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Safely enjoying last summer holiday

BY BRIG. GEN. WARNER I. SUMPTER
 COMMANDING GENERAL, U.S. ARMY INTELLIGENCE CENTER AND FORT HUACHUCA

Labor Day is a national holiday that is over 100 years old. Over the years, it has evolved from purely a labor union celebration into a general "last fling of summer" festival. State parks, swimming pools, and campgrounds are all quite busy on Labor Day as everyone takes advantage of the waning hot season.

September is the month that marks the beginning of autumn. Due to the dedication of our leaders, civilians and Soldiers, Fort Huachuca has done a tremendous job

keeping our extended family safe this summer.

However, substance abuse often mars an otherwise ideal long weekend. The Army continues to lose too many Soldiers as a result of accidents involving alcohol.

Recently the Army team lost a Soldier after he was ejected from his vehicle in a roll over accident while on transitional leave. Imagine being honorably discharged from an Army at war, only to die in an accident at home. Another one of our comrades died as a result of a fall from a third story barracks window. The Soldier suffered a broken neck and alcohol is suspected in the incident. Mixing alcohol

and swimming can also be fatal. Recently, four Soldiers were swimming in a lake and one drowned. The Soldiers' three friends were unable to assist and another valuable life is unnecessarily lost.

Consequent to these tragic incidents, these Soldiers leave behind a loved one; a parent, a spouse or a child. As we celebrate this Labor Day let us do so responsibly and not become a statistic. As a parent we can only imagine the tragedy of leaving your children to grow up alone. As a son or daughter, let us think of the grief a parent feels knowing they have senselessly lost a child. Thinking of family will help you to remember to drink responsibly, use

a designated driver, and buckle up before you drive.

I expect commanders, supervisors, civilians and Soldiers at all levels to become proactive in the prevention of substance abuse within their units. Place special emphasis on weekend safety briefings, privately owned vehicle safety inspections, designated drivers, using the taxi on-call program, wearing of seat belts, using child restraint systems, and using protective equipment for motorcyclists.

The Army, the Nation, and most importantly your family needs you! Have a happy Labor Day and remember, be safe!

ASAP to Soldiers: You drink, you drive, you lose

**FORT HUACHUCA ARMY
 SUBSTANCE ABUSE PRO-
 GRAM**

With more people expected to travel on America's highways during the Labor Day holiday, this week could be one of the deadliest

periods ever for impaired driving fatalities.

There will be no warnings. Our message is simple - you drink and drive, you lose. Violators can lose their license, time from their job, and lose money in high fines and court costs as well as possibly

face imprisonment for repeat offenses, assault and vehicular manslaughter. Refuse a blood alcohol concentration test and you can lose your license on the spot and have your car impounded.

After a decade of gradual success, fatalities in alcohol-

related crashes have not significantly improved nationally in the last three years. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that alcohol-related fatalities rose slightly from 17,400 in 2001 to 17,419 in 2002. An estimated 258,000 persons

were injured in crashes where police reported that alcohol was present, an average of one person injured approximately every two minutes.

"If you find it hard to figure

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Scout on the Street

Why are you or why aren't you planning on voting?



**SGT. MAJ. LUCINDA
 BARBER**

Of course I'm voting, I even got the new registration for this area. I'm voting because every voice counts.



**PFC. SEDRICE HOUSTON,
 FORT HUACHUCA SELECT
 HONOR GUARD**

I'm not going to vote because I'd vote for Bush and I feel he's going to win regardless.



**SGT. DERRICK WATT,
 LIBBY ARMY AIRFIELD**

It's your duty as an American citizen.



**SGT. 1ST CLASS MARTY
 PETERSON,
 U.S. ARMY GARRISON**

I am voting. I vote to ensure the future of my children.

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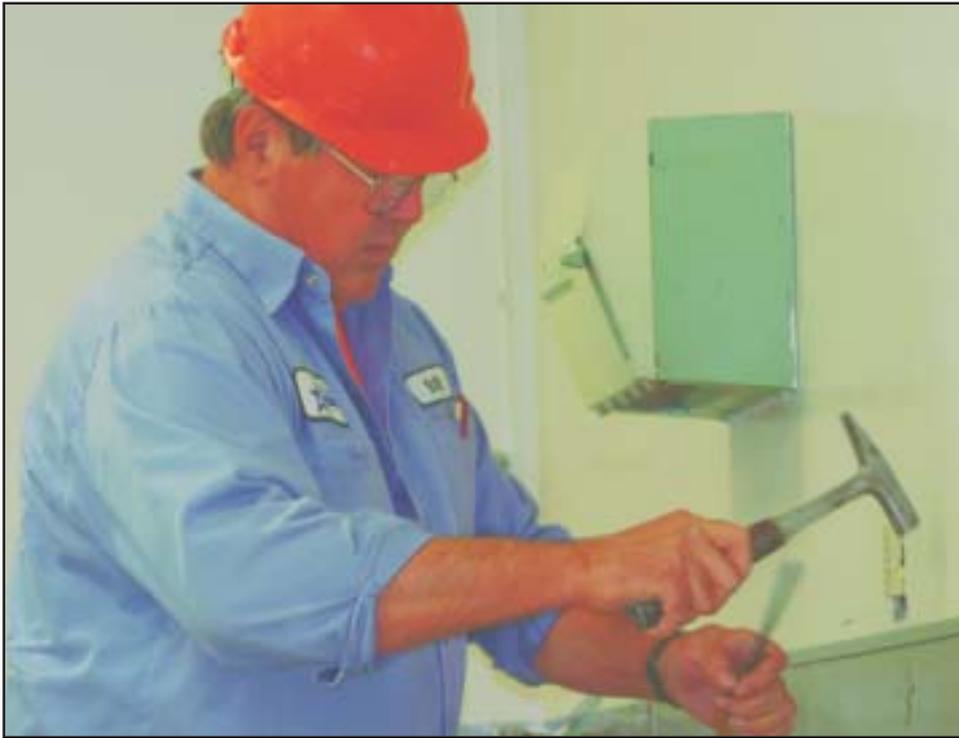


Photo by Spc. Susan Redwine

Contractor Bill Zwiefelhofer, a sheet metal mechanic, helped put up stainless steel backsplashes in the kitchen of the Thunder Mountain Activity Centre.

TMAC set to open

BY SPC. SUSAN REDWINE
SCOUT STAFF

The smell of fresh paint and new carpet hangs in the air of the building that was formerly known as La Hacienda. The grand opening of Thunder Mountain Activity Centre Wednesday will give the public a chance to see the significant changes the building has undergone over the past several months.

Remodeling at the facility included the restrooms, ceilings, walls, floors, buffet line and sound system, according to Dan Valle, director of the Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation on post. Also included in this year's renovation were the employees' offices, which were not touched during the last remodeling around 1992, Valle said.

What the public won't see is the complete remodeling of the kitchen area, that hadn't been updated since the original building in the 1960s, Valle said.

Rounding out the renovations are the addition of a gazebo in the rear of the building and xeroscaping, Valle said.

The TMAC has capacity for about 500 people, the largest in Sierra Vista and Fort Huachuca, according to Valle.

The renovation is part of a bigger plan that includes the closing of the LakeSide Activity Centre where a large, modern hotel is anticipated being built. Also part of the long-term plan is the eventual building of a welcome center and pro shop near Mountain View Golf Course.

Approximately \$325,000 of locally generated MWR dollars were used for the interior renovation, Valle said.

"When you support MWR on an installation, it generates dollars that can be used on the installation," Valle said. "This is a great example of that."

The grand opening of the remodeled building will take place from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday and will offer free hors d'oeuvres and feature music from the 36th Army Band's jazz combo. The public is invited to attend.

Hero receives medal for sacrifices

Purple Heart awarded 53 years after shrapnel injury takes Soldier's eye

BY SPC. SUSAN REDWINE
SCOUT STAFF

Field Monday, more than 50 years after receiving the shrapnel wounds that cost Wills his left eye.

Wills, who also received the Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal with Bronze Star,

Combat Infantry Badge and United Nations Service Medal on Monday, was drafted into the Army in 1951. He served as a Browning automatic rifleman during his service in Korea.

"I think it's wonderful after 53 years," said Tina Weber, Wills' daughter.

Wills said he and his family had tried several times over the years to straighten out the paperwork from his enlistment and finally did with the help of Maj. Alex Romero of the 111th Military Intelligence

Brigade and Kolbe.

"I accept these awards for all members of the armed forces, past and present," Wills told those present at the ceremony after the Purple Heart was pinned. "What they're doing is what makes our country great."

"It was not only my duty, but it was an honor to serve my country," he said.

Wills lives in Tucson and has six children, 12 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.



Photo by Spc. Susan Redwine

Howard B. Wills

Survey will provide ideas for better community

BY SGT. KRISTI T. SAAVEDRA
SCOUT STAFF

The military community of Fort Huachuca will get the chance to suggest what they would like to see come to life in the ever growing, supporting city of Sierra Vista.

"The Fort Huachuca-Sierra Vista Army Community Heritage Partnership survey is being conducted to better serve the needs of the Army family and those who work or visit on the installation," said Holly Sickels, program manager, Heritage partnership. "Its results will provide information that will assist in enhancing shopping opportunities, product availability and ser-

vices offered in the commercial district adjacent to Fort Huachuca."

"The survey will assist the community of Sierra Vista grow in a direction that will consider the needs of the military," said Don Brush, principal planner, city of Sierra Vista. "The emphasis will be to refine everything west of the Main Gate and Seventh Street."

It's almost like sitting back and saying, "I wish outside the Main Gate there was a great restaurant, great store," said Dan Valle. "That is the whole objective of this survey."

Once the survey is completed it is used as a marketing tool, distributed to the local chamber of commerce, real estate agen-

cies and economic developers, said Robert Carreira, economic analyst, Cochise College Center for Economic Research.

"The city of Sierra Vista's downtown neighborhood commission will present the results to the mayor and city council for west side renovation," said Brush.

Surveys will be available in September at Jeanie's Diner, the Post Exchange, Commissary and the new Thunder Mountain Activities Center. Drop boxes for completed surveys will be located at the Post Office, Post Exchange and Commissary.

