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## Scout reports

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### Force protection

Fort Huachuca decreased its force protection condition from Bravo-plus to Alpha-plus Friday following a message from the Department of the Army authorizing commands to make the switch.

The switch, which has uninterrupted current force protection measures at the front gate, has been transparent to the community at large for both on- and off-post residents according to Richard Dixon, installation force protection officer.

Motorists entering the installation are still required to show identification to get on post, and guards will continue to monitor activity at the gates.

### Town Hall set

Feedback, the Fort Huachuca live television town hall, is set for 6 p.m., Aug. 27 on Channel 97, the Commander's Access Channel. If you have a question you'd like answered on the town hall e-mail it to [channel97@hua.army.mil](mailto:channel97@hua.army.mil) or fax it to 533-1280. You may also participate in the live call-in segment during the show that night.

### Services extended

Due to the change in the start date of the Sierra Vista Public Schools, Child and Youth Services will have a program to assist parents until school begins on Sept. 2.

For more information on this call 533-3027.

### USAWOA luncheon

The USAWOA Arizona Chapter will be conducting its monthly professional luncheon today in the Pepperoni Room at La Hacienda from 11:30 to 1 p.m. Our guest speaker will be Col Michael Flynn, Commander 111th MI Bde. He will be providing us with important and interesting information about his recent trip to Israel.

USAWOA welcomes all active, guard, reserve or retired Army warrant officers, their spouses and guests. You do not have to be current USAWOA member to attend. For more information contact WO1 Wilmer Acevedo at 538-6842 or e-mail [waceved@msn.com](mailto:waceved@msn.com).

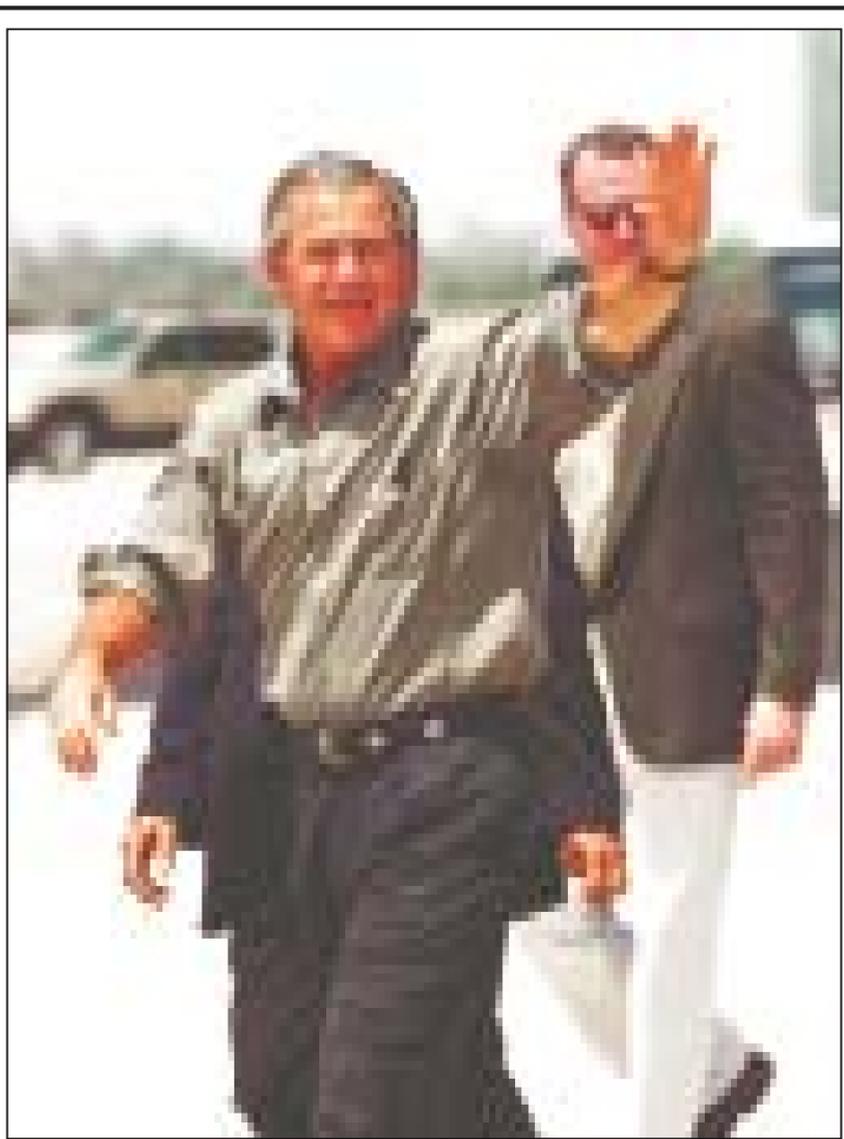


Photo by Staff Sgt. Robert Hyatt

### Presidential visit

President George W. Bush landed at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base on Tuesday before visiting the fire-damaged region of Mount Lemmon.

## Bye-bye, Tilley

### SMA announces retirement

BY NATALIE GRANGER  
ARMY NEWS SERVICE

The Army's top enlisted soldier announced his retirement plans last week at the Army Retirement Services conference in Crystal City, Va. After almost 35 years of service, Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack L. Tilley announced that he will be retiring in January.

Tilley was speaking to retirement services officers and transition personnel at their biennial conference. In his opening statement, he thanked the audience for everything they do.

"You make a difference in the attitudes of soldiers as they leave the military," Tilley said.

He went on to captivate and motivate the audience with stories of wounded soldiers and personal experience of his retirement preparation. The room filled with laughter as he told jokes about his years in service and being a grandfather.

