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MI Hall of Fame

The annual U.S. Army Military Intelligence Corps, Hall of Fame activities begin today.

Golf tournament action began this morning. A historic tour, a trail ride and a demonstration by B Troop, Fourth Cavalry (Memorial) rounds out today's activities.

Tomorrow's events begin with a change of command ceremony for the 305th Military Intelligence Battalion at 7:30 a.m. on Chaffee Parade Field. The Hall of Fame induction ceremony begins at 10 a.m. at Alvarado Hall, and is followed by a luncheon at the LakeSide Activity Centre.

The annual Military Intelligence Corps ball completes the event, beginning at 6 p.m. at the LakeSide Activity Centre. The 305th Military Intelligence Battalion's change of command reception, originally scheduled at 8:30 a.m. Friday, has been deleted from this year's Military Intelligence Hall of Fame calendar.

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

When he was hand-picked last fall by Lt. Gen. David McKiernan, Coalition Forces Land Component Command commander, to be his senior intelligence officer, Maj. Gen James "Spider" A. Marks was honored to take on the duty and responsibility.

The U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca commander had to uproot his family and his post and deploy to the Gulf region to help McKiernan lead the war effort.

Nine months later, Marks returned home last week after successfully being a member of the brain trust leading the fall of the Iraqi



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class David Dismukes

Maj. Gen. James "Spider" A. Marks, right, U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. John Sparks, Coalition Forces Land Component Command sergeant major, share a moment during Marks deployment to the Gulf region.

regime under Saddam Hussein, and reflects on his role during the operation.

Q: Prior to the actual ground war, there were predictions that the invasion would be a "cake

walk" and the Iraqis would put up little resistance. Do you think the intelligence on the ground underscore the level of resistance the Iraqis actually put up in the

beginning of the war?

Marks: We had a really good lead on their conventional forces. The intelligence on how they reined their regular Army, as well

Special Forces brigades. We had a very solid lead; intelligence was very, very good. We also planned for the contingency that there would be a lot of what we call 'asymmetric' application of force, where they would come at us in an unconventional way. They might try to drop missiles on us and they might come at us by dismounting their vehicles and putting on civilian clothes. The Iraqis did not portray themselves as a conventional force entirely. Because they know when they do that, we will take them out. We'll absolutely have the clear advantage, so they reverted to some unconventional type of application force. Now that didn't take us completely by surprise, what did take us by surprise was the intelligence guy on the ground, I was surprised to

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Fort's soldiers available for college credit

BY ERIC CRAMER
THE SCOUT STAFF

Soldiers undergoing training at Fort Huachuca may be able to earn college credit hours as they gain military skills, thanks to a new program established by Cochise Community College.

Under the Military Occupational Specialty credentialing program, the students pay a \$35 processing fee to the college, and the education they receive as part of their MOS training can be applied to a two-year associate's degree.

Soldiers in lengthy MOS training, such as the 33W Military Intelligence Systems Maintainer/Integrator, earn more college credit for their time in training.

"This will strengthen our branch,"

Col. Mike Flynn, commander of the 111th Military Intelligence Brigade, said. "It's pure education."

The program is currently available to soldiers in training in several military intelligence fields.

Bruce Richardson, director of Cochise College's center at Fort Huachuca, said a key element of the program is that it allows students to establish resident status with the college.

"I'm retired from the military, and I took a lot of college hours, but never established residency. At one point, I had 133 credits, and a counselor allowed me to apply 72 of them toward the 120 needed for a degree. I had to have 30 credits just to establish residency," Richardson said.

He said under the Cochise College program, the students earn the 16 hours required for residency while going

through their military training.

"That way, they can work toward a degree using distance learning, any time after leaving Fort Huachuca," he said.

Sgt. 1st Class Timothy Soliz, chief basic non-commissioned officer's course instructor at the Fort Huachuca Intelligence Center Noncommissioned Officer's Academy, said the program will be a boon to sergeants, who can earn additional credit as they move through their careers.

"At the academy, these guys are going to come in and know that they're here for BNCOC, and then come back in another couple of years for ANCOC, and they could walk away from their training with enough hours for an associates degree," Soliz said.

Richardson said the fact that many mid-rank NCOs have already taken col-

lege classes means some who return for BNCOC or ANCOC are in for a pleasant surprise.

"They can come to me and spend \$35 and walk away with a two-year degree at the end of their course - a lot of them don't realize they're even close," he said. "I know there's going to be 50 (in the next cycle of NCOA graduates) that are going to have degrees and don't realize how close they are. I get to tell them 'you take this political science class and you walk away with a two-year degree.'"

Pfc. Nathaniel Thomas, a student in the program, said it is also an advantage for ambitious lower-enlisted soldiers.

"For me, I have a family. I was thinking about the Green-to-Gold program to become an officer, but it meant two years without an income.

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Custer prepares to depart; reviews his time here

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

The general with the famous last name and uncanny sense of humor, will no longer call the western frontier his home.

Brig. Gen. John Custer, deputy commanding general, departs Fort Huachuca for his new assignment as the Director for Intelligence, J-2, U.S. Central Command at MacDill Air Force Base, Florida.

The announcement came as a surprise in mid-April for Custer who said at the time, "It's a bittersweet experience because we [wife Audrey] have had such a wonderful time here at Fort Huachuca."

In an exit interview for the Scout, Custer shared his thoughts about leaving.

Q. Last year you mentioned Fort Huachuca and

the Intelligence Center has an important role to play in the nation's war on terrorism. Has your opinion changed since then and can you further elaborate of the fort's role?

Custer: My opinion of Fort Huachuca's importance in the global war on terrorism has grown dramatically since my arrival here two years ago. After my work at the Guantanamo (Bay, Cuba) "Worldwide Detainee Processing Center" last summer, our conducting the Intelligence Support to CounterTerrorism course, and the way we have integrated so many lessons learned into our classrooms, I'm very proud of the way we have reacted. Intelligence operations are widely recognized by commanders at every level as the "coin of the realm."

Our core competencies - Collection, Integration, Analysis, Force Protection and Presentation are exactly what the Army's Objective Force will revolve around. Our expertise with both network exploitation and protection will be a touchstone for all future military operations. Fort Huachuca leads the Army in digital training. No other TRADOC schoolhouse has a training architecture of joint virtual plug and play classrooms like we employ everyday. We are a joint training center specializing in analysis and tactical human collection. This is the only place in the Army where soldiers are trained to operate Unmanned Aerial Vehicles. The global war on terrorism will continue to prove Fort Huachuca as an

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Courtesy photo

Modern art!

