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Live TV Town Hall

Feedback, Fort Huachuca's live televised town hall, is set to air 6-7 p.m., Dec. 8 on Channel 97.

If you have a question, you'd like answered on the air, e-mail it to channel97@hua.army.mil between now and noon Dec. 8.

During the town hall, viewers are encouraged to call the on-screen phone number to ask questions.

Jobs available on-line

The new West Region Civilian Vacancy Announcement Board has a new Web site tool that allows applicants to quickly and easily search for all available job positions.

This searchable database will assist applicants in identifying specific positions for which they are interested. They may search by job family, or by occupational series, or by grade level, or by state.

The new West Region Civilian Vacancy Announcement Board is available at <http://cpolrhp.belvoir.army.mil/west> click on "Employment Information" then under the Vacancies column, click on Vacancy Announcements.

For more information on the new application process please contact the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center at 533-5735 533-5273.

Grand opening

Teen Center is hosting an open house and a grand opening for the technology center and senior teen lounge (grades 9-12) from 6 to 10 p.m., Dec. 12. For more information, call Richard Brown at 533-3205.

Warrant Officers wanted

The Army is looking for highly motivated Soldiers, Marines, sailors and airmen to fill its warrant officer ranks.

For more information, contact the Warrant Officer Recruiting Team at www.usarec.army.mil/warrant or DSN 536-0484/0458/0488/0478/0271/1860.

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Playing a game of Spades takes on a whole new meaning after 2nd Lt. Hans Mumm created the Iraqi Most Wanted cards. He reveals how the concept of the deck came into reality. Page 3

King of green

Staff Sgt. Otis Meadows not only wears green, but he keeps a pretty green thumb. His yard was selected the best yard during the post's annual Fall Clean-Up. Page 5

Marks: 'Passage is good news for the river'

Fort Huachuca, Upper San Pedro River, community, benefit from water rider passage

BY JOAN VASEY AND TANJA LINTON

MEDIA RELATIONS SPECIALISTS

Fort Huachuca, the San Pedro River, and the surrounding communities will all benefit from passage of Section 321, of the Fiscal Year 2004 Defense Authorization Act that was signed by President George W. Bush Monday.

The new law reaffirms the fort's responsibility for some water use in the local community while changing the way that water use is evaluated under the Endangered Species Act.

Fort Huachuca benefits from having its approach for calculating its responsibility for water use validated, and by having broader responsibility for water use mitigation spread to other agencies across the region, rather than on the fort alone.

The new legislation applies

only to future federal agency reactions at Fort Huachuca and does not appear to affect the fort's obligation to mitigate water use under the current Biological Opinion.

"Fort Huachuca will continue to fulfill its obligations under the Biological Opinion and remain committed to environmental compliance," stated Maj. Gen. James A. Marks, commanding general of the U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca. "We will maintain our absolute commitment to our environmental responsibilities and continue to work to achieve zero balance of the fort's impacts on the San Pedro aquifer."

Section 321 officially recognizes the Upper San Pedro Partnership and its continuing successes in protecting the San Pedro River, which is home to many species of plants, animals, and birds.

Section 321 also directs the

Secretary of the Interior to report to Congress on the progress of water conservation and mitigation efforts in the Upper San Pedro River valley.

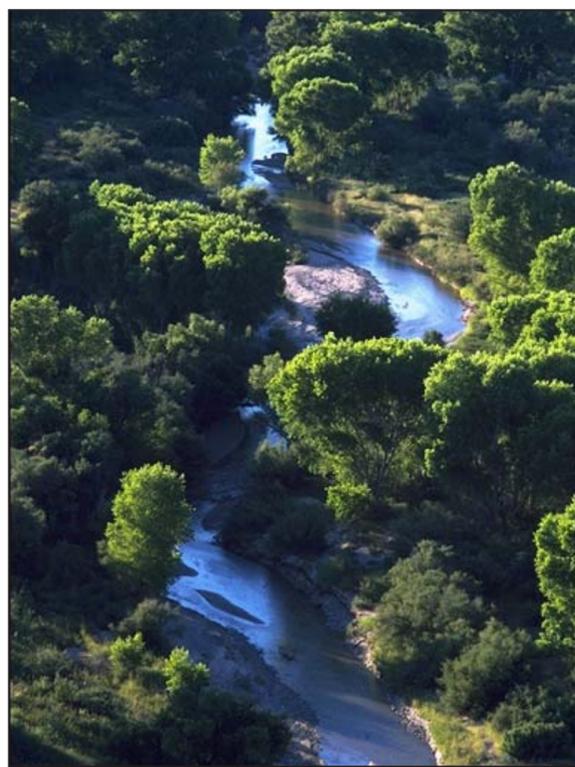
The legislation makes it possible for Congress to appropriate federal funding for water conservation efforts through the Upper San Pedro Partnership, a strong showing of national support for the aggressive water conservation measures implemented by 20 partner agencies to protect the Upper San Pedro River.

Fort Huachuca has played a significant role in the Upper San Pedro Partnership.

The Endangered Species Act of 1973 requires that federal agencies cooperate with state and local agencies to resolve water resource issues in concert with the conservation of endangered species.

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Courtesy photo

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Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks

Sgt. Maj. David Tyler shares an intimate moment with his wife Sara at their home in Sierra Vista. She is currently awaiting a for a kidney transplant. Six years ago she received a heart and liver transplant.

Family perseveres through hardship of deadly disease, knows

TRUE MEANING OF THANKSGIVING

BY SGT. 1ST CLASS DONALD SPARKS

NCOIC, USAIC&FH PAO

Come Thursday across the country millions of families will gather at dinner tables and give prayers of thanks, prosperity and good health celebrating Thanksgiving.

The holiday, which has traditionally served as a time for families to reflect on the past year's blessings, will be one more year Sgt. Maj. David Tyler can look

across the table and look into his wife Sara's eyes and say, "I love you."

If the former high school sweethearts from Maine would have taken to heart the words given to them from their doctor nearly ten years ago, Tyler would be sitting alone with his son Roland and a picture of Sara.

In early May 1994, Sara started experiencing shortness of breath and periods of feeling extreme tiredness.