Tilley focused on the importance of family and friends, and of the little things done everyday. He also stressed having faith, and staying motivated and motivating others.

"We are all leaders," Tilley said.

We need to start talking to soldiers about how to plan for retirement earlier, so that they are prepared when that time comes, he added.

Ninety-seven retirement services officers and transition personnel representing 35 installations, including those in from Korea and Europe, attended this weeklong conference.

This conference gives the Army Retirement Services staff a chance to teach, mentor, and exchange ideas with personnel in the field, said retired Col. John W. Radke, chief of Army Retirement Services. It builds camaraderie, he added.

During this conference, each attendee will have an opportunity to talk one-on-one with one of the five members of the Army Retirement Services headquarters staff to discuss and analyze their individual installation practices, Radke said.

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# The West Nile BZZZZZ Infected mosquito found in Cochise County

BY SPC. MATTHEW CHLOSTA

THE SCOUT STAFF

The first recorded West Nile virus infected mosquito in Arizona was found in the San Simon area of Cochise County, near Willcox, July 29, announced the Cochise County Health Department.

Fort Huachuca environmental officials have proactively been trapping and testing mosquitoes on post since February, with no mosquitoes testing positive for WNV so far, according to Selina Gjerde, chief of the health education resource center, Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center.

The CCHD announced the mosquito's positive WNV test Monday, but the Arizona Department of Health Services is sending the specimen to the Center for Disease



Courtesy photo

The West Nile virus is transmitted by mosquitoes.

Control for final results.

The United States Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine in conjunction with 1st Lt. George Deguzman, environmental science officer for RWBHC, has been trapping and surveying mosquitoes on post since February.

"The mosquitoes are sent to CHPPM for WNV testing," said Gjerde. "Lieutenant Deguzman proactively started exploring the idea for a WNV testing program for the post in the fall 2002."

According to Susan Warne, public information officer at the CCHD, "At this time there are no known human cases of WNV in Cochise County, nor have any birds or horses tested positive for the virus."

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# AIT battalion breaks one-year safety mark

BY SPC. MATTHEW CHLOSTA

THE SCOUT STAFF

Company A 305th Military Intelligence Battalion passed the one-year mark July 14 without any Driving Under the Influence violations or serious injuries by the unit's Advanced Individual Training soldiers.

As of Aug. 5, Company A 305th MI BN has kept a clean safety record for 388 consecutive days.

"It starts with the weekly

safety briefings," said Capt. David DeAtley, company commander, Company A 305th MI Bn. "I try to talk about and address any trends I'm noticing on the soldiers DA-31 leave forms. During the briefings I remind the soldiers of their responsibilities during their weekends."

Another critical factor is the vehicle inspections, according to DeAtley. "My cadre, my safety noncommissioned officer or myself does vehicle inspections during the regular

phase-ups of the AIT soldiers and two days before the long weekends.

"I have the safety guidelines written in my company's standard operating procedures," said DeAtley. "I also have my soldiers touch the square on the safety board as they walk out the door of the company area. The board displays the number of days since the unit has had a safety violation, and it serves as a reminder to the soldiers as they head out for the weekend. "The final key to our safety

record is my list of 'minimum safety standards,' which I emphasize at the weekly safety briefing," said DeAtley. Company A 305th minimum safety standards:

1. You are not authorized to get hurt.
2. You are not authorized to let your buddy get hurt.
3. Do not violate provisions of TRADOC 350-6.
4. Do not violate Arizona state laws.
5. Do not violate federal laws.

6. Don't violate any municipal codes or local laws of whatever town you happen to be in.

7. Soldiers are given a direct and lawful order to return to the recall formation after the weekend is over.

"I also like my soldiers to go out in buddy teams and even better, in large groups," added DeAtley. "Finally, I want to emphasize, whether someone is in or out of uniform, safety is a way of life."

## Commentary

# New chief addresses troops

(Editor's note: the following is from the speech given by General Peter J. Schoomaker on Aug. 1)

This afternoon I stood in the office of the Secretary of the Army and was sworn in as the 35th Chief of Staff of the Army. Thirty-four other distinguished leaders have preceded me — well-known stewards of our Army. It is a great honor to walk in their footsteps.

Twenty-three years ago I stood in another place — in the Iranian desert on a moonlit night at a place called Desert One. I keep a photo of the carnage that night to remind me that we should never confuse enthusiasm with capability. Eight of my comrades lost their lives. Those of us who survived knew grief... we knew failure — but we committed ourselves to a different future.

There were some important things we did not know about the future that night. We did not recognize that this was a watershed event — that the military services would begin a great period of renewal that continues to this day. We did not know that we were at the start of an unprecedented movement to jointness in every aspect of our military

culture, structure, and operations — a movement that must continue. We also did not realize that we were in one of the opening engagements of this country's long struggle against terrorism — a struggle that would reach our homeland and become known as the Global War on Terror.

Today, our nation is at war and we are a critical part of the joint team — an Army at war. Our enemies have been waging it for some time, and it will continue for the foreseeable future. As the President has stated, "This is a different kind of war against a different kind of enemy." It is a war we must win, a war for our very way of life.

War is both a physical reality and a state of mind. When we are at war, we must think and act differently. We become more flexible and more adaptable. We must anticipate the ultimate reality check — combat. We must win both the war and the peace. We must be prepared to question everything. What is best for the nation? What must endure?



General Peter J. Schoomaker

What must change?

