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36th Army Band concerts

Members of the 36th Army Band, in cooperation with Sierra Vista Parks and Leisure, will present a series of Sunday afternoon chamber music concerts beginning Jan. 26.

Each one-hour concert will include a variety of chamber music and feature a different small ensemble from the band:

- Jan. 26 – Brass Quintet
- Feb. 9 – Saxophone Quartet
- March 9 – Dixieland Band
- April 6 – Jazz Combo

Concerts begin at 3 p.m. in the Ethel Berger Center of Sierra Vista. Admission is free and open to the public.

Youth wrestling

The Youth Services sponsored wrestling program practice every Monday and Wednesday at 6 p.m. at the Youth Center. The Youth Center is located on Cushing Street directly across from Smith Middle School.

Wrestling is for youth ages 6 and up. The program will be conducted as a club run by interested volunteers.

Youth should come in work-out clothes and parents are welcome to attend and get information on the program.

For more information contact youth services at 533-3205/3212.

Duffer's paradise

The Mountain View Golf Course, located on Fort Huachuca, is a high desert 18-hole championship course and is open to the public.

Services include a putting green, driving range, golf shop, 3 par practice hole, and clubhouse. For more information, call 533-7088.

Ponytail Softball League

The Sierra Vista Ponytail Softball League will start registration for the upcoming season.

Dates are set for Jan. 25, Feb. 1 and 8 at Target from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. The league is open to girls, ages 5-18.

For more information, call 378-1643 or 439-4351, or visit www.svponytail.com.

Marathon volunteers needed

The Thunder Mountain Marathon is coming to Fort Huachuca on March 22. Volunteers are needed to tear down and set up race headquarters, watch barricades and stay at various water points.

For more information, call 538-4823.

Combat Medic run

The Sierra Vista Regional Health Center will sponsor the 6th Annual Combat Medic Memorial run March 1 on Fort Huachuca at Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center.

The event will feature a 10K, 5K race and 2K fun run/walk. Starting time for the 10K is 8 a.m.; the 5K is 8:15 a.m. and the 2K at 8:20 a.m.

Early registration fee is \$12 and the race day fee is \$15. Early registration must be postmarked by Feb. 21. Make checks payable to Combat Medic Memorial Run Fund.

Race day registration is 6:30-7:30 a.m. Mail registration to:
RWBAHC Bldg. 45001

ATTN: Sgt. 1st Class Zeak Williams/Staff Sgt. Orlando Rivera
Fort Huachuca, AZ 85613

For more information, call Williams at 533-2627, Rivera at 533-25555 or Barbara Chavez at 533-8009.

Spc. Lenard Brooks practices his jab against Spc. Frank Aylagna during workouts Monday in preparation for the upcoming All Army boxing trials.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Robert Hyatt

Abdullah: 'Expect to see the Army warrior spirit'

Boxers ready to compete, continue tradition of excellence in All Army trials

*By Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks
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The tradition and legacy of All Army Boxing is considered the best of all the services and for Staff Sgt. Basheer Abdullah, All Army and Army World Class Athlete Program head boxing coach, and next week fight fans will see why.

"Fans can expect to see the Army warrior spirit," Abdullah said. "That's what it's all about. It's no different than when a soldier gets into the ring and the spirit he takes on the battlefield."

Athletes from throughout the Army will fight to earn a spot on the All Army Boxing team Tuesday, Wednesday and Jan. 24 at Barnes Field House. Abdullah, who has been coaching All Army boxing since 1997, has contributed to the Army's overall success through his expertise and knowledge of the sport.

"It's been my job to take Army boxing to the next level and I think we've done that," said Abdullah who coached two national champions at last year's U.S. Championships. Five of his WCAP athletes made USA Boxing's Elite team.

In preparation for the upcoming fights Abdullah has provided the same training to the newer and inexperienced boxers the same type of training regiment he provides for the elite boxers of the WCAP.

"We focus on preparing the boxers mentally," Abdullah said. "And as far as their technique, we try to stick to the basics of boxing with inexperienced athletes."