"I would walk down to the mail-

box and it felt like I was having a heart attack," Sara said.

During the initial stages of his wife's illness, then as a sergeant first class, he described the time as worrisome and frustrating.

"It took a while to diagnose what her problem was," Tyler said. "At the time we lived over by the commissary and she couldn't walk slightly 150 yards to the mailbox, so obviously being smart about fitness, we knew there was a problem."

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First fort Soldier dies in Iraq

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

Chief Warrant Officer Christopher G. Nason, 39, of California, died of injuries received in a motor vehicle accident that occurred between Mosul and Dihok, Iraq.

Nason was a passenger in a vehicle that attempted to pass another vehicle and was struck head on by a civilian tanker truck.

Nason was assigned to Company A, 306th Military Intelligence Battalion as a chief instructor/writer for unmanned aerial vehicles, but was serving a temporary one-year assignment in Iraq.

He deployed to Iraq Sept. 4. Nason had been assigned to Fort Huachuca since June 2002. Nason is survived by his sister.

"Chief Warrant Officer Two Christopher Nason was a Soldier's Soldier," said Lt. Col. Mark Costello, commander of the 306th MI Bn. "He was a superb leader, expert linguist, physically fit and ready to accomplish any and

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Post exceeds CFC goal

PFC JOY PARIANTE
SCOUT STAFF

Fort Huachuca's quest to raise \$355,000 for this year's Combined Federal Campaign ended on Nov. 20.

The post total exceeded that goal and was at \$357,000 as of Monday morning and the tallying isn't done yet, said 2nd Lt. Cheryl Reese, Fort Huachuca CFC campaign manager.

The CFC, which ran from Sept. 29 until Nov. 20, is "an annual campaign that allows all federal employees to make donations to their charity of choice," Reese said.

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TeamTalk

BY MAJ. GEN. "SPIDER" AND
MARTY MARKS

Thanksgiving – a day, a celebration and a state of mind. Marty and I want to extend our sincerest thanks to each and every one of you for everything you do as part of this great Fort Huachuca team and as members of our American armed forces "family."

We know you join us in giving thanks to our military everywhere around the world for everything they have done and are continuing to do for all of us.

Our brave men and women on the front lines – and their families – are making sacrifices every second of every day. We know the happy times of many Thanksgiving celebrations around the

country are being balanced with the fact that loved ones are not present to sit at the table, but instead are far away and conducting their missions and performing their duty in very harsh, combat conditions.

It is because of members of our armed forces serving our country away from their family and friends during these holidays that we are free

Many have made the ultimate sacrifice, giving their life in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. To those families that have suffered this loss, we can only offer our most heartfelt condolences and prayers, and hope they know how truly grateful we all are. Please remember these great Americans and their families when you reflect upon all the things for which you give thanks.

We know many of you are away from friends and family, which can make holidays

somewhat bittersweet.

However, we have lots of post and community folks, facilities and activities here to help make this a fulfilling Thanksgiving for everyone.

For example, did you know our dining facilities will be serving a super, home-cooked Thanksgiving Day dinner for one and all tomorrow?

Yardley Dining Facility will be open from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for Soldiers, and from 2-4 p.m. for retired military and civilians. Thunderbird Dining Facility will be open from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for Soldiers, retired military and civilians. For just \$5.40 for military and \$4.60 for family members, you can get a delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings. For more information, call 533-6657.

Our thanks again to the 259th Engineer Company for all their great support to the Fort Huachuca community. Of course, their main task here has been providing homeland security and force protection for this installation and all its personnel under Operation Enduring Freedom, and they've done a super job.

In addition, though, their skills as Army engineers have helped us here with various construction projects that make Fort Huachuca an even better place for us to live and work.

As this column has been a list of some of the people and things we are especially thankful for, Marty and I hope you all will take a moment to reflect on who and what are important to you and for which you will give thanks during the holidays ahead.

On behalf of the entire Marks family, thank you all for each and every thing you do. Enjoy the day tomorrow, and please be safe.



CHAPLAIN (MAJ) DENNIS R. NITSCHKE
NETCOM DEPUTY COMMAND CHAPLAIN

"Rarely has any people enjoyed greater prosperity than we are now enjoying. For this we render heartfelt and solemn thanks to the Giver of Good; and we seek to praise Him – not by words only – but by deeds, by the way in which we do our duty to ourselves and to our fellow men." (President Theodore Roosevelt, Thanksgiving Day, 1902)

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks..." – 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

On behalf of all the chaplains on Fort Huachuca, both Installation and NETCOM, I wish you a wonderful Thanksgiving and holiday weekend! I pulled this from my e-mail file and thought this writer's thoughts were more than worthy of reading as we celebrate "giving thanks!" – Maj. Nitschke

When I was a little girl I remember asking my mother many times for more food when I already had food remaining on my plate. She would answer, "Eat what you have first before you ask for more. Sometimes your eyes are bigger than your stomach."

I'm still that way. Sometimes my eyes see more and I want more. I have enough shoes, but I still see new shoes in the mall that I think I must have. I have plenty of beautiful clothes and yet I'm always looking for something new to wear.

I have a lovely home, but still I see homes in magazines and visit homes of friends and I think my house could be bet-

ter or bigger. I think about buying new furniture and there's nothing wrong with what I already have.

I have two healthy sons, they have a great dad and I have a hard working husband and yet sometimes I forget to show my appreciation.

I have a reasonably healthy body. I can see, hear, taste, smell, walk, think, dance, hug, write, dream, speak, work, eat and cook.

Sometimes I complain about my body and wish it were slimmer, prettier, faster and younger.

Sometimes I dwell too much about how much I miss my parents and other loved ones that have passed on. I need to focus more on the ones that are still living.

I have a career that is fulfilling and rewarding and yet sometimes I'm not satisfied because I think I should have accomplished more. I forget how far I have come from jobs that were miserable and boring in the past.

I have a good dependable car and yet I see new cars and think I should update and get a new car.

I'm not rich, but blessed with a comfortable lifestyle and yet I catch myself sometimes having a pity-party instead of thinking about what I can do for others.

