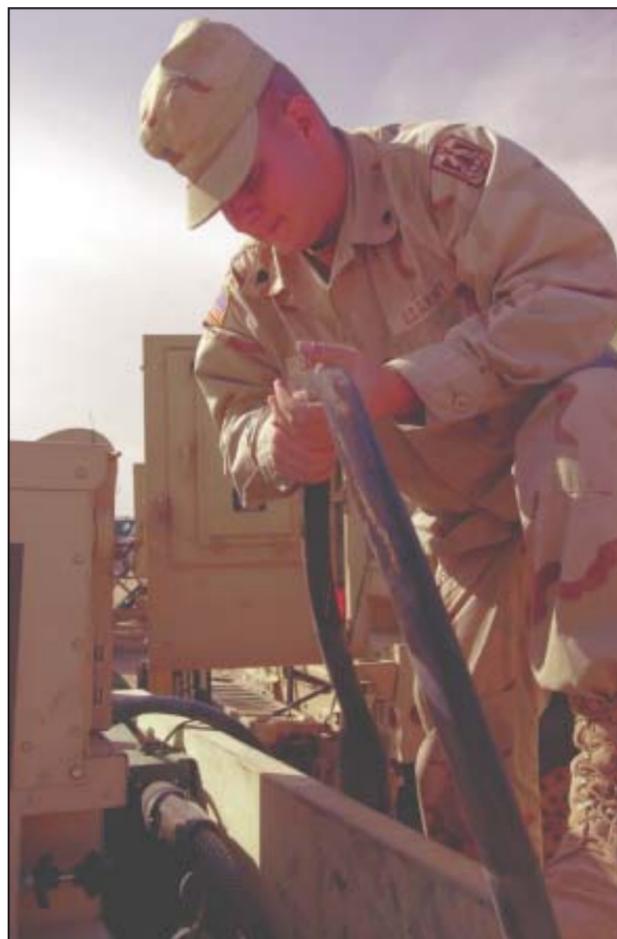
# Thunderbirds in action

11th Signal Brigade soldiers support war efforts with communications link

Right: Pfc. Jack Bennefield, left, and Cpl. Ernest Washington, Company D, 86th Signal Battalion, prepare to install a fiber optic cable in Kuwait. Below: Cpl. Ernest Washington, Company D, 86th Signal Battalion, pulls a fiber optic cable along a berm.



Spec. Alejandra Mancilla, 69th Signal Company, works in the cable vault in Kuwait. Soldiers of the 11th Signal Brigade are deployed to Kuwait to provide communications support, including secure and nonsecure telephone and Internet service to the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Robert Hyatt

Spec. Elisha Carling, Company C, 86th Signal Battalion, recovers a power cable.



## Myer School News

**Magellan Running Club News-** Top fourth grade girls: Amadi Cooper and Angle Green from Priscilla Mendoza's room with 40 points. Top fourth grade boy was Marlin Green from Jan Camps' room with 50 points. In Desiree Madarang's fifth grade class they are concluding their social studies unit on the American Revolution. They began their unit with a tax simulation activity where King Shane taxed the colonists out of all their earnings (M&M's). They continued with a little 1775 style journalism and reported on the happening events of the time. They wrapped up their unit with in depth investigations into the lives of infamous figures of the American Revolution. Next, they will explore the uncharted West with Lewis and Clark.

Kim Tomlin, fifth grade teacher would like to thank all of our men and women who serve in our military. We appreciate all you do to keep us safe and free. (Tomlin's own brother is serving in the military and is over in Iraq). Our prayers, support, and love are with all our troops. She continues that we are all back to school after a restful Spring break. Their Science Fair projects were awesome. "I was proud of the hard work that was put into these projects." The class is studying about the Revolutionary War in social studies.

They are also beginning to review for the Stanford and AIMS tests. The dates for the Stanford test is April 14-17. The AIMS test is the week of April 28.

Audrey Mapoles' fantastic fifth graders are studying the American Revolution. They watched "Dear America - The Winter of Red Snow" to see first hand how the soldiers suffered during the American Revolution. They are outlining their science chapter on cells. In computer lab, they are researching the solar system in order to create their own probe on one of the many planetary objects they will observe during the star party.

