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Patriot's Day

Sept. 11 is the second anniversary of the events that occurred in New York, Western Pennsylvania, and at the Pentagon, it is known as Patriots' Day.

A recommended way to show support of this day is to wear garments in the colors of red, white and blue. The flying of the American flag is also encouraged.

Here on Patriots' Day the national anthem and "God Bless America" will be played at 8 a.m. on the post public address system.

Toyland opens

The Army and Air Force Exchange Toyland will have its grand opening on Saturday.

Volunteers sought

The Directorate of Community Activities will be hosting the 2003 Fun Festival in Veteran's Memorial Park, Sierra Vista, on Sept. 19- 21. More than 100 volunteers are needed to help with beverage dispensing and other duties during the three days of the festival. For more information call Connie Pineda, 533-2330.

Walkathon planned

The US Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca will conduct a POW/MIA Walkathon, Sept. 17, 6-8 a.m. at Chaffee Parade Field, to commemorate POWs and MIAs from America's Armed Forces. Organized unit formations or runs will be allowed.

This event is open to the public.

For more information call Holly Sickels, Mobilization and Military/Civilian Support Office, 533-3185.

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A cool gift

In the middle of the Iraqi desert American soldiers are sweating. Thanks to an enthusiastic, energetic and dedicated local woman there's a mist on the horizon. Page 3

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Volunteers put mops, buckets and buffers to work making an old barracks the new home for returning soldiers. Page 3

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Walter Reed Medical Center helps war victims recover by using computerized prosthetics. Page 7



Photo by Spc Matthew Chlosta

Put 'em up

Dashi, 5-year-old daughter of Sgt. Carl Johnson, Company B, 86th Signal, wears her dad's desert battle dress uniform cap with a smile at the 11th Signal Brigade Redeployment ceremony Saturday night. See more on this story on Page 4.

Grand opening: Library houses military intelligence, terrorism volumes



Photo by Spc. Matthew Chlosta

Spc. Misty Bolanos, Company A, 306th Military Intelligence Battalion searches for a book at the new MI library.

BY SPC.
MATTHEWE. CHLOSTA
SCOUT STAFF

The Military Intelligence library had its grand opening ribbon cutting ceremony Aug. 28 at 11 a.m.

The ribbon was cut at the MI library's new space, Building 62723, near Sisler and Alvarado Halls, by Vee Harrington, chief librarian and Fort Huachuca's Commanding General, Maj. Gen. James "Spider" Marks.

"The MI library has a new vision with anytime, anyplace access, anywhere in the world," said Col. Warren Russell, director, Futures Development and Integration Center, before the ribbon cutting. "This is a library without walls."

The library has a 24 hours a day, seven days-a-week Web-based online catalog. This Web presence enables library customers to access what the library owns, and also relevant Web sites anytime day or night.

"A soldier can access any topic, e-journals, e-books, from anywhere, including Afghanistan and Iraq, as long as they have access to a computer," added Russell.

"This library is meant to be used."

"Come visit us everyday," said Harrington. "We're going to support the curriculum of the school. I really want this library to be used a lot. Anything to do with Military Intelligence will be online."

According to Harrington the online resources can be accessed through the Intelligence Center Online Network. Anyone with an Army Knowledge Online password can access the unclassified material.

The new MI library "brick and mortar" facility houses more than 20,000 books, journals and magazines.

Soldiers, including noncommissioned officers, officers and foreign officers taking courses at the MI center and school can use the library to research for papers.

"You need an identification card to check out a book," said Harrington.

Patrons can even watch war related movies in the lounge area while drinking coffee and tea.

The MI library was designated by the Library of Congress as a special facility focusing on global terrorism, said Russell.

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Knock, knock: know who's trying to sell on post

BY SPC.
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If you intend to conduct commercial business, collect donations for a non-profit organization or sell Girl Scout cookies on post, you must get official permission.

Depending on what status your organization is, commercial or private, you must follow the appropriate Army regulations designed to handle almost every situa-

tion.

Commercial solicitations:

Army Regulation 210-7(Commercial Solicitation on Army Installations) spells out what sellers must do in order to be granted the "privilege" of doing business on post.

The first place to go is the Commercial Solicitations Office in Building 22214. People requesting permission must bring their busi-

ness identification and where appropriate, a business license.

Conducting commercial business on post requires official permission and has conditions that both the seller and buyer need to know, said Marta Johnson, program manager for private organizations & commercial solicitation.

Many self-employed and multi-level marketing businesses that are usually home

based do not require special licenses or state tax collection certification because taxes for goods or services are paid by parent companies.

However, because commercial business activity on post is subject to state, county and city taxes, individuals or agents must have a city business license and state tax identification if taxes are not being paid by a business or employer.

If you have questions regarding state and local licensing requirements, call the Sierra Vista City Hall at 458-3315.

If you're an active duty soldier who wants to conduct business on post, you'll need a memorandum from your commander stating that there is no conflict with your Army duties and other work.

If a home-based business

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TeamTalk

Strong families matter

BY MAJ. GEN. "SPIDER"
AND MARTY MARKS

"If the Army wanted you to have a spouse, they'd have issued you one."

That's an old expression that may have been true maybe 50-60 years ago, but it's definitely not the way things are today. In fact, all of us in uniform recognize that our families help make us a strong and determined force – that the support provided by our spouses and children is an asset that allows us all to do our mission 100 percent.

Quality of life is a priority from the top down, and Marty and I are committed to ensuring that everyone here on Fort Huachuca has the best while they are here at this great installation.

There's a super program the Army has just implemented, called Army One Source. This is designed to supplement the programs already in place here through Army Community Services to help our soldiers and families through times of deployment and mobilization.

AOS will provide 24-hour, seven-day-a-week information ranging from topics of everyday concerns for military and their family members to deployment and reintegration issues. They can also provide necessary referral services to counselors for further assistance.

The toll free number is 1-800-464-8107. Please utilize this great service – it's there for all of us and is a tremendous resource that can make us (both as soldiers and as families) even stronger.