I've traveled thousands of miles internationally in safety this year to lecture and promote my books and yet I'm sometimes unmotivated to just get up and go to the grocery store.

It's okay to want the good things in life. But wisdom, balance and gratitude help us to appreciate what we already have and overcome the addiction of "MORE."

I'm challenging myself to learn when "enough is enough." I'm challenging myself to live in the moment and be thankful for what is already on "my plate" before asking God for more.

I like this line from the movie, "Ferris Bueller's Day Off..." "Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while you could miss it." I want to practice an attitude of gratitude everyday. I want to live a life of "thanksgiving" and thanksgiving. (Author unknown)



Did you know?

Approximately 690 million pounds of turkey are consumed in the United States each Thanksgiving, according to the National Turkey Federation.

Spirit Warrior, Desert '03 Rides Again!

Spirit Warrior, Desert '03 will have an "encore" performance Dec. 5, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Kino Chapel. The themes for the evening are "We are More than Conquerors," concerning the abilities to minister to one another within the context of the culture and "As Iron Sharpens Iron," which speaks to mentorship within the community of the church. The band Red Stone will provide contemporary music throughout the evening's teachings. Spirit Warrior T-shirts, music CDs and the book, "Spirit Warriors," by Stu Weber, will be available for a donation to the Chaplain's Fund. There is no fee for attendance and all are welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Chaplain (Major) Dennis R. Nitschke at 538-7379.

Scout on the Street

What are you most thankful for?



"I'm thankful for draft beer."

Airman 1st Class
Howard Hendrickson,
United States Air Force



"I'm thankful that my parents are coming to visit me for Thanksgiving. I haven't seen my dad since last October."

1st Lt. Bill Knott,
11th Signal Brigade



"I'm thankful for Christ saving my life."

Seaman Apprentice
Bret Sutton,
United States Navy
Detachment



"I'm thankful for our soldiers who are willing to fight for our freedom overseas."

Cpt. Kevin Guthrie,
Chaplain,
305th Military Intelligence
Battalion



"I'm thankful for a good job, a country that's free, a good family and God's blessing."

June Bishop,
MWR



"I'm thankful my end term of service is in February. I'm very thankful for that."

Sgt. Justin Smith,
18th Military Police
Detachment

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Congressman visits post

BY SGT. KRISTIT. JAEGER
SCOUT STAFF

Military spouses visited with Rep. Jim Kolbe (R-Ariz) Monday at the Murr Community Center to discuss any issues the spouses might have during the deployment of their Soldiers with 11th Signal Brigade.

"It was great for him to come down and talk to us and explain what's going on," said Deaquanite Wilson, who attended with her two children Kentric and Ketric Wilson.

Mary Dewey described Kolbe as "very well spoken and very helpful." The congressman's visit helps a lot, said Dewey, who attended a previous meeting in March 2003.

"It's nice to have some support,"

she said.

Kolbe distributed his business cards to the attendees in case they had any more questions or concerns. "It was great to have someone from Washington come down and talk to us and [find] out what our concerns are," said Juanita Barela, who also attended the meeting to voice her questions and concerns.

Kolbe, who recently returned from Iraq, said what he sees overseas is very different from what the soldiers see.

"It's very heartwarming to be able to visit with the family members [of deployed soldiers]," said Kolbe. "We are grateful in Congress for the service their husbands are providing."



Photo by Elizabeth Harlan

Rep. Jim Kolbe (R-Ariz) speaks to Mary Dewey about some concerns military spouses have had while their loved ones have been deployed.

Native American culture, history, heritage celebrated at ceremony



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Donald L. Sparks

Staff Sgt. Travis Duffy, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 306th Military Intelligence Brigade, views artifacts at the post Native American Heritage Celebration.

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

At the conclusion of Fort Huachuca's Native American Heritage Celebration, Staff Sgt. Travis Duffy was more somber than jovial as he looked at several artifacts depicting the culture of American Indians.

"These were such a simple people who respected and lived off the land," said Duffy assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 306th Military Intelligence Battalion. "We came and took their lands from them, and now it's important we give back and also look back on their history."

This year's celebration, held Thursday at Murr Community Center, was sponsored by the 111th Military Intelligence Brigade. The theme, "Strengthening the Spirit," focused on strengthening the Nation from its entire people. As the early inhabitants of America, the native

peoples of North America played a unique role in the shaping of the Nation's history and culture.

The event featured a presentation on the history of Native Americans in Arizona by John Cutter, an Apache Native American, assigned at the Fort Huachuca Transportation Office (Logistics Management Division).

The audience was treated to poetry reading by Cynthia McMillan (McGee) who shared her story through prose of her own native bloodlines. She used various words from the Lakota and Cheyenne tribes in her poetry.

The celebration took on a whole new meaning as Maj. Edward Riehle, executive officer, 111th MI Bde., gave closing remarks revealing a deep, personal introspective look at the role of Native Americans in the United States.

"When I was asked to give these closing remarks I was at first

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Iraqi Most Wanted cards creator on post for OBC

BY PFC. JOY PARIANTE
SCOUT STAFF

Somewhere in a foxhole, in the deserts of Iraq, American Soldiers are passing the time and thwarting the zzz's playing cards. While this pastime is not unusual for Soldiers in the field, Soldiers of today have been dealt a new hand, a whole new deck actually.

The Iraqi Most Wanted playing cards are sweeping the battlefield and the nation selling more than one million decks to date.

The cards, featuring the figureheads of the Iraqi regime, were the brainchild of five Army military intelligence reservists whose goal was to find an easier way to get information to troops in the field, said 2nd Lt. Hans Mumm, 3404th Military Intelligence Detachment, 99th Regional Support Command from Pennsylvania. Mumm is currently at Fort Huachuca attending the MI Officer Basic Course.

Mumm, along with Staff Sgt. Shawn Mahoney and Sgt. Scott Boehmler of the 3401st MI Det., 99th RSC, Spc. Joseph Barrios of the 3418th MI Det., 77th RSC and Sgt. Andrei Salter of the Defense Intelligence Agency, put together the template for the cards using images of Iraqi leaders provided by the intelligence community and the

print shop at their agency, according to Army News Service.