"We also stress conditioning. They have to believe in their conditioning, they have to believe that all the work they've put into this program is going to pay off

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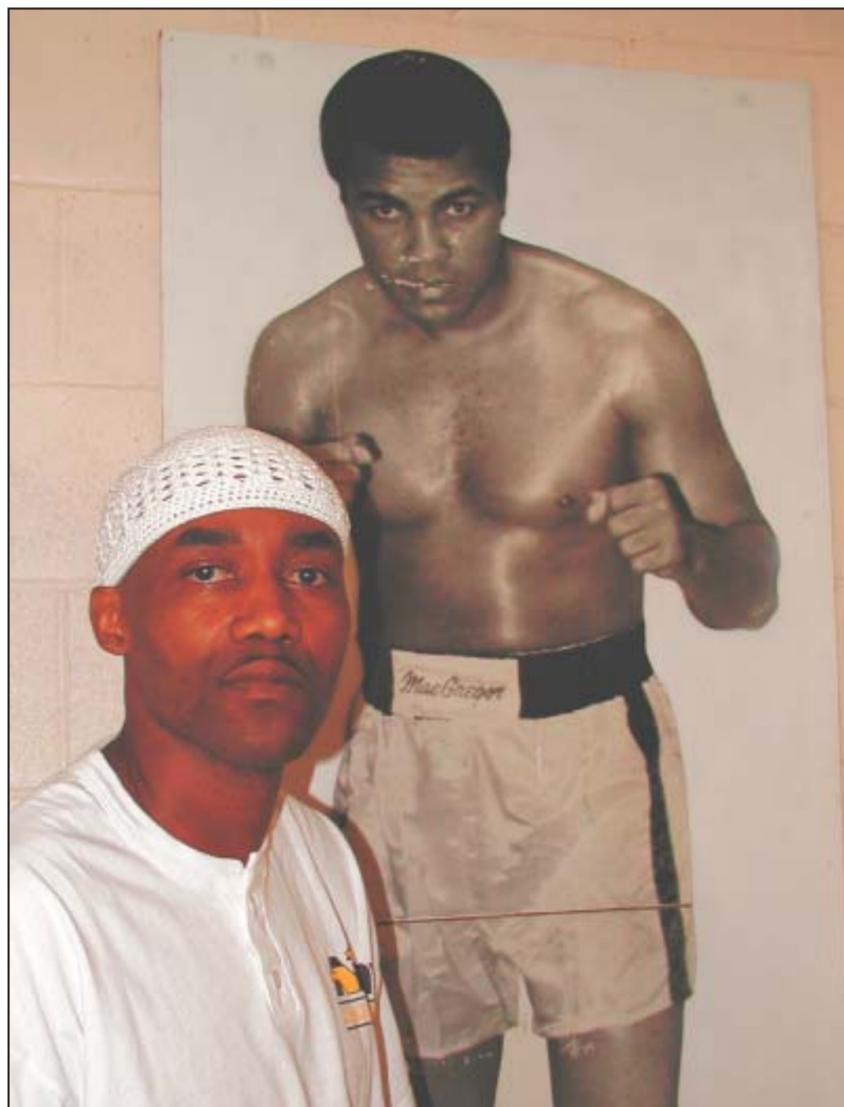


Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks

Staff Sgt. Basheer Abdullah, All Army and Army World Class Athlete Program head boxing coach, stands before a picture of his favorite boxer, Muhammad Ali, inside Barnes Field House. Abdullah has coached All Army boxing since 1997 and is considered one of the top coaches in the sport.

Female pugilists ready to prove skills in ring

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Prior to joining the Army, Spc. Tanisha Moore had more than her share of fights in her hometown of Norfolk, Va. Throughout her years in high school getting into a "throw down" or two was part of the norm for four years.

After enlisting as a cargo specialist, Moore's street roots didn't escape her as she got into a fight while assigned at Fort Eustis, Va., her current duty station. After getting in trouble the sports director suggested she take out her aggression by signing up for the All Army Female Boxing Team tryouts.

"I thought he was joking until he gave me the paperwork," Moore said. "I didn't think I would get picked, but I was contacted to be a part of it and I love it."

The All Army Female Boxing program, now in its second year of competition, stormed the scene at last year's All Armed Forces with Army boxers winning three of the four medals and capturing the overall title.

Staff Sgt. Lavelle Sims, head coach for the female boxing World Class Athlete Program, has been coaching the female boxers since its inception.