For more information, call Virginia Sciarrino, community relations' officer at 533-1285 or e-mail sciarrinov@hua.army.mil.

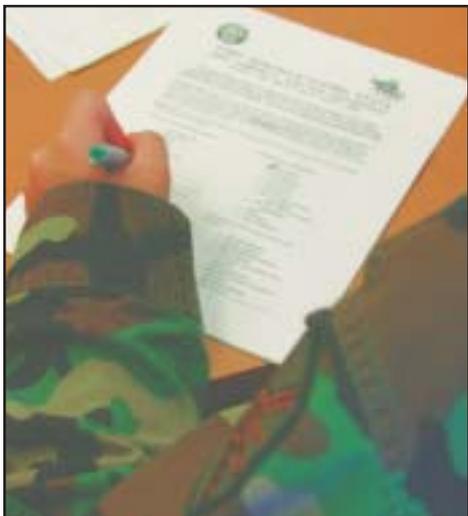


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New setup for Main Gate store

BY SGT. KRISTI T. SAAVEDRA
SCOUT STAFF

Stopping by the store on the way home may be easier for the Fort Huachuca community with a new shopette located right near the Main Gate.

The grand opening for the shopette was held Friday. The ceremony gave Maj. Gen. Kathryn Frost, commander, Army/Air Force exchange services, a chance to "salute Stanley Young and his AAFES team here at Fort Huachuca."

"It's the most strategic place to put a store on an installation," Frost said.

The new establishment is set up like a normal convenience store, said Stanley Young, general manager of AAFES. "It has everything needed for fast pickup."

The new store also doesn't cater to a specific market, said Young. The troop store at the Regimental Mini Mall caters to advanced individual training Soldiers, whereas the other shopette serves primarily as a class six, he said.

The new shopette is not a round the clock service store as many people had hoped, yet the amount of business is being monitored to determine what hours the store needs to hold to meet the needs of the Fort Huachuca community.

"The amount of people who work 24 hours is limited," said Young, explaining why the new store isn't open 24 hours.

Yet regardless of the hours, the shopette is now officially open for business.

"When we serve Soldiers and their families, we serve the best customers in the world," said Frost.



Photo by Elizabeth Harlan

Maj. Gen. Kathryn Frost, commander of Army/Air Force Exchange Services, speaks at the opening of the new easy shop shopette on post

Post personnel wins fuel excellence award

BY AMANDA BAILLIE
SCOUT STAFF

A Fort Huachuca civil servant has landed a prestigious award for her work in a field she admits she knew nothing about when she first started the job.

As the Installation Accountable Officer, a large part of Pat Quintana's many responsibilities is to manage the fort's fuel operations.

But when she took on the task in 1999, she says she was completely overwhelmed.

"All I knew about gas was how to fill up my car," she confessed.

Her willingness to learn her trade and not only manage, but improve, fuel operations, however, have resulted in her winning the American Petroleum Institute Award for outstanding individual performance in an Army fixed fuel facility operation.

It is the first time the Army has entered the annual awards, which also saw Fort Huachuca reach the final stages of the competition for best Army fixed fuel facility operation.

"We were told in July we were down to the final two with 505th Quartermaster Battalion in Japan, and also that I was in the running for the individual

award," said Quintana, who is the joint winner of the award with 505th's Kenneth Hoff, after judges could not choose between the two. "It felt so good just to get that far. But winning this award has been one of the biggest accomplishments of my civil service career."

As fuel officer, Quintana, who works for the Directorate of Installation Support, Logistics Management Division, is responsible for ensuring there is enough fuel for all of Fort Huachuca's military vehicles, as well as the aircrafts that regularly fly into Libby Army Airfield.

She also has to ensure that fuel

requirements are met for all training and deployment operations. All of this amounts to around 1.2 million gallons of fuel a year.

Since taking over the job, the 48-year-old mother-of-one has implemented a number of projects, which have seen a more efficient and cost effective fuel operation come into place.

And despite her reservations about the role in 1999, she admits she now thoroughly enjoys it.

"I like making a difference, not only for the people doing their jobs within fuel operations, but also for the people receiving the service," she said. "And the

positive thing about even making the finals is that it made us sit down and recognize what we had done and what we have accomplished. There is a great team of people here."

Dave Corbin, Army Petroleum Center, Fort Belvoir, Va., which coordinated the Army's entries to the awards, said: "Pat has shown extreme proficiency and excellence. She took the time to learn about the commodity and has made sure the operations at Fort Huachuca run as efficiently as possible."

Quintana will receive her award at a ceremony in Washington D.C. on September 27.

Preventing accidents one bicycle at a time

Keeping children mobile, but safe during the school year

DIRECTORATE OF
EMERGENCY SERVICES

With school starting and the weather clearing up, the kids on post will want to ride their bicycles even more. But, we always must consider the risks involved.

According to the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, more than 500,000 people in the U.S. are treated yearly in emer-

gency departments due to bicycling and more than 700 people die each year as a result of bicycle-related injuries

Also, children are at particularly high risk for bicycle-related injuries. In 2001, children 15 and younger accounted for 59 percent of all bicycle-related injuries seen in U.S. emergency departments, according to the NCIPC.

Fort Huachuca Regulation 190-5, Motor Vehicle Traffic Code, helps outline

bicycle safety to follow on post.

For example, every bicycle, when operated after official sunset, shall be equipped with a lamp on the front which shall, in clear weather, emit a white light visible from a distance of at least 500 feet to the front.

It shall also be equipped with a red reflector which shall be visible, in clear weather, from a distance of at least 300 feet to the rear, when directly in front of lawful low beams of headlamps on a motor vehicle.

Also, every bicycle shall be equipped with a brake which will enable the operator to make the braked wheel skid on dry, level, clean pavement.

The use of headphones or earphones while driving a motorcycle, moped, or bicycle on Army installation roads and streets is prohibited.

And, of course, helmets should always be worn.

For additional information on bicycle safety, visit the Fort Huachuca Web site at huachuca-www.army.mil/ and click on Publications.



Photo by Spc. Joy Pariente

VA benefits for survivors of OIF, OEF Soldiers

VA RELEASE

The Department of Veterans Affairs has a variety of programs to assist the survivors of military personnel who die on active duty.

VA benefits and services have been established for survivors of military personnel involved in Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

Summary of benefits

Survivors receive certain payments or benefits regardless of whether the in-service death is due to combat, accident or disease, including:

Burial in a VA national cemetery

Members of the armed forces and veterans, their spouses and dependent children may be buried in any of VA's national cemeteries with available space. There currently are 120 national cemeteries across the nation and 83 have available grave space. More information is available at www.cem.va.gov.

Deaths of active-duty members are not covered by VA's financial burial allowance benefits, since the military services assist survivors with funeral expenses and the cost of burial in private cemeteries. If a family wishes to arrange burial in a non-VA cemetery, VA will provide a headstone or marker for the grave.



Military funeral honors

Upon request, the Department of Defense will provide military funeral honors. This arrangement typically is made by the funeral director. At least two uniformed service members fold and present the flag and play "Taps" by a recording or a bugler. Additional information about funeral honors is available at www.militaryfuneralhonors.osd.mil

Burial in a veterans cemetery

Although not a benefit provided by VA, burial in a state veterans cemetery is an option available in many states for those who die on active duty. Some states have residency requirements and may impose additional limitations.

Military burial flags

In the case of in-service deaths, the Defense Department provides a U.S. flag to drape the casket or to be presented at a memorial service. After the service, the flag is given to the next of kin.

Presidential Certificate Program

The service member's next of kin receives a Presidential Memorial Certificate. Additional certificates are available for other loved ones upon request to VA. The gold embossed parchment-style paper is inscribed with the service member's name and bears the president's signature. It expresses the nation's gratitude for the deceased person's military service. More information about how VA services apply in individual cases is available from veterans services representatives at (800) 827-1000.

Casualty Assistance Program

VA has a Casualty Assistance Program to give personal attention to surviving family members after in-service deaths, and to help them with benefit information and applications. A casualty assistance officer is designated at each of VA's 57 regional offices. These VA officers work closely with military casualty officers to ensure timely assistance is available to beneficiaries.

Reservists, National Guard

When a member of the Reserves or National Guard dies while federally activated or on inactive duty for training, the death is considered service connected for VA death benefits. Activation of a National Guard unit by a governor alone in support of current security operations does not qualify unit members for these VA benefits, except life insurance.

Monthly payments dependants

When a service member dies while on active duty, the death is considered service-connected unless it was due to willful misconduct. VA pays at least \$967 a month in Dependency and Indemnity Compensation to surviving spouses. In most cases, survivors' claims are processed within 48 hours.

In some cases VA can pay more than \$967 a month, such as a \$241 benefit for each dependent child who is unmarried and under age 18 or up to age 23 if studying at a VA-approved school. Payments are increased if the surviving spouse is housebound or needs a home aide. The basic rate for survivors is adjusted annually and payments continue generally until the death or remarriage of the spouse before age 57. Remarriage after age 57 does not affect benefits. Additional information about benefits for family members, to include low-income parents of the veteran, is available at www.vba.va.gov/bln/dependents/

Health care

Health care benefits for the survivors of service members killed in action in Operations Iraqi Freedom or Enduring Freedom are provided by the military. For more information, see www.tricare.osd.mil.

Life Insurance

Most service members and reservists take VA's life insurance coverage, Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance, though a few decline coverage. Most choose coverage at the highest levels and their designated beneficiary receives a payment of \$250,000. VA has paid every claim related to Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom within 48 hours of receiving the necessary paperwork. VA also offers beneficiaries free, personalized financial planning through a financial services company.

More information is available at www.insurance.va.gov.