Regina Chesleigh's fifth grade class just completed the Historical Dinner Party that the class had been working so hard on. The student teacher, Jennifer Salgado organized this fun activity. A lot of the students came 'dressed' like the character they had studied about. The students sat around an oblong table and were able to address one another, using "Mr. Lincoln, Miss Tubman, Martin Luther

King, etc." The "MC" for the program was "Oprah Winfrey" Jennifer Salgado, the student teacher. The best question asked was by Richard Nixon (Britton Carlile) addressing John F. Kennedy (Nathan Smith), "How did it feel to beat me in the election?" Students are currently working on the Solar system for the Star Gazing Party to take place Thursday.

Val Quarto's fifth grade students are concentrating on preparations for the Stanford tests. They are covering test-taking skills and reviewing the state standards that they have covered in Math and reading so far this year. Students are excited about showing how much they have learned and grown this year. The students are beginning a unit on space exploration by learning as much as they can about the solar system and will be saving the space center millions of dollars as they interpret the last transmissions for probes lost in our solar system in The Great space probe rescue, and interactive laser disc program.

Bonnie Bureson had one student make the principal's honor roll-Karlos Febus-Traphagen for the third quarter, he also made it the first two quarters. Hector Godoy, Malia Alleman, Meghan Arquette, Tasha Saffo, Amanda Nieves, and Taylor Williamson made the Honor Roll—congratulations to these hard working students. Bonnie's room had 18 participants representing the classroom in the Cochise Youth Classic run. Each runner earned an extra 20 points toward the Magellan Running Club total. Alex Sanchez, Tasha Saffo, Matthew Krause, Kendra Messinger, and Maddisyn Blue all received medals for their effort in the Youth Classic Run-Congratulations to all the runners. The class has been very busy preparing for the Stanford Achievement test which will be the week of April 14.

Winner for the student of the month for March was Bishop Baker. student of the week winners have been Michael McMillan, Matthew Krause, Malia Alleman, Cody Akers, Megham Arquette, and Bishop Baker.

The General Myer School Choir will be performing Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the gym.

Jump rope for heart will be April 12 at Smith Middle School gym from 9 to 11 a.m. Sponsorship envelopes are in the Myer School office. Come and join us in the fun for this worthwhile event to promote activity and health.

Lawrence J. Portouw recommends all hikers and bikers pack out more than they pack in, picking up any objects that don't belong.

The undocumented immigrants often leave behind drinking containers, articles of clothing and various other items.



Cynthia Ward has the winning nomination for March's Civilian of the Month. Her supervisor is Michael Stephany, 538-7723. She has worked as a Communications Specialist for 17 years.

For outstanding service while assigned as a Senior Telecommunications Specialist with the G3, NETCOM/9th ASC from April 1999 to January 2003. Ward was instrumental in analyzing, building, and documenting new MTOEs for 17 signal companies, 13 signal battalions, and 2 signal brigades. Her superior force integration and analysis skills, coupled with her perseverance, were immeasurable in the timely preparation and successful execution of this highly complex and critical undertaking. Ward's professionalism and dedication to duty reflect great credit upon herself, NETCOM/9th ASC, and the United States Army.

Ward's interests and involvement in community activities are many. She has served as a Den Leader for over 5 years and was twice awarded the Outstanding Den Leader Award. She currently is a Webelos II leader with Pack 445 and is a member of the Troop Committee for Troop 445. For the past 2 years, she has taught Sunday school at Faith Presbyterian Church (K-5th Grade).

Other nominees included Carol Ramage, Paul Godlewski, Randall Gale, Estaban Saucedo, Mary L. Collins, James D. Gordon, Sr., William J. Webster, and Gary Wilson.

For Ward's winning nomination she will receive the use of a car for one month from Lawley Chevrolet; gift certificates from Sierra Vista merchants; a desk plaque from CPAC; an MWR certificate for lunch or dinner from a Fort Huachuca establishment; a wall plaque from the Sierra Vista Chamber of Commerce; and their name, as Civilian of the Month, posted at the Main Gate.