"We had a total of nine females last year, but unfortunately all couldn't fight because of the different weight classes," Sims said.

Sims and Sgt. Del Morales, assistant



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks

Members of the female boxers competing in the upcoming All Army boxing trials pose with Head Coach Staff Sgt. Lavelle Sims, center. The boxers from left to right are Spc. Christina Boilard, Sgt. Jennifer Grebb, Sgt. Cherie Retamozzo, Spc. Raelina Shinn, Spc. Tanisha Moore and Spc. Jodi Woods.

coach for the female boxing team, hopes to maintain the Army's momentum and edge to keep the title, however he has only six boxers competing in the female division this year. He admitted there have been challenges starting the female boxing program.

"The biggest challenge we have is getting

soldiers released from their units to compete because of the ongoing war against terrorism," Sims said. "I was hoping this year to get a bigger turnaround so we could get some of our veteran fighters with our newer

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Fort Huachuca Directorate of Community Activities Updates

The Directorate of Community Activities is responsible for content appearing on the MWR page in The Fort Huachuca Scout. Questions about this section should be directed to MWR Marketing Director, Paula German at 538-0836 or send an e-mail to paula.german@hua.army.mil.



Tickets Available at MWR Box Office

Theater League shows to be presented at Tucson Convention Center include: "Fame" which will be presented Jan. 24, 8 p.m.; Jan. 25, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Jan. 26, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

"Stomp", presented Feb. 28, 8 p.m.; March 1, 5 p.m. and 9 p.m.; and March 2, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

"Cats" presented April 4, 8 p.m.; April 5, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; and April 5, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Prices vary. Call 533-2404 for information or drop by the MWR Box Office located in the MWR Plaza, Building 52008, Arizona Street. MWR Box Office is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Let MWR Box Office assist you in getting Tucson Ice Cat tickets. The Ice Cats play at the Tucson Convention Center. The tickets are available to purchase Monday through Friday between the hours of 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m., the Cats will take on Northland. Friday and Saturday, the Cats will host Robert Morris College. Tickets for each event are \$9, \$7 or \$6 for adults. Children are \$4 with any adult purchase.

Let the MWR Box Office, assist you in making hotel reservations for the Tucson or Phoenix areas. The Box Office also has discounted tickets on Southern California attractions. These tickets are discounted for military, Department of Defense and Nonappropriated Funds employees at great savings. Stop by Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., or call 533-2404 for more information.

And remember, the Box Office has fax service available. Call or stop by for additional information if you need to send or receive a fax.



MWR Rents announces new hours

January through March, hours at MWR Rents will be as follows: Monday, Thursday and Friday, open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday, closed. They will also be closed for all holidays.

Applications for Spring Youth Fest now available

The Directorate of Community Activities, Child and Youth Services and Recreation Services Division, will sponsor the annual "Spring Youth Fest" April 26. Vendor applications for this event are available now through March 20. Applications may be picked up at the Child and Youth Services Registration Office or at Murr Community Center. For more information, call 533-8437.

PBA Win-a-Spot Sweepers

Saturday at 1 p.m., Desert Lanes will hold sweepers to award eight regional spots for the upcoming 4th Annual Western Regional Professional Bowlers Association Tournament. Entry fee for the sweepers is \$60, and one out of seven bowlers will win a spot. (Only one spot per person). Competitors will bowl eight games across 16 lanes under PBA lane conditions.

Winners will bowl in the 4th Annual Western Regional PBA Tournament to be held Jan. 31, Feb. 1 and 2 at Desert Lanes.

Friday night, beginning at 6 p.m., the Adult, Senior and Junior Pro-Am Tournament will be held. This is an open tournament, so come on out and bowl with your favorite pros.

Feb. 1, the qualifying round for the tournament will be held, beginning at 8 a.m. Sunday, starting at 9 a.m., the top 16 bowlers will complete in match play.

There is no admission charge for spectators, so you're wel-

All Army Boxing returns to Fort Huachuca

Tickets are on sale for All Army Boxing. The bouts will begin Tuesday, at Barnes Field House and be held Wednesday and finish on championship night, Jan. 24. Doors open at 6 p.m. and bouts start at 7 p.m.