Educational assistance

When an active-duty service member dies, VA's Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program gener-

ally provides up to 45 months of education benefits to the un-remarried surviving spouse for 10 years, or for children 18 to 26. Currently the rate is \$788 a month for full-time attendance, with lesser amounts for part-time education. This benefit may be used to pursue secondary school programs; associate, bachelor or graduate degrees; technical or vocational training; apprenticeships; and other types of training, including work-study programs. More information is available at www.gibill.va.gov/education/C35pam.htm

Refund of unused GI Bill

If the deceased service member had contributed to the Montgomery GI Bill education program, the designated life insurance beneficiary or surviving spouse is entitled to a refund of the money that was collected through payroll deduction but was not awarded in education benefits during the service member's lifetime. Most active duty military members participate in this educational benefit program, which deducts \$1,200 from their pay at \$100 monthly during their first year of service.

Home loans

Surviving spouses of military members may be eligible for a VA-guaranteed home loan from a private lender. The loan may be used to purchase, construct or improve a home, to refinance an existing mortgage or for certain other purposes. As with the program for veterans, VA guarantees part of the total loan, permitting the purchaser to obtain a mortgage with a competitive interest rate. Except for manufactured homes and other select cases, the surviving spouse may obtain a no-downpayment loan if the lender agrees.





Photos by Spc. Joy Pariante

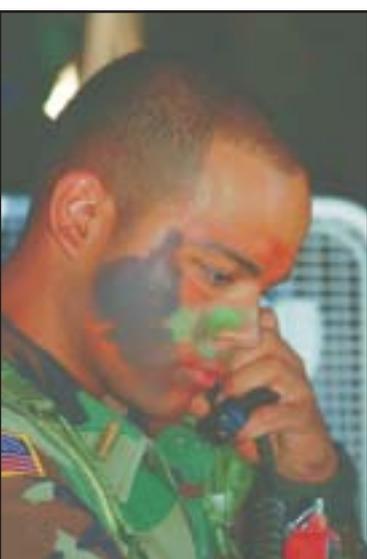
Soldiers from Company B, 304th Military Intelligence Battalion move stealthily upon an unidentified group of civilians.

Company B savors rare time in field

BY SPC. JOY PARIANTE
SCOUT STAFF

Company B, 304th Military Intelligence Battalion took their military occupational specialty skills and their Soldier skills to the field for 10 days to ensure readiness and proficiency.

Company B trekked deep into Fort Huachuca's east range and set up their tactical equipment. The unit works with the tactical signaling network systems which intercepts signals



Company B's 2nd Lt. Rashid Gonzalez keeps abreast of happenings across camp.

and the tactical ground surveillance systems/ground surveillance radar systems which use planted sensors and moveable radar units to pick up signals. Company B's mission is to take their systems to the field and show military intelligence officers how military intelligence companies function in a field environment, said Capt. Tedd L. Goth., company commander.

Tactical military intelligence companies on training installations don't have very many opportunities to conduct training operations, Goth said. "It's not fair for them to brief a system they've never taken to the field."

The unit blocked off time to allow Soldiers to continue building Soldier skills and MOS skills with limited distraction, he added. The group took this rare field time to accomplish several goals.

They trained to enhance readiness, refresh their MOS specific skills on the systems, conduct tactical intelligence electronic warfare operations, practice warrior skills and develop a tactical standard operating procedure for the unit.

"We need to keep proficient at level on Soldier common tasks," said Spc. Ramzi Omar

Kavaelias. "People need to brush up on those because they're easily forgotten."

Company B was using lessons learned from Iraq throughout their training. "We were trying to mirror what's occurring in Operation Iraqi Freedom and taking lessons learned and putting them into practice," Goth said.

Aside from getting plenty of

practice on their respective systems, Soldiers got to deal with real life, war time scenarios. In one such scenario, Soldiers dressed as civilians tried to gain access to Company B's area of operation using the excuses of needing water and needing medical attention. The Soldiers practiced screening and retention procedures and also flexed their language skills. All the

Soldiers of Company B are language qualified.

"The best part of this training was reacting to different scenarios and situations," said Kavaelias. "It's everyday [wartime] stuff and we're seeing how everyone reacts."

"It's important to have simulated live exercises, otherwise how are you going to be ready for the real thing," Goth said.



Staff Sgt. Jason Holt, pretending to be a Russian civilian, gets searched by gate guards upon approach to the area of operations

Iraqi security forces becoming more capable

BY GERRY J. GILMORE

AMERICAN FORCES PRESS SERVICE

Iraq's security forces are improving and assuming a growing role in establishing law and order across the country, a senior U.S. military officer stationed in Baghdad said.

"The Iraqi security forces, every day, are proving themselves more capable and more fit," Air Force Brig. Gen. Erv Lessel, the multinational forces' deputy operations director, told Pentagon Channel journalist Air Force Tech. Sgt. Sean Lehman.

In fact, Lessel said, Iraqi security forces are slated to take on the law and order mission in Najaf as Muqtada al-Sadr's followers stack arms and depart the city's Imam Ali Shrine as part of a peace deal brokered Aug. 26 by senior Shiite Grand Ayatollah Ali Hussein al-Sistani.

Lessel noted that Iraqi security forces will move in to maintain and "take full control" of the shrine, as well as to establish order in Najaf and the nearby city of Kufa.

U.S. troops in the area will maintain their present positions, Lessel noted, until the interim Iraqi government can confirm that their security forces are in control of Najaf and that Sadr's militia has laid down its arms and left.

Besides being called in to restore law and order in Najaf and elsewhere across

the country, Iraq's security forces also have been responsible for discovering a number of explosive devices and weapons caches in recent weeks.

For example, Iraqi National Guard members found a huge cache of weapons and ordnance Aug. 26 during a joint raid conducted with U.S. Marines on a home near Haswah, according to a Multinational Force Iraq news release.

About 132 107 mm rockets were seized during the raid, the release stated, as well as seven 57 mm rockets, 10 AK-47 assault rifles, seven 125 mm tank rounds, five rocket-propelled grenade launchers, 124 RPG rounds, 200 mortar rounds, bomb-making materials and improvised explosive devices.

The Marines, from the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit, took five suspected militants into custody for questioning after the raid, the release said.

Meanwhile, Lessel observed that training of Iraqi security forces moves forward as equipment "has continued to flow in" for Iraqi police, National Guard and other armed forces.

The relationship between Iraqi security forces and U.S.-coalition troops continues to improve, Lessel said, citing the "close coordination" between the interim Iraqi government and multinational force officials and the partnership between the multinational forces and Iraqi police,

National Guard, and other military members.

And, as Iraqi police and troops improve their capabilities, Lessel noted, fewer joint patrols are taking place with U.S. and coalition troops, giving way to independent Iraqi patrols.

"Originally, there were primarily multinational force patrols that were going out," Lessel said. As the new Iraqi security forces were created and trained, he continued, they participated in joint patrols with U.S. and other troops for on-the-job training.

As Iraqi security forces gained experience "those joint patrols became separate patrols," Lessel explained, noting that more and more Iraqi security forces today are conducting independent patrols.

Iraqi patrols "are probably a more successful way of doing business," Lessel acknowledged, because "the Iraqi people will trust (and) interact more with Iraqi security forces, sometimes, than they will with the multinational forces."

However, he pointed out, U.S. multinational force troops remain available for backup assistance if the Iraqis request it.

American military civil affairs units in Iraq, Lessel noted, continue to be involved in "a pretty extensive effort" to rebuild the country and restore its infrastructure.

"They are out there engaging" with and helping Iraqi citizens, Lessel said. "We've got many school construction projects going on" as the start of a new academic year approaches, he added.

Other U.S. reconstruction projects, he said, involve building up and administering soccer events for Iraqi children, whose natural interest for the sport was likely reinforced by Iraq's participation in the Athens Olympics.

Yet, "this is not just a U.S. effort," Lessel asserted, noting that more than 30 countries are contributing personnel and other kinds of support for Iraq rebuilding projects.

"All of these countries are coming together to support the Iraqi people, to support the security environment, and to help the Iraqi people move forward to a brighter future," Lessel noted.

However, violence continues in Iraq, as 12 Task Force Baghdad soldiers were reported wounded today when several hand grenades were tossed at their patrol, according to a MNF-I press release. Eight persons suspected in connection with the grenade attacks were detained.

And in Mosul today, an exploding car bomb injured one American soldier and wounded 10 Iraqi civilians, according to a MNF-I news release. One Stryker U.S. military vehicle was damaged in the attack.

Keep safe, be careful on roads over holiday

BY GEORGE J. FLORA JR.

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Each year, nearly 3,000 people die in car accidents on the shoulder or median of the road. Sometimes, these fatal scenarios begin with a simple breakdown that forces your vehicle off the roadway. Learning how to prevent breakdowns and how to protect yourself and your passengers if a breakdown occurs can save your life.

Watch the instrument panel. Your instrument panel gauges in-

dicate engine temperature, fuel and oil levels and other important information. However, your instrument panel can't tell you everything.

For example, if your car suddenly pulls to one side or if you feel a rumbling or vibration, safely pull off the roadway. You may have a flat or low tire.

Keep alert, if you have to pull over, do it safely.

You should reduce distractions inside your vehicle by turning off the stereo and asking passengers, especially children, to remain still and quiet.

You should gradually reduce speed and visually check off-road conditions before choosing where to pull over.

Use your turn signal and not your emergency flashers so other drivers will know you need to get over. When your emergency flashers are on, your blinkers won't work.

When it's clear, move smoothly, one lane at a time, from the roadway to the shoulder. Avoid soft shoulders, curbs, uneven areas and curves that will prevent other drivers from seeing you.

Don't jerk the wheel or swerve.

That could cause your tires to catch on the side of the road.

Even though you are off the roadway, remain extra cautious. Vehicles on the shoulder or median are still at risk for collisions. After you've stopped, turn on your emergency flashers.

In case of an emergency, people should have the following items in their trunk:

- Fire extinguisher
- Charge
- Non-perishable, easy open food items
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- First aid kit

- Bottled drinking water
- Jumper cables
- Blankets
- Empty, approved gas container
- Umbrella, poncho or raincoat

Another problem you might encounter while traveling during the holiday weekend is road rage.

Road rage is real. To avoid enraging other drivers you should be courteous behind the wheel. Also, plan plenty of time for any trip so your rush does not inconvenience others on the road.

Please be safe and enjoy this holiday weekend.