The group thought their project was over when Brig. Gen. Vincent Brooks held the cards up during a press conference, Mumm said. From there, every entrepreneur in America wanted to get his hands on them, Mumm said.

The cards were originally published by Hoyle Products, the maker of Bicycle brand playing cards, Mumm said. The true decks feature the Hoyle copyrighted joker card.

Hoyle receives all proceeds from the cards with their registered joker image and have donated thousands of decks to troops in the field, Mumm said.

The joker card features guidelines for the troops and helps them guide through the cards which are full of Iraqi naming conventions, Mumm said. In Iraq, a person's name often includes their birthplace at the end. It's not a last name, but an identifier of where the person was born - their tribal name. For example, Muhammad Mullah Husayn Al-Tikiriti goes by the first name of Muhammad, the last name of Husayn and his tribal or birthplace name is Al-Tikiriti. But, according to the cards, since the 1990s, military members have not been allowed to use their tribal names

The joker card also explains the Iraqi military rank and struc-

ture, with Iraqi titles.

The cards have spawned seven other published products for the innovative MI soldiers. A flip-book that fits in a cargo pocket has English to Arabic conversions as well as a biography, picture and cross-reference to the cards, Mumm said. Also, a poster depicting all the cards is posted at check points.

"These products," Mumm said, "give the Soldiers training at the same time as relaxation and recreation."

According to an article from Soldiers Magazine, Mumm's fellow soldiers agreed that he was "the driving force behind getting the cards into the hands of soldiers."

"The 'LT' really coordinated

this and made sure there were no problems with what we were doing," Salter said.

Since the cards, Mumm has been awarded the Most Innovative American Award by the National Defense Pack and the Outstanding Young Virginian Award. As a group, the soldiers received the Intelligence Community Meritorious Unit Citation.

Mumm, who received his commission in August of 2002, is slated to finish MIOBC on Dec. 5. He will return to his Reserve unit, which is currently detached to the Defense Intelligence Agency, where he will be part of an MI Iraqi task force and work on different kinds of projects, some similar to the cards.



Courtesy Photo

Creators of the Iraqi Most Wanted playing cards: 2nd Lt. Hans Mumm, Sgt. Andrei Salter, Staff Sgt. Shawn Mahoney, Spc. Joseph Barrios and Sgt. Scott Boehmler.

FAMILY from Page 1

The couple, who share their 21st wedding anniversary today and have been together for 26 years, was diagnosed her illness in November, six months after her initial symptoms, of her condition.

Sara was diagnosed with Primary Pulmonary Hypertension, a rare lung disorder in which the blood pressure in the pulmonary artery rises far above normal levels for no apparent reason.

The pulmonary artery is the blood vessel carrying oxygen-poor blood from the right ventricle, one of the pumping chambers of the heart, to the lungs. In the lungs, the blood picks up oxygen and then flows to the left side of the heart, where it is pumped by the left ventricle to the rest of the body through the aorta.

This abnormally high pressure (pulmonary hypertension) is associated with changes in the small blood vessels in the lungs, resulting in an increased resistance to blood flowing through the vessels.

This increased resistance, in turn, places a strain on the right ventricle, which now has to work harder than usual against the resistance to move adequate amounts of blood through the lungs.

"At the time they told us between 100 to 300 people a year in the United States are diagnosed with the disease," Sara said.

Rather than say 'why me' when she was first diagnosed, Sara admitted she wasn't too physically fit. She and her husband went on walks from time to time, but at the time she weighed 200 pounds.

"That's a lot of weight to carry around and I figured at first it had something to do with my weight, but that wasn't the cause," she said.

Frightening reality

Doctors told her upon discovery of PPH there was nothing they could do to reverse the disease and warned her that it was considered terminal.

To hear the word 'terminal' brought a sense of fear in the Tyler's and they struggled not knowing how long Sara would live before the disease would overcome her.

"It was hard mostly because our son was only eight years old," Sara said.

She added with her husband away from the house because of his military obligations and his TDY assignments, she and Roland were very close having spent so much time together.

"It was very hard to explain to him what was going on," Sara said. "It was the hardest thing because you bring children into the world thinking you're going to be the one to raise them and all of a sudden it turns out it may not be that way. It's very hard to deal with."

She was also advised she needed a heart/lung transplant if she had any chance to live and not to perform any exercises or it would kill her.

"They gave me oxygen to make breathing easier and they put me on a beta blocker, which is a blood pressure medicine to keep my blood moving, but there wasn't really much they could do for me," she said.

For Tyler the thought of having to go on without his wife and juggling his military obligations was a very emotional experience.

"You get married to someone for a lifetime," Tyler said. "And now that lifetime instead of being 50 years may be five years or less. You ask yourself, 'now what do you do with the time you got left?' Our focus was to do family things and try to slow down life to do what we can with each other."

Living through the ordeal was made easier for him from the support Tyler received his unit, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 304th Military Intelligence Battalion, still warms



Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks

Sgt. Maj. David Tyler and his wife Sara prepare a dinner together. Both have tried to keep their lives as 'normal' as possible following Sara's diagnosis of Primary Pulmonary Hypertension in 1994. The Tylers have since celebrated their 21st wedding anniversary after Sara was initially told her disease was terminal unless having a heart and lung transplant.

his heart today.

"They were fantastic," Tyler said. "First Sgt. Brad Purtrell and Command Sgt. Maj. Jerry Clark were just phenomenal in the support they were able to give for us."

Tyler needed the support during the days leading to Sara's first heart and lung transplant surgery. The surgery was successfully performed at Tucson's University Medical Center in 1997.

Prior to the surgery Sara was placed on a national registry for an organ donation. Also at the time UMC was not approved for lung transplant surgery – only for hearts. She had to go to Denver to be evaluated where initially she was disapproved for the lung donation.

"It took us a year before everything was said and done to get both organs," Sara said. "We pushed UMC to get CHAMPUS approval for the lungs so that we could get the surgery done in Tucson. It was a very long process."