Please also remember all the resources available to you and your family locally if you need help or have a problem.

Army Community Services can be reached at 533-2330; the super staff there can link you up with all the programs available here on Fort Huachuca, and they can also refer you to a myriad other resources both on and off post that can help you with whatever you need.

In addition, don't forget, your family readiness group is another support system for you to be a part of and make use of.

Have you seen the beautiful new housing going up all over post? The families moving in will have the most modern, energy-efficient



and attractive homes anywhere in the Army.

We do realize, however, that in order to make an omelet, you must crack some eggs.

All this construction makes it difficult sometimes for those of us now, and we truly appreciate everyone's patience and understanding when dealing with construction noise, dirt and detours.

Our Directorate of Installation Support, Environmental and Natural Resources Division, once again, gained national recognition for our innovative, substantive environmental programs.

Our garrison commander, Col. Larry Portou, and Bill Stein, post energy coordinator, will fly to Washington, D.C., later this fall to accept the 2002 Secretary of the Army Energy and Water Management Award.

This award recognizes Fort Huachuca's work in the area of renewable energy, including solar and wind projects. When the installations competing for this award were evaluated, Fort Huachuca received the highest evaluation score. HOO-AH!

However, we know that environmental stewardship is an ongoing process of conservation, innovation, study and education, and our environmental folks are always hard at work striving for ways that this great installation can be even better.

We all appreciate your help in taking good and responsible care of this place we all live and work. Thanks for everything you do.

BY CHAPLAIN (MAJOR)
DENNIS R. NITSCHKE
NETCOM, DEPUTY COMMAND

"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth..." **Revelation 21:1a**

Okay, so the text above talks about the end of the world! I'm writing about "new beginnings" - and using it to draw your attention!

Anyway, school finally started this week! With all the uproar and change, now the kids are in new classes and starting to learn new things.

Bowling leagues are starting. People are buying new cars. Some are retiring (or as I like to say, "transitioning") from the Army into new places of employment.

People are working out - getting ready for the Christmas holiday food fests! My neighbors painted their house. There is a lot of "new earth" going on around here.

As a commercial break for our "heavenly" community, there is a lot going on right here at Fort Huachuca.

The Installation Staff Chaplain's Office has new leadership in the person of Chaplain (Colonel) Rick Rogers, who came from Fort Bragg via Kuwait and Iraq.

With that new leadership comes some readjustment of services and programs - all for the benefit of residents and soldiers of Fort Huachuca.

One of the biggest - and best - is this weekend's "Oasis in the Desert." Come to the Main Post Chapel (on the corner of Smith and Hatfield) to see all the services and programs represented in the courtyard, chapel and activities room.

There will be something for every member of the family - and food is included! That is this Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dan Deveny, the Director of Religious Education, 533-4748, has all the details.

A service represented at the "Oasis in the Desert" dear to my heart is "CrossRoads." Originally a "test worship opportunity," CrossRoads is now a permanent service meeting at the Cochise Theater, 10 a.m., every Sunday morning.

It is a contemporary service with a band (Red Stone), video and cartoons along with contemporary praise and worship music and a scriptural message for today.

It is for "the blue jeans crowd" and you can eat and drink in church (bagels, donuts, fruit, cheese, coffee and juice are provided).

There are also many other worship services on post as well as a kick off for the Protestant Women of the Chapel being presented at the "Oasis in the Desert."

Don't miss seeing what your chaplains and the chapel communities have to offer.

Who knows, you may learn something new and feel the urge to be a part of the action right here, right now!

That's "Oasis in the Desert," Saturday, Sept. 6, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Main Post Chapel. Be there - and be part of the exciting ministries on Fort Huachuca!

Quality of life sessions resume

BY MAJ. GEN. "SPIDER" MARKS

I have resumed my Quality of Life sensing sessions in an ongoing effort to improve the quality of life for members of the Fort Huachuca community.

I began conducting sensing sessions with groups of 10-15 randomly-selected members of the Fort Huachuca team, shortly after taking command. The sensing sessions have proven to be a valuable tool, allowing me to identify and improve numerous issues impacting the quality of life at Fort Huachuca.

I conducted 17 separate sessions prior to my deployment as the C2 for the Combined Forces Land Component in Kuwait and Iraq. Over the next several weeks, I will be conducting

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Scout on the Street

How do you plan to remember Patriot's Day?



"I'll probably be working here on the gate."

Spc. Kyle Cowden,
259th Engineers



"Call my family members because I personally had a family member that was in New York during the attacks. We've called each other each year, during that day, since the attacks."

Pfc. Valerie Williams,
259th Engineers



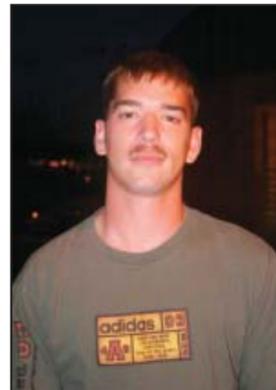
"Go to Mass. Call some family members and tell them I'm thinking about them. I actually lost a friend of mine from college in the attacks."

Staff Sgt. Theodore
Buckley, Company A
304th Military Intelligence



"We're having a company barbecue at the noncommissioned officers academy."

Cpl. Will Chandler,
NCO Academy



"Pay my respects at the cemetery out here."

Pvt. Jason Palmer,
NCO Academy



"I'm probably gonna remember basic training, because I was at basic training when September 11th happened, two days before my birthday."

Spc. Christopher Williams,
Company B 304th MI

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Returning soldiers bunk in 'like new' homes

Volunteers add spit and polish as well as repairs to renovated barracks

BY SPC.
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SCOUT STAFF

Soldier volunteers from several signal companies, including the 11th Signal Brigade, 40th Signal Battalion, feverishly remodeled several barracks for the past two months as a welcome home present for 11th Signal Bde. soldiers who returned from Iraq on Saturday night.