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out if you've had too many drinks to drive, don't risk it. Chances are if you're feeling 'buzzed' you are too impaired to drive safely," said Laurie Williams, ASAP Prevention Coordinator.

Fort Huachuca ASAP suggests that party hosts include alcohol-free beverages and protein-rich foods, along with reminding guest to plan

ahead and remember the following advice:

Don't risk it. If you plan to drive, don't drink. Choose a sober designated driver before partying. Take mass transit, a taxicab, or ask a friend to drive you home. Spend the night where the activity is being held. Report impaired drivers to law enforcement. Always wear your safety

belt – this is your best defense against an impaired driver

Studies from the NHTSA show that the majority of Americans consider drunk driving one of the nation's most important social issues, ahead of healthcare, poverty/hunger, racism and education. Nearly 97 percent of Americans view drunk driving as a major threat to the community. As a

result, the majority of Americans support increased use of enforcement efforts to protect innocent victims. Furthermore, two-thirds of Americans also strongly endorse the use of stricter and more severe penalties against drunk drivers.

For more information about this campaign, visit NHTSA's Web site at www.nhtsa.dot.gov.

Range Closures

Today – AF, AH, AK, AL, AM, AP, AR, AU, AY, T1, T1A, T2
 Friday – AF, AU
 Saturday – AM, AU, T1, T1A, T2
 Sunday – AU
 Monday – AU
 Tuesday – AF, AH, AK, AL, AM, AP, AR, AU, AW, AY, T1, T1A, T2
 Wednesday – AF, AH, AK, AL, AM, AN, AR, AU, T1A, T2, T3
 For more information on closures, call 533-7095.

Changes in speed limits

Since August 19, there have been some changes made to the speed limits posted at the Main and East Gates. These changes will aid in improving the flow of traffic entering and exiting the installation on a daily basis.
 Outbound lane speeds at both gates have been changed. East Gate outbound lane speed has increased from 25 mph to 45 mph, while the Main Gate outbound lane speed has changed from 25 mph to 35 mph due to the completion of construction. There were no changes made to the inbound lane speeds of either gate. Posted speed limits should be adhered to by all drivers of any vehicle.

NSPS Town Hall

Fort Huachuca will host an NSPS Town Hall meeting for Department of Army civilians Today. Two sessions are scheduled - one at 10 a.m. at Fitch Auditorium and another at 1:30 p.m. in the Greely Hall auditorium. Seating will be on a first come, first serve basis.

To facilitate a balance between the two sessions, the following commands/activities should plan for their employees to attend the 10 a.m. session: U.S. Army Garrison, Medical Activity Command, Dental Activity Command, Communications Security Logistics Activity, Electronic Proving Ground, Information Technology E-Commerce and Commercial Contracting Center-West and Intelligence Electronic Warfare Test Directorate.

The following commands/activities should plan for their employees to attend the 1:30 p.m. session: Network Enterprise Technology Command, Information Systems Engineering Command, West Civilian Personnel Operations Center, Communications-Electronics Command (other than ISEC and

CSLA).

Sessions will last one to two hours and will allow participants the opportunity to learn first-hand about the proposed changes that are coming to civilian human resources.

For those employees who will not be able to attend either session, pertinent portions of the briefing will be broadcast on the Commanders Access Channel (Channel 97).

For more information, call Tom O'Brien at 533-2543 or Debbie Fullington at 533-3374 at the Fort Huachuca Civilian Personnel Advisory Center.

Germany orientation

Army Community Service is offering a Germany orientation 6 p.m., Wednesday at Murr Community Center for soldiers and family members going to Germany for the first time.

Registration is requested by calling ACS at 533-2330. For more information, call Pamela Allen at 533-5919.

Kaplan College online

Kaplan College Online is coming to Fort Huachuca. Online education provides a great portable and sensible solution for mobile military members seeking to further their education. Kaplan College is a totally online College and is regionally accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, offering degrees and professional certificates in Business, Information Technology, Paralegal Studies, and Criminal Justice. Access is unlimited and no residency requirements. Classes start every eight weeks and Kaplan's online degree and certificate programs are taught by practicing professionals. Because they work in the field they teach, you're sure to acquire the most current knowledge and skills.

Dr. Kees Rietsema representing Kaplan College Online will be available on Wednesday at the Army Education Center, Building 52104 for questions regarding Kaplan's programs. Come see how to make online education work for you. For more information, call Dr. Rietsema at (602)538-5387.

MP Ball

The 18th Military Police Detachment will hold its annual ball at 5 p.m. Sept. 10 at Thunder Mountain Activity Center.

Fort Huachuca welcomes newcomers

Army Community Service wants to welcome newcomers to the Fort Huachuca community. The Huachuca Wel-

come - a newcomer's orientation - is scheduled for 9 a.m., Sept. 10 and again, Sept. 24, at Murr Community Center.

The orientation will provide one-stop access to the information needed to make the transition to Fort Huachuca a smooth one for spouses and family members. Information about school and youth programs, health care services, employment assistance programs and more will be provided, and a tour of the post is included.

Pre-register for the welcome by call ACS at 533-2330. For more information, call Pamela Allen at 533-5919.

AFTB Level I marathon class

Army Family Team Building will offer AFTB Level I as a "marathon" one-day class, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Sept. 11, at Murr Community Center, Building 51301.

AFTB Level I, also known as "Army 101" provides an introduction to Army life

For more information or to register, contact Andrea Sovern, AFTB program manager, at 533-3686 or e-mail huachuca_aftb@hotmail.com. You may also sign up for the class by calling Army Community Service at 533-2330.

AFTB Level II

Army Family Team Building will offer AFTB Level II, 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m., Sept. 14 - 17, at Murr Community Center, Building 51301.

For more information or to register, contact Andrea Sovern, AFTB program manager, at 533-3686 or e-mail huachuca_aftb@hotmail.com. You may also sign up for the class by calling Army Community Service at 533-2330.

ASE certification examination

The Automotive Service Excellence Certification Examination Registration deadline for the November test cycle is noon on Sept. 14. Registration forms may be picked up at the Testing Office at the Education Center, Building 52104, Room 3. Up to three tests are funded by DANTEs for active duty soldiers with eligible MOSs. Unfunded tests are \$24 each for regular tests and \$48 for advanced tests. All examinees must pay the \$31 registration fee.

Additional information can be found on the web at www.ase.com or the DANTEs web site at www.dantes.doded.mil. Click on the Certification Programs and then Fully Funded.

For more information, call Diane Lee Jette, test examiner,

AAFES holiday hours Labor day weekend

Admin office Monday-Closed	Laundry & Dry Cleaner MCSS Monday-Closed	Burger King Saturday-Monday – 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	UPS Store Monday – 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	Popeyes Chicken Monday – 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
AT&T Cyber Zone Monday- 8:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.	Beauty Shop Monday-Closed	Flower Shop Monday – 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	JITC Cafeteria Friday – 7:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Monday-Closed	Baskin Robins Monday – noon-4:00 p.m.
Main Store Monday – 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	MCSS Monday-Closed	GNC Monday – 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	Anthony's Pizza Monday – 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	Anthonyms Pizza-Regimental Monday - Closed
Barber Shop-Mini Mall Monday – 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	Laundry, Dry Cleaner, Alteration Monday-Closed	Launderette Monday – 6:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.	Mobil Friday-Closed Monday-Closed	Regimental Retail Store Monday – 8:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m.
Furn/ODL Monday – 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	Cochise Theater Monday-Closed	Optical Shop Monday – 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	Xtreeme Franks Monday-Closed	Shoppette/Class 6 Monday – 8:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.
Enterprise Monday – 1:00 –6:00 p.m.	Barracks Phone Center Monday-Closed	Greely Hall Diner Monday- Closed	Robin Hood Deli Monday – 10:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	Main Gate Shoppette Monday – 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
Barber Shop Main Store Monday – 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	Cosa's Bonitas Monday-Closed	Barber Shop Greely Hall Monday-Closed		Taco Johns Monday – 10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Kudos

Health center home of another COM



Philip Martin

SCOUT REPORTS

The winner of Fort Huachuca Civilian of the Month for August is Philip H. Martin II, Ramyond W. Bliss Army Health Center, his supervisor is Carolyn K. Boardman.

During the months of June and July, Martin went above and beyond his regular duties to ensure the RWBAHC pharmacy continued to operate smoothly, even in the face of severe staff shortages. In addition to completing his regular work duties, Martin filled in for the supply technician, who was on leave for two weeks, at a time that

was particularly demanding. The regular ordering process was down for several days and it took extra hours of hand ordering, calling the wholesaler directly and many late hours to ensure we would receive the daily order. Also, with recent budget realignment that took place, daily orders are imperative, as pharmacy was out or very low of many things to ensure that the money at hand was spent only on things that were 100 percent necessary. Without Martin's tireless efforts the health center would not have received an order on more than one occasion.

Martin will receive, the use of a car for a month from Lawley Chevrolet; gift certificates from Sierra Vista merchants; a desk plaque from Civilian Personal Advisory Center; an MWR certificate for lunch or dinner from a Fort Huachuca establishment; a wall plaque from the Sierra Vista Chamber of Commerce; and his name, as Civilian of the Month, posted at the Main Gate.

Other nominees were Maria Schroer, Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation, Child and Youth Services, and James H. bray, 111th Military Intelligence

Brigade, Office of the Dean, Functional Course Division.

Nominate your deserving employee for Fort Huachuca Civilian of the Month. Per Fort Huachuca regulation 690-5, all permanent appropriated fund and nonappropriated fund employees are eligible with the exception of employees officially assigned as supervisors (GS-10 and above) and senior executive service personnel. For more information, call the Civilian Personal Advisory Center, 533-5273.



Photo by Elizabeth Harlan

Protest on post

Vigilantes reenact the woman's suffrage march by marching through the streets and being put in a fake prison in front of the Post Exchange. The Fort Huachuca Military Equal Opportunity Office hosted an event to celebrate Women's Equality Day. The event began with a women's suffrage march of 1913 held in Washington D.C. There were also booths, displays, games and other reenactments through out the day.