During the surgery Tyler was in the hospital and he admitted to not being nervous be-

Struggle continues

Today the struggle continues and the roller coaster ride of emotions have returned in the Tyler household as Sara awaits a kidney transplant. The transplant is needed because of the medication given to help fight the rejection from her first transplant surgery is toxic.

"Even with the heart/lung transplant, you trade one set of problems for the follow ups of the transplant and the drugs you use there," Tyler said. "And the new set of problems have made her weak, damaged her kidneys and now the outcome of all that is she needs another transplant."

It is common for many transplant patients who live long enough to go through other transplants down the line.

In the Hollywood movie 'John Q,' Denzel Washington plays the role of an ordinary man frustrated because he can't afford an organ transplant system for his sick son. His health insurance provider bails out on him, so he takes

port organ donation.

"It's a lot of people who believe if paramedics arrive at a scene and recognizes they're organ donors, then the medic isn't going to try to save them," Sara said. "That is not true. Their first priority is to save you to the hospital. You only become an organ donor after you are brain dead. By law they can't do that to you."

Sara emphasized more importantly that if someone wants to be an organ donor, they should talk to family members about organ and tissue donation so they know your wishes.

"Even if you've signed something or an organ donation card, your family may be asked to give consent before donation can occur," she said.

Keeping hope, faith alive

Day to day now the Tylers draw strength from each other, their friends and their faith. Sara keeps busy by volunteering on post in between her dialysis appointments three times a week.

"I think mostly we just try to be as normal as we can," Sara said. "I think if you look at it and say, 'my life has gone to hell,' then you'd get discouraged. But you get up in the morning, you go to work and come home and you say, 'these are the things that happened in my day.'"

Although they don't cry often, the two find ways to share time and bond with each other for therapy.

"We have a lot of talks where we just sit there and let it all drain," Tyler said. "We have to because it can build up inside."

"We want to keep the focus on that there is going to be a day when they're going to call us and say they have a kidney for me," Sara said. "And we're making plans for what's going to happen after the transplant, such as the vacation we want. We're trying to look forward more to the good things. It's too easy to focus on the negative things."

The Tyler's outlook today on getting through this particular ordeal is bright and their faith unshakable.

"We believe very deeply that God is going to take care of us," Sara said. "Whether or not he gives us a kidney, we can't tell you that. We don't know what's coming down the road."

"We take one day at a time," Tyler said. "We really do. We live for that day and worry about tomorrow, tomorrow."

Sara continued adding, "Mostly what we want is whether we get a kidney or not, we want people to think about organ donation."

"You don't know down the road what's going to happen to you. There might come a point when you're waiting for an organ and you're going to have to rely on the goodness of others to get that organ. We want people to think about that."

Nearly ten years later since being diagnosed with PPH, Sara Tyler has shared another anniversary and another Thanksgiving with her family.

"It has been a miracle," she said. "It has been straining, tiring, exhausting but we're one of the lucky ones. And we know that."

Tyler agrees having his wife alive today is a miracle and he views his time with her since her first surgery as something he calls "five years plus."

"We have five years plus we wouldn't have had if wasn't for someone donating their organs to her. Somebody made that gift and we're thankful for that."

You get married to someone for a lifetime. And now that lifetime instead of being 50 years may be five years or less. You ask yourself, 'now what do you do with the time you got left?'

Sgt. Maj. David Tyler

cause he knew he couldn't control it – he had only to put his faith in God and the doctors. His concern was the post-op in which Sara could reject her organs.

"It was the rejection episode afterwards and the challenges to make sure we do everything right to not put her in a position that could jeopardize her health," Tyler said.

Sara responded well to her new organs and suffered no complications or rejections and infections. The first surgery brought a new found hope for her survival and new appreciation for life, love and family.



Sara Tyler enjoys her favorite pastime - playing with her dogs. Since her initial diagnosis of PPH, she's had a heart and lung transplant to keep her alive but today is in need of a kidney transplant.

matters in his own hands by taking people hostage in the hospital until he can get the transplant.

The Tylers saw the movie and Sgt. Maj. Tyler see some of the parallels in the movie with his own ordeal, except for the hostage taking.

"The entire ordeal is frustrating," Tyler said. "It was a year before she was even listed on the kidney register. And your time doesn't start looking for a cadaver donor until you're listed."

He added what also makes being on the kidney list frustrating is they never know where they stand on the list. Unlike being on the heart/lung register, they knew exactly their number on the list. However for a kidney donation, when a match comes in a person is picked not by their number on the list, but the best match for the organ.

"That's why organ donors are so important," Tyler said. "They don't call and say we just did a transplant and now you're number four on the list. There is a whole protocol for who is the best match for that organ in that region. That's why the list is four-to-six years long."

Currently there are 53,000 people waiting for kidneys in the country.

The struggles and frustration of getting the kidney transplant is evident on both husband and wife faces. Sara has the approval for a transplant and she's currently on the list, however the list is five to six years long.

Tyler was tested in September and although he's a match, he can't donate because his other kidney is too small to support his body with only one kidney.

Both realize organ transplantation is successful only if there are donors willing to pass on their organs to others. Each day about 68 people receive an organ transplant, but another 18 people on the waiting list die because not enough organs are available.

The Tylers admit they've heard the myths why people don't donate organs and they try to educate others against those myths to sup-

Devotion to green takes on new meaning for MP

BY SGT. 1ST CLASS
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Residents driving down Hall Circle will notice one of their neighbors showcasing a colorful sign in their front yard. Fancily painted on the sign are the words, "Best Yard – Fall Clean Up," depicting the honor bestowed upon Staff Sgt. Otis Meadows and his wife Annetta.

Each year the several homes on the installation are recommended for the title of best yard after judging by the Fort Huachuca Deputy Garrison commander, U.S. Army Garrison Sergeant Major, and the NCO Academy commandant.

Meadows, assigned to the 18th Military Police Detachment, was surprised his yard was selected the best on the post Thursday; however his wife would say otherwise.

"He doesn't let anybody walk on the grass," Annetta said. "I kid him a lot telling him when he retires and gets his own house; he's going to be the old man screaming at kids for walking on his grass."