Sgt. 1st Class Melvon C. Dennis, 18th Military Police detachment, bows his head in appreciation of the artistic talent of his son, James. The artistry was the result of a pie throwing contest which was part of a fund-raiser Friday. The shenanigans raised \$700.

Commentaries



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Editor's Note: Spc. Bryan Dougherty and Pvt. David Weiner are both students in Advanced Individual Training on Fort Huachuca. They are both in Company A, 305th.

BY SPC. BRYAN DOUGHERTY
SPECIAL TO THE SCOUT

A year ago, if someone had asked me what patriotism meant, I probably would have mentioned something about our national sports teams doing well, our domination of the global economy, or something else relatively unrelated to the heart of patriotism.

While all of the ideas that most people hold regarding patriotism do effect a sense of identity and community for the American people, patriotism's true meaning lies much deeper.

When I hear discussions about the power and ferocity of our armed forces, I get the impression that most people are quite detached from the essence of the U.S. military. That essence is the men and women who serve, and the families that support them. I often hear comments ranging from, "Our guys will destroy that country's army," to, "Nobody can match our military's technology." Although these statements are almost always true, they reflect the growing attitude that conflicts and wars happen in distant lands for our viewing pleasure, as well as boost the careers of the "Geraldo Riveras" tagging along with our troops.

At times, it seems as though the idea of patriotism revolves more around the technological and logistical might of the U.S. military rather than around the people who sacrifice every day to maintain and safeguard that vitality. To be perfectly honest, I used to harbor those very ideas.

Having been in the Army for a relatively short amount of time, compared to others (almost 10 months), I have quickly come to realize that patriotism is about fighting for the men and women next to you, and honoring all those who have come before you.

It is about realizing and understanding the hardships that our veterans have endured, being grateful for them, and understanding that someday I might be asked to make similar sacrifices. I will do it, because that is what my predecessors did for me. Countless people have succumbed to the perils of war so that our national sports teams can do well; so that we can dominate the global economy; so that we can be the most influential country in the world.

I feel an amazing sense of pride, the likes of which I have never felt before, when I put on my uniform and go to work every day. I feel that same pride when I look at the men and women next to me, each and every one volunteering to protect the people of our great nation with their lives. For me, patriotism means being grateful to the men and women who fought to protect the quality of life to which I have become so accustomed, and doing my part so that future generations may enjoy all of the opportunities afforded this country by the selfless service of countless heroes.

BY PVT. DAVID WEINER
SPECIAL TO THE SCOUT

Most people think that being patriotic is hanging a flag outside

their house or shooting off fireworks on Independence Day but most do not understand what it all really means. Up until about six months ago I was one of those people. I, too, had a flag outside my house which my dad had hung, and however incorrectly, he still had the best of intentions. Shortly after I joined the Army in late January, I thought long and hard about why my father always had a flag hung outside of our house. As I walked past the flag on the way to the Military Entrance Processing Station, I didn't look at the flag with the same respect that I have and will always have for it now.

Like most young enlisted soldiers I joined the Army for a free education and college money. Now, still as an Initial Entry Training soldier, every morning I have the honor to stand at attention and salute not only the flag but the soldiers who came before me. The flag stands for all the things that allowed me to grow up in a nation where I have the right to wake up each morning and have the freedom to do what I please. As a civilian, I took full advantage of the freedoms that were allowed to me and did not think twice about the people who have given me those rights. I never thought about the fact that people have died to protect the same freedom that I took advantage of.

In a sense, I was just like a cheerleader who only showed up for the big games. When the terrible events of Sept. 11 occurred, my contributions were that of me putting a flag on the back of my truck. Looking back, I should have done more for the country which allows me to be free. Patriotism did not mean a whole lot to me, but with the right guidance, I have learned to be proud of what my country stands for.

As a new soldier I have only begun to realize what the word patriotism really means. As reveille and "To the Colors" are played in the morning, I think about all the soldiers that stood here before me. Almost every Thursday we get out of class early to conduct Army values training. Usually we watch the series "The Band of Brothers." It is a series about males who joined the Army in World War II. Instead of being drafted with males who did not want to serve our country, they joined the paratroopers so they would be around people that they could trust and have the patriotism to back it up. Anytime a soldier in our company balks when faced with adversity they are reminded of the paratroopers and what they went through. The current thoughts in my mind are the airborne soldiers that helped with the invasion of Normandy 59 years ago.

Out of all the historic information our company commander has given us, I will always remember this one thing that he said, "It was soldiers our age who made the difference."



**CHAPLAIN
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NETCOM, DEPUTY
COMMAND CHAPLAIN

"Look to the LORD and His strength; seek His face always. Remember the wonders He has done..." – Psalm 105:4-5a

I ran the old "Mule Mountain Marathon" – twice. Okay, I was on a relay team, but I did more than my share. In following my team members in my van as they completed their "legs," I'd often come up on some of my Military Intelligence officer students who were doing the full 25 miles plus marathon. As I came up on them toward the 20-mile mark, or so, I could see a blank stare or that 1,000-mile look on their faces. I'd take up a conversation with them, sometimes having someone else drive as I ran a short distance

with the runner.

Sometimes talking to the runner would be like talking to an empty shell at first. Then gradually the runner would realize where he/she was, and "get back in the game," able to talk and understand what was going on around them. These runners had "hit the wall." They were on autopilot and in talking with them, I was able to bring them back into reality. Reality was still painful because they had to finish the race, but at least the runners knew what was ahead, that the race would end, they could rest and new days would follow.

As the rear detachment chaplain, and sometimes staff duty chaplain, I'm receiving more and more calls from spouses of soldiers – and civilians – deployed in Iraq. The question most often asked is, "When will he/she be back?"

With the embedded reporters gone and the war seemingly over, even though there are daily shootings, most spouses want to know a date that they can mark on the cal-

endar for their husband/wife's homecoming. Are these spouses unable to deal with the separation? Are they unable to deal with the finances? Are they unable to deal with the families?

My answer, for the most part, is no. These spouses, mostly wives, are very capable to deal with separation, finances, and family. Most have done it before – Korea and other deployments have happened. What I see is – these spouses have "hit the wall." They are in the race, it has been long, there seems to be an end in the distance, but right now the race in life is out of focus. They have that 1,000-mile stare. After I've talked with most of them they can laugh – and cry – and get back in the game of life. They simply need to know that there are people who care and can be leaned on once in awhile.

That is my call to us today:

If you are a spouse of a deployed soldier or civilian and are "hitting the wall," remember this: You are not alone. There are others fac-

ing the same anxiety as you are. And you are not alone in a much more positive way. You have neighbors, unit members, chaplains, others, and God to count on. Life is full of burdens, but the burdens grow less when you talk them over with a friend or confidant.