This war has demonstrated that our Soldiers, civilians, and families are up to the task. It has also provided new insights into the current operating environment. Can we sustain our high performance with our current methods of preparation? Can our Combat Training Centers better reflect the joint context in which we will fight? Are we organized for the long haul? We must answer these questions and more. We need to be mindful that the world has

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BY CHAPLAIN (MAJ.) DENNIS R. NITSCHKE

NETCOM, DEPUTY COMMAND CHAPLAIN

*"The desert and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom..." Isaiah 35:1*

This weekend the verse from Isaiah kept going through my mind. First it was because of the rains we've had and how the desert seems to bloom so quickly with so little water. Friends from North Carolina, the band SpiritShine, asked if it was always "this green" around here. I had to remind them - this is the desert! However, the rains are most welcome and we do benefit from the beauty of the land.

Second, the verse came to me as we started the first contemporary worship service, CrossRoads at Cochise Theater (10 a.m. every Sunday). I was concerned that the "opening day" would be small, and was happy to see more than 50 people at the first service - most being new to services on post. So, where I felt concern, there was rejoicing as the "desert bloomed."

Third, as I continue to pray for the deployed soldiers and their families, and as family members come in or call, I sense a "dryness" in the

lives of many as they have problems, issues, and areas of coping. Yet, at the same time, I see many "blossom" through the trials and become stronger in their relationships and stronger in their faith.

Fourth, I'm going through the last moments of planning for Spirit Warrior Desert '03. It is my hope and prayer that Kino Chapel is packed, but right now I don't have a full understanding of how many people are attending (if you read this on Thursday or Friday, you can still attend!!!). But then I'm thankful for the many who are signed up and I sense a new beginning in the spiritual life of Fort Huachuca - not by sheer numbers, but by a powerful faith, the same power that blossoms the desert.

So, what does this all mean for you - and me? Well, looking at our lives, day by day, I believe we can see times and places where we are in the "desert" and dry as a bone - physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually. We have nowhere to reach - within our own resources.

There is a higher power, God, who brings us to a place of refreshment, nurture and life, much like He does for creation when the rains fall and the flowers bloom. In our desert of worry, concern, fear, separation, hardship, or whatever, there is a God who loves us - enough to help us through those dry periods and refresh us for a new day.

What I know is this: the desert is glad to receive the rains and the desert rejoices with blooming flowers.

The deserts in our lives can be glad as we receive the living water from God and we rejoice through the blossoms of peace, friendship, caring, hope, faith and love. Blessings to you as you witness the monsoons in the desert and as you are a witness of refreshed life in the world!

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## Commentary

# Dishonesty by a few: 'stolen valor' dishonors our heroes

BY LT. COL. STAN HEATH  
ARMY NEWS SERVICE

Medals for valor are paid for with sweat, blood, and in too many cases with the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

Surviving families don't ask for a crisply folded flag or a posthumous award for their loved ones' bravery. They would much rather

have their soldier safely home and out of harm's way.

We recently learned that all citizens don't understand the true meaning of integrity regarding medals for valor. The U.S. Army Personnel Command awards branch recently assisted the Federal Bureau of Investigation in bringing to closure an allegation that a Rhode Island man had fabricated documents to

upgrade his Bronze Star to the Distinguished Service Cross.

Unbeknownst to the Army, a congressman presented a fake certificate and store-bought DSC to him in 2000. The veteran's secret went undiscovered for three years. The Vietnam veteran recently admitted that he fraudulently created a letter from the Army to a congressman advising him that the Army had

awarded him the DSC, the military's second-highest honor.

"Actions of stolen valor dishonor all warriors whose valorous deeds have earned them every citizen's respect, appreciation and love for protecting our way of life," said retired Col. Roger Donlon.

Donlon, the first Vietnam Medal of Honor recipient,

was a captain in 1964. He commanded Special Forces Detachment A-726 at Camp Nam Dong when a Viet Cong battalion attacked the camp. Donlon was awarded the Medal of Honor by President Lyndon Johnson in 1965.

"Medals of valor are never won, they are earned in actions against a hostile enemy and these actions go above and beyond the call of duty. Every re-

ipient of such an award accepts these sacred honors with the highest sense of responsibility. They dedicate themselves to upholding the dignity of each award for all who have served honorably and continue to serve."

Freedom isn't free and valor awards are not meant to be bought and sold on the Internet or engraved in trophy shops.

## Scout on the Street

## What is your impression of Sgt. Major Tilley?



*"He seems to really care about soldiers and that's what's most important as Sgt. Maj. of the Army."*

Capt. Jennifer Paweleck,  
Chief of Behavioral Health  
Service, Raymond W. Bliss  
Army Health Center



*"Appears to have been a good leader, looking out for soldiers."*

Staff Sgt. James Huff,  
66th Military Intelligence  
Group, Germany



*"Performance has been exemplary. He was looking out for soldiers, especially with the pay raises."*

Staff Sgt. Chris Stephens,  
Vestal Recruiting Station



*"He has done outstanding things for the NCO corps. He serves as a great role model. I met the man and he brings the NCOs' feelings back with him from the field."*

Sgt. 1st Class  
John Sutton,  
Defense Language  
Institute, Monterey, Calif.



*"Outstanding sergeant major. A great role model."*

Staff Sgt. Peter Squeri,  
Squad Leader, 18th MP  
Detachment, 3rd Squad



*"I met him on his visit here. He seemed to be very soldier oriented. Made an impression on everybody he met."*

Sgt. 1st Class, Art Canales,  
NCO Academy,  
Fort Huachuca

Photos by Spc Matthew Chlosta

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# Don't drink and drive

## MPs take care of mission by taking care of soldiers



Photo illustrations by Elizabeth Harlan

The new service helps soldiers who need a ride back to the fort.

BY SPC. MATTHEW CHLOSTA  
THE SCOUT STAFF

The 18th Military Police Detachment here has implemented the Driving Under the Influence and Accident Prevention program to help soldiers get home safely.