All joking aside, the

Meadows spend a lot of their quality maintaining and beautifying their lawn. Their three children, Drake, 13; Raven, 7 and Trinity, 2, also have small roles in taking care of the yard, but Meadows want them more to enjoy the beauty of the grass.

"I don't consider this a job, but more of a form of relaxation," Meadows said. "We enjoy being out here spending quality time and talking. Of course she issues all the orders as well."

One of Annetta's orders was for Meadows not to over fertilize the lawn.

"I told him to give it a break from time to time," she said.

He also described maintaining a beautiful lawn his passion and attributes his devotion to landscaping back to his Southern roots in Paris, Tenn., where he and his siblings had to take care of a much larger lawn.

Command Sgt. Robert Voss, garrison sergeant major, said the judging was particular tough this year, however when it came down to picking a winner, the Meadows' stood out because of their en-



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Donald L. Sparks

Staff Sgt. Otis Meadows, his wife Annetta, and two-year-old daughter Trinity pose near the "Best Yard - Fall Clean Up" sign for having the best yard on post.

tire yard.

"Although their grass was greener than most of the yards we've seen on post, that wasn't the discriminating fac-

tor," Voss said. "It was evident the front was trimmed, mowed and he spent a lot of time on it, but his backyard was well kept also. Other homes had nice

front yards, but we looked at the whole house."

For being selected the best yard, Meadows was presented a commanding

general's two-star letter and a CG coin of excellence from Col. Susan Browning, chief of staff, U.S. Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca.

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kind of hesitant," Riehle said. "I hesitated because I really had no idea what to say – frankly, I was ashamed. Ashamed about how little I knew about this wonderful culture.

"I knew about Sitting Bull and Custer, Geronimo and Crook, a little about Sacagawea and something about the Black Hawk wars,

but all I really knew were the cultural bias and stereotypes presented to me growing up."

Riehle added he learned eventually there were 24 Native American Medal of Honor recipients; there was a Native American astronaut, an Iwo Jima flag raiser, a U.S. senator and a number of Olympic athletes.

"When I took some time to think about it, I realized that this celebra-

tion is slightly misnamed," Riehle said. "It should be an American Day celebration."

He closed with a quote from Chief Seattle of the Du-wamish Tribe stating, "Humankind has not woven the web of life. We are but one thread within it. Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves. All things are bound together. All things connect."



Don't Forget...

The Fort Huachuca Scout only has three issues left this year!

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ber of the Upper San Pedro Partnership, which was formed to facilitate and implement sound water resource management and conservation strategies in the Sierra Vista Sub-watershed.

"In addition to the fort's efforts, we have a very proactive relationship with the community and the Upper San Pedro Partnership – one that is working well. Money follows success, which is why this legislation passed. We are committed to staying the course," Marks emphasized. "Passage of the legislation is good news for the river."

"The Arizona delegation worked long and hard to initiate and to pass this legislation," Col. Lawrence J. Portouw, garrison commander, said. "We thank them for their forward-looking vi-

sion that will benefit the river, the region, and Fort Huachuca.

"Congress has officially recognized the partnership and its conservation efforts, and that is something we can all be proud of as we continue towards our goal of achieving long-term water use balance."

Fort Huachuca has steadily decreased water consumption on post by 47.6 percent since 1989. Last year's on-post water pumping was reduced by 8 percent over the previous year, according to official records documenting installation water use.

Water savings projects which led to the awards include, but are not limited to: a major water recharge catchment basin adjacent to Fort Huachuca to capture runoff; construction of a

waste treatment plant and treatment of waste water for use on parade fields, the golf course, and other areas of the fort; waterless urinals in the fort's public buildings, and installation of low water use toilets, showers and other devices in all new construction.

Fort Huachuca has continuously won awards for its conservation efforts since 1994. For its efforts in 2002, the fort received a White House Closing the Circle Award for Sustainability, a Secretary of the Army Award for Natural Resources, the Secretary of Defense Award for Natural Resources and a Secretary of the Army Energy and Water Management Award.

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all missions given to him. Assigned to the New Systems Training and Integration Office, 306th MI Bn., Chris excelled in a highly stressful environment, demonstrating his outstanding leadership capability in developing a cohesive team of world-class soldiers."

Costello added Nason was caring, always placed the needs of his Soldiers ahead of his own endeavors, a professional Army Officer who loved his Soldiers and his country very much.

"Chris was always positive and good-na-

tured about everything and every mission that came his way, bringing the best out of everyone around him," Costello said. "Chris was thrilled to deploy to Iraq to serve his country and beliefs. CW2 Christopher Nason's presence will be sorely missed by every Soldier and civilian in the 306th Military Intelligence Battalion."

The 306th MI Bn. is planning a memorial service. Details of the service will be released at a future date.

The accident is under investigation.

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There are over 1,600 charities for federal employees to donate to, Reese added.

Each federal organization has a goal, set by the campaign manager, Reese said. The goal is usually a 5 percent increase upon last years donations.

According to the CFC's official Web site, www.opm.gov/cfc/, fundraising for charitable organizations in the federal workplace can be traced to the late-1940's.

In 1956, President Dwight Eisenhower created a program to develop and administer a

uniform policy and program for federal fundraising for more productivity and less workplace hassle, according to the Web site.

To begin the donation process on Fort Huachuca, each unit designated a unit coordinator, Reese said.

The unit coordinator is responsible for handing out pledge cards and brochures to their unit and collecting the completed cards and turning them into the campaign manager.

To view the nationwide CFC campaign, visit their Web site at www.omp.org/cfc/.

Community Updates

Housing Division closed

In order to allow employees of the Housing Division to fully participate with their families this Thanksgiving season, the Housing Office will be closed on Thursday and Friday. The office will be open as usual on Monday, at 9 a.m.

Range closures

Thursday – No closures
Friday – No closures
Saturday – T1, T1A, T2
Sunday – No closures
Monday – AC, AD, AL, AW, T1, T1A, T2

Tuesday – AC, AD, AH, AK, AL, AM, AR, T1, T1A, T2, T3

Wednesday – AC, AD, AH, AK, AL, AM, AR, AU, AY, T1, T1A, T2

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

Education Center closed

The Education Center will be closed on Friday. ACAP will be open only for cleaning personnel, 7:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., while DLS will be open 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Both the library and the Quality Training Center will be closed.