Choose your comma

VAOs here to help

BY SGT. KRISTI T. SAAVEDRA
SCOUT STAFF

Soldiers new to the Army may also be new to voting. In the case of many younger troops, this is the first year they will be able to speak their voice in the polls and choose who they believe is the best leader for their country.

Being new to the world of 18 and above, these servicemembers may also need some guidance on how the system works and what they need to do to cast their vote. For this job most units have a voting assistance officer.

Some Soldiers may not be aware how to go about registering to vote; therefore it is important that there is someone available to help them.

"By regulation, the voting assistance officer should be a senior noncommissioned officer or commissioned officer, selected by the command to serve at the operational unit level," said G. Philip Maxey, coordinator of voting assistance services.

Prerequisites include stability in assignment from January through December of the election year, training by a Department of Defense certification course or by the Installation Voting Assistance Officer, and be able to administer an oath, as outlined in Army regulation 608-20.

Some responsibilities of a voting assistance officer are to help the Soldier determine their state of residence for voting, locate the address of their voting counties/parishes, protect the voter from coercion of any

sort and prevent fraud, said Sgt. 1st Class William K. Reynolds, 111th Military Intelligence Brigade voting assistance officer.

The voting assistance officer also stands ready to refer the soldier to a Judge Advocate for assistance with legal questions related to residency and/or where to vote.

Voting assistance officers must also make sure the word is out among troops that voting time is near.

"The voting assistance officers are posting posters," said Maxey. "Some have come up with contests for slogans to get out the vote, and others are making individual contact with each soldier assigned to insure that they know they can get assistance if they want it."

"Soldiers have very busy schedules," said 1st Lt. James C. Bean, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison voting assistance officer. "It is hard for them to find the motivation and energy to learn the process for voting absentee after a long day at work."

Most Soldiers are absent from their place of residence and registration during elections. Voting assistance officers can provide new and old voters with assistance in making sure their ballot is cast.

"A lot of these Soldiers are voting for the first time, and making the experience easy to deal with encourages them to vote now and in the future," Bean said.

Some options Soldiers have for voting are to vote while on leave, vote by absentee ballot and in the case of select states, vote over the Internet, Williams said.

"The primary option that I assist Soldiers with is submitting a

Federal Post Card Application to their legal voting residence," Bean said. "Servicemembers will receive an absentee ballot from their local voting officials, fill it out and mail it back."

Personnel not registered to vote may also register in the state of Arizona and then vote in person on election day, Bean added. However, those who register to vote in Arizona will cancel their registration in the other state and may cause state or local tax liabilities.

One of the most common problems Soldiers may encounter when it comes to voting is the lack of voting supplies, Williams said.

The Web site www.fvap.gov provides the ability for the voter to print out their own request for absentee voting as well as instructions on how to fill it out.

Another speed bump that might slow down the process is deployment. "During this time of terrorism and war Soldiers are deployed all around the world," Williams said. "I find that a focused voting official can assist the Soldier in obtaining the right materials for voting."

Some states require a voting official to be present to administer an oath, while other states require the Soldier to have the request notarized.

"Finding key people who can do either of the two might propose a challenge to the Soldier," Williams said.

Regardless of bumps and wrinkles along the way, the job of the voting assistance officer is to smooth out the kinks so the Soldier can vote. "If they want to exercise their right to vote I make sure they get the information and materials needed to do it," Bean said.

"The voting assistance for all Soldiers happens through out the year, every year," Williams said. "It is the right of all Americans to vote."

Armed Forces Voter Assistance Week is Sept. 3-10.

Absentee ball



Alabama

5 p.m. on Election Day or postmarked day before.

Alaska

Not later than 10 days after an election or 15 days for overseas ballots.

Arizona

7:30 p.m. Election Day.

Arkansas

7:30 p.m. Election Day or not later than 5pm 10 days after.

California

8 p.m. Election Day.

Colorado

7 p.m. Election Day.

Connecticut

8 p.m. Election Day.

Delaware

Noon day before Election Day.

D.C.

10 days after election.

Florida

7 p.m. Election Day.

Georgia

Close of polls.

Hawaii

Close of polls.

Idaho

8 p.m. Election Day.

Illinois

Close of polls.

Indiana

Close of polls.

Iowa

Close of polls or later than Monday.

Kansas

Close of polls.

Kentucky

Close of polls.

Louisiana

Midnight day before.

Maine

Close of polls.

Maryland

Friday week after.

Massachusetts

10 days after election.

Michigan

Close of polls.

Minnesota

Last mail delivery.

Mississippi

5 p.m., if mailed ballots; Noon Saturday election, Thursday before election or second day after.

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lot deadlines by state



Missouri

Close of polls.

Montana

Close of polls.

Nebraska

10 a.m. second day after election.

Nevada

Close of polls.

New Hampshire

5 p.m. Election Day.

New Jersey

Close of polls.

New Mexico

7 p.m. Election Day.

New York

Postmarked day before election.

North Carolina

5 p.m. day before election.

North Dakota

Within 2 days after election.

Ohio

Close of polls or 10 days after election if outside U.S.

Oklahoma

7 p.m. Election Day.

Oregon

8 p.m. Election Day.

Pennsylvania

Prior to close of polls.

Rhode Island

9 p.m. Election Day.

South Carolina

Close of polls.

South Dakota

Close of polls.

Tennessee

Close of polls.

Texas

Prior to close of polls.

Utah

Noon Monday following election.

Vermont

Close of polls.

Virginia

Close of polls.

Washington

Not later than 10 days for special or primary election; Not later than 15 days for general election.

West Virginia

Close of polls.

Wisconsin

Close of polls.

Wyoming

7 p.m. Election Day.

BY SPC. JOY PARIANTE
SCOUT STAFF

It's election season and new faces are taking office across the nation. Many Soldiers and Department of Defense civilians have strong opinions regarding political parties, candidate standpoints and who should run the city, county or country.

However, being a member of the armed forces or any other employee of the government, you fall under rules on how public your support can be.

"A Soldier is free to contribute to a political candidate, receive and review a candidate's literature, inquire of the candidate as to policy and issues positions, and display on private property a sign or bumper sticker endorsing a candidate," said G. Phillip Maxey, voting assistance program coordinator.

According to a memorandum from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, civilian employees must ensure that their political involvement does not create a real or apparent conflict of interest with the full and impartial performance of their official duties.

Specifically noted is the prohibition against soliciting or receiving political contributions.

Civilian employees are also prohibited from using their official authority to influence the political views of another.

They also can't participate in political activities while within a government office or building or while using a government vehicle.

Civilian employees can

however take an active part in a political campaign, participate in election related activities such as voting, recording or running for a non-partisan office.

Civilians can participate in fundraising activities such as making contributions from their own money, being a featured guest at a fundraiser or managing or organizing fundraisers.

On the Soldier side, according to the Department of the Army, installation commanders will not allow political figures to use locations on their installation for any campaign or election events.

Candidates will not be allowed to film any sort of political messages in front of military equipment or while on the military installation. The Army will not provide speakers for political rallies.

Additionally, Army newspapers will not publish candidate campaign information or run editorials or cartoons that are partisan in nature.

Army based radio and television services will provide equal coverage of political campaigns and elections which will be provided to the by U.S. commercial and public networks.

Although there are limitations to how they show political support, Soldiers still and always have the right to vote.

"We're trying to ensure that the Soldier understands that there is a fight to vote and that voting is a privilege that the Army encourages to be exercised," Maxey said.

For more information pertaining to Soldiers' political dos and don'ts, see Army Regulation 600-20.



Service News



24th MEU capture large weapons

Marines from the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit, working closely with Iraqi National Guardsmen, conducted a raid in central Iraq Aug. 26, netting a large weapons cache that included dozens of weapons, munitions and explosive making devises.

Combat engineers armed with metal detectors cleared the site and began finding weapons and ammunition, which had either been buried or camouflaged in the surrounding area.

The raid turned up a laundry list of items that included everything from small arms and machine guns to mortars, rockets and bomb-making materials, some of which were rigged to explode.

The ING and the MEU will continue to conduct raids in the area to uncover weapons and bomb-making material. Their work is part of an ongoing effort to take weapons and ammunition off the streets.

Hornet Mishap in San Diego

An F/A-18C Hornet pilot from Strike Fighter Squadron 151 is in stable condition at Naval Medical Center, San Diego, after safely ejecting from his aircraft Aug. 26 at approximately 8:45 p.m.

The Hornet, embarked aboard USS Abraham Lincoln, was on an approach to Naval Air Station North Island. The pilot was unable to stop his aircraft and ended up just beyond the runway. The aircraft is now partially submerged near the runway in San Diego Harbor. The pilot was recovered by the San Diego Harbor Police.

The cause of the mishap is under investigation.

Jumper speaks on decreased manning

A decrease in recruiting rather than forced reductions is the right way to reduce manning, said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper on Monday.

Throughout this process, ensuring America's Airmen know they are appreciated is a number one priority, he said during a visit here. But this shift in manning does not mean the Air Force is doing more with less, Jumper said.

"We've had pay raises and bonuses that have continued in unprecedented levels that Congress continues to vote for us," he said. "We're not doing more with less; we are doing more with the same amount of people — particularly when you talk about trying to sustain two wars."

It all comes down to proper use of Airmen and let-

ting them know they are valued, the general said.

Coast guard saves boy

The Coast Guard rescued a boy who got his leg caught in a boat prop off shore of Edgewater Park, Cleveland, Ohio Friday.

A 911 call was transferred to the Coast Guard District Command Center at 4:00 p.m. from a boater stating the boy was under water, not breathing and could not get the boy's leg free.

Station Cleveland Harbor launched a rescue boat to the scene. Once on-scene, they were able to free the boy's leg and bring him aboard the rescue boat. Once aboard, crewmembers began to administer CPR while rushing him to shore where Emergency Medical Systems personnel were waiting to transfer him to the hospital.

The boater stated he saw the boys in the water on a log when he asked them if they needed help and they said yes they did. He told them to come aboard his boat, but to be careful of the props. While climbing onboard, one of the boys got his leg caught and the boater called 911 for help.

The condition of the boy is unknown at this time.