The soldiers pulled up and replaced old carpets, repainted hallways and rooms, cleaned living areas and stairwells and retiled hallway and room floors.

"We were in a hurry to get them ready in preparation for the guys coming back," said Staff Sgt. John Hargash, noncommissioned officer in charge of the barracks renovation. "It is a good thing. The soldiers enjoy it."

The soldiers are mostly volunteers, who have been

working very hard, from dawn to dusk," said Chief Warrant Officer Thomas Blackmore, 11th Signal Bde. "I appreciate the hard work that the soldiers have done, especially Staff Sgt. Hargash."

The soldiers concentrated on two buildings in Thunder Bird Village. Soldiers repaired holes in walls, completed jobs prescribed in outdated work orders and swept, mopped and cleaned hallways.

"It makes me feel good to give back," said Spc. Gloriby Garcia, a communications specialist, 40th Signal Bn. "I get a chance to actually do something for the troops."

"I volunteered for it," said Spc. William Westley, a cable installation and maintenance tech, 69th Signal. "The smell was intolerable. The barracks were tore up. They'll be happy (now)."

"The living conditions were just terrible," said Blackmore. "Our goal is to get almost everything done by Saturday night, and continue working after the soldiers return."

The soldiers were able to help save money in supplies with direction from Blackmore and Spc. Michael Buck, A Company, 86th Signal Battalion. "We have saved over \$5,000 in supplies since I took over, a month and a half ago," said Buck.

"We hope they have a nice place," said Marshall Scarlott, a

tile installation contractor. "The place looks like a brand new clean place for them. They haven't had a clean place in a while."

Soldiers coming from other posts are always saying how much better the barracks are here, compared to where they came from, said Hargash.

As the signal soldiers put the finishing touches on their remodeling work, Hargash ended with, "Everything is looking good."



Photo by Spc. Matthew Chlosta

Pfc. Adam Moyer, 18th Signal Company, is one of the volunteers who brought the barracks back to life.

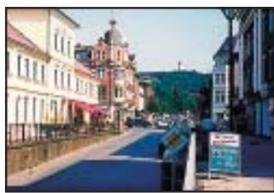
Sierra Vista is 'family' with cities in Mexico, Germany introducing international cultures, customs locally

BY SPC. MATTHEW E.
CHLOSTA
SCOUT STAFF

Many cities in the United States and around the world belong to a sister city program that helps bridge the oceans' divide, bring the world closer to a global village and enhances cultural understanding between citizens of many different countries.

Sierra Vista Sister Cities Commission is a member of Sister Cities International.

Sister Cities International is a citizen diplomacy network creating and strengthening partnerships between U.S.



Courtesy photo

A shopping district in Radebeul.

and international communities to increase global cooperation at the local level.

Sierra Vista's sister city

program has two cities, Cananea (Sonora) Mexico and Radebeul (Saxony) Germany.

Currently 2,100 communities in 122 countries around the world participate in the Sister Cities International program.

"The goal for the Sierra Vista sister city program is for city and post officials and community citizens from Fort Huachuca and Sierra Vista to experience social and cultural interactions through continuing relationships," said Barbara Hays, chair of Sierra Vista's Sister Cities Commission. "The purpose is to develop and encourage community and individual citizen partnerships between Sierra Vista/Fort Huachuca and our two sister cities."

"The Sister Cities Commission was established by Sierra Vista Council resolution in 1989 to promote our relationship with Cananea, Sonora, Mexico," said Hays.

Sierra Vista's second sister city Radebeul, Germany was approved by the city council in 1998.

The Sister Cities program promotes cultural understand-

ing, social development and economic growth and provides links between U.S. communities and those abroad, added Hays.

Past activities have included student and teacher exchanges between Sierra Vista, Cananea and Radebeul.

In October Sierra Vista is hosting about 30 students from its sister cities, said Tomas Gallegos, city council liaison for the Sierra Vista Sister City Commission.

"We have made plans to take them to the Cove, the bowling alley for Rock and Bowl night, Kartchner Caverns and horseback riding on Fort Huachuca," said Gallegos. "There are some other activities planned. The host family will also participate in these activities."

The Sister City Commission also helped to establish a Youth Commission in Cananea plus collected clothing for a retirement home and a kindergarten for children from needy families, said Hays.

Each year the sister city program is evaluated by the Sierra Vista Sister City Com-

mission. The Sierra Vista Sister City Commission provides a written and oral report to the Sierra Vista City council concerning the past year's activities.

"The program has been a success for numerous years," said Gallegos.

"Previously, the City of Sierra Vista has provided funding, but beginning this year no city funds will be allocated for operation of the Sister City Commission," said Hays.



Courtesy photo

A church in Cananea.

"Therefore, the Sister Cities Commission is seeking funding from individuals, businesses and foundations in order to continue its program.

"Individuals may make a tax deductible contribution through the City of Sierra

Vista by naming the Sierra Vista Sister Cities as the recipient," said Hays. "Or, make a tax credit contribution to Buena High School naming the Sister City Club as recipient."

Someone can become involved with the sister city program by filing an application with the City of Sierra Vista. The applications are available at City Hall.

"The application is reviewed and voted on by the Sierra Vista City Council," said Hays. "Each commissioner receives a commission from the city council to serve on the Sister City Commission. Currently, the commission has three openings and welcomes involvement from other community organizations.

"Fort Huachuca has been involved in the Sister City Commission from the very beginning and the process for becoming a member is the same, i.e., fill out an application at city hall, etcetera," said Hays.

Anyone wishing more information may e-mail Hays at bhays@ssvecnet.com or call 378-1822.

POW/MIA

Remembering those who have sacrificed

BY CHAPLAIN (COL.)
RICHARD ROGERS
INSTALLATION STAFF CHAPLAIN

In the Jewish scripture the story of Joseph details the experience of a young man who suffered senseless and cruel imprisonment.