PAO office closed

The Fort Huachuca Public Affairs Office will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday weekend and we will reopen Monday.

If you have an emergency, page the on-call public affairs officer at 452-2040.

Military pay office closed

The Defense Military Pay Office will be closed for customer service on Friday. This includes Building 22334 (main office) and Building 41330 (Whitstone Hall).

Any out processing of military members must be completed on Wednesday.

Regular hours will resume on Monday. For any emergency situation, call 533-2011 and leave a brief message.

CPAC closed

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center will close at 4 p.m. Wednesday, and re-open 7:30 a.m. Monday.

Main Gate closure Dec. 6

Fort Huachuca's Main Gate will be closed 9 a.m.-noon, Dec. 6 for the Sierra Vista Holiday Parade. Use the East Gate to enter and exit post.

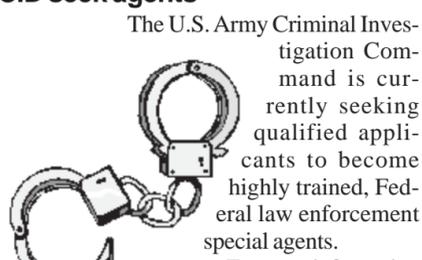
DRM closed Dec. 18

The Directorate of Resource Management offices, Buildings 41408 and 41412 (Rhea Avenue) will be closed 11 a.m. - close of business Dec. 18 for Christmas party activities. Normal business hours will resume Dec. 19.

A lesson in check writing

Check writing classes are held on the first Wednesday of each month from 9-11:30 a.m. Budget classes are held on the second Wednesday of each month from 9-11:30 a.m. Both classes are held at Army Community Services.

CID seek agents



The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command is currently seeking qualified applicants to become highly trained, Federal law enforcement special agents.

For more information or to apply, call Special Agent Vincent Mendez at 538-1379 or visit www.CID.Army.mil.

Free Miller Analogies

Troy State University at Davis Monthan Air Force Base is offering free Miller Analogies tests Dec. 13, Jan. 6 and Jan. 24 as part of a Miller Analogies Research Study.

The regular fee for this exam through TSU is \$75, but the fee will be waived for all students who wish to participate in the project.

The MAT is a graduate program entrance exam required by many universities for various programs.

The purpose of the study is to determine the effect of administering computer based version of the Miller Analogies Test.

All participating examinees must be first time test-takers and will take two different test forms.

The two tests must be taken on the same day and will require approximately two hours. For each examinee, the score for one test form will be reported on his/her score reports.

The other score will be used for research purposes and will not appear on the score reports.

Interested participants should contact Carolyn Saunders, TSU Site Director, at (520) 748-2625 or e-mail cesaunders@troyst.edu.

E-Learning opportunities

The University Alliance Online, America's leading exclusive e-learning provider of degree and certificate programs from regionally accredited universities, including Villanova, Tulane, Saint Leo, Regis, Jacksonville University, Nova University and South Florida.

All degree and certificate programs are online and you never have to set foot in a classroom.

Through streaming video lectures and other advanced Internet technology, students enrolled in degree programs made available by UA can "attend class" anytime, anywhere — including in their homes, at work or even while they travel.

Students earn the same education as a university's on-campus students, plus they have access to online "digital tools" - such as a synchronous bulletin board and chat rooms - that ensure an enhanced educational experience. If you would like to talk to someone about the University Alliance, a representative will be at the Fort Huachuca Education Center, Building 52104, 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. Dec 3. For more information, call Sharon Lewis at 533-2390.

New members wanted

The Fort Huachuca Community Spouses Club, a non-profit organization that provides

money for scholarships and community support is looking for new members.

Spouses of active duty or retired military connected to Fort Huachuca are welcomed to join.

For membership information, call Wendy Breen at 378-1763 or sign up at an FHCSC event.

Holiday home tour next month

The annual Fort Huachuca Holiday Home tour is taking place on Dec. 7.

In addition to seeing Fort Huachuca's historic homes, this year's tour will also include new post housing in Cavalry Park, live entertainment, food and beverages.

ADAS system installed

On Oct. 17, the ADAS system was installed in the post Telephone Switch office to support Health, Morale and Welfare phone calls for TDY deploy personnel only.

The telephone number is DSN 879-HOME (4663) and is available daily 24 hours/seven days a week.

Calls can be made for 15 minutes to the local dialing area of Fort Huachuca, Sierra Vista, Huachuca City, Whetstone, Hereford, Palominas, Bisbee, Douglas, Tombstone and Elfrida.

Calling cards calls can also be made at the customer expense.

Morale Calls are presently being processed on the post voice mail system and will be removed on Monday. This system is for inbound calls only to Fort Huachuca.

For more information, call Chris Lyons III at 538-5966 or e-mail lyonsc@hua.army.mil.

Thrift savings plan

The next Thrift Savings Plan Open Season ends Dec. 31.

During the open season, you may begin contributing to TSP or change the amount of your TSP contribution by logging on to www.abc.army.mil.

Do not submit a TSP-1 Form to the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center office. It cannot process these forms.

To make Interfund changes, use the www.tsp.gov Web site.

If you have any questions, call Eva Dixon at 533-5735 or Kelly Garland at 533-5273, 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, or stop by CPAC, Building 22320.

Fences, shrubs, flowers available

In Miles Manor 1-3, most of the homes have been vacated due to a renovation project.

Many of the soldiers left behind fences, paving bricks and landscape improvements.

Before the bulldozers come, these items are available to residents on Fort

Huachuca. For more information call Dave Bacon at 533-5023.

Landscape items may not be taken without prior approval.

Bacon will provide a permission slip identifying the address and the item that a person is authorized to take. This permission slip may be required to be shown to military police patrolling the area.

It's FEHB open season

Federal Employees Health Benefit Open Season, is underway and ends Dec. 8. All enrollment changes must be submitted directly to the Army Benefits Center. During Open Season, people may enroll, cancel or change their FEHB plan by logging on to www.abc.army.mil.