If you know of someone whose loved one is deployed, make contact. Be the friend, the caregiver, the confidant who runs alongside the spouse to let her/him know that the race is still on, but there will be a finish line and that following the end of this race, there will be new days filled with all sorts of amazing mysteries – that together we call "life."

Like the psalmist said, remember the wonders God has done. He'll continue to do many more. In all our lives. We should be able to count on each other, but I know this for sure – we can count on God. Keep in the race – there is a finish line – and much more to live for in the days ahead. Count on it.

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Scout on the Street

How do you define patriotism?



"Duty to your country."

**Staff Sgt. David Gresch,
Non Commissioned Officer
Academy**



"To me it is a love of your country and the values you stand for."

**Ramzan Miskins,
family member**



"Being proud of living in the United States of America."

**Seaman Apprentice
David Sundeen,
Navy Detachment**



"Love of one's country."

**Sgt. Tom McKendry
259th Engineers**



"Showing your pride in your country and standing by it."

**Spc. Richie Simpson,
United States Army
Garrison**



"That you love your country."

**Lee Gerhardt,
Civilian**

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see the depth of their resistance into the lowest levels of those military formations. They had Saddam Fedeyin, in what we call regime death squads, at the very, very lowest levels. So the young private, who was a conventional soldier, suddenly had a gun to the back of his head forcing him to fight. They were told, 'Get out of this vehicle, and take off this uniform, put on civilian clothes and fight.' He knew certainly if he didn't fight his family would die and he knew if he fought, he would die. But at least his family might live. He was confronted with the certainty of death — one way or another. So we were confronted with a determined foe that fought asymmetrically, but he only did that in the first three or four days. But we confronted it. It took us off plan for a little bit, but we stayed on plan.

Q: On the lack of a popular uprising against Saddam Hussein, you were quoted as saying on CNN, "What none of us understood, I don't think anybody understood ... In fact guys who have been studying the country of Iraq and the Mideast all of their adult lives failed to understand was the depth of the fear that exists within the population toward

understand, whether Saddam is dead or alive, that his regime is dead. He's gone, he's never coming back, his regime is finished and it ended the day we crossed the line of departure from Kuwait.

Q: I understand you slept mostly on a cot inside the War Room. At night when you were able to get some sleep, what thoughts did you take with you to bed concerning your role as the senior intelligence officer?

Marks: First of all, I spent most nights on that cot and I closed my eyes for no longer than two hours, which is insufficient to perform adequately. But with the adrenaline, the urgency of the moment, and the criticality of what we were up against, it's amazing what the human body will do. So for the couple of hours when I closed my eyes, I didn't put much thought other on anything except trying to get my body rested. But certainly any free moment I had, what I call my moments of intellectual meandering, I thought of family. I thought of my girls, I thought of the soldier on the ground, and first and foremost, I thought of the leader and the soldier on the ground. I thought of the

ment that we really divorced ourselves from real solid human intelligence on the ground, which is what you get in an open border with other countries. You get that by going out talking to the people and getting a feel of what they feel. We didn't have a good lead on that to the level of detail we needed. Once we crossed the line of departure and we were in Iraq, we were in the business of killing bad guys. But we also embraced a lot of Iraqis as we rolled through that country. And from the outset, we started making their lives better and provided them an opportunity to make some choices to go about their lives differently than what they did over the last three decades. So human intelligence on the ground improved the second we got into the country and started getting a feel for the country. We truly got a sense of what the Iraqi people were like. They're very proud, capable and smart. It's just been subjugated to such inhumanity over the last 30 years.

Q: Unconventional tactics used by Iraqi fighters were posing problems for coalition forces early in the fight. Lt. Gen. William Wallace, ground commander, sparked a media storm with his comments, "The enemy we're fighting is different from the one we'd war-gamed against." At that time, do you think the Intel side of the war room was placed on the spotlight, and if so, what information did you provide to keep with the war strategy consistent?

Marks: The spotlight is on the intelligence team all the time. That's regardless of we're on plan or off plan, whether

Q: Describe the fear, nervousness — if any, you felt as the alarm sounded off indicating an Iraqi missile had been fired towards the CFLCC headquarters. Obviously, the Iraqis had done their homework of intelligence gathering to come within seconds of hitting CFLCC, was this a wake-up call for the War Room?

Marks: They were shooting at us all the time. I think I wore my protective mask and was in my protective garment every day until we took Baghdad. Every night I slept with my protective mask on. The two hours I went to sleep, I put my protective mask on. If something was going to hit us and some gas was going to come inside command room, and I manage to not be awakened when that thing occurred, at least I'd have my protective mask on. The missile launches were more dramatic, as I look back in retrospect, because we didn't think about it. Marks didn't think about. I didn't blink an eye. Now they gave us the 'lightning, lightning, lightning' command, which means inbound missile, and it may be tipped with weapons of mass destruction — probably chemical. The Iraqis knew the azimuth, coordinate, distance and where they wanted the missiles to impact. We've been there (Qatar) for 12 years. They knew the building we were sitting in and that missile was headed right towards us. But I must tell you, we trained for this contingency, we prepared for it, and by the way, we were so focused on what we were doing — that the fact a missile was inbound was something we had to deal with. We didn't blink an eye and we kept focused.



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks

the regime." Reflecting on those words, can you elaborate more about Hussein's control and how it impacted on gathering human intelligence?

Marks: You know the expression; 'keep your friends close, but your enemies closer?' It truly applies in this case. We (United States) spent the last decade plus stiff arming Iraq. We didn't officially recognize Iraq and did not have official representation in the form of an embassy in Iraq. As a result of that, we did not have routine entrants into and out of Iraq for a large number of folks who were in the official representation of the United States government dealing with the country. We have open communications and open business relationships with nearly every country in the world, but not Iraq. Because of that our intelligence was lacking in terms of some real good feel for some currents within the population in terms of how they were going to approach the possibility of the removal of Saddam. So we made some assumptions. Our assumptions were made on past history well over 12 years old. We thought these folks were anxious for the removal of Saddam and they would openly assist and resist Saddam and they would take part in his removal. That didn't happen. And the reason it didn't happen is the depth of the fear that the normal citizen in Iraq felt for this regime. They need to

Marine on the ground that was going to have to execute a difficult task in the face of a very determined enemy. Our obligation as the intelligence team was to make sure we had exerted every ounce of our being to enable that young soldier, Marine and leader on the ground with everything they needed to make good solid decisions based on how we saw the enemy. One of the things I charged my guys with was fundamentally the role of the military is engagement of the enemy at the very closest point. What I reminded and charged them with was 'the blood of the infantry needs to flow through their veins or the blood of the infantry would surely be on their hands.' So they had to think like, they had to understand what the demands of the young infantryman on the ground were. They needed to know the sacrifices that young kid was going to make before they could say they met their tasks as intelligence professionals.