The program is designed to prevent soldiers from two things: one, driving under the influence; two, from causing automobile accidents.

"The purpose of the new program is to take care of the soldiers," said Staff Sgt. Otis C. Meadows, the noncommissioned officer for operations, 18th MPs here.

"What we did was take an existing program that the Army uses for soldiers on pass or leave and modified it for our soldiers' needs on Fort Huachuca," said Sgt. David M. Reilly, assistant for operations, 18th MP detachment. The existing Army program issues a DUI/APP card to soldiers on leave or pass to prevent DUIs and automobile accidents.

"The difference for soldiers on Fort Huachuca, if the program is implemented, is that they will be issued a DUI/APP card they can use year round," said Reilly. The cards will be issued either through their unit commander or at in-processing, pending approval by the installation command. The card has the soldier's address and unit on it.

According to Capt. Gordon Heap, company commander for the 18th MP detachment, "The DUI/APP program was implemented for the 18th MP detachment Aug. 8, so far. It is still awaiting approval from the installation command before it can be implemented post-wide."

Reilly further explained the program, saying, "If the soldier becomes too impaired to drive home, either on or offpost (within 25 miles), they can pull out their card with the taxi companies' phone numbers. The soldier can call one of them; present the card to the cabdriver, who will then drive them home safely."

If a soldier loses his or her ride over the course of the night, is too tired to drive or doesn't have enough money to get back to the post, he or she can still use the card, according to Reilly.

Once the soldier arrives back on post at his or her barracks or home, he or she can do one of three things: reimburse the driver, if they have money at their residence, or reimburse the taxi company by the end of the next business day. If the soldier cannot do either, the soldier's unit reimburses the taxi company. Then the soldier will pay back their unit the next payday,

elaborated Reilly.

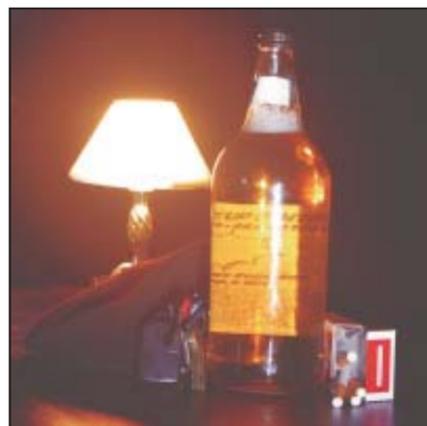
The two cab companies being used are ABC taxi and Transportation Express, added Heap.

"The program is not designed to be punitive for soldiers of age or underage," said Heap. "Our mission is to get the soldiers home safely. But, underage soldiers, who use the card, will be dealt with on a case by case basis."

According to Meadows, "We don't have that great of a DUI problem on post, but we want to bring the numbers we do have down to zero."

Another great aspect of the card program is that the flexibility built into it will allow each company commander to tailor it to fit their particular needs, added Riley.

"The reason we came up with this program is that the soldiers are our number one asset," said Meadows. "Take care of the soldiers and take care of the mission."



## Dust storms deter safe driving

BY SPC. MATTHEW CHLOSTA  
THE SCOUT STAFF

Driving through a dust storm along Arizona's highways and across long uninhabited stretches of desert can be severely dangerous, said Bruce Heran, Installation Safety officer.

"Arizona is a wonderful state," said Heran, "with climates ranging from blistering desert to frigid cold, all within a couple hundred miles of each other. Weather conditions can cause some POV driving problems."

"Every year through southern Arizona and through southwestern states dust storms will come out," said Heran. "Visibility will go to nearly zero and the inevitable result is that someone is going to pile into somebody else."

On the drive between Tucson and Phoenix there are dust storm warning signs.

"If you are trapped in a dust storm there are a few important things you can do," said Heran. "Drive off the

road as far as you can without running in to anything or getting stuck in some place. Turn off your headlights and parking lights. Make sure your foot is not on the brake pedal.

"The reason for doing this is so somebody else coming down the road won't see your taillights and think you are on the road and run right into you," said Heran.

"Every year there are some serious injuries and accidents because people have followed somebody else, who they thought was on the road, and hit them from behind."

"It is a real serious problem during dust storms," emphasized Heran. "Just sit and wait it out."

Dust storms don't usually last long, often only a matter of minutes, said Heran. Then, you can see where you're going.

(Editor's note: this story is the second in a series on safe driving in Arizona.)



Courtesy photo

Driving in dust storms results in no visibility.

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changed and it will never return to what we knew before. As my great friend, Dick Meadows, always said, "The Army ain't like it used to be — and it never was".

Sustained engagement of our Army will be the norm, not the exception. How do we man the Army in a way that provides cohesive, high performing units in this reality of continuous engagement?

Our recent combat operations reinforce the requirements for units and echelons that are flexible and tailorable. Can we balance our force structure and develop increased modularity so as to enhance our critical role in effective joint contingency operations while maintaining our campaign qualities?

We have already shown that we have innovative and adaptive leaders. But our enemies are adapting as well. Will our development programs continue to produce leaders who can meet this challenge?

Leadership and courage are easily recognized as prerequisites at the tactical level, but they are essential at the operational and strategic levels as well. Are we developing the George C. Marshalls for the new era?

The National Guard and Army Reserve are indispensable, full members of the team. Do we have the proper mix of both active and reserve units? Are we properly balanced? Is all of our structure readily accessible to meet the requirements of this and future wars?

As we transform the Army from the current force to the future force we must ask these questions and more. While some things will change, others will not.

The American Soldier remains indispensable. As General Creighton Abrams taught us, "People are not *in* the Army, they *are* the Army."