Thrown in a pit in Egypt for years Joseph could have understood the words "Abandon Hope All Ye Who Enter Here." A millennium later the prophet Jeremiah was thrown in a hole in Israel. Upon his temporary release he pleaded, "Don't throw me

back in that pit. I'll die for sure." Another thousand years pass and we read about John, held in prison and finally beheaded.

From the Worm Pit in Bokhara to the prisons in Iraq the story continues with little change. For the families of the missing, the pit is emotional but all too tangible.

Our prisoners of war lived out a dismal chapter in this history of abuse

to soldiers. Spouses, children and parents of the missing still march in a parade of grieving. For these, our brothers and sisters, closure is hard to find and the end to pain is elusive.

The last cruelty would be to forget them. To turn away. To become weary of the issues and people involved. That cruelty would not be for our prisoners of war, our missing and

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Relief offered for soldiers enduring hot, dusty days

BY KAREN WEIL
SCOUT STAFF

To keep 1,200 Fort Huachuca troops cool while they serve under the hot Iraqi sun, a local woman is looking for the community's help with sending off personal water misting devices.

The goal is to provide each Fort Huachuca soldier with one, said Jana Proctor, a military wife and Sierra Vista resident.

The local effort, sponsored by the Fort Huachuca Community Spouses Club, is known as Desert to Desert.

Known by its commercial name, Misty Mate, the device is a small container about the size of a soda can, complete with tubing and a knob. To make it work, all one needs to do is fill it with water, use the hand pump to apply pressure and turn the knob, releasing a fine mist of water.

According to a letter Proctor wrote, the Misty Mate can lower temperatures around a person by 30 degrees.

"These things are benefiting soldiers,"

Proctor said. "It doesn't carry a lot of water, but it sure makes a difference. I just hope that everybody supports this (project)."

Proctor said she was inspired by others' efforts to help soldiers, and wondered what she could do.

"My daughter is 16, and she wanted me to get out of the house," Proctor said, jokingly, when asked why she decided to help out. "Every day, I think about this project. I want it to come true. I think about the soldiers who are deployed there. I want to do everything for every soldier that I can, but



wanted to take care of the soldiers of Fort Huachuca first."

The misting idea started in Arizona when two Mesa women learned about Misty Mates, and sent them their fiancés, who are both stationed in Iraq.

The Marines were grateful, and asked the women to send more, as a way to combat scorching Iraqi temperatures, which can hit 120-130 degrees Fahrenheit during the hottest part of the summer.

The women's gesture evolved into a project known as Cool Our

Troops.

One soldier wrote a letter saying his Misty Mates "will be worth their weight in gold throughout the duration of the summer."

Proctor heard about Cool Our Troops, and was unsure if any were going to Fort Huachuca soldiers stationed in the middle east, therefore she started this effort.

On Aug. 17, she set up a booth during a rally at Veterans' Memorial Park in Sierra Vista, and raised \$450.

To date, Desert to Desert has raised more than of \$4,900 with help from numerous local businesses.

Proctor, who is married to Deputy Commandant Jerry V. Proctor of the U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca, said she and others hope to send off 350 Misty Mates this week.

Proctor also added that she hopes to hold a rally soon.

Anyone wishing to help may send donations to FHCS, Desert to Desert; P.O. Box 12202; Ft. Huachuca, AZ 85670-2202.

For more information, call Proctor at 803-6599.



Photos by Spc. Matthew E. Chlosta

Pfc. Heather Brown, Company B, 86th Signal holds her 2-year-old daughter, Kloe, for the first time in seven months.

Signal soldiers back from Iraq

BY SPC.
MATTHEWE. CHLOSTA
SCOUT STAFF

The chartered jet, carrying soldiers returning from Iraq, lazily touched down at Libby Army Airfield in the warm summer air an hour earlier than expected at 8:35 p.m. Saturday.

More than 100 soldiers from the 11th Signal Brigade returned on the plane from Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Soldiers spilled off the plane dressed in their desert Battle Dress Uniforms as looks of jubilation and relief flashed across their faces.

After the flight's arrival and some initial processing, the soldiers reunited with their families and friends at Barnes Field

network support for the Army and other military service component commanders in the United States Central Command area of operations.

"Some folks have been gone quite awhile," said Capt. Mark Henry, 11th Signal Brigade Public Affairs Officer. "I think it is great, to see them coming home. We have 114 coming back today."

The post's commanding general, Maj. Gen. James "Spider" Marks, and Col. Brian Hurley, 11 Signal Bde. commander, welcomed the soldiers as they disembarked the plane with handshakes and words of encouragement.

"I just wish they were all coming back," said Hurley. "We've worked a long time to

weapons and boarded two buses to make the short trek over to BFH and a joyous reunion with their jubilant families and friends.

Soldiers returning from deployments are given briefings and reunion counseling to help smooth the transition for the soldiers and the families.

"The family readiness groups and our chaplain put in a lot of time," said Hurley. "We have a reunion and individual welcome home counseling for the soldiers and their families. We start the soldiers' counseling in Kuwait. Family members back here are given the same opportunity for a detailed safety briefing."

As the buses pulled up to the rear of BFH, loud screams pierced the air as an anticipatory electricity ran through the raucous atmosphere inside the gymnasium.

The soldiers marched into the gym around 10:30 p.m. to a thunderous ovation and the explosions of flashbulbs from their loved ones in the stands.

During the pep rally/safety briefing, Marks told the soldiers how proud he was of them and all they had accomplished. He reminded them that, even though they are home, they must stay vigilante and be safe, especially during the long celebratory Labor Day weekend.

"Take care of yourself now that you're back," said Marks. "Keep driving on."

"All these guys are heroes," said Marks. "They performed a critical mission with backbone communications in Iraq. I saw a lot of familiar faces tonight from my own time in Iraq."

"It is wonderful to see all of

them home and reunited with their loved ones," said Marks.

Reflecting back on his own return from Iraq a few months ago, "There was no better feeling then having all my girls welcome me when I came home," said Marks, of his wife and three daughters.