Nominate your deserving employee for Fort Huachuca Civilian of the Month. Per FH Regulation 690-5, all permanent appropriated fund and nonappropriated fund employees are eligible with the exception of employees officially assigned as supervisors (GS-10 and above) and senior executive service personnel. Call Civilian Personnel Advisory Center at 533-5282 for further information.



Cynthia Ward

## Keep the fort clean

Due to the untidiness of undocumented immigrants, who traverse the open spaces of Fort Huachuca, trash has accumulated in the mountains and rangeland.

To keep the Fort clean Garrison Commander Col.

# Community Updates

## Apply for scholarships

The Fort Huachuca Education Association is now accepting scholarship applications from graduating seniors at Buena High School. Those seniors who have demonstrated academic excellence and have a financial need may apply at the Buena High School counseling office. Application deadline is tomorrow. For further information please contact Jan Camps, scholarship chairperson, at 459-8986.



## Spirit of Service Award

The Department of the Army announces its participation in the American Legion's Spirit of Service award. This award will recognize a member from each of the Armed Forces of the United States, E5 and below, for their outstanding military performance and volunteer service in a local community.

Nominations must be submitted to Headquarters, Training and Doctrine Command, Attn: ATBO-BPS, Fort Monroe, VA 23651-1048, no later than May 14. Each nomination packet must be submitted through the nominee's chain of command and include a narrative and biography.

## Tuskegee Airmen Award

The Department of the Army announces its participation in the 2003 Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. Military award. This program recognizes outstanding military members (Active, Reserve and Guard) from each of the military services, who epitomize the pursuit of excellence in their chosen career fields. Four awards recognizing outstanding achievements are presented in the following categories: junior enlisted, senior enlisted, company grade and field grade military members.

Nominations must be submitted to Headquarters, Training and Doctrine Command, Attn: ATBO-BPS, Fort Monroe, VA 23651-1048, no later than May 7. Each nomination packet must be submitted through the nominee's chain of command and include a narrative and biography.

## JITC conference scheduled

The Joint Interoperability Test Command is holding their 13th Annual Interoperability Conference April 21-24 on Fort Huachuca. This year's theme is "The Interoperability Challenge of Military Transformation".

Visit the Conference Home Page for information and registration at [http://jitc.fhu.disa.mil/iop\\_conf/2003/iop\\_conf.htm](http://jitc.fhu.disa.mil/iop_conf/2003/iop_conf.htm).

## Blue Cross rep. answers queries

A representative for the Arizona Blue Cross/Blue Shield will be available to answer your questions pertaining health insurance benefits on April 15 April from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. in Room 3, at the Murr Community Center, Fort Huachuca. If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact Eva Dixon, 533-5735 or Linda Shelman, 533-5273.

## Shuttle bus schedule extended

The Sierra Vista Public Transit System shuttle bus on Fort Huachuca will extend its service to include a Sunday express beginning this weekend. The service will run from noon to 5 p.m. The first on post pick-up location will be at the Military Intelligence village.

Stops will include South Garden, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Bonita Apartments, Safeway, Hastings, Sierra Vista mall, Outback, Food City, Frys/Target, Walmart and the Cove. The entire route will take approximately one hour and forty minutes. The cost for the shuttle is \$1. The shuttle bus service will be expanded in May to include a second bus, new routes and better signage.



## School flea market planned

Col. Johnston Elementary School will be having a Flea Market for Literacy April 12. It will be from 8 a.m. - Noon. There will also be a yard sale, a bake sale and a used book sale. Money will be used for the author visit, school improvement and sponsoring class parties.

## Kindergarten Roundup at Myer

Kindergarten Roundup will be held from Monday through April 11 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Myer Elementary School office for pupils residing on post. Please bring the pupil's birth certificate and shot records. There will be a waiting list for additional pupils that wish to attend the kindergarten program but do not reside on post.