Boxers and coaches are currently arriving at Fort Huachuca. The winning contenders from this year's competition will advance to the Armed Forces Championships, and from there to the world military championships, Conseil de International Sports Militaire, which will be held in Italy in 2003. In 2004, the CISM will be held at Fort Huachuca.

This event is open to all MWR authorized patrons and their guests. The ticket prices will be the same as last year: general seating for Jan. 21 and 22, \$5; championship night \$8; three night ticket package, \$15; children 10 years and under, free.

Tickets are available at MWR Box Office, MWR Rents, Eifler Fitness Center, Barnes Field House, Desert Lanes and in Sierra Vista at Safeway.



come to come out and watch some great bowling all three days. For more information, contact Randy Carter 533-2849.

Buffalo Corral schedules trail ride for Monday

Buffalo Corral will offer a Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. trail ride Monday from 9-11 a.m. Price will be \$13 per person for authorized Morale Welfare and Recreation users, and \$18 for civilians. The ride is open for riders ages 7 and up. Reservations and pre-payment are required by close of business Sunday. Fifteen riders are required for the ride to go. If there are not enough riders, the corral will be closed. For reservations or more information, call the corral at 533-5220.

January special at MWR Rents

January is "Family Fit Life Style Month" and to celebrate, MWR Rents will give you \$5 off per day on any camper rental for the entire month. For information, call 533-6707.

Right Arm Night at LakeSide

The LakeSide Activity Centre will host the next CGs' Right Arm Night Jan. 24 at 4 p.m. Karaoke with Ken Edwards, free food and a pay-as-you-go bar make this a lively spot to relax and socialize.

Barnes Pool offers water aerobic classes

Water aerobic classes are now being offered at Barnes pool. The first session began Saturday and runs through Jan. 30. Classes are held every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 9-10 a.m. Cost of nine classes will be \$25 and are good for the dates in Session 1. Or you can pay as you go, which will be \$3 per class. The class is available for all authorized users and their guests. For more information, contact Karlie Jo Hale at 533-3858.

Youth Services Tae Kwon Do Classes

Youth Services offers Tae Kwon Do classes every Tuesday and Thursday at 6 p.m. at the Youth Center. Ages 4 and up are invited to come to any class and participate. Parents are welcome as well.

Thunder Mountain Marathon 2003

The 2003 Thunder Mountain Marathon and Relays take place March 22. This is a USA Track and Field certified race. Runners from all over Arizona, and many out-of-state participants will again run this fine course. Those planning to take part are en-

couraged to register and train early for this challenging event.

Outdoor recreation planning meeting

Feb. 4, the Sports Branch of the Community Activities Directorate will hold an open forum to discuss recreational use of installation property. This includes hunting, birding, biking, hiking and horseback riding. Please attend this forum to represent your areas of concern. The data collected will be forwarded for enclosure in a proposed Fort Huachuca Outdoor Recreation Plan. Meeting will be conducted at Barnes Field House Walley Ball Court Building 61701 at 6 p.m.

Scuba classes to be held at BFH

Barnes Field House pool will be offering a scuba class starting Feb. 9. Classes are held on Sundays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

For more information, call Dennis Ballard at 803-0308 or Barnes pool at 533-3858. Cost of the class is \$150.

Red Cross Blood Drive

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive Jan. 23, noon-8 p.m. at Nicholson Hall, Room 115. Point of contact is Gail Slavin at 417-2252. Be sure to drink extra water and eat a small meal two-four hours before donating. Give the gift of life. Donate blood. 1-800-GIVE-LIFE. (Please note that the blood drive is being held on a different day this month.)

What's goin' on at Lil' Skeeters?

It was a holiday season to remember, and if you're like many people, the memory lives on smack dab in the middle of your waistline. It's time to lighten up and Lil' Skeeters has a delicious new salad to help you do just that. The new Caesar Salad is a hefty pile of crisp Romaine lettuce tossed in tangy dressing, and sprinkled with freshly shredded parmesan. It's a tasty way to help you keep that noble promise you made to yourself Jan. 1.

Lil' Skeeters is open for lunch Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. and open for dinner Wednesday and Thursday, 3:30 - 7:30 p.m. and Friday 3:30 - 8 p.m. Call 533-3837 for information or takeout. Stop by today for a deliciously crisp caesar salad.