Q: Too often there was critical debate about the human intelligence on the ground in Iraq, and it was sometimes labeled inaccurate, slow and not reliable. What is your counter argument to those who questioned the HUMINT on the ground?

Marks: Intelligence is more than just human intelligence. I go back to my state-

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Maj. Gen. James "Spider" A. Marks,
Senior Intelligence Officer, Coalition Forces Land Component Command

things are going wonderfully or things are going to 'hell in a hand basket.' I need to tell you the Intel team is always in the fight and always on point. There are no time outs for the Intel team. If you're on the Intel team, there is no time out. You don't get a second, for example, 'to take my cleats off and cool it a little bit here.' You don't have a chance because that opportunity does not exist for the Intel team. The Intel team is on 24/7, peace or war. This is not a hyperbolic statement or over exaggerated statement what the criticality is. Nobody picks the time and place of our engagements, unless we can. The Intel team had a difficult task to make sure we provided the commander all the possible options that were available to him. So the fact that General Wallace made the comment this isn't the enemy we war-gamed, but what we war-gamed against was the possibility for unconventional tactics. We saw that. What we acknowledged was we didn't know that it would take place at that low level. We thought there would be some mass capitulation of units; but they couldn't because they had a gun to their backs. That's what we didn't understand.

Q: The day word came in about the prisoners of war — what went through your mind and how did it affect morale inside the War Room?

Marks: We knew that soldiers would be captured. We knew that the possibility existed, but you work hard to try to avoid it. But you also train soldiers to perform properly when it happens. And guess what? Those POWs were magnificent. They're just soldiers like me; put into a difficult and unimaginable set of circumstances and they wrapped themselves in glory. They honored themselves and they honored our profession of arms. It was very tough to see those POWs captured. And the images that al Jazeera television produced, we didn't know if they were doctored images and we thought for the longest time the POWs had been murdered. That wasn't the case. Again, that was a very tough day for all of us.

Q: What was it like being a member of "The Tribe" and what are you going to remember most about your experience working alongside with Maj. Gen. William "Fuzzy" Webster, deputy commanding general, Marine Corps Maj. Gen. Robert "Rusty" Blackman, chief of staff, and Maj. Gen. James "J.D." Thurman, senior operations officer. And of course, Lt. Gen. David McKiernan, whom you all affectionately labeled the "old man."

Marks: Do you have close friends? Do you have real close friends, as close as your own family? That's what I have with these guys. If we ever have a CFLCC reunion, I will not miss it. These guys are my brothers. This is the type of friendship that was unprecedented. The friendship that I have for these folks, the trust, the confidence and the intimacy is not unlike family. But they are family and the will be forever.

Q: When you talk deployments, normally it's centered on the junior and mid-level soldier and not often on the senior leadership. How stressful was this deployment to you personally as you were removed from you family for a significant amount of time and describe the reunion coming home?

Marks: First of all I'm no different from anybody else. I just have grayer hair and I've been doing this longer. I have the same emotional tugs when I leave my family and emotional highs when I return. It was wonderful to come home, but to keep it in perspective, beyond the normal holidays that I missed. I missed three birthdays of my four girls, I missed an anniversary and I missed the college graduation of my oldest daughter. That's a hugely significant event in the growth of a daughter and I was not a part of that. The children will be 'a-okay' with that because what they'll remember is that Dad was away in Iraq. The commitment of being in the profession of arms requires a great deal of sacrifice at all levels.

Jam on

MI soldiers enable battlefield success through intercepting, jamming enemy communications

BY SGT. 1ST CLASS DONALD SPARKS
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Somewhere on a battlefield as a platoon of infantrymen advance towards an enemy target, they can perform their mission not only because of their weapons in their hands, but also because of Military Intelligence soldiers in their rear.

Without the ears of MI soldiers listening to enemy activity, the success of the warfighter could be jeopardized and their lives could be threatened.

That's why the soldiers of Company B, 304th Military Intelligence Battalion take their training seriously – they know the warfighter could be an open target without their help.

The unit honed its skills with the AN/TLQ-17A (Army/Navy Transportable Electronic Attack Specialized Computer) and the AN/TRQ-32A during a field training exercise June 16-18.

Former infantryman, Sgt. Joseph Rodwell, now serving as a linguist for nearly a year and a half, understands both sides of why intelligence assets on the battlefield are critical to success.

"From an infantryman's perspective, looking at a target, these are the types of things we wanted to take out on the enemy side," Rodwell said. "I was a previous mortar guy, so we'd look for the antennas and try to take them out with our artillery, but now I'm working on the opposite end."

Rodwell explained now he has the capability to monitor the radio spectrum and listen for enemy forces calling for fire on friendly troops.

"Once we acquire those, we have the ability to disrupt their communications to prevent that call for fire from happening by either jamming with static, white noise, using some pre-recorded tape or even our own voices if we wanted to change the grid coordinates they're trying to send over the radio," Rodwell said.

Both the TLQ-17 and the TRQ-32 are mobile, ground-based electronic warfare signal intelligence assets.

The TRQ-32 is used as a tactical direction

finding and intercept system providing support to the tactical commander. The TLQ-17 is used as a tactical communications jamming system providing electronic attack support to the tactical commander.

The TLQ-17 is a legacy system, which means it's an older system built in the mid 1970s, and according to Spc. Karey Smith, Company B, 304th MI Bn., the system is used primarily for jamming tactical radios on the battlefield.

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Company B,
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“Our job is to remove that information from being utilized by the enemy and maintain information dominance,” Smith said. “We help protect our friendly forces from being discovered and being fired upon from artillery attacks.”

With Fort Huachuca being her first duty station after Advanced Individual Training, Smith said she enjoyed coming out on the FTX so she could get more hands on training with the equipment.

“This helps me for future assignments because I can say to the commander, ‘on this FTX we had this problem or on this FTX we found out if we did this, then that will happen,’” Smith said. “The FTX gives me a chance to see what the tactical side of the MI world is like.”

During the FTX, the soldiers practiced on their ‘jumping’ tactics by moving from one site to another to get a feel for what they actually do in the combat.



Spc. Karey Smith and Sgt. Joseph Rodwell, both of Company B, 304th Military Intelligence Battalion, set up the log periodic array antenna on the AN/TLQ-17A (Army/Navy Transportable Electronic Attack Specialized Computer) during their field training exercise.

According to Sgt. 1st Class Miguel Diaz, collection and jamming platoon sergeant, ‘jumping’ helps prevent the TLQ-17 operators from becoming enemy targets when performing their mission.