## Emergency dental contacts

For true dental emergencies occurring after normal clinic hours, contact the following:

Dental Charge of Quarters Cellular Telephone 227-5563 or DCQ Beeper 533-3500-digital access code- 306. Family members should seek emergency care from their Tricare Dental Plan personal dentist. Retirees should seek emergency care from the Tricare Retiree Dental Plan personal dentist. Examples of true dental emergencies include: jaw fracture, lacerations, knocked out teeth, severely fractured or displaced teeth, oral swelling that interferes with

breathing, fever more than 101 degrees F from oral infection, uncontrollable hemorrhage, or severe acute toothache pain not controlled by medication. Questions can be referred to Staff Sgt. Paul Orozco, NCOIC, Runion Dental Clinic at 533-3147. DENTAC policy requires that any female seeking after hours emergency care must have an escort with them at all times.

## Passover Seder scheduled

The Fort Huachuca Jewish community will celebrate Passover Seder on April 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the Main Post Chapel Activity Room. Because of the uniqueness of the celebration and limited seating, reservations are required no later than April 11. Reservations will be on a first-come, first serve basis, based on 40



seats. The cost of the event is \$15 per person. This annual celebration is a time of remembering the history and the stories of Moses leading the Israelites out of Egypt. Various foods that make up the meal symbolize the journey from bondage to freedom. Call Jo Widfeldt-Moore, 533-4748 for more information.

## Housing construction starts

Construction began this week in the Pershing Plaza West area. Through April 30 there will be one way traffic only on Rucker and Burns. There will be signs and flagmen at the site to help direct traffic.



## Fort Huachuca Lent/Holy Week Services

**Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service**  
April 20, 6 a.m.  
Main Post Chapel

**Keynote Speaker: Father Greg Adolf, St. Andrews Catholic Church**

### Catholic - Lent

Service	Day	Time	Location
Stations of the Cross	Every Thursday	5 p.m.	Main Post Chapel
"Poor Man's Meal"	Every Wednesday	Noon	Main Post Chapel
"Poor Man's Meal"	Every Thursday	6 p.m.	Main Post Chapel
Penitential Service	April 11	7 p.m.	Main Post Chapel

### Catholic - Holy Week

Palm Sunday Mass	April 13	9:30 a.m.	Main Post Chapel
Palm Sunday Mass	April 13	11:30 a.m.	Kino Chapel
Holy Thursday Mass	April 17	7 p.m.	Main Post Chapel
Good Friday - Stations of the Cross	April 18	11:30 a.m.	Main Post Chapel
Service of the Cross	April 18	3 p.m.	Main Post Chapel
Holy Saturday Mass	April 19	7 p.m.	Main Post Chapel
Easter Sunday Mass	April 20	9:30 a.m.	Main Post Chapel
Easter Sunday Mass	April 20	11:30 a.m.	Kino Chapel

### Protestant - Holy Week

Palm Sunday	April 13	9:20 a.m.	Kino Chapel
Palm Sunday	April 13	9:30 a.m.	Prosser Village
Palm Sunday	April 13	11 a.m.	Main Post Chapel
Maudy Thursday	April 7	7 p.m.	Kino Chapel
Good Friday	April 18	11:30 a.m.	Kino Chapel
Easter Service	April 20	9:20 a.m.	Kino Chapel
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### Jewish

Shabbat Service	Every Friday	7 p.m.	Main Post Chapel
Passover Seder	April 16	6:30 p.m.	Main Post Chapel

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

## Community Events Calendar

To add items to the calendar, call the Central Community Coordinator at 533-6870.

### ICW Superstars of Wrestling

will appear Saturday at 7 p.m. at Barnes Field House.  
Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$8 at the door.

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Enjoy the 36<sup>th</sup> Army Band in "An Afternoon of Jazz & Percussion". This concert is free and begins at 3 p.m. at the Ethel Berger Center.

7

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

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Rickety Rockettes meets at OYCC at 10 a.m.  
National Association of Retired Employees Chapter 1400 meets at 11 a.m. at OYCC.  
Cochise Toastmasters meets at Landmark Café from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Call Toni Reeves at 538-7502.  
Cochise Chordsmen (SPERSQA) meets at SV Methodist Church at 7 p.m.  
Society for Creative Anachronism meets at OYCC at 7 p.m.

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La Salida Del Sol Lions meet at Thunder Mountain Inn at 6:45 a.m. Call Lee at 378-1399 for details.  
SV Chess Club meets at Peter Piper Pizza at 7 p.m.