Ultimate sacrifice paid in support of OIF

The Department of Defense announced the death of one airman, six Soldiers and four Marines who were supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom. We salute all of our fallen comrades.

Lance Cpl. Jacob R. Lugo, 21, of Flower Mound, Texas, died Aug. 24 as result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif.

Staff Sgt. Donald N. Davis, 42, of Saginaw, Mich., died August 24 in Fallujah, Iraq, when an M915A tractor and an M106A2 tanker trailer rolled over an embankment. Staff Sgt Davis was assigned to the U.S. Army Reserve's 660th Transportation Company, Zanesville, Ohio.

Spc. Marco D. Ross, 20, of Memphis, Tenn., died Aug. 25 in Baghdad, Iraq, when enemy mortars attacked his camp. Ross was assigned to the Army's 115th Forward Support Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

Spc. Charles L. Neeley, 19, of Mattoon,

Ill., died Aug. 25 in Tikrit, Iraq, when his tractor-trailer rolled over as he attempted to access a pontoon bridge. Neeley was assigned to the Army Reserve's 454th Transportation Company, Columbus, Ohio.

The incident is under investigation.

Lance Cpl. Alexander S. Arredondo, 20, of Randolph, Mass., died Aug. 25 as result of enemy action in An Najaf, Iraq. He was assigned to Battalion Landing Team 1/4, 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable), I Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Cpl. Barton R. Humlhanz, 23, of Hellertown, Pa., died Aug. 26 from injuries received due to enemy action in Babil Province, Iraq. He was assigned to Marine Expeditionary Unit Service Support Group 24, 24th MEU, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Spc. Omead H. Razani, 19, of Los Angeles, Calif., died Friday in Habbaniyah, Iraq, of non-combat related injuries. Razani was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Greaves, Korea.

The incident is under investigation.

Pfc. Luis A. Perez, 19, of Theresa, N.Y., died Friday in Fallujah, Iraq, when his convoy vehicle hit an improvised explosive device. Perez was assigned to the Army Reserve's 223rd Transportation Company, Norristown, Pa.

Pfc. Nicholas M. Skinner, 20, of Davenport, Iowa, died Friday from injuries received due to enemy action in An Najaf, Iraq. Skinner was assigned to Battalion Landing Team 1/4, 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable), I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Airman 1st Class Carl L. Anderson Jr., 21, of Georgetown, S.C., died Sunday as result of enemy action near Mosul, Iraq. He was assigned to the 3rd Logistics Readiness Squadron, Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska.

Staff Sgt. Aaron N. Holleyman, 26, of Glasgow, Mont., died Monday in Khutayyah, Iraq, when his military vehicle hit an improvised explosive device. Holleyman was assigned to the Army's 1st Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group, Fort Campbell, Ky.



Grand opening of Thunder Mountain Activity Centre Wednesday

The grand opening of the Thunder Mountain Activity Centre is scheduled to be held 4 - 7 p.m., Wednesday. Everyone is invited to attend.

TMAC is located at Building 70525, which formerly

housed La Hacienda. The interior of the building has been completely remodeled and the patio area has also been renovated and newly landscaped.

There will be free hors d'oeuvres and live entertainment

by the 36th Army Band's jazz combo, at the grand opening. You'll have a chance to sample some of the food items that will be available from Thunder Mountain Catering.

Visitors will have the oppor-

tunity to check out the refurbished rooms and patio that are available to rent for various events and activities. The rooms have been re-named, and include: the Ramsey Canyon Room, the Star Room, the Garden Canyon Room, the Vista Canyon Room, the Hummingbird Room, the Sunset Canyon Room and the Sierra Grand Ballroom. Capacities of the rooms range from 40 - 500 people, depending on the seating arrangement.

The Hummingbird Room has been approved and can be reserved as a daycare area for use during a function. TMAC does not provide daycare personnel, and the room is available only during functions at which no alcohol is served.

Beginning Sept. 14, TMAC will offer a lunch buffet, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Tuesday - Friday. The menu is being revamped, but will still feature some of the favorite entrees from the previous buffet menu at La Hacienda.

TMAC will offer culinary excellence, a tasteful, pleasant atmosphere, classic gourmet catering and quality entertainment.

Now is the time to make reservations for your holiday parties. For catering information and reservations, call Carol Geujen at 533-7322. For general information and room reservations, call 533-3802.



Half-price paintball Saturday

Half-price paintball day is scheduled for 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Saturday, at the Sportsman's Center. The cost of the gun, mask, CO2, field fee and 100 rounds of ammunition is \$10. For more information, call 533-7085.

No bingo Saturday

Due to special events and activities, bingo will not be offered Saturday at the LakeSide Activity Centre. Bingo will resume its regular schedule Sunday.

For more information, call 533-2193.

Fun Festival entertainment

Set to perform 10:15 - 11:30 p.m., Sept. 17, at the Fun Festival, is Tucson's talented, young pop singer, Dario. Dario has been singing, dancing and performing since he was three. He has participated in "Star Search," "American Idol," and appeared on the "Tonight Show with Jay Leno."

Dario's style encompasses Spanish, Pop, R&B and Hip Hop rhythms, appealing to various tastes and age groups.

Also performing 9:30 - 11 p.m., Sept. 18 at the 2004 Fun Festival will be Latin pop vocalist, Pilar Montenegro.

Montenegro is one of Mexico's biggest pop music stars. The 2004 Fun Festival will be held Sept. 17 - 19 at Veterans Memorial Park located off Fry Boulevard, Sierra Vista. Festival hours are 4 p.m. - midnight, Friday; noon - midnight, Saturday; and noon - 6 p.m., Sunday.

The Festival is open to the public and there is no admission charge to enter the grounds or the entertainment events. Along with the live entertainment and DJs, many other activities will be available for those attending the festival including laser tag, moon bouncers, softball tournaments, food, craft, art, commercial and novelty vendors and more.

Carnival ride tickets are on sale now. Tickets purchased in advance are sold at a savings of \$2 per ten tickets. Advance carnival ride tickets are \$6 per sheet of 10. The price goes up to \$8 per sheet of 10 at the carnival. Fort Huachuca ticket outlets are MWR Box Office, Desert Lanes and MWR Rents.

Tickets may be purchased in Sierra Vista at Safeway. For ticket information, call 533-2404.

Military units, private organizations and individuals from the surrounding community have an opportunity to raise funds at the Fun Festival. Vendor spaces are still available. Call 538-2022 for more information.

World military boxing championships

The Council of International Military Sports will present the World Military Boxing Championships Oct. 22 - 31 at Barnes Field House. So far, more than 20 countries have signed up to compete in this event, including Russia, Azerbaijan, the United States, Germany, Barbados, Morocco, South Africa and others.

Admission to the first three nights of competition is free. Tickets for the final three nights go on sale Sept. 20 at MWR Box Office and Sierra Vista Safeway. Prices will be as follows: Oct. 27, \$5; Oct. 28, \$5; and Oct. 30, Championship Night, \$8. A three-night package will also be available for \$15.

For more information, call Les Woods at 533-5031.

Open pottery studio

The MWR Arts Center offers an open pottery studio

workshop, 6 - 8 p.m., Tuesday - Thursday, and 10 a.m. - noon, Friday and Saturday, weekly.

The workshop will provide the opportunity to gain experience in working with clay, glazes and the firing process. Students will have the opportunity to work with an instructor who has 30 years experience in every aspect of the medium.

Cost of a punch card, which will admit a student for eight hours, is \$29.95. A monthly pass, which admits the student for six hours per week, is \$45. These include 25 pounds of clay.

Register at the MWR Arts Center. Call 533-2015 for more information.

Six guests now permitted at bingo

The LakeSide Activity Centre hosts bingo at 6:45 p.m., Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, and at 12:45 p.m., Sunday. Bingo is open to all MWR patrons and their guests. Effective immediately, each MWR patron is now allowed to bring up to six guests to play bingo.

The LakeSide is a smoke-free facility with a lighted parking area. The bingo program offers your choice of paper cards or electronic handsets. First-time bingo players are welcome. For more information, call 533-2193.

Box Office

World Wrestling Entertainment Raw coming

The MWR Box Office now has tickets available for WWE Raw, 5:30 p.m., Sept. 20 at the Tucson Convention Center.

The Box Office also has tickets for the following attractions at TCC:

Monday, the Kumbia Kings; Tuesday - Sept. 12, the Broadway musical, "Movin' Out;" Sept. 17, Nancy Wilson in concert for the NAACP Freedom Fund Gala; Sept. 23 - 26, El Tiradito. Tickets for all TCC events

may be purchased 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., only. Arizona Cardinals football packages are also available at the Box Office.

For more information, call 533-2404.



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Movies

Thunderbirds plays at 7 p.m. Friday and 2 p.m. Sunday at Cochise Theater. For the complete listing of this week's movies, see Page 17.



Photo by Elizabeth Harlan

Tea time at Myer

Ayden Henderson, 3, takes a break to have tea with his preschool classmates Friday at Myer Elementary School.

Support for moms, dads

ACS to offer parenting classes

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SCOUT STAFF

Army Community Services is hosting its eighth session of Parent University, featuring 105 classes regarding parenting and families, Sept. 13 - 24 at the Oscar Yrun Center in Sierra Vista.

According to the welcome letter for the program, Parent University is a program of classes assembled by ACS to help make good parents better. "We recognize parents today have many challenges, doubts, fears and questions about parenting issues," it reads. "We have asked a group of the best qualified and competent professionals in the community to present classes on a wide variety of topics. Our hope is that everyone will find something of interest that they can use to make their job of being a good parent easier."

"We try to touch on all subjects dealing with the family," said Colleen Hasselbusch, program coordinator.

Classes offered range from gardening to communication skills to anger management. Sierra Vista judge Charles Irwin and members of the Drug Court Team will teach about the Juvenile Drug Court which provides drug offenders with a strength based therapeutic program as a form of rehabilitation. Also, epidemiologists from the state of Arizona and Cochise County will hold a public forum on Sept. 28 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the leukemia cluster in Cochise County.

This year's Parent University guest speaker is Ruth Herman Wells. Wells is an author, trainer and problem solver, who's specialty is speaking on common child problems. Wells will speak from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m on Sept. 24.