“When jamming enemy radios, the TLQ puts out a big heat signature and can become enemy targets by pinpointing their location,” Diaz said.

“The soldiers assigned to a TLQ team have 15 minutes to move to a site, 15 minutes to set up and 15 minutes jamming frequencies.”

Diaz added the TRQ-32 doesn't put out a signature, so the operators can stay in place as long as the plot doesn't change. “They can virtually remain undetected on the electronic battlefield,” he said.



Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks

Sgt. Joseph Rodwell, Company B, 304th MI Bn., monitors the radio spectrum for radio activity inside the AN/TLQ-17A. Rodwell, a former infantryman, is now a linguist and uses his skill to help prevent friendly forces from enemy artillery fire by jamming radio frequencies.

MOSs getting a makeover, Shinseki's intentions to clarify the system

BY STAFFSGT. MARCIA TRIGGS

ARMY NEWS SERVICE

Personnel specialists Armywide are changing more than 50 percent of the enlisted force's occupational codes. For most enlisted soldiers it will just be an alphanumeric change, for others it could mean a career change.

The Army has 230 military occupational specialties — a number that changes everyday, said Randy Newman, chief of the Classification Structure Branch. By fiscal year 2009, about 150 of them will be renamed or deleted, he said.

The codes will be aligned with the officer and warrant officer codes for clarity as directed by the former Army chief of staff, retired Gen. Eric K. Shinseki.

The Engineer Career Management Field will be renaming 20 specialties. The Aviation CMF will be renaming 19 specialties. These two have the most soldiers to receive a new nomenclature. However, these soldiers will be among the least affected by the realignment of job designators.

Decreasing confusion on what jobs fall under the Engineer CMF will be the primary benefit, said Lt. Col. Jack Smith, the Enlisted Engineer Branch chief.

Engineers now have specialties ranging from diver, 00B; interior electrician, 51R; heavy construction equipment operator 62E to topographic analyst, 81T. It was quite confusing around the Army as what MOSs were engineering, Smith said. But with the CMFs 12, 51 and 81 converting to CMF 21, there won't be

any doubt who's an engineer, he said.

"The only consternation will be for those senior NCOs [non-commissioned officers] whose goal is to become a Zulu and make the rank of sergeant major. Their quest will change slightly," Smith said.

Combat engineering senior sergeant, 12Z, will be converted to 21Z. However, general engineer supervisor, 51Z, will be reclassified to 21X and topographic engineering supervisor, 81Z, will be reclassified to 21Y. "Bottom line," Smith said, "they will be sergeants major responsible for leading troops."

The Aviation Branch is not consolidating any individual specialties, and the change will not affect promotion or assignment eligibility, said Master Sgt. David Wagner, the senior career adviser for the Aviation Branch.

"The most asked question is whether the change means that aviation soldiers will become combat arms, and the answer is no," Wagner said. "Our pilots and the officers are considered combat arms, but enlisted soldiers will still be combat support."

Most of the realignment changes will take place fiscal year 2004, but the process will be staggered until FY09, said Randy Newman, chief of the Classification Structure Branch.

"The reason the reclassifications will take so long is because I only have a limited number of MOS codes to use," Newman said. "For example, medical specialists, CMF 91, will be moved to CMF 68. However, right now aviation is coded CMF 68."

Medical specialists will be among the last to get their new designators, but they were the first to announce how the realign-

ment will "doctor" its field.

In October of 2001 combat medics, 91B, and licensed practical nurses, 91C, were combined and reclassified as health-care specialists, 91W. A six-year transformation began for the active-duty medic and an eight-year transition for the reservists.

Personnel specialists also have a long road ahead. Over the next four years the position "administrative specialist," also widely recognized as 71L, will not be renamed but deleted, said Sgt. Maj. James Miller, the Adjutant General Branch sergeant major.

"There has been some anxiety and concern among our personnel soldiers, but we have been preparing them mentally for the upcoming changes, Miller said. "Soldiers know that a draw down is inevitable, but some soldiers are ready for a change, and looking forward to reclassifying into another MOS."

When it comes to Transformation, the Adjutant Corps is building the bridges that will get them there and have them waiting for the rest of the Army, Miller said. However, the greatest challenge now is to take care of the soldiers who spent their early years in the Army serving under the Army Garrison umbrella, he added.

Staff sergeants and sergeants first class are concerned about being competitive at senior promotion boards after reclassifying into another field, Miller said.

The Army's personnel specialists will move to CMF 42, and with the change in nomenclature officials are hoping to streamline the career field and produce a more diversified administrative soldier.

To date, 115 MOSs have been recorded. Listed are transforming MOSs and the effective date:

00B to 21D Diver, FY04
02A to 42R Band Member, FY05
02S to 42S Special Band Member, FY05
12B to 21B Combat Engineer, FY04
12C to 21C Bridge Crewmember, FY04
12Z to 21Z Combat Engineering Senior Sergeant, FY04
31C to 25C Radio Operator-Maintenance, FY05
31F to 25F Network Switching Systems, FY05
31L to 25L Cable Systems Installer, FY05
31P to 25P Microwave Systems Operator, FY05
31R to 25Q Multichannel Transmissions, FY05
31S to 25S Satellite Communications, FY05
31T to 25T Satellite/Microwave Systems Operator, FY05
31U to 25U Signal Support Systems Operator, FY05
31W to 25W Telecommunications Operator, FY05
31Z to 25X Senior Signal Sergeant, FY05
35A to 94A Land Combat Electrician, FY06
35D to 94D Air Traffic Control Election, FY06
35E to 94E Radio and Communication Operator, FY06
35F to 94F Special Electronic Devices Repairer, FY06
35H to 94H Test, Measurement/Diagnostic Equipment Support Specialist, FY06
35K to 94K Apache Attack Helicopter Repairer, FY06
35L to 94L Avionic Communication Equipment Repairer, FY06
35M to 94M Radar Repairer, FY06
35P to 94P Multiple Launch Rocket Repairer, FY06