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SV Optimist Club meets at 6:30 a.m. at the Landmark Café. Call Robert Atkinson at 459-2711  
National Association of Retired Employees Chapter 1400 meets at 11 a.m. at OYCC. Call 378-6605 for details.  
Huachuca Area Retired Teachers Association meets at OYCC at 10 a.m.  
Early Release for Fort Huachuca Schools. Myer, Kindergarten @ 1:20 p.m. Grades 4 & 5 @ 1:30 p.m. Johnston, grades 1 - 3 @ 1:15 p.m. and Smith, Grades 6-8 @ 1:40 p.m.

11

Rollin' Thunder Skate Park 5-9 p.m. for teens only. Call 533-3205 for information. Open to the public.  
Rollerskating at Youth Services, Bldg. 49013 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Call 533-3205 for details.  
The Sierra Vista Symphony presents "Annual Pops Concert" with selections from The Music Man, Victory at Sea and Slaughter on 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Concert begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Buena H.S. Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$14 for seniors/military/\$16 for adults. Call 417-6960 for details.

12

Friends of the San Pedro Hike the St David River. The event begins at 8:30 a.m. and costs \$5 per person. For details call 459-2555.  
Youth Services at Bldg. 49013 has open recreation from 1 - 8 p.m. Call 533-3205 for info.  
Rollin' Thunder Skate Park is open 1 - 6 p.m. Call 533-3205 for information. Open to the public.  
Barbershop Quartet begins at 7 p.m. at the Buena H.S. Performing Arts Center. Call 515-2820 for information.

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Friends of the San Pedro Bird Walk. The event begins at 8 a.m. and departs from the Herford Road Bridge. For details call 459-2555.

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The Amazing Arizona Series will continue with "The Coronado National Forest with Joan Vessey. Program begins at 7 p.m. at the Ethel Berger Center. Call Tracy Adkins at 417-6980 for info.

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SV Parks & Leisure is sponsoring "Easter Egg-citement" behind the Ethel Berger Center. 10:30 for 1-3 year old (w/parents), 11 a.m. for 4-8 year olds (no parents); 11:30 for 6-7 year old (no parents) and non for 8-10 (no parents) Come see the Easter Bunny and join the fun. Contact Karen Lamy at 417-6980 for additional info.  
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MCC = Murr Community Center

MPC = Main Post Chapel

OYCC = Oscar Yrun Community Center

Army Family Team Building classes and information at Murr Community Center, 533-3686 or 533-2330

## ACCIDENT from Page 1

The firefighters initially were going to use the 'jaws of life' to remove Bowman from his vehicle, but were able to smash out his front windshield and remove him out of the vehicle.

Going out on an evening jog, 2nd Lieutenants Charles Park and Benjamin Stape, both of Company C, 304th Military Intelligence Battalion were nearly hit by both vehicles when the accident happened. The accident happened 10 feet from their jogging route.

"We could have easily been at the wrong place at the wrong time," Park said. "But fortunately we were at the right place at the right time and rendered aid."

Both officers immediately went to both cars to check for responsiveness and assess the situation. After realizing all were conscious, they began flagging down cars asking if drivers had a cell phone to call 911.

"I eventually ran to the Fire Station right across the street for help," Park said.

Also assisting at the scene was 1st Lt. Vincent Heeney, Company A, 304th MI Bn.

He was driving behind name's vehicle.

"I ran to one of the vehicles and just tried to keep them calm," Heeney said. "One of the victims wanted me to take off the seatbelt because it was uncomfortable, but I didn't want to do anything until medical personnel arrived to do their job."

None of the officers feel like they're heroes or what they did was special. All agreed they were just trying to take care of their fellow man.

"We just did what came natural," Stape said. "We don't want any soldiers dying," Park said. "Not this way."

Penida praised all of the officers for taking control of the scene before emergency and law enforcement personnel arrived.

"They did a tremendous job," Pineda said. "They were able to give us information about the accident, calm the injured at the scene and most importantly help us with our investigation."

The cause of the accident is still under investigation by post law enforcement personnel.