After remarks by the commanding general, the soldiers were given a short safety briefing by Hurley. They saluted the flag in a significant formation.

Then, the soldiers were released for the weekend into the arms of the crowd that swirled and ran around them with a tidal wave of emotion.

Hugs, kisses and tears flowed. As some friends shook hands and gave greetings, others stopped and embraced for long extended hugs.

"I'm glad to be home and look forward to spending time with my wife and kids," said Sgt. Raymond Carter, B Company, a switch operator with 40th Signal Battalion.

When asked what he most looked forward while awaiting his return to the United States, Carter said, "Driving my car and drinking water out of a water fountain."

In response to how he felt about his contributions during the war, Carter added, "It was my job. I'll be ready next time they call me."

Soldiers were truly happy to be back on U.S. soil and amongst their family and friends.

"I feel ecstatic, great," said Sgt. Eric Halsey, team chief long-range communications,

86th Signal Battalion. "It was kind of scary at first during the war, but it makes a lot of sense now."

On what he planned to do now that he was home Halsey said, "Just sit in my house."

After the screaming died down soldiers reflected in a more contemplative fashion, including Pfc. Heather Brown, B Company 86th Bn., who, while holding her 2-year-old daughter Kloe, said, "It is wonderful to be back. I was overseas for seven months. I dreamed of this day."

Sgt. Carl Johnson said, "I missed my daughter and my wife. I missed dealing with

them on a daily basis the most. I was gone for six months."

Summing up the feelings of the 11th Signal Brigade before he leaves in two weeks to go back to Iraq Hurley said, "These guys have done a great job. I am proud of them and all they accomplished. I am glad to get them all back safely."

"It is awesome being with my kids," said Pfc. Aracely Pompa, cable system installer, 40th Signal Bn.

"This is the greatest thing ever," said Johnny Aguirre, Pompa's brother-in-law. "Can't put it into words. The emotion overwhelms you. It is like Christmas in August."



Staff Sgt. James Ewald, Company B, 86th Signal gets the 'A-OK' from his son Tyler upon his return from Iraq Saturday.

House during 11th Signal's redeployment ceremony.

The 11th Signal Bde. provides and protects upper level communications and computer

bring these guys back. I'm happy as punch."

After the soldiers left the aircraft, they turned in their

caused the pilots to scramble



More than 100 soldiers returned from being deployed for months in the middle east.

Soldiers return but plane keeps rollin, rollin, rollin...

BY SPC. MATTHEWE.
CHLOSTA
SCOUT STAFF

Some of the 11th Signal Brigade soldiers were surprised as they exited

at the top of the steps nudged against the door of the aircraft Saturday night. Soldiers were descending the stairs from the aircraft when suddenly the plane started rolling backwards. This

caused the pilots to scramble around the cockpit for a minute in a moment of panic before they slammed on the brakes and stopped the aircraft from drifting any further down the runway.

After the unexpected surprise, a manually cranked set of steps was brought out and lifted up to the door of the jet. The mission continued with the unloading of the rest of the excited soldiers,

peacefully.

The hydraulic steps, that were being used, were damaged during the brief incident, but no one was injured.

When asked about the incident later Marks re-

plied, "Stuff happens."

But, we just continued on with the mission, getting the soldiers to their loved ones, added Marks.

The incident is under investigation.

SELL from Page 1

will require any modification to your government quarters or barracks, will cause undue traffic or parking congestion or otherwise "stick out" because of commercial activity, the Directorate of Engineering and Housing will have to approve your plans for extraordinary use.

To find out about restrictions on such use of government quarters or to report violations, call the Housing Office a 533-3669.

Most commercial transactions on post take place in a customer's home or barracks.

When individuals are issued one-year permits to do business on post, they are required to show the permit (Fort Huachuca Form 1252) on demand and allow customers to inspect it.

It will include an expiration date and a statement of understanding that lists specific do's and don'ts.

Included in the don'ts are soliciting groups, such as gathering soldiers in a barracks dayroom, conducting business during business hours, soliciting subordinates, entering the post to transact business (unless a prospective customer has specifically requested a vendor's visit) and going door-to-door. (More later on other do's and don'ts.)

Vendors are given a copy of AR 210-7 when they are issued their permits and they sign an acknowledgement that they understand and will comply with it.

A frequent complaint by soldiers

involves life insurance sales.

Because of this, insurance sales are regulated more than most commercial activities, including a prohibition against designating agents as unit insurance advisors or counselors.

Whether insurance or lotions and potions, there are options that consumers have to cancel transactions or to arbitrate issues. (See accompanying story for more on this.)

If a customer ever feels that he or she is being harassed or intimidated or if a vendor or agent refuses to leave your home or barracks, call the military police.

For routine complaints or questions about a person's commercial activities or conduct, call this office at 533-2080.

Do's and don'ts:

Permits to conduct commercial business on post include these permissions and restrictions:

- Only the stated company and service or product listed applies to a permit.

- Solicitation privileges can be suspended or revoked if an individual engages in:

- Solicitation without an appointment

- Possession of allotment forms or facsimiles of such forms

- Assist or attempt to assist with the processing of allotment forms

- Solicitation of mass, group or captive audiences (of two or more persons)

- Make appointments with

or solicit military or government personnel in an "on duty" status or; -Enter an unauthorized or restricted area.

Cool off:

A 1974 federal mandate allows consumers a "cooling off" period to change their minds about certain purchases.

Sales made at sites other than a seller's place of business (to include on-post quarters and barracks), to include the lease or rental of goods or services priced at \$25 or more can be canceled by the customer at any time before midnight of the third business day after the date of transaction.

This option must be stated on a customer's contract or receipt.

If you have questions about "cooling off" requirements, call the post Legal Assistance office at 533-2009.

The office can assist with other legal aspects of consumer contracts and purchases.

Consumers who have complaints about commercial vendors' or agents' on-post conduct should call the Commercial Solicitation office at 533-2080.