35R to 94R Avionic System Repairer, FY06
35S to 94S Patriot System Repairer, FY06
35T to 94T Avenger System Repairer, FY06
35V to 94V Electronic and Missile Chief, FY06
35W to 94W Electronic Maintenance Chief, FY06
35Y to 94Y Integrated Family of Test Equipment Operator and Maintainer, FY06
35Z to 94Z Senior Electronic Maintenance Chief, FY06
43E to 92R Parachute Rigger, FY03
43M to 92S Fabric Repair Special, FY03
51B to 21W Carpentry and Masonry Specialist, FY04
51H to Construction Engineering Supervisor, FY04
51K to 21K Plumber, FY04
51M to 21M Firefighter, FY04
51R to 21R Interior Electrician, FY04
51T to 21T Technical Engineer, FY04
51Z to 21X General Engineer Supervisor, FY04
52G to 21Q Transmission and Distribution Specialist (Reserve Components), FY04
52E to 21P Prime Power Production Specialist, FY04
54B to 74D Chemical Operations Specialist, FY04
55B to 89B Ammunition Specialist, FY05
55D to 89D Explosive Ordnance Disposal Specialist, FY05
62E to 21E Heavy Construction Equipment Operator, FY04
62F to 21F Crane Operator, FY04
62G to 21G Quarrying Specialist, FY04
62H to 21V Construction and Asphalt Equipment Operator, FY04
62J to 21J General Construction Equipment Operator, FY04
62N to 21N Construction Equipment Supervisor, FY04
67G to 15T Utility Airplane Repairer, FY06
67N to 15M UH-Helicopter Repairer, FY04

67R to 15R AH-64 Attack Helicopter Repairer, FY04
67S to 15S OH-58D Helicopter Repairer, FY04
67T to 15T UH-60 Helicopter Repairer, FY04
67U to 15U CH-47 Helicopter Repairer, FY04
67V to 15V Observation/Scout Helicopter Repairer, FY04
67Y to 15Y Attack Helicopter Repairer, FY04
67Z to 15Z Aircraft Maintenance senior sergeant, FY04
68B to 15B Aircraft Powerplant Repairer, FY04
68F to 15F Aircraft Powertrain Repairer, FY04
68G to 15G Aircraft Structural repairer, FY04
68H to 15H Aircraft Pneudraulics Repairer, FY04
68J to 15J Aircraft Armament/Missile Systems Repairer, FY05
68K to 15K Aircraft Components Repair Supervisor, FY04
68N to 15N Avionic Mechanic, FY04
68S to 15J OH-58D Armament/Electrical/Avionics Systems Repairer, FY04
68X to 15X AH-64A Armament/Electrical Systems Repairer, FY04
68Y to 15Y AH-64D Armament/Electrical/Avionics Systems Repairer, FY04
71D to 27D Legal Specialist, FY02
71L to 42L Administrative Specialist, FY05
73C to 44C Finance Specialist, FY05
73D to 44C Accounting Specialist, FY05
73Z to 44C Finance Senior Sergeant, FY05
74B to 25B Information Systems Operator Analyst, FY05
74C to 25D Telecommunication Operator Analyst, FY05
74Z to 25Y Information System Technician, FY05
75B to 42A Personnel Administration Specialist, FY05
75F to 42F Personnel Information Systems Management Specialist, FY05
75H to 42A Personnel Services Specialist, FY05

77F to 92F Petroleum Supply Specialist, FY05
77L to 92L Petroleum Laboratory Specialist, FY05
77W to 92W Water Treatment Specialist, FY05
81L to 21L Lithographer, FY04
81T to 21U Topographic Analyst, FY04
81Z to 21Y Topographic Engineering Supervisor, FY04
82C to 13S Field Artillery Surveyor, FY04
82D to 21S Topographic Surveyor, FY04
91A to 68A Medical Equipment Repairer, FY07
91D to 68D Operating Room Specialist, FY07
91E to 68E Dental Specialist
91G to 68G Patient Administration Specialist, FY07
91H to 68H Optical Laboratory Specialist, FY07
91J to 68J Medical Logistics Specialist, FY07
91K to 68K Medical Laboratory Specialist, FY07
91M to Hospital Food Service Specialist, FY07
91P to 68P Radiology Specialist, FY07
91Q to 68Q Pharmacy Specialist, FY07
91R to 68R Veterinary Food Inspection Specialist, FY07
91S to 68S Preventive Medicine Specialist, FY07
91T to 68T Animal Care Specialists, FY07
91V to 68V Respiratory Specialist, FY07
91W to 68W Health Care Specialist, FY07
91X to 68X Mental Health Specialist, FY07
91Z to 68Z Chief Medical NCO, FY07
93F to 13W Field Artillery Meteorological Crewmember, FY04
93C to 15Q Air Traffic Control Operator, FY04
93P to 15P Aviation Operations Specialist, FY04
95B to 31B Military Police, FY04
95C to 31E Corrections Specialist, FY04
95D 31D CID Special Agent, FY04

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essential link to our nation's defense.

Q. There has been plenty of argument about the lack of human intelligence on the ground because of the Army's direction to go more high-tech in its training. Do you agree there should be more resources/training development for human intelligence gatherers at the Intel Center?

Custer: Despite a great deal of discussion in the media about the lack of human intelligence, virtually none of this has been directed toward the Army. Most of the discussion has been directed toward national agencies and in particular a series of decisions in the 1970s based on the belief that "national technical means" could supplant human intelligence. The Army has never agreed with this and has continued to emphasize both the tactical and strategic requirements for interrogation, counterintelligence and cognitive analysis. Our HUMINT training programs will expand dramatically over the course of the next few years. For example, the DOD Strategic Debriefer Course will grow from one hundred to almost four hundred students each year by FY 05. TRADOC has given the schoolhouse more than a million additional dollars to address the shortfalls we identified in our interrogator training courses. As a branch we have conducted a complete review of our Tactical HUMINT Collector MOSs, and the result will be a new alignment and profes-

sional development pattern affecting the entire discipline, to include our warrant officer specialties. We've built two extraordinary HUMINT training villages in which we train a variety of soldiers and NCOs in the latest tactics, techniques and operations procedures. Fort Huachuca and the Intelligence Center will continue to lead the way in future Human Intelligence training and operations techniques.

Q. The buzzword over the past few months in the civilian media and in Congress has been UAV. Obviously the Unmanned Aerial Vehicle program has received a lot of attention, but what do you think of the increased exposure of the program and how does it help benefit Fort Huachuca?

Custer: There's no doubt UAVs will continue to be a cornerstone of both the Army and joint Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance for the foreseeable future. The desire for increased imagery granularity and persistent stare capability over the battlefield as well as the growing demand for force protection dictates a dynamic role for UAVs at every level of our national defense architecture. For Fort Huachuca that means a number of good things. Our Arizona Congressional delegation has already made an effort to include Fort Huachuca in any future UAV architecture or operations revolving around Homeland Defense, and we've been involved in developing the basic

building blocks for intelligence organizations and operations in the Army's Objective Force.

Q. You've been able to go out and talk directly with the soldiers and future leaders of the MI Corps since your tenure as both deputy commanding general and acting commander.

What has impressed you the most of those soldiers serving in the MI field and what are you going to take with you to your next assignment?