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks

**Fort Huachuca emergency rescue personnel work at the accident scene to ensure safety of one the accident victims. The accident is currently under investigation by law enforcement personnel.**

## 111TH from Page 1

for training at Fort Huachuca.

"The reorganization cleans up the lines of control and cleans up the staff and command coordination between our organizations," Flynn said. It also allows us to share resources across the entire Intelligence Center much better than what we did in the past."

Not only are the soldiers going to benefit from the reorganization, but Flynn emphasized the change is going to have a direct impact for the civilian force as well.

He mentioned the commanding general's (Brig. Gen. John Custer) goal was to create a civilian structure that allowed for growth and development of the civilians working at the Intel Center.

"That is a real important aspect of this reorganization," Flynn said. "The structure that we have put in place, particularly in the training development and support staff, provides a light at the end of the tunnel where GS 9s, 10s and 11s can advance to 12s, 13s, 14s and even 15s."

Flynn mentioned part of the goal

**"Right now Army Transformation is pushing this change. And as the Army changes, so does the Intelligence Center and the 111th Military Intelligence Brigade. The Army is transforming and we're part of that."**

**Col. Michael Flynn,  
111th MI Bde. commander**

is to streamline professional development for the civilian force so training opportunities can be shared.

"People in the past couldn't get away because they were either too busy, but now because we can share those responsibilities across a larger organization, we feel that professional development and training will get better," Flynn said.

Both Flynn and Richter agreed the ceremony would have brought closure to the soldiers who were in the 112th's rank and file, but the reorganization will bring more flexibility and make the 111th team better.

"The reorganization is good for everyone in the school house," Richter said. "I realize after a restructure there is some tension, but everybody is part of the team and has a role to make it work."

Flynn added the Army in its history has made many changes for a variety of reasons.

"Right now Army Transformation is pushing this change," Flynn said. "And as the Army changes, so does the Intelligence Center and the 111th Military Intelligence Brigade. The Army is transforming and we're part of that."

# MI officer finally comes out of the dark, retires



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**Col. Don Fox, Intelligence and Security Command Training and Doctrine Support Detachment retiring commander**

telligence and counterintelligence officer.

His office, which is dimly lit and casting shadows throughout, portrays more an interrogation room except that it is neatly furnished and decorated with military tokens Fox has collected over the years.

The office atmosphere is symbolic and parallels his many experiences, which he said, "Gave me some terrific exposure to missions that I did not know the Army was involved in. So I was able to meet some interesting people who brought me into their world. I never went back."

But he did progress through the MI officer ranks and he feels the Army is right on track with its commitment to human intelligence and counterintelligence.

"Whereas signal intelligence and imagery intelligence, have always done a fantastic job, more so now especially since Sept. 11, with the glo-

bal terrorist threat, we have to rely now on our abilities to determine what our adversaries are going to do before they do it," Fox said. "That means we have to get inside networks and determine what they're planning and what the terrorists' intentions are."

But Fox added it's going to be a challenge to train and maintain a force that has solid HUMINT and CI skills.

"These are perishable skills that take a while to get good at," Fox said. "Even though the Army has a special program, the Military Intelligence Excepted Career Program (for which Fox has been a member of since 1985), it's still a challenge in the greater Army to train and maintain a quality force that can continue to go out and do the stuff required with human beings."

Although he wouldn't classify his time in uniform as 'spy vs. spy,' Fox

mentioned what drove him to take on the many sensitive missions was the reward in the end. He felt his most gratifying experience came during Desert Storm.

"That was probably the highlight of my career. I went over as an augmentee assigned to a fairly sensitive organization - the 513th Military Intelligence Brigade," he said. "I didn't really have a clearly defined mission when I got over there, but I wound up as a counterintelligence and human intelligence operations officer for the brigade and I was able to use some of my experience and training to help that position grow and make some significant contributions."

As his days in uniform come to an end, his desire to mentor soldiers hasn't faded.

"I take my mentorship role very seriously," Fox said. "The advice I pass along is 'don't stab each other in the back just to get ahead. Take care of yourself, take care of the people you're working with, be honest, be upfront, and if you make a mistake, you learn from it.'"

Fox admitted he is leaving the Army feeling it is in great shape and the MI Corps is in good hands. Now he can dim the lights in his office for the last time and fade away to anonymity.