Finally, although there are requirements unique to doing business on post, the "cooling off" period and other protections apply off post as well, and soldiers and their families should use the same resources to get advice and assistance for consumer issues.

Construction stalls traffic road closures scheduled

Road closures for final asphalt repairs in conjunction with the Effluent Reuse Project will continue until Tuesday.

- Friday: Smith Avenue between Whitside Road and the traffic circle Cushing Street and Rowdy Avenue between Miller Avenue and Fichter Avenue.

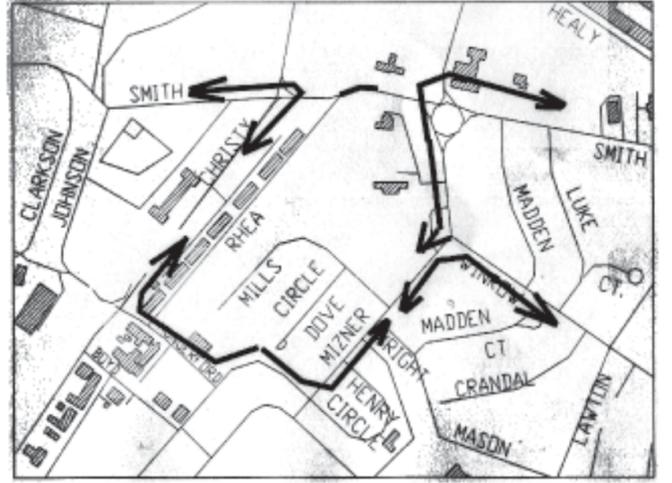
- Fichter Avenue and Kilbourne Avenue between Rowdy Avenue and Irwin Street.

- Monday: Spot repairs on Backer Road and the Transportation and Vet Clinic parking lots.

- Tuesday: Spot repairs on Cushing Street and Arizona Street

The Cushing Street and Fichter Avenue road closures will begin at approximately 6 a.m. and will last six hours each. The Smith Avenue road closure will begin at 1 p.m. and will last approximately six hours. The detour routes will all be well marked per Arizona Department of Transportation and Corps of Engineers Safety Regulations.

The spot repairs on the Monday and Tuesday will not completely close the roads, but drivers should be aware of potential traffic delays in the areas, and should obey all posted signs and flagmen.



Friday road closures

SESSIONS, from Page 2

sensing sessions with several groups of soldiers, with whom I did not have the opportunity to meet before his deployment. This will ensure I have heard from all groups of civilian and military members within the command.

In keeping with my efforts to inform the community of the issues and what is being done to address them, I will again have a series of articles published in The Fort Huachuca Scout, addressing the issues from the upcoming quality of life sensing sessions.

I will next conduct a series of sensing sessions focusing on training. These sessions will be more focused and involve a smaller segment of the Fort Huachuca community than the quality of life sessions, but will be vital in contributing to the accomplishment of our training mission

especially as it affects the continuing global war on terrorism.

The training sensing sessions will bring together and solicit comments, suggestions and concerns from diverse groups of personnel. I will bring together personnel involved in the development of doctrine, with those who write programs of instruction, and those who conduct and receive the training. The sessions will be designed to identify immediate fixes to issues adversely impacting training.

So keep reading The Fort Huachuca Scout and looking for articles on how the Commanding General's sensing sessions are helping to improve quality of life and training on Fort Huachuca, and making Fort Huachuca a Community of Excellence.

POW from Page 3

Our only strength in "weary years" and "silent tears" is our faith in our God and our faithfulness to one another.

Fort Huachuca demonstrates its faithfulness to POWs and the fami-

lies of our missing in action through our POW/MIA Remembrance at La Hacienda, Sept. 17, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Luncheon price is \$8.50. Tickets are available through unit command teams. Seating is limited.

Wear red, white and blue on Patriots' Day

Amyreus

Bionic extremities get casualties back on their feet

BY MICHAEL E. DUKES

WALTER REED ARMY MEDICAL CENTER

Changes in body armor have reduced the number of American service members dying on the battlefield for about a decade - although it still happens, a majority of combat wounds military doctors treat involve the extremities.

While participating in Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan last year, Staff Sgt. Michael McNaughton took a step that would change his life forever. While walking through an area at Bagram Air Base believed to be cleared and safe, McNaughton, a 31-year-old National Guardsman from Louisiana's 769th Engineer Battalion, stepped on a land mine.

The blast took off his right foot, tore into his right leg in several places, took a chunk out of his left calf and blew off a couple of fingers on his right hand.

With extensive damage to his right leg and significant debris in the wounds, doctors had to amputate the combat engineer's destroyed limb just above his knee.

After he spent several months in a hospital bed at Walter Reed Army Medical Cen-

ter in Washington McNaughton's doctors believed it was ready to take the healing process to the next level and fit him with a conventional prosthetic leg.

McNaughton worked with physical therapy specialists for several hours each day. "I pretty much had to learn how to walk again," he said. He spent most of his therapy time learning to put weight on the prosthetic and walking.

"I thought I would put the leg on and go. But there is a lot more to it" he said. He knew he needed the therapy, but at times it seemed like he was fighting a losing battle. "The first time I tried to walk with a cane it felt like I could just walk, but unfortunately you can't do that. It's definitely frustrating. I just wanted to pick the leg up and throw it."

A few months later, Walter Reed prosthetist Joseph Miller offered McNaughton an option that would make walking and returning to a normal life much easier - a microprocessor controlled knee called a C-Leg.

Unlike a traditional prosthetic leg requiring an amputee to swing it with each step, the C-Leg has hydraulic pneumatic controls enabling amputee the closest possible approximation to their natural walk, Miller said.

The \$43,000 bionic leg, complete with mi-

croprocessor knee and force-sensing pylon — metal support rod between the knee and the prosthetic foot — reads feedback data 50 times per second and evaluates it to determine the appropriate movement for the computer aided leg.

The C-Leg takes much less energy when McNaughton walks.