Custer: The incredible quality of Military Intelligence professionals at every level is the one thing which continues to most impress me. The expertise we have created and the leadership that's resident in our junior officers and NCO corps is truly breathtaking. We've built a bench of intelligence professionals that is extraordinarily deep. From the new soldiers reporting to Fort Huachuca for IET to the Officer Advanced Course and Pre-Command Course, the expertise they exhibit on a daily basis is astounding. The innovation and initiative exhibited by soldiers and officers every day is simply spectacular.

Now as I move to assume the duties as Director of Intelligence (J2) for Central Command I look forward to utilizing the expertise we have worked to build here at the Intelligence Center.

Q. You've described leaving Fort Huachuca as bittersweet. Can you elabo-

rate about your time here and what it has meant to you both professionally and personally?

Custer: The past year has been more fun than I could have ever imagined. We've laid the foundation for so many things and accomplished so many other goals it's truly breathtaking. We've reorganized the entire schoolhouse, built a 10-Year Strategic Plan, deactivated a Brigade, integrated a huge number of Operation Enduring Freedom lessons learned into our courses, set up Training Development as our primary focus, graduated our first five classes of Shadow UAV operators, built the intelligence portions of the Army's Objective Force, and developed a new Intelligence Center On-Line Network, the ICON, a portal which promises to be a conduit to Fort Huachuca for intelligence professionals worldwide.

For me personally, the ability to touch the next generation of soldiers and officers has been uniquely rewarding. In an organization as big as the Army, few of us have the opportunity to leave a legacy.

To be honest the only legacy we have is the people whose lives we are able to touch. If we can say or do something that has value to those around us, they will carry it on and it will become our legacy. We've tried very hard to encourage an environment where junior leaders can grow and learn, and I think we've been successful.

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"I can do this, take some classes after I graduate to build the extra college hours I need for Officer's Candidate School, and the whole time I'm working for the Army and can support my family," Thomas said.

The credentialing program also helps the Army by saving it money. Dennis Sherrod, education service director for Fort Huachuca, said the fact that the students receive credit for their MOS training means his office spends less in tuition assistance. He said in the six months the program has been active, it has already saved about \$1 million, that is available to soldiers throughout the Army.

Sherrod said that, overall, the savings amounts to \$6.5 million when the cost of tuition, books and other educational expenses are taken together.

Pfc. Gene Gillette, benefiting from the course while attend-

ing Advanced Individual Training here, said there's another important savings; time. "At the end of the day here, the last thing you want to think about is going to another class," he said.

Soliz agreed. "That's time a soldiers can spend with their families," he said.

Richardson said the program has already proven popular. He said 1,600 soldiers have already enrolled in the program. He said 63 percent of AIT students and 89 percent of BNCOC and ANCO students have taken advantage of the program in its first six months.

"When they walk across the stage, they get not only their MOS certificate, but an actual college transcript," Richardson said.

Soliz said another advantage of the program is to the instructors training the students. They are accredited as adjunct instruc-

tors to Cochise College. "They're college professors — they can put that on a resume," he said. "When they go up before an NCO board, someone can see it and say, 'Hey, I never did that.'"

Soliz said Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack Tilley praised the program during a visit to Fort Huachuca earlier this year. "He said our NCO academy is far ahead of everyone because of this program," Soliz said.

Richardson said all the courses are approved by the American Council of Education, meaning they will be accepted at any college. "If they want to go to Notre Dame and get a degree in electrical engineering, I can't tell them all these hours will apply, but they'll have 17 hours of electives to fill, and these hours will apply directly to that, and be accepted," he said.

He said the ability to acquire college credit while undergoing military training will also help soldiers after they leave the service.

Community Updates

New maps available

New maps of Fort Huachuca are available at the Public Affairs Office, building 21115. If you need maps in bulk, please call ahead to 533-1985. This year's base guides and phonebooks are also still available.

Thrift shop hours

The Fort Huachuca Thrift Shop will be closed July 5 due to the 4th of July holiday. For more information call Lois Shuttleworth at 458-4606.

Holiday trash pick-up schedule

In observance of Independence Day, the refuse collection contractor will adjust the pickup schedule as follows.

Family housing occupants with a regular pickup on Friday will be picked up on July 5. Post pickup of dumpsters and roll-offs normally emptied on Friday will be dumped on July 5.

Any questions concerning refuse service may be directed to the contract inspector at 533-3574.

Pharmacy refills

The post exchange pharmacy is currently open for refill prescription services only from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Prescriptions should be called into the phone in refill number at 533-1551. Prescriptions called in prior to 7 a.m. will be ready for pickup after 2 p.m., the same day. Though refills can be obtained at either location, it is recommended that refills be called into the PX pharmacy. All new prescriptions must be filled at the main



pharmacy.

Returning soldiers to DMPO

The Defense Military Pay office would like for all returning soldiers from deployed areas to stop by the S1/PAC and complete DA form 1351-2 to receive \$3.50 per day for per diem while in the overseas area.

Also a DA form 4187 must be completed to ensure that all incentive pay is stopped the day of depart. Failure to contact your S1/PAC upon your return can result in the soldier to be overpaid.

To prevent overpayments, take a second look at your leave and earnings statement to ensure that you are being paid properly. Your S1/PAC is your first point of contact.

American Legion open house

On the Fourth of July American Legion Post 52 is going to have an open house. They will be having free hotdogs and hamburger from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. There will be music starting at noon.

Post 52 is located at 12 Theater Drive in Sierra Vista.

Mandatory split disbursement

The Office of the Secretary of Defense has mandated split disbursement effective immediately for military personnel. Split disbursement allows travelers to electronically forward funds directly from their travel settlement to the Government Travel Card Bank for charges incurred while on official business.

Defense Financing and Accounting Services implementation is scheduled for travel beginning on or after July 1. Mandatory split disbursement for civilian employees has not been

approved at this time. In the interim, default split disbursement procedures will be used. Implementing instructions for both military and civilian employees will be provided by June 23.

Travel orders are now required to identify if the traveler is/is not a government travel card holder in block 16.

"Chicken Soup" submissions

New York Times, best-selling *Chicken Soup for the Soul*® is now accepting stories for an upcoming Military Wife's Soul book celebrating life as a military wife.

This book will share the pride, emotion and triumphs achieved by past and present military wives everywhere. It will acknowledge, inspire and entertain the married women who are serving as active duty members or supportive spouses.

Chicken Soup for the Soul® titles have sold more than 80 million copies. If your original story is published, you will be paid \$300 upon publication of the story.

Chicken Soup for the Military Wife's Soul will focus on the often-overlooked women that are a vital part our military team.