We are, have been, and will remain a values based institution. Our values will not change and they are non-negotiable. Our Soldiers are warriors of character. They exemplify these values every day and are the epitome of our American spirit. They are the heart of the Army. As long as the United States Army has existed we have transformed — and we always will. For four years under General Shinseki our Army has asked hard questions and made tough choices. We will continue to go where the answers to those questions take us.

Our Army is the preeminent land force in the world — and continues to be respected by our friends... and feared by our enemies. We set the standard. We were part of the joint team that defeated the Taliban in Afghanistan and took down a brutal regime in Iraq. Today we are deployed and conducting contingency operations at an unprecedented pace. Our Soldiers, civilians, and their families set the standard everyday for selfless service.

The Army continues to serve our great Nation well and faithfully as it has in the past. For more than 228 years, the Army has never failed the American people, and it never will.

As an American Soldier, I have never left your ranks; but it is a great privilege to wear our uniform once again.

Schoomaker



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks

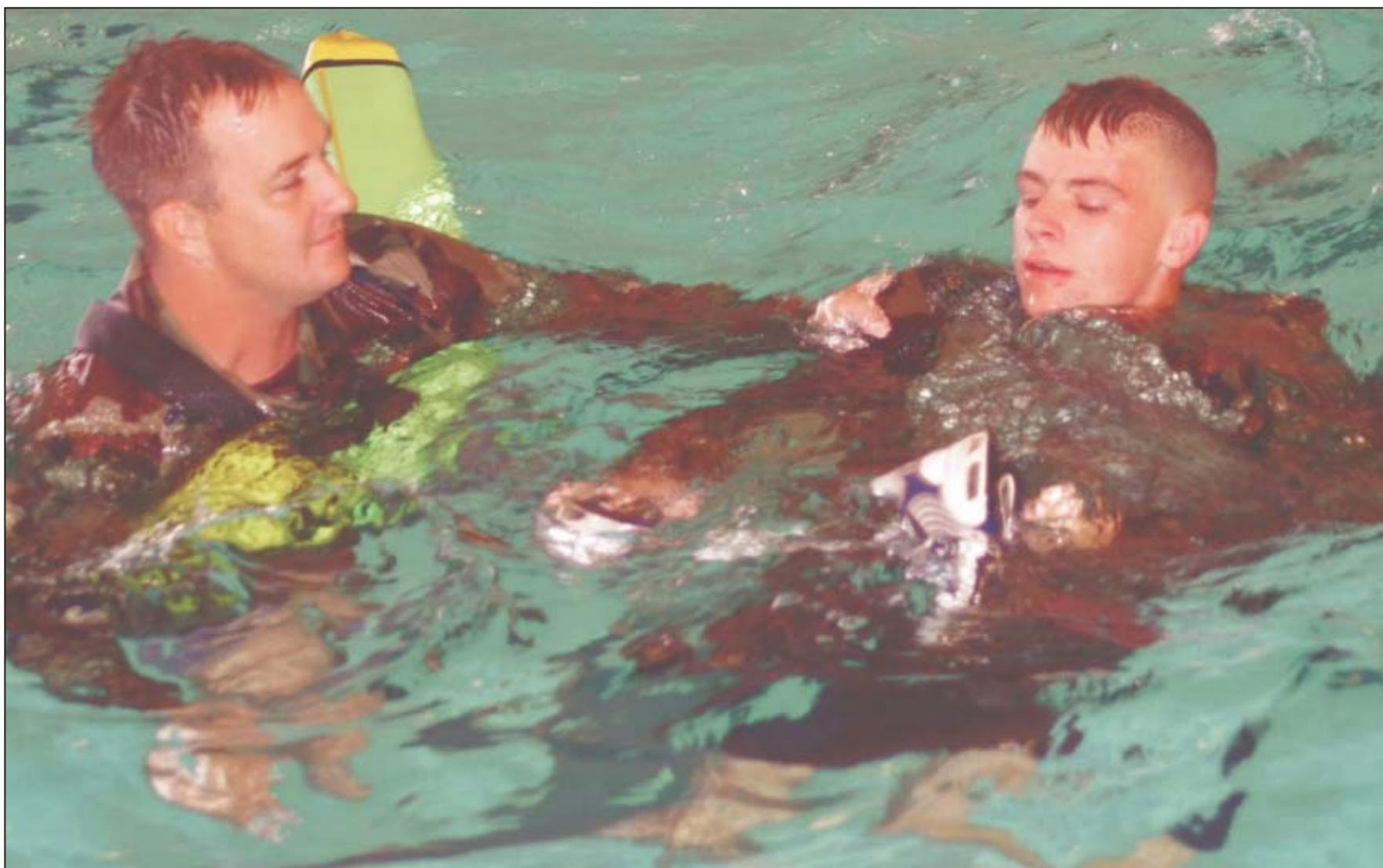
Sgt. Major of the Army kids with Spc. Nicholas Patsaros, Company E, 305th Military Intelligence Battalion during his visit to Fort Huachuca in May. Tilley announced his retirement Aug 6, after 37 years of service.

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A major goal for the future is to turn these individual work sessions into actual site visits to the installations, said Radke. After Tilley spoke, Radke presented him with a certificate of ap-

preciation.

"I have seen him speak on several occasions, and each and every time it is deeply motivating," said Radke. "He is a soldier's soldier."



Photos by Elizabeth Harala

Staff Sgt. Robert Hyatt assists Pvt. Wesley Eitel as he tries to use his uniform pants as a flotation device.

# Sink or swim

*Drown proofing teaches soldiers water survival*

BY SGT. 1<sup>ST</sup> CLASS DONALD SPARKS

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At the conclusion of his risk assessment prior to conducting drown proofing training, Staff Sgt. Robert Hyatt gave his most important safety precautionary words of wisdom to the soldiers of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison.