"Sometimes it's hard to explain, because you have to be an amputee to know the difference. But [the C-Leg] is so much smoother. It tries to imitate exactly what the left leg is doing," McNaughton said. "I can take more natural steps. With this one you can go down ramps a lot easier. With the [conventional prosthetic] you have to go down sideways."

McNaughton feels that while it is true he faces challenges in the road ahead, he is no less of a person since the amputation. He said he has the same hopes and

dreams as anybody else and he looks forward to returning to a normal life - something he believes will be much easier with the C-Leg.

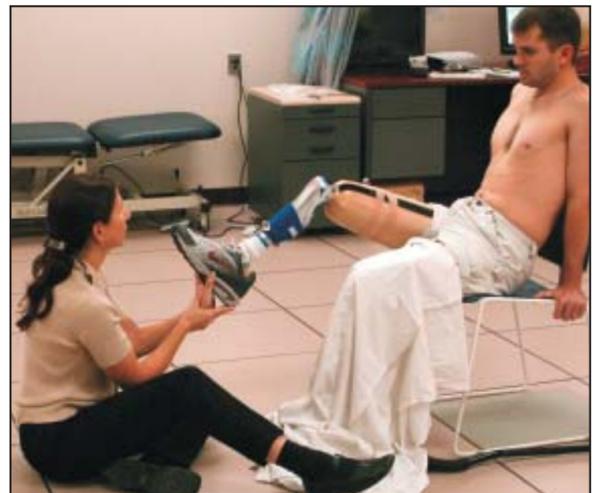


Photo by Michael E. Dukes

Prior to analyzing McNaughton's gait, Barri Miller, Walter Reed Orthopedic Amputee Center, raises McNaughton's C-Leg to ensure motion-sensing digital cameras can see reflectors placed on it.

'Old Guard' represents U.S. Army in Scottish ritual

OLD GUARD PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

One of the U.S. Army's top performance groups recently returned from a triumphant run in Scotland at the world's largest annual military pageant.

The U.S. Army Drill Team, a specialty unit of the 3rd U.S. Infantry (The Old Guard) completed their monthlong showing at the famed Edinburgh Military Tattoo. The team was part of a nearly 1,000-member cast,

which performed nightly at Edinburgh Castle's historic grounds before record-breaking crowds. The tattoo included acts from all over the world, with the drill team being the event's only American contingent.

"It was an outstanding opportunity for the U.S. Army Drill Team and I think for the Army as a whole," said team commander Capt. Nathan Howard. "We are very honored to have represented our country and to show the world the dedication and precision of the U.S. Army."

"You couldn't help but think about it prior to each show," said Spc. James Denson, a team member who began each finale by tossing his rifle 15 feet into the air to a fellow driller at the rear of a four-man column. "During the performances, however, there was no time to be nervous. You just go out and do what you have trained to do." Of course, he's not the one who had to catch the weapon, which arrived bayonet attached.

The Old Guard soldiers and other contingents arrived in

Edinburgh July 25 — six days prior to the first performance. With limited but intense rehearsals, the show was ready and staged in less than one week. It speaks volumes to the level of professionalism involved not only by the tattoo performers, but also by everyone behind the scenes, Howard said.

"This was the most professionally run event with which I've ever been involved," said Howard. "The producers and individual acts should all be commended on their efforts."



Community Updates

Case lot sale Sept. 19-21

The Commissary case lot sale will be held on Sept. 19-21, during normal commissary hours. Along with food items, household products and dog food will also be available. For more information, call 533-5540.



Blood drive in Eifler

There will be an Armed Forces blood drive 10 a.m. - 8 p.m., Sept. 23 and 24 in Eifler Gymnasium. For more information, call 533-4723.

ASE exam deadline approaches

The Automotive Service Excellence certification examinations will be administered on Nov. 13, 18 and 20 at the Army Education Center, building 52104, Room 3; deadline for registration is noon on Sept. 12.

Three tests are funded for active duty soldiers with eligible MOS's. Unfunded tests are \$24 each (for regular tests) and \$48 for advanced tests. All examinees must pay the \$29 registration fee. For further information, call an Army Education counselor at 533-3010, or visit the Education Center.

Financial readiness class

An eight-hour financial readiness class will be held the second Wednesday and Thursday each month from 1 - 5 p.m. at Murr Community Center.

The next class dates are Wednesday and Sept. 11. These classes are mandatory for first-termers, but are open to all soldiers and family members.

Areas such as money and banking, investments, retirement and relocation will be covered. Promotion points are given for those who are not mandated to attend. For more information and to register, call Leigh Henderson at 533-2330.



Passport office hours

Fort Huachuca Passport Office hours will be, 8 - 11 a.m., and 1-3 p.m., Monday through Friday

Thrift shop on Saturday

The Fort Huachuca Thrift Shop will be open Saturday, 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. for shopping. Consignments will be taken till 1 p.m. The Thrift Shop is open to the public for sales. For more information call 458-4606.

Spanish test at center

A Spanish college-level examination program test is being offered at the Education Center. The test is free to active duty military and family members, who must call to schedule the test. Family members may take the test for \$56.

The recommended credit hours are between six and 12; Cochise College grants 15 semester hour credits for the test, which involves audio and reading (all multiple-choice questions). For more information, call 533-2390/2047/5690/1701.



Road closures today

September 4:

- Squire Avenue between Cushing Street and H Avenue
- Fichter Avenue between Cushing Street and Squire Avenue
- Mizner Road between Henry Circle and the traffic circle
- Henry Circle

These road closures will begin at approximately 6 a.m. and will last approximately six hours each. The detour routes will all be well marked per Arizona Department of Transportation and Corps of Engineers Safety Regulations.

Warrant officers needed

The United States Army is looking for highly motivated sol-

diers to fill its warrant officer ranks. Positions are open in all 48 specialties.

Soldiers with less than 12 years active federal service are encouraged to apply.

For more information, contact the Warrant Officer Recruiting Team at www.usarec.army.mil/warrant or DSN 536-0484/0458/0488/0478.