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Class 54 starts Jan. 12, 2004 and runs through June 30. Students may report as early as Dec. 1, and no later than Jan. 5.

However, they are authorized to move their families early to Fort Bliss. They can also request an exception to policy to retain housing at their current duty station.

The losing installation commander will be the approving authority for those waivers.

"Affording students the opportunity to move their families early gives them a chance to move into government housing, stabilize exceptional family members and enroll children in school," Kirby explained.

Children must be enrolled in El Paso schools by July 27, in order to attend the first day of school, Aug. 19.

Deployed soldiers scheduled to attend the 17-day resident phase of the Non-Resident Sergeants



Major Course June 7 - 20, will be rescheduled to attend later this year.

Those not deployed are still slated to attend the June course.

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the Republican Guard.

Defense officials said there were about 2,000 sorties on Monday, with 800 of those strike sorties. While some were targeted against fixed regime targets, most went after "emerging targets" in the Republican Guard.

There were 400 tanker sorties Monday. And, officials said, more than 20 million gallons of gas have been transferred air-to-air since the start of operations. There were also 250 airlift sorties and 125 command and control and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance sorties flown Monday.

CENTCOM's combat power remains focused on the Republic Guard. "(They) are the primary conventional structure of the Iraqi regime," Brooks said. "We expect them to fight. And in some cases they've already fought."

In some cases, Brooks said, Iraqi death squads are mingled in with Republican Guard units to ensure they fight.

"In any military operation, we seek to create conditions of advantage," he said. "That comes by way of making a vulnerable spot inside of an organization, reducing its strength, seeking a position of advantage. All these things are part of the military art form."

The attacks on Republican Guard forces mean the coalition is reducing their strength and disrupting or ending the ability of commanders to command and control their forces.

"That's the way we approach our operations," Brooks said. "I won't describe how far we've taken them or at what point we believe they would be at the greatest disadvantage."

## Gone fishin'

## Wendt taking time out to relax, enjoy the good life

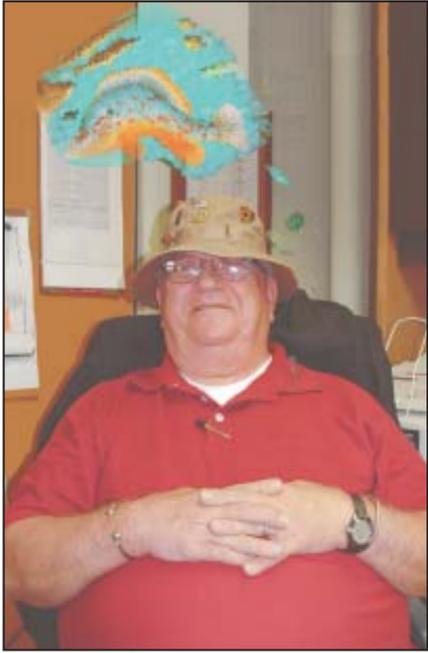


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**After 50 years of service, Walter A. Wendt hung up his uniform for the last time and picked up a fishing pole.**

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The world was a busy place in 1948.

At the Pan American Conference, held in Bogotá, the Organization of American States was created, in the Middle East the Jews of Palestine declared themselves independent and created the state of Israel.

In South Africa a general election implemented the policy of apartheid and in war-torn Germany the Soviets imposed a blockade on Berlin.

Across the waters in the United States Edwin Land developed the first instant camera that developed photos on the spot. The camera became known as the Polaroid Land Camera.

And if the parents of Walter A. Wendt of Watertown, Wis. owned one of those new-fangled contraptions they'd have been able to instantly document their son's entrance into the Army.

A little more than a half of a century later Wendt has hung up his Army hat for good and replaced it with a comfy cap designed to hold lures and keep his head cool while he's casting his life away on the bank of any water way he can find filled with fish.

"I'm going fishing," he said, as his life plan from this point forward.

The Directorate of Resource Management supply clerk retired on Tuesday, following a 53-year Army career.

"I enlisted October 4, 1948," he said. What followed was a 30 plus year career as a soldier that included two-thirds of his time overseas.