"If you find yourself struggling and thrashing about in the water, I will not swim out to you because you will hit me and I will have to hit you back," said Hyatt, the primary instructor.

Laughter erupted from several of the soldiers, while, for others, it increased their apprehension of entering the water during sergeants time training held at Barnes indoor pool Aug. 7.

The purpose of the drown proofing training was to help soldiers build self-confidence, to develop water survival skills and to give them basic skills to improve survivability during waterborne operations. Making it more challenging, the soldiers wore their battle dress uniform, running

shoes and load-bearing equipment.

"The biggest challenge is to train soldiers to remain calm," Hyatt said. "People tend to panic and thrash around in the water, wasting energy and causing them to lose their breath. If they remain calm, control their breathing and think about what they must do to survive, they will increase their chances of survival."

The first phase consisted of identifying advanced swimmers and placing those of less swimming ability with the non-swimmers. The second phase was the don and ditch exercise.

The soldiers stood on the edge of a platform eight feet above water with weapon in hand and had to step overboard into the pool. While under water, the soldier had to ditch their LBE while not letting go of their weapon.

Again, Hyatt gave some more words of wisdom.

"Don't drop your weapon in the drink," Hyatt said. "Surviving in the water means nothing if you can't engage the enemy."

The final phase consisted of the soldiers making flotation devices with their BDU pants and using the ruck-

sack as a flotation device. During this exercise, soldiers had to take off their trousers, tie a square knot at the bottoms of their legs, button their trousers, put the legs around their necks and then fill them with air.

All this had to be done while the soldier was in the water and couldn't touch the bottom. Lifeguards and an instructor were on both sides of the soldier during the exercise.

"Many soldiers don't know that they can survive for extended periods using their uniforms and equipment as flotation devices," Hyatt said. "When packed correctly, your rucksack can be used as a flotation device. You never know when you might fall off of a boat. Or for that matter, fall into the lake during a fishing trip."

Overall, the training was well received by the soldiers.

"This is my first time ever doing this type of training," said Sgt. Latacha Rhodes-Thomas. "I'm a pretty good swimmer, but the BDUs were heavier than I thought to swim in. I couldn't move my body at all and I was stuck swimming in one spot."

It was also Pvt. Wesley Eitel's first time participating in drownproofing training.

"When I first heard we were doing drownproofing, I thought it was going to be boring," Eitel said. "It was very challenging and useful though."



Spc. Richard Ortiz-Rodriguez takes the leap off the platform blindfolded



Above, Hyatt explains drown proofing instructions to Pfc. Jessica Bekanich before she takes her first walk off the platform. Right, Pfc. Kenneth Coe makes his way out of the pool after a blindfolded jump using his rucksack as a flotation device.



# Spouses club continues heritage of past organizations

BY SPC. MATTHEW CHLOSTA  
THE SCOUT STAFF

The Fort Huachuca Community Spouses Club will have a sign-up coffee on Aug. 20 at the Lakeside Activity Centre from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

The CSC is a reconstitution of the Officers and Civilian Spouses Club, but the new club is open to spouses of all military ranks, Department of Defense civilian employees, and retirees of both.

The former NCO spouses' club closed, said Charlotte Portouw, president of the CSC. So the OCSC voted to change their constitution and open up the

membership to make it all-inclusive.

"The sign-up coffee will have several different tables from different parts of the community," said Portouw. "The Army Community Services will have a table as well as the post library, where you can sign up for your library card.

"There will also be craft people, a gal will have beadwork, and a quilt person will be there," said Portouw.

"The CSC has two regular meetings a month," said Portouw. "We have a regular board of governors meeting on the first Wednesday of the month. Then, the third Wednesday of the month is a luncheon."

This month's third

Wednesday of the month meeting is, of course, the sign-up coffee, added Portouw. "You can sign up to be a member of the CSC. We chose that week because we hoped most of the kids would have been back in school."

Schools in Sierra Vista were delayed opening this year due to construction and flooding problems.

"We did not anticipate that the schools would be closed till Sept. 2," said Portouw. "This unusual circumstance happens to highlight one of the many benefits provided by the CSC-donations."

The CSC raises funds for its donation disbursements with two yearly fund-raisers.

The fund-raisers are the fall bazaar, which takes place during the first weekend in November and the holiday house tour, which takes place during Christmastime.

"During this extra time that kids are out of school," said Portouw, "a lot of organizations have asked for money to extend their summertime programs.

"We will probably donate to that," added Portouw, "because there wasn't this anticipation that the schools would be closed for an extra three weeks."

In the past the club has donated to veterans' groups, local community schools and boy and girl scouts, said Portouw.

The CSC also encour-

ages volunteerism, awards scholarships and adds a social benefit for spouses, added Portouw.

Especially during the Army's "hi-tempo" of deployments, the CSC provides spouses with a support network and an outlet for adult conversations and interactions, elaborated Portouw.

A great thing about the club's expansion is the diversification of ideas and personalities, said Portouw. The spouses, as a collective, will decide what the CSC should focus on.

The CSC is not a military-wide organizational change, but more and more installations are going toward having a community club, said Portouw.

"Several of my husband (Col. Lawrence Portouw, gar-

rison commander) and my most recent duty-stations, had community clubs similar to the CSC.

"Another good reason for opening it up," Portouw summarized, "is that the larger the group, the more we are able to do for the community. Come join!"

"I have board positions open," added Portouw.

"For people, who have not heard about us or are excited about the new title and membership, please contact me. I would very much like to have new people that previously did not have this option to come join."