Wanted: Some good recruiters

United States Army Recruiting is seeking highly motivated and dedicated NCOs to assist in providing the strength of America's Army.

Take the challenge and learn how you can become a member of the recruiting team. For more details, visit our Web site: <http://www.usarec.army.mil/recruiter>.

Range closures listed

Here are the scheduled range closures for Sept. 4 - 10:

Today - AB, AC, AD, AH, AI, AK, AL, AM, AN, AR, AW, T1, T1A, T2

Friday - AB, AC, AD, AH, AI, AK, AL, AM, AN, AR, AU, AY

Saturday - AB, AC, AD, AH, AI, AK, AL, AM, AR, AU, T1, T1A, T2

Sunday - AB, AC, AD, AH, AI, AK, AL, AM, AR, AU

Monday - AB, AC, AD, AH, AI, AK, AL, AM, AR, AU, T1, T1A, T2

Tuesday - AB, AC, AD, AH, AI, AK, AL, AM, AR, AU, T1, T1A, T2

Wednesday - AB, AC, AD, AH, AI, AK, AL, AM, AN, AR, AU, T1, T1A, T2

For more information on range closures, contact Range Control 533-7095.

Kudos

Staff sergeant named NCO of the Year

Staff Sgt. Kurtis Niemeier has been selected as Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year for Intelligence of Electronic Warfare Test Directorate, Operational Test Command (based at Fort Hood, Texas) and Army Test Evaluation Command of Alexandria, Va.

He has been stationed at Fort Huachuca for one year.

Niemeier said he feels very proud of being NCO of the Year. "It's wonderful," he said. "Any success I've enjoyed by winning these boards is attributed to teamwork by all personnel at IEWTD."

To become an NCO, a soldier must attend various leadership course, and undergo a series of knowledge and physical fitness tests. Over the past year, Niemeier has won the Directorate's NCO of the



Staff Sgt. Kurtis Niemeier

second quarter and NCO of the Year board.

Niemeier recently competed at the Army Test and Evaluation Command and won the second quarter board and the NCO of the Year Board at Fort Hood.

He also competed at the NCO of the Year at the National Region Center.

Niemeier, a Springfield, Mo. native, enlisted in 1999.

Staff Judge Advocate earns awards

The Fort Huachuca Legal Assistance and Claims offices recently garnered the Chief of Staff's Award for Excellence in both the Claims and Legal Assistance specialties.

The Office of the Judge Advocate General announced the 2002 winners in late July.

This marks the fourth year in a row that the Legal Assistance Office has won the award, and it was the third consecutive year for the Claims Office.

Army legal assistance offices worldwide competed and were judged on established, objective criteria for the Chief of Staff's legal assistance award.

Only 47 Army active duty, Reserve, and National Guard Staff Judge Advocate offices won the award for fiscal year 2002. The criteria addressed

every aspect of an office, including quality of legal assistance provided to soldiers, family members, and other eligible clients; innovative methods to provide better assistance at the installation, for deployment preparation, and for deployed forces; adequacy of facilities; quality of preventive law efforts; and publications.

Army claims offices also competed for the Chief of Staff's Award for Excellence. The Fort Huachuca Claims Office was one of only 35 offices worldwide to win this coveted award.

IT specialist named Civilian of the Month

Pieter Pietras, an information technology specialist for project management of NETCOM and HQDA enterprise systems, is Fort Huachuca's civilian of the month.



Pieter Pietras

He is being commended for his exceptional performance as a senior information technology specialist in the enterprise systems technology activity.

His professionalism and reputation, his role as the team leader for key enterprise projects such as Protected-Domain Name Service and Network Intrusion Detection Systems and his support to his family's community service ef-

orts have earned Pietras the respect and admiration of his management and peers.

Pietras has 29 years of service. Pietras is described as a "very dedicated, hardworking and resourceful employee," who has worked with NETCOM since September 1996.

Students complete basic skills

The Army Education Center just completed its second Basic Skills Education Program (BSEP) class of this fiscal year. Nineteen students registered.

Seventeen students completed and of those 17, 10 students took the ASVAB retest.

Eight of those 10 individuals went over 110 in their general-technical subtests.

One individual improved his GT score by 25 points, going from a 98 GT score to 123.

Cost Warriors



Laurie Genz

She is an environmental protection assistant with the Environmental and Natural Resources Division.

One of the division initiatives to save generator money on hazardous waste disposal is to recycle lead acid batteries.

Last week, she saved the generators almost \$6,000 with the recycling effort.



Dale McLaughlin

He teaches the CPR course to all the military police officer and DA guards. R.W. Bliss gave the department training aides to teach the class, thus saving \$832.



Joe Garcia

A mail supervisor, he reduced cost of expedited mail services by sending fewer packages via Federal Express, and by consolidating mail in pouches.

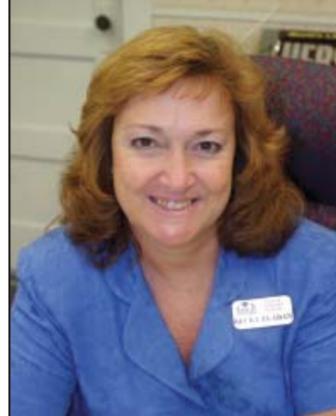
The total amount saved for last year was \$138,000. Garcia has worked for the mail department for 15 years.



Trent Field

He shopped on the Internet for supplies, instead of in town, at sites such as Stapleslink.com and GSA Advantage. The computed driving time, (two hours per trip at five times a month, 12 months a year).

That also includes .355 cents a mile, at 18 miles per round trip, resulting in a total cost savings per year of \$2,500.



Becky Elaban

She recently encouraged a division chief to convert a vacant APF position to a USA (APF to NAF reimbursable) position. For the same amount of funding, used to pay one person to work field maintenance and clean the picnic areas, the division was able to hire a NAF flex employee to do those duties.

The remaining funding is being used to pay the salary of a second person who also works field maintenance. This change has greatly increased productivity in the division.