Parents who attend 12 or more classes will receive a graduation certificate from Parent University, Hasselbusch said. Last year, more than 760 parents, both military and civilian, from post and surrounding communities, attended one or more of the Parent University classes, Hasselbusch said.

More than 11,000 catalogues with the class listing and basic Parent University information will be disseminated across post and in the surrounding communities starting Wednesday, Hasselbusch said. Catalogue locations will include social service centers, schools, doctors' offices, day care centers, pre-schools, libraries, University of Arizona and Cochise College.

There is no cost for the course and free childcare is also offered. For more information or to register, call ACS at 533-6879 or 533-2330.



Photo by Elizabeth Harlan

Fit For Life

Readers questions, concerns addressed

BY GEORGE R. COLFER, PH.D.
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

This week's column will respond to various readers' inquiries.

Q - How accurate are the calorie-counting displays on treadmills, lifecycles, etc.?

A - They should be considered estimates. Based on equations rather than body specifics, they state what should be, not always what is. For example if you rely on the treadmill rails for support, you may be reducing your bodyweight and burning less calories or if you do not use the toe clips on the lifecycle you will be using momentum on the upstroke causing the same reduced effect. Two suggestions. Don't become addicted to always using heart rate monitors, cycle computers or calorie counters. In some ways, their overuse takes some of the spontaneity out of training. Second, if caloric output is of importance, training outdoors (running, cycling) will burn more due to terrain and wind resistance.

Q - Is there a best time of day to exercise? Any difference for running and lifting weights?

A - The best time of day for exercise is whenever you have the time and opportunity to do so. I believe this is true because the number one adult reason for not exercising or discontinuing an exercise program is an alleged lack of time. However, research has shown that mid-afternoon is the optimal time because body temperature is slightly higher than in the morning. This essentially has to do with the effect of warm-up (see the Scout, July 8, 2004).

It also depends on what you are used

to. Human beings are creature of habit. For example, if you are used to running in the early morning, running in the evening may not feel the same and disrupt your normal evening schedule. Further, how many people are free to exercise, say between 2 and 4 p.m.? Athletes of various sports train at all hours of the day successfully. Consistency in exercise would override any preferred time.

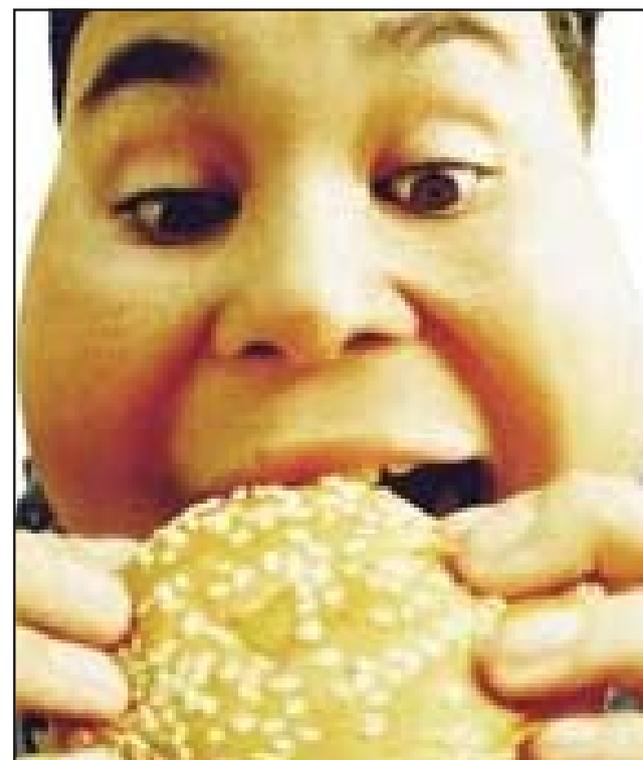
To the second part of the question, there would be no difference unless you mean to do both in the same workout period. Then, I would recommend the strength training first (anaerobic) to be followed by the run (aerobic).

Q - Do you have any information about total fitness?

A - Total Fitness is conceptual in nature. It's a combination of four factors: physiological fitness, psychological fitness, cognitive fitness and social fitness. What it is trying to state is that for a person to be completely well-rounded, one must be healthy, physically fit, psychologically and emotionally stable, motivated, be knowledgeable and well informed, possess social skills, and have the ability to get along with others in a cooperative manner. This is not an in-depth description, so one can see how complex it can be. In a definitive sense, total means complete in degree or detail. I have also seen spiritual fitness added as another factor. As to whether a living person could ever be complete or "total" in all of these factors would be questionable. Its purpose mainly is to describe what a person should be to have fulfillment in life.

Q - I have been told that the barbell squat exercise is dangerous to the knees and back. Is that true?

A - No. The squat is an essential training exercise for anyone who needs leg power and explosion. Athletes in track and field, football, volleyball and basketball among other sports can benefit from squats. It is also unsurpassed for anyone wanting to gain muscular weight, strength and power in the lower body. There are two major mis-



Courtesy photo

takes made in this exercise that give it a bad rap. (1) People try to lift more than they are capable of and (2) they use improper form.

To address your question specifically as to the knees and back, there should be no injury problems if one teams how to do the exercise properly and uses weight loads that they can handle with the proper form. There is no exercise that is used more improperly than this one. I have personally started this exercise with major college football and track athletes using only a broomstick until proper technique is learned. Another myth is that squats will slow down your running speed and hurt flexibility, while the opposite is true. I have had athletes gain 20-40 lbs. With squat training and actually improve sprinting speed. The only caution I would give is that a person who has a diagnosed knee or back condition should get medical approval prior to starting this exercise and everyone should learn the proper technique first. (Note: A future article will feature the squat exercise in full detail).

Q - What is the major cause of obesity in school-age children?

A - The major cause, as documented by several sources, is a lack of physical activity. There are several programs focusing on increasing activity levels for children, many starting as early as the third grade. Combine this lack of activity along with poor diet or excessive eating and you can see the problem develop. In years past, youngsters used to walk, run or bike to and from school, whereas today, it's by bus or automobile. Time after school includes television, video games and computers. Three things are necessary for change. Increase physical activity, change nutrition habits and provide education about a healthy lifestyle. This needs to be accompanied by parental involvement and control, which works best if the parents lead by example. The schools and physical education programs cannot do it alone.



Senior OK with Olympic pentathlon finish

BY TIM HIPPS
ARMY NEWS SERVICE

The day after his competition went awry, Chad Senior said he had no regrets about his 13th-place performance Aug. 26 in the Olympic men's modern pentathlon.

"I wish it would've worked out differently," said Senior, 29, a member of the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program. "It's hard for an athlete to say you did your best because usually you can always pick apart where you didn't. I can honestly say effort-wise, I left absolutely nothing on the table, and I don't know

how many times in my life I could actually say that - very few times."

Sydney games broke spirit

In the 2000 Sydney Games, Senior was distraught during the cross-country run after dropping from first to eighth place in the subsequent equestrian event. On that day, he admittedly didn't give his all on the run.

In Athens, he told a different story.

"One promise I made to myself and I kept it, regardless if I messed something up, each touch, every jump, every step of the run, every second of the day, it's going to be

everything I have," he said. "And it was."

Fencing proves his downfall

Senior's medal hopes were dashed before he mounted Guelfo Del Belagio for a ride to a 22nd-place finish in show jumping. He settled for an average performance in the first event, shooting, finishing 18th in 10-meter air pistol.

"Shooting was OK," he said. "I wasn't happy with it, but in the Olympics just to survive that event and not shoot yourself out of it is fine."

Senior buried himself with a dismal 26th-place finish in epee one-touch fencing, ending his medal chances after two of five events.

"I felt terrible for the first eight rounds, just nothing was working," he said of losing his first seven duels. "I tried every trick I had but nothing felt right. At that moment I just saw everything slipping away."

Surges in last two events

Senior regrouped to finish fourth in swimming and second in cross-country running. He slipped off the starting block in the swim, his strongest event, costing him another couple seconds.

"No one dreams of having a top-20 finish in the Olympics, you dream of winning, but it was a matter of pride," he said of gaining seven places on the run. "I'm still wearing my flag on my uniform that says USA, so that was enough to make me put everything I had into it. I fought and scrapped every step of the way and I can honestly say that's the best I could come up with yesterday."

"If I had won, I wanted to say 'this is for the Army and our service members deployed,' so it deserved the same effort in representing them. Yesterday, I walked away with no regrets. I hold my head up high; it's OK."

Little more than 12 hours later, Senior was back at Goudi Olympic Complex supporting WCAP teammate. Anita Allen in the women's pentathlon.



Photo by Tim Hipps

Chad Senior, right, is out-dualed by a Russian competitor in fencing.

At The Library

Library on post offers much for many

What is available

Fort Huachuca's Main Library offers two special collections of particular interest to treasure hunters of history. The Southwest Collection covers Arizona and Mexican history in all categories. It contains many out-of-print titles of historical significance and lasting value, from gold mining to the Apache resistance. The library also houses an extensive World War II military history collection and can be of great interest to tourists who are veterans and families of veterans.

All materials are available

for on-site browsing by anyone who can get through the Fort Huachuca Main Gate on Fry Boulevard, which includes tourists and others with visitor passes. If you spot materials you would like to check out, library staff will print out the citations for you to take back to your home library for interlibrary loan processing. Browsing is welcomed.

The reference librarian is available for orienting visitors to the library's collections. A selective bibliography of these various collections can be produced for hometown libraries and will be provided on request.

Current hours of operation are Tuesdays through Fridays from 10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

For more information, including directions to the library, call the library staff at 533-3041.

Who can use it?

Visitors from off-post are welcome to visit the Fort Huachuca Library. Stop at the Main Gate for a visitor's pass. You will need your vehicle registration, driver's license, and proof of insurance. Most of the materials held in the library are available to you through

your local library. Ask them about their interlibrary loan program. You may be authorized to check out materials directly from the library and not know it.