CSC eligible spouses interested in board positions or the new club should contact Portouw for more information at 458-5693.

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"First thing to do if you're a Fort Huachuca resident is," said Bruce Heran, Installation Safety officer, "don't panic!"

"Remember, Colorado has the most cases of human infections of WNV this year," said Heran. They have had 72 and Texas is second with 39 confirmed human cases. There have been five confirmed deaths this year - two in Alabama, one in Colorado and two in Texas.

"More people died in floods last year than people infected with the WNV," said Heran.

The appearance of WNV in Arizona should prompt residents to take precautions, but not to overreact, said Dr. Bob England, Arizona state epidemiologist.

According to the CCHD, the virus is spread from the bite of an infected mosquito.

"The chance that any one person is going to become ill from a mosquito bite is extremely low," said England. "Most people do not become ill, and for

those who do, most suffer only a mild flu-like illness for a few days before they recover. The symptoms may be so mild that most don't even know they were infected."

"People who do become infected tend to be over 50 years of age and older and/or with weakened immune systems," said Gjerde.

The residents of Fort Huachuca can perform several proactive procedures to help prevent WNV from breeding and help keep themselves and their pets from infection, said Capt. Dale Beebe, branch chief, Fort Huachuca veterinarian section.

"Most importantly, dump any standing water on your property," said Beebe. "The season for WNV is August through October."

"To stop the disease, mosquitoes must be stopped from breeding," said Gjerde.

"Mosquitoes can breed in a very small amount of water, even in water sitting in a bottle cap," said

Warne.

Other things you can do are try to avoid the times that mosquitoes are most commonly present, dawn and dusk, said Heran. Also, when you do go outside wear lightweight clothing that covers the arms and legs. And, spray on mosquito repellent that contains a high-level of DEET.

"Most of the commercial brands of insect repellent are labeled with the amount of DEET they contain," said Heran. "So read the label."

With the exception of horses and birds, it is extremely hard for animals to get WNV, said Beebe.

"It is also rare for dogs to get WNV," said Beebe. "I've never heard of a cat getting WNV."

"We do give horses a two-shot WNV vaccination series at the vet clinic for approximately \$40," said Beebe. "Just be proactive."

"Mosquitoes become infected by feeding on birds that carry the virus," said Gjerde. "Infected mosquitoes then feed on people."

"Do not pick up any dead

birds," said Heran. "If you see a dead bird on post, call 533-3151(6:45 a.m.- 4 p.m.). Any other time call 533-2291. Tell them it is a priority one service order, and the pest controllers will come out and retrieve it."

"Parents, make sure you remind young children to not pick up any dead birds," said Gjerde. "If they find a dead bird, tell them to leave it alone and report it to their parents immediately."

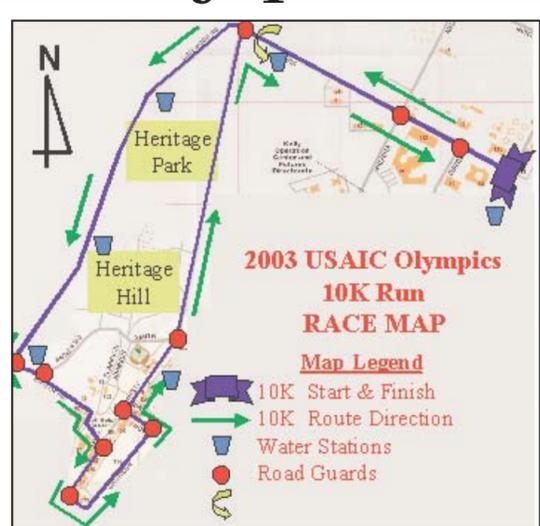
According to Gjerde, there is no human vaccination yet, but the medical community is working on it.

"I want to stress to post residents to educate themselves on the WNV," added Gjerde. "The Website, [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov) is an excellent source."

"The Installation Safety Office will be giving out updates to units and various organizations on post every week," said Heran. "Anyone can e-mail me at [heranh@hua.army.mil](mailto:heranh@hua.army.mil) to receive them."



# Community Updates



## Runners on the road

The USAIC Olympics, an organizational day, will be held Friday and includes a 10K run. The race begins at 5 a.m. The race begins at the Friedman Hall parking lot. Fort roads will not be closed, however, congestion from the runners may impede traffic. Beware of the athletes.

## Soldiers can keep up to 90 days leave

Servicemembers supporting operations in Iraq will be allowed to have up to 90 days of unused leave available to them through the end of FY 2004.

According to Charles Abell, principal defense deputy for personnel and readiness, troops in Iraq will not have unused leave of up to 90 days reduced to 60 days on September 30. In an official message, Abell states, "Active duty members that have been recalled from or not authorized annual leave as a consequence of duty assignments in support of contingency operations" may keep up to 90 days of leave. Currently, the law limits maximum unused leave to 90 days.

## Range closures

Today - AA, AC, AD, AH, AI, AK, AL, AM, AN, AR, AU, AW, AY, T1, T1A, T2, T3

Tomorrow - 15 Aug - AA, AC, AD, AH, AI, AK, AL, AM, AN, AR, AU, AV, AW, AY, T1, T1A, T1, T3

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

Sunday - AH, AI, AK, AL, AM, AR, AU, AW

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

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

Wednesday - AB, AC, AD, AH, AI, AK, AL, AM, AN, AR, AW, AY

For more information on Range Closure contact Range Control 533-7095.

## New e-mail address connects to CAC

The Public Affairs Office now has a new Channel 97

e-mail address for submitting announcements to the commander's access channel. If you have an announcement for the CAC, please e-mail it to: [channel97@hua.army.mil](mailto:channel97@hua.army.mil).