From infantry basic training he went to Germany where he was assigned to the 2nd U.S. Cavalry Constabulary in field supply. "We were all over the place," he said of his first assignment in Germany. The Germany of 1948 was considerably different than today, with World War II a short memory away and the rebuilding of that nation, American forces stationed there had unique responsibilities and restrictions.

"Everything was more or less off limits," Wendt said. "We had to wear our uniforms all of the time." And of particular concern to a young soldier, "There was no fraternization."

Wendt said the military police strictly enforced the no fraternization policy between the soldiers and German women. It wasn't until 1953 when the ban was lifted.

Wendt rose in the ranks to chief warrant officer, and has been in the supply realm since day one.

He said of the supply world, "You get a lot of activity in this job." It hasn't changed all that much since '48. "The biggest change and benefit I've seen is the credit card system," he added. With it "you know where your next pencil is coming from."

After an eleven-month break following his retirement in 1971, Wendt moved to Arizona and signed up as a Department of the Army civilian. He's been peddling his product here every since.

"I've worked with a lot of nice people here," he said. "They all treat you with respect because you know what you're doing."

Soldiers of today are the same as soldiers of his day, according to Wendt.

With a chuckle he clarified, "In my day, when somebody said jump you did it. Today there's more discussion than there was then."

His sense of devotion to his country and his duty haven't weakened in more than fifty years. "If I'd have been on retired reserve, and they'd called me up," he said of Iraqi Freedom, "I would have gone and done what they ask of me."

Instead, the day before his retirement Wendt was busy as usual. He had end of month reports to get out.

However, this time next week and the week after he'll be hankering for a fishing hole, looking for the "big one."

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Army Family Team Building is divided into three levels of training. When or where a family member enters into AFTB training is based on his/her experience or choice of course enrollment, not rank or grade of sponsor "The most important reason for a family member to take AFTB classes is that they teach practical life management skills which can always be used," Moseley said.

Saturday a Level III training class was held at Murr Recreation Center. The trainees included family members, active duty, and couples.

Ransom Schwerzler, an assistant at the program feels, "the more you know about the military; the more you can make of military life." Her husband is a soldier. "When we move to a new post I don't feel disjointed," she says of her experience with AFTB.

After a more than 34-year affiliation with the Army, Edwin Sugai was surprised at what he learned in the Level III training. "I've seen an evolutionary change," he said of the relationship between the Army and families. "From having no family support to Family Readiness Groups."

He admits that now "we look at it from a different perspective."

Another attendee, Cathy Ruder, a Department of the Army civilian and military spouse recognizes how the program has helped her.

"It's given a more well-rounded understanding of the Army," she said. She is going through the training because she wants to be well informed so she can help other spouses and maybe someday become an instructor.

Thanks to the training she now feels she can "offer support, help get information, I know where to go now for different information."

She admits, "there are military spouses who don't understand the Army, this program gives you the basics."

Moseley says that though the training is typically given in groups as on Saturday, she is ready and willing to go door to door, meet people in their homes and help them understand AFTB and thereby the Army better if that is what it takes.

Kurt Giese is an active duty soldier in training here and preparing to transfer to Fort Hood, Texas. He and his wife attended the AFTB Level III, at his spouse's urging.

Patricia Giese has been a DA civilian for 13 years, but when she came to Fort Huachuca while her husband attended training she found she had time on her hands and turned that

into volunteering.

Now she is an AFTB trainer.

"As a leader and future commander I think it's important to understand what services are available," Kurt said.

He added he is learning to not underestimate the knowledge and strength of the spouses.

Speaking of military spouses he now realizes that "they don't know what to expect and don't always understand that the Army has a really good support system."

Patricia has seen how basic military information doesn't always make its way home. "The soldier may go to a briefing and not bring the information home to the spouses," she said. She recognizes the need to help the young soldiers and family members. "More younger spouses attend FRG, and we can get the word out there."

Her husband added, "It teaches us to remember where we came from."

Moseley admits that AFTB is sometimes misunderstood. Even though it has been around for several years some people don't realize it's true value. She is determined to educate all levels of the military. "This is not just a bunch of people getting together baking cookies!"