The SF 2809 enrollment forms may not be accepted or processed by the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center.

Health plan information

For benefit cost comparisons or information on the individual health plans available, log on to www.opm.gov. Please click on "Quick Index" and then FEHB. Civilian employees who have questions may contact Eva Dixon at 520-533-5735 or Kelly Garland at 520-533-5273 or stop by the CPAC offices located at 476 August Avenue, Building 22320 (2nd floor) 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday - Friday

Shoppette project awarded

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service has awarded a construction project for the construction of a 7,475 square foot shoppette near the Main Gate.

The construction contractor is AFC Contracting, Inc, headquartered in Phoenix. The performance period for the project is 240 days, with a projected completion date of June 2004. The project will encompass a shoppette to include a Taco John's restaurant, underground gasoline storage tanks and gas dispensers. While work will go on south of the Main Gate area, it will not affect traffic in or out of the Main Gate.

Interested parties should contact the Warrant Officer Recruiting Team at www.usarec.army.mil/warrant or DSN 536-0484/536-0458/536-0488/536-0478/536-0271/536-1860.

Warrant Officer Statement

The U.S. Army is looking for highly motivated Soldiers, Marines, sailors and airmen to fill its Warrant Officer ranks. Positions are open in all 45 specialties if you qualify. Soldiers with less than 12 years active federal service are encouraged to apply.

For more information, contact the Warrant Officer Recruiting Team at www.usarec.army.mil/warrant or DSN 536-0484/536-0458/536-0488/536-0478/536-0271/536-1860.

Save organization money

The Hazardous Material Control Center, Logistics Management Division has an inventory of hazardous materials available for issue at no charge. Listing of material is located on the Fort Huachuca Intranet, intranet.hua.army.mil. Material is issued on a first-come, first serve basis. Authorized customers may obtain material by calling Larry Brooks at 533-1263.

Rumsfeld, Myers thank troops, employees for their service

BY JIM GARAMONE
AMERICAN FORCES PRESS SERVICE

As America approaches the Thanksgiving holiday, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said he is grateful for the voluntary service of soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines worldwide as they protect America and take the fight to the terrorists.

Rumsfeld and Joint Chiefs Chairman Air Force Gen. Richard B. Myers held a Pentagon Town Hall Meeting Friday. The men thanked service members and civilian employees for their service and answered questions about the global war on terrorism and the newly passed National Security Personnel System.

Myers said that the threat posed by global terror networks "is the greatest threat this nation has ever faced." He said terrorists want to impose fear on America. "It doesn't take much," he said.

"It's an element of fear back there that maybe 'Gee, maybe the world has changed,'" Myers continued. "And what it takes is great public service - civilian and military - to work through this period. There's not a more important time to have ever served."

In response to another question, Rumsfeld said that success in the global war of terror is when Americans don't alter their behavior because of the threat of terror. Rumsfeld said the United States must go after the terrorist cells where they breed, and go after countries that harbor terrorists.

"We have no choice but to go out and find the terrorists and find them where they are," he said. "Particularly we have to deal with them before they have the opportunities to kill another 3,000 innocent men, women and children in this country and thousands across the world."

Rumsfeld said the United States has to win the "battle of ideas." The United States has to help rid the world of the con-

ditions that lead people to terrorist groups, he said.

The secretary discussed the National Security Personnel System that makes changes in the civilian personnel arena in the department. The system is part of the fiscal 2004 National Defense Authorization Act passed by Congress and signed by the president.

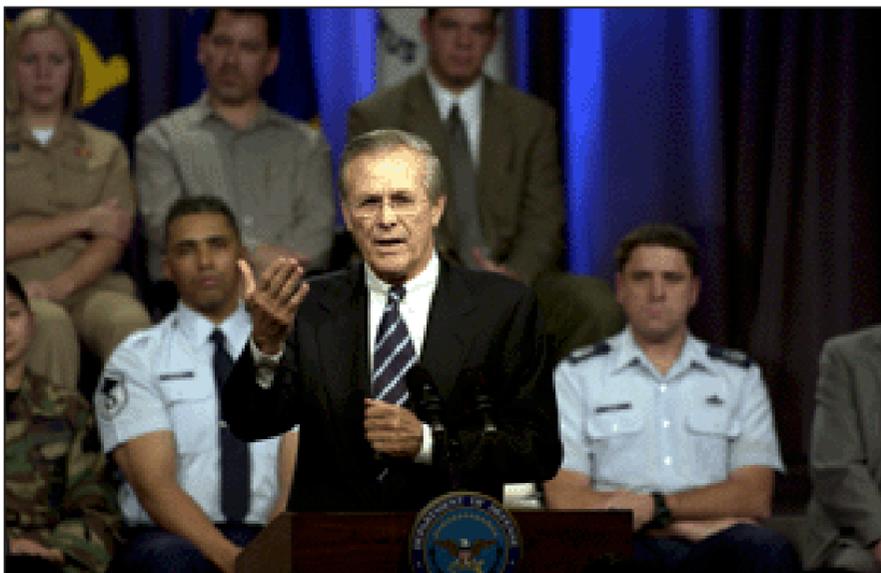
"The studies and experiments done in places like China Lake and elsewhere indicated that with greater flexibility people would be much more likely to reach for a civilian employee if they had the ability to manage them," he said. "At the present time, in some offices you may have 100 employees and you're trying to manage four, five or six different personnel systems. That's just a nightmare."

He said there are 300,000 military personnel in jobs that could be done by civilians or contractors. Managers reach for a military person today, because it is easier than going through the civilian personnel system. He said in the future there will be things that make sense for a civilian employee to do, contractors to do and service members to do.

Rumsfeld said the United States is engaged in a great cause

in the war on terror.

"This Thanksgiving I am thankful for all of you and what you are doing to serve our country and for the men and women of the U.S. military who defend our freedom every day," he said. "Needless to say, we'll all keep the men and women on the frontlines - those who will not be with their families on Thanksgiving - in our thoughts and prayers, and their families as well."



DoD photo by Tech. Sgt. Andy Dunaway

Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld answers a question from the audience at a town hall meeting in the Pentagon auditorium on Nov. 21, 2003.