## VI closes for two weeks

The Visual Information Division will be closed from Monday until Sept. 1 and relocated to Greely Hall, Room 1615.

VI will be taking photos until Friday and will be taking appointments for photos throughout their move. For further information please call the Visual Information work order desk at 538-7129.

## MI Library opens soon

The MI Library will conduct a ribbon cutting ceremony at 11 a.m. on Aug. 28 in order to hold a grand reopening by the commanding general, futures directorate and chief librarian. With the recent USAIC reorganization, the MI Library moved to the north side of building 62723, adjacent to Sisler and Alvarado Halls.



## Servicemembers research vehicles free



Recently, the Consumer Affairs and Financial Assistance Program at Army Community Service made arrangements with CARFAX to gain access to CARFAX's information at no cost to the servicemember. This report, normally costs about \$20.

This information will provide a history which includes such information as involvement in accidents, truth in mileage, odometer rollback check, lemon check, number of previous owners, recalls, salvage titles, and much more.

Before signing a contract to purchase a used vehicle, please call Leigh Henderson at 533-2437 to view a copy of the report.

## Civilian AKO users offered training

Registered Department of the Army civilian AKO users are eligible for free training provided by the Army CIO/G-6.

The United States Army e-Learning partnership license with SkillsSoft (formerly SmartForce) has been extended and expanded. It continues with significant enhancements, capabilities and added features. All authorized personnel can access about 1,500 information technology, business skills, and interpersonal skills courses from any location, around the clock (24/7) and have access to personal mentoring for all certifications and many other programs - all at no cost to the individual or the unit. Due to the lack of funds, retirees and contractors are not authorized users.

To access the new system:

- Go to [www.us.army.mil](http://www.us.army.mil) and follow the link to Self Service My Education, Army CBT

For assistance with AKO, access the Web site FAQs/help, or call 1-877-256-8737 (DSN 654-3791).

## Suffrage play Aug. 26

The Equal Opportunity Office is hosting a luncheon and the presentation of a women's suffrage play entitled, "Failure is Impossible," Aug. 26 at 11:30 a.m. at LakeSide Activity Centre in celebration of Women's Equality Day.

The play chronicles some key events in the women's suffrage movement and paints a portrait of some of the personalities in the movement.

In 1971, Congress designated Aug. 26 as Women's Equality Day. The date was selected to commemorate the 1920 passage of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution granting women the right to vote.

Tickets for the play and buffet luncheon cost \$8.25. Lunch includes baked chicken, meatloaf, whipped potatoes, vegetable du jour and baked rolls.

Contact your unit equal opportunity representative or call the post EO office at 533-1717.



## Kids on the Move classes

Army Community Service is offering a Kids on the Move class Tuesday, 1:30 p.m., at ACS, building 50010.

Get tips that help children make their permanent change of station move more exciting and less stressful. This class provides parents the opportunity to learn some techniques to help children adjust to moving.

Registration is mandatory and must be completed by tomorrow by calling ACS at 533-2330. For additional information, contact Pamela Allen at 533-5919 or 533-2330.

**Submit your news briefs to [thescout@hua.army.mil](mailto:thescout@hua.army.mil). Briefs must be received not later than 2 p.m. on the Friday prior to the publication date.**

# School news

*Editor's note: School news will be printed in the second issue of the Scout each month. Submit your school news to [thescout@hua.army.mil](mailto:thescout@hua.army.mil). Submissions must be received not later than 2 p.m. the first Friday of each month. If you have a school related event you would like covered by the Scout's staff send the request via e-mail to the editor at the same address or call 533-1987. Please make your requests at least one week prior to the event so we can schedule a reporter and photographer.*

## Booster club adds pep to academics

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A military installation adjacent to a community becomes intertwined with the activities and resources of that locale. Military members and their families move not only to the installation but into the local community.

In Sierra Vista, with nearby Fort Huachuca, a local organization has been formed to help students improve their academic horizons.

Mrs. Marty Marks, wife of Fort Huachuca's Commanding General, Maj. Gen. James A. "Spider" Marks, is president of the Buena High School academic booster club, which was developed to support the school's teachers in enhancing classroom academic opportunities. The mother of three daughters, one in high school, one in college and one a recent college graduate, Marks takes a keen interest in military families.

"We want to build a second-to-none academic environment in the state of Arizona," Marks said of the organization.

Working closely with the administration and teaching staff at the high school, the ABC helps parents become involved in their children's academic future, according to Marks.

A team of parents started plan-

ning the program last October, and in January of this year the organization was officially established.

"Buena had the Colt booster club," she said of the club formed to support sports. "But there wasn't anything to help with academics."

According to Marks, the ABC takes suggestions from the student body and tries to make those suggestions a reality. One example is an SAT prep course established by the organization. The one-day class helped prepare students for the national test. "The class filled up immediately," Marks said. She added that the class was so popular there may be a course in the fall and spring this year.

Local businesses help improve academic opportunities at Buena, according to Marks. Several grocery and department stores donate a portion of dollars spent in their businesses to the school. Marks suggests that when you make a purchase ask if the business

supports the schools, and how they do it. Many businesses will let you pick which schools their dollars support.

Halfway through their first year, the booster club is growing and has many plans for assisting Buena and its students. The organization now has approximately 60 members.

For more information or to become involved in this program call Javier Barron, the fort's school liaison officer, at 533-1133 or contact him by e-mail at [barronj@hua.army.mil](mailto:barronj@hua.army.mil).



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## School days

Dylan Routt, left, and Hannah Devine get ready to start school at the Johnston Elementary School open house Tuesday. The schools on post began yesterday.