In addition to active duty and retired military personnel and their families and active duty and retired Department of the Army civilians and their families, authorized users of the Fort Huachuca Library include reservists on active duty, Department of Defense Non Appropriated Funds employees, employees of the Army and Air Force Exchange, the American Red Cross, and Accommodation School System; Department of Defense

contractors, and employees of the Fort Huachuca bank, credit union and Post Office. Library card registrations are in the sponsor's name. Family members are welcome to visit the library, and special arrangements can be made with the registered sponsor for checkouts.

For more information, call 533-3041. The Fort Huachuca Library is located on Smith Avenue next to the Main Chapel, down the street from the Burger King. Currently, hours are 10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturdays.

Intramural flag football

The coaches' meeting and entry deadline for the 2004 Commander's Cup intramural flag football season will be 10 a.m., Tuesday, at Barnes Field House. All letters of intent from units that want to enter a team are due at that time. Letters of intent should include team coach's name, duty phone and e-mail address.

The season will begin Oct. 4 at Brock and Pauley Fields. Games will be played at 6, 7 and 8 p.m., Monday - Thursday. For more information, call Tom Lumley at 533-5031 or e-mail thomas.lumley@hua.army.mil.

Women's softball league

Parks and Leisure Services will be offering a Women's Fast Pitch Softball fall league beginning Sept. 10. The league fee is \$450 per team and due at the coaches' informational meeting at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 30 at the Oscar Yrun Community Center. A minimum of five teams must register in order to run the league. Participants, 16 and 17, must provide a parent or guardian permission slip and a copy of their birth certificate. Fifteen years and younger may not participate. Team registration packets are available at all Parks and Leisure facilities.

For more information, call 458-7922.

Warrent Officer Association

The U.S. Army Warrant Officers Association, Arizona Silver Chapter will hold a golf scramble beginning at 7:30 a.m. on Sept. 11. There is a limit to 36 4-person teams. For more information, call Chief Warrant Officer Don Marquis, 533-4050; Chief Warrant Officer Keith Steiner, 533-4614; Chief Warrant Officer Chely McAninch, 533-3479 or Chief Warrant Officer Erin O'Hara, 533-4843.

Senior women's softball

The Hot Flashes, a senior women's softball team from Sierra Vista/Bisbee, is recruiting players that are at least 47-years-old. This team travels to women's senior softball tournaments in Arizona and bordering states. For more information, call Cheryl Linendoll, 459-0607.

Trekkers

The Trekkers are an internationally sanctioned non-competitive sports club, sponsoring four weekend walks and eight year round events in Arizona.

The year round events consist of walks at the Coronado National Memorial; Fort Huachuca; Naco, Ariz. to Naco, Sonora, Mexico; historic Bisbee; Tombstone; Benson; and Sedona.

For more information, call Wendy or Dave Breen at 378-1763.

Community involvement needed

Army Community Service's Family Advocacy Program is in need of people to volunteer their time to learn puppetry skills and perform for local children with a troupe of educational puppets.

Training can be set up around your scheduled availability.

For more information about the Kids on the Block program or scheduling a training workshop, call Staci Kiefer, Kids on the Block program coordinator, at 533-2993 or 533-2330.

B Troop seeks volunteers

Fort Huachuca's B Troop, 4th U.S. Cavalry Regiment (Memorial) is looking for volunteers. B Troop participates in various parades and ceremonies both on post and nationally. They've been to the Orange Bowl Parade in Miami and Helldorado Days in Tombstone. Riding experience is not necessary and new troopers and ladies auxiliary hopefuls go through a ground and riding school prior to participation with the troop. For more information, call Juan Villarreal at 378-2367.

Parent, tot playgroup

Army Community Service Family Advocacy Program has a Parent/Tot playgroup, which meets 9:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesdays, at the School Age Services Building 52056, off Hatfield Street, across from the Main Post Chapel. Children,

5 and under, and their parents are invited to participate. This is a volunteer-run program that offers age-appropriate activities, holiday parties and monthly briefings of interest to parents, along with vibrant adult-child interaction. The size of the group is always increasing, so parents are encouraged to make reservations by calling ACS at 533-2330, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday. Volunteers are always welcome.

Volunteers needed

Adopt a water catchment or drinker and help Fort Huachuca wildlife.

Due to the drought over the past seven years, and for continued survival of Fort Huachuca's wildlife population, ongoing maintenance of 32 watering devices on post is critical.

Volunteers are needed to maintain these devices. All parts for maintenance will be provided. Volunteers only need to donate their time to adopt and examine a wildlife drinker a minimum of twice a year, preferably at six-month intervals.

Individuals who volunteer will be provided locations of devices to be maintained, or they may choose a favorite location. Some drinkers in remote, rugged locations present a more challenging volunteer opportunity, as water may have to be manually hauled in. Volunteers should also be prepared to weed around drinkers, if needed, and to report date of inspection and repair status of the drinker.

For more information, call Karl Welker, program coordinator, at 533-2603 or 378-3391.

Mineral, Gem Club seeks members

The Huachuca Mineral and Gem Club meets at 7 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month at Cochise College, Room 314 on the Sierra Vista campus. Everyone is welcome to attend. Youths, with parents, are especially invited. Learn about the area's rocks and minerals

Weight loss group

Take Off Pounds Sensibly Arizona 90 meets at 6:45 p.m. every Tuesday at First Christian Church, 55 Kings Way, Sierra Vista. For information, call Joan Basnar at 803-9556.

Pets Of The Week



Cassie is a adult female multicolor australian shepherd.



Wildcard is a young female black and white domestic longhair kitten.

These animals and more are available for adoption from the Fort Huachuca Veterinary Treatment Facility. For more information, call 533-2767 or visit forthuachucapetfinder.com. In accordance with Army regulation stray animals are kept for three working days to find an owner. After three days, they are either placed up for adoption or humanely euthanized. Strays are available for adoption for 30 days until they are euthanized.

At The Movies

Showing at the Cochise Theater for the next week are:

Today -7 p.m.

Catwoman

PG-13

Friday -7 p.m.

Thunderbirds

PG

Saturday -7 p.m.

The Borne Supremacy

PG-13

Sunday -2 p.m.

Thunderbirds

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Monday - Wednesday

closed

Reduced prices on Thursday evening and Sunday matinees.

Watch CAC

For the latest news in the Fort Huachuca community as well as all of your military branches worldwide, the Commander's Access Channel (Channel 97) is your first and most reliable source. Tune in to our news block hours at four convenient times throughout the day. The Fort Report airs weekdays at 6am, Noon, 6pm and 10pm. Army NewsWatch follows at 6:05am, 12:05pm, 6:05pm and 10:05pm. Catch Air Force TV News right after at 7am, 1pm, 7pm and 11pm. Be sure to top it all off with Navy/Marine Corps News at 7:30am, 1:30pm, 7:30pm and 11:30pm.

There is also a wide variety of unique educational and defense programming throughout the day for your viewing pleasure. For more details, contact Channel 97 at 538-0050 or 533-5511.

This week on The Fort Report, a dedicated Korean War veteran receives a long overdue Purple Heart; plus all the latest happenings taking place in your Fort Huachuca community.



Olympic update



Senior finishes 13th

Chad Senior saved his best for last, but it wasn't nearly enough as he finished 13th in men's modern pentathlon Aug. 26 in the 2004 Summer Olympic Games at Goudi Olympic Complex.

Senior, 29, a member of the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program from North Fort Myers, Fla., finished second in the 3,000-meter cross-country run with a time of 9 minutes, 35.76 seconds. It was the last of five events that included pistol shooting, fencing, swimming and equestrian riding.

In the 2000 Summer Olympic Games at Sydney, Australia, Senior was leading after three events. On this day, his medal hopes were dashed before he mounted Guelfo Del Belagio for a ride to a 22nd-place finish in show jumping.

Russia's Andrey Moiseev won the gold medal with 5,480 points. Lithuania's Andrejus Zadneprovskis took the silver medal with 5,428 points. Czech Republic's Libor Capalini claimed the bronze with a 5,392 total.

Team USA's Vakhtang "Vaho" Iagorashvili finished ninth with 5,276 points.

Senior, who stumbled out of the blocks by finishing 18th in 10-meter air pistol, finished the grueling day in 13th place

with 5,192 points. He buried himself deeper with a 26th-place finish in epee one-touch fencing.

Senior came splashing back with a fourth-place finish in the 200-meter freestyle in 2:02.39. But on the equestrian ride, his horse kicked no less than five rails to the ground, leaving Senior in 22nd place in the event and 20th overall entering the run.

He passed seven runners to finish 13th.

Anita Allen, another member of the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program, will compete in the Olympic women's modern pentathlon Monday.

Wood's wrestling ends with setback

Oscar Wood bolted out of Ano Liossia Olympic Hall as quickly as he was handed a technical superiority setback by the rugged hands of two-time world champion Mkkhitar Manukyan of Kazakhstan.

Wood, 29, a member of the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program from Gresham, Ore., was overmatched in the 66-kilogram Greco-Roman wrestling tournament in the 2004 Summer Olympic Games.

Earlier in the day, he lost 9-3 to Greece's three-time Olympian Konstantinos Arkoudeas, 31, and 5-2 to three-time World Championship contender Jannis Zamanduridis, 38,

of Germany.

Against three-time Olympian Manukyan, 30, Wood fell behind 8-1 in the first 88 seconds. At the 2:33 mark, the match was stopped because of the 10-point differential between the two wrestlers.

"This is the deepest, toughest, most-competitive sport in the Olympic Games, and I'm proud of him," said Staff Sgt. Shon Lewis, Wood's WCAP coach and one of three coaches for the United States' Greco-Roman wrestling team. "He's young and this is the first international stage he's been on. This is a big one to come to for your first time.

Wood later returned inside the arena and talked with reporters.

"Obviously there are lots of things that I can improve on," he said. "I have to find something positive to take from this experience, otherwise it's all for nothing. I'll go home and try to figure out some of the things that went wrong."

Wood said this is not the end of his competitive career.

"I still love wrestling and I'm a long ways from being my best," he said. "I love to wrestle and I love being in the military, so it's a perfect combination. I'm not to the point where I'm taking it year to year; I'm definitely thinking four years. I've only had a couple of international tournaments and my experience really showed today."