Quick Shot Bingo is still going on at Lil' Skeeters. Participants can win up to \$50. Prizes are paid on the spot, "in cash!" The cost is only \$1 per play. Drop in at Lil' Skeeters and ask the friendly staff for payout information. Lil' Skeeters invites all to come in, relax and play Bonanza Bingo while you eat.

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fighters so they can spar. I feel if they're going to be successful sparring is the key."

Although the new boxers have trained at their home stations, Sims emphasized how important it is for a boxer to overcome their shock of being hit for the first time in the ring.

Competing in her second year, Spc. Raelina Shinn, a flight operations specialist currently assigned in Germany, agreed sparring is important.

She became interested in the sport after being volunteered when she was assigned at Fort Carson, Colo.

"I was nervous my first time, but I got an

adrenaline rush afterwards," Shinn said. "Getting hit wasn't as bad as I thought it would be and I enjoyed the fighting."

Both Shinn and Moore are currently ranked nationally, eighth and third respectively.

Sims said there are very few "naturals" who start off boxing for the first time, and he constantly encourages the boxers to hone their skills and raw talent.

"They've been very enthused about being here," Sims said. "What helps is that we have a smaller group than the men, which allows the coaches to give them more one-on-one training with the boxers.

"It gives us enough time to fine-tune their mechanics and techniques."

Despite last year's success, Sims is very aware of the mindset of critics and nay Sayers that oppose female boxing, but he is passionate about teaching females the sport.

"Most people don't want to see females fighting period," Sims said. "The first thing they think of is females scratching, pulling hair and windmill punches. I tell the females from the giddy up, 'when you come to Sergeant Sims program, you're going to box.

"I don't care if you just throw jabs. If that's all you can do, then that's what you're going to do."

Moore echoes her coach's sentiment.

"I can't worry about what everybody else is saying," Moore said. "I love boxing and the contact. It definitely isn't for everybody. A person's sex should not disqualify a person from the opportunity to compete in a sport."

As the fight nights approaches Sims realizes how important it is for his boxers to show up to compete when the fans come out to watch.

"I remind them that they're a minority," Sims said. "So when the step up in the ring, they need to make a statement. That's the bottom line."

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Photo by Staff Sgt. Robert Hyatt

Spc. Frank Aylagna punches the medicine ball as Spc. Lenard Brooks braces the ball during workouts Monday. Boxers will be competing Tuesday, Wednesday and Jan. 24 for a chance to make the All Army boxing team.

in the end.

"We know they're going to be ready physically, but the mental approach is what we're really focusing on."

Coming to Fort Huachuca, with its higher elevation, provides an added dimension in the cardio workout for the boxers as they condition themselves.

"Without cardio conditioning a boxer will have a rough time in the ring," Abdullah said. "If your cardio isn't up, two minutes can seem like two days when you're getting pounded on."

The highly respected coach once served as the high performance coordinator for the 2000 Olympic Team and is currently the vice-chairman of USA Boxing's international selection committee.

Despite his accolades, his love of Army boxing is something he treasures.

"I think what's so great about All Army Boxing is that it's not about the coaching and the athletes – it's bigger than that," Abdullah said. "The Army has an excellent sports program period. And the reason I say that is right now we're in a time of war and we still have leadership that allows soldiers to come out and participate in an All Army event.

"That says a lot about our leadership and our program. It says a lot of what sports bring



Photo by Angelica Pequeño

Pfc. Robert Watts works on his technique and hand-eye coordination during boxing practice Monday at Barnes Field House.

to the Army – it boosts morale and esprit de corps."

Abdullah's face lit up as he spoke about the tradition Army boxers have taken to the professional level in the sport.

"When you say professional boxers who came through All Army, you mention names like Ray Mercer, Anthony Hambrick and Andrew Maynard," Abdullah said. "That was the 1988 class and they took All Army boxing to the professional level and was very successful."

With the fights just days away, Abdullah mentioned the support the installation has given the boxers and coaching staff.

"Fort Huachuca is the best," Abdullah said. "The support speaks for itself and that's why we continue to come here year after year – not only the fort, but the Sierra Vista community as well. We love it here."