To submit your story, first visit: www.militarysoul.org for guidelines and chapter titles. Digital submission is preferred. If you don't have Internet access, send a Self Addressed Stamped Envelope for guidelines and chapter titles to: Militarysoul Stories, P O Box 1501, Solana Beach, CA 92075. The deadline for submissions is August 31.

Fort Huachuca canyons closed

Garrison commander Col. Lawrence J. Portouw has ordered all canyons on post closed at shutdown today.

"I have taken this precautionary measure to protect the installation, our personnel and the community," said Portouw. "The red-flag conditions forecasted into next week and the great demand for ground and aerial firefighting assets in the state make this a prudent action," he said.

Garden and Huachuca Canyons are off limits for the near future and until the current fire threat decreases. No vehicles, pedestrians, cyclists or horseback riders are permitted in these areas until further notice. Military police will patrol the areas to enforce the closure.

Residents and visitors to Fort Huachuca are reminded that a prohibition on throwing any smoking materials out your car vehicle is in effect. Military police will ticket individuals violating this policy.

Forest increases fire restrictions

Effective since Monday at midnight, stringent campfire and smoking restrictions have been implemented throughout five ranger districts of the Coronado National Forest.

The new fire restrictions prohibit the following acts:

- Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire or stove fire.
- Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building.
- Possessing, discharging or using any kind of firework or other pyrotechnic device.
- Using an explosive.
- Operating a chainsaw or other equipment powered by an internal combustion engine is prohibited from 1 p.m. to 1 a.m.
- Operating or using any internal or external combustion engine without a spark arresting device properly installed, maintained and in effective working order meeting either Department of Agriculture/ Forest Service Standard 5100-1a or Appropriate Society of Automotive Engineers practices [practice J335(b) and J350(a)].
- Welding, operating an acetylene or other torch with open flame.
- Possess or use a motor vehicle off national forest system roads, except when parking in an area devoid of ventilation within 10 feet of the roadway, and except for parking overnight in developed campgrounds and at trailheads.

The following persons are exempt from this order:

- Persons with a permit that authorizes actions specifically prohibited by this closure order.
- Persons in a developed recreation site using a fire fueled solely by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels.
- Members of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
- Lessees or permittees within the restricted area are exempt from prohibition one above, providing such fires are within their residence.

These restrictions will remain in effect until fire danger decreases. Violation of these regulations is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor, by a fine of no more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 or an organization, or imprisonment for no more than six months or both.

For fire restrictions and wildfire information for any Southwestern Forest in Arizona and New Mexico, check the website: www.fs.fed.us/r3/fire or call toll-free 1-877-864-6985.

ACS offers many support services for government employees, families

BY ELIZABETH HARLAN
THE SCOUT STAFF

The family services section of Army community services is offering a support group for family members of deployed service members, contracted employees, and department of defense employees.

The group meets once a month at various places in the community. "We want it to be a place where people can come network and deal with any issues that they have," explained Pamela Allen, family services coordinator on Fort Huachuca.

Allen stated that ACS has never done anything like this before. "It all started with a concern for the family members," she said. "So many people were being deployed." Daniel Valle, director community activities, Marty Marks, wife of Commanding General James Marks, and ACS created the program with the well being of the community in mind. "We don't want anyone with needs to be left out," Allen said.

Allen said that she hopes that this is a place where people can come to not only get the support they need but also to have fun and meet people. "We want to provide them with what they want, we are open to suggestions, if they want to do crafts we will do crafts," she said.

According to Allen the support group is not just for imitate family members; anyone who has a loved one deployed or geographically separated is welcome. Allen said the group will continue to meet as long as there is a need.

The next meeting will be held in the conference center at the Army Community Services, building 50010, tonight at 6 p.m. For more information call 533-2330 or go to the ACS office on Smith Street.



Photo by Elizabeth Harlan

Soldiers' Lawyer



The Internal Revenue Service today issued a consumer alert, warning taxpayers about a new scam targeting potential recipients of the Advance Child Tax Credit. The IRS has seen isolated instances of this new scheme.

A taxpayer receives a telephone call from a person who promises to speed up the payment of the Advance Child Tax Credit checks. The catch is the taxpayer must agree to a \$39.99 charge to a credit card. The IRS reminds taxpayers that no person or organization can "speed up" the payment of tax benefits.

In reality, taxpayers do not have to take any action to get the new benefit, which features an advance payment for up to \$400 per qualifying child. The Treasury De-

partment and IRS will perform all the calculations and automatically mail a notice and a check to each eligible taxpayer, beginning the week of July 25.

"The only thing the taxpayer needs to do is cash the check," said Mark W. Everson, IRS Commissioner. "If you qualify, we will send you a notice. There's no need to call, no need to apply, no need to fill out another form. The IRS will do all the work. A few days after the notice, you will get the check."

Under the new scam, the IRS is seeing the continuation of a trend that emerged earlier this year when the families of those serving in the Armed Forces were targeted. In both of these schemes, scam artists use current events to

prey on unsuspecting victims. The scams also feature callers seeking credit card information to get taxpayers to pay for special benefits.

If the taxpayer agrees to the charge and provides a credit card number or other sensitive personal information, she could find a much larger charge to her account. By the time the taxpayer realizes something is wrong, the scam operator is long gone, possibly victimizing another taxpayer.

If you encounter this latest tax scam or suspect tax fraud or abuse in so me other situation, report it to your nearest Internal Revenue Service office. When in doubt, seek help from the IRS or a tax professional. You can call the IRS tax fraud hotline at 1-800-829-0433.

Army Community Services

International support group

Army Community Service invites all international spouses to join the international spouse support group. The group offers the opportunity to meet new people, network and relax. You can also pick up tips on American culture and the military lifestyle.

The group will meet Monday at 6:30 p.m. in the ACS building, 50010.

Refreshments will be available and there will also be door prizes. For more information, call 533-2330 or 533-5919.

Relocation workshop

Army Community Services is offering a relocation workshop for soldiers and family members making their first move. It will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. and at 6 p.m. You may attend either workshop.

The workshop will provide a moving day checklist, commonly-referenced phone num-

bers and moving entitlements. There are many things to do in preparation for the move, so let ACS help you make your move as effortless as possible. R.S.V.P. must be completed by Tuesday by calling ACS at 533-2330.

EFMP support group

The Army Community Service Exceptional Family Member Program is sponsoring a support group for family members who are enrolled in the EFMP. The purpose of the group is to provide a forum for exceptional family members to network and share information.

The first meeting will be held July 3 at 6 p.m. in the ACS conference room, building 50010, Smith Street. Thereafter, the group will meet the first Thursday of each month.

To register for the group, call 533-2330. For more information, call the EFMP at 533-